

PAUL BLAYNEY

USCGC POINT SLOCUM (WPB-82313) – Oct67 to Apr68 – Relieved by Livingston

August 25, 2021 – Bill Carr Interview of Paul Blayney

After Paul's six month as CO of PT SLOCUM, he went to Division 13 staff but spent a great deal of the remainder of his tour as a - what he termed - Break-in CO.

What sticks in Paul's mind the most was how Vietnam for him was a lesson of leadership challenges. We did have the experience on the 95' WPB's of learning to handle and work with a crew. As a Break-in CO working with classmates moving in to their new 82' commands, Paul was able to not only pass on his views and experience of leadership and effective operating guidelines, but also gain perspective for himself. Being involved breaking in so many different classmates gave him an added wealth of experience which proved significant in his later commands on his path to flag rank.

Vietnam helped us all to grow as leaders and observers of how things are in comparison to how things should be.

Golden Journeys Booklet – 2015

From: LTJG Paul M. Blayney, Division 13 Operations Cat Lo, RVN

To: Class of '65

First report of incident SITREP ONE and FINAL; Mutiny at the Dock

Background: August of 1968, FONCON received late evening at DIVCOM stateroom (interrupting bridge game). US Army in charge of port of Vung Tau needs help. Nationalist Chinese cargo ship, Panamanian flagged. Greek officers and Filipino crew reports mutiny. Filipino crew attacking Greek Officers with knives from galley. Army unsure of jurisdiction. Not comfortable with ships.

Action: "Blayney – "You lead boarding party." One other bridge game officer, burly Boatswains Mate, Corpsman and Gunners Mate. Full battle dress including flack jackets, battle helmet and combat boots – armed to the teeth including .50 cal machine gun.

Boarded in a rush. Separated officers from crew. Disarmed ring leaders. Captain ashore, whereabouts unknown. Three languages and no interpreter.

Used many pictures and gestures. Crew dissatisfied with non-payment of wages and quality of food. One junior officer suffered superficial cut treated by doctor.

Separated parties to different parts of the vessel. Stood security watch throughout the night.

Wrap Up: Tense but peaceful night. Company agent and captain arrived in morning. Briefed and took charge. Team departed and reported to DIVCOM. Instructed not to make report or log so as not to embarrass Army. Late rack-in authorized. BT

Coast Guard Awards and Medals Board – List of CG Units Coming Under Hostile Fire

August 30, 2004

Encl. (16) to COMDTINST 650.25b MEDALS AND AWARDS MANUAL

POINT SLOCUM – 12 Oct 67 and 19 Dec 67

FROM: LTJG PAUL M. BLAYNEY, DIV 13 OPS,
CAT LO, RVN

TO: **CLASS OF '65** – FIRST REPORT OF INCIDENT
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AUTHORIZED.

BT.







Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Re: Interview

1 message

Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 10:25 AM

To: Paul Blayney <paulblayney@aol.com>

Thanks Paul....

On Thu, Aug 26, 2021 at 8:24 AM <paulblayney@aol.com> wrote:

All looks fine, Bill.

In one of the attachments it indicates a Navy Unit Commendation. Can't tell what was intended there . . . I think it must be for the MARONE (and not including me). I was awarded both CG and Navy Commendation medals, plus Bronze Star, but do not recall a Navy Unit comm.

I'll search for tour debrief doc and send or scan.

Best to you,

Paul

-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

To: Paul Blayney <paulblayney@aol.com>

Sent: Wed, Aug 25, 2021 4:05 pm

Subject: Fwd: Interview

Paul - I forgot to put in the e-mail a reminder that, if you can find it, I would like to have your Tour Debrief that you said you had in Charleston.

Regarding the Vietnam artifacts, let's continue to wait a bit before sending them to me.

Thanks...Bill

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Date: Wed, Aug 25, 2021 at 3:57 PM

Subject: Interview

To: Paul Blayney <paulblayney@aol.com>

Paul - Please feel free to add, change, etc. anything of the attached.

It would be great if I could get your input in the next day or two. Thanks for taking the time with me today...Bill



Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Vietnam

1 message

Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 9:28 PM

To: Paul Blayney <paulblayney@aol.com>

Paul - I reread your piece in the Journeys book and it is a condensed version of what you shared with us in Charleston.

It would be wonderful if you could find the time and energy to expand on what you already wrote.
Or, you could send me your notes/outline and i could interview you on the telephone.

Or, I could just call you again and interview you.

Someone once recommended that approach to getting something meaningful on paper rather than expecting the interviewee to write something up themselves - wonder who that was?

Ya think?

Bill



Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Vietnam Artifacts

1 message

Bill Carr <bill@getrain.com>

Wed, Mar 6, 2019 at 6:35 PM

To: Paul Blayney <paulblayney@aol.com>

My address for shipping your Vietnam items is:

Rainmaker Software
4215 E. 60th Street
Davenport, IA 52807

ATTN: Bill Carr (563-529-3982)

Regarding your Charleston stories, I'm not back to the apartment yet but will let you know later tonight whether I have any writeup or not....Bi

Bill Carr

From: Bill Carr [bill@getrain.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 23, 2018 4:48 PM
To: 'paulblayney@aol.com'
Subject: Absent Classmate Presentations

Paul – We're coming down the home stretch for our Reunion in Charleston Monday through Thursday of the November 5th week. Earlier today you should have received an e-mail from Tom with the latest and greatest.

As expressed in the last paragraph of that e-mail, Tom needs some help recognizing and honoring those 15 classmate WPB Commanding Officers who will not be present. Can you make a short presentation for Bud Sanders – just 2 minutes – no more? We have 15 presentations to be made in 60 minutes from 7:30 to 8:30 pm Monday night after dinner.

As Tom stated in that last paragraph, NO formal presentations allowed and if we have little or no presentation possible, we'll just have a group effort to say what we do know.

If you are uncomfortable putting this short presentation together or you would like more information on Bud, may I give you a call and work with you to research and develop some meaningful information? For example, I know Bud received a Bronze Star so something happened that would deserve recognition. Perhaps his widow, Pris Campbell would be interested in helping as well. Just let me know.....thanks.....Bill (563-529-3982 cell)

P.S. Please send relative Vietnam pictures to Tom Livingston dtlivingstoniii@aol.com and also bring them to Charleston. Also, would you be willing to bring your Vietnam memorabilia with you? Would you be willing to donate those pictures and memorabilia to the Academy Museum Class of 1965 Vietnam Exhibit we are putting together?

No pressure, just asking...