



## In the Company of Airborne Soldiers



We made a choice to live our lives  
In the company of airborne soldiers

Like those before and all those that follow  
We tested our bodies and conquered our fears  
To proudly wear our Maroon Red Beret and Parachute Wings  
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Considered by many, whose judgement we respected  
We were the best at what we do, whatever was asked of us  
As elite professional soldiers we always saw it through  
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We formed a bond through laughter and fun  
The sweat and blood and pain and tears  
Enjoying a comradeship few others will experience  
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We had no need to explain ourselves, as everyone understood  
We did not need to pretend to be something we were not  
We were safe, we were known we were home  
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Our loved ones, partners, children, families and friends  
Provided the love, backing and strength to see us through  
At times their lives must have been hard and lonely  
In truth they also lived their lives  
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Through the passing years when we no longer served  
We would meet to reminisce, swing the lamp, drink a glass or two  
In honour of those gone before but never forgotten  
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When it is our time to land upon that final D.Z. in the sky  
We will reunite and regroup this Band of Brothers  
Where together we will spend eternity

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