

MURPHY'S LAW OF COMBAT

1. You are not superman.
2. If it's stupid but works, it isn't stupid.
3. Never share a foxhole with anyone braver than you are.
4. No plan survives the first contact.
5. If your attack is going really well, it's an ambush.
6. The important things are always simple.
7. The simple things are always hard.
8. The easy way is always mined.
9. If you are short of everything except enemy, you are in combat.
11. Friendly fire - isn't.
12. If enemy is in range, so are you.
13. Things that must be together to work, usually can't be shipped together.
14. Anything you do can get you shot - including doing nothing
15. Professional soldiers are predictable, but the world is full of amateurs.
16. Murphy was a grunt.

Frequent *Sentinel* contributor Marc Yablonka sent this to Chapter 78's Jim Morris: "This came in tonight from Dennis Hackin, 25th ID in Vietnam (wrote the novel *Bronco Billy*, which became a Clint Eastwood film, the screenplay for the Peter Fonda film *Wanda Nevada*, and did some editing for Eastwood's *Heartbreak Ridge*). Thought you might appreciate it!"