

SSgt. Barry Sadler "Garet Trooper"

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Garet Trooper
by SSgt. Barry Sadler

This is dedicated to the parade field trooper
Who never leaves that nice soft garrison
And always looks real pretty

Now in the war torn jungles of Vietnam
You'll find a certain kind of man
You'll see him everywhere
He's a trooper, a garet trooper

Yeah, he's five foot four, 228 pounds of blubber
Got him a nickel plated 45 tied down low, quick draw
holster
Two bandoliers of brasso-ed ammo
Yeah he's a trooper, a garet trooper

He's fought from Saigon to Ninh Thuan
In every bar that is, and then only with the girls
And he ain't won one yet
But he's a trooper, a garet trooper (garet trooper)

He's got a hip knife, a side knife, a boot knife, a
shoulder knife
And a little bitty one that's a combination flare gun,
dinner set,
and genuine police whistle
But he's a trooper, a garet trooper

Now I run into one the other day, He told me a story,
He said he'd just this minute come back from
a fifteen day runnin' fight with the Cong
Said he captured a lot of loot
You know what I saw when I looked down? A spit shined
boot
Yeah, he's a trooper, a garet trooper (garet trooper)

Now poor ole pilot come back today
Half his crew was killed, aircraft shot to hell
But he don't say much

He's not a trooper, a garet trooper

And out in the hills and the jungles and the swamps
Living like a bunch of dogs
Are some men wearing funny little green hats
They stay out there and fight for months on end
They don't say much 'cause they're not troopers,
garet troopers (garet troopers)

And I bet finally, when I leave this war torn land
The last thing I'll see will be,
though I may be in a drunken stupor
I bet it'll be a garet trooper (garet trooper)

Yeah, they're all over the place
Ain't hardly worth going to war no more

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