

**196<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY BRIGADE**



**VIETNAM**

**1971**





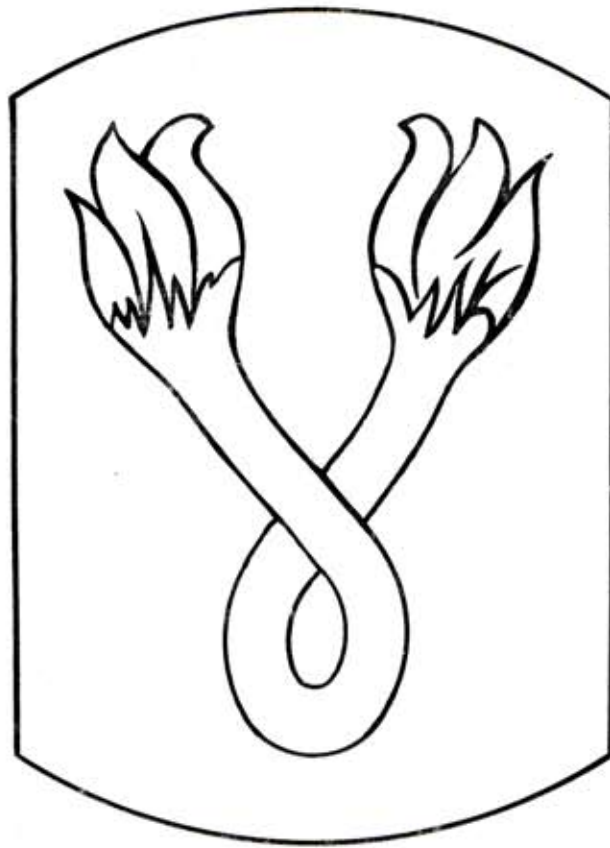


## **The 1971 196th Brigade unit album.**

The members of the Americal Veteran's Association very much appreciate that 1st Sgt William G. Walker shared his 1971 196th Infantry Brigade Unit Album. The scanned images of the album would not have been possible without his contribution.

Leslie Hines December 2010.

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## HISTORY OF 196th BDE

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 196th Infantry was constituted in Buffalo, New York. On June 24, 1921. It was in the Organized Reserves as an organic element of the 98th Infantry Division.

The unit was ordered to active service on June 9, 1942. During World War II, the unit saw service in the Pacific Theater and occupation duty in Japan. It was inactivated at Osaka, Japan, on February 16, 1946.

Returning to a reserve status in 1947, the unit remained as part of the 98th Infantry Division (USAR) in New York state. On May 1, 1959, the unit was redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 196th Infantry Brigade and allotted to the Regular Army.

On September 15, 1956, the unit was reactivated as the 196th Light Infantry Brigade at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. Included in this reactivation were the 2nd Battalion, 1st Infantry; 4th Battalion, 31st Infantry; 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry; and F Troop, 17th Cavalry. It was not until four years later, on July 1, 1969, that the 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry became a part of the 196th Infantry Brigade.

The basic mission of the brigade at the time of its activation was to train the 2,000 recruits who would make up the unit, and to reach a combat-ready posture by May, 1966.

In April, 1967, the "Chargers" became part of the first U.S. Army troops in I Corps when they arrived in Chu Lai to join the newly formed Task Force Oregon which later became known as the 23rd Infantry Division (Americal). The brigade has operated throughout the First Military Region and is country located at Da-Nang.

The members of the 196th Infantry Brigade are known as the "Chargers".



RUTLAND D. BEARD JR.  
Colonel Infantry  
Commanding



Executive Officer



Command Sergeant Major





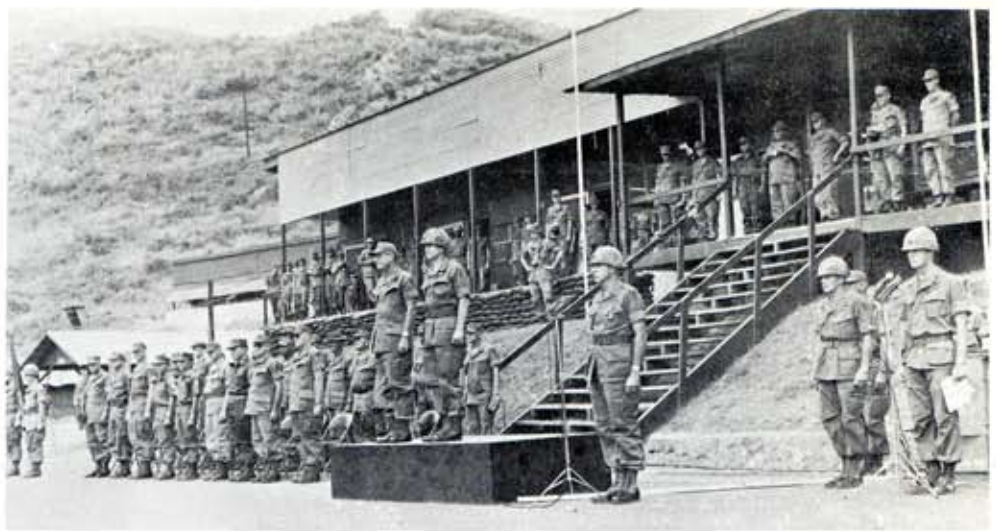
WILLIAM S. HATHAWAY  
Colonel Infantry  
October 70 - June 71

# INSTALLATION COORDINATOR



Francis G. Downey - Asst. Installation Coordinator







Change of command - 6 June 1971



S-1



CPT William D. Newton - Adjutant, S-1



CPT Douglas P. Denler - Asst. Adjutant, S-1



SFC Ronald W. Taylor - PSNCO



SP4 James E. Carter - Correspondent



SP4 John A. Lecky - Files Clerk



SP4 Steven W. Babcock  
"Awards, Casualty Clerk"



SP4 Lauren A. Messer - OER, Officer Records



SGT Craig Wolfe - NCOIC Message Center



SP4 Johnnie Jones



SP4 Walter Pearson



The S-1 Herd



S-2&3



MAJ. William D. Jones - S-3



MAJ Rutland - S-2



MAJ Thomas Lyones - Bde Signal



CPT David Sebright - Bde Aviation







Fivley J. Bell - Asst. S-2



1LT Peter Lapuc - Asst. S-3



1LT Daniel S. Ross  
"S-2 Duty Officer"



S-3 Asst. Operations Sgt.  
MSG LUCAS



MSG J. P. Krilevich - Bde Signal





Lavelle



Smolen



Sorensen



SGT Edward St. Clair



SGT Randy J. Crochet



SGT Thomas P. Walkner



SP4 Richard J. Hall



SP4 Phillip

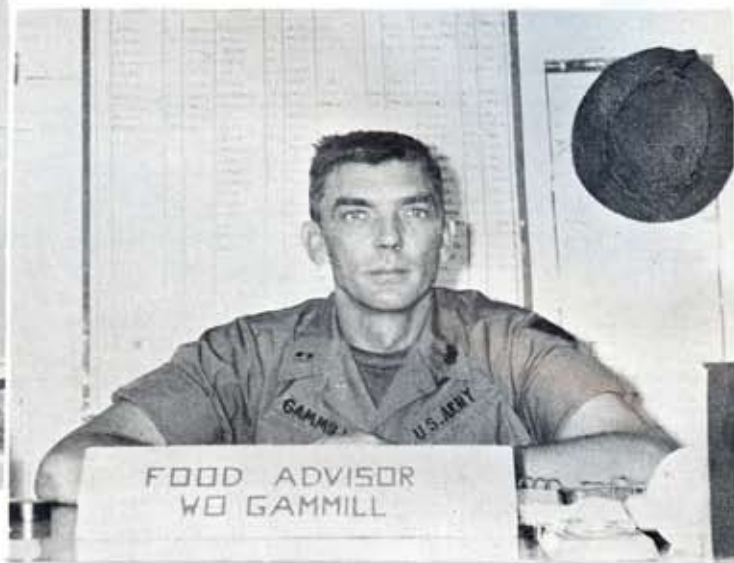


E-4 Kim, Sung Tae - ROKMC





1LT Russell P. Smith III



WO1 Raymond Gammill



SFC Bernard D. Wilkinson



SGT Roy B. Lewter



SP4 Richard G. Norgard





CPT Josephus L. Pratt



LT George N. Monsson



# PIO



CPT George Bennett - 10th PIO

# TRIAL COUNSEL



CPT Simon T. Lake - Trial Counsel



SGT Lyle Freeland - Bde Legal Clerk





SSG Bobby R. Waldrop

## MOTOR POOL



SP4 Jerry Thramer



Rebuild time



SP4 Nathan Long



Head and Head Motor



SP4 Robert Taylor

# MESS HALL



SFC Sammie Gray - Mess Steward



E4 Efrain Rodriguez



SGT Dale R. Sullivan  
1st cook - Shift leader



SP4 Carter E. Walter,  
Sau & Hung



E-6 Awgel Garcia



Lie, that's my honey!







SP4 Kenneth H. Bolton



Spoon Platoon



SP5 Rico Storino - Night Baker



SP5 Stephen G. Repley - Cook



SGT Bushtan & SP4 McBride

# HHC COMPANY



CPT DONALD M. SAMPSON  
Commanding Officer - HHC 196



1LT WILLIAM F. FURNISS  
Executive Officer, HHC 196th



1SGT ROBERT H. LOVING  
First Sergeant HHC 196th



William H. Corbett - Mail Clerk HHC



Loel L. Hunt - Clerk, HHC 196th



Harley G. Jamison - Co. Clerk, HHC 196th



1LT Donald D. Gunter & EFC Danny Laffey



SP4 Kilpatrick & SGT Williams



SGT Michael S. Williams  
Supply Sergeant HHC 196th



EFC Danny Laffey - Supply Specialist



William H. Corbett - Mail Clerk HHC 196



SP4 Rickie Kilpatrick - Supply Specialist



CPT SAMPSON



1SG LOVING



MSG KRILEVICH



MSG LUCAS



SFC GRAY



SFC BARBER



SFC WILLIS



SFC RIVERA



SSG GERHART



SFC HERNDON



SGT CORBETT



SGT MERWIN



SP5 RIPLEY



SGT JAMISON



SGT BATCHELOR



SGT FREELAND



SP4 SCZESNY



SGT COREY



SGT BUSHFAN



SP4 YOUNG



SP4 CARLTON



SP4 BONNER



SP4 DILLARD



SP4 SPANN





SP5 ALBERTSON



SP4 HIGHPOWER



SP4 JONES



SP4 PIERCY



PFC TAYLOR



SP4 BOLTON



SP4 CRAIG



SP4 COCK



SP4 SABBE



SP4 COUSINS



SP4 HILTON



SP4 FERRELL



SP4 DOAKS



SP4 STOVER



SP4 TURNER



SP4 O'CONNELL



SP4 TORO



SP4 JENKINS



SP4 JONES



SP4 MECHLIN



SP4 GORDON



SP4 LECKY



SP4 HUMP



SP4 STEELE



SP4 MEEK



SP4 CARTER, H.



SP4 RIVERA



PFC MITCHELL



SP4 THRAMER



SP4 CONEWAY



SP4 BODWELL



SP4 KONIZ



SP4 CARTER, J.



SP4 McBRIDE



PFC LAFFEY



SP4 BODWELL



SP4 BURNS



SP4 LEE



SP4 LONG



SP5 STORINO



SP4 CARTER, W.



SSG DEVAUX



SSG PRICE



SSG BEALE



SSG WALDROP



SSG GARCIA



SGT WHITE



SP4 MESSER



SP4 KILPATRICK





SP4 HALL



SF4 HARPER



SGT LEMLEY



E4 JONES



SGT WOLFE



SF4 FREEMON

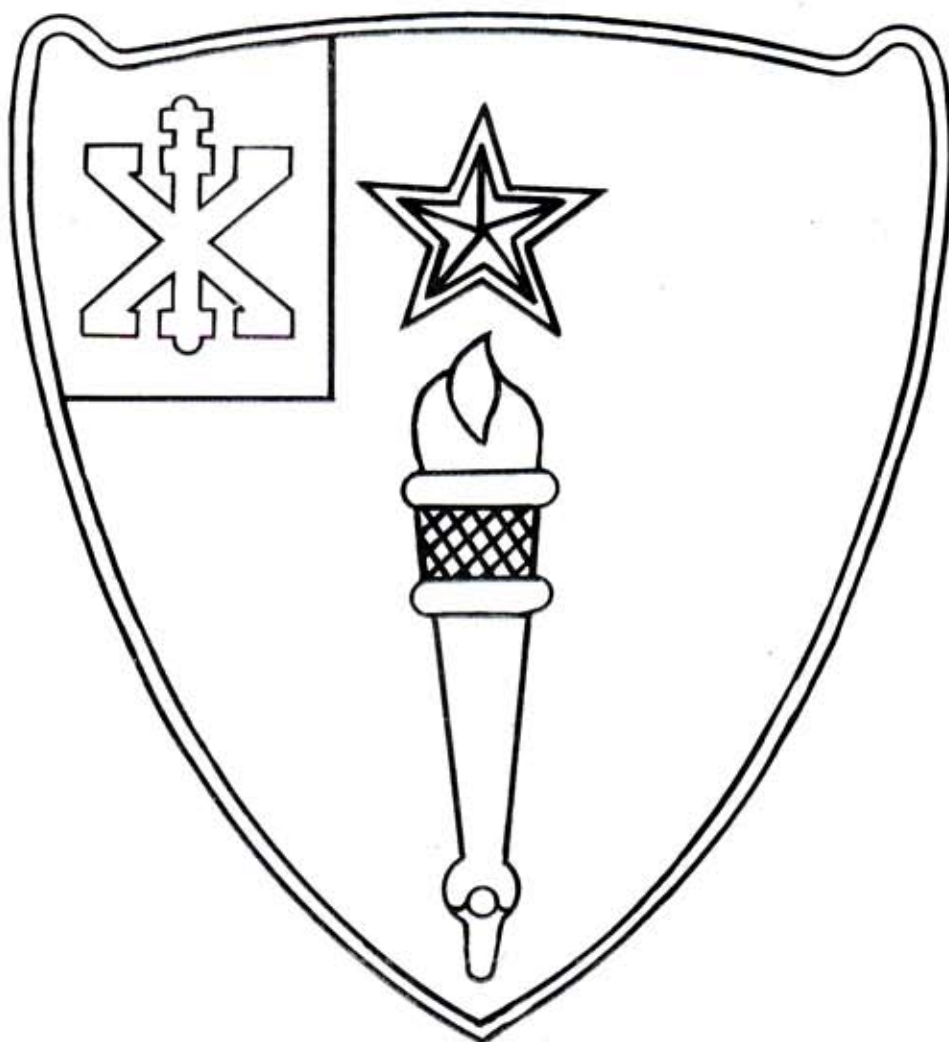


SF4 SIMMONS



**1<sup>ST</sup> BATTALION**

**46<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY**







ITC CLYDE J. TATE



MAJ DONALD C. POTTER



1SG JAMES HENDERSON - CSM



1LT Louis R. Ogus - S-5



SFC George Shaw - P5NCO



SF4 Brad Brown - Awards Clerk



SGT Bobby Lester - Admin. Specialist



SGT William Haun  
Awards & R&R's NCO



Professionals salute proudly



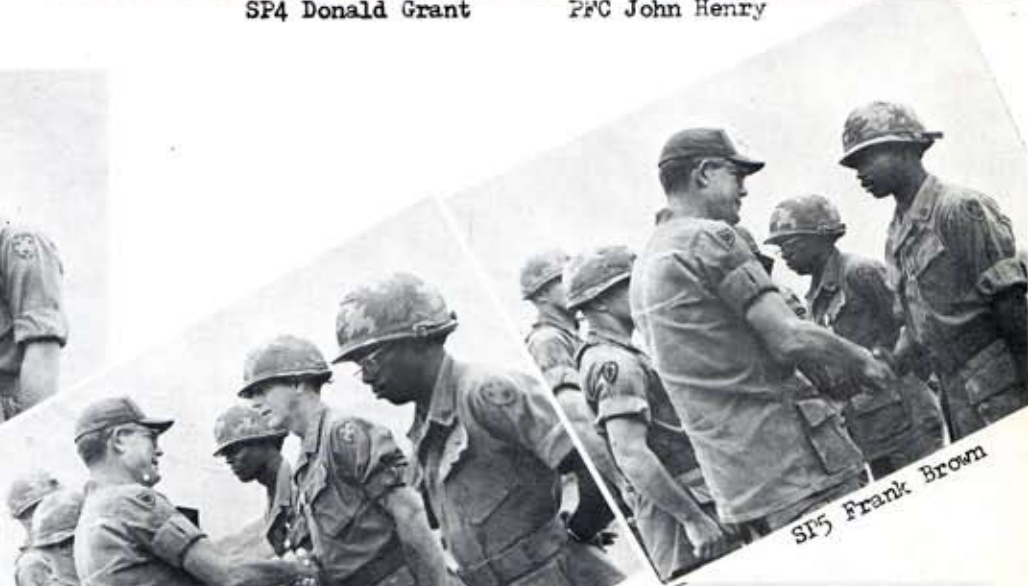
SP4 Donald Grant



PFC John Henry



SP4 Daniel Watts



SP5 Frank Brown



SGT Timothy Carmichael



SSG George Barry



SP4 Eugene Erickson



SGT John Cannon



SP4 Willie A. Ricks



SP4 David G. Massich



1LT Ronald M. Regan - Adjutant



Chaplain CPT Neal Davidson



Gathered for the Lord's Supper.

S-1



Security Police Squad



S14 Jerry Knuepper - Draftsman



SGT John Cannon - PIO



SGT Michael Woodruff  
Morning Report, PDS, and Casualty NCO



SP4 James Roubal - The Major's driver



MAJ Potter  
briefing an  
NCO.



SP4 Robert Bischoff - Clerk typist



CSM Adrain McCullough  
Battalion Sergeant Major



# S-2&3



CPT Domino - S-2



SFC Singleton - S-2 NCO



1FC Locher - Clerk



SFC Ivanov - S-3 NCO



SGT Lahmeyer - Asst. S-3 NCO



SP5 Armstrong - MI



SP4 Pistole



SSG Lee - Crr NCO



SFC Singleton & Interpreters:  
Tan & To



CPT Blythe - Arty LNO



MAJ Wisniewski - S-3



LZ Linda



Perimeter



81mm gun crew



ICS



SP4 Arthur Green & SGT Victor Bobbit



CPT Hubbard, Gary L. - S-4 OIC



1LT Graham, Harry A. - PBO



SSG Wolfe, Joseph H. - FBSCO



SFC Minor, James A. - NCOIC



SP4 Webb, Bobby J. - Armorer



SP4 Sykes, & PFC Bowman



SP4 Fogle, Charles W. - Ammo



PFC Hartness, Nickless S.



SGT Able, Joe B. - TA50



S-5



1LT Robert D. Boydston



SSGT Thomas A. Bowens



Mrs. Suong



SGT. Head



Mrs. Vu & SSGT Bowens



SGT Lai & SGT XI



SGT John Cannon, SGT Lai, 1LT Boydston & SSGT Bowens

# COMMO



1LT Richard Lanear - Signal Officer



SFC Clarence J. Wade - Father Commo



SGT Randall Fletcher  
"Wire Chief"



SP4 Earl West



Top: Casey, Wade, Langer  
Bottom: West, Fletcher



Couple of guys sitting next to pad.



1LT Eugene Murphy &  
SGT Fletcher



SF5 Roger Alexander  
"Sr. Radio Repairman"

# AID SECTION



SP5 Tisdale



Dr. (CPT) McInnis



SP6 Seagles



SP5 Thornton



SP4 Rogers & SP5 Ebeling



SP5 Attenberger



SP5 Ebeling



SP5 Thornton & SP5 Tisdale



# MESS HALL



SFC Lester Dalton  
"Worries a little too much!"



SP4 Larry Randl  
"Doing some OJT"



SP4 Truman Caddell  
"I just doing a little drafting."



SP5 Larry Cook  
"Almost finish!"



SFC Carl Gibbs  
"Checking it out!"

SP5 Cook & S15 Chavez  
"Here's a happy cook."



Micheal Carl  
"They got me on meats again."



Keep the mess hall operating



All mess & civilian personnel



SP5 Bennett, S14 Stinney, SP4 Ortiz & SP4 Fuentes  
"Ready to make the fun."

# HHC COMPANY



CP1 Richard K. Ford



1LT Donald G. Rider



1SG Edgar L. Osmon



SGT Tommy R. Harris



HHC Morning Formation



SP4 Irrizary Ramos

SP4 Donald J. Grant

SGT Marshall O. Lundgren



Ice for Hill 270.



Commo Section



HHC drives on



S14 Ronald S. Wiggins



Loyalty and all that Jazz



Always watchful



1LT BELL



CPT OGUS



1LT RIVERA



CPT DOMINO



1LT BELL, R.



1LT GIROUX



1SG OSMON



SFC SINGLETON



SFC WADE



SFC SHAW



SFC CASEY



SFC DALTON



SSG MARCIANTI



SGT WOODRUFF



SP5 LESTER



SGT CANNON



SGT VALESQUEZ



SP5 CAPPS



SGT HARRIS



SP4 FOSTER



SP4 RAMOS



SP4 NORDEEN



SP4 THOMPSON



SP4 JOHNSON



SGT HAUN



SGT KHOURY



SP4 PATZER



SP4 BISCHOFF



SP4 VALENZUELA



SP4 MURPHY

SP4 WIGGINS

SP4 STINNEY

SP4 KOLODZIEJ

SP5 GUEVARA



SP4 CARL

SP4 GRIFFIN

SP4 WADE

SP4 CLAY JR.

SP4 WILLIAMS

SP4 BALDWIN



SP4 ORTIZ

SFC MINOR

SSG LEE

SSG PIRCE

SP4 LYNN



SP4 PERKINS

SP4 HARTNESS







CPT Gerry A. Harr - CO.

# ALPHA COMPANY



1LT Gerald N. Cotter - XO.



1SG Luis A. Perez



SP4 Edward W. Hendrix - Co Clerk



Company Formation



Do you know your rights under article 31?



It's been a hard year, mom!



2nd Platoon



1st Platoon



3rd Herd



One heat tad would wipe us all out.



Yum Yum Chop Chop



If the girls could see me now.



OK, guys, make a huddle!



"Sir", you know what you can kiss?



Raborg gets another dear John.



Brains of Alpha Company



Working, working!



Up, up and away



Black sheep of family



Merrill's Merados



Oh my new dress! "speedy"



This is a heavy SOB



Hard but fair



Now what



Burger-Chef



And I had such big plans.



They let me have a gun.



I'll trade this for a beer.



Just think of the money I could make in Saigon.



Where do these go?



Who can I shoot?



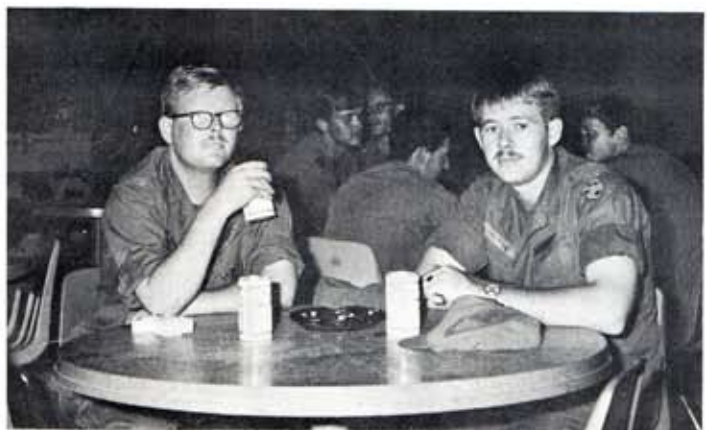
I've got to get another profile.



I like it here, I like it here, you fuck in "A" I like it here.



Now what do I do?





1LT REDMOND



1LT COPPER



1SG PEREZ



SSG BARRY



SFC GARLIC



SFC REED



SSG GONZALES



SSG BRAITHWAITE



SGT STARKEY



SGT WILSON



SP4 SCRABLEM



SGT BOLSER



SSG COOPER



SGT JOSEPH



SP4 KURFMAN



SGT LARNER



SP4 REMLEY



SP4 ESPENSHADE



SP4 ORTIZ



SP4 MONKS



SP4 KLOCKE



SP4 STIDHAM



SP4 GODLEWSKI



SP4 STIDHAM



SP4 TRAVIS



SP4 PHAIR



SP4 WILLIAMS



SP5 JEESE





SP4 MONTAVON



SGT MURI



SP4 HICKMAN



SP4 FITCH



SP4 HOWELL



SP4 SIMMONS



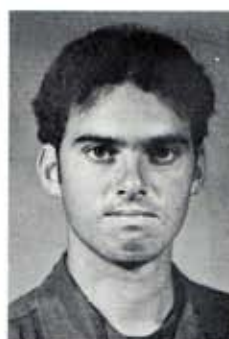
SP4 HOWELL



SP4 JAMISON



SGT BUTLER



SGT ALTICE



SP4 ELDRIDGE



SP4 METESH



SGT GILSTRAP



SP4 SMITH



SP4 FAIRLEY



SGT FLOYD



SGT ASKINS



SP4 FORRESTER



SP4 KLANEY



SP4 PHILLIPS



MILLER



SP4 JAMISON



SGT SMITH, T.



K.C. THAN

# BRAVO COMPANY



CPT McDANIEL - CO.



LIEUT RICH - XO.



1SG Joseph Meassick



SGT Sweat - Supply



Coleman - Clerk



Post - Clerk



Bravo Co. awards and ceremonies



1LT Rich - Plt. Leader receiving award.



CP



1st Platoon Weapons Squad



BG Gorwitz presents awards to Sp4 Aviles



..to SF4 Schulte,



to SF4 Cummings....



to SF4 Lannon.....



to SGT Bender.....



to SGT Varney.....



to SF4 Bluew



3rd Platoon



1st Platoon



2nd Platoon





CPT McDANIEL



1LT LOWERY



1SG MEASSICK



SFC GUZMAN



SSG PIETI



SFC SMITH



SSG WILLIAMS



SSG HOWARD



SSG TEEL



SGT AVILES



SP4 JENNINGS



SGT WATSON



SGT BENDER



SGT WHITLOCK



SP4 FREELER



SP4 TOOHEY



SP4 PARKER



SP4 WOOLEYER



SGT BERGER



SP4 MURSIER



SP4 LOWE, J.



SP4 BAPTIST



SP4 ANDERSON



SP4 PRICE



SP4 SONNIER



SP4 REEDY



SP4 LANNON



SP4 WIFALL



SP4 JONAK



SP4 MONTGOMERY



SP4 MARTIN



SP4 MURSIER



SGT WARNEY



SGT ORWAT



SP4 CUMMINGS



SGT SCHALGE



SGT BLUE



SP4 JOYCE



SP4 BENNETT



SP4 FOUSE



SP4 SMYTH



SP4 RUCKER



SP4 WORD



SP4 HOLLIDAY



SP4 SHIPLEY



SP4 SALAZAR



SP4 BLUEW



SP4 CLUBES



SP4 RICHARDS



SP4 DAUGHERTY



SP4 SEIDENS



SP4 SCALF



SP4 HEATH



SP4 WILLIAMS



SP4 BURGE



SP4 PICKERING



SP4 MITTON



SP4 ZUMDICK



PFC MUSELWHITE



SP4 SMYTH



SP4 PRICE, A.



SP4 LAWSON



SP4 CLARK



SP4 JOHNSON



SP4 SANDERS



SP4 HILTON



SP4 DANIELS



SP4 MANISCALCO



SP4 STRICKLAND



SP4 KREIDER



SP4 STEELE





# CHARLIE COMPANY



CPT EDWARD L. OLIVER - Commanding



1LT PRESTON L. FORSYTHE - Executive Officer



First Sergeant CHARLES A. GIBSON



SGT TIMOTHY G. CARMICHAEL - Company Clerk



SGT JIGGIE HERRING - Armorer



SP4 LAWRENCE R. KLEIN - Mail Clerk



Resupply



NCO'S

Fig 2

Friendly First Sergeant



1st Platoon



2nd Platoon



3rd Platoon



Officers



Mortar Platoon



SGT Strickland - Supply



REMF's - C1/46 Supply



SF4 Kitchen



SFC "Rod"



Hill 270



Skid Row & Klein



CPT OLIVER



1LT KOPCO



1LT GRIFFIN



1SG GIBSON



SFC JOHNSON



SFC RODRIGUES



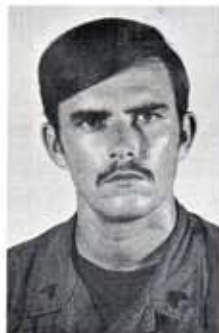
SSG COLLINS



SSG HELSEL



SSG CHASTAIN



SP5 HACKER



SGT DANIELS



SP5 LAWSON



SP5 HACKER



SGT NEWTON  
*FCB*



SGT BROWN



SGT AUKERMAN



SGT FELT



SP4 JOHNSON



SGT RAMLER



SGT SMITS



SGT NEILL



SGT HEAD



SP4 MUNS



SP4 SPENCER



SGT RELLY



PFC TAWES



SP4 GARCIA



SP4 DUVACHELLE



SP4 CAHILL



SP4 JONES



E4 BAKER



E4 McMURRAY



E4 GOLDEN



E5 MAY



BRYANT WYANT



E5 McCLARITY



E4 FLOWERS



E5 McCANN



E4 TRUNNEL



E4 LZZSZCZYNSKI



E4 SUDWEEKS



E4 ELLIS



E4 REED



E4 SANDERS



E4 HENNESSE



E4 GOODE



E4 HOLDEN



SGT STRICKLAND



E3 BEGLEY



E4 ARMSTRONG



E4 McCALL



E4 NICHOLAS



E4 JOHNSON



E4 HEMKINS



E4 HALL



E4 PRUITT



E4 MORGAN



E4 COOTS



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E4 NELSON



Art (Buddy) Bethea



E4 BOELONY



E4 BLEVENS



E4 ZIERS



E4 SIKORSKI



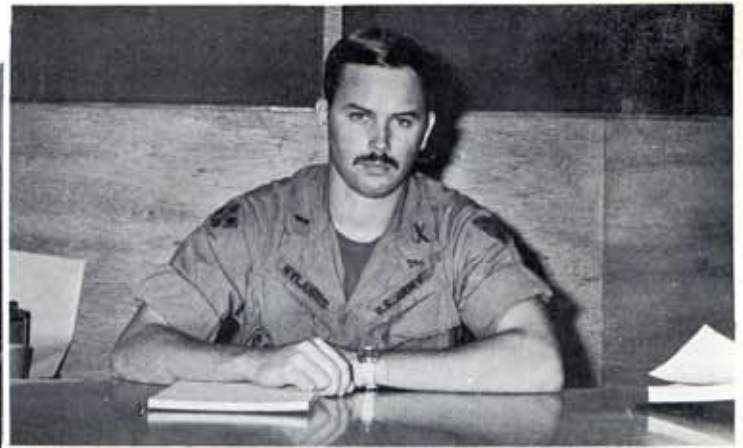
E4 STRANGE



# DELTA COMPANY



CPT KIRKEY - CO



1LT Nylander - X.O.



1SG Parker



Sr. Bruce Entwistle - Company Clerk



SP4 Copeland - Driver



SP4 Carrig - Report Clerk



2nd Platoon, Co "D"



Armstrong - Armorer



3rd Platoon - Co "D"



CO. Kirkey & 1SG Parker



1st Platoon - Co "D"





CPT KIRKEY



CPT METZGER



1LT KIRBY



VOLLMAR



1SG PARKER



PSG BOOKMAN



SSG LOWERY



SSG GRIGSBY



SGT TORCATO



SGT HENDERLITE



SGT MURRAY



SGT HANEY



SGT HUNTER



SGT ORTEGA



SSG REICHL



SGT COLLIER



SP4 SCHMIDT



SP4 LEE



SP4 HOOTEN



SP4 TERRY



SP4 LAVESPERE



SP4 WELLS



SP4 ENTWISTLE



SP4 GUTSHALL



SP4 BELL



SP4 COFFEY



SP4 SPIER



SP4 WILLIAMS



SP4 NELSON



SP4 GEHLE



SP4 CANUP



SP4 TURNER



SP4 SYLVIA



SP4 TAYLOR



SP4 FAN FAN



SP4 CROSS



SP4 SHAFFER



SP4 BEETS



SP4 DILLON



GEHLE



SP4 SUTTON



SP4 HORTON



SP4 FERGUSON



SP4 GENTRY



SP4 ALLEN



SP4 ELLIOTT



SP4 BRADY



SP4 JASINSKI



SP4 KLINESMITH



SP4 BUTTS



SP4 HENNES



SP4 ZURAWSKI



SP4 MILLER



SP4 ROBERTS



SP4 WELLMAN



SP4 BOBO



SP4 STOEKLE



SP4 SAUNDERS



SP4 RAY



SP4 KAUBLE



SP4 NISKANEN



SP4 RAMIREZ



SP4 GEORGE



SP4 KARRIS



SP4 CARRIG



SP4 DENZER



PFC DAVIS



SP4 WOLFE



SP4 TILLMAN



SP4 GILKERSON



SP4 PONESSA



# ECHO COMPANY



1LT Robert E. Moore



1SG James Henderson



SFC Edward L. Manson



SGT David A. Rogillio



SGT William Hankerd - Co Driver



Morning Formation - Echo Co.



The old regime



Radar Section



Armorer at work



Always ready



Members of 4.2" Mortars - "High Angel Hell"



1LT MOORE



1LT TRACHSEL



1LT CLARK



1SG HENDERSON



SFC MANSON



SSG LONGORIA



SSG GALLOB



SSG RAKES



SGT WILLIAMS



SGT ANDOLSEK



SGT CHILD



SGT DRUM



SGT FITCH



SGT SMITH



SGT HANKERD



SGT LOVE



SGT FARMER



SGT KING



SGT BOUTIN



SP4 PRUITT



SP4 ANDERSON



SGT ROGILLIO



SGT MANACK



SGT KERRIGAN



SP4 SPEARS



SP4 KAY



SP4 RAMIREZ



SP4 WEST



PFC JANISON



SP4 VIGNEALL



SP5 SKLANEY



SP4 MASTRIANNI



SP4 VALDEZ



SP4 DECKER



SGT BRASHEARS



SP4 GUERRERO



SP4 RATLIFF



SP4 ROBINSON



SP4 MACDONALD



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SP4 HOBBS



SP4 McCLELLAND



SGT POWELL



SGT HONAKER

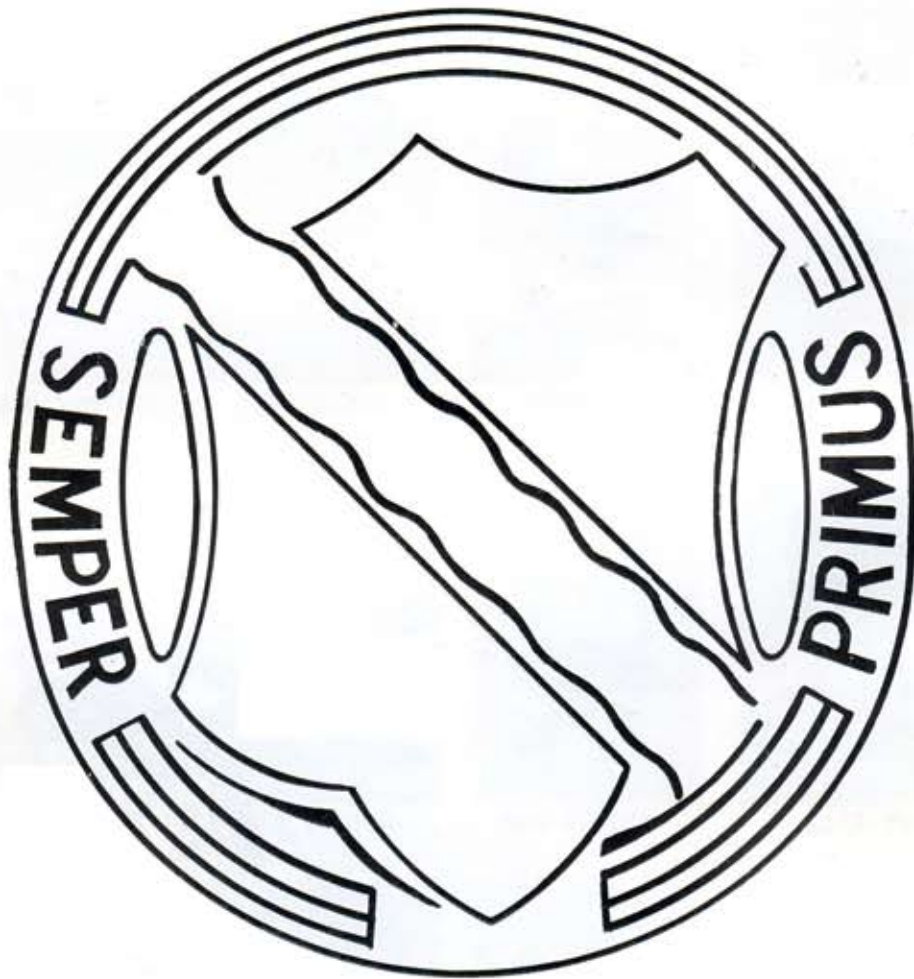


SP5 HILL



**2<sup>ND</sup> BATTALION**

**1<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY**







LTC HENRY G. WATSON - Bn Commander



MAJ PAUL D. SUTTON - Bn X.O.



CSM ELMER NELSON - Bn CSM





1LT TIMOTHY W. MARCOULIER



SSG John Watson



SGT James Merrimen



SP4 Paul Polifrone



SGT Lonnie Dillon



Super Renf's



SP4 Steve Egan



SP4 Daniel Willig

# S-2&3



MSG Hall



MSG Neal



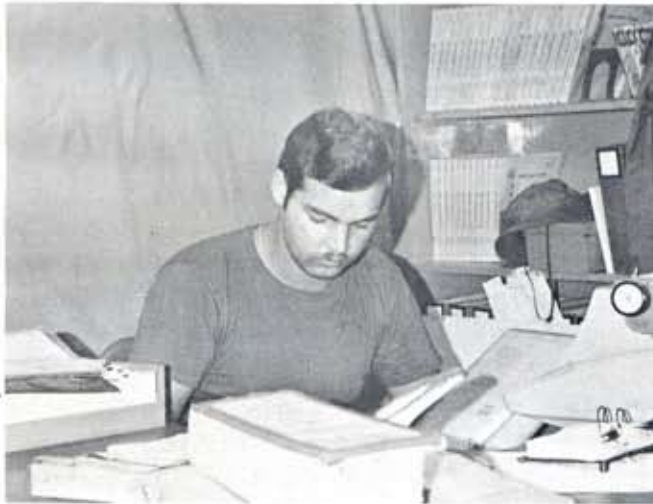
MSG Neal, MSG Hall, SSG Edwards



SGT Carlson & SGT Suchyta



CW2 Walter, Wilson



SGT George Williams



SP4 Tom Robiuston



SF5 Richardson & SGT Warner



SP4 Abfall



S-5



SSG Forsythe



E5 Verbick & E4 Robinson



E4 Owens



E5 Manger



# COMMO



E6 Mario Maruffo



E4 Rivera



E5 James E. Somerville



E5 Kotua



E3 Torro







E4 Gary Carey



E4 Montgomery & E4 Murray



SF4 McCullum



E5 Strickland



E4 Gray



# AID SECTION



SFC Billy R. Richards



SGT Bruce Merryman



SP6 Henry Perez



SP5 Boardman Taylor



SP5 Robert Stephens

Robert V. Stephens



Part of the Medical Platoon



Tom Brovarney cleanses wound on fellow patient.



Glen Debrie making a dressing change on John Whittle.



Jerry Bennett takes temp.



Jesus Guerrero giving Richard V. Carlson a shot.



Richard V. Carlson draws a shot.



We're all short!



Glen Debrie and his assistants

# MAINTENANCE



Hard core Maintenance Technician



SSG Eddie Manning Jr.  
"Pusher!"

SP4 Thomas O. Nyseth  
"Pencil pusher & Secretary"



The good and the ugly



What? No shades!



Goldbrick team takes time out to quench a thirst.



Straw Boss (2nd from right) & Schammers



Friend or Foe



The man who likes body.....work!



Your friendly local -----!



The team that makes the maintenance program effective.

# MESS HALL



SFC Kenneth D. Howard



SP4 Abner





SFC Willie Williams



SP4 MacPavish, Thomas - 1st Cook



SP4 Burd Alvin W.



SSG Ray McConnell

# HHC COMPANY



CPT Richard Gundelfinger - Company Commander



SFC Billy Richards - First Sergeant



Good, bad, & ugly



SP4 Wilson Keene - "Kilo"



SP4 Sam Allen



SP4 Nicholas Marchione





SFC RICHARDS



SSG MILLER



SSG WARD



SSG MANNING



SSG CLARK



SSG GILL



SSG MARRUFO



SSG WATSON



SSG FORSYTHE



SGT HUFCHINSON



SGT COUSINEAU



SP6 PEREZ



SP6 RIVERA



SGT WARNER



SGT WILLIAMS



SGT HYATT



SP4 POLIFRONE



SGT MERRYMAN



SGT VASQUEZ



SGT DILLON



SGT BISESI



SGT KOVVA



SP5 BROVARNEY



SP4 HANSON



SP4 GAGE



SGT FRANK



SP4 MAACK



SP4 STINGLEY



SP4 JOSEPH



SP4 STRECKER



SP4 STRECKER



SP5 STEPHENS



SP4 KORSCHGEN



SP4 WILLIG



SP5 TAYLOR



SP4 McCULLEM



SP4 BEMONTE



SP4 BURTS



SP4 BURNETT



SP4 RINGLE



SP4 SEYMOUR



SP4 LADD



PFC GILWIS



SP5 BAKER



SP4 DEBRIE



SP4 ABPALI



SP4 ELVILLE



SP4 HALE



SP5 SINEY



SP5 ESCALADE



SP4 JAMES



PFC ELLIS



SP4 REA



SP5 MOORE



SP4 BUCEK



SP5 AKERS



SP4 SVENDDAL



SP4 GALLA



SP4 WHITTLE



SP4 SKEEL



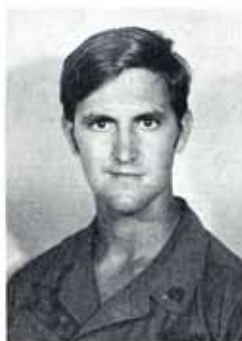
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IFC FIINIGAN



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SP4 WOLPE



SP4 RILEY



SP5 LAMBERT



SP4 THOMAS



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SGT HESTER



SP4 HULL



SP4 PORCH



SP4 LINARES



SP4 TIJERINA



SP4 McCAIN



SP4 HERNANDEZ



PFC CAREY



SP4 EGAN



SP4 JOHNSON



SP4 BUCHANAN



SP4 LEWIS



SP4 ROBERTSON



SP4 SMITH



SP4 NEWMAN



SP4 NYSETH



SP4 HICKMAN



SP4 EVANS



PV2 ARHI



PFC FOSTER



PV2 CHRIS



PV2 NELSON



SP4 NUSE



# ALPHA COMPANY



CPT Lynch - Company Commander



1Lt McClain - Company X.O.



1SG Hines - Company 1st Sgt.



SGT Conrey - Co. Clerk



SSG Campbell - Supply Sgt.



SGT Wills - Supply Rep.



1st platoon



SP4 Doolin - Co Clerk



SP4 Circle



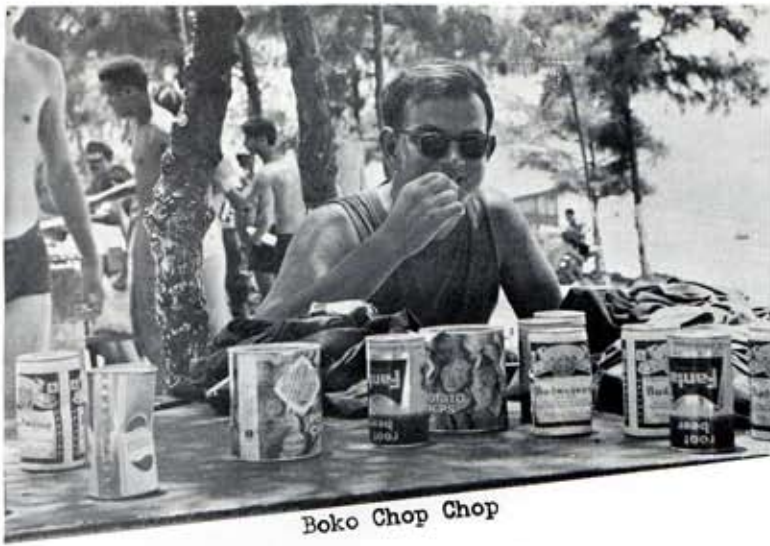
2nd platoon



Mortars



SGT Polanch - Co Mail man



Boko Chop Chop



Three stooges



Don't walk away!



Si



Is that a topless?



I'll drink to that



Whats for dessert?



Beer broiled steaks?



Taking it easy



Lazy



So what



The Metrecal for lunch bunch



Be cool



Tube humpers



Mini brute





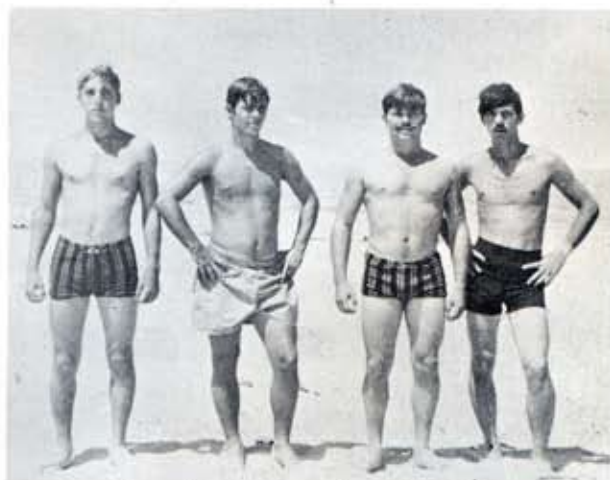
Smile



Wheres the ballfight?



This is what we need in the field.



Keep that stomach sucked in.



Would you look at her?



"Steady"



Who said that?



Today we play tomorrow we fight.



Water football?



Three Musketeers



CPT LYNCH



1LT McClain



1LT WILLIAMS



1SG HINES



SSG BELL



SSG CAMPBELL



SP4 DUMTON



SP4 ALLISON



SGT ESTES



SP4 MILLER



SGT KOLF



SGT SANCHEZ



SGT BRAY



SP4 CICCONE



SP4 COFFEY



SP4 CIRCLE



SGT GOLDREN



SP4 HART



SP4 EDWARDS



SP4 McKERNER



SP4 LAWRENCE



SP4 THENO



SP4 SKIRBE



SP4 BRODMANN



SP4 DAVIS



SP4 FEAR



SP4 COFFEY



SP4 SCHALLER



SP4 WILLIAMS



SP4 HENDERSON



SP4 CROWELL



SP4 YOUNG



SP4 DIGNON



SP4 GRABE



SP4 RUFFANTI



SP4 TORRES



SGT DOLANCH



SGT CONREY



SP4 TUCKER



SP4 BAKER



SP4 SOLOMON



SP4 RODRIGUEZ



SP4 MCKERNAN



SGT JOHNSON



SGT VOGELGESARG



SP4 ORTIZ



SGT HARMELING



SP4 ZEIBER



SGT HARTFIELD



SP4 ROGERS



SP4 RAKES



SP4 WILLS



SP4 UNVERZAGT



SP4 HOOVER



SP4 BLALOCK



SP4 FORD



SP4 FARNAM



SP4 SILVA



SP4 STALLINGS



SP4 BECKOM



SP4 ESQUIBEL



SP4 OZAROWICZ



SP4 CHANNEL



SP4 CROWELL



SP4 BERNALD



SGT BAKER



SP4 KENNEDY



SP4 HERRING "Doc"



SGT ROMAN



SP4 COLEMAN



SGT JULIAN



SGT WILLS



SP4 SILVA



SP4 ROBERTS



SGT FONSECA



SGT STACKPOLE



# BRAVO COMPANY



DWIGHT B. DICKSON - C.O.



THOMAS P. KINGSTON JR. - X.O.



1SG Albert J. Lessa



SGT Timothy P. Bruner - Company Clerk



SGT Henry W. Mason - Mail Clerk



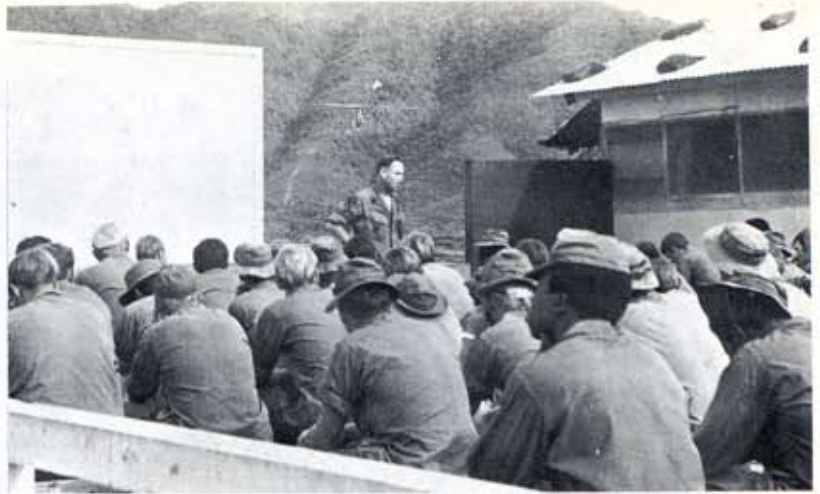
SP4 Russell A. Krueger  
CJT Mail Clerk



SP4 Patrick S. Garvin  
CJT Company Clerk



I know the bullit comes out one of them.



You will! Re-up



Mortar Platoon



In cadence! Exercise



1st Platoon



2nd Platoon



3rd Platoon



Shot! Out!





CPT DICKSON



1LT WINGSTON



1LT WIEST



1SG LESSA



SFC HARRINGTON



SFC GREEN



SSG HARTMAN



SSG CORPUZ



SP4 HYATT



SGT RICHMAN



SP4 WYMER



SP4 OTIS



SP4 CAMPBELL



SGT KALKOPEN



SGT JESTER



SGT CINI



SP4 HARRIS



SP4 LONSKI



SGT HURST



SP4 BARTH



SP4 McVAY



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SP4 SUPPE



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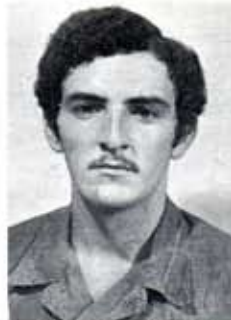
SP4 BUTLER



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SP4 GALANSKI



SP4 VANNOPE



SP4 DANIELS



SP4 HILTON



SP4 ZAPP



SP4 LESNAR



SP4 MATA



SP4 GAFF



SGT GOMEZ



SP4 RUSH



SP4 KING



SP4 SPURGEON



SP4 JOHNSON



SP4 C.M. BELL



PFC WOODS



SP4 DYER



SP4 LOCKEL



SP4 MATA



SP4 KOLB



PV2 GRIFFITH



SP4 JUDKINS



SP4 STUCKWISH



PFC FRYE



SP4 COUGH



SP4 LYLES



SP4 GARRISON



SP4 WALSH



SGT MUSZYNSKI



SP4 PRICE



SP4 KRUEGER



SP4 DAUKAS



SP4 DOUGLAS



SP4 COOMBS



SP4 WILDER



SP4 FERNANDEZ



# CHARLIE COMPANY



CPT ELMER M. NELSON - Co. Commander



1LT MICHAEL S. FOXX - Executive Officer



1SG KENNETH M. DENNIS - First Sergeant



SGT WILLIAM G. KEENEY - Mail Clerk



SP4 DAVID G. SAPP - Co. Clerk



Wheels in action!



What's this...Chargin  
Charlie at the halt?



Alright, who has got  
the dice?



Say cheeeese



Stand-down what  
stand-down?



I want to deros - now



I'll never re-up.



Maybe 3rd - but never last



This is war?



What's a police call?



Next time I'll take the train.



Which way to the PX?



Who - us go to the village?



CPT NELSON



1LT FOXK



1LT CARLINI



1LT HALL



1SG DENNIS



SFC MUSQUEZ



SFC BOYKINS



SSG COSBY



SSG CORMAN



SGT TROSPER



SGT BROWN, H.



SGT RICHARDSON



SGT WHITE



SGT DOWNEY



SGT PERKINS



SP4 OLIVER



SGT TESKE



SP4 HAGERICH



SP4 O'BRIEN



SP5 GOODS



SP4 REILLY



SP4 SULLIVAN



SP4 DELAPAZ



SP4 HENDERSON



SP4 STEELE



SP4 EVERETT



SP4 MONCHAMP



SP4 FREGO



SP4 STONE



SP4 HASH



SP4 ALEXANDER



SP4 GRAVES



SP4 MARTIN



SP4 BUTLER, G.



SP4 YOUNG



SP4 NASH



SP4 COWARD



SGT WINANS



SP4 POPPENGA



PFC GOBBLE



SP4 NEILL



SP4 BUTLER, R.



SP4 WHEELER



SP4 SCRUGGS



SP4 JOHNSON, C.



SP4 LAU



SP4 KILE



SP4 ADAMS



SP4 SJONGER



SP4 PUGH



SP4 HALTER



SP4 JASEK



SP4 NOWHITNEY



SP4 CAPSHAW



SP4 RECKMAN



SP4 MELENDEZ



PFC KNIGHTLY



SP4 SPILES



SP4 ZAROBINSKI

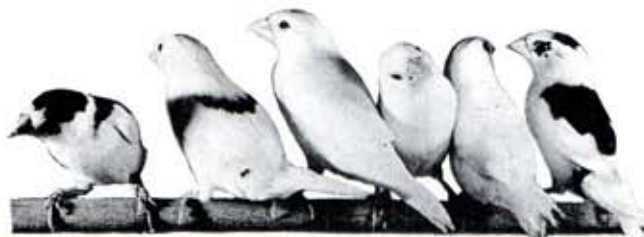


PFC CORROO





SP4 GADD



KCS NGUYEN DIEM

# DELTA COMPANY



CPT ROLAND J. WHITE - Company CO.



1LT CLAIBORNE W. DAVIS III - X.O.



1SGT Stephen E. Davis



SP4 Ralph E. Newsom - Co. Clerk  
"When I work, I rest hard!"



Benjamin H. Register - Co. Clerk  
"Once a grunt, always a grunt!"



SGT Van Dupree - Supply



1LT C.W. Davis, CPT R.J. White, & 1SG S.E. Davis



CSM Nelson, MAJ Sutton, & CPT White



SP4 Jerome Mitchell



Determination Delta in formation





SSG Horne receives bronze star.



CPT White, Bde Commander, Col. Beard



SP4 Wilson getting soldiers medal.



1SG Davis talks to company.



CPT White in front of company with COL Beard.



Delta Company meeting new Bde. Commander



**Delta Company Mortar Platoon**



**Delta Company - 1st Platoon**



**Delta Company - 3rd Platoon**



**Delta Company - 2nd Platoon**



The last of the people meet and receives awards.



People stand after company receives awards.





CPT WHITE



LT DAVIS



LT JELDCHEN



1SG DAVIS



SSG HORNE



SSG FOX



SGT COBB



SGT JONES



SGT SCRIPPER



SGT RENTERIA



SGT PAULHABER



SGT BARR



SGT THOMPSON



SP4 HURST



SP4 ANDERSON



SP4 COBBS



SP4 BAINBRIDGE



SP4 SIMCHEN



SP4 NACE



SP4 CASSIDY



SP4 RYAN



SP4 TAM



SP4 BAXTER



SP4 REIS



PFC MARTINEZ



SP4 JANSEN



SP4 BUSH



SP5 COOKE



SP4 RUGGERIO



SP4 WALPER



SP4 ARCHER



SGT UHLENHAKE



SP4 ZELONIS



SP4 FRUITT



SP4 GRAVES



SP4 ROSSETTI



SP4 CUELLAR



SP4 GOODMAN



SP4 YAMAKIDO



SP4 BANDY



SP4 GLOEDE



SP4 ROSS



SP4 SCHNELL



SP4 PAHLEN



PFC WALKER



SP4 STRUBECK



SP4 KIEFFER



SSG LYMORE



SP4 SLOOP



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SP4 MEZZACASA



SP4 QUINN





SP4 FUDGE



SP4 CUNNINGHAM



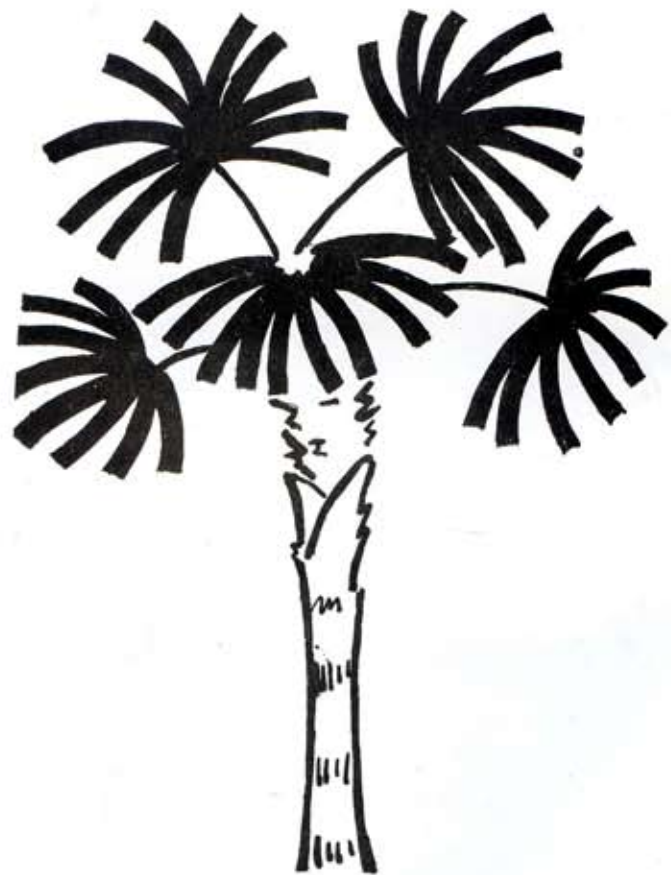
SP4 CASEY



SP4 WHITLEY



SP4 STEINMETZ



KCS TRAN TUAN

# ECHO COMPANY



CPT GLEN D. TAYLOR - Company Commander



1LT ROBERT A. STRANGE - Company Ex. Officer



1SG VIRGIL R. GREENE



SGT RAY ANNICKS - Co. Clerk



SP4 TEDDY RAKES - Co. Clerk



SGT DAVIS SHEQUIN - Supply Sgt.



SGT WILLIAM PRICE - Co. Armorer



1LT James R. Collier



Recon. Platoon



Golf Team



Sniper Team



Juicers



Recon. Platoon - July Stand Down



CPT TAYLOR



LT STRANGE



LT COLLIER



LSG GREENE



SGT PRICE



SGT SLABCHUCK



SP4 ARBOGAST



SGT GONZALEZ



SGT ROUSE



SP4 FOLLER



SP4 STORER



SP4 AMARAL



SP4 NEEDEY



SGT BAILEY



SP4 EDDY



SGT GOULD



SP4 GONZALEZ



SP4 HARDY



SP4 SANTA



SP4 GARZA



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SP4 JOHNSON



SP4 REED



SP4 BENJAMIN



SGT ULRICH



SP4 NORMAN

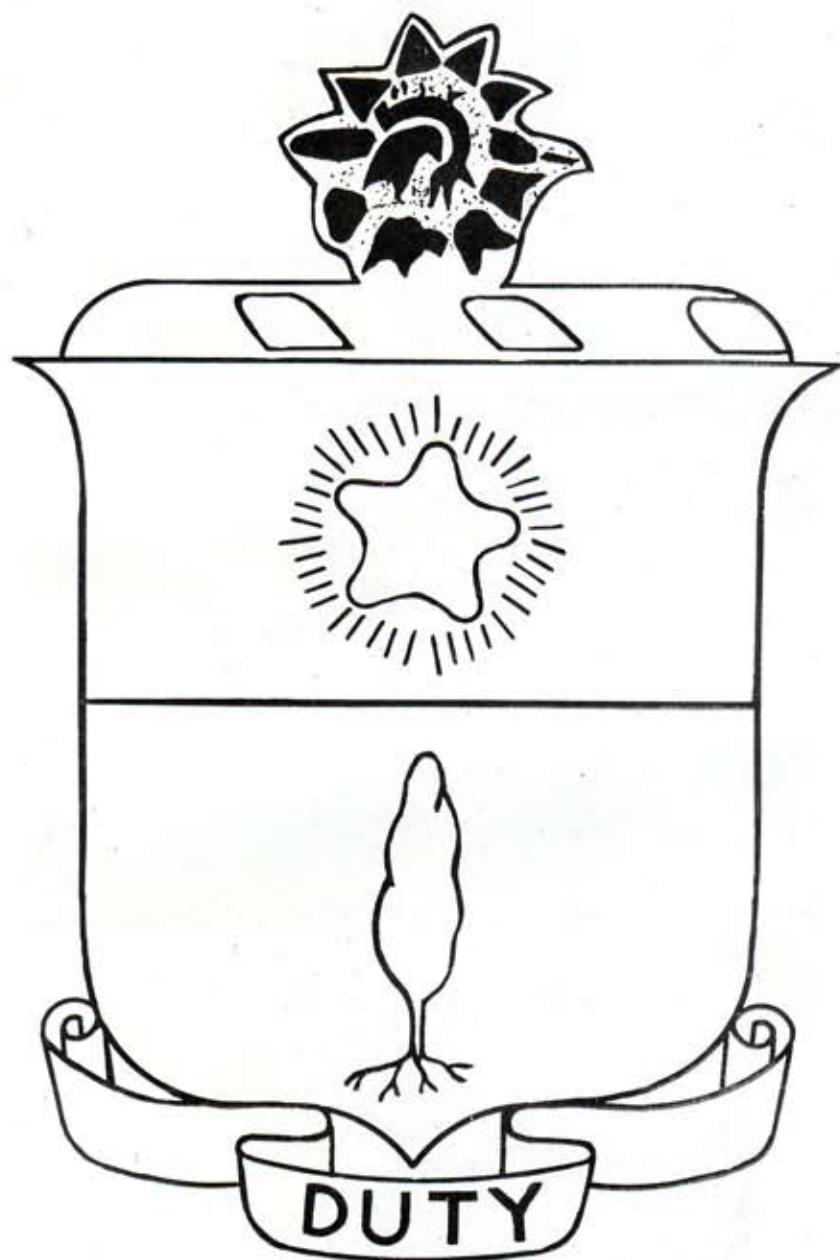


SP4 STILES



**3<sup>RD</sup> BATTALION**

**21<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY**





LTC LEE W. ROBERTS - Battalion Commander



Major EUGENE HOLLAND - Battalion Executive Officer



CSM LORENZO RIVERA



SP4 Disalvo - Driver for HQ-6



MAJ.GEN. Baldwin, CSM Mielniczuk, COL Hathaway, LTC Roberts presiding at awards ceremony for personnel from 3d Bn, 21st Inf., 196th Bde.



LTC Roberts, MAJ Holland, CSM Mielniczuk



Awards ceremony being conducted on LZ401.





General BALDWIN presenting Bronze Star/V device to SGT Charpentier.



LTC Tate and LTC Roberts proceeding to award ceremony



General Baldwin presenting SP4 Lerma, E Co. a Bronze Star with V Device.



General BALDWIN congratulating SP4 BOULTEYERSON receiving Arcom with V device.



General Baldwin pauses momentarily during presentation to talk with awardee.



General BALDWIN congratulating SSG CRIM for receiving Bronze Star / V Device.



Major Holland & USM Baron enjoying their conversation.



SSG Rodriguez of E Co. receiving Bronze Star with V Device and congratulations from General Baldwin.



LTC Roberts and LTC Tate refreshing themselves with a cup of coffee during the visit.



General Baldwin, CSM Mielniczuk, Col. Hathaway, LTC Roberts presenting awards.



General Baldwin & COL. Hathaway involved in conversation over cup of coffee.

# S-1



Lt John T. Mueller - Asst. S-1



CPT Gerald G. Tanghe - Bn. Adjutant



SSG Medina  
"Will I ever see the end of this stack?"



SFC Vanderlip - "Informing one of the companies to get that report in".



SSG Shawgo  
"A man needs a break once in awhile"



SP4 Peterson  
"Typing one of the numerous reports for S-1"



SFC Barnes  
"PSNCO, in one of those more serious moments".



SFC Barnes, SP4 Rourke, SP4 Tauro, SP4 Smith & SP4 Peterson



SP4 Garon Smith  
"It looks as if the paperwork had its effect!"



L to R: 1st row: SP5 Liebler, SP4 Tauro, SP4 Smith  
2nd row: CPT Tanghe, Miss. Windy Hat, MP. Mueller, SFC Vanderlip



SP4 Rourke - S-1 driver and the man who keeps S-1 on the move.



SP4 Tauro checking reports for compliance to the regulations.



PVT-2 Robinson segregating reports for distribution.

S-2&3



MAJ. James F. Humphries

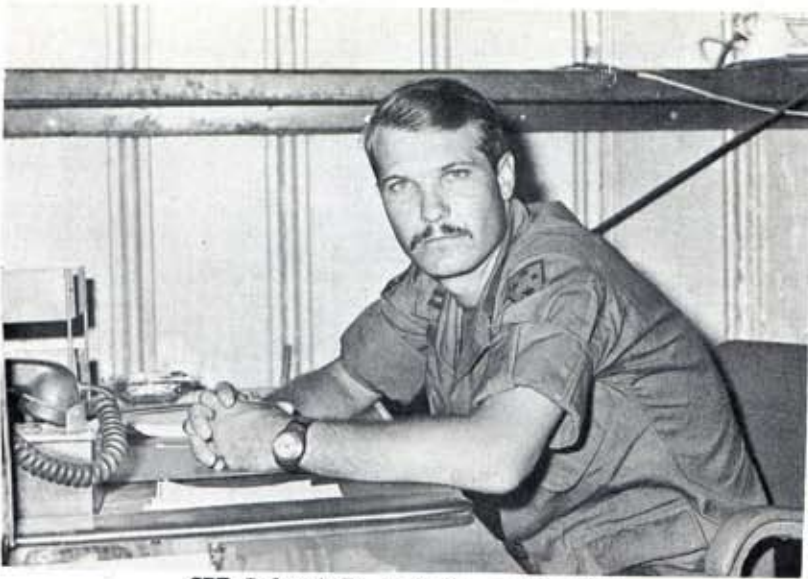


SSG Virgil Coleman - Operation Sergeant



SP4 Theodore H. Kriedler - B-TOC RPO





CPT Robert D. Kreger - "The 4"



CWO James L. Murray - "PBO"



A big "4" conference : SP Barba, SSG Conner, SP Pofahl



Hook up!



I don't see any choper



SSG Ivory and the 401 gang, "Pad Crew"



SGT Fred Thornton  
"What do ya mean you lost a monsoon supper".



SP4 Marion T. Segroves - "Who needs Ammo?"



SP5 Jerry L. Stewart - "Why me?"



"Willie", SGT Thornton, SSG Conner,  
SP Stewart, SP Segroves, "Rumble"



PFC Miguel Barba  
"Why can't I paint a flower on here?"



SFC Rivera Cintron



SGT Bobby Owens



SGT Rick Kirkhoff



SP4 Ernie Hunt



PFC Joe Gerrie - SGT Kirkhoff



SP4 Gerald Wisdom



SP5 Floyd Martin Jr.



SP4 Fredrick Aikens



SP4 Perry Hazelwood



SP5 Jerry Staely - SP4 Robert Thobe  
SP4 Perry Hazelwood



SP4 Wisdom, SP4 Thobe, SP5 Martin, SP5 Staely  
SP4 Hazelwood



# MOTOR POOL



Cpl2 William R. Rollins



Sgt BAUER  
Pushing paperwork



Sgt MEIER  
Germaningemut-1 at work



SF5 BITTNER  
But I'm a truckmaster



SP4 JOHNS & CARVILLE  
It will never be the same.



SFC HOCHBRUCKNER  
Me, a jeep driver?



SFC WADE  
I don't have any trucks



SP5 FRYE  
Wonder if it can be done?



SP4 MAGOLAN  
Wonder if I can order a roundeye?



SSG Libley typing monthly reports



Dr. Davis filling in patient's chart.



SGT Davis filling a perscription



SP4 Barksdale giving SGT Davis a shot.



SF5 Young



SP4 McKercher, SP5 Young, SP4 Barksdale, SGT Davis, SSG Libby, Dr. Davis



SFC Moses Smith  
Dn. Mess Steward



SP6 Sowell - Shift. Leader  
Hill 510

L to R: Vietnamese KP.  
PFC Tarbuskovich  
SFC Clary  
SP5 Creviston  
SP4 Krebs  
SFC Smith  
PVT Plumer  
PFC Stevens (Rear)



SP4 Webber, SP5 Jackson, SP4 Ojeda



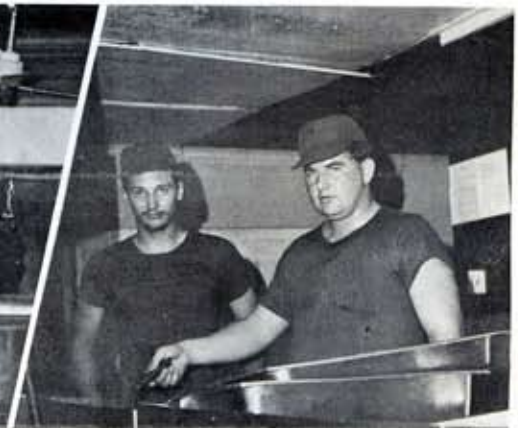
SP4 Stevens & SP4 Plummer



SP5 Smith - Night Baker



SP5 Jackson - 1st Cook



SP4 Olson & SP4 Williams  
2nd Cooks

# HHC COMPANY



1LT JOHN J. MARROCCI - Company Commander



1SG George O. Smith



SGT JAMES E. ROULO - Head Clerk "Shortest"



SP4 BENJAMIN L. JONES - Record Clerk "Short"



SP4 Regino Gozales - Ammor.  
"365 days to go"



SP4 Smith - Clerk



SP4 Johnson - Clerk



1LT MARTOCCI



CW2 ROLLINS



SFC VANDERLIP



SFC CINTRON



SFC LIMMER



SFC CLARY



SFC PETERSON



SFC SMITH



SSG STALLINGS



SSG MEDINA



SSG HOUTHOOFD



SSG CLARK



SSG LIBBY



SP6 SOWELL



SSG JOHNSON



SGT IANNUCCI



SGT POFAHL



SP5 FULWILEY



SGT CLAYPOOL



SGT ROULO



SGT MOSMAN



SGT DAVIS



SP5 MARTIN



SP5 STEWART



SP5 KREVISION



SP4 GONZALES



SP4 SEARS



SP4 WILLIAMS



SP4 OWENS



SP5 FOREIGN



SP5 LIEBLER



SP4 AIKENS



SP5 SHAFER



SP4 JOHNSON



SP4 JONES



SP4 SEGURA



SP4 TAURO



PFC HOSFORD



SP4 DISALVO



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PV1 PLUMMER



SP5 SMITH



PFC BARBA



PFC HOWARD



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SGT OWENS



SP4 SMITH



SGT KIRKOFF



SP4 JOHNSON



PFC FURGESON



PFC GERRIE



SP5 JOHNSON



SP4 WADE



PFC CRANDY



SP4 JOHNSON



SP4 MAGOLAN



PFC WHITE



SGT MEIER



SSG BLACKMORE



SGT BAUER



SP4 TULLOS



SP4 ROARK



# ALPHA COMPANY



CPT Michael A. McCrory - Commanding



1LT William J. Mooney - XO.



1SG Harold R. Johnson - 1st Sergeant



1LT Johnnie R. Braden - Platoon Leader



SGT Eskew - Co. Clerk



SP4 Gunwall - Records Clerk



SP4 Collins - Supply Clerk





3 Musketeers



Calvert purple heart  
Vance Arcom



Koppel - Arcom



Riemann & Arcom



McMillem - Arcom



Calloway & Arcom



Fuston & Arcom



Hunt & Arcom



The Honchos



I ain't up there yet!



The Annihilators



Wow, that sun is bright.



Drown them all!



Sights and sounds



June Stand-Down



The Alcoholics



2nd Platoon



1st Platoon



3rd Platoon



CPT McCRORY



1LT BRADEN



1LT MOONEY



1LT MAROCCI



1SG JOHNSON



SSG WOOD



SSG NAIL



SFC GREGORY



SGT HOLTMANN



SGT ESKEW



SGT CALVERT



SGT MARDIN



SGT WILSON



SGT ALBERTSON



SGT DRUEN



SGT SCHMIDT



SP4 STRAKA



SP4 VIRGIL



SP4 WILLIQUETTE



SP4 DUNN



SP4 PEARROW



SP4 RODRIGUEZ



SP4 HERNANDEZ



SP4 MEAUX



SP4 McMILLEN



SP4 WHITE



SP4 COOMBS



SP4 RUTHERFORD



SP4 COLLINS



SP4 KOPPEL



SP4 OWENS



SP4 SCHOON



SP4 DUMAS



SP4 DURAY



SP4 EARP



PFC WIGGAN



SP4 HAWLEY



SP4 MURK



SP4 HADNOTT



SGT MUSTON



SP4 THOMAS



PFC PRETZSCH



SP4 GIBSON



SP4 WOOD



SP4 MUIR



SP4 KRILEY



SP4 SMITH



SP4 PURSER



SP4 YSAGUIRRE



SP4 FINNEY



SP4 MEYER



SP4 BAIRD



SP4 NORDMEYER



SGT GROSS



SP4 SALDIN



PFC VASQUEZ



SP4 OGDEN



SP4 MIER



SP4 RIEMAN



SP4 THOMAS, R.



SGT JOHNSON



SP4 BERGERA



SP4 WEST



PFC TORRES



# BRAVO COMPANY



CPT PAUL L. KELLY



ISG JOHN B. HENDRICKS



Stretch, Duce Half, Head, Seed



SP4 Stretch Spaeth



SP4 Donald Conrad

SP4 Edward Luther



SP4 Danny M. Harris



SP5 Charles Macken



SP4 "Duce Half" Johnson





When's the show going to start?



Does anyone have a beer?



More-more-more!





CPT KELLY



1LT CASEY



1SG HENDRICKS



SSG WILLS



SSG STURGILL



SGT MORAN



SGT ARTHUR



SGT HENDERSON



SP4 ANDERSON



SP4 PULEO



SP4 DALRYMPLE



SP4 LUCAS



SP4 TUCKER



SP4 RUSSELL



SP4 CLAVETTE  
"FRENCHIE"



SP4 IBARRA



SP4 PETERSON  
"LURCH"



SP4 "DINGLEHEAD"  
MILLINGTON



SP4 GUYER



SP4 ETCHISON



SP4 HARRIS, L.



SP4 TEMPLE



SP4 MULVANEY



SP4 FORNEY



SP4 FINAN



SP4 MONDELL



SP4 VAUGHN  
"Farm Boy"



SP4 NEWMANN





SP4 SHORT



SP4 LEE



SP4 GORSUCH



SP4 WRIGHT



SP4 HOOKS



SP4 SALINAS



SP4 HENSLEY, D.



SP4 LUTHER



# CHARLIE COMPANY



CPT. Emory D. McGee



1SG Canlyle Simon Jr.



SP4 Wilborn Coward III



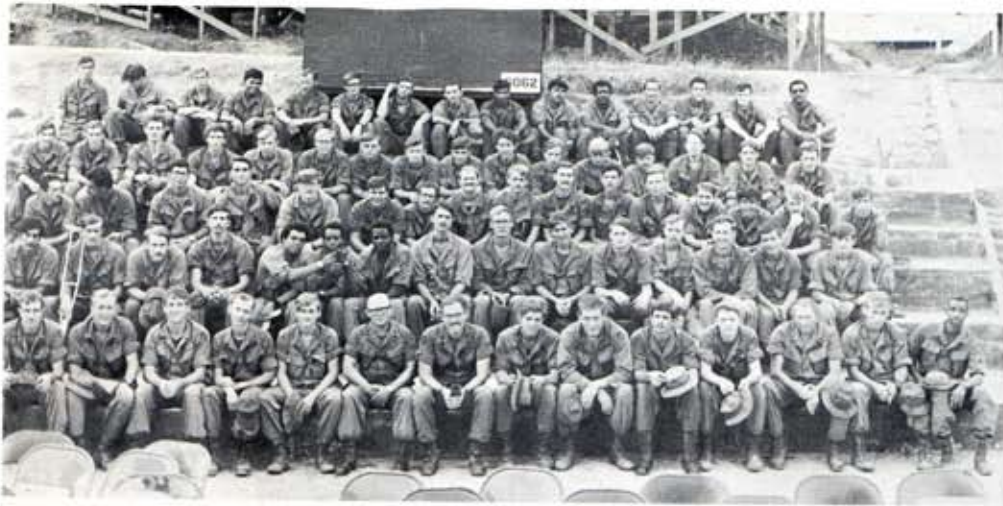
SP4 Ronnie C. Brown



SP4 Ronald Johnson



SP4 Charles Edwards



The Tigers ready to spring.



2nd Platoon C 3/21 196



1st Platoon C 3/21 196

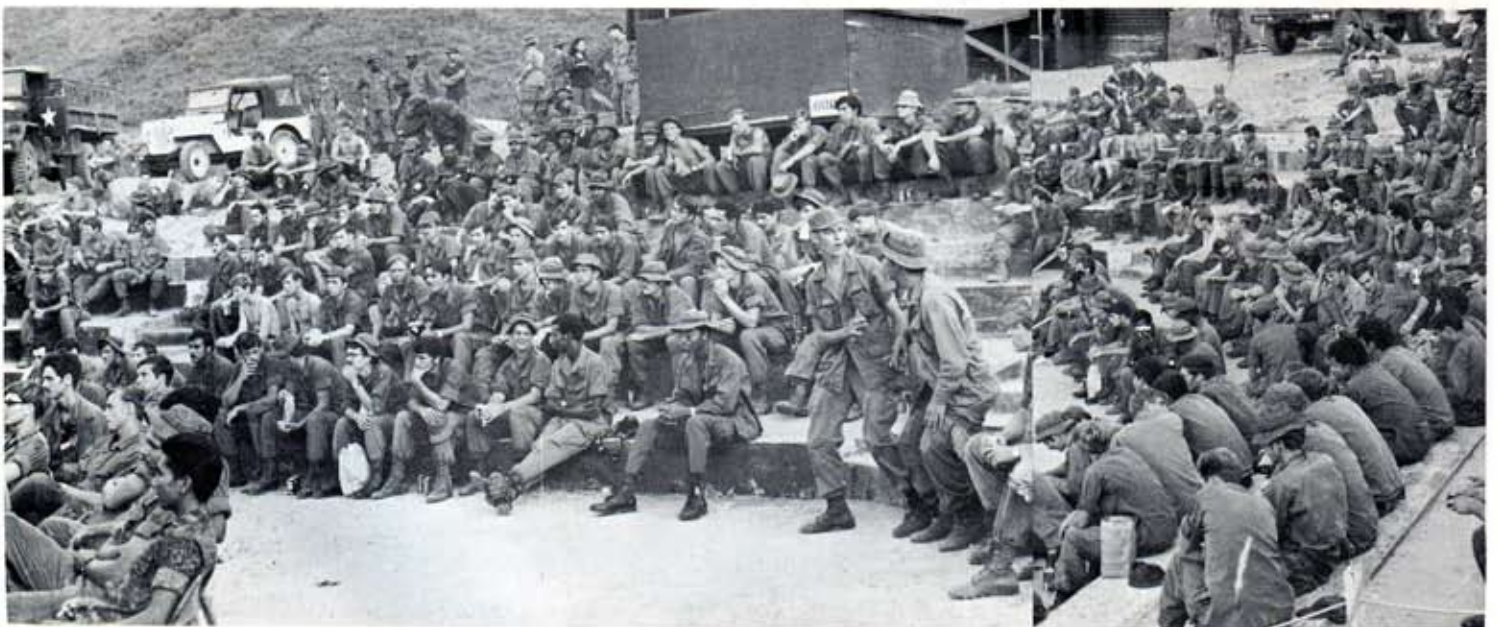


3rd Platoon C 3/21 196

Hello, Ma!



Wow, what a pair!



Getting boozed & ready for the bush again!



CPT McGEE



1SG SIMON



SSG WELCH



SSG DINGUS



SFC WILLRICH



SFC JOHNSON



SSG PARKER



SGT FRANKS



SGT WIGHTMAN



SGT CRAIGHEAD



SGT PAUL



SP4 SHEEP'S



SP4 BERNAL



SP4 STUTE



SGT LADERER



SGT GREENWOOD



SGT MEDINA



SP4 HUNTER



SP4 CURTIS



SP4 HELM



SP4 DODGE



SP4 EDWARDS



SP4 PERRIN



SP4 HANSEN



SP4 BARANOSKI



SP4 DEFOREST



SP4 KOGER



SP4 MERCADO



SP4 BORJA



SP4 LAND



SP4 FISHER



SP4 SIMS



SP4 RAMDYAL



SP4 DIXON



SP4 RYAN



SP4 LUKASZEWSKI



SP4 CASTENADA



SP4 FREESE



SP4 TURNER



SP4 WORTH



SP4 WHITE



SP4 BOND



SP4 HILGENDORF



SP4 CHASE



SP4 MOHR



SP4 BURWELL



SP4 SOBCZYK



SP4 HOLT



SP4 RICHMOND



SP4 MISSEY



SP4 ADAM



SP4 JACKSON



SP4 FISCHER



SP4 HOPPE



SP4 JACOBSON



SP4 HARRELSON



SP4 GARCIA



SP4 HOLLEY



SP4 COWARD





SP4 ZIMMER



PFC PINK



SP4 PRICE



SP4 ROWDEN



SP4 RAY



SP4 STEWART



SP4 KYLE



SP4 LAMBERT



SP4 CALLNON



SP4 ZYCH



SP4 JOHNSON



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SP4 ANDERSON



SP4 MARLER



SP4 CELUSTA



SP4 FAIRCHILD



SP4 ELLIS



# DELTA COMPANY



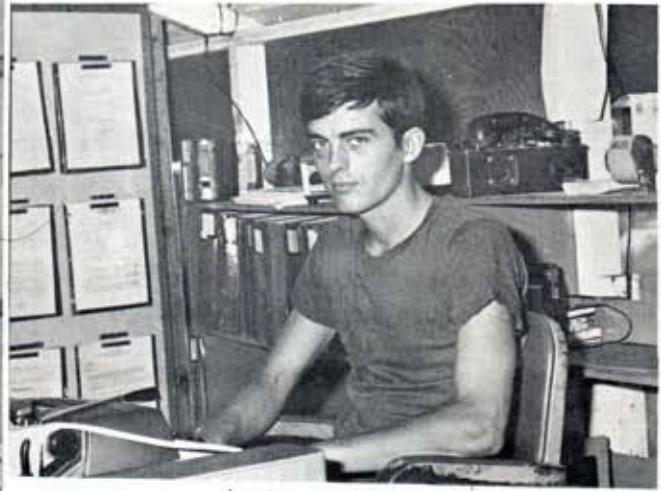
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Willie did what!?



Hawaii next month



Another report?



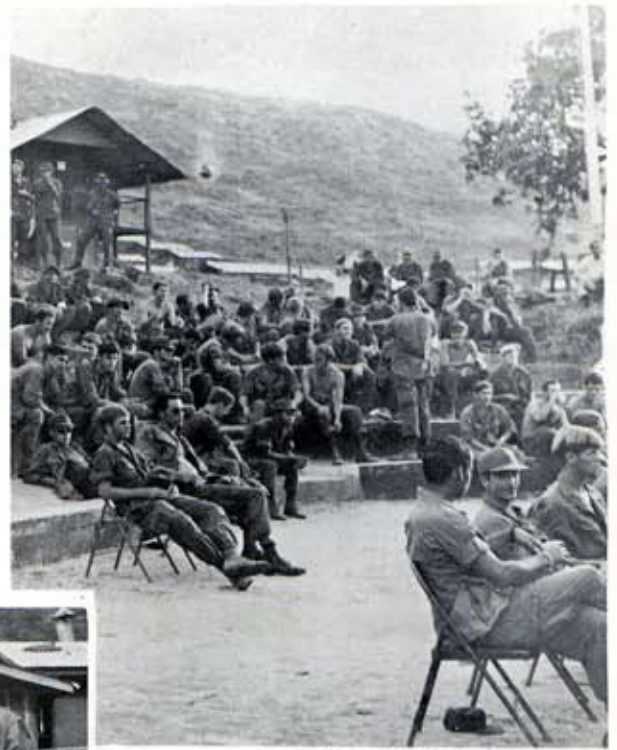
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What does this knob do?



Killer

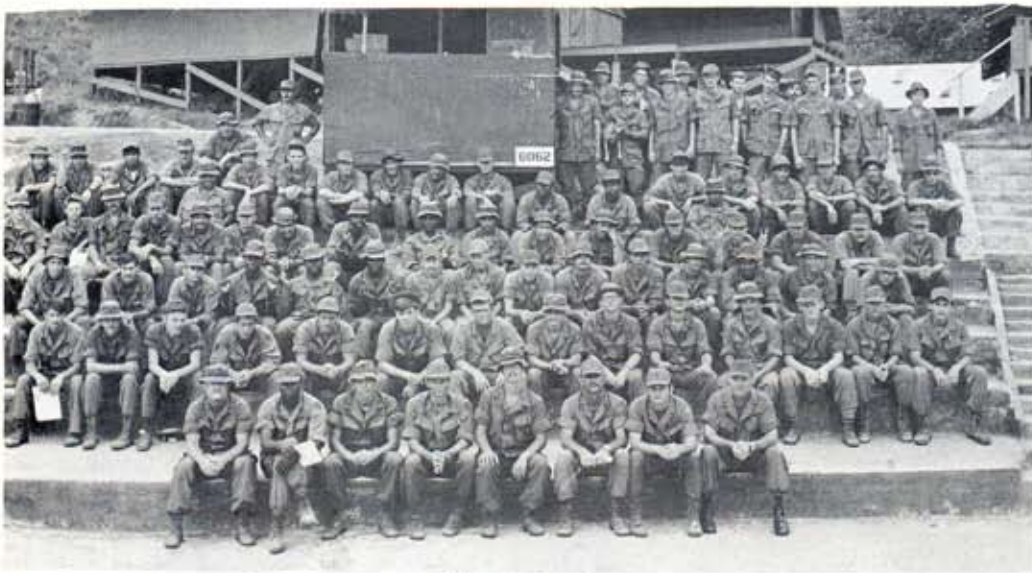


July standown



The REMPS





Black death



Deadly DUO



Oh....my hemeroids



Kelso



Hawk





CPT TURNBULL



1LT ROBBINS



1LT WHITTAKER



1SG DAWSON



SFC PALMER



SSG SMITH



SSG WYFFELS



SGT ROBERTSON



SGT ENGLAND



SGT WHITEHEAD



SGT KEELY



SGT JORDAN



SGT DIOTO



SGT TEFFEFELER



SGT R. WOOD



SGT CUSTARD



SGT WEST



SGT H. TAYLOR



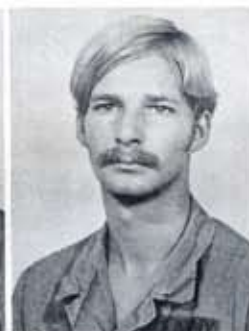
SGT HARPER



SGT NEELAN



SGT C. TAYLOR



SP4 DONTJE



SGT SHAW



SP4 WEINEL



SP4 COLE



SP4 RAINE



SP4 SPIKER



SGT DICKSON



SP4 STEVENSON



SP4 CINQ-MARS



SP4 CAYLOR



SP4 QUINN



PFC PELPHREY



SGT LAROCHELLE



PFC LEAL-RODRIGUEZ



SP4 SANDERS



SP4 JAMISON



SGT C. WOOD



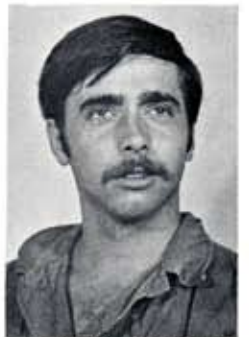
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PFC MERRIFIELD



PFC HENNING



SP4 DEEB



SP4 CONTRERAS



SP4 SINGH



PFC HORNE



PFC CAREAGA



SP4 WILKENS



SP4 JONES



PFC SMISHEK



PFC D. SMITH



SP4 JACKSON



SP4 L. HOFFMAN



SGT GOTVASLEE



SP4 MACK



SP4 SIMMONS



SP4 HIGBY



SP4 PIGGOTT



PFC R. BRAUN



PFC D. BRAUN



SP4 LEATHERS



SGT HOLLIS



SP4 SIMPSON



SGT PONCETTA



PFC MOREAU



SP4 PICKENS



PFC CHRISTIAN



PFC PIPER



SP4 HARPSTER



SP4 CAYLOR



SP4 MONTI

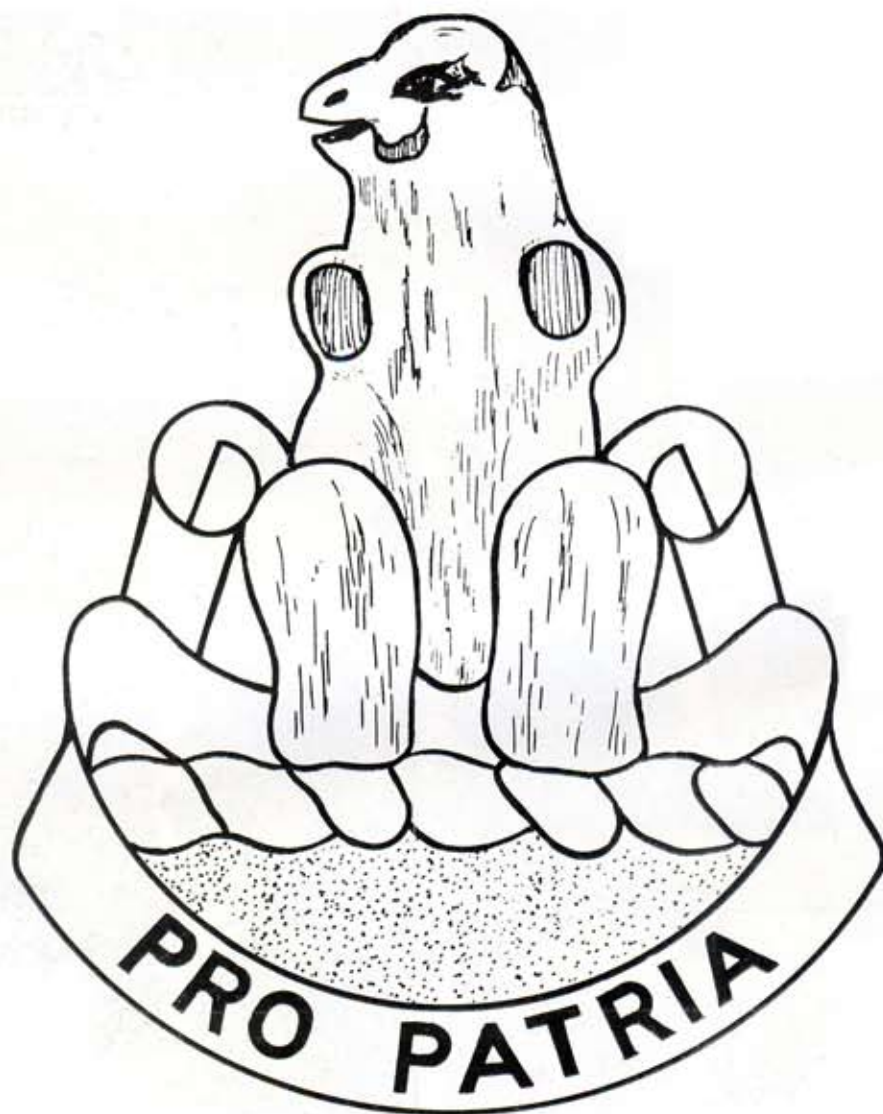


PFC JURGENS



**4<sup>TH</sup> BATTALION**

**31<sup>ST</sup> INFANTRY**







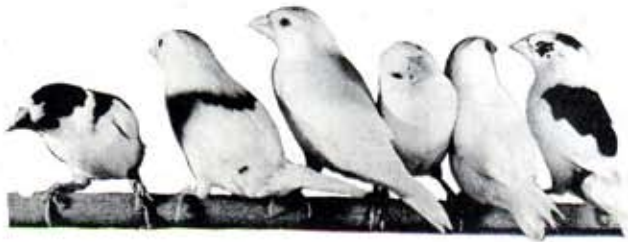
LTC HOWARD S. MITCHELL - Bn. Commander



MAJ JOHN F. O'BRIEN - Bn. Executive Officer



CSM GUILLERMO PALACIOS - En. Sergeant Major



# S-1



CPT Walter W. Lucas



SFC Floyd D. Sumner



SGT Joseph M. Emswiler



SSG Havis S. Cherry



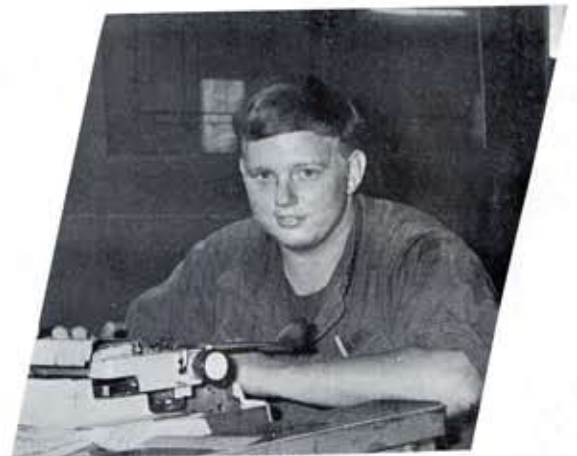
SP4 Bruce E. Williams



SP4 Michael A. Hart



Hard - Core S-1?



SP4 Joseph M. Causey

S-2 & 3



CPT Sparkman - S-2



SFC José A. Morales - Intel. NCO



MSG King & SP4



SSG Mueller



SP4 Collings & SP4 McKew



Jose' , Sparky , Dud

S-4



CPT Peyton F. Ligon



CW2 Harry K. Truex



SFC Horace E. Nelms



SP5 Alexander Brown



SP4 Milton Skrabanek



SP4 Arthur Cooper



SGT George Allen



SP4 Acree & SGT Allen



SP4 William B. Bosarge



S-4 Aerial Delivery Section:  
SP4 Pinkerton  
SP4 Wilcox (Thomas A. of TX) .  
SP4 Washam  
SP4 Jones



SP5 Johnson

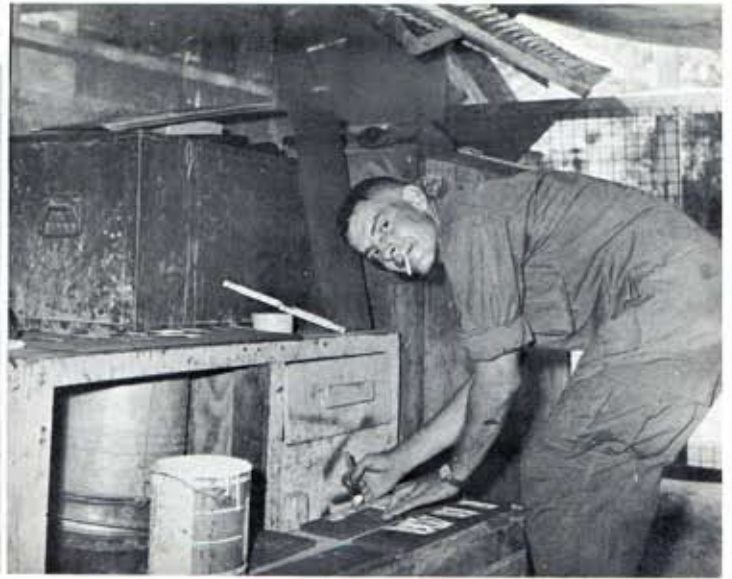


SP4 Adney  
Maintenance/Utilities Section



S-4 Supply Section

# COMMO



# MOTOR POOL



SSG Albert Washington



Drivers Maintenance



Mechanic's hardly working



SP5 Walter Curtis



Maintenance Section







Mechanic, Driver Maintenance



SF4 John F. Woolwine



Our two chiefs



Tool Room Mishaps

# AID SECTION

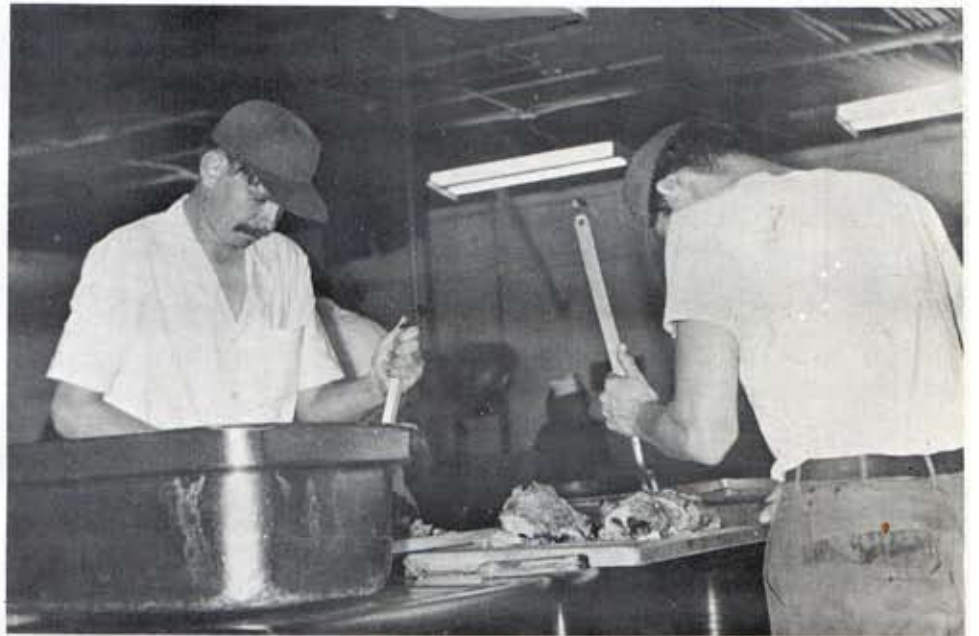


# MESS HALL



SFC Jerry R. Marr





# HHC COMPANY



CPT KENADY - Company Commander



ISGT Harris



SP4 Littler



SP4 Pearce



Company Formation



SP5 Barnes



SP4 McNisal



SGT Gliden



CPT KENADY



1SG HARRIS



MSG KING



PFC FREDETTE



SSG BRIDGES



SSG CHERRY



SSG MULLENAX



SSG STEWART



SFC BAEZ



SFC NORALES



SFC NEIMS



SSG WASHINGTON



SSG WARREN



SSG REED



SGT EMSWILER



SGT BENEDICT



SGT BEGGS



SP5 TURNER



SP6 ROYSTER



SGT SAVAGE



SP4 EDWARDS



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SP4 SKRABANEK



SP5 BARNES



SP4 HARMS



SP4 MAGEE



SP5 McKINLEY



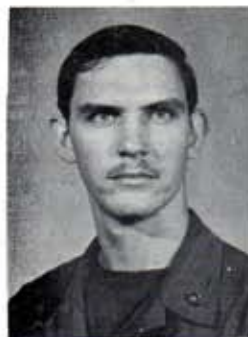
SP4 ROCHA



SP5 LOKEN



SP5 GROVER



SP4 LITTLER



SP5 BALL



SP4 HOLSOMBACK



SGT TADEO



SP4 HEARTBURG



SP4 ALLEN



SP4 PEARCE



SP4 PERRY



SP4 HEAD



SP4 WYNN



SP4 CAUSEY



SGT ALLEN



PFC RHYMER



PFC DARIUS



SP4 MEADOWS



SP5 NEUMAN



SP5 DORAN



SP5 CURTIS



SP4 LYNCH



SP4 BROWN



PFC ABNEY



SP4 METZEER



SP4 BRACEY



SP4 LAM



SP4 YOUNG



SP4 COLLINS



SP4 BUCHHEIT





SP4 McDANIEL



SP4 JOHNSON



SP5 BADEAUX



SP4 ROCON



SP4 MURNINGHAM



SP4 MEADOWS



SP4 SINGLETON



PFC LOVE



SP4 APPLGATE



SP4 McNISH



SP4 TORRES



SP5 VELEZ



SP4 MARTINEZ



# ALPHA COMPANY



CPT JAMES J. McCARTY - Company Commander



1LT KEITH M. CROUCH - Executive Officer



PSG Dean J. Svenby - 1st Sgt.



SGT Duey M. M. Holm - Company Clerk



SGT Donald D. Goffinet  
Mail Clerk



SP4 Noel B. Bascom  
Company Clerk



SP5 Rexford R. Baker  
Supply Sgt.



SP4 Hanson receiving an award.



Soldier's Med. for "Doc" Matlack.



Congratulations SP4 Irwin



Awards



Wear it proudly.



Another award for CPT Borresen



Fall in



Last good by!



Only on stand down!



You're supposed to drink it!



What a beer fight



Nice going "Doc" Gertz



SP4 Holda receives an Army Commendation Medal.



Awards



SP4 Robert A. Getz - Driver



Alpha Battalion together



Congratulations SP4 Ross



CPT McCARTY



1LT HERRING



1LT EVANGELISTA



1LT SHEYKA



1LT CROUCH



SFC THOMAS



PSG SVENBY



SSG SZALAI



SSG OWEN



SGT GOFFINET



SGT DAVISON



SP4 MATLACK



SP4 BASCOM



SP4 WILSON



SP4 ROSS



SGT JACOBSMEIER



SP5 CLARK



SP4 ISON



SP4 HITE



SP4 JENKINS



SP4 SPEARS



SP4 BYRD



SP4 STYLES



SP4 RUSSELL



SP4 COLLINS



SP4 McCLELLAN



SP4 LEBLANC



SP4 PAZDERAK



SP4 TORRES



SGT WARNER



SP4 THOMAS



SP4 DIAL



SP4 RUFENER



SP4 SAUSEDA



SP4 GONZALEZ



SP4 MIGUEL



SP4 PHILLIPS



SP4 KYZER



SGT McFADDEN



SP4 KRIETE



SP4 MUMAW



SP4 CORDERO



SGT HOLM



SGT STOCKINGER



SP4 WOODARD



SP4 KOKINDA



SP4 ROSS



SP5 DOUGLAS



SGT JACKSON



SP4 GETZ



SP4 CORBETT



SP4 HANSON



SP4 BECKHAM



SP4 RUNKLE



SP4 REYNOLDS



SP4 SHAFER



SP4 ANDERSON



SP5 BAKER



SP4 GRISHAM

# BRAVO COMPANY



CPT RICHARD L. HURCHANIK - Commanding Officer



1SG LOUIS TERHAAR - First Sgt.



CPT Hurchanik and his Platoon leaders and XO.



Thomas Heffelfinger "Uncle Tom"  
Supply Rep.



Clarence Thomison - Awards Clerk



The 2nd Platoon "Wiley's Wild Men"



Tom Teske - Worthy Asst. Co. Clerk



Bravo Company "Badest Bastard's in the Valley"



Robert Kaihe - Co. Mail Clerk



SSG "Slim" Comito and the 1st Platoon



SGT Robert Robinson



1LT Dan Malphrus and the "3rd Herd"





Awards ceremonies



Presentation of awards



The company enjoying standown entertainment



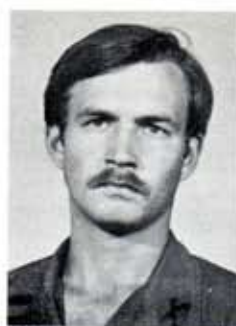
CPT HURCHANIK



1LT WILEY



1LT WALSH JR.



1LT MALPHRUS JR.



1SG TERHAAR



SPC MONROE



SFC PALPALLATOC



SSG ROSENSTEIN



SSG COMITO



SGT PARKER



SGT WARREN



SGT DOWNEY



SP4 CASSIDY



SGT JAMES



SGT ENGLE



SGT SEARS



SP4 FEEHLEY



SP4 KNAPP



SP4 GLEASON



SGT THOMPSON



SGT CHAVEZ



SP4 PARNELL



SP4 SCHIPPIT'S



SGT SEFFENS



SGT POTTER



SP4 IRWIN, JR.



SP4 JERRY LOYD



SP4 FRANKLIN



SP4 BOYER



SP4 DERKIT'S



SGT DECELL



SP4 ANNENSON



SP4 RICE



SP4 LAMBERT



SP4 LOWE



SP4 CATANO



SP4 BROWN



SP4 CARMICK



SP4 GRAVES



SP4 BRADY



SSG HATCHER



SGT SOMMERFIELD



SP4 JERRY LOYD



SP4 FLETCHER



SP4 CABLE



SP4 HUNT



SP4 REDD



SGT VERTIN



SP4 WOOD



SP4 RUIZ



SP4 GUNNING



SGT MILLER



SP4 FOSTER



SP4 YOUNG



SP4 KROMENACKER



SP4 LEE



SP4 SANQUEDOLCE



SSG ROBERTSON



SP4 EDMUNSON



SGT FULLON



SGT WHALEY



SGT BECKER



SP4 KREJCI



SP4 GARCIA



SP4 "OWL" HOWELL



SP4 INMAN



SP4 FINK



SP4 "GRANDPA" HANNA



SP4 HAUN



SP4 BLUM



SP4 O'DELL



SSG JILES, JR.



SP4 HOSLER



SP4 WITHERS



SP4 CALAFELL



SP4 ROWLEY



SGT ROBINSON



SP4 STAHR



SP4 HOLLINGSHEAD



SP4 TRELLES



SP4 DENKER



SGT DONAHUE



SP4 LEINCENEN



SP4 PETERSON



Kit PHUNG



Kit LEE



Kit HY



SGT WITT



SP4 RICHARD



# CHARLIE COMPANY



CPT ROBERT A. MILNER - Company Commander



LIE WAYNE S. LIECHTI - Executive Officer



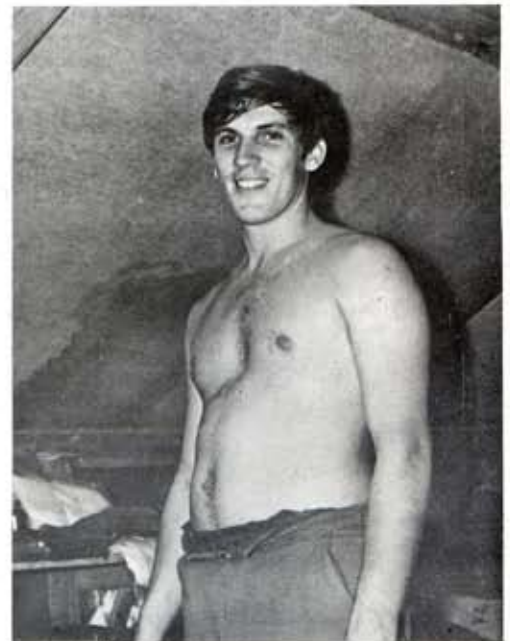
ISG Phillip J. Des Verney



SGI Charles A. Cape - Co. Clerk



The fearsome fivesome



Out of shirts again?



1st Platoon



2nd Platoon



3rd Platoon





CPT MILNER



1LT PIERCE



1LT HELMS



1SG DESVERNEY



SSG CLIFTON



SGT BOLSHARY



SGT GUEVARA



SGT TURMES



SGT BRYANT



SGT SPANGLER



SGT DRAIME



SP4 NELSON



SP4 MILLER



SP4 SPINHIRNE



SP4 WILLIAMS



SP4 GAINOUS



SP4 WINFIELD



SP4 BONGIORNO



SP4 HEMMINGS



SP4 SOCHACKI



SP4 ORNELAS



SP4 MIRETTI



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SP4 BARDI



SP4 WOOD



SP4 TRACHETE



SP4 THOMPSON



SP4 WELLS



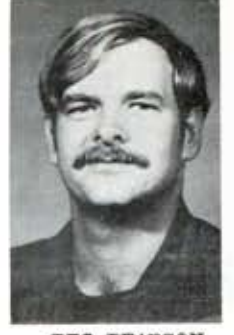
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SP4 PORRAS



SP4 GILLESPIE



PFC PEARSON



SGT HUMPHREY



PFC QUINONES



SP4 BAUER (SHORTY)



SP4 HEIMERL



SP4 GILLESPIE



SP4 WERTMAN



SP4 JAUREGUI



SP4 WHALEY



SP4 CLOUSER



SP4 KARLS



SGT TIBBE



SP4 WATSON



SGT BROOKS



SP4 CAREY



SP4 ADAMS



SP4 MILLER, L.



SP4 CHRISTENSEN



SP4 CLARK



SP4 ADAMS



SP4 LACKI



SP4 WILLIAMS



SP4 ZUBICK



SGT OSBORNE





SGT CAPE



SP4 DANOWSKI



SP4 AYMOND



SP4 STAFFORD



SP4 ASTALOS



SGT UMPHRESS



SP4 YODER



SP4 LARSON



SP4 RICHMOND



# DELTA COMPANY



CPT Vardell Nesmith - C.O.



1LT James S. Swearingen - X.O.



1SG Lenard Barchett - 1st Sgt



SGT Rank - NCOIC of Rear Area



You have got to be kidding.



This bunker guards killing me.



Kelly's heroes



2nd Platoon D 4/31 Inf. Death Dealers



3rd Hero D 4/31 Inf. Death Dealers



3rd Herd Also



John Iuggles - Driver



I want to be an Airborne Ranger.



Which way to the EM Club?



What's a lithuanian



I left the "Beast" on the PZ.





**FIG Power!!!**





CPT NESMITH



1LT BRYAN



1SG BURCHETT



SFC MURCH



SSG BURRELL



SGT ELLINGWORTH



SGT JEFFERSON



SP4 POOLE



SP4 CHATTERTON



SP4 SALAZAR



SP4 BARTELL



SP4 KEIGH



SP4 PHALEN



SP4 BAILEY



SP4 MARSH



SGT BARTLETT



SP4 BRODUER



SP4 STROUT



SP4 TAPP



SP4 RIVAS



SP4 HICKSTEIN



SGT HUNT



SGT WIDMEYER



SP4 PETERSON



SP4 DURAN



SGT BURLEY



PFC LOPEZ



SP4 DRUMMOND



SGT ANDRESEN



SP4 GREENE



SP4 VAN HUSS



SGT MACKEY



SP4 GRIFFIN



SP4 RODRIGUEZ



SGT CRAIN



SP4 HOWARD



SP4 RASMUSSEN



SP4 STEINER



SP4 LEWALLEN



SP4 HUMPHRIES



SP4 VAN GORDER



SP4 RUSSELL



SP4 MOFFIT



SP4 JONES



SP4 LEWELLEN



SGT BLACK



SP4 GIBBONS



SP5 HAYSLETT



SP4 VARPULI



SP4 LAU



SP4 LOMBARDO



SP4 MCGOLDRICK



SP4 CAWTHRA



SP4 REYZEK



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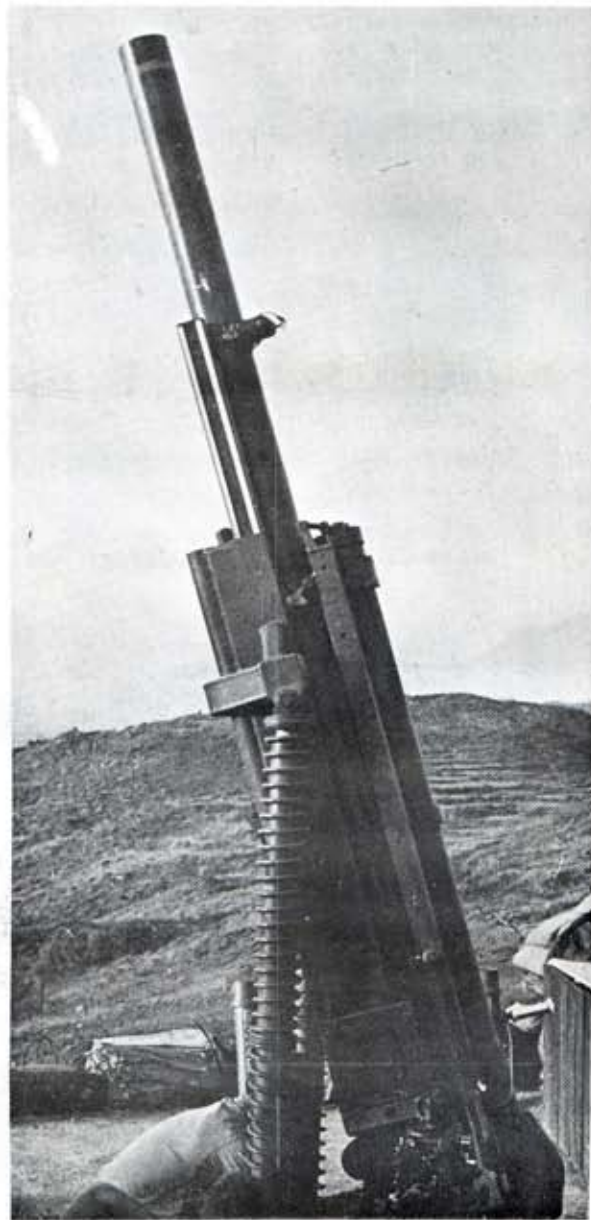
SGT HERYFORD



SP4 ZBYLUT



SGT ARMSTRONG



SGT RANK



SP4 PRESSELEY







New Meats



Company Rejects



Ridge Runners



3 Stooges



Juicer Squad



Recon Regiment



SGT ODOM



SP4 MILLS



SP4 TOLMAN



SP4 ZUNINO



SP4 DANIEL



SP4 ELIZONDO



SP4 RADCLIFFE



SGT WELLS



SP4 DAHM



SP4 WHOLIHAN



SP4 WOLCO



SP4 CALMES



SP4 HAYES



SP4 SPLAWN



SP4 VILLANUEVA



SP4 McLAUGHLIN



SP4 GUNDRUM





**LT. WITKOWSKI - Platoon Leader**



**PSG CRUMPLER - Platoon Sergeant**



**SP4 MALONE - Platoon Clerk**



**SP4 BOULWARE & LAURICELLA - Plt. Mech.**



**Processing and gate guards:  
SP4 Steeber, SGT Zeno, SP4 Sylvie, SP4 Hoffman, SP4 Wood, SP4 Carpenter**



SP4 Phillips - Gate Guard



SP4 Steeber - Gate Guard



SGT Zeno - Processing



Motor Patrol:  
SP4 Clarr, PFC Hanson, National Police



Convey Escort:  
SP4 Osterman & Boulware



PFC Morgan - Strike Force



SP4 Carpenter - Gate Guard



SP4 Barwicke - Gate Guard



SSG WATSON



SSG KING



SP4 BOULWARE, R.



SP4 COBB



SP4 HOFFMAN



SP4 MOORE



PMI BLACK



PFC HANSON



SP4 WIGGINS



PFC SMITH



SP4 MINOR



SP4 HUGHLEY



SP4 WOOD



SP4 OSTERMAN



SP4 SYLVIE



PFC PERRY



SP4 FINLEY



SP4 WHERLEY



SGT ANDRESAKIS



SP4 CLARK



SP4 Morgan & Allmon, members of the MP Strike Force





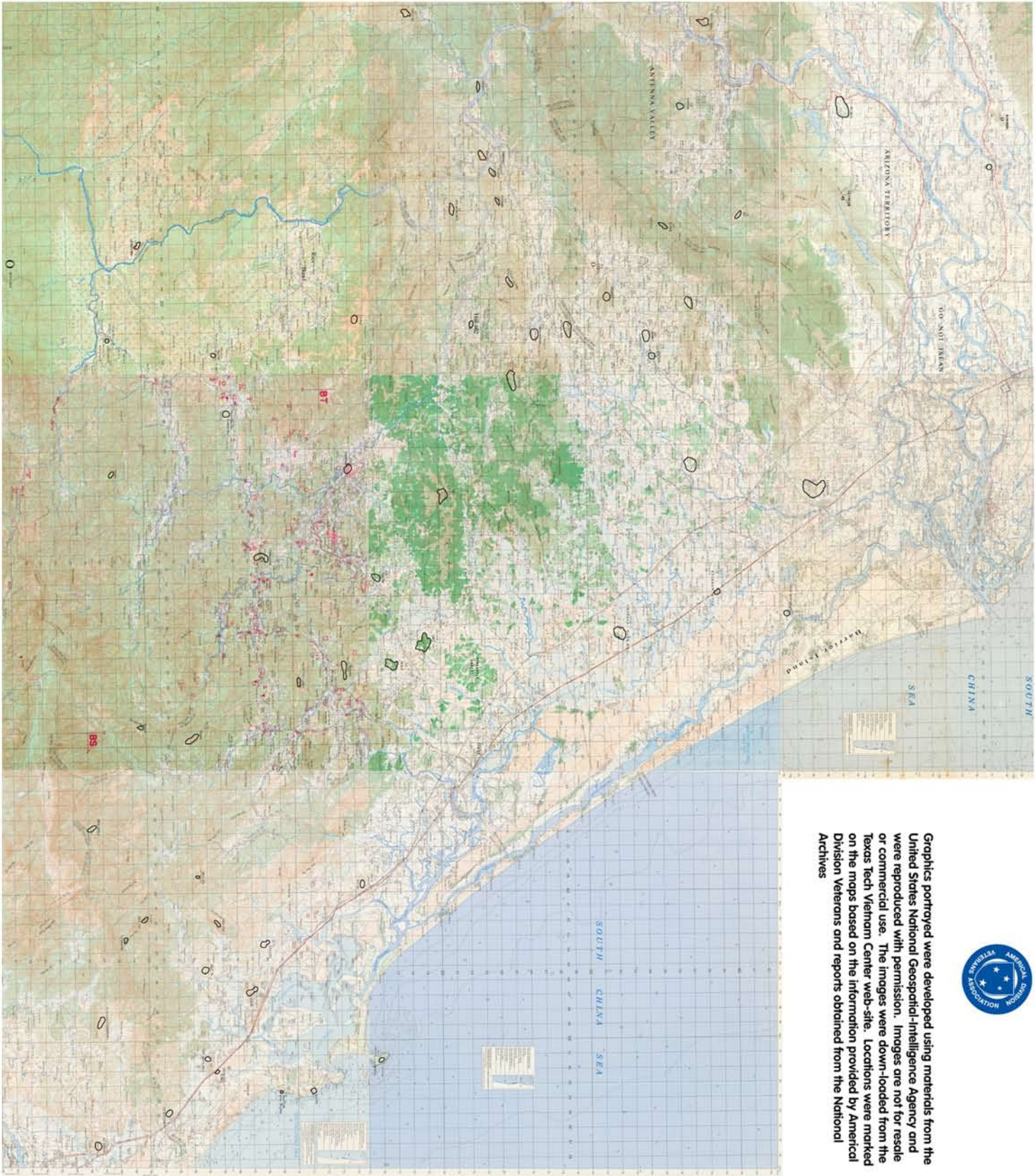




## **The 1971 196th Brigade unit album.**

The members of the American Veteran's Association very much appreciate that 1st Sgt William G. Walker shared his 1971 196th Infantry Brigade Unit Album. The scanned images of the album would not have been possible without his contribution.

Leslie Hines December 2010.



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# CHARGER

196TH INFANTRY BRIGADE



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This is the first edition of the *CHARGER* newspaper. The *CHARGER* is the 196th Infantry Brigade newspaper for the officers and men serving in Da Nang and Quang Nam Province. We hope you will help us to make your paper better by making suggestions and sending stories or letters to the 10th Public Information Detachment. The next *CHARGER* will be published Dec. 31.

The Charger staff wishes you the merriest Christmas possible.

*Peace on Earth*

## Chargers regain independent status

DA NANG - The 196th Infantry Brigade (Chargers) once again receives and accomplishes its mission as a separate brigade, as it did before joining the 23d Infantry Division in 1967.

Under the command of Brigadier General Joseph C. McDonough, the Charger Brigade now reports directly to HQ XXIV Corps at Da Nang.

The brigade is primarily tasked with the defense of U.S. installations in the Da Nang area.

To accomplish this mission, both support and combat units of the organization have been beefed-up. In mid-October a composite support battalion was formed to centralize and streamline administrative, logistical, training and maintenance services for the brigade combat units.

The brigade combat units—three grunt battalions, an artillery battalion and two cavalry units—keep the enemy on the move so that he doesn't have time to launch an attack against the U.S. installations or activities in the Da Nang area.

This mission is accomplished jointly with ARVN units by interdicting enemy support routes and searching out his hiding places in such areas as Charlie Ridge, Arizona Territory and Elephant Valley.

Another part of the Charger mission is to assist units of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam and the Regional and Popular Forces in their continued assumption of the combat role in this country.

Personnel of the Charger Combat Center regularly provide training for Vietnamese forces both in Da Nang and in Hoi An, about 20 kilometers southwest of Da Nang.

The mission of the Chargers also includes the building of roads to aid the Government of Vietnam with the economic growth of the pacified countryside.

The 196th Infantry Brigade first saw active service in the Pacific during World War II. The brigade was deactivated in Japan in 1947 after occupying that country at the completion of the war.

Reactivated in 1965, the Chargers arrived in Vietnam after a year of training at Ft. Devens, Mass., and the Dominican Republic. Upon its arrival, the brigade was attached to the 25th Division and stationed outside of Tay Ninh, 65 miles northwest of Saigon.

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SESAME STREET II?—The children's television series "Sesame Street" was never like this pathway

which winds around the perimeter of the 196th Infantry Brigade's LZ (landing zone) Linda west of Da Nang. (U.S. ARMY PHOTO)



## Christmas is for radicals only

On today's social scene the common image of a radical is one who favors fundamental or extreme change. With burning zeal the radical foments unrest, and seeks, often violently, to bring about basic social changes. To say that Christmas is only for this brand of radical is tantamount to burning the flag and the Bethlehem manger with the same match.

However, our friend Webster tells us that the word radical has many meanings. In chemistry and mathematics a radical is quite different from a militant revolutionary. The basic meaning of radical comes from a Latin word meaning "root" or "foundation." In this sense, the "radical" claim of the Gospel message is that God became man. On the eastern end of the Mediterranean Sea some 2000 years ago God revealed His true nature by taking the form of a human—namely, Jesus of Nazareth.

That is what Christmas is all about.

"JOY TO THE WORLD, THE LORD IS COME"

## Drug program offers exemption—once

By 1LT Kent Flanagan  
DA NANG—Get off drugs or be prepared to accept the consequences!

That statement is the gist of a new anti-drug offensive announced for the 196th Infantry Brigade by its commanding general, Brigadier General Joseph C. McDonough.

In a letter addressed to the officers and men of the 196th, BG McDonough noted that the

urinalysis test has been expanded from a pre-DEROS test only, to pre-R&R, pre-leave and unannounced unit testing.

Test expansion became possible when a new testing laboratory was opened in the brigade area on Oct. 15. The new lab has the capability of testing 2500 men each day.

Thus, our program has been expanded and we are testing units on an unannounced

schedule.... This new program provides the means of identifying drug users now," BG McDonough continued.

Periodic unannounced urinalysis testing is the backbone of the drug treatment program.

Any person who has a drug use problem has a choice. He can sweat out the urinalysis test and take his chances on being identified as a drug user, or he can ask for exemption from his

commanding officer.

Exemption is defined as immunity from punishment and notoriety for any individual who voluntarily requests help with a drug use problem.

Criteria for being granted exemption are tough.

First, the request for exemption must be completely voluntary and must be approved by a man's commanding officer. Also, the men must not have

been previously identified as a drug user through unit urinalysis testing or prior drug-related offenses. Finally, he must have 45 days remaining in-country.

When an individual is granted exemption, he will be voluntarily admitted to the U.S. Army Rehabilitation Center at Camp Viking, Da Nang.

The mission of the rehabilitation center is to help

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## Bn CO compliments unit on job well done

By SP4 Bill Simpson

LZ LINDA—Lieutenant Colonel Clyde J. Tate, commanding officer of the 1st Bn., 46th Inf., is scheduled to DEROS from his second Vietnam tour this month. A career-long infantryman—(24 years), he is quite outspoken, both about the infantry in general and the battalion which he has commanded over the past 12 months.

The following are his comments in answer to questions posed by the *Charger*.

The interview was conducted at LZ Linda.

*Editor's Note: This issue of the Charger accents combat units. A special four-story feature includes an interview with a battalion commander and company commander, both appearing on page one, a first sergeant story, appearing on page two, and a photo feature on pages four and five.*

**QUESTION:** Why do you command an infantry battalion in particular?

"I guess it's more a matter of responsibility than anything. The greatest honor to a career officer is to give him a command. He starts with a squad or platoon and then builds up over the years to command a battalion.

I've commanded infantry because that's what it's all geared toward—in the Army the grunt is the ultimate weapon. Of course, as a commander

you have to take all the responsibility—the good and the bad times and every unit has both."

**QUESTION:** How has the 1st Bn., 46th Inf. compared with your idea of what an infantry battalion should be?

I'd like to say that commanding the 1st Bn., 46th Inf. has been a double honor—I've felt honored to have such a fine group of men and they've brought honor upon themselves. I give the credit to every man in the battalion because it was them who made it go. There isn't a CO alive who can accomplish anything without cooperation from the troops. In fact, I like to refer to myself as a member of the team which has comprised the 1st Bn., 46th Inf. rather than the commanding officer.

"In the last year we've always tried to keep our mission foremost in all of our plans and I believe that, for that reason, we have accomplished that mission. We have interdicted the enemy lines of supply in our area of operation, resulting in reduced rocket attacks on the city of Da Nang.

"The men have really earned the right to call themselves the 'Professionals.' To me, the greatest compliment you can pay a man is to say that he's professional; he does his job, whatever it is, in a professional manner. I'd say that the greatest part of the men in this battalion are professionals.

"Our officers and NCOs have given us great support too. I've tried to impress on each supervisor what you might think is old-fashioned hard-line leadership, but I think it still works.

"Leadership is very basic. You must establish a standard for the men and let them know what it is and they also must know that you won't accept any less. If every man knows what's expected of him and performs up to that standard because he knows you won't accept less, then the mission will be accomplished. I believe that a mission accomplished is the greatest morale builder going."

**QUESTION:** Then you don't believe there is more apathy among the troops now than there was back in, say 1967?

"No, I don't. A lot of people seem to think we're just sort of packing up over here. Well, really we're still out on those firebases and some of the men are still in the field. We're conducting a dynamic defense of Da Nang, dynamic in the sense that we're forward of the city limits and cutting off the enemy before he gets close enough to rocket the city. Today I think the men are doing an outstanding job of making our defense dynamic.

"We wouldn't be doing as well as we are if everybody was apathetic. Every one of my men would go home today if he had the chance, but while he's here he's doing the best he can.

"I would compare the soldiers in this battalion today with any that have ever fought here.

"One program instituted in our battalion is, I think, especially good to keep interest high and apathy low. At regular intervals we send a support soldier—I don't like the term REMF—out onto a firebase to watch for a couple of days, attend the briefings, and maybe even fly on one of the birds out into the field for a few hours. It helps him relate his job in the rear to the overall mission of the

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**COOL HEAD**—This traveling ice man, a soldier of the 196th Infantry Brigade at LZ Gunfighter, quick-steps with a glassy cube after a resupply chopper dropped the ice at the LZ. (US ARMY PHOTO)

## Company CO views his job

By SP4 Ed Buckley

LZ LINDA—On a small hill somewhere near this landing zone, protected from the rain by his poncho-made hooch, Captain Thomas M. Hayes, Commanding Officer (CO) of Company D, 1st Bn., 46th Inf. sat on his rucksack and related his views toward his job.

A 1969 West Point graduate and the son of a Brigadier General, the young captain is on his first tour in Vietnam. When he first arrived, Hayes was a platoon leader in the same company he now commands. He

then took command of a Blue Ghost rifle platoon, during which time he received his captain bars.

"When I ask a man to do something, I want him to do it for me, not for what's on my collar," commented Hayes.

He explained that in order to get this cooperation a CO had best be a good leader, have the respect of his men and have good men under him.

"If you have good platoon leaders," said Hayes, then the

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## Army releases grow

WASHINGTON (ANF)—The Department of the Army has announced the expansion of several early-release programs which are already in effect.

The increased releases will be completed by June 30, 1972, and apply to Army (US) and first-term Regular Army (RA) enlisted personnel.

The expanded early release program set up for Vietnam returnees will also be effect through June 30, 1972.

US and first-term RA personnel who, upon arrival at a state side overseas-returnee station between now and June 30, 1972, and have 179 days or less to their normal separation date will be released upon arrival at the port.

In addition, US and first-term RA personnel returning from the Republic of Vietnam who have more than 179 days but less than 12 months until ETS may request voluntary release upon arrival at the port.

Those eligible under this option must sign a statement that they understand that it takes 18 months or more active-duty time to qualify them for the full 36 months of veterans' educational benefits (less time gets one-and-a-half months credit for each month).



**CHARGED TREE**—When in the 'Nam, soldiers come up with original holiday reminders—like this two-foot artificial Christmas tree hung with mortar charge bags at LZ Linda. (US ARMY PHOTO)

