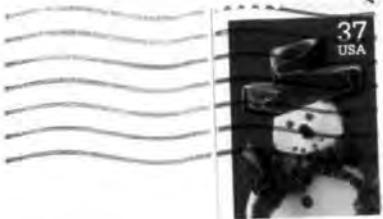


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Dick:

I originally went to Nam with Co.D. 1st Bn (Abn) 501st Inf, 101st Abn Div Dec 1967. I was W.I.A Mar 12, 1968 both legs and chest outside Hue. After being released from the hospital I was sent back the rear for 60 days light duty and rehab at Bien Hoa. There I volunteered as D/G. I was sent to the 1st Aviation Brigade with duty with the 188th at LZ Sally right back where I started from. Typical Army run- a- round. That was May 1968. Then when it changed to the 101st Aviation Bn I was C. Co until Sep 1968 when I transferred to D. Co. The reason I transferred no K.P. or perimeter guard duty. I extended 6 months to go back to the 501st and finish my 11B tour. I derosed Dec 1968 from D. Co. Returned Jan 1969 to the 501st, derosed July 1969. Extended two more times but for the 173d and 1st Cav. All as a GRUNT. Had all the air I wanted.

I thought I had more with C. Co, but the rest of what I have is with D. Co. Anyway hope it is helpful.

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PLT. 1st I think, and SP/5 Toule was one of my Crew Chiefs.

Call Sign. Tex48

Can't remember names just faces.

The photo was taken at the SF camp between Sally and Eagle July 1968. We had inserted a team and were waiting to do and extraction. We did right at dusk. That was a bad day all the way around.

Sincerely

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