



101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION VIETNAM VETERANS

Together Then • Together Again



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I re-checked some of my files and located a declassified report that states that we (A/501) did secure LZ Sally on March 3rd. So I guess Charlie and I were wrong on the date we started rebuilding her.

The Exec. order was 12356 Sec. 3B-87354 and states that we moved in on Mar. 3rd not the 1st. That would work out about right as we found that weapons cache/enemy base camp in the moutais behind Sally on or around Mar. 13th. B Company took over rebuilding around the 8th. and a few days later the cache was discovered.

I do have a couple of pictures of Sally, the old French Fort (which was just slabs of concrete out Sally's back door) the other French Fort at the An Loa Bridge and about 4 shots of a Chopper ride we took into a Hot LZ. I'll try to get some Laser prints made up.

The Barsanti Bunker we built was the following. Overlapping bunker complex near the primmerter with a back door that led via a 3 foot high by about 12 foot long crawl space to a sleeping area that housed about 6 men. All sandbagged with just some ponchos covering the top of the sleeping area. We did this so no one could tell when we were changing guards and could get back to the sleeping area without being seen. Later, they put steel/sandbags over the area and improved it.

There was no runway, just a Helo pad near the dump looking towards the mts. behind Sally. Sally was 6-7½ klicks North West of the main bridge crossing the Perfume River that entered Hue. ARVNS had a small FB just acroos the street from the enterance to Sally..

I remember some Gooks built a shanty out of Coke Cans and it could be seen before you entered the road that winded it's way into Sally. I was only back to her once around May or June after my face got burned and I had to guard a prisoner for quiting in the field. (He was court-marshalled later by my CO Don Shive and sent to LBJ) Sally had a Conex box for a PX, there were just tents sand bags about 3 feet high around them but I think by then the Mess tent was made of wood. (Don't remember real good as I was only back about 10 days before returning to the field)

I never returned to Sally but had heard how big she had grown and that an Airfield was added. We moved out the primmeter about 300 yds. but I guess they enlarged her more later. I hope this helps you out.

Scotty

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Dick; Here are some guys addresses that were there with me that might be able to give you beter Info.

CO Don Shive [REDACTED]

Alexandria Va [REDACTED]

PLT Sgt. Bud Dykes [REDACTED]

Hebron, Md. [REDACTED]

Jon Squire [REDACTED]

Emmaus, PA [REDACTED]

They would remember especially Don Shive. Keep in touch....

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