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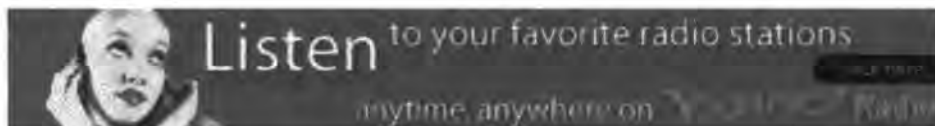
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Dick:

By the way, are you interested in the **REAL** poop on LZ Sally? If so then I'll write something up for you because all I've seen out there is a bunch of speculation but I'll tell you right now that up until a few weeks after TET started there was no such place as LZ Sally. The first I was there was shortly after the onset of TET. Recon-1st/501st, after helping line companies of 1/501 clear Hai Lang and Hwy 1 north and south of it, was ordered south to assist units of the 1st/ 502nd which ran into deep shit while clearing Hwy 1 south from Camp Evans (1st Cav base camp) and into Hue. This was near Van Xa and was where and when Sgts. Sims and Hooper won the Medal of Honor. Yes, I was there....and when we came through the area west of there where LZ Sally ended up being built (by us and troopers of 1/502 as you can see in the attached photos) (actually most of the troopers of the 2nd Bde.) there was absolutely nothing but an old raggedy dirt airstrip, an abandoned railroad and a mess of scrub brush. No Marine LZ or camp...No 1st Cav LZ or camp....just sandy-assed dirt and scrub brush. We built the sucker...sandbag by sandbag.

Now as for the name...I'm sure it was named after some 1st Cav officer's wife as we were op-conned to them. The same goes for LZs and FSBs Anne, Barbara, Betty, Cathryn, Cathy, Cecile, Cindy, Helen, **Jane**, Karen, Mary Ann, **Sandy**, Sharon.....should I go on?

Anyway, if you wish I can write up something more detailed. I have the corroboration of quite a few of the old troopers that were actually there. Let me know.

Se-e-e-e Ya-a-a-a!

MadMonk