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Date: Wed, 3 Jan 2001 05:20:46 EST

Subject: Re: Map of LZ Sally

To: [REDACTED]

San Dimas is in east LA County. If you watched the Rose Parade, we are about 15 miles east of Pasadena.

When you say you sell stuff on your page, would that be the Black Widow page? I will be looking forward to the package & your return address to send some green stuff. Do you take MPC? (;>)

One of your birds were shot down in the paddies east of LZ Sally about 3/8/68. I had arrived as a replacement to C/1/502 on 3/6/68. B Co. provided security for the bird until it could be salvaged. On 3/9/68 my entire platoon was cut down in the open outside Ap Lai Xa Ha., in that same area (YD310-680) and Ford, Carter & I were the only survivors. Ford took a round in the shoulder that broke his collar bone, so that left Carter & I.

I just met pilot Curt Knapp by email and he sent me a picture of some "boonie rats" he shot at Sally about June 68. Turns out Carter & I were in the picture. I showed my counselor at the Vet Center in E. Los Angeles, and we talked about things like why some of the guys in the picture had shined boots. They were co clerks that stepped into the shot or were new replacements. Funny thing was the clothes were too clean. Then we spotted the puddles of water in the background. We had come in for a shower and clean clothers & more ammo.



The Web is helping me fill in some blanks, like from being


drafted on Friday
the 13th Sept 67 and arrival in 90th replacement 3/1/68. I was
at Hill 309,
later FSB T Bone the day, 3/20/68 D/2/501 was in close contact
with VC in the
valley to the north east. We came in on a Chinnok to secure the
4.2 mortars.
Somehow, the mortars dropped a barrage directly on D Co. We
heard requests
for the Chinnok to evacuate the casualties because there were so
many.


My wife and I are planning going back to Vietnam and our AO
around LZ Sally
in June 2001, and would appreciate anything you could offer to
help me
connect. Some guys have asked me to bring back some dirt from
Sally. Anything
I could take back or bring back for you?


Thanks
Keith Askin

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