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DANIEL POPE, -

THANK YOU FOR FORWARDING THIS APPLICATION TO ME.

NOT KNOWING YOU IN 'NAM I'LL GIVE YOU A SHORT INTRODUCTION OF MYSELF. I'M CARL F. SHEFFERD, FORMERLY SGT. & TEAM LEADER OF TEAM 41 E 20TH LRP-C 75TH RANGER.

LT. CIRCONI WAS MY PLATOON LEADER & SFC (DADDY RABBIT) ROBINSON WAS PLATOON SERGEANT. MY PRIMARY TEAM MEMBERS WERE STEVE DAVIS, RALPH SPERTI, CARL ROACH, PRESLEY, NASH & GIBSON, (SORRY, SOMETIMES IT'S HARD TO REMEMBER FIRST NAMES.) & TOM NORDYKE.

PRIOR TO MY TOUR WITH E 20TH LRP/C 75 RANGERS I DID ONE TOUR AND A SIX MONTH EXTENSION TOUR WITH 1ST BRIGADE 101ST INF. SECTION & SCOUT SECTION 17TH ABN. AVN. I RECEIVED A SPINAL WOUND IN A BATTLE IN A SHAV VALLEY AND WAS MEDI-VACED HOME. MY 1ST WEEK BACK AT BRAGG I 1049'D BACK TO 'NAM FOR THE 173RD ABN. I FELT THAT IF I WENT BACK TO THE 101ST I'D LOSE JUMP PAY WITH THEIR TRANSITION TO AIRMOBILE.

UPON ARRIVAL AT REPO-DEPOT AT AN KHE I WAS SITTING IN A TENT AWAITING ASSIGNMENT TO WHAT I BELIEVED WOULD BE ONE OF THE BATTALIONS. SOME NCO, I DON'T REMEMBER WHO, SAW I WAS WEARING

THE CIB AND 101ST COMBAT PATCH. HE ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO GO TO THE LRP'S. MY RESPONSE WAS "SURE." WE THROUGHT MY DUFFLE BAG IN THE BACK OF A JEEP AND HE DROVE ME TO THE COMPANY AREA WHERE I WAS INTERVIEWED BY THE C.O. & 1ST SERGEANT. I WAS ACCEPTED AND GIVE THE JOB OR TEAM LEADER REPLACING PVT. HELPENSTEN, WHO HAD BEEN BUSTED AND REASSIGNED TO A BATTALION FOR POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA.

I HOPE THAT THESE ORDERS CAN HELP IN LOCATING SOME OF OUR OTHER MEMBERS. AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, 2 BAD DIVORCES AND MANY MOVES IT'S A WONDER I HAVE ANYTHING LEFT. THE ARMY LOST MY MILITARY RECORD JACKET. WHEN I WENT TO CLEAR FOR DROS & ETS AT BIEN HOA THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO GIVE ME. FORTUNATELY I HAD SENT SOME THINGS TO MY PARENTS HOUSE TO HOLD FOR ME.

PERHAPS WE'LL MEET SOMEDAY. I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT NEWS LETTER

THANK YOU,

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