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Richard,

I finally have had time to go over the last info you sent on KIA's. In cross checking with you I have determined the following:

Burdett, Hilburn M. Jr.; MSGT, C/75th, KIA 12 Jul 70.

Confirmed. Name and date match those given by Gary Thompson.

Cardona, Ronald William; SSGT, C/75th, KIA 6 Jul 69.

Confirmed. Was misspelled on Roberts part. All else is a match.

Parr, Keith Mason; SGT; C/75th; KIA 26 Oct 69.

Confirmed. Name and date match those given by Dischinger.

Foster, Steen Bruce; SSGT; C/75th; KIA 14 May 70.

Confirmed. Matches that given by Gary Thompson as well as several other verbal accounts I've heard.

Greene, Calvin Aurthur; 1Lt, E/20th, KIA 19 Dec 67.

Confirmed by date. This date is known correct both from Stanton and Mark Miller.

Henshaw, Patrick Lee; SGT, E/20th, KIA 19 Dec 67.

Confirmed. Both by date and personal account from Mark Miller.

Jordan, Paul Robert; SGT, C/75th, KIA 24 Jan 69.

Confirmed. Name and date match that given by Roberts.

Kiscaden, Michael Edward; SSGT, KIA 1 Jul 70.

Confirmed. Date given by Dischinger was wrong but have since gotten personal account from Ross Rosensweig, who was with Kiscaden when he was killed by sniper in Ahn Khe pass. Your date is correct.

Loisel, James Lee; CPL, C/75th, KIA 14 May 70.

Confirmed. Name matches that given by Thompson, although he gives Jim Loisel.

Murphy, William Joseph; SGT, C/75th, KIA 16 Feb 70.

Confirmed. Name William J.A., as given by Dischinger, is only match for what you show above. Dischinger gave correct date, but was 1 year off.

Robinson, Loyd Eugene; SP4, C/75th, KIA 11 Jun 71.

Confirmed. Name and date of KIA matches that given by Desmond.

Rucker, John William; SGT, C/75th, KIA 14 Dec 70.

Confirmed. Name and date matches that given by Rubinstein.

Thorne, Kevin Garner; SP4, C/75th, KIA 27 Feb 71.

Confirmed. Complete name and date matches that given by Roberts.

Venable, Elton Ray; SP4, C/75th, KIA 1 Aug 69.

Confirmed. Complete name and rank match that given by Roberts except that he gives different date.

Walther, Frank Daniel; CPL, KIA 1 Aug 69.

Confirmed. All info matches that given by Roberts.

Williams, Harold David; SSGT, C/75th, KIA 1 Aug 69.

Confirmed. Matches all data given by Roberts. This KIA is well known by many in C/75th, can be confirmed through many sources.

Gold, Eric Stuart; SP4, E/20th, KIA 5 Jan 69, VC Valley/ Pleiku.

Confirmed. Given by Roger Roberts.

I have this man listed on 4th Inf Div, S.O. #266, 22 Sep 68, CIB award, with the following:

Gold, Eric S.

SN - RA12811486

SSN -

Rank - PFCE3

11 January 1996

Email to Richard Erhler ref confirming Burkhart, Walter G.

See file folder.

Confirmed by Roy Boatman on 1-14-96 as being:

Burkhart, Walter Guy

CplE-4

DOB 4-12-48

KIA 11-11-69

Panel 16W Line 56

From George Barber:

Barber was last man to talk to Lt Greene before ambush was sprung. Lt Greene knew they were in an ambush and had just indicated this to Barber and Weidner moments before the ambush was sprung.

Ron Brinker, Plt Sgt 2nd Plt, was old friends with Lt Greene.

From Mike Burgos:

According to Mike Burgos, Fred Wiedner was part of a two man Radio Relay that was put on top of a mountain overlooking the Airbase at Tuy Hoa just prior to Tet '68. E/20th was opconned to 173rd Abn. Bde. The mountain top base was secured by ARVN troops. The two men were housed in a bunker. Wiedner was asleep on his cot in the bunker when a grenade was thrown into the bunker killing him. The official report was that it was a sapper, but it is believed that it was an ARVN VC. Napier was in the bunker with Wiedner. Lester Steinke was on his team.

Listing from Roy Boatman CD/Rom Wall:

Weidner, Frederick William

Enlisted DeMoine, IA

DOB 4-14-48

KIA 5-20-68

SGTE-5

Panel 64-E, Line 009

From Fred White in letter 31 Oct 95:

Walter G. Burkhart was a PFC or SP4 from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. □

The following I cannot confirm at this time:

Smith, SSGT
C/75th
Jun 1968

Joey Welsh and Steven Hightower were both on the team when this KIA occurred. Steven Hightower was beside him when he was hit. Neither of them can absolutely confirm the date, although they both confirm it was in June. What they remember about the first name does not coincide.

I have a set of orders on file for Award of the Air Medal, dated 12 June 1968 which lists a SGTE5 Emory M. Smith. Since these orders are dated the day before the KIA I feel that this is our man. They probably promoted him when he became KIA. The name matches a SSGT Emory M. Smith from the Wall records KIA on 13 June 1968.

I also have the names of his Platoon SGT and his best friend who I will try to locate and get further confirmation from.

Squires, Bill
C/75th
Sep 1969

I have sent the three names from the Wall listing to Robert Dischinger, who gave this name, to confirm one of them.

Weidner,
E/20th

This one will probably be the most difficult of all to confirm. Since the first Platoon of E/20th was opconned as a recon platoon to the 1st Bde of the 101st, which is where many of the original E/20th volunteers came from, it is my guess that Weidner/Wiedner was with E/20th but probably still assigned on paper to the 1st Bde of the 101st when he was KIA. I just have to find someone who has definitive knowledge of this guy, or come up with some orders with his name on them.

Thanks for your effort in this endeavor, I will continue to work on these for you and let you know, if and when, I come up with anything additional.

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