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**From:** Richard T. Coogan [rtcoogan@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 26, 2002 7:45 PM  
**To:** James Deister; Randall Logan; Morton Roth; Tom Loper; Carter Glass  
**Cc:** Rick Guidi; Paul Kasper; liclp@LIB.TTU.EDU; Roy Chaney; Tom Newsham  
**Subject:** Personal Stories

Hello To All,

Paul Kasper put me in contact with Curtis Peoples at Texas Tech University.

Curtis is requesting that each of you give your approval to add your personal stories, which are posted on the 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer web site, to the Virtual Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University.

If you only want on-site researchers to view your stories (and thereby restrict a web viewer from accessing your story) let Curtis know about your decision.

I believe Curtis' e-mail to me will answer most of your questions. If not, then let Curtis or I know of your questions.

Below my signature is Curtis' response.

Randall, we can handle the 1/84<sup>th</sup> Artillery issue should you give your approval. Your story should be identified with the 1/84<sup>th</sup> and not the 15<sup>th</sup> Engineers.

Thanks to all of you for submitting your "personal stories." Maybe some day I will add my own story.

Curtis, I have about 20/30 minutes of Super 8mm film from Vietnam. It shows a chopper that was assigned to me while I was the 9<sup>th</sup> ID liaison to the 199<sup>th</sup> Light Infantry Brigade (LIB), some aerial footage over the Plain of Reeds, Flame APCs supporting a land clearing operation and the usual platoon (mine – 1<sup>st</sup> Platoon, B Company, 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion) footage at Dong Tam base camp, Mekong Delta and 15<sup>th</sup> Engineer awards ceremonies. Not very exciting (except for what the 15<sup>th</sup> XO, Major Bakeman, was trying to do to a Philippine singer during a USO show at our 15<sup>th</sup> area in Dong Tam – hey it would not rate PG13 today but it sure was risqué back then). I will forward it to you if you are willing to digitize it and send me back a CD or preferably a DVD copy. Some of the film's sprocket holes are worn but mostly the film feeds fine. Let me know your decision.

Regards,  
Dick Coogan (Webmaster <http://15thengineer.50megs.com>)

Dick:

I have looked over the stories. These are the kind of stories that we are always looking for. These stories will be important in the future for researchers studying the Vietnam War and we like to collect as many as we can. So, please get permission from the author's and we can put a collection together for the 15th engineers. You may also want to let people know that the Vietnam Archive is a place they can send personal items and memorabilia to house here (photos, slides, film, audio, etc...), because the National Archives and Military collect official materials, not personal items. Therefore, we offer the Vietnam veteran a place to house their materials under their name to ensure that their history of the war is preserved.

If a person donates slides, pictures, film, audio, etc... to the archive, we make digital copies of the materials and return them on CD to the individual free of charge, if they want a copy. So if you know anybody with these types of materials you may want to let them know.

Also, our new website address is [www.vietnam.ttu.edu](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu)

As you will see on our website we now have the Virtual Vietnam Archive. We are digitizing our collections and putting them on line, as long as there is not a copyright restriction, so that people can do research from their home.

If you have any more questions please let me know.

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