

1/77 ARMORED BATTALION, 1/5 INFANTRY BRIGADE [MECHANIZED]

BATTALION COMMANDING OFFICERS

Lt. Col. Miller until 16 December 1969

Lt. Col. Baird 16 December 1969 until after early June 1970

EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Major Lane, before November 1969 to unknown month 1970

D COMPANY COMMANDER

Capt. O'Steen was company commander when Jim Evans arrived at 1/77 November 1969 and left in 1970.

Capt. Stiles became company commander before 15 June 1970 according to letter from Paul L. Sauer.

Executive officer: Lt. Cleo [last name unknown]

MEDICAL PLATOON BATTALION SURGEONS

A. E. Lightbourne or Lightburn, left Quang Tri Combat Base before November 1969.

James B. [Jim] Evans, November 1969 to early June 1970 when he transferred to 91st Evacuation Hospital. Chu Lai

Dave Lindert arrived after 05 June 1970. He had previously been in IV Corps, joined 1/77 after Jim Evans transferred to 91st Evacuation Hospital.

MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS

Paul L. Sauer served with 1/77 from mid July 1969 to mid July 1970. DEROSed and completed Army service 22 July 1970 at Ft. Lewis. Before Vietnam he was at Fort Ord. Paul L. Sauer, a native of Columbus, Ohio, was a graduate of University of Notre Dame. Last known address ca 1972: Columbus, Ohio. According to 15 June 1970 letter from Paul Sauer, his successor was a "FNG" named Anderson. Paul Sauer with his warmth and sensitivity worked very well with the medics who affectionately called him "The Lieutenant." Paul thoroughly enjoyed going on MEDCAPS establishing wonderful connections with the Vietnamese people. He took a series of photographs during the MEDCAPS reflecting his strong connection. His photographs of the Vietnamese children and adults were moving and sensitive.

Anderson, rank unknown, arrived about 09 June 1970.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS

Sgt. Washburn, left about March 1970, after one year tour. He had approximately 20 years in the Army and just made E7, probably February 1970. The medics disliked him since he was lazy and his old style leadership certainly didn't inspire the medics who came of age in the late 1960s. He didn't help or

encourage the medics to do basic maintenance on the vehicles. He was favorite comment was about "every swinging dick in this man's army." He was a lifer in the worst sense.

Sgt. Hollis Hibbits, March 1970 to after July 1970. Sgt. Hibbits was a professional career Army man who came from Fort Carson, Colorado. He inspired the men with his work ethic and helped them perform essential maintenance on the jeeps, ambulance and personnel carrier. He was a military lifer in the best sense.

Sgt. Shaughnessy, a buck sergeant, drove the medical platoon personnel carrier. I remember him working out before going on R&R to meet his wife because he wanted to be in shape. As I remember he was already with the platoon when I arrived in November 1970 and I do not remember when he left.

91-C, 91 CHARLIES, MEDICAL SPECIALISTS

Mark Doom, got an early out around February 1970 to attend a military prep school. His last known address ca 1999 was Dallas, Texas.

Jaan Goad, left 1/77 before 15 June 1970 according to Paul Sauer letter. Completed Army service at Fort Dix in Massachusetts. His last known address was Austin, TX about 1971. His wife was named Susie; they had a son named Adam when I visited them in Austin about 1971.

Kiker, arrived after Jim Evans transferred to 91st Evacuation Hospital. In 15 June 1970 letter Paul Sauer wrote that Kiger came from B Med[ical Company], Quang Tri Combat Base.

I was highly impressed with the medical acumen of both the 91 Charlies [Goad and Doom] with their judgment and sensitive treatment of the men.

MEDICAL CORPSMEN

Bruce [first name or last] He was the clerk for the medical platoon. He was court martialed probably February or March 1970 and sentenced to LBJ [Long Binh Jail].

Callis

Grant. Received a Silver Star for heroism in a fire fight. He and Medic Munson probably served in Company C. Grant was attacked by another soldier in the EM Club in Quang Tri and lost part of one ear. When he received his Silver Star in a ceremony at Quang Tri, his ear was covered with a large bandage. DEROS around June 1970

Grewe, arrived spring 1970

Guzman, arrived spring 1970

Hibdom

Jessum

Johnson, African-American. DEROS around May 1970

Johnson, Anglo. Arrived in 1970

Latham, DEROS December 1969.

Laughlin, Arrington. Born in West Virginia. Clerk for medical platoon after Bruce. Arrived 1970.

Martinez, arrived 1970.

James [Jim] McBride, DEROS December 1969. Last known address about 2001, Poway, California.

LeBreque. According to 15 June 1970 letter from Paul Sauer, "LeBreque is permanent bunker line medic, where he and Lt. Shaw can drive each other crazy. He eats, sleeps, shits, and goofs off out there. Thus SFC Hibbits has retained his sanity."

Munson, probably served in Company C with Grant. DEROS around June 1970

Sutherland, arrived spring 1970

Unknown, killed when hit by RPG near DMZ. He had been in country about a month. He was probably killed around February 1970. We received the sad news after 1/77 Armored Battalion returned to Quang Tri in mid-January 1970. He was a tall thin man with black hair. Unfortunately I don't remember his name.

Unknown. Jim Evans took a photograph of him by the medical aid station spring 1970.

Wallenszack [spelling uncertain]. Arrived spring 1970.

Zak [last name unknown] was out of the Army by late July 1970 when Paul Sauer visited him in Portland, Oregon according to Paul Sauer letter 01 August 1970.

Zellman arrived spring 1970.