

IN MEMORIAM

Our Man in Washington, A.E.Griffith Bates Jr,



Because of the nature of our Alliance, we seldom write an obituary on one of our members. But we do have to make an exception for Bates, which is what he wanted to be called. Sgt Bates, a veteran



of "Dog" Company, 23rd Infantry Regiment in the 1952-53, passed away on 1 January 2008 in Washington, D.C. of pulmonary fibrosis.

Few of you knew Bates who was so private a person that he did not want his name mentioned in connection with the mammoth services he rendered this Alliance and its members. A large amount of the documentation about the 2nd Infantry Division's activities in the Korean War including Divisional, Regimental and other Units' Command Reports and more specific battle information which we have here at Headquarters is due to his efforts. Every time one of you had a specific question about an action in which you participated in the Korean War or about medals etc, we faxed it to Bates for research. He spent all of every Saturday at NARA (National Archives) doing research for us. He copied all appropriate files (at \$0.15 a page), thousands of them, at his

own expense for over 10 years, starting in the 90s under then Secretary-Treasurer Charley Heath. Bates knew NARA so well that he was able to get the answer to our questions in short order. He was the most invaluable person in our effort to provide a first rate service to our members.

A few months ago, when Bates already knew he was dying, he shipped three file boxes to my office, so much so that I had to buy an additional file cabinet. He also sent maps to our *cartographer* specialist, Dick Raybould. Now that the material is with us, we hope to be able to answer most of the questions of our members in the future. It will be more time consuming, though. A few of us had the privilege of meeting Bates on 29 September 2007 at the National Book Festival in Washington. It was obvious then how ill he was.



Bates had retired from the Defense Mapping Agency in 1991. Thereafter he began his volunteer work. He had another organization for which he worked: Greenpeace. He set up their archive system and worked in their finance department. He was honored by Greenpeace last year for 25,000 hours of volunteer work!!!

We of the 2ID-KWVA salute the memory of a gallant soldier and dedicated veteran of the *Second To None* Division. We suggest that our members express their thanks for Bates' untold good deeds to his fellow veterans by making a financial donation "*To the Memory of Sgt Bates*". Please make checks to 2ID-KWVA and indicate that it is a donation for Bates at the bottom of the check. Mail to our Membership Dept (Address on page 2).

**ALL DONATIONS HELP US CONTINUE THE
2ID-KWVA ACTIVITIES AND IS SO APPRECIATED!**

Ralph M. Hockley, Secretary

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The search for photos was pretty much of a flop. These are the only ones that seemed to be in your area. Most of other photos were of unnamed people in unspecified locations.

Also are a couple of items picked up on Vets Day.

Happy holidays

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View of the fire base of the 14th and 32nd
Arty Bns of the Americal Div.

11 Aug 1970

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221st Sig Co, Det C

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Sgt Stephen Moses (Cynthiana, KY), and SGT Ronald Hutchins (Fort Smith, AR), both members of Co "D", 4th Bn, 31st Inf, 196th Lt Inf Bde, display a Russian flag which they captured during a search and destroy mission.

21 June 1970

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523rd Sig Bn

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An M-551 Armored Reconnaissance Vehicle from
Troop "B", 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav, Americal Div,
climbs up a river bank east of Landing Zone
"Hawk Hill."

15 Aug 1970

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VIETNAM

An M-551 Armored Reconnaissance Vehicle from
Troop "B", 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav, Americal Div,
tows another M-551 from a muddy stream east of
Landing Zone "Hawk Hill."

15 Aug 1970

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VIETNAM
An M-551 Armored Reconnaissance Vehicle from
Troop "B", 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav, Americal Div,
stands ready to fire, east of Landing Zone
"Hawk Hill".

15 Aug 1970

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VIETNAM
A member of Troop "B", 1st Sqdn, 1st Cav, Americal
Div, leads an M-551 Armored Reconnaissance Vehicle
across a rice paddies.

15 Aug 1970

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523rd Sig Bn

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SC 655354 SON MOA MARKET, VIETNAM
SP5 David O'Neil (East Park, Ill), 4th Bn,
31st Liaison Team, 196th Bde, Americal Div,
teaches a villager to read English.

11 Jan 1970

Photo by PFC Gerard E. Paulin
3rd Bn, 196th Bde, Americal Div

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SC 655355 SON MOA MARKET, VIETNAM
Chaplain Donald Wilson (Roanoke, Va), 4th Bn,
31st Liaison Team, 196th Bde, Americal Div,
plays marbles with village children.

11 Jan 1970

Photo by PFC Gerard E. Paulin
4th Bn, 196th Bde, Americal Div

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SC 655356
A CH-47 Chinook helicopter transports
supplies to Landing Zone 10, 196th
Inf Bde, Americal Div, in the
area west of Tien Ky.

Photo by PFC Gerald E. Paulin
4th Bn, 196th Bde, Americal Div

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SC 655339

Members of a mortar platoon VIETNAM "Landing Craft Professional", prepare to fire a volley of rounds from a 4.2 inch mortar.

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Members of a mortar platoon VIETNAM "Landing Craft Professional", prepare to fire a volley of rounds from a 4.2 inch mortar.

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Photo by SP4 Gerald L. Paulin
523 Sig Bn
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VIETNAM

A display of captured North Vietnamese Army weapons captured by the men of the 1st Bn, 46th Inf, 196th Lt Inf Bde. The display is at Landing Zone "Mary Ann", 35 miles west of Chu Lai.

4 Feb 71

Photo by Harvey Kinoshita
523rd Sig Bn, 23rd Inf Div

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VIETNAM

LTC William P. Doyle (right), 1st Bn, 46th Inf, 196th Lt Inf Bde, shows one of the captured North Vietnamese Army weapons to MG James L. Baldwin during his visit to Landing Zone "Mary Ann", 35 miles west of Chu Lai.

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523rd Sig Bn, 23rd Inf Div

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A US Navy World War II searchlight which is set up on Hawk Hill overlooking the city of Nha Trang and Camp John F. McDermott. The searchlight is operated by the Nha Trang Installation Defense Command.

24 March 1970

Photo by SP4 Calvin Culp
209th Sig Det, 54th Sig Bn

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View over the turret of an M42A1 self-propelled 40mm anti-aircraft gun, the "Duster". The "Duster" which is from the 4th Bn, 60th Arty, is set up on Hawk Hill overlooking Camp John F. McDermott.

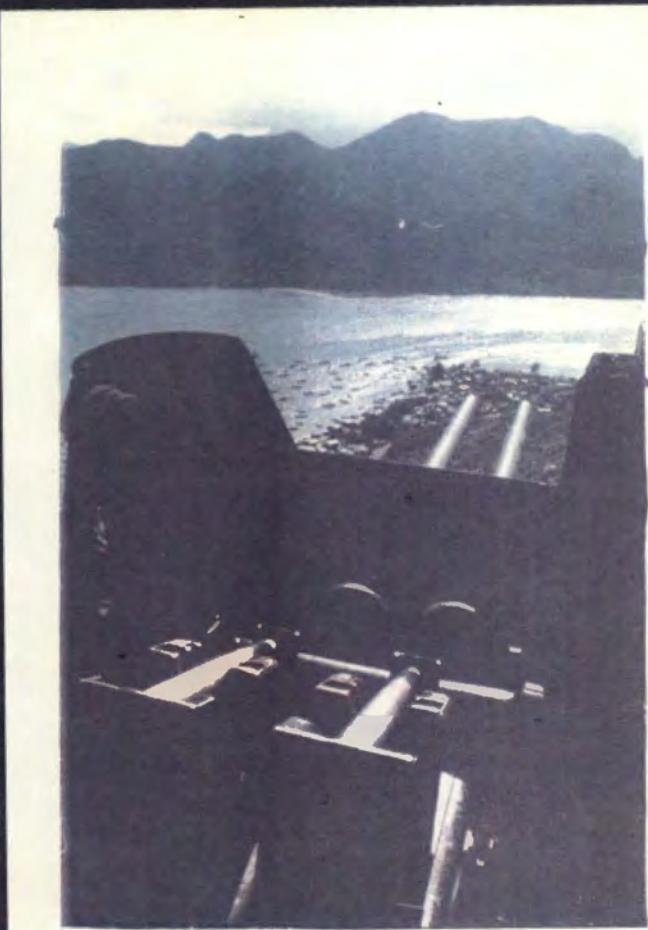
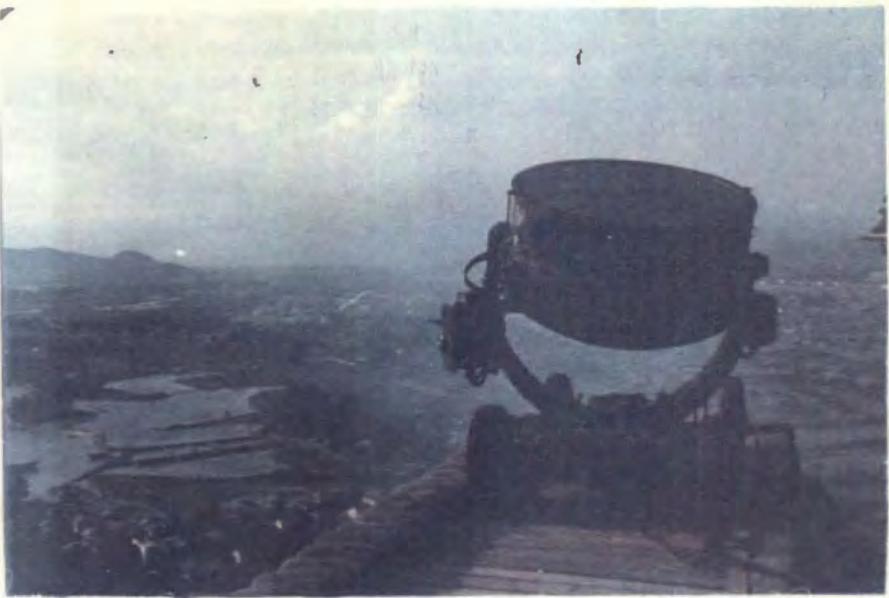
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SP5 Richard Hughes (left) and SSG John A. Somerset, both members of the Camp McDermott Security Force, test the searchlight, which is mounted on Hawk Hill, overlooking the city of Nha Trang and Camp John F. McDermott.

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209th Sig Det, 54th Sig Bn

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Members of the Camp McDermott Security Force, move the searchlight to the opposite end of the fifty foot wooden platform. The searchlight is mounted on Hawk Hill overlooking the city of Nha Trang and Camp John F. McDermott.

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