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(AIRMOBILE)



"THE ARMY'S FINEST"
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ARTILLERY HILL
HAWK HILL
THIEN PHUOC
FAT CITY
TAM KY
WEST

NEW HAU DUC
PLEASANTVILLE
SIBERIA
MARY ANN
KHAM DUC
JUDY
CHU LAI

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155MM TOWED FIELD ARTILLERY

The 16TH Artillery was first added to the Army's roll on 3 June 1916. First activated as a unit in being on 21 May 1917 at Camp Robinson Wisconsin; after World War I the Battalion went through a series of inactivations and activations. In January 1941 the Battalion was activated at Fort Meyer, Virginia and subsequently assigned to the 9th Division in June 1942. It remained with the 9th Division throughout World War II and was inactivated in Germany on 26 July 1946. The last activation took place at Fort Hood Texas on 10 November 1950 and the Battalion was assigned to the 2d Armored Division and remained with this Division until 1 July 1957. On 1 July 1957 the Battalion was reorganized and redesignated 16th Artillery, a parent regiment under the combat arms regimental system. The 3D BATTALION, 16TH ARTILLERY, was located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina prior to deployment to Vietnam on 7 June 1967. The Battalion was assigned to Task Force Oregon and subsequently assigned to the Americal Division which was formed in October 1967 from elements of Task Force Oregon.

CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

World War I

Aisne - Marne
Champagne - 1918
Lorraine - 1918
St Mihiel
Meuse - Argonne

World War II

Rhineland
Ardennes - Alsace
Central Europe

DECORATIONS

The 16TH Artillery Battalion received the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation for "Extraordinary Heroism in Military Operations Against an Armed Enemy" at the Remagen Bridgehead, Germany.

The 16TH Artillery was cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at ST VITH.

16TH ARTILLERY UNIT CREST

"MACTE NOVA VIRTUE" Go Forth In New Deeds of Valor



LTC Lightner



CSM Simmons



CSM Black



MAJ Harnly



CPT O'Hara



Artillery Hill

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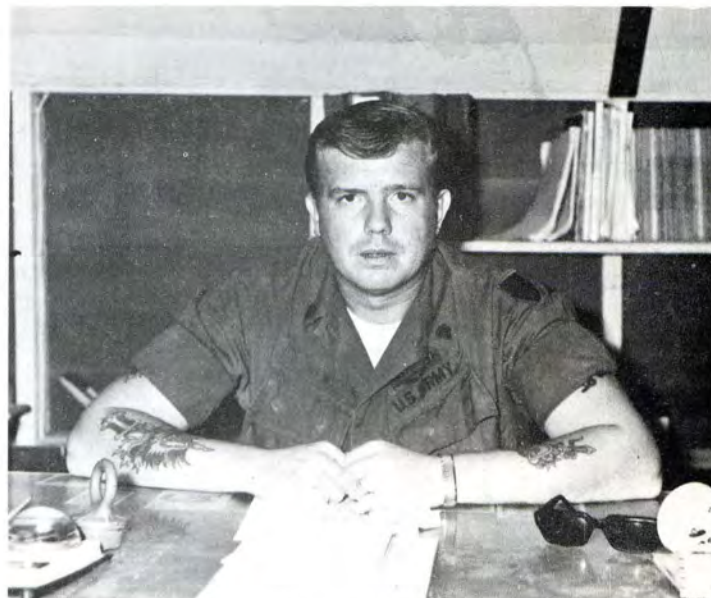


Remington Raiders plus one.

PERSONNEL



Now tell me all about it.



You did what?



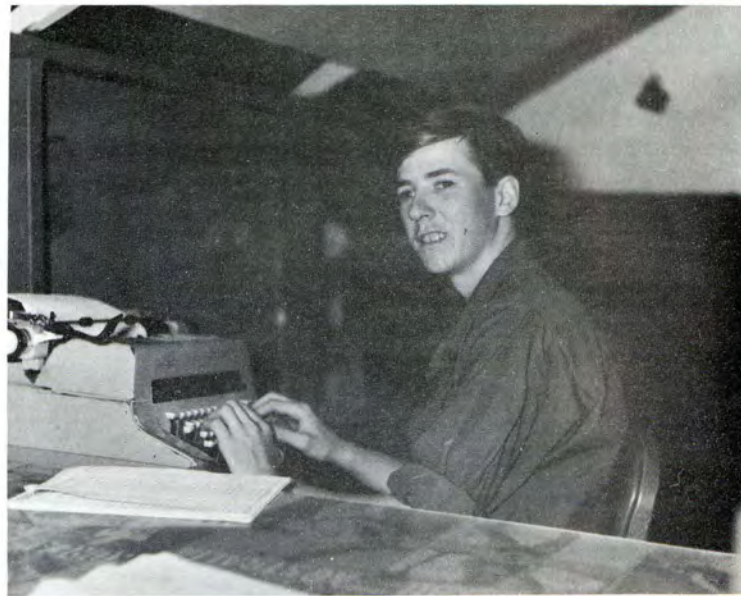
Want to cancel your R&R?



That was some stripper at the floorshow!



Only 15 suspences overdue Eh?



I might be able to handle that.



But he's gotten six medals already.



You mean I don't have to go to
Hau Duc.



Yeah all for me!!



Twenty more bags at the APO.

S-2



S-3

No, I'm not going a mustache.



No, I'm not mad at you.



Major J & his jokers



Now what do the batteries want?



No kidding, a sapper attack at Fat City.



I extended for this.



Not another message Form.



What am I doing here?



F. D. C.

Dear Mom



Don't worry you'll get SHORT one day.



That's right nothing in 6-40 about friendly villes.



FDC's Can Doers.



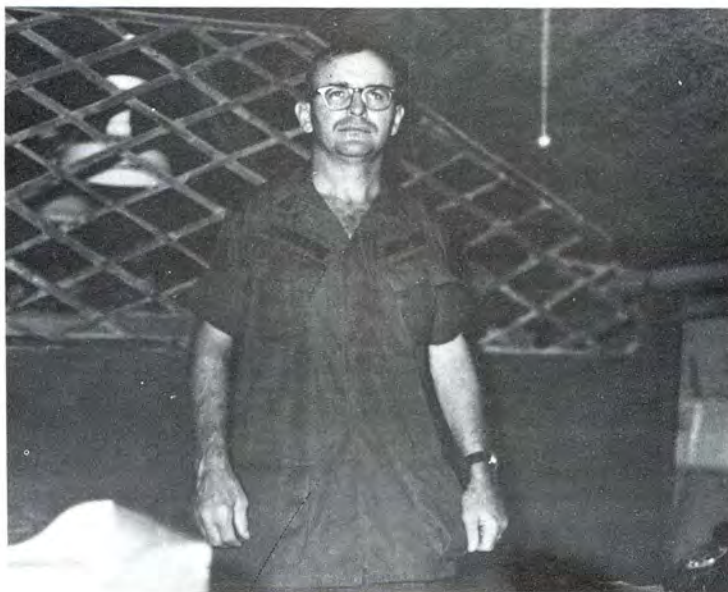
No, I'm not sleeping.

HEADQUARTERS



1LT Terry W. Arnold

BATTERY



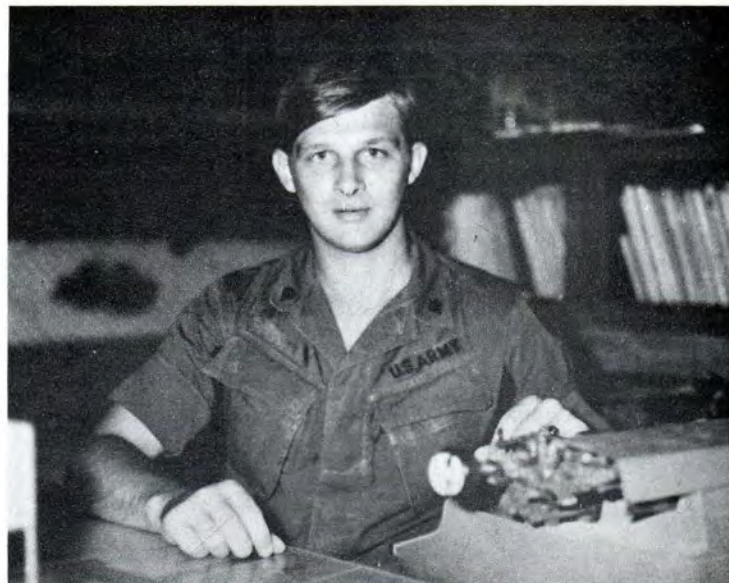
1SG Charles Havey



The Dynamic Duo plus one



I hear Atlas had to sign a hand receipt for the world he held.



Article 15 anyone.



I work here I think.



Yes, the M-60 can be a man's best friend.



It's mother on the line.



Three supply channels if you can find one.

MESS HALL



My mess hall is always ready.



I thought I smelled something burning.



Masters of culinary art.



Take all you can carry.



Watch when he takes a bite.



You found what! in your biscuit?



MEDIC

You mean doctors are officers too?



Make mine bud



Rabbit power



Don't tell me your troubles.



Ouch Sarge...!!



COMMO

What do you mean Good Morning?



My sierra is always together.



Sorry, the switch board is all tied up now.



The secret is this plug here.



Yeah, some guy with a camera...



No chow left, Huh?



I am smiling.



I liked to climb trees as a kid.



Come on over! We won't bite.



Yep! Engine frozen and fresh oil in the crank case.



Avoiding a herma.



The one in short pants runs things.



Where's the driver?



I'm so humble I'm proud.

We serve Proudly



Scalpel... Forceps..



Rabbit power with that alcoholic twist.



Every man hand picked.



All the king's horses, but where are the men?



Commo for lunch bunch.



A formation or thereabouts.



Only 10 more signatures.



Can we go up a little higher?



I've heard this one before.



Step into my parlor!



I found two roadside spot checks today.



And furthermore...



One mile Is that all we missed it by?



What do you mean extend?



Only 6 months to go now.

SERVICE



BATTERY

A likely story



Sure you can ask.



We serve sometimes.



How many copies?

S-4



Poncho Villa and his raiders



If we don't have it, I will get it!



It don't work.



But I can't type.



Good news!



AMMO

You've got a serious problem.



We can put 'em up or tear 'em down.



I can't believe that..



Nope don't have any.



Does it go here or there?



I'll eat later!



We are the mess.



Boy, it's hot!



That isn't right!



What is it?



Not bad



Melts in your mouth.



What do we have here?

MAINTENANCE



The Bargainer



The Nut and Bolt Crew



Going to the PX.



What no men!



One or two, Sir?



Why should I smile?



Behind the 8 ball.



Wish you were here.



What am I doing?



That's not funny.



Four fives and a five

"What you drink?"



Go west young man!



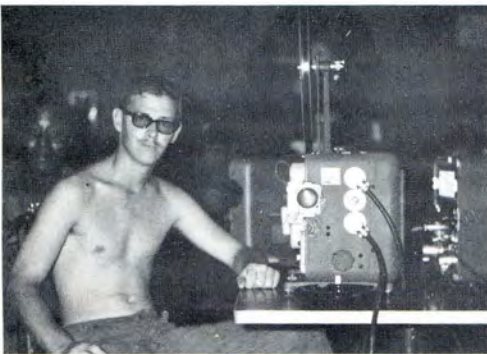
Is that right?



That's our boy!



One for the Road Linda!



I got mine together!



Lou and his girls!



We are the best.



Sing far far away



Couple more, please!



Fire support base Judy



Almost like Iwo Jima.



Putting hot steel on the target.



Crane with howitzer.



Aw, come on out!



Just a little more now.



Putting in trail logs.



SGT Thorpe divides the goodies.



Can I finish readin' now?



Hairy chested men



Ahhh! That hurts.



Now look closely right here.



Just like the girls back home... almost.



Not that way!



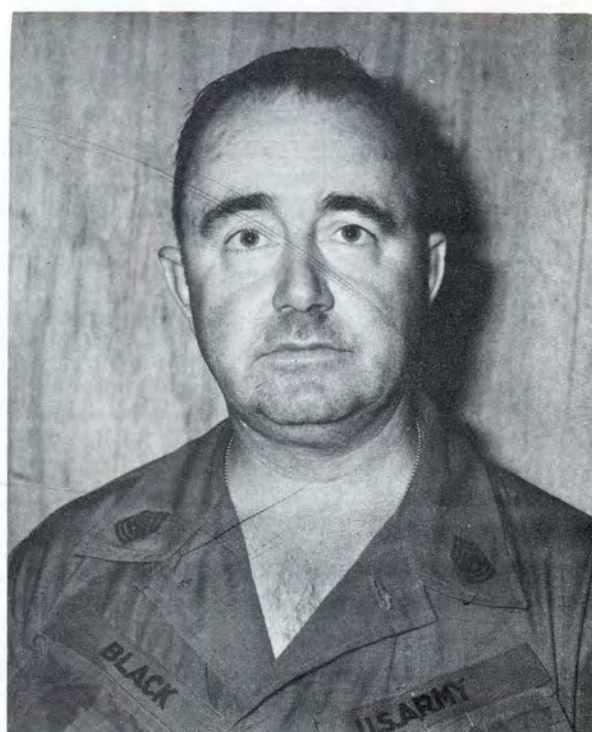
Gawd, it still hurts.



LTC LIGHTNER



CSM SIMMONS



CSM BLACK



MAJ HARNLY



MAJ JACKSON



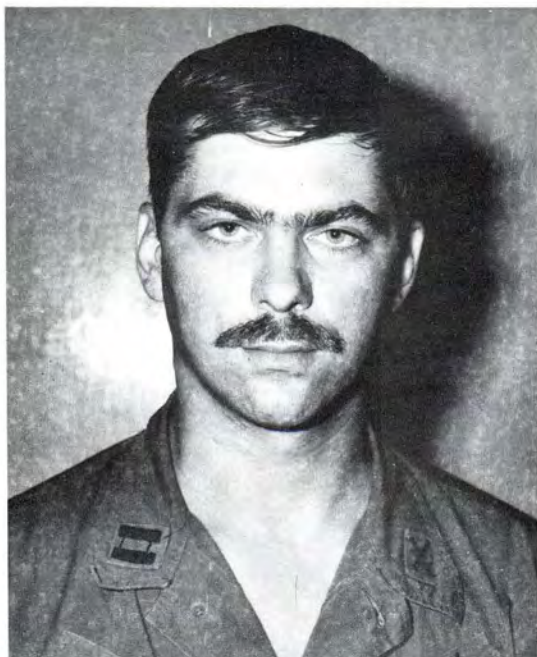
CPT O'HARA



CPT KILPATRICK



CPT LOWMAN



CPT DORAN



LT ARNOLD



1SGT McPETERS



1SGT HAVEY



LT MELLOR



CW2 SHAW



CW2 GORDON



MSG RICH



SFC SANCHEZ



SFC MOREHOUSE



SFC JEFFERSON



SSG RANDALL



SSG FUQUA



SSG STEEN



SSG DAWSON



SP6 MOORE



SFC JEWELL



SGT COLEMAN



SP5 NEW



SGT WEST



SP5 CANNON



SP5 STOVER



SP5 MARTIN



SGT WISHER



SGT ADKINS



SP5 DOYLE



SGT WALKER



SGT MONTOYA



SGT STILLIONS



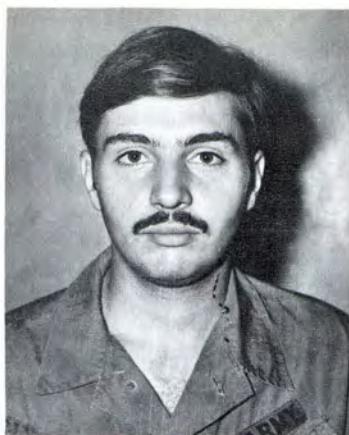
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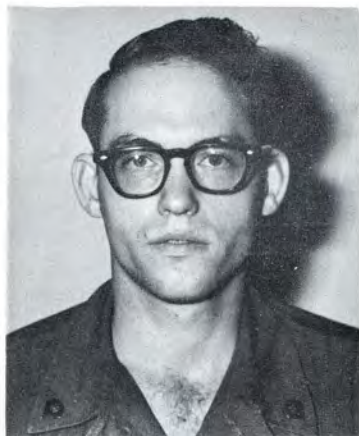
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SP4 FRANCIS



SP4 KISER



SP4 REIGLE



SP4 MITCHELL



SP4 HILDRETH



SP4 HARRIS



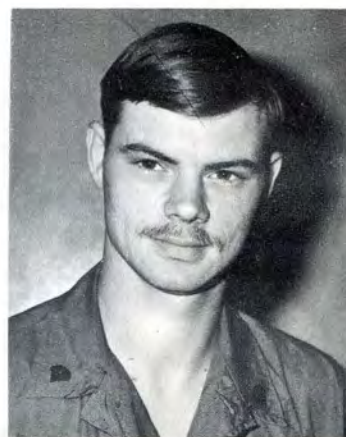
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SP4 DAVIS



SP4 CHANEY



SP4 DOWNES



SP4 REES



SP4 REED



SP4 WORLEY



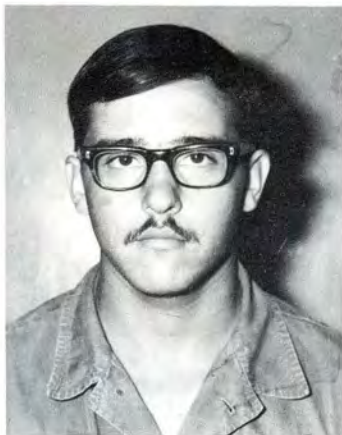
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SP4 ASHBY



SP4 BOYD



SP4 CLEARY



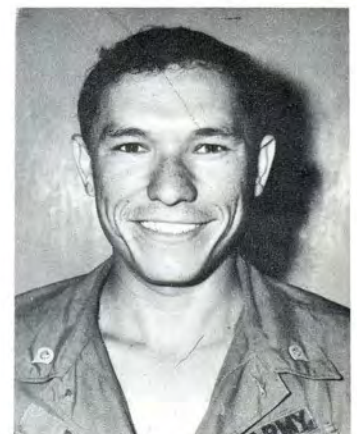
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PFC EARP



SP4 ANDERSON



SP4 RODRIGUEZ



SP4 DORGAN



SP4 ENO



SP4 BARHAM



SP4 FRENZEL



SP4 ALLEN



SP4 HARRIS



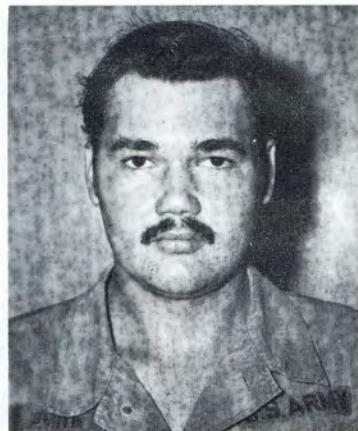
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SP4 WHEELER



SP4 THOMAS



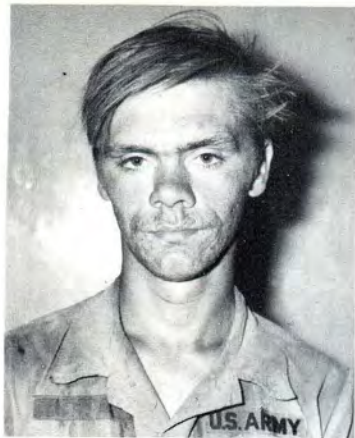
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SP4 COPELAND



SP4 BUSCH



SP4 NAYMICK



SP4 LOWRY



PFC HAMM



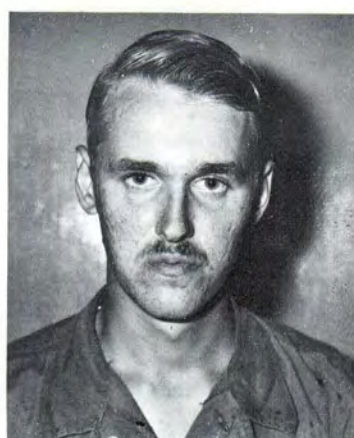
PV2 DECRESCENZO



PFC COLLINGSWORTH



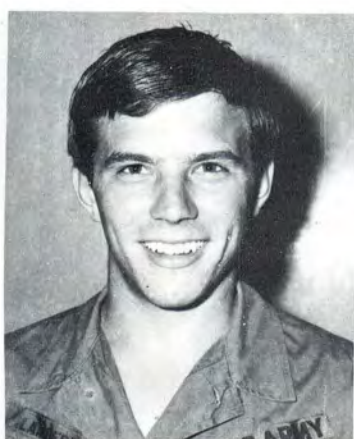
PFC WILLIAMS



PFC LAVALLE



PFC STAMPS



SP4 LAMBERT



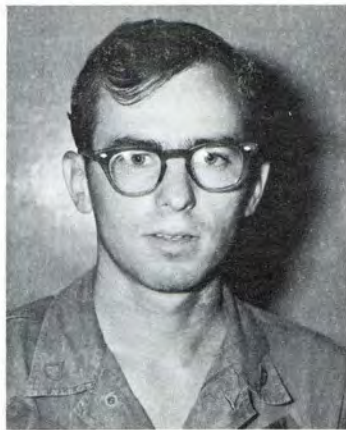
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PFC JOHNSON



PFC GREGORY



PFC STEKLENBURG



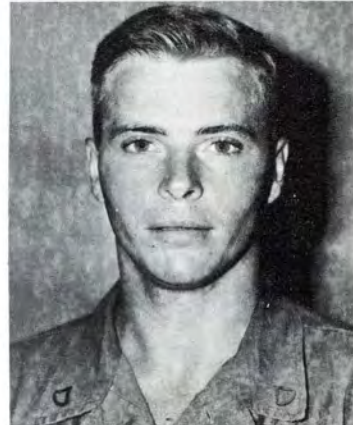
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PFC JACKSON



PFC FOY



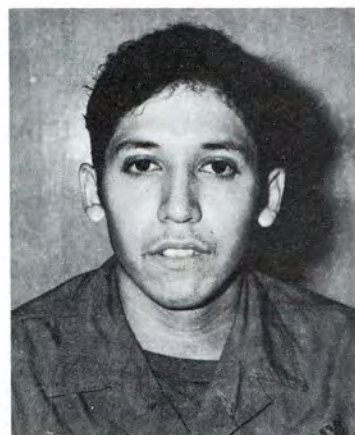
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PFC HUTCHENS



PFC ERNEST



SP4 MORALES



SP4 HILLEBEIST



PFC GALLON



PFC LOOMIS



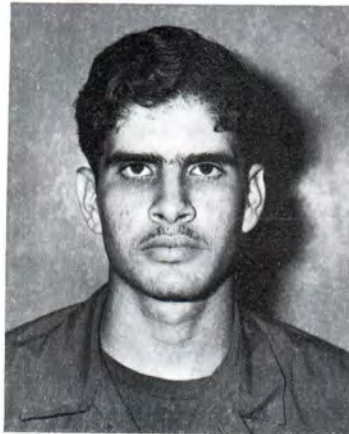
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PVT COONS



PVT EVANS



PFC SANCHEZ



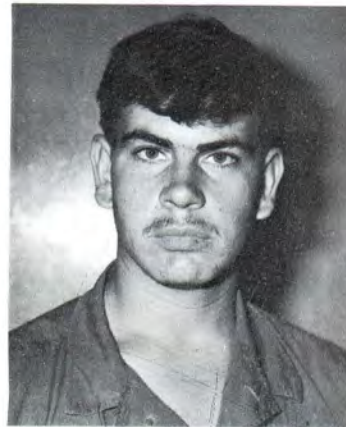
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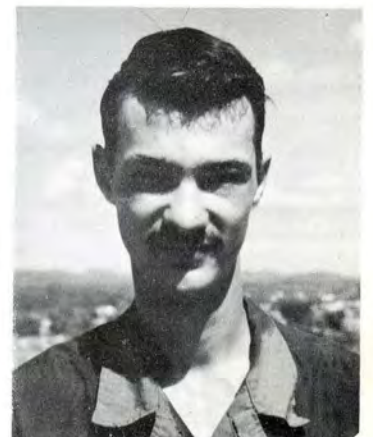
PFC BALES



PFC SHAFFER



PFC LOU



PVT EBELL

"A"

BATTERY



CPT Hezmall



1LT Star



1SG Barela



Head Shed



Birds' eye of West



Which way to the aiming circle?



This, student, is a projectile.



We are proud of it.



Big "5"



The 3rd Herd



Pewaga's Pride



Who's next to be shot into the net?



This is too mine.



You want these moved where?



Charger's busy, Sir?



What happened to the rubber?



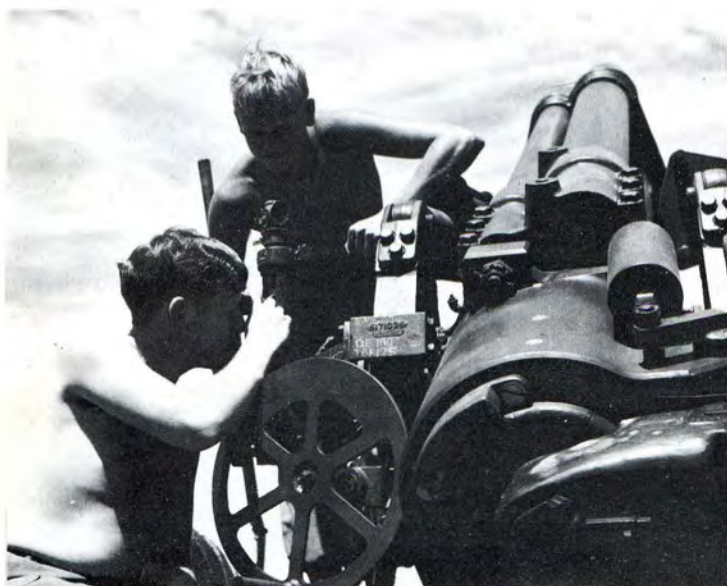
Shell what?



See! I was a good little boy.



Alpha visitors at Fat City.



I see a naked girl!



A good war is a clean war.



What bunker?



Next stop - Indy 500



The best from big "Mess"



Service with a smile.



To extend or not to extend.



Complant period
starting immediately.



Hit a Brace Top.



Water buffalo or salad?



They're all well done.



One for me, two for me.



CPT HEZMALL



1LT PERKINS



1SG BARELA



SFC HARPER



SSG STROPE



SSG BROOKS



SSG SALAS



SP5 YNCERA

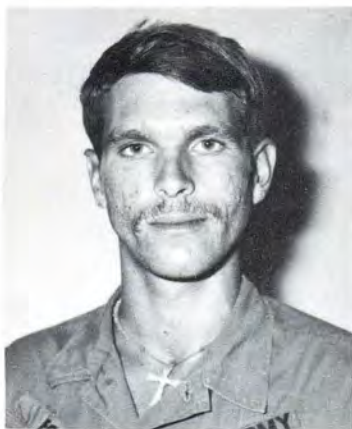
Paul Dead



SP5 BERGIN



SP5 DUNLAP



SGT ECKEL



SGT POWAGA

Phillip



SGT SCHROPP



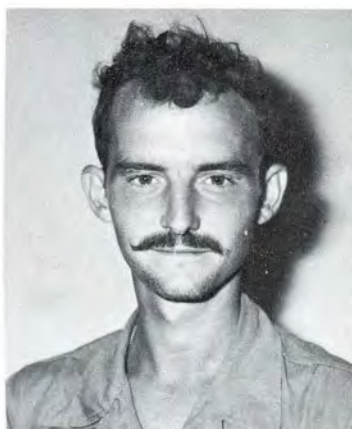
SGT GRUNKEMEYER



SGT SPENCER



SGT LINN



SP4 WARRICK



SGT POWERS



SGT HANSEN



SP4 ULRICH



SP4 CHILLES



SP4 GASKER



SP4 HARRIS



SP4 TORRENCE



SP4 MICHAUD



PFC DAVIS



SP4 ROBERTSON



PFC RADCLIFF



SP4 RIPPLINGER



SP4 FRYE



SP4 BENNETT



SP4 MARTINEZ



CPL LYNCH



SP4 DANIEL



SP4 BUSCHMEYER



SP4 ROBERTSON



SP4 SMITH



SP4 LIGHTNER



PFC RADCLIFF



PFC BARTELAC



PFC DUPREE



PFC BOSTON



PFC WRIGHT



PFC CAMPBELL



SP4 FARHAT



PFC APPLEFORD



PFC SANDIFER



SP4 FOX



PFC COFFEE



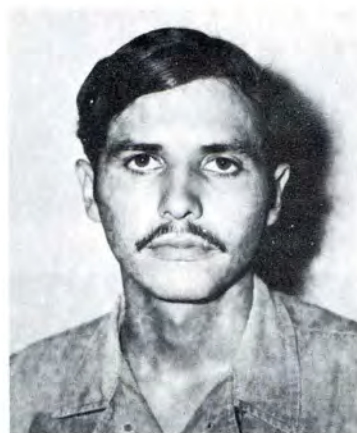
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PFC ROEHRICH



PFC CENTRERAS



PVT TASCO



PFC BOGGS



PFC MONVILLE



PFC LARSON



PFC SCHALLER



PFC BATTLE



PFC LEWIS



PFC CLARK



PFC BAER



PFC POTTER



PFC DEITZ



PFC DOWNS



PFC OSTENKAMP



PFC DYER



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PFC BISHOP



PFC HALE



PFC ZUNDELL



PFC COX



PFC ZAK



SP4 JARRETT



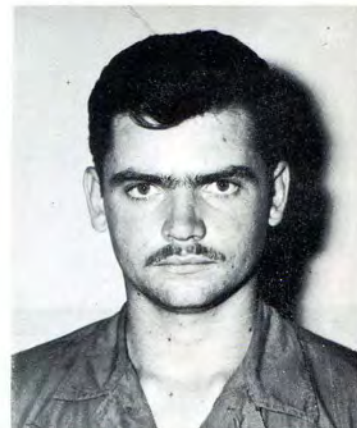
E5 GONZALEZ



E3 JOHNSON



PVT CUNNINGHAM



CPL BIVENS

"B"

BATTERY



CPT Cartwright



SFC Quinones



Thien Phuoc



By Golly, he is from B Battery.



A boxcar dropped a load of class 5.



I sent the ice chest in two days ago.



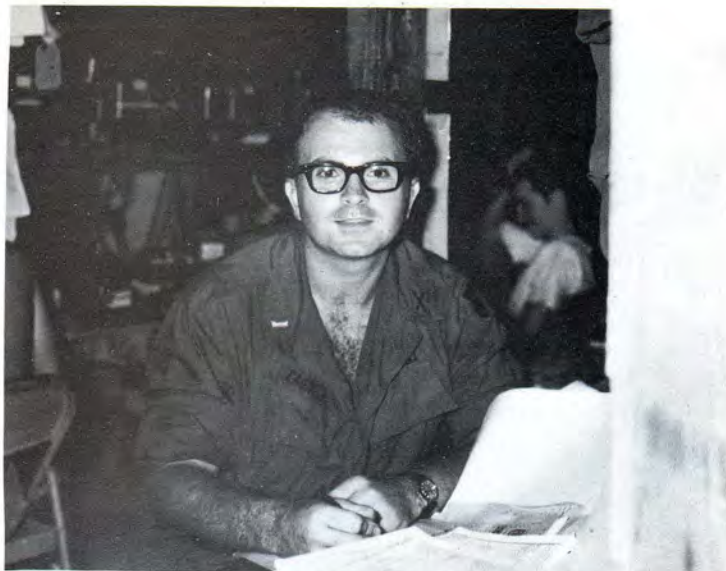
Bravo Switch, Sir!



I don't believe it, Doc!



Damn, lights out again!



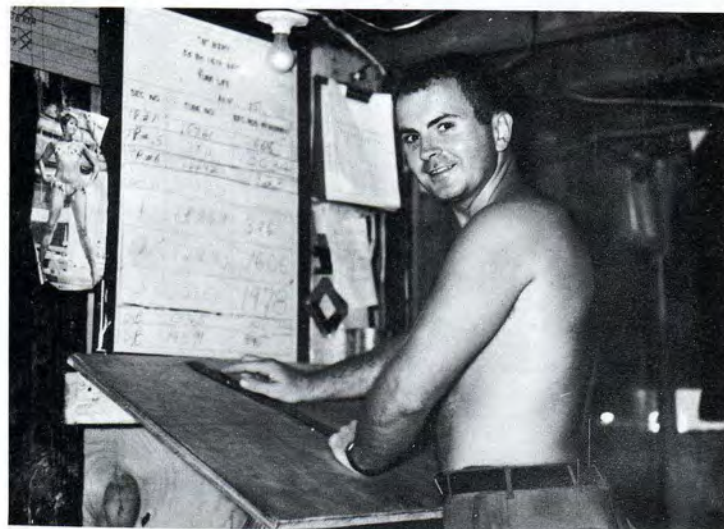
Looks intelligent, doesn't he?



Hi Mom, need quart of milk, one loaf bread.



What a report?



No wonder the rounds are out, look what he is concentrating on.



No Sir! I will not turn your lights on.



What do you mean no chow tomorrow?



Hard Core Baloon Blowers



Only 2 hours a day gives you a tan like mine.



What did you say, Hal?



We did it again!



Work perfect...Opps!



The Ghost and the Eagle



Are you sure its invalid?



If we lean on the board Leroy won't be able to tell were loaded.



Come over here and say that!



You don't mind working a few extra hours.



These potatoes are great!



Sure, this is good for you.



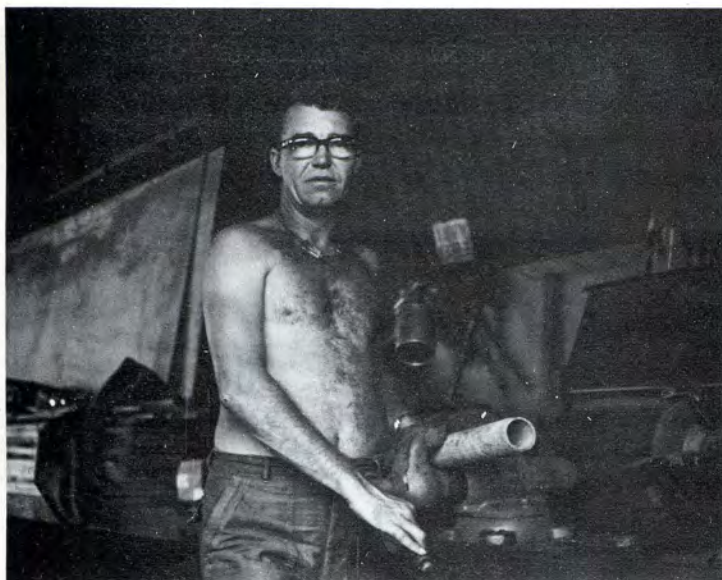
Tastes OK but makes my eyes water.



No Bic, GI!



You drive 'em, we fix 'em.



You mean I can't make my own mortar.



I'm trying to lift it, Sarge.



Mechanic's at work.



Welding time



Gun Section "1 West
Dress Right Dress



Gun Section #3 West
You Yell we Shell



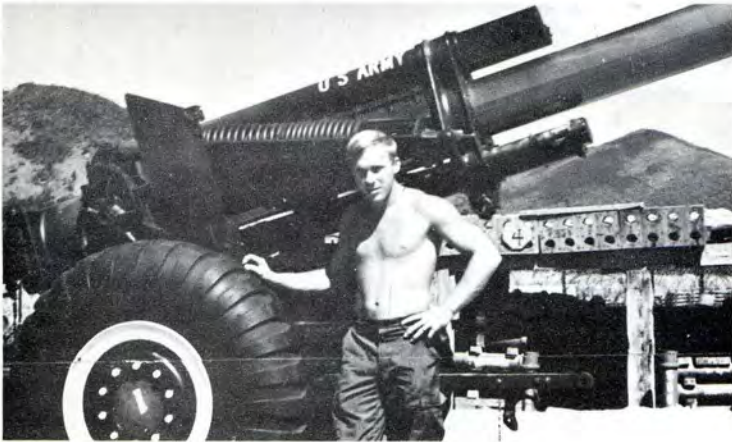
Gun Section #4 HH
Always together



...by applying leverage here...



Yep, I'm all alone.



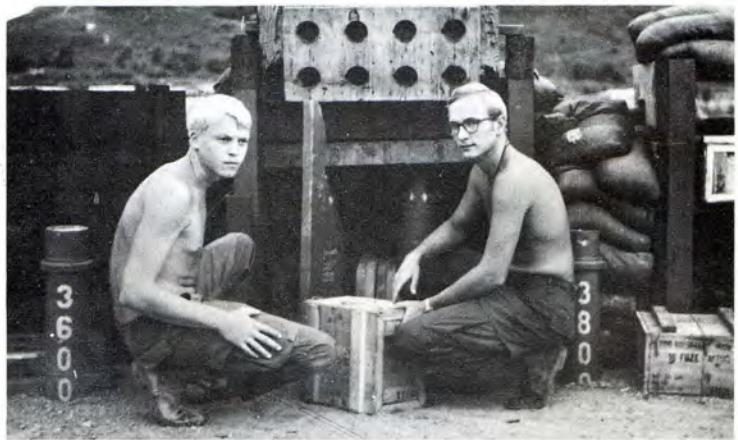
Theres a spot on the tire.



Say again Quadrant?



Wilson picket fellow's



We wait for fuzes.



Fire mission No.1 again.



Stick it in the hole!



Hard Core Ammo Section



Follow the leaders



Short!



So that's what was missing.



No, Dunn, it's just a souvenir for "Charlie".



You can't straighten up either?



End of Mission



The Big Valley



The howitzer has a maximum elevation...
Hey, trooper! wake up!



Bravo hard core at Hawk Hill.



The good, the bad, and the ugly.



CPT CARTWRIGHT



CW3 MORRIS



SFC QUINONES



1LT BRAINERD



SSG COVEY



SGT McDONALD



SGT BURROWS



SGT VANLEER



SP5 BONEWITZ



SGT HASKINS



SP5 BURLESON



SGT WRIGHT



SP5 MITCHEL



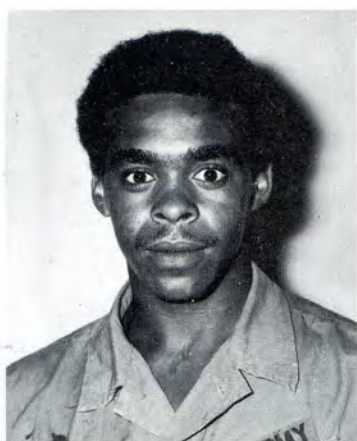
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SP5 WOOLDRIDGE



SGT SOMERS



SGT EPPS



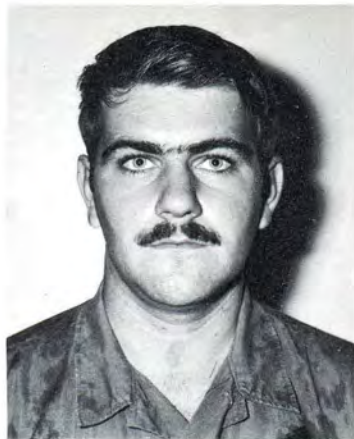
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SP4 BURKE



SP4 DESLATTÉ



SP4 WOODS



SP4 GALBREITH



SP4 HANSON



SP4 BAKER



SP4 ADCOCK



SP4 LOVELADY



SP4 DUNN, D.



SP4 HALLBAUER



SP4 MACKEN



SP4 BERTON



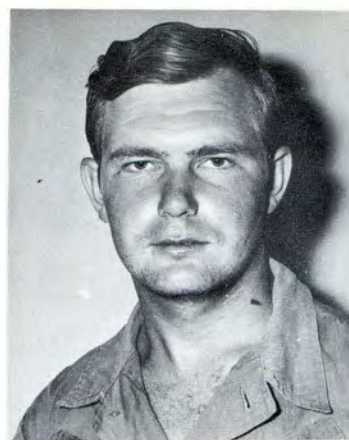
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SP4 VINACCO



SP4 EBER



SGT MORRIS



SP4 ROBINSON



SP4 DOMINO



SP4 DILS



PFC RHINEHART



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PFC SCHUSTER



PFC COLEMAN



PFC HAY



PFC LEMASTER



SP4 ZIMMERMAN



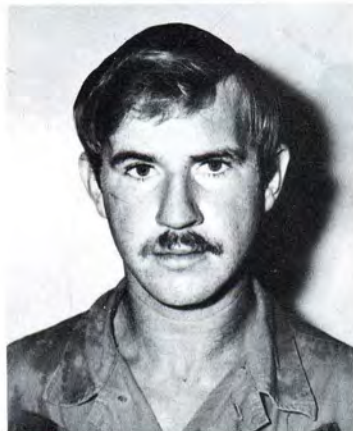
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PFC KANSLER



PFC CONGER



PFC DUNN, L.



SP4 BARGAINER



SP4 VESCIO



PFC CHAPA



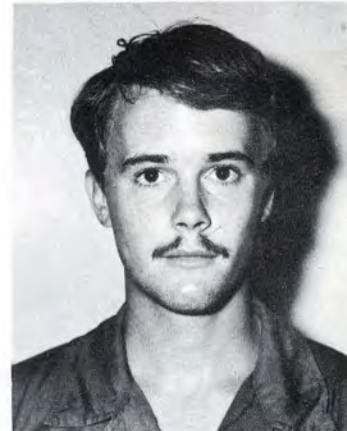
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PFC KEUSCHEL



PFC THOMAS



PFC McCAUGHRIN



PFC SMITH



PFC SPEHAR



PFC POTTER



E4 ROXBURY



E3 DRESSER



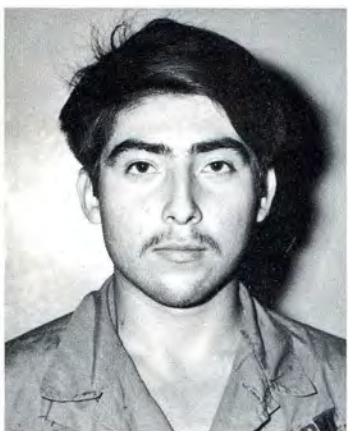
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PFC DAVIS



PFC HENEGAR



PFC SANTIAGO



PFC MERRILL



PFC SOKOLOSKI



E5 RARDIN



E3 McCORMICK



E3 POTTER



E5 WISE

"C"
BATTERY



CPT Sumrell



1SG Quintana



Charley's Power Structure



Who took my chinese puzz?



Third relief, Huh?



Do it again, I know.



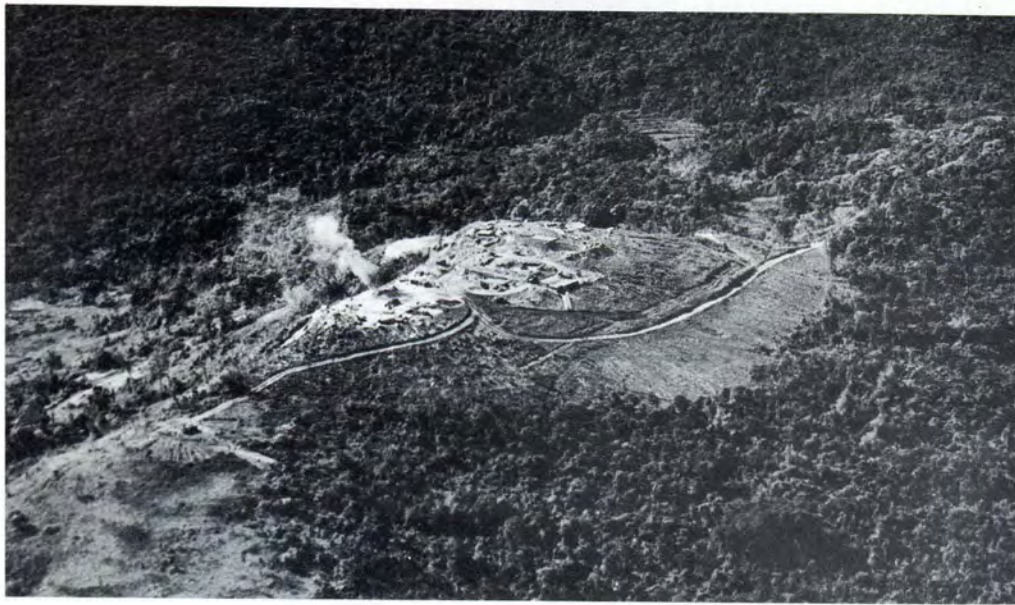
Learning a civilian skill.



I can't tell you how happy I am to be here.



We regret to inform that its "C"'s for today.



Pleasant ville?



Pool's pile



Billy's bunch



Gun 1 at Hau Duc



Charge 7



On the way!



Yes, its cool here in the hills.



O'Briens tube at Mary Ann.



Eldridge's crew and friend.



Hook coming in.



This would make a helluva lot of toothpicks.



Building a snowman, what does it look like?



Not there dammit, over here.



This is some fox hole.



And they think its fun.



Over head cover for "joes".



Drop them on my toes and I'll...



More of our little helpers.



We had a few flats today.



We know what we're doing - I think.



Keep the meter running.



The joy of loading sand bags.



Its kinda nice here.



You're kidding!



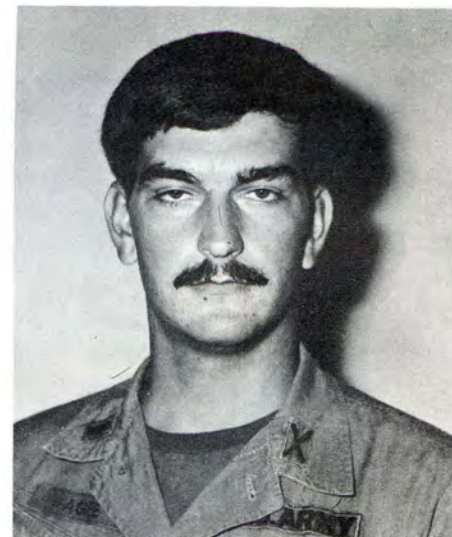
CPT SUMRELL



1SG QUINTANA



1LT WALLIS



1LT AGEE



SSG BROSSARD



SSG WILLIAMS



SSG THORPE



SSG FLEMING



SGT PAWLAK



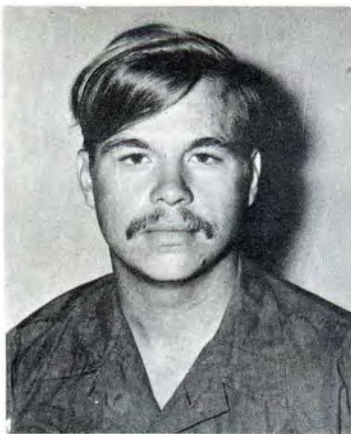
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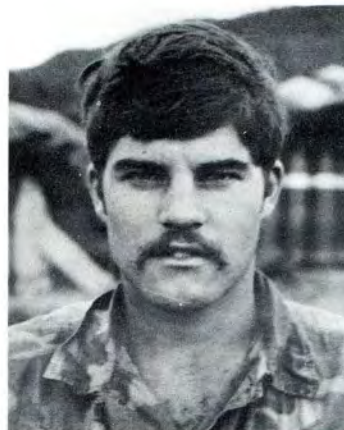
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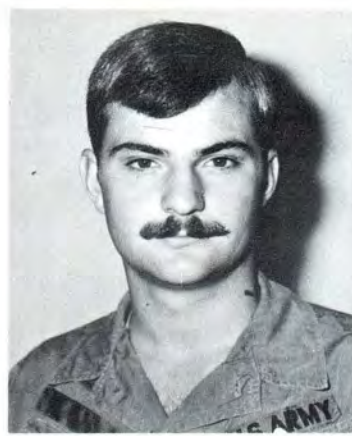
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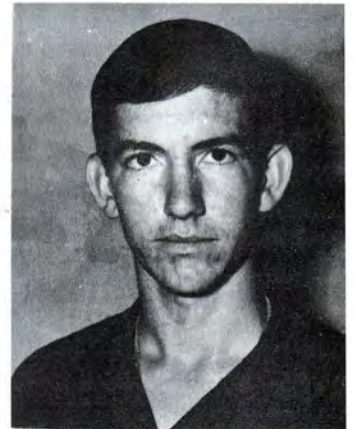
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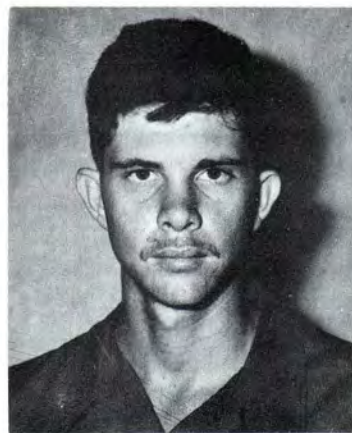
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PFC SMITH



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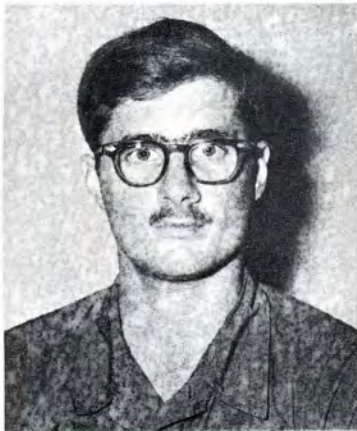
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PFC FAUSZ



PFC CASTILLO



PFC WHIRLOW



PFC PETZOLD



PFC HARDY



PFC KEMP



PFC MEDFORD



PFC GUZIC



PFC ISOM



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PFC LAURANCE

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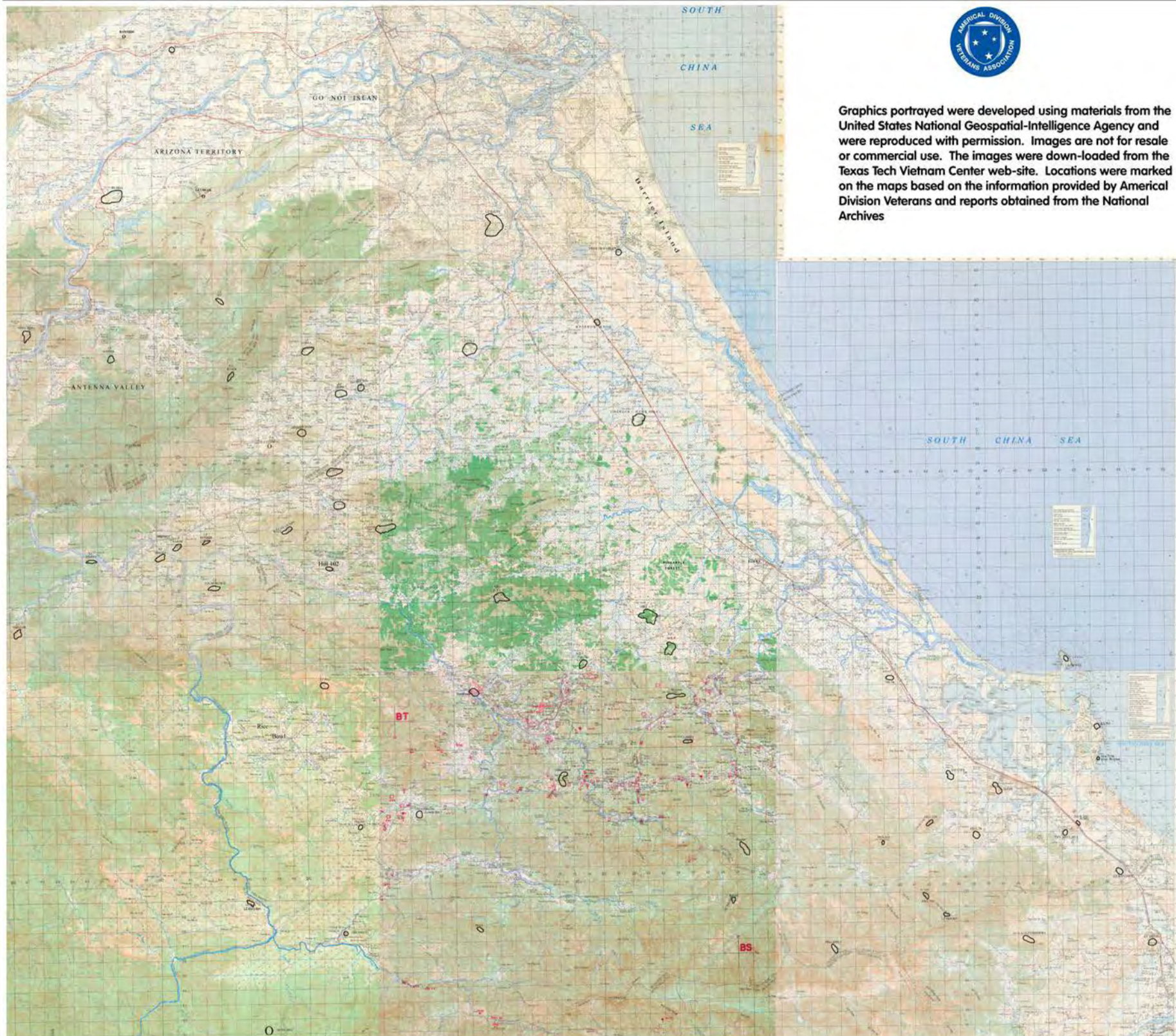


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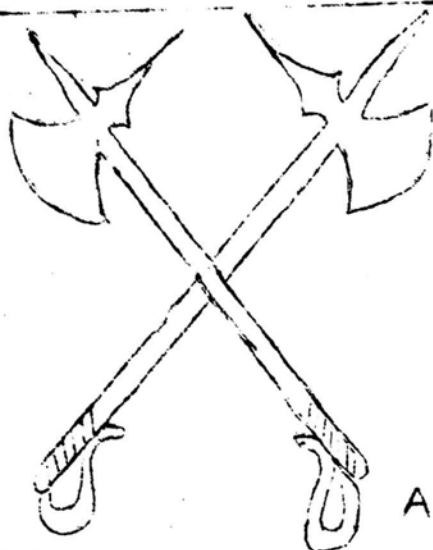


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MEMORIAL DAY MESSAGE FROM
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Memorial Day is an appropriate time for all the living, can draw in members of our Armed Forces to reflect on the precious heritage of freedom bequeathed to us by our forefathers. For nearly two centuries—from Lexington and Concord to Vietnam — Americans have fought bravely to defend and preserve this heritage. In so doing, many gave their lives so that our Nation could maintain its freedom and integrity.

As America pays tribute to its war dead on this day, we must realize that only if we cherish our freedom and defend it against all assaults, can we hope to retain it. Our ultimate hope is for an enduring peace that will make the freedom protected by their sacrifice secure for all time.

It is only from gallantry, patriotism, and devotion to duty of those who have gone before that we, the living, can draw inspiration and dedication. We honor their memory with the promise that America will always remember their contribution to our security in times of peril.

Melvin R. Laird

NEW YORK (UPI)—The month of June is Fight The Filthy Fly Month, National Ragweed Control Month and National Seat Belt Month. June 7 is Freedom of the Press Day (take a reporter to lunch), June 14-15 is the Geauga Country Butter Churn Festival in Burton, Ohio, June 15 is Father's Day, June 21 Satan's Holiday Square Dance in Hell, Mich., and June 28 the Custer reenactment by the Crow Indians in Montana (but it doesn't say who gets to play Custer).



WILDS.EYE — Your AFPS staff hit the target dead-center this week with their pin-up selection of Raquel Welch. Here she appears in one of her costumes from her latest picture "100 Rifles" produced by 20th Century Fox Studios.

Remember DAD



FATHER'S DAY

JUNE 15

AND

Set backs and delays are common in most construction jobs and the new NCO Club on Arty Hill is no exception, however SFC Hulen L. Holt, Club Manager, can see an opening date in the near future.

The new 24X32 foot NCO club is completely separated from the present EM Club. It sets approximately four feet below the other club giving the complex a split-level design.

Plans call for a 20 foot bar, completely cushioned and a formica top. The floors will be tiled from wall-to-wall. Plenty of table space will be provided in the lounge area, and an inset lighting system in the ceiling will give the club indirect lighting. According to SFC Holt the walls of the club will be stained a shade of mahogany.

wasting any time, SSG Has-
sler assisted by SFC Cun-
ningham, Granadoes, Jans,
Diedrich and SSG Roscoe
Cox from the 3rd Gun Sec-
tion and SGT Faustos Gar-
ofalo from the Battery Am-
mo Section layed effective
fire on the enemy infested
area just west of Tien
Phuc.

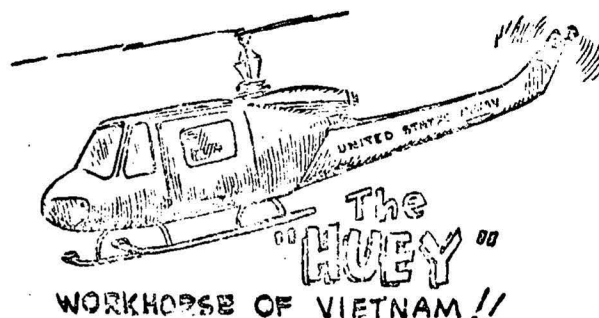
Gun section number four headed by SSG Charles Hassler did not let the hazards of war slow them down a bit as they showed Charlie a few rockets could not keep them from firing their 155.

No enemy artillery fire has been recorded since the 14th of May making Hassler's duel with Charlie a forfeit in favor of the 4th section or a decisive victory for the men of "Batallion Bravo?" Time will tell.

Battalion Headquarters was recently expanded to better accomodate the administrative nerve center of the 3-16th.

Construction began on April 18 when the old walls were torn down and a new plywood floor was installed. The framework for the new addition was put up and within 10 days the new office was occupied.

Directly in front of the new S-1 there is presently under construction a new flagpole memorial site. This memorial is being moved from it's original position behind Battalion EDC.



LAUREL STARR — "There were of
them when I was young. I like to
be surrounded by an army of little
girls. I want to see them all grow
up. With thousands of me
around in 'Columbia Pictures'.

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1 Lt. Col Jack R. Pils-----Battalion Commander
CPT Terry L. De Phillips-----Information Officer
SF5 Tom Maus-----Editor

The 3-16th Arty is happy to announce the arrival of five new officers in the battalion.

Battalion FDC welcomed now. CPT John J. Sullivan to from the 11th Brigade.

their midst as FDO. Moving out to Alpha Battery as XO is 1LT Michael S. Moran,; and working with a recent change over moved the 1-1 Cav as an FO is LSG Buford F. McClure to another Moran, 2LT John H. Battalion S-3 and LSG Wil-Moran, Jr.

CAREER COUNSELORS CORNER

The Americal Division Reenlistment Office recently passed out the April reenlistment standing for the Division showing the 3-16th in 5th place among the battalions in the Americal.

In April the 3-16th had 12 people DEROS, out of 12, three reenlisted for a 25 percent mark.

Three exciting reenlistment opportunities, available to those with less than four years of service for pay purposes, are the subjects of this month's column.

Two of the three options are in the area of cloak-and-dagger work—Army Security Agency and Special Intelligence duties—while the third option is for the Army's Air Defense Command. The Special Intelligence option, by the way, is available to members of the Women's Army Corps, too.

Let's take a look at the options and see what they can offer you in the way of training and assignment.

The Army Security Agency is the command with the mission of providing electronic communications security in support of our national defense effort. It is possible to reenlist for ASA if you are trained or qualified for training in electronics, languages, communications and other technical and administrative fields. Among some of the positions you might fill with ASA are field radio repairman, Morse "interceptor, fixed ciphony repairman, radio teletype operator, electronic warfare equipment repairman, general cryptographic repairman, data processing equipment operator, or foreign language interceptor. To qualify for ASA you must reenlist for 3-6 years, be an E-5 or below, a high school graduate or equivalent and have a GT score of 100 or higher.

The Special Intelligence duty option is certain to satisfy those with a desire for something different. These duties include the reading, searching, filing, translating and interpreting of all types of information.

Individuals choosing this option will be doing vital work to safeguard Army operations, as well as functions aimed at deriving information about the enemy's movements, his espionage, sabotage and subversive plans and activities.

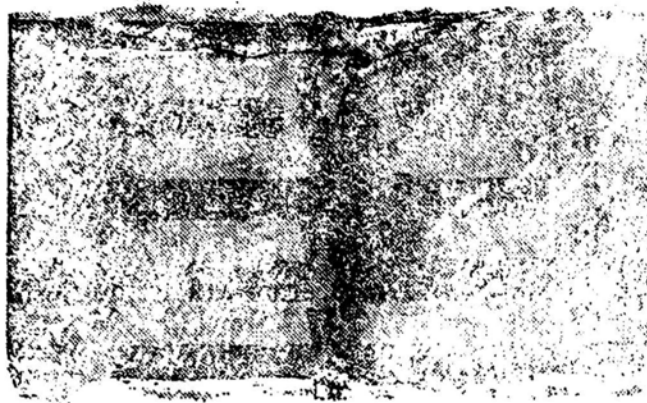
Personnel entering this field will be trained as a military intelligence specialist, area intelligence specialist or military intelligence coordinator.

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Liam T. Goins taking over as "FB "Top Shirt."

1LT Ermit Clark took over as XO and Ammo Officer at Service Battery.

Inter-battalion transfers saw 1LT John J. Boudreaux go from Alpha Battery to FO with the 1-1 Cav and 2LT Raymond L. Meese from FO with the 1-1 Cav. to Charlie Battery as AXO.

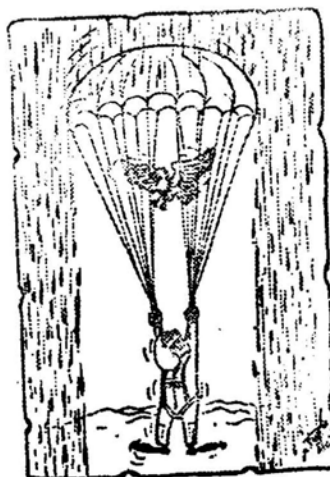


"BATTLIN BRAVO" AWARDED FOR HEROISM DURING OFFENSIVE!

One of the largest mass-awards ceremonies to date in Vietnam took place Friday, May 2 at Tien Phuoc.

A total of three Silver Stars, 29 Bronze Stars and 45 Army Commendation Medals all for valor were presented to the men of "Battlin Bravo" for acknowledgement of their heroic actions during the recent post-TET offensive. The men of "Battlin Bravo"

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gained the respect of all supported units by standing by their guns in the midst of incoming mortar and rocket fire and sending thousands of rounds hurtling into enemy positions and troop concentrations, thereby significantly contributing to the successful blunting of the NVA/VC drive against Tien Phuoc.

Presenting the awards at Tien Phuoc base camp were BG Wallace L. Clement Assistant Americal Division Commander; COL Leslie Hardy, Americal Division Artillery Commander; and LTC Jack R. Pilk, 3-16 Artillery CO.

Immediately following the awards ceremony at Tien Phuoc, COL Hardy and LTC Pilk flew to Hau Duc to present the awards to the three gun sections that were occupying that forward fire base.

Receiving the Silver Star for heroic actions were CPT Reginald P. Fontenot and LSG Ralph Lewis. Also receiving the Silver Star was 1LT Jimmy Kilpatrick for heroism while serving as an artillery forward observer with the Americal Divisions 1-1 Cav. 1LT Kilpatrick also received the Army Commendation Medal with V Device for his actions as Battery XO at Tien Phuoc.

Presented the Bronze Star with V Device were 1LT Darrell W. Huck, 1LT Joe W. Trimble, SFC Alfred V. Walsh, SSG William F. Hardy, SGT Edward E. Beaudin, SGT Alton Roundy, SGT Frederick Biles, SP5 Albert Tenorio, SP5 Steven C. Bowen, SP5 Eugene Stanley, SP5 Francis Burns, SP4 Carlton Baker, SP4 William C. Beams, SP5 Michael Swenson, SP4 Larry Fuller, SP4 Arthur Fender, SP4 James E. Sholes, SP4 Robert E. Letreisc, SP4 William R. Curtis, SP4 James W. Ingalls, SP4 Alvin Merske, PFC Kenneth Deslatte and PFC John L. Black.

Members of Bravo to re-

ceive the Army Commendation Medal with V Device are as follows: SSG Charles Hasler, SSG Poscoe Cox, SSG Paul Elliot, SGT Alfred Iguirre, SGT Ernest Lopez, SGT Larry G. Vaughn, SGT Terry Smith, SGT Michael Green, SGT Rodney Brown, SP4 Milton Wilson, SP4 Juan Melendez, SP4 Arlan Jans, SP4 John Orvis, SP4 Timothy Keenan, SP4 David McNear, SP4 Jerome Butler, SP4 Paul L. Dierickx, SP4 Rodney Musick, SP4 Norbert Gonka, SP4 Robert Slaney, SP4 James Brown, SP4 Juan Santana, PFC Vincent Fernandez, PFC Richard Mest, PFC Milton Black, PFC Carl Bailey, PFC Daniel Dawling, PFC Ramon Granadoz, PFC Ralph McGuire, PFC Nile Beck, PFC Michael Arnold, PFC Jerry Adkins, PFC James Allen, PFC Donald Frawley, PFC Manuel Green, PFC Joseph Campana, PFC Edward Bielawski, PFC Robert Victory, PFC Richard Carroll,

PFC David Trayne, PFC Woodrow Spinks, and PFC Alfred Jappan.

The awards ceremony was followed by CPT Fontenot turning over command of "Battlin Bravo" to CPT Glenn E. Hulett. CPT Hulett comes to us from Ft. Sill and CPT Fontenot has been reassigned to Europe.



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There is unlimited opportunity in this Special Intelligence area and men and women who show sufficient interest and ability may be selected as investigators or for technical and supervisory positions. Those with an aptitude for languages may also apply for special language training.

You'll not only find this option exciting but also challenging. It is open to men and women, E-5 or below, who reenlist for 3-6 years.

The Army Air Defense Command option doesn't deal in cloak-and-dagger work but it does involve an important aspect of national security. As a member of the Air Defense Command, you'll man one of the many Air Defense sites in the United States. These are the bases that protect the U.S. from air attack.

This option is open to men qualified for training as missile crewmen or fire control crewmen, Air Defense operations intelligence assistants, or fire distribution system crewmen. The option requires a reenlistment term of from 4 to 6 years and is open to men below the grade of E-5.

One of the bonuses of this option is that you may reenlist for one of the 21 metropolitan areas in the United States where Air Defense units are located. Not all areas are available but there are usually several areas from which to choose. In addition to selecting your area of choice, you will be guaranteed a minimum of 14 months of service in that area.

We just touched the surface on the ASA, Special Intelligence and Air Defense Command options. We'll be delighted to give you additional information and start you off on your reenlistment processing for one of these three exciting options.

If any of these options appeal to you, call me, SFC Kersh on Chu Lai 2172 or visit me at Battalion Personnel, I'll fill you in on the details.

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ANGLIN	GEORGE	LARRY		R	SFC	+	E6	13B40	27	CAMP LEJEUNE	NC	/ /	30-Sep-68							C2	L	7	---			99	08	08/21/1941	C	CC	M	05/16/1967	42W	044	AMERICAN DIV		C BTRY			DA2496 (RMN 28) attack on base camp - 2340D ORLL 168300010622.pdf p46	06-Nov-09		TRUE		TRUE	
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BENNETT	DONALD	CASPER		Y	CPL	+	E3	13A10	20	NEW LEXINGTON	OH	03/28/1971	28-Mar-71					OP MIDDLESEX GREEN	FSB MARY ANN, 7 KM W-WN OF HAU DUC 19710328	A1	E	7	---	AS861999		04	**	11/01/1950	C	RC	S	06/19/1970	04W	084	AMERICAN DIV		C BTRY	1ST PLT			CL 7929; DA2496 (RMN 32) 316 Arty. act crashed; VHPA CH-47B 67-15493 (p46) - AMERICAL TOC log 06Apr 444 by event, location	04-Feb-11	TRUE			TRUE
BONESTROO	KENNETH	WAYNE		Y	CPL	+	E3	13A10	19	HULL	IA	02/06/1971	06-Feb-71					CH-47B 67-18493	CH-47B 67-18493 VIC LZ SBERIA, 1 KM SW OF HEP DUC VILLAGE	C1	B	6	---	AT903233	AT908230	04	**	05/23/1961	C	RF	S	10/19/1970	05W	080	AMERICAN DIV		C BTRY				DA2496 (RMN 48) 316 Arty. MA to dead 02Apr; Gravestone - 2340D ORLL 168300010622.pdf p46 - BSM, ArComm, 27Jan11: Army chg'd FF to Hostile Fire	14-Aug-10				TRUE
CARR	LON	GALE		Y	PFC		E3	13A10	28	NORTH TONAWANDA	NY	07/25/1968	25-Jul-68						TANK STRUCK MINE, HWY QL-1, 9 KM NW OF TAM KY 19680725	A1	G	7	---	BT262284		04	00	01/24/1942	C	PN	M	03/29/1968	05W	005	AMERICAN DIV		A BTRY				CL 11264 - AMERICAL TOC log 06Oct #23 by unit, event, UTM & narrative location	28-Feb-10	TRUE			TRUE
CARSON	PAUL	ROLAND		R	SGT		E5	13B40	28	SALEM	MA	10/06/1971	06-Oct-71						LZ RAWHIDE, 2 KM S-SE OF AN HOA AFLD 19711006	C1	T	7	---	AT880458		03	**	12/07/1942	C	RC	M	01/17/1971	02W	035	AMERICAN DIV		C BTRY				CL 12562 - No RMN LOC found; VHPA has no info. AMERICAL TOC log 06Jun #48 by unit, event, UTM, struck by rotor while approaching helo.	28-Aug-10				TRUE
CLARK	LEM			R	SFC		E7	11B10	34	EASTMAN	GA	06/05/1971	05-Jun-71						STRUCK BY ROTOR WHILE APPROACHING HELD, FSB RAWHIDE (HLL) 65.3 KM WEST OF DAN LOC 19710605	C1	B	7	---	AT880580		03	**	06/09/1936	N	MT	M	09/19/1970	03W	066	AMERICAN DIV		C BTRY				CL 12562 - No RMN LOC found; VHPA has no info. AMERICAL TOC log 06Jun #48 by unit, event, UTM, struck by rotor while approaching helo.	03-Sep-10				TRUE
CORR	CLIFFORD	WAYNE		Y	SGT	+	E4	13B20	21	VIOLA	KS	03/29/1971	28-Mar-71					OP MIDDLESEX GREEN	FSB MARY ANN, 7 KM W-WN OF HAU DUC 19710328	A1	E	7	---	AS861999		04	**	10/05/1949	C	BO	S	07/20/1970	04W	085	AMERICAN DIV		C BTRY	1ST PLT			DA2496 (RMN 38) 316 Arty. MA to dead 02Apr; Gravestone - 2340D ORLL 168300010622.pdf p46 - BSM, ArComm, 27Jan11: Army chg'd FF to Hostile Fire	04-Feb-11	TRUE			Gravestone (KS) Cemetery
CRAVER	DENNIS	LINN		R	PFC		E3	13A10	19	NEW SHARON	IA	02/27/1971	27-Feb-71						PREMATURE DETONATION OF WP-MORTAR ROUND, LZ SNOOPY ON HWY QL-1, 13 KM SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI 19710227	C1	K	7	---	BS708610		05	**	08/02/1961	C	MT	S	08/27/1970	04W	009	AMERICAN DIV		A BTRY				CL 14149 - Not found in AMERICAL TOC log; A3116 was at LZ SNOOPY.	31-Dec-10				TRUE
CUKALE	JOHN	ANTHONY JR		Y	SP4		E4	13A10	20	ROCK SPRINGS	WY	02/27/1971	27-Feb-71						PREMATURE DETONATION OF WP-MORTAR ROUND, LZ SNOOPY ON HWY QL-1, 13 KM SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI 19710227	C2	U	7	---	BS708610		05	**	07/01/1950	C	RC	S	07/20/1970	04W	009	AMERICAN DIV		A BTRY				CL 14528 - Not found in AMERICAL TOC log; A3116 was at LZ SNOOPY.	31-Dec-10				TRUE
GARMAN	THOMAS	ALFRED		Y	SP4		E4	45F20	20	RICHMOND	VA	02/24/1969	24-Feb-69						ROCKET ATTACK ON TIEN PHUOC SF CAMP 19690224	A2	E	7	---	BT106102		04	00	03/23/1948	C	MT	S	10/16/1968	31W	035	AMERICAN DIV		B BTRY				DA2496 (RMN 40) rockets on base camp; CL 21947 - Apparently WADOWN 24Feb; see AMERICAL TOC log 24Feb #47 6xWVA chg to 14KA 5xWVA from 30716 Arty.	06-Nov-10	TRUE			TRUE
GOBBLE	CHARLES	HARTSELL		R	SGT		E5	13E40	31	JOHNSON CITY	TN	09/05/1967	05-Sep-67							A1	E	7	---			91	14	01/09/1936	C	PN	S	05/16/1967	25E	114	I FIELD FORCE	54TH ARTY GROUP	H4B			CL 21947 - Not found in AMERICAL TOC log; A3116 was at LZ SNOOPY.	28-Mar-09	TRUE			TRUE	
GUILLORY	EDWARD	JOSEPH		R	SMAJ	M	E7	13B4P	46	DE RIDDER	LA	06/18/1967	17-Apr-78						CH-23G 64-15194	C3	B	6	BNR	BS310100	BT275115	06	**	01/08/1952	N	PN	M		22E	006	I FIELD FORCE	54TH ARTY GROUP	A BTRY			POW Network - VHPA OH-23G 64-15194	06-Sep-06				TRUE	
HARBENKO	ANDREW			Y	SP4		E4	64A10	21	ELIZABETH	NJ	02/10/1969	10-Feb-69							C1	Q	7	---			04	01	01/12/1948	C	RO	S	05/31/1968	32W	006	AMERICAN DIV		SVC BTRY				CL 26247 - Nothing in Americal TOC Logs	28-May-09				TRUE
JACOBSON	WARNER	CRAIG		R	CPT		O3	1193	26	FRESNO	CA	06/22/1968	22-Jun-68					CH-23G 19680622-KIA	C.O. A316 ARTY HIT IN FLT 3 KM N-NE OF TIEN PHUOC 19680622	A1	B	6	---	BT128165		03	04	06/04/1942	C	LD	S	12/28/1967	05W	018	I FIELD FORCE	54TH ARTY GROUP	A BTRY			CL 26405; VHPA OH-23G - AMERICAL TOC log 22Jun #73 by unit, event, UTM barely legible -	08-Sep-09	TRUE			TRUE	
JACQUES	ROBERT	PAUL		Y	SP4		E4	13B20	21	RIVER ROUGE	ME	02/06/1971	06-Feb-71						CH-47B 67-18493	C1	B	6	---	AT903233	AT908230	04	**	01/28/1950	C	RC	S	01/13/1970	05W	081	AMERICAN DIV		C BTRY				DA2496 (RMN 47) 316 Arty. act crashed; CL 26425; VHPA CH-47B 67-18493 (p46) - AMERICAL TOC log 06Apr 444 by event, location	02-Jan-11				TRUE
KIRKPATRICK	WILLIAM	W		Y	CPL	+	E3	13A10	21	TORRANCE	CA	03/28/1971	28-Mar-71					OP MIDDLESEX GREEN	FSB MARY ANN, 7 KM W-WN OF HAU DUC 19710328	A1	E	7	---	AS861999		04	**	10/12/1949	C	99	S	02/03/1970	04W	087	AMERICAN DIV		C BTRY	1ST PLT			DD1300 & DA2496 (RMN 48) 316 Arty. act hit by AWI fire; CL 26425; VHPA OH-23G - AMERICAL TOC log 28Feb #10,17 by unit, event, location	04-Feb-11	TRUE			TRUE
KRAJEWSKI	DONALD	JOSEPH		Y	SP4		E4	13A10	19	MANCHESTER	CT	02/28/1969	28-Feb-69						SAPPER ATTACK ON LZ ROSS, 1 KM W-SW OF QUE SON 19690228	A1	G	7	---	BT027342		03	09	03/13/1949	C	RC	S	10/04/1968	31W	094	AMERICAN DIV		C CO				CL 32269 - Nothing in Americal TOC Logs	12-Jan-11	TRUE			TRUE
LA CHICA	JOHN	N		R	SFC		E7	13B40	35	CHULA VISTA	CA	05/31/1969	31-May-69							C1	T	7	---			09	16	05/16/1934	C	RC	M	01/15/1969	23W	028	AMERICAN DIV		C BTRY				CL 34582 - Nothing found in Americal TOC Logs	11-Apr-10				TRUE
MACHUL	JOHN	FRANCIS		Y	SP4		E4	13A20	19	CLARE	ME	09/26/1969	26-Sep-69							C1	T	7	---			04	01	01/14/1950	C	RC	S	01/10/1969	17W	010	AMERICAN DIV		C CO				CL 34582 - Nothing found in Americal TOC Logs	14-Aug-09				TRUE
MANCINO	SALVATORE	JOHN		Y	PFC		E3	13A10	25	NEW YORK	NY	07/25/1968	25-Jul-68						TANK STRUCK MINE, HWY QL-1, 9 KM NW OF TAM KY 19680725	A1	G	7	---	BT262284		04	01	11/22/1942	C	RC	S	12/12/1967	00W	007	AMERICAN DIV		A BTRY				CL 34582 - Nothing found in Americal TOC Logs	10-May-09	TRUE			TRUE
MCINTTRICK	JAMES	CLIFFORD		R	MAJ	M	O3	1193	32	LAURENS	SC	06/18/1967	22-Jan-75						PREMATURE DETONATION OF WP-MORTAR ROUND, LZ SNOOPY ON HWY QL-1, 13 KM SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI 19710227	C3	B	6	BNR	BS310100	BT275115	05	**	06/22/1942	C	99	S		22E	008	I FIELD FORCE	54TH ARTY GROUP	A BTRY			POW Network - VHPA OH-23G 64-15194	06-Sep-06				TRUE	
STEINKIRCHNER	JAMES	LEWIS		Y	SP4		E4	13A10	21	TONAWANDA	NY	02/27/1971	27-Feb-71							C1	U	7	---	BS708610		05	**	07/26/1949	C	RC	M	06/23/1970	04W	009	AMERICAN DIV		A BTRY				CL 53478 - Not found in AMERICAL TOC log; A3116 was at LZ SNOOPY.	31-Dec-10				TRUE
THOMAS	BRUCE	EDWARD		Y	SP4		E4	70A10	21	MOREHEAD	KY	09/25/1970	25-Sep-70						5 KM WEST OF DINANG CITY 19711103	C1	S	7	---			04	01	08/03/1949	C	BO	S	10/09/1969	07W	080	AMERICAN DIV		H4B				CL 55532 - Corlett DD1300 by name, unit, date; CL 55469 - Nothing in Americal TOC Logs	19-Dec-09				TRUE
THOMAS	JERRY	GALE		R	SGT		E5	13B40	30	MARIETTA	OH	11/03/1971	03-Nov-71							C2	M	7	---	AT937753		03	**	12/18/1940	C	PN	M	05/03/1971	02W	060	AMERICAN DIV		A BTRY				CL 55532 - Corlett DD1300, CL 55275, JTF rpt 14Oct 62; remains returned 11Oct62 - status chg from deserter, added WIA; Noddy - Center Grove Cem, Red Springs, NC	04-May-08				TRUE
WALTON	WILBERT			R	PVT		E1	11H20	22	FAYETTEVILLE	NC	01/03/1970	03-Jan-70	11/14/1991	09/24/1992	GROUND			DISAPPEARED FROM UNIT, CHU LAI AFLD COMPLEX 19700103	C1	V	7	BNR	BT330060		**	**	03/15/1947	N	BO	S	10/24/1969	15W	022	CHG STATUS	DIV	C BTRY									TRUE
WHIRLOW	ROGER	DALE		Y	SP4		E4	13A10	20	ODESSA	TX	03/28/1971	28-Mar-71					OP MIDDLESEX GREEN	FSB MARY ANN, 7 KM W-WN OF HAU DUC 19710328	A1	E	7	---	AS861999		04	**	11/22/1950	C	BO	M	06/09/1970	04W	090	AMERICAN DIV		C BTRY	1ST PLT			DA2496 (RMN 68) 316 Arty. attack on base camp; CL 59384; Gravestone Sunset Mem Gals, Odessa, Tx - 2340D ORLL 168300010622.pdf p46	04-Feb-11	TRUE			Sunset Mem Gals, Odessa TX

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This is the only known copy of the 1970 3/16th Artillery Battalion published unit album. It is now available on CD/DVD to veterans of the Americal Division because of Richard Hildreth.

The Americal Division Veterans' Association is very grateful to Richard Hildreth. Especially those who served in the 3/16th Artillery Battalion.

Mr. Hildreth is working to locate Vietnam veterans of the 3/16th Artillery Battalion for their first reunion since leaving Vietnam. His goal is to hold this reunion in 2010 in Las Vegas.

The Vietnamese orphan boy, "Lou", who was adopted by the 3/16th Artillery Bn. is now working with Mr. Hildreth to help provide inspiration and organizational support for the reunion. A "60 Minute" segment was broadcast that documented the story of Lou's struggle to leave Vietnam and his success in America.

If you are a 3/16th Artillery Battalion Veteran please contact Mr. Hildreth regarding the 2010 reunion:

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TECHNICIAN CLIMBS 300-FOOT TRANSMITTING TOWER of the new TV station in Chu Lai. Channel 13 now operates daily from 1600 hours to 2300 hours, thus giving many division viewers a choice of watching two stations.

New TV Station Here Beams On Channel 13

CHU LAI—AFVN-TV, Channel 13, aired its maiden telecast here March 14.

Personnel stationed at Chu Lai or immediately north of the base thus hold the distinction of being the only people in Vietnam to have a choice of two TV stations to watch: Channel 11, Da Nang, or Channel 13, Chu Lai.

The new station will be on the air daily from 4-11 p.m.

Located at the north end of the Chu Lai complex, Channel 13's studio and technical facilities are manned by Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force broadcasters and technicians.

A 300-foot tower, which beams a 40-kilowatt visual signal and a four-kilowatt audio signal primarily to the south and west, is located at the same site.

The new station is the only one of eight television facilities in country to transmit on Channel 13; all others telecast on Channel 11.

COL Donaldson Now C/S

CHU LAI—The commander of the 11th Inf. Bde. and the Chief of Staff have switched jobs.

COL John W. Donaldson, who has led the "Jungle Warriors" since mid-October, has come here to division headquarters while COL Jack E. Treadwell has gone to LZ Bronco to take the reins of the 11th Bde.

COL Donaldson, who is a 1944 West Point graduate, previously served as the Army member of the Staff Group of the Chairman,

Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He led the 11th Bde. during Operation Vernon Lake II, which accounted for 455 enemy kills and the discovery of 81 NVA base camps and three hospital complexes in the mountainous region southwest of Quang Ngai City.

COL Treadwell, who also joined the American in October, was awarded the Medal of Honor while serving as a company commander with the 180th Inf. Regt. during World War II.

Aerial Observer Crashes Survives 30 Hours With VC

By 1LT FRANK LONGWELL
196th Inf. Bde.

LZ BALDY—1LT John McFadden's job as an aerial observer for the 196th Inf. Bde. is to detect enemy ground activity, but the sharp crack of .50 cal. bullets ripping into the fixed-wing aircraft indicated the enemy had reversed the process.

In the ensuing 30-hour period, 1LT McFadden scrambled along in a nightmarish evasion that combined the elements of luck and ingenuity.

Bird Dog Spotter

The mission started when the 27-year-old lieutenant from Chicago climbed into the

Bird Dog observation craft, glad to see his pilot was the same one who took him on his first flight some 40 missions ago.

The small plane arched into Antenna Valley through Deo Le pass and headed south down the twisting Son Thu Bong River, approximately 10 miles south of An Hoi.

Downed By Machinegun

Gliding along 100 feet above the water and using the river as a guide, the two men spotted nothing unusual.

Suddenly, the snap of rounds from a .50 cal. machinegun broke the silence.

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3/16th Arty. Smashes Siege On Tien Phuoc

Story and Photo
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TIEN PHUOC—Firing in support of Allied forces, B Btry., 3rd Bn., 16th Arty., recently thwarted a fierce NVA/VC assault on the Tien Phuoc Fire Base, 15 miles southwest of Tam Ky.

Action began during the early-morning darkness on Feb. 23 when the enemy overran the nearby Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) outpost.

SGT Alton Roundy (Beverly, Mass.), NCOIC of the Tien Phuoc VHF radio station, recalls what took place: "I was on duty when I happened to look out the window of my hootch towards the CIDG outpost when I saw enemy rockets and mortars falling on their position, lighting up the sky like day."

Bombard Outpost

Immediately realizing the danger if the enemy gained control of the weapons on the

outpost, CPT Nguyen Ngoc Diep, CO of CIDG forces in Tien Phuoc, called for B Btry. artillery to blow up the NVA/VC-infested area.

After white phosphorous rounds pounded the enemy, the VC element tried to enter the main gate of Tien Phuoc, but was beaten back by CIDG guards.

All was quiet until 7:45 that morning.

"Everyone was walking around, still talking about the night before when the first incoming artillery hit," said SGT Edward Beaudin (Marine City, Mich.).

No damage was reported in the battery area that day.

Rockets Strike Again

The following day, a barrage of rockets hit Tien Phuoc, one of them exploding behind the VHF radio station.

"The concussions and shrapnel from the rocket knocked over one of the radio antennas and started a fire in the gasoline dump next to our generators," recalled PFC Jesse Adkins (Newton Falls, Ohio).

The fires were extinguished, and once more the be-

sieged artillery base withstood the enemy onslaught.

More Incoming

The next day, B Btry. was eating breakfast when the alarm was sounded and again Tien Phuoc was under attack.

According to SFC Alfred Walsh (Vinegrove, Ky.), the mess sergeant, close to 40 people cleared out of the mess hall just 30 seconds before two 82mm mortar rounds struck dead center in the mess kitchen.

Ironically, just one week before the offensive, Tien Phuoc mess hall, or what was referred to jokingly as the Tien Phuoc Hilton, was the winner of the first 3/16th Arty. "Best Mess" award.

Third Day Of Battle

The following day, Feb. 25, enemy rockets and mortars continued to rain on Tien Phuoc, and B Btry. kept returning fire.

Although the artillerymen had to hit the ground when rockets or mortars landed, all six howitzers in the battery would recover quickly to resume firing.

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MEN OF B BTRY., 3RD BN., 16TH ARTY., BLAST AWAY with powerful 155mm howitzers during enemy assault at the Tien Phuoc Fire Support Base. Their target is the hittop CIDG post in background, which was overrun by enemy during the first day of the battle.

