

**LRRP TEAM EXTRACTION**  
From Patrick Bieneman C Troop 1/9

On 7Jul68, "C" Troop 1/9 Cav was called out on a mission to extract a 6 man LRRP Team. When we got on site we were told that there was one KIA (SP/4 Thomas Sprinkle) and 5 WIA's. Myself and one other man, SP/4 Robert Fellin, volunteered to repel down for the extraction. The five WIA's were so badly wounded they could not aid in their extraction. When the MEDIVAC came on station we loaded the WIA's onto the Jungle Penetrator one at a time and sent them up. When the last WIA was up the chopper left. Upon its return we extracted SP/4 Sprinkle, all of the equipment and then ourselves. Sp/4 Fellin and myself had severe rope burns to both hands. Ten years later old Uncle Arthur started acting up and hasn't left yet.

I am going up to visit SP/4 Sprinkles brothers this summer and to visit his gravesite. Besides just wanting to know that these other men have continued on with their lives, I would like to be able to tell his brothers something about him. I know his team members would know better than anyone. I have searched the Internet for years and just recently found a LRRP named Mick who remembers SP/4 Sprinkle and says he believes his Team Leader was Tibbetts.

Any help would be greatly appreciated. I can be contacted at:

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