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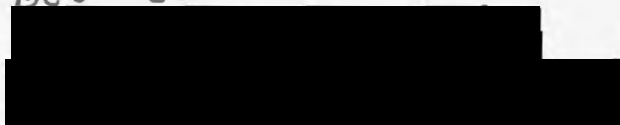
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Hi,

I was in Vietnam with the 93 Trans co which later on became the 121st Avn From Dec 62 to Oct 63. The switch was in June of 63.

The first several months when I was there we didn't have any Gun ships. On our combat assaults our machine Gunners on both doors of the H. 21st would both put down suppressive fire as we made the assaults.

While I was there Sp. Forces gave us a full grown Tiger that we kept in a home made cage made out of P.S. runway planking. We also had a boa constrictor that they fed it a chicken every week or so.

I took slides when I was there. I haven't looked at them for over 50 years so I don't know if they have faded out. As you know, the Delta was pretty flat so there wasn't much to take pictures of.

I don't remember very much of the

men in the Gunship Platoon. It's
been a long time.

I am doing good. I enjoyed
both of my tours in Vietnam. I
was a squad leader in the 187th
Airborne RCT in Korea in 1950 & 1951.
I mostly enjoyed that tour too.

If you are ever in my area
stop by. I have cold beer and we
have a good pizza place nearby.

See you

Vern Math