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106th Infantry Platoon
The 106th Infantry Platoon

The 106th ICSB was activated 2 Sept 66 at Fort Benning, Ga. with Lt Tom Jones as Commanding Officer. After training at Ft Benning the unit deployed to Viet Nam 11 Jan 67, with 1 officer and 14 enlisted men arriving in Viet Nam 15 Jan. The platoon moved to Tay Ninh 23 Jan 67 to join the 106th High Infantry Brigade.

On 12 Apr 67 the unit moved with the 106th Lt Inf Bde to Chu Lai th became part of Task Force Oregon, organized into the Americal Division in Oct 1967. In December 1967 Lt Gerald J. Vosbury took command of the platoon. In Feb 1968 the unit moved to L. B. Poliv. For four weeks in Apr and May 1968 the platoon was located at Camp Evans in support of the 1st Cav. Div. On 22 Nov 68 Lt Robert Matzinski took command of the platoon. The unit moved to I 7 Mark Hill on 14 Apr 69. Lt Robert E. Allen became Commanding Officer on 31 Dec 1969.

On 16 Dec 1970 Lt James M. Wilford took over as Commanding Officer. On 1 May 1971 the unit moved to Da Nang and on 9 Nov 71 received orders assigning it to the 106th Inf Bde. Lt Lowell W. Thompson took command on 10 Oct 1971 and was succeeded by Lt Steven J. Meyer, who took command on 26 Dec 71.

The platoon received the Valorous Unit Award on 3 March 1971, a letter of appreciation from the CO of D 1/46 Inf Bn on 5 Nov 71, another letter of appreciation from CO 1/46 Inf Bn on 6 Sept 71 and a Letter of Commendation from the Commanding General of the 106th Inf Bde on 6 Dec 1971.

James M. Wilford
Lt. Colonel
Commanding

NOT BEEN FOR THE COG I WOULD HAVE VERY GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED THESE AWARDS.

1LT JOHN J REED JR

NOT BEEN FOR THE DOG I COULD HAVE VERY EASILY LOST MYSELF."

1LT JOHN J REED JR

f. 19 FEBRUARY 1969 2/4

"Max and Nino are welcomed members of this unit at any time. Led us to an area of two VO and we killed two. Dog is also an excellent interrogator! Just being there and growling helped scare POW into volunteering location of his weapon."

OPT RICHARD V RINALDO

g. 22 February 1969 4/31

"SP4 Kodman and his dog did an outstanding job. The 2 enemy KIA are confirmed, two weapons were taken from the bodies. SP4 Kodman is entitled to one of the weapons (Walter PP 7.65mm) if regulations permit."

OPT JAMES J CONDON

h. 21 April 1969 1/46

"Dog and handler worked very well and team was very knowledgeable of their duties. Two enemy were detected and flushed from the undergrowth."