

ACTIVATED 8 JULY 1916
GUADALCANAL
VILLA LA VELLA
LUZON
LINGAYEN GULF
KOREA 1950-1955
SOUTH VIETNAM

HEADQUARTERS
1ST BATTALION, 35TH INFANTRY (THE CACTI)
3D BRIGADE TASK FORCE, 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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10 April 1968

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I'm sorry to inform you that an era of the battalion has ended. We are presently back at Camp Enari under total control of the 4th Division. The battalion is conducting S&D operations just west of Konturn. Back from where we started. I sure hated to see it happen. It always seemed to me that being on our own gave us a little cocky spirit over everyone else. At least there is no doubt which is the best brigade of the division.

On the 5th of April Alpha and Charlie Companies tangled with a battalion of NVA. A conservative estimate was 48 enemy known KIA and another 35 possible. We suffered 7 of our own killed. The CO of Charlie Company was one of those seven. Things have been pretty hot in our AO. The fire support base where Alpha Battery, 2/9th Arty is located has been hit so hard by mortars and recoilless rifle fire that all but one tube has been knocked out. I understand that they are going to move to another location. So far they haven't been able to get ships into them and there is word that the outfit may have to destroy their last tube and fight their way to the new location. It's really turning out to be a ground pounders war.

I'm enclosing a copy of the battalion's annual historical supplement. I hope it makes for some enjoyable reading.

Again let me thank you for your efforts and extend my warmest regards to you and your family.

Sincerely,

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