

## Doug Young

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From: BILL CONNER [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2007 3:36 PM  
To: webmaster@tallcomanche.org  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: 1st platoon

I AM ONE OF THE MANY SOLDIERS THAT HAVE SERVED WITH CHARLIE COMPANY. MY NAMED IS WILLIAM R CONNER - I HAVE NOTICED THAT YOU HAVE SPELLED MY LAST NAME WRONG IN THE ATTACK ON JULY THE 22ND 1969. I WAS WOUNDEED THAT DAY & CAN ADD SOME INFO ON WHAT DETAILS HAPPENED OUT THERE. I REMEMDER THAT THER ARE MORE THAT WERE WOUNDED THAT DAY & WE WERE HIT WITH A MORTAR ROUND ON OUR FOXHOLE THAT MORNING. MY ASST GUNNER ALONG WITH 3 OTHER MEN BESIDES MY SELF WERE HIT. I WAS NOT AWARE OF MY WOUNDS BECAUSE OF THE INCOMING. WE WERE SET UP RIGHT ON THE TRAIL & I HAD DUG THE HOLE DEEP THAT DAY PRIOR. MY ASST GUNNER (GEORGE) WAS NOT HIT AS BAD AS THE OTHER GUYS & TOLD ME TO GO TO THE CP & GET A MEDIC. I LOW CRAWLED WITH MORTAR ROUNDS STILL COMING IN. I REMEMBER IT LIKE IT WAS YESTERDAY. WHEN I GOT CLOSE TO THE CP I WAS ALMOST SHOT BECAUSE THEY DID NOT KNOW IF I WAS CHARLIE. I CRYED OUT "INEED A MEDIC". I THEN GOT UP FROM THE GROUND HIGH ENOUGH SO THEY COULD SEE ME. MY CO TOLD THE MEDIC TO GO WOITH THIS SOLDIER. HE WAS SO SCARED HE SAID HE DID NOT WANT TO GO. MY CO PULLED OUT HIS .45 PISTOL & SAID," IF YOU DON'T GO WITH HIM I WILL SHOT YOU & SEND THE NEXT MAN. HE CAME THRIUGH & YOU CAN GO BACK WITH HIM". HE THEN GRABBED HIS MEDICS BAG & FOLLOWED ME BACK TO THE HOLE . I THEN TOOK A POSTION TO COVER THE PERIMETER WHILE HE STARTED WORKING ON DAVE WHO HAD RECEIVED THE WORST HIT . HIS LEFT ARM WAS TORN TO SHREDS. I CAN TELL YOU THE REST IF WHAT HAPPENED BUT I HAVE NOT FINISHED WITH MY STORY THAT DAY. I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GET IT ALL TOGETHER TO PUT IT ON PAPER. I AM GOING THROUGH PTSD CLASSES & HAVE BEEN SEEING A VA PHYSC. WHEN I FILE MY TRAMATIC EXPERIENCE WITH THE VA I CAN SEND YOU A COPY OF WHAT HAPPENED . WE WERE SOLDIERS & WE WILL ALWAYS BE. MY PHONE # [REDACTED] & I LIVE IN ILLINOIS. MY E-MAIL IS [REDACTED] I FOUND YOUR WEB SITE BY ACCIDENT WHEN I HAVE BEEN GETTING MY FACT TOGETHER FOR THE VA. IF I HAD KNOWN THAT THERE WAS A WEBSITE FOR LZ IKE & THE BLACK VIRGIN MOUNTAIN I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN IN TOUCH ALONG TIME AGO. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME .  
SINCERLY WILLIAM R. CONNER SPC E-4 CHARLIE CO 2ND OF THE 5TH CAVALRY

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Richard  
Bratten Nov - Dec 1966 - 2nd Platoon went to a hill top south  
of Saigon It had concrete (French) bunkers. To secure  
jeep-mounted search light which panned the area  
roads all night. Used three ~~over~~ on a C-123 from  
Dass / Planks, but they were detailed. CPT Fry was  
co. Totally deserted area, no artillery support. Quiet

Don  
Jensen Rat lifter - used AWOL summer 67. Worth  
investigating. Ity Radford

Mark  
Kank Bockwelder May 20, 68 was killed by a  
grenade when

LZ x Ray in Cambodia - on LZ page

Mike  
Combs LHT Lawrence Arnold Jr. Cambodia

Col  
Borchan LZ Terri (named after his daughter) not Terry

Ralph  
West Duke Showers - like Pix glasses, squinting  
on left

~~Hiedinger~~, SFC 1ST after Allen  
Hiedinger

Kuznetsov A CPT Nash sent patrol to top of Mountain  
late December 1971 had one man w/  
~~had~~ heart attack + death. Research w/  
53 Journals

JERRY BOCKBRADER'S GRAVE PERRYSBURG, OHIO 1ST PCT.  
MARK L KUNK 1ST PCT. JERRY'S FRIEND OHIO  
SHIRLEY BOCKBRADER JERRY'S SISTER IN LAW  
JIM BOCKBRADER ONLY BROTHER

Kupchuk Name of HI who blew 2 fingers off platoon  
w/ cap of grenade circa Joe's command

PERLEY GLENN A 1LT 3/4 2/52  
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Al Hendon Change August pix from Brian Hardy to Al  
Hendon. Also Carroll, Also sp Thu Thien  
Put link to Russ' obit on site