

**Douglas Young**

**From:** Jim Holcombe [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 30, 2003 5:19 PM  
**To:** 'Douglas Young'; [REDACTED]; 'Rudy Cariaga'; 'Eddie Hancock'; 'Jim Holcombe'; 'Michael Hayes'; 'Charlie Dickey'; 'Lonny "Doc" Branch'; 'Russ Griffith'; [REDACTED]; 'Brian Phipps'  
**Subject:** RE: C 2/5 Cav and Don Ray McIntire

I was his platoon leader. The web site pretty much says it all. However, I don't think they were NVA. We went in on C-130s to an old Green Beret camp that was still active; I remember real well because the loadmaster was a college friend of mine. We had walked through a village that bordered the Green Beret landing strip so I believe we picked up some Cong that paralleled our path.

We had dropped off a squad (I don't think it was a whole platoon, but Dave was with them, about 50-100 yards behind us in an ambush. We had just stopped and formed a perimeter. A few trip flares were out but no one had yet dug a hole. The jungle was pretty thick and it was unusually late for us to be setting up -- no time for quick recons to our front when we took the incoming.

I don't think we were hit by mortars but rather by rifle grenades -- I'm pretty sure on this because one hit me. Don was apparently prone, perhaps already without his helmet, when one hit right next to him. There was a three-inch round hole in his head -- I don't think he died immediately but he never suffered.

We brought the cobra's in pretty tight--I was wounded by the shrapnel in the right elbow. When the shooting finally stopped we brought back in the squad that had been left in ambush. Don had been the one to put the trip flares out, so they had not been recovered. When the squad came in, they tripped a flare and I can't tell you how panicked everyone was; Dave chewed me out about the flares but I told him we couldn't locate them without Don.

The medivac was later that evening. There was no open area for the medivac to land in so they lowered the wire stretcher and we hoisted everyone up. I don't remember who went out that night other than the CO and Don; everyone else went out the next day. I had not intended to go in because my wound wasn't serious, but by late the next day my leg was purple from my hip to my knee, so I went in and they cleaned it out and gave me an antibiotic and sent me back.

Hope that fills in a few details.

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**From:** Douglas Young [mailto:webmaster@tallcomanche.org]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 30, 2003 4:37 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]; Rudy Cariaga; Eddie Hancock; Jim Holcombe; Michael Hayes; Charlie Dickey; Lonny "Doc" Branch; Russ Griffith; [REDACTED]; Brian Phipps  
**Subject:** RE: C 2/5 Cav and Don Ray McIntire

Hello, gentlemen - all of you were with Charlie Company, C 2/5 Cav in February, 1970.

Included in this reply is Ms. Tana Shryack. Her close cousin was SP4 Don Ray Mc Intire, who was killed in an NVA mortar attack that night. What little information we have is posted at [http://tallcomanche.org/February\\_1970.htm](http://tallcomanche.org/February_1970.htm)

A few days ago she posted a question on the Guest Book of the [www.tallcomanche.org](http://www.tallcomanche.org) site. I answered her, but was only able to tell her I was not there that night, and what little we knew of her cousin's death was from the personal recollections of some of the others who were there. I do not have any documentation for that period -- I have neither the Morning Reports nor the S3 Operations Journals for the dates. I shall be visiting the National Archives again next month, and will research the incident the best I can.

In the meantime, perhaps all of you can shed some more light on Don Ray's death. If you can, please include me in your reply so I can put it on the site.

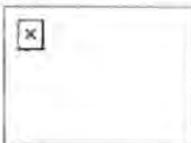
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Tana - I look forward to seeing any pictures of Don Ray you may have. If there are any memorabilia he sent from Viet Nam (photos, letters, etc.), please forward those as well.

Thanx to all --

Douglas Young

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**Subject:** Re: Don Ray McIntire

Dear Doug,

I guess its true what they say about God's working in mysterious ways, because the way I fould your website was just a fluck. I had heard the tail end of a news broadcast a couple of weeks ago that mention a bad battle in Viet-Nam on Feb.8, 19 70 and I recalled that being the date when Don Ray was wounded.

I finally sat down at my PC last night and just did a web search for Feb. 8, 1970 and your website,(or more precisely) the paragraph about Don Ray being hoisted up in the Medvac came up on my screen. You can imagine my shock and surprise when I realized that they were talking about my brother!

I thank you so much for the address of Rudy Cariaga and Eddie Hancock and I only pray that they both will respond to my inquires.

My brother's wife gave birth a a baby girl two months after his death. Kimberly Don is now 33 and has two children of her own.

I hope that with your help and Rudy's and Eddie's, that my family can finally get some answers.

God Bless You and I'll be in touch!!

Sincerely,

Tana Shryack

P.S. Will scan you from photos if I can find any and also RAINBOW, Tx is next to Glen Rose, Tx. (home of the dinasoar tracks). My husband is a Confederate Airforce fan, so we're very familiar with the valley area and my son flys BlackHawks for the National Guard (but luckily is still stateside)!! If you would like to forward this mail to both Eddie and Rudy, so that they will be expected my inquiries, please feel free to do so.

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