

Douglas Young

From: Bill Routhier [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 01, 2004 9:57 PM
To: Douglas Young
Subject: RE: thanks Phillip Boatner for Tall Comanche website

Hi Doug, thanks for your email. I was in 1st platoon with Lt Patacca. I have enjoyed so much reflecting on the stories and pictures. It is hard to believe that after all this time it is possible to be in touch with the guys who lived through the things we experienced together in Nam in C2/5. Easter Sunday was a hard day for us and you are more than welcome to post the information on the site. I don't have anything from Vietnam because when I returned home I through what I had away. I now truly regret that because it was such a profound part of my life.

Doug, I'm in Doc Watson's pictures. Last page (6) in the group picture 'waiting for transport'. In the numbered picture I'm #30 but the name assigned to me is incorrect. If you could, put my name next to 30. You can add me to database & I would love to talk with you and others about Nam.
Thanks so much, Bill Routhier

Douglas Young <webmaster@tallcomanche.org> wrote

Hi Bill - -

My name is Doug Young. I'm the webmaster of the Tall Comanche web site. And - I will forward this message on to Phil. His email address (last I knew) is [REDACTED] and he lives in Victoria, Texas.

And - I think the two of us served together as I was with the company from April until late July. I am not very good at remembering names, but the name "Routhier" sticks in my mind.

With your kind permission, I would like to post the information about Easter Sunday to the site. What platoon were you assigned to on that day? Anything else to add to the story?

I'd also like to add you to our contact list. You may remember Jim "Tree" Machin. Jim is putting the finishing touches to an online database that will be linked to the Tall Comanche site. I've included him in this email so he can get your email address and send you other info. Jim is the guy who organizes our reunions.

You mention that you are in one of Doc Watson's photos - which one? Tell me what month you saw the picture on - I want to identify you.

But - - as you can see, the web site has been put together from a combination of historical records and the guy's pictures, stories, copies of orders - - all the kind of "stuff." What do you have for us?

Stay in touch. It's great to hear from you, and I hope we can add you to the group of regulars!

Doug

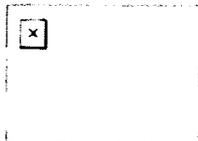
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-----Original Message-----

From: Bill Routhier [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, May 17, 2004 5:14 PM
To: webmaster@tallcomanche.org
Subject: thanks Phillip Boatner for Tall Comanche website

Phillip Boatner, thankyou so much for your work on the website. I have thought many times over the years if I could ever hear from anyone from C2/5. What a pleasant surprise when I found Tall Comanche. About fell out of my chair. I am in one of doc. Watson's pictures and related to the stories. I was with charlie co. Feb. 69 to Aug. 69. I remember Easter Sunday well. If you can remember soon after the ambush began you called Lt Patacca to send two guys up front. I was one of them. You had us crawl out into the clearing to retrieve the guys killed, I am not sure how many, I think there were four. When we got to the first man we had to put out a fire on him. As we were doing that, what I have always concluded was some of his ammo exploded, lightly wounding both of us. The guy with me got up and ran back to the woodline. I started crawling back then got up, running the rest of the way. There was a lot of enemy fire and that was when you got hit I guess. !! After we pulled back it was getting dusk and we were waiting for the medavac, I remember coming over to you and sitting with you a short while. you were out of it, Doc. pumped you with a lot of morphine. I have many times wondered how you were and was sure you were unable to walk. I saw a picture of you at 'reunions' and you look fine, thats great. I hope you dont mind my writing this to you but it means a lot to me to talk with someone who was there. Phillip, I would love to here from you. Thanks for being my C.O. back then.

Bill Routhier

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