

## Doug Young

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**From:** Carl Smith [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 15, 2007 4:57 PM  
**To:** webmaster@tallcomanche.org  
**Subject:** Re: SSG Carl Smith C 2/5 May 1970 to April 1971

Doug,

001 We sat, on the field, all day on stand-by at the Air Force base while Vice President Agnew went to Cambodia for a visit.  
002 SSG Carl Smith, light to fight gear  
003 Panama, next to the machine gun, Lt Steve Leatherman, back to the camera. I think Leatherman lives in Denver.  
004 Baseplate, SSG Carl Smith, visitor. The general brought fried chicken to the field because we were the only unit that had seen action for about a week. We captured several prisoners with a mail and payroll shipment. The general awarded several Silver stars but I never saw the paperwork.  
005 SSG Carl Smith  
006 I don't know if this was the town outside of Firebase Mace.  
007 SSG Carl Smith  
008 I stepped in this pit as I got off the helicopter. That infection lasted about 25 years.  
009 Insertion into an uncontested area. Log day followed.  
010 Sgt Jim Ernest, Sp4 Thomas Brown  
012 You would have to match these photos to your others to get the names.  
013 Sp4 Thomas Brown  
015 Larry Speight, "Rat"  
016 Doc Hager, Dominic Santangelo, Steve Krchmar, Sgt Jim Ernest  
018 I don't know the names.  
020 I don't know his name.

All but the last five pictures are tif.jpg, so they are larger. I can scan them all again to try to get larger files, if you want. They are probably at their limit for improvement because they weren't good pictures in the beginning and I didn't have the negatives.

I do have several more pictures but not many with faces. They are mostly pictures from the helicopter or they don't show anything meaningful.

I don't have copies of orders.

I am surprised to read some of the accounts of activities that are posted. I was there for several of those and the stories you have been given are written in the first person but are either inaccurate or second or third hand accounts. Even the account from battalion records in April 1971 is wrong. There were no enemy in the area. It was friendly fire by some transfers to C 2/5 from First of the Eighth who got lost while they were still in sight of the perimeter.