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TO THE CHOSEN FEW, THE GRUNTS OF KILO.

I'm a Grunt Company, Kilo Company, 3rd Battalion 26th Marines, I've been from Khe Sanh to Chu Lai, from Dong Ha to Da Nang, I've humped the OKLAHOMA HILLS, I've swept the Arizona Territory and areas like Dodge City, I've made beach landings, vertical envelopments and used the ole feet to find the enemy. I've been T. O. and rated as uneffective but I have survived to see the enemy at its lowest point. I've fought both the NVA and the plain guerrilla. My finest hour started at December 26, when my sister companies and I were employed to the Khe Sanh combat base. I was chosen to man 861 west of the base itself. It was the only major post between the enemy and Khe Sanh. The hill remained quiet until January 15, my men were preparing for TET, rumors that 50,000 NVA were in my area, on January 21, at 0230 we met the enemy. My men and I were ready although the fog was blocking our vision. Then at 0230 the crys and yells came towards me, again and again the NVA pounded at me, but my men fought valliantly, many paying the full price, only 15 NVA broke my lines, but that was soon closed. The enemy fought on through the night and then at 0600 just as fast as they had appeared they were gone, but this time they ran in defeat. I had weathered well only 14 killed and 22 wounded, their count stood around 290 dead and 6 captured. I had stood firm. We stayed there nearly 5 months to see the enemy withdrawl. Then I moved to Quang Tri where my men and I searched out the rice paddies for the enemy. We hopped around from LZ to LZ without many losses, although I did inflict casualties on the enemy. In May of 1968, again my sister companies and I were called to another part of the country, this time to the hills which surrounded Da Nang. There my men and I spent more than a month in the bush at a time before rests. My men and I turned up large weapons and food caches. Contact was light, but the scars I received from Khe Sanh were still sore. I spent the hot summer in the hills and the paddies around Hill 10 and Hill 55; I had a few days in the rear once in awhile. In September 1968 my sister companies and I took over the Hi Van pass, my mission was to protect the road to Phu Bai. I remained there until early November 1968 and was then invited to tour the Dodge City area. I joined in a gigantic cordon and helped push in towards the enemy. Again my men fell but the enemy paid, alone my sister companies and I finished off over 500 enemy in 20 days. I sustained 3 killed and 14 wounded. The news of being a Special Landing Force hit me in late of December 1968, and then I found out that we were equipped with sea legs as we deposited aboard the USS Ogden, then later to the USS Valley Forge. They planned as I did, not to get us use to sea life, because on January 16 we were off again, not to return to ship anytime soon. The next few months found me in Chu Lai, An Hoa where I was cut down to nothing but always seemed to get new people. My men and I were both scared, finally on March 22 we were extracted and taken to Hill 55, we remained there 3 days until again I was called on to hump more hills. For a month I combed the OKLAHOMA HILLS. I lost one of my best Officers on this operation and it was hard to understand how good men seemed always to be the ones to go. After the hilly adventure we returned to the ship, I wondered what they had planned for me now, but we stayed on ship until June 12th and moved to the Esso Plant. The Esso Plant was a familiar sight to my eyes, and I must admit it was good to set foot on land again, after 97 days at the Esso Plant we went atop Hi Van Pass, familiar territory. I jumped to Hill 190 and spent 3 months there. I did a large part there, a reaction force, finding gear and preventing the enemy from getting food and supplies. After 3 months we switched, this time to Nam O Bridge where I am now. The VC have only tried my forces once so far, and of course they failed. What of the future, a pacification force, leave Vietnam, no one knows for sure, only that I will move on with the courage and esprit de Corps that has kept me alive so far. I've seen many men and will see more. I've received numerous awards, the Presidential Unit Citation and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry decorate the guidon of my Regiment. I'm a Grunt Company, yes, but the men and their moral and physical courage help me stay strong. Peace may come, but until then I'll do my duty as a Grunt Company.

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A Marine's Marine



The Fearless 5



The Top



No General, we're the best



They just blew the bridge



It does the quarter in....



They're suppose to float





Foxtrot Lima returns



RTD! What RTD!



Who's in the brig?





Ah! Nap - It



The Gummy



For sit - reps





What skivie girls



Now for the intell. report



Everybody smile



We've just been attacked





Tiny



We just lost a jeep



It's got to be here



What 782 gear



1st PLT



"What me worry?"



"Escape routes?"



"If it's green, it's good"



"Here we go again"



"Look good, don't it"



"Mail call"



"Dig us"



"I'd rather walk"



"Smile, you're on candid claymore"



"Hey Pa, Huh?"



"You're all invited to my party"



"A day at the beach"



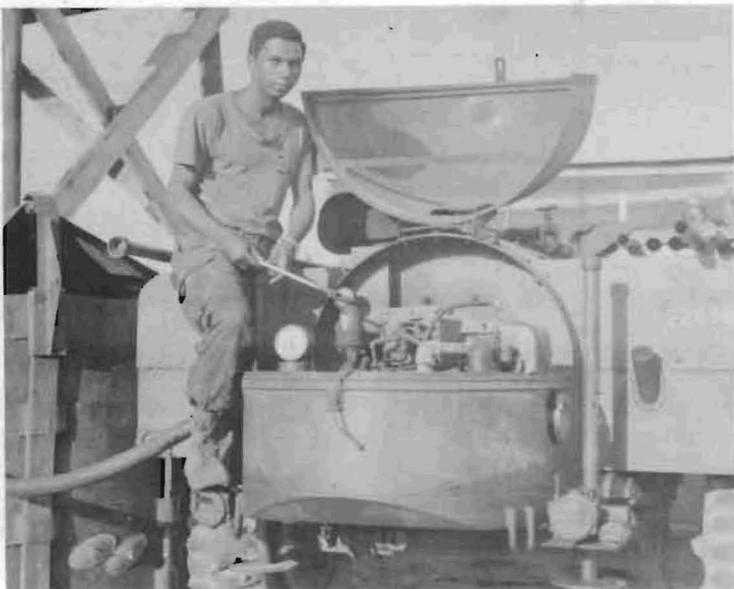
"Get some guns"



"Mod Squad"



"We don't play"



Out of water again!



No! You get the soap



"Mail this for me on your way"



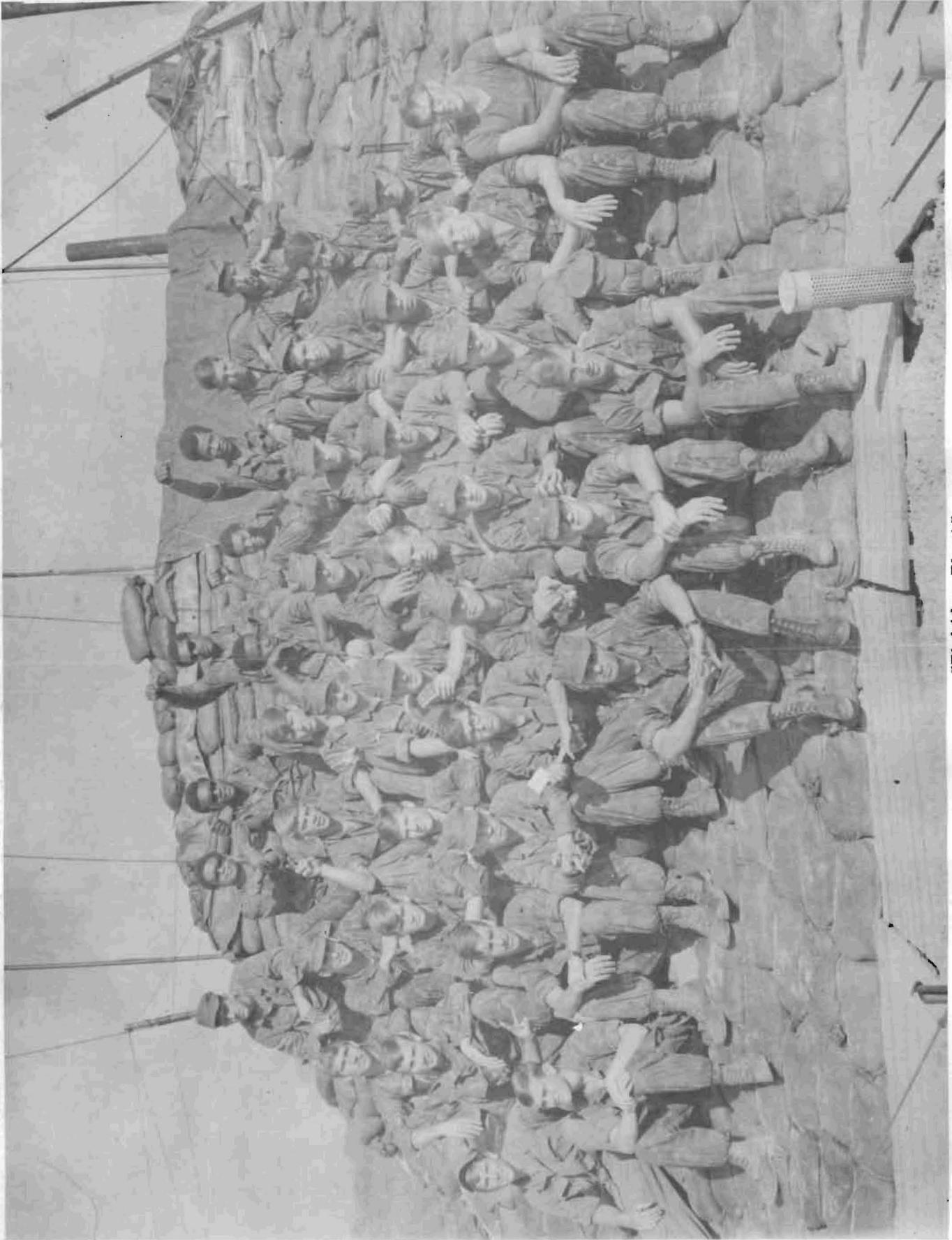
"Can you swim?"



The club best have beer this time.



We're bugged



"Fighting First"



"Is that right!"



"Why me"



"Not again"



"All Secure"



"Roger that"



No! This way



"It beats walking"



"What liberty card"



"The Professionals"



"The Gang"



"Fire Power"



"You're late again"



"Where's my relief"



"All ashore"



"You go first"



"What a life"



"Halt!"



"Get some"



3rd Sq.



"Time check"



"Choke it"



"Ride on"



"You better smile"



"Where's the girls"



"What Ryet"



"I've been there"



"Nice shot"



"I don't believe it"



"Get it together"



"Try me!"



"What beer"



"Well, come on in"



"Recon"



"Crossing the golden gate"



"Now I see it"



"I'll see you later"



"Saigon Special"

3rd PLT



Now what was it I'm trying not to forget.



Our football hero



Lets see; one sanage pizza, two cheese...



Yes Mom, I've got my long Johns!



Pollack and his playmates



Watch the globe and anchor



Oh sir! Ditch those dice idiot



No, I just look at the pictures?!



Yey hurry up so we can get back to the game.



Oh, Oh, this cat just.....



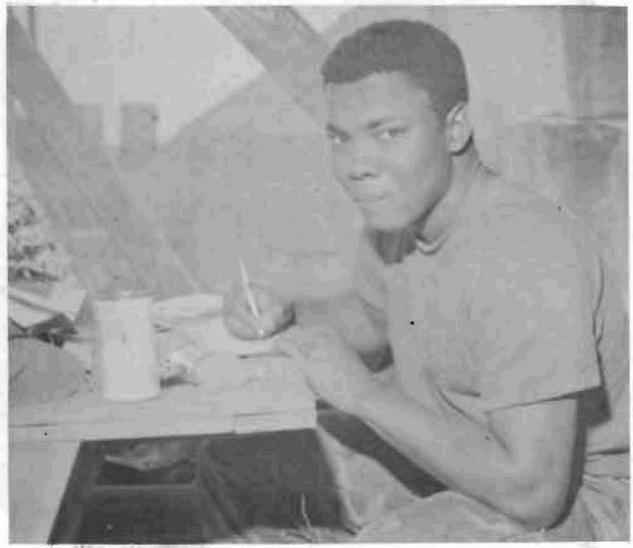
What me miss home?



"The bushwackers"



I told you not to take that picture



Big Joe scribes home



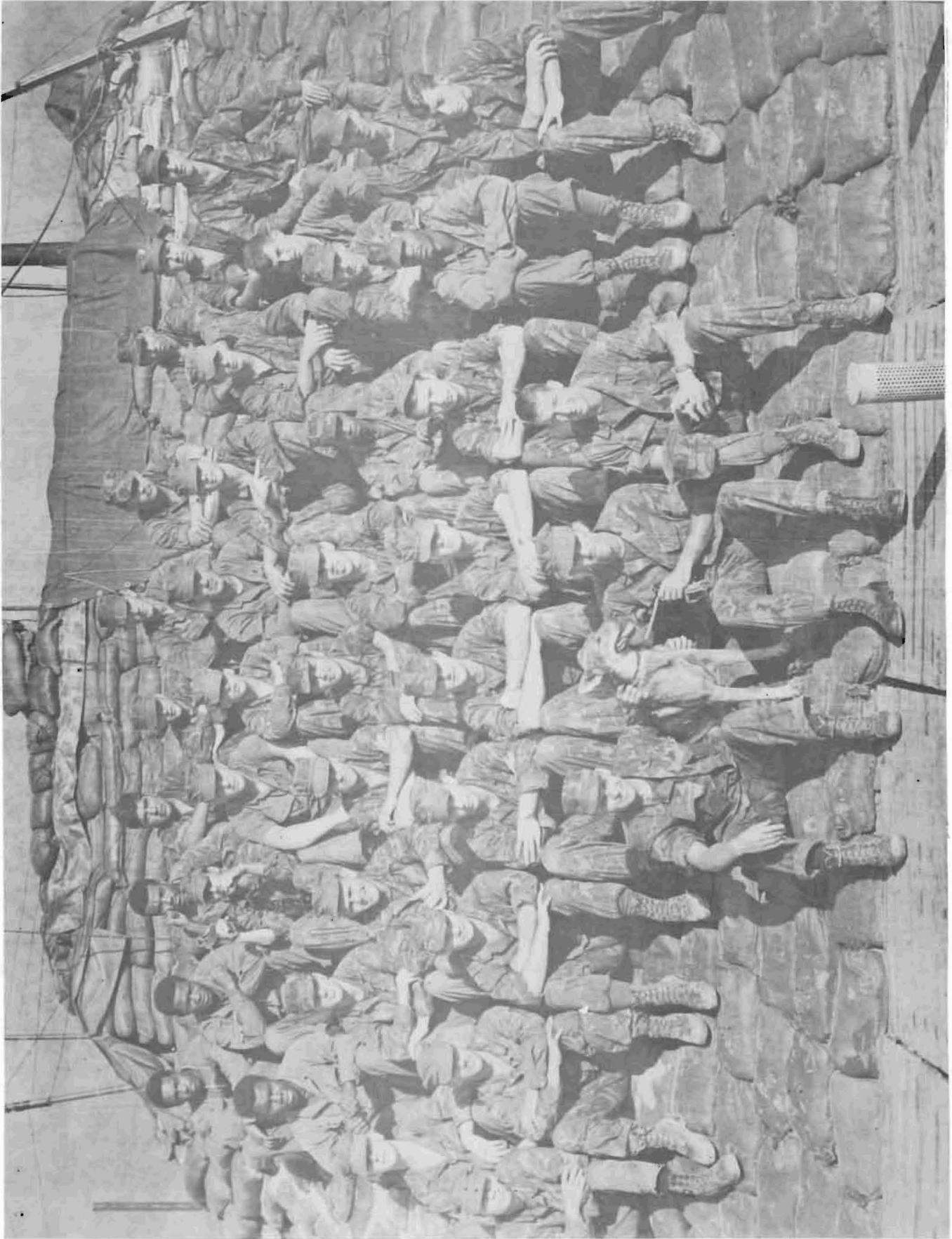
What da mean he's got fleas.



Do you smell what I smell?



Who said we have a crowded area?



Thunderin' Third



One more round please



Our interpreter and new bride



"What ear?"



Our allies





Where it's Got?



Just 364 more days



The Bn. Cmdr won't clear his weapon.



The bridge



Why me?



See I told you you were sick



Raise high the roof beam



Who said it should be level?



Our Squids



Nice card table



Me next



Dear senator



Who's rocking



All aboard



Gilligans island



Hello Ma



"So easy"



Surf's Up!



Who threw the beer in?



Two hands for beginners



We try





I don't care what he told you Honey,
I really have duty.



Somebody has to pay!



Only one round at a time



Red ball express



Hurry up, the taxi's waiting



We might hit it this time!



Shot out...



Mortar power...



Louisa who?



What do you want?



The strangers.....



Three pizza's and...



Who needs a FO?



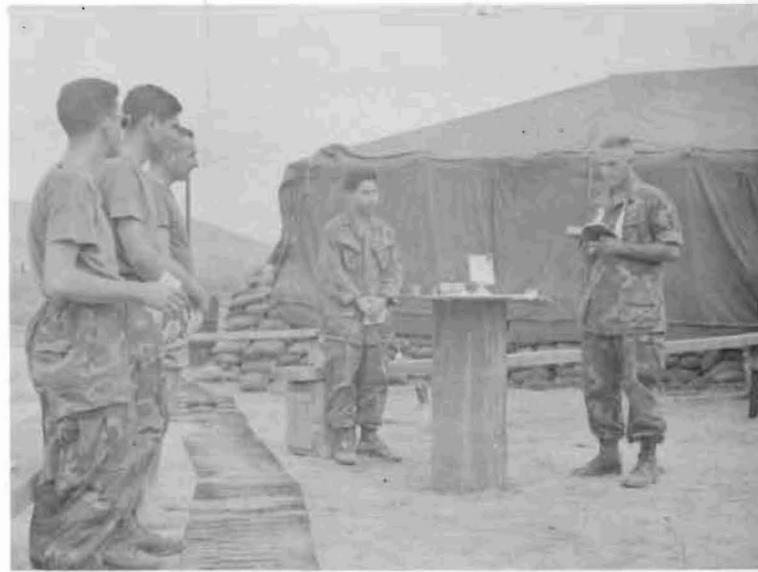
It's a truck full of...



Her measurements were



The Chaplain



A simple prayer



You owe the government

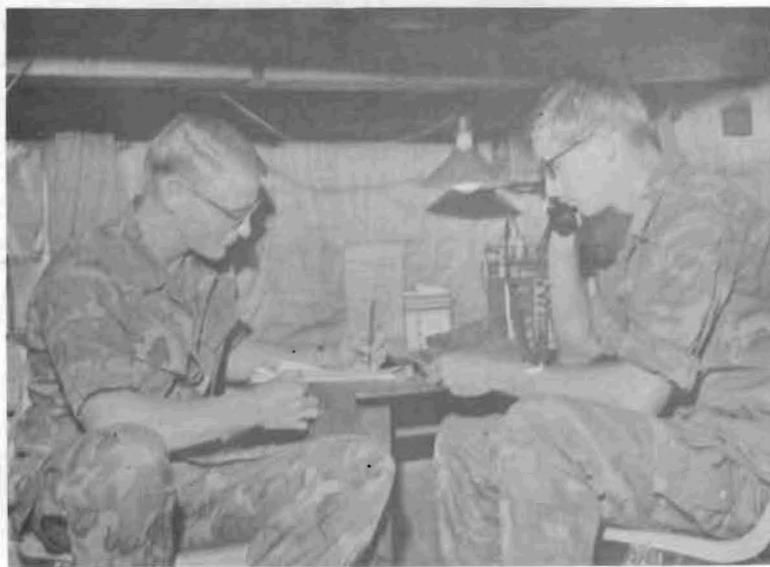


The body and the blood





Sherman and Ace



Dewy and Lurch plotting a fire mission.



Would you believe,
three at a time?



Take me home!



Time out in the gun pit.



Ray's Squad



Tu's Squad



Humpin Ammo



Breaking out Ammo



2nd Section 81's



Our day off



"Get some 81's"

ACo 5 TANK BN 2PLT



"Happiness is a 90 round!!!"



"I'd rided a mile, rather than walk!!"



"Which way did they go?"



"Who says the grunts have all the fun!!"



"The happy hour"



Sure looks good



Do you think it's doing?



Do you believe



Mess Sgt. and Mess men prepared the meal



Standing in line for 300's best meal.





Taking a break



Marines enjoying a well prepared meal.



What's wrong?



Do you want to join us?

THE CLUB





"Look at us"



"Mo' betters"



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PRESTON T. VICE



CPT
ROBERT J. DALTON

*Row
Sample F1
Bob DALTON*



1stLT
PHILLIP H. McMATH



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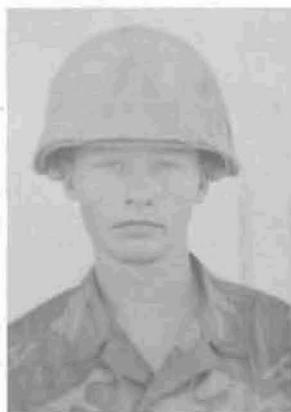
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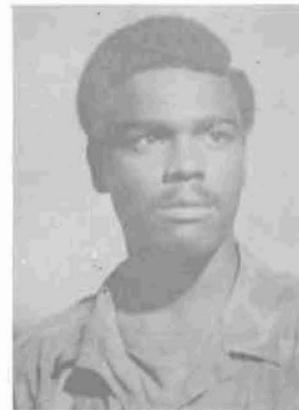
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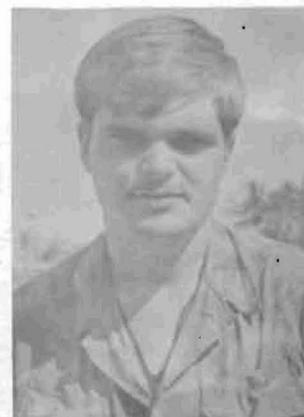
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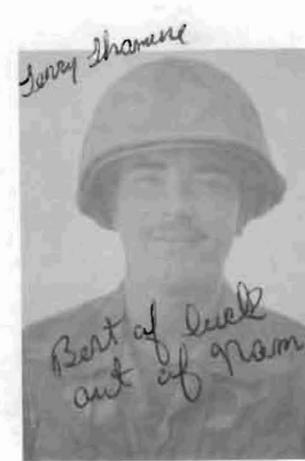
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*Best of
luck to a great
guy.*



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*Good Luck!
Bar*



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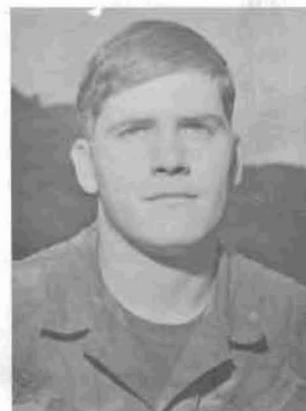
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The scene of zoo in Saigon





