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1ST BATTALION
83^D FIELD ARTILLERY

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GIA LE VIETNAM

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 83D FIELD ARTILLERY

The year 1969 marked the third year in Vietnam for the "On The Way" battalion. Supporting the 101st Airborne Division in the A Shau Valley, the battalion provided a majority of the heavy artillery fires to assist the ground forces. In April, Battery A moved to within 10 kilometers of the A Shau Valley floor. This marked the most forward location the heavy artillery in the most critical area. On 13 May, C Battery came under heavy attack which resulted in the battalions on fatality as a result of hostile action. Three Silver Stars and 2 Bronze Stars with "V" device were awarded for this action. In June C Battery fired several hundred rounds in support of the fiercest battle for Dong Ap Bia (Hamburger Hill). As of 30 September 1969 the battalion has fired 149,617 eight inch rounds and 87,314,175mm rounds since arriving in Vietnam. All these rounds were fired without any friendly fire incidents.

The 1st Battalion, 83d Field Artillery has always demonstrated the ability to successfully accomplish any mission, in any type of terrain and under the most adverse of conditions. This is exemplified by their motto "Flagrante Bello", which means Courageous in Battle.



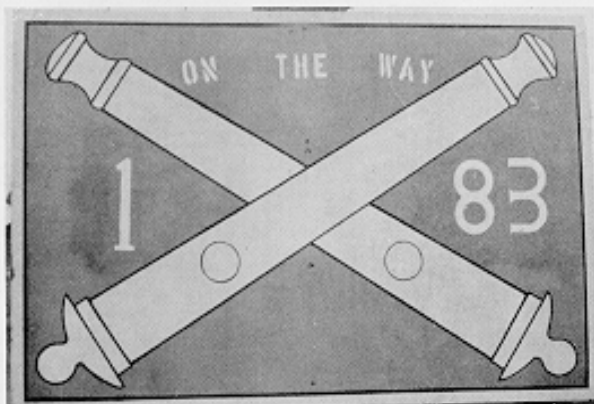
Battalion Commander, LTC McMurrer



Battalion Executive Officer, Major Walker



Battalion Sergeant Major, CSM Brassard



SP5 Dreyer, Information Specialist



"The head shed"



Major Cox, S-3



CPT Sausser, Asst S-3



Lt Sale, Liaison Officer



MSG Jones Operations Chief



SPL Paris and PFC Herring, S-3 Clerks



CPT Cyrus, S-1



SP5 Toitness S-1 Clerk



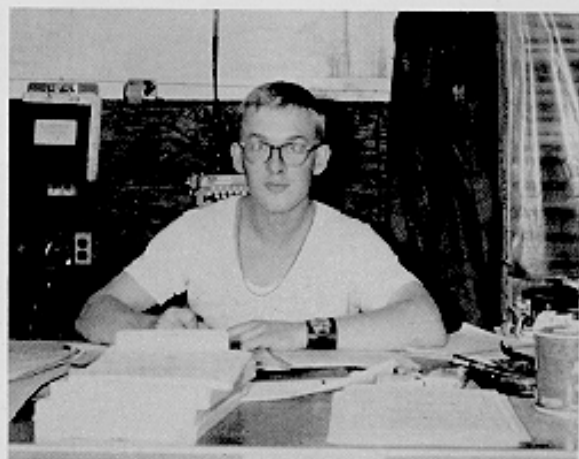
PFC Jensen, Bn Mail Clerk



SP5 Ogilvie, Legal Clerk



MSG Thompson S-2 SGT



SP5 Hunt S-2 Clerk



"What's the quickest route to Missy Lee's"



"This could get tiresome"



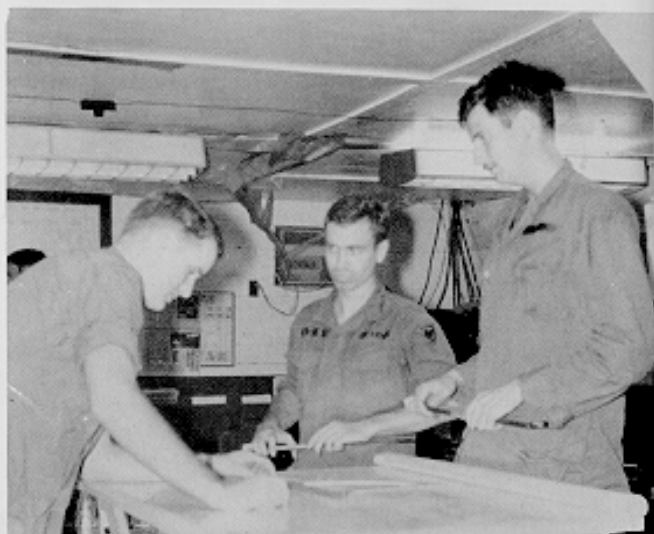
Lt Marble, Fire Direction Officer



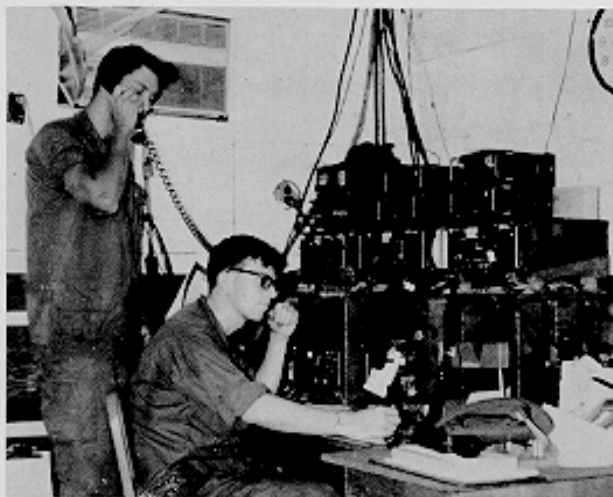
"Two out of three, wins"



"Say again all after"



"Calibrated eyeballs at work"



"Not bad for a heath kit"



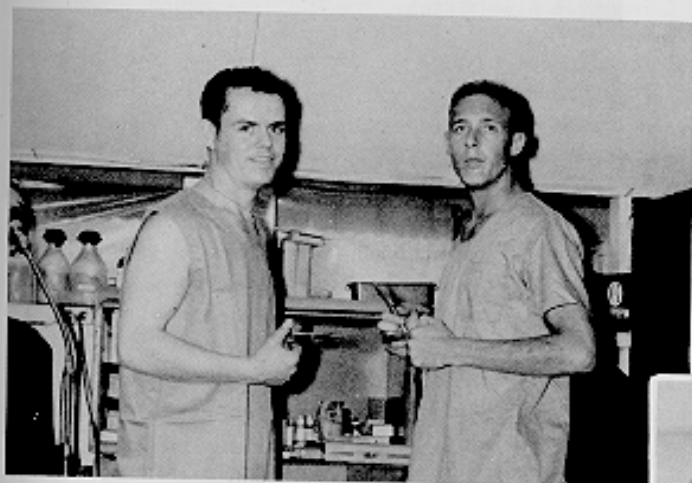
The plotters



CPT Brenner, Bn Surgeon



SP5 Carriere, Sr Aidman



SP5 Carwood and PFC Knighten, Bn Medics



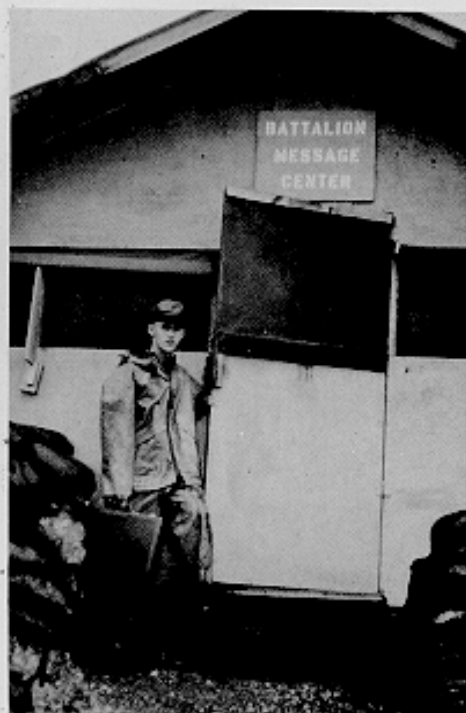
The pill pushers



Lt Rice, Commo Officer



"You gotta be kidding"



"Super Spy"



"Are you working"



Wire section



"I can't find the key"



"Give me Locust 4099, Please"



The Inner Sanctum



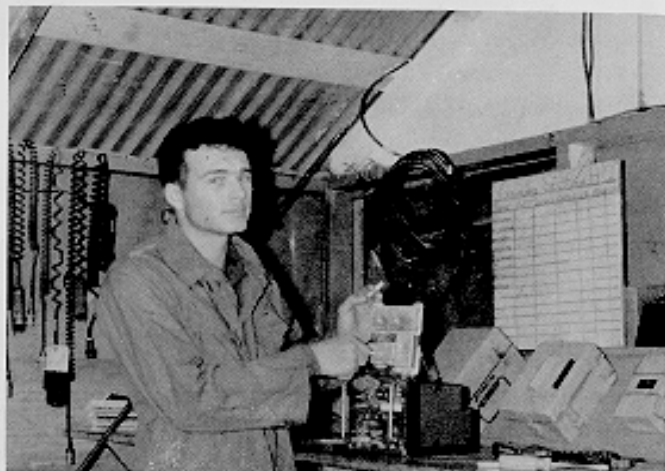
"Put two bucks on Red Scorpion in the Fifth"



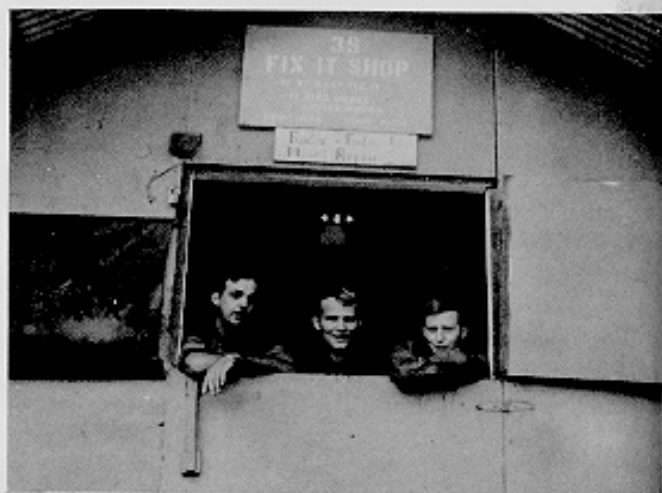
Rice's Ragamuffins



SPL Sweedler "Mr. Fixit"



SPL Falcon PTL Clerk



The "3 S's"



"And this, gentlemen, is a clandestine listening device"





CPT McNeight, HHB CO



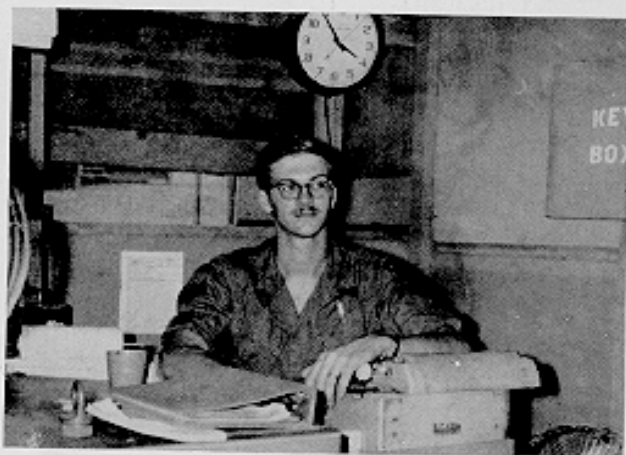
1SG Hocutt, 1SG HHB
"G-- D---Me, Son"



SGT Rice, HHB Supply SGT



Survey Section



SP4 Castens, HHB Clerk



SGT Bruenig Motor SGT



SP4 Olson, PLL Clerk



SP4 Noechell and SP4 Battiste,
HHB Mechanics



SP4 Hinnenkamp, Mechanic



Technology in Action



Motor Mob



Eager Chow Hounds



"I think the jello is a little overcooked"



"Caught in the act"



Another mystery dish



It's laundry day



Super Chefs



"Another helping of? Please"



Even his best friend won't tell him



"Shakey's it isn't"



"Is it dead yet?"



"My favorite - roast beef"



A quiet table for two



"Our two minutes are about up"



"Our leaders?"



"Sasparilla - You've got to be kidding"



Fearsome Foursome



Gia Le's Own Whiskey A-Go-Go.



"Our leaders?"



"Sasparilla - You've got to be kidding"



Fearsome Foursome



Gia Le's Own Whiskey A-Go-Go.



"Tell it like it is"



"Another Round, Barkeep"



"They don't build bunkers like they used to"



"Guard duty sure is rough"



"A few moments of quiet meditation"



"We prayed for rain"



"Maybe we can hide in here"



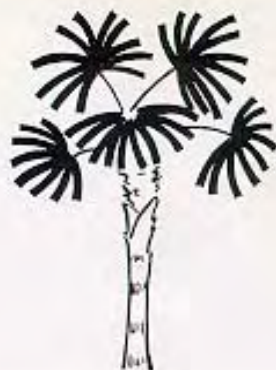
Mass confusion



"Will the real IG please stand up"



At the end of a long 12 months



"How many times have I told you to keep those pockets buttoned?"



"Do you Alex take thee....."



A burst of six



"All present or accounted for?"



Number 1 detail



"A phone in the shower?"



Sandbaggers in action



"Looking for a Newbraska Cop"



"Would you believe motor stables"



"Cut left at the Papa Tango"



The old hidden ball trick



Bend over and kiss it goodbye



Latin lovelies



Miss class of 1969



"Plenty of cold showers tonight"



The critics



LTC McHurren



Maj Walker



Maj Cox



CPT Cyrus



CPT McNeight



CPT Gordon



CPT Brandt



CPT Brenner



1LT Rice



2LT Sale



WO1 Skeen



CSM Brassard



1SG Hocutt



MSG Thompson



SSG Essex



SGT Glispie



SGT Breunig



SGT Stanford



SGT Sanford



SP5 Garwood



SP5 Carriere



SP5 Laranie



SP5 Toftness



SP5 Ogilvie



SP5 Gosnell



SP4 Jensen



SP4 Aguayo



SP4 Dunne



SP4 Bernatz



SP4 Olson



SP4 Williamson



SP4 Hinnenkamp



SP4 Miranda



SP4 Peepels



SP4 Battiste



SP4 Vaughn



SP4 Crabtree



SP4 Weber



SP4 Allison



SP4 Jackson



SP4 Paris



SP4 Morris



SP4 Noechel



SP4 Peters



SP4 Robert Smith



SP4 Thomas



SP4 Murphy



SP4 Richardson



SP4 Bennett



SP4 Castens



SP4 Dwight Smith



SGT Colley



SP4 Ives



PV2 Sailor



SP4 Falcon



SP4 Schweedler



SP4 Sanchez



SP4 Jensen



SP4 Pfarr



SP4 Scott



SP4 Choquette



SP4 Knighten



SP4 Green



SSG Nghiem



WO1 Lapointe



SFC Connors



SP5 Tanner



SP5 Drake



SP4 Sprinkle



SP4 Ostriski



SP4 Roloff





CPT McShea Service Btry CO
"THE RINGMASTER"



1SG Tolliver Service Btry
"Only An SOB would talk like that"



SP5 Foster Btry Clerk
"THE PRIDE OF THE 1SG CAV"





CW2 Showalter Personnel Officer



SPC Stearn Pers. NCO



Togetherhness



"And a Hearty Welcome to you."



"Ridge Runner"



CW2 Fanson Supply Technician



SSG Lago-Oliveras S-4 SGT



SFC Staranowicz S-4 SGT



SP4 Spohr S-4 Clerk



SGT Hughes S-4 SGT



SP5 Fiano and S-4 Specialist
SP4 Randolph S-4 Clerk



CPT Ramsey Motor Officer



CPT Gordon CMMI Team Chief



CPT Brandt Asst Motor Officer



CW2 Welch Maintenance Tech
and



Leadership by Example



"When all else fails"



Mike Battery



"Want a Lift"



The Echo Oscar at Work



The Brain Trust



Armo Section



"Bat, Sir"



SP4 Supple PLL Clerk



SP4 Francis Clerk



The "On The Way" Mafia



SGT Sterrett Supply SGT
"Baby Huey"



PVT Leon Supply Clerk



SGT Henry and SP4 Williams
Battery Armorer



CPT McShea



1LT Berger



CW2 Fauson



CW2 Welch



1SG Tolliver



SFC Stearn



SFC Starenowicz



SSG Lugo-Oliveras



SSG Loehr



SSG Haase



SSG LeFlore



SGT Stewart



SGT Henry



SGT Browning



SP5 Fiano



SP5 Mau



SP5 Ourley



SP5 Hughes



SP5 Kolarik



SP5 Crowe



SP5 Foster



SP5 Sterrett



SP5 Fike



SP5 Mikula



SP5 Taylor



SP4 Langley



SP4 Martin



SP5 Williams



PFC Boosley



SP4 Yeske



SP4 Schout



SP4 Thomas



SP4 Shalloe



SP4 Kroeplin



SP4 McCall



SP4 Francis



SP4 Flesner



SP4 Supple



SP4 Manning



SP4 Rosier



SP4 Little



SP4 Vogt



SP4 Adams



SP4 Traynor



SP4 Armibrecht



SP4 Rhodes



SP4 Miller



PFC Naeggep



SP4 Corbin



SP4 Cooke



SP4 Giordano



SP4 Mobley



SP4 Spohr



SP4 Hunt



PFC Chapman



PFC Ensley



PFC Sereal



PFC Peabody



PFC Pray



PFC Nitti



PFC Parker



PFC Strickland



PFC Peterson



PFC Manger



PFC Jones



PFC Holdvogt



PVI Anderson



PVI Morales





"All the old man has to do
is open the door - then kapow"



1SG Pettress, A Btry 1SG



A Btry Supply Clerk



SPl Walsh, Btry Clerk



SGT Walker, Supply SGT



Alpha's Angels



Which one is wearing the
Haggar Perma Frost Slacks?



"I can't believe Alexander Graham
Bell started like this"



Sit-down strike



The cream of the crop



Lunch at the Skylight Room



Sudden loss of appetite



"It sure doesn't taste like tomato juice"



"Give me a Big-Mac with lots of mustard"



RHIP



"Occupancy by more than 500 is prohibited"



The balloon boys



"Your guess is as good as mine"



The catbird seat



"This is a formation?"



"Oh, the joy of command"



"There's a better life for you and me"



General Haines gets the lowdown



"Welcome to the R&R Center, Sir"



First Howitzer Section



Second Howitzer Section



Third Howitzer Section



Fourth Howitzer Section



LT Masi



1LT Ritchie



1LT Wong



2LT Callis



1SG Petress



SP4 Yocum



PVT Hall



SSG Davis



SSG Krueger



SGT Zwilling



SGT Blount



SGT Ingraham



SGT Welty



SGI Easton



SGT Mello



PFC Morales



SP5 LaPorte



SP4 Wojick



PFC Goczell



SGT Cosbie



SP4 Falls



PFC Mc Bain



SP4 Robinson



SGT McCoy



SGT Fass



SP4 Danforth



SP4 Piccuito



SP4 Mercado



SP5 Curvin



SP4 Stogdill



SP4 Bolton



PVT Arrington



PVT Pomarico



SP4 Rapp



SP4 Walsh



SP4 Witten



SP4 Bowling



SP4 Palmer



SP4 Welker



SP4 Villanueva



SP4 Lamb



SP4 Quinty



SP4 Gomez



SP4 Bruns



PFC Hayercraft



PFC Smith



PFC Faith



PFC Martinez



PFC Hamilton



SP4 Lopez



PFC Brezicky



SP4 Hughes



PFC Roark



SP4 Anderson



PFC Burnett



PFC Martin



SP4 Andrews



SP4 Davis



PFC Crumbliss



SP4 Osborne



SP4 Lovrine



PFC Kaufman



PFC Deher



PFC Daulton



SP4 Chaplain



PVT Jackson



PFC Littleton



PFC Kayser



PFC Holdneire



PFC Merriman





CPT Boydston, Bravo Btry Commander



1SG Greer, B Btry 1SG



SP4 Whaley, BC's Driver



SGT Curro, B Btry Supply SGT



SP4 Kyser, Btry Clerk



"They look weakest over left tackle"



"That's a Ho-Ho"



"This is a Fire Direction Center?"



"It's the craziest typewriter I ever saw"



I still say $2+2=4$



"A new record - 48 hours without sleep"



"Snakeyes, you lose rookie"



"How about 8 O'clock, Honey?"



"Be happy in your work"



"The short one is in charge"



"Who stole the centerfold?"



Birmingham's own Dr. Kildare



"I still say it was a Kamikaze 12 O'clock"



"You make out better at both ends"



Peter Powder and the projos



"Why can't we unload them like we usually do?"



"One or two lumps in your gravy"



"Fire mission"



"Kill it before it escapes"



Soup on a paper plate



1st Gun Section



2nd Gun Section



3rd Gun Section



4th Gun Section



CPT Boydston



2LT Putnam



2LT Spahr



1SG Greer



SFC Hebert



SFC Kobre



SSG Harris



SP6 Hawkins



SGT Brown



SGT Williams



SGT Berger



SP5 Weil



CPL Garwood



CPT Trudeau



CPL Blank



SP4 King



SP4 Sharp



SP4 Kyser



SP4 Walsh



SP4 Richards



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SP4 Ballejos



SP4 Watkins



SP4 Martin



SP4 Sterling



SP4 Bondeson



SP4 Stout



SP4 Matson



SP4 Flintjer



SP4 Morrow



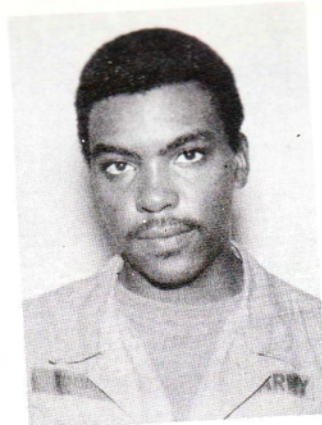
PFC Caligiuri



PFC Terano



SGT Turner



PFC Cummings



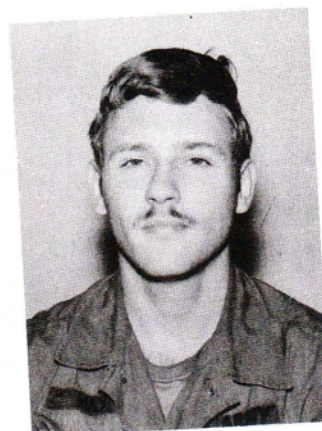
PFC Kosty



PFC Cordova



PFC Ballesteros



PFC Miller



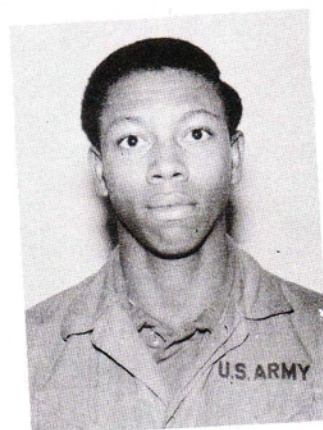
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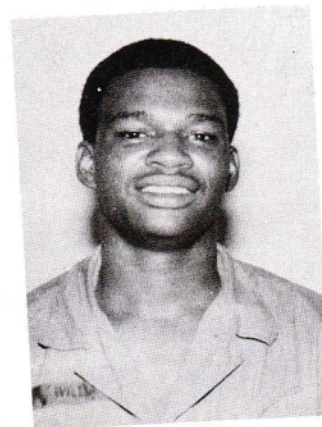
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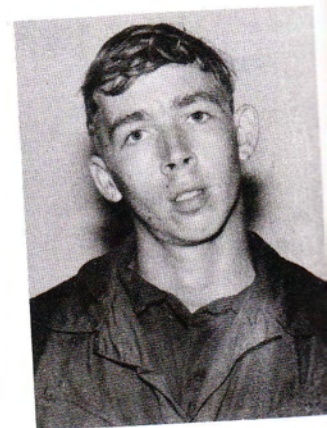
PFC Miyashiro



PFC Copeland



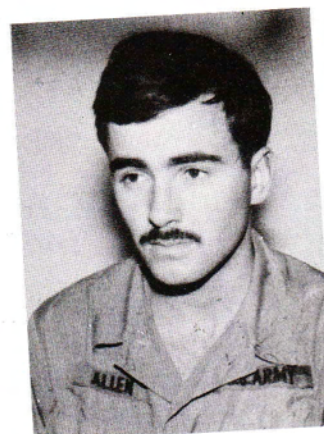
PFC Williams



PFC Bailey



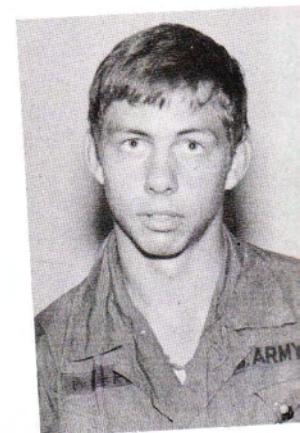
PFC Gross



PFC Hommel



PFC Gillespie



PFC Bielejeski



PFC Dilley



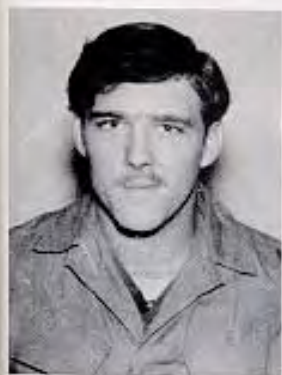
PFC Bell



PFC Swink



PFC Pax



PFC Smith



PFC Dillon



PFC Davis



PFC Mills



PFC Bourque



PFC May



PFC Gronseth



PFC Hargraves





LT Buck, C Btry XO



1SG Kronholm, 1SG C Btry



SPl Bustamante, Btry Clerk



Charlie Btry Supply



"Hey GI, you like fealthy pictures?"



"Snokey the bear"



"The P-Bringers"



"And for our next number"



"Dress Right, Dress"



"Catch the oil and tires, please"



"They didn't teach this at Sill"



"I think I'll pass that one up"



Just like momma used to make"



Gourmet Society



"For those who care enough to serve the very best"



Another product of Army chow



First Gun Section



Second Gun Section



Third Gun Section



Fourth Gun Section



1LT Buck



1LT House



1LT Murphy



1LT Richardson



1SG Kronholm



SFC McAllister



SSG Scoggins



SSG Nelson



SSG Anderson



SGT Ansbach



SGT Riley



SP5 Englehardt



SP5 Mendel



SP5 Ripley



SP5 Tagg



CPL King



SPl Willis



SPl Strode



SPl Sprecher



SPl Sloan



SPl Robbins



SPl Frochnow



SPl Robertson



SPl Bustamante



SPl French



SPl Powell



SPl Talamantes



SPl Richardson



SPl Hernandez



SPl Mickelson



SPl Stenberg



SPl Wishard



SP4 Baldwin



SP4 Schaller



SP4 Zagari



SP4 Sears



SP4 McCormick



SP4 Ries



SP4 Redd



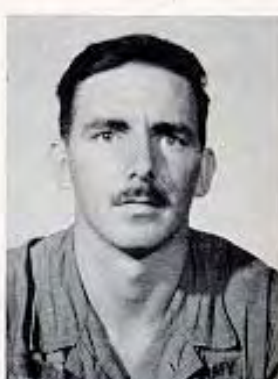
SP4 Richmond



SP4 Woloczj



PFC Palasek



PFC Sprinkle



PFC Gilliam



PFC Beattie



PFC Hartsell



PFC Wernet



PFC Reynolds



PFC Payne



PFC Rose



PFC Godoy



PFC Wagner



PFC Pyle



PFC Barton



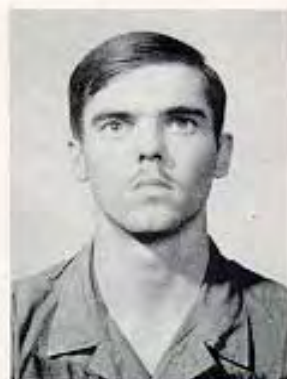
SP4 DuFriend



PFC Gurgone



PFC Garcia



PFC Bradley



PFC Belajac



PFC Hicks



PFC Davis



PFC White



SP4 Alota



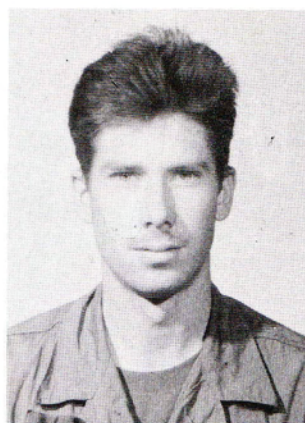
PFC Clark



PFC Armenteros



PFC Benevengo



PFC Haie



PFC Jones



PFC Beers





IN MEMORIAM

On the 18th of May 1969, SP4 Fred H. Paddleford, a member of HNB, 1st Bn, 83d FA passed away quietly on the United States Hospital Ship Repose. He indeed had paid the supreme sacrifice for his country. He had been wounded while administering aid to the wounded during the early morning attack on Fire Support Base Bastogne on 12 May 1969.

Specialist Paddleford was born in Buffalo, New York. He and his family lived there a number of years before moving to their present location in Jacksonville, Florida. After attending high school in Jacksonville, Fred enlisted in the United States Army in June of 1968. From Jacksonville, he went to Fort Benning, Ga. where he completed his Basic Training. On 9 September 1968 he went to Fort Sam Houston where he completed his training as a corpsman. Fred came to Vietnam on 17 December 1968, and was assigned to HNB, 1st Battalion, 83d Field Artillery on 23 Dec 68. He stayed in HNB until he was attached to C Battery on 14 April 1969. He served at FSB Bastogne until wounded under hostile fire on 12 May 1969.

During the past year, Fred has been awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal, The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, the Purple Heart, and the Silver Star Medal.

On the 21st of May 1969, a Memorial Service was held in honor of Fred at FSB Blaze. Chaplain McLean of the 27th Engineers conducted the ceremony. An altar was erected, and it was near this altar that the rifle with bayonet was placed in the ground, the helmet placed on top of it and the spit shined boots placed in front of it. A small pouch, carrying the equipment which the Medic uses, a part of his uniform was hung from the top of the rifle. On the right hand side of the rifle, the National Colors were unveiled and the Battalion Colors were unveiled on the left hand side. At this point, the National Anthem was sung followed by the Invocation. Following a Scripture Reading by Chaplain McLean, CPT Babb, the Battalion Surgeon, added pertinent comments concerning the activities in which Fred was engaged. After CPT Babb's comments, a Memorial Prayer was given by the Chaplain ending in a moment of Silent Meditation. The Benediction was given in conclusion.

Specialist Paddleford was the only man of the 1st Battalion, 83d Field Artillery to die of wounds received in hostile combat during the three years this battalion has been in Vietnam. He died in honor as he had lived and it is with this in mind that we here pay him tribute.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eldrid Paddleford, 6905 De Lisle Drive, Jacksonville, Florida.