

6TH BATTALION



27TH ARTILLERY

RVN

The 27th Artillery has provided the kind of accurate, responsive firepower that has historically provided support for the United States Army and her Allied units.

From its early beginnings at Camp McClellan, Alabama on August 2, 1918 to its present involvement in the Vietnam Conflict, the 27th Artillery has remained a vital part of the American deterrent against aggression.

Although the 27th Field Artillery did not serve overseas during World War I, the activities of the 27th Field Artillery Battalion, (Armored), 1st Armored Division, established this battalion as one of the finest artillery units to have fought in WWII.

The 27th Artillery won military acclaim for its participation in the amphibious landings on North Africa, actions in Algiers and Tunisia, the Italian Campaign, and the invasion of Southern Europe. The fires of the 27th were of critical importance to American and Allied units in all of these campaigns.

From 1942 - 1945, the 27th Artillery spent more than 550 days in firing positions, fired a total of 380, 115 rounds of 105mm and 3,447 rounds of 75mm ammunition, and had more combat action than any other unit in the 1st Armored Division. The 27th Artillery compiled a long and enviable record of achievements during WWII.

The post-war period was one of inactivation, activation, and re-designation for the 27th Artillery. On August 23, 1962, the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery was activated, added to the Army rolls, and was stationed at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas. Upon completion of three years of preparation, the battalion was deployed to the Republic of Vietnam in 1965 to support the fight against Communism in Southeast Asia.

Assigned to the 23d Artillery Group, II Field Force Artillery, the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery faced the rugged task of engaging in fire support planning and then coordinating instantly available fire to maneuver units.

The battalion became the first US artillery element to fire into North Vietnam and its heavy artillery fires in 1967, 1968, and the early part of 1969 have destroyed NVA/VC base camps and has assisted in the defeat of numerous enemy attacks. Artillery fire, American air superiority, and vigorous ground actions have made it increasingly difficult for the enemy to mount offensives or resupply his units. The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, a composite 8"/175mm howitzer battalion and its attached 155mm firing battery, Battery F, 16th Artillery, have been recommended for a Meritorious Unit Citation (MUC) for service performed during the period 1 Feb 69 to 31 Aug 69 for supporting numerous combat operations in RVN and an active participation in an aggressive Civic Action Program. In supporting US and ARVN forces during this seven month span, the battalion fired 87, 233 rounds of 155mm, 175mm, and 8" ammunition during 26, 355 missions without a single artillery incident. During this period, the battalion was credited with 192 NVA/VC confirmed killed by Artillery (KBA), 98 possible KBA, 614 bunkers destroyed and 88 secondary explosions. The batteries sustained 194 enemy rocket/mortar and ground attacks receiving an estimated total of 2,147 rounds causing 3 Killed In Action (KIA) and 45 Wounded In Action (WIA) among personnel of the battalion.

The battalion's Civic Action Program has provided support, assistance, and guidance for the Vietnamese people. Two Girl Scout and two Boy Scout troops were established, a Montagnard boarding school was built, and a vigorous MEDCAPS program was inaugurated in conjunction with MACV advisors and province health teams.

As of this writing, the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery continues to serve valiantly in Vietnam. The active role of the battalion is evidenced by its total expenditures of 420,070 rounds of 155mm, 175mm, and 8" ammunition fired in counter rocket/mortar and support fires for the 1st Cavalry Division (AM), 1st Infantry Division, 101st Airborne Division, 5th ARVN Division, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and close artillery support for Regular Force/Popular Force Special Forces Groups.

The 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery has indeed compiled a long and enviable record of achievement during the Vietnam Conflict. The "Cannon Kings" illuminated by past glory look forward to continued service in the cause of freedom.



A message from the 23d Artillery Group Commander

Colonel W. Beinke

Since the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery arrived in Vietnam in 1965, it has played an increasingly important role in support of our military operations. Although your positions have been subjected to frequent mortar attacks, rocket attacks, and ground assaults, you have always accomplished your primary mission -- providing responsive, devastating artillery fire support when and where it was needed.

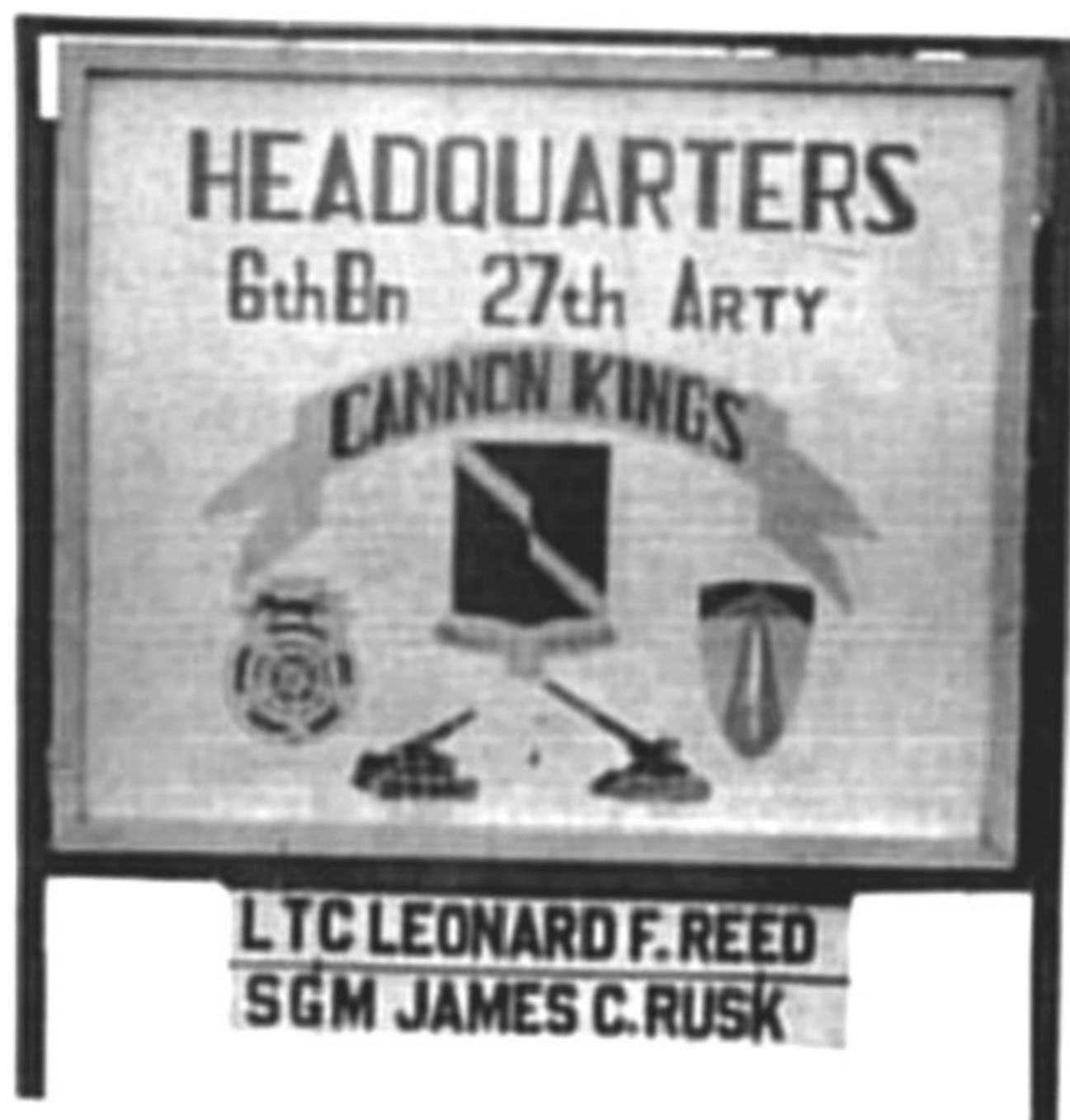
Equally important has been your generous support to the people of Vietnam. The time, money, and personal efforts devoted to the sponsorship of Scouting programs, local schools, and Medical Civic Action programs are worthy investments in the future of this war torn country.

The "Cannon Kings" are one of the three original battalions attached to the 23d Artillery Group in 1965. Many of the 23d Artillery Group's accomplishments are, in fact, your accomplishments. You have always performed with distinction. Each of your many and varied achievements has been marked by a display of true professionalism. I am proud to have been associated with the outstanding artillerymen who comprise the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery, and wish you continued success in the future.



Cannon King's Chief

The officers and men of the 6th Battalion 27th Artillery and Battery F, 16th Artillery pictured in this book are serving well the heritage of their regiments. It is due to their efforts and dedication that the "Cannon Kings" enjoy a truly enviable reputation within the brotherhood of artillerymen. The performance of the 6th Battalion, 27th Artillery and Foxtrot have brought many fine words of praise from the US and ARVN infantry and cavalry soldiers we support. I salute you, the officers and men, who have made this organization what it is today.





Long Binh 3358, please



My fellow Americans....

S-1



Another Congressional?

S-2



Give me a ticket on an airplane



What, Dickbird's been Medivaced?



Fire Mission!



!!! There sports fans



Cigars for an NG



Another shady deal



TI'd and ready to roll



Somewhere to our right...



Where's my driver



That's affirm, babe



Chyanne



WAR IS HELL!!

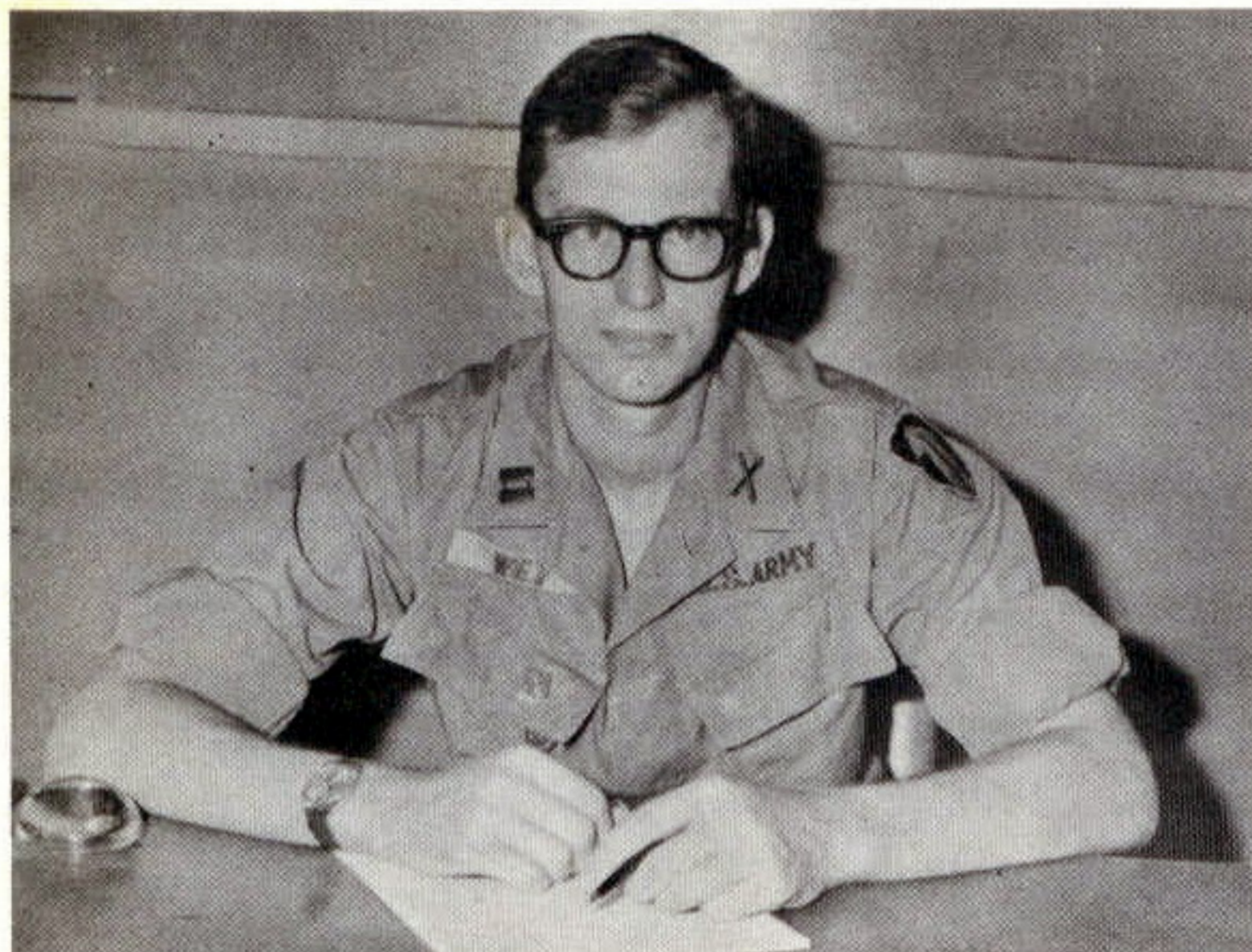


You just blew what?





# HHB ORDERLY ROOM



I don't want to hear it!



So you wanna be ED, huh?



I want to be a ROTC Ranger



What about HQ 2?



Now, about tonights movie...



COMMO



Oii, wow!



Don't fight the problem



It don't mean nothin'



Are you working





Where are the keys to the 'O' Club?



Well, Doc, I went into An Loc



How're ya fixed for blades?



This could be serious



CMMI Squad



Just wait till payday!



Your urine analysis will be back soon



Shanker Mechanics



Sorry, no more stew



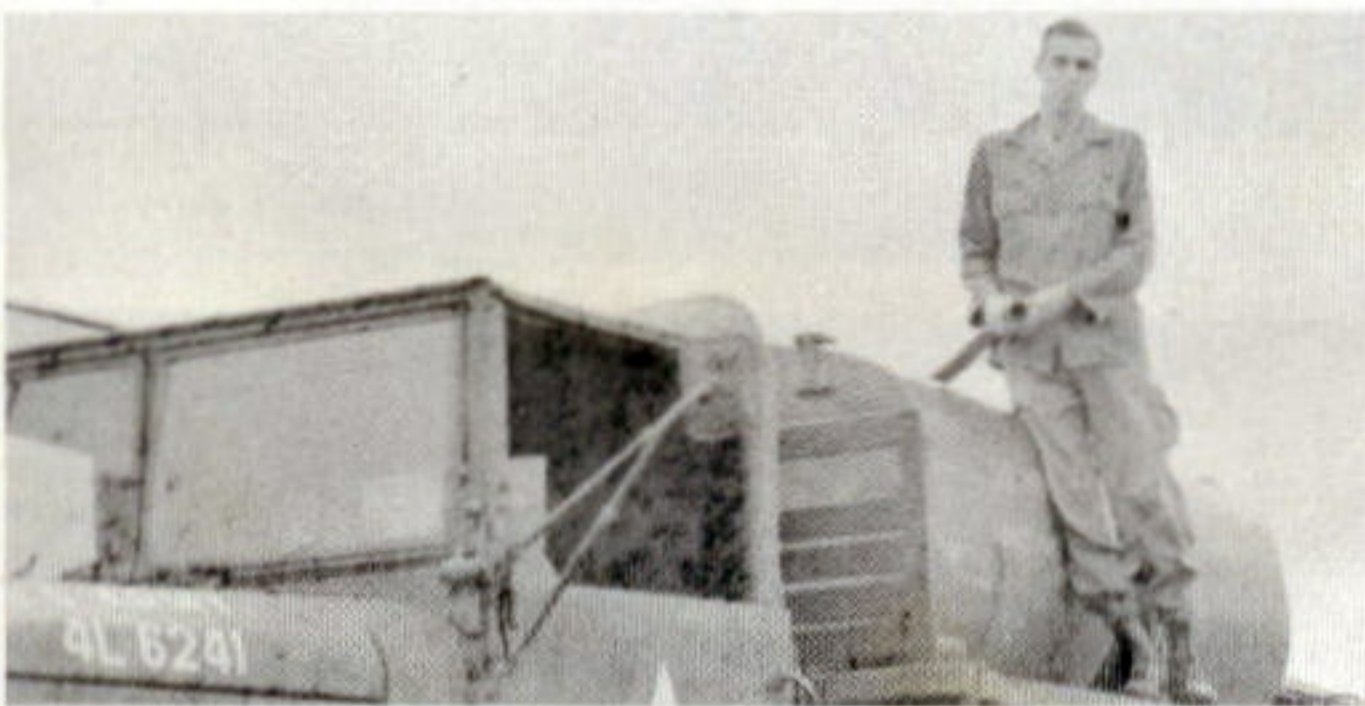
Mess Daddy



\$10 for the bar, New SP4



How do you want 'em?



But I just filled the shower



Get Me! 48 Get Me!



Hump those bags



Col. Reed's Quan Loi Chicken Kings



Well, here goes nothing.



Come now, Major, it's not that bad  
(Back in the days of '49)



Hamburgers, again?



Hmmm...



Chop Chop Time



Ready-SEATS!!



Enjoying the Bennies...



Mystery meat.



Tighten it up



Have you had your's today?



This one's still kicking



We had our's yesterday



Cornbelt Renissance



KP



Well. there it is



Heard the one about...



And if you guys REUP...



War is hell!!



Quan Loi AA



Anybody got a P38?



Having a great time, wish you were here



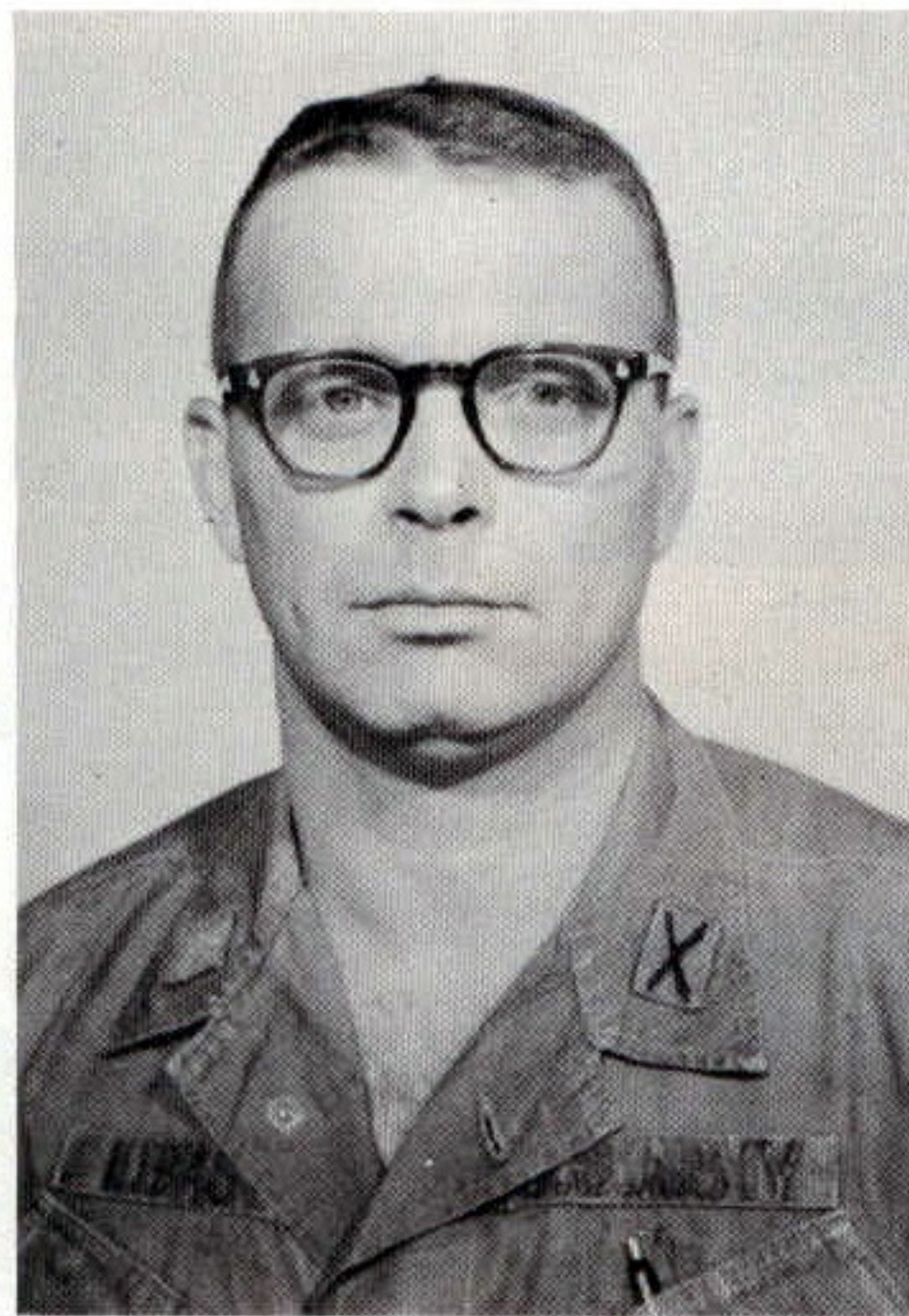
99 bottles of beer on the wall...



Hello, up there



Lt Col Reed



Maj Libassi



Maj Hrabal



Maj Davenport





Cpt Hoffman



Cpt Wey



Cpt Simino



Cpt Pringle



Cpt Dieterlen



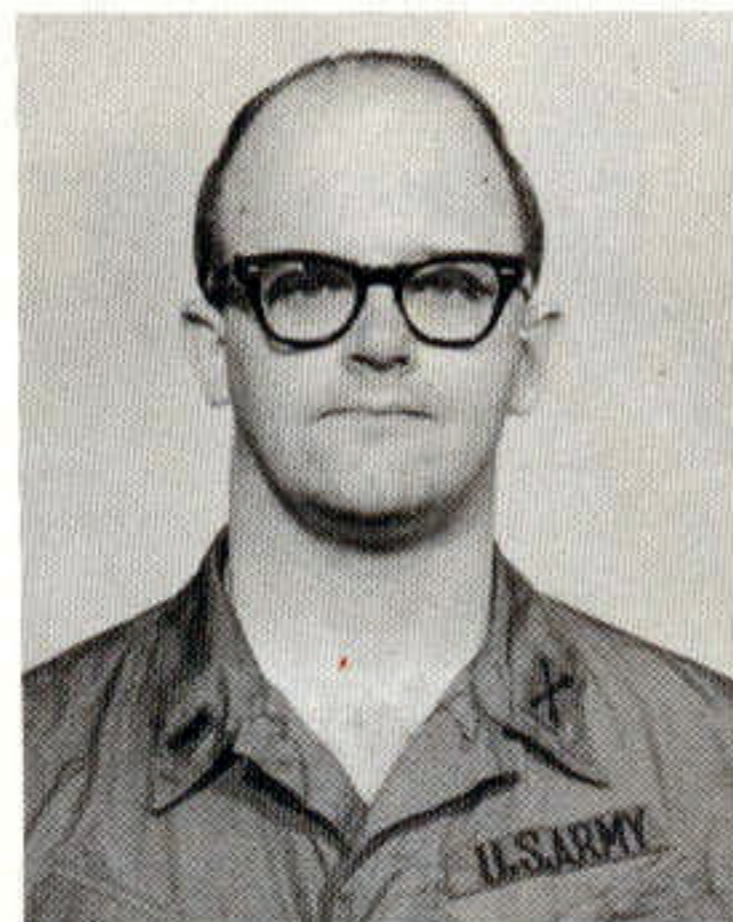
Cpt Bode



1Lt Dunlap



1Lt McGehee



1Lt Ruff



1Lt Cross



2Lt Vauter



1SGT Ramsey



SGM Rusk



E-8 Anderson



E-7 Morgan



E-7 Garrett



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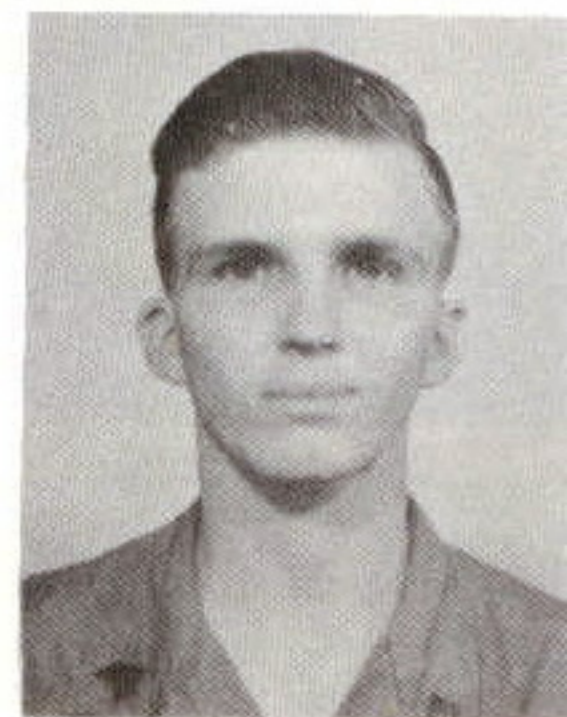
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E-6 Browner



E-5 Barnett



E-5 Caldwell



E-5 Head



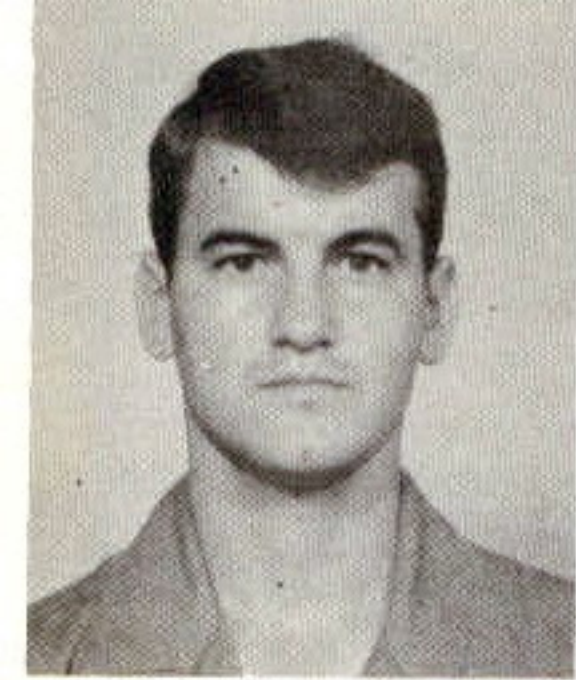
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E-5 Russell



E-5 Veteto



E-4 Shackelford



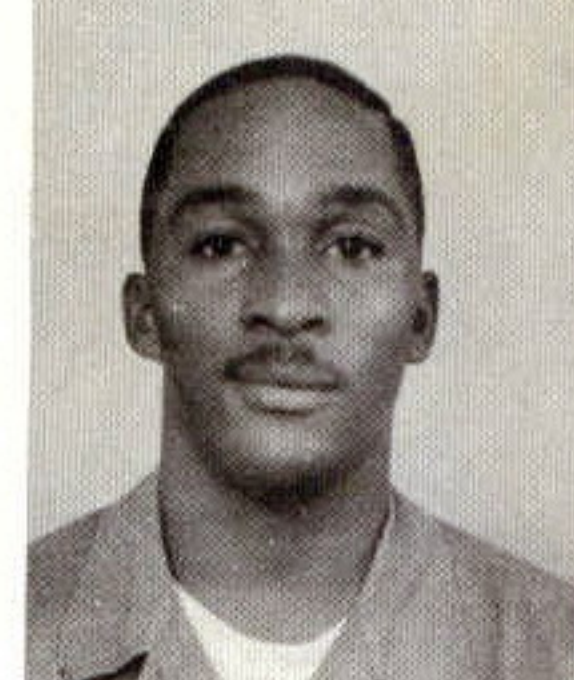
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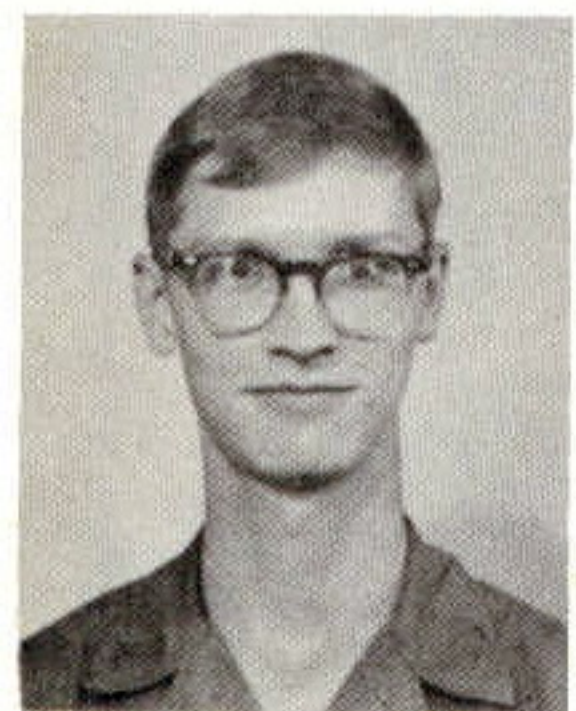
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E-4 Porter



E-4 Suedmeyer



E-4 Rivera



E-4 Fillerup



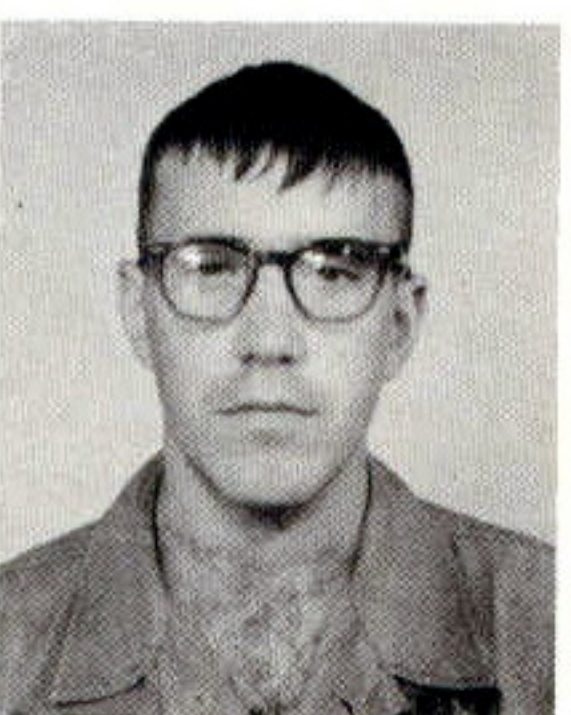
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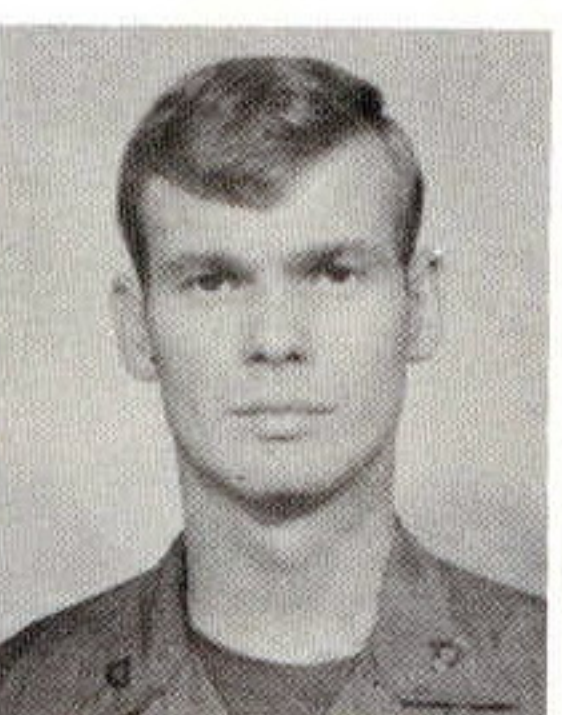
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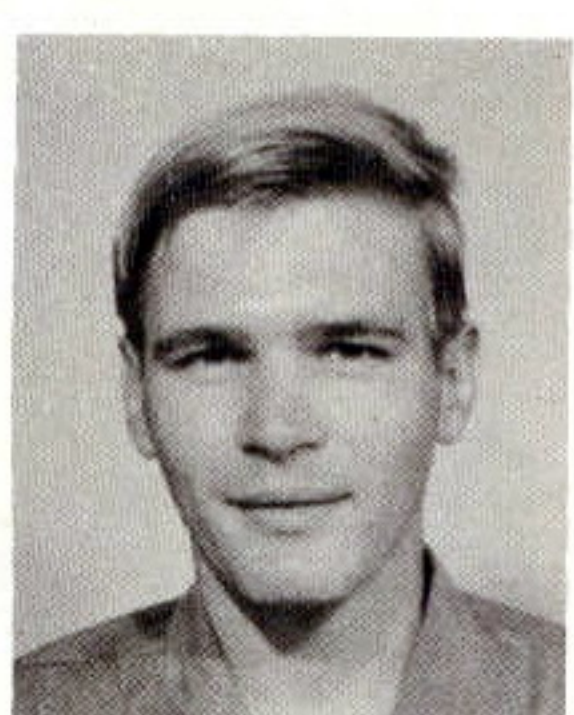
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E-3 Foote



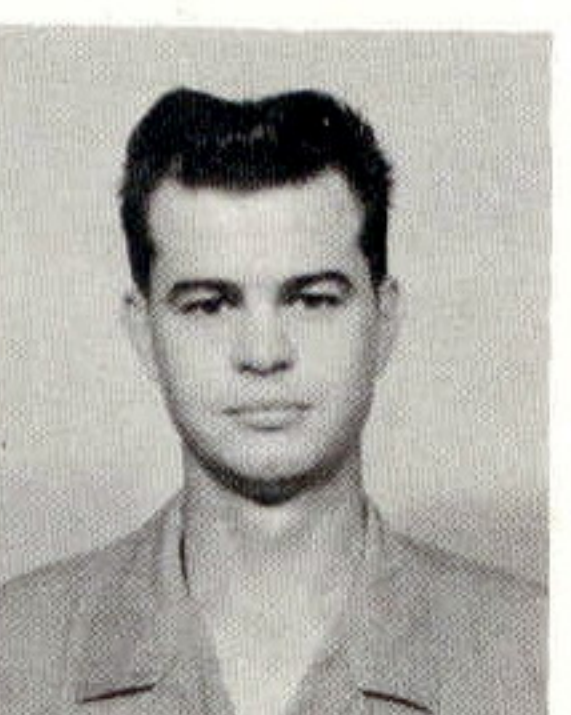
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E-3 Skoda



E-3 Esterline



E-3 Eisterhold



E-3 Gaines



E-3 Smith



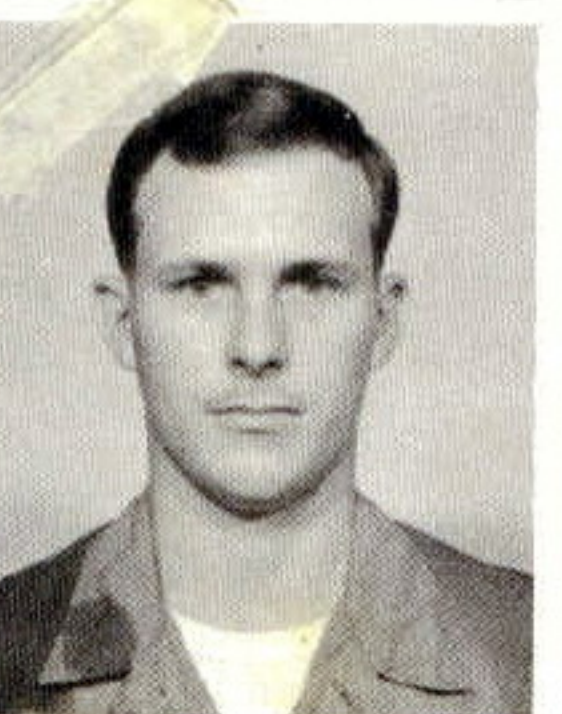
E-3 Tice



E-4 Harper



E-3 Armitage



E-3 Mallory



E-3 Mohr



E-3 Freeman



E-3 Battersby



E-3 Reilly



E-3 Constantine



E-3 Trantham



Ed- E-3 Brown



E-3 Severson



E-3 Oleen



E-3 Vandebogert



E-3 Comrie



E-3 Ragsdale



E-3 McIntire



E-3 Johnson



E-3 Fentress



E-3 Gutierrez



E-3 Hammitt



E-3 Ousley



E-3 Geiger



E-3 Shaw



E-3 Dahl



E-4 Kinead



Lusk



Cook