

Who Am I?

"Name: Lon Oakley Jr, US 54443676"

"Arrived RVN: January 1969"

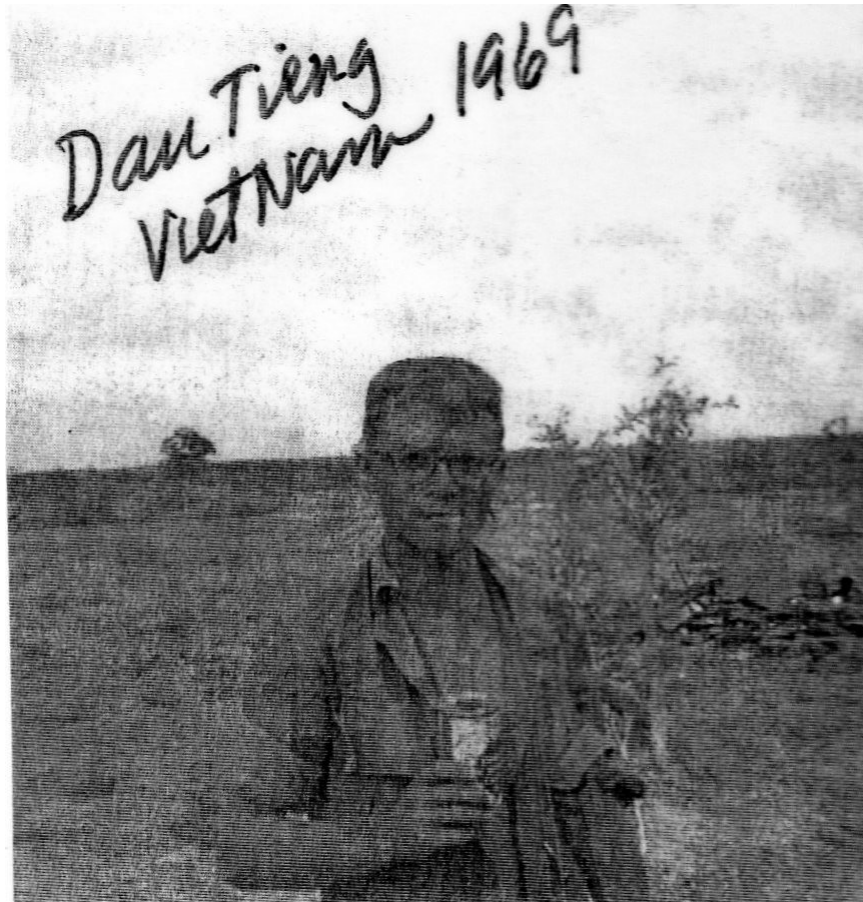
"Left RVN: August, 1969"

"Company: A"

"Platoon: Dick Nash's Third Herd"

"Squad: Weapons Track (Phantom 34)"

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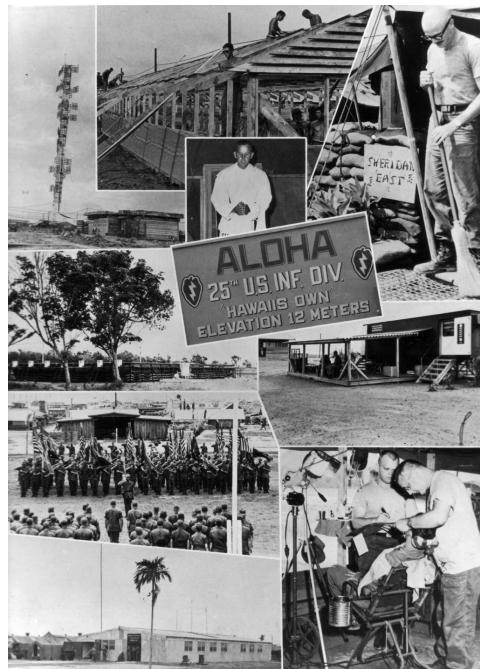
I had the honor to serve with the bravest men I have ever know in my life. Each touched my life forever and inspired me to get my college education finished after 'Nam and reenter service as a military officer. 23 (years) of military service and the best years of my life are attributed to Viet Nam heroes like Dick Nash, Ken "Lumpy" Schulte, Al Bridges, Joe Esser, Larry Gallagher, JC Walker, Dennis "Tex" Holt, Larry Peek, Dennis "Polooka" Lutz, Charles Lynch, Odis Haynes, Joe Goerke, James Denney, our PSG "The Rock", our commander CPT David Crocker and the most fearless person I have ever met...our medic Dan "Doc" Michaelic. I am indebted to them for life!
Deeds Not Words!

LON OAKLEY JR
San Antonio, Texas

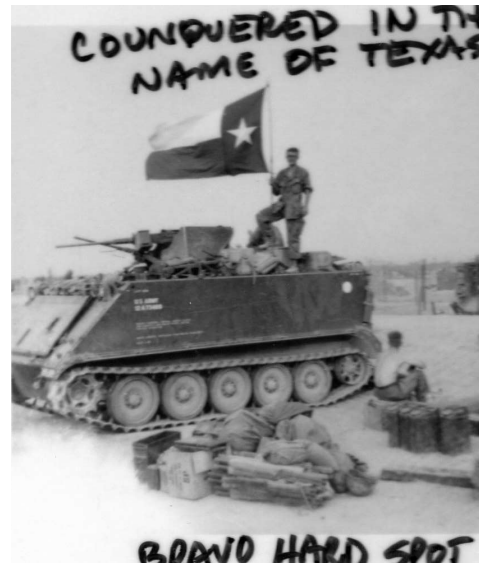


SGT. LON OAKLEY
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INFANTRY RVN '69

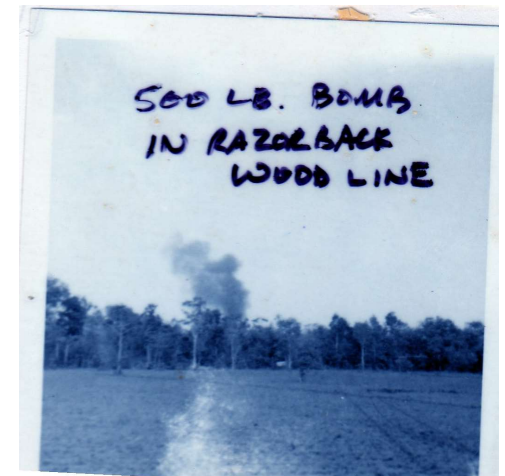
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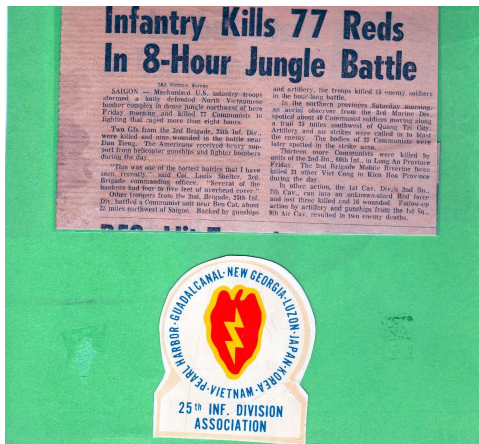
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34 Track a Bravo Hard Spot April 1969.
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500 pounder in Razorbacks woodline.jpg
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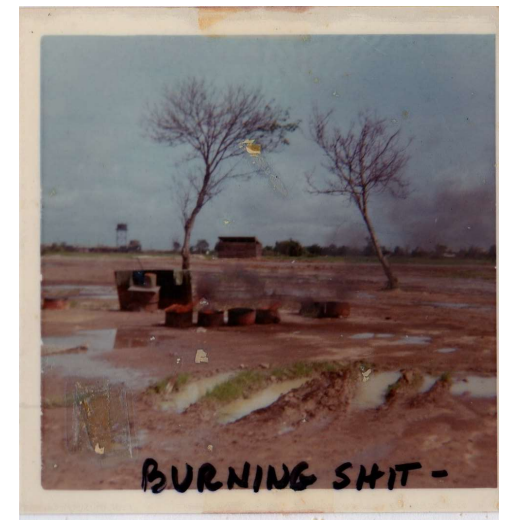
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Aerial of Dau Tieng RVN 1969.jpg
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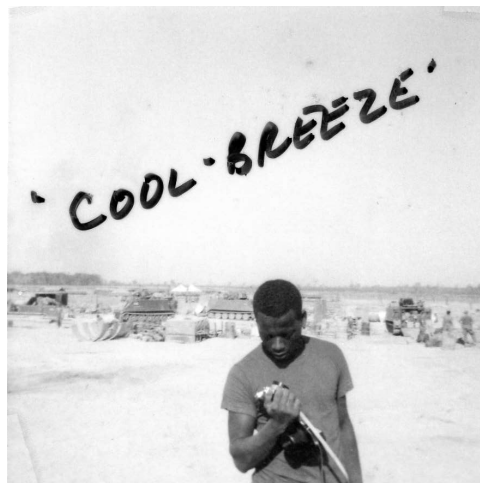
Bravest Men I Have Ever Known and A Co FIRST FAMILY Pooluka Lon Larry Lumpy Dick Joe and other Alpha 1969 with Cpt Crockers wife and family.jpg
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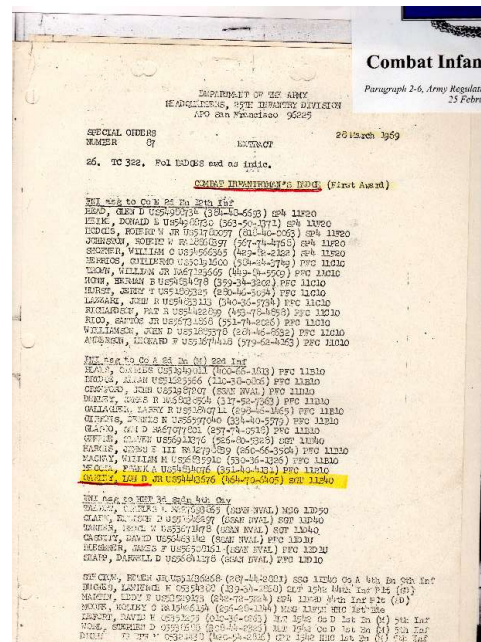
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Cattle Rustling in RVN..jpg (1090x994)



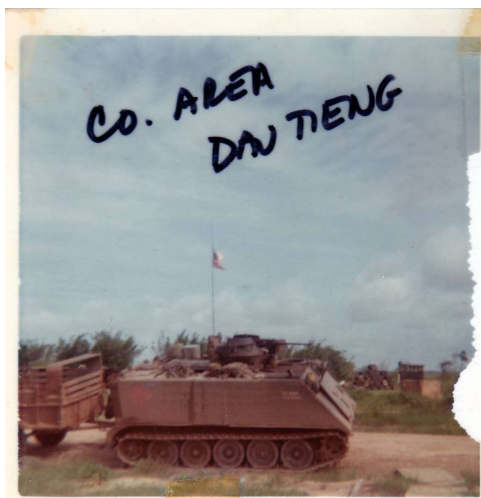
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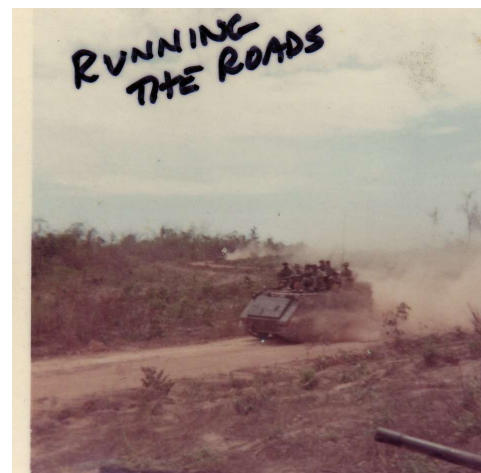
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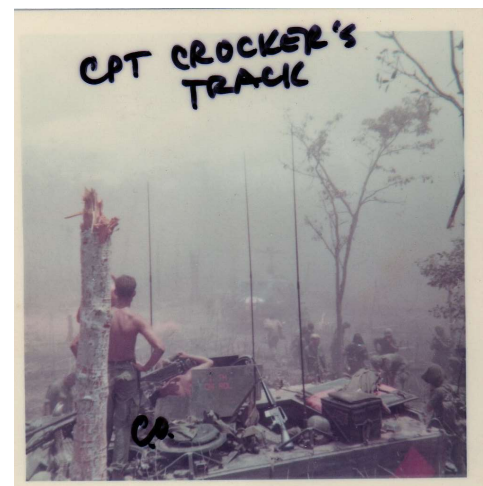
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Convoy aka THE CORN moves on Ben Cui Road 1969.jpg (866x998)



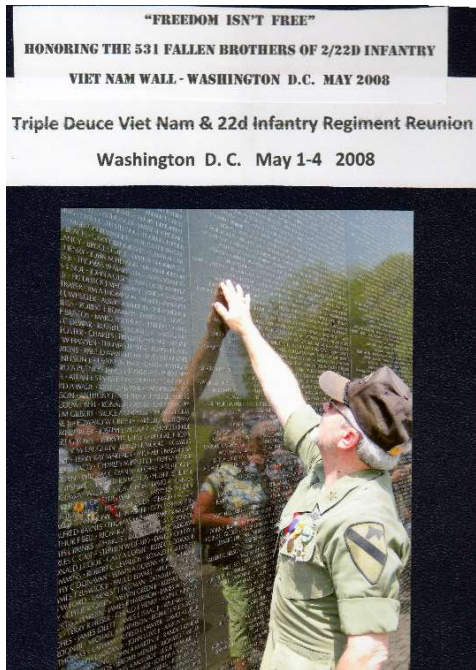
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Cpt Crocker Cmd Track 34 Track in Michelin Rubber Plantation 1969.jpg (1019x1022)



Cpt Crocker directs Dust Off from Cmd Track 1969.jpg (738x1014)



Cpt Crocker Panel on RVN Wall 2008. jpg (1631x2268)



Crockers TO THE ALPS.jpg (240x185)



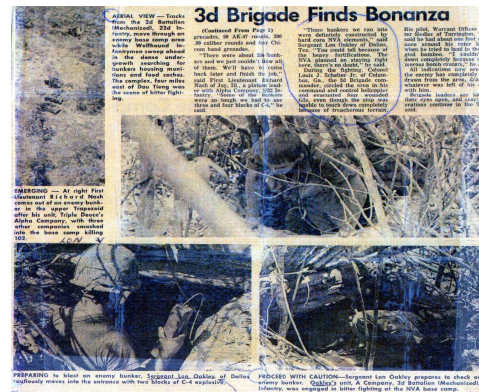
Dan aka Doc Michael and Lon Oakley 69. jpg (2424x2532)



Dau Tieng Tower 69.jpg (1019x953)



Denney & Oakley walking flank Ben Cui Rd.jpg (1054x976)



Dick Nash and Lon blowing NVA bunkers in Razorbacks 1969.jpg (2706x2208)



Doc & Lumpy in the Michelin chowing down.jpg (1062x2052)



Doc and Lon with Misc photos 1969.jpg
(2417x3269)



DUST OFF CHOPPER.jpg (1066x1018)



Eagle Flt Returns.jpg (768x995)



Flame Track.jpg (882x852)



Gallagher on C Rats reload.jpg
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Gallagher's M60 in drivers hatch of
Phantom 34.jpg (720x702)



Joe Esser Dick Nash Lon Oakley 2002
Reunion.jpg (1746x1164)



Joe Esser and Others lie wounded
awaiting Medivac 1969.jpg (2838x1920)



ROAD LAND MINE

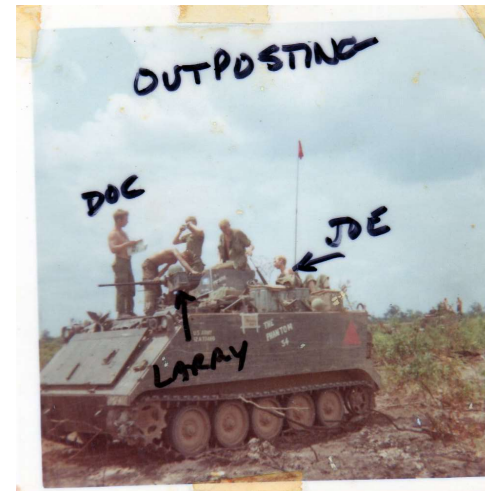
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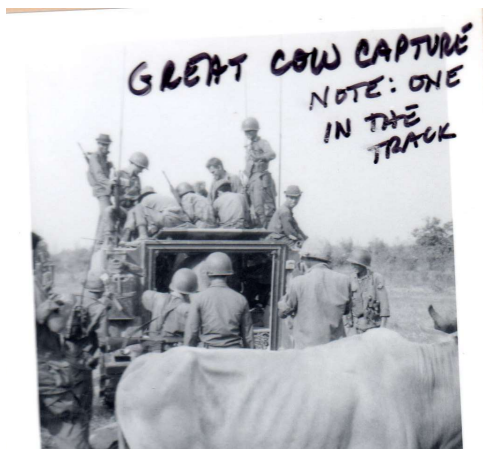
Larry Doc Lumpy and Lon 34 Track
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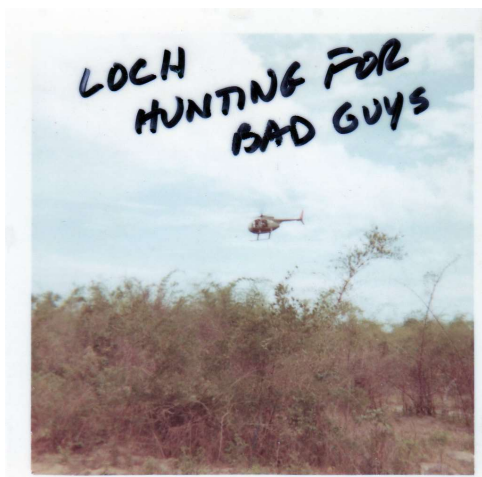
Larry Gallagher and Ken Schulte aka
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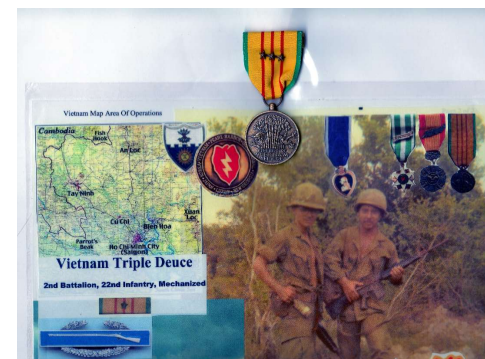
Loading Cattle into Tracks.jpg
(1028x948)



LOCH Flying Football looking for Bad
Guys.jpg (1020x1020)



Lon Oakley 2005.jpg (2477x2112)



Lon Oakley and Doc Michaelic 1969.jpg
(3324x2454)



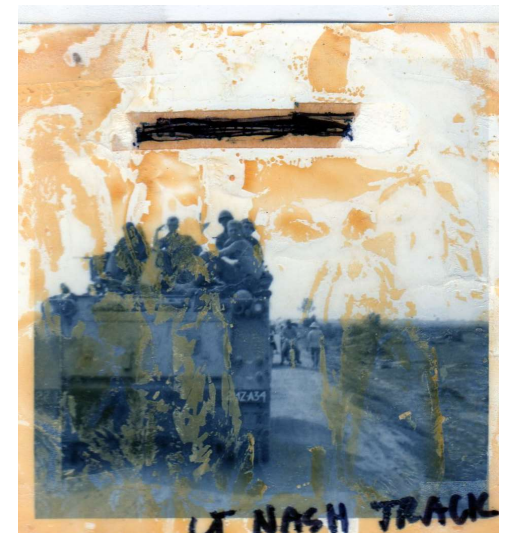
Lon Oakley at Vlet Nam Wall 2008.jpg
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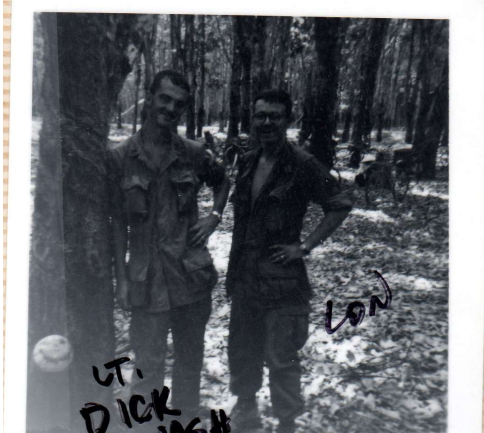
Looking toward Michelin from Base
Camp..jpg (996x1002)



Lt Nash 31 Track and MPC.jpg
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LT Nash 31 Track on Ben Cui Road.jpg
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LT Nash and Sgt Oakley Michelin
Rubber Plantation May 1969.jpg
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Lynch COOL BREEZE and Sgt Oakley
weapons cleaning at base camp.jpg
(2394x3102)



Michelin Rubber Plantation Compound .
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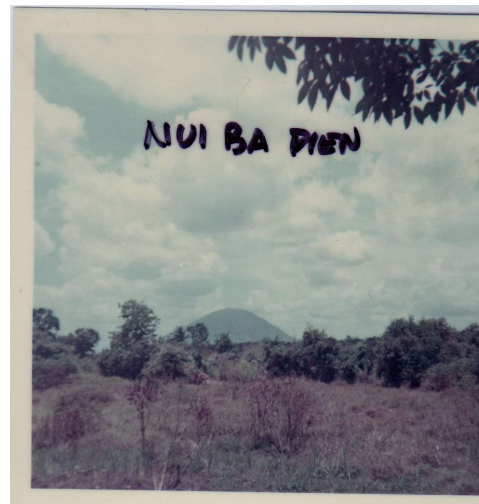
Most Fearless Man I Have Ever Known
Dan DOC Michaelic 3d Plt Medic.jpg
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MPC 1969.jpg (1572x762)



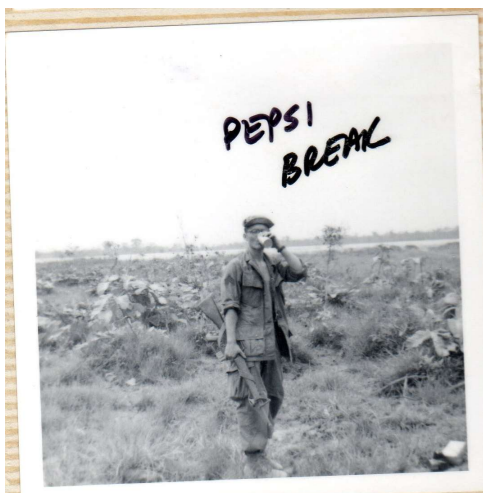
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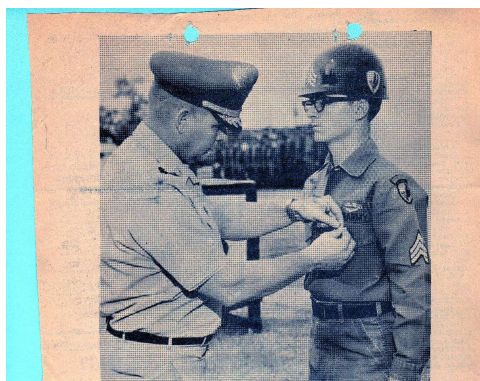
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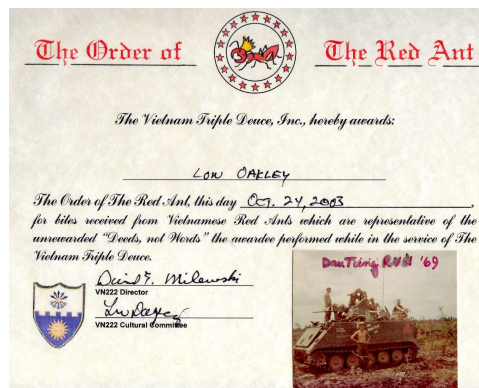
Oakley and Nash at Vlet Nam Memorial 2008.jpg (1800x1293)



Oakley on Ben Cui Pepsi Break.jpg (1070x1086)



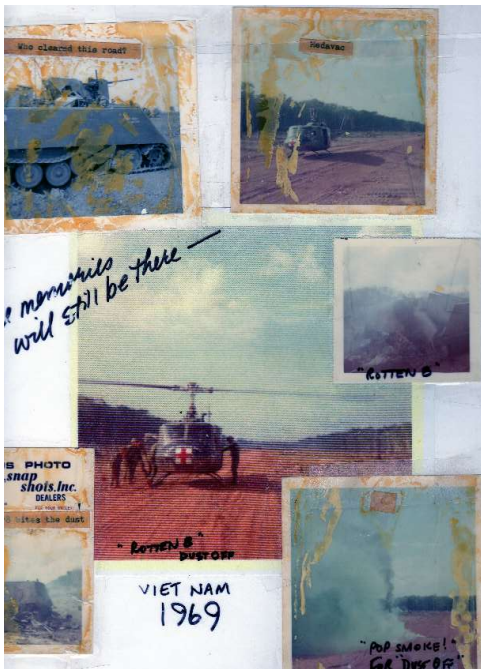
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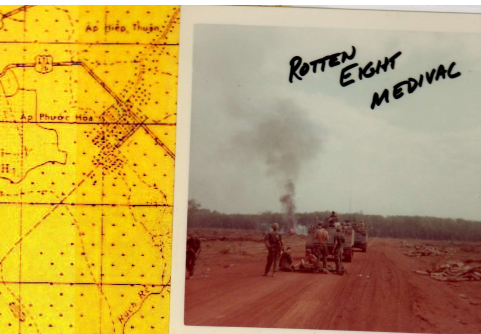
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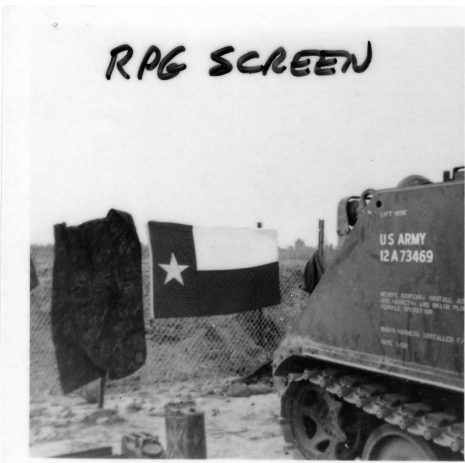
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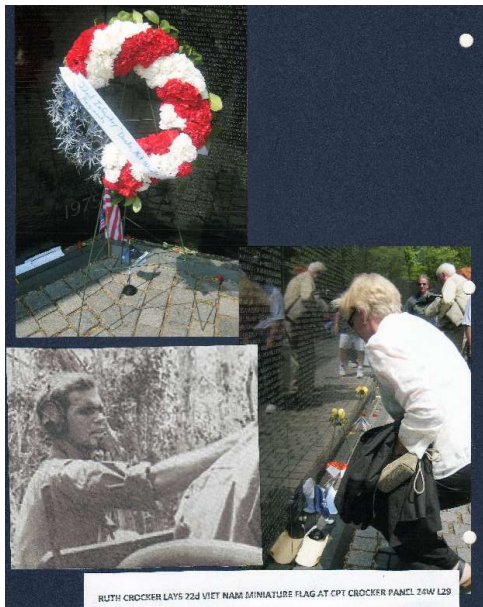
Rotten 8 Dust Off on Ben Cui Road April 1969.jpg (2435x3366)



Rotten 8 Medivac on Ben Cui Road.jpg (1493x1021)



RPG Screen for Phantom 34 Track.jpg (1050x1026)



Ruth Crocker.jpg (2477x3114)

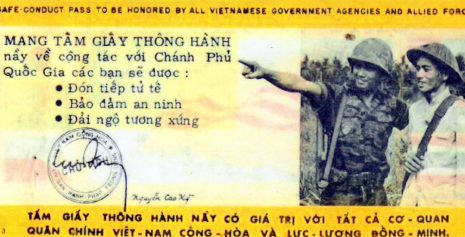
NAMED CAMPAIGNS - VIETNAM

Streamers: Yellow with green borders and three red stripes centered

Advisory	15 March 1962 - 7 March 1965
Defense	8 March 1965 - 24 December 1965
Counteroffensive	25 December 1965 - 30 June 1966
Counteroffensive, Phase II	1 July 1966 - 31 May 1967
Counteroffensive, Phase III	1 June 1967 - 29 January 1968
Tet Counteroffensive	30 January 1968 - 1 April 1968
Counteroffensive, Phase IV	2 April 1968 - 30 June 1968
Counteroffensive, Phase V	1 July 1968 - 1 November 1968
Counteroffensive, Phase VI	2 November 1968 - 22 February 1969
Tet 69/Counteroffensive	23 February 1969 - 8 June 1969
Summer-Fall 1969	9 June 1969 - 31 October 1969
Winter-Spring 1970	1 November 1969 - 30 April 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive	1 May 1970 - 30 June 1970
Counteroffensive, Phase VII	1 July 1970 - 30 June 1971
Consolidation I	1 July 1971 - 30 November 1971
Consolidation II	1 December 1971 - 29 March 1972
Cease-Fire	30 March 1972 - 28 January 1973



RVN Rations Card 1969.jpg (3325x828)



Safe Conduct Pass (back).jpg (1926x954)



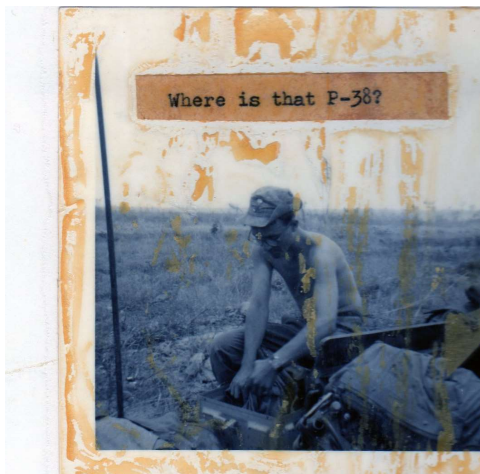
Safe Conduct Pass (front).jpg (1986x960)

Advisory, 15 March 1962 - 7 March 1965. During this period, direct U.S. involvement in the Vietnam conflict increased steadily as U.S. trained Vietnamese pilots moved Vietnamese helicopter units into and out of combat. Ultimately the United States hoped that a strong Vietnamese government would result in improved internal security and national defense. The number of U.S. advisors in the field rose from 746 in January 1962 to over 3,400 by June; the entire U.S. commitment by the end of the year was 11,000, which included 29 U.S. Army Special Forces detachments. These advisory and support elements operated under the Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam position established 8 February 1962. The object of American military assistance was to counter the threat to the government of the Republic of Vietnam posed by the insurgence of an estimated 30,000 regular communist Viet Cong and civilian sympathizers among the population. Despite what appeared to be considerable successes in consolidating the population in a series of defended strategic hamlets, and in establishing local defense forces, the U.S. equipped Army of the Republic of Vietnam repeatedly demonstrated an unwillingness to close with the enemy. A corrupt government and bitterly contending Vietnamese political factions further hampered a coherent prosecution of the war with American advisors, who nevertheless continued their efforts well into the period of large scale commitments of U.S. Army forces to the conflict.

RVN Campaigns.jpg (1932x2670)



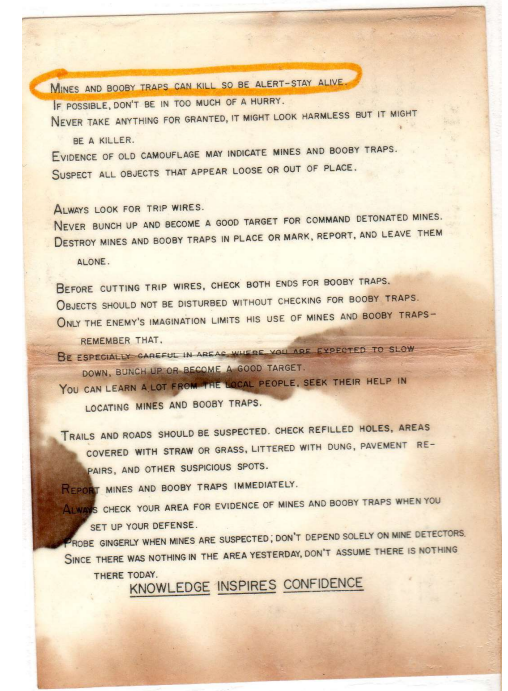
Sgt Oakley 1969.jpg (1050x1025)



Sgt Oakley and C Rats break.jpg (1062x1044)



Sgt Oakley atop Phantom 34 track.jpg (942x954)

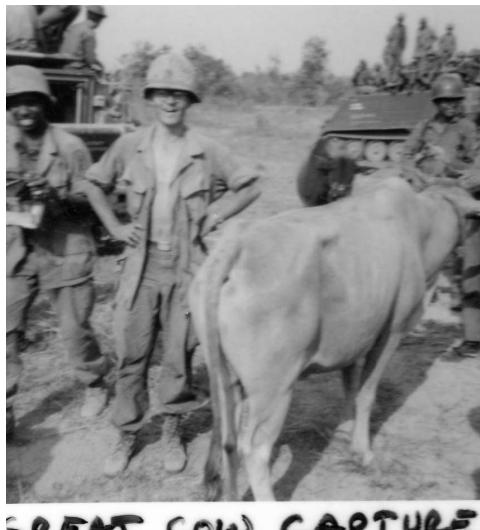


Stay Alert to Stay Alive.jpg (1077x1601)



CROCKER FAMILY & ALPHA 1969 GROUP DEPARTING HOTEL FOR RVN WALL VISIT

Third Herd Family 2008.jpg (1782x1423)



Third Herd Great Michelin Rubber Plantation Cattle 1969 Roundup .jpg (864x948)



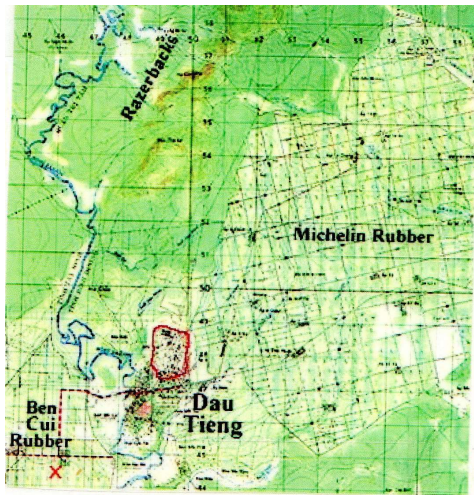
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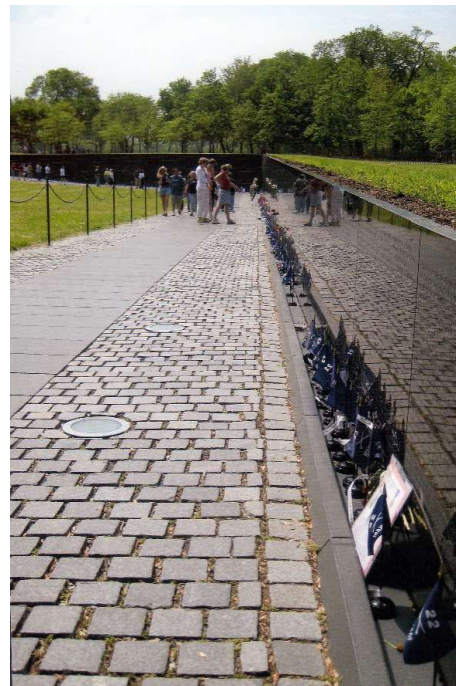
TO THE ALPS Cmd Track Apr 1969.jpg (1014x1020)



TO THE ALPS Command Track A Co.
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Triple Deuce AO 1969.jpg (1090x1134)



Triple Deuce guideon flags at Vlet Nam
Memorial 2008.jpg (1190x1768)



22d INFANTRY HONOR GUARD WITH ALL BATTALION COMPANY FLAGS AT THE WALL
Triple Deuce Guideons at RVN Wall
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102 NVA Die, Huge Cache Taken
By SPS JACK ANDERSON

DAU TIENG - Infantrymen of the Tropic Lightning's 3d Brigade continued mop up operations after they had successfully overrun a huge enemy base camp area in the Trapezoid, killing 102 of the defenders. They also detained one suspect during two days of fighting.

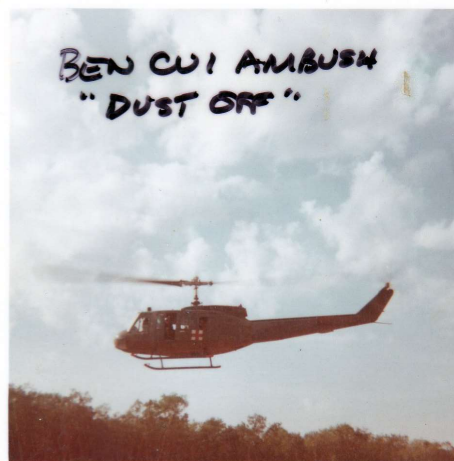
On the first day, troops from four infantry companies discovered 36 enemy bodies, many of them sprawled in heavily fortified bunkers concealed in the thick bamboo. During sweep operations on the second day, they found an additional 57 enemy bodies and killed nine more enemy soldiers.

Many of the enemy dead were attributed to a series of eight tactical air strikes and more than 4,400 rounds of artillery that were poured into the area while the infantrymen assaulted the bunker complexes. The four company force was responding to a tip from a local chieu hoi that an entrenched enemy unit, some 200 to 250 men, would fight to the last man defending what he said was a large arms and food cache for the planned summer offensive. Later, a detainee stated there were 200 to 400 men in the area.

"The hoi chieu spoke only Vietnamese during most of the operation," said Major Jerry Holliday of Memphis, Tenn. operations Officer of 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry Wolfhounds. "All of a sudden, he started shouting in English as we approached a woodland. It was at this time when he told us about the enemy force," Holliday said.

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Tropic Lightning News May 1969.jpg (2250x3210)



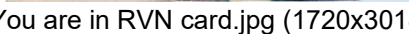
UH-1 SLICK Medivac on Ben Cui
Rubber Road.jpg (996x977)



Walker and misc photos Wpns. Track
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When is last time I had a bath.jpg (1151x1078)



You are in RVN card.jpg (1720x3018)