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RED WARRIORS

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**About this book:**

The Battalion published two yearbooks, both in 1969. Therefore, soldiers who served in the latter half of 1968 may appear in the early 1969 yearbook, and those whose tour ended early 1970 may be in the latter. In some case, the same men appear in both yearbooks. This early 1969 yearbook has a black cover; the late 1969 yearbook has a blue cover. The yearbooks are not all inclusive, as some men were on R&R, or patrols when the photographers were present. The yearbooks were issued upon DERO's, but not everyone received them.

This early 1969 yearbook is both a reproduction and enhancement of the original. It has been re-photographed; contrast adjusted; spelling, grammar and captions corrected; fonts changed; and page numbers provided. The Cover artwork has been restored from the original. The original book was of fair-to-poor photographic quality, and we've attempted the best we can to enhance the photographs. There may be missing or misspelled names, but we have copied exactly from the original yearbook.

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## Unit History

Today one is likely to find the 1st Battalion 12th Infantry in one of the many rugged areas of the II Corps Tactical Zone. Most of the "Red Warriors" are operating out of their patrol bases, carrying out various missions with the competence and professionalism which has marked their history since 1793.

Those activities, however, are only the most recent page in a long and proud history. The 12th Regiment was first constituted 16 July 1793 under the threat of European powers plundering our merchant marine. After this threat subsided, the 12th Infantry was discharged; but 12 years later, the War of 1812 necessitated the 12th Infantry's reactivation. In the next two years the unit participated in campaigns in New York State and in the battle of Ft. McHenry.

After an interlude of peace lasting 34 years, the 12th Infantry was called to fight on Mexican soil. From Vera Cruz it fought its way across Mexico and was instrumental in the victorious assault on Mexico City.

Disbanded again in 1848, the 12th Infantry was not to be reconstituted until 3 March 1861 as the 1st Battalion 12th Infantry Regiment. Assigned to the Army of the Potomac, the unit participated in 10 of the 11 battles waged. On 21 July 1862 the Regiment demonstrated the gallantry for which it is now famous: General Robert E. Lee, Commander of the Confederate Army, led a ferocious attack against the Army of the Potomac, the brunt of which was at Gaines Mill. The 12th defended the Mill for six explosive hours against overwhelming odds, but paying the price by taking heavy casualties. This battle is now commemorated on the Regimental Shield by the Moline Crosses, which represent the iron fastenings of a millstone. After Gaines Mill the regiment participated in the battles of Peninsula, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Virginia 1863, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, and Petersburg.

Following the War Between the States, the eyes of America turned west, and elements of the 1st Battalion 12th Infantry were instrumental in America achieving her Manifest Destiny. The teepee on the Regimental Shield denotes the five major Indian campaigns in which the element took part.

When the Spanish-American War broke out in 1889, the unit was sent to Cuba, where it distinguished itself most notably by storming and capturing the Fortress of El Caney, represented by the line of parapets extending across the Regimental Shield. From Cuba the Regiment went to the Philippines to assist in the repression of the Philippine Insurrection. This campaign is also represented on the regimental shield by an open field of Gold on which rests a Sea Lion, a design taken from the Philippine Coat of Arms.

With the advent of World War I in Europe, the unit (then called the 12th Infantry Regiment) was assigned to the 8th Division, which remained in the United States to train overseas replacements.

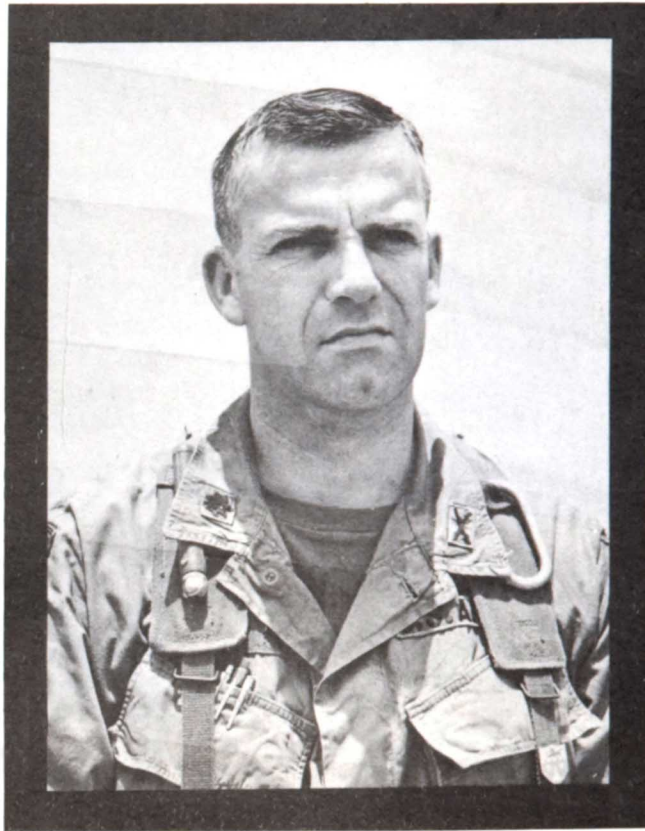
In 1941 the 12th Infantry Regiment was assigned to the 4th Division and prepared to take its place in the Allied effort to crack "Hitler's Fortress Europe." On D-Day, 6 June 1944, the 12th Infantry landed on Utah Beach in Normandy. For 6 days the 12th pushed its way through Cherbourg, and decisively turned back a German counterattack. At Luxembourg the 12th was assigned the mission of defending that area. The Germans then launched their last great counter-offensive, the Battle of the Bulge. As in 1862, the 12th held its ground and repulsed the enemy.

At the conclusion of World War II the 12th Regiment was deactivated but reactivated in 1947 as part of the NATO force in Europe. In 1957 the 12th Regiment was assigned to Ft. Lewis, Washington where it maintained its combat readiness through intensive training. In October 1963, the 12th reorganized and was redesignated the 1st Battalion 12th Infantry. After three years of training, the 1st Battalion 12th Infantry was ready for its next mission, Southeast Asia. The Red Warriors boarded the USS General Walker and sailed for Qui Nhon Harbor, Republic of Vietnam.

Since its arrival here, the Red Warriors have participated in operations throughout the extensive II Corps Tactical Area. During Operation Paul Revere III, 1LT Mark Enari, Company A, 1st Battalion 12th Infantry was killed. In memory of this Red Warrior, the 4th Division Base Camp bears his name.

The three years the 1st Battalion 12th Infantry has been in Vietnam can best be described as "being where the action is." Names like Ban Me Thuot and Duc Lap in the south, Kontum and Dak-To in the north, Pleiku Province, VC Valley, Bunker Hill, and Alamo in the west, give some indications of the huge scope of the Red Warrior's activities. The versatility and professionalism of its soldier, its Esprit de Corps and its long tradition of excellence has made the 1st Battalion 12th Infantry one of the finest fighting units in the services; the unit lives up to its motto: "Ducti Amor Patriae" – Led by Love of Country.

**Dedicated to**  
**Lieutenant Colonel Robert H. Carter Jr.**  
2 September 1933 to 27 May 1969



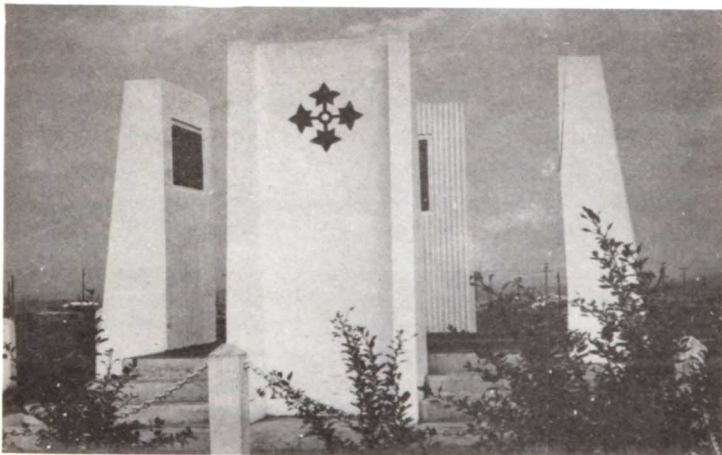
During the course of our lives, we seldom have the opportunity to work with a man who is both a dedicated professional and at the same time a person who maintains a close personal relationship to those around him. It is even rarer when a man can exhibit these qualities while shouldering the responsibilities for the lives of one thousand men.

The Officers and men of the 1st Battalion, 12th Infantry, however, can proudly claim such a man as one of their own. We who served with LTC Robert H. Carter Jr. shall remember him above all else as "A Soldier". It is to this Soldier that we dedicate our "Red Warrior" yearbook.





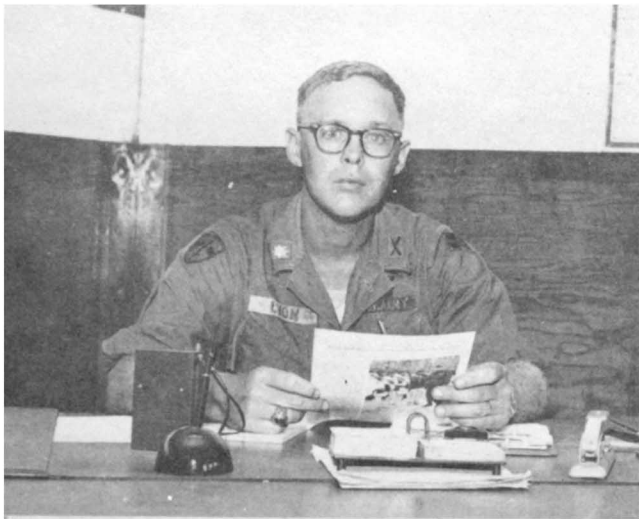
Edward F. Fiora Jr.  
Battalion Commander



4th Division Memorial



Welcome to the 1st of the 12th



Maj. Charles Lyon  
Executive Officer



Fielding L. Tyler  
Executive Officer



CPT John R. Lovett  
Adjutant



1LT Robert J. Chiappetta  
Asst. Adjutant



Let's get uniform"



The S1 and his cohorts



# S-1



See, I had AiF 1st week.



Home Sweet Home.



What do you mean Class VI is closed!



PIO



You can't mean air medals for everyone.



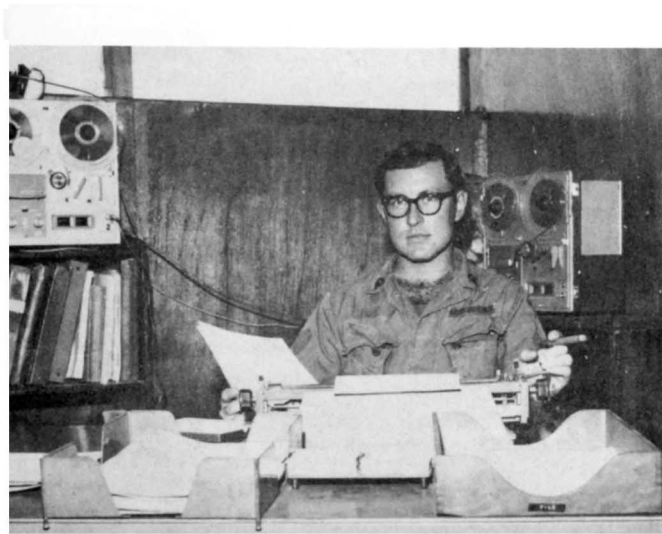
For my next number...



I think that's my wife.



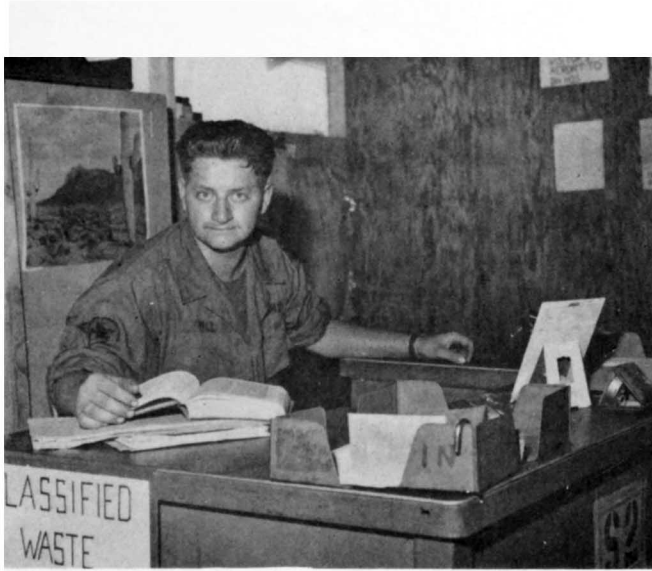
Sorry, no R&R allocations for Pleiku this month



War is hell.



Now, if the IG picks this card...



Need we say more?



Christmas help.



Soldier of the month?



You silly goose.



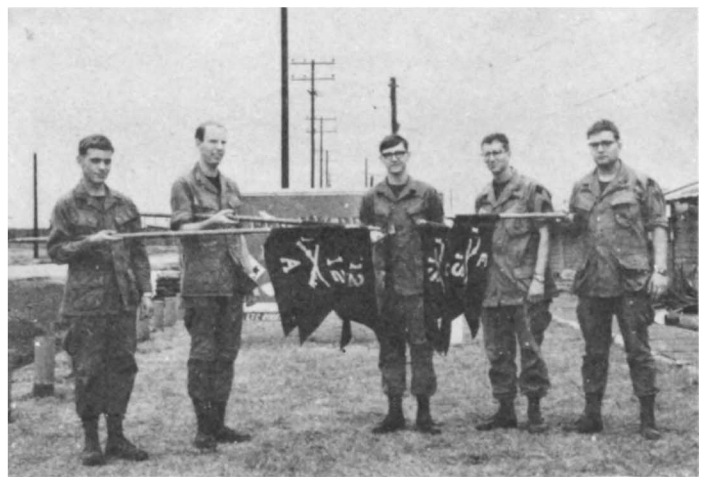
The Beak strikes again!



Vic Tanny's?



5 Three hamburgers to go please!



At least they won't jam!



I have trouble finding the driver too.



OK now. One, two, three, kick.



No, I can't find the number of the Korean club.



Soak it three times daily.



FNG's



All right, everyone with profiles stand up.

# COMMO SECTION



Yes, I use Ipana.



FNG's ... arrived ...safely.



I'll get that \$10,000 you owe me.



Friendly rear.



And in this box...



We're ready for incoming.

# S - 4



Rifle Platoon?



Clean clothes next month.



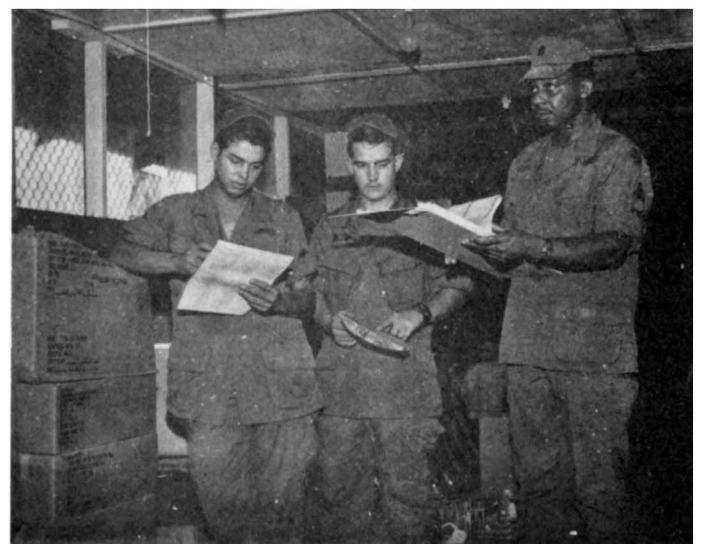
If you'll put down your X right here...



SSG Hunt



Where are my skis?



Size 16 wide not in stock.



Where is mama-san?



They'll never find my Mary Jane here!



Usually it only takes one to carry it.



And when the wardens not looking we break for the gate.



Will the real E-5 please step forward.



I have to say Simple Simon says. You lose chief.

# MOTOR POOL



Is it spelled motar or moter?



That's good enough for a P-3.



At least the headlights work.



I'm warning you, don't come one step closer.



You sure this is where it's hidden?



"Wheels"



# HHC



You will get a haircut.



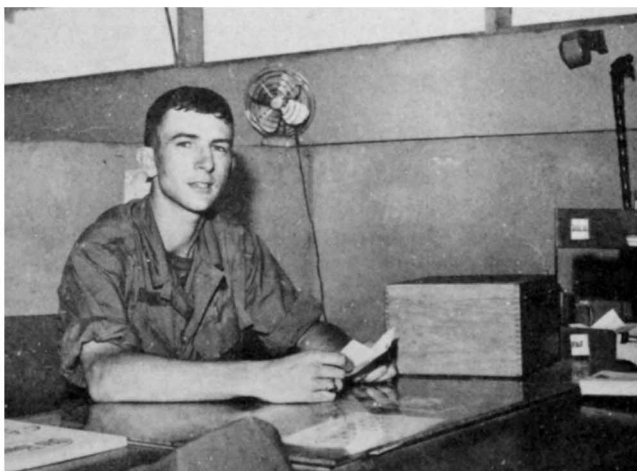
CPT Lovett said what?



The "Yards" shower at 1600.



See, I hit the "A" without looking.



Ski's replacement?



You all are going forward!

# MESS HALL



My guess is coffee.



You think this week's menu is bad, just wait!



What do you mean you found it outside?



You sure it's not water buffalo?



A mess.



Easy fellas, no seconds tonight.



Who put the salt in my iced tea?



Yeah, it's moving.



Doc, what have I got?



My name is R-U-T-H.



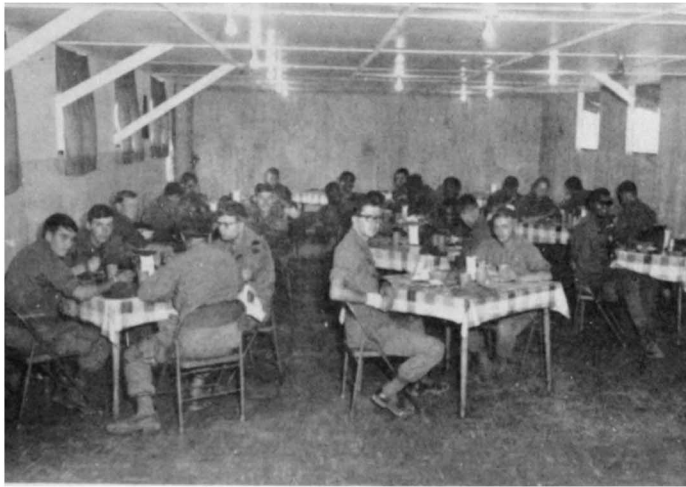
Look, only E-5 and above.



Drop it once more and it should make it tender enough.



No, it looks great, really!



Incoming what?



What have I got, bad breath or something?



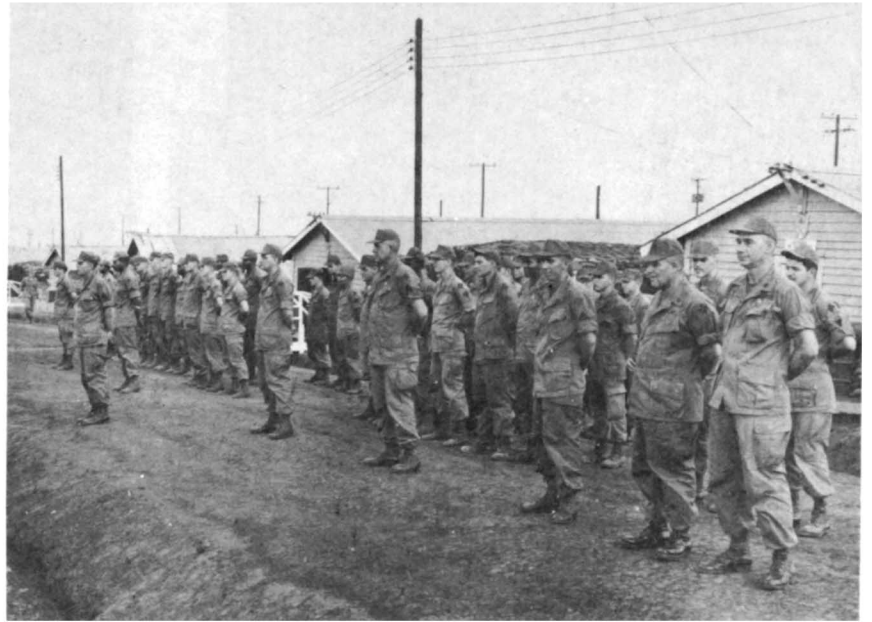
High? Who me?



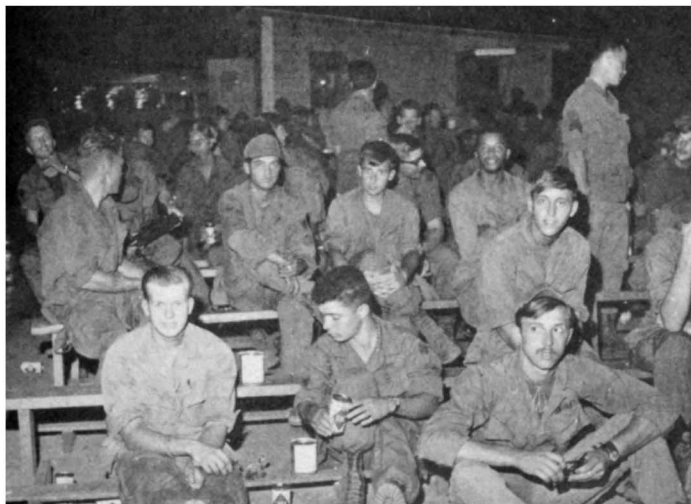
Guests.



Well, she was about 5 feet 1 inch...



Now first, I want everyone to get a bottle...



A new Charlie Chaplin?



Hey, the movie ended about an hour ago.



God, she took it off!



Willy and his gang.



Hello, New York?



Last reaction.



And here we have our split level model.



You can tell it's Mattel, it's swell!



Hey, the perimeter is behind you.



"What light through yonder window breaks?"