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**1 BN 12 INF**

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### **About this book:**

The Battalion published only 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. The early 1969 yearbook has a black cover; the late 1969 yearbook has a blue cover. The yearbooks were issued upon DEROs, but not everyone received them.

This later 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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1BN 12TH INFANTRY



RED WARRIORS

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 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 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 Dac-To in the north, Pleiku Province, VC Valley, Bunker Hill, and Alamo in the west, and now An Lao valley near the Central Bong Son Plain, 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 Patirae" – Led by Love of Country.



You say my LOH is double parked?



He's to the thirty, twenty, ten... touchdown!



Speaks for itself!



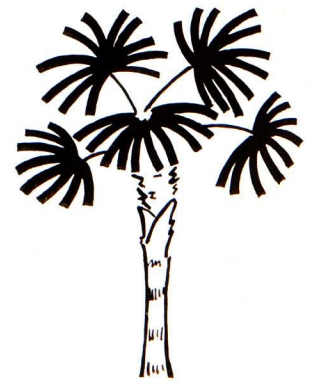
I only ordered one hamburger, but...



Be sure to get my bars, all six. The collar, the hat, the helmet.



Death Julley Pays.





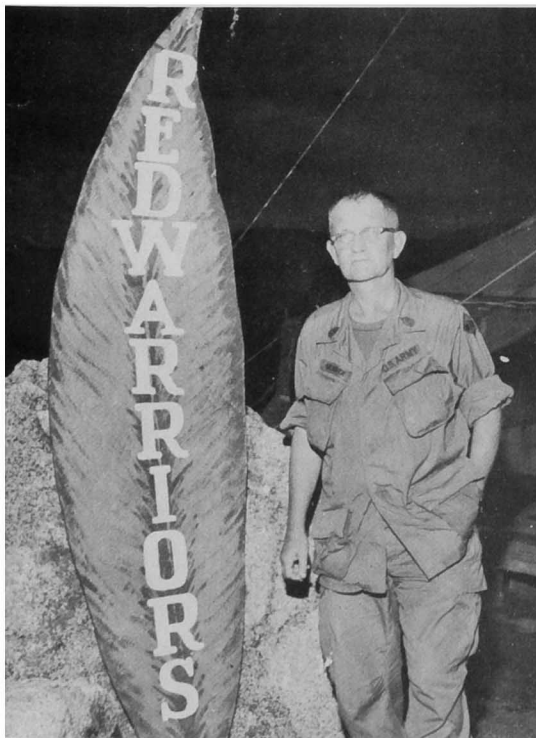
Then, when she ran into this hooch, I cut aound here....



I wonder what I would look like with hair?



I thought I sent you after the coffee.



Jack and the beanstalk?



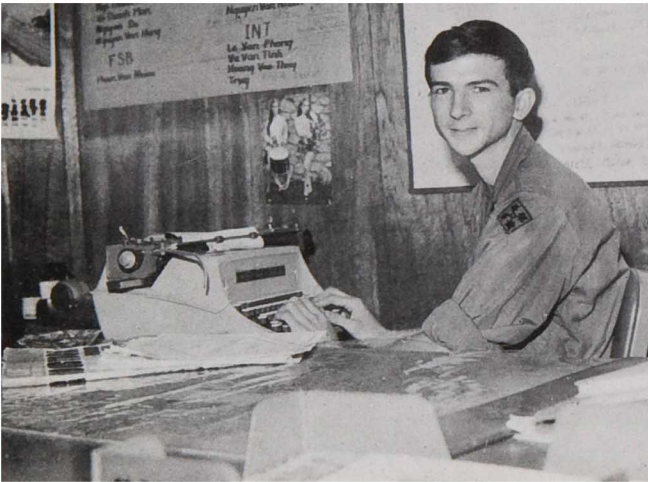
A Chinook? I never heard them called **that** before.



Boston tea party.



Well, let me put it this way fella. If you want a R&R next month, it'll cost ya a couple of bucks.



Do you think I look like a security risk?



Do you think it needs policing?



Does anyone remember where I left the major?



Ya know, if we had a union, we wouldn't have to work so hard.





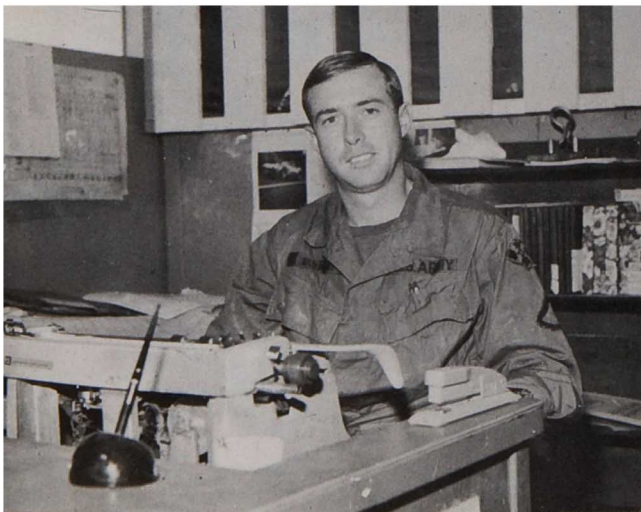
Remington Raiders?



And this week the fickled finger of fate  
award goes to...



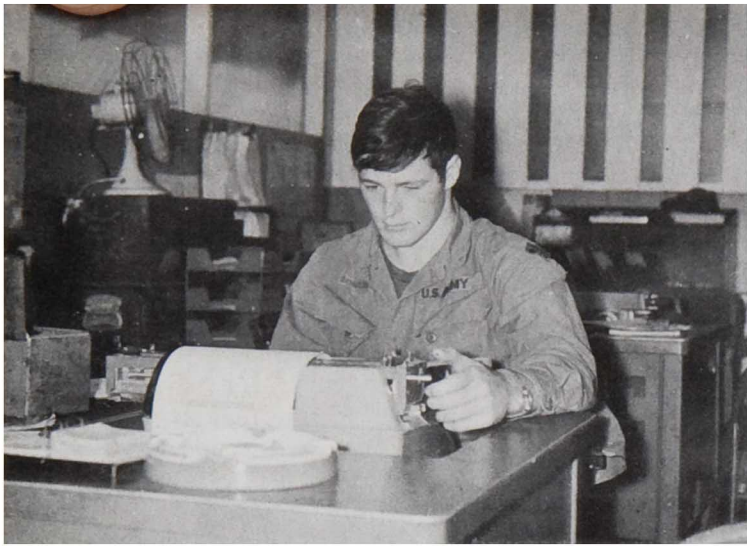
You'll have to come back tomorrow,  
the pool opens in ten minutes



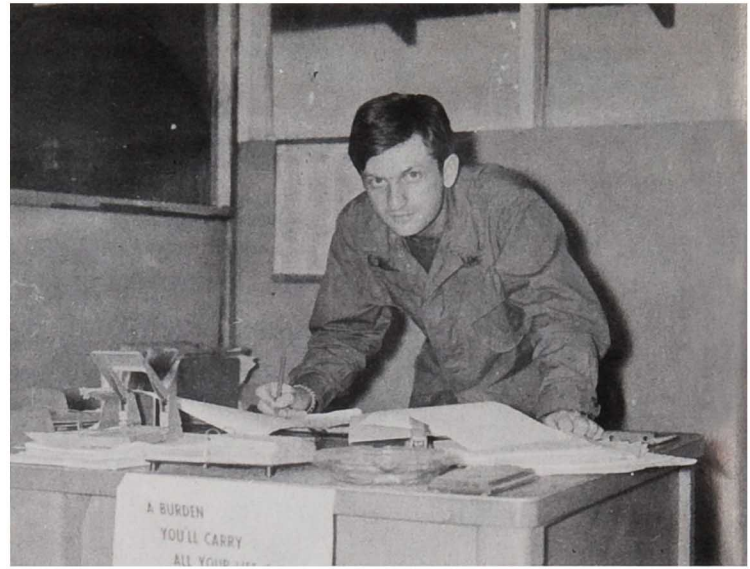
Gee, who would have known that  
a skinny kid from Texas ...



Zzzzzzz!



Turn it this way, and the paper comes through. Amazing!



No, your orders haven't come down ...



So, you want to re-up?



I can hit the can if ...



Right here ????



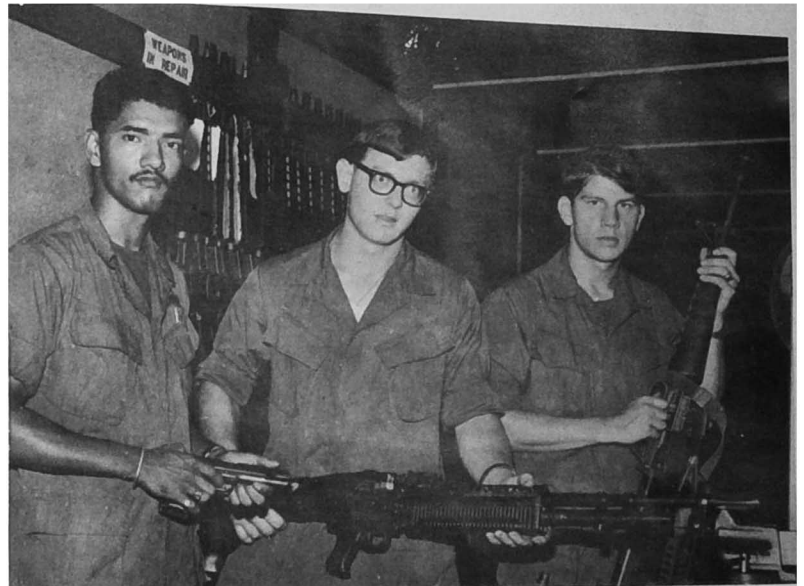
Yeah. Five dollars gets you through the curtain.



I say her pants are yellow, not green.



To Translate this to Hebrew ...



And nobody better get in our way.



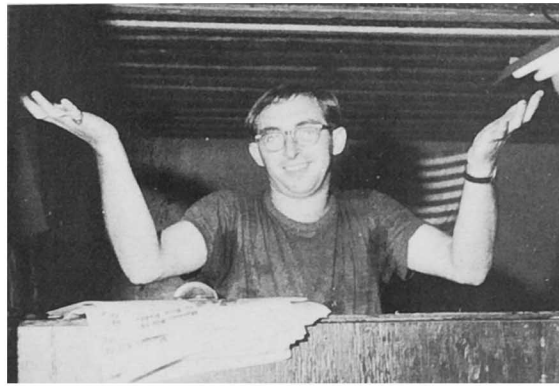
And now to Lloyd Shearer at the White House.



I'm afraid this is Goodman's rubber swan.



Yes SGT Lake, I know the MP station is right across from the post office, but where's the mail truck?



Sorry!



Are you sure we can pass this through the mail?  
Why not, I know the Postmaster General.



Okay Romilo. If you're sure Mr. Kachel works at the fire base, we'll send it back out again.



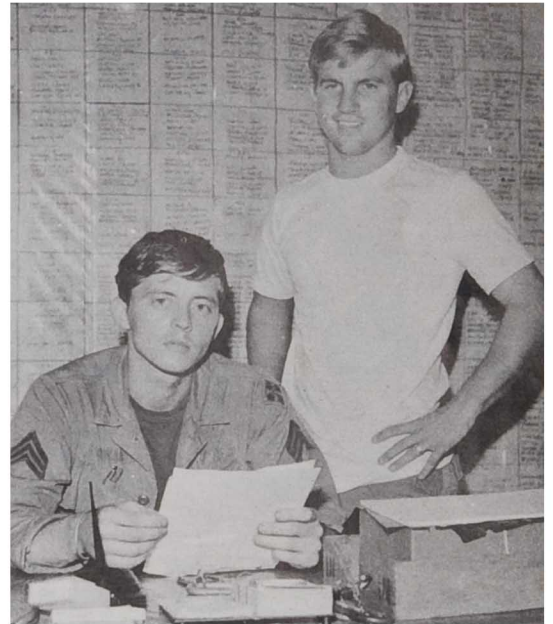
SGT Hill! have you seen my ink pen?



Well, ah, no sir. But I'm sure we'll be getting some in soon.



C.I.F. - Continually Inefficient Fools



Good night Chet ...



Contents of bag - 1 lug wrench, 1 AK-47, 1 105mm shell ...



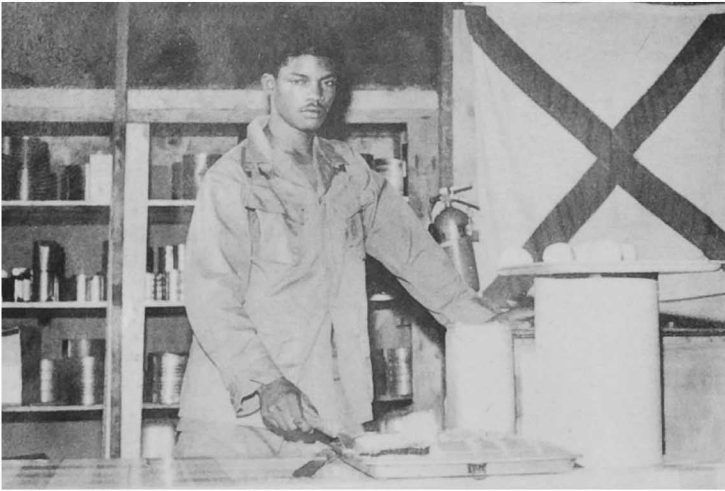
Let's see now. You say your bag was green and about three feet long?



And make it easy on the onions!



Timber !



And I don't want any questions!



Typical Montagnard family.



The red one means "Send more beer."  
The green one means, "Send even more beer."



Moooooo



# COMMO SECTION

Maybe If I plug it in here...



Yeah? Well I know this terrific gal,  
and she's always home.



Must be the flint.



Here's the jury.



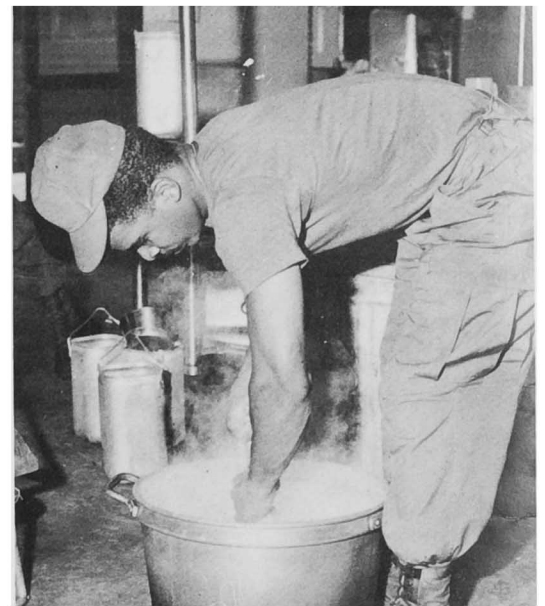
Whaddaya mean the eggs are gone?



If this doesn't work out, we can always use it for plaster or something.



Messy Section.



Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble.

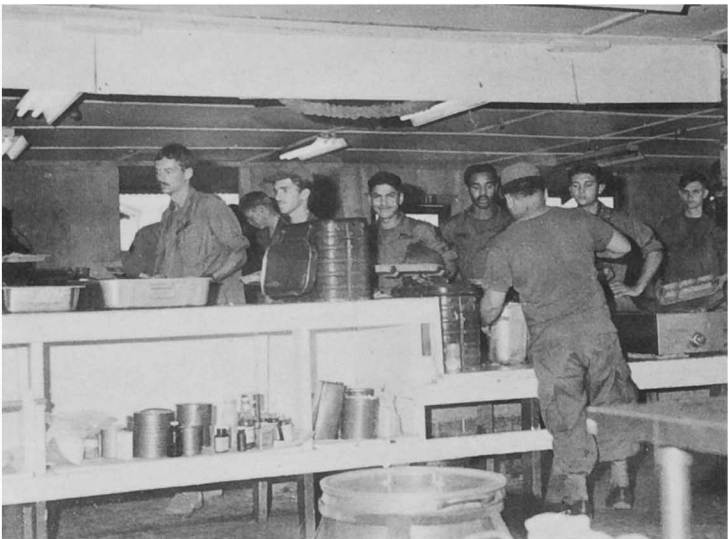


Good morning television viewers. Welcome to another exciting episode of "Leftovers Again."

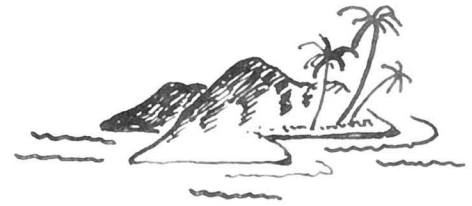


Well, it might have been deodorant that dripped on the tray, but just in case it wasn't .....





Three hots and a cot.



Come out from under that rack, fish!



It's either eat this or my shorts...



Believe me, I washed them!



Well, we didn't get any mail in three days either, that's why!



I wonder if those things are just for looks, or to eat?



Shay, bring us another round of that special lemonade.



Listen again Bob. I don't care how many jeeps you turn in, mine's the only one that has a flat tire.



But if you'll notice, my mustache doesn't extend beyond my lips.



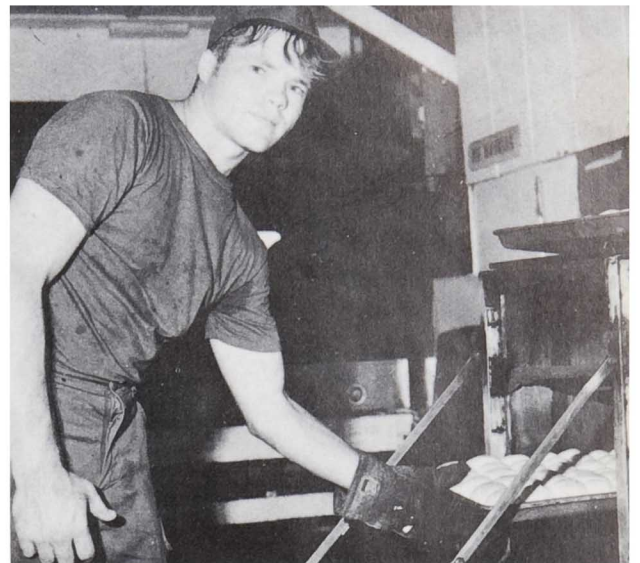
Conklin's Connoisseurs.



You mean I just ate a sponge?



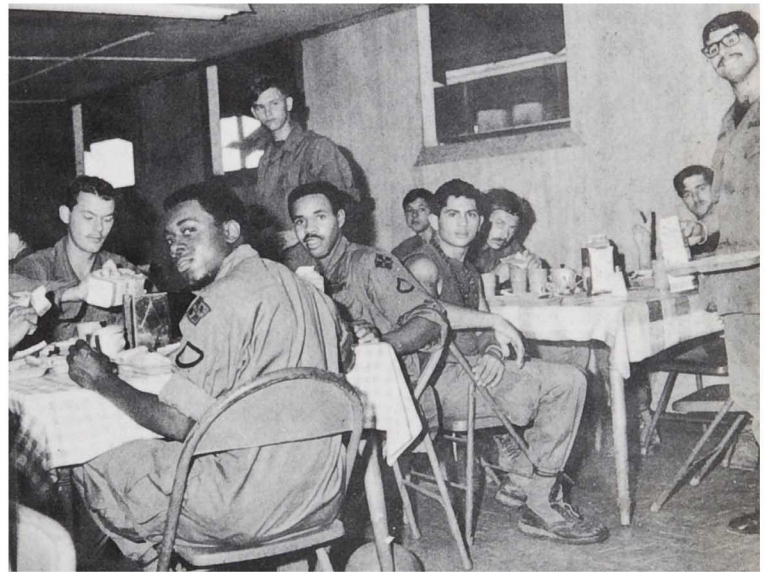
Before or after?



Here's the baseballs you guys wanted.



Because its there, that's why!



And I say Alburnio farted!



How do they keep breaking those plastic trays?



Your name's Stark, isn't it?

# MOTOR POOL



I can't get up. I wet my pants.



In our next class we'll introduce the use and theory of the keyboard.



No broads again, huh?



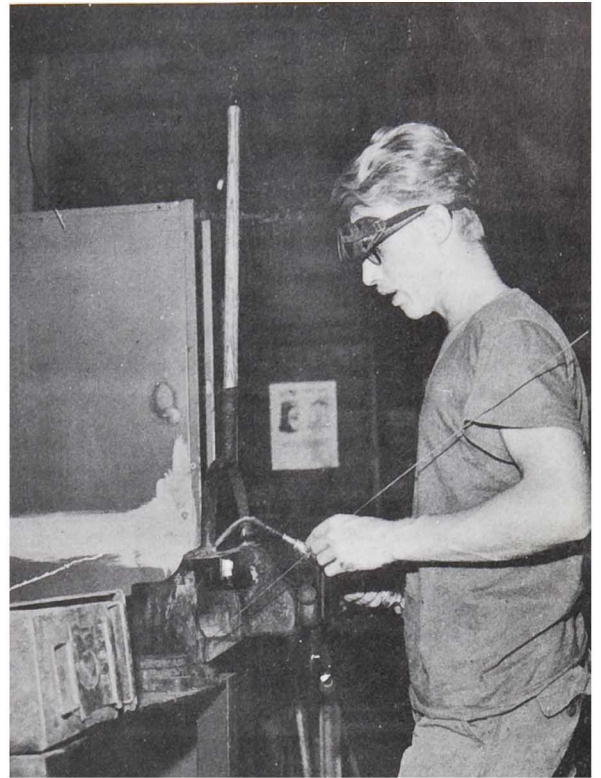
So I figure by fixing the fan to blow right on the carb, it'll force more gas in her, and then this baby will really fly.



All these orders for peace symbols makes for a lot of overtime.



Think about it.



One day shorter!



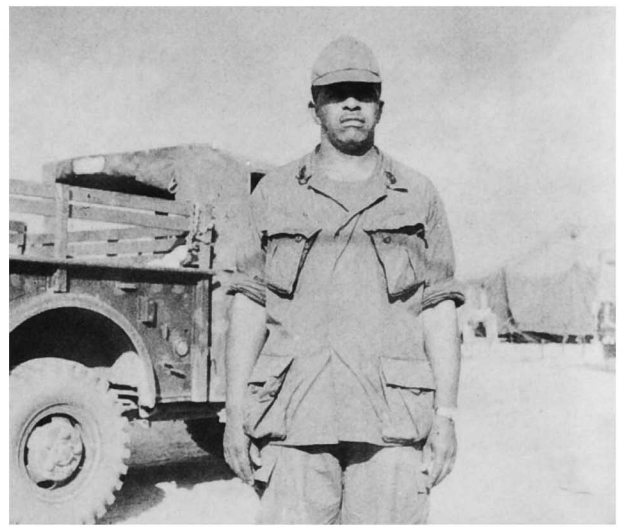
You ride up here today.



Anyone know how to fix the thingamajig  
on the whatchamacallit?



When I'm rested, I'll put the other foot in.



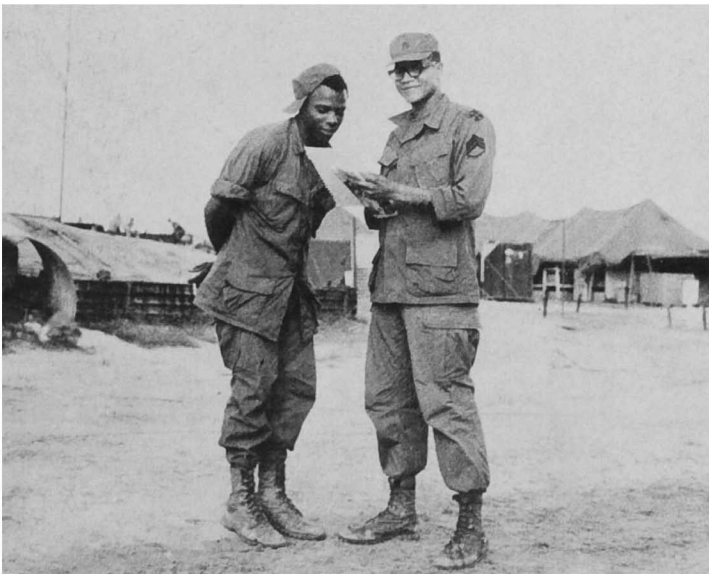
And as a loyal cub scout, I promise to do my duty, to help other people at all times, and to obey the laws of the pack.



Well, if you really have a problem...



SPLASH!



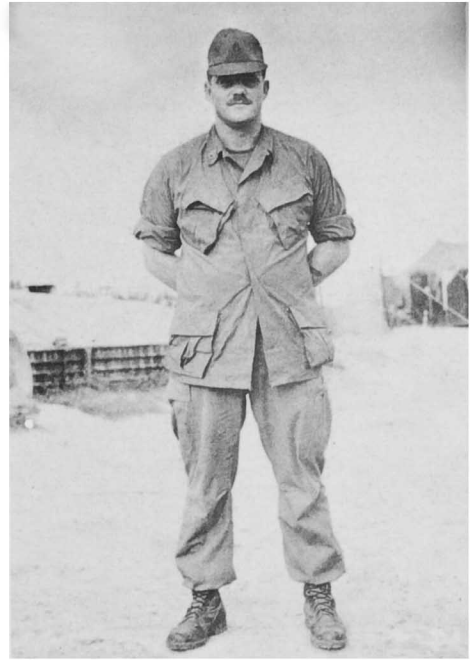
Yeah, that's your signature. Six years man, six big ones.



Are there always great buys like this?



I wonder if that red light on top means the same thing as it does in Chicago?



Parade! What parade?



Now, LT. Ross, when we move out on this police call, ...



Well the same to you buddy!



Do you think the bus is late, or what?



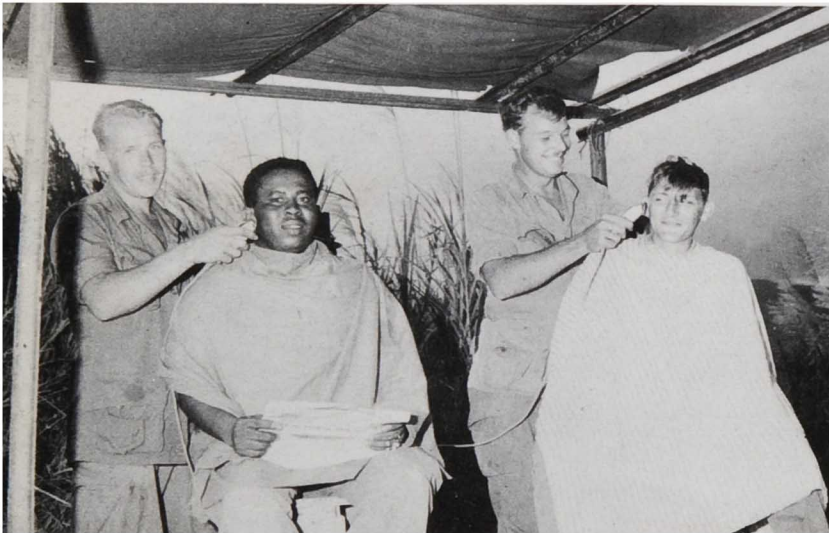
Rehearsals, rehearsals.



Wiley's fearless spooner.



Keep the lid on until we're sure it's dead.



Barbershop Quartet?



Here comes my replacement to guard this rock.



Water? Why?





During this period of instruction...



So then we decided that a tent would keep us dry.



Yes. They're just big batteries to run the fan.



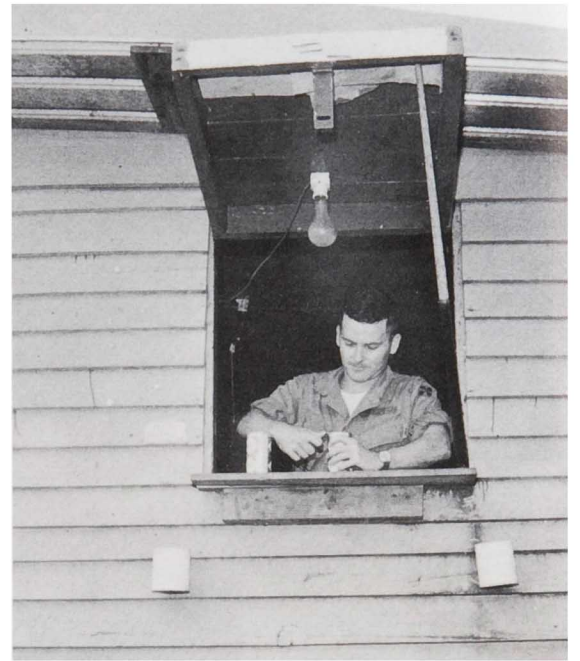
You didn't really think you could send all that stuff home, did you?



Well, this is how I keep my socks dry.



I didn't know they showed movies on these flights.



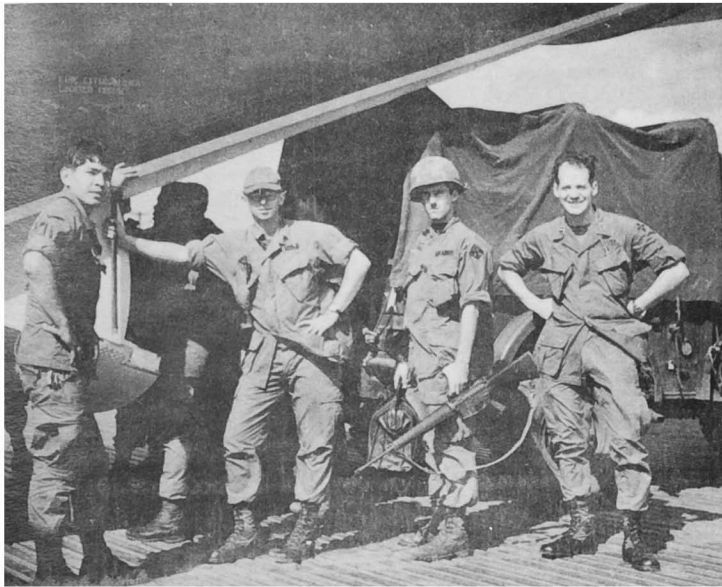
Jose's Hootch



Don't cry buddy, you'll be back tomorrow.



And, if you ever need a band-aid...



Oh yeah” Well we say the plane backed into the truck.



Just how are we going to get this thing in there?



Do any of these look like yours?



What exactly do you mean my “sierra’s” flaky?



Oh my God, I forgot my ticket!



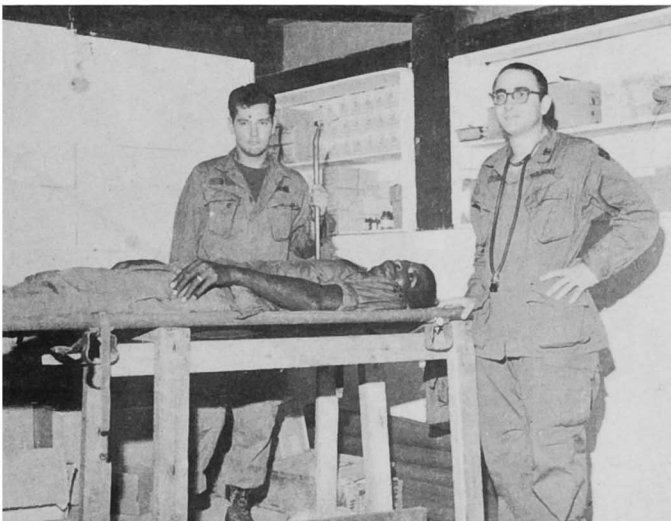
Hurry up and wait!



The surgeon wants to know where you put his hammer and saw.



So we decided to keep the little pills in the little bottle, and the big ...



May I introduce my field expedient anesthetist.



If you don't feel better next month, come on back for an aspirin.



I guess Mary Jane doesn't like coffee beans.



Let's double check. One, two, three ...



And don't come back!



Now here's the general idea of guard duty.  
Always stand facing this way.



Now I know it's gotta be in here somewhere.



I wonder if he was serious about this being a  
leash for a magic dragon.