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"WELCOME HOME" ...to our New Members of the Association! The Highlander is published by Editor "Davo" Holdorf and our 15TH Association Leaders listed above.

ALL Vets are urged to participate by submitting letters/articles/photos for the news or website. Send "Davo" copies of old Rosters/Orders with names of Vets to search. This is YOUR newsletter, submit or voice your opinion on subjects you wish to have published.

Please Up-date address changes ASAP! Once forwarding address services expire, you're lost! The time it takes to find you again can be used to find missing comrades.

We ask \$12 per year dues, preferred in January so we can plan our missions. All dues go toward newsletters to all, Vet searching, office supplies, and our Great Website located at <http://www.landscaper.net> No salaries are paid to our all volunteer leadership.

Contact "Davo" for membership, wanted, deceased lists, other info. New members are published in each issue. Visit our Website: History, Photos, Articles, Vietnam BN Newsletters, & Vet Benefits. Sign the Guestbook, ...if someone searches for you, your name will appear.

Best Wishes, "Davo" & the Assoc. Leadership



“INCOMING” !!! - New Comrades, by ...*Davo*



Know a Vet that isn't receiving our newsletters, let us know!
Please send in old orders/rosters with names to search!
Contact: “Davo” at 1-414-464-2939 hidavo @ earthlink.net

VET SEARCHES: No computer? If you know the name, city/st, try the phone co's dir asst: 1-800-555-1212. With computers: www.peoplefinders.com by name/age, city, those assoc'd with, take notes. Then www.zabasearch.com and/or www.whitepages.com. 7/15th FA LISTS Available: 800+ Member and 309 Deceased (19 KIA) in MS Word, 2050 Wanted: MS Excel via e-mail..

Vets that Moved: We average 15-20 returned newsletters per issue. Some move more than others, but this now averages about one move for ea member to date since about 1996. If you haven't heard from your comrades, it may be due to lack of up-dating your info. THIS ISSUE of the HIGHLANDER is being mailed to (838) Veterans of the 15 FA Association.

7/15TH FA COMRADES FOUND: After Nov. 2009:

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Smith, Tom J. C-Bty 12/68-69 SSG/Motor/Chief Widefield CO 1-719 @aol.com
Walton, Morris “Howard” 11/67-68 B-Bty Sp4 13A/Cook Sandersville GA 1-478 @yahoo

(Personal info removed
from this online copy
for security reasons)

6/15 Contacts: Dick.Brown@speakeasy.net John Sarantakes: jsarantakes@kc.rr.com Gather Kitchell: gatorpub1@embarqmail.com
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Coons, John P. 67-68 HHB Officer Lawton OK 1-580 @yahoo.com
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Lyons, Steve F? 69 A-btry Gun#5 “Beaver” Olympia WA 1-360 @comcast.net ?
Nonette, Leon 6-68 A-btry Sgt-5/Commo Chief Lima OH 1-419 @woh.rr.com
Strange, Joe Yrs? Btry? Rank? 297 Columbia LA 1-318 (from Jerry Spillars, Btry?)
Whisenhunt, Cecil E “Gene” C-btry 12/67-11/69 SSG FSB Katum @hotmail.com

7/15TH FA DECEASED: “OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILIES OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS”

Tommy C. Benson HHB SFC Commo 16 Mar. 34 - 19 Feb 10 SS Death Index Match, Tucson AZ (Korea/Vietnam) Relatives?
Stanley A. Fleming C-Btry Sp-4 13A Gun #4 18 Oct 40 - 12 Nov 08 via Wife Frances: Elm Mott, TX 1-254
Weidner, James H. B-Bty Cpl4/13A 69-70 26 Aug 49 - 27 Apr 08 Obit/Gillispie IL Work/Accidnt/Coma2000 Wife/Janice 1-217?

“MAY OUR COMRADES REST IN ETERNAL PEACE”

THANK YOU! : Our PX Man/Treasurer Mike Donley & I thank those of you who purchase PX items and who donate funds beyond the amount we ask for in yearly dues! “THANKS for the AMMO” !! (We hope to see you at REUNION 2011!)

VET SEARCHING: Continue to the 2011 reunion. I have 100's of search data print-outs and may have info on a Vet you'd like found. Feel free to contact “Davo” at 1-414-464-2939 or hidavo @ earthlink.net . I'll be looking for online cell-phone databases in the future.

U-Tube & Author Stream Artillery: Omer Long posted a slide-video: www.authorstream.com click browse and type in 15th Artillery. Nam fire missions: (175mm): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-9jB1eyaE (8-inch): www.youtube.com/watch?v=TUs6qVjauE

FACEBOOK: Many of our Vets are now online. Thanks to all who incl'd me as friends! ...Davo

Operations & Lessons Learned: I'll be looking into contracting w/a man who scans documents at the Nat. Archives.



**7/15TH FA MEMBERSHIP UPDATES
VA NEWS & BENEFITS
(PLEASE UP-DATE YOUR CONTACT INFO!)
Reunion May 12-15, 2011
Clarion Hotel, Branson MO.
Assoc. Planning has started.**



VETS WHO MOVED: UPDATE Addy's, Phone, Apt. #, E-Mail ! hidavo@earthlink.net 414-464-2939; leave message. Newsletters use the phrase "Return Service Requested" on the front. Mailing "First Class" requires the PO to return the issue to Milwaukee so we know sooner that you moved. Because of the shorter time-frame, it's hard to find new phone #'s.

Note: "Most" Returned newsletters w/new addresses are changed for the next mailing, but NOT re-sent, you'll get the next issue.

Note: E-Mails are the "Number 1" form of contact between comrades. We currently show 67 E-mails that bounced back as unknown!!! ...and a few with firewalls that won't go through. If you haven't heard from others, please Up-Date yours to be listed. **Prior Newsletter Issue:** The last issue of the Highlander can be viewed, down-loaded, or printed from our website.

7/15TH FA ADDRESS CHG'S After Nov 2009: (Personal info removed from online copy for security reasons).

Larry Howard: 1-775 Bernard "PeeWee" Valencia: 1-909 nephew Eric: t@yahoo.com **Joe Staudt:** @coffeyvilleks.net **Terry Hickman:** N Muskegon MI same ph/e-mail **John Kelley:** Scottsbluff NE 69361 same e-mail, phone? **Larry Jeffers:** Louisville TN 37777 1-865 @gmail.com **Gary Walton:** Pazson AZ 85541 1-928 **Rockie Cuppari:** Lakewood CO 80128 1-720 cell? 1-303 same e-mail **Danny Gault:** Ashland OH 44805 1-419@yahoo.com **Jim Harris:** Pittsford MI 49271 1-313 son/Fred: @gmail.com **Larry Taylor:** @sbcglobal.net **Paul Barton:** @hotmail.com **Chas Schleicher:** Lenexa KS 66219 phone? **Mike Pahler:** Templeton CA 93465 phone? **Jim Oven:** Potosi WI 53820 phone? **Darryl Noble:** Las Vegas NV 89115 phone? **Tommy Honeycutt:** Sulphur LA 70663 phone? **Bill Condinio:** Ocala FL 34473 phone? **Harry Crawford:** Louisville KY 40258 phone? **Larry Clifton:** Brooksville FL 34605 phone? **Joe Blakely:** Memphis AR 72301 phone? **John Ayers:** Killeen TX 76543 phone? **Mike Baronne:** Greenwell Springs LA 70739 phone? **Pete Decesare:** Staten Island NY 10314 phone? **Terry Hernan:** Franklin PA 16323 phone? **Tom Wainright:** @aol.com **Ed Junod:** Maryville TN 37801 phone? **Tom Leopold:** Greenville WI 54942 same phone/s **Mrs. Don "Pat" Trent:** @aol.com **Dennis Christopher:** @comcast.net **Phil Truitt:**

VA NEWS & BENEFITS: (Info taken from various Veteran publications.)

6th BN Vet Dave Gilliam suggests the Nat. Vets Legal Svc's Prog. website <http://www.nvls.org> in ref to VA claim filing.

AGENT ORANGE REVIEW: Great source of info! Write to Agent Orange Review, Austin Automation Center (200/397A), 1615 Woodward St., Austin TX 78772-0001. On line: <http://www.va.gov/EnvironAgents>

NEW AO DISEASES: "AL amyloidosis" added as presumed ailment: a blood plasma cell disorder orig'ing in bone marrow. Protein buildup in heart, kidneys, nervous sys and gastrointestinal tract causes malfunction. Usually treated with chemotherapy. It's a cancer, but is very serious, can be disabling, or life-threatening. Also added was **Ischemic Heart Disease** related to reduced blood supply to the heart muscle. Listed now are 15 "presumed" ailments, including Parkinson's & B-cell Leukemia (hairy cell).

TO QUALIFY FOR AO CLAIMS: Prove you served in Nam via DD-214 or other paperwork, and have a current Dr's diagnosis of an ailment, "OR" a residual or secondary condition from a listed ailment. See VVA's self-help guide at <http://www.vva.org>

VA NEWSLETTERS: Latest Benefits: http://post_199_gulfpot_ms.tripod.com/raol.html <http://www.va.gov/pressrel>
2009 VA BENEFITS BOOK: For Vets & Dependents: http://www1.va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current_benefits.asp

VA Priority 8: The re-opening of this category for those who previously exceeded income limits. Income limits vary per state/city from \$32342 to \$69685+. July 09 the VA started taking appl's for 265,000 Vets. The category also covers non-service connected. Those who applied prior to Jan 2009 need to reapply. Prescription drugs: about \$8 for a month supply. Call the Enrollment Center 1-800-463-6295 ext 7324 or 1-877-222-8387. See the website for rules and restrictions: <http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility>

BEST WISHES: To our comrades who have had, or are experiencing health problems. The Highlander News doesn't list a "Sick Call" section, as there are so many who have indicated having ailments. Many are AO-Related, the bal due to the "Golden Years". Illnesses such as Diabetes II, Prostate Cancer, MS, hearing, nervous sys, heart by-pass, etc. This section published in hopes you take advantage of your VA benefits. Stay in touch with each other, hopefully the Assoc. can provide a reunion to meet your old buddies.

15TH ARTILLERY - REUNION - VET BENEFITS - PX

REUNION 2011: Host John Caldwell has made plans for our next reunion at the Clarion Hotel in Branson. MO. Thurs May 12 to Sun May 15. An advanced party will be there on Weds May 11. A 20% room discount good for 3-days prior or after dates.

The "Jungle Room" will serve as our hospitality, mem/svc, biz meeting, banquet room, Banquet food by in-house Buckingham's Restaurant. w/a choice of (4) entrees on Sat eve..

The final schedule, still in the making, will likely follow our usual: a memorial service, biz meeting, photo shoot, banquet, time to take in shows.

Some of you may be able to use Branson's new airport loc'd (8) minutes from the hotel. Two air-lines fly into that airport as of Jan 2010, There may be more in the future. The next closest airport is Springfield MO and will require a rental car or shuttle.

More to follow in newsletters, along w/registration forms to be mailed in to John. Room Cut-Off date is Apr 12, 2011, after which our room block can be sold.

We had such a good time in 2007, we decided to go back to Branson again! Branson is one of the nicest Pro-Veteran cities with more affordable prices, allowing more of our comrades to attend.

NOW is the time to start your plans to attend. Don't wait until the last minute to contact your old buddies if you want to meet them in Branson.

Please consider this reunion, as the next would be in 2013 and we ain't getting any younger!

Questions: John Caldwell at @gmail.com

2009 OMAHA REUNION:

"Reminder" send your 2009 Reunion photos to "Davo" for history folders & our website!!!
Vietnam "Lost Dog Tags":

April 2010 Vietnam Mag: The joint POW/MIA Acct'ing Command & Central ID Lab in HI inquiry determined most are real. Some can ID blood & DNA!

See if your name is listed, go to <http://www.jpac.pacom.mil> click on Central Ident. Lab (CIL) & select Dog Tag Project. Call 1-866-913-1286 if you see your name or a name familiar to you.

Another site: Cana Mission at <http://www.canamission.com>.

Lost Dog:

Cute little Fox Terrier, fairly easy to recognize: white, missing one rear leg, blind in one eye, right ear bent over, neutered, answers to the name "Lucky".

ROK PX Items:

We have a very limited amount of ROK Patches & Pins for sale. These items are extremely Rare! The last time we found patches was about 2001. The pins are the first ones ever found! Due to the set-up costs, the prices are high.

PX: RedLegs T-Shirts: Item is to be discontinued by the mfg! We purchased our last order in May 2010. We'll sell them until stock is depleted. As of May 31th, we'll have sizes & amounts left below:

2-MED 24-LG
25-XL 10-XXL

We suggest you call or email Mike right before you send in your order.



3-1/2" x 2-3/4"

ROK PX:
Red, Black,
White on
Green.
Quality copy
of Orig. Nam
design.



PIN:
1" High
x
3/4" W

Republic of Korea (ROK) PX:

"Special Order" These items do NOT appear on the PX form. If ordering, contact Mike Donley to check stock before ordering and add a note to Mike on PX Form.
Note: Pin has Gold accents and has a Military clasp on the back.

Prices:

At Reunions or IF Ordering other PX Items:

(Patch): \$ 8.00
(Pin): \$ 11.00

If Ordering Separately:

(Patch): \$ 9.00
(Pin): \$ 12.00



1FFV PATCHES

These are the same "subdued" patches we wore in Vietnam. Color: OD & Black 2-1/8" W x 3" High

PX: We have a limited amt of 1FFV patches for sale that are usually sold at reunions only. Avg. price online is \$8.00 plus shipping. Your cost: \$7.00 each or \$6 if purchasing other items.

This item is not on the PX page, so write a note on order form.

If colored 1FFV patches are found at reasonable cost, we'll buy them for the Branson reunion. As always, PX prices at reunions are reduced to reflect no shipping costs. ALL items bought via newsletter incl shipping.

7/15TH ARTILLERY "DUES & PX" MAIL-IN COUPON

(PLEASE SUBMIT "DUES" EARLY in the YEAR so we can PLAN Our YEARLY MISSION!)

Dues Pay For: Vet Searches, Website, Newsletters & Expenses. NO \$\$\$ Paid to All Volunteer Leadership!

Mail: Mike Donley 4207 W. Reichert Place, Milwaukee WI 53209-3947 1-414-464-3041 cruzn71@aol.com

Name: _____ Mid: _____ Last: _____








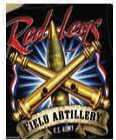

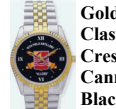

Address: _____ Unit# _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip+4: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

15FA: m/y to my: _____ BN: _____ Btry: _____ Rank: _____ MOS/Job: _____

I've Located and Enclosed some Old Unit Rosters or Orders with Names to Search: Check Here: (_____)

	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Price Each</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>\$\$ Subtotal</u>
	Unit Patch with "Allons" ("Let's GO") Added to Scroll Below.	<u>"Allons" Patch 2-1/2 x 4</u>	\$ 7.00	(_____)
	← Orig.	<u>Orig. Unit Crest 3/4 x 15/16</u>	\$ 6.00	(_____)
	Lapel →	<u>Crest, Lapel/Tie-Tack 5/8</u>	\$ 4.00	(_____)
		<u>Combat Arty Pin 1/2 x 1-1/2</u>	\$ 6.00	(_____)
		<u>Red Baseball Cap/Unit Design</u>	\$ 17.00	(_____)
		<u>Baseball Cap "Patch" Only:</u>	\$ 7.00	(_____)
Cap above shown with set of (3) number pins on ea. side of cross-cannons, with CAB pin above crest.	<u>1/2" Gold Unit Pins (Set of 3)</u>	\$ 18.00 (#'s 1 & 5, Circle BN: 1 2 5 6 7)	(_____)	_____
	Use Pre-Punctured Holes to Attach thru Dense Material, ie: the Cap's Front Patch!			
	<u>Baseball Cap & Number Pins</u>	\$ 32.00 (Circle BN Above)	(_____)	_____
	Attach Number Pins on each side of cross-cannons for me: check here:(_____): <u>Free</u>			
	"Gilden" White, Red/Blk Trim & Logo	<u>7/15 Bumper Sticker 3 x 11-1/2</u>	\$ 7.00	(_____)
	100% Pre-Shrunk Cotton, Full back & Sm. Frt. Images	<u>15th FA SportShirt</u>	SM to XL: \$ 33.00 2XL: \$ 35.00	(_____)
		(Ship'd Priority, Circle Size/s: SM MD LG XL 2XL)		
		<u>Redlegs T-Shirt (to be discon't when out of stock)</u>	\$ 20.00	(_____)
		(Black, Ship'd 1st Class, Circle Size/s: MD LG XL 2XL)		
		<u>15th Field Artillery Watch</u>	\$ 42.00	(_____)
		Check Style: Mens(_____) Ladies(_____) Allow 4-5 Weeks Delivery		
	Gold/Silver Adj'd Clasp Band, Unit Crest over Cross - Cannons on a Black Face.	<u>Yearly Dues</u>	\$ 12.00	Donations: _____
		(NO Dues for the Next of Kin of Deceased Vets!)		
		MAKE CHECKS TO: 7TH BN, 15TH ARTY ORG Total Enclosed: _____		

All Prices Include Packaging/Shipping

View Clearer Images or Print an Order Form at <http://www.landscaper.net> under PX. THANKS for the AMMO!....Especially those who donate above normal dues which allows us to keep sending newsletters to all.Mike, Davo, and the Association!!

7/15th FIELD ARTILLERY - UNIT HISTORY - NEW PX ITEM

LZ North English - Jan. 1970:

A short report and a map by Bob Payton (deceased 20000) found in our files indicate B-btry set up just N of an ARVn 155mm Btry w/173rd Abn on the S end.

From 5-6 Jan. enemy activity was light in the Lee AO. 7 Jan things picked up w/VC/NVA in the area. On 9 Jan 4/503rd Inf rec'd AK-47 rds near bridge 6. At 1925hrs LZ NEng rec'd 20-30 82mm rds within 3 mins. All landed in an area where GI's watched a movie. The 173rd had 5 KIA's and 86 wounded! The 7/15th daily log shows one WIA as Carlos P Sepulveda, a slight arm shrapnel wound. A/7/15th fired 175mm in suppt, B/7/15th to move to LZ 2-Bits and Camp Radcliff as enemy actions and lack of lumber stopped const. of firebase near LZ Eng.

10-11 Jan 2/E-17 Cav. patrols conducted and rec'd enemy fire. Many enemy indications found and observed, incl'ing enemy documents, fox-holes, caves for 150 men, 3/E-17 Cav found landmine on QL-1 made of C-4, destroyed in place. D/17 Cav found 2-VN boys brought in M-60 ammo, rec'd C-rations for them.

National Archives: Odds & Ends found during a trip to the archives years ago: 1971:

Cpt William DiNicola: BN Aid Sta. , 1 Mar: AWOL Sp4 "M" fell out of a 2nd floor window in Pleiku. 16 Mar: Larry Taylor rec'd gunshot wound right leg. Maj. Wayne Warren training demo. Sp-4 "D" under invest for attempted murder in the set-up of trip flares to harm Sgt "S". Sp-4 "B": 10 Librium tablets. SFC "C" turned in marijuana under amnesty.

Odds & Ends Cont'd: 1 Aug 71 SFC McCleer inquiry: 8-inch rd base-plate bounced back 650 m's resulting in the KIA.

27 June 71 SSG "G" rec'd self-inflicted gunshot wound to ear due to marital probs.

2 incidences of kids on bikes hit by our trucks reported.

The Only mention of a D-Btry 7/15FA at Dak To II, M-42 fires at suspected rocket pos, HE rods fired.

Feb 71 ambush Kontum. Sp-5 Severino Quesada Svc-btry rec'd PH Award, and possibly others as Sp-5 Danny Lawrence, & LT Kostiw.

8 Aug 71 Cpt. McCormack is C-Btry BC. HHB: Maj. Durward Baxtor called for PA&E all phones off hook. 13Aug: Cpt. "G" rec'd landline threat. E-3 "P" :hepatitis, sent to Okinawa.

3 Nov: BN will fire it's 350K round tomorrow.

3 Nov: New eng installed in aircraft 119, was defective.

6 Nov 71: Situation Report: BN inactivation ceremony held in the morning at Artillery Hill.

1970 Data: 7/15th FA working with the 45th, 69th, 221st & 223rd ARVN Atry. Use of T-25 Radar at LZ 2-Bits.

14 May 70: 7/15th FA Assoc. Btry Prog. under the 52nd Arty Grp. in (4) provinces and (14) districts within those.

Mar. 70: (4) accidents at dif loc's, incl 10 Mar. a 5-ton at LZ 2-Bits , 24 Mar M-79 at Camp Radcliff w/an Article 15 at HHB & accident Sp-4 "S" at B-btry.

A mention of a Cpt. William Bondurant and Operation "Velvet Hammer".

Association Future:

Beginning w/the next issue, Phil Maughan will take over as editor of the "Highlander" to allow Davo to do more Vet searching. We'll extend our web site domain name for about 10 years and hopefully be able to keep going on with our agenda.

Our main purposes are to find our comrades, have reunions every two yrs, publish history of our unit honoring our Vets, and sooner or later have our history archived in an appropriate place.

. In an attempt to access more of our unit history, a specialist will be contacted to scan documents at the Nat. Archives in Maryland. Hopefully we'll be able to find Daily Reports that are more in-depth and cover 24 hour days. A portable scanner is used to download to a laptop and then trans'd to CD's. We're looking at an Adobe format to allow sharing info via e-mails.

PX Items & Prices:

While trying to keep prices low, we have to pass on increases of our costs per item and still make a couple bucks for the assoc. after postage and packaging.

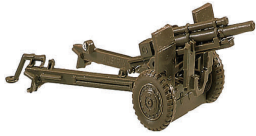
New Item:

After several inquiries, we've added the individual cap patch. .

Aprox. Size:
6" W x 3" H
Aprox. 3/32"
thick plus
embroidery.



Cap patch is an "Iron-On" and needs no backing. However, use a piece of material covering the patch to keep from over-heating the embroidering on the front with the iron set on high. .



6TH BATTALION, 15TH ARTILLERY
105mm Towed (M101a1) 1st INF. - 2FFV
The "Deadly" Battalion was "Air-Lifted" to locations
our 175mm/8-inch Guns couldn't go!



Veteran Searches:

Charles Sones has names to search and has found quite a few in the since our last reunion!

Of the 185 names on the list, about 40 received the Nov. 2010 news letter. The balance of the names need searching and/or confirmation listed. Many of the names appeared in that last issue and it's published at our website www.landscaper.net.

We'll continue to add info and names to the list as we go. Check our guestbook online as many have found it and left messages.

Vets! If you haven't already sent in old copies of orders w/ names or old contact info to Charlie, please do so now!

1-928-333-xxxx or e-mail (at) frontiernet.net.

6th BN Reunion PX:

Our next "Reuiun" is May 2011 in Branson MO. As more 6th Bn. Vets attend, we'll have more items in the PX for your unit. We've recently found some new colored 1st INF & 2FFV patches and a few subdued 1st INF patches to sell at \$4-\$5 ea.

In addition, we'll have some small hat pins for the units above, and some "Script" pins of locations you were at for \$3 ea., a few Valorous Unit Citation with brass surround for \$5 ea.

Suggestions for PX items for the 6th BN can be submitted to "Davo" Holdorf who buys items for the PX & Reunions.

We have reunions every two years, contact your comrades and start to plan to attend the 2011 reunion now!

ORLL 1st Bde, 1st Inf. 8 Feb 68:

Partial ORLL pgs 22-29, Op's Shenandoah II 1-20 Nov 67, and Quicksilver 21 Nov - 20 Dec 67:

Op Shenandoah II mission to secure Phouc Vinh base camp & Destroy 273rd VC Regt.

2-3 Nov 67: Loc Ninh rec'd night attacks while A/6/15 FA in area. US loss 4 KIA/42WIA, 248 enemy KIA, 5 POW. Sm enemy attacks thru 7 Nov, US: 16 KIA, 21 WIA, enemy 66 KIA. Much enemy equip destroyed/captured.

Op Quicksilver: Suppt. 101st Abn in Phuoc Vinh & Quan Loi. A/6/15 FA suppt'd from FSB's Thunder & Caisson VI. 10 Dec. mortar & ground attack by est Bn size enemy unit. US 1 KIA, 17 WIA, enemy 143 KIA, 62 WIA, 2 POW. Much enemy equip dest'd or captured.

Evidence 141th & 165th NVA Regt's asst'd. Ea enemy attack resulted in major enemy losses.

US Medical: A total of 3321 patients seen by MEDCAP.

1536 local Nat day laborers hired, w/3336 total hired.

2,047,500 leaflets & 375 Chieu Hoi posters dist'd, w/over 70 hours broadcasts played.

Civil Action: A huge amt of medical/food/bldg supplies and pers items very effective.

Commo probs in Quan Loi due to rubber trees resulted in Freq's chg'd on radios often.

Dust-offs well executed, while shortages were experienced due to increased road supply.

Recommended more over head protection in sleeping areas for often heavy mortar attacks.

ORLL 3d Bde, 1st Inf 5 May 68

For period ending 31 Apr 68.

Op. Lamson 68: 1 Feb to 10 Mar.

Op. Quyet Thang 11 Mar - 7 Apr

Op. Toan Thang: 8 Mar to date.

DIVARTY of "Big Red 1" was used in all ops of 90 day period, to incl 6/15th FA. Suppt. came from units at Di An, Lai Khe, Phu Loi and Quan Loi.

Enemy units active: 141, 101, 165 NVA & 271, 272, 273, 274, 275 VC Regiments. Bobby traps, mines, road blocks, ambushes prevalent along Hwy 13.

1 Feb: Lai Khe rockets/mortars, much enemy activity thru Apr. w/many base camps hit. Enemy KIA's: 232, POW's: 2 in period.

Too much to publish in the 25 pg report, but is avail. in Adobe format via email from "Davo".

Aiming circles, now at 25-50 meters be moved away from btry to avoid being knocked down from CH-47 downdraft.

Poor generator maint. shows 60 to 80 being dead-lined at one time from being used as battery charges for radar units.

DEFOILATION: The 242nd Chem Det. (CBRC) & 266th Chem Plt. Suppt. ops. They also produce Riot Control Agent CS use in Lamson 68. CS is used to clear base camps after massive mortar attacks to rid area of VC.

Concern of approval for helicopters to spray 28,000 acres in Div's TAOR. Chinook CH47 and UH-1D use spray rigs. One area, Lai Khe Base Camp, sprayed w/ Agent "White" from a 200 gal tank on a 3/4 ton truck. To date, 450 gals of Agent White used..

