

As best as I can determine I arrived to the 589th sometime in late March or April 1966.

Enlisted: September 1965

Basic: September – October 1965

Held over due to school start date in Jan 1966

School – Belvoir, VA: Jan – March 1966

Arrived at Ft Hood 589th March or April 1966.

I was with the unit from my arrival at Ft Hood, the pleasure cruise to Vietnam on the Pope, Vietnam (1 year), and discharged in 1968 at Ft Bliss, TX.

Since I'm on a roll now I'm including the following random thoughts (time has taken its toll). I ask that you please forward my email to all those members that have contributed to the success of the 589th.

1. The new web site: Wow! What a great job you (Perry) did. It took me a few days to go through almost all the tabs some of which brought back some memories of my tour in Country.

2. The 2013 Reunion: Last year was my first year there. I didn't know what to expect and the truth be told I was a little nervous about attending the reunion. Boy, was I wrong. Everyone made me feel at home with the simple words "Welcome Home." It was also surprising when I was referred to as "one of the boat people." The VA presentation was very informative and yes I enrolled. My wife and I had a great time and are looking forward to attending another one.

3. Below are a few things I remember while in Vietnam:

a. I remember that we didn't have magazines for our M16.

b. Burying a conex container that was to be used as the photo lab at our base camp. The rationale behind this was that cooler temperatures would be maintained underground. Don't know about that, every time I went down there, it was hot!

c. I remember a day worker being caught with a map of our compound and being turned over to the Vietnamese military for interrogation.

d. I recall 2-3 kids, wounded from stepping on a mine and being brought in for medical treatment at the compound.

c. Going out at all hours of the night with Cpt. Takayama to evaluate the damage to bridges and roadways caused by insurgents.

d. Lt Pusser (believe he belonged to HHC) charging 2 or 3 guys (of HHC) for sleeping on guard duty. Don't remember how that ended.

4. An Khe: As best as I can remember there were about 6-8 of us from HHC that were sent there in the beginning. Some of us worked in supply while others worked in the "engineering" section. As best as I can remember Sgt. Mulrenun, Jewell, and myself were in the engineering section. The supply section I only remember a guy named Hank.

5. Coming to base camp a couple of weeks before leaving country and ending in the hospital at Qui Nhon with food poisoning.

6. Being attacked at An Khe during the 1968 Tet.

There are more flashes that come to me but I don't want to take more of your time. I hope that what little I provided will help in putting the puzzle together.

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