



I was assigned to B Co 313, in late July 1963. By the time we left for Nam very few of the personnel that were there when I arrived. As new people started to arrive, B Co started to become a very close unit. When Capt. Bunker replaced Capt Clancy so close to the departure time there was some concern. By the time we left we felt much better about the change. After we shipped our equipment he made sure that everyone was kept busy. We fired more weapons, escape and evasion course and any thing else he could find for us to do.

The trip to Nam was quit an experience. The USNS Berret, 1400 capacity with 1900 on board. We stored some our classified material in the brig. This soon became a card room and was full all the time. 1SGT Lee was one of those who was sick most of the way. Being on ship with Big Red One Engineers was also very interesting.

When we got to Di An, I was one of those who had no job. I became the Company truck driver. Some days I made at least three trips to Saigon and back. In the morning I would take a load of troops going on pass, pick up the ones from the day before, and do the same thing in the afternoon. Some days I would make an extra run to pick up supplies. I also made trips for the EM club. I would pick up a load of beer or soda. While they were loading the truck I would along with whoever was with me, pick up all the loose cans of beer and soda that we could fit into the space in the truck we had made for this purpose. On the way back to the club we would stop and deposit our loot in the Co Dayroom.

When seaman Scrodin better known as SFC Thomas J. Scrodin arrived with our equipment, I lost my job as truck driver and went to work in COMSEC. I was later transferred to Bear Cat where Lt.

Palmieri was platoon leader and SFC Morris ex marine was platoon SGT. I remained at Bear Cat until I rotated back to the states.

The last two days have been very exciting. The phone call regarding the 11th RRU has brought back many memories. Many faces have flashed before me but no names attached. Two I do remember but aren't on the list are Joe Price and Doug Bruce. I have no idea where they are located.

Doug

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