

I was aligned to C co 720th MP Bat at the end of Nov.1964.

I was on leave in L.A. Cal around Easter when I received a telegram advising me to take an additional week and clear any personnel business as I was being assigned to the 615 MP Co.

Upon returning to Ft. Hood I reported to a different barracks near the stockade, where we did mostly nothing for the next couple of months. One nice break was Pvt D. Price and myself were assigned to Temple Lake Park on Belton Lake every weekend on "Patrol".

At the end of Aug. 1965 we boarded a train for Oakland where we boarded the USN Mann, our home for the next three? Weeks. One quick at Subic Bay and on to VN. I was in the group that boarded an LST at the mouth of the Saigon River and went to Saigon by ship.

Our first billet was Tent City "C". Or Charlie adjacent to Ton Son Nut Air Base. Tents had been erected and bunks had been placed inside. That was the extent of our quarters although the mess hall, NCO tent, Motor pool, communications tent armor tent and day room were a little farther along. In the morning when we awoke most of us were about 6" above the ground looking through the weeds. The ground was soft and we had settled overnight.

I was only in the tent for a couple of days. We had been assigned to man three detachments outside the area. I was in the group that went to Can Tho, and we had a group that went to Vung Tau and another to Bien Hoa. This duty lasted but a short time. We were all back in Saigon in less than a month. In Can Tho I was assigned the duties of Detachment Clerk because I was the only one that could use a manual typewriter. Sgt Miller was in charge. I believe his name was Vernon D or V D for short. Sgt Langley and Cpl Dewey were two that I can remember being there. We occupied a 2 "Villas" that were one room wide, two rooms deep and three stories tall with the third storey having only one room that covered half the floor area with a tile deck behind the room. We had two of these Villas side by side but no interconnecting doors. To go from one side to the other you went outside in front of the building and went next door or you went to the third floor and hopped a 30" wall from deck to deck. Our duties consisted of four security posts.

Shortly we were back in Saigon looking at new duties. While we were in Can Tho the 615th had been the job of leading convoys for the First Division (Big Red One) from Saigon harbor to their staging area in the vicinity of the future Long Bin, and we were incorporated into that action. We had several other duties following the convoy escorts. We had static guard posts at the Viet Nam General HQ. The Nurses billets near Ton San Nut, patrolling 100 pea alley, among them, and one I enjoyed patrolling the Saigon harbor in an 18 Ft. inboard with the VN police.

In early 1966 our billets were moved to a hotel on Tran Hung Dao going toward Cho Lon. In March I was scheduled to work with "C" Co. of the 716 MP Bn, as desk clerk at the PMO. On April 1, 1966 the VC attacked the Lucky Hotel on Tran Hung Dao about 100 yds. from the PMO. When I got to the PMO to begin my shift the MP I was relieving was in the Hospital getting his head stitched from flying glass. The

VC had parked a vehicle next to the hotel and detonated it with several hundred Lbs. of plastic in the vehicle. That night the 716th lost Capt Lee, SP4 Mulvaney, who was Capt Lee's driver, and PFC Brems who was on duty in front on the hotel.

After that I requested and was given duty back out on the highway which I considered safer.