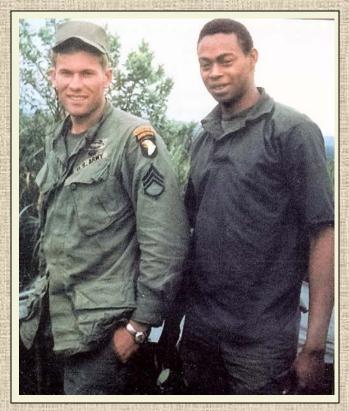
"We was Just Us;" De-racialization on the Front Lines of the Vietnam War



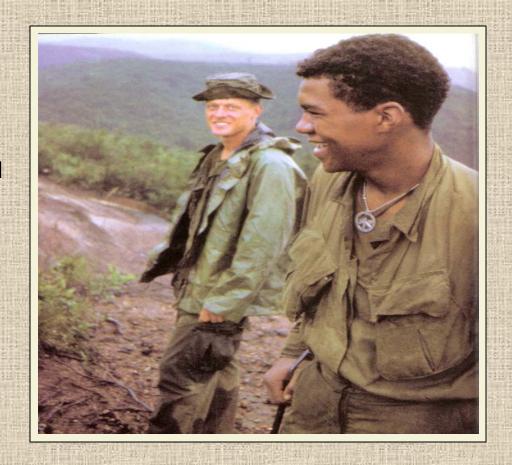
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Race Relations in Vietnam: The African-American Perspective

- Fraternity among black and white soldiers on the front lines of Vietnam
- Relations between black and white soldiers in the rear lines
- The American government and rumors of racial genocide



"For the First time in my life, I saw total unity and harmony. That was the only thing that was good about Vietnam, as far as I'm concerned. For the first time in my life, I saw people as people. We was just us, you know man, it was US." -Robert Sanders

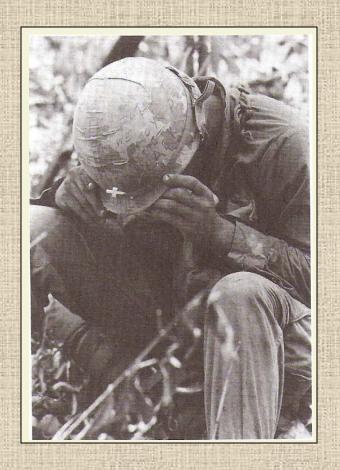


"I knew I might get killed saving a white boy, but he was my man. That's all that mattered." - Edgar A. Huff



"I remember most profoundly some of the white guys too, my grief, believe it or not is for as many of them as it is for my black brothers."

-Donald Jernigan



Life in the Rear Lines





"Time and place allowed the bond between...fellow soldiers to transcend the not-so important barriers like "race"...place gave us a chance to see the true color; green."

-Ed Emanuel

"Word was going around, and it wasn't
a quiet word, that blacks were being
drafted for genocidal purposes. Just to
get rid of us-eliminate the black male.
And we believed it. There was a general
consensus in 1968 that there must be a
conspiracy against black youth."
—Stan Goff

HOW « DEMOCRACY » OPERATES:

11 percent of the U.S. population are Negroes.

30 percent of the G.I'.s in Vietnam are Negroes.

40 percent of G. l. deaths in Vietnam are Negroes.

If you're reading this, you're one of the 30 percent. Stay out of the 40 percent column!

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