3rd Battalion 16th Artillery
(Air Mobile)

"The Army's Finest"
Vietnam
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Artillery Hill
Hawk Hill
Thien Phuoc
Fat City
Tam Ky
West

New Hau Duc
Pleasantville
Siberia
Mary Ann
Kham Duc
Judy
Chu Lai
The 16TH Artillery was first added to the Army's roll on 3 June 1916. First activated as a unit in being on 21 May 1917 at Camp Robinson, Wisconsin; after World War I the Battalion went through a series of inactivations and activations. In January 1941 the Battalion was activated at Fort Meyer, Virginia and subsequently assigned to the 9th Division in June 1942. It remained with the 9th Division throughout World War II and was inactivated in Germany on 26 July 1946. The last activation took place at Fort Hood, Texas on 10 November 1950 and the Battalion was assigned to the 2d Armorer Division and remained with this Division until 1 July 1957. On 1 July 1957 the Battalion was reorganized and redesignated 16th Artillery, a parent regiment under the combat arms regimental system. The 3d BATTALION, 16TH ARTILLERY, was located at Fort Bragg, North Carolina prior to deployment to Vietnam on 7 June 1967. The Battalion was assigned to Task Force Oregon and subsequently assigned to the Americal Division which was formed in October 1967 from elements of Task Force Oregon.

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DECORATIONS

The 16TH Artillery Battalion received the Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation for "Extraordinary Heroism in Military Operations Against an Armed Enemy" at the Remagen Bridgehead, Germany.

The 16TH Artillery was cited in the Order of the Day of the Belgian Army for action at ST VITHE.

16TH ARTILLERY UNIT CREST

"MACTE NOVA VIRTUE" Go Forth In New Deeds of Valor
Remington Raiders plus one.

Now tell me all about it.

You did what?

Want to cancel your R&R?

That was some stripper at the floorshow!
Only 15 suspenses overdue Eh?

I might be able to handle that.

But he's gotten six medals already.

You mean I don't have to go to Hau Duc.

Yeah all for me!!

Twenty more bags at the APO.
No, I'm not going a mustache.

No, I'm not mad at you.

Major J & his jokers
Now what do the batteries want?

No kidding, a sapper attack at Fat City.

I extended for this.

Not another message Torn.

What am I doing here?
Dear Mom

Don't worry you'll get SHORT one day.

That's right nothing in 6-40 about friendly villes.

FDC's Can Doers.

No, I'm not sleeping.
I hear Atlas had to sign a hand receipt for the world he held.

I work here I think.

Yes, the M-60 can be a man's best friend.

It's mother on the line.

Three supply channels if you can find one.

Article 15 anyone.
My mess hall is always ready.

I thought I smelled something burning.

Masters of culinary art.

Take all you can carry.  Watch when he takes a bite.  You found what in your biscuit?
MEDIC

You mean doctors are officers too?

Make mine bud

Rabbit power

Don't tell me your troubles.

Ouch Sarge...!!
What do you mean Good Morning?

My sierra is always together.

The secret is this plug here.

Sorry, the switch board is all tied up now.

Yeah, some guy with a camera...

No chow left, Huh?

I am smiling.

I liked to climb trees as a kid.
Come on over! We won't bite.

Yep! Engine frozen and fresh oil in the crank case.

Avoiding a hero.

The one in short pants runs things.

Where's the driver?

I'm so humble I'm proud.

Scalpel... Forceps...

We serve proudly.
Rabbit power with that alcoholic twist.

Every man hand picked.

All the king's horses, but where are the men?

Commo for lunch bunch.

A formation or there abouts.
Only 10 more signatures.

Can we go up a little higher?

I've heard this one before.

Step into my parlor!

I found two roadside spot checks today.

And furthermore...

One mile Is that all we missed it by?

What do you mean extend?

Only 6 months to go now.
A likely story

Sure you can ask.

We serve sometimes.
Poncho Villa and his raiders

If we don't have it, I will get it!

It don't work. But I can't type. Good news!
You've got a serious problem.

We can put 'em up or tear 'em down.

I can't believe that.

Nope don't have any.

Does it go here or there?
I'll eat later!

We are the mess.

Boy, it's hot!

That isn't right!

What is it?

Not bad

Melts in your mouth.

What do we have here?
The Bargainer

The Nut and Bolt Crew

Going to the PX.

What no men!
One or two, Sir?

Why should I smile?

Behind the 8 ball.

Wish you were here.

What am I doing?

That's not funny.

"What you drink?"

Four fives and a five
Go west young man!

Is that right?

That's our boy!

One for the Road Linda!

I got mine together!

Lou and his girls!

We are the best.

Sing far far away

Couple more, please!
Fire support base Judy

Almost like Iwo Jima.

Putting hot steel on the target.

Cranes with howitzers.

Aw, come on out!

Just a little more now.

Putting in trail logs.

SGT Thorpe divides the goodies.
Can I finish readin' now?

Hairy chested men

Ahhh! That hurts.

Now look closely right here.

Just like the girls back home... almost.

Not that way!

Gawd, it still hurts.
Birds' eye of West

Which way to the aiming circle?

This, student, is a projectile.
We are proud of it.

Big "5"

The 3rd Herd
Pewaga's Pride

Who's next to be shot into the net?

This is too mine.

You want these moved where?

Charger's busy, Sir?

What happened to the rubber?

Shell what?

See! I was a good little boy.
Alpha visitors at Fat City.

I see a naked girl!

A good war is a clean war.

What bunker?

Next stop - Indy 500
The best from big "Mass"

Service with a smile.

To extend or not to extend.
Complaint period starting immediately.
Hit a Brace Top.

Water buffalo or salad?
They're all well done.
One for me, two for me.
PFC GROSSIE
PFC BRESSON
PFC BISHOP
PFC HALE
PFC ZUNDELL
PFC COX
PFC ZAK
SP4 JARRETT
E5 GONZALEZ
E3 JOHNSON
PVT CUNNINGHAM
CPL BIVENS
BATTERY

CPT Cartwright

SFC Quinones

Thien Phuoc
A boxcar dropped a load of class 5.

I sent the ice chest in two days ago.

Bravo Switch, Sir!

I don't believe it, Doc!

Damn, lights out again!
Looks intelligent, doesn't he?

What a report?

Hi Mom, need quart of milk, one loaf bread.

No wonder the rounds are out, look what he is concentrating on.

No Sir! I will not turn your lights on.

What do you mean no chow tomorrow?
Hard Core Balloon Blowers

Only 2 hours a day gives you a tan like mine.

What did you say, Hal?

We did it again!

Work perfect...Oops!

The Ghost and the Eagle

Are you sure it's invalid?

If we lean on the board Loroy won't be able to tell we're loaded.
You don't mind working a few extra hours.

Come over here and say that!

These potatoes are great!

Sure, this is good for you.

Tastes OK but makes my eyes water.

No Bic, GI!
You drive 'em, we fix 'em.

You mean I can't make my own mortar.

I'm trying to lift it, Sarge.

Mechanic's at work.

Welding time.
Gun Section #1 West
Dress Right Dress

Gun Section #3 West
You Yell we Shell

Gun Section #4 HH
Always together
...by applying leverage here...

Theres a spot on the tire.

Wilson picket fellow's

Fire mission No.1 again.

Yep, I'm all alone.

Say again Quadrant?

We wait for fuzes.

Stick it in the hole!
Hard Core Ammo Section

No, Dunn, it's just a souvenir for "Charlie".

So that's what was missing.

Follow the leaders

You can't straighten up either?

End of Mission

The Big Valley
The howitzer has a maximum elevation...
Hey, trooper! wake up!

Bravo hard core at Hawk Hill.

The good, the bad, and the ugly.
Who took my Chinese puzzle?

Third relief, Huh?
Do it again, I know.
Learning a civilian skill.

I can't tell you how happy I am to be here.

We regret to inform that its "C"s for today.
Pleasant ville?

Pool's pile

Billy's bunch
Gun 1 at Hau Duc

On the way!

Charge 7

Yes, it's cool here in the hills.
O'Brien's tube at Mary Ann.

Eldridge's crew and friend.

Hook coming in.

This would make a helluva lot of toothpicks.

Building a snowman, what does it look like?
Not there dammit, over here.

This is some fox hole.

And they think its fun.

Over head cover for "joes".

Drop them on my toes and I'll...

More of our little helpers.
We had a few flats today.

We know what we're doing – I think.

Keep the meter running.

The joy of loading sand bags.

It's kinda nice here.

You're kidding!
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Melvin R. Laird

July 15

WILM.EYE: — Your APE8

set for the target dead-center

this week with their pin-up selec­
tion of Raquel Welch. Here

she appears in one of her con­
tumes from her latest picture

"The Riffen" produced by 20th

Century Fox Studios.

NEW YORK (UPI)— The

month of June is Fight The

Filthy Fly Month, National

Ragweed Control Month and

National Seat Belt Month.

June 7 is Freedom of the

Press Day (take a reporter
to lunch), June 14-15 is

the Geauga Country Butter

Churn Festival is Burton,

Ohio, June 15 is Father's

Day, June 21 Satan's Hol­

iday Square Dance in Hell,

Mich., and June 28 the

Custer reenactment by the

Crow Indians in Montana
(but it doesn't say who

gets to play Custer).

Set backs and delays are common in most con­
struction jobs and the new NCO Club on Arty Hill

is no exception, however SFC Pulen L. Holt, Club

Manager, can see an opening date in the near future.

The new 24X32 foot NCO club is completely sepa­
erated from the present EM Club. It sets approxi­
imately four feet below the other club giving the

complex a split-level design.

Plans call for a 20 foot bar, completely cu­
hioned and a formica top. The floors will be til­
ed from wall-to-wall. Plenty of table space will

be provided in the lounge area, and an inset

lighting system in the ceiling will give the club

indirect lighting. According to SFC Holt the

walls of the club will be stained a shade of mah­
Rockets, mortars and recoiless rifle fire are common place at Tien Phuoc making every moment a tense one out there.

Gun section number four headed by SSG Charles Hassler did not let the hundreds of war slow them down a bit as they showed Charlie a few rockets could not keep them from firing their 155.

It all started on the 12th of May when Tien Phuoc hit it's first incoming rounds in over a month.

SP4 Arlan Jans, a member of the 4th Gun Section was the first to spot a muzzle flash on the hillside overlooking Tien Phuoc. Without running to cover, SSG Hassler, SP4 Jans, SP4 Paul Bierlickx and FPC Ramon Granados along with LT David Neese fired direct fire on the position the muzzle flash was sighted, silencing the deadly 75mm recoiless rifle.

The following day saw much of the same kind of action only this time it was 122mm rockets pouring into Tien Phuoc. Again SSG Hassler and his April Best Gun Section Award winning team manned their gun during the assault of enemy rockets. The mighty number four 155 fired 12 Willie Peter and 43 HE rounds in a duel with Charlie that saw the "Battlin Bravo" warriors come out on top, no more rocket launcher. SSG Hassler mustered his whole section together for the days actions. Also in the section are SP4 Louis King, FPC Leroy Hagenhoff, FPC Robert Blewitz, FPC Jerry Garrison, and FPC Lloyd Hamilton.

One other "Hard Core" was noted on the scene and that was Chief of Smoke, SPC Jack Cunningham.

The 14th of May found Lt. Col Jack R. Pilker Battalion Commander Tien Phuoc on the receiving end of more 75mm recoiless rifle fire. Not
The 3-16th Arty is happy to announce the arrival of five new officers in this Battalion as an FO for an
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In April the 3-16th had 12 people DEROS, out of 12, three reenlisted for a 25 percent mark.

Three exciting reenlistment opportunities, available to those with less than four years of service for pay purposes, are the subjects of this month's column.

Two of the three options are in the area of cloak-and-dagger work—Army Security Agency and Special Intelligence duties—while the third option is for the Army's Air Defense Command. The Special Intelligence option, by the way, is available to members of the Women's Army Corps, too.

Let's take a look at the options and see what they can offer you in the way of training and assignment.

The Army Security Agency is the command with the mission of providing electronic communications security in support of our national defense effort. It is possible to reenlist for ASA if you are trained or qualified for training in electronics, languages, communications and other technical and administrative fields. Among some of the positions you might fill with ASA are field radio repairman, Morse "interceptor, fixed ciphony repairman, radio teletype operator, electronic warfare equipment repairman, general cryptographic repairman, data processing equipment operator, or foreign language interpreter. To qualify for ASA you must reenlist for 3-6 years, be an E-5 or below, a high school graduate or equivalent and have a GT score of 100 or higher.

The Special Intelligence duty option is certain to satisfy those with a desire for something different. These duties include the reading, searching, filing, translating and interpreting of all types of information.

Individuals choosing this option will be doing vital work to safeguard Army operations, as well as functions aimed at deriving information about the enemy's movements, his espionage, sabotage and subversive plans and activities.

 Personnel entering this field will be trained as a military intelligence specialist, area intelligence specialist or military intelligence coordinator.

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gained the respect of all supported units by standing in the midst of incoming mortar and rocket fire and sending thousands of rounds hurrying into enemy positions and troop concentrations, thereby significantly contributing to the successful blunting of the NVA/VC drive against Tien Phuoc.

Presenting the awards at Tien Phuoc base camp were BG Wallace L. Clement, Assistant American Division Commander; COL Leslie Hardy, American Division Artillery Commander; and LTG Jack R. Pilk, 3-16 Artillery CO.

Immediately following the awards ceremony at Tien Phuoc, COL Vardy and LTG Pilk flew to Hau Duc to present the awards to the three gun sections that were covering the forward fire base.

Receiving the Silver Star for heroic actions were CPT Reginald P. Fontenot and LSG Ralph Lewis. Also receiving the Silver Star was LIT Jimmy Kilpatrick for heroism while serving as an artillery forward observer with the American Division 1-1 Cav. LIT Kilpatrick also received the Army Commendation Medal with V Device for his actions as Battery XO at Tien Phuoc.

Presented the Bronze Star with V Device were LIT Darrell V. Huck, LIT Joe V. Trimble, SPC Alfred V. Walsh, SSG William T. Hardy, SGT Edward E. Bau­ din, SGT Alton Roundy, SGT Frederick Biles, SPS Albert Tenorio, SPS Steven C. Bowen, SPS Eugene Stanley, SPS Francis Burns, SPS Carlton Baker, SPS William C. Beams, SPS Michael Swenson, SPS Larry Fuller, SPS Arthur Fender, SPS James E. Shoals, SPS Robert E. Letreise, SPS William R. Curtis, SPS James I., SPS Alvin Herske, FPC Kenneth Deslatte and FPC John L. Black.

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There is unlimited opportunity in this Special Intelligence area and men and women who show sufficient interest and ability may be selected as investigators or for technical and supervisory positions. Those with an aptitude for languages may also apply for special language training.

You'll not only find this option exciting but also challenging. It is open to men and women 21 or below, who enlist for 3-6 years.

The Army Air Defense Command option doesn't deal in clock-and-dagger work but it does require an important aspect of national security. As a member of the Air Defense Command, you will man one of the many Air Defense sites in the United States. These are the bases that protect the U.S. from air attack.

This option is open to men qualified for training as missile crewmen or fire control crewmen. Air Defense operates intelligence assistants, or fire distribution system crewmen. The option requires a reenlistment term of 4 to 6 years and is open to men below the grade of E-5.

One of the bonuses of this option is that you may reenlist for one of the 21 metropolitan areas in the United States where Air Defense units are located. Not all areas are available but there are usually several areas from which to choose. In addition to selecting your area of choice, you will be guaranteed a minimum of 12 months of service in that area.

If you have any questions, please call your local Army Recruiting Office for additional information and details on your reenlistment processing. For one of these exciting options, it is open to men below the grade of E-5.
Men Lost in Vietnam while serving with 3/16th Artillery Bn.
This is the only known copy of the 1970 3/16th Artillery Battalion published unit album. It is now available on CD/DVD to veterans of the Americal Division because of Richard Hildreth.

The Americal Division Veterans’ Association is very grateful to Richard Hildreth. Especially those who served in the 3/16th Artillery Battalion.

Mr. Hildreth is working to locate Vietnam veterans of the 3/16th Artillery Battalion for their first reunion since leaving Vietnam. His goal is to hold this reunion in 2010 in Las Vegas.

The Vietnamese orphan boy, “Lou”, who was adopted by the 3/16th Artillery Bn. is now working with Mr. Hildreth to help provide inspiration and organizational support for the reunion. A “60 Minute” segment was broadcast that documented the story of Lou’s struggle to leave Vietnam and his success in America.

If you are a 3/16th Artillery Battalion Veteran please contact Mr. Hildreth regarding the 2010 reunion:

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3/16th Arty. Smashes Siege On Tien Phuoc

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3rd Bn., 16th arty.

**TIEN PHUOC—Firing in support of Allied forces, B Btry., 3rd Bn., 16th Arty., recently thwarted a fierce NVA/V.C. assault on the Tien Phuoc Fire Base, 15 miles southwest of Tam Ky.**

Action began during the early-morning darkness on Feb. 23 when the enemy overran the nearby Civilian Irregular Defense Force Group (CIDG) outpost.

SGT Alton Roundy (Beverly, Mass.), NCDC of the Tien Phuoc VHF radio station, recalls what took place:"I was on duty when I happened to look out the window of my hoist towards the CIDG outpost when I saw enemy rockets and mortars falling on their position, lighting up the sky blue day."

Suddenly, the snap of rounds from a .50-cal. machine gun broke the silence. The small machine gun broke the silence.

**Enlisted Artillerymen**

CPT Nguyen Ngoc Dung, CO of CIDG forces in Tien Phuoc, called for B Btry. artillery to blow up the NVA/V.C.-infested area.

**A legendary NVA/V.C. sniper**

After white phosphorous rounds pounded the enemy, the VC element tried to enter the main gate of Tien Phuoc, but was beaten back by CIDG guards.

**Warriors since mid-October**

All was quiet until 7:45 that morning.

"Everyone was walking around, still talking about the night before when the first incoming artillery hit," said SGT Edward Beaudin (Marine City, Mich.).

No damage was reported in the battery area that day.

**So far, so good**

The following day, a barrage of rockets hit Tien Phuoc, one of them exploding behind the VHF radio station.

"The concussions and shrapnel from the rockets knocked over one of the radio antennas and started a fire in the gasoline dump next to our generators," recalled PFC Jesse Adkins (Newton Falls, Ohio).

The fires were extinguished, and once more the beleaguered artillery base withstood the enemy onslaught.

More Incidents

The next day, B Btry. was eating breakfast when the alarm was sounded and again Tien Phuoc was under attack.

According to SFC Alfred Walsh (Vinegrove, Ky.), the mess sergeant, close to 40 people cleared out of the mess hall just 30 seconds before two 82mm mortar rounds struck dead center in the mess kitchen.

Ironically, just one week before the offensive, Tien Phuoc mess hall, or what was referred to jokingly as the Tien Phuoc Hilton, was the winner of the first 3/16th Arty. "Beat Mess" award.

**Third Day Of Battle**

The following day, Feb. 25, enemy rockets and mortars continued to rain on Tien Phuoc, and B Btry. kept returning fire.

Although the artillerymen had to lift the ground when rockets or mortars landed, all six howitzers in the battery would recover quickly to resume firing.

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