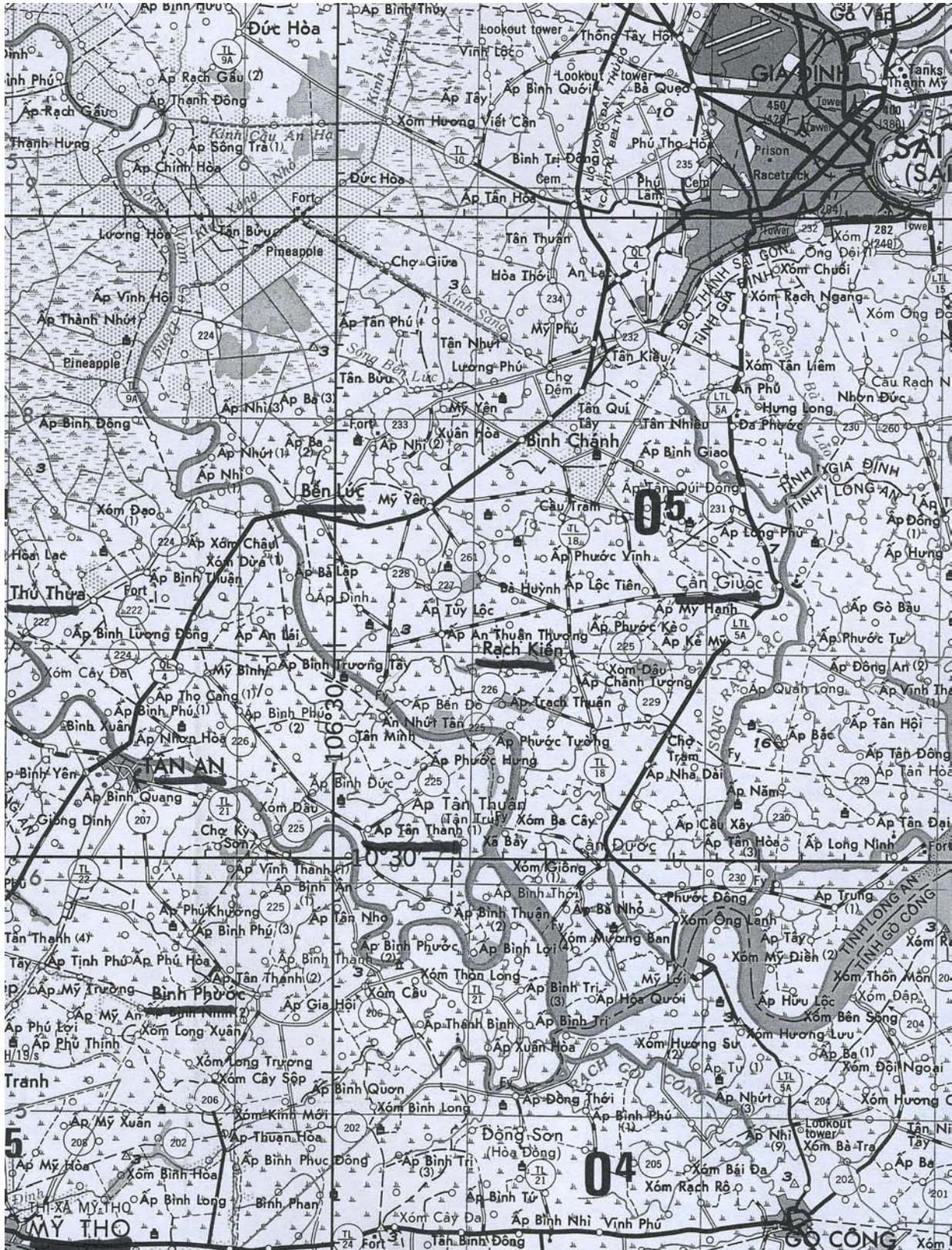


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IN THE LAND OF NINE DRAGONS

The 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry in Southeast Asia, 1966-1970



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This history is dedicated to all who served with the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry in Vietnam and Cambodia, especially to the memory of those men who lost their lives as a result of their service.

The History is based upon:

more than 200,000 pages of government documents
copies of orders from more than 200 members of the battalion
the 1966, the early 1969, & the late 1969 Battalion Yearbooks

The History is:

possibly the most detailed unit history written in English of any battalion in any 20th century war !!!

The History now includes:

489 total pages (English, page size 8.5" X 11", soft cover, perfect bound, weight 3.5 lbs)
36 maps of areas in Vietnam and Cambodia
64 pictures and illustrations
58 sidebars of topical interest
complete text of battalion's US Presidential Unit Citation
complete text of B Co's US Valorous Unit Award
complete text of each of the battalion's 4 Crosses of Gallantry w/Palm
complete text of each of the battalion's 2 Civic Action Honor Medals
descriptions of the battalion's 16 Named Multi-Battalion Operations
2/60 Inf Campaign Credit
locations & names of the 34 base camps, TOCs, patrol bases & S-4 locations of the 2/60 Inf
and much more

The History's format is:

unit events as a summarized unit diary based on the daily S-3 Log
diary interspersed with important events back in the "world"
diary interspersed with maps, photos, and sidebars
appendices with special information (see below)

The compilation of the History:

took more than 12 years to complete
took more than 14,000 hours of volunteer time for research and other work
cost more than \$ 45,000 in research and other expenses

The 37 Appendices include these 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Lists:

Memorial Roll, those who gave their lives - 349 names
Medically Retired List - 244 names
Officers, Commissioned & Warrant, Assigned - 313 names
Officers, Commissioned, Attached - 42 names
Enlisted Personnel, Assigned - 5,347 names
Enlisted Personnel, Attached - 38 names
Vietnamese Personnel, Attached - 43 names
Distinguished Service Cross Recipients - 9 names
Silver Star Recipients - 218 names
Bronze Star with "V" Recipients - 864 names
Army Commendation with "V" Recipients - 830 names
Soldiers Medal Recipients - 32 names
Purple Heart Recipients - 1,685 names

The lists include as many men from C Battery, 2nd Battalion, 4th Field Artillery as we could determine served with Forward Observer Parties attached to the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry.

All of the lists had to be compiled one name at a time "by hand" as no government databases have ever existed for any of the above categories !

Maps

As an example of the detail in the book this is a list of maps included:

Vung Tau (Cap Saint Jacques)
Bien Hoa AFB
Long Binh Post
Bearcat (Camp Martin Cox)
Saigon & Tan Son Nhut Airport
Song Nha Be
Long An province
Dong Tam & My Tho
Ben Luc
Tan Tru & "The Testicles"
An Nhut Tan & Tan Tru
Binh Son
Tan An & Thu Thua
Rach Kien & "The Elbow"
Vinh Long
Canal Junctions, Western Plain of Reeds
Sa Dec
Go Dau Ha
Can Giouc
Eastern Edge Plain of Reeds & Kinh Bo Bo
Ben Tre City
FSB Elois
Tay Ninh north to Cambodia
Memot & FSB Hilltop, Cambodia
Tay Ninh West Combat Base
FSB Katum & Airstrip
FSB Francis
Prek Klok
Go Cong & "The Testicles"
Cai Lay & Cai Be
Duc Hoa
Dau Tieng
FSB Jamie
Moc Hoa
Tuyen Nhon
Can Tho

BACK COVER REVIEW -

“In The Land of Nine Dragons,” is the most detailed battalion level history I have seen. This book relates not only facts and figures in fascinating detail ... it also communicates first-hand the very personal recollections and remembrances of events in the course of the Battalion’s time in Vietnam. This is the stuff of going to war and the soul of warfare as experienced by the people who actually fight wars, the blood and guts of the art of being a soldier in combat. The fact that this book is about what is arguably our least popular and least understood 20th Century conflict is noteworthy because it makes an important contribution to the history of what has been variously described as a national tragedy and a defeat. There was no defeat for these soldiers, there was regret, concern, and pride in their service. They were warriors, they led the fight!

This book makes clear – in case it wasn’t already clear – that the cost of war was borne by the men and women who served in Vietnam, not by uninvolved politicians and distant bystanders or sometime movie-makers. The stories here relate to the memories of any Vietnam Vet. It has been said that we all fought different wars in Vietnam because things were so different from place to place and time to time. That may be so but something of the universal truth of war - good and bad – can be found in these pages. Every veteran, every student, every political authority, every citizen, should read this recounting of events and conditions – they are reading about reality.

This book will preserve the memory of what they did in Vietnam... a war that still haunts those who served there and those who did not. May God be with the living and the dead members of the 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division.

**Lieutenant General Patrick M. Hughes
United States Army, Retired
platoon leader 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry in Vietnam**

FROM HIS FOREWORD -

What I saw in Vietnam in 1971-73 convinced me that the soldiers in the 2/60 and all the US units in Vietnam had accomplished far more than any of us realized. We set the stage for the “Clear and Hold” strategy that actually defeated the Viet Cong insurgency. After we withdrew, South Vietnam fell to an invasion by North Vietnam, not to the Viet Cong.

**General James J. Lindsay
United States Army, Retired
former CO, 2nd Bn, 60th Inf, 1968**

FROM HIS FOREWORD -

This book is a meaningful tribute to the extraordinary heroism of the men of the Battalion, particularly those who courageously gave their lives, who successfully overcame the hazardous and difficult Delta terrain and inflicted defeat after defeat upon an elusive enemy.

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