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My recall of The Anonymous Battle
Up-dated 2003
A Troop 1st Platoon 69-70

Mr. (Captain) John Poindexter
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Dear Captain Poindexter:

The Mortar Incident (March 25 1970):

I remember that the mortar crew was positioned behind 1st platoon, inside the perimeter. We share with them some sodas and a pornographic magazine that somebody was passing around. Everything in your manuscript regarding this incident is accurate according to my recollection of this event. All I want is, to acknowledge the courage of the 1st platoon medic (I do not remember his name) who despite of the intensive heat, risking his own life, try to retrieve to safety the men who were on fire. I remember that you and somebody else drag him away from the burning ACAV's.

The Battle of 26 March 1970:

Your account of this battle help me understand everything we did that day from the beginning. It is more accurate than mine is. I remember that after I saw you wounded I look to your track and one of your crewmembers was wearing your headset and I though he was attempting to communicate or pass on your orders (the guy was blond with blue eyes and I believe his name was Hart, but maybe I am wrong).

Sergeant Mcnew did an outstanding job that day and I praise him for that.

He was all around trying to cover every angle of our position.

In my opinion all the medics of the units involve in this battle have to be commended for their excellent performance helping all the wounded.

Alpha 1-3 was the last track to leave the area.

At one point during the battle I asked God for forgiveness and mentally said good-by to my family, I though we were not going to be able to get out of that area alive.

~~I remember the day that 1LT. Bob Henderson was KIA; he was ambushed while patrolling. 2nd and 1st platoon reacted immediately to give 3rd platoon some support.~~

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