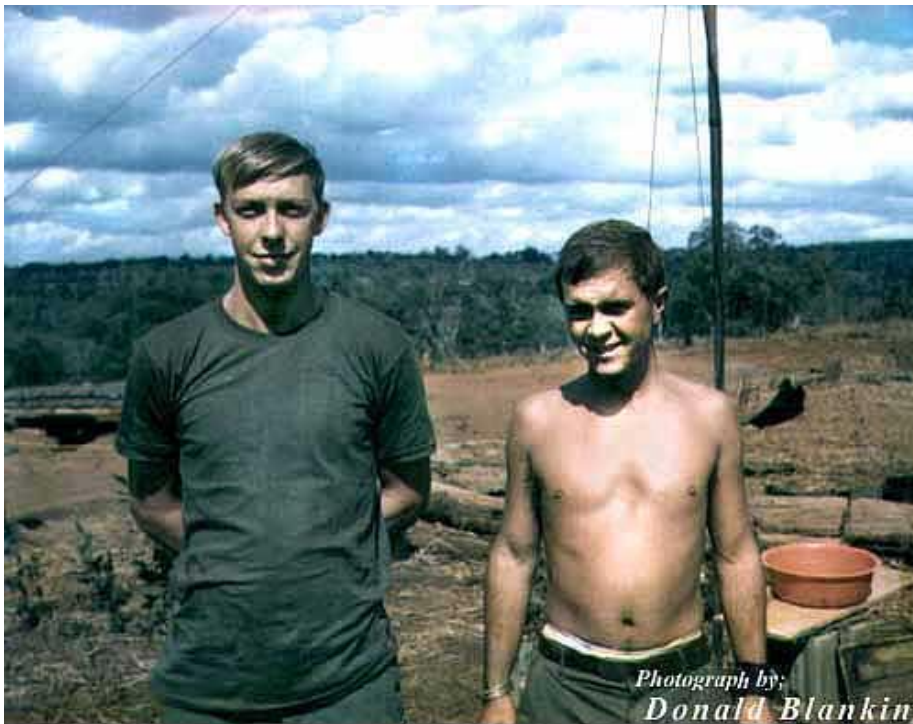


A quick paragraph about myself. I arrived in Vietnam in mid August 1968. I was assigned to B btry. 2/9 Arty. which was the direct support unit for the 2/35 Infantry. I was attached to A Co. 2/35 as a forward observer in early Sept. then reassigned to C Co. on Sept. 25 when their FO Roger Fulkerson was kila at Duc-Lap. I stayed with C Co. until Feb. 69 at which point I was brought back to B btry as Fire Direction Officer. I was wounded on Sept. 30 1968 at Duc-Lap while on an operation with the 2nd platoon of C Co. Most of the platoon was killed or wounded in an ambush on that day. I suppose the time I spent operating with the men of C Co. is what I consider the most difficult, most rewarding time I spent during my tour. I will forever admire and respect the Infantry Soldier for the daily effort he had to make. The men of C Co. and all of the 2/35 Infantry were among the finest in the United States Army. I consider it an honor and privilege to have served with the very best.

Donald L. Blankin



**Don Blankin (left) and Russ Owen (right)
FO's for C Co. and D Co. 2/35. Made in Oct. 68 at Duc Lap**



Weapons cache recovered near Ban-Me-Thuot, Nov. 68



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C Co mortars firing near Duc-Lap, Nov. 68



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B Btry 2/9 Arty firing an early morning mission. Dec. 68



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LZ Schuyler near Ban-Me-Thuot, Dec. 68



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Chinook bringing gun from B 2/9 to LZ Schuyler Dec. 68



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Robert (Bob) Terhaar C Co. mortar platoon. Dec. 68



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B btry 2/9 firing high angle mission near Duc-Lap. Oct. 68



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**View of a river near Ban-Me-Thuot taken from a UH1
on a combat assault Dec. 68**



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Don Blankin taken at Ban-Me-Thuot in Dec. of 68