

HISTORY

B COMPANY, 4TH MEDICAL BATTALION

BRAVO COMPANY, 4TH MEDICAL BATTALION, TRACES ITS HISTORY BACK TO
THE FIFTH SANITARY TRAIN, FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION, WHICH WAS FORMED AT
CAMP LOGAN, TEXAS, IN DECEMBER 1915. BY 1918, THE FIFTH SANITARY TRAIN

HAS PROVIDED ABLE SUPPORT, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPERVISION TO THE
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THE MEN OF DRAGO COMPANY, 4TH MEDICAL BATTALION, HAVE HELPED WITH

OFFICERS AND MEN OF COMPANY B, 4TH MEDICAL BATTALION--

THE U.S. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS WAS FOUNDED ON 27 JULY 1775. THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, THE AIM OF THE CORPS HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO LIVE UP TO ITS MOTTO-- TO CONSERVE THE FIGHTING STRENGTH. INITIALLY, THE MEDICINES AVAILABLE WERE INADEQUATE AND IN SHORT SUPPLY, EVACUATION WAS BY FOOT OR BY HORSE-DRAWN AMBULANCES, AND THE MEANS OF TREATMENT WERE OFTEN CRUDE. HOWEVER, AS THE YEARS PROGRESSED, DEDICATED AND ABLE MEN WORKED HARD TO UPGRADE THE MEDICAL SUPPORT FROM THE BATTLEFIELD BACK TO THE GENERAL MEDICAL FACILITY. THE RESULT IS THE U.S. ARMY MEDICAL CORPS OF TODAY--ONE WHICH PROVIDES THE MOST PROFESSIONAL, TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED, AND MOBILE MEDICAL SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO ANY ARMY IN THE ENTIRE WORLD.

YOU MEN OF BRAVO COMPANY HAVE PROVED YOURSELVES TO BE THE EPITOME OF THIS FINE ORGANIZATION IN THE FORWARD COMBAT ZONE. PROVIDING CONSTANT, TIRELESS CARE TO THE PERSONNEL OF THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION FROM 1966 TO THE PRESENT, YOUR EXPERTISE, DETERMINATION AND DEVOTION TO DUTY HAVE MARKED YOU AS THE PROFESSIONALS TO WHOM I HAVE REFERRED. WORKING PRIMARILY WITH THE 1ST BRIGADE, B COMPANY MOVED THROUGHOUT THE FOURTH DIVISION'S AREA OF OPERATIONS. WHEREVER THE TROOPS MANEUVERED, YOU FURNISHED THE CLEARING STATIONS, THE EMERGENCY TREATMENT FACILITIES, AND THE PERSONNEL PREPARED FOR ANY NECESSITY.

EACH OF YOU HAS EXPERIENCED MANY HARDSHIPS--MONSOON RAINS, HOT, THROAT-SCRATCHING DUST, THE DISCOMFORTS OF REMOTE FIREBASES. NONE OF THESE DETERRED YOU FROM THE EFFICIENT AND TIMELY ACCOMPLISHMENT OF YOUR MISSION-- "TO CONSERVE THE FIGHTING STRENGTH"--AND FOR THIS I AND THE OTHER MEN OF THIS DIVISION ARE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL. THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA WILL NOT FORGET YOU EITHER. FOR MANY YEARS TO COME, THEY WILL REMEMBER

THE HELP YOU PROVIDED IN THEIR TIME OF NEED. EACH OF YOU CAN LOOK BACK WITH PRIDE ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS HERE IN VIETNAM. YOU HAVE HAD A TOUGH JOB TO DO, AND YOU HAVE DONE IT WELL.

NOW YOU ARE PREPARING TO LEAVE THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION. MOST OF YOU WILL BE REASSIGNED TO OTHER UNITS IN-COUNTRY. TO YOU I SAY, SERVE THEM AS WELL AS YOU HAVE SERVED US, AND REMEMBER THAT OUR PRAYERS GO WITH YOU. THE REMAINDER OF YOU WILL BE RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES. TO YOU I SAY CONGRATULATIONS ON SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING YOUR TOUR IN VIETNAM. YOU HAVE RENDERED A GREAT SERVICE TO YOUR COUNTRY. TO ALL OF YOU I SAY THAT IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO HAVE SERVED WITH YOU--GOOD LUCK AND GODSPEED.