

ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN #1, 1 JUNE 2012

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Subj: THE ANIMAL DEN OCCASIONAL BULLETIN (Like the Bien Hoa Daily Bulletin, but rarer)

To all Animals:

Because several of you have asked how certain I am about Harold Kinser, I'm giving you what little I have on persons of the name, only one of which looks like our man, but I can never be positive unless I have more information to go on, as I had with Gordon Payne and John Munger. I could be mistaken about MSgt. Stewart, too, but don't think so. In any such case, I would be more than happy to be wrong. If you remember any detail that differs from the data below, especially birthdays or where somebody was from, let me know.

Harold Edward Kinser

Last Residence: 99611 [zip code] Kenai, Kenai Peninsula, Alaska

Born: 21 May 1947

Died: 28 November 1998

SSN Issued in California in 1962.

Records indicate this man was born in Kansas. I thought our Kinser was born in Kentucky or Tennessee, but couldn't swear to it. He grew up in California, by my recollection, so getting a SSN there makes sense. He had a brother in Nam who visited him once in the hut. Don't remember the brother's name. Going to Alaska is something that doesn't surprise me for our Kinser. I would love to find him as much as any of you would -- he and Ric Vetter got me through one of the toughest times I had in Nam and Kinser and I were always friends. I thought a lot of him and still do.

There are two others apparently living and within the right age grouping (60s). Neither of these men strikes me quite right to be our Kinser, but the one above does.

Ronald B. Slaughter

Last Residence: 64106 [zip code] Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri

Born: 10 June 1947

Died: 8 September 1997

SSN Issued in Missouri in 1962.

Other data show he was born in Kansas City, Missouri and died there; also that in 1996 he was living in Independence, Missouri.

I am not positive about his middle initial, so this may not be our man. I've always remembered that our Ron Slaughter was from Missouri, but Munger thought he was from Niagara Fall, NY. That's new to me. He never mentioned anything about Niagara Falls to me, but Missouri is what I remember him saying. I tried to find him in Australia in case he stayed down there, but couldn't. The last time I saw him was the day I left Nam, 13 July 1969, when he and Rich Moyle came down to the terminal to say good-bye. Ron was to go to Australia in August, 1969, to be married to his fiancée there. Some of you ought to know about that since you were there at the time and have more recent knowledge of Ron than I. I never knew whether that marriage took place. Ron was another good friend and I'd like to find him. I can only say that in a nationwide PeopleFinder search for persons named Ronald Slaughter, this is the most likely-looking to be our Ron.

Please prove me wrong on both Kinser and Slaughter as with Wayne Dail. By the way, it looks like Dail is living in someone else's household so that nothing shows under his own name. May be living with a married daughter or someone else. I left a message with some random Dails in Newport News, but haven't heard back from them. Same

with Dennis Blair last week. No response to messages left on telephone services. Did Wayne "Guru" Dail work at Clothing Sales?

I may have found Rick Leigh in West Virginia. He went through Quartermaster School with me at Fort Lee, VA, then was at Bien Hoa, in 3rd SVS. He had other friends in the Den besides me. Hope to contact him tomorrow. Did somebody say he lived down near the Aerial Port? I guess 3rd SVS had huts scattered all over. Jim "Whip" Rush says TSgt. Jerry Arbaugh lived down in that area before he came into the Den to take over from Ron Slaughter as Hut Chief.

Attached is a photo from Whip of an Army troop called "The Reb" who stayed in the hut sometimes. Anybody remember his name? We also had an Army troop called "Cherokee" who stayed with us at times. Anybody know his name?

MoJoe