

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 13<sup>th</sup> Artillery

From Fort Sill we were put on a troop train and sent to Oakland, California, where we boarded the USS General JC Breckinridge for the 21 day trip to Vietnam. We came ashore at Vung Tau, trucked to a small airfield, boarded U. S. Air Force planes to Tan Son Nhut. We were in a staging area somewhere outside of Tan Son Nhut when our top asked for volunteers to go early to Phu Loi to setup a perimeter to keep sappers off the airfield. Half of our battalion including me volunteered to build and man bunkers while the remainder of the 2/13 stayed at the staging area until our howitzers, which had gone thru the Panama Canal, finally arrived in country! I was one of 5 men who manned 2/13 bunker #5, until our howitzers arrived. I was a FDC chart operator, we worked 8 on, 8 off for the remainder of my time in Nam.

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