**LRRP/RANGER SONG**

Written by

**Dwight “Bull” Durham**

Killed in action, April 10, 1969

Company H, 75th Rangers, 1st Cav Division

Sang to the tune “Ghost Riders in the Sky”

Gather `round you college kids a story I will tell of six brave Recondo men who spent their days in hell; with “16” at their shoulder and claymores in their pack, six men went out that day,

but only one came back.

Bully’s boys and weaklings, they all went out that day, a’ fighting old Charlie-Cong, the devil they had to pay; with “16” at their shoulder and claymores in their pack, six men went out that day, but only one came back.

Oh, Boggie had his courage, he knew he was the best, the weakling had a plastic cross he wore upon his chest. with “16” at their shoulder and claymores in their pack,

Six men went out that day, but only one came back.

Oh, Charlie knew they were there the minute they set down, they pulled upon a hill top and the gooks were all around. Six “16” were a blazing underneath the setting moon, but they all knew as sure as death, the reaper would come soon.

The LRRP’s thought they had it made the sun was in the sky, but about that time

old Charlie let a B40 fly. They heard it screaming through the air, a coming straight at them,

but they just stood their ground, those brave Recondo men.

The rifles they were silent and the blood was all around. five brave rangers lay dead upon the ground. The weakling stumbled to his knees and to the men he cried, “Why did you leave me here? Oh, God, please let me die!”

Charlie was a-coming up the hill to collect his gory pay, the weakling saw them coming and

Escape there was no way. With a “16” at his shoulder and a claymore to his front, he fought off Charlie Cong that day, for the team dead at his back.

But then he heard the sound, that sound he knew so well, the birds were coming for him, to take him from that hell. With trigger-finger slacking, and a tear in his eyes, B but it never fell for them, for rangers don’t cry.

So when they got him back to camp they said you need a rest;

He lowered his head, unbuttoned his shirt and there upon his chest, the plastic cross had melted, but he was still alive; the rocket had left its mark to remind him of those five.

Now you ask him to this day just what he did in “Nam” he’ll say he walked the jungle

and fought old Charlie Cong. With a “16” at the ready, and a claymore in my pack, six men went out that day, **But only I came back**

**THE WALL**

Written by

**Royce Clark**

On a cold black sheen of granite

To many to recall

Are the names and the dates, and the faces

Of the men upon the wall

These are the fallen warriors

These are the fallen warriors

The young, the old, the brave

Who gave their last full measure

To a land, a cause, to a grave

On a cold black sheen of granite

Too many to recall

Are the names and the dates, and the faces

Of the men upon the wall

These are the fallen warriors

The young, the old, the brave

Who gave their last full measure

To a land, a cause, to a grave

Each had an unfinished story

Each had a song left to sing

Now all that remains are the memories

That fade like a winter to a spring

at night when the world falls quiet

and the orb in the sky grows cold

The sprits of the Wall talk freely

And eminence of the days long ago

Aging years have passed since the struggle

Youth has run far away

But the Wall and the cries of battle

Return like the sunrise each day

And the last flag drapes the last grave

The Lord up above will say, “Welcome home”

**And the Wall will at last fade away**

**JUST A COMMON SOLDIER**

(**A Soldier Died Today**) written by

**A. Lawrence Vaincourt**

(not a 1st Cav Ranger)

He was getting old and paunchy and his hair

was falling fast, and he sat around the Legion, telling

story of the past. Of a war that he had fought in and

the deeds that he had done. In his exploits with his

buddies, they were hero’s, everyone.

And tho’ sometimes, to his neighbors, his tales

became a joke, all his Legion buddies listened,

for they knew whereof he spoke. But we will hear

his tales no longer for old Bill has passed away,

He will not be mourned by many, just his children and

his wife, for he lived an ordinary and quite uneventful

life. Held a job and raised a family, quietly going his

own way, and the world won’t note his passing, though

a soldier died today.

When politicians leave this earth, their bodies lie in

state, while thousands note their passing and proclaim

they were great. Papers tell their whole life stories,

from the time that they were young. But the passing of

soldier goes unnoticed and unsung.

Is the greatest contribution to the welfare of our land

A guy who breaks his promises and cons his fellow

man? Or the ordinary fellow, who and times of war and

strife, goes off to serve his country and offers up his

A politician’s stipend and the style in which he lives

are sometimes disproportionate to the service that he gives.

While the ordinary soldier, who offers up his all,

is paid off with a medal and perhaps, a small pension.

**ARNOLD, DANIEL RAYMOND SP4 BANTA, MICHAEL DEAN PFC**

HONORED ON PANEL: 25W LINE: 93 HONORED ON PANEL: 7W LINE: 105

DATE OF BIRTH: APRIL 22, 1948 DATE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 5, 1949

DATE OF CASUALTY: MAY 13, 1969 DATE OF CASUALTY: OCTOBER 2, 1970

**FROM: FROSTPROOF, A****RIZONA FROM: CORDOVE- VALDEZ, ARKANSAS**



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**BELL, WILLIAM BRENT LT BURCH, KENNETH EUGENE SGT**

HONORED ON PANEL: 28W LINE: 57 HONORED ON PANEL: 20W LINE: 128

DATE OF BIRTH: SEPTEMBER 7, 1943 DATE OF BIRTH: NOVEMBER 4, 1950

DATE OF CASUALTY: MARCH 27, 1969 DATE OF CASUALTY: AUGUST 11, 1969

**FROM: ESSEX FELLS, NEW JERSEY FROM: CATAULA, GEORGIA**

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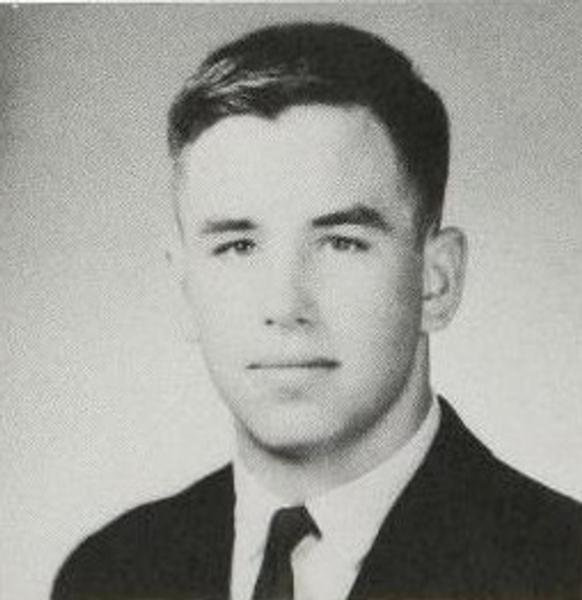
**CARSON, OMER PRICE SGT COCHRANE, DEVERTONCARPENTER SFC**

HONORED ON PANEL: 6W LINE: 112 HONORED ON PANEL: 9W LINE: 59

DATE OF BIRTH: DECEMBER 21, 1951 DATE OF BIRTH: DECEMBER 15, 1948

DATE OF CASUALTY: DECEMBER 7, 1970 DATE OF CASUALTY: JUNE 17, 1970

**FROM: CAMPTON, KENTUCY FROM: BROOKLINE, MAINE**

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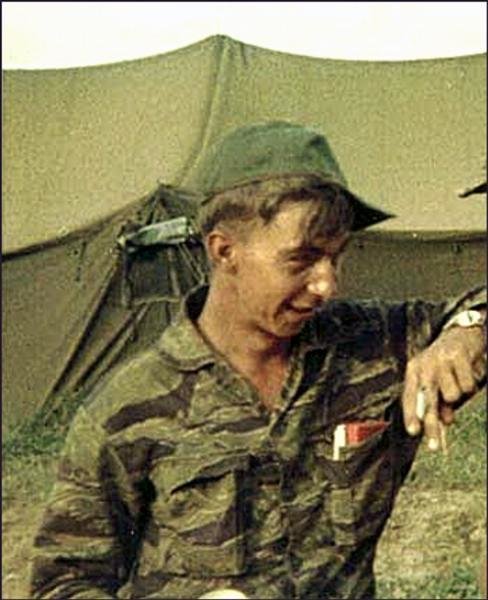
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HONORED ON PANEL: 32E LINE: 71 HONORED ON PANEL: 31E LINE :45

DATE OF BIRTH: FEBUARY 6, 1947 DATE OF BIRTH: FEBUARY 2, 1948

DATE OF CASUALTY: DECEMBER 27, 1967 DATE OF CASUALTY: DECEMBER 6, 1969

**FROM: MAPLE SHADE, NEW JERSEY FROM: DENVER, COLORADO**

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**DURHAM, DWIGHT MONTGOMERY SGT ELIAS, JUAN ANGEL SGT**

HONORED ON PANEL: 27W LINE: 48 HONORED ON PANEL: 63W, LINE: 5

DATE OF BIRTH: AUGUST 23, 1949 DATE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 12, 1945

DATE OF CASUALTY: APRIL 10, 1969 DATE OF CASUALTY: MAY 29, 1968

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**GRIFFITH, TONY LEE SGT HARPER, TIMOTHY VAUGHN SSGT**

HONORED ON PANEL: 33W LINE: 63 HONORED ON PANEL: 5W LINE: 113

DATE OF BIRTH: FEBUARY 20, 1948 DATE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 14, 1950

DATE OF CASUALTY: FEBUARY 5, 1969 DATE OF CASUALTY: FEBUARY 17, 1971

**FROM: BUTLER, TENNESSE FROM: CEYLON, MINNESOTA**

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**HOLUPKO, LON MICHAEL SP4 IVES, DAVID ALLEN SP4**

HONORED ON PANEL: 21W LINE: 93 HONORED ON PANEL: 18E LINE: 75

DATE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 16, 1948 DATE OF BIRTH: AUGUST 12, 1946

DATE OF CASUALTY: JULY 10, 1969 DATE OF CASUALTY: APRIL 23, 1967

**FROM: DETROIT, MINNESOTA FROM: FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA**



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**LAKER, CARL JOHN SP4 LAMBERT, WILLIAM GLENN SGT**

HONORED ON PANEL: 9W LINE: 60 HONORED ON PANEL: 51E LINE: 8

DATE OF BIRTH: JUNE 12, 1950 DATE OF BIRTH: MAY 25, 1947

DATE OF CASUALTY: JUNE 17, 1970 DATE OF CASUALTY: APRIL 20, 1968

**FROM: CLEARWATER, FLORDIA FROM: PENSACOLA, FLORIDA**



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**LARGENT, LOEL FLOYD SGT LENTO, STANLEY JOHN, SGT**

PANEL: 27W LINE: 52 PANEL 20W LINE 40

DATE OF BIRTH: MARCH 13, 1950 DATE OF BIRTH: JANUARY 19, 1949

CASUALTY ON: APRIL 10, 1969 CASUALTY ON: 24/07/1969

**FROM: RUSK, TX FROM: BLAINE, MAINE**



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**LEON, FELIX JR, PFC MAURER, JEFFERY ALAN, SP4**

PANEL: 45E LINE: 12 PANEL: 1W LINE: 39

DATE OF BIRTH: JUNE 6, 1948 DATE OF BIRTH: MAY 1, 1953

CASUALTY ON: MARCH 17, 1968 CASUALTY ON: JUNE 9, 1972

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**MCCARTHY, CARL RICHARD SP4 MCCONNELL, GERALD WAYNE JR, SP4**

PANEL: 7W LINE: 78 PANEL: 57E LINE: 7

DATE OF BIRTH: MAY 06, 1950 DATE OF BIRTH: APRIL 24, 1947

CASUALTY ON: SEPTEMBER 20, 1970 CASUALTY ON: MAY 8, 1968

**FROM ROCHESTER, NEW YORK FROM: MOSES LAKE, WASHINGTON**



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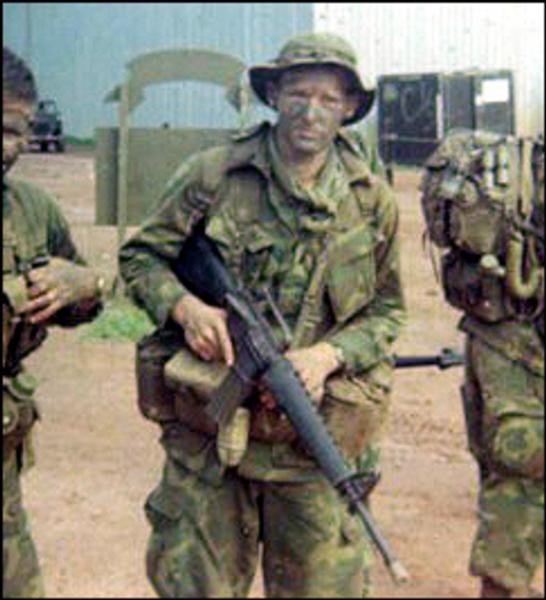
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PANEL: 20W LINE: 41 PANEL: 27E LINE: 38

DATE OF BIRTH: JUNE 9, 1950 DATE OF BIRTH: AUGUST 5, 1932

CASUALTY ON: JULY 24, 1969 CASUALTY ON: DECEMBER 6, 1967

**FROM: KIRKLAND, WASHINGTON FROM: FULTON, MONTANA**



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**MILLER, DONALD, CPL NOTO, ROBERT JOSEPH, PFC**

PANEL: 64E LINE: 11 PANEL: 51E LINE: 11

DATE OF BIRTH: NOVEMBER 21, 1947 DATE OF BIRTH: JANUARY 20, 1948

CASUALTY ON: MAY 21, 1968 CASUALTY ON: APRIL 20, 1968

**FROM: POMPTON LAKE, NEW JERSEY FROM: ST LOUIS, MISSOURI**



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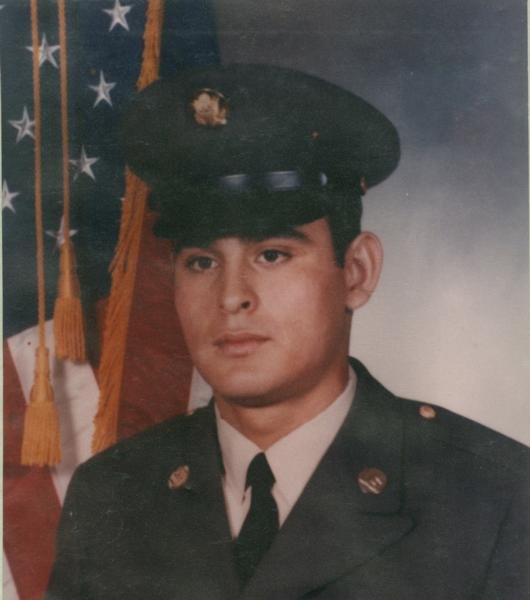
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PANEL: 1W LINE: 39 PANEL: 1W LINE: 32

DATE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 19, 1951 DATE OF BIRTH: MARCH 1, 1952

CASUALTY ON: JUNE 9, 1972 CASUALTY ON: MAY 25, 1972

**FROM: DALLAS, TEXAS FROM: HOBBS, NEW MEXICO**



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**SALMINEN, PAUL JOHN, SGT SHEEHAN, DANIEL MORELAND, SP4**

PANEL: 20W LINE: 41 PANEL: 20W LINE: 12

DATE OF BIRTH: NOVEMBER 23, 1943 DATE OF BIRTH: JULY 31, 1949

CASUALTY ON: JULY 24, 1969 CASUALTY ON: JULY 17, 1969

**FROM: FERNDALE, MICHIGAN FROM: AURORA, COLORADO**





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**SMITH, THOMAS EMINGS SP4 SPRINKLE, THOMAS THOMA SP4**

PANEL: 2W LINE: 108 PANEL: 53W LINE: 40

DATE OF BIRTH: JUNE 27, 1952 DATE OF BIRTH: SEPTEMBER 25, 1946

CASUALTY ON: FEBRUARY 20, 1972 CASUALTY ON: JULY 7, 1968

**FROM: EVART, MINNESOTA FROM: MECHANICSBURG, PA**



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**TORRES, DAVID, SP4 TUCKER, DAVID BRUCE, MAJ**

PANEL: 16W LINE: 91 PANEL: 27E LINE: 38

DATE OF BIRTH: AUGUST 21, 1946 DATE OF BIRTH: FEBUARY 15, 1939

CASUALTY ON: NOVEMBER 17, 1969 CASUALTY ON: OCTOBER 1, 1967

**FROM: LOS ANGLES, CALIFORNIA FROM: ELMHURST, NEW YORK**





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**TURBITT, RICHARD JOHN JR, SP4 WHITTEN, ROBERT EUGENE, SGT**

PANEL: 51E LINE: 14 PANEL: 57E LINE: 12

DATE OF BIRTH: APRIL 20, 1948 DATE OF BIRTH: JANUARY 27, 1947

CASUALTY ON: APRIL 20, 1968 CASUALTY ON: MAY 8, 1968

**FROM: WAUKEGAN, ILLINOS FROM: FT. MYERS, FLORDA**



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**WILLIAMS, JOHN CHARLES, SP4 ZAPOROZEC, JULIUS, SP4**

PANEL: 19W LINE: 6 PANEL: 16W LINE: 91

DATE OF BIRTH: MARCH 26, 1948 DATE OF BIRTH: OCTOBER 14, 1948

CASUALTY ON: AUGUST 11, 1969 CASUALTY ON: NOVEMBER 17, 1969

**FROM: SHAWNEE, KANSAS FROM: HACKETTSTOWN, NEW JERSEY**



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