

**Death In An Alley
3rd Field Hospital
Bachelor Officer Quarters
(BOQ # 3), Saigon, Vietnam
TET Offensive, January 31, 1968**



The man sitting at the Memorial, in uniform above, is Military Assistance Command Vietnam, General William C. Westmoreland, and the man to his immediate right is, US Ambassador to South Vietnam, Ellsworth Bunker.

On January 31, 1968, at approximately 0300 hours, Bachelor Officer Quarters (BOQ # 3) was adjacent to the 3rd Field Hospital, which was one half mile, from Tan Son Nhut's Main Gate. BOQ # 3, came under intensive enemy fire. The military policemen, assigned to the 716th MP Battalion (Saigon) responded as quickly, as they could muster.

MP's climbed onto, a 2 ½ ton truck (Deuce and a half), the driver of the truck, was Sp4 McDonnell.

There were nineteen (16) military policemen, on that truck.

The truck, arriving from the south end, of that alley. They stopped for a moment, then drove into the alley. There would be no way, for them to turn their vehicle around.

Unknown to the military policemen, the enemy had placed claymore mines. This was done so they could ambush, the military police and trap them inside the alley.

The enemy, in addition to their claymore mines, shoulder fired RPG-7's, automatic rifles and grenades

The military police would not survive, that horrible ambush.

The 716th MP BN, would lose, 16 men, during that ambush. Only the driver SP4 McDonnell, would survive.

The names of the MP's Killed In Action (KIA) are listed below:

Company A

SGT Michael A. Grieve

PFC Roland M. Bowen

PFC Thomas C. Hiley

Company C

SP4 Carey C. Anthony

SP4 Douglas W. Doody

PFC Ivan D. Homsley

PFC Danny L. Lasure

PFC Nestor Ojeda

PFC Harry F. Richardson Jr.

PFC Randall K. Schutt

**PFC James Seidensticker
PFC John T. Smith**

527th MP Company

**SGT Johnie B. Thomas
SP4 Charles L. Daniel
SP4 Owen E. Mebust
PFC William M. Sebast**

The US Army Infantry soldier's, five men in total, near the Saigon, Vietnam Race Track, would also lose their lives, that night. Their names are listed below.

Co C, 52nd Infantry

**2LT Stephen L. Braddock
SGT Robert B. Stafford
SP4 Frank E. Faught
CPL James E. Walsh
PFC Lester G. Yarbrough**

Below, I am showing you the aftermath, of that truck.



SP4 McDonnell, was recommended for the Silver Star, for his actions that morning. The 716th MP Battalion, verified the facts and circumstances of that battle and Awarded the Silver Star.

This is one view, of the entrance to the alley.



This is the other view, of the entrance to the alley.



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