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Eddy Nicklaus



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Description

	<p>Eddy Nicklaus (left) with his twin brother, Teddy, c. 1952, in Rock Falls, Illinois. (Narrator's photo)</p>
	<p>After graduating from Rock Falls High School, Eddy Nicklaus (second from right) poses with his brother, Teddy (left), for a photo in their hometown paper, the <i>Sterling-Rock Falls Gazette</i> on June 6, 1963. Titled “‘Double Trouble’ for Some ‘Sarge,’” the photo includes Clifford Fernandez (behind their sergeant) and John Lamz on the far right. “The double trouble did not apply to Gunnery Sergeant Carl Greenwood, the <i>Gazette</i> wrote, “but for a certain drill instructor at San Diego, CA, because for the next 14 weeks the Nicklaus twins ... will do their best to confuse him.” Carl Greenwood, a Korean War veteran, has also been interviewed for this project. (May be restricted. Patrons desiring to use this photograph should contact the ALPL Audio-Visual Curator.)</p>
	<p>Eddy Nicklaus, pictured with his twin brother, Teddy (on the right), and fellow Marine, who is a Hawaiian, on boot camp graduation day in September 1963. The Nicklaus twins went into the United States Marine Corps under the buddy program, trained together and were eventually assigned to the same unit in Vietnam. (Narrator's photo)</p>

	<p>Eddy (left) and Teddy Nicklaus pictured at Camp Pendleton, California in 1964. Eddy inscribed the photo with, “The Brothers Two: They’re indestructible, lovable, inseparable, handsome... etc., etc.” (Narrator’s photo)</p>
	<p>Eddy Nicklaus (left) and his brother, Teddy, roll up a shelter-half while serving in Vietnam in September. (Narrator’s photo)</p>
	<p>Eddy Nicklaus (shirtless and seated in front) with fellow Marines in the mountains at Camp Pendleton, California, where they made a mock village in 1964. Also in the jeep are (from left to right) Saffel, Peters, Lerma, Majors, Nicklaus, Jones and Enriquez (seated in the passenger seat). (Narrator’s photo)</p>
	<p>Eddy Nicklaus (pictured left) and Mike “Flintstone” Johnson, aka ‘pilot and co-pilot,’ while the two were stationed at Da Nang, South Vietnam in June of 1965. (Narrator’s photo)</p>
	<p>After they were caught attempting to fly home from Vietnam in a helicopter in June of 1965, Eddy Nicklaus and Mike “Flintstone” Johnson had to dig a four-hole head (latrine) as punishment. (Narrator’s photo)</p>
	<p>Eddy Nicklaus during a company sweep in the I Corps region of South Vietnam in 1965. Nicklaus remarked on handkerchief, noting that he wore it all the time to absorb sweat. “Notice my hair,” he wrote, but “don’t laugh.” (Narrator’s photo)</p>



Eddy Nicklaus, his platoon's radioman, at work in the field in Vietnam. (Narrator's photo)



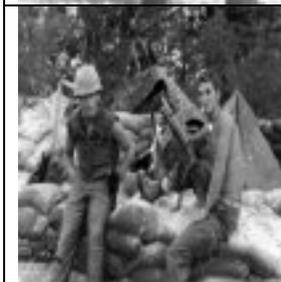
Eddy Nicklaus photographed in Vietnam in 1965. His platoon was located near the Da Nang airstrip, mostly south of Marble Mountain in the I Corps sector of South Vietnam. (Narrator's photo)



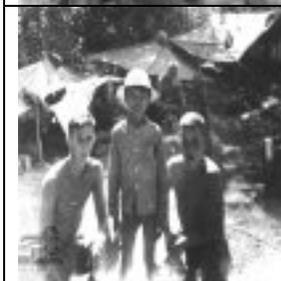
On the day his company left the Da Nang air strip in June of 1965, Eddy Nicklaus poses with Commander Crud, the unit's puppy. (Narrator's photo)



Eddy Nicklaus and Jim Mahler photographed on their return from a refreshing shower run while assigned to I Corps region of South Vietnam. (Narrator's photo)



Eddy Nicklaus (right, with an M-79 grenade launcher) with Richard "Doc" Bell at the platoon command bunker in 1965. (Narrator's photo)



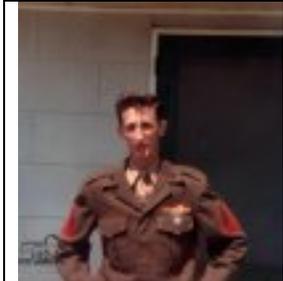
Eddy Nicklaus (left) and Ken Majors pose with a local Vietnamese boy during a visit to one of the villages they so often patrolled, sometime in 1965. (Narrator's photo)



Eddy Nicklaus deplanes at O'Hare Airport after his flight home from Vietnam in April, 1966. (Narrator's photo)



Upon his homecoming from Vietnam, Eddy Nicklaus poses for a photograph with his wife, Carol in April, 1966. (Narrator's photo)



Eddy Nicklaus at Cherry Point, North Carolina in 1967. (Narrator's photo)



Sergeant First Class Ed Nicklaus prior to the unit's departure for Desert Storm at Billy Mitchell Airfield, Wisconsin in January 1991. (Narrator's photo)



Eddy Nicklaus (left) and his brother Teddy at Rock Falls Armory, Rock Falls, Illinois in May 1991. (Narrator's photo)



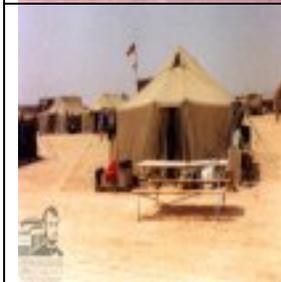
Eddy Nicklaus (right) and his brother, Teddy, enjoying a rare break as they check out their desert goggles with Sergeant Roger Behrens on the left. (Narrator's photo)



Eddy (left) and Teddy Nicklaus on board an airplane bound for Saudi Arabia in January 1991. (Narrator's photo)



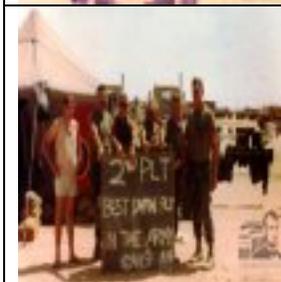
1644th's vehicles and equipment after being unloaded from ship in January 1991 at port in Saudi Arabia. (Narrator's photo)



The 2nd platoon, 1644th Truck Company's Command Post tent in the desert of Iraq.(Narrator's photo)



Eddy Nicklaus with Sgt. Roger Behrens at unknown convoy location in front of one of the 1644th Truck Company M915 Tractor/Trailers.(Narrator's photo)



While stationed in Saudi Arabia in February 1991, Eddy Nicklaus (third from left) posed with a sign that reads "2nd PLT: Best PLT in the Army." Also featured are(from left to right) unknown, SSG R. Link, SFC Eddy Nicklaus, SSG J. Tobin, SSG Teddy Nicklaus, Sgt Roger Behrens. (Narrator's photo)



Eddy Nicklaus (left) and SP4 Kim Johnson pose with their weapons at the ready standing by the 2nd platoon's command and control Blazer in preparation for the assault into Iraq in 1991. (Narrator's photo)



The convoy forms up for the assault into Iraq. After the ground war, Iraqi POWs were loaded onto trailers for transportation to a POW camp in Saudi Arabia . (Narrator's photo)



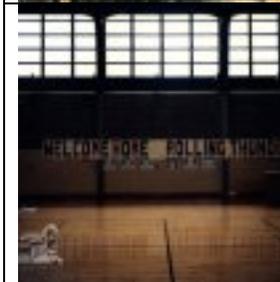
En route into Iraq, in February, 1991. The convoys stretched as far as you could see. Note the extended convoy interval. (Narrator's photo)



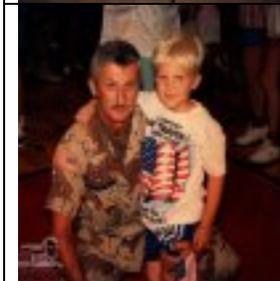
The convoy passes by a destroyed T-69 tank (of Soviet manufacture) as they drive deeper into Iraq. (Narrator's photo) (Narrator's photo)



Eddy Nicklaus is seated on a destroyed T-69 tank somewhere in the western desert of Iraq. (Narrator's photo)



Families decorated the Rock Falls Armory with a large banner welcoming the 1644th Transportation Company home from Desert Shield/Desert Storm. (Narrator's photo)



“Grandpa” Eddy Nicklaus with his grandson, Seth, upon Nicklaus's return home from Iraq in May of 1991. Seth's father, Brett, was less than 24 hours old when his father shipped out for Vietnam on March 13th, 1965. (Narrator's photo)