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Brick Location: C3

During May, 1968, several units from the American Division, including mine—“A” 1/46 L.I.B., were airlifted to Kham Duc Special Forces Camp. We were to reinforce the base against an N.V.A. regiment.

After 3 days, we were ordered to evacuate. We did so, but an Air Force combat control team was left stranded.

Lt. Col. Joe Jackson made a dramatic rescue in a C-123, under intense small arms, mortar and rocket fire. Even more amazing, there was a CH-47 crashed at the mid-point of the runway. This cut the airstrip in half.

Several months later, Lt. Col. Jackson was awarded the Medal of Honor.

I had a chance 2 years ago to meet Lt. Col. Jackson at a Kahm Duc reunion in St. Louis. He is a gentleman of the highest order and very humble about the event. He spoke of God, duty and Country and gave credit to his crew and everyone who assisted that day.

I have a photograph taken with him in St. Louis. It is something I will always cherish.

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