

SINCE ITS BIRTH IN 1866, THE 1ST BATTALION, 22ND INFANTRY, HAS SERVED HONORABLY AND ABLY DURING TIMES OF PEACE AND WAR IN PRESERVING THE FREEDOM OF THE UNITED STATES.

FROM 1868 THROUGH 1896, THE SOLDIERS OF THIS UNIT FOUGHT CAMPAIGNS AGAINST THE INDIANS IN THE DAKOTAS, WYOMING, MONTANA, COLORADO, NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA, AND IDAHO.

THE 22ND REGIMENT WAS THE FIRST UNIT TO REACH CUBAN SOIL IN THE SPANISH AMERICAN WAR AND TOOK PART IN THE CAPTURE OF SIBONEY, THE BATTLE OF EL CONEY, AND THE SIEGE OF SANTIAGO. IN 1900, THE 22ND HELPED QUELL THE PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION. IN 1923 THE BATTALION JOINED THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

ON JANUARY 16, 1944, THE 1ST BATTALION, 22ND INFANTRY, AS A PART OF THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION, SHIPPED TO ENGLAND AND ON D-DAY WENT ASHORE ON THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY. THREE DISTINGUISHED UNIT CITATIONS RECOGNIZED THE VALOR OF THE BATTALION IN WORLD WAR II. FROM 1951 TO 1956, THE UNIT WAS STATIONED IN EUROPE AS PART OF THE OVERALL NATO DEFENSE PLAN, RETURNING TO FORT LEWIS IN 1956.

ON THE 21ST OF JULY 1966, THE MEN OF THE "REGULARS" BOARDED THE USS GENERAL WALKER FOR VIETNAM, AND ON 6 AUGUST 1966, THEY BOARDED LANDING CRAFT AND CAME ASHORE AT QUI NHON, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

THE BATTALION EXPERIENCED ITS FIRST FIRE FIGHTS AGAINST ENEMY FORCES WHICH WERE FIGHTING FROM TUNNEL COMPLEXES IN THE MOUNTAINS SURROUNDING TUY HOA.

IN OCTOBER 1966, THE BATTALION MOVED FROM TUY HOA INTO THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS WHERE IT PARTICIPATED IN OPERATIONS PAUL REVERE IV AND V IN THE PLEI DJERENG AREA. DURING THESE TWO OPERATIONS THE "REGULARS" CONTRIBUTED DIRECTLY TO THE DEATHS OF 378 NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY SOLDIERS, THE DETENTION

OF 78 MORE, AND THE CAPTURE OF SEVERAL TONS OF ENEMY EQUIPMENT. THE "REGULARS" CONTINUED TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR PROFESSIONALISM AND FIERCE DEVOTION TO DUTY IN OPERATIONS SAM HOUSTON, FRANCIS MARION, AND MACARTHUR - IN SOME OF THE MOST BITTER FIGHTING WITNESSED IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS.

DURING THE ENEMY TET OFFENSIVE OF 1968, THE "REGULARS" PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE DEFENSE OF KONTUM CITY, ENGAGING THE ENEMY IN DOOR-TO-DOOR FIGHTING TO FREE THE CITY OF ENEMY DOMINATION.

ON 5 MAY 1970, WHEN THE 4TH INFANTRY DIVISION CROSSED THE CAMBODIAN BORDER TO SEARCH OUT THE ENEMY'S SANCTUARIES, THE 1ST BATTALION, 22ND INFANTRY AGAIN DISTINGUISHED ITSELF.

THE MOTTO, "REGULARS BY GOD," HAS BEEN UPHELD BY THE BATTALION THROUGH THEIR COURAGEOUS FIGHTING AND BRAVERY IN ACTION IN VIETNAM DURING THE PERIOD FROM AUGUST 1966 TO THE PRESENT. THE VALOR AND COURAGE OF THE "REGULARS" HAS EARNED THEM A DISTINGUISHED PLACE IN MILITARY ANNALS.