



Omer Glen Hemmelgarn

September 5, 1969 - October 27, 2017

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“ It was with shock and unpreparedness that I learned of the death of Omer earlier in October. I had the privilege of being Omers squad leader during our shared assignment to HHC 7th Engineer Brigade at Ludendorff Kaserne, Federal Republic of Germany during the late 1980s. \r\n I can scarcely begin a story about those times without Omers name in it. He was very reliable and could always be counted on to get the job done. More than that, he was as integral part of the group. There was no separation between the group on or off duty. Wed arrive en-masse at the drop of a hat and often as not stay til the next day. He was a fixture at the toga parties. Omer was damned funny and fun to be around. \r\n One of my favourite stories to tell about my time in Germany revolves, of course, around Omer. I received a call in the shop one day from the First Sergeant that Omer was to report to the commander with his squad leader (me) ASAP. As he and I walked across the kaserne, I noticed a German Polizei car parked out in front of the company area Omer noticed as well. We were ushered into the conference room where at one end of the table sat the company commander and the 1st Sgt and, at the other two uniformed German Polizei (in full leather coats and peaked caps) nobody smiled. We sat and the senior German officer produced a large manila envelope. \r\n \r\n "Mr. Hemmelgarn, we have here a photograph of you driving in excess of the posted speed limit. Here we see you at the wheel of a car belonging to Heike Schmidt (I cant remember his girlfriends name). Normally this infraction would cost 75 Marks, but this.this is a special case.\r\n \r\n Sure enough, the picture was a perfect depiction of Omer behind the wheel of a little VW Golf yellow or orange as I recall. \r\n I admit to have been relieved that it was apparently a traffic incident and that Omer wasnt going to get hauled off or something.until he mentioned special case. Everybody continued to not smile. \r\n The German officer continued: \r\n "We discovered Heike from the license plate and spoke to her about who was driving her car on this date and time. Heike still hates you by the way (Omer had recently broken up with his girlfriend). We then discovered your location and here we are. Normally we have two weeks to clear up such matters, but we could not do so and so, as I said, this is a special case.

Because we took too long to find you, there will be no fine associated with this infraction, but we just wanted you to know that we found you.\n\n I miss Omer. Hes a big part of my fondest memories of those years in Germany during the Cold War. Rest in peace my brother, Essayons!

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