

PARTING SHOT



Bill McGee's Instamatic Tour of Duty

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Vietnam veteran Bill McGee asked me to scan slides he had taken half a century ago—about eight hundred of them. Many had been sitting in slide trays since 1968. He always carried his 126 Kodak Instamatic camera (which he still has) in country as he drove his Armed Personnel Carrier. McGee left the war almost ten months into his tour after he stepped on a mine and lost a foot.

Bill McGee was awarded three Purple Hearts. He spent long months in hospitals recovering.

To see his 1968 photos, as well as other wartime memorabilia, go to <https://photos.app.goo.gl/ygdZSsOEM84kt4P83> You'll also find photographs I recently took of him. He said the photoshoot was good for him; it took him out of his comfort zone. ■