



1st Cavalry Division



2nd Infantry Division

**Donald Charles Butz**  
**Specialist 5/C U.S. Army**  
**1 June 1965 – 31 May 1967**

Donald was born on 8 April 1944 in the Village of East Texas, Pennsylvania. He grew up in East Texas where he attended grade school in a two-room schoolhouse. He graduated from Emmaus High School in 1962. Before entering the Army, he worked for three years in the Trexlertown Division of PCA, a supplier of corrugated shipping containers and packaging material. Donald was drafted into the Army as a Private on 1 June 1965 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Initially he was assigned to Fort Gordon, Georgia, for basic training, and then to Fort Sam Houston, Texas, where he underwent 10 weeks of training as a Medical Corpsman. From there he was transferred overseas to Korea where he was assigned as a Disbursing Clerk in the 2nd Administration Company attached to the 1st Cavalry Division. He provided disbursing services for Camp Ross, Camp Howze, and Camp Casey near the Demilitarized Zone where units of the 1st Cavalry were stationed. Shortly after his arrival in Korea, the colors of the 1st Cavalry Division were flown to Fort Benning where the 11th Air Assault Division became the 1st Cavalry Division, which was then sent to Vietnam. The personnel who were in the 1st Cavalry remained in Korea and were designated the 2nd Infantry Division. Both the 1st Cavalry and the newly designated 2nd Infantry had been deployed to Korea because of post-war tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Camp Ross, Camp Howze, and Camp Casey were three of a series of KATUSA (Korean Augmentees to the U.S. Army) bases in the vicinity of the Demilitarized Zone where the U.S. and South Korean Army soldiers served side-by-side with the mission of halting North Korean Army border incursions and infiltration attempts into South Korea. These attempts continued throughout the period that Donald was in Korea. Donald returned to the States in 1966 and was assigned to Fort Hollabird, Maryland, where he served as a Disbursing Clerk until his discharge there as a Specialist 5/C on 31 May 1967. He was then assigned to the Army Reserves, in which he served for six years. After his discharge from active duty, Donald went to live in Emmaus and went back to work for PCA. He then moved to Allentown in 1970 and continued to work for PCA until 1978, when he went to work for the City of Allentown Water Department. Donald had two brothers, **Richard H. Butz** and **James Butz**, who also served in the Army. Donald's parents were **Russell W. Butz** (14 February 1914 – 7 January 1990) and **Ellen P. Eisenhard** (19 March 1915 – 7 April 1983).



One of the KATUSA bases which Donald served