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Richard Rice enlisted in the Army on 30 September 1965. After Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood he was stationed at Fort Jackson, SC for AIT, and had Combat Engineer Training at Fort Belvoir, VA. He departed for Vietnam on 1 December 1966 and in January 1967 was assigned to Company C, 39th Engineer Battalion as a Combat Demolition Specialist, patrolling Highway 1 along the South China Sea. On 8 November 1967 he was *wounded in action*, losing his right foot on a mine while performing a mine search. He was evacuated to Japan. He was awarded the *Purple Heart* for wounds received in action and awarded the *Army Commendation Medal* for

exceptionally meritorious service in support of Allied counter insurgency operations in Vietnam during the period January-December 1967. On 8 May 1968 he was retired due to permanent physical disability.

