We Were Called The Augmentees

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We were mechanics and office clerks Supply guys and just plain old cooks Just doing our duties we had no perks Like a chess game we were the rooks

We would move from position to position Filling in the line to help our brothers Each time a new face and a new situation We were a group of guys unlike any others

The combat cops knew they could count on us And they had always trusted us to cover them We'd heard warnings of attacks at guard mount They told us to hold your ground brave airmen

We had joined from all over our own homeland So many young faces from so many backgrounds We were defending this line drawn in the sand Against attacking VC and their mortar rounds

Manning our defensive bunkers some in a tower Patrolling our remote base & watching the wire Our machine gun was loaded she was our power Lugging her ammo cans makes you quickly tire

Everyone is ready and vigilant for those sounds Scanning the terrain on this pitch black night Listening for the thump of fired mortar rounds And praying we'd all live to see mornings light

It seemed like an eternity till we saw the sun Another night had come and gone with my brothers Now I thought of my hometown and summers of fun But now we'll get some chow and write our mother's

Some will have to go work their daytime positions They won't be able to go get some well-earned rest Some worked double shifts during certain situations I'm proud that I served with them they were the best.