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Title: Old Dreams and Lost Years

Date: c. 1970

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Medium: Acrylic polymer on canvas

Description: "Old Dreams and Lost Years" presents a wounded veteran reflecting on where he had served and remembering his absent comrades. The scene in the background is that of the concertina wire and watch towers typical of an American firebase. The painting is an actual depiction of Mike Ranger, a captain in the Special Forces, whom Wheat had come to know while living in San Miguel de Allende. The painting was first inspired by a newspaper photo of the captain in a Washington newspaper. Dressed in jeans and a denim jacket, Ranger tried to pay his respects at a memorial service for his fallen comrades in the Vietnam conflict but was ultimately denied admission for being out of uniform. As a result he and his other fellow veterans stood outside the fence at parade rest, with heads bowed to commemorate the sacrifice of those with whom they had served.

Dimensions: 30 x 12 1/4 in.