

B39 Bee Hill Rd #17

Hept 45

Heat 1

Total 46

B37

Bee Hill

Hept 36

Heat 1

Total 48

Spore barrel
20 3 64

170 5000 Rds

Sight M720-996 cover 82131

Rifle No M4011 M720

B. 0115 V112501

Bushy

1173-917-7010

1173-917-7010

1173-917-7010

Hept 45

Heat 1

Total 46

Hept 36

Heat 1

Total 48

Missing Car on 11/11/51
Rifle No M4011 M720
B. 0115 V112501
Bushy
1173-917-7010

B.37

Petterson - Mc. Man

Bunch

Mc. Man

B.37

Bingham

Doring

Curry

Scott

Chiston

B.40

Womam

Hughes

Kneipp

Bryer

Trickett

Ogustson

42

Perez

Faulds Curry

Curry Perky

43

Blades

Mortimer

Brewer

5.30 one man from
each Bunker to go
to guard school ~~with~~
with number of men
on hand.

Hosapple
Bunch } SGT Cable
MENICH }

Lewis
Bingham } pull in
peterson }

B-44
Cloutier
Reer
Crowley

B-45
McKeener
Ryon
Ramos

Jan 5th

Aiming stakes at
Each position

B 2 men to Burn shitters
go to chow at 630

Jan 8th

Be at Range at 830

Jan 7th

Fire 106

Rifle Inspection

SI List of personal gear
Watch for new Detax
Type mortar

men who need new utilities
Burn letters & pictures

Jan 12

~~782 zero inspection~~

Rifle inspection 1030

Bunker

Personal

Burn shitters
Walking post-phone watch

Chap on shitter at B. 37

Helmet, Belt, Rifle

Clean shoes

12 Jan 68
HCP1 Doring Injured
Hand

Gear turned in to HES
Supply =

1 Flak Jacket

1 Helmet, Liner, MSGO. NET

1 Gas mask

2 Canteens with Covers

1 B. Belt, First Aid Kit

3. mag pouches

1 E. Box with cover

1 Haversack

1 Pouch

1. Grenade Pouch

Seven Magazines
M16 Rifle

Section DE 1st
~~Sgt Leader~~ B. P. [unclear]
1st Squad
Sgt Ldr - L/CPL Lewis
Gunner - PFC Anderson

2nd Squad

Sgt Ldr - PFC Peterson

Gunner - PFC Bunch

A-Gunner - PFC McNeil

Maintenance Man - Holsapple

Jan 13
 FIRE 104 1st Range
 0830

NAME	S.N.O.	P. Type
Bingham, C.E.	2226124	AB
Lewis, C.C.	2285514	A
Chardy, J.M.	2236895	A
McNiel, Daniel R	2233471	A
Ellenburg, H.P.	2370574	A
MUSANTE		

1-7
SECTION 3 106'S
Sec Ldr CPL Bingham

90
Harry Anderson

Rain suit

~~Wash mark~~ M

2 Contem

Jungle Kit

Shelter tube

Poncho

Section II 106's

Sec leader - Bingham, C. E. D.

Lewis - Clinton 2295504

Peterson - Leroy 2274107

Bunch, Benjamin C. 2363506

Mcneil, David R. 2233421

Anderson, Larry E. 2328534

Holsapple, Richard 2257748

Charley Jan. 2-2365535

Blood type A

Ellenburg, D. 237857

Blood type A

Section 3 106's

Sec leader - Cpl Bingham

Rifle 106 M40 A1 No 12522

Breach B. & Vent Bushing VA 23888

Barrel NO C2274

SO CAL S.R. 26343

Mount T. 173 S. NO. 1015-5119124

Serial No 269

Tripod T#26 Serial No 389

1 Cleaning Rod

1 Tool Kit

Sight - SNO. 5774

Magazines 3 20 Rd

4 10 Rd

Ammo SO CAL 400 Rd

106 11 B.H.

36 Hept

1 Heat

48 Rd TOTAL

Spare Tripods 616-87-1192

Section 3 TC63

P1001

Bunker 39 106 Ammo

Bee Hive - 17
Hept 52
Heat - 1
TOTAL 70

Jan 23

Bravo sent out
patrol 36 men, 26
were killed. 6 w.i.a.
weren't able to

pass word Jan 31
Bowl tea

Maj McCarthy
New Bn XO

Feb 1

pass word
Upper Land
Season change

Feb 2

Doomed Minor
Ohio Love

PASSWARD

JAN 31

Bowl TEA

Maj McCarthy Bn XO

B 39

Bingham, C.E. 2226124

Lewis, Clinton 2285364

Gowley, Mike 2345986

Scott 2357708

Clardy, Jerry 2236895

Section 3 106'S
Sec 1st CPL Bingham

Feb 3

BALT ACTION

BETWEEN CASE

Feb 5

pass word

Fresh pimple

Feb 7 - 1968

L.P. will have 2 Law's

Blue Echo - Reserves

Grape Gram password

Cotbin was medicated

Feb 8

password

Moral Object

South Bulk

NVA-
30,000 troops in the park
area

Article Com. Gray Alpha C?

30 - 600 med 1500

Section 3

Sec for cpl

Feb 9

password

Lock heart

Feb 10

password

Idiot come

Check Emergency data

Keep eyes and ears on
person all times

Expecting attack by large

force of troops with arms

Expecting attack by large
force of troops with ??

Feb 10 - 68

Wake up Sherman for
live watch 0200
start young & hot lens

permont

Feb 11

106 Bunker took
A Direct Hit By Rocket

Gowley, M WIA
Slot, WIA KIA

Feb 12
Pass word

106 Bunker took

Feb 13

Knocked Out Enemy Gun Crew of
four with 106 RR

Section 3

Sec 1

Feb 14
Pass word
Peach Core

Robert L. Lumb

8-5 V.H.

106 Bunker took

Pass word Clean Finger

NVA. Wearing dark Blue
Pajamas

Captain Hughes CO. Delta Co

Section 4th Section
 1st Bingham Hqpl
 Sgt Leader - Cloutier
 Gunner - PFC Mennel
 A-Gunner - pfc Chardy
 Driver - put Ellenburg

2nd Sgt
 Hqpl Gouley - Hospital

Feb 16 1951

Pass word 269
 Motor Luck

incoming Rd since Jan 21
 RR 8

Motor 261

Rocket 119015 - 107

Arty 47

106 a, most Confined 4 kg
 2nd Destroyer Tank

Feb 17 1951

White take - now
 for 1st Light
 mellow orange
 No measures

During Day

Feb 18 1967
pass word
Foam Load

Feb 19
15 of wind 108
Lettuce B read 19

Feb 21 1967

at 4:30 PM on Feb 21
ambushes broken

Section 3 106
Feb --

Feb 22

106 crew knocked out
2 Enemy Bunkers, had
Four confirmed kills.

Feb 23

pass word
Hammer Lamp

106 position took direct
Hit by Enemy Rocket

Thorpe - KIA
McKever - KIA
Chisholm - KIA
Peterson - WIA

The 106 took 1400
incoming Rocket, Artillery
and mortar rounds

Feb 23

Pecos Metal
Store BARRAZA

Ambush to go out 1100pm

~~Had~~ patrol going out
at 600 Feb 24th

Feb 21

Bold Action
Between Grease

Feb 28

Apple Fast

Sulphur Rock

Feb 29

Killed 72 NVA

Feb

Mar 1 NVA probed
lines Found 2 Bodies

Mar 2

Liver Rock

95-123
March 9

pr. Whip Cops
Alternate Cotton Report

Mar 10

Fired 7 rounds through
New gun at receiver diff

poss word using alternate
Noise AVENUE

Mar 17

Col. to be in area
from 9:30 to 11:30
Hold good police call
Have men on gun
watch at all times
work to improve positions

Section 3 106's

Mar 20

Spa 2nd
Band Juice

Mar 31

Bravo Co went
on patrol, Had
12 KIA 39 WAI
3 MIA
Captured several weapons
Took three prisoners

Shen 910. 19092
mount 910 11093
~~Tag pad 910 11093~~
Dry pad 8403090

April 5

1/9 took H 471
at Khe-Sanh
Had 7 KIA'S
Killed 74 NVA.

Section 3 1065
April 6

GC 856402

DELTA CO. TO GO
ON PATROL.
106's to Support
Fire IN ROTATION

Red Flares to mark
Front Assault Team
Fire 100-200 yds LEFT
OF Red Flare.

April 8

1/26 Left Khe-Sanh
ON operation toward
Laos Border

April 8

Cpl Lewis Medicated

Section 3 106's

April 8

1/26 went on
operation west
of Khe-Sanh toward
Laotian Border.

April 14

3/26 Assaulted
H. 881 North, Killed
165 N.V.A.

April 16

1/26 came back
to Khe-Sanh from
operation.

April 17

1/26 started
moving out of
Khe-Sanh by Convoy

106 plt stayed
back with gear.

April 18

1st Marines
took over Khe-Sanh

April 21

ALL of 1/26 moved
out of Khe-Sanh
BUT 106 plt, still
waiting until
Route 9 is cleared
so Convoy can get
through.
Hoping to get
out tomorrow

April 22
Left out of the Sand
Arrived AT Wonder Beach

April 26

Every man to
have fighting
position.

To get pay increase
in July

Col. wants Marines
to Act more professional
patrol to go out 0700

L.P. goes out 0200

Wakeup McCowley
Line watch 1100

P.W.

SU + F Curb

Chance Spell

Brady + Anderson Killed by Naval
Gunfire

May 2

Bravo Back off
Operations

PFC
Bruce G. Byrnes
235556.2

May 7

Left out of Wonder
Beach, Arrived AT
Dong-Ha

1/26 went on SWUT
operation
666 PLT on Standby in
Dong-Ha

May 13, I had had
Core hemorrhoids, was
medicated to hospital
ship (USS Sanctuary).

May 17 1/26 ended
operation. were flown
to Da-nang.

May 21 I went to
surgery.

May 25 USS Sanctuary
moved down coast and
anchored at Da-nang
Harbor.

June 1 Returned to
Guang-Tri from ship.

June 2 ~~was~~

June 3. Cpl. O'FGd
0500 - 0700
Gilbert + McNeil

1065
JUNE 4 - 0800
1130
Musters 1800

Guard
Horn
Standridge } 1800-2200
wake up Swanson

Rifle No. 857988

June 5

Lt. McGrath - was
killed in action

June 17 1/26 Came
Back OFF operation

June 20 - went on
another operation
west of Da-Nang.
SIT IN AT VILLAGE by
river for the
night. I took out four
man L.P.

June 21

Moved from village
to top of Hill 100.
3rd plt. went on
patrol.

Moved down the
side for night.

Had a few incoming

Section 3 1065

Mortars

June 22nd

Moved 2 clicks
without making contact.
Delta Co. SIT IN
night Defence

June 23

Moved around
4000 meters north
west, Del. Hill
point.

Weather real hot
had several heat
sicknesses. Set in
for night Defence

SECTION 3 1065

June 24

Have got 8 chicks
to go - went Appx
2 chicks today - got
around 6 chicks to
go to our blocking
force 3/26.

Have not made
any contact as of
yet, but have found
definite signs of
enemy.

L.P. For tonight
Cpl Bingham
Pfc Musante

Will be no smoking
or fires after 2000

June 25

Moved up River
2 chicks, will get
resupplied in after
noon, hope to get mail
go light on chow.
Lpts go out

June 26

Moved up valley
3 chicks, with in
1 1/2 clicks of 3/26.
We found a lot of
traces of activity.
Set in for night
at U.C. Regt. Harbor

21 June

Hill 1005

3rd plt.
Mortars

2nd plt

Rouelle 0400
move out

Lip. goes out at 0930

Blugham

Kriesel

McDaniel

Brondsema

235

Section 3 1065

June 27,

As I sit out here in the jungle, I have time to do a lot of thinking. As I sit here with the Bug and the crawling over me, I get the place on my leg and some where the leeches have sucked my blood. I remember how good I had it back in the wall area if a person never sees a U.C. which he is in Viet Nam. So far a pretty nice time especially with the ^{Bush} you get wet most every day.

Wading through. Least 10
infested streams and
then late in the after-
noon it usually rains
every day. And
sometimes at night
a person is so cold
and wet that he can't
sleep.

But one thing that
I - now I sure makes
a guy appreciate home
and makes him realize
just how good we
have it in the United
States of America.

SECTION 3 1065

June 27

V. Click
Landing Zone pelican

Went over 4000 m.
Set in for night. A.T.
Landing Zone pelican

June 28

W33 Helo-Lifted
to H 1269, will
start sweep to
H 52 tomorrow.

June 29

Leville went
at 0500 started
moving off Hill
at 0630. Went about

1000 meters. Received
Sniper Fire. One
man from 3rd plt
D co. was killed.
Later in day killed
2 gooks. Ended up
with 2 Kias 2 Wias
had a bad day.

June 30

threw 2 Glocks
made contact,
killed 2 VC, had
2 casualties.

Section 3 106's

Early had two Wias

For those who fight
for it, life has a
flavor that the
protected never know.

Killed four gooks

July 2

Started moving
off Hill AT 0630
Terrain rough as
hell. was so steep
we were sw
like rock.

D.K. will probably
stay for night.

JULY 3

was heli-lifted
into an. was for a
few day rest before
next op.

JULY 4

well today was
the 4th of JULY, a
big holiday. Back
in the world, BUT
over here the 4th
are about the same

JULY 7

we (my plt) was
frown out to set
in security for
an Artillery Battery
a few miles NW of
AN HQ 1/26. will
start operation
tomorrow.

JULY 8

The hill we
are on hasn't got
any shade at
ALL. it is really
hot here, we threw
up ponchos. Leaves to
to get what pro-
tection from the
sun we could.

JULY 9
 STILL HOT AS
 HELL. A TRUCK TOOK
 US OFF THE HILL
~~TO~~ TO RIVER, FOR
 SWIMMING. BUT MAN
 DID IT FEEL GOOD.
 IT WOULD BE OKAY
 IF A GUY COULD STAY
 IN RIVER, WHEN YOU
 COME OUT, YOU BAKE.

JULY 12
 MOVED OFF
 H-135 TO A
 VILLAGE, DOWN IN THE
 VALLEY. SET IN
 PERIMETER WITH
 CHARLIE CO. FOR

NIGHT

JULY 13 - 1ST PLT
 CHARLIE CO. WENT ON
 PATROL IN HILLS
 EXPECT TO BE BACK
 BY NIGHT. OPERATION
 SUPPOSED TO BE OVER
 BY 19TH.

JULY 13
 I LEFT BUSH
 WENT TO DAI LAI PASS

JULY 14
 FLEW FROM DA-NANG
 TO DONG-HA, THEN
 WENT ON TO DONG-TRI
 TO WAIT FOR ORDER
 TO GO ON R & R AT

China Beach.
July 18
Went to Do
Nang.

July 19
Went to China
Beach. For Three Day
K.R.

July 22
Came back to
Quang Tri.

July 23
Went to Phu
Bai to catch up
with 1/24.

2/24/54
Section 106's
July 24
Went to Bridge
Between Phu Bai and
Hue and set in
AM now attached
to Charlie Co.

July 31
Went out today
and Holed in Body
of P.F., which was
blown away by V.C.
mine.

July 31

I Found out

As I sit here in Vietnam,
Wondering why I had to come.
No one told me, or tried
to explain,

Why I'm here, or who's
to blame

Before I arrived on these
Jungled plains,

Vietnam was just ^{another} ~~another~~

But now that I'm here, its
plain to see,

Why they sent for you and
me.

As long as we are here
we will do the best we
can.

To save these people
from communist hands,

These people have been
fighting all their lives,
they have never known
peace as you and I

Every day I pray that the
communists may see the light
and the next day there will
be no fight.

So help us to help these
people in this war torn land,
and support us dear free
Americans, the best you can.

Aug 5

Got two new men
today.

PFC Creek M.D.

PFC McCormack

Aug 5

Fired Eight Hept
Rounds Through 106.
30 RNS 50 CAL

Aug 8

were Security For
Village School Children
Went out with them
and popular Forces
to Fire Weapons.

Aug 17

Troy Bridge got
hit with mortar
and Rps.
Had Two WIA's

Alpha Co. made
contact

With U.C. Had 14 WIA
5 KIA, 2 MIA.
Killed 6 Gooks

Aug 18

Troy Bridge hit
with good size force
of U.C. mostly small
arms. No casualties

Aug 19

Received word
that I was going
on R.R.

Aug 21

Flew to
Quang Tri, AMH
Not working now
go to OKI for R.R.

Aug 22
WENT TO R+R
CENTER AT DANANG.

Aug 23
Flew out OF
DANANG, TO OKI.

Stayed AT Honey
MOON HOTEL, IN
COZ2 CITY, JUST OFF
B.C. STREET.

Aug 29

Came Back
FROM R+R. ~~pho~~
WENT TO Quang-Trí
9.9 - 10.7 170 OF

Aug 30
WENT TO PHU-BE

Aug 31
JOINED MY OUTFIT

Sept 3
1/26 MOVED OUT OF PHU
BEI ON CONVOY, TO
DANANG. TOOK OVER
3/1 AREA.

Sept 4
took Three 106's
AND CREWS AND JOINED
BRAVO CO. ON ROUTE 1.

Sept 6

Had typhoon
Heavy Rain, Strong
Wind.

Sept 14

C.P. Unit. made
Contact AT Bridge.

Sept 19

Brown was
Killed By Booby
Trap while going
Out on Ambush
on Route 1

Sept 20

V.C. threw Satchel
Charges inside Base
and
Caused big explosion
& fire.

Sept 24

Fired in Support
of Bravo Ambush,
got three kills.

Sept. 25

Brown Memorial
Service to be AT
1400 - Tomorrow AT
Namo Bridge.

Sept 25

Charlie Co. had
Mortar Attack - 2 KIA
17 WIA.

Sept 27

NAMC Bridge
got Hit, Bravo Co.
got 11 Confirmed,
Had 1 KIA, 5 WIA.

AMMO

B.H.	98
Hept	116
Heat	32
Total	246 Rds

OCT 1

30-800 1130-1300

430-1800

UNIFORM IN mess hall

in hood wear Cover

Leave sign out from

Weapon - Full uniform

Club 9-12 14-1700

Beer + Soda

Emergency medical

Matter of Life or Death

OFF Limits

Store, Book shops

1 Man working

8:30 Part X

Every morning

OCT 1

Caught Several
Rds Sniper Fire

OCT 12

4/col Knoles
New Bn Co

Church Protestant 1100
Ser. Catholic 1230

Watch for B-782ps

600 m Rice Cache
Killed Two Goats NVA
Spotted 100 Goats
1 pln D Co. For Support

Been Bust
Steaks

1300 - 1600

Shorttimers will
not go on patrols
if they have 10 days
or less.

Make Range Cards

Oct 15

Trivino went to
Rear. ~~Cpl~~ Cpl Stawson
Took his place as
Squad Ldr.

Moved two of my
106's up on Big Hill
By Dung Loc pass
with one platoon
reinforced.

Oct 16

Gun 1 Fired 5 Rds (Hept)
H&I Gun 1

Oct 17

~~Fired~~ Gun 1 Fired
3 Hept Rds
Gun 2 Fired 4 Hept

Section 3 106's

Oct 18

Gun 1 Fired 5
B.H. Rds

Oct 19

Gun 1 Fired 5
B.H. Rds
Gun 2 Fired 3
B.H. Rds & 2 Hept

Had one man ~~wounded~~
wounded by Sniper
Fire.

Oct 19

Well the monsoon
is set in for sure
it is typical rainy
season, and the
almighty hawk has begun

OCT 20

Gun 1 Fired 8
Rds, 7 B.H., 1 Hept

OCT 22

Gun 1 Fired 8
Rds 4 Hept, 1 B.H., 3 Hept

Monday 11/10/65 Sarg.

Bush Cam worn only on
potrol, people will be
shown and some Camers
Boots blessed,
people will check out
at C.P. if go to Bn.
then check out at eve.
you ~~not~~ go to Company

Section 3 106's

Office, then ^{sign} En
0800: you wait
at Bn. for transportation
Everyone to have
your Mook.
Check all frog grenades.

Alpha Co. had two
wires and 1 K.I.D.
By Kirby Trog.

get list of people who
need Camers

No more H&I at
Night with 106's
goops using dog with
potchel charges.

OCT 26

3/26 Moved IN
to POLL operation.

OCT 28

I was pulled
back to Heat Area.
CPL SLAWSON Took
over Section.

Section 3 1065

NOV 8

WENT ON H 294
AS NCOIC.

NOV 9

To be USO Show
AT 1/26 Mess hall

NOV 10

MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY, USO Show
Mess hall.

SECTION IV 1065

NAME

SN.

BLOOD TYPE

Bingham, C.E. 2226124 A.B.

McNeill, D.R. 2233471 A.

Clardy, J.W. 2236895 A.

Ellenburg, B.P. 2378574 A.

part 2
Trash - public
charges to be blown
B3 damno - cleaned
injection 2-26
5.0 and explanation
8.2 Road Repair
3 people that are
battery starting

Bolton cook
cabo Baby
8.0 Tork
1-9 5 ank noise

W

Bingham
res. vs
Chard - Lp
Machin
Lemburg - Lp
Post Key

Fouls
Deer
pere
Ramas

KIA/WIA/NBC Report

A. Name & Service #

B. Time

C. Coordinates

D. Type of wound (1) gunshot,
(2) sharp (3) concussion

E. Portion of body injured

F. (1) serious, (2) non-serious,
(3) dead

G. Evacuated - yes or no

H. Occurred within (1) prior

(2) SGC (3) Dg. (4) other

I. Wound caused by (1) sniper

(2) gun, (3) mine, (4) ball/tape

(5) mortar (6) other

J. Parent organization

L/CPL Perry J.A. A-G
2405804 R. 536220

3rd Squad

Sqd Ldr - L/CPL Cloutier J
255 1539 R. 770974

Gunner - L/CPL Puddy V.V.
2396391 R. 614704

A-Gunner - MC/Cormack K.W.
2292790 R. 774886

Driver - PFC Creek, M.
2420997 R. 547815

	Cloutier	SLAWSON	BOWEN
GUN	16991	12563	654
VENT	25815	16868	11817
BREECH	25815	16868	11817
MOUNT	252	387	367
TRIPOD	222	616	387
SIGHT	11523	8834	15122
SO CAL	31171		26343

MULE 315218 Cloutier

MULE 31508

Section 3 106's
 Sec Ldr cpl Bingham
 S. 2226124 R. 857988
 1st Sgt 2329181 - 652075
 S. LAWSON, L.C.
 Squad Ldr - cpl ~~238796~~ R. 703974
 Gunner - 4/cpl MUSANTE R.F.
 S. 2355757
 A-Gunner - pfc WOLFE J.L.
 2291240 R. 771845
 Driver - pfc Goeters L.
 2434070 R. 618801

2nd Squad

Sgt Ldr - 4/cpl Bowen R.
 2254586 R. 692254
 Gunner - 4/cpl Morales A.
 2397833 R. 793198
 A-Gunner - ~~4/cpl Wood J.F.~~
~~2317646 R. 729286~~
 Driver - pfc Cummings M.
 2354935 R. 619890

Feb 6th

password.

CANDY JANE
Honey SKIN.

LP'S LEAVE AT 1913.

Air planes shares for
wire

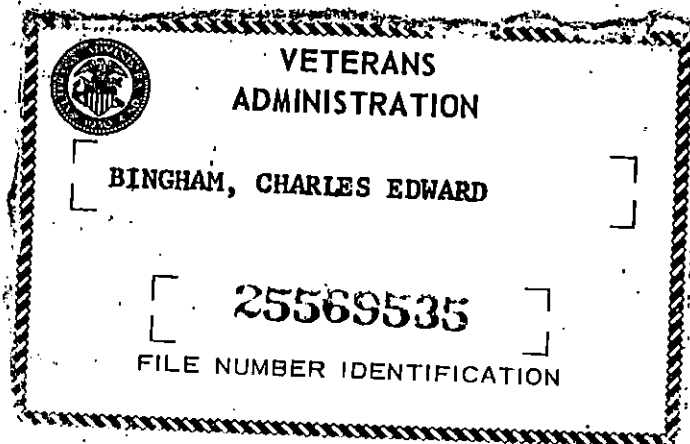
General Kukulak and
AREA today

544 NVA Killed since
the fight started.

304th Inf. Div. S. 100

Special Service gear

Mr. Jerry Clardy
2236895
Mr. Charles
Mr. Daniel H. McNeil
2233471
Mr. Paul E. Henburg
2378574



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KENTUCKY DRIVER LICENSE
 BINGHAM, CHARLES E.
 704 N. BETH MAIN
 LEITCHFIELD, KY 40454
 DRIVER LICENSE NO. 872-658-719
 DATE OF BIRTH 12-27-51
 LICENSE TYPE OPERATOR
 RESTRICTIONS NONE
 1-1-78
 DATE ISSUED 12-07-96
 DATE EXPIRES 12-31-2000
 SEX M
 EYES BRN
 HAIR BRN
 SKIN SWA
 TYPE
 RENEWAL REN
 SIGNATURE *Charles E. Bingham*

February 18, 1968



Dear Charles,

You don't know me, but my family and I feel very close to you. I am Buddy Corbin's first cousin.

We are a quite large family but we are very close and naturally we are all quite shocked by Buddy's death. I know that you were close to him too and are feeling much the same as we are. We can hardly stand the loss of one of ours & really can hardly believe it has happened.

Your letter giving the details arrived yesterday morning (2-17) along with a letter written by Buddy dated the same day as yours. You can't imagine the comfort it gave his

parents + all of us to know how it happened and that he didn't have to be alone + suffering for a long period of time. You have made lasting friends in our family + we would love to have you write us + visit us when you get back. I know you like to get mail because I have a brother in the Navy. He is scheduled to go to Vietnam on a patrol boat in May.

We still have received no word about when the body will arrive here, but we know that Harold, Buddie's brother-in-law arrived in Seattle from Korea yesterday morning + was flying to Philadelphia to escort the body home. We don't know how long our wait is going to be.

Again, let me say thank

you so much for your
letter. Good luck to you +
God bless you. Write to us
+ visit us when you get
back.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Elder

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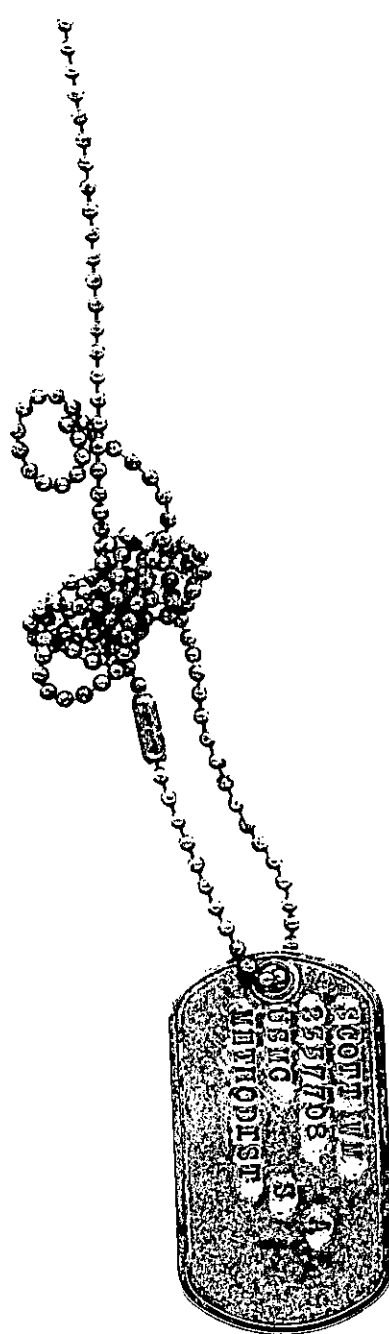
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11 Scott killed	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
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12	13 <i>Went To Hospital Ship USS Sanctuary</i>	14	15	16	17	18
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[June]

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29	30 <small>Rosh Hashana</small>					

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PAUL GILBERT


*37 Hillside Ave
 South Portland, Maine 04106*

OCTOBER						61 Days		1968
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
		1	2 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	3	4	5		
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27 Tunnel

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as it was taking off. Some Marines standing nearby were wounded when a round hit behind the helicopter.

The new development and earlier discovery of tunnels under the Khe Sanh barbed wire perimeter indicates that the Communists are following the same siege techniques used at Dien Bien Phu. There they drove mine shafts under the French positions, loaded them with explosives and set them off at opportune times in the fighting.

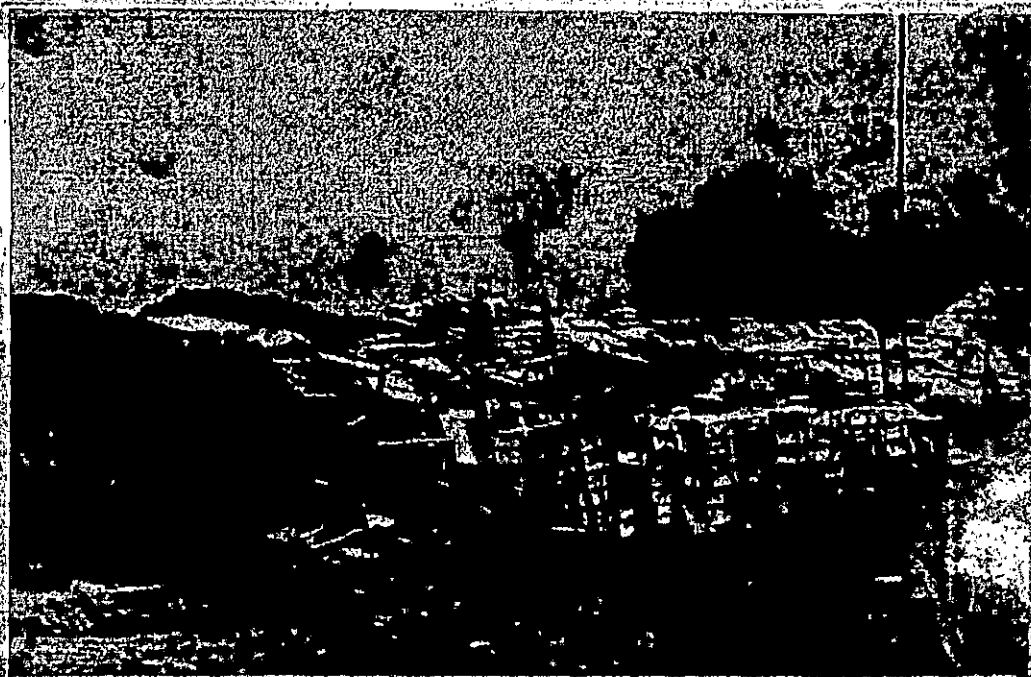
U.S. Vietnam Bureau
SAIGON—Vietnamese infantrymen teamed up with U.S. Marines Thursday to kill 138 Com-

24 Pacific Stars & Stripes
Sunday, March 10, 1968



SECOND TIME AROUND — A U.S. Air Force C-123 burns landing at the Marine base. Placed at the end of the runway at Khe Sanh as Communist shelling finishes the plane. The day before the aircraft was damaged by mortar fire while North Vietnamese gunners later zeroed in on the base. (AP Wirephoto)

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RED ARTILLERY BARRAGE HITS KHE SANH — A U.S. Marine, center, stands atop his post, a sandbagged bunker, as he watches clouds of black smoke rise at the Marine base at Khe Sanh during a North Vietnamese artillery barrage. The Marines have constructed a system of deep-ditch and fortified bunkers, topped with sandbags, empty oil drums, and even timber, to withstand the daily Communist bombardment. (AP Wirephoto)

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Near Khe Sanh

B52S BLAST RED TROOPS

SAIGON (AP)—Waves of U.S. Air Force B52 bombers stepped up their campaign Saturday to crush North Vietnamese troops tunnelling their way toward the U.S. Marine lines at the encircled Khe Sanh combat base. Some of the strikes were so close they shook the Marine bunk-

As the North Vietnamese inched nearer the barbed-wire ring around the two-square-mile fortress, so did the eight-engined Strato-fortresses.

One of the strikes was only 1,000 yards outside the northern perimeter. Flying at 20,000 to 30,000 feet, the big bombers flew 10 separate raids Friday afternoon and Saturday morning, unleashing 1.5 million bombs on

Khe Sanh battle pictures,
Page 13.

the North Vietnamese positions.

Earlier, savage fighting flared Friday for the first time in several weeks at both ends of the Demilitarized Zone. U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese forces reported killing 330 Communist troops in the series of fierce fights. The Marines paid a heavy price in one of the battles, 27 dead and 87 wounded.

While the big B52 saturation bombers flew at least 30 sorties, the Air Force Navy-Marine tactical teams added another 187 Friday.

Two Navy A-1 Skyhawks from the Enterprise touched off six secondary explosions and several fires in a North Vietnamese storage area near the Khe Sanh combat base. The explosions and fires indicated their bombs hit either an ammunition

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Enemy 'Preparing for New Attacks'

N. Viets: Khe Sanh Will Become U.S. Graveyard

By BERNARD WEINLAUB

SAIGON—The North Vietnamese, in a series of propaganda comments about the South, are claiming that "preparations for new attacks" in the area are under way and the embattled Marine camp "will become a real graveyard" for American troops.

Within the last four days, North Vietnamese radio broadcasts and newspaper editorials have focused on Khe Sanh repeating one key theme: "The encircled Americans are in the most critical position. The whole world is following with breath-taking interest developments in North Quang Tri (province) where Khe Sanh is located."

New Propaganda Stop?

The remarks over Radio Hanoi Wednesday were echoed in Nhan Dan, the official Hanoi daily, as well as in the Liberation Press Agency, which is the National Liberation Front's news service, and other Hanoi radio broadcasts.

American officials in Saigon who are studying the broadcasts and editorials say that the emphasis on Khe Sanh appears to be a new propaganda effort by the North Vietnamese. In the past the North Vietnamese have mentioned the Marine outpost where a major confrontation looms—but have shied from

emphasizing Khe Sanh in their broad-
casts.

"In the last couple of days they seem to be building up the importance of a confrontation," said one U.S. official. "Presumably they wouldn't be building this thing up without actually planning some type of move there."

For weeks the Marine fortress at Khe Sanh, in the northwest corner of South Vietnam, has been the setting of a grim drama whose possible climax may result in the key battle of the war. An estimated 20,000 enemy troops are believed in positions around the Khe Sanh camp, which is now under continual mortar and artillery attack. Against the enemy

are arrayed about 6,000 American soldiers and Marines.

In an editorial Wednesday, Nhan Dan wrote:

wrote: "The liberation forces have been tightening their seige around Khe Sanh. The U.S. aggressors have been using B52 Stratofortresses to bomb the area day and night and have been pouring in more troops.

"They cannot eliminate the steel ring which is strangling them, however."

Trenches of the liberation forces have been dug up to the barbed wire entanglements of Khe Sanh."

The editorial adds: "Our combatants have been destroying the enemy's supply lines and taking advantage of their victories to make preparations for new attacks."

This theme was repeated Thursday in a communique from the Liberation Press Agency, which termed Khe Sanh "a valley of death for the U.S."

More Losses Reported In Feb. 2 Break-in

A Feb. 2 robbery at Tassman & Goodman hide buyers, 948 E. Market, resulted in a loss exceeding \$10,000 in currency and goods, police have been told.

A spokesman for the firm initially reported only the loss of a .38-caliber revolver after the building was entered through a skylight and a safe burglarized.

Friday, however, Irving Tassman reported that \$1,100 in currency, two diamond rings valued at \$2,800, lamps worth \$60 and a coin collection valued at \$7,000 also were missing.

DA NANG—Communist gunners pounded moderate to heavy artillery and mortar fire into Khe Sanh and other U.S. Marine bases along the DMZ as remnants of enemy forces attempted to disengage in the vicinity of Hue.

The beginning of March saw scattered contact in the outskirts of Hue as victorious Marine and ARVN units smashed pockets of resistance and caught up with fleeing enemy troops.

The recapture of Hue citadel (Feb. 24) seemed to signal an intensification of pressure against U.S. Marine strongpoints at Khe Sanh, Camp Carroll, Dong Ha, Con Thien, Gio Linh and others; Khe Sanh alone was hit with 1,307 rounds of artillery and mortar fire in one day (Feb. 23). In all cases, casualties and damage were light.



PLANE LANDS AT KHE SANH — A C-130 cargo plane lands at airstrip at the U.S. Marine base of the Khe Sanh with supplies and troop replacements. In foreground is wreckage

(AP Wire) — The crash from Saigon) of another C-130 which exploded and crashed last week after it was hit by North Vietnamese rockets over the DMZ in the background are threatened with escalation.

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Red Mortar Barrage Kills 25 Marines, Wounds 125

By GEORGE ESPER
Associated Press Writer
SAIGON (AP) — North Vietnamese troops caught a column of U.S. Marines as the Leathernecks were digging in for the night Monday, killed 25 and wounded 125 with more than 200 mortar rounds and a hail of small arms fire.

The Americans struck back with mortars, artillery and helicopter gunships. The Marines reported 27 of the enemy killed in the 10-hour fight four miles south of the central part of the demilitarized zone.

The Marines were from the 26th Regiment, the defenders of Khe Sanh who held out against a 77-day Communist siege last winter, and then abandoned that outpost. The casualties Monday were comparable to those on the worst days at Khe Sanh.

The first North Vietnamese barrage pounded in at 3:30 p.m. just as the Marines were moving into defensive positions for the night, one of the most vulnerable spots troops can be in. The Marines apparently were caught before they could get their foxholes dug.

U.S. helicopters and artillery and mortars pounded the North Vietnamese positions, but the Communists kept up the attack until 6:30 p.m. More than 150 rounds were fired into the Marine positions before the barrage subsided. Two hours later, the North Vietnamese renewed their mortar

and an hour later small arms fire crackled around the Marine perimeter. The attack didn't end until 1:30 a.m. today.

The mortars apparently caused most of the Marine casualties, said a U.S. spokesman. Continued on page 3, column 2.

ON THE ROAD TO KHE SANH—U.S. Marines patrol pushed west along Highway 9 toward the besieged Marine combat base at Khe Sanh, near the demilitarized zone in South Vietnam. An Allied force is nearing the com-

(AP Wirephoto by Radio from Khe Sanh today after a 10-hour day part of Operation Pegasus. U.S. gun on the Interstate Highway 9 from the last attempt to reach November, 1967.)

Advance Elements Within Half Mile Of Base

U.S. Relief Force Meets Light Resistance In Drive To Khe Sanh

By GEORGE ESPER
Associated Press Writer
SAIGON (AP)—Advance elements of a big U.S. relief force drove through light enemy artillery and mortar fire today to within a half mile of the besieged Marine combat base at Khe Sanh.

With resistance continuing light, Soviet informants in London said the North Vietnamese were lifting the long Siege of Khe Sanh as evidence of good intentions in preliminary peace talks.

However, about 100 rounds of enemy artillery and mortar fire hit Khe Sanh and Marines striking out from the base were reported engaged in fighting with the North Vietnamese in the hills to the west.

A U.S. spokesman said he expected some of the 20,000-man relief force to link up with the 6,000 Marines inside Khe Sanh by nightfall for the first breakthrough in the siege of the fortress, now in its 11th week. Marines and helicopter-borne air cavalrymen were pushing in three prongs toward the base. Reports from the field said they were encountering sporadic artillery and mortar fire but little other resistance.

A company from the 3rd Marine Division was the spearhead of the drive. After advancing along Highway 9 on the north-

east, helicopters landed them northwest of the base and they were reported about half a mile from the barbed-wire perimeter. Men of the 1st Air Cavalry Division pushed up from south of the base and were reported within 2.5 miles of their goal by midafternoon.

The bulk of the relief force, more Marine infantrymen and an engineer convoy, found the going tougher as they struggled west along the long-closed Highway 9. They had to stop repeatedly while engineers repaired bridges and the road.

By noon today they were 6.5 miles east of the base. "Khe Sanh or Bust," said a sign on an equipment trailer.

Senior U.S. officers were puzzled by the lack of resistance the relief force was meeting. They had expected savage fighting.

That could still be in store. The relief force had come within range of big North Vietnamese artillery and rocket guns in the Co Bo mountains to the west inside Laos, and the troops still had to cross the main enemy trench lines which extend to within 100 yards of the base.

The convoy on Highway 9 was moving through an area of hills and jungles on both sides of the

winding road, good ambush terrain. Intelligence officials said they had preliminary indications that major elements of the North Vietnamese force were withdrawing, but they warned that this came from "initial" data.

The only reported action of any size came Wednesday when gunship helicopters caught an estimated 200 North Vietnamese in the open two miles south of Khe Sanh. The Communists

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NEWS FROM OUR BUTLER COUNTY BOYS IN VIET NAM

April 24, 1968
Wednesday Night

Dear Friends,

Just a few lines to let you know I got the package. I sure do thank you lots for it. Everything was just right. I can use all those things.

I can't express in words how thankful I am.

PFC Frank Dewese

2 May 1968

First Baptist Church

Just a short letter to let you know that I received the package you sent me. And it was greatly appreciated. The candy and everything was real good. I shared it with the other Marines in my unit and they enjoyed it also.

I must say that for myself and all the other young Americans here in Viet Nam it helps to keep our morale up, and makes our tour over here much easier to know that we have people back home praying and pulling for us. So again I thank you and May God Bless each and every one of you.

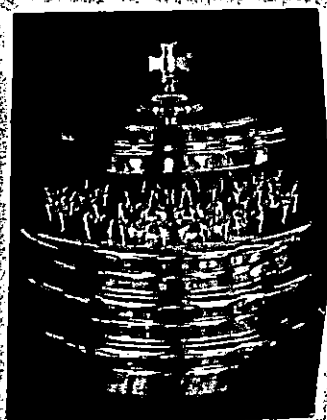
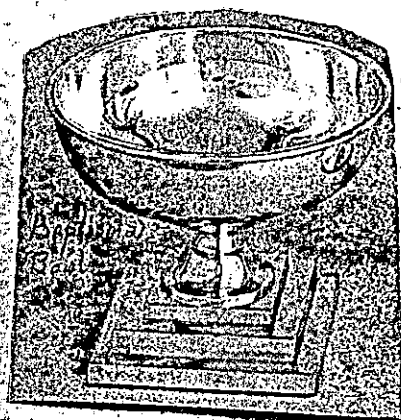
Sincerely,

Cpl. Charles Bingham
U.S.M.C.

A Thank you from Wayne Elms was also received for his package.

If you would like to have a part in sending the packages to our boys please see Mary Cook or Peggy Drake.

OFFERING Plates are like this one



Adams Cemetery Association
Memorial Services
Sunday June 2, 1968
2:30 P.M.

Lest
We
Forget



At the close of the worship service and before the benediction, Major Summerlin and Chief Rhodes of the United States Marine Corp will present the Purple Heart, the National Defense Medal, the Vietnamese Service Medal and the Vietnamese Campaign Medal to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Corbin and family. These awards are presented in honor and in memory of Lance Corporal Russell "Buddy" Corbin who gave his life for his country on February 7, 1968.

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A SERVICE OF DEDICATION TO GOD, JULY 21, 1968.

(For Gifts Presented In Memory of Russell "Buddy" Corbin, Jr.,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Corbin and Miss Flossie Corbin to the
United Methodist Church of Adams, Tennessee.)

Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that God has put it into the
hearts of his people to present these gifts to the glory of
his name. I now accept these gifts, that we may dedicate them
and so set them apart for the worship of almighty God and the
service of men. Let us therefore, as we are assembled, solemnly
dedicate these gifts to their proper and sacred uses.

(Then, all standing, the minister shall say, the people responding.)

To the glory of God, who has called us by his grace;
To the honor of his Son, who loved us and gave himself for us;
To the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

WE DEDICATE THESE GIFTS.

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;
For the preaching of the everlasting Gospel;
For the celebration of the holy Sacraments;

WE DEDICATE THESE GIFTS.

For the comfort of all who mourn;
For strength to those who are tempted;
For light to those who seek the way;

WE DEDICATE THESE GIFTS.

For the hallowing of family life;
For teaching and guiding the young;
For the perfecting of the saints;

WE DEDICATE THESE GIFTS.

For the conversion of sinners;
For the promotion of righteousness;
For the extension of the kingdom of God;

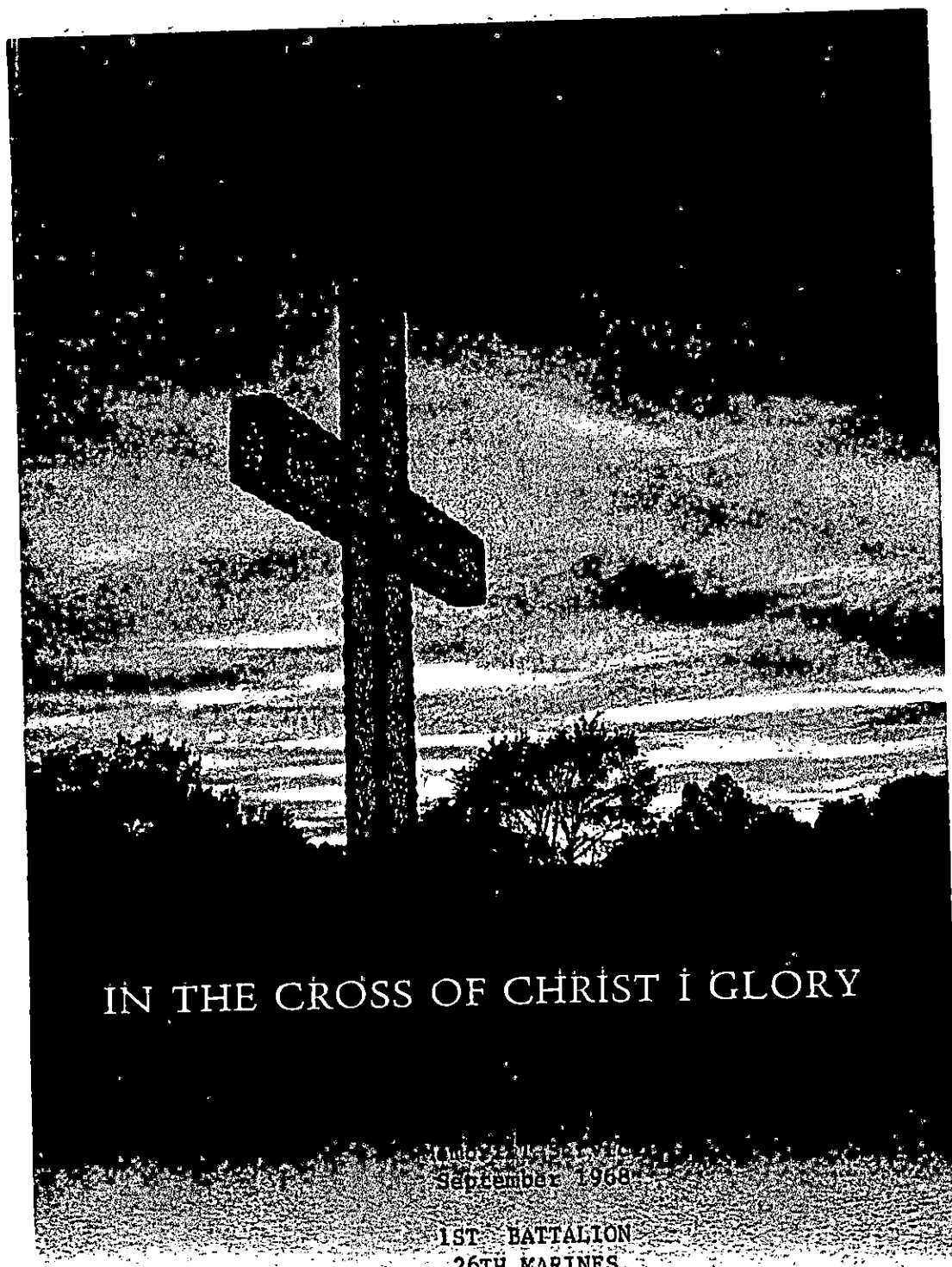
WE DEDICATE THESE GIFTS.

In gratitude for the labors of all who love and serve this church;
In loving remembrance of those who have finished their course;
In the hope of a blessed immortality through Jesus Christ our Lord;

WE DEDICATE THESE GIFTS.

Then all shall say,

WE NOW, THE PEOPLE OF THIS CHURCH AND CONGREGATION, COMPASSED
ABOUT WITH A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES, GRATEFUL FOR OUR HERITAGE,
SENSIBLE OF THE SACRIFICE OF OTHERS IN THE FAITH, CONFESSING THAT
APART FROM US THEIR WORK CANNOT BE MADE PERFECT, DO DEDICATE OUR-
SELVES ANEW TO THE WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF ALMIGHTY GOD; THROUGH
JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.



IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY

1st Battalion
September 1968

1ST BATTALION
26TH MARINES

+	Invocation	+
+	23rd Psalm	+
+	"Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory" (389)	+
+	Old Testament Reading Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8	+
+	New Testament Reading I Thessalonians 4: 13-18	+
+	Prayer	+
+	Homily	+
+	"Eternal Father" (400) Stanzas 1-2	+
+	Benediction	+
+	Taps	+

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

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To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to get and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

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"Eternal rest grant unto Thy servants,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon
them."

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IN MEMORIAM

This Memorial Service was offered as a final tribute to the men of 1st Battalion, 26th Marines by the officers and men with whom they served.

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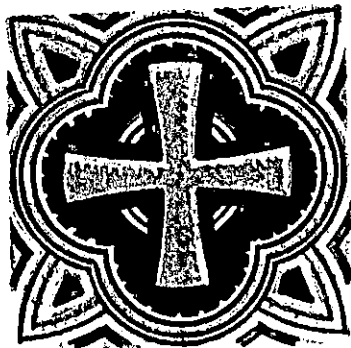
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1STLT J. D. SAMPLES	CO, "A" Co
CAPT C. REGAN	CO, "B" Co
CAPT W. E. FLOWERS	CO, "C" Co
1STLT R. D. BROWN	CO, "D" Co
CAPT L. R. HUTTON	CO, H&S Co

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This Memorial Service is a joint Memorial conducted by LCDR V. E. BERG, CHC, USN a United Presbyterian Chaplain serving with Marine Battalion 1/26 and by CDR B. R. GALLAND, CHC, USNR a Catholic Priest serving with Force Logistic Command.

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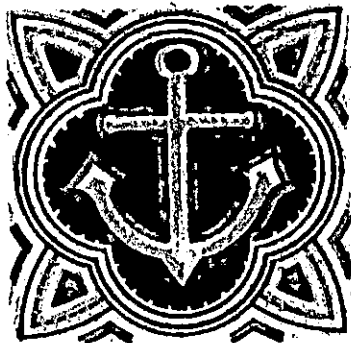
May our humble prayers
be acceptable in thy
sight, O Lord. May
the trespasses of thy
servants be forgiven
and may they share in
the redemption Thou
hast won for all men.
Through Jesus Christ
our Lord, Amen.



Faith

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. . . . For whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists. . . .

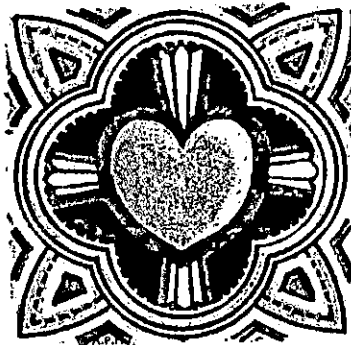
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Hope

. . . a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know that is the hope to which he has called you. . . .

EPHESIANS 1:17-18



Love

Love is patient and kind . . . rejoices in the right . . . bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things . . . never ends.

I CORINTHIANS 13:4, 6-8

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FIRST BATTALION, TWENTY-SIX MARINES

So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.
26 May 1968 BATTALION COMMAND POST

I CORINTHIANS 13:13

MATERIAL SCROLL

CAPT.	ROBERT C. OMSLOW	USMC
PFC	DAVID L. KIRKLEY,	USMC
HM3	FRANK V. CALZIA	USN
HM3	WINSTON G. PARKER	USN
HM	HELVEN G. WIDMAM	USN
CPL	PAUL L. FREDERICKSON	USMC

INVOCATION: CHAPLAIN

ANTIPHONAL READING

LEADER: Lord Have Mercy.

CONGREGATION: Lord Have Mercy.

LEADER: Lord Have Mercy.

CONGREGATION: Christ Have Mercy.

LEADER: Christ Have Mercy.

CONGREGATION: Christ Have Mercy.

LEADER: Lord Have Mercy.

CONGREGATION: Lord Have Mercy.

LEADER: Lord Have Mercy.

PRAYER

CHAPLAIN: Let us pray.

The Lord be with you.

CONGREGATION: And with your spirit.

(A pause for all to remember the souls of the departed)

CHAPLAIN: O God, you alone are ever merciful. Humbly we pray you in behalf of the souls of your servants whom you have gathered to yourself. Since they hoped and believe in you in this world, may they be joined to your Son's Resurrection and be brought home to you in paradise to possess everlasting joys.

CONGREGATION: Amen

THE EPISTLE, 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18.

HOMILY: CHAPLAIN

MEDITATION VERSE

LEADER, AND CONGREGATION: Eternal rest grant
unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May their souls and the souls
of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy
of God, rest in peace. Amen

THE GOSPEL, JOHN, 11:21-27.

HOMILY: CHAPLAIN

PRAYER

CHAPLAIN: The Lord be with you.

CONGREGATION: And with your spirit.

CHAPLAIN: LIFT UP YOUR HEARTS.

CONGREGATION: We have lifted them up to the
Lord.

CHAPLAIN: Let us give thanks to the Lord
Our God.

CONGREGATION: It is a Right and Just.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRAYER THE
CONGREGATION WILL ANSWER AMEN.

NƯỚC MẮM

Newsmen of every sort, size, shape, skill, sex and sect descended on I Corps in the past couple weeks. Sensing the big stories at Khe Sanh and Hue, representatives of every major American news media moved in on the action. Joining them were their counterparts from France, Germany, Britain, Sweden, Italy, Australia, Japan, Okinawa, Korea and Vietnam.

TV and radio networks were well-staffed. The ABC news president and bureau chief were backed by three teams. Walter Cronkite of CBS flew in and five crews were operating in the area. NBC had four fire teams on hand most of the period. Seven foreign nations had at least one TV crew on hand.

For the wire services, AP kept seven writers and photogs in the area and UPI often had nine. Reuters was always represented.

Magazine coverage was led by Life's four. Our old friend Dave Duncan, the famous photographer, came back from Khe Sanh Feb. 12, stopped by Da Nang, and a matter of hours later deplaned in New York. In the same muddy utes and boots he clomped into Life Mag and set to work processing his own stuff.

Time and Newsweek each had a pair of correspondents here, and Esquire made the show.

Three reporters covered the operation for the N.Y. Times. The Chicago Daily News, L.A. Times, Washington Post and Stars and Stripes all had two aboard. Seven different London papers were represented.

At least a dozen stalwart freelancers reported and Jack Anderson led the columnists. No less than seven gals made the scene.

The press also suffered casualties. Igor Oganessoff of CBS received wounds at Khe Sanh. Then Sam Bingham of Empire News and Dana Stone, UPI, were hit at Hue.

On Feb. 19, Al Webb of UPI and Dave Greenway, Time, were wounded while carrying injured Marines to safety in Hue. Al was in rough shape, but started to write his story on the stretcher and finished up on the medevac chopper.

They come and go—those in the front row of the fourth estate—with little more recognition than an occasional by-line. But they do the job.

So smile! You're on cameras... and in newsreels, documentaries, newspapers, magazines, radio and books.

Khe Sanh's Traffic Unit Digs Deeper

KHE SANH—Marines at the Khe Sanh air field continue to move underground as they dig bunkers 12 feet deep for living and working spaces.

Most recent addition to lower levels is the field's control tower. The old one received a direct rocket hit in mid-February.

Sgt. William H. Linnemeyer was one of the two Marines manning the tower at the time.

"Luckily it detonated on a sandbag near the lower corner of the control shack," he said. Linnemeyer received only small cuts on his hand while the other air controller on duty took some shrapnel in his legs and was evacuated.

Members of Marine Air Traffic Control Unit-62 set up a new tower the next day which rises only about seven feet above the runway and is well sandbagged.

Between towers the control unit used a radio jeep to direct air traffic in and out of the besieged field. From down between the legs of a sandbag wall, two lookouts peeking over protective covering to check runway before ducking down to their radios and listening to inbound pilots.

"It seems every time a fixed wing aircraft lands, this becomes a high-impact area," said Sgt. Robert J. Dale, one of the controllers, as he slid his legs under the jeep and leaned against the wall.

"You might say we have some unique problems," commented Maj. John Havlik, officer in charge of the Khe Sanh air base. "For instance our runway lights require 8,000 feet of wire and it demands a lot of maintenance."

In the interim, flare pots are being used with crash crewmen extinguishing them when the enemy starts "zeroing in."

Like elsewhere in northern Corps, weather is Khe Sanh's biggest problem, according to Havlik. "If this weather would only clear," he said, referring to the low clouds clinging to the surrounding hills, "we could get attack aircraft up here to knock out those mortar and rocket positions."

Until then, however, Khe Sanh is holding its own. The 29th Marines, said Havlik, "are doing an outstanding job on fortifications."

Digging around the camp continues, too. "With rounds we need it's hard to burrow," he said. Meanwhile, Marines on poring hills receive sun and the wounded are evacuated by helicopter operating out of Quang Tri.



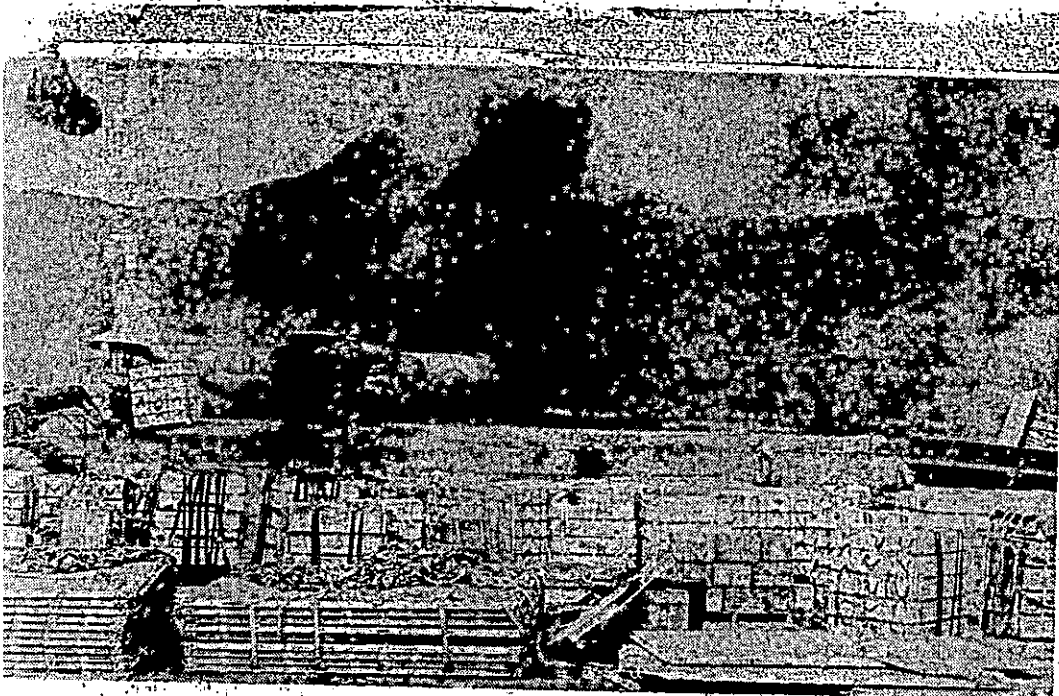
GROUNDING AIR CONTROLLERS—Working from radio jeep after an enemy rocket knocked out the airfield control tower at Khe Sanh is Sgt. Robert J. Dale.

(Photo by Sgt. Ron Zielinski)



READY-AND-WAITING—Pfc. Richard C. Spaniol (Rochester, Minn.) scans the jungle for signs of enemy activity during Operation Auburn, south of Da Nang. He is with "I" Co., 3rd Bn., Fifth Marine Regiment.

(Photo by Sgt. W. F. Dickman)



Jets Offer Cover Fire for Landing at Khe Sanh

Smoke rises in the background from jets putting down defensive fire at Khe Sanh. The Air Force transport had just brought in a C130 Hercules prepared for takeoff from the Marine base of ammunition.

(USAF)



SLAIN IN BATTLE — A U.S. cavalryman stands near poncho-covered bodies of his comrades killed by a North Vietnamese artillery barrage on Hill 549, southeast of Khe Sanh. The Army unit was advancing toward the Khe Sanh Marine base.

(AP Wirephoto via radio from Saigon)

1/1 Waiting For Some 'Shower Power'

By Cpl. Tom Donlon

PHU BAI — "Shower power" is what's happening on Hill 881, a Marine hilltop near Khe Sanh.

In fact, there might be a world record set for jamming men into a shower stall once the Marines get their shower barrels full.

"That's the problem right there," said Pfc Joseph Roberts, (1308 S. Zane St., Martin's Ferry, Ohio), an assistant machine gunner with "A" Co., 1/1, 1st Marine Division.

"We're praying for rain," Roberts explained. "And if it doesn't rain we'll figure out another way to get water."

The Leatherneck outpost manned by Marines from "A" Co., 1/5, is regularly re-supplied by helicopter with drinking water but larger quantities of water cannot be bell-lifted to the Marines.

The 1st Squad, 1st Plt. of "A" Co., built Hill 881's first shower stalls. Other Marines in the company followed their example and now several shower stalls, built from empty fuel barrels and spare wood, have been erected on 881.

Now all that's needed is a downpour from the sky. "I mean, that's what 'A' Company's shower barrels can fill up."

French General Ought to Know

'Khe Sanh Isn't

PARIS (AP)—A general who commanded French troops in North Vietnam at the time the Dien Bien Phu base fell under Viet Minh attacks in 1954 said Tuesday the U.S. troops in Khe Sanh should not repeat the French error of waiting indefinitely for an enemy offensive.

"The U.S. should launch infantry operations from other bases near Khe Sanh. They should not leave the Khe Sanh troops alone as in a boxing ring, taking the punch. Immobilism, that's the enemy," Gen. Rene Cogny said in an interview.

The 64-year-old general, who watched the fall of Dien Bien Phu 14 years ago without being able to do anything, said he was confident the U.S. Command would launch such attacks to relieve the North Vietnamese pressure on Khe Sanh. "The thousands of North Vietnamese who are said to stand around Khe Sanh are not all near the base," he said. "They are fighting a classical battle, with artillery and tanks, which means they have rear support which is vulnerable. They must be attacked at the rear."

"I know it's easier to say than to do it, but the U.S. Command cannot and will not remain passive," he said. "To stay immobile would be dangerous."

And he said the recent establishment of a northern front command was a sign of U.S. willingness to take counter action.

"This is a very good thing," he said. "Now there is a boss for the whole northern front. He is responsible for an articu-

lated system of bases and can take action against the North Vietnamese rear."

Cogny never returned to Vietnam after he left it in 1955 with the last French troops. He said he had no information other than newspaper reports on the current situation there, and thus could only make personal comments.

But he dismissed the idea of a U.S. defeat in Khe Sanh such as the French suffered in Dien Bien Phu.

"Dien Bien Phu was totally isolated, some 180 miles from Hanoi. It had no immediate support and our small air force could hardly strike its surroundings," he said. He pointed out that Khe Sanh is much nearer U.S. airfield and carriers, and is part of a system of "mutual support."

He also said the Viet Minh attack on Dien Bien Phu had a decisive morale effect since negotiations for peace were carried on at the same time in Geneva, and the French people were opposed as a whole to the war in Indochina.

"I think the morale of the American people is very high, and (North Vietnam Defense Minister) Nguyen Vo Giap may consider he has no chance to shake it. In fact, the Americans could be stimulated by such an attack on Khe Sanh."

Cogny said therefore Giap may very well abandon the idea of attacking Khe Sanh.

He said he could only see a "politic-military solution" to the present war in Vietnam. "I cannot imagine either the U.S. machinery breaking down, or the Viet Cong annihilated," he

Copter's Blood Run Draws Rocket Fire

DA NANG—Marines in the Khe Sanh area undoubtedly give thanks every time they spot a CH-53A Sea Stallion, but one flight would be most remembered when the contents of the load are known.

When the Marine outpost came under heavy attack beginning Jan. 21, pilots and crews of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 463 continually flew in and out of the area, resupplying the infantry and artillerymen.

Three Sea Stallions flew the Khe Sanh run, bringing ammunition and sand bags as well as radio equipment and rations.

Before midnight Capt. Frank J. Kennedy (Brooklyn, N.Y.), added another chapter to the "thanks" Marines give the pilots and crews:

Kennedy and his crew headed

north from Marble Mountain with poor visibility and heavy incoming rocket and small arms fire facing them. But a much-needed 9,500 pounds of blood was to be delivered.

When the Sea Stallion arrived at Khe Sanh, Kennedy said the sky was lit up with flares and he could see Huey gunships working the area.

"We circled a couple of times and had the radar people guide us in, as cloud cover was pretty heavy," he said.

After the CH-53 was landed and the blood unloaded, Kennedy reported seeing a "bright flash in front."

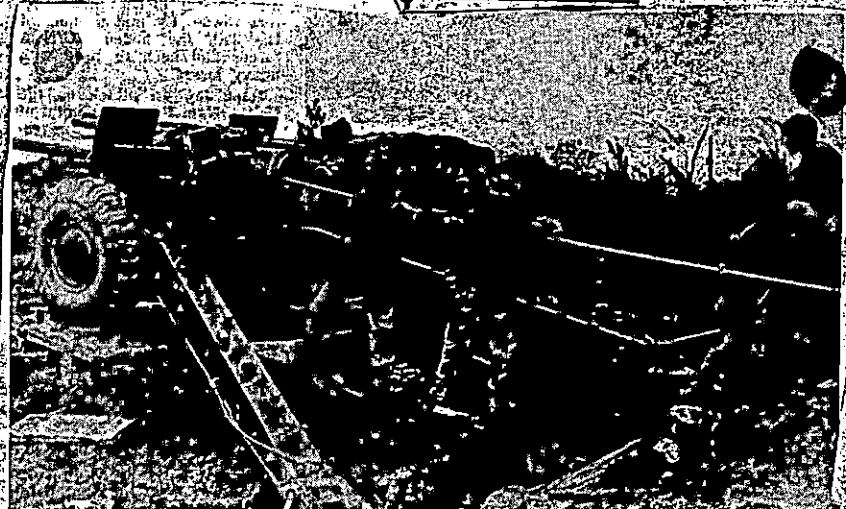
"It looked like they were walking rockets right into my cockpit. They hit all around us," he said. "We got out safely to return to Marble Mountain."



Rush for Cover at Khe Sanh

Nearly losing his helmet in his hurry, a Marine ducks for cover between sand-filled barrels and crates as enemy shells fall.

(S&S Radiophoto by Spc. 4 John A. Reid)



ARTILLERY ACTION—Marines of "W" Btry, 1st Bn, Thirteenth Marines load a 165mm howitzer before blasting North Vietnamese around Khe Sanh.

(Photo by SSgt. John A. Reid)

Hark, the Sound of Cannon



122mm gunner flinches as he pulls the lanyard to fire a round into the Khe Sanh area from the U.S. Marine base at Camp Carroll in northern South Vietnam. The cannon can fire 140-pound rounds deep into enemy lines. (AP Radiophoto)

Navy Patrol Plane Reported Shot Down

Drive Launched To Lift Enemy Siege Of Khe Sanh

By GEORGE ESPER
Associated Press Writer
SAIGON (AP) — About 8,000 U.S. and South Vietnamese troops have launched a drive to lift the enemy siege of the Marine base at Khe Sanh, the U.S. Command said today. Against little resistance, the column was reported about eight miles from Khe Sanh.

The relief force was expected to push through soon to the battered fortress in the northwest, where 8,000 Marines and 1,000 South Vietnamese have been encircled since January by from 16,000 to 20,000 North Vietnamese regulars.

As this drive, which kicked off Monday, was announced, informed sources said that a Cambodian navy boat shot down

a U.S. Navy plane on patrol off the west coast of South Vietnam.

The patrol plane was looking for gun-running Viet Cong trawlers in the Gulf of Siam. Its 10-man crew was missing.

In the advance on Khe Sanh, U.S. 1st Cavalry Division troops were cooperating with Marines and South Vietnamese troops. In all, 8,000 troops were engaged in the drive.

The advance is west over National Highway 9 from Ca Lu to Khe Sanh, a distance of 12 miles. The relief force last was reported about a third of way to Khe Sanh, the advance slowed by blown up bridges.

"We want to open a road and

defeat any enemy we encounter," said Maj. Gen. John J. Tollson of New Bern, N.C., commander of the cavalry division who has assumed control of the operation called Pegasus. "There should be enough here to keep us busy."

It was too soon to tell if a major battle would erupt when the relief force strikes the main North Vietnamese positions.

Informed sources reported that it was presumed a big air and sea search was under way for the patrol plane in the Gulf of Siam.

Antiaircraft guns on the Cambodian ship brought down the

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Marine Has 122mm Rocket As Bed Partner

By SSgt. John Conick
KHE SANH — SSgt. James L. Greer (1012 John St., Rockingham, N.C.) considers himself a lucky man for standing night perimeter guard duty. When he returned to his bunker from one such perimeter assignment, he found that his bunker had been hit by a 122mm NVA rocket. Laying on his cot was the motor assembly of the rocket.

"In all of my 16 years in the Corps, I have never had anything like this happen to me," exclaimed SSgt. Greer, a section leader with "B" Co., 3rd Tank Bn.

"What makes me mad, too, is that I had just washed my clothes the night before and hung them up to dry. Now they all got shrapnel holes in them," he added.



A TIME FOR PRAYER—Marines defending Khe Sanh take a break to be led in prayer by Chaplain Ray Stubbe (Milwaukee, Wisc.). (Photo by SSgt. John A. [unclear])

100 Reds Caught Tunneling Toward Khe Sanh; 27 Killed

SAIGON (AP) — South Vietnamese Rangers helping U.S. Marines defend the Khe Sanh fortress surprised more than 100 Communist North Vietnamese troops tunneling their way toward the allied lines Friday. The Rangers killed 27 Communists as they emerged from a tunnel just outside the barbed wire ring around the fortress. There had been intelligence reports that the North Vietnam-

ese were tunneling their way toward the allied lines just as they did in defeating the French at Dien Bien Phu in 1954. But it marked the first time they were caught in the act.

Associated Press correspondent Robert Ohman reported from the besieged Marine fortress that the North Vietnamese troops were led by a lieutenant who was wounded. When the Rangers attempted to move out

to rescue him, he waved them back and shot himself in the head to avoid capture.

Ohman reported that the Communists heavily shelled the base all day long Friday, pumping in about a round of artillery or rockets every 10 minutes. A Giant Marine CH-53 helicopter loaded with wounded Marines narrowly missed being hit by Communist recoilless rifle fire. (Continued on Back Page, Page 1)



(AP Wirephoto via radio from Saigon)
BATTLE-WEARY MARINES—Weary after palace wall, U.S. Marines suffered heavy the battle against Communist troops for the 10 casualties in the battle, which still continues Citadel in Hue, a unit of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Division, with scattered fighting reported today. Marines rests in a ditch behind an Imperial

Casualties Believed Heavy

Marine Platoon Ambushed 800 Yards From Khe Sanh

By **GEORGE ESHER**, a
Associated Press Writer
SAIGON (AP)—North Vietnamese troops ambushed and overwhelmed a U.S. Marine platoon 800 yards outside the barbed wire of the Khe Sanh combat base today. A second platoon of about 45 men sent to help also suffered casualties. Several Marine officers said they believe the North Vietnamese now are in position and set to launch a large-scale ground attack on Khe Sanh with up to 40,000 men.

Wheeler reported from the base in the northwestern corner of the country that Marine jet dive bombers dropped bombs and napalm on the Communists in efforts to cover the Marines trying to get back into the base. One air observer said he saw Marines lying on the ground and Communist soldiers swarming through the area just before the bombs fell. The Leathernecks inside the base gave the survivors cover with tank guns, recoilless rifles and machine guns. Marine casualties were not announced under new security regulations that went into effect today. But they obviously were heavy. The patrol sent out to gather intelligence was hit 800 yards beyond the outer wire. Senior Marine officers said the young lieutenant leading the platoon went beyond the distance set for him. A survivor said the patrol's point man spotted two North Vietnamese soldiers and the

platoon gave chase. The two enemy soldiers lurped the Marines into the ambush, and a whole bunch were killed in the very beginning, the survivor said. Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the commander of U.S. troops in Vietnam, said in an interview Sunday he has no reason to believe the North Vietnamese have changed their plan to attack Khe Sanh. But Gen. Earle G. Wheeler, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, told newsmen in Bangkok after a visit to Saigon he did not think the enemy would launch the expected offensive against the Marine base. They would have to pay "too dear a price," Wheeler said. The enemy bombardment of Khe Sanh also continued without letup, and several hundred rounds dropped into the besieged area today. Reporting of the exact number also was barred by the new security regulations. Air activity around Khe Sanh. Continued on page 3, column 3.



Wheeeeeeeew!
U.S. Marines take cover behind sandbags (top) as the plane they're waiting for is shot down at Khe Sanh. Later, they are all smiles (bottom) at 6,000 feet in the air, far away from Communist firepower. (AP Radiophotos)



THE WOUNDED ARE AIDED ON HILL 549
 Troops of the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry, help two seriously wounded comrades to medical attention and evacuation on Hill 549, three miles south-west of the besieged U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh. The GIs were on Operation Pegasus, working their way toward Khe Sanh when they encountered heavy fire from an enemy force. Dead GIs are covered with ponchos in foreground. (AP Wirephoto)



RUNWAY ATTACK—Pvt. Robert Williams (Watertown, Conn.), Thirteenth Marines, picks mortar fragments out of the mauling at Khe Sanh air strip.
 (Photo by SSgt. Jack L. Harlan)



GIFTS FROM HOME FOR MARINES
 Two marines kneel beside packages from home air-dropped into the United States base at Khe Sanh, South Vietnam. Despite constant fire from North Vietnamese artillery and mortars, U.S. transport planes continue to deliver supplies.

Confident Of Win at Khe Sanh

DONG HA, Vietnam (UPI) — United States Marines will score a smashing success over the North Vietnamese at Khe Sanh, the commanding general of Leathernecks along the Demilitarized Zone said Saturday.

Maj. Gen. R. McC. Tompkins, the graying chief of the 3rd Marine Div., said the 20,000 Communists poised around Khe Sanh would launch a massive attack against the threatened base.

"And I'm sure the Marines will inflict a heavy defeat on the North Vietnamese," he said.

"Air and artillery power will make a great difference. However, in the final analysis, the fortitude of the people manning Khe Sanh will bring the final payoff."

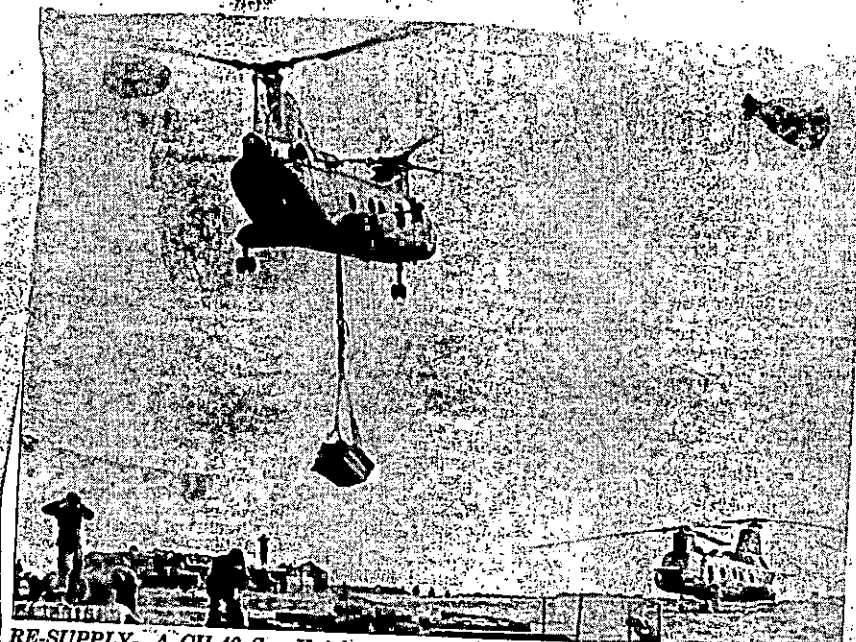
Tompkins said, however, that he had "no intelligence" that the Communists were planning an all out offensive at this time.

Asked if the Reds intend to attack Khe Sanh in the next couple of weeks, he said "I've been looking for them to attack Khe Sanh since Sept. 1. I don't know when the attack will begin."



Khe Sanh Oil Dump Goes Up in Flames

Smoke billows up from a burning petroleum dump at Khe Sanh after it was hit during a North Vietnamese mortar attack. In foreground, the Texas state flag flies from a radio and communications center of the besieged outpost. (AP Radio)



RE-SUPPLY—A CH-46 Sea Knight helicopter swirls the dust at Khe Sanh as it descends with a sling-load of supplies Jan. 23 at the northwestern-most combat base. (Photo by Sgt. T.H. Naams)



President Johnson warns North Vietnam against pressing its aggression. The President spoke during a ceremony in which he awarded the Presidential Unit Citation to the 26th Marine Regt. Col. David E. Lowndes, commander of the 26th, stands beside the President. (AP Radiophoto)

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson gave warning Thursday to Hanoi, which he said is pressing its aggression despite peace negotiations, that the United States will not be defeated on the battlefield while these talks go on.

In spite of the preliminary negotiations in Paris, Johnson said, "it still is not clear that Hanoi is ready for an early and honorable peace."

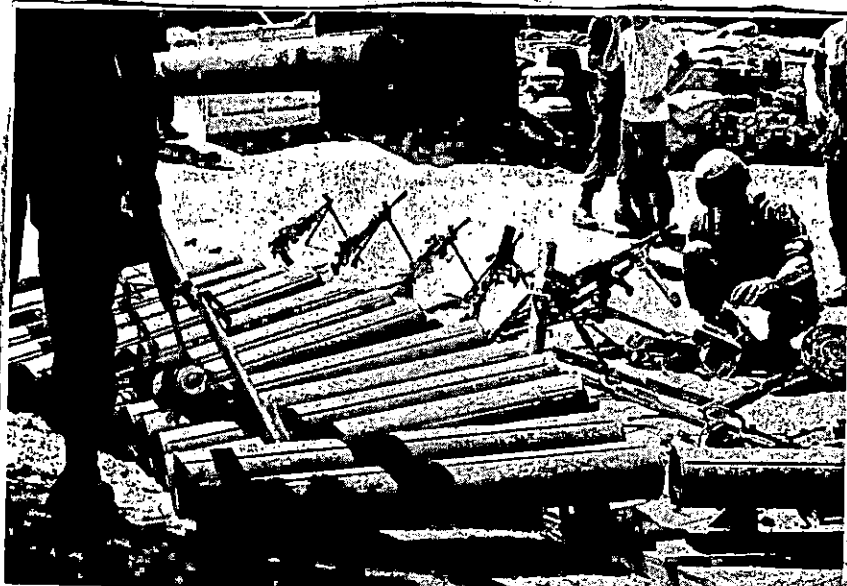
The warning came at White House ceremonies in which Johnson awarded a presidential unit citation for gallantry in action to the 26th Marine Regt. of the 3rd Marine Div., which held Khe Sanh against a siege by larger enemy forces.

Johnson said the defense by the 26th Marines held major North Vietnamese forces out of major engagements to the South and, in his opinion, was the initiative to the peace talks.

The President said he believed Hanoi's incentive to negotiate was "greatly strengthened by what these men did at Khe Sanh, because they demonstrated the futility of their attempting to win a military victory in the South."

Standing before the massed battle flags and military honors of the 26th Regt. and the 3rd Marine Div., Johnson voiced his doubt that Hanoi ac-

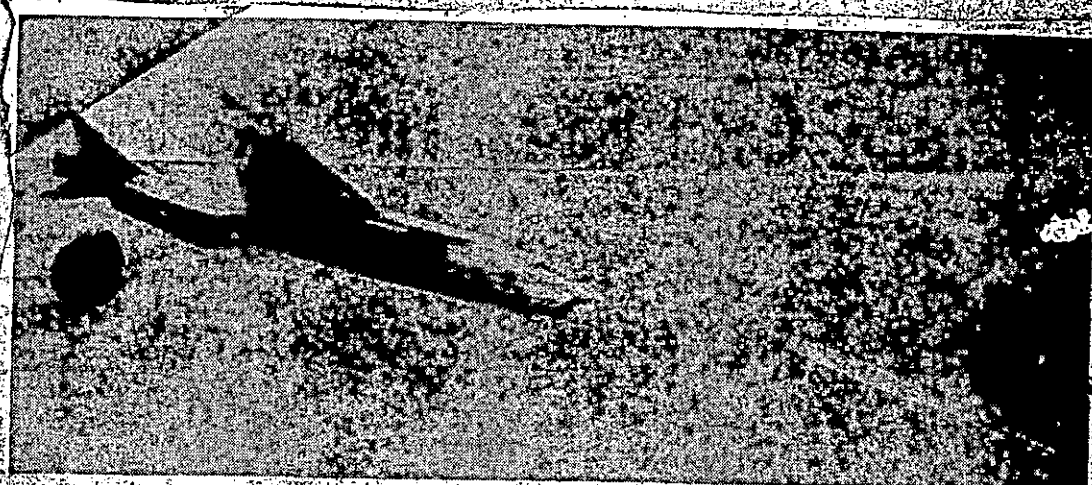
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WEAPONS CACHE—26th Regiment Marines inspect some communist weapons captured during Operation Mameluke Thrust, southwest of Da Nang. Shown are rocket launchers, automatic weapons and a mortar. (Photo by Pfc E. M. Shannon)



Marines use sniperscopes to help zero in on North Vietnamese troops surrounding the Leatherneck fortress at Khe Sanh. The sniper scope and the M-16 make a deadly combination for snipers. ISAS Photo by Spec. 4 JOHN OLSON



An F5 Crusader jet from the aircraft carrier Enterprise, operating in the Gulf of Tonkin, fires a rocket at North Vietnamese positions only a few hundred yards from the perimeter of the Khe Sanh combat base in South Vietnam. (AP Radiophoto)



(AP Wirephoto)
HEALTH WARNING AT THE FRONT — Humorous warning hangs in bunker made of dirt-filled oil drums and sandbags. U.S. Marine cleans his M16 rifle under sign noting fact of life at Khe Sanh, misspelled.

Gen Davis Assumes Command of 3rd Div

DONG HA—Major General Raymond G. Davis, Korean War Medal of Honor winner, assumed command of the 3rd Marine Division in change of command ceremonies held at the Division's forward command post here.

He relieved MajGen. Rathvon McC Tompkins, who has been reassigned as Deputy Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force. General Davis was serving as

Deputy Commanding General, Provisional Corps, Vietnam, prior to his new assignment.

A native of Fitzgerald, Ga., General Davis entered the Marine Corps in June 1938, following his graduation from the Georgia School of Technology.

During World War II he participated in the Guadalcanal-Tulagi landings, the Eastern New Guinea, and Cape Gloucester campaigns and the invasion of Peleliu where he won the Navy Cross.

In Korea as a lieutenant colonel commanding the 1st Bn., Seventh Marines, General Davis won the Medal of Honor, two Silver Stars and the Legion of Merit with Combat "V."

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 Later, as executive officer of the Seventh Marines he earned the Bronze Star Medal with Combat "V."

General Davis was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions from December 1 through December 1, 1950 during the Chosin Reservoir campaign. He led his battalion over eight miles of hostile trails in sub-zero weather against a savage and determined enemy in order to relieve a beleaguered rifle company holding open a mountain pass, the only route available for two Marine regiments in danger of being cut off.

He led his men in attacks thru deep snow, over three frozen ridges, and fought his way forward at the head of his men over the last 1,500 yards separating him from the beleaguered rifle company until he reached the isolated Marines.

The next day he continued the attack, securing the vital mountain pass from a numerically superior and entrenched enemy while carrying all his wounded including 22 litter cases. He then held the pass until the two regiments had passed through, then led his battalion intact into Hagaru-ri.

In turning his command over to Gen. Davis, Gen. Tompkins said, "This Division has meant more to me than any other assignment I have ever had. Since I have to leave, I'm very happy that one of the most gallant officers in the Marine Corps, MajGen. R.G. Davis is relieving me."

His last words to the men of his command were: "Just one thing I ask you to bear in mind, while other divisions in Vietnam have the reputation to establish, the 3rd Marine Division (Reinforced) has a reputation to maintain. Good bye and good luck."

Allied Forces Move Into Embattled Khe Sanh Base

By LEWIS M. SIMONS
Associated Press Writer
KHE SANH, Vietnam (AP) — U.S. air cavalry men and South Vietnamese paratroopers moved into this combat base Saturday and gave its 8,000 Marine and South Vietnamese defenders their first respite from war since the enemy began its siege Jan. 21.

Newly arrived troops fanned out into the jungled hills around Khe Sanh in search of withdrawing North Vietnamese forces and met virtually no resistance. Hardly an enemy shell

fell on the base, which had been pounded daily by mortars, rockets and artillery shells.

Some Marines stripped and gave themselves their first complete washdown in months, under a gleaming sun. Others did their laundry. Work details began cleaning up the messy rubble of structures blasted down by enemy shellings.

As many as 20,000 North Vietnamese soldiers at one time surrounded Khe Sanh. But U.S. officials said withdrawals have left perhaps only 7,000 in the Khe Sanh sector, possibly to cover the withdrawal of the others.

Khe Sanh is still surrounded—but now by friendly forces.

It was not known here whether the enemy withdrawal was a peace gesture by Hanoi. U.S. military men said the pullout was forced on the enemy by the 20,000-man offensive—Operation Pegasus—launched last Monday to relieve the base and continuous pounding from the air.

In Da Nang, Lt. Gen. Robert H. Cushman Jr., commander of Marine forces in Vietnam, said he could not discount the possibility the enemy troops had moved to the vicinity of Quang Tri, a provincial capital about 35 miles east of Khe Sanh and near the sea coast.

"We don't know if he will attack Quang Tri or not," Cushman added. "We have the initiative but he always has the capability of hiding in the jungle and then moving out in one night into the flatlands for an attack."

Maj. Gen. John F. Tolsen, commander of the 1st Air Cavalry Division, said he had reports that one of the two North Vietnamese divisions had withdrawn to regroup. Another Army spokesman said this division apparently is the 304th, which is believed to have withdrawn across the border into territory controlled by the pro-Communist Pathet Lao in Laos, after taking a beating from U.S. air strikes.

The enemy withdrawal from the Khe Sanh sector coincided with an apparent slackening off in ground fighting elsewhere in Vietnam.

The number of missions flown over North Vietnam dwindled Friday, with attacks centering in areas 130 miles north of the demilitarized zone. This appeared to be a further curtailment of the already limited attacks ordered by President Johnson.

First friendly troops to reach the Khe Sanh base were about 500 South Vietnamese paratroopers, brought in aboard U.S. Army helicopters.

Then came troops of the U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division, who had pushed their way along Highway 9 from Ca Lai, 16 miles away.

In Saigon the U.S. and Vietnamese military commands reported this action elsewhere.

—Viet Cong gunners shelled three allied airfields and three government military posts Friday night and Saturday but casualties were light.

—U.S. Air Force B-52 bombers hit Friday night and again Saturday at suspected North Vietnamese positions near Konh in the central highlands.

—Enemy ground fire brought down a U.S. Air Force F-100 Super Sabre 26 miles east of Pleiku, also in the central highlands. It was the 24th U.S. aircraft lost in combat in the South.

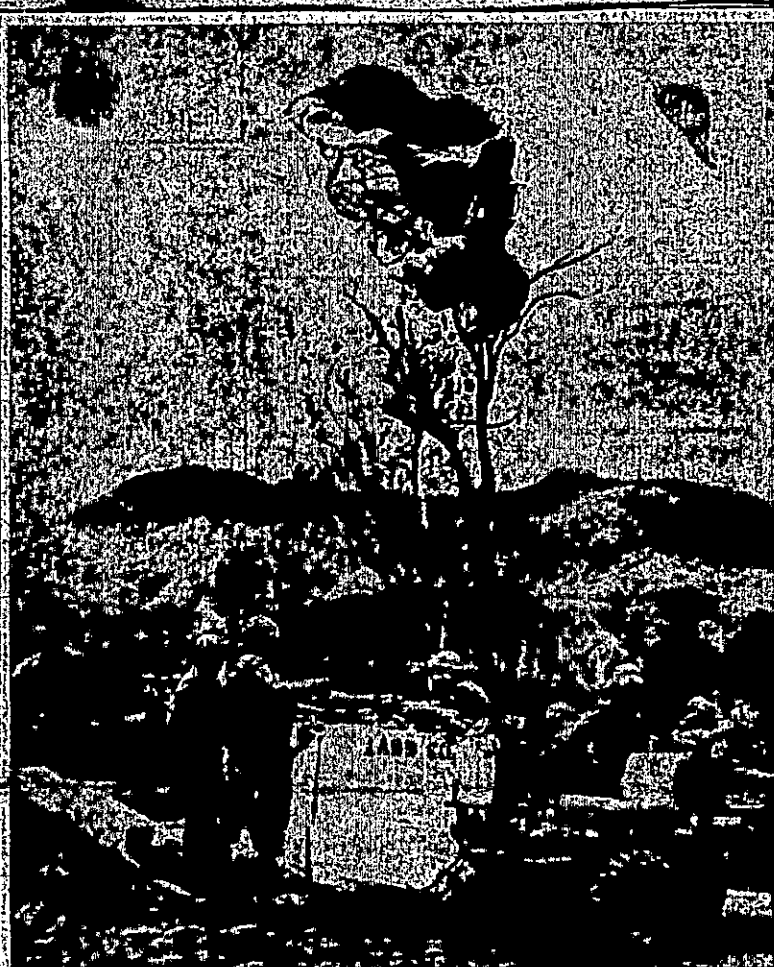
A force of South Vietnamese and South Korean troops reported killing 108 Viet Cong Friday near coastal Tay Ninh.

In Bangkok, Thailand, a U.S. Embassy spokesman reported two more U.S. Air Force F-4 jets had arrived at Ta Khil air base Friday to replace the twin-engine fighters that were lost more than a week ago.



Ready to Fight or Play

This Leatherneck at the embattled fortress of Khe Sanh keeps both his guitar and rifle ready, waiting for a lull from Khe Sanh. (UPI)



(AP Wirephoto)
COLLECTING THE GOODS — U.S. Marines The marines salvaged what they could and
 open a container of supplies which landed short of the parachute landing zone at the
 embattled base of Khe Sanh, South Vietnam, aboard a mechanical mule, right.



Reinforcements Shoveled In
 U.S. Marines fill sand bags to reinforce their positions at Khe Sanh in northern South Vietnam. Tower in background is part of old French fortifications. (AP Wirephoto)



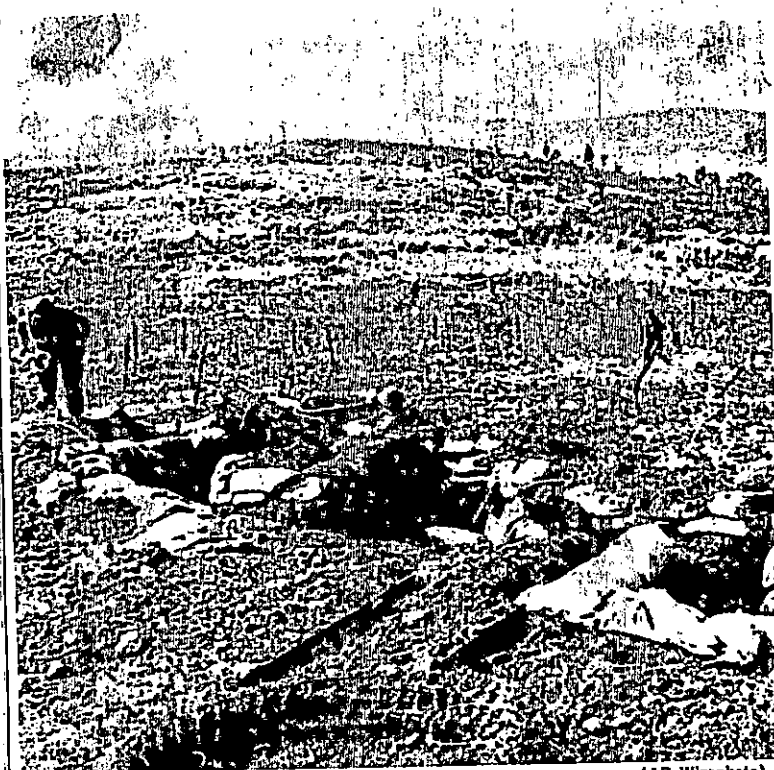
THE ENEMY'S BELOW — Theodore Rutkowski, U.S. Navy hospital corpsman of Pittsburgh, Pa., uses his stethoscope to listen for digging by North Vietnamese troops underneath a U.S. Marine outpost of the Marine base at Khe Sanh. At right is Marine Julian Kalama of San Lorenzo, Calif., in obscure barbed-wire defenses behind the men. (AP Wirephoto via radio from Saigon)



(AP Wirephoto)

KHE SANH GREETING — Pfc. Juan Pordón of Puerto Rico, left, a First Cavalry Division trooper, shakes hands with U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. James Holtebulck of Mt. Claremont, Mich., over the barbed wire at

perimeter of Marine base at Khe Sanh. The two men greeted each other after the first overland linkup took place between the encircled Marines and troops of the cavalry division.



(AP Wirephoto)

WELCOME BACK AT KHE SANH — Three U.S. Marines return from a patrol outside the perimeter at the Khe Sanh combat base in South Vietnam near the demilitarized zone.

From sandbagged positions other Marines cover the men as they weave their way back through the barbed wire emplacements.



(AP Wirephoto)
STRIKING BACK — The gunner of this 105mm artillery piece, right, throws aside empty casing of shell just fired at North Vietnamese positions as smoke issues from barrel of weapon at U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh. The Marines manning the weapon were returning fire after the Communists hit the base with a rocket attack.

"May Be Difficult To Defend"

Russell Uneasy About U.S. Position At Khe Sanh Base

By JACK BELL
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chairman Richard B. Russell of the Senate Armed Services Committee expresses uneasiness about the U.S. military position at Khe Sanh where entrenched Marines face a potential massive Communist offensive.

"I am afraid this position may be difficult to defend," said the Georgia Democrat. "I hope we will be able to reinforce our troops there sufficiently."

Russell, predicting more U.S. troops will be sent to Vietnam, indicated in an interview he also expects a call-up of ground reservists to fill gaps in American home forces depleted by Vietnam manpower needs.

He declined to speculate on how many more troops might be sent to Vietnam.

Russell and Senate Democrat Leader Mike Mansfield agreed the pacification program in Vietnam had been all but wrecked when protective troops had been withdrawn from villages and hamlets to defend the cities against the recent Viet Cong raids.

Mansfield said in a separate interview the essential the program be revived, calling it the best hope for eventual stabilization of South Vietnam.

Russell said the suggestion

that the Senate preparedness subcommittee call Chairman Earle G. Wheeler of the Joint Chiefs of Staff to testify on likely increases in U.S. troop commitments in Vietnam.

Wheeler, en route home from Vietnam, said in Honolulu that U.S. forces were not surprised when the Viet Cong launched the raids.

"Contrary to some allegations, they—U.S. forces—were not taken by surprise by the enemy's Tet offensive," Wheeler told newsmen. "Rather, they were alert to the impending at-

tack, and Gen. William Westmoreland employed his troops in a timely and decisive manner to aid the South Vietnamese forces and to inflict major losses on the attacking units."

Sen. Karl E. Mundt, R-S.D., said he expects the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, of which he is a member, to summon Ambassador Robert W. Komer to report on the condition of the pacification program. Komer, in charge of the program, is returning from Saigon with Wheeler to report to President Johnson. They are due in Washington.

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Enemy Poised In Hills

Marines Digging In At Khe Sanh

By LEWIS M. SIMONS

Associated Press Writer

KHE SANH, Vietnam (AP) — The Marines are digging in for the big one, the hour when North Vietnamese troops poised in the hills ringing this tattered combat base try to overrun them.

Col. David Lownds of Plantation, Fla., commander of the U.S. 26th Marine Regiment, remarked Saturday that the enemy "takes his time."

"He's going to bang us when he's ready," Lownds said. Destruction of a Marine C130 Hercules transport by a Red machine gun that opened up near the east end of the airstrip had added a new note to the enemy's preliminary operations, sporadic shelling of the base and probing of outposts.

The Hercules, inbound with eight tons of fuel, blew up and two crewmen were killed. Four were hurt and three are missing.

The airstrip was reopened a short time later.

Much of the Khe Sanh compound's two square miles already look as if they had been hit severely. Although 5,000 Marines garrison the base, only a handful are ever seen in any one place.

There were reports of an unspecified number of tanks being sighted to the west and of trucks moving through the mountains in support of the 20,000 regulars. Hanoi is believed to have massed for an attempt to wipe out the base.

"Right now we're trying to get them," Lownds said.

Foul weather was a factor with thick, low fog shrouding movement on the ground. Still, the bombing runs continued. The earth tremors gave a strange feeling of comfort—the knowledge someone was trying to get to the enemy before he got to you.

"We're doing every damn thing we know how to prepare for this," Lownds said. "I've given instructions for my troops."

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Lance Cpl. James Jones winces as Communist mortar shells fly overhead during shelling of the U.S. Marine fortress at Khe Sanh. Slogan on his helmet reads, "I'm not a tourist, I live here."



AMERICANS BOMB CLOSE TO KHE SANH — Smoke clouds rise from exploding American bombs just outside the U.S. Marine base at Khe Sanh. Troops in foreground run a bulldozer. The Communists have now moved in so close to Marine positions that some air strikes are called within 500 yards of the base. (AP Wirephoto)

Khe Sanh Comes Under Heavy Artillery Barrage

U.S. Air Cavalrymen Move Into Hue To Bolster Marine, S. Viet Forces

By GEORGE ESPER
Associated Press Writer
SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Command announced detachment of American air cavalrymen moved into Hue today to give a hand to Marines and South Vietnamese troops in routing Communist holdouts from the walled Citadel. The troopers, from the 1st Air Cavalry Division, were reported to have driven to within 600 yards of the west wall, making sporadic contacts with enemy elements on the way. The enemy threw a new battalion of North Vietnamese troops at the Citadel Thursday and, on another front, sent their

heaviest barrage in two weeks thundering down on the U.S. Marine combat base at Khe Sanh. . . . Military spokesmen said the Communist battalion of perhaps 500 men stormed the northwest wall of the 1 1/2-mile-square Citadel in Hue in an attempt to reinforce the besieged Communist troops inside the fortress. South Vietnamese officers in Da Nang said government forces counterattacked and drove the enemy off killing 223 Communist troops. They said South Vietnamese casualties were light. After a quiet day around Sa-

gon, a 30-minute firefight flared tonight at a South Vietnamese police checkpoint four miles northeast of the center of the capital on the highway to Bien Hoa. Spokesmen said an enemy force of undetermined size attacked with AK47 assault rifles but was driven back by combat police, army troops and helicopter gunships. Tracer bullets flashed in the night sky. There was no immediate report of casualties or damage. With the battle for Hue in its 24th day, U.S. military spokesmen said the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong are "very desperately trying to reinforce" the

Citadel, where an estimated 350 or more Red troops hold part of the southern wall and the adjoining palace compound where Vietnam's emperors lived in the 16th century. The U.S. spokesman said the government troops were reacting quickly and effectively and killed another 128 enemy troops in a series of six lesser clashes, most of them holdouts or infiltrators in the northwest section of the fortress. Government casualties again were termed light. Vietnam Press, the government news agency, reported that two companies of South Continued on page 5, column 5

Section II. MECHANICAL TRAINING, 106MM RIFLE

521. NOMENCLATURE

a. Barrel Assembly. — The barrel assembly consists of a tube, an enlarged reaction chamber, and a mounting bracket. (See fig. 61.) The tube is made of alloy steel and is threaded at the breech end to receive the reaction chamber. The reaction chamber is drilled and tapped to receive the breech mechanism. The mounting bracket, which is tightly fitted and keyed to the barrel, is used to secure the rifle to its various mounts.

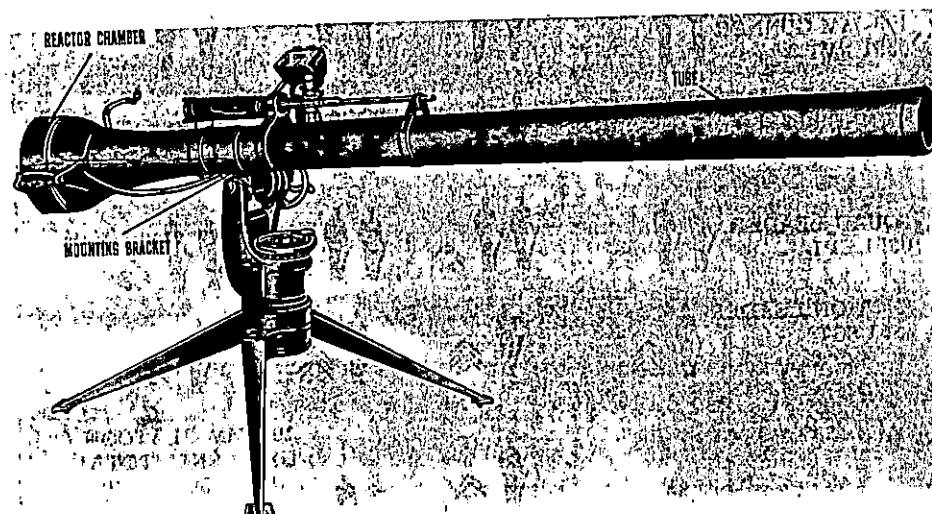


Figure 61. — 106mm Rifle, M40A1, on M92 Ground Mount.

b. Breech Mechanism. — The breech mechanism consists of a vent bushing, breechblock, breechblock hinge, and a breech operating group. (See fig. 62.)

(1) The vent bushing is a threaded cylinder which fits into the rear of the chamber. It has interrupted threads which mate with those on the breechblock and lock the breechblock in the closed position. There are four equally spaced vents between the interrupted threads. They permit the escape of propellant gases. The cartridge case detent fits into the vent bushing.

(2) The breechblock also has interrupted threads and spaces. It has a center-drilled hole to contain the firing pin housing. (See fig. 63.)

(3) The breechblock hinge is a rectangular piece which supports the breechblock and a portion of the breech operating mechanism. It is seated in the hinge block and is bored and grooved to receive various parts of the operating mechanism. (See fig. 64.)

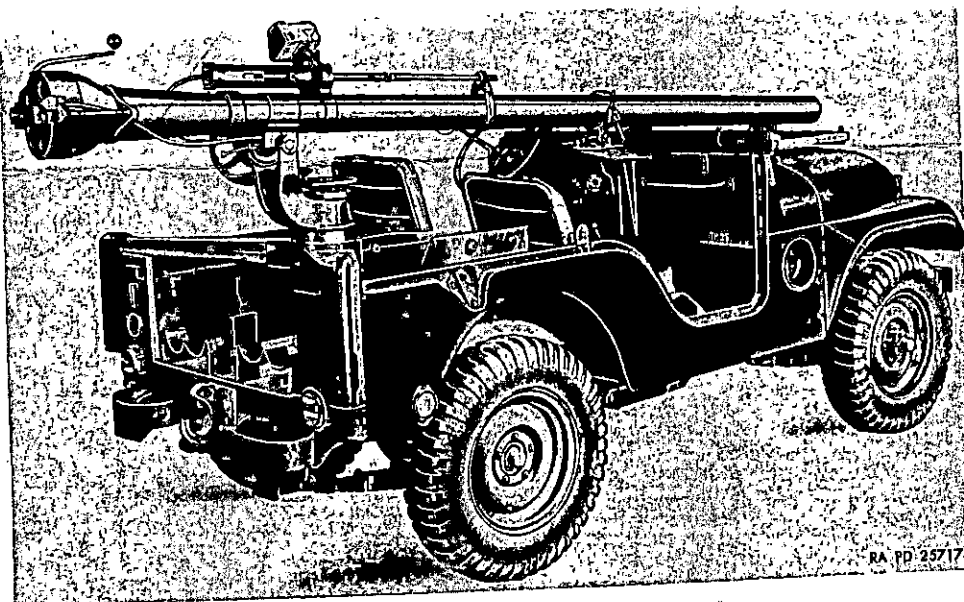


Figure 4. 106-mm rifle M10A1, w/equipment, mounted on 106-mm rifle mount M79 and 1/4-ton 4 x 4 utility truck M38A1—right rear view—rifle in traveling position.

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BOONDOCK BARDS

MY LOVE

I do believe the Lord, above,
Created you for me to love.
He chose you out of all the rest,
Because He knew I'd love you
best.
I had a heart, one warm and
true,
But now it goes from me to you.
Take care of it as I have done,
For you have two and I have
none.
If I go to heaven and you're
not there,
I'll write your name on the
Golden Stair,
So all the angels may know and
see,
Just what you really meant to
me.
If you're not there on Judgment
Day,
I'll know you're gone the other
way.
And just to prove my love is
true,
I'll go to hell, Darling, just for
you.
S.Sgt. James W. LeCompte
12th AHC

I never knew the true meaning
of fear,
Until I came to Vietnam, and
saw rockets drop so near.
You look up towards the sky,
And pray to God the rocket will
go on by.
You lie there and watch your
friends die,
And feel so helpless that you
want to cry.
A friend comes near and falls
dead in your lap,
You sit there and shed a tear.
This, my friend, is the true
meaning of fear.
Lance Col. Art Hughes
Camp Ho Chi

YOU'D BETTER HAVE ONE
OF THOSE \$300 SUITS TO
BE BURIED IN

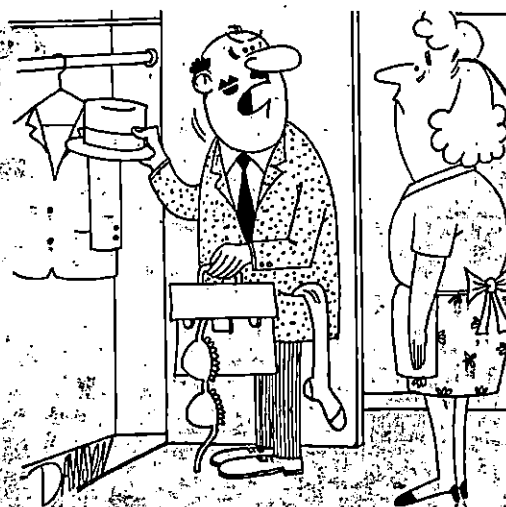
THE ANSWER

To those who man these lonely
bunkers,
All their thoughts are not the
same.
Some have volunteered for duty,
Others wonder why they came.
Even tho we know the answer,
Some of us will not admit.
Freedom is not given to us,
We have to fight and die for it.
I would rather lose my life here,
Fighting in what I believe,
Than have the enemy cross the
ocean.
To the country where I live,
I have the satisfaction
Of knowing while I'm here,
My mother, wife and daughter
Don't have to wake in fear
Of snipers, bombs and airplanes
Who on their deadly dives,
Destroy many villages,
And many innocent lives.
I only hope that very soon
All the guns will cease,
And that the world will know
In Vietnam — there's peace.

Source of News

Absolute knowledge I have none,
 But my niece's washerwoman's son
 Heard a policeman on his beat
 Say to a laborer in the street
 That he had a letter last week
 Written in the finest Greek,
 From a Chinese coolie in Timbuctoo,
 Who said that the natives in Cuba knew
 Of a colored man in a Texas town,
 Who got it straight from a circus clown,
 That a man in the Klondike heard the news
 From a gang of South American Jews,
 Who heard a society woman who spoke
 Of her monther-in-law who would undertake
 To prove that her husband's sister knows,
 As stated in a printed piece,
 That she has a son, who has a friend
 Who knows when the war is going to end!

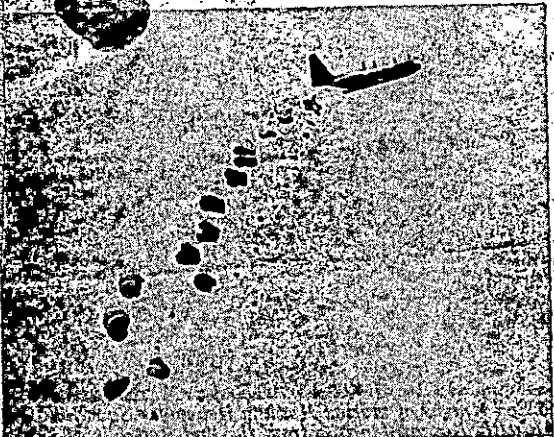
...me. I unpinned it, counted, and me if I cared to accompany it back. When
 bobbed it directly into the center of the I declined, he seemed to understand.***



"You're a typical wife, Edna. I'm late for supper and right away another woman has to be involved."

JUST
 LIKE A
 WOMAN
 ALWAYS
 JUMPING
 TO
 CONCLUSIONS
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Khe Sanh, Embattled Northern Outpost, Digs-In and Waits



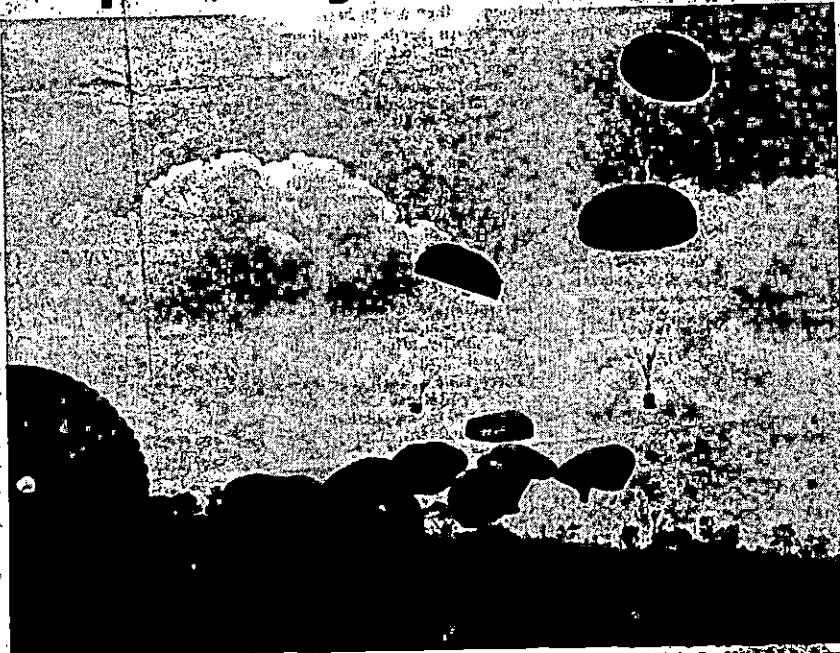
Vital Resupply

Photo By Sgt. T. H. Naima



A Quick Snooze

Photo By Sgt. T. H. Naima



Air Dropping Important Supplies

Photo By SSGT. T. H. Naima

Marines Complete Khe Sanh Abandonment

KHE SANH, Vietnam (AP)—U.S. Marines Friday completed their pullout of the Khe Sanh combat base, a Leatherneck position that was under siege for 77 days and once seemed to symbolize everything heroic and tragic.

As the Marines left, one of their outposts a mile to the west lost five dead in a small but bloody skirmish with North Vietnamese troops fighting from holes. And the base

which once took 1,500 rounds of North Vietnamese artillery in 24 hours — got one more lone round.

The big move was delayed for several hours by a direct enemy artillery hit on a bridge on Route 9 leading from the northwest border outpost. The bridge was repaired.

An intricate set of maneuvers began with the demolition of the last bunker in the base, the operations center of the 1st Marine Regt.

All told, about 100 trucks, trailers, tanks and bulldozers and 1,500 men left by convoy and helicopter. A light mortar attack interrupted the last party of the convoy, damaging one truck.

"As far as I am concerned, the base is closed," said the Marine chief along the Demilitarized Zone, 3rd Div. commander Maj. Gen. Raymond Davis. He said his troops would now have more mobility to go

after the enemy in the field.

The Marines left a space bulldozed flat with only the 3,000-foot metal plate airstrip and several mine fields intact.

During the siege from Jan. 20 to April 6 the base absorbed 5,000 men in its defense.

About 250 men were killed and 2,500 wounded in the siege, mostly by the relentless shelling.

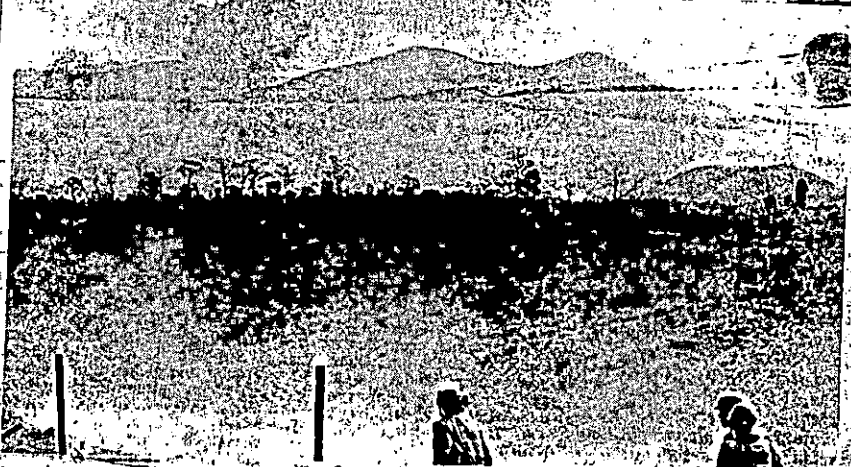
The dismantling of the base began in earnest June 18 and was dull work — cutting sand-

bags, filling trenches and blowing up bunkers.

North Vietnamese gunners averaged about 35 rounds most days. About 20 rounds hit the base July 4, wounding one man, but the Marines celebrated Independence Day with the fireworks of war: smoke grenades, star cluster shells and flares.

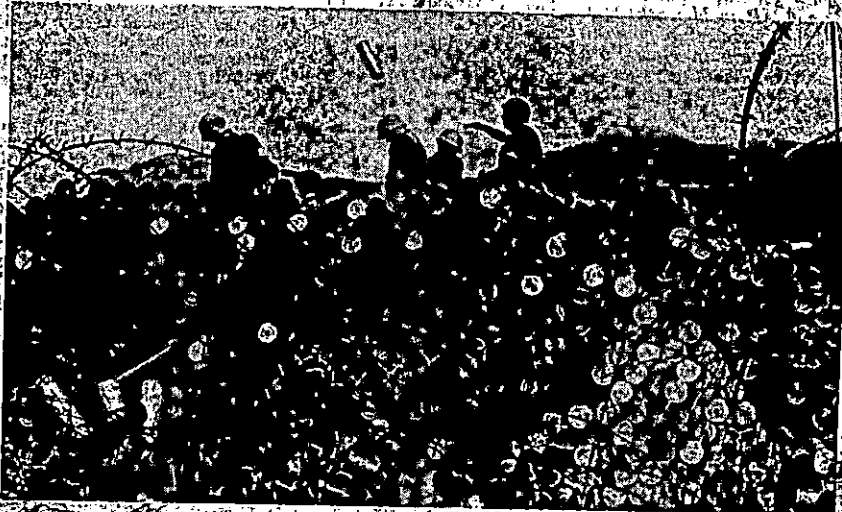
The cleanup was so thorough that some company commanders even ordered their men to pick up cigarette butts.

Oil Break Try Put Down in U.S.



Air Strikes—A Comforting Sight

Photo By Sgt. T. H. [Name]



Evidence of Firepower

Photo By Sgt. T. H. [Name]

Emergency Surgery

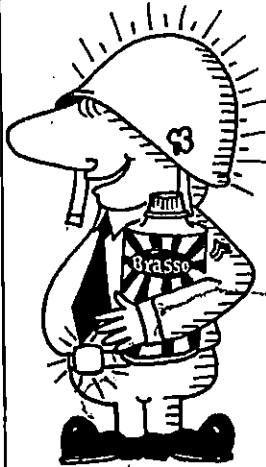
Photo By Sgt. Bob [Name]

SEA TIGER



"Knock it off, you two . . . this is no time to settle your differences."

Leatherneck Magazine



TENN-SHUNN!

Send your Brasso limerick to Brasso Div., R. T. French Co., Rochester, N. Y. 14609, U.S.A. We'll pay you \$10 for each limerick published.



"We may be lost in this jungle for days, Tippens, so I hope you're conserving your water."

Leatherneck Magazine

enemy. The enemy is busy over in Vietnam.

But I couldn't get this boy off my mind. I wondered if he had been frightened. Of course, he had. Who wouldn't be? Had he hated this war as much as I hate it?

Probably more. He was IN it. But, somehow, those boys in the thick of it over there seem to understand more clearly than many of us just why they are there, and the dreadful alternative if they weren't.

How had he felt about these characters who are defying the government, calling our leaders murderers, tearing up draft cards and pulling down the American flag? However he had felt, he had fought for that flag until he was killed.

It's too late now, of course, to try to thank this boy for what he did. But it's not too late to thank his buddies for what they're doing.

But how do you thank someone for facing death for you?

How do you reassure him that as long as men like him are willing to die for freedom, freedom is worth dying for—even though it be abundantly used and abused by the very ones who disdain to fight for it?

So, you hope that the boys over there realize that dissent is loud and gets attention, but that gratitude is quiet and doesn't make the headlines.

You hope they know that millions upon millions of Americans are with them all the way.

I hope and pray that boy knew it as he died for me in Khe Sanh today.

While viewing the presentation of the Presidential Unit Citation to the 26th Marines for their stand under siege at Khe Sanh, Mr. Arnold F. Blumenthal, a patrolman for the Mt. Clemens Police Department, Mt. Clemens, Mich. 48043, was reminded of an article he had read in his local newspaper, the *Macomb Daily*. Patrolman Blumenthal sent the article to us "because I felt that all Marines should be given the chance to read this tribute to an individual Marine and all Marines everywhere."

"To A Boy Who Won't Be Back"

A boy died for me in Khe Sanh today. I didn't know him, and he didn't know me.

But he died for me just the same.

I learned about it when the 6 o'clock newscast showed him being carried off the battlefield by his buddies.

He was going home at last—but not the way he had dreamed of going.

I watched the newscast as I ate a good, hot meal in my safe comfortable home.

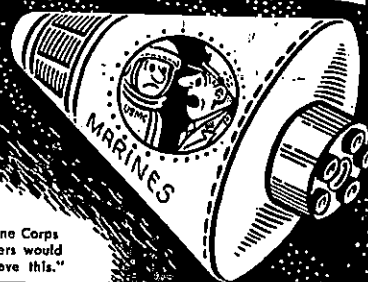
The news was pretty much as usual. The war in Vietnam . . . college kids demonstrating against changes in the draft rules, screaming and mugging for the camera . . . more teachers out on strike.

After dinner I tuned into a program on which a comic wisecracked sourly about the way the war was going—and probably got more money for doing it than this boy in Khe Sanh had been paid all the time he was in service.

Then I went to bed, free from any fear that the house might be blown up by the

LEATHERNECK LAFFS

BY PATRICK



"... Marine Corps Headquarters would never believe this."



"One can't be too choosy on just a 24-hour pass."



"That's the only type of sergeant that I like."



"Quick! What does DMZ mean?"



"So help me ... you let just one more sailor pet you and you've had it!"



"... are you sure you've got liberty tonight?"



"It's the jolly green giant! He wants to enlist."



"You've got liberty tonight, Johnson, but keep out of trouble."



"Just act nonchalant."