

Seven days in April

The information contained in this letter was derived from, Daily Staff Journals, S-2/S-3, 4th Bn. 3d Inf. April 1968. LZ Dottie. I have taken the liberty of isolating reports of contact for Charlie Co. During this seven day period.

April 19, 1968

At 0856 hrs C Co request Dustoff for 3 US WHA due to detonation of booby trapped AP mine vic BS533853, Dustoff completed 0902 hrs. 1 other US KHA. Pers concerned: SP4 Pennamon, R. (KHA); 2LT O'Neill, J. (WHA); PFC Hargrove, L. (WHA); Finn, (WHA). PFC Hargrove's wounds prove to be fatal.

April 20, 1968

At 1623 hrs 3d plat Co C received 20 rounds of small arms sniper fire from vic BS503878. Fire was returned with negative results.

April 21, 1968

At 1240 hrs C Co requests Dustoff for 1 VN female w/unknown illness vic BS510852. Dustoff completed 1300 hrs.

At 1560 hrs 1st plat Co C rec 6-8 rds AW fire, believed to be AK-47 fire, vic BS503877; search conducted after contact was broken w/neg results.

April 22, 1968

At 0715 hrs CO C., coord BS504875, req Dustoff: 1 US; litter; stomach wound; urgent. Dustoff completed 0724 hrs. Details of injury to follow.

At 0715 hrs 1st plat Co C rec 5 to 6 bursts of AW fire from vic BS507878 resulting in 1 US WHA, Sgt Fox, Donald R.

At 0920 hrs Co C req Dustoff; 1 US litter patient; urgent; nature of injury, booby trap. Dustoff completed 0932 hrs. Remarks: 1 US WHA, Sgt Jeffrey, Richard. 1 US KHA, PFC Price, Michael G.

At 1516 hrs Co C req Dustoff for 1 VN w/lockjaw.

At 1542 hrs 2d plat E Trp vic BS523887 ran over and detonated an unk size mine, resulting in no casualties and blown M113 APC track. Presently performing repairs on M113 track.

April 23, 1968

At 1405 hrs Co C req Dustoff for 2 US WHA from detonating bouncing betty AP mine. Dustoff completed 1420 hrs.

At 1511 hrs Co C req Dustoff for 2 US WHA vic BS 527853, resulting from the detonation of M16 AP mine. Dustoff completed 1523 hrs w/both indiv KHA

April 24, 1968

At 1836 hrs Co C rept. Coord BS535801, tripped booby trap resulting in 3 Us WHA; req Dustoff. Personnel data: Pollte, John J, PFC. (priority) wounds in 1 leg; Leslie, Peyton H. PVT.E2. (urgent) Hit in both legs; Brzoska, Thomas J. PVT. (urgent) hit in face, neck, back, abdomen. Dustoff completed 1850 hrs.

April 25, 1968

At 1520 hrs Co C req Dustoff for 3 US WHA vic BS533798. result of M16A1 AP mine. Indiv. Concerned: Ficklin, Eric PFC-multiple sucking chest wound; Jacobs, George E SP4-buttocks, fingers & legs; Daise, George R PFC-leg, face, hand. Dustoff completed 1530 hrs. **Ficklin will later die of his wounds**

At 1627 hrs Co C req Dustoff for 1 US in state of shock. Priority. **Paul Zimmermen would also dustoff in state of shock.**

At 1630 hrs Co C was ordered to move back to hill 97, BS539825, and leave ambushes in present loc.

The score

We hit seven booby traps in seven days
We were shot at three times
We had thirteen people wounded
We had six dead
Saw APC hit a mine
We dusted off some noncombat gooks



