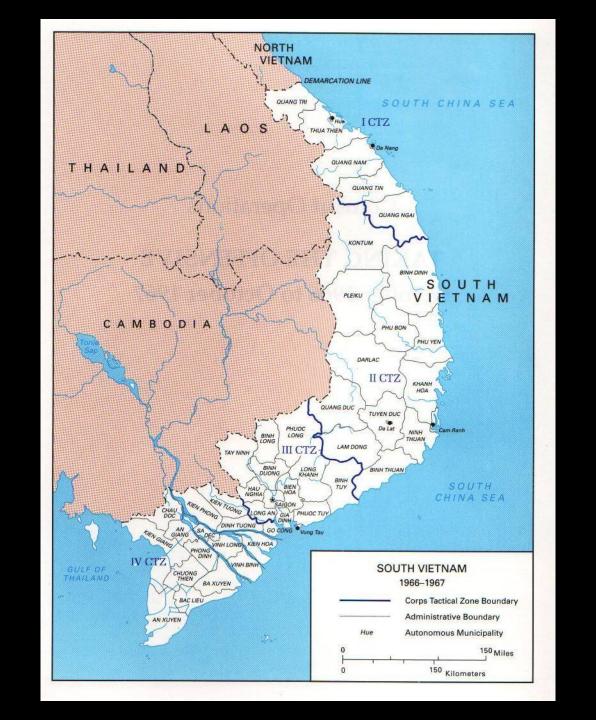
## Second Battalion First Marines, I Corps - 3/68 through First Medical Battalion - 3/69



## Selected Images | Corps - Quang Tri province:

South to North: East to West:

Da Nang/Dong son Cua Viet/Camp Kistler

Phu Bai Camp Big John/Mai Xa Thi

Dong Ha LZ Stud

Con Thien/C2 Ca Lu

Khe Sanh



My arrival Da Nang



Transportation to Hue/ Phu Bai





Main terminal Phu Bai prior to departure to Dong Ha



Control tower Dong Ha

On my way to Con Thien

Old French check point





Road north from Dong Ha to Con Thien



Approaching Con Thien





At Con Thien beginning of defensive perimeter of mine fields and barb wire

Welcome to Con Thien





Observation bunker facing north



Bunkers constructed of very heavy timber framing supporting layers of sandbags to prevent artillery shells from penetrating





Medical staff housing reinforced by layers of sand bags



Returning after patrol and happy to be home













Battalion Aid Station and ambulance



Battalion Aid Station Con Thien





**Observation Tower** 



Observation Bunker



Shower facility within a trench for protection





155 mm Howitzer





When the 155 mm cannon was fired it shook the earth and was incredibly loud



Somewhat protected out house



Wash out south of Con Thien







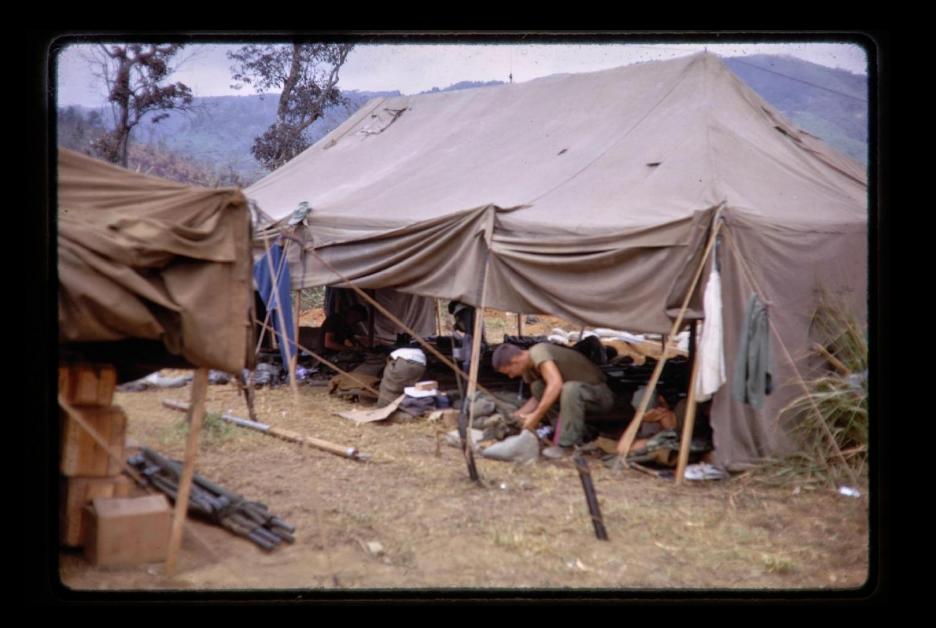
Leaving Con Thien for a new position in preparation of construction of airfield, LZ Stud east of Khe Sanh



Future site of LZ Stud

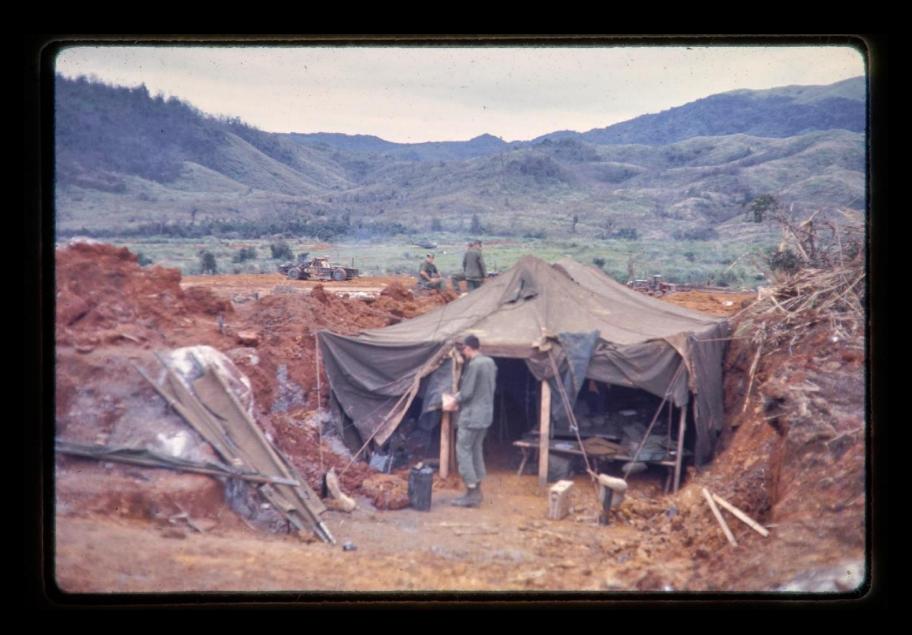
Initial Aid Stations first days after arrival







Seebees begin construction of airfield to receive supplies to rebuild the road to Khe Sanh



Beginning of a Battalion Aid Station which was finished in one week by corpsmen and marines of 2/1







Continued construction of LZ Stud





In one month completion of the airfield LZ Stud





Route 9 heading west to Ca Lu.

Route 9 ran from the east coast of Viet Nam to Laos in the west

## Ca Lu

Ca Lu a supply base and artillery base which helped support planned re-construction of route 9 to Khe Sanh further to the west (near Laos)



Perimeter of Ca Lu



Battalion Aid Station at Ca Lu



Awaiting Medivac





Smoke marker for medivac landing











My ambulance driver and Chief Mathis senior Corpsmen for 2/1

One of my corpsmen and me



My Montagnard Hooch















105 mm howitzer base across the road





The westerly portion of Route 9 had been previously destroyed in combat with the North Vietnam army



Route 9 from Ca Lu heading west to Khe Sanh



Major battle just beyond Ca Lu along route 9 to Khe Sanh









Marine assault





























Route 9 to Khe Sanh along the Quang Tri River









Khe Sanh in the A Shau valley









Khe Sanh perimeter









Base of Khe Sanh







Re-supply









Aid Station Khe Sanh















Innoculations in the field



My house





















Runway and Khe Sanh perimeter

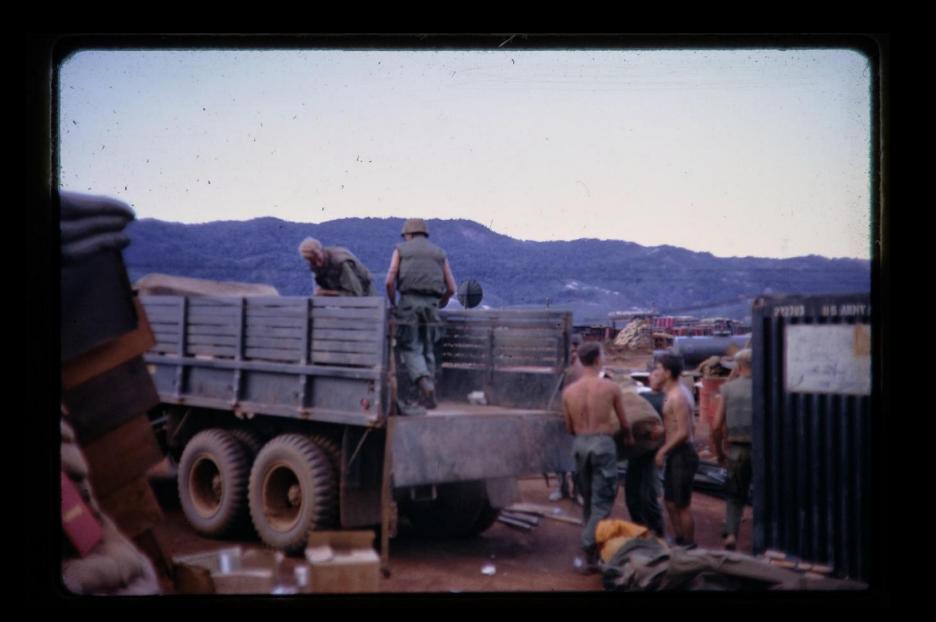




Dump for artillery shell casings.



















Bombing runs beyond Khe Sanh perimeter













Fire fight causing closure of Route 9 entrance into Khe Sanh















Orders to leave Khe Sanh















Battalion Aid Station at Mai Xa Thi



















Fishing with Sergeant Major Hass





Preparing for Med Cap (Civil aid program with military support to supply food and medical care to indigenous populations)





























Marine patrol into village before a Med Cap begins





























Village market place



















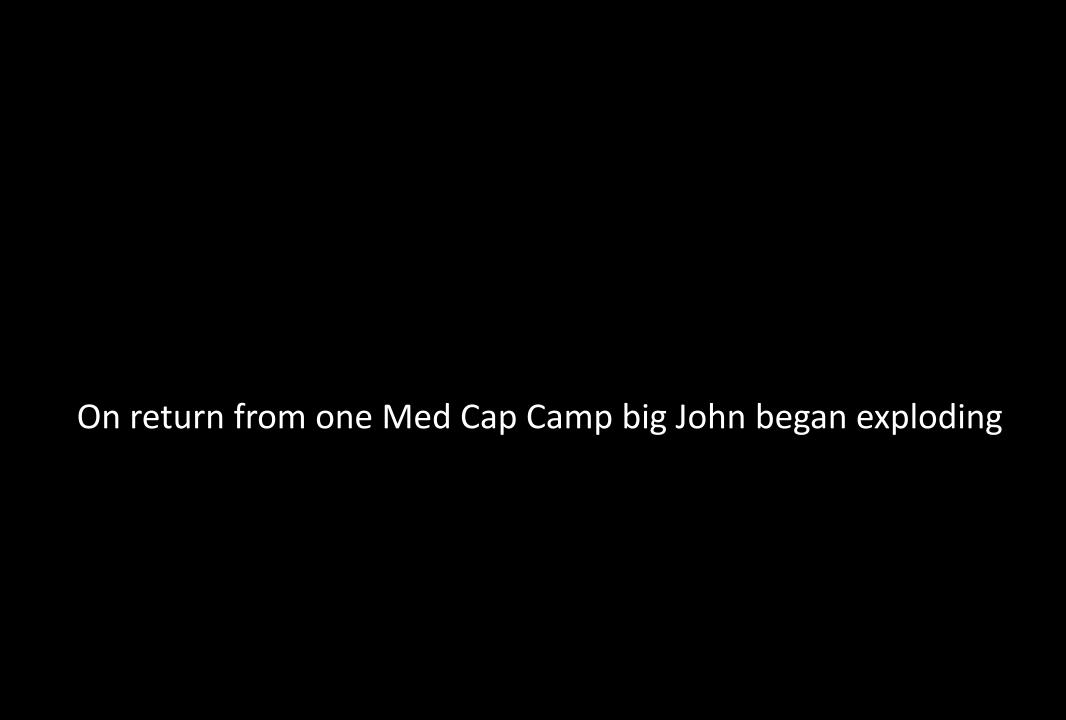






























Explosions continued for hours but eventually we were able to return to base

















Change of command at Camp Big John/ Mai Xe Thi







**Entrance Cua Viet River** 



Base at Cua Viet – Camp Kistler



Amphibious landing craft patrol the Cua Viet port facility



























Orders to leave the Cua Viet base and transfer of the 1st Marines south to the Da Nang area























Dong Son near Da nang

































Flares at night





Gun ships with tracers lighting up the night sky





Weed Control













First Medical battalion Da Nang







**Incoming Medivac** 



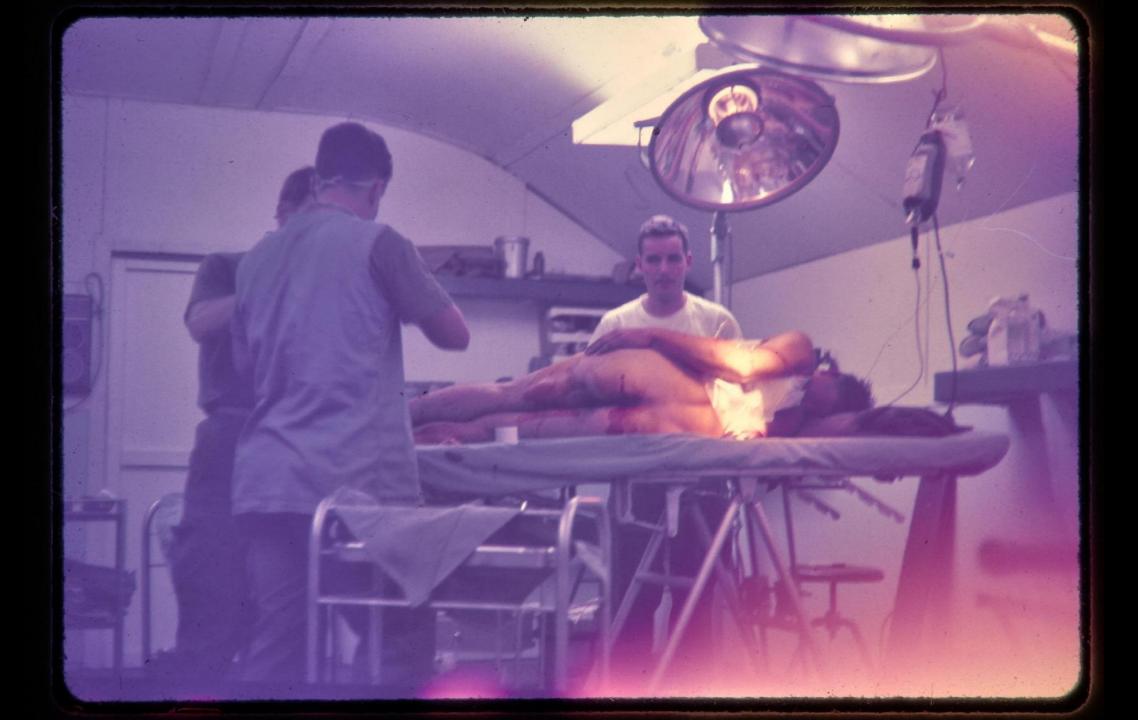


















Change of command at First Medical Battalion









This presentation is dedicated to the marines of 2/1 and the accomplished corpsmen of 2/1 who I had the honor to command

Lt Cdr Sheldon Kleiman medical corps







## Going home - best sunrise ever!

