

A Mother's Efforts Fail; 10 Children Die in Fire

FRANKLIN, Pa. (AP) — A frantic mother led her 10 young children through their flaming home searching for an escape route Sunday, but the terror-stricken youngsters balked at jumping from a second-story window and were killed.

A man living in the house was also killed. Only the mother, Mary Grossman, 34, survived.

Mrs. Grossman ran about a quarter of a mile in subzero cold for help in the

isolated rural area near Harrisville, 15 miles south of Franklin.

She was barefoot and dressed only in nightclothes.

She ran to the home of neighbor Mrs. Loyal Blair.

"We got up at 1 o'clock and we saw a fire," said Mrs. Blair. "We heard someone at the door, and our neighbor was outside standing there in her nightgown and bare

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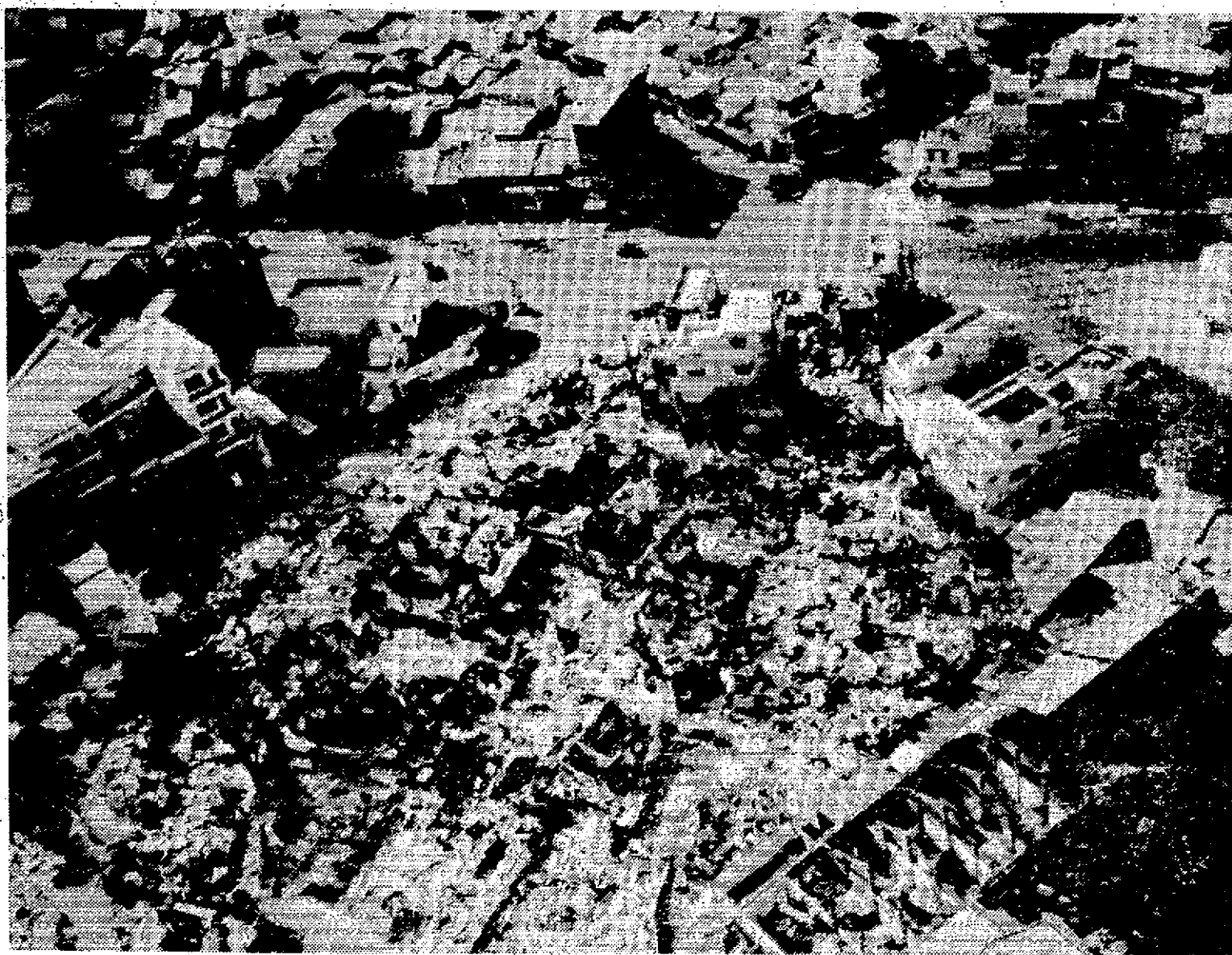
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Battles Near Saigon

REDS CAUGHT IN SWEEP



RESIDENTIAL BLOCK IN SAIGON'S CHOLON AREA LIES IN RUIN AFTER WEEK-LONG BATTLE WITH VIET CONG.

SAIGON (AP) — U.S. infantrymen sweeping around Saigon's outer defense lines killed 105 Viet Cong guerrillas in a four-hour fight Saturday night while Vietnamese paratroopers reported killing 107 enemy soldiers just four miles from the heart of the city.

Both battles were north of Saigon as Allied forces tried to trap and wipe out remaining elements of the 4,000 guerrillas who surged into the capital in a massive offensive 12 days ago.

The heaviest fighting around Saigon erupted as crack Vietnamese paratroopers battled through the streets and buildings of the suburb of Go Vap, two miles from Saigon's northern city limits.

A government spokesman said the guerrillas tried to hold an ammunition depot they had seized earlier. But the troopers recaptured it, killing 107 enemy soldiers and captured one. The spokesman said nine paratroopers were killed and two were seriously wounded.

Nine miles farther north, soldiers of the U.S. 25th Inf. Div. continued to flush guerrillas that were believed to be regrouping around the district town of Hoc Mon.

The infantrymen, working with armored columns, began a fresh battle at 3 p.m. and when the enemy broke contact and fled four hours later, they

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Wed in Hell, Lived in It

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — A young couple whose marriage took place in Hell, Mich., 18 months ago moved to the domestic relations division of District Court here.

The wife sued the husband, charging extreme cruelty. During a preliminary hearing, Judge Donald P. Smith Jr. commented: "The record shows the marriage was celebrated in Hell, and the testimony so far indicates it has continued to be that kind of relationship."

The hearing was continued. The couple was not identified.

Navy Jet Rams Bay Bridge; 2 Aboard Plane Missing

Compiled From AP and UPI

SAN FRANCISCO — A Navy jet trainer with two men aboard smashed into fog-shrouded San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Sunday, raining flaming debris onto cars and trucks before plunging into the bay.

The two military men aboard the T33 trainer, which had just taken off from a nearby airfield, were presumed dead. However, none of the motorists

on the busy bridge was hurt.

Coast Guard rescue boats, a Navy tug and a San Francisco fireboat, searching the bay for the missing fliers, found only scattered debris and an oil slick.

The T33 jet trainer roared away from nearby Alameda Naval Air Station and struck the criss-cross steel grid on the Oakland side of the bridge just west of Yerban Buena Island. The plane, shattered by the

impact, dropped flaming debris onto the deck. The main section of the northbound trainer shot about 300 yards beyond the bridge and dropped into the bay.

"Stuff was raining down all over the place," said Ronald Terry, 25, a tanker truck driver whose rig was hit by a big piece of burning debris. The truck was carrying 8,050 gallons of jet fuel. "I got out as quick as I could." (Continued on Back Page, Col. 4)

Meter Reads 'Chopping Mad'

RATON, N.M. (UPI) — Someone in Raton has proved beyond any doubt he has the courage of his convictions.

Raton police are looking for a man who, witnesses said, became incensed at a parking ticket, tomahawked three parking meters, hewed another down to sidewalk level with an axe and drove away, leaving the money in the meters.

Bombers Pound Vital Red Air Defense Facility

SAIGON (AP)—U.S. warplanes bombed for the first time in the Vietnam war a vital radio communications receiver station in North Vietnam's air defense network only 10 miles south of Hanoi, the U.S. Command announced Sunday.

An indication of the importance of the station was the heavy defense the North Vietnamese had thrown around its operations building and seven support buildings.

Navy all-weather A6 Intruders from the carrier Kitty Hawk in the Tonkin Gulf flew through antiaircraft fire and evaded surface-to-air missiles to drop 1,000-pound bombs on the station.

The Intruders were guided to their target by pinpoint radar because of low visibility and rain from the continuing northeast monsoons. Darkness and the overcast prevented a damage assessment.

Other military sources said the station likely was an air defense assembly receiving point with information flowing into it on incoming U.S. attack bombers picked up on North Vietnam's sophisticated radar network.

While low visibility and rain showers limited pilots to 76 missions over North Vietnam Saturday, there were several strikes made by pinpoint radar techniques in the heartland above Hanoi.

Air Force F4 Phantom fighter-bombers attacked for the second time in three days the Phuc Yen airfield 18 miles northwest of Hanoi where Russian-made bombers were sighted for the first time last Thursday.

The U.S. Command said the bad weather prevented a bomb damage assessment in the latest strike.

Air Force fighter-bombers also hit the Thi Nguyen electric power plant 38 miles north of Hanoi, a surface-to-air missile site 15 miles north-northwest of Hanoi, and a radar site 36 miles north of the capital city. The radar site was reported knocked out.

U.S. warplanes also were busy over South Vietnam with their main thrust on Communist buildup areas and supply lines leading to the big Marine fortress at Khe Sanh in the north-west quadrant of the country.

Viet Refugees Flood Saigon

SAIGON (UPI) — New fighting in the suburbs of Saigon has swelled the war refugee population in the capital districts toward the quarter-million mark, a U.S. spokesman announced Sunday.

The spokesman said refugees in the Saigon-Cholon Gia-Dinh area reached 217,000 and that others continued to stream into temporary shelters from areas where the fighting still goes on, mainly Go Vap, a suburb near Tan Son Nhut, and Cholon, the Chinese section of the city where the Viet Cong have taken up the tactic of burning down homes.

Officials said feeding the refugees was being accomplished by mobile and fixed rice distribution teams, but that one of the graver problems was shelter.

Report Red Casualties At 30,795

SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Military Command claimed Sunday that allied forces killed more than half of the 60,000 Communist troops thrown into the countrywide offensive January 30 against 35 major cities of South Vietnam.

A U.S. spokesman announced Communist losses for the 12 days of fighting up to midnight Saturday were 30,795 killed and 5,728 captured.

As against this, the spokesman said, allied military losses were 3,149 killed and 12,831 wounded.

The breakdown of allied casualties:

—873 Americans killed and 4,874 wounded

—2,119 South Vietnamese killed and 7,718 wounded

—57 other allied killed and 239 wounded

The U.S. spokesman said 8,409 enemy weapons were captured of which 7,161 were rifles and other individual arms and 1,245 were mortars and other crew-served weapons.

WASHINGTON (S&S) — The Defense Department has announced the following casualties in connection with the conflict in Vietnam.

KILLED IN ACTION

Army
SFC Charles E. Hall, Ozark, Ala.
Cpl. Robert A. Hule, Bessemer, Ala.
Cpl. David L. Turner, Lacey's Fork, Ala.
Cpl. Jimmie P. Wall, Monticello, Ark.
Cpl. Corey C. Anthony, Marion, Mo.
SP4 Lucy V. Holland, Riverside, Calif.
SP4 Robert E. Johnson Jr., Alameda, Calif.
SP4 Anthony F. Vanhulle II, San Francisco, Calif.
Pfc. Melvin L. Morris, Paramount, Calif.
Pfc. Michael A. Pogue, Colusa, Calif.
Pfc. Benny J. Smith, Brawley, Calif.
Cpl. Warren E. Kennerly, Gilpin, Ga.
SFC Gideon P. Johnson, Honolulu, Hawaii.
Sgt. Gary R. Fitch, East Moline, Ill.
SP4 Stephen P. Mitchell, Carpentersville, Ill.
SP4 Richard J. Rhodes, East Peoria, Ill.
Pfc. Jessie E. Harris, Peoria, Ill.
Pfc. Eugene V. Williams, East St. Louis, Ill.
SP2 David O. Roberts, Indianapolis, Ind.
Pfc. Terry L. Riegel, Indianapolis, Ind.
Pfc. Randall K. Schull, Sioux City, Iowa.
Cpl. Donald A. Evans, El Dorado, Kan.
2Lt. John F. Sevlck, Kansas City, Kan.
Sgt. Aubrey Goff Jr., Louisville, Ky.
Pfc. Roger D. Puckett, Bowling Green, Ky.
Pfc. Gene A. Ross, McDade, La.
Maj. Maximilian M. Simmeth, Bel Air, Md.
1Lt. Wesley R. Moore Jr., Seabrook, Md.
Pfc. Harry L. Ecton, Boonsboro, Md.
Pfc. Russell E. Amberry, Union Bridge, Md.
Sgt. Jan L. Grimmett, Vineyard Haven, Mass.
SP4 Charles A. Kronberg, East Detroit, Mich.
SP4 Darrel A. Shellie, Detroit, Mich.
SP4 Vernon C. Wilderspin, East Lansing, Mich.
SSgt. Dierother Brown, St. Louis, Mo.
SSgt. Richard A. Jackson, Kansas City, Mo.
SP4 Troy E. Hirni II, Holdrege, Mo.
Pfc. Thomas C. Hiley, Omaha, Neb.
SP4 Roger B. Crowell, Lynchburg, N.J.
2Lt. Harry V. A. Mosher, Northville, N.Y.
SP4 Randolph E. Boone, Brooklyn, N.Y.
SP4 Sergio J. Gherardini, Brooklyn, N.Y.
SP4 John P. Ziemski, Frushburg, N.Y.
Pfc. Richard A. Gilley, Maspeth, N.Y.



An Upward Look

A chaplain, his arm around a wounded Marine, looks up prayerfully as he comforts the wounded awaiting medical treatment following a bloody battle inside the Citadel in Hue. (UPI Radiophoto)

Red Push Lagging, —Walt

DALLAS (UPI) — The assistant commander of the Marines said Saturday the Communist offensive of the past 10 days in Vietnam "shows that they have changed their course of action."

Lt. Gen. Lewis W. Walt told an awards dinner audience of the Texas UPI Editors Association, "Their attacks have not been as successful as they thought they would be. They were really throwing in all of their blue chips. I think this is going to be a great disappointment to Gen. Giap, or whoever is running the show."

He added, "I believe we are making headway and if I read the signs of the last few days right, they have shot a lot of their wad."

Walt recalled intelligence indicated Hanoi had told its troops if they could keep the conflict going indefinitely, the Allies would tire and pull out. He said the heavy attacks of the last 10 days show a "big push" that is a basic change in their approach to the war.

He also said that despite news headlines, about large-unit combat, more than half the Allies' Vietnam casualties have come in action against guerrillas.

"I believe the guerrilla is the most important man the enemy has in his military structure," he said.

"During 1966, 53 per cent of all our casualties occurred in the antiguerrilla warfare type operation," Walt said. "You don't read about these operations in the paper because they do not make headlines."

Walt, recently returned to this country from being Marine commander in Vietnam two years, said there are encouraging signs in Vietnam.

Casualties in Vietnam

Pfc. Dennis L. Pickard, Phoenix, N.Y.
Pfc. James Seldenticker, Brentwood, N.Y.
SSgt. Patrick J. Strayer, Cleveland, Ohio.
Pfc. Danny L. Lasure, Albany, Ohio.
SP4 Frank E. Favalit, Coweta, Okla.
Cpl. Terence F. Sone, Carlisle, Pa.
SP5 Patrick C. Cartney, Tillusville, Pa.
Pfc. Peter M. Coleman, Ebensburg, Pa.
Pfc. Robert M. Henderson, Folcroft, Pa.
Pfc. Michael A. Mungaiarao, Reading, Pa.
Sgt. Troy A. Littlejohn, Dyer, Tenn.
SP5 George W. McReynolds, Bristol, Tenn.
Pfc. Everett W. Johnson Jr., Harrison, Tenn.
Pfc. John D. Ward Jr., Lancing, Tenn.
Sgt. Rafael A. Ruiz-Delpikar, Groves, Texas.
SP4 Norman L. Long Jr., Roanoke, Va.
Pfc. Harry F. Richardson Jr., Alexandria, Va.
Cpl. Dell C. Odegaard, Vancouver, Wash.
SP4 Guy F. Brooks, Patuxent, Wash.
SP4 Terry J. Williams, Oconomowoc, Wisc.

Navy
HN Paul J. Edge II, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
HM3 Charles E. Crandall, New Castle, Ind.
HM1 Daniel B. Henry, Saco, Maine.
1Lt. Stanley Lewis, Hackensack, N.J.
SN Richard L. Blevins, Tulsa, Okla.
HN Dennis P. Day, Monongahela, Pa.
EONCN Lawrence N. Stangel, Green Bay, Wisc.
HM3 Stephen W. Stark, Rock Springs, Wyo.

Marine Corps
Pfc. Wallace L. Reather Jr., Conway, Ark.
SSgt. Gordon W. Hoover, San Diego, Calif.
Cpl. Callen J. Courlemonche, La Crescenta, Calif.
Cpl. Patrick J. Lavelle, Pasadena, Calif.
Cpl. Larry L. Maxam, Burbank, Calif.
LCpl. Byron R. Duhe, Fountain Valley, Calif.
Pfc. Gary R. Carpenter, Selma, Calif.
Pfc. Anthony G. Maldonado, Los Angeles, Calif.
Pvt. Michael C. Lindsay, Lancaster, Calif.
LCpl. Robert C. Anderson, Akdtletown, Del.
Pfc. Derrick C. Cobness, Washington, D.C.
GYSgt. Jeremiah Scott, Hollywood, Fla.
Cpl. Herbert L. Gregory III, Tampa, Fla.
LCpl. Norman C. Ballard, Fort Myers, Fla.
LCpl. Larry R. Clemans, Kissimmee, Fla.

Pfc. Arthur J. Roberts, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.
Cpl. Moses A. Arnold, Union City, Ga.
Pfc. Steven C. Odom, Alton, Ga.
LCpl. Thomas W. Hollis, Gillespie, Ill.
Pfc. George D. Stiebler, Orlando Park, Ill.
Cpl. Richard L. Bartley, Jeffersonville, Ind.
LCpl. Billie L. Lee, Gary, Ind.
LCpl. Donald E. Martin, Indianapolis, Ind.
Pfc. Gerald C. Kinny, Dubuque, Iowa.
Pfc. Jerry C. McTeer, Overland Park, Kan.
Cpl. Arthur J. De La Housaye, Jr., Cecilia, La.
Cpl. Billy C. Bolton, Columbia, La.
Pfc. Charles V. Hampton Jr., Livingston, La.
LCpl. Thomas J. Torrington, Cumberland, Md.
Pfc. Dubois R. Jones, Baltimore, Md.
LCpl. Wayne P. Newcomb, North Scituate, Mass.
Pfc. Paul C. Carter Jr., Mattapoisett, Mass.
Pfc. Richard K. Drake Jr., Walpole, Mass.
Pfc. Robert P. Foley, Dorchester, Mass.
Pfc. James E. McCue, Rockland, Mass.
Pfc. Ricky D. Henderson, Detroit, Mich.
Pfc. Michael V. Murray, Detroit, Mich.
LCpl. Robert V. Peterson, Canton, Miss.
Cpl. James A. Brennan, Creve Coeur, Mo.
Pfc. Bruce D. Sharp, Pitman, N.J.
Pvt. Francis J. Mayer Jr., West Long Branch, N.J.
Cpl. William J. Flahive Jr., New York, N.Y.
LCpl. Clifford R. Bennett, Westbury, N.Y.
LCpl. Francis P. Cox, Flushing, N.Y.
LCpl. Robert L. Whitley, Brooklyn, N.Y.
Pfc. Modesta Colto Jr., Bronx, N.Y.
Pfc. Robert G. Pascazio, Bronx, N.Y.
Pfc. Robert C. Smith, Fonda, N.Y.
Pfc. Charles T. Tate Jr., Carmel, N.Y.
Pfc. Jose G. Viruet, Bronx, N.Y.
2ndLt. Ted W. Edwards, Charlotte, N.C.
LCpl. James M. Hauck, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.
Pfc. Ronald E. Thompson, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Pfc. Lester E. Brown, Newberg, Ore.
Pfc. Monte G. Pflaer, Sutherlin, Ore.
Sgt. Joseph F. Kordes, North Vandergriff, Pa.
Cpl. Gerald M. Markoski, West Conshohocken, Pa.
LCpl. Charles L. Gregory, Ormsby, Pa.
Pfc. Dennis T. Cumano, Levittown, Pa.
Pfc. James R. Morris, Easton, Pa.
Pfc. Christian H. Morrison, Philadelphia, Pa.
Cpl. Jerry R. Woodall, Greenville, S.C.

Sgt. Edward A. McKim, Dallas, Texas.
Pfc. Robert G. Chenault, Kerrville, Texas.
Pfc. William J. Powers, Ft. Worth, Texas.
LCpl. Blake W. Harris Jr., Dallas, Va.
Cpl. Michael G. Murdock, Rockford, Wash.
Pfc. Christian A. Langenfeld, Oshkosh, Wisc.

Air Force
A1C Gary R. Mikill, Miami, Okla.

DIED OF WOUNDS
Navy
HM3 John P. Hyland, Pinellas Park, Fla.
HM3 Frederick H. Beckmeyer, Mount Vernon, Ill.

Marine Corps
LCpl. Roy Hudson, Perry, Ga.
LCpl. James K. Mc Conn, Chicago, Ill.
2ndLt. Leslie A. Dickinson Jr., Patten, Maine.
2ndLt. Thomas H. Staples, Petersburg, Mich.
Pfc. Alphonzo Halman Jr., Columbia, S.C.
Sgt. Jesus R. Vasquez, El Paso, Texas.

MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE
Army
SFC Stuart H. Thomson, Cudahy, Wisc.

MISSING IN ACTION
Army
Cpl. Carl L. West
SFC Charles E. White
Sgt. Willie J. Anous
SP4 Manuel S. Flores
Pfc. Francisco Machado, Jr.

Navy
CDR Glenn E. Ankrum

Air Force
1stLt. Wallace L. Wiggins

DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army
SP4 Robert S. Miller, Lincolnton, Ga.
Maj. Herbert H. Bull Jr., Honolulu, Hawaii.
SP4 Frank A. Pope, Chicago, Ill.
Pfc. Elynn L. Brown, Hopevale, Ill.
SP4 David A. Marks, Peru, Ind.
Pfc. Arthur G. W. Walter, New Orleans, La.

Navy
1Lt. (j.g.) Peter F. Cherney, San Diego, Calif.

Marine Corps
Sgt. Clyde T. Coay, Milton Manors, Fla.

Air Force
Sgt. Leroy E. Valdez, Opa-locka, Fla.

MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE
Army
SP4 William T. Harlman, El Cajon, Calif.

MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION
Army
SP4 Robert W. Tankley

GI's Policy Aids School

AMELIA, Ohio (UPI) — Amelia High School will receive the benefits from a \$10,000 life insurance policy of a soldier who was killed in an accident in Vietnam Jan. 31.

Sgt. Clyde B. Braughton Jr., a former all-around athlete at Amelia High, named the school as his beneficiary in the policy obtained about a month before his death. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Braughton of Amelia, are the beneficiaries of his regular service life insurance policy.

Braughton, 20, a member of the 101st Airborne Div., was killed when a pistol discharged as he was handing it to another soldier.

High school officials in this southwestern Ohio town near Cincinnati said the money from Braughton's policy would go to the "Amelia High School athletic fund" as designated.

VC Terrorize Village

199th Deals Death to Red Raiders

CAMP FRENZELL-JONES, Vietnam (IO) — Over 1,000 Vietnamese have flooded back into Ho Nai Village after 199th Inf. Brigade troops swept Viet Cong raiders from the village they had terrorized during Tet attacks on the Long Binh-Bien Hoa complex.

The village, adjacent to the 199th Brigade main base camp, was infiltrated by Viet Cong who forced their way into homes, taking rice and other provisions. Several villagers were killed in the VC terror raid.

The Viet Cong used the village area as base of fire against Camp Frenzell-Jones' perimeter defense, but later found themselves trapped between the brigade defensive perimeter and counter-attacking brigade ele-

ments who blocked VC withdrawal with infantry, artillery, and helicopter gunships.

Realizing the plight of the villagers, infantrymen from the "Redcatcher" Brigade swept through the village and adjacent areas, pursuing Viet Cong, and capturing weapons and ammunition, wounded and prisoners. Scores of Viet Cong bodies were left behind in the area—part of the 527 Viet Cong killed by the 199th Brigade in the first 14 hours of the Viet Cong attack.

Even while the Viet Cong still held the village captive, medics, MP's and infantrymen from the 199th risked sniper fire on the exposed perimeter to take wounded villagers over the barbed wire fence, for treatment of wounds inflicted during the raid.

The villagers are avowed friends of the neighboring 199th Inf. Brigade. Many work as employees within Camp Frenzell-Jones. Many of the families are refugees from North Vietnam, and past victims of Viet Cong terrorism who resettled under the shadow of ARVN and U. S. military installations.

The Viet Cong infiltrated the village immediately after darkness on Wednesday as part of a campaign against the Bien Hoa-Long Binh complex. "They came into my home with their guns," a villager said after the 199th troops liberated the village. "If we did not give them what they wanted, they took the food."

"Many went to the church for refuge. There were many, many

children taken to the church when the VC came in," he said.

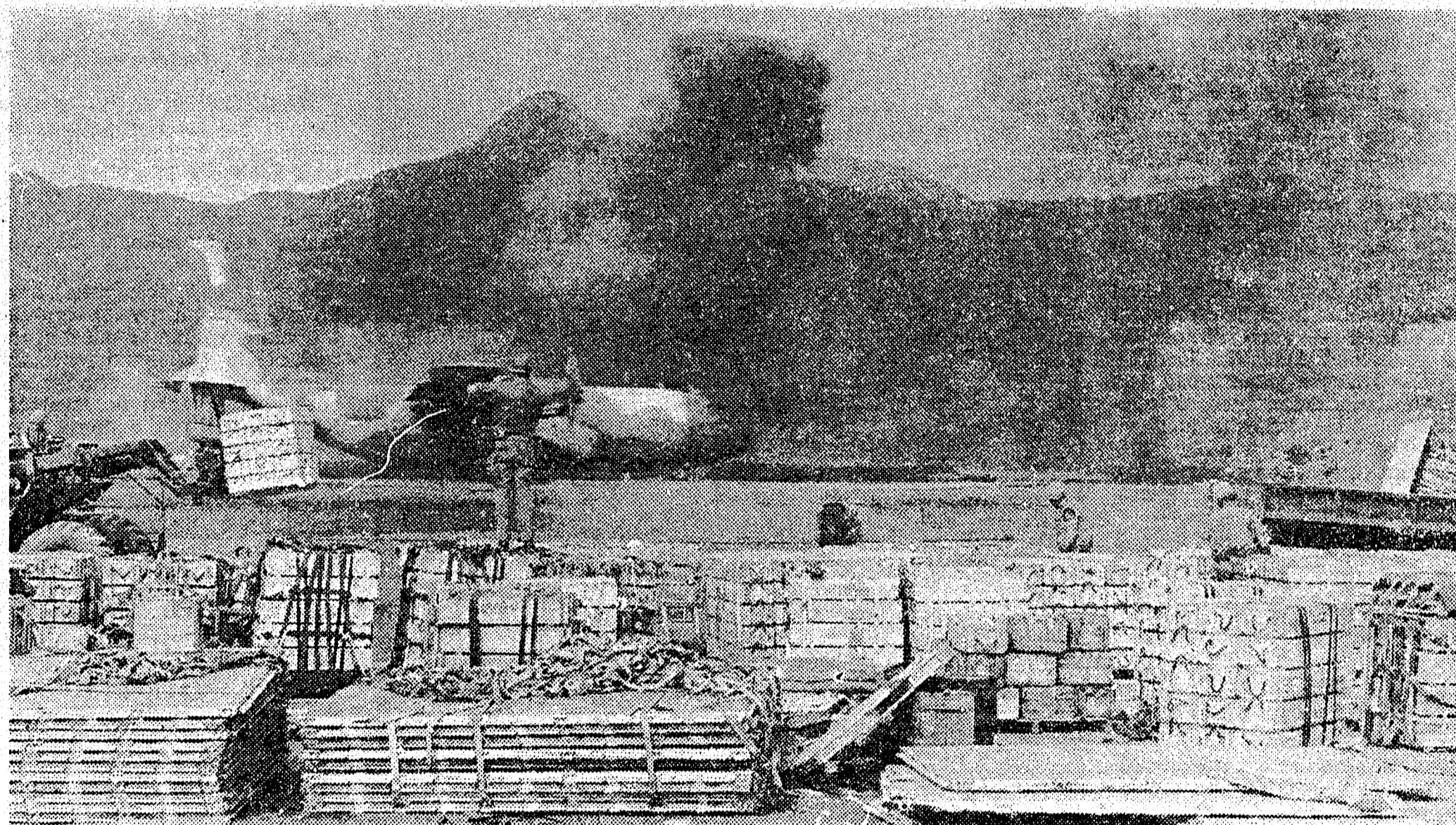
Accurate village sources reported that three villagers, realizing that refugees would need some food, went to their homes and got a small amount of provisions for the young. Viet Cong raiders caught one, and slit his throat.

Many of the Viet Cong terrorists fled the village after their plans to attack nearby Camp Frenzell-Jones and adjacent military areas failed. They went toward a plantation area near Loc Lam village to reorganize for another attack. Many were caught by blocking forces from the 199th Brigade, and by withering fire from artillery and helicopter gunships that fired into unpopulated areas on their route of retreat.

While the Viet Cong still held the village, as well as routes to the village, two small children walked to the barbed wire at the edge of the defense perimeter, beckoning to 199th soldiers in defensive positions. Two soldiers responded to the children's gestures, and learned that there were civilian wounded in need of evacuation and treatment.

Immediately, an impromptu group of 199th Brigade MP's, medics, and infantrymen passed stretchers over the barbed wire to a small group of villagers who secured their injured friends and relatives onto the stretchers. While risking sniper fire, the group of 199th troops took four injured villagers over the wire perimeter, and helped four "walking wounded" Vietnamese through the wire. All were evacuated for treatment.

As infantrymen of the 2nd Bn., 3rd Inf., 199th Light Inf. Brigade, swept through the village area and continued their pursuit, 199th Brigade Civil Affairs workers assisted villagers with medical and food support.



Jets Offer Cover Fire for Landing at Khe Sanh

Smoke rises in the background from jets putting down defensive cover as a C130 Hercules prepares for takeoff from the Marine base

at Khe Sanh. The Air Force transport had just brought in a load of ammunition. (USAF)

Trips, Finds Ammo Cache

DAU TIENG, Vietnam (IO)—Pfc. Donald Wadlington, of Abbeville, La., stumbled and uncovered a huge ammunition cache recently.

On flank security with his M60 machine gun, Wadlington and his company, C Co., 2nd Bn. (Mech), 22nd Inf. were sweeping into a Viet Cong base camp. After a short break, he shouldered his weapon and started out along the trail. Suddenly he tripped. As he landed, he felt the ground sag under his weight. He discovered that he had been tripped by the corner of a large sheet of well-camouflaged metal. When he pulled the metal sheet aside, he found the entrance to a tunnel.

Investigation of the tunnel revealed a munitions storage bunker in which a large amount of ammunition was stored.

The extensive cache held 220 82mm and 60mm mortar rounds along with 75 fuses, 101 57mm recoilless rounds, 170 RPG-2 rounds, 50 M79 rounds, 8,000 .51 caliber rounds, and 11,000 small arms rounds. An M-1 carbine, two radios, and nine telephones were also recovered.

Under Bed 6 Days In Hue

Family Hides Girl From VC

SAIGON (AP) — For six days and nights, a pert blonde British Embassy employe hid under beds with 17 Vietnamese who were protecting her from Communist troops.

Helen Bowen, 25, a 5-foot-2 assistant information attache at the embassy, arrived in Saigon with her tale of a holiday in the northern city of Hue that turned into a nightmare when Communist troops invaded the ancient city.

Miss Bowen went to Hue Jan. 29 with some Buddhist Vietnamese acquaintances to celebrate the Tet Lunar New Year.

The town was alive with exploding firecrackers set off by the residents of Hue to frighten away demons. The next night, however, the sound of firecrackers was replaced by the sound of fighting.

North Vietnamese troops attacked the city and took the radio station and the residential area where Miss Bowen was staying.

The family took Miss Bowen to a bedroom at the center of

the house and pushed three beds together.

"This has happened before," her hosts said. "It can't go on for long."

"We kept the shutters closed as we heard Viet Cong walking around the house," Miss Bowen said.

Other reports said the Communists searched many houses in the city looking for Americans and South Vietnamese government troops.

"The Viet Cong were firing at American helicopters from the house next door," she said.

Miss Bowen thought of leaving the house, fearing that she was endangering the lives of the 14 family members and three servants by her presence. But she was told by her hosts that if she showed herself, the Communist troops would probably shoot her and the whole family.

The Vietnamese and Miss Bowen hid under the beds for six days, with the three servants leaving only to get food.

"I felt I had better come to terms with myself because I did

not think I would get out alive," she said. She added that, although she speaks Vietnamese and carries a British passport she did not think she would have time to explain if the North Vietnamese found her.

But U.S. Marines finally arrived.

"They were stunned to find me, and I asked them to tell the British Embassy I was there," she said. But the Marines said everyone in the house would have to leave since there was a possibility of air strikes.

Miss Bowen was taken to a refugee center with the Vietnamese, where she said the refugees insisted on treating her to food and a place to sit in the crowded quarters.

"I shall never forget how splendid and brave that family was to shelter me although they knew that if they were found out by the Viet Cong they would all have been shot," she said.

"I owe them my life."

From the refugee camp, Miss Bowen was taken to Da Nang and then back to Saigon.

Letter Wins Honor for GI

LONG BINH, Vietnam (IO)—A soldier with the U.S. Army in Vietnam has been named one of the top three U.S. Army winners in the 1967 Freedoms Foundation Letter Awards Program.

Spec. 5 James E. Bohannon, 24, will receive a \$100 check, a George Washington Honor Medal and a trip to Valley Forge, Pa., and Washington, D.C., under the sponsorship of the Freedoms Foundation.

Bohannon, assigned here to the 856th Radio Research Det., 199th Light Inf. Brigade, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett E. Bohannon, 21 Stanwood Drive, Lebanon, Mo.

The theme of the 1967 competition was: "Freedom — My Heritage, My Responsibility."

Bohannon, a political science student at Southwest Missouri State College before he entered the Army, won his award for his opinions concerning the free world effort in the Republic of Vietnam.

NBC Engineer Killed

SAIGON (AP) — Courtney Niles, 39, of Holland, Mich., electronics engineer for the National Broadcasting Co. International, has been killed during street fighting in Hue, the company reported Saturday.

Climactic Period In War May Be Near, Rusk Says

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—Secretary of State Dean Rusk said Saturday night the Vietnam war may now be in a climactic period, and "there will be no question about the outcome" if U.S. fighting men are backed up on the home front.

Rusk also had words for the Communists over seizure of the U.S. intelligence ship *Pueblo*, saying "North Korea will make a grave error if it interprets our restraint as a lack of determination."

Battles—

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left behind 105 slain comrades, the U.S. Command said.

The Communists weren't all running, however. They continued fighting from house to house in a 20-square-block area of Cholon, the Chinese section of Saigon, and also held tenaciously to residential and business blocks around the racetrack on the western edge of the capital.

Twelve miles north of Saigon, guerrilla gunners fired 20 rounds of 122-millimeter rockets into the Bien Hoa Air Base early Sunday, killing one American and wounding 20.

In the old imperial capital of Hue, 410 miles north of Saigon, U.S. Marines continued mopping up pockets of guerrillas in the new section of the city.

Across the Perfume River, Vietnamese troops still fought to recapture the walled citadel that once was the home and fortress of Vietnam's emperors.

There were no reports of any new ground fighting at Khe Sanh in Sunday's communiques. But Associated Press correspondent Lewis M. Simons reported from Marine headquarters at Da Nang that during the last 24 hours Communist gunners slammed 125 rounds of rockets and artillery in the Marine positions.

In the provincial capital of Tan An City, in the hard-hit Mekong Delta, 25 miles south of Saigon, a Viet Cong mortar and ground attack left 25 civilians dead and 200 wounded, the U.S. Command said.

U.S. troops from the 9th Inf. Div. and South Vietnamese forces repulsed the attack, headquarters said, killing 123 enemy and capturing 35 weapons.

U.S. losses were put at four dead and 11 wounded. South Vietnamese casualties were reported by government headquarters as 15 killed and 60 wounded.

Reds Executed 300 Hue Civilians, Mayor Says

HUE, Vietnam (AP) — Communist troops invading Hue executed 300 civilians and buried them in a mass grave south of the city, the province chief said Sunday.

Lt. Col. Phan Van Khoa, who is the province chief, mayor of Hue district, said those executed were province officials, technicians, policemen and others who had been long marked for death by the Communists.

Khoa said the mass grave was in an area several miles southeast of the city, which had not yet been reached by Allied

The secretary of state was addressing a meeting of the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Rusk said there are indications the Communists in Vietnam "will launch a second attack on some cities in the near future."

"Meanwhile this is a time of trial for the South Vietnamese and their allies — it may well be the climactic period of the struggle in Southeast Asia," Rusk said.

"Beyond doubt, our magnificent fighting men and their comrades-in-arms will pass this test with flying colors. And I believe that, despite the voices of doubt and despair here and there, Americans on the home front will rise to the occasion, as they have done so often in the past."

'Ode to Billie' Grammy Hog

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — Bobbie Gentry, the young singer-composer of "Ode to Billie Joe," Sunday walked off with the most nominations for the 10th annual "Grammy" awards, the "Oscars" of the record industry.

Miss Gentry was nominated in five of the top 13 categories, including for best female performance of the year and best new artist. Her single and album of "Ode to Billie Joe" were nominated for record of the year, album of the year and song of the year.

Ed Ames and his recording of "My Cup Runneth Over" received four nominations for record of the year, album of the year, song of the year and best vocal performance by a male.

forces. At the same time, a Vietnamese civilian reported seeing from 125 to 150 Catholics being led from the city as captives Saturday.

Where the captives were being taken was unknown to the civilian, who witnessed the scene from a hiding place near a bridge which crosses a canal marking Hue's southern boundary.

American officials reported that there have been five cases of Americans executed by the Communists in Hue. The bodies were recovered with their hands bound and bullet wounds indicating execution.

In addition, one of the men had been severely mutilated.



AMERICAN SOLDIER STANDS GUARD OVER TANKS NEAR IMJIN RIVER IN SOUTH KOREA.

Fire—

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feet." "She was crying, 'Go quick and save my children! There's ten of them in there!'" said Mrs. Blair.

"I got her in the house and quieted her down," said Mrs. Blair. "Her hair was scorched. Her foot was hurting her."

"She kept walking back and forth crying, 'My ten kids, My ten kids!'"

Mrs. Blair said Mrs. Grossman told her this story: She roused the children, six boys and four girls aged 1 to 13, from their beds on the second floor and led them to the stairway. It was a mass of smoke and flames. She got them all into one room and urged them to jump through the window. They wouldn't. Mrs. Grossman jumped out and stood on the ground, pleading with them to follow.

"I imagine the smoke got to them right there," said Mrs. Blair.

"When we got there the whole place was on fire," said Clintonville Fire Chief Dewayne Moore.

"There was nothing anybody could do," said Fireman Richard Vogan. "It was done then."

The other victim of the fire was an unidentified 24-year-old man.

Mrs. Grossman was admitted to Grove City hospital for treatment of shock.

Moore said the cause of the fire wasn't known.

"It could be a coal furnace," he said, "but we don't know for sure."

Moore said some of the children moved from a first-floor bedroom to the second floor a week ago, when their father, Alfred, was buried.

Fire Kills Father And 8 Children

HOWICK, Quebec (UPI) — Nine members of one family were killed Sunday when a fire raced through a modest two-story brick house near Montreal.

Allan Champ and eight of his ten children, ranging in age from 2 to 23, perished in the blaze.

Mrs. Champ escaped carrying her 4-month-old daughter.

Another son was not at home at the time of the fire.

Vance, Park Talks On Korea Agenda

SEOUL — Cyrus R. Vance, special envoy of President Johnson, was scheduled to meet with Republic of Korea President Chung Hee Park for five hours Monday.

Vance, who arrived in South Korea Sunday, was to meet with Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., including lunch with the ROK president.

The former U.S. deputy secretary of defense was also scheduled to talk with Foreign Minister Kyu Hah Choi and Prime Minister Yi Kwon Chung Monday morning and to attend a state guest house dinner in his honor at 7 p.m. hosted by Prime Minister Chung.

Vance was slated to discuss recent North Korean hostile acts and President Johnson's proposal to Congress for an increase of \$100 million in military aid to South Korea.

Vance, sent by President Johnson to negotiate the Cyprus crisis last fall, met with U.S. Ambassador to Korea William J. Porter and United Nations forces commander Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel III on Sunday. An embassy spokesman said that it is not known when the four-man party headed by Vance will

leave the Republic of Korea.

(Meanwhile, AP reported Communist North Korea rejected a U.N. Command proposal for an open Military Armistice Commission meeting at Panmunjom Monday, a command spokesman said early Monday.

The command proposed Saturday that the meeting be held at 11 a.m. Monday to discuss "North Korean violations of the armistice agreement in and through the Demilitarized Zone."

(It was not known when the U.N. Command-proposed meeting will be held but a source said it was likely to be held Wednesday. It was not disclosed why the Communists disagreed to the U.N. Command proposal.)

Hurricane Rakes Western Samoa

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — The tiny Pacific independent state of Western Samoa was hit by a hurricane early Sunday with winds of up to 90 miles an hour.

A radio report from Apia to the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation in Wellington said hundreds of houses were destroyed or damaged and power lines throughout the country were brought down.

Latest reports from Samoa said the storm had abated and that the weather was becoming calmer.

Bridge—

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I looked down over the rail, but couldn't see anything. It was too foggy."

The cantilever arch above the bridge was blackened by the flames and one large vertical girder badly bent by the crash. Burning fuel scarred the roadway. Debris, including a large piece of wing with Navy markings, was spread over the deck.

The upper deck, which carries westbound traffic into San Francisco, was closed for 2½ hours while engineers gave it a safety check.

The traffic jam backed up about 5,000 cars.

The five-mile long bridge, third busiest in the nation, carries an average of 150,000 automobiles and trucks each day.

Terry's truck was apparently the only vehicle hit by large chunks of debris, although several drivers notified the highway patrol their cars were sprayed with oil.

World Weather

USAF Weather Central
TOKYO AREA

Monday, night: Partly cloudy, winds: Low
20
Tuesday: Cloudy, gusty winds: High 48

TEMPERATURES
Feb. 11

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Seigon	88	70	Bangkok	89	72
Seoul	25	5	Chitose	27	9
Taipei	54	46	Hazuke	39	28
Tokyo	40	20	Naha	57	54
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Albany	18	08	London	45	39
Anchorage	41	35	L.A.	63	53
Atlanta	49	28	Melbourne	77	61
Boston	31	16	Miami	68	50
Chicago	15	04	Moscow	14	0
Cincinnati	21	08	N. Orleans	66	42
Cleveland	11	04	NYC	18	0
Denver	56	21	Paris	48	38
Deloit	13	05	Phila.	20	14
Fort Worth	63	36	Phoenix	65	54
Hong Kong	70	47	Singapore	88	73
Honolulu	73	68	St. Louis	24	16
Houston	64	53	Salt Lake	51	31
Jakarta	85	73	San Fran.	57	51
Kansas City	28	22	Seattle	57	37
K. Lumpur	92	68	Sydney	80	69
			Wash.	24	16