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# KENNEDY DIES

## Police Seek Woman

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Police said Thursday they had issued an all points bulletin for a possible woman suspect in the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

Insp. Peter Hagan said officers still believed only one person was involved in the shooting, but didn't want to overlook any possibility.

The case was not considered closed yet, said Hagan, press liaison officer for Chief Tom Reddin.

The bulletin was issued Wednesday after a Kennedy campaign worker told police that a woman in a polka dot dress ran from the Ambassador Hotel early Wednesday at about the time an assassin fired eight

## Autopsy Data to Go To Jury

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Dist. Atty. Evelle J. Younger will seek a grand jury murder indictment Friday against a Jordanian immigrant accused of shooting Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"I think the presentations will take all day, and it may well be a long day," Younger told a jammed news conference Thursday.

"Every bit of evidence on the autopsy will be presented to the grand jury and later introduced into the trial—I say every bit."

Younger said he presumed counsel for the suspected gunman, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, 24, had notified him of Kennedy's death. "We have not," he added.

Sirhan, seized moments after the senator was felled early Wednesday with two bullet wounds, had been charged with

## Flags at Half-Staff

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson has ordered the American flag to be flown at half-staff throughout the world — on the battlefields in Vietnam, on all ships at sea and at U.S. missions and embassies abroad — until the interment of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy late Saturday.



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LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Robert F. Kennedy joined his brother in death by assassination Thursday and mourners began the long journey with the body toward its resting place beside the late President John F. Kennedy in Arlington Cemetery.

The senator's casket was flown to New York aboard President Johnson's Air Force One jet. There the body will lie in state Friday at St. Patrick's Cathedral before the funeral mass and the trip to Arlington for burial on Saturday.

Kennedy, 42, died at 1:44 a.m. PDT (5:44 p.m. JST, 4.44 p.m. Vietnam time) Thursday, 25 hours after he was hit by bullets fired in the Ambassador Hotel. The accused assassin was seized at the scene.

The departure of the plane carrying his body was delayed until 1:28 p.m. while authorities and pathologists conducted a six-hour autopsy. The post mortem was long and meticulous because authorities were determined to avoid the kind of controversy that still stirs over the slaying of his brother in Dallas.

A cortege of a hearse and nine cars with motorcycle escorts left Good Samaritan Hospital, where Kennedy died in the intensive care ward.

The widow, Ethel Kennedy, who had maintained her composure through the ordeal of the assassination, rode in the front limousine for the 20-mile trip from the hospital to the airport. With her was Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy who 4½ years ago rode in a similar sorrowing procession that carried her slain husband.

Several hundred persons

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Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (right) comforts Mrs. Robert Kennedy as they and other members of the Kennedy family board a lift at Los Angeles Airport to be put aboard a presidential jet. The slain senator's casket is with them on the lift. At left is Robert Kennedy's daughter Kathleen, 16. The senator's body will lie in state in New York. (AP Radiophoto)

## Approve Westy As Army Chief

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate confirmed by routine voice vote Thursday the nomination of Gen. William C. Westmoreland, U.S. commander in Vietnam, as new Army chief-of-staff.

The Senate also approved the retirement of Army Chief-of-Staff Harold K. Johnson with the permanent rank of general.

Westmoreland's nomination was unanimously approved earlier by the Senate Armed Services Committee.

## Another Near Westy's House

# Rocket Hits Hospital in Saigon

SAIGON (AP) — A dozen enemy rockets ripped into Saigon early Friday with one bursting in a hospital and another hitting only 100 yards from the house of Gen. William C. Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces in Vietnam, who is in Washington.

An Army guard at Westmoreland's residence said no one was injured there.

The Vietnamese military command said first casualty reports from the barrage that began at 3 a.m. listed two civilians killed and eight wounded.

It was not immediately known if there were any casualties at the Binh Dan hospital.

Another round fell near Tan Son Nhut AB, setting a fire there, a government spokesman said. No rounds hit inside the sprawling airfield, however, according to the U.S. command.

Within minutes after the first rounds hit, U.S. and Vietnamese Air Force planes scrambled from Tan Son Nhut to join in the search for the Viet Cong rocket positions.

(Earlier, *Pacific Stars and Stripes'* Vietnam Bureau reported government forces had cleared the enemy from its last stronghold in the battle-scarred Cholon section of Saigon, the U.S. Mission said.

(Thirty Viet Cong, including a local force battalion commander, were killed in a bloody four-hour battle as Vietnamese troops seized what spokesmen

said was the last enemy-held building in the section.

(The fight began at 7 p.m. following another night of shelling in which six rounds hit within the city. At least one Vietnamese civilian was killed and 11 were wounded. U.S. spokesmen did not identify the shells, but ARVN sources said they were the big 122mm rockets.

(Other light action in Saigon brought to 64 the total enemy killed in the capital from

Wednesday to noon Thursday. Rangers sweeping Cholon Thursday afternoon also found the bodies of 85 enemy who were killed in earlier fighting.)

(Ground action Wednesday was centered in Quang Nam and Quang Tin provinces to the north.

(U.S. Marines from the 26th and 27th Regimental Landing Teams killed 23 enemy in a five-hour chase and fight 12 miles northwest of Hoi An. Companies from both teams flanked

the enemy force of unknown size and maneuvered it into a trap.

(Tactical aircraft, artillery and gunship strikes were called in as the Marines continued the attack until the enemy withdrew.

(U.S. casualties were one killed and 28 wounded.

(In a four-hour battle nine miles southwest of Tam Ky, troops from the 1st Cav., Americal Div. killed 17 enemy while suffering no casualties.)

# Laos Air Crashes Kill 17

VIENTIANE, Laos (UPI)—Seventeen persons have been killed in two military air crashes in Laos, it was revealed Thursday.

The separate crashes took place over the weekend.

On Sunday a DC3 with five crewmen and six passengers aboard disappeared in bad weather en route to Ban Houei Sai on the Thai border about 250 miles northeast of Vientiane. The aircraft had taken off from the Laotian royal capital of Luang Prabang.

The plane is believed to have gone down about 25 miles south of Luang Prabang in Pathet Lao territory. No wreckage has been sighted, but hope has been given up for survivors.

On Monday a Laotian Air Force helicopter with seven aboard crashed into a mountain in southern Laos en route from Savannakhet to Muong Huong about 60 miles to the southwest. Only one survivor was reported.

## U.S. Death Toll For Week: 438

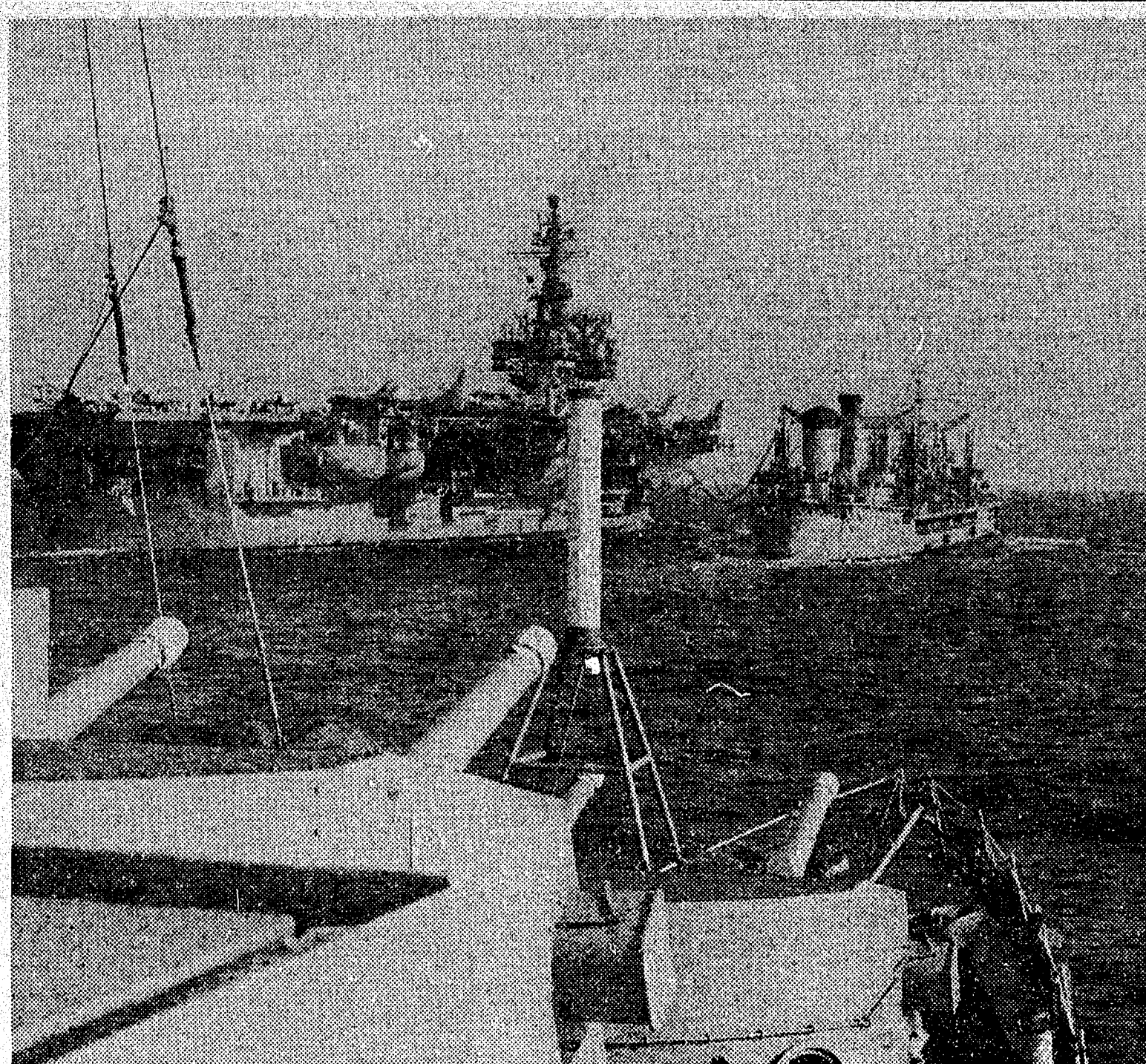
SAIGON (AP) — The U.S. Military Command reported Thursday that 438 Americans were killed in action last week, a small increase over the previous week.

The command said 3,870 U.S. troops were wounded, well above the previous week's figure of 2,687.

Allied forces killed 3,237 Viet Cong and North Vietnamese soldiers last week, a drop from the previous week's total of 3,867, the command said.

## Cutter Has Big Day

SAIGON (S&S) — U.S. Navy and Coast Guard craft Wednesday destroyed or damaged 44 enemy fortifications and 31 sampans in the Mekong Delta. The Coast Guard cutter *Androscoquin* reported 39 fortifications and 24 sampans destroyed or damaged in An Xuyen province, 135 miles southwest of Saigon.



## Kitty Hawk Makes a Gas Stop

The destroyer USS *Borie* approaches the oiler *Hawk* in the Tonkin Gulf off the coast of Vietnam. (USN)

## Jets Boost Panhandle Missions

S&S Vietnam Bureau

SAIGON — Taking advantage of clearing skies Wednesday over the southern Panhandle, U.S. pilots flew 130 missions over North Vietnam, their highest total in two weeks.

It was the most missions since May 24, when 136 strikes were aimed into the limited area across the Demilitarized Zone.

Pilots flew through light to moderate antiaircraft fire to hit enemy supply points and traffic routes. They caused 11 secondary explosions and 20 large fires.

Air Force F4 Phantoms also knocked out four antiaircraft positions 30 miles northwest of Dong Hoi.

Navy crews, flying from U.S. 7th Fleet carriers, flew 75 missions, mostly near the city of Vinh.

In South Vietnam, Air Force B-52s mounted five missions against enemy troop concentrations and supply areas between 52 and 55 miles northwest of Saigon. They also blasted enemy positions twice eight miles south of the Khe Sanh combat base.

## 2 Copters Hit; 4 Die

SAIGON (S&S) — Four helicopter crewmen were killed and four others injured Wednesday when two Army UH1 Hueys were shot down in South Vietnam. One went down seven miles southwest of My Tho in Dinh Tuong Province, killing the crew. The other was hit 13 miles northwest of Tam Ky. The crewmen were injured.

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

### KILLED IN ACTION

**Army**  
Sgt. Douglas R. Sutton, Chancellor, Ala.  
2Lt. Harold J. Clifford, South San Francisco, Calif.  
Sp4 Francis J. Hefner, Vallejo, Calif.  
Cpl. Richard Ferralez, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Pfc. Kenneth R. Hellman, San Mateo, Calif.  
Pfc. David E. Watkins, Los Alamitos, Calif.  
Sp4 Frank March Jr., Cocoa, Fla.  
SSG William A. Griffis, Pearson, Ga.  
Cpl. Ronald W. Herren, Marietta, Ga.  
Sp4 Michael E. Ford, Quincy, Ill.  
Cpl. John R. Lindel, Lisle, Ill.  
Cpl. Frank W. Garapolo, Chicago, Ill.  
Pfc. Thomas H. Nerini, Lafayette, Ind.  
Pfc. Ronald L. Smith, Beech Grove, Ind.  
Cpl. Carroll R. Meier, Logan, Iowa.  
Pfc. Henry R. Claussen, Palmer, Iowa.  
Sic. George N. Walker, Adolphus, Ky.  
Pfc. Kelly Fields, Pikeville, Ky.  
Pfc. Ernest C. Williams Jr., Thibodaux, La.  
Sgt. Fidele J. Bastarache, Gardner, Mass.  
SSG Sterling H. Hill, Selbridge AFB, Mich.  
Pfc. Ollie L. Sauls Jr., Detroit, Mich.  
Pfc. Nicholas W. Charles, Muskegon, Mich.  
Sgt. Lloyd L. Willard, Bemidji, Minn.  
Pfc. Gerrit L. Blanksma, Pequot Lake, Minn.  
Sp4 Bernell Taylor, Magnolia, Miss.  
Pfc. Larry J. Burkhardt, Billings, Mont.  
Sgt. Eugene G. O'Connell, Edgewater, N.J.  
Cpl. Anthony Da Ponte, Freehold, N.J.  
Cpl. Michael J. Fallon, Jersey City, N.J.  
Cpl. Rollin R. Austin, Estantle, N.M.  
Sgt. Thomas R. Maloney, Bronx, N.Y.  
Pfc. Daniel J. Flynn, Kings Park, N.Y.  
Sgt. Gene E. Honcharoff, Aux, N.D.  
SSG Robert L. Smith, Chillicothe, Ohio.

Sp4 Wayne A. Painter, Ft. Recovery, Ohio.  
Cpl. Linwood Gough, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Sic. James L. Thomas, Columbia, S.C.  
Cpl. Sam H. Boyd, Fort Mill, S.C.  
Sp5 Carl T. McCoy Jr., Memphis, Tenn.  
Sp4 Douglas Carter Jr., Dallas, Tex.  
Sp4 Roy L. Brager, Dallas, Tex.  
Pfc. Ted O. Brazzel, San Antonio, Tex.  
Cpl. George W. Burr, Koosharem, Utah.  
Sp4 Lewis D. Lamkin, Collinsville, Va.  
Pfc. Carl H. Sexton Jr., Damascus, Va.  
Sp4 Bruce H. Dyer, South Kent, Wash.  
Sp4 Ransom C. Cyr, Mercer Island, Wash.  
Cpl. Bobby L. Wheeler, Hamlin, W.Va.  
Pfc. Robert E. Zeske, Milwaukee, Wis.

### Marine Corps

Sgt. Charles W. Haskell, Columbia, Calif.  
LCpl. Ronald J. Shewman, San Dimas, Calif.  
Pfc. Charles Byrd, San Jose, Calif.  
Pfc. Gary W. Purcell, Torrance, Calif.  
Pfc. Stephen L. Bean, Torrington, Conn.  
Cpl. Craig B. Hall, Sarasota, Fla.  
Pfc. Charles M. Chessner, Crestview, Fla.  
Pvt. John G. Komers, Miami, Fla.  
2Lt. Joseph T. Laslie Jr., Attapulgus, Fla.  
Pfc. Davis F. Brown, Savannah, Ga.  
Pfc. Willie J. Foster, Westpoint, Ga.  
LCpl. Leroy Palmer, Chicago, Ill.  
Pfc. Melvin Divens, Chicago, Ill.  
LCpl. Larry J. Pierson, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Pfc. Leonard A. Roy, Alexandria, Ind.  
Capt. Robert E. Harris, Russell, Ky.  
Pfc. Jerry L. Hilbert, Louisville, Ky.  
Cpl. John C. Seebode, Morgan City, La.  
LCpl. Arthur A. Crowell, Unity, Maine.  
Cpl. Paul R. Theriault, Cambridge Mass.  
Pfc. Richard J. Allen, Grand Rapids, Mich.  
Pfc. Robert J. Meagher, Katamazoo, Mich.  
LCpl. Joseph D. Mack, Macon, Miss.  
Pfc. Anthony Knoll, St. Louis Mo.  
Pfc. Charles E. McMullin, Willard, Mo.  
LCpl. Paul Lewis, Saugerties, N.Y.  
Pfc. Clarence J. Baldwin, Cherry Valley, N.Y.  
Pfc. Frank T. Nevidomsky, Auburn, N.Y.  
Pfc. Larry Stern, Bronx, N.Y.  
SSgt. James Thurmond, Cleveland, Ohio.

LCpl. Thomas W. Dullk, Cleveland, Ohio.  
LCpl. Nicholas S. Vrankovich, Beaver Falls, Pa.  
Pfc. William O. Adams Jr., Greenwood, S.C.  
Cpl. James D. Bowers, Johnson City, Tenn.  
Pfc. Dwight W. Carroll, Springfield, Tenn.  
Cpl. James H. Jackson, San Antonio, Tex.  
LCpl. Rolando Hernandez, Corpus Christi, Tex.  
Pfc. Jose Davila, Chapman Ranch, Tex.  
Pfc. Larry J. Sinegal, Houston, Tex.  
LCpl. Jeffery A. Goss, Orem, Utah.  
Pfc. Don C. Williamson, Utah.  
LCpl. Roger D. Williams, Roanoke, Va.  
LCpl. Nikola Babich, Milwaukee, Wis.  
LCpl. Dennis D. Wehrs, LaCrosse, Wis.

### DIED OF WOUNDS

**Marine Corps**  
Cpl. Billy J. McCarty, Semmes, Ala.  
LCpl. Frederick J. Perkins, Somerville, Mass.  
Pfc. Jerry A. Longline, International Falls, Minn.  
LCpl. Jimmy L. Moore, Greenville, S.C.

### MISSING TO DEAD—HOSTILE

**Army**  
Sgt. Kenneth R. Wilson, Denver, Colo.  
Pfc. Lawrence F. Turner, Stuart, Fla.  
Sp4 Benjamin T. Falck, Frankfort, Ind.  
Sp4 Robert E. Quick, Elkhart, Ind.  
Sgt. Richard C. Coleman, Henderson, Ky.  
Sgt. Joseph Adams, New Orleans, La.  
Sp4 John P. Edwards, Baltimore, Md.  
1Lt. Michael A. Smoger, Two Harbors, Minn.  
Sgt. Ronald R. Wallace, Ivanhoe, Minn.  
Pfc. Gary M. Meier, Lake Crystal, Minn.  
Pfc. Joseph A. Sommerhauser, St. Paul, Minn.  
Sp4 David W. Smith, Kansas City, Mo.  
Pfc. George C. Robertson, Fremont, Neb.  
Pfc. John D. Matthews, Coinjock, N.C.  
Sp4 Harry W. Johnson, Dayton, Ohio.  
Sp4 Sherman J. Baulware, Columbus, Ohio.  
2Lt. John P. Brown, Bend, Ore.  
Sgt. Alton Boyce, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Sp4 William F. Julius III, Erie, Pa.  
1Lt. Sylvia L. White, Belton, Tex.

Sp4 Francis M. Webster, Salt Lake City, Utah.  
Pfc. Michael E. Ludwig, Alexandria, Va.  
SSG Antonio Lopez Jr., Moses Lake, Wash.

### MISSING IN ACTION

**Army**  
Cpt. Anthony G. Prior  
Sgt. Thomas H. Goodman Jr.  
Sgt. Michael W. Braun  
Sgt. Jaime Villalobos  
Sgt. Billy R. Brown  
Sp4 Jesse J. Armwood  
Sp4 John W. Graser  
Sp4 David A. Jackson  
Sp4 John L. Ramsey  
Sp4 Merl R. Meadows  
Pfc. John H. Anderson Jr.  
Pfc. Bernard F. Yarbinitz  
Pfc. James L. Harris  
Pfc. Joseph J. Passavanti III  
Pfc. William M. Levendis  
**Air Force**  
1Lt. Lewis P. Smith II  
**DIED NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**  
**Army**  
Sp4 Gary E. Becker, LaGrange Park, Ill.  
Pfc. Guzzelt B. Brunson Jr., Chicago, Ill.  
Pfc. John C. Smith Jr., Chicago, Ill.  
Pvt. Luke A. Smith Jr., Chicago, Ill.  
Pfc. Nathaniel Halliburton Jr., Waco, Tex.  
Sgt. Billy M. Brister, Groveton, Tex.  
1Lt. Arthur M. Parker III, St. Marys, W.Va.  
**Marine Corps**  
LCpl. Melvin D. Decow, Dennis, Kan.  
**Air Force**  
1Lt. Joseph P. Logan Jr., Winthrop, Mass.  
SSgt. Daniel J. Weixel, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
**MISSING TO DEAD—NON HOSTILE**  
**Army**  
SFC Samuel J. Padgett, Tulsa, Okla.  
**MISSING NOT AS A RESULT OF HOSTILE ACTION**  
**Navy**  
FN Dennis M. Sollenberger  
AMEAN Michael J. Moon  
**CORRECTION**  
Pfc. Anthony D. Hatcher, USA, Change status from killed in action to died not as a result of hostile action.

# Casualties in Vietnam

# 1st Air Guardsmen in Viet Prove 'Pros' in Combat

By SGT. ROGER A. NEUMANN  
S&S Staff Correspondent

PHAN RANG, Vietnam — On a quiet day at Buckley Air National Guard Base in Denver, scattered groups of relatives stood near the base operations building.

As F100 pilots listened to pre-flight briefings, maintenance crews made final checks of the aircraft.

A few photographers snapped pictures, and relatives waved to the pilots as the Supersabre jets taxied to the runway. Then the supersonic fighters were gone.

Without fanfare, the 120th Tactical Fighter Sq. went to war. The squadron's destination was classified until the planes touched down at Phan Rang AB, and only then did Colorado learn that it was represented by the first Air National Guard unit in Vietnam.

Giant C141 carriers hauled more than 300 airmen, noncommissioned officers and officers to Phan Rang, and the 120th began operating as the fourth F100 squadron in the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing.

The 614th Tactical Fighter Sq. was host to the new unit. Lt. Col. Tom Knoles, commander of the 614th, headed a welcoming committee on hand when Lt. Col. Robert C. Cherry, commander of the 120th, led the F100s into their new base.

"We wanted them to know that we're glad to have them as a part of the regular Air Force," Knoles said. "They made it easy; they're real pros."

Cherry flew in his first combat sortie as the rear-seat observer in Knoles' F100F and watched 614th pilots blast enemy positions.

"Those guys are fantastic," he said. "They hit all targets right on the money. It'll be a tough act to follow, but we'll do our best."

The 120th pilots didn't have to wait long to show what they could do. During the latest Communist offensive, the former Guardsmen were assigned missions in the Saigon-Bien Hoa area.

Any doubts about their abilities were quickly erased.

"For the first week or two, they could do no wrong," said a wing staff officer. "They hit everything they went after. They were just terrific."

Cherry was pleased with the



Lt. Col. Tom Knoles (left), commander of the 614th Tactical Fighter Sq., briefs Lt. Col. Robert C. Cherry, commander of the Air National Guard 120th Tactical Fighter Sq. (S&S)



## Watch Over a Convoy

Pfc. William E. Shipton keeps a sharp lookout as a convoy moves to his unit's forward base camp. Shipton of Phoenix, Ariz., is a member of B Co., 1st Bn. (Airborne), 508th Inf., 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Div. (USA)

## A Sense of Humor Helps the Chaplain

CAMP EAGLE, Vietnam (AP) — Looking at the bright side of things, Chaplain Libby fingered the shrapnel holes in his fatigues and punned feebly: "I guess you could say we are holey today."

Chaplain (Maj.) B.W. Libby of Dumas, Tex., and his youthful assistant of only one week, Jerry Knoepfel of Jacksonville, Fla., had undergone a trying night.

Now, they were sort of cleaning up the wreckage of their shell-shattered tent and displaying Christian fortitude toward the GI humor directed at them by a stream of sympathizers.

Certainly, there hadn't been much humor the night before. A beefed up company of Viet Cong sappers had attacked the base camp of the 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Div. Perhaps 30 Viet Cong had broken through the outer wire and set up a rocket grenade position barely 50 yards from the chaplain's tent. Some of the enemy troopers had actually been on top of the chaplain's small bunker.

And for almost an hour, until they were driven back, the Viet Cong were all around, and unlikely to note in the darkness that the chaplain was technically a noncombatant.

But in the bright sunlight of the morning the GIs couldn't resist joking at the expense of

the burly, 31-year-old chaplain, whose reputation for never carrying a gun was well known in the brigade. The idea of the chaplain and his assistant, clad only in shorts, diving into a bunker and being scared to death for an hour somehow touched the GIs' funnybone.

So Libby and 19-year-old Knoepfel went along with the jokes and made some halfhearted sallies of their own.

Had the chaplain lost his temper during the attack and perhaps used un-Christian language, a jovial visitor asked?

"I'm afraid I would have," chaplain Libby admitted, "but with them prowling all over the bunker and all around us, we just kept silent."

He admitted to speaking rather sharply to Knoepfel. Since chaplains do not carry weapons, it is one of the duties of a chaplain's assistant to protect them. Knoepfel, however, had dived for the bunker when the shells started to explode and left his rifle behind.

"He's just been here for a week and it was his sad awakening," the chaplain said.

"It was the first time in my life that I had been shot at," added Knoepfel. "I can say that I don't like it. I kept telling myself 'you are not afraid, you are not afraid,' and I kept answering myself 'I'm scared, I'm scared.' Let's face it, I was scared."

And during that time, the Methodist chaplain prayed and was somehow thankful that his sandy-haired young assistant was also a Methodist.

"That makes it cozy when you are in a bunker praying together," the chaplain smiled. "You know that your prayers are on the same channel."

## Fear 30 Lost on Ferry

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — At least 30 people were feared drowned when an overloaded ferry was caught in a monsoon and capsized on the Ganges River near Diamond Harbor Village, about 45 miles southwest of Calcutta, police reported.

## Hanoi Turns to 'New Math' To Back Up Battle Claims

By BOB CUTTS  
S&S Correspondent

SAIGON — North Vietnam, balancing up the ledger of its recent winter-spring campaign in the South, found itself forced to use some strange "new math" to come up with the right answers, it seems.

Hanoi news media, say U.S. military spokesmen, have been releasing accounts of "tremendous victories" in the South that, on closer scrutiny, turn out not to be quite so tremendous, or even victories.

One of three incidents cited by the spokesmen was a May 28 claim that 1,000 U.S. military men had been killed by "libera-

tion forces" in a May 27 battle in the Delta's Kien Hoa Province.

By U.S. accounting, Hanoi was 997 off the count — one soldier and two sailors died in a day-long battle on a river east of My Tho. The "liberators" lost 23 killed and three captured.

A more conservative claim was that 400 American and Filipino troops were "wiped out" May 22 in a "victorious" attack on the 25th Inf. Div.'s base camp.

A slightly closer look reveals that an early morning mortar and ground attack on the 25th's 1st Brigade, 58 miles northwest

of Saigon, took seven American lives and wounded 19 GIs (there were no Filipino losses). The "victors," however, left 32 bodies behind, still outside the perimeter wire.

Still another Radio Hanoi claim said 105 U.S. troops fell victim to the wrath of Ho Chi Minh May 14, near Trang Bang City. The facts were that a 25th Inf. Div. unit was attacked by the enemy on May 15, and lost five troopers killed and 20 wounded. Eighty-two Reds died exacting that "victory."

Perhaps the most noticeable change was felt by Sgt. Gene Hoffman, who came to Vietnam with the 120th but now works at the legal office of the 35th Combat Support Group.

When called to active duty, Hoffman was a deputy district attorney in Denver, a post he had held for two years. Knowing his active tour could last for two years, he was relieved that he would go to Vietnam.

"I think most of the men felt the same way," he said. "It was a relief to know where we were going and that we would be doing something worthwhile."

# LBJ Proclaims National Day of Mourning

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anguish was sharpened by angry frustration in an outpouring of tributes Thursday to the assassinated Sen. Robert F. Kennedy as President Johnson proclaimed Sunday a day of national mourning.

The President called on a nation stunned by the third assassination of a major national figure in five years to "join hands and walk together through this dark night of common anguish into a new dawn of healing unity."

"A noble and compassionate leader, a good and faithful servant of the people, in the full vigor of his promise, lies dead from an assassin's bullet," the proclamation said.

"The tragedy and the senseless violence of Robert F. Kennedy's death casts a deep shadow of grief across America and the world."

The Kingdom of Jordan—native country of the man accused of the slaying—issued a statement through its embassy in

Washington expressing its deep sense of grief and shock.

Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey said the country has lost "a great American, a man of deep concern, compassion and personal commitment."

"May our nation find the strength, the faith and the wisdom to dispel the forces of irrational hate among us and to replace them with love of man and God," Humphrey added.

Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy of Wisconsin, loser to Kennedy in California's Democratic presidential primary on the eve of the murder, said words could do little to help the bereaved Kennedy family. But he went on:

"Let us seek to comfort them by our quiet mourning, our rejection of violence and reprisal, and by offering renewed dedication to the cause of peace and reconciliation which Kennedy served."

But outrage and frustration welled up in the statements of many who awoke Thursday to the shocking news.

"The nation recoils with horror over the second assassination in the Kennedy family," said the Senate's Republican leader, Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois. "What an astounding commentary upon violence in the land."

"I am shocked, dismayed, saddened and angry," said Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, D-Wash. "... But you can't condemn 200 million people for the actions of a handful of the mentally deranged."

"Oh, my God, this is awful. It's awful," exclaimed Gov. Ronald Reagan of California when he was awakened to the news.

Vice President Richard M. Nixon ordered his New York presidential campaign office to remain closed through "this period of sorrow" and said: "His death is a terrible tragedy both for a family and a nation which have known too many such tragedies in recent times"

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, who—like all the other presidential aspirants—has suspended campaigning, deplored "an unspeakable tragedy and a terrible loss to the nation." He proclaimed Sunday a day of mourning in New York for "all the citizens of this state, whom he so diligently served."

The tragedy was seen by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman as illuminating a national challenge. "His death—following as it does the martyrdom of the late president and the Rev. Martin Luther King—now must pose for all of us an unrelenting challenge to resolve the conflicts that so divide us," Freeman said.

"By rising to that challenge we can serve the nation as we honor their memories."



President Johnson addresses the nation on television from the White House on the assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (AP Radiophoto)

## McNamara Makes Plans for Funeral

WASHINGTON (AP)—Former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara will take charge of funeral arrangements for Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

McNamara, now president of the World Bank, flew to Germany Wednesday on the first leg of a trip that was to have taken him to Indonesia, but he turned back at Frankfurt and was due in New York Thursday night.

The former Pentagon chief, a close friend of the Kennedy family for more than seven years, played a major role in selecting the gravesite for President John F. Kennedy at Arlington National Cemetery.

Robert Kennedy also will be buried at Arlington.

The tentative arrangements were announced to newsmen at Good Samaritan Hospital by Pierre Salinger, a campaign aide to the slain presidential candidate and former press secretary to the late President Kennedy.

Salinger said members of the Kennedy family and friends, including Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr., would fly with the body to New York City later Thursday. The body will lie in

state at St. Patrick's Cathedral between about 8 a.m. and 10 p.m., EDT, Friday, Salinger announced.

A Roman Catholic funeral mass will be conducted for Sen. Kennedy at St. Patrick's Saturday morning.

The body then will be taken by train to Washington and will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in the same plot where an eternal flame burns over the grave of his assassinated brother, President Kennedy.

Salinger said the funeral procession Saturday likely will move from Washington's Union Station, at the foot of Capitol Hill, past the Senate Office Building where Kennedy worked, and the Justice Department, where he served under his late brother as U.S. attorney general.

The burial was expected to be at about 5:30 p.m., Salinger said. Salinger noted that plans still are being formulated and times are not precise.

## Woman—

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shots at Kennedy.

"We shot him," Miss Sandy Serrano said the woman told her.

Police described the woman in their bulletin as a white female, 23 to 27 years old, 5-foot-6, wearing a white voile dress with three-quarter sleeves, and small black polka dots.

Miss Serrano, a 20-year-old Youth for Kennedy worker from nearby Pasadena, explained in a television interview after the shooting that she had gone out on a hotel terrace as Kennedy began his speech claiming victory in Tuesday's California Democratic presidential primary.

"A girl came running down the steps and said, 'We shot him!'" Miss Serrano said. A man allegedly was with the girl.

"Who did you shoot? Who did you shoot?" Miss Serrano said she asked.

"We shot Senator Kennedy," was the answer, she reported.

Miss Serrano said she had seen the pair earlier in the evening with another man, but the latter was not with them when they left the hotel.

## RFK's Body Flown to N.Y.

(Continued From Page 1) gathered outside the hospital for a farewell to the senator who was struck down in his moment of political victory in the California presidential primary.

Some threw flowers, but the crowd was grimly quiet, in stark contrast to the cheering, applauding Kennedy supporters who greeted him here only a few weeks ago by tearing at his clothes, musing his hair and pulling off his shoes.

About 15 motorcycle officers accompanied the motorcade over the Los Angeles freeway system to the airport where another crowd of about 1,000 was waiting.

Members of the Kennedy family accompanied the casket aboard the rear of the plane on a lift vehicle. Other members of the group went up a portable stairway at the front.

For Pierre Salinger, a Kennedy aide and former press secretary to the late President Kennedy, the flight aboard this presidential plane was especially poignant—it was the craft carrying him to Japan when he received word of the President's assassination in November, 1963.

The formal autopsy bulletin by Coroner Dr. Thomas Noguchi said:

"The cause of death is ascribed by me as a gunshot wound of the right mastoid penetrating the brain."

Noguchi said the brain had been removed and kept for further pathological study.

He said the autopsy had shown that surgery by the team which tried to save Kennedy's life was "amazing and very delicate."

Many persons were crying as the plane taxied down the runway. A white youth put his arm around a sobbing Negro wo-

man, trying to comfort her.

During the wait for completion of the autopsy and embalming, Sen. Edward Kennedy—now the only brother left to carry the political banner—picked out a mahogany casket. It was covered with maroon draping.

Present at the time the senator died, in addition to Edward, Ethel and Jacqueline Kennedy, were the oldest son, Joseph, 15; sisters, Mrs. Stephen Smith and Patricia Lawford; Stephan Smith and Msgr. William McCormack of St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York.

Salinger said the widow "bore up well."

A party of 71 friends and aides was invited to board the plane for New York. Among them was the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, who had a long conversation with Jacqueline Kennedy during the wait at the hospital.

Others invited aboard the presidential plane represented the fields of government, politics, the arts, show business and sports.

Among them were James Whittaker, first American to climb Mt. Everest; Rafer Johnson, former Olympic decathlon star, and Roosevelt Grier, the 300-pound Los Angeles Rams tackle. Johnson and Grier were at Kennedy's side when he was mortally wounded.

Also Burke Marshall, former deputy U.S. attorney general in charge of civil rights enforcement under Kennedy; Charles Evers, Mississippi NAACP officer and brother of assassinated civil rights worker Medgar Evers; singer Andy Williams and his wife, actress Claudine Longet; author George Plimpton and Jesse Unruh, chairman of Kennedy's California campaign.

## Full Data on Autopsy

(Continued From Page 1) six counts of assault with intent to commit murder. Kennedy's death made a new legal move necessary by Younger.

Besides seeking the murder indictment, Younger said he would ask that Sirhan be charged with five counts of assault with intent to commit murder for others hurt in the burst of gunfire.

He announced an autopsy on the senator's body lasted five hours. Three specialists from Washington joined in the post mortem by the coroner and two assistants.

"No finer team had ever been assembled," said Younger, adding that the presence of the

specialists from the nation's capital had been suggested by Coroner Thomas T. Noguchi.

In Washington, a Justice Department spokesman said no decision had been made on taking over the prosecution. He said the department would only take over if it was felt the state's case was weak.

For any court appearances, Younger said, strong security measures will be ordered for Sirhan because "many people around here would want to eliminate him."

"We would not be opposed to a valid request for a change of venue," Younger added, "but I feel the defendant can get a fair trial in Los Angeles."

## World Weather

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Chitose	68	43	Saigon	93	79
Guam	83	76	Seoul	81	55
Hakone	78	59	Taipei	86	72
Manila	90	77	Tokyo	79	64
Naha	75	70			
	H	L		H	L
Albany	85	49	Louisville	85	58
Albu'que	90	58	Melbourne	56	45
Amarillo	82	61	Memphis	90	69
Atlanta	84	64	Miami	88	75
B'ingham	89	70	Milwaukee	86	61
Bismarck	66	53	Moscow	75	59
Boise	75	51	N. Orleans	89	74
Boston	82	56	NYC	83	59
Chicago	83	68	N. Platte	88	62
Cincinnati	85	57	Okl. City	81	65
Cleveland	81	53	Omaha	90	71
Denver	88	47	Paris	70	52
Des Moines	90	68	Phila.	83	56
Detroit	84	54	Phoenix	101	70
Duluth	77	58	Pittsburgh	81	50
Fairbanks	64	47	Port., O.	75	51
Fargo	75	58	Rapid City	71	51
Fort Worth	87	70	Reno	59	51
Hong Kong	85	73	Singapore	88	77
Honolulu	89	74	St. Louis	88	61
Houston	86	71	St. Paul	90	70
Ind'polis	82	60	Salt Lake	65	52
Jack'ville	78	74	S. Antonio	90	69
Jakarta	95	73	San Diego	67	61
Kansas City	—	73	San Fran.	58	53
K. Lumpur	93	73	Seattle	74	50
Las Vegas	88	77	Shreveport	91	71
London	64	54	Sydney	61	48
L.A.	67	61	Tucson	94	74
			Wash.	83	58