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MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TOP SECRET FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED
FOR THESE SPECIAL OPERATIONS WITHOUT ANY ACCOUNTING.

WHO GOT WHAT & WHY REMAINS UNANSWERED !

U.S.A. MIA'S. A Sinister Twist- Veterans News, 1996

Why? One could wonder, would anyone wish to maintain Secrecy about Missing American Servicemen in South East Asia for over 20 years ?

IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE! WELL MAYBE IT DOES! Especially if Big Dollars were Involved. During the war, the CIA & Defense Department spent Millions of dollars for a Secret Operation called OPLAN 34-A, which hired & funded Vietnamese Commando Activities in North Vietnam.

OPLAN 34-A Hired *THOUSANDS* of Vietnamese Citizens who were ordered to Execute Special Warfare Operations in Enemy Territory.

By 1969, OPLAN 34-A Was being directed by (M.A.C.S.O.G.) Military Assistance Command Studies & Observations Group.

Funded through the USA JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

The entire operation was a Complete Disaster!

NOT A SINGLE COMMANDO EVER MADE IT BACK FROM THE MISSIONS!

The mind set was simple. Send another Team. Send another Team.

NONE WERE EVER EXTRACTED! In late 1969, it became clear that the Operation wasn't working. It was Terminated. Defense Department Officials declared every Commando Is DEAD & Closed the Books, burying it's documents under TOP SECRET LABELS. Those involved with OPLAN 34-A Believed the story would end there, without any accounting of the missing Commandos OR the Millions of Dollars used to Fund them. *WRONG!* Some of these Commandos survived!

The latest estimate is 281 are Alive today. They Want back pay, recognition of their Services & Entry Permits to the United States.

The United States Government REFUSED to admit these people Exist.

Current Speculation is. *THE SAME PEOPLE WHO DECLARED THESE COMMANDOS DEAD ARE THE SAME PEOPLE WHO WROTE OFF AMERICAN SERVICEMEN*

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MISSING IN SOUTH EAST ASIA!

VIETNAMESE COMMANDOS TO RECIEVE COMPENSATION

(Bravo Veteran's Outlook)

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300 South Vietnamese who fought in a Top Secret USA CIA Special Operations Program during the War were left behind to Die or spend years in Prisons will receive \$40,000.00 each From the United States Government. (*BETRAYED*)

The Commandos were captured while participating in Operations Code Named OPLAN 34-Alpha & 35 Alpha.

Legislation Providing the Compensation is part of the Defense Department Budget Approved by Congress & Signed by President Clinton September 30, 1996.

Top Secret Documents were Declassified earlier this year at the request of the Los Angeles Times Newspaper.

The Legislation was sponsored by Senator John Kerry, (Democrat-Mass.) A US Navy Vietnam Veteran. The Secret Operations were intended to Disrupt Order in North Vietnam. Surviving Commandos involved spent as much as 17 years in North Vietnamese Prisons.

They Endured Torture & Hardships. Documents Reveal, USA Government Officials Declared the Men were DEAD. Therefore the US Government did not have to continue Paying the Commandos Next of Kin while they were in Prisons. PER the USA Contract with the Vietnamese.

Most of the Vietnamese Commandos now live in Southern California.

Time Magazine, 24 June 1996.

VICTIMS OF VIETNAM LIES. BY: Douglas Waller (Washington)

CODE NAME. OPLAN 34-A

A Team Celebrates before it's Last Mission. ALL DISAPPEARED!

US Military Command Informers warned North Vietnamese about Top Secret Operations. Command still sent Commandos.

Most Missions Compromised. The Commandos were captured & killed or imprisoned & tortured.

USA MILITARY ADMITS DOUBLE CROSSING THEM!

Late Afternoon 26 January, 1967.

A US Air Force CH-53 Helicopter dropped off Pham Ninh Ngoc & 10 South Vietnamese at a clearing in North Vietnam, across the Laotian border. The Team Code Named Hadley was supposed to gather Intelligence on supply convoys traveling the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

Within a day, North Vietnamese Soldiers began rounding up the Commandos. An iron shackle secured to Pham with a stake driven through the flesh of his leg. He was taken North.

In Prison he spent hours hanging upside down in the sun with his jaw held shut by a muzzle.

Rats & cockroaches nibbled at the torn flesh on his leg as he spent his nights in a bare brick cell.

Un heated even when temperature fell to 20 Degrees F.

After all this torture Pham suffered something almost as terrible. (*BETRAYAL!*)

USA Army Officers who Recruited the Commandos Promised. If they were captured, their Dependents would receive a stipend while they were in prison. The US Army Re-nigged! **BETRAYING CAPTURED COMMANDOS!** Dependents including, Pham's Family received nothing the 16 years he was held by the North Vietnamese. When he returned home in 1982, his parents thought they were seeing a Ghost.

Pham now 49, lives in Garden Grove, California. One of 450 South Vietnamese Commandos (Survivors) part of an Operation Code Named OPLAN 34 A the C.I.A. & the Pentagon ran between 1961 & 1968. 200 Commandos living in the United States filed Suit, asking for all Commandos still alive be paid \$2000 for every year spent in prisons. Total, \$11 Million. 2 weeks ago the case broke open when Federal Claims Court forced CIA & Pentagon to De Classify Secret Pay Rosters & Memos. Documents show the US Government declared the Commandos Dead. Although it knew many were still alive. (Money saved withholding the Benefits, used for other Operations.) Official USA Documents Confirm. Commandos should never have been sent on the Missions. North Vietnam's Hanoi Agents Penetrated Operations from the begining, 1961.

Naval Institute Press,
Secret Army, Secret War (Operations 34 A & B)
Author, Sedgewick Tourison,
a former Defense Intelligence Agency Analyst.

‘‘For years the Agency’s Saigon Station *CONTINUED* to send Teams on Missions even as evidence mounted.

North Vietnam *ALWAYS* knew where & when they were.

Captured Radio Operators Forced by North Vietnamese to ask for more Agents, managed to signal CIA Handlers with Code Words that they were Captured.

Still when S.O.G. Studies & Observation Group took over OPLAN 34-A in 1964, it sent *HUNDREDS MORE COMMANDOS* into North Vietnam During the next 4 years.

ALTHOUGH OFFICERS IN CHARGE OF THE PROGRAMS KNEW IT WAS RIDDLED WITH ENEMY INFORMANTS!

IN 1962 CIA Officers began crossing names of Captured Commandos Off the Pay Rosters.

Telling their Families they were DEAD.

*STUDIES & OBSERVATIONS GROUP OFFICERS
CONTINUED TO BETRAY! ’*

George Gaspard, A Green Beret Major in Vietnam,

Commanded Operations Code Named Oplan 34 B.

“I think it’s Terrible, I Really Do! As an Agent Handler
it would be Appaling to write somebody off the books!”

CIA & Pentagon Lawyers battled the Commandos for years.

The CIA Cited an 1875 Supreme Court Case used to Fend off
Past Suits by Agents who Claim to have been Cheated.

In that Case, a Civil War Spy was denied back pay.

The Court Ruled it had NO JURISDICTION to Enforce
Secret Contracts for Espionage.

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Retired Major General John Singlaub, In Command of the Studies & Observations Group from 1966 to 1968, gives another Defense.

He insists, South Vietnam's Government, not the U.S. decided the Commandos should be taken off the lists.

“ I don't think there is Legal or Moral Justification to accept responsibility. They were not Americans.”

CIA Director John Deutch accepted responsibility.

“This could ENDANGER Current Operations.

Spies may be less willing to take risks for the CIA if the CIA got a reputation for not paying it's bills.

The CIA feels very deeply that it must take care of the People who work for it.”

CIA General Counsel Jeffery Smith told Time.

“White House Aides quickly cobbled together an Amendment for the Commandos to be paid.”

A Defense Appropriations Bill now before Congress.

For about the cost of a new Commanche Helicopter.

The Betrayal of Pham Ninh Ngoc & Comrades may finally be REPENTED.

REPORTED BY,

Dan Cray, Garden Grove, California

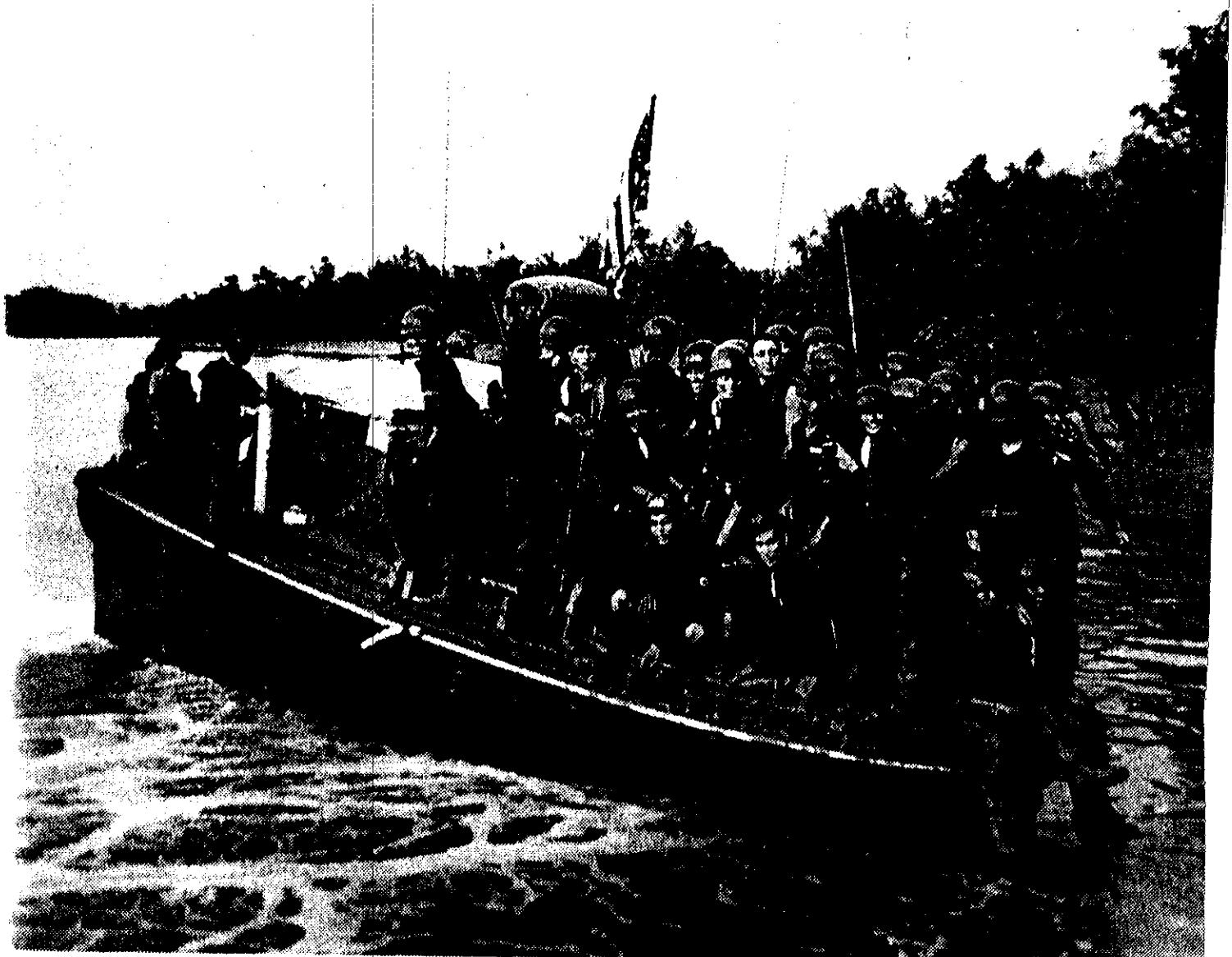
Frank Gibney Jr., Hanoi Vietnam



SEDGWICK TOURISON—NAVAL INSTITUTE PRESS

OPLAN-34A: A team celebrates before what will be its last mission—all disappeared. The U.S. knew that informers warned the North about many operations but still sent commandos

Victims of Vietnam Lies



Vietnamese frogmen after an operation near the Cambodian border
(Courtesy of Roy Boehm.)

Television History Channel, 30 August 1998

Vietnam 1965, US Army, Big Red One

Robert Haldane Battalion Commander

War Zone C, landed 23 June 1965.

Search, Destroy, Kill Enemy, Develop Battles,
use Artillery. Reduced to Squad size Units due to
Jungle Conditions. Success decided on Body Counts.

Elusive, Jungle Combat Experienced Enemy.

General William De Pu 1966-1967

Paul Gorman Battalion Commander,

Lighten Units to bare essentials.

General De Pu favored pile on Multi Troop Chopper
Attack Tactics. Hot Landing Zones.

Code Names, Junction City, Rolling Thunder,
Rolling Stone. USA Forces fight for life & Friends.

3,971 USA K.I.A. (Killed In Action) 11 MEDALS OF HONOR
8.

Vietnam 10,000 Day War, 1950-1975

President Truman Sent Advisors to Vietnam in 1950.

America Commits \$60 Billion Dollars by 1960!

Kennedy sent 25,000 Advisors to Vietnam in 1961.

1963- North Vietnamese National Liberation Army

1963- 11 Buddist Monks Burn selves in Protest against
USA Invasion & Support Of South Vietnam Government.

CIA Director William Colby Supports Premiere Diem.

USA Supports (Diem) Coup by S. Vietnam General Minh.

1963- Diem & Brother Murdered.

1963- President Kennedy Assasinated.

1964- Hanoi & USA Increase Infiltration Equally.

1964- South Vietnamese Navy Commandos Trained by
US Navy Seals attacking North Vietnam (Begin War)
before Gulf Of Tonkin Incident, 4 August 1964.

North Vietnam Crusades for Independence.

October 1964- North Vietnamese Guerillas attack
USA Air Bases in South Vietnam.

Fundamental Error, USA Military & USA Government
determines Vietnam War is for Soldiers Not Peacemakers.

May 1965- Nugyn Cao Ky, New Premier,
Declares. "It's America's Duty to Intervene"

General Westmoreland States.

" Protect Vietnam from Communist Invasion."

1966- War Escalates gradually. 184,000 USA Forces.

1966-

President Johnson Commits \$7 Billion Dollars.

North Vietnam Infiltration matches USA Commitment.

USA Forces, Search & Destroy Tactics Execute 40,000
(Suspected) Vietnamese Communist.

Viet Cong Execute 37,000 South Vietnamese.

USA Troops Never saw Enemy & attempt to stalk
Experienced Enemy Jungle Fighter in his Home Jungle.

(AN WA) Bouncing Betty.

North Vietnam's Most Used & Feared Mine.

When triggered, mine jumped waist high before
exploding.

10.

YEAR OF THE HORSE: VIETNAM

First Air Calvary in the Highlands 1966-1967

Colonel Kenneth D. Mertel

Infantry, United States Army, Retired

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The Bong Son Operation ended on 6 March 1966 after a total of 41 days in Continuous Combat.

The Division made a 360 Degree Traverse around Bong Son.

41 Consecutive days in contact with the Enemy.

140,000 South Vietnamese were returned to Government Control to Clear the Enemy.

Inhabitants of An Lao & Son Long Valleys were given a chance to be Free of Viet Cong Domination by Moving (*FORCED*) to areas under South Vietnam's Government Surveillance & Controls.

1,343 enemy were killed (Body Counts) Estimate 1,746.

Over 3000 Enemy wounded, 593 Captured.

483 VC Cadre Surrendered under the Chieu Hoi Program.

WEAPONS & AMMO CAPTURED,

203 Individual weapons, 52 Crew served weapons.

One 105 MM Howitzer, 126 Rounds, 105 MM Ammo

Ten 12.7 MM Anti air craft machine guns with large quantities of Anti air craft Ammo.

1,250 pounds of Enemy Documents Captured.

150 Pounds of Documents useful to USA Intelligence.

99 Tons of rice, 14 tons of Salt Captured for Refugees

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“We Fought in a densely populated area Strongly
Defended by the Viet Cong. Yet did remarkable little
damage to Friendly or potentially Friendly inhabitants.”

(US Army Interpretation)

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“We Coordinated & Coordinated with the R.O.C.K.S.
(Republic of Korea Special Forces Units),
A.R.V.N. (Army, Republic Of Vietnam), US Navy,
US Marines & US Air Force in *PROLONGED, COMPLEX*
Operations.

This Enhanced confidence & Mutual Respect of
Each of these Forces for the other.”

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The Famous Battle, Crazy Horse, May & June 1966.
A 21 day Operation, concluded 10 June 1966.

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20 June 1966, Operation Nathan Hale began.
Operations further South Between Quin Nhon
& Tuy Hoa in July 1966.

12.

Kiss The Boys Goodbye

How The United States Betrayed It's Own P.O.W'S.

IN Vietnam

Authors, Monika Jensen Stevenson & William Stevenson

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Amoung those unaccounted for were Prisoners lost
during the Secret War In Laos.

The Enemy routinely exploited Neutral Territories in
Laos & Cambodia. (Against International Agreements)

The USA Responded in kind since 1958. This Secret War
continued *THROUGHOUT The Vietnam Conflict.*

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ISA, MACV, SOG, CCN, SLAM (Units with roots in
a Special Secret Service) Created in 1958. Nominally
under South Vietnamese & USA Presidents. Supported &
Financed by C.I.A. Central Intelligence Agency.

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Some (*AMERICANS*) became uneasy when directed into
Covert Operations in areas of Laos & Cambodia.

Where their Country men at Home thought
there were No Wars at All.

If Caught without Uniforms, because they were on
Covert Assignments, the Enemy could Execute them
as Spies if the Missions Failed!

Kiss The Boys Goodbye-

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Bobby Garwood, Private US Marine Corps was framed.

On 28 September, 1965 Private Garwood, a Staff Driver for the Third Marine Division at Danang had been sent to pick up a Marine Lieutenant from a Reconnaissance Company near Marble Mountain at China Beach, Danang, Vietnam. Ambushed & Captured, he was barely 19, with 12 days left on his Tour Of Duty in Vietnam. Branded a Deserter & Traitor. Private Garwood had No reason to Desert.-

14.

America's Longest War

C-123 (Operation Ranch Hand)

Chemical Warfare. Crews sprayed 100 Million Pounds of chemicals destroying Half of South Vietnam's Timber Land.

C-47 Air Craft Transports

Fire Puff the Magic Dragon, 18,000 Rounds Per Minute
1965 to 1967, Over a Million Tons of Bombs dropped on South Vietnam.

HARRASMENT & INTERDICTION.

Entire areas of South Vietnam designated as Free Fire Zones without regard for inhabitants.

In 1966 alone, unexploded American Bombs provided Viet Cong with enough Explosives to Kill 1000 men.
85 % Of all Ammo & Bombs used was unobserved Fire.

1966, The Existence of a Virtual Civil War within a Violent Insurrection.

Pacification,

A Top Priority Item, Improve South Vietnamese.

Revolutionary Development Program, 50-9 Man Teams.

1966- 3,015 Revolutionary Development Program Personnel Murdered or Kidnapped. (Of 4500)

1967- Much of the Urban Population Employed Providing Services To Americans.

Major Political Events in Indo China (1945-1990)

Author, D.J. Sagar

March 1966, Air Vice Marshal Nguen Cao Ky dismisses & removes General Nguen Chan Thi, causing serious Buddist Riots & demonstrations. Monks burn selves alive in Violent protest against Thieu, Ky (USA) Junta.

Civil War Erupts in Danang & Hué, Spreads to Saigon, other Cities & Country of South Vietnam.

Catholic & Buddist Leaders voice criticisim of Junta & USA support & intervention. (INVASION)

Unrest became open rebellion & Civil War *against South Vietnam Leaders by South Vietnam's Civilian & Military Citizens. *(USA INSTALLED SVN GOVERNMENT)

Washington Fears IT'S Thieu, Ky (PUPPET) Junta will fall.

5 April 1966, ARVN Marines loyal to Ky flown to Danang by USA Pilots. Objective, Restore Order.

Nguen Cao Ky Promises No Force in Danang & Hué.

15 May 1966, KY'S Saigon Junta orders & attacks Buddist Demonstrators in Danang, breaking Agreements & Promises.

22 May 1966, Again with USA Support, Ky moves troops into Danang.

30 June 1966, After 5 weeks of heavy fighting, city & Country again under control of Ky, Thieu, USA Junta.

Ky denounced Buddist Militant Leader Thich Tri Quang & all supporters of Nguen Chanh Thi as Communist Rebels & the Civil War as Communist attacks on South Vietnam.

Major Political Events In Indo China (1945-1990)

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1961-1973, Total Casualty Figures in Vietnam

Killed In Action- 45,941

Non Combat Deaths- 19,298

Missing or Captured-1,811

USA Casualty Progression in Vietnam, 1965-1970

Troop Numbers	Killed In Action	Wounded In Action
Year End	To Date	To Date
1966- 385,300	6,644	37,738
1967- 485,300	16,021	99,762
1968- 536,100	30,160	192,850
1969- 474,000	40,200	262,769
1970- 335,800	44,241	293,529

1960-1972 USA Military Strength In Vietnam

ESCALATION	REDUCTION
December 1960- 900	December 1969-474,000
December 1961- 3,200	December 1970-335,800
December 1963- 16,300	December 1971-184,000
December 1964- 23,300	February 1972-139,000
December 1965-184,300	May 1972- 69,000
December 1966-385,300	September 1972- 39,000
December 1967-485,300	December 1972- 27,000
December 1968-536,100	
December 1969-542,400	

July, 1965- L.B. Johnson increases USA Forces to 125,000 Additional Forces. Draft increase to 33,000 a month.

October, 1965- First Major Demonstrations against USA involvement in Vietnam.

Over 40 Cities including New York & Berkely.

November, 1965- Anti-War March in Washington.

Prominent Authors, Artists, Civil Rights Activist.

First Martyr, Norman Morrison Burned Self To Death.

November 14, 1965-First Major Conventional Battle Starts in La Drang Valley. an Extention of a Heavy Engagement On going Since October, 1965.

USA Government Admits, 240 USA Troops Dead.

TV & Newspapers Interview & Quote USA Combat Troops & Combat Chaplin on ACTUAL NUMBERS OF USA DEAD.

“Over 400 Dead Americans Counted!

Major Cause of Losses. Inferior Weapons & ammo.

Not Enough Supplies, Medicine or Rescue Personnel.”

USA Calvary Battalion Ambushed, Hand to Hand Fighting.

One Entire Company Wiped Out! This Conflict & other areas of Vietnam, October & November 1965

cause Record Numbers of Casualties on Both Sides!

December, 1965- Mc Namara- “Continue Appropriate Actions Against Terrorist In Vietnam.”

January, 1966- President Johnson Orders Air Strikes Resumed After a 37 Day Pause. “NO READINESS FOR PEACE FROM NORTH VIETNAM.”

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February, 1966 - USA DECLARATION OF HONOLULU STATES.

“USA Seeks No Bases, No Colonial Presence, No Alliance.

INSTEAD, USA Offers Full Support for Purpose of Free Elections.

Open Arms & Amnesty for ALL Who Turn From Terrorism Towards

PEACE. USA Pledge to give Full & Special Support to
South Vietnamese People. Build A Nation Even While They Fight!''

February, 1966-

I Re Enlist in US Navy For Vietnam Rescue, Advisor Duty.

(Hearts, Minds, Hands. Help Vietnam Build A Free Nation)

Help Save Vietnam, America & The Free World From Communism.

DAK TO, 173 AIRBORNE, SOUTH VIETNAM, Author, Edward F. Murphy

Studies & Observations Group, A-34 Raids.

Vietnamese Commandos, a Top Secret Counter Insurgency Force Reports directly to USA Military Assistance Command.

173, Biên Hoa, Vietnam, 5 May, 1965. Temperature Upper 90's, Humidity 90% +. Last of May, First 4 day Operation.

10 June 1965, 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment.

Late June assault, War Zone D- Hill 65. Q-761 NVA Regiment.

50 Sky Soldiers Dead, 82 Wounded. (*First Combat Jump*)

1 January 1966, Plain Of Reeds. --

IN RETROSPECT, EARLY YEARS. Author Mc Namara

President JF Kennedy Inaugural Address. "Let every Nation Know, Indo China is Decisive Part Of Our Communist Containment Policy."

Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy & Mc Namara. "If Indo China Falls to Communism, threat to United States Security & World Freedom."

1954, Eisenhower's Prediction, Democracy will fall like a row of dominoes. (S.E.A.T.O. Commits \$7 Billion Dollars)

1956, Senator JF Kennedy " Indo China is a Corner Stone of Freedom & Democracy. Vietnam is our Off Spring."

\$ 60 Billion Dollars Spent prior to 1961. (16,000 USA Advisors)

24 August 1963, USA Government Created Military Coup.

Buddhist Persecution, Cables to Kennedy. "Coup Major Mistake"

1966, Send Additional 200,000 American Troops.

1966, 21 Major USA Forces Combat Operations.

Brave Men, Dark Waters, Author, Orr Kelly

“It also underscores potential returns from further research & opening of sources which could now be Declassified without risk to future operations.” Foreword (Irish) CL Flynn USNR Admiral Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Horatio Rivera,

“Black Berets, we call them White Hats. I don’t know any Black Berets. I want that term wiped out.” First SEALS from UDT Teams, Replaced by New Trainees, New Billets, New Money, *NEW MISSIONS*. UDT-12, Mekong Boat Missions, 10 Members, Summer 1960 Vietnam.

LTJG Irish Flynn, Danang, White Elephant, Ocean, River, Danang Harbor 16 SEALS, 4 Marines, 1963, 2 Officers, 10 Enlisted.

CIA Quit. US Military took control of SEALS at Danang, 1964.

(MANY ASPECTS OF OPERATIONS EXTREME SECRET EVEN AFTER 30 YEARS)

SEALS assigned to train Guerrilla Fighters. Vietnamese Commandos hidden in a chain of Secret Little camps. Monkey & Marble Mountains, China Beach SEALS Base, Finger Piers, Floating Dry Dock, 1963-1965, Viet Cong didn’t bother SEALS.

SEALS encouraged to Socialize with Vietnamese.

Maynard Weyers Relieved Irish Flynn. *SEALS (LITTLE OPERATIONS)*
PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN CHANGE FROM COVERT TO LARGE SCALE
INVOLVEMENT OF AMERICAN FORCES. INCREASE OPERATIONS

February 22, 1964, Torpedo Boats N.A.S.T.Y. Arrive In Vietnam.

AUGUST, 1964. INCREASE OPERATIONS 283%, 4 NASTYS ATTACK
2 ISLANDS. HON ME & HON NIEW. OPERATION (OPLAN 34 ALPHA)

March, 1966- Christmas LT Ted Grabosky relieved by LT Roy Boehm

Brave Men, Dark Waters, Author, Orr Kelly

LIEN DOC NGUAI NHIA (LDNN)

SOLDIERS THAT FIGHT UNDER SEA & BUMP INTO ENEMY.

Few Exceptions, Advisor Visits Villages to Treat Ill Vietnamese

*AMERICA CORRUPTED & CONTAMINATED SOUTH VIETNAM COMPLETELY
WITH A FEW ADVISOR ROLES.*

28 October, 1965 (Commander RJ Fay KIA) Mortar Attack Danang

1966, Rung Sat Zone, Maynard Weyers, Predecessor James Barnes.

Captain Bucklew, Commander Pacific Fleet NAVAL Support Operations
August, 1966 Rung Sat, 48 to 72 Hour Patrols (RD2 W. Machen KIA)

SEALS KILL FOR MONEY & FUN. SEAL TEAM ONE (34 KIA)

SPOOKS, (MIKE FORCE) BARE FOOT CIA WEAR VIET CONG BLACK PJ'S.

SPECIAL REACTION UNITS. MONTANGYARD TRIBESMEN.

Revelotionary Development Support Pacification Programs.

(MISSIONS) CROSSED INTO CAMBODIA & VIETNAM ON CHAW DOC RIVER.

*Americans DID Accompany Vietnamese On Operations & Actually
Went Ashore In North Vietnam.*

President Kennedy, Second State of the Union Message May 25, 1961

I am directing the secretary of defense to expand rapidly and substantially the orientation of existing forces for the conduct of non-nuclear war, paramilitary operations and sub-limited unconventional warfare units. In addition, our special forces and unconventional warfare units will be increased and reoriented.

Ordered Pentagon to take (More) than 100 million dollars from other programs to beef up the Special Operations Forces.

Brave Men Dark Waters, Orr Kelly,

29 April 1961 First memo recommended SEAL (Acronym) mentioned by Navy's Unconventional Activities Committee. Formation of a unit on each coast to be focal point for Navy involvement in guerrilla & counterguerrilla operations.

Early 1960's Vice CNO Admiral Horacio Rivero, memo decreeing "US Navy should not be involved in shallow-river, muddy warfare" Admiral James Holloway-

" If it doesn't have airplanes, I don't want to hear about it."

February 1962, SEAL Team One to Vietnam.

(Even today, many aspects of operations carried out 30 years ago Remain Highly Classified)

At Various times there were 5 to seven groups of forty or fifty men, each group in its own enclave.

In the early days most of the commandos were ethnic Vietnamese.

Later, there were Chinese, Thais, Nungs, Cambodians and members of other minority groups in Vietnamese society.

Urgent target 120 miles north of Danang, Quang Khe.

Nasty's Attack 2 Islands, North Vietnam, Destroyers Maddox and Turner Joy claim North Vietnamese Torpedo attack while on (Desoto Patrols)

Brave Men Dark Waters, Orr Kelly.

In the Rung Sat Special Zone and the Delta, the SEALS formed A SPECIAL bond with the crews of the boats that took them on thier missions and got them back out again. (Fleet Sailors) "They could make these boats work and get them into places we went" While cruising on the Rivers, they worried constantly about a Rocket attack from the shore. Used a variety of boats, PBR, Swift Boat, LSSC, Boston Whaler, STAB, MSSC, LCM, UH-1, helicopter gunship, fixed-wing OV-10. Could call for help from other American or South Vietnamese Air Units. LT R.Boehm says, "Hell I hated my supply officer more than I did my VC Enemy" Alligators are a problem. For the SEALS the death of RD2 Billy Machen on 16 August 1966 marked the end of a pleasant little war. "Once we lost the first guy, guys bailed out of there. It is all well and good to play the role until the shooting starts. A lot of original members, Plank Owners of SEAL Team One bailed out"

Never Fight Fair, Orr Kelly

Many stories are classified Secret & will remain that way. SEAL Team Two records saved just prior to being burned. Records kept by SEAL Team One (Discarded) at Coronado.

Submarines USS Grayback, Tunny, Perch.

Destroyers USS Maddox & Turner Joy.
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