

DA NANG, Vietnam (PAO)—“Probably more patients come into this hospital in shock than any other hospital in the world,” commented Navy Lt. Charles Cloutier of Boston.

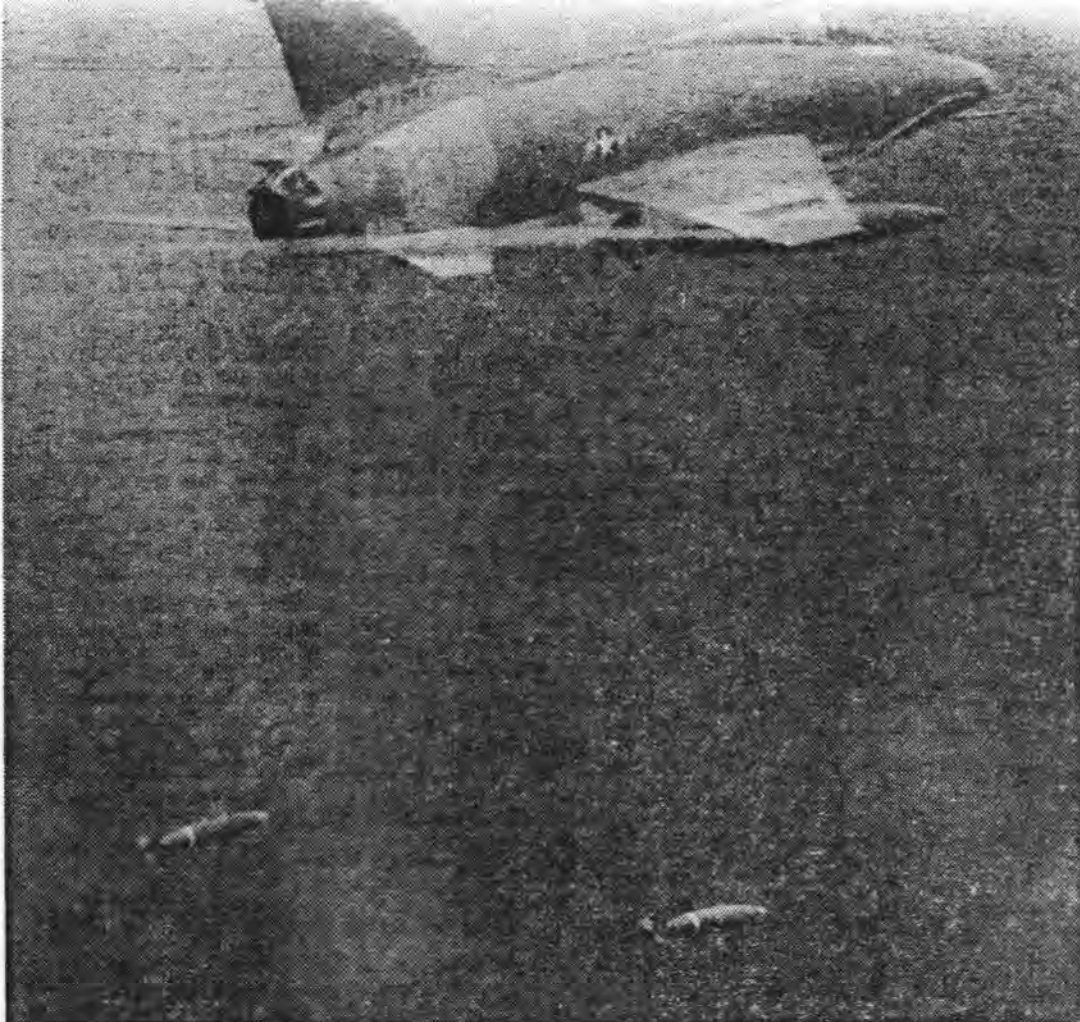
Dr. Cloutier, two other doctors and seven corpsmen at the Naval Support Activity Hospital in Da Nang have been studying the effects of shock on battle casualties.

“The shock study,” said Lt. Cmdr. Larry Carey, the study’s director, “grew out of the first blood program in 1965, when frozen blood was initiated for the first time in a combat zone. Being that most of the patients requiring this type of blood were in shock, it became apparent that studies were needed to gain knowledge for better treatment.”

Three hospital corpsmen follow patients through the hospital from the time they arrive in receiving until they are transferred out. Four other corpsmen back them up with lab analysis.

To date, 26 patients have been studied. “The results which are being compiled now,” said Dr. Cloutier, “involve the exact kind of physical disturbances that occur in a shock patient, the areas of his disturbances and what such disturbances can lead to.”

He said no Stateside hospital has the patients available for such a study.



## Eggs for the Enemy

An Air Force F100 Supersabre from the 3rd Tactical Fighter Wing at Bien Hoa AB releases its bombs on an enemy position near the Bo Duc outpost in Phuoc Long Province. (USAF)

## Tunnel Rat Discovers Hidden VC Graves

CU CHI, Vietnam (IO) — A curious tunnel rat pulled the cork recently on an underground Viet Cong crypt beneath a 25th Inf. Div. battalion base camp in the Iron Triangle 25 miles northwest of Saigon.

Pfc. Jerry Hawkins had come to what appeared to be the end of a VC tunnel near the 1st Bn., 27th Inf. forward base camp.

“I was curious about the sudden dead ending,” Hawkins said later, “so I probed around and discovered a big, cork-shaped plug camouflaged with mud.”

He pulled the tight-fitting stopper from the tunnel wall, scratched out a hole large enough to squeeze through, and continued to explore the tunnel system.

At a point directly beneath the base camp, the passageway opened into a large vault, the

walls of which contained fresh graves.

The enemy had apparently been killed several days before by air and artillery strikes in the area.

The tunnel Hawkins explored was part of a massive network of bunkers, trenches and command posts which the battalion turned up and destroyed during Operation Atlanta.

## Marines Bag Deer

KHE SANH, Vietnam (ISO)—Two Marines from B Co., 26th Marines, shared the honors in downing a 400-pound deer on Hill 881 near Khe Sanh. The six-point buck was killed at a distance of 700 meters. When dressed down, there was enough meat to feed nearly 200 Marines.

## Wire Leads To VC Base

DI AN, Vietnam (IO)—Members of A Co. from the 1st Inf. Div.’s 1st Bn., 18th Inf., recently traced a single Claymore wire to a mine set up in the middle of a new enemy base.

Sweeping through the jungles 70 miles north of Saigon, lead elements of the company came in contact with the enemy. After a brief exchange of fire the Viet Cong fled.

S.Sgt. James Wilson, Sarasota, Fla., found the wire and with the aid of Spec. 4 Rodney Coleman of Henry, Va., traced it to where the enemy Claymore was rigged for command detonation. A search of the area around the mine revealed fresh digging and several fortified bunkers that were described as new. The base was destroyed.

## Army Engin Wall of Safe

DI AN, Vietnam (IO) — The danger of traffic accidents involving Vietnamese children at the Dong Hoa Public School has been eliminated by the 1st Inf. Div.’s 1st Eng. Bn.

Numerous children had been injured during class recesses when they wandered onto the highway running alongside the school. E Co., under Capt. Paul T. McDonald, Rockville Center,

## Carroll PX Opens

CAMP CARROLL, Vietnam (ISO)—A post exchange was formally opened at Camp Carroll during a ribbon cutting ceremony by Col. J. E. Lo Prete, commanding officer, 3rd Marine Regt. The exchange will be under the management of Sgt. Edward N. La Blanc.

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