

"That's most affirmed. They'll be dropping CS on top of that ridge line, that's where most of the mortars are coming from."

"I'm talking about right on top of Ripcord!"

"There's some pretty white stuff up there."

21:19 "That Chinook get shot down or something?"

"There's a Chinook on top of the hill."

"got hit by mortars sitting down."

Chalk seven is taking small arms from about a 100 meters down, hading 060."

"They are taking them on the pad, I suggest you abort!"

"Roger that, I've aborted about three times already, this morning. These people I believe, must believe in committing suicide."

Aircraft were landing despite mortar fire, picking up soldiers.

"Chalk Nine turning final"

"O K flight, "They are taking them right on the pad, everytime you go in there,I'll leave it up to you, if you don't want to go in, don't go in , I'm not going to tell you to go in."

22:22 "Lightening 3, Ghost rider 1 6,"

" go,"

" roger, three birds went in and all three took mortars, these people don't want to go in, unless something can be done about the mortars."

22:48 "next aircraft go in on top of the hill, the 155 position, we got packs sitting there,it's a single ship,

"Roger"

"Chalk 10 just took mortars in the Lima Zulu"

"Chalk 11 taking fire, two seven zero radial off Ripcord."

30:00 move Col. Richard (not Rich) Johnson and Dr. Jim Williams captions here

34:06 Move CW2 Smith caption here

Delete Smith footage at 34:44 to 34:54, regarding shoulder fired surface to air missiles, it is not factual.

41:12 "Chalk Two is going down"

41:18 Chalk Three going down, where you going?

"attention, aircraft going down, CHALK 3 !"

"All right, be advised Chalk 3 going down, I'm hit and I don't have any left pedal. I'll try to get thing back"

"Your'e Chalk 3"

41:46 CW2 Paul Stewart, obviously upset, "All right listen up lead, I'm hit, I don't have"

Stewart takes a moment to regain composure, "All right Lead, this is Chalk 3, I'm hit, I have a left stuck pedal, no left pedal at all, I'll take it back to Khe Sanh."

Lead "I gotcha"

42:30 "Three, did you get hit by antiaircraft fire?" "Chalk 3, Chalk 3, Lead,"

"This is Chalk 3 go ahead"

"Did you get hit by antiaircraft fire?"

"Lead, I don't know what I was hit by, my tail, my driveshaft is gone, to the tail boom. It was pretty heavy. I don't think it was .51. It must have been pretty heavy stuff."

"If you want to put something on it, it's that big road intersection down there, the fire came straight up underneath me."

44:12 Redskin Cobra Pilot, Captain Mike Teal, "One Four is in hot on the smoke."

48:00 The 1st of 5th Mechanized Infantry lead the charge westward on Highway QL 9 (a wide single lane dirt road) to Khe Sanh on January 30, 1971.

50:34 "After I got into my first aviation unit, I found out it was the unit that saved me, at a place called Duc Cau.

We got hit pretty hard by about three thousand North Vietnamese Regulars ,at a Special Forces Camp, we got into some real bad situations there.

50:55 The Falcon Guns, out of Ban Me Thuet,

51:16 Total time, two years and nine months in Vietnam

51:25 the 19th we were getting over run at night, we had a C-130 gunship (Spectre Gunship)

51:38 We had one situation there, what they's do is fly 360's and drop five canisters of flares, but those guys were under fire all the time themselves,

51:58 Keep your head in! on your knees!

52:00 Ten more rounds, 6 o'clock ten more rounds 3 o'clock Don't ask!!

52:00 Don't let me go inverted!

53:34 delete the F Bomb there, leave the f if you want like you did with Al Fischer earlier

53:48 Fujii did crash on Ranger South, my reference had it wrong. Change caption reading Hill 31 to Ranger South.

53:53 Afterwards, CW2 Gary Cofer of the Phoenix was wounded. His Huey was shot down on Hill 31 and destroyed by artillery.

58:05 "It was a sight to see!"

58:44 I didn't hear one shot go off, and they were all around there"

58:50 The very next day or the day after, that complete position was over run with infantry with tank support.

59:20 He's got the belt with blood on it,

You had enough presence of mind, to carry some souvenirs off Ranger North, after all that?

59:38 I gotta take a weapon with me, butt there were no SKS's, only fresh AK's, fresh AK's

1:00:14 Things here lately have been pretty hot

1:00:24 For me they've been pretty hot,, well things relly got hot on february 21st. my pilot got shot in the leg, and uh, he was goofed up pretty bad

1:58 He's a real fine person

1:01:05 We went to this certain LZ they were mortaring the LZ at the time we went in,,, we got small arms fire and .51 cal (heavy machine guns) it was really ridiculous, but that damn Colonel, you know the way Colonels are, he was about 6,000 feet up in the air and he wasn't getting shot at, and really didn't give a damn, so he said, "yopu people go on back in there and get your ass shot off," so we on back in and Mr. Cofer got hit, (CW2 Gary Cofer) It was a real bummer. He was a fine person. Firebase 31 has a real unique history, it didn't last but about a week, it was over run by a NVA Battalion of tanks, and uh after about 5 minutes after we left our helicopter there, it was blown up by heavy artillery. This Laos thing is a real bummer, so many people getting killed.

01:05:05 It sure is a great pleasure to be able to have a place like the United States, to come home to

1:05:48 this is Auction Lead, I'm about three minutes out, I just coming down between the river and the road,

Roger, divert your flight path farther to the east, Roger, I'm just abeam Liz (Firebase Liz)

Auction Lead, what is your status? Do you have the LZ in sight?

Negative, I broke off on long final, I'm heading back inbound to Kilo Sierra (Khe Sanh) I got a gunner hit in the head, some of the troops hit, and the aircraft was hit pretty hard, the aircraft was losing fuel but it stopped losing the fuel now so I'm just heading back into Kilo Sierra.

Auction Lead, Auction Lead, Dragon 20, Roger, do you have that LZ in sight?

This is Auction 29, I say again we are all out of the LZ

1:07:40 29 this is Auction 46, this is 21290 go ahead, Roger, Our Lead is Auction 16, last we heard from him, we lost radio contact with him. I wonder if we can have someone check and see if that is him sitting down at A Loui?

We've got a couple of birds down on A Loui

This is Auction Lead, we one aircraft unaccounted for, one down on the Lager pad,

Roger, and you still have eight to continue the march,

That's a Roger,

1:08:38 This is 29 what you gonna do?

we've got good instruments now, I'll go ahead and try an approach in there, and hope like hell something didn't go through the tail boom.

1:08:52 Yeh Shit, I was supposed to tell you not to fire unless you see somthin to fire at.

"Hell no, I didn't even get a round off!,, I heard that Pop Pop! Hell, that was somebody shooting at us!!!

"I gotta find somebody with a camera!"

Did you hear that Pop Pop? Yeh, I thought he was firing back

1:09:20 I would've tried had I known where it was coming from, I heard Pop Pop and these two red things flew by! Fire from our 3 o'clock, on that ridgeline we just passed over!

1:10:00 We got two ships down, one just crashed and burned!

1:10:58 They've got 23mm all the way down this flight path, get south of the river and get some altitude coming in here.

1:12:00 That wasn't a mid air collision, that looked like radar sure did bigger 'n shit!

1:12:15 Rodger somebody just went down west of A Loui on fire.
That son of a bitch exploded! Did you see that!!!?
We have two ships down by the LZ, I have 3 crewmen with me, there are four people still down there.

1:13:20 I do not have his co-pilot