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...months. His hours
...been peaceful.

Three days before he drove into the abandoned base the night of Jan. 31, he had taken light ground fire while flying a visual reconnaissance mission in his OV10 Bronco.

"It was some crazy Cong down there who didn't even come close," Miller laughed.

Miller wasn't so sure of his luck when he left here the morning of Jan. 30 with his forward tactical air control party of two jeeps and five men.

More comfortable in the seat of his OV10 flying over an area than driving in it, Miller wasn't worried about the enemy on his trip along treacherous Route 9 to the Laotian border.

"I didn't think we'd make it," he confided. "The jeep's U-bolts were gone and the transmission was clunking . . . All the grunts were tooling along in armored personnel carriers and here we were in this damn jeep."

While bouncing along Route 9, Miller said, he directed air strikes into the Khe Sanh and Lang Vei areas to prepare them for the approaching convoy.

In an hour and 55 minutes on

Reds Step Up Terror, Kill 12

SAIGON (S&S) — Communist gunners wounded 20 civilians Wednesday when they rocketed Rach Gia in Kien Giang Province, 120 miles west-southwest of Saigon, the Government News Agency reported Saturday.

The agency said Communists killed 12 civilians, wounded 24 and kidnaped several others early this week in stepped-up terrorist acts across the country.

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dug foxholes at Khe Sanh the first night. We expected to take incoming. I was surprised by the lack of fighting out there. It looks like they're making tracks now."

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equipment along the Ho Chi
Minh Trail through Laos by
U.S. air power alone.

The memorandum, prepared

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A Skycrane helicopter lowers equipment to troops waiting on a helicopter pad at Khe Sanh.

The base, abandoned in 1968, is being rebuilt by the Army. (AP Radiophoto)

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