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ours in the air
in the last two-
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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Monday, Feb. 8, 1971

Miller . . .
the lack of enemy . . .
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."

disrupting the flow of arms
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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