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In November 1967, an eight man Marine patrol from D Co., 3rd Recon Bn., 3rd Marine Div., under the Command of Lt James Glenn, was moving along a dried-out river bottom in the vicinity of Phu Bai when the patrol came under heavy automatic weapons fire. Some 30 to 40 NVA were firing from concealed positions within the secondary undergrowth that flanked the trail. In the initial bursts four of the Marines were wounded including Kit Carson Scout Nguyen Chau,

within seconds after the ambush had started, Chau had been wounded in both hands, his stomach and his right foot. Despite this, when a youthful marine went down, his leg shattered by an AK-47 round, Chau shielded the American with his own body, then raked the surrounding enemy brush with devastating automatic fire. Seconds later, while blood flowed from his stomach, Chau took over the point, and led the Marines up a steep incline to a sheltering plateau while maintaining covering fire. Later, when a radio call for help brought a helicopter overhead, it was Chau who secured the landing zone when he killed a half dozen enemy as they attempted to charge the incoming chopper. It was only after the enemy had been driven off and the wounded taken abroad, that Chau collapsed from his own wounds. When flown to an emergency field hospital with the other wounded, the medics found that Chau had stuffed one of his patrol maps into his open stomach wound to help slow down the bleeding.

Kit Carson Scout, Nguyen Dinh Loc, 24, was a part of an eight man team from the 3rd Recon Bn, 3rd Marine Division, operating between the Rockpile and the Demilitarized Zone. The team was attacked by a 200 man North Vietnamese force. During the attack five Marines were killed, two escaped and were rescued. As Dinh exchanged fire with the enemy on a ridge above him, he was overpowered from the rear and bound with a rope. His captors took all his papers and money. They beat him, questioned him about Marine units, and left him, hands tied with a guard watching. Seven hours after his capture he worked loose and strangled the guard with the same rope. After he unsuccessfully tried to locate other members of his patrol, Dinh began to make his way back to Marine positions near the Rockpile. For three nights and two days, Dinh trudged back without food and only the water available from streams or occasional paddies. Eventually he located a Marine position and walked in waving a white flag.