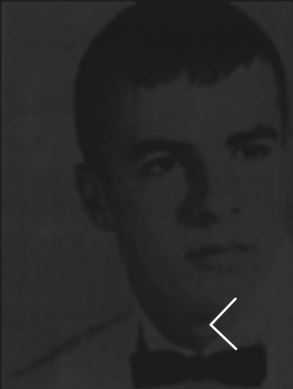




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### Lt. Fischer killed July 3 in Vietnam


Second lieutenant Kenneth E. Fischer (USMC) 24 of Eustis was killed in action at Thua Thien, South Vietnam on Wednesday, July 3.

Lt. Fischer was born in Cleveland, Ohio and had made Eustis his home for the past ten years. He was a resident of 324 Ambassador Ave.

He was a graduate of Eustis High School in the class of 1961 and was a graduate of the University of Florida. He was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Fischer of Eustis; four brothers, Richard K. Fischer Jr. of Decatur, Ill., John C. Fischer of Indianapolis, Ind., Jimmy Fischer and Randy Fischer, both of Eustis.

Funeral arrangements be announced. Zeller, Kennedy and Hamlin Funeral Home of Eustis is in charge of arrangements.



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BEARS WITNESS THAT

KENNETH EDWARD FISCHER

*has satisfactorily demonstrated his qualifications in engineering fundamentals, technical subjects, mathematics and basic sciences and is hereby recognized as an*

**Engineer in Training**

*After completing a sufficient amount of engineering experience of a nature satisfactory to the Board, he may take the final examination for registration as a Professional Engineer.*

No. 123ET93

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Witness the signature of the President and Secretary under the seal of the Board this 14 day of July 1967

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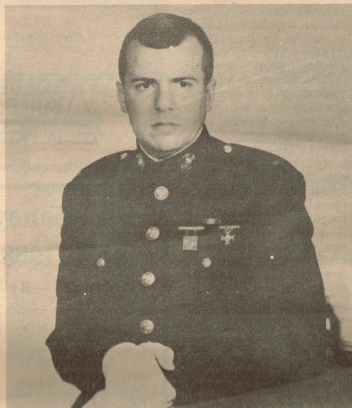
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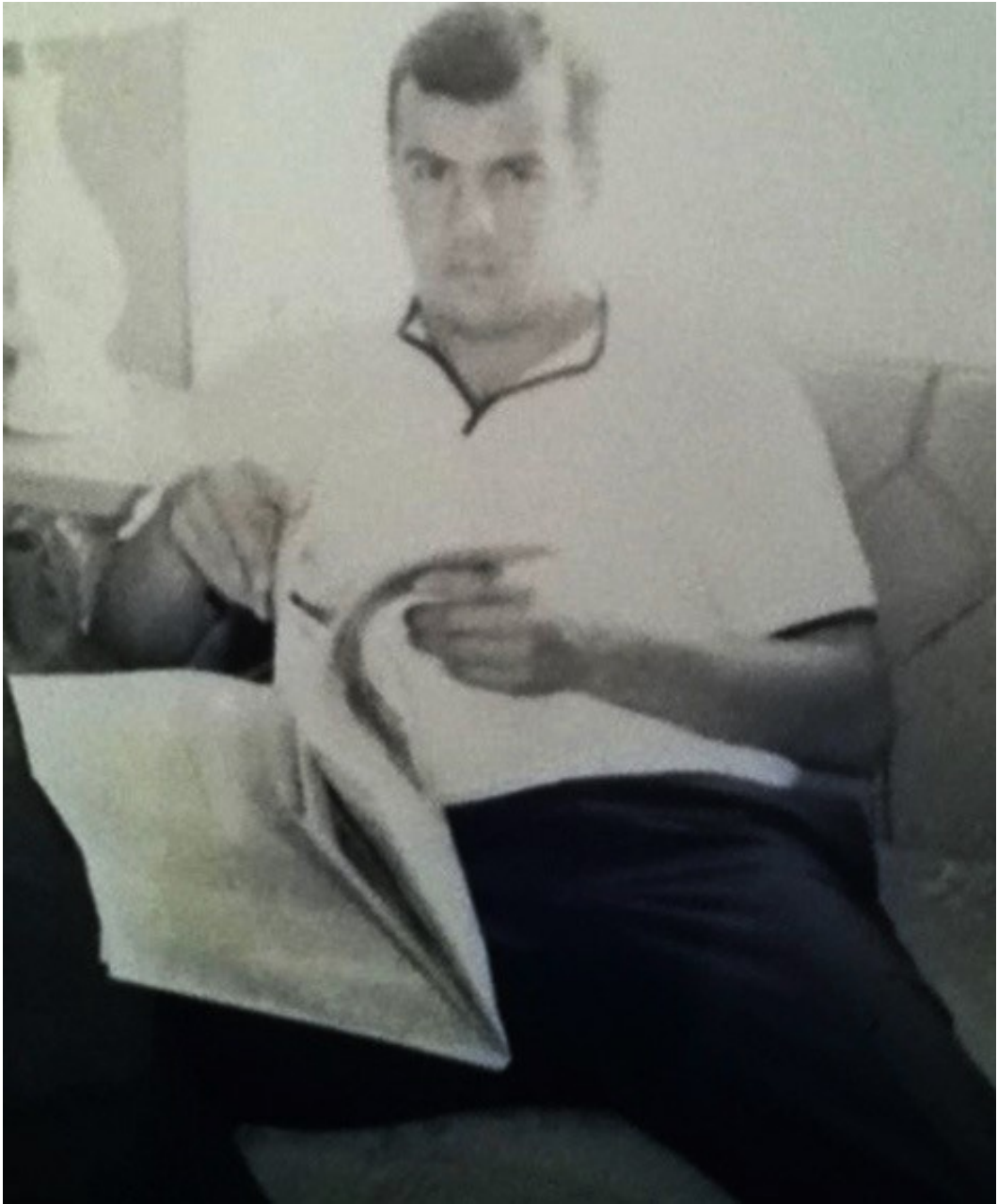
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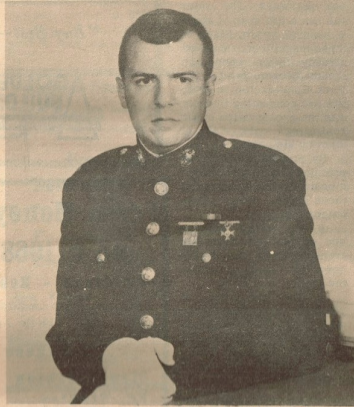
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2d Battalion, 5th Marines  
1st Marine Division (Rein), FMP  
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

July 7, 1968

Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Fischer  
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Eustis, Florida 32726

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fischer:

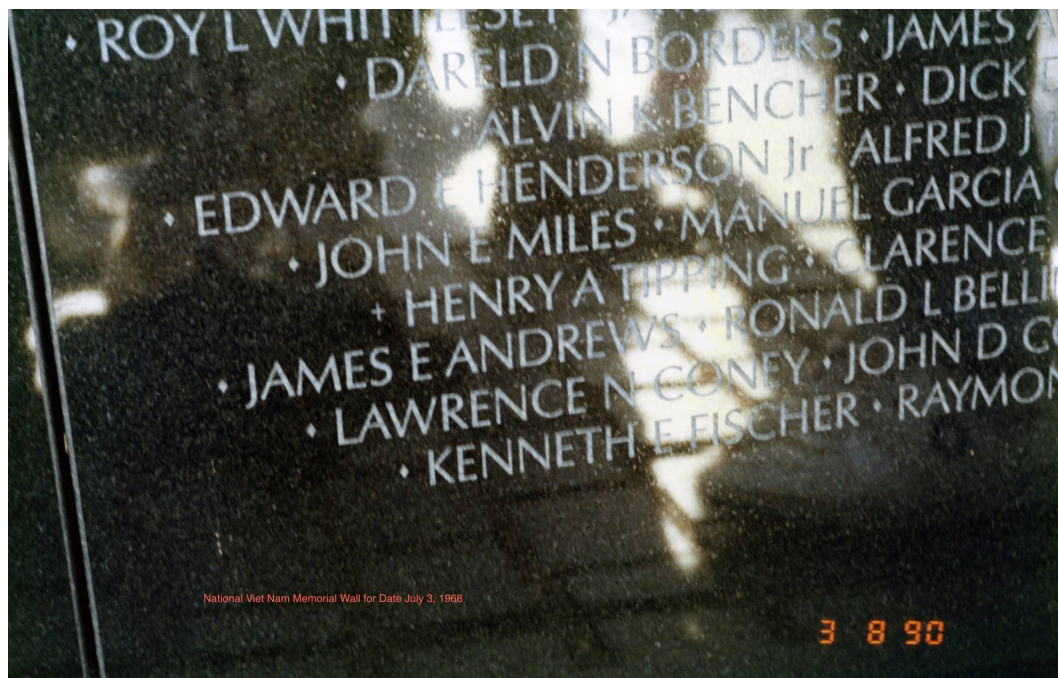
The recent death of your son, Second Lieutenant Kenneth E. Fischer, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, on July 3rd, 1968, during Operation Houston IV, in Thua Thien Province, Republic of Vietnam, is a source of great sorrow to me and the officers and men of this battalion. Please accept our deepest sympathy in your bereavement.

Ken was assigned as a Platoon Commander of the Third Platoon of Company G. On the morning of July 3rd, his platoon was given the mission of providing protection for a large number of Vietnamese Civilians who were being relocated into another area. As the platoon was maneuvering through a heavily vegetated area, seeking out possible enemy ambush sites, Ken triggered a well concealed enemy booby trap and was critically wounded by the blast. The platoon corpsman did everything possible to save him and a medical evacuation helicopter arrived within minutes, however, his wounds proved too severe and he died while enroute to the hospital at approximately 9:25 a.m.

It may comfort you to know that a Memorial Service was held for Ken on July 5th, to allow his fellow Marines to pay a last tribute to him.

Although your son had only been with us a short time, he had already earned a reputation for being a courageous officer who was completely devoted to his assignment as a platoon commander. I realize that words can do little to console you, however, I do want you to know that I was proud to have served with your son, and that those of us who were privileged to know him, share with you the sorrow caused by your tremendous loss.

Ken's personal effects have been prepared for shipment and will be forwarded to you within the near future.



National Viet Nam Memorial Wall for Date July 3, 1968



NAME: FISCHER, KENNETH E. 0104

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Dickie, Jack, Ken, Jimmy & Randy  
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