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3d Battalion, 26th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FPMF  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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Mr. and Mrs. James P. Jorgensen  
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My dear Mr. and Mrs. Jorgensen:

It is difficult for me to express the regrets and sorrow felt by all the Marines of this Company and myself of the unfortunate death of your son, Private First Class David W. Jorgensen, U. S. Marine Corps on 19 June 1968, in Quang Nam Province, Republic of Vietnam.


David, as you know, was an Assistant Gunner in the Machine Gun Section of the Weapons Platoon of my Company. On 18 June 1968 the Company was in a defensive position when they came under a heavy enemy mortar attack. In the fight that ensued your son was seriously wounded at 9:45 a.m. David was evacuated to First Hospital Company, First Medical Battalion, DaNang, Republic of Vietnam. He failed to respond to treatment and died of his wounds at 7:45 p.m. the following day. It may comfort you to know that David was ministered to by Lieutenant Commander W. J. Cox a U. S. Navy Chaplain.

A Memorial Service will be held in your son's honor on 23 June 1968 at our Battalion Chapel.

Although David was only in the Company for a short while, his cheerful disposition, uprightness, and devotion to duty won for him the respect of all who knew him. Although I realize that words can do little to console you, I do hope the knowledge that your son is keenly missed, and that we share your sorrow will in some measure alleviate the suffering caused you by your great loss.

*If you feel that I can be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to write.*

Sincerely yours,

  
HARRY W. JENKINS Jr.  
Captain, U. S. Marine Corps  
Commanding