

Tanana Soldier Says War Rough In Viet Nam

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Pfc. Glenn Butler of Tanana is one of the Alaskan boys now fighting in Viet Nam.

In a recent letter to a member of the Tundra Times staff Glenn described conditions there. "We already went on our first combat search and destroy," he wrote, "and it was rough and messy."

"We lost three guys," Glenn

continued, "and one of them was a good friend of mine, and there were six wounded."

Glenn himself was not hurt. "I came back with not even a scratch," he said. "I must have been lucky I guess."

Glenn's next comments indicated perhaps the worst part of the war for the Alaskan soldiers: "When I helped one of those guys on the tank with the back of his head blown wide open, I got real scared after that and a little sick. But I wouldn't think of getting panicky. I kept my head and got over it. This war we're fighting over here is rough."

Like every soldier away from home, Glenn remembered the good times at home. He asked about the Tanana Winter Carnival. In a previous letter he said, "I'd give anything to go back to Alaska and the nice weather you're probably getting there."

Glenn is in the "Golden Dragons"—The Fourth Battalion, Ninth Infantry. He said they arrived in Viet Nam April 28 from their training



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period in Hawaii.

One of the most important parts of the day for the soldiers overseas is the mail call. Glenn (and the other Alaskans stationed with him) would like to hear from friends and relatives here. Glenn's address is: Pfc. Glenn Butler, RA 29240879, 25th Infantry Division, Company A, 4th Battalion, Ninth Infantry, APO San Francisco, 96225.