

Mike



PVT. MICHAEL FITZPATRICK COMPLETE TRAINING

Camp Pendleton, Calif. Dec. 16—Marine Private Michael N. Fitzpatrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Neil Fitzpatrick of Weeping Water, has completed four weeks of individual combat training at this Marine Corps Base.

During his more than 200 hours of training, he learned about weapons and combat techniques from combat veteran instructors. They taught him how to conduct combat patrols, detect and remove mines and booby traps and use the standard Marine Corps infantry weapons.

He will now receive at least 4 weeks of specialist training before being assigned to his first permanent unit. Marines going to combat units will get detailed training in the particular combat skill they are designated for. Those who are going into technical fields will receive their advanced training at one of a variety of technical schools throughout the country.

Jan 12, 1967

RECEIVES PROMOTION

Michael Fitzpatrick has been promoted from the rank of Private first class to Lance Corporal. His new mailing address is Lance Corporal Michael N. Fitzpatrick 2277547 USMC C-1-2 Camp Lejeune, North Carolina 28542.

June 22, 1967

ON LEAVE

L-Cpl Michael N. Fitzpatrick arrived home Tuesday July 18, to spend a 22 day leave with his parents. Mr and Mrs Neil Fitzpatrick and family other relatives and friends here

July 20, 1967

Mike Fitzpatrick Wounded in Vietnam Action

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Fitzpatrick were notified yesterday that their son, L/Cpl. Michael N. Fitzpatrick, had been wounded in action, Wednesday, Oct. 11.

Cpl Fitzpatrick was wounded by rifle fire in both legs while fighting with the 3rd Marine Division in the vicinity of Quang Tri, Vietnam. He is based on the carrier Okinawa, and has been returned to carrier for treatment. He had been in Vietnam just over a month.

The Fitzpatricks were notified, both by a personal visit from a Marine sergeant, and a telegram they received last night. Mike's condition is reported to be good.

His address is

L/Cpl. Michael Fitzpatrick
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1st Bn., 3rd Marine Div.,

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October 12, 1967

CPL. FITZPATRICK RECOVERING ON AIRCRAFT CARRIER

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Fitzpatrick received a letter from their son, L-Cpl. Michael Fitzpatrick, who was wounded in action in Vietnam last week. Mike told them, in the letter that previous reports of his being wounded in both legs by rifle fire were erroneous.

During hand-to-hand combat with a number of the Vietcong forces, Cpl Fitzpatrick received a flesh wound in the left arm, and the right thigh. He said that he is recovering rapidly aboard the USS Okinawa.

He would welcome letters from friends here. His address was printed in last week's Republican.

October 19, 1967

Why Not Send A Card to a Serviceman?

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November 9, 1967

WORD FROM VIETNAM

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CALL FROM AUSTRALIA

Mr and Mrs. Neil Fitzpatrick received a telephone call from their son, L/Cpl Michael Fitzpatrick who was on rest and recuperation leave from Vietnam in Australia.

Enroute to Australia he stopped by for a visit with A/IC Jim Boardman, stationed at Da Nang.

March 21, 1968

SMALL WORLD!

Mike Fitzpatrick was sitting in a truck in Vietnam last week waiting to be moved to another camp when other soldiers happened by to ask directions. Mike thinking that he recognized a familiar face said "Shouldn't I know you" - turned out to be James Murphy.

Although this coincidental meeting was limited to a few minutes, it must have been a most refreshing occasion to both, to unexpectedly see someone from your own home town in such a far away land.

July 4, 1968

RETURN FROM VIETNAM

Cpl Michael N Fitzpatrick arrived last Wednesday to spend a 25 day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Fitzpatrick and family after serving the past year in Vietnam.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boyd received word that their son CPO Larry Boyd had arrived home to Oxnard, Calif., after serving 7 months at Vietnam, aboard the carrier, USS Bon Homme Richard.

October 10, 1968

Shawn Fitzpatrick brought his brother, Michael's combat helmet for us to see and also a boomerang his brother had sent him.

October 17, 1968

Fourth Grade News

Decorated For Vietnam Service



Col Walt Numie, USMC, congratulates Cpl. Mike Fitzpatrick right, after presenting him with the Navy Achievement Medal. The inscription on the photo reads "To Cpl 'Fitz' To one of the Marines who really do the fighting and make the Corps what it is I am proud of you" Walt Numie, Col, USMC, 1-24-69

The certificate accompanying the medal read as follows:

The Secretary of the Navy takes pleasure in presenting the Navy Achievement Medal to Corporal Michael N. Fitzpatrick United States Marine Corps for outstanding achievement in the superior performance of his duties in the field of leadership achievement as set forth in the following:

Citation

"While serving as a Squad Leader with Company C First Battalion, Third Marines, Third Marine Division in connection with operations against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam from 23 September 1967 to 21 September 1968 Corporal Fitzpatrick performed his duties in an exemplary manner. Participating in sixteen major combat operations including Operations Kentucky V, Jeb Stuart and Lancaster II he repeatedly distinguished himself by his courage and composure under fire. Constantly concerned for the combat readiness of his unit he tirelessly trained his men and molded them into an effective fighting force." Corporal Fitzpatrick's

leadership, professional competence and steadfast devotion to duty reflect great credit upon himself, the Marine Corps and the Naval Service."

Corporal Fitzpatrick is authorized to wear the Combat "V".

For the Secretary of the Navy,
H. W. Buse, Jr.

Lieutenant General U. S. Marine Corps

Commanding General Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Cpl Fitzpatrick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Fitzpatrick of Weeping Water. He entered the Marine Corps in September 1966 following his graduation earlier that year from Weeping Water high school. Official Marine Corps Photograph.

March 6, 1969

**RECEIVES HONORABLE
DISCHARGE FROM USMC**

Sgt Michael Fitzpatrick, son of Mr and Mrs Neil Fitzpatrick, received an Honorable Discharge from the United States Marine Corps Tuesday, April 1, Mike arrived home last week and plans to spend the summer with his parents.

Brian Fitzpatrick, who had been in California near his brother, Mike, also returned and is at home

April 17, 1969