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INTRODUCTION

[04:00:04;26]

Shot: Film begins rolling. Gray screen with white numbers.

[04:00:07;26]

Shot: Close-ups on faces of soldiers

Explain: Film about a year in the life of the Marines

[04:00:27;17]

Shot: General Wallace giving speech

Explain: Wallace discussing duty and strength of Marines

[04:00:55;17]

Shot: Marines, villagers

Explain: Story of Marines and strangers a world apart

[04:01:09;27]

Shot: Helicopter flying over forested land with title "Marine 66"

PROVIDE AID TO THOSE HURT BY HURRICANE INEZ

[04:01:17;14]

Shot: Helicopter receiving direction and flying over ocean

Explain: Start in Caribbean where Hurricane Inez hit and with the brave behavior of two commanding officers

[04:01:33;12]

Shot: Helicopter flying over villages damaged by Hurricane

Explain: Voice over of pilot discussing complete destruction of land

[04:01:55;16]

Shot: Helicopter lands, people shown migrating

Explain: Deliver food and evacuate injured people

[04:02:26;13]

Shot: Newspaper spins until focuses on screen, showing Marines wrapping injuries, people hurt or killed being carried away

Explain: Marine operations shifted to aid, helping people injured during hurricane, ignorance of local people of even most basic first aid practices

[04:03:54;17]

Shot: People hammering pieces of wood together, building new buildings

Explain: Help Haitian people, they are very appreciative

MARINES IN VIETNAM

[04:04:25;28]

Shot: Painting of soldier with Vietnamese child, CARE USA Organization crates, Marines interacting with Vietnamese people

Explain: Marines help Vietnamese by providing needed goods and services

[04:05:09;24]

Shot: Painting of Marines, Marines marching

Explain: 1966 year of new beginning, Marine Division came back into being for the first time after WWII to fight in Vietnam

ARRIVING IN VIETNAM

[04:05:43;17]

Series of shots of men going through embarkation: boarding ships, saying goodbye to family

Explain: Men embark on journey overseas to Vietnam

[04:06:24;21]

Shot: Painting of Marines in helicopter

Explain: Arriving in Vietnam, Helicopters helped bring men ashore

[04:06:43;17]

Shot: Helicopter flying, helicopters landing,

Explain: 5th marine Division back in action

[04:07:07;23]

Series of painting scenes showing fighting

Explain: Major contact - predawn attacked

[04:07:17;13]

Shot: Soldier standing in bunkers, standing and talking as dead lay on the ground

Explain: Costly battle. Many Vietnamese injured and killed

[04:07:45;11]

Shot of Navy Corpsman at the side of an injured Vietnamese soldier

Explain: Navy Corpsman gave aid

[04:07:50;13]

Series of shots of Marines looking over dead, weapons collected from the dead

[04:08:09;22]

Camera pans to the right over painting of Marines marching, shots of Captain walking around village, young children watching him draw,

Explain: Marines 66 included painting - Captain John Dyer, Captain discussing artistic work

[04:09:21;29]

Painting of boat on river

CHILDREN'S CLINIC

[04:09:32;04]

Shots of HOA KHANH Children's hospital, children sitting outside, Marine talking to Vietnamese

Explain: Children's hospital just one way US trying to help Vietnamese

[04:10:04;27]

Shot of Lieutenant Commander John A. [04:10:03;08] _____ talking to camera, shots of Marines bringing supplies to refugee village, giving medication to children

Explaining: The Medical Civil Affairs program, doctors build mediatrix clinic to provide care for children

[04:11:12;02]

Series of shots of house and tent, infants receiving treatment in clinic

Explaining: How sick infants brought back to health, More and more children brought to hospital

OPERATION HASTINGS

[04:11:56;04]

Painting of aircraft, shots of helicopters flying over forest

Explain: DMZ, Marines demolished enemy plan

[04:12:28;16]

Shots of Marine leaders, official explaining strategy of Operation Hastings on map, fleet of helicopters landing

Explain: Leaders and strategy for action

[04:13:40;17]

Shots of Marines fighting, Remarks from Major Donald [04:13:46;11]
(Busch?)_____

Explain: Success of Marines in Operation Hastings

[04:14:02;28]

Shot of plane dropping bomb

[04:14:10;29]

Shot of marines running through a field

[04:14:15;08]

Shot of large airplane landing, unloading plane

Explain: Two infantry battalions initially activated, additional battalion moved North,
discusses how units and supplies moved

[04:14:56;22]

Shot of men running through field after getting off helicopters, Helicopters leaving and
arriving, men in helicopters

Explain: Units moved into the field by helicopters

OPERATION PRARIE

[04:15:17;19]

Shot of aircraft dropping bomb, Marines arriving by helicopter, receiving fire, fighting
back

Explain: July 15 under attack and heavy fire

[04:16:29;03]

Shot of aircraft dropping bomb, man shooting gun from helicopter

Explain: Marine combat reporters and photographers present in action

[04:16:47;28]

Shots of Marines carrying hurt men over to helicopter

Explain: one of the most dramatic incident in Operation Hastings - July 25, Lima
Company brought support to India Company, which was trapped on a mountain top
surrounded by enemy forces

[04:17:27;12]

Series of shots of Marines fighting in field, throwing small arms fire, shooting

[04:18:21;16]

Shot of man being lifted up to helicopter

Explain: MEDIVAC lifting out a wounded Marine

[04:18:27;06]

Shots of Men chopping wood, clearing trees by blowing up, helicopters landing

Explain: Clearing trees for helicopters to land to take out wounded

[04:19:48;23]

Shot from cockpit windows of a helicopter looking out over country. See another aircraft dropping a bomb

Explain: Marine action continues. took casualties but "demonstrated positively that they were more than a match for the enemy."

[04:20:12;14]

Shots of men shooting fire, explosions, dropping bombs, etc.

Explain: Unlike Operation Hastings, during Operation Prairie, heavy contact at same time rare, however, some of the most violent fighting happened during this time

[04:20:55;20]

Shot of plane dropping bombs, launching fire

Discusses weapons being used

MARINES SUCCESS DUE TO STRENGTH AND DEDICATION OF INDIVIDUALS

[04:21:11;25]

Shot of Marines getting off helicopter, running through field, crossing stream

Explain: Success attributed to strength and understanding of individuals

[04:21:39;17]

Shot of Marines crossing stream, walking through forest, wading through water, walking through field

Explain: Voice over of Sergeant Little briefing on mission

[04:22:54;17]

Shot of Marines pulling dead body into bunker as they receive fire

[04:23:08;22]

Shot of Marine loading gun and returning fire

[04:23:17;20]

Shot of Marine walking through water, men in water talking and pointing

[04:23:27;16]

Marines standing in forest, checking man who has fallen

[04:23:38;14]

Painting of Marine walking among dead bodies in field

Explain: Individual action of Marines lead to success

[04:23:46;13]

Marines standing by collected weapons, pictures of dead Vietnamese, General talking
Explain: General Kyle summarizing importance of individual actions

PRAISE FROM PRESIDENT FOR "GOOD" CAUSE

[04:24:10;00]

Series of shots of President Lyndon B. Johnson presenting Medal of Honor to Robert E. O'Malley

Explain: President of U.S. praising Marines for honorable commitment to "good" cause

[04:25:58;03]

Close-up of badges on Robert E. O'Malley's Marine uniform, shaking hands with others

Explain: Marines of 66 are dedicated and serving country as they will until the end of time