

Detroit Lakes Man Killed On Thursday In Viet Nam

The war in Viet Nam rang closer to home for Lakes area people today with the announcement of the first loss of a Detroit Lakes serviceman in combat.

Staff Sgt. Terrance K. (Joey) Jensen was killed in fighting with Communist guerrillas at the big Da Nang Air Base early Thursday.

A career Air Force man with 16 years service, Jensen was an air policeman. He had been in Viet Nam since April 2.

Jensen was lost when a Communist guerrilla shortage squad crept past Marine guards at the Da Nang base and destroyed three Air Force planes with demolition charge and bazooka fire. Two Marines were wounded in the fighting.

More than 400 Marines were flown in by helicopter Thursday afternoon to guard against repeated attacks on the base 270 miles northeast of Saigon.

A Viet Cong prisoner captured in the daring Da Nang raid revealed he was a member of a special mission assault team that had trained for 30 days for the attack on the airfield.

Communist mortar fire supported the sabotage team's attack, but the main damage was caused by the blackclad Communist fighters, who slipped undetected through South Vietnamese army and U. S. Marine airfield defense lines.

Jensen's wife, Anne, and four children, live at 413 North Street West in Detroit Lakes. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Jensen of Munson Lake.

Jensen grew up in Detroit Lakes and graduated from high school at Aitken.

The Jensen children are Richard, 8, Patricia, 7, Michael, 5,

and Susan, 3. Also surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Chester Swing of Charleston, S. C., Mrs. Stephen Toben, Riverside, Calif., and a

brother, Donald C. Jensen of Detroit Lakes.

Funeral arrangements are pending from the Air Force.

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