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Abstract: This collection contains one letter, written by 1st Lieutenant Lawrence Emanuel Houck II. Houck was a marine on tour in Vietnam from February 27, 1968 to February 4, 1969, when he was killed in a helicopter crash.

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Scope and Contents
This collection contains one letter, written by Lawrence Emanuel Houck II to his friend Robert E. Snyder Jr. Houck was a 1st Lieutenant in the Marine Corps and was a helicopter pilot. His tour began February 27, 1968 and ended on February 4, 1969, when his body was recovered in a helicopter crash.

In the letter, Houck talks about how disappointing it is with some of the countries with the "old world feel" (like Japan and Thailand) are modernizing with the rest of the world.

Houck mentioned that they were fired upon while aboard the USS Iwo Jima while near the Cua Viet River. He also talked about fighting with the North Vietnamese Army.

Houck was a pilot and talked about the oldest helicopters in the Marine Corps, the UH-34Ds, and how he enjoyed flying them.

While on medevac duty, got a call for two priority medivacs north of Dong Ha. They were fired upon by the NVA with 30 caliber automatic weapons and grenades. The pilot was hit in the eyes and shrapnel broke Houck's visor, sending pieces of plastic in his right eye and cutting his cheek. Because the pilot couldn't see, Houck took over the controls and attempted to fly them out. They were able to escape, but the helicopter was badly damaged and everyone was wounded.

Also with the letter are two newspaper clippings.

Arrangement
This collection is housed in two folders and arranged by material type. Correspondence are in folder one, news clippings are in folder two.

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