

OPERATION DEWEY CANYON

Operation Dewey Canyon kicked off at three
Into the A Shau Valley many North Vietnamese soldiers I knew there would be.

When we landed on the LZ off the helicopter I ran
Ready for whatever might happen in this dangerous land.

Through the night on the LZ we stayed
I was thinking of all the patrols yet to be made.

Patrolling up and down steep hills across rushing streams
Deeper into the A Shau Valley and closer to death it seems.

Sometimes at night the North Vietnamese would scream
"You are going to die Marine"

"Morphine up" came the call
Forward I ran
Morphine in my hand.

Sgt Nate on the ground
Almost dead from a sniper round.

Many more days in this valley of death laid ahead
Many more Marines and Corpsman ended up dead.

One night about three
A rocket propelled grenade killed Tennessee.

During a night firefight my friend Dale fell down the hill
When he crawled up him I did kill.

Eight days after that
I was shot in the chest and lifted out on a medivac.

The end of Operation Dewey Canyon I did not see.
To the Naval hospital in Japan they sent me.