

CATKILLERS OF I CORPS (Class of 1966-67)

To the tale and tune of *Villikins and His Dinah* – "T'is of a rich merchant who in London did dwell..."

We were *Catkillers* of I Corps in the battles of Vietnam
From our Headquarters in Phu Bai, we were to help keep things calm
Our First Platoon was in Quang Ngai, the Second in Hue,
And from our Third at Marble Mountain - we all entered the fray

Chorus after each stanza: (Repeated in the melody of the last stanzaic line)

We're Singing Catkillers of I Corps, Rol Lal Tu Rol Lal Lay

3rd MAF was our host there, they liked givin' Charlie Hell
General Lou Walt was their Leader – he was known as "BDL"
He was an old Leatherneck – as tough as they come
He urged a lot from his "Jar Heads" – he knew where they came from

When 3rd Marine Division came forward – Phu Bai's "Dog Patch", we called it
Their AOs were a tough lot, and orn'r'y as Tobacco spit
"Sacred" was their Handle, "Oscar", "Romeo", through "Whatever"
Marines and *Catkillers* made a fighting team – with mem'ries that last forever

If a lull in the action might come within reach
"Provider" could find steaks, beer and soda for China Beach
Marble Mountain was the choice of all, war was put out of mind
And our mini-R & Rs there were a break from the grind!

Our Fourth Platoon rejoined us from Pleiku to Dong Ha
Their mission on the DMZ and Tally Ho was no "Cha-cha"
Four Birddogs and crews joined the Big Guns and the Air Force
And they made it the Base of choice – Aye, Yes, Sir – Of Course!

From the Sea to the A'Shau, Khe Sanh and Gio Linh
Quang Tri 'n down the Highway thru Phu Bai to Marble Mount'in
Then on to Hoi An and Quang Ngai – cover'in only a few places
Where *Catkillers* flew each day, as they went through their paces

Never forgetting the ARVN, Marines, SF and others
We were in it together – a great Band of Brothers
Our memories of I Corps – in the air 'n on the flight line
We will always remember one Heck-of-a' Time!



Melody from an old English Ballad – New Words by a Catkiller of 1966-67 (click link below)

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