

Chapter 1 : Ride to the rescue: Josephine Pullein-Thompson: calendrierdelascience.com: Books

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Feb 20, Feb 20, January There, a handful of Marine rifle battalions, some pacification specialists of a combined action company, Green Berets leading a force of Montagnards, and operators of the shadowy MACV Special Operations Group were holding onto a set of hill positions ringed by the North Vietnamese army. Under that cover North Vietnamese troops advanced against Hill , one of the strongpoints, and the village of Khe Sanh. They failed in the hills but captured the village. From that day on, the combat base struggled under siege, constantly shelled and repeatedly threatened with new ground attacks. The Americans were obliged to supply Khe Sanh by air. Only one road connected the combat base to MACV positions in the lowlands, and the enemy had cut that months earlier. Now the North Vietnamese closed in to besiege Khe Sanh. Within days, Westmoreland would be diverted to putting out the fires of the Tet Offensive, but he laid the groundwork for an overland rescue operation beforehand. Abrams, in charge of it. Westmoreland also called in Maj. Tolson, leading the Cav, the vaunted 1st Cavalry Division Airmobile , then in the process of deploying to that same region. Marines and South Vietnamese troops famously fought within the city, but the Cav operated against North Vietnamese supply lines to the west. As extra reinforcements arrived, 1st Cavalry units were shifted north to the Quang Tri-Dong Ha area, where Route 9 originates at the latter town. On March 2, the generals gathered at Da Nang for a command conference. Tompkins, the Marine two-star who led the 3rd Marine Division. Tompkins recalled Abrams speculating on the Cav taking over security in the coastal zone and the 3rd Marine Division attacking west to Khe Sanh. The brass at this meeting listened as Cav staff detailed an offensive scheme. It became known as Operation Pegasus, after the winged horse of mythology. Westmoreland joined them March 10, when he approved the plans. As preparations continued, Khe Sanh seemed more and more threatened. The next night brought an assault at a close-in position of the base defenses. A Marine C transport, destroyed on the airstrip Feb. The high point of artillery bombardments of the combat base came Feb. The combat base definitely looked to be in trouble. But Pegasus could not simply be launched out of the blue. To sustain an overland offensive, Route 9 had to be restored and improved out to the Rockpile, a Marine position in the foothills to the east. Bridges needed to be strengthened and more construction material stockpiled for the road out to Khe Sanh. The Cav needed a well-provisioned landing zone as a springboard for its 3rd Brigade, which would lead the charge. Ca Lu, a hilltop village at a bend of Route 9, was selected for the launch point. The start of Pegasus, originally timed for March 13, was pushed back to April 1. The North Vietnamese do not appear to have been fooled. The last actual attack at Khe Sanh took place the day before, and U. Pegasus jumped off at 7 a. It was the biggest III MAF offensive of the war, with 29, troops " 14 battalions with choppers and artillery pieces. Tolson had arrived at LZ Stud the previous day. The Cav was noted for its dynamic operational techniques, with an almost instant ability to redirect forces and firepower in response to new discoveries and changing conditions. Kinzer " senior adviser to the ARVN 3rd Airborne Task Force, the participating South Vietnamese brigade " felt he learned more in a week interacting with the Cav than he had in the preceding six months. Despite that dynamism, Pegasus began with an old-fashioned ground advance conducted in the traditional manner: Hughes with his 1st Marine Infantry Regiment made up the overland component of the attack. Hughes arrayed the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines on the north side of Route 9, and the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines south of the road. The 11th Engineers followed, lifting mines and restoring the thoroughfare. The Marines crossed the line of departure precisely on time. The terrain was so rough and the growth, the underbrush, so thick that we had to use helicopters. The Cav got started when the weather cleared the afternoon of the first day. Only occasionally were airmobile ops possible before afternoon. At that altitude a North Vietnamese gunner could see a chopper at a distance of a mile and a half or so. Abodeely, leading the 2nd Platoon of D Company, recalls thick jungle and mountainous terrain. He hurt his arm jumping from the chopper. It was typical of Cav tactics that the LZ

was chosen at the very last moment, practically with the choppers in motion. Abodeely remembers they air-assaulted the top of a mountain, circled by a river on three sides. Tolson sought to accelerate Pegasus by committing Col. Most choppered into an LZ not far from Khe Sanh. Soon they were attacking the feature known as the Old French Fort. Robert Runkle, leading 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry against the French fort, was killed, becoming the most senior officer casualty of Pegasus. An estimated enemy battalion held on to the position for the next two days, and the Cav fed in an additional formation – 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry – to overwhelm the defenses. Tolson also had the Marine garrison get into the fight, sallying to the south to take Hill , which offered a panoramic view of Khe Sanh combat base. Once in place, they had to beat off a battalion-size North Vietnamese counterattack. By then, April 4, Lt. The platoon encountered a couple of dead GIs as they pulled back into the perimeter. A medevac chopper was shot down. When North Vietnamese artillery shells proved to be duds, the troopers worried these might be chemical or nerve agents instead. But the North Vietnamese did not employ such weapons in this war. GIs got another scare when a rumor swept the battalion that they were going to be ordered to walk into Khe Sanh. The North Vietnamese, too, left behind 83 dead. Suddenly everyone was in motion. Abodeely thought of a race to the rescue. Marine official historian Jack Shulimson saw it as a three-ring circus. Those Marines moved on to Hill , which had been a North Vietnamese hotbed. The 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines broke out of its strongpoint on Hill and went for Hill Tolson thought carefully about the mechanics of the relief and had decided he did not like the optics of cavalymen arriving first at Khe Sanh combat base. The engineers completed the road connection on April Tolson had planned dozens of additional operations to clear the area around the combat base, but instead the Cav was immediately recalled for a thrust into the A Shau Valley. The division had suffered 41 or 59 dead there are discrepancies , or wounded and five missing. Marines lost 51 killed and wounded. Of the ARVN, 33 were killed in action and wounded. The body count for the North Vietnamese stood at 1, with 24 men captured. Significant amounts of food, equipment and documents were captured as well. The Cavalry – and the Marines – had ridden to the rescue. As we mark so many 50th anniversaries of the Vietnam conflict, the Battle of Khe Sanh is often mentioned, Operation Pegasus almost never. Let this serve to bring brave Marines and GIs back to mind once more.

Chapter 2 : Ride & Run for the Rescue - Rescue Mission Alliance

After a several long, frustrating weeks of going nowhere the transportation sector is finally moving forward. Held back by the under-performing airline stocks, the Dow Jones Transportation Average.

British railway traction is in the dark ages. What does Johnson have in mind, horses? There are murmurs that trains might be hauled by hydrogen or batteries which would need to be the size of a train. As with cars, that is pie in the sky. But is Johnson about to cause a sensation, and revive the age of steam? Leisure and so-called heritage railways have continued to expand, and their appeal is simple. They run steam trains. Steam is the secret gold mine of the railway. Passenger numbers on conventional trains have slackened after the great boom of the past decade – hence the financial woes of the east coast mainline. Rail fares have been soaring and commuter services have been congesting. But leisure and so-called heritage railways have continued to expand, and their appeal is simple. They run steam trains. At the time of the Beeching cuts in the s , there were barely a dozen private steam operators. Today there are roughly – plus another 50 community partnerships using mostly diesel, but sometimes mixed with steam. There are more private railways in Britain than at any point in the 20th century. Steam engines of course burn coal, and coal is dirty. But nor is generating electricity entirely carbon-free. The total amount of carbon at issue is minimal, and almost all its pollution is outside towns. It could be matched by emissions certificates. On existing private lines, some operators reckon they can charge twice as much for a steam train as for a diesel. Kings of the steam sector, such as the North York Moors, the West Somerset and the Ffestiniog are now serious transport undertakings. Derelict engines have gone from being valueless to costing thousands. The viability of these lines is clearly aided by their appeal to volunteer labour, of which there seems an inexhaustible supply, not least among ex-railway staff. They have a devoted passenger following among those who, in the modern age, are exhilarated by the sound, smell and pace of steam. So come back George Stephenson. Johnson is on to something. Phase out diesel – and bring back steam.

Chapter 3 : Strangers help woman who was planning to ride out Florence with 7 rescue dogs - CNN

Robots Ride to the Rescue Where Workers Can't Be Found. Fast-growing economies in Eastern Europe have led to severe labor shortages, so companies are calling in the machines.

Chapter 4 : Ride to the Rescue by Josephine Pullein-Thompson

It's just a colourful way of saying that Fidesz has provided a solution the mortgage repayment problem in Hungary.

Chapter 5 : Ride to the Rescue | The American Legion

The Ride to the Rescue will be held on Saturday, October 17, starting at 8am at the Loudon City Municipal Park. Rides of 50K (31 miles), K (62 miles), and miles will be fully SAG supported with well-stocked rest stops. The selected routes do not have any hard climbs and are comprised of.

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Chapter 7 : Ride to the Rescue - All up to date Texas bicycle rides in one location

a cross country ride to the rescue On June 1, young cyclists from around the world embarked on a 3, mile journey to

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Chapter 9 : Transports Ride To The Rescue | Seeking Alpha

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