

**A 2D U.S. FATALITY  
IN TRUCE REPORTED**

SAIGON, South Vietnam, Feb. 23 (UPI)—The United States command today reported the second American peacetime fatality in Vietnam. The victim, the flight engineer of an unarmed helicopter shot down near An Loc a week ago, died today at a hospital on Okinawa.

He was identified as Specialist 5 James L. Scroggins of Mulberry Grove, Ill.

A command spokesman said that Specialist Scroggins was taken to Okinawa for treatment of severe burns suffered when the helicopter, carrying four other Americans, was shot down six miles south of An Loc.

The helicopter, on a supply mission for the truce-implementing Four-Party Joint Military Commission, was on loan to the commission and was not painted with the commission's distinguishing orange zebra stripes.

Three other crewmen were taken to the United States for medical treatment; the pilot remained under medical care at the United States Army hospital in Saigon.

The first American killed in hostile action since the ceasefire went into effect in Vietnam on Jan. 28 was a helicopter pilot who was fired on two days after the truce.