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SCOTT CAMIL

We give thanks for American patriots like Scott Camil, 20, Hialeah High '64 graduate, volunteer point man on patrol in the Mortar Squadron of the 11th Marine Division.

Scott has completed nine months of volunteer duty in Viet Nam and is intent upon extending his hitch abroad beyond April when he is due to return home.

Wounded in September near Da Nang in Operation Hastings, Scott did not write his parents, the Wally Camils, 11130 NW 61st Ave., the extent of his injuries, but when he returned to active duty recently, he wrote:

"I don't know how to say this, but I may not come home in April. I may extend another six months. It's hard to explain but there is a job here that I know must be done. It's a dirty job but it is better for me to do it than my brothers or children.

"A few times I thought my time was up but I fought hard and was lucky. Some of my buddies aren't so lucky and when one of them dies, a part of me dies with them. I can't see going home and leaving them here by themselves."