

## Military Funeral Saturday For Cpl. Wm. Thompson

Funeral services for Corporal William Arthur Thompson, who died in Vietnam, will be held at the First Methodist Church at 2 p.m. Saturday. An Army honor guard will be flown from Fort Richardson, Alaska, for the military burial and Capt. Rex McCulley of the Salvation Army will conduct the services. Burial will be at Bayview Cemetery.

Bill Thompson was born in Ketchikan on April 3, 1949, attended White Cliff and Main School and graduated from Kayhi School with the class of '67. He went to Spain after graduation and on his return enlisted in the Army July 3, 1967 at New York City. After training at Fort Jackson he requested Vietnam duty, and reported at Pleiku on Jan. 18, after a furlough in Ketchikan. In Vietnam he volunteered for duty with the long range patrol and was assigned to the Second Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division in the central Highlands.

### Tides:

#### FRIDAY

High Tide	2:42 a.m.	15.7ft.
Low Tide	9:12 a.m.	-2.0 ft.
High Tide	3:42 p.m.	14.0 ft.
Low Tide	9:18 p.m.	2.9 ft.

He was wounded by shrapnel in March but back in action in April.

He recently graduated from Recondo School in Nha Trang and returned to duty as leader of a five-man patrol. He was wounded on July 10 along with three others of the patrol when a cache of Viet Cong grenades were detonated by enemy fire. He died of his wound on July 12.

Sp-4 Nick Posdnikoff, the fifth man of the patrol, escorted the body from Vietnam and will stay in Ketchikan for several days.

Bill Thompson is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Art Thompson; a brother, Douglas; three sisters, Mrs. Richard Burton, Juneau, Mrs. Teresa Patrick, Honolulu, and Jacqueline Hinman, Porterville, California; and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gibson of Cloverdale, B. C.

### Forecast:

Continued fair to partly cloudy with patches of night-time and early morning fog. Winds variable less than 15 knots, chance of precipitation 10 per cent. Low temperature tonight 55 degrees, high Friday 72. Sunset 10:02, sunrise 5:44.

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# Ketchikan Soldier Dies From Vietnam Wounds



A Ketchikan soldier, Private First Class William Arthur Thompson, died Friday in Vietnam from injuries sustained in combat two days earlier, his parents learned this week.

PFC Thompson is the second Ketchikan man to lose his life in the war. Joey Whitney was killed in action a little over a year ago.

PFC Thompson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Thompson of Ketchikan, graduated from Ketchikan High School with the class of 1967. He entered the Army in July, 1967, and arrived in Vietnam January 16 for service with the long range patrol of the 4th Infantry Division.

Thompson had been wounded in action with the enemy in March but recovered and returned to duty. Wounds sustained July 10 were of such critical nature he was unable to recover.

According to word received by the family, the young soldier's body will be returned to Ketchikan in about 10 days for a full military funeral.

PFC Thompson was born in Ketchikan April 3, 1949.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his brother Douglas and by three sisters, Theresa Patrick, Honolulu, Mrs. Richard Burton, Juneau; and Jacqueline Hinman, Porterville, Calif.

PFC William A. Thompson