

CG Overlay 4: Fighting continues to erupt in Saigon, despite official claims that the uprising has been crushed.

SFX: Small arms skirmishes continue.

CG Overlay 5: The Saigon government ordered soldiers to shoot anyone on the streets after 7:00 p.m.

SFX: Single gunshot.

South Vietnamese soldier standing over body of Viet Cong fighter.

SFX: Silence

Long shots of Saigon and Hue with jet fighter-bombers and helicopter gunships on the horizon bombing and strafing sections of each city.

SFX: Distant bombing explosions and machine-gun firing.

CG Overlay 1: Large sections of both Saigon and Hue lay in smoldering ruins, (with (towering columns of) smoke filling the skies) as allied planes, helicopter gunships and artillery (and tanks) blasted away at scattered (concentrations) bands of enemy troops.

SFX: Distant bombing and machine-gun fire fades out almost to silence.

CG Overlay 2: The U.S. Command said that in ten days of fighting the American death toll is 920.

Overlay 2 fades out.

Tired, dirty, downcast U.S. Marines rest outside Hue's ancient Citadel

SFX: Distant sounds of gunfire and grenades, Vietnamese voices yelling to one another.

CG Overlay: U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese troops reported slow, bloody progress in their efforts to dislodge the North Vietnamese Regulars inside the Citadel.

Interior overview of Citadel

SFX: Closer sounds of gunfire and grenades, Vietnamese voices.

CG Overlay: Their troops were burrowed into gun-pits along the walls and appeared to have plenty of ammunition for a long fight.

Tighter views of enemy gun-pit positions inside the Citadel walls.

SFX: Machine-gun and rifle fire ricochet around the stone walls

CG Overlay: **Fresh men and ammunition are believed to be coming in through a network of tunnels and sewers beneath the Citadel's walls.**

Marine jets strafing the Citadel.

CG Overlay: **AP photographer Al Chang reported that Marine fighter-bombers attacked the Citadel in an attempt to open a path for the Marines on the ground.**

Gun battle inside the Citadel

CG Overlay: **Battle-weary U.S. Marines moving behind a protective umbrella of artillery pushed 400 yards through the rubble ruins of Hue's Citadel.**

U.S. Marines tending to the wounded and helping them get safely out of the battle zones.

CG Overlay 1: **Even the most massive firepower cannot clean out all the pockets of resistance.**

This must be done by ground troops.

Behind the battle, outside the Citadel, dead and wounded Marines are tended to.

CG Overlay 2: **The Communists were dug in, fighting from pockets inside stone walls, some more than 8 feet thick.**

It was decided to use bombs.

FADE OUT: to Black screen.

CG Overlay (typing):
AP's George McArthur learned that Communist troops executed as many as 300 civilians and buried them in a mass grave south of Hue.

SFX: Machine-gun and rifle fire ricochet around the stone walls (Cont'd)

SFX: Jets strafing the Citadel.

SFX: Machine-gun and rifle fire ricochet around the stone walls becomes fiercer

SFX: Artillery shells landing inside the Citadel.

SFX: The sounds of battle—bombs, small arms fire, machine-guns, grenades, soldiers yelling—intensifies.

SFX: The sounds of battle from inside the Citadel are reduced in this temporary safe place outside the Citadel.

SFX: Battle sounds continue barely audible as typewriter keys begin being heard.

CUT TO: GEORGE on camera

GEORGE: During the Communist occupation of Hue, they executed hundreds of South Vietnamese police, civil servants and civilians.

Some, they buried alive.

You had deliberate war crimes in the old Imperial Capital of Hue.

It can never be forgiven, and it's wrong, and it violates the Geneva Conference.

CROSS FADE TO:

Aerial views of the devastation left after the TET Offensive—especially the burned out rubble in sections of Hue and Saigon.

SFX: Softly fade in sound from interior of helicopter.

GEORGE (VO): Within a month, the U.S. and South Vietnamese forces retook the towns and cities, including the old Imperial Capital of Hue, *(pause)* but at great cost.

Tan Son Nhut Air Base with American military cargo planes being loaded with many flag draped coffins.

CG Overlay:

The U.S. Command reported that American casualties during the last seven days of fighting were:

470 killed

2,675 wounded

The second highest weekly totals of the war.

GEORGE (VO): It was also clear *(immediately)* that it was a whole new, ah, that the tide had turned, this was a milestone and ah...

Proof that the Communists could attack at will.

Proof that the war couldn't be won militarily.