

# Our Men in Viet Nam

A pair of baby booties hanging above Charles J. Kegel's cot in Viet Nam remind him of the happiness he'll share when he comes home Dec. 12.

Kegel, 26, an army specialist 4, on that day will see his baby daughter, Kelly, for the first time.

"The booties are those I gave him before he left for Viet Nam last December," said Kegel's wife, Sandra Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wright, 1444 Good av., Park Ridge. "I gave them to him so he could think of our baby in peaceful moments." Kelly is 3 months old.

Kegel is a communications expert assigned to a combat engineer battalion stationed near Di An. He was graduated in 1963 from the University of Illinois. In June, he was wounded in an ambush.

"The photo was taken when the American Red Cross got the news to him eight hours



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after Kelly was born," Mrs. Kegel said. "The expression on his face leaves no doubt about how he feels."