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WARRIOR ACTIONS NET 59 KIA'S THIS WEEK



CAPTIVES FREED BY PILOTS AFTER 3 YRS OF SLAVE LABOR try, the helicopters kil-

.. Helicopter pilots flying aerial recommaissance mis- on a hill two miles east sions for the 11th Infantry Brigade recently became of Duc Pho. liberators of ten Vietnamese laborers who had been prisoners of the Viet Cong for as long as four years.

The pilots, Aero Scouts from the 123rd Aviation Bn. discovered the prisoners 12 miles west of Quang Ngai Outy when they observed movement in the area. After noticing a group of military age men carrying packs through a rice paddy, the pilots sedured the field with their gunships and called in the infantry to check out the personnel.

overhead, some of the captives waved to them to attract their attention. The Aero Scout infantry element, the "Animals," were inserted and were told by the workers that two VC hiding in the nearby brush were guarding them. The "Animals" apprehended the two suspects and a third VC, the group leader of the work detail designated "T-658 Production Element for Quang Ngai Province," who was working with the prisoners.

The laborers had been (FREED Cont. on page 3) (DRAFT Cont. on page 3)

continued light Action in the 11th to moderate Infantry Brigade area of operations as "Jungle Warrior" units killed 59 enemy soldiers, detained 97 suspects and captured three weapons in scattered fighting.

On Ocotber 3, "Shark" gunships of the 174th Avigation Company were fired on by snipers hiding in a group of huts 15 miles north of Duc Pho. The gunships responded by destroying six of the structures and killing five VC.

Later in the day, while supporting broops of the 4th Battalion, 3rd Infanled an evading Viet Cong

"Always First" soldiers from C Company accounted for four dead VC October 4 in more action near Duc Pho. That morning the company, led by CPT James O'Herron, killed a fleeing (WRAP UP Cont. on page 3)

As the gunships flew 17'S THE SAME ALL OVER

U.S. TROOP GETS ITALIAN SHAFT

It has often been said that a man cannot serve two masters. But this old adage had special meaning for PFC Luigi G. Lozzari, of the Americal Mivision's 11th Infantry Brighde.

At mail call a couple of weeks ago PFC Lazzari, a VHF radio technician in the 11th Brigade's 11th Signal Detachment, picked up an official looking letter from the Italian Consulate General in San Francisco.

Luigi is a Sicilian immigrant to the United States, and as such has received several items of similar official correspondence since he came to America in 1959 with his parents and two younger brothers.

But more than eight years of living in his new country, education in the Detroit school system, marriage to an American girl and induction into the Armed Forces of the United States didn't prepare him for the surprise he got when he read the letter.

assigned the task of "The Italian Consulate Coneral in San Francisco,"

COMMAND INFORMATION

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of a series of articles entitled Customs Laws and You. Today's chapter deals with the Official Exemption.)

OFFICIAL EXEMPTION

Under this exemption, any person employed by the federal government who returns to the United States under govern ment orders at the close of an assignment or extended duty outside the territorial limits of the United States, may be allowed free entry of his personal and household effects, including automobiles. This privilege also applies to members of his family residing with him at his overseas post or station. This plies whether the articles are exemption applies to you if: shipped by air, surface or in the

* You are returning under permanent mails.

or station.

* Your orders necessitate the return vided that: al and household goods, even though, person claiming the exemption.

2. The erticles claimed to be covered to be from this age requirement) your physical possession at your for example, your receiving the exemption for an automobile purchased in Germany for U.S. delivery while you are stationed in Victnam. It also rules out grant-

ing you the exemption on a Honda motorcycle ordered for Vietnam delivery but not delivered by the time you leave Vietnam. If this motorcycle is subsequently forwarded to your U.S. address, full duty will be assessed.

The exemption can be used to cover articles and effects shipped prior to or subsequent to your return. To cover articles shipped prior to your return, the articles must be accompanied by a copy of the government orders issued prior to the shipment of the goods. This ap-

change of station (PCS) orders. There are special rules concerning * You are transferring from one over- the exemption for alcoholic beverages seas post to another overseas post and some tobacco products. You and your dependents who resided with you may each * You are returning from temporary du- import duty free 100 cigars, a reasonty station persuant to evacuation able amount of tobacco products and one orders (but not on leave orders). wine gallon of distilled spirits pro-

to the United States of your person- * The items physically accompany the

you are not returning to the U.S. * Dependents claiming the exemption be Important points governing the ap- 21 years old or over (U.S. civilian plication of the official exemption are: employees and servicemen are exempt

by the exemption must have been in . Three quarts of the one gallon of liquor must have been distilled or overseas station. This rules out, otherwise manufactured and bottled in the United States, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa or Guam.

* The person claiming duty free entry of the items does not also claim the tourist exemption as a returning

resident.

For the purposes of this exemption, bona fide gifts regardless of their value, that you have purchased for family or friends are considered to be items of personal use, and thus the exemption may be claimed. Combat Zone (NEXT WEEK: Exemptions.)

JOB IS WAITING FOR YOU

Are you getting 'skort', and wondering what kind of job is waiting for you back in the States? To help returning Vietnam veterans find jobs, the government has begun a new computerized job placement program called Vietnam Era Veterans Employment Refermal Program (VEVERP). This program enables all service veterans to make a single application for temporary or permanent government employment anywhere in the U.S.

Persons looking for temporary jobs with any federal agency can register within a period of 10 months after ETS. This program is limited to the first five GS grades and coordinates employment with education.

Persons trying for pergo vernment jobs manent have four months to apply. beginning two months before ETS, and will be referred only to vacancies within the Defense Dept.



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WRAP UP Cont from page 1) VC near a village six miles northwest of LZ Bronco. Later in the day. a C Co. platoon, led by ILT Frederick W. Long. killed three evading enemy near Highway 515, six miles west of Duc Pho.

A village cordon operas tion conducted by 4th Bn. 3rd Inf, seven miles was overexposed. operation began. C Co., you are using. surgents as they attempted hootches in the village. A total of 29 suspects ation.

of Duc Pho. The "Always day and is called synchro-daylight. . VC. The patrol also cap-

Flash photography, both indoors and out, is a big aid in increasing the versatility of your camera. Indoor shots, of that new addition to the family or of a group of friends over for the evening, are shots that are important to us. It would be a shame to have them spoiled because the color was washed out or the film

southeast of Duc Pho Octo- Determining a flash exposure is done with the use ber 5 metted 11 enemy of a Guide Number. This number is found in the Flash "Old Guard" sol- Picture section of the data sheet which comes packed diers from A.Co., led by with the film. To find the toorrest Guide Number sime ILT Robert F. Callahan, ply pick the shutter speed you wish to shoot, usukilled eight VC in a fire- . ally determined by your camera flash synchronization, fight near, a trail as the and then look across the chart under the type of bulb

commanded by CPT Grady Now that you have your Guide Number, divide the Middleton, killed two in- distance your subject will be from the camera into the

Guide Number and this gives you your to evade the roundup. A
Viet Cong killed by artillery fire the night before
was found by B Co., under
CPT Jimmy R. Davis, near 10 feet away from the camera your f stop is 110 divid-

ed by 10 or f/11. If you were 15 feet from your subwere detained in the oper- ject the f stop is 110 divided by 15 or 7 1/3 and you would use f/8.

In separate actions Flash can be used outside when you are shooting a October 5 and 6, C Co., subject with heavy shadows or one in open shade. In 3/1, killed ten enemy sol- this case you would simply set your camera for the diers. The night of Octo- normal coutdoor of tosuno and we may flash. This is ber 5, an ambush petrol called fill-in flash or synchro-sun.

led by SGT Clive W. Wang By the same token, there are times when you may spotted a group of Viet want to add a little shadow to your picture. In this Cong walking along Highway case you would figure your exposure the same as you 515, seven miles northwest did indoors. It gives the effect of sun on a cloudy

First" soldiers opened (You and your camera not getting along very well? Let fire, killing two of the us know your problem. Adress inquiries to: Editor-TRIDEIT, Public Information Office, 11th Inf Bde. Rep-(WRAP UP Cont. on page 4) resentative questions will be answered in this column.

PRISONERS GAIN FREEDOM

(FREED Cont. from page 1) planting and transporting rice to the Vict Cong unit in the area. At night they were bound hand and foot and were fed a minimum subsistence diet of rice, only rarely getting meat or vegetables. Medical suplies for the captives were non-existent, regardless of sickness or injury.

One Vietnamese woman had been a prisoner of the VC since August, 1964, though most of the laborers were captured in 1965. The most recent addition to the T-658 Element was captured in August of 1967.

The prisoners were political captives. One laborer's husband was a National Policeman. A young man's brother was! a Popular Forces soldier, and a third prisoner was captured after he informed GVN officials

of a Viet Cong unit in his village. The freed Victnamese workers were in happy tears at in the United States, I the prospect of going back to their homes after the was too old to be included long, hard experience. To insure that they did not in the automatic naturalionce again fall prey to Communist terrorist tastics, zation that children resome vowed to move their families to secured GWN Ref- ceive when their parents olutionary Development housing areas. All the state of t

(DRAFT Cont. from page 1) the letter began, "has been asked by the Military Authority in Palermo to adjust your military status in Italy."

Mama-Miai Luigi could not believe his eyes. What he was reading was the equivalent to our classification notification prior to being draft. ed into the Italian Army

When he recovered from his initial shock, Luigi went into action. "I had an idea what the problem was right away," he said. "When the family arrived

ARTIELERYMAN'S WALLET Decome citizens. After RECOVERED BY FARMER

A wallet lost in the fields or roads of Vietnam might as well be forgotten. The chances of its recovery are of me

Or so thought SPh James M. Richardson mail clerk In "Charlle" Battery, Ist Battalion, 82nd Artillery, after losing his wellet slong Highway 1 couth of the General clarifying the lith Infantry Brigade's base camp at Duc Pho. situation.

CHUCKLE CHUCKLE which the south of Duc Pho, and las returning "Things were straighten-

cf the jacp.

that night, he said, son. routine "After making checks and inquiries, I just gave it up as lost."

But three days later SP4 Richardson was notified that his wallet had been recovered. According to 1LT Frederick R. Salandi, MAOV advisor at Duc Pho, a local Vietnamese farmer, Nguyen Phung, working in his rice paddy normaking houses Thinking Wasp. III had come through that area

BRIGADE AWARDS -

11th Infantry The Brigade recently presented the following awards for valor to the persons indicated. SILVER STAR:

PSG Charlie A. Harris,

B-4/3. BRONZE STAR MEDAL W/"V": SP5 Jack R. Roberts, D-3/1; CPT John P. Nolan, B-3/1; LTC Henry I. Lowder, HFC-3/1; PFC Gerald T. Rudolph, A-1/20; SGT Kenneth R. Ramsey, E-4/3; SGT William V. Lewis Jr., D. 4/3: SP4 John M. Miller. HHC-11/3; SGT James D. Chambers, E-4/3; SGT Steven D. Beers, D-4/3; 2LT Lawrence Matthews, A-4/3; PFC Quenton L. Broom, D-4/3; SSG Wayne O. Patterson, D-4/3; SP5 Paul L. Baker, HSB-6/11: SSG James J. Ellis, MP.18.

la pocket and bounced out over to MacMauthorities, ian, on a seven day R&R LT Salandi contected the leave in Hawaiis. When he "I didn't discover that 11th Brigade MP's, who in told her what had happened it was gone mitil tabe burn-notified SPh Richard they both had a good

"I was really surprised to see it waggin," said "I had heard of people Richardson & Everything intactionalncluding was \$6.50 in MPC 100 plasters an oil crodet card and my ID card."

that, I just never went trarough the formality."

Luigi spoke to personnel in the office of his unit Judge Advocate, and then to his commanding officer who drafted a letter of reply to the Consulate

four miles ed out just in time for Lui i to meet his wife, c chuckle.

BIND.

being drafted while serving in Vietnam." Luigi. said but never anything like this, A guy would definitely be in a bind."

1/20 'REGULARS' BATTLE VC. found the wallet while NEAR WANG NGAI CITY

that it might belong to tured two packs and a Chi Com hand groneds; Lacid of the Americans who that night the infantrymen killed an evading VC in the

The next day; C. Co., working with Vietnamese National Police, killed seven Communist soldiers in tunnel fighting, three miles north of Due Pho. Five VC were killed with hand grenades in one tunnel when they refused to surrender. Two more enemy were killed in another tunnel whon they resisted demands to surrender. Two suspects were detained in the action and a number of home-made hand grenades, a poncho and uniforms were captured.

October: 7 soldiers from 1st Bn, 20th Inf, killed 11 chemy soldiers in actions near Quang Ngai City. "Sykes! Regular" infantrymen, operating with Aerc Scouts from the 123rd Aviation Bn, killed five evading Viet Cong intwo contacts nine and 11 miles northeast of Quang Nga

A Co., 1/20, commanded by CPT William Adams, engaged and killed three excling enemy soldiers among rice paddies ten miles northeast of the province capital. The company also discovered a munitions cache containing four 82mm mortar rounds, five 82mm fuses, and four shotgun shells hidden in mudbunkers during that action.

While sweeping through a village 11 miles northeast of Quang Ngai, B Co., 1/20, led by CPT George F. Robb, killed three VC that same day.

On October 8, in two separate actions north of Duc Pho, "Always First" soldiers killed two VC and captured two weapons. B. Co., 3/1, led by ILT Larry Se Birchfield, engaged one enemy soldier, followed him to a bunker three miles north of Duc Pho and killed him with hand grenades. The soldiers found an MI carbine in the bunker. That afternoon seven miles northwest of Duc Pho, ic Co. troops killed an eveding enemy and retured his AK-47, a pack and a canteen.