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DEPARTURE OF FIRST R & R TROOPS TO VIETNAM

FT DE RUSSEY, HONOLULU, HAWAII

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8 AUG 66

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SUMMARY

THE FIRST 165 men to come to Hawaii on R & R have left to return to Vietnam. The men arrived on Wednesday, 3 August, 1966. After an official welcome at Honolulu International Airport, the men were taken to Ft De Russey for a short orientation, after which they were released. Facilities such as housing were available at Ft De Russey and many took advantage of this billeting. In addition, many hotels thru out town lowered their rates to the R & R personnel. Business establishments of all types offered special rates to the men and in many cases, free items and services were offered.

Private citizens called the R & R center at Ft De Russey, inviting groups of men into their homes and others provided tours of the island of Oahu.

After 5 days, on 8 August, 1966, the men reported back to Ft De Russey to begin their out processing. A large number of dependents wives and children came to say goodbye.

A short debriefing was held during which the men were asked to comment on their trip. Most agreed that it was an outstanding success and that the people of Hawaii had really shown the "Aloha" spirit to them.

At 22:45, the buses were loaded and the men departed for Hickam AFB to load onto their aircraft for departure.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII

SP/5 KIT D. KRAMER

N/A

8 August 66

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TWO (2)

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N/A

Day/Ent

ASA 25

ONE (1)

Air /Mail

9 Aug 66

SUMMARY

On the evening of 8 August 1966, the 165 troops on R&R from Vietnam returned to that war torn country after spending five days in Hawaii. At 1900 hrs., the soldiers reported to the the R&R center at Ft. DeBussy for processing out. In the Ft. DeBussy auditorium the men filled out forms telling approximately how much money they had spent for rooms, food, and entertainment and were asked to offer any suggestions they thought might improve matters for any following groups of R&R personnel. The Alice Garner Mula Troup was on hand to entertain the men and their families while they waited transportation to Hickam Air Force Base and their waiting plane. The men left Hickam AFB at 2359 hrs. Their families sadly waved good-bye.

Additional footage this subject shot by SP/5 Gentry; some DCS #...

ROLL # ONE:

1. MS Daughter of SFC Raymond L. Puluti (Honolulu, Hawaii), 502nd Aviation Company, as her father is being interviewed.
2. CU Son of SFC Puluti looking on as his father is being interviewed.
3. CU SFC Puluti's daughter looks on as her father is being interviewed.
4. MS Capt. Robert Tyler, Commanding Officer, Ft. DeBussy Recreation Center, giving directions to men filling out forms in auditorium.
5. CU Of Capt. Robert Tyler.
6. MS Of men filling out forms in auditorium.
7. MS Of Sergeant filling out forms in auditorium.

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DEPARTURE R&R TROOPS FOR VIETNAM
SP/5 KIP D, KRAMER

HONOLULU, HAWAII

PAGE TWO

8. MS Little girls with the Alice Garner Hula Group performing a Hawaiian dance.
9. CU Girl with the Alice Garner Hula Group performing a Hawaiian dance.
10. MS Little girls with the Alice Garner Hula Group performing Hawaiian dances for the men and their families.
11. CU Girl with the Alice Garner Hula Troup dancing for the men and their families.
12. MS The daughter of one of the men on R&R watches as the Alice Garner Hula Troup performs.
13. MS The sons of one of the men on R&R watch as the dancers perform.
14. CU The daughter of one of the men on R&R watches the performance of the Alice Garner Hula Troup.
15. MS N/Sgt. Charles Meadows N/G
16. MS Families at Hickam AFB waiting for their husbands, sons, or fathers prepare to depart.
17. MS A little girl waving good-bye to her father who is on board the airplane.
18. MS Two boys sadly look at the plane which will ~~fly~~ fly their father to Vietnam.

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DEPARTURE OF THE FIRST ARVN TROOPS ~~THROUGH~~ HONOLULU HAWAII
TO RVN

SP5 GENTAY

SP 5 LOH

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~~NEW PICTURE~~
REQ. MAIL

9 AUG 66

SUMMARY PAGE 1

COVERAGE IS OF THE DEPARTURE OF THE FIRST ARVN TROOPS TO VISIT HAWAII FROM THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. FOR DETAILS SEE SUMMARY BY SFC GODDARD, SAME DCS #. ADDITIONAL FOOTAGE FOR THIS SUBJECT SHOT BY SP5 KRAMER, SAME DCS #.

ROLL # 1

SCENE 1 TAKE 1 MS (PRINT)
SFC RAYMOND J. GODDARD, USA SP PHOTO DET.
FROM LONG ISLAND, N.Y. INTERVIEWING MSG
CHARLES MEADOWS, MCIC REST & RECUERATION
CENTER, FT. DE RUSSY, HAWAII.

THIS IS THE REST AND RECUB***
THANK YOU SGT. MEADOWS.

SCENE 2 TAKE 1 CU ZOOM OUT TO MS
THESE TWO TAKES OF SCENE 2 ARE BOTH OVER EXPOSED
APPROX. 1 1/2 STOPS. INTERVIEW SAME AS SCENE
1.

SGT. MEADOWS*****
THANK YOU VERY MUCH SGT.
MEADOWS.

SCENE 2 TAKE 2 NO GOOD
SAME INTERVIEW AS SCENE 2 TAKE 1.

HOW DID YOU FIND *****
THANK YOU VERY MUCH SGT.
MEADOWS.

SCENE 3 TAKE 1 MS ZOOM IN CU (PRINT)
SFC GODDARD INTERVIEWING SFC EMMIT M. HIGGINS
ADVISORY TEAM 87 VIETNAM, CROMONA, KY.
and SGT. HARRY HAVARD, B CO. 1 BN. 18TH INF.
1ST INF DIV., FROM PUERTO RICO.

THIS IS SGT. EMMIT HIGGINS**
HOW DID -CUT.

SCENE 3 TAKE 2 (PRINT)

THIS IS SGT. EMMIT HIGGINS**
THANKS A LOT SARGE.

SCENE 4 TAKE 1 (PRINT) CU ZOOM OUT TO MS
SAME INTERVIEW AS SCENE 3

SGT DID YOU HAVE*****
THANKS A LOT SARGE.

SCENE 5 TAKE 1 LS ZOOM IN CU (PRINT)

SFC GODDARD INTERVIEWING ----- Continued next page.

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THE SFC RAYMOND L. FULUTI, FAMILY.
SFC FULUTI IS WITH THE 302nd AVN. BN.
AVN. HIS FAMILY LIVES IN HONOLULU.

SCENE 6 TAKE 1 CU PANN L.
SAME INTERVIEW AS SCENE 5

SCENE 6 TAKE 2

SCENE 6 TAKE 3

ROLL 4 2
SCENE 6 TAKE 4

SCENE 6 TAKE 5 (PRINT)

~~SCENE 7 TAKE 1 LS (PRINT)~~
SCENE 7 TAKE 1 LS (PRINT)
THIS FOOTAGE COVERS THE PERFORMANCE BY
THE ALICE GARNER HULA GROUP. THE GROUP
PROVIDED ENTERTAINMENT THROUGHOUT THE
EVENING FOR THE DEPARTING MAR TROOPS.
CUT-INS AND CUT-AWAYS PROVIDED BY SP5
KRAEMER, SAME DCS 8.

SCENE 8 TAKE 1 MS (PRINT)
CONTINUATION OF SCENE 7

SCENE 9 TAKE 1 MS (PRINT)
TROOPS MOVING OUT OF MAR CENTER TOWARD
BUSES.

SCENE 10 TAKE 1 MS (PRINT)
TROOPS LOADING ON BUSES.

THIS IS SFC RAYMOND FULUTI...
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY.

SFC FULUTI WHEN*****
WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE TRIP.

SFC FULUTI*****
HAWAII TO THE CUT.

SFC FULUTI*****
HE WITH HIS FAMILY.

MRS. FULUTI*****
THANK YOU VERY MUCH MRS. FULUTI

MRS. FULUTI*****
WAS GLAD TO SEE HIM.

SING SOUND OF MUSIC PERFORMED.

SING SOUND OF MUSICIANS/WHEN
PERFORMING.

WILD TRACK ON THE REST OF
THE FOOTAGE, ON THIS ROLL.

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DEPARTURE OF FIRST R&R TROOPS TO RVN

HONOLULU, HAWAII

SP5 GEORGE L. GENTRY

SP5 ROBERT LOHR

8 AUG 66

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9 AUG 66

~~SUMMARY~~
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SCENE 11 TAKE 1 LS (PRINT)
TROOPS LOADING ONTO BUSES

SCENE 12 TAKE 1 LS (PRINT)
CROWD OF DEPENDENTS AND FRIENDS SEEING OFF
THE R&R TROOPS.

SCENE 13 TAKE 1 MS ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ (PRINT)
SOLDIER AND WIFE JUST BEFORE DEPARTURE.

SCENE 14 TAKE 1 LS PANN R. (PRINT)
BUSES LEAVING R&R CENTER.

NOTE: At completion of sync sound on tape # 2, wild track of departure is recorded corresponding to scenes 9 take 1 through 14 take 1. During opening interview with MSG Meadows, the R&R Center was said to be at Ft. Shafter. This should have been Ft. Derussy.