

CHIEU HOI CENTER NAO-V 4-11-67 (AA)

Behind the bamboo fence that surrounds the Chieu Hoi Camp near Ban Me Thout, 160 miles north of Saigon, former VC and NVA personnel are digging trenches and building bunkers, which they may have to use in protecting their families and themselves against their former comrades in arms.

Chieu Hoi meaning "Open Arms" is the Vietnamese Government's program to rehabilitate enemy defectors; is an eight week course. During the eight weeks, the provincial Chieu Hoi Chief gives class room lessons of indoctrination and re-education to the recent defectors. In areas where Vietnamese and Montagnards Chieu Hoi's are in one class; A Chieu Hoi translator then informs the Montagnards, what the chieu hoi chief is saying in the local Montagnard dialect.

In the lectures the recent returnees to the government side, are told what the new Viet Name Government stands for, what programs the Saigon government has set up to help the returnees start a new life away from communism, and what the government hopes to accomplish in the coming years.

Often the men have been fighting the government forces for years; a few older members helped defect the French in 1954. However it wasn't until the early 60's that many poor peasants volunteered to join the Viet Cong movement as a united front to help over throw President Diem, and achieve many liberties taken away from them under his rule.

Once in the jungle hideouts away from newspapers and radios taken or kept away from the men. The National Liberation Front was free to feed the newly recruited VC any propaganda they wanted and also withhold any news undesirable to their efforts. This holding true many Chieu Hoi people were never told by their officers or senior members that Diem had been killed 5 years prior, nor that free elections have been conducted. These were the basic things the peasants had joined the VC and vowed to obtain, but were never told they had missed the action, by living in the jungle under communism.

This is the primary reason for the re- educational course to inform these ill-guided persons, and try to bring them about, so they can get back into the Vietnamese society, with the rest of their fellow South Vietnamese.

From the time a VC or NVA defects to the government side, he becomes branded with a bounty on their head. "his bounty can be collected dead or alive." being to an all inspiring fear not known to any other refugee. The Chieu Hoi often, desires to settle down near the Chieu Hoi center, rather than return to the village or hamlet they came from, for fear some former friend or other VC agent may spot them and collect the bounty.

Branded together with mutual fear and backgrounds a Chieu Hoi village often grows with in walking distance of the Chieu Hoi Center. Here at the Chieu Hoi village near Ban Me Thout. Some members of the community have lived for 3 years. In that time they have built a large roomy house. Inside the house is a large kitchen, bed room area and enough food to last a year. Outside they maintain a garden or two.

During peak seasons of planting and harvest many Chieu Hoi's work for neighboring farmers planting and reaping the fruits of harvest as extra funds. In there little spare time they sit around talking over old times and the battle stories they were in., But when the talking or singing is finished its time to build the trenches and bunkers hoping there former comrades won't try to collect the bounty on them tonight.

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Chau Bei Hamlet

Bon Ho Trout

Lt. Wesson

3/5 Redline & 5PA Helicin

32/4 Hatch

Filao

BS 500 & BS 5/1

Uhor 23704

300 feet

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| 3     | Mild | Vietnamese Village men sitting in circle singing and clapping hands.   |
| 3     | Mild | Hamlet organizer speaking to villagers/  |
| 3 & 4 | Mild | Vietnamese Village Chief speaking to people in classroom.  |
| 3     | Mild | Montagnard Chief translating words of Vietnamese Chief into Montagnard so that the Montagnard people could understand. |

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BAN ME THOUT, ABOUT  
160 MILES NORTH OF SAIGON

LT. WENSON

Sgt. FOULKE  
Sgt. HOLENDA

Sgt. MACK

BELL & HOWELL FILMO

BS 500 & BS 591

UNR 23704

400 Ft.

AIR FREIGHT

ECO 7255

- ROLL 1      1.      1. SILENT LS. Pan shot of the houses in the Chieu-Hoi village.  
2.      1.      " LS. One of the village houses.  
3.      1.      " CU. The rice storage barrel inside the house.  
4.      1.      " CU. The rice in the storage barrel.  
5.      1.      " MS. Pan shot from the rice barrel to the bed.  
6.      1.      " MS. A large table in the house.  
7.      1.      " LS. The hallway in the house, with the woman and child standing in the hallway.  
8.      1.      " MS. Pan shot of the kitchen, from the fireplace to the jars where the food is stored.  
9.      1.      " CU. The jars in the kitchen containing food.  
10.     1.      " CU. Some carrots in one of the bowls.  
11.     1.      " MS. The thatched ceiling of the house.  
12.     1.      " LS. Pan shot of the garden, with a man watering the crops in the garden.  
13.     1.      " MS. The man watering the crops in the garden.  
14.     1.      " LS. A pan shot of the village.  
15.     1.      " CU. The village children.
- ROLL 2     1.      1. SILENT LS. Pan shot of the Chieu-Hoi workers building trench and mortar bunker fortifications for the village.  
2.     1.      " MS. One of the men digging the fortifications.  
3.     1.      " CU. The Chieu-Hoi patch.  
4.     1.      " LS. Some men working in the trench.  
5.     1.      " CU. A man working on a trench.  
6.     1.      " CU. A shovel digging into the dirt.  
7.     1.      " MS. One of the Chieu-Hois digging.  
8.     1.      " MT. Some of the men digging in the trench.  
9.     1.      " CU. A shovel scooping up the dirt.  
10.    1.      " CU. One of the worker's faces.

ROLL 2 Cont.

11.	L.	SILENT	12. Milt shot from the shovel to the workers face.
12.	L.	"	13. Chieu-Hoi workers digging the hole that will be used for the mortar bunker.
13.	L.	"	14. Pan shot of the trench that leads into a newly completed mortar bunker.
14.	L.	"	15. A mortar bunker used by the village with a Chieu-Hoi guard on top of it.
15.	L.	"	16. One of the Chieu-Hoi guards peering out of the mortar bunker.
16.	L.	"	17. SAME AS ABOVE.
17.	L.	"	18. Chieu-Hoi guards walking into the mortar bunker.

ROLL 3

1.	L.	SILENT	1. Men sitting in the class-room-for-lecture
2.	L.	WILD	2. One man standing up talking
3.	L.	"	3. One man talking standing up
4.	L.	"	4. Two men's faces.
5.	L.	"	5. Chieu Hoi patch on mens sleeve
6.	L.	SILENT	6. Inside building waiting for Lecture
7.	L.	WILD	7. Chieu Hoi Chief talking.
8.	L.	"	8. Montagard translator talking to Chieu Hoi's
9.	L.	"	9. One of the Chieu Hoi's face
10.	L.	"	10. Elderly Montagard in the Chieu Hoi center
11.	L.	"	11. Rear shot of the two lecturing men
12/	L.	SILENT	12. Chieu Hoi Chief with Viet flag in background

ROLL 4

1.	L.	SILENT	1. Viet Nam with little baby in the class
2.	L.	"	2. Two men listening to the Chieu Hoi class
3.	L.	"	3. Montagard man wearing only a Loin cloth sitting in the chieu Hoi class
4.	L.	"	4. Two Montagard men dressed in green
5.	L.	2"	5. Family attending the Chieu Hoi lessons.
6.	L.	"	6. Chieu Hoi Chief speaking to the class
7.	L.	"	7. Provience Chieu Hoi Chief Face
8.	L.	1"	8. Montagard translator
9.	L.	"	9. Two men leaving the class in the lesson.
10.	L.	"	10. Chieu Hoi Sign outside near fence
11.	L.	"	11. Pan from sign to bamboo fence around the camp.
12.	L.	"	12. Pan from Chieu Hoi camp fence to sign.