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Number: V-62-68

Footage: 61' Time: 1:42
16mm color composite print

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MY THO, SOUTH VIETNAM, REBUILDS AFTER LUNAR NEW YEAR HOSTILITIES
(Official Department of Defense motion picture film by the U.S.
Army under the direction of the MACV Office of Information.)

My Tho, the second largest city in the Delta region of South Vietnam, is located 50 miles south of Saigon. It was one of the hardest-hit cities during the Lunar New Year hostilities. Prior to the TET attacks, My Tho was a bustling center of trade and transportation on the My Tho river. Stoically, the city's residents have begun rebuilding. The more unfortunate victims of the fighting have flocked to the My Tho Provincial Hospital, straining the facilities and the staff almost beyond capacity. Five American nurses from CORDS and U.S. AID have been on the staff there for about a year. Since the first days of the fighting, over 1500 civilian casualties have been treated. Hundreds more continue to pour in, but, through the devoted efforts of American and Vietnamese personnel at the hospital, the situation is slowly but surely being brought under control. Elsewhere in the city, everyone is busy with the job of rebuilding. The strong are at work constructing wooden frames for new homes, while the very young and the very old search the rubble for usable items. The strength and the courage of the Vietnamese people of My Tho is very evident in their determination to build a new city and new lives in the Lunar New Year.

SEQUENCES

FOOTAGE

VIDEO

AUDIO

6	(a) Aerials of My Tho	Wild track
1	(b) CU pile resident's possessions	"
3	(c) LS natives and bullock	"
5	(d) Natives sheltered under bridge	"
12	(e) Refugees outside hospital	"
6	(f) Hallway in hospital	"
10	(g) Hospital staff treats wounded	"
5	(h) Wounded in halls	"
6	(i) Natives search debris	"
7	(j) Men build wooden framework	"

NOTE TO EDITOR: 61' 16mm color composite print released to NBC-TV, CBS-TV, ABC-TV, UPI-Newsfilm, Telenews, Fox Movietone and a master and optical track to Deluxe Laboratory.

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Film Project No.: MACV 2-8-68

Team: Army (A)Subject/Title: Lunar Aftermath at My ThoDate Shot: Feb. 12, 1968Length: 600'Color: XBlack & White: Silent: Sound: XCameraman: FoulkeSoundman: Molenda

NEWSFILM EVALUATION:

Subject selection/development: Good

Newsfilm value News: No

Feature: Good

Technical Quality Film: Good

Sound: Good

Caption Information: Good

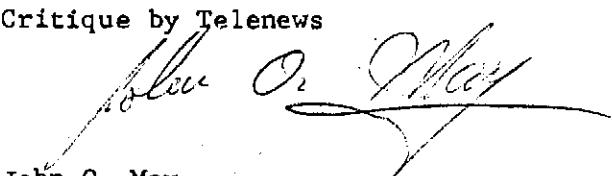
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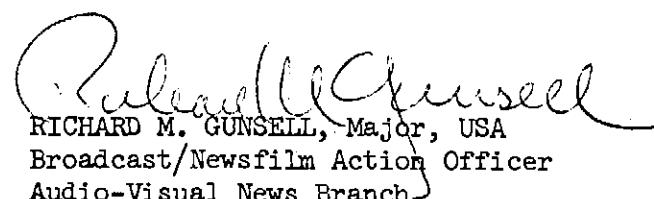
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OVERALL COMMENT: This was better than the several other "aftermath" stories we have received because it had some variety of action and not just poking through rubble. Cameraman should try for more transition shots, such as CU hands working, pullout to show full activity, etc.. Where use of tripod and long zoom is feasible, try to capture candid head shots without subject being aware he is being photographed.

Critique by Telenews



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