

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, 414th SIGNAL GROUP
APO SAN FRANCISCO 96951

SVCCUP-OG

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TECHINICAL ORDERS
NUMBER 384-41

SUBJECT RETURN TO CONUS FROM SOUTH VIET NAM.

TO: INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED

(1) TO 200. FOLLOOWING INDIVIDUALS AUTHORIZED TRAVEL AS INDICATED. RETURN TO OAKLAND ARMY TERMINAL, CALIF. NO LATER THAN 16:00HRS ON DATE INDICATED:

NAME(s)	LAST	FIRST	I	SN	RANK	GRADE	ORGANIZATION	APO	CLEARANCE
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TRAVEL AUTH TO: TRAVEL BY MIL VEH. FROM PRESENT DUTY TO TAN SON NHUT AB, SAI GON RVN TO AWAIT FUTHER ORDERS, FOR RETURN TO TRAVIS AFB, CAL. USE OF GOV. AIRCRAFT AUTH, FROM SAIGON TO TRAVIS. LEAVE 30 THIRTY DAYS AUTH UNPON ARRL AT TRAVIS.

DEPARTURE DATE: O/A _____

STATUS: PCS ETS DEROS EMER LEAVE

(2) PURPOSE: TO SET STANDARDS TO FAMILY AND RELITIVES ON MEN SERVING IN RVN
SPECIAL INSTRUCTION: (1) THE FOLLOWING INCLOSURES ARE A FEW STEPS THAT MAY BE TAKEN TO MAKE YOUR SOLDIER MORE COMFORTABLE ON HIS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. (2) A SUGESTED LIST OF ITEMS AWAITING HIM ON HIS RETURN

- (A) ONE GIRL, PREFERABLY TO BE HIS ONE AND ONLY
- (B) A QUANTITY OF HIS FAVORITE BREW ALREADY CHILLED
- (C) ONE CAR FILLED WITH GAS AND CREDIT CARDS AVAILABLE
- (D) ONE ICE PACK FOR HIS HEAD TO AWAIT HIS RETURN FROM HIS FIRST NIGHT ON THE TOWN.

DEAR CIVILLIAN, FRIEND, SWEETHEART, DRAFT DODGER, COMMANDING OFFICER

IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE ABOVE NAMED PERSON(s) WILL ONCE AGAIN BE IN YOUR MIDST DEHYDRATED AND DEMORLIZED; TO MAKE HIS PLACE AGAIN AS A HUMAN BEING WITH THE WELL KNOWN FORMS OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL: ENGAGED WITH LIFE LIBERTY AND SOMEWHAT DELAYED PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. IN MAKING YOUR JOYIOUS PREPARATIONS TO WELCOME HIM BACK INTO THE ORGANIZED SOCIETY HE WAS ACCOUSTOMED TO PRIOR TO HIS MILITARY SERVICE. YOU MIGHT TAKE CERTAIN STEPS TO MAKE ALLOWANCES FOR THE ENVIORMENT WHICH THE MILITARY DEEMED NECESSARY, THAT YOUR SOLDIER HAS LIVED UNDER FOR THE PAST TWELVE (12) MONTHS. IN OTHER WORDS HE MIGHT BE A LITTLE A ASITIC FROM VIETNAMESTITIS AND OVERSEASITIS AND SHOULD BE HANDLED WITH CARE. DO NOT BE ALARMED IF HE IS INFECTED WITH ALL FORMS OF RARE TROPICAL DISEASES. BE NOT DISDRAINED IF HE TENDS TO WANT TO SLEEP UNDER A MOSQUITO NET: FOR AA SHORT TOUR IN THE MAIN

SHORT TOUR IN THE MAINLAND SHOULD CURE THESE ILLNESSES.

LOVE SHOULD BE SHOWN TO HIM IF HE INSISTS ON CARRYING HIS WEAPON TO THE DINNER TABLE, OR LOOKS FOR HIS STEEL POT WHEN OFFERED A CHAIR TO SIT ON. SHOW COM-
~~FORT~~ WHEN HE WAKES YOU UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT FOR GUARD DUTY. BE CONSIDERATE WHEN HE POURS GRAVY ON HIS DESSERT AT DINNER OR MIXES PEACHES WITH HIS SEAGRAM'S V.O... PRETEND NOT TO NOTICE IF HE EATS WITH HIS FINGERS AND NOT WITH THE SILVERWARE, AND PREFERS C-RATIONS TO STEAK. TAKE IT WITH A SMILE IF HE INSISTS ON DIGGING UP THE GRADEN TO FILL SAND BAGS FOR THE BUNKER HE IS BUILDING. BE TOLERANT WHEN HE PREFERS TO SLEEP ON THE FLOOR INSTEAD ON BED. BE PATIENT WHEN HE FILLS OUT A TRIP TICKET WHEN EVER HE TRAVELS SOMEWHERE IN A CAR. BE QUITE AT FIRST IF HE DOESN'T FLUSH THE TOILET OR PREFERS THE outhouse.

REFRAME FROM SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT POWERED EGGS, DEHYDRATED MILK, POT-
~~atoes~~, FRIED RICE OR RESISTS ROAST BEEF. DO NOT BE ALARMED IF HE SHOULD JUMP UP FROM THE TABLE AND RUSH TO THE REFUSES CAN TO WASH HIS DISH WITH THE TOILET BRUSH. AFTER ALL THESE WERE HIS STANDARDS FOR THE PAST YEAR. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT HE MAY JUST TAKE OFF HIS CLOTHING AND GET A BAR SOAP AND TAKE A SHOWER IN THE RAIN.

WHEN IN HIS DAILY CONVERSATION HE UTTER SUCH THINGS AS: SAL, NUMBER 69, ~~KINGS~~ BAR JUST BE PATIENT. IF BY CHANCE HE YELLS DI DI CALMLY AND QUIETLY GET UP AND LEAVE THE AREA; FOR IT MEANS GET OUT OF MY WAY. LET IT NOT SHAKE YOU UP IF HE GETS ON THE TELEPHONE AND YELLS GIVE ME RED CATCHER OR SNAKE FORWARD OR YELLS AT THE TOP OF HIS LUNGS I CAN'T HERE YOU OR WORKING.

NEVER ASK WHY THE JONES BOY HELD A HIGHER RANK THAN HE DID, AND BY NO MEANS MENTION THE TERM "EXTENDED" PRETEND WHEN AT A RESTAURANT NOT TO NOTICE IF HE CALLS THE WAITRESS "NUMBER ONE GIRL" AND USES HIS HAT FOR AN ASH TRAY. HE WILL PROBABLY LISTEN FOR "HOMeward BOUND" TO SOUND OVER (AFRS). DO NOT GET UP SET IF HE WAKES EACH MORNING AT 5:30 A.M. AND WAITS TO HERE "GOOD MORNING VIETNAM" OVER THE RADIO, IF THIS DOES NOT COMFORT HIM WHILE HE IS STILL REMINISCING BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL WHEN HE IS IN THE PRESENCE OF A WOMAN ESPECIALLY A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN.

ABOVE ALL KEEP IN MIND THAT BENEATH THAT TANNED AND RUGGED EXTERIOR THERE IS A HEART OF GOLD, THO LONG LOST IN HIS MILITARY TRAVELS. TREAT HIM WITH KINDNESS AND TOLORANCE, MAINTAIN THE THINGS HE LOVES BEST CLOSE AT HAND. WITH THESE AND OTHER FORGIVING ITEMS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO REHABILITATE HIM TO HIS FORMER LUCKY AND HAPPY GO LUCKY STYLE HE WAS. BUT ABOVE ALL DO NOT SEND ANY MORE MAIL TO THE APO AND GET HIS CIVIES OUT OF THE MOTH BALLS FOR YOUR SOLDIER IS COMING HOME.

TRAVEL BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT IS DIRECTED. APPROPRIATE MILITARY UNIFORM WILL BE WORN WHILE TRAVELING BY MILITARY AIRCRAFT. EACH PERSON AUTH 66 LBS BAGGAGE PLUS 100 LBS EXCESS BAGGAGE AUTH PER PERSON

FOR THE COMMANDER

H.J. LONGNOSE

LTC , SIGC

DIRECTOR , SCAPE