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SUBJECT: 9th DIVISION WITHDRAWAL

DATE: 6-8 JULY 1969

FILM: FIFTEEN (15) ROLLS 120 (160 EXP)

CAMERA: HASSELBLAD 500C, SN: TR 83694
ROLLEI SN: 2384869
ROLLEI SN: 2817281

PROJECT: DCS 403-3C-69-VN

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COVERAGE OBJECTIVE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS COVERAGE IS TO DOCUMENT THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE 9th INFANTRY DIVISION, HITTING THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WITHDRAWAL PROCESS AND KEEPING IT IN A MEANINGFUL CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER.

SUMMARY

ON 6-8 JULY 1969, MEMBERS OF THE 2nd BDE, 9th INF DIVISION, LOCATED AT DONG TAM, APPROX 55 KILOMETERS SE OF THE CITY OF SAIGON, RVN, CONTINUED TO GO THROUGH PROCESSING FOR THEIR EVENTUAL WITHDRAWAL FROM VIETNAM.

PART OF THE DEPARTURE SCHEDULE INCLUDED A CEREMONY ABOARD THE U.S.S. BENEWAH, FLAGSHIP FOR THE U.S. NAVY MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE, LOCATED ON THE MY THO RIVER JUST OUTSIDE OF DONG TAM. DURING THE CEREMONY BOTH THE 2nd BDE AND THE MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE WERE HONORED WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION MEDAL TO EACH UNIT. THE 2nd BDE WAS AWARDED THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL AND THE NAVY WAS AWARDED THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AWARDS CEREMONY APPROX THIRTY TROOP CARRIER AND RIVER ASSAULT BOATS PASSED IN REVIEW.

MEMBERS OF THE 3rd and 4th BN, 47th INF, 2nd BDE, 9th INF DIV., CONTINUED TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESSING SCHEDULE, PART OF WHICH

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INCLUDED A CUSTOMS INSPECTION OF THE BAGGAGE.

MEMBERS OF THE 3rd BN, 60th INF, 2nd BDE, 9th INF DIV., HAVING COMPLETED PROCESSING BOARDED CHINOOK HELICOPTERS AND WERE FLOWN TO TAN SON NHUT AIRPORT WHERE THEY WERE GIVEN A FAIRWELL CEREMONY BY THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT IN APPRECIATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY THE UNIT. AT THE END OF THE CEREMONY THE UNIT LOADED ABOARD THEIR AIRCRAFT AND STARTED ON THE ~~000~~ LONG JOURNEY BACK TO THE UNITED STATES.

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MASTER CAPTION

ON 6 JULY 1969, AN HONORS CEREMONY FOR THE 2nd BDE, 9th INF. DIVISION WAS HELD ABOARD THE USS BENEWAH, ANCHORED IN THE MY THO RIVER JUST OUTSIDE OF DONG TAM, APPROX 55 KILOMETERS S.E. OF THE CITY OF SAIGON, RVN. DURING THE CEREMONY, HONORING BOTH THE 2nd BDE AS WELL AS THE U.S. NAVY MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE, THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION WAS AWARDED TO BOTH UNITS. THE 2nd BDE WAS ALSO AWARDED THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL AND THE NAVY MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE WAS AWARDED THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE AWARDS CEREMONY APPROX THIRTY TROOP CARRIER AND RIVER ASSAULT BOATS PASSED IN REVIEW.

ROLL ONE (80MM LENS)

FRAME

1. SLATE.
- 2-3. MEMBERS OF THE REVIEWING PARTY STAND ON DECK AS THE CEREMONY BEGINS.
4. MEMBERS OF THE REVIEWING PARTY SALUTE AS THE VIETNAMESE NATIONAL ANTHEM IS PLAYED.
5. GEN. WILLIAM D. ROSSEN, DEPUTY COMMANDER, U.S. FORCES, VIETNAM AND VADM ELMO R. ZUMWALT, COMMANDER, U.S. NAVAL FORCES VIETNAM SALUTE AS THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL ANTHEM IS PLAYED.
6. LTG JULIAN J. EWELL, COMMANDING ~~GENERAL~~ GENRAL, II FIELD FORCES PRESENTS THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION AWARD TO COL. RODMAN C. RAINWILLE (SALEM, MASS), COMMANDING OFFICER, 2nd BDE, 9th INF DIV.

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ROLL ONE CONT

FRAME

7. GEN WILLIAM B. ROSSON, DEPUTY COMMANDER U.S. FORCES, VIETNAM, PRESENTS THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION AWARD TO CAPT CARVELLE H. BLAIR(GAINSVILLE,VA.),COMMANDING OFFICER, RIVERINE FORCE.
8. ~~#####~~ NG
9. COL RODMAN C. RAINVILLE(SALEM,MASS),COMMANDING OFFICER, 2nd BDE, 9th INF DIV STANDS AT ATTENTION DURING THE AWARDS CEREMONY.
- DEPUTY
- 10-11. RADM ELMO R. ZUMWALT, ~~ELMO R. ZUMWALT~~ COMMANDER U.S. NAVAL FORCES VIETNAM PRESENTS THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL TO COL RODMAN C. RAINVILLE COMMANDING OFFICER, 2nd BDE, 9th INF DIV.
12. COL RODMAN C. RAINVILLE(SALEM,MASS), COMMANDING OFFICER, 2nd BDE, 9th INF DIV., STANDS AT ATTENTION AFTER RECEIVING THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL.

MASTER CAPTION: SAME AS ROLL ONE
ROLL TWO(80 and 250MM LENS)

FRAME

1. SLATE.
- 2-3. GEN WILLIAM B.ROSSON, DEPUTY COMMANDER U.S. FORCES, VIETNAM, DELIVERS A SPEECH TO THE CROWD OF DIGNATARIES AND PRESS ABOARD THE "BENEWAH"

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ROLL TWO CONT.

FRAME

- 4-7. A LINE OF TROOP CARRIERS AND RIVER ASSAULT BOATS OF THE U.S. NAVY MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE PASS IN REVIEW AT THE END OF THE AWARD CEREMONIES.
8. NG
9. GEN WILLIAM B. ROSSON, ~~##~~ DEPUTY COMMANDER U.S. FORCES, VIETNAM RETURNS THE SALUTES FROM A PASSING TROOP CARRIER.
10. A LINE OF TROOP CARRIERS AND RIVER ASSAULT BOATS OF THE U.S. NAVY MOBILE RIVERINE FORCE PASS IN REVIEW.
- 11-12. ROLL OFF.

MASTER CAPTION

ON 7 JULY 1969, MEMBERS OF THE 3rd and 4th BN, 47th INF, 2nd BDE, 9th INF DIV., AT DONG TAM, LOCATED APPROX 55 KM S.E. OF THE CITY OF SAIGON, RVN, CONTINUED TO GO THROUGH THE PROCESSING SCHEDULE THAT WILL EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THEIR RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES. PART OF THIS PROCESSING IS CUSTOMS INSPECTION OF THEIR BAGGAGE AND THE INVENTORY AND PROCESSING OF SOUVENIERS.

ROLL THREE (80MM LENS)

FRAME

1. SLATE.

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ROLL THREE CONT

FRAME

2. A TRUCK LOAD OF TROOPS ARRIVE AT THE PROCESSING AREA FOR FURTHER PROCESSING.
- 3-4. TROOPS UNLOAD THEMSELVES AND THEIR GEAR FROM THE BACK OF A TRUCK DURING FINAL PROCESSING PROCEDURES.
- 5-6. SGT RANDALL P. BRYAN(KERMIT,TEX), NCOIC, WAR TROPHY REGISTRATION, 9th M.P. COMPANY INSPECTS A BOX OF TROPHIES THAT WILL BE MAILED BY THE ARMY TO THE OWNERS HOMES.
7. NG
8. THE OLD SAYING "HURRY UP AND WAIT" DOSNT SEEM TO BOTHER TROOPS WAITING IN LINE TO HAVE THEIR BAGGAGE INSPECTED BY CUSTOMS.
- 9-12. SP4 CHARLES H. WRIGHT(SOUTHBRIDGE,MASS), CUSTOMS INSPECTER, 9th M.P. COMPANY, CHECKS A SUITCASE BELONGING TO SGT ROBERT W. JAEGGI(SMITHTOWN,N.Y.), "B" CO., 3rd BN, 47th INF, 2nd BDE, 9th INF DIV.

MASTER CAPTION

ON 8 JULY 1969, MEMBERS OF 3rd BN, 60th INF, 2nd BDE, 9th INF DIV., HAVING COMPLETED PROCESSING BOARDED ~~CHINOOK~~ CHINOOK HELICOPTERS AND WERE FLOWN TO TAN SON NHUT AIRPORT. THE CHINOOKS TOOK OFF FROM DONG TAM, LOCATED APPROX 55 KM S.E. OF THE CITY OF SAIGON.

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ROLL FOUR (80MM LENS)

FRAME

1. NG
2. SLATE.
3. A LINE OF CHINOOK HELICOPTERS WAIT IN THE EARLY MORNING SUN TO RECEIVE THE HOMEWARD BOUND TROOPS.
- 4-7. TRUCK LOADS OF HAPPY TROOPS ARRIVE AT THE HELIPAD AS THE SUN SLOWLY COMES UP IN THE DISTANCE.
- 8-12. troops BOARD GIANT CHINOOK HELICOPTERS AS THE FIRST LEG OF THEIR LONG JOURNEY HOME BEGINS.

MASTER CAPTION: SAME AS ROLL FOUR

ROLL FIVE (80 and 250MM LENSES)

FRAME

- 1-2. AIR TO AIR SHOT OF CHINOOK HELICOPTERS FLYING IN FORMATION. (250)
3. AIR TO AIR SHOT OF CHINOOK HELICOPTERS FLYING IN FORMATION. (80)
4. NG.
- 5-9. TROOPS MOVE OUT FROM THE HELICOPTERS AFTER LANDING AND WALK TOWARDS WAITING BUSES.
10. CHINOOK HELICOPTERS TAKE OFF AND HEAD BACK TO DONG TAM TO FERRY ANOTHER LOAD OF TROOPS.
11. SLATE.