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DELAWARE: At least 90 days of honorable service (unless released sooner because of service-incurred injury or disability) and 12 months' residence immediately before entering service. If native born, have either resided in state at time of entry, or were inducted from the state; offers \$20 a month for each month of foreign service up to \$300, and /or \$15 a month for every month of CONUS

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LTC COVERDALE ASSUMES COMMAND OF 1ST-46TH INF

LZ PROFESSIONAL—LTC Craig G. Coverdale (Manhasset, N.Y.), a West Point graduate who is serving his second tour in Vietnam, has assumed command of the 1st Bn., 46th Inf.

LTC Coverdale received the colors of the 198th Brigade unit from LTC George R. Underhill (Pulaski, Ill.) at change of command ceremonies here last week. LTC Underhill will assume command of the Americal Division Combat Center.

The new commander of the "Professionals" had previously been in command of the 3rd Bn., 1st Inf. of the 11th Brigade before he was evacuated to Japan last February.

On a previous tour in Vietnam LTC Coverdale was a battalion operations officer with the 101st Airborne Div. in 1966 and later was assigned to the First Field Force, Vietnam at Nha Trang.

He is a 1953 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and has attended one year of graduate school at Princeton University.

He is married and has four children. Among his awards are two Bronze Stars with "V" Device, the Air Medal and a Purple Heart.

His battalion, a 198th Brigade unit, is presently under the operational control of the 196th Brigade.



GVN DECORATES BDE. S-5 AT BINH SON CEREMONIES

BINH SON—An officer of the 198th Brigade and a MACV advisor at Binh Son were among six Americans recently decorated by the Vietnamese Government.

In awards ceremonies here 10 miles south of Chu Lai, MAJ Frederick J. Lynn (Pittsfield, Me.), the brigade civil affairs officer, was awarded the Honor Medal, 1st Class for his support of civil affairs operations in the Binh Son District.

Army SFC Harold Goode (Louisville, Ky.), a medic with MACV Advisory Team 17 at Binh Son, and Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jerry D. Rodgers (Champaign, Ill.), a Sea

Bee from Chu Lai, were presented the Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star.

Persons receiving the Honor Medal, 2nd Class were Petty Officers Third Class Larry Clark (Orange, Texas), Richard Lynch (Boonville, Ind.) and Kerry Frey (San Jose, Calif.).

The awards were presented at ceremonies in which Vietnamese drum majorettes whirled their batons as flags waved, the ARVN 2nd Division Band provided music and local civilian dignitaries joined students of the Binh Son High School as spectators.

MAJ Lynn was honored because of his work in the Binh Son district as 198th Brigade Civil Affairs Officer. His duties include giving support in building refugee camps, schools and other projects and giving assistance in organizing the security for the Binh Son area.

SFC Goode was decorated for gallantry in actions taken in Binh Son district last November when he braved hostile fire to give medical aid to wounded personnel and transport them to safety.

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FREE WORLD ASSISTANCE

LAGS OF EIGHT NATIONS FLY ALONGSIDE THAT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FREE WORLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE FORCES IN SAIGON. EACH FLAG REPRESENTS A NATION WHICH HAS SENT MILITARY UNITS TO ASSIST THE REPUBLIC IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST AGGRESSION FROM THE NORTH.

IN ADDITION TO THE MORE THAN 500,000 AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SPAIN AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE SENT MEN TO HELP WIN THE WAR AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. THE NUMBER OF FREE WORLD FORCES IN VIETNAM IS MORE THAN 72,000.

KOREA, HAVING THE SECOND-LARGEST FIGHTING FORCE IN VIETNAM, NUMBERS OVER 48,000 TROOPS IN (ROK) DIVISIONS.

THAILAND HAS INCREASED HER TROOP STRENGTH HERE, REPLACING THE QUEEN'S COBRA REGIMENT WITH THE BLACK PANTHER DIVISION.

THE AUSTRALIANS, WHO WERE FIRST, AFTER THE U.S., TO COME TO THE AID OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, NOW HAVE APPROXIMATELY 8,000 MEN FROM THEIR ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

TEN PER CENT OF NEW ZEALAND'S ARMY IS IN VIETNAM, INCLUDING TWO RIFLE COMPANIES, AN ARTILLERY BATTERY AND MEDICAL TEAMS.

A 1500-MAN CIVIC ACTION GROUP FROM THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES HAS COMPLETED 600,000 MEDCAPS AND DENTCAPS HERE.

NATIONALIST CHINA PROVIDES A PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS (PSYOPS) GROUP TO ADVISE VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES HEADQUARTERS AND SCHOOLS.

SPAIN HAS SENT TO THIS COUNTRY A MILITARY MEDICAL MISSION WHICH OPERATES IN A SMALL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL.

The 'Other' War

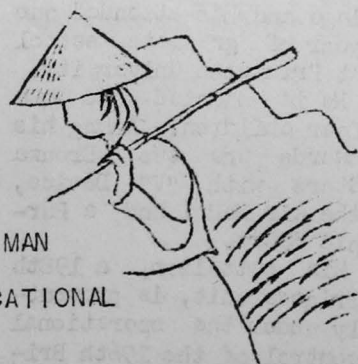
WHILE FREE WORLD MILITARY FORCES BATTLE THE ENEMY WITH GUNS AND GRENADES, THERE IS AN EQUALLY VITAL, IF LESS PUBLICIZED, BATTLE UNDERWAY. NO LESS THAN 40 NATIONS OF THE FREE WORLD ARE INVOLVED IN THIS BATTLE-- THE STRUGGLE AGAINST HUNGER, POVERTY, IGNORANCE AND FEAR. EACH SUCCESS IN THIS FIELD MAKES THE ENEMY'S APPEAL WEAKER AND THE JOB OF THE FIGHTING MAN EASIER. FREE WORLD NATIONS ARE PROVIDING MEDICAL AID TO COMBAT DISEASE, EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL AID TO COMBAT ILLITERACY AND EXPAND JOB OPPORTUNITIES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE MORE JOBS FOR HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING.

VIETNAM IS POTENTIALLY ONE OF THE RICHEST RICE-PRODUCING NATIONS IN ALL OF ASIA, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS OF PRIME CONCERN.

MANY FREE WORLD NATIONS ARE SEEKING TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF CO-OPERATIVES TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

RECENTLY THE "MIRACLE RICE" IR8, HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO VIETNAM. THIS STRAIN OF RICE, DEVELOPED BY FREE WORLD NATIONS, PRODUCES A STRONGER, MORE NUTRITIOUS RICE IN MUCH GREATER QUANTITIES THAN THE OTHER VARIETIES GROWN IN VIETNAM. AS THE USE OF THIS RICE GROWS, VIETNAM WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE FOOD FOR HER OWN PEOPLE, AND MAY BE ABLE TO EXPORT QUANTITIES TO OTHER ASIAN NATIONS. THIS EFFORT IN PARTICULAR HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF HELPING NOT ONLY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, BUT IT MAY ALSO DEVELOP A STABLE BASE FOR THE NATION'S ECONOMY.

VIETNAM, LIKE MANY DEVELOPING NATIONS, IS TRYING TO MODERNIZE IN A VERY SHORT SPAN OF TIME. THE REPUBLIC IS FACED WITH THE ADDITIONAL PROBLEM OF TRYING TO PROGRESS IN THE WAKE OF CONSTANT WAR. SHE IS FIGHTING ON TWO DIFFICULT FRONTS AT THE SAME TIME, BUT SHE IS NOT ALONE IN THE FIGHT. FREE WORLD NATIONS ARE HERE TO HELP.



THE LENS IS MY WORLD

BY PFC A.R. NOEL JR.

Unfortunately, photographers often disregard the use of filters to improve their photographs and to produce more creative results.

To understand how filters affect light we first must understand a few basics of light theory. White light is a total of all the colors in the spectrum. Colors exist because materials have qualities of absorbing (subtracting) some colors while reflecting (transmitting) others. We say an object is red because that is the color it reflects or transmits. We could also equally call it white minus blue and green.

A good basic filter set to start with for black and white photography has yellow, red and green filters.

A yellow filter can be used to cut haze and give the sky a more natural rendition. A red filter darkens the sky because it absorbs more blue light, and can also be used to give your photos a night effect in the daytime. A green filter captures details of flowers, grass and trees in scenic photography.

Each filter absorbs some light which must be compensated for in exposure. The filter factor is a number assigned to a particular filter, telling how many times the amount of light is cut down (absorbed). For example: a filter with a factor of two means you must open your lens aperture one stop. From an earlier article we know that this increases the amount of exposure by two times, thus correcting for our filter. Single Lens Reflex (SLR) cameras with through-the-lens metering automatically compensate for exposure when using filters.

Try using filters to render more detail in the sky, put details in green objects, or to make "night" photos in the daytime. Later you may want to get an orange or blue filter, and filters to balance daylight color film for indoor use or to use "indoor" film for outside photography.

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had the NVA trapped, radioed a warning to the main body of the "Ready Rifles" company.

"It was 20 minutes later that the NVA came charging back towards us," Campbell continued. "Apparently they had spotted the company and were trying to evade. Then they stopped just 10 feet short of our position and turned back again towards the company. But this time we opened up on them."

After the fighting a search of the area turned up five NVA dead and numerous blood trails marking the path of the enemy's retreat. The "Ready Rifles" captured one 82mm mortar round with three fuses, one RPG round and a medical kit.

They also found a 9mm M-20 Chinese Communist pistol on an enemy lieutenant, apparently the leader of the foiled patrol. Among the documents taken from the North Vietnamese's pack, Sgt. Campbell said, "We found papers notifying him of his upcoming promotion to captain."

ARMY TESTS NEW PUNCH FOR CHOPPER ARMAMENT

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala.— Army Missile Command researchers and engineers have developed and are testing an improved helicopter-mounted launcher to fire the 2.75 inch rocket.

Called the XM-200, the new 19-tube launcher is repairable, lighter in weight and will have a longer service life than the XM-159C it will replace. (ANF)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: How long do you have to serve in Vietnam to be eligible for the GI Bill?

A: Actual service in VN is not required for benefits under the GI Bill. The law says you must have at least 181 days of active duty after January 31, 1955 to qualify.

Q: How much money does a married man with no children receive under the GI Bill?

A: For full time training or schooling a man with one dependent would receive \$155 a month.

Q: If I work while attending college on the GI Bill, will the amount of money I earn be deducted from my VA allowance?

A: No. The amount of education allowance paid by the VA is determined only by the amount of schooling you take and the number of dependents you have.

Q: If I attend school half time for six months how much of my GI Bill benefits will I use up?

A: If you go to school half time only half the period will be charged against you, so in this case you would use only three months (AFPS)

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DELAWARE: At least 90 days of honorable service (unless released sooner because of service-incurred injury or disability) and 12 months' residence immediately before entering service. If native born, have either resided in state at time of entry, or were inducted from the state; offers \$20 a month for each month of foreign service up to \$300, and /or \$15 a month for every month of CONUS

LTC COVERDALE ASSUMES COMMAND OF 1ST-46TH INF



LZ PROFESSIONAL—LTC Craig G. Coverdale (Manhasset, N.Y.), a West Point graduate who is serving his second tour in Vietnam, has assumed command of the 1st Bn., 46th Inf.

LTC Coverdale received the colors of the 198th Brigade unit from LTC George R. Underhill (Pulaski, Ill.) at change of command ceremonies here last week. LTC Underhill will assume command of the Americal Division Combat Center.

The new commander of the "Professionals" had previously been in command of the 3rd Bn., 1st Inf. of the 11th Brigade before he was evacuated to Japan last February.

On a previous tour in Vietnam LTC Coverdale was a battalion operations officer with the 101st Airborne Div. in 1966 and later was assigned to the First Field Force, Vietnam at Nha Trang.

He is a 1953 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, a graduate of the Armed Forces Staff College and has attended one year of graduate school at Princeton University.

He is married and has four children. Among his awards are two Bronze Stars with "V" Device, the Air Medal and a Purple Heart.

His battalion, a 198th Brigade unit, is presently under the operational control of the 196th Brigade.

GVN DECORATES BDE. S-5 AT BINH SON CEREMONIES

BINH SON—An officer of the 198th Brigade and a MACV advisor at Binh Son were among six Americans recently decorated by the Vietnamese Government.

In awards ceremonies here 10 miles south of Chu Lai, MAJ Frederick J. Lynn (Pittsfield, Me.), the brigade civil affairs officer, was awarded the Honor Medal, 1st Class for his support of civil affairs operations in the Binh Son District.

Army SFC Harold Goode (Louisville, Ky.), a medic with MACV Advisory Team 17 at Binh Son, and Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jerry D. Rodgers (Champaign, Ill.), a Sea

Bee from Chu Lai, were presented the Cross of Gallantry with Bronze Star.

Persons receiving the Honor Medal, 1st Class were Petty Officers Third Class Larry Clark (Orange, Texas), Richard Lynch (Boonville, Ind.) and Kerry Frey (San Jose, Calif.).

The awards were presented at ceremonies in which Vietnamese drum major-ettes whirled their batons as flags waved, the ARVN 2nd Division Band provided music and local civilian dignitaries joined students of the Binh Son High School as spectators.

MAJ Lynn was honored because of his work in the Binh Son district as 198th Brigade Civil Affairs Officer. His duties include giving support in building refugee camps, schools and other projects and giving assistance in organizing the security for the Binh Son area.

SFC Goode was decorated for gallantry in actions taken in Binh Son district last November when he braved hostile fire to give medical aid to wounded personnel and transport them to safety.

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FREE WORLD ASSISTANCE

FLAGS OF EIGHT NATIONS FLY ALONGSIDE THAT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FREE WORLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE FORCES IN SAIGON. EACH FLAG REPRESENTS A NATION WHICH HAS SENT MILITARY UNITS TO ASSIST THE REPUBLIC IN ITS FIGHT AGAINST AGGRESSION FROM THE NORTH.

IN ADDITION TO THE MORE THAN 500,000 AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, SPAIN AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA HAVE SENT MEN TO HELP WIN THE WAR AGAINST COMMUNIST AGGRESSION. THE NUMBER OF FREE WORLD FORCES IN VIETNAM IS MORE THAN 72,000.

KOREA, HAVING THE SECOND-LARGEST FIGHTING FORCE IN VIETNAM, NUMBERS OVER 48,000 TROOPS IN (ROK) DIVISIONS.

THAILAND HAS INCREASED HER TROOP STRENGTH HERE, REPLACING THE QUEEN'S COBRA REGIMENT WITH THE BLACK PANTHER DIVISION.

THE AUSTRALIANS, WHO WERE FIRST, AFTER THE U.S., TO COME TO THE AID OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, NOW HAVE APPROXIMATELY 8,000 MEN FROM THEIR ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

TEN PER CENT OF NEW ZEALAND'S ARMY IS IN VIETNAM, INCLUDING TWO RIFLE COMPANIES, AN ARTILLERY BATTERY AND MEDICAL TEAMS.

A 1500-MAN CIVIC ACTION GROUP FROM THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES HAS COMPLETED 600,000 MEDCAPS AND DENTCAPS HERE.

NATIONALIST CHINA PROVIDES A PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS (PSYOPS) GROUP TO ADVISE VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES HEADQUARTERS AND SCHOOLS.

SPAIN HAS SENT TO THIS COUNTRY A MILITARY MEDICAL MISSION WHICH OPERATES IN A SMALL PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL.

The 'Other' War

WHILE FREE WORLD MILITARY FORCES BATTLE THE ENEMY WITH GUNS AND GRENADES, THERE IS AN EQUALLY VITAL, IF LESS PUBLICIZED, BATTLE UNDERWAY. NO LESS THAN 40 NATIONS OF THE FREE WORLD ARE INVOLVED IN THIS BATTLE-- THE STRUGGLE AGAINST HUNGER, POVERTY, IGNORANCE AND FEAR. EACH SUCCESS IN THIS FIELD MAKES THE ENEMY'S APPEAL WEAKER AND THE JOB OF THE FIGHTING MAN EASIER. FREE WORLD NATIONS ARE PROVIDING MEDICAL AID TO COMBAT DISEASE, EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL AID TO COMBAT ILLITERACY AND EXPAND JOB OPPORTUNITIES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOP INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE MORE JOBS FOR HIGHER STANDARDS OF LIVING.

VIETNAM IS POTENTIALLY ONE OF THE RICHEST RICE-PRODUCING NATIONS IN ALL OF ASIA, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IS OF PRIME CONCERN.

MANY FREE WORLD NATIONS ARE SEEKING TO FURTHER THE DEVELOPMENT OF CO-OPERATIVES TO PROMOTE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.

RECENTLY THE "MIRACLE RICE" IR8, HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO VIETNAM. THIS STRAIN OF RICE, DEVELOPED BY FREE WORLD NATIONS, PRODUCES A STRONGER, MORE NUTRITIOUS RICE IN MUCH GREATER QUANTITIES THAN THE OTHER VARIETIES GROWN IN VIETNAM. AS THE USE OF THIS RICE GROWS, VIETNAM WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE FOOD FOR HER OWN PEOPLE, AND MAY BE ABLE TO EXPORT QUANTITIES TO OTHER ASIAN NATIONS. THIS EFFORT IN PARTICULAR HAS THE POSSIBILITY OF HELPING NOT ONLY THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE, BUT IT MAY ALSO DEVELOP A STABLE BASE FOR THE NATION'S ECONOMY.

VIETNAM, LIKE MANY DEVELOPING NATIONS, IS TRYING TO MODERNIZE IN A VERY SHORT SPAN OF TIME. THE REPUBLIC IS FACED WITH THE ADDITIONAL PROBLEM OF TRYING TO PROGRESS IN THE WAKE OF CONSTANT WAR. SHE IS FIGHTING ON TWO DIFFICULT FRONTS AT THE SAME TIME, BUT SHE IS NOT ALONE IN THE FIGHT. FREE WORLD NATIONS ARE HERE TO HELP.



THE LENS IS MY WORLD

BY PFC A.R. NOEL JR.

Unfortunately, photographers often disregard the use of filters to improve their photographs and to produce more creative results.

To understand how filters affect light we first must understand a few basics of light theory. White light is a total of all the colors in the spectrum. Colors exist because materials have qualities of absorbing (subtracting) some colors while reflecting (transmitting) others. We say an object is red because that is the color it reflects or transmits. We could also equally call it white minus blue and green.

A good basic filter set to start with for black and white photography has yellow, red and green filters.

A yellow filter can be used to cut haze and give the sky a more natural rendition. A red filter darkens the sky because it absorbs more blue light, and can also be used to give your photos a night effect in the daytime. A green filter captures details of flowers, grass and trees in scenic photography.

Each filter absorbs some light which must be compensated for in exposure. The filter factor is a number assigned to a particular filter, telling how many times the amount of light is cut down (absorbed). For example: a filter with a factor of two means you must open your lens aperture one stop. From an earlier article we know that this increases the amount of exposure by two times, thus correcting for our filter. Single Lens Reflex (SLR) cameras with through-the-lens metering automatically compensate for exposure when using filters.

Try using filters to render more detail in the sky, put details in green objects, or to make "night" photos in the daytime. Later you may want to get an orange or blue filter, and filters to balance daylight color film for indoor use or to use "indoor" film for outside photography.

"READY RIFLES" FLAG NVA PROMOTION

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had the NVA trapped, radioed a warning to the main body of the "Ready Rifles" company.

"It was 20 minutes later that the NVA came charging back towards us," Campbell continued. "Apparently they had spotted the company and were trying to evade. Then they stopped just 10 feet short of our position and turned back again towards the company. But this time we opened up on them."

After the fighting a search of the area turned up five NVA dead and numerous blood trails marking the path of the enemy's retreat. The "Ready Rifles" captured one 82mm mortar round with three fuses, one RPG round and a medical kit.

They also found a 9mm M-20 Chinese Communist pistol on an enemy lieutenant, apparently the leader of the foiled patrol. Among the documents taken from the North Vietnamese's pack, Sgt. Campbell said, "We found papers notifying him of his upcoming promotion to captain."

ARMY TESTS NEW PUNCH FOR CHOPPER ARMAMENT

REDSTONE ARSENAL, Ala.— Army Missile Command researchers and engineers have developed and are testing an improved helicopter-mounted launcher to fire the 2.75 inch rocket.

Called the XM-200, the new 19-tube launcher is repairable, lighter in weight and will have a longer service life than the XM-159C it will replace. (ANF)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: How long do you have to serve in Vietnam to be eligible for the GI Bill?

A: Actual service in VN is not required for benefits under the GI Bill. The law says you must have at least 181 days of active duty after January 31, 1955 to qualify.

Q: How much money does a married man with no children receive under the GI Bill?

A: For full time training or schooling a man with one dependent would receive \$155 a month.

Q: If I work while attending college on the GI Bill, will the amount of money I earn be deducted from my VA allowance?

A: No. The amount of education allowance paid by the VA is determined only by the amount of schooling you take and the number of dependents you have.

Q: If I attend school half time for six months how much of my GI Bill benefits will I use up?

A: If you go to school half time only half the period will be charged against you, so in this case you would use only three months (AFPS)