

WEEKEND WORLD SCENE

MIAMI—A United Airlines jet, enroute from Jacksonville to Miami was hijacked and rerouted to Havana Sunday morning. It marked the second hijacking of the day. Earlier, a Peruvian jet, enroute to Miami with 83 passengers aboard, was diverted to Cuba 10 minutes before landing in Florida.

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WASHINGTON—Lyndon Johnson will become the first out-going President since John Adams to personally present his final State of the Union

Message to Congress. He will address the lawmakers Wednesday morning Vietnam time. Adams made his historic presentation 169 years earlier.

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WASHINGTON—Speculation arose in the Capitol that President Lyndon Johnson and President-elect Richard Nixon are at odds over the continuation of the 10 percent surtax. Nixon, who has been studying the package, reportedly is not committing himself

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DELTAMEN RECEIVE 4 AWARDS

Four members of Delta Battery, 1st Bn., 82d Artillery, will be honored for their actions during an enemy attack last Aug. 23.

The four—1st Lt. Eric B. White, SSgt. Joe E. Ward, Capt. Walter C. Wright Jr., and Sp4 Branislav Artonovich—will be cited in a ceremony conducted by Battalion Commander Lt. Col. John J. Luxemburger Jr.

Wright, Ward and Artonovich will be given Bronze Stars for valor while White will get an Army Commendation Medal for valor.

The four were instrumental in helping to fight off a Viet Cong attack against Delta Battery which resulted in wounds to several members of the unit and the death of eight enemy soldiers.

Sgt. Ward will be cited for bravery in coming fire to run throughout the battery warning troops that a sapper squad had broken through the perimeter.

Later when the battery first sergeant had been stunned by a grenade blast, Ward took command and organized the headquarters element into a reactionary force.

Capt. Wright, commander of the battery, will be honored for his efforts in supervising the medical evacuation of two badly wounded men and for directing an eight-inch howitzer crew to bring direct fire on the enemy position.

Specialist Artonovich will be

awarded his Bronze Star for treating two seriously wounded men during the attack and for assisting in their evacuation.

Battery Executive Officer White is being presented his Army Commendation Medal for insuring that the fire direction control was operational and for organizing the battery defenses during the assault.

He was also responsible for redirecting one of the battery's howitzers against an enemy position, taking pressure off an neighboring infantry unit.

1SG SIDELINED

Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Battery 1SG George Williams will be absent from the unit for more than a month while he undergoes knee surgery in Japan.

Williams, who was evacuated from the battery last week, reported that 1SG John B. Roth, the newly appointed Communications NCO, will fill in for him until he returns.

NOW WE'RE WEEKLY

Pan-Tell editor PFC Richard Shearer announces that the paper begins weekly publication today on a trial basis.

If the new procedure proves successful, it will be continued with Monday as the regular publication day.

MAILING A GIFT? PLAY IT SAFE

Would you like to send a gift home to your wife or girl friend but you're reluctant to do so because you're not familiar with United States laws concerning such matters?

Customs laws, as one might expect, are rather complex. They have to be because one legal loophole can amount to a multi-million dollar loss to both government and industry.

First of all, there are four basic types of exemptions available to military personnel serving in Vietnam. They are the official exemption, the gift exemption, the tourist exemption and the combat zone exemption.

The official exemption provides that any person employed by the federal government, who returns to the United States under government orders at the close of an extended duty assignment outside the United States may be allowed free entry of personal and household effects, including automobiles.

The privilege also applies to members of his family residing with him at his overseas post or station.

You qualify for this exemption if:

- You are returning under a permanent change of station.
- You are transferring from one overseas assignment to another overseas post or station.
- You are returning from a temporary duty station pursuant to evacuation orders (but not on leave orders).
- Your orders necessitate the return to the United States of your personal and household goods even though you are not returning to the U.S.

There are a few points to watch out for. First of all, the items must have been in your physical possession at the overseas station, which rules out, for example, a car that was purchased in Germany for overseas delivery.

The exemption can, however, be used to cover articles and effects shipped prior to your return provided they are accompanied by a copy of the government orders issued prior to the shipment of the goods.

Similarly, this exemption also includes bona fide gifts, regardless of value, that have been purchased to be items of personal use and thus the exemption may be claimed.

Control over alcoholic products is not so liberal. A returning government employee is permitted to import duty-free, one wine gallon of alcohol-

olic beverages, 100 cigars and a reasonable amount of tobacco provided that:

- The items physically accompany the person claiming the exemption.
- Dependents claiming the exemption must be 21 years old or over (U.S. civilian employees and servicemen are exempt from this age requirement).
- Three quarts of that one gallon of liquor must have been distilled or otherwise manufactured and bottled in the United States, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa or Guam.
- The person claiming duty free entry of the items does not claim the tourist exemption as a returning resident.

Under the tourist exemption, all persons who are returning residents are permitted duty-free entry of certain items provided the returnees have been out of the United States for at least 48 hours and have not used the tourist exemption during the previous 30 days.

A few tips to remember about this are:

- You may import duty-free up to \$100 worth of merchandise, computed at fair retail prices, that you have purchased while overseas, provided that the items are intended for your personal use. This includes bona fide gifts.
- Your purchases must accompany you if they are to be claimed under this exemption. Articles sent prior to or subsequent to your departure are not included under this law.
- You may import only one quart of alcoholic beverages.
- Articles of U.S. manufacture purchased abroad may be admitted free of duty but should be declared upon entry as U.S. manufacture on the customs declaration.

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MSG ROTH BECOMES NEW COMMUNCO

MSG John B. Roth of Fayetteville, N.C. became the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery's new Communication NCO on Jan. 1.

Roth succeeds SFC Frank Gangi who was infused to the 3rd Bn., 82d Artillery.

The new Commo NCO is a 20-year Army veteran who has completed four foreign duty tours before coming to Chu Lai.

He served as first sergeant of
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WATCH THOSE PEN-PALS

Do you have a pen-pal in a Sino-Soviet Bloc country?

U.S. Army Vietnam reminds soldiers under its command that they may become unwitting sources of information for these "pen-pals" by inadvertently supplying them with unit identification, personal data and other essential elements of information.

Hostile intelligence agencies may be using these pen-pals to obtain almost any kind of information from the hometown of your mother to future troop movements--often without arousing the suspicions of their "supplier".

If you maintain a correspondence with someone behind the Iron Curtain, USARV warns American troops to watch what they say in their return letters.

If you begin receiving unsolicited correspondence of this sort, provide your commanding officer with the following information:

- The circumstances surrounding the receipt of the unsolicited matter, including the date when it arrived.
- Your relationship to or knowledge of the sender.

--Information as to how the sender learned of your name and address.

--An indication of whether or not
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INSPECTION RATES BRAVO 'EXCELLENT'

Bravo Battery became the first unit in the 1st Bn., 82d Artillery to receive an "excellent" rating in the monthly gunnery inspections conducted by Americal Division Artillery.

The January inspection was the 13th the battalion has undergone since coming to Vietnam last year.

In a letter to the battery, Col. Lawrence M. Jones Jr., Americal Division Artillery commander stated "that the attainment of the 'excellent' rating indicates a high state of operational readiness and professional competency--the result of superior leadership and willingness of all the participants to excel."

U.S. ALIENS MUST REPORT

SFC George Wilson of the S-2 Section reminds aliens that the Immigration and Nationality Act requires all non-citizens in the United States to report their addresses to the Attorney General during the month of January.

Cards for this purpose are available at offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

The act provides serious penalties for willful failure to submit this report.

Compliance with the requirement, therefore, is of the utmost importance to aliens in the Armed Forces and to relatives who may not be citizens but who are residents of the United States as of Jan 1, 1969. All military personnel are included in the ruling.

AMERICAL MAIL LOST IN ALASKA AIR CRASH

Americal Division Headquarters reminds its soldiers that the Pan-American Airlines jet that crashed Dec. 26 in Alaska carried 60,000 pounds of mail destined for I Corps postal units.

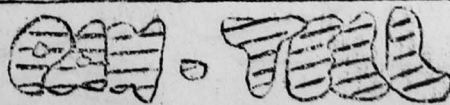
Some of that mail may have been yours.

It is assumed that all the mail originated in Utah, California, Nevada, Arkansas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mex-

ico, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Iowa, Missouri, Louisiana, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, North and South Carolina and Georgia.

If you were expecting a package or letter that you have not yet received, remember it may have been on that flight.

Check with your correspondence in the states to see if they wrote you.



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CUSTOMS LAWS

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The gift exemption applies only to items you send while overseas.

Under this exemption, any person in the United States can receive gifts duty-free from persons in foreign countries provided that the total value of gifts received in any one day does not exceed \$10.

The combat zone exemption allows military personnel to send bona fide gifts duty-free up to \$50.

A few points to remember about it are:

--The \$50 exemption applies only if the articles were purchased in or through authorized agencies of the Armed Forces of the United States. Articles purchased on the local economy are not included in this exemption.

--The first \$50 in aggregate value

of any mailing will be admitted free of duty regardless of the total aggregate retail value of all articles in the mailing.

--The outer wrapping of such gifts will be inscribed with the following statement: "Bona Fide Gift--\$50 exemption claimed under Public Law 89-368."

--Items of sets valued in excess of \$50 may not be broken down and mailed separately to circumvent the \$50 limitation.

Regardless of the four types of exemptions mentioned, certain prohibitions apply to all importations of goods into the United States. These include high explosives, war trophies, lottery tickets, obscene and seditious printed matter, switchblade knives and most communist-produced merchandise.

PEN-PALS

you had received similar correspondence at an earlier date.

In the long run, turning this information over to your commander will be to your benefit. Otherwise you may find yourself with your back to the wall facing the possibility of a blackmail situation.

WORLD SCENE

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to renewing the measure this year.

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NEW YORK--The Apollo 8 space team was given a thunderous ovation during a ticker-tape parade through midtown Manhattan. The three astro-

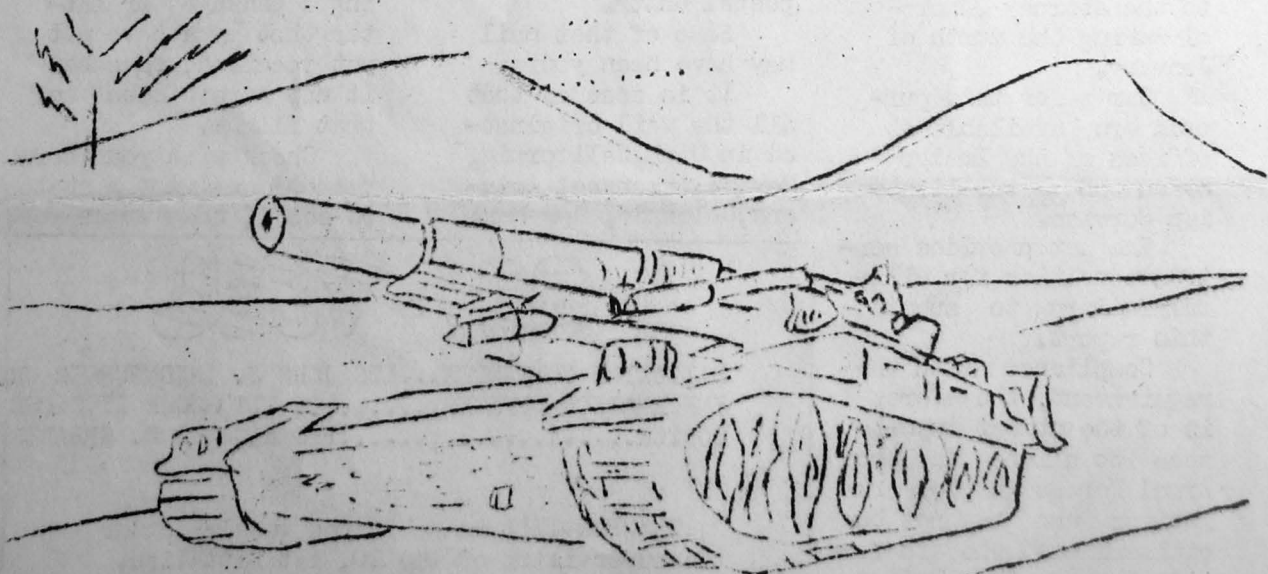
COMMONCO

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Bn., 39th Artillery before coming to Vietnam on Dec. 10.

Included in his military record are two four-year tours in Germany from 1949 to 1953 and from 1958 to 1962. Roth also completed a one-year tour of Greenland in the middle 1950s and spent a year in Vietnam in 1965-66.

He is married and the father of six children.

nauts--Frank Borman, James Lovell Jr. and William Anders--will confer with New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller.



"I DON'T CARE WHETHER YOU ETS TOMORROW OR NOT, SMITHERS--

LET THE GENERAL'S JEEP THROUGH!"