

VIEWS OF VIET-NAM

MARCH 1967- MARCH 1968

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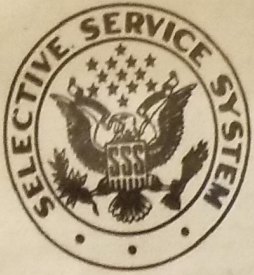


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**A NAIVE COLLEGE
KID GETS HIS
MAJORITY CARD AT
AGE 21**

SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

ORDER TO REPORT FOR INDUCTION



The President of the United States,

To Russell H. Jones

760 Mountain Rd.
West Hartford, Conn.

LOCAL BOARD NO. 1
21 Main Street
Hartford, Conn. 06103

(LOCAL BOARD STAMP)

SEP 16 1966

(Date of mailing)

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GREETING:

You are hereby ordered for induction into the Armed Forces of the United States, and to report

at _____ (Place of reporting)
on OCT 4 1966 (Date) at 6:30 A. M. (Hour)

AND SOON AFTER GRADUATION - IN 1966 - RECEIVES A "GREETING" FROM THE PRESIDENT

**AT BASIC TRAINING IN GEORGIA, I
WIN “SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE”
AND AM ASSIGNED IN VIET-NAM
TO ASSIST A NON-COMBATANT
OFFICER, CHAPLAIN MAJOR
STANLEY FELGAR AS HIS ARMED
CLERK, DRIVER, AND “GOFFER”.**



VIET-NAM PRESENTED A
STARK CONTRAST BETWEEN
ITS STUNNING BEAUTY
...AND THE WAR



A LOVELY CHURCH IN THE CHO-LON SECTION OF SAI-GON





A COLONIAL-
ERA
MANSION
IN BIEN-HOA

A lush, green garden scene featuring a thatched-roof building on the right, a stream flowing through the center, and dense foliage in the background. The text "A MONK'S SECLUDED RETREAT" is overlaid in white on the left side of the image.

A MONK'S SECLUDED RETREAT



A COUNTRYSIDE FARM IN
THE "BOONIES"



A MICHELIN RUBBER
PLANTATION



A SMILE AT THE MARKET

AND A SOLEMN GENTLEMAN



...AND THE WAR...

I AM STATIONED AT A LARGE U.S. AIR FORCE BASE AND
LATER AT THE LONG-BINH ARMY BASE, BOTH IN BIEN-HOA.



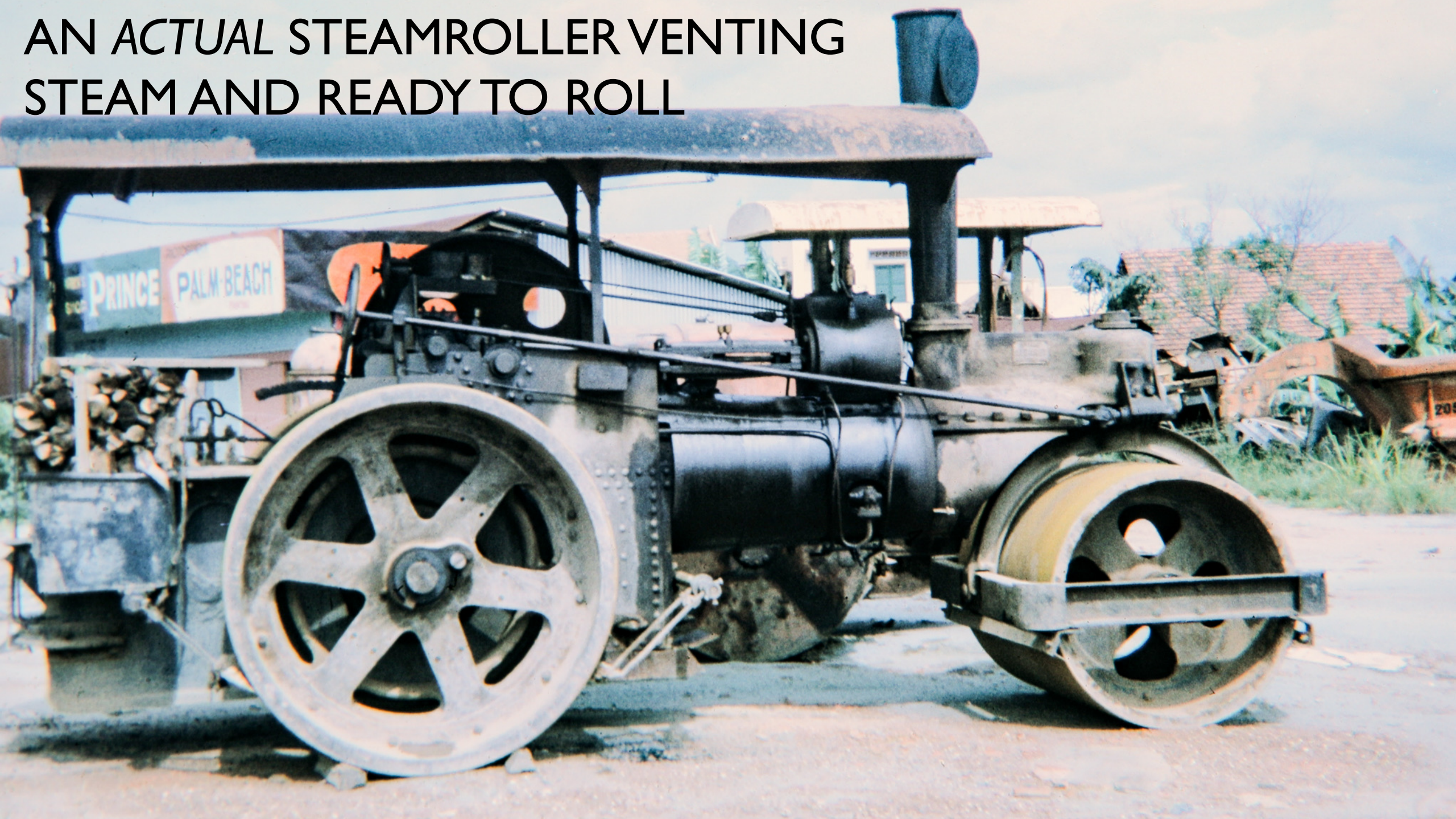


WE ARE PAID IN AMERICAN
MPC TO KEEP US\$\$ OUT OF
ENEMY HANDS

OLD EQUIPMENT WAS STILL IN
USE: PHOTO FROM MY JEEP OF A
BOMB-LADEN DOUGLAS A-1
SKYRAIDER TAXIING FOR TAKE-
OFF



AN ACTUAL STEAMROLLER VENTING
STEAM AND READY TO ROLL



FOR MOST MISSIONS, I DROVE THE
CHAPLAIN OUT BY JEEP...





WE CAME UPON MILITARY
CONVOYS IN REMOTE REGIONS

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AND CARAVANS OF LOCALS ON VILLAGE ROADS



BUT THE MOBILITY WORKHORSES WERE
THE H-2 “HUEY” HELICOPTERS. HERE 21
ARRIVE BACK ON BASE AT DAYS’ END



**WE FLEW OUT OVER
WALLED VILLAGES**

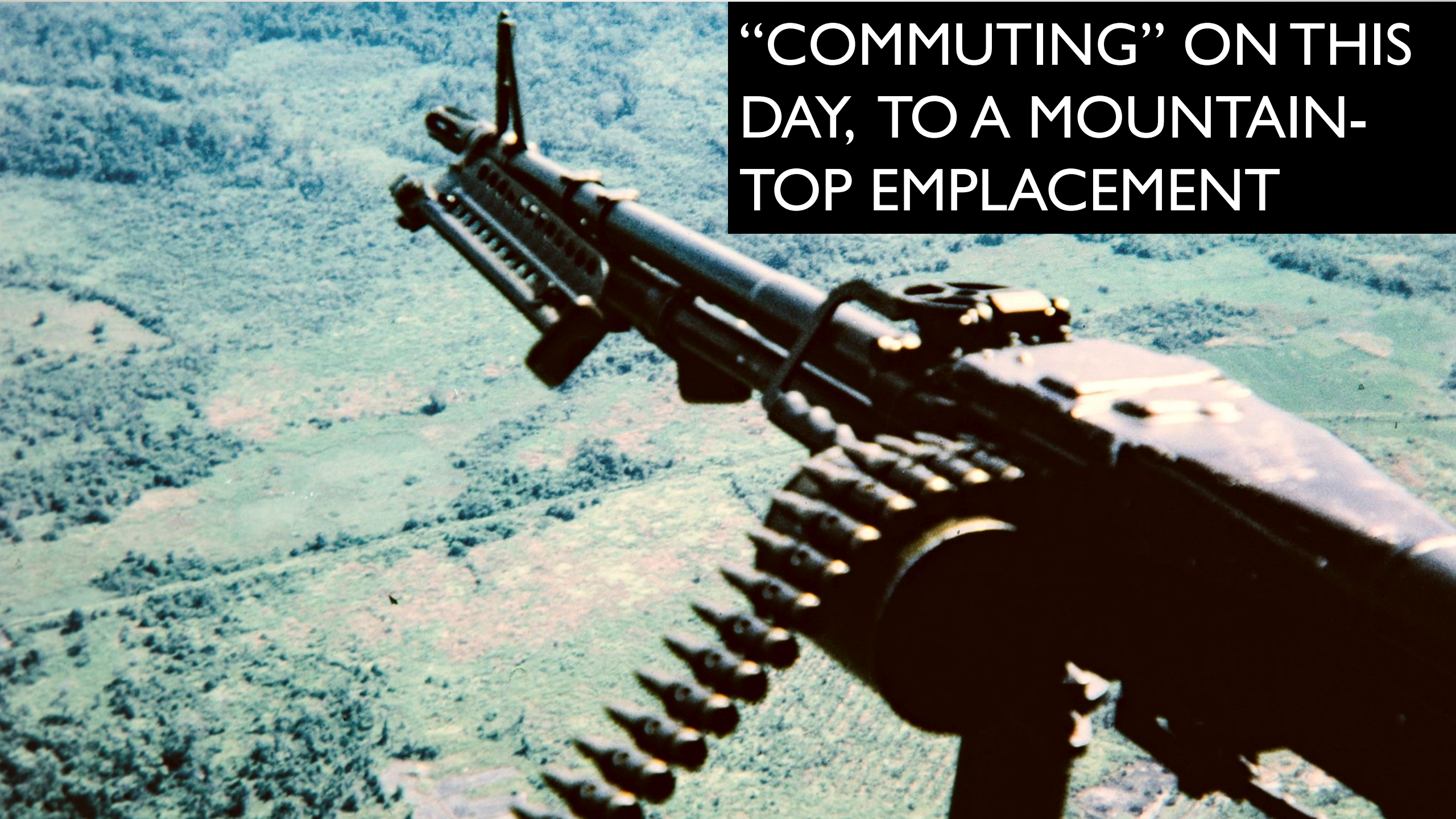


AND BOMB-CRATERED GROUND...

MY KNEE AND
BOOT



“COMMUTING” ON THIS
DAY, TO A MOUNTAIN-
TOP EMPLACEMENT





**WHERE OUR SIGNAL UNIT OPERATED
TELE-COMMUNICATION TOWERS**



**JOINTLY OPERATED AND GUARDED
BY 10 ARMY AND 10 MARINE
PERSONNEL**

...AND
GUARDED, TOO,
BY THE
PLAYBOY
BUNNY,
LOOKING OUT
FROM THE TOP
OF THE TOWER



A HELICOPTER CREW HAS BEEN LOST





CHAPLAIN FELGAR
NEEDS TO BE THERE...



**BACK ON BASE AT DAY'S
DREARY END...**



FOR REST AMID THE SANDBAGS AROUND
MY HOME-SWEET-HOOCH

ARMY
7855



THERE WERE
DIVERSIONS!

HERE'S THE
SANDBAG
AMPHITHEATER
FOR THE BOB
HOPE USO SPECIAL
ON CHRISTMAS
DAY 1967.



...AND HERE'S 37-22-35 RACHEL WELCH SINGING "DIFFERENT DRUMMER" TO RAUCOUS CHEERS....(OBVIOUSLY NOT MY OWN PHOTO) – I WAS CHEERING IN THE CHRISTMAS DAY CROWD OF THOUSANDS JUST TO HER RIGHT



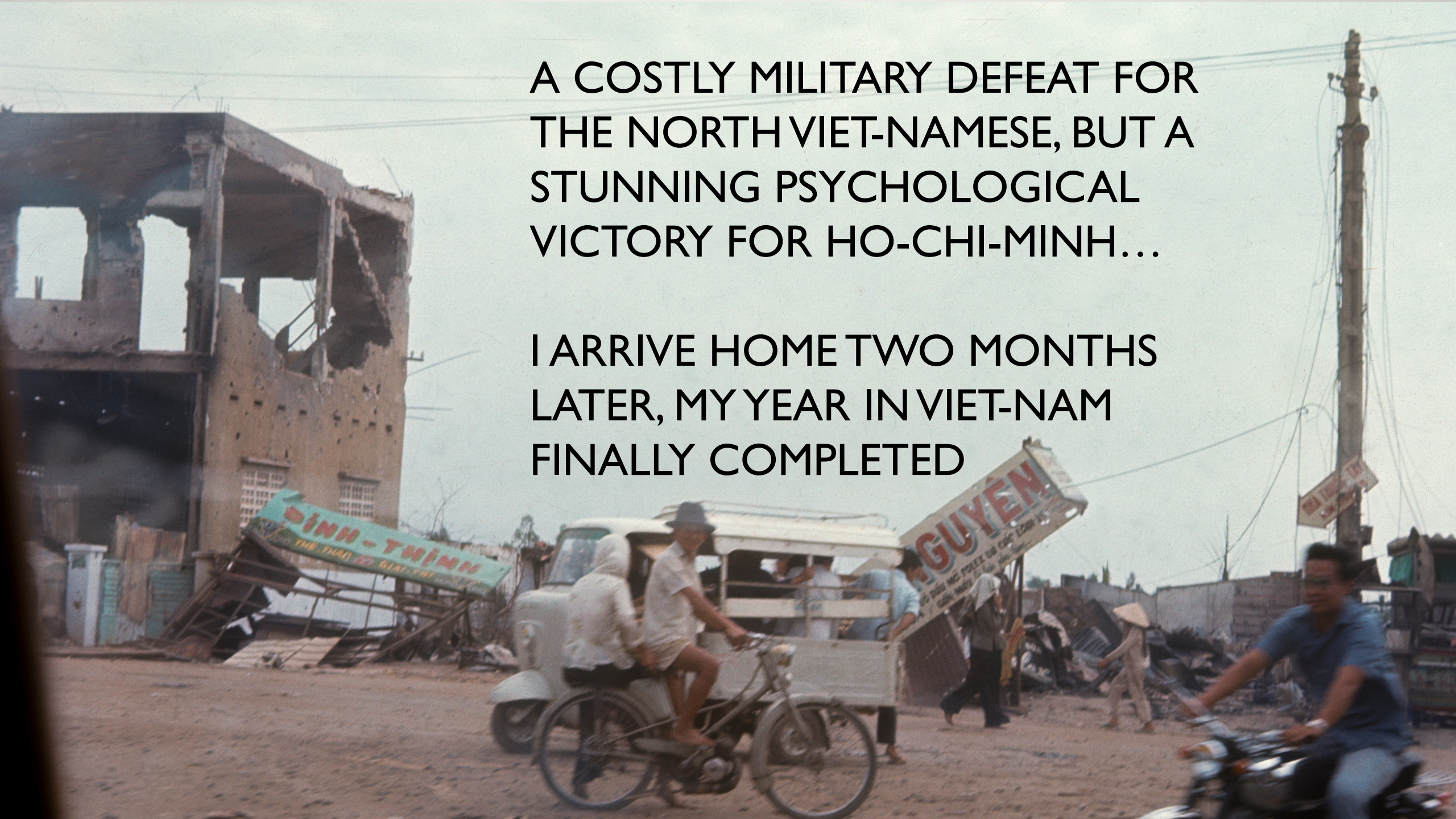
... THEN, ON JANUARY 30, 1968, THE TET OFFENSIVE COMES AS A SURPRISE – AT THIS POINT, WE DO NOT REALIZE IT IS MORE THAN JUST A LOCAL ACTION.



THE AFTERMATH: VIET-CONG AT THE BIEN-HOA PRISON CAMP

A COSTLY MILITARY DEFEAT FOR
THE NORTH VIET-NAMESE, BUT A
STUNNING PSYCHOLOGICAL
VICTORY FOR HO-CHI-MINH...

I ARRIVE HOME TWO MONTHS
LATER, MY YEAR IN VIET-NAM
FINALLY COMPLETED



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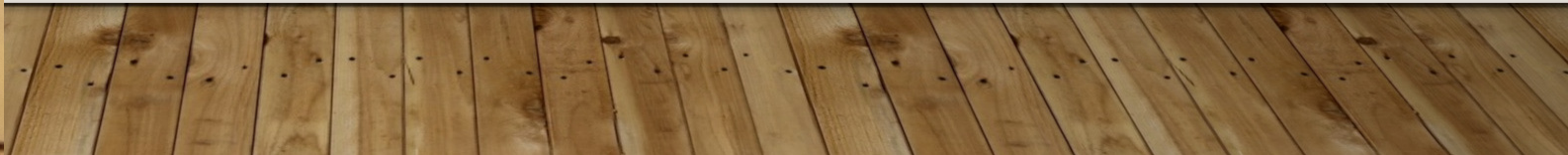
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...AND THERE YOU
HAVE IT: A COLLEGE
KID AT 21...GOES
OFF TO WAR AT 22





...HAS EXPERIENCED
“THINGS” AT 23...



**...AND IS NOW
JUST A HAPPY OLD
GUY ENJOYING
YOUR COMPANY**



ONE LAST THING

CALL OUT IF YOU
RECOGNIZE THIS GUY!



MY LONG-TIME TRAVEL
BUDDY, WAYNE HOSKING!

WAYNE HAD SERVED AS A
MASH DOCTOR IN PLEIKU.

HERE, WE TOUR A VIET-CONG
INFIRMARY ON A TRIP WITH
WIVES, IN 1998.