

These men are spending Christmas Day in Viet Nam



EUGENE W. BUHR

Eugene W. Buhr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buhr, has been in Viet Nam for the past eight months. He is driving trucks in a Mechanized Division. His parents recently received word he suffered an arm fracture but he gave no details on how the accident occurred.
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22nd Inf. 25th Div.
APO San Francisco, Calif.



STANLEY NIEPERT

Stanley Niefert, son of Mrs. Leo Niefert, has been in Viet Nam since Sept. 28. He is currently near Can Tho in the Mekong Delta. Stan is the Supply Sergeant of the 156th AVN.

Stan's wife and children reside at 501 N. Guilford in Sumner.

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The young men pictured on this page will be spending this Christmas Day in Viet Nam. At this season of the year, when we traditionally think of "Peace on Earth," take a few minutes and offer a prayer of thanks for those men and their comrades who are helping to defend a way of life we hold dear. And also offer a prayer that they may return safely to spend next Christmas with their loved ones in peace.—The Editor.



JAMES R. AUBREY

James R. Aubrey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude R. Aubrey, enlisted in the Air Force for four years September 15, 1967. He received four weeks basic training at Lackland Air Base and two weeks at Sheppard Air Base in Texas. After completing his basic training, he was assigned to automotive mechanics school for eight weeks at Sheppard Air Base. Following his furlough he was stationed at Duluth Air Force Base, Duluth, Minn. until July.

He was then transferred to South Carolina for five weeks of training on jet planes. On Aug. 3, he received a three day furlough and then left for Viet Nam on August 9, arriving there Aug. 11.

He is stationed at Cam Ranh Bay.
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ROGER KIRCHHOFF



LARRY KIRCHHOFF

Roger and Larry Kirchhoff, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kirchhoff are both in the armed services in Viet Nam.

Roger has been serving on the USS Oriskany, an aircraft carrier in the U.S. Navy, for the past two years. His duty is servicing air conditioning and refrigeration. During his service he has experienced two tragic fires on his carrier. The worst occurred in Oct. 1966 when the carrier had to return to the States for repair. His ship also was nearest to the Carrier Forrestal to give aid and witness the severe fire on that ship.

At the present time, he is on his second tour of duty to Viet Nam in the Gulf of Tonkin. He has had liberty in the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan. Roger will spend Christmas in Hong Kong.

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USS Oriskany CVA 34
APO Div. A
San Francisco, Calif. 96601
Larry Kirchhoff entered the service June 12, 1967, and is serving with the U.S. Army in Viet Nam. He received his basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky. and AIT at Ft. McClellan, Ala.

On Nov. 18, he left for Viet Nam and was placed in the 1st Bn., 173rd Airborne Bde. and is presently stationed at Dak To. He is serving in the Battalion Headquarters in communications. They maintain the telephone lines between companies.

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RICHARD MEIGHAN

Pfc. Richard Meighan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Meighan, took his basic training at Ft. Campbell, Ky. and then was sent to Ft. Dix, N.J. where he was placed in radio and teletype school. He was then sent to Ft. Gordon, Ga. for further training in communication.

Pfc. Meighan is now serving with an artillery unit in Viet Nam. He states, "You lead a very exciting life over here". Part of the time his unit lives in machine gun bunkers that have four foot thick walls. Recently he has been in Dau Tieng, five miles northeast of Loo Ninh. This battalion has been operating in the Ho Bo Woods.

His address:
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RTT Section
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DAVID D. MOORE

Sp 4 David D. Moore has been stationed with the Army division of Decca Navigator Systems on the island of Cu Lao He since April, 1967.

In November, he received his R & R leave in Hawaii and his wife joined him there for a week. He has since been transferred to Pleiku.

His wife and son make their home in Sumner. She is the former Garland Evans.
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CHESTER STEPHENS

Chester Stephens arrived at Cam Ranh Bay, Viet Nam, Sept. 27. From Cam Ranh Bay, he was sent to Saigon and then to Cu Chi where he received details of the country and war.

He is now stationed in a mechanized line company near Dau Tieng about 35 miles north of Saigon. Purpose of a line company is to move over the country in personnel carriers looking for Viet Cong. Chester is a truck mechanic and responsible for at least five of the personnel carriers. Along with keeping the carriers in operating condition he rides gunner behind a 50 cal. machine gun which is usually mounted on top of the carrier.

His wife, the former Carolyn Kasemer, lives in Sumner.
Sgt. Chester W. Stephens
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Co. C 2 Bn. 22 Inf.
Mech 25 Div.
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DENNIS NIEMEYER

Dennis Niemeyer entered the service Feb. 20. He received his basic training at Ft. Bliss, Texas and AIT at Ft. Jackson, S. Car.

Dennis was stationed at Dak To but being in the infantry he is moved to different areas frequently. Much of the time is spent on patrols.

Recently the base camp was mortared and his bunker was burned. Dennis lost all his personal effects.

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Suggestions for your Holiday meal

Ham is a headliner on many holiday menus and today's hams are leaner, juicier and easier to prepare than those on Grandpa's farms.

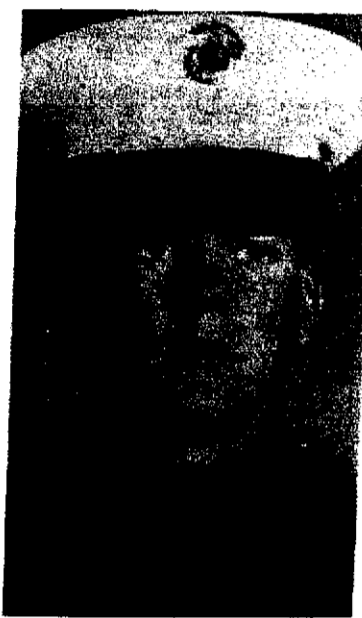
To bake your Christmas ham, place it fat side up on a rack in an open roasting pan. Insert a meat thermometer into the center of the thickest part, but make sure the bulb does not rest in fat or bone.

Do not add water and do not cover. Bake the ham in a slow oven (325° F.). Basting is not necessary, but if you wish, add your favorite glaze 20 to 30 minutes before the end of the cooking time.

A "cook-before-eating" ham should bake until the meat thermometer registers 160° F. This will require 2½ to 3 hours for a half ham, 2 to 2½ hours for a shank or butt portion.

For heating a "fully-cooked" ham, the meat thermometer should indicate 130° F. Allow about 2 hours for a half ham, 1½ hours for a portion. For canned hams, follow instructions on the can.

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RONALD BRICKMAN

Ronald Brickman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brickman, enlisted in the Marines May 16, 1967, and after completing basic was sent to Viet Nam Nov. 15. He is stationed with a command section of an artillery unit arriving in the Da Nang valley, where he is a radio man and drives a jeep.

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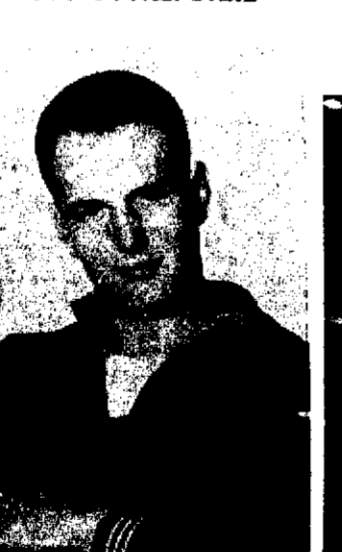
DENNIS L. JUEL

Sgt. Dennis L. Juel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Juel, is stationed at the Phan Rang Air Base, in Viet Nam. He has been in Viet Nam since November 25 and attached to the record department of the base. Sgt. Juel a personnel specialist, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces.

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DOUG BUCKENDAHL



MIKE BUCKENDAHL

Mike and Doug Buckendahl, sons of Mrs. Gerald Fox, have been together on the Aircraft Carrier Coral Sea since October. Prior to this Mike was stationed at Atsugi, Japan. He was also stationed in Okinawa for a month this past summer. Mike is in the Jet Mechanics Division and services and refuels jets.

Doug has been aboard the Carrier since July, 1966. He is on his second mission with the Coral Sea to the South East Asian combat zone. Doug is a radio operator and while in the combat zone his department's work is of the utmost importance.

They recently wrote of being in Typhoon Emma and said the waves reached a height of 90 feet.

They expect to return to the States sometime in February. Mike is looking forward to being discharged in May or June. Douglas is married to the former Lou Ellen Tegmeyer.
Ltc M. Buckendahl ADJ-3
794-64-06 V-4
USS Coral Sea (CVA-43)
FPO San Francisco, Calif. 96601

Douglas W. Buckendahl RM3
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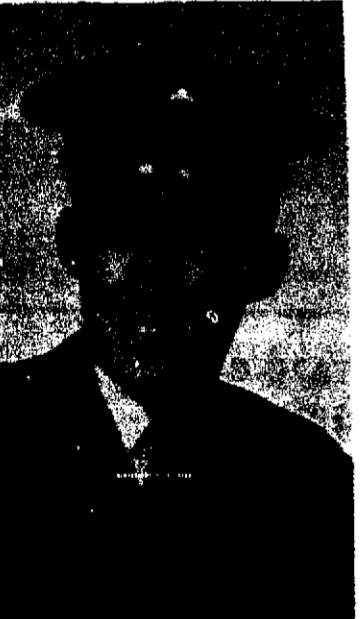


LARRY MOELLER

Larry Moeller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Moeller, enlisted in the Navy Sea Bees and is stationed at Da Nang village in Viet Nam, until August.

Larry has passed the requirements for his third advancement rate and will receive it in February.

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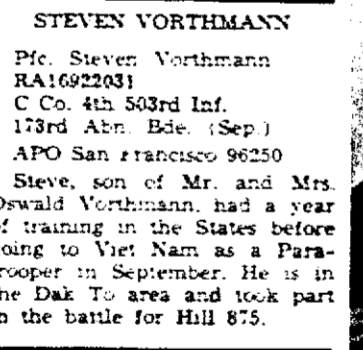
RODNEY GEHRKE

Rodney Gehrke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gehrke, enlisted in the U.S. Army on Oct. 1, 1965. He received his basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., after which he attended Army Aviation School at Ft. Rucker, Ala. specializing in Aircraft Maintenance.

On April 24, 1967, he completed the "Single-Rotor Turbine Utility Helicopter Maintenance Course" given at the U.S. Army Transportation School, Ft. Eustis, Va. He received his aviation wings and was given duty as a Helicopter Flight Mechanic. He joined the 17th Airborne Cavalry at Ft. Knox, Ky. where he received special training for overseas duty. Gehrke left with the 17th Airborne Cavalry and arrived in Viet Nam, Nov. 2, 1967.

He is now Crew Chief on a OH-GA (CAYUSE), a light observation Reconnaissance helicopter and located at Di-An, South Viet Nam. The 17th Cavalry is a support group for several ground infantry units.

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STEVEN VORTHMANN

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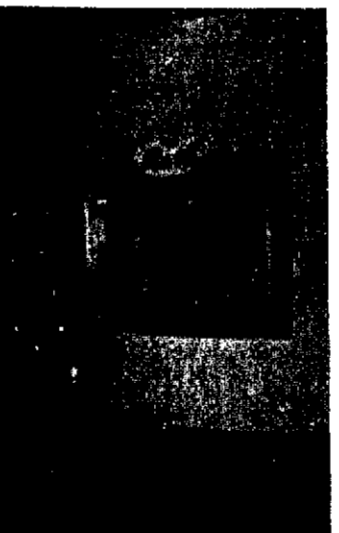
Steve, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Vorthmann, had a year of training in the States before going to Viet Nam as a Paratrooper in September. He is in the Dak To area and took part in the battle for Hill 875.



HARLAN PLATTE

Harlan Platte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Platte, stationed in Viet Nam, in his Nov. 2 letter wrote that the weather has been hot and every day it rains. In the military police, most of his on duty involves guard. He was on leave Nov. 8 to 13 in Hong Kong.

Harlan's address:
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JACK GITCH

Jack Gitch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gitch, has been in Viet Nam since July 5, and most of that time has been spent in the area around Pleiku. Three companies establish a fire support base camp and then one company remains at the base camp and the other two patrol the perimeter area surrounding it. The companies alternate the patrolling duties.

Jack received his R&R leave the first week in December. He spent a couple of days in Cam Ranh Bay and then flew to Tokyo, Japan for five days. Just prior to leaving for his R&R, his company had been flown to the Dak To vicinity to set up a support base camp, so he will report back there at the conclusion of his leave.

These fire base camps are almost always in places where the only way to get in or out is by helicopter. They have C rations and about every other day hot meals are supplied them by the "choppers" along with the ever welcome mail.

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Merry Christmas
Here's wishing you the long-lasting happiness of an old-fashioned Yule!

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Holiday with care
(Drive with care. Enjoy this holiday and all the holidays to come.)

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