# Returned GI would go back

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simistic view of the war presented by a returned Air Force sergeant in an AFRO article March 19.

The Air Force man, Sgt. Crispus Bosworth, who was a clerk at Da Nang Air Base, had spoken of low morale among American troops, resentment of Americans by the Vietnamese, and the overwhelming difficulty of the struggle.

"I don't say what he said may not have been true in the area where he was," Capt. Mason, who also saw no combat, said, "but he didn't have the whole picture. There is another, great deal more optimistic side.

"American soldiers, even though they don't like being away from home, find it a challenge being in Viet Nam," he continued.

"They don't mind being there, because they think it's important. They're not jumping up and down, but once they're there, they make the best of the situation."

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AS FOR the Vietnamese people, Capt. Mason maintained, they are "extremely happy to have us there."

He agreed there is some resentment over "actions of a small minority who show disrespect" for the people of Viet Nam.

He said some GI's incurred hostility by criticizing the country and judging it by United States standards, flashing a lot of money, and particularly taking their women and treating them rudely.

This is true for a few American soldiers throughout the country, and it anger the Vietnamese who are "very proud" Capt. Mason said.

CAPT. DONALD R. MASON

"All of the criticism about them being backward and lazy is definitely not true," he insisted.

HIS OWN relations with the people were "pleasant," said the captain, who was commissioned in the Army after graduation from Morgan State College in 1959.

His duties as provost marshal included the protection of military installations, and he had four Vietnamese working under him, two females to search female civilian personel, and two male interpreters.

He said he had visited the homes of the young men and "had no problems at all" with them. "They are poor, but they try hard, and have a good outlook."

Some of his Vietnamese acquaintances saw him off at Phu Bai Air Field when he left for Saigon March 9 on the first leg of his trip home, he recalled.

THE OTHER side of the coin was, however, that though you could be friends with the Vietnamese, you could never really trust anyone, the captain lamented.

"Yo're never really sure that they might not be Viet Cong. The only way to tell is to read their minds and find out what their political feelings are, or wait until they start shooting at you."

Two days before he left, he said, seven pounds of high explosives, along with a chemical detonator, were found in one of the billets where he was stationed.

This occurred despite the fact that all civilian Vietnamese are investigated and cleared before being given jobs which take them into military installations, and are personally searched when they enter.

"If they hadn't found the explosives we would have all blown up," the captain n

Despite such incidents, Ca,t. Mason feel we have ''turned the tide of the war. We are holding our own, and going out and pressing the enemy instead of staying on the defensive. You can never win a war just sitting there."

The Douglass High graduate said this is a "different kind of war. There is no front, no rear, just fighting all over."

ONE OF the few points on which Capt. Mason agreed with Sgt. Bosworth was the problem of inflation in the country and of the flagrant overcharging of Americans for goods and services.

In Saigon and other large cities, he said, "prices have sky - rocketed. Everything is going up."

Operators of cyclos — the two - wheeled vehicle pulled by a man which is the common mode of transportation in the cities — now charge up to 300 piastres for a ride which used to cost ten, he said.

The bar girls have lately been charging $2 to $3 for "Saigon tea," the beverage (actually tea) they drink while keeping company with GI's in night spots.

There was a boycott of bars recently to bring "Saigon tea" prices down in Saigon, Capt. Mason said, but many soldiers just back from the front, flush with cash and eager for a good time, were willing to pay outrageous prices, he said.

CAPT. MASON, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus A. Mason of the 1000 block of Augusta Ave., is currently staying with his wife, Claudette, and his two girls, two and six years old, in Catonsville.

When his 35 - day leave is up, he expects to move to Fort Meade, where he will be engaged in some kind of military connected with the Military Police.

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## Raymond L. Hunton

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Funeral services were conducted Tuesday for Raymond L. Hunton, 39, who died early last week in his apartment at the Mayfair.

Hunton was the son of Mrs. Evelyn L. Hunton, retired public school principal, and younger brother to Colonel Benjamin Hunton of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

DEATH WAS sudden and occurred when he was alone in his home. At the time of his death, Hunton was employed at the Sharpe Health School.

Services were conducted at Arlington Memorial Cemetery with Catholic chaplain presiding and the customary 21 - gun salute over flag - draped casket.

SURVIVING are his wife, Mrs. Norma Hunton; two the children, Karen 13, and Raymond 11; his mother and brother, aunt, Mrs. Rosina L. Hoare, and an uncle, Sam Lacy of the AFRO.

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'RARE TREAT' — Robert Brown of Severn, an employee in the commissary at Ft. Meade, accepts citation from Col. G. J. Check, post commander in recognition of his donation of rare blood type to aid the heart operation of Mrs. Alethea A. Boone of Baltimore. Mr. Brown, an ex-military policeman, is a regular donor to the Red Cross Blood Donor Program.

## Detroit Atty. Banks announces candidacy

DETROIT, Mich. — Veteran Atty. William V. Banks of 2101 Gratiot, announced last week he would become a candidate for State Representatives the Democratic ticket.

## Set youth's bail at $10,000 in criminal assault

George William Smith Jr., 18, 1300 block W. Lafayette Ave., has been released under $10,000 bail on a charge of criminal assault.

Represented by Fred E. Weisgal, the School 183 10th grade pupil was released in the custody of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith Jr. who were present in Criminal Court Monday. The elder Mr. Smith is a barber.

Also present to plead in his behalf were his grandmother, Mrs. Lucille Custis and the Rev. Leonard E. Hicks, pastor of Greater New Hope Baptist Church, Inc., 1308 Riggs Ave.

## FBI finds no federal act in lad's death

TUSKEGEE, Ala. — U.S. Atty. Gen. John Doar, said in a recent letter that the FBI "has failed to produce evidence of a violation of a federal criminal statute "in the Jan. 3 slaying of Samuel Younge, a civil rights worker and student at Tuskegee Institute.

The letter, a reply to one written by Gwendolyn Patton, president of the Tuskegee Institute student body, stated that local authorities had already arrested and charged Marvin Segrest, a white service station attendant, with murder.

Local police said that Younge's death occurred shortly after he was involved in an argument with Segrest over the use of an employees' rest room at the service station.

## British surgeon publishes results of ulcer research

LONDON (UPI) — Perforations of ulders occur most commonly between 5 and 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, and in the months of December and January, an article in the British Medical Journal said last week.

Surgeon Dr. Colin Clay of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, wrote the article based on his research into 3,343 perforated peptic ulcers which he treated between 1954 and 1963.

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