

Pilot Home From Viet Nam Takes DFC In Stride



Linwood Packard Relaxes

By GRACE HUTCHINSON
Correspondent
CUMBERLAND — "I guess I just didn't want them to think I was getting ready to die."
That's why he refrained from telling his family he had been decorated for heroism under fire in Viet Nam, a helicopter pilot explained Wednesday as he sat down to an early Thanksgiving dinner here with his family and widowed mother.
DESPITE THE FACT that his "copper" was under a heavy concentration of Viet Cong fire from a nearby rubber plantation, Warrant Officer First Class Linwood Packard, 34, dropped the craft into a clearing to rescue the crew of a plane which had been gunned down.
Later in the day he returned to recover the aircraft.
The action earned him the Distinguished Flying Cross, but as he explained here Wednesday, "You do things like this because there are other Americans involved, not for heroism."

"When any of us sees another American in trouble, we would knock ourselves out to help him."
The incident occurred almost a year ago, on Jan. 14, and the awarding of the DFC followed in July.
His mother, Mrs. Antoinette Packard, of Greenwood Drive, heard about the decoration from a friend who had read about it in the service newspaper, Stars and Stripes.

PACKARD SENT his wife the letter of commendation accompanying the award only after she wrote him inquiring about the newspaper report.
His wife is the former Rose Marie Douglas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Douglas of Scarborough. Packard is a Cumberland native and attended schools here.
W/O and Mrs. Packard and their four sons, 2 to 12, observed Thanksgiving a day earlier because he has to report to Fort Rucker, Ala., Saturday

and will be en route South on the holiday.
Packard also has earned 12 Air Medals and has two more pending. They are awarded on the basis of number of missions flown.

PACKARD RETURNED to the United States last month. Most of the year Packard was in Viet Nam there were only three or four American advisers to a company of Vietnamese soldiers. He said there was as much fighting going on then as there is now, but fewer Americans were taking part.
The morale of the American forces is good. "We have a very professional Army than ever before, and the men are eager to try out their skills."

The fighting men have little concern about anti-war demonstrations and draft card burning back home. They feel these activities are Communist inspired and that kids from 18 to 22 are very impressionable and easily aroused, he said.

"Soldiers find it harder to understand the freedom marches because there is no racial problem in the Army," he added. "If a man takes care of his men and does the work expected from him by his superiors, he is accepted no matter what color his skin is."

PACKARD believes the Vietnamese haven't quite the desire to win that the Americans have because they don't have the incentive. Their government has never done anything for them and they have no sense of patriotism, he added. Their life is such that their personal problems outweigh the government's problems, he feels.

He believes the Vietnamese Army is becoming more professional all the time and a little more able to detect Viet Cong infiltrators in their units.

There are so many different Viet uniforms that you quite literally can't tell until you get shot at whether they

are the "good" or the "bad" guys," he declared.

PEOPLE LIVING in outlying villages have to cooperate with whatever forces are occupying the territory in order to survive. While he was there, Packard said, the Viet Cong used his and his brother's. When enough government equipment was brought into the area to take care of the situation, there would be no money there to fight. The Viet Cong would have withdrawn into the jungle to regroup and attack some different place.

"However," he said, "those familiar with the problems are very satisfied with the progress we are making there."

Mrs. Packard has accompanied her husband wherever she could, living on year in Okinawa and three years in Germany. Their sons are Gerald, 18; Thomas, 9; Douglas, 8; and Kenneth, 2.
Until Packard's return from overseas his wife and children lived in Tacoma, Wash.

Fairchild Work Force Likely To Total 2,000

By FRANK SLEPKER
Business Reporter
SOUTH PORTLAND — Employment at the Fairchild Semiconductor plant here on Western Avenue is expected to "top out" at about 2,000, plant manager John J. Magarian said Wednesday.
At the present time, Fairchild Semiconductor, in the midst of boom production of its product, is employing a "little over 1,450," Magarian said.
Last July, the company announced a more-than-\$1 million, 100,000 square-foot addition to its present 46,000 square foot plant.
AT THAT TIME, it was estimated that employment in

BIW Cargo Ship Deal Still Hanging — Tupper

U.S. Rep. Stanley Tupper said Wednesday the Maritime Administration has advised him a contract between Bath Iron Works and American Export-Isbrandtsen Lines "conceivably could be signed by the middle of next week."
Tupper confirmed that no contract has yet been signed by the two companies for the construction of three cargo vessels. The First District Congressman said the Maritime Administration is a subdivision of the Department of Commerce, and the department has 20 days in which to review the disposition of Maritime appointing BIW as low bidder.
The Bath bid was \$38,700,000, or \$406,000 lower than the next shipbuilding firm.

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President Praises U.S. Armed Forces

JOHNSON CITY, Tex. (AP) — President Johnson told members of the armed forces scattered around the world Wednesday that they are the guardians and defenders of freedom "which we cherish above all."
And as Johnson's Thanksgiving message went out over the armed forces network, press secretary Bill D. Moyers told lawmakers of the President's grief over the loss of American lives in Viet Nam.
Magarian also made a pre-Thanksgiving Day announcement that Fairchild will have a "penhouse" covering about 10,000 square feet on part of the addition.
This will run from the front of the addition to the rear covering a part of the addition's roof.
This will be used for much of the plant's engineering equipment, now in the basement of the present plant.
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Reed Wishes Gay Holiday But Urges Driving Caution

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
In Maine, as in the rest of the nation, Thursday is the family holiday—Thanksgiving.
This singularly American holiday is centered in the home—with the traditional turkey dinner as the principal mode of observance. It's a time of merry-making, for adults and children alike.
But its historic reason for being—to thank God for blessings of the past year—is not forgotten.
Gov. Reed, in his annual proclamation, put it this way: "As we prosper in the shadow of much worldly hunger, discontent and destruction, let us ask God for his benevolent intervention into the affairs of men so that peace among nations and freedom for all may be hastened."
There was one thing Matines couldn't be thankful about: that Thanksgiving Eve, the holiday death toll for 1965 had reached 20—28 more than a year ago, 8 more than the 1935 record.

Express Won't Be Published Today

The Evening Express will not be published today, Thanksgiving Day, and all business departments of the paper will be closed. Evening Express copies will be found in today's Press Herald.

War Will Be Long, Westmoreland Warns

SAIGON, South Viet Nam (AP) — A record total of 240 Americans killed in Viet Nam in one week underlines a new official warning Thursday that the war will be long.
"It involves a long conflict and we must be prepared to accept this," Gen. William C. Westmoreland, the U.S. commander, told the American people in a Thanksgiving Day interview.
A battle on the central coast near Quang Nam, 22 miles northeast of Saigon, reflected the shifting scope of the jungle war. A detachment of 500 Vietnamese troops overran 200 Viet Cong and reported they killed

Dubord Questions Findings

IN AUGUSTA, Dubord also had a news conference. He said he hadn't seen LaBree's formal report, but from news accounts of it can't find anything to change his conclusion.
But Dubord told newsmen that he sees nothing in news reports of investigator Otto N. LaBree's inquiry to require any change in the earlier statement which he and the Aroostook County prosecutor made: That there was no evidence to indicate that the death of the 14-year-old Port Patrick newspaper boy last December was anything but accidental.

Prober Hints Foul Play In Death Of Newsboy

PORT FAIRFIELD (AP) — Newsboy Cyrus Everett, 14, probably was smothered and his body placed under the quarter-ton log where it was found last May, a special investigator reported Wednesday.
Otis N. LaBree was hired by the Town Council because of dissatisfaction among citizens of this northern Maine potato town with an official finding that the boy's death was accidental.
At a news conference, LaBree said he could find no basis for the conclusion reached by Atty. Gen. Richard J. Dubord and Aroostook County Prosecutor Frank Hickey.

Prayer For Today

We pray, dear God, for our families. We thank Thee for those who know us the best and still love us the most. We pray for the individuals in our homes — those who are near us and those who are far away. Grant to each one strength in weakness, wisdom in uncertainty, comfort in sorrow, and Thy guidance for every day. Grant to our family, as a unit, love, peace, and understanding. Teach us to respect one another and to rejoice in the advantages of our inheritance. May Thy kingdom come and Thy will be done in our hearts and homes; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Traveling Dog

Dan, the two-year-old collie, recently traveled 40 miles alone within 24 hours to follow the Victor Roubo family of Grovesville, home after a trip to Parsonsfield. Dan went with Mr. and Mrs. Roubo, and Tamra Leah, 2, left, and her brother, David Victor, 4, right. But he became lost. The Roubos had to return home without the dog. But Dan didn't stay lost too long. He returned by himself.



Accused Of Dropping Bombs

Electronics Expert Held In Florida Air Bombings

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — A brilliant electronics engineer was arrested Wednesday and charged with dropping fire bombs from a rented plane on five homes he suspected of harboring Communist agitators and Negro rioters.
"It was purely psychological warfare to scare these agitators," said the engineer, Lon David Shaw, as he described his year-long series of night-time forays.
The simple but ingenious bombs, similar to Molotov cocktails, exploded harmlessly on lawns and backyards in Negro and white neighborhoods without hurting anyone, police said.
However, one hit a spot where children had been playing only minutes before, and another set a bedroom afire.

Shaw, 36, told a news conference he used a altitude and complicated navigational gear to plot his strikes.
Shaw, a bachelor said he could pinpoint his targets "within plus or minus 20 feet" from a height of 1,000 feet.

But the investigators said they were inclined to think he did not have any particular persons in mind when he hurled the bombs out the open windows of the planes.
Detective Sgt. Dave Hillman said at one point Shaw told him

"He's an engineer and could make any kind he wanted to," Hillman said. "This bomb's so simple that any 5-year-old could make it. That's why we won't say how it is made."

The police laboratory analyzed the first bomb last December and determined that it was dropped from the air, Hillman said.
"Then it was a matter of checking every airport in four counties to find a pattern," he said.
Hillman said police narrowed down to Shaw after the last bombing, Nov. 14.
"We've had him under a surveillance since," Hillman said. "We decided against waiting until he made another flight. We couldn't take the chance."
Shaw, who said he was the target of fire bombs from Communists when he was in the Air Force in the Far East, said "I think I've done a service to the community. But there's probably some debate about this."

Kiwanis Club Auction On WLOB Tonight

Programming of radio station WLOB will be turned over to the Portland Kiwanis Club Radio Auction from 7 to 11 o'clock tonight.
A complete list of the merchandise which will be auctioned appears on Page 2 and 21. Proceeds will benefit the Portland Kiwanis Handicapped Children's Center.

CRS Thursday Night Movies

"Mysterious Island"
Starring MICHAEL CRAIG
9:00 P.M.
Channel 13