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LAST BERET UNITS LEAVE S. VIETNAM

Saigon (UPI) - A color-bearing detachment of the Fifth Special Forces Group - the first U.S. ground combat unit to fight in the Indochina war - left Vietnam today, closing out the Green Beret's role in the war.

The last Special Forces camps, Duc Lap and Ben Het, were turned over to the South Vietnamese special forces Jan. 1. The civilian mercenaries who manned the camps under Green Beret leadership were incorporated into the South Vietnamese army as border ranger battalions.

The color guard detachment of 24 officers, two warrant officers and 68 enlisted men will go to Ft. Bragg, N.C.

A few Green Berets remain in Vietnam as advisers to the South Vietnamese special forces training center at Nha Trang, 188 miles northeast of Saigon, military sources said.

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