

# Freed Viet POW Dines on Burgers

SAIGON — (UPI) — A U.S. Army staff sergeant who returned yesterday from more than two years' Viet Cong captivity ordered hamburgers and ice cream when he reached safety, military spokesmen said today.

John Sexton Jr., 23, walked out of the jungle and into American hands in the town of Loc Ninh, about 10 miles from the Cambodian frontier.

#### VC Guides

He said he had been led by Viet Cong guides through the jungles barefoot for 10 days before being turned loose to find his own way.

U.S. medical officers said he was in good spirits today, although he had trouble sleeping last night in a U.S.

Army hospital. "The Army is hoping to get him on a plane home within the next two days."

#### Good Will

In New York, a "Committee of Liaison" sponsored by the U.S. Peace Movement said it had been informed that Sexton's release was a goodwill gesture on the occasion of the Viet Cong autumn offensive.

The U.S. Command said Sexton had lost 50 pounds in captivity and was down to 135. In addition, he was suffering from mild malaria and moderate anemia and had partial loss of vision in his right eye, an immobilized right elbow and multiple fragmentation wounds that had healed, doctors said.

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**COLONEL CARRIES SGT. SEXTON TO COPTER**  
POW's feet were all but crippled after long walk

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