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Another returned prisoner of war has told a tale of humiliation, torture and sadism at the hands of the North Vietnamese. Navy Commander Theodore Kaufman [sp?], six years a prisoner, said he was paraded through hamlets where villagers threw rocks at him, spat at him and kicked him. Sometimes, he said, his heels were pulled to the back of his head with ropes and he was rolled around like a ball.

Kaufman talked to reporters yesterday at Lemoore Naval Air Station, his home base. He said the abuses stopped in 1969, but he was told there would be retaliation if he reported about his torture when he returned home.

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