

'Last' POW Flying Home

Clark Air Base, Philippines

The last known American prisoner of the Vietnam war, still weak from malaria and life under the Viet Cong, flew home today.

Army Captain Robert T. White, 32, of Newport News,

Va., struggled up the steep stairway of a C141 Starlifter jet, carrying an armload of posters, gifts and an American flag given to him by a crowd of about 150 persons who said good-by.

The huge hospital plane headed for McGuire AFB, N.J., after a stop in Hawaii.

White is due to meet his wife, Judith, at McGuire this evening.

White, who told of eating rat, fish, shrimp, crab and rice during captivity, was the last of 598 POWs released from Vietnamese jails during 67-day-long Operation Homecoming.
