

Live Turkeys Are Airdropped To G.I.'s Vietnam Outposts

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SAIGON, Vietnam, Nov. 22— On a hot steamy day here, United States planes dropped live turkeys to American servicemen in isolated outposts in areas controlled by Communist guerrillas.

Thanksgiving came and went before most G.I.'s had time to be thankful, being busy in the guerrilla war. For some stationed in major military centers it meant the traditional meal with Turkey and dressing, ham and shrimp.

In the outposts that received the airdrop, turkeys were cooked as best could be managed and served with rice and Vietnamese fish sauce and in an atmosphere of constant alert.

At other places in the field it meant "C" rations and a little consolation that the packages often contained an item that proclaims itself turkey loaf ("Ingredient: turkey, cracker meal, salt, monosodium glutamate, pepper").

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