



VIETNAM VETERAN—George Strongheart of the village of Alakanuk is the Eskimo veteran of the Vietnam war, therefore had his chance of dodging bullets. He even mystified the Vietnamese because they had never heard his

Eskimo language. The Viets even thought he was some sort of spy. George is now training to be a village policeman along with 13 other Eskimo men from the southwest coast of Alaska. The men are training at Sheldon Jackson College.

Eskimo Veteran - A Super Spy?—

Talking American, Looking Like Asian Baffle Vietnamese

The Vietnamese never could figure out who he was. To them he looked like an Asian, but he talked like an American. Yet he could also speak another language, a language they had never heard, or heard of. The locals even went so far as to suggest he was some sort of super-spy.

George Strongheart was not a super-spy. He did not live in

Asia. He was just a foot-slogging American Eskimo infantryman getting in his year dodging mines, rockets, punji traps, and the Vietnamese version of Montezuma's revenge.

The 24-year-old trainee from Alakanuk is one of 14 men from the west coast of Alaska now attending the Advanced Village Police Training School at the Public Safety Training Academy

in Sitka.

As with most of the men at school, George's military experience makes the task of rising to the taped recording of revillie an easy matter. He took basic training at Fort Polk, Louisiana before shipping overseas with the 1st regiment of the 1st Air Cavalry Division.

George saw his share of action at the A-Shau Valley in Quang Tri Province, a place where flying lead was as thick as mosquitoes on the Alakanuk tundra. You can just dodge that stuff for so long.

It finally caught up with George when he took some shrapnel in the leg. The wound was slight and he did not bother to put in for a Purple Heart.

After completing the four week course at Sitka, George Strongheart will return to his village where he will be employed as a village policeman. Such trained men will be of considerable aid to the Alaska State Troopers in helping to patrol the sparse areas of the Alaska bush.

Their knowledge of first aid, fire prevention, and handling of local infractions of the law will be invaluable in putting administration of the law on a local basis and will emphasize the purpose of the Emergency Employment Act of July, 1971.

This was to make funds available through the Department of Labor for use in such areas of need as that of public safety, and to help people help themselves.