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COLONEL GEORGE WARFE MAJOR FRED LOMAS

The Americans have hired two Melbourne experts in jungle warfare at an "amazing salary" to help them in Vietnam.

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<p>The men, Colonel George Warfe, 54, and Major Fred Lomas, 52, flew from Essendon airport today on their way to Vietnam.</p> <p>Colonel Warfe said they were going as "private citizens" and were being paid by the United States Operations Mission on a "business basis."</p> <p>The Colonel, who won both the DSO and MC in the Second World War and opened the Australian Army's jungle training centre at Canungra, Queensland, 12 years ago, was put on the officer reserve list last year.</p> <p>The Major won the MC, trained Australian troops at Canungra with Colonel Warfe and is also on the Australian army officer reserve list.</p>	<p>Colonel Warfe, married, with three teen-age sons, lives in South Rd., East Brighton.</p> <p>Since he left the Regular Army two and a half years ago he has been personnel officer at a Brighton plastics factory.</p> <p>Major Lomas, of Gott St., Beaumaris, is married with one daughter.</p> <p>He was field officer for the Victorian Road Transport Association for the past two years.</p> <p>FOR 2 YEARS</p> <p>They have signed on with the Americans for two years, but the term can be extended indefinitely.</p> <p>Their families are stay-</p>	<p>52, will join the two officers in Saigon next week, ing in Melbourne.</p> <p>A third Melbourne man, Mr Laurence A. Crozier, Mr Crozier was in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia from 1960 to 1965 as a Département of External Affairs adviser on Australian-aid. In 1961, he spent hours with the Viet Cong, ransoming another Australian who had been kidnaped by them.</p> <p>On this tour, Crozier will be advising the South Vietnamese and Americans on the law and organisation of community units.</p>
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