

HAG-V 2-1-68--(AA) PATIENTS GROW THEIR OWN FOOD

In An Giang Province, commonly called the most secured province in South Viet Nam; the provincial military hospital has taken on a program of becoming partly self-sustaining. Located in Long Myen, 100 miles South west of Saigon; the military hospital has taken to the "Green Thumb", planting crops on the hospital grounds, along with constructing two fish ponds and keeping live stock.

The enlisted men of the hospital and volunteer patients recuperating in the hospital, are constructing plots of land on the hospital grounds on which the crops are grown. When completed they will have about one acre tilled, this will include the location where the motor pool was.

The head doctor who started the program says the crop growing plan is very successful; because it helps gets the patients out into the fresh air, helps the morale when the men can be doing something they like and helps the hospital serve fresh produce out of their own soil.

Each section of the hospital as : labs, Post-operation, Pre-operation receiving, are allotted so much land out of the 5000 square feet cultivated, in which they can grow what ever crop they wish to. Currently they have water-melon, mustard, le huss, chinese cabbage, tomatoes, kohrabi, water spinach, papaya, onions beans, peppers both sweet and hot, baster fruit, and mushrooms planted. Volunteer patients help water crops, weed and in general help care for the produce they will be eating while at the hospital.

When harvested the food is used within the hospital itself as it become available. For Dinner meal this day they served lettuce and onion stalks which the patients helped to grow while recuperating. For dessert the men raided the watermelon patch.

The Long Myen military hospital is also constructing two fish ponds which will help provide the 300 bed hospital with yet another major staple of the Viet Namese diet "FISH".

The hospital currently has three animals in the live stock dept. They are ducks, chickens and pigs. Having limited livestock a main meal can't be had from there supply however soups, broths, and stews can be made from several chickens or one pork body. Here again only volunteer patients and enlisted men care for the live stock and the entire hospital benefits from their labors.

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LONG KUIEN MILITARY Hospital

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ROLL 1 1 1 SILENT L.S. Crops next to ward buildings at the hospital

2	1	"	TIME	From onions to mustard plants
3	1.	"	MS.	Patient water crops.
4	1.	"	CU.	Enlisted man weeding the crops.
5	1.	"	CU.	Enlisted man's face
6	1.	"	MS.	Man water and weeding crops
7	1.	"	CU.	Patient water onions
8	1.	"	CU.	Onions
9	1.	"	CU.	Mustard plants
10	1.	"	CU.	other plants growing on the hospital grounds
11	2.	"	CU.	Papaya plants
12	1.	"	MS.	Patches of crops near hospital buildings.

ROLL 2 1. 1. " L.S. Man one patient and two enlisted digging up soil for new patches.

2.	1.	"	MS.	Man digging up grass for future planting of crops.
3.	1.	"	CU.	man digging up grass
4.	1.	"	CU.	Face of man digging up grass
5.	1.	"	CU.	Man digging up grass
6.	1.	"	MS.	Man digging up grass near hospital buildings
7.	1.	"	MS.	Oil spill and tire tracks from old motor pool
8.	1.	"	CU.	Tire track from where trucks used to be parked
9.	1.	"	CU.	Of fish pond still being constructed.
10.	1.	"	L.S.	Papaya plants and tomatoes near hospital wards
11.	2.	"	L.S.	Crops growing on all available land.

ROLL 3 1. 1. " MS. Man in chow line at the ward area.

2.	1.	"	CU.	People getting chow in line
3.	1.	"	CU.	Patients getting lettuce they grew
4.	1.	"	CU.	Face of patient
5.	1.	"	CU.	Faces of patients in line for chow.

ROLL 3 CONT 6	1.	SILENT	CU.	Patient getting lettuce on his plate
7.	1.	"	MS.	Patient in the show line.
8.	1.	"	LS.	Man in the intermission patch
9.	1.	2	MS.	collected man looking at the waterstations.
10.	1.	"	WLT	up from water station patch to man cutting open a melon.
11.	1.	"	CU.	Man cutting open watermelon.
12.	1.	"	CU.	Patient eating water melon they grow.
13.	1.	"	LS.	Man standing in patch eating water melon.
14.	1.	"	MS.	Ducks going to the pond
15.	1.	"	CU.	Ducks on the pond swimming.
16.	1.	"	LS.	Ducks swimming on water with papaya plant in background.
ROLL 4.	1.	"	CU.	Chicken in the pen
2.	1.	"	CU*	Chicken with head in feed tray
3.	1.	"	MS.	Chicken hit at the hospital
4.	1.	"	MS.	pigs in hut
5.	1.	"	CU.	Pigs in pen in area at hospital
6.	1.	"	MS.	Old pigs laying in there pen
7.	1.	"	LS.	Pig pens and chicken pen side by side.
8.	1.	"	LS.	Ducks along river bank
9.	1.	"	MS.	Ducks eating lettuce leaves.
10.	1.	"	WLT	from canyon on river to ducks on the bank
11.	1.	"	CU	Cabbage heads
12.	1.	"	MS:	Cabbage growing next to lab building.
13.	1.	"	LS.	Man watering crops at the hospital
14.	1.	"	MS.	Man watering crops at the hospital
15.	1.	"	MS.	Patient and collected man carrying for crops
16.	1.	"	LS.	entrance to the hospital with produce in the back of the gate.