

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 Xuyen, 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 as 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, leeks, chinese cabbage, tomatoes, kohlrabi, water spinach, papaya, onions beans, peppers both sweet and hot, buster fruit, and mushroom 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 becomes 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 water-melon patch.

The Long Xuyen military hospital is also constructing two fish ponds which will help provide the 300 bed hospital with yet another major staple of the Viet Namee 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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NONE

LONG XUYEN MILITARY Hospital

LA. MISSION

SP5 FOULKE

SP4 HASH

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# 580

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400FT

AIR MAIL

ECO 7255

ROLL 1 1 2 CLIPPER LS. Crops next to ward buildings at the hospital

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

ROLL 2 1. 1. 2. LS. Non one patient and two enlisted digging up soil for new patches.

2. 1. 2. LS. Non digging up grass for future planting of crops.

3.	1.	2.	CU.	men digging up grass
4.	1.	2.	CU.	Face of man digging up grass
5.	1.	2.	CU.	Men digging up grass
6.	1.	2.	LS.	Men digging up grass near hospital buildings
7.	1.	2.	LS.	Oil mill and tire tracks from old motor pool
8.	1.	2.	CU.	Tire track from where tracks used to be parked
9.	1.	2.	LS.	Of fish pond still being constructed.
10.	1.	2.	LS.	Papaya plants and tomatoes near hospital wards
11.	1.	2.	LS.	Crops growing on all available land.

ROLL 3 1. 1. 2. LS. Men in chow line at the ward area.

2. 1. 2. CU. People getting chow in line

3. 1. 2. CU. Patients getting lettuce they grew

4. 1. 2. CU. Face of patient

5. 1. 2. CU. Faces of patients in line for chow.

ROLL 3 ONE	6.	2.	SELLER	CL.	DESCRIPTION
7.	2.	"	"	10.	Patient getting lettuce on his plate
8.	2.	"	"	11.	Potatoe in the chow line.
9.	2.	"	"	12.	Man in the watermelon patch
10.	2.	"	"	13.	enlisted man looking at the watermelons.
				14.	Walk up from water melon patch to man cutting
				15.	open a melon.
11.	1.	"	"	16.	Man cutting open watermelon.
12.	1.	"	"	17.	Patient eating water melon they grew.
13.	1.	"	"	18.	Man standing in patch eating water melon.
14.	1.	"	"	19.	Ducks going to the pond
15.	1.	"	"	20.	Ducks on the pond swimming.
16.	1.	"	"	21.	Ducks swimming on water with papaya plant
					in background.
ROLL 3 TWO	1.	2.		22.	
				23.	Chickens in the pen
				24.	Chickens with head in food tray
				25.	Chickens out at the hospital
				26.	pigs in hut
				27.	Pigs in pen in area at hospital
				28.	Old pigs laying in there pen
				29.	Pig pens and chicken pens side by side.
				30.	Ducks along river bank
				31.	Ducks eating lettuce leaves.
				32.	Walk from canyon on river to ducks on the bank
				33.	Cabbage heads
				34.	Cabbage growing next to lat building.
				35.	Man watering crops at the hospital
				36.	Man watering crops at the hospital
				37.	Patient and enlisted man carrying for crops
				38.	entrance to the hospital with produce in
					the back of the gate.