

Near Ban Me Thout located 160 miles north of Saigon is the village of Buon Ale B, which by family standing is a Montagard village belonging to the Rhade Tribe. The Montagards meaning Mountain People living in the mountainous central highlands apart from the Viet Namese. Keeping up their tribal relations and customs practiced since early times, these people are a strange sight when compared to the lowlanders.

These ancient customs extend into almost every phase of life for the Montagards. This is true of medicine and medical care given these people. Roots, herbs and the like is practiced within the village but 20th century medical aid or even 19th century hasn't been available prior to the Americans coming into the Ban Me Thout area.

Today's team two of the 41st Civic Affairs Company visits the various Montagard villages in the area; usually a complete cycle takes 11 days, between visits to each village. Team two has six men in it. Four are engineers, one interpreter and Sp4 Joseph S. Haten of Hamburg, N.Y. who is the teams medic.

Patience and developed trust in him; the Montagards are coming to the regular MEDCAP "MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM" sessions in ever increasing numbers. Even though he gains most of the trust he doesn't get it all. One example of this a Montagard will accept blood, but will not donate, even to save a life.

Giving out the pills and ointments from his small gunn he does his best to care for the villagers and attempt to win them over to our side, in hopes some may give intelligence information and in general stop giving aid to the VC and NVA in the area. Though small and limited as to what can be done by a medics very one seems to be happy.

By comparison between Montagards and Viet Namese; the Montagards have less skin diseases than the Vietnamese. Part of this can be seen in the health habits of the people. They drink and shower in natural mountain springs, instead of polluted rivers. The spring for the village of Buon Ale B has been encased in concrete with a tin roof over top. This was one of the civic action programs of the engineers of the team.

When dispensing medicine to the people Sp4 Haten uses prop oganda leaflets to wrap pills in, thus aiding the psychological war branch of the 41st Civic Affairs Company in the distribution of the leaflets; rather than let them lay in the jungle tree top where nobody see them.

To the Montagard people of Buon Ale B, the regular MEDCAP to their village is becoming a real treat.

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Unclassified

Montagnard Metcap

BAN Me Thout

Lt. Wesson

SP/4 Molenda

SP/4 Nash

Filmo

BS 591

Uher 23704

300ft.

1

Wild Sound of a Montagnard Solder announcing the arrival of the metcap.

2 & 3

Wild Sound of a medic treating a montagnard women.

2 & 3

Wild Sound of the medic telling his interpreter to tell the patient how often to take the medicine being given to the women.

3

Wild Water running from natural streams where Montagnard's wash their clothes and get their water for cooking and drinking

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Wild Montagnard ~~women~~ filling water jugs.
women

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MONTAGNARD MED CAP

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BAN ME THOUT, ABOUT
100 MILES SOUTH OF PLEIKU

Lt. Wesson

Spl Molenda

Spl Hatch

Bell & Howell Filmo

BS 591

Uher 23704

300 Ft.

AIR FREIGHT

BSO 7255

- ROLL 1
1. 1. WILD LS. MED CAP (Medical Civic Action Program) trucks pull up to a Montagnard village and the MED CAP personnel begin to get out.
 2. 1. SILENT MS. The table used for the medical supplies is set up.
 3. 1. SILENT CU. The Civil Affairs sign on the truck
 4. 1. SILENT MS. Spl Joseph Hatch of Hamburg, New York, who is a medic in the army, places the medical supplies on the table.
 5. 1. WILD MS. A Vietnamese assistant announcing over a loud speaker to the villagers that the MED CAP team has arrived.
 6. 1. WILD CU. SAME AS ABOVE
 7. 1. WILD CU. SAME AS ABOVE
 8. 1. WILD CU. SAME AS ABOVE
 9. 1. SILENT LS. Pan shot of the villagers in their houses as the announcement about the MED CAP is made
 10. 1. SILENT LS. The huts in the village
 11. 1. SILENT MS. The table with the medical supplies on it.
 12. 1. WILD MS. Montagnard villagers waiting for treatment at the table.
 13. 1. WILD MS. SAME AS ABOVE
- ROLL 2
1. 1. WILD MS. Montagnard villagers awaiting treatment.
 2. 1. WILD CU. Spl Hatch examining the skin sores of an old woman.
 3. 1. WILD MS. Spl Hatch putting salve on a cotton swab.
 4. 1. WILD CU. The Vietnamese assistant cleaning the sores on the woman's face with the swab.
 5. 1. WILD CU. Spl Hatch places a piece of gauze with ointment on it on the face of the woman with the sores.
 6. 1. WILD MS. Spl Hatch puts adhesive tape across the gauze.

ROLL 2 Con.	7.	1.	WILD	MS.	Spl Hatch examines older man with his stethoscope.
	8.	1.	WILD	MS.	Spl Hatch preparing prescriptions for his patients.
	9.	1.	SILENT	CU.	A Montagnard villager awaiting treatment.
	10.	1.	WILD	CU.	Spl Hatch checking one of his patients and then writing down the ailment.
	11.	1.	SILENT	LS.	A crowd of villagers around the table of Spl Hatch.
	12.	1.	SILENT	CU.	A mother and her child wait for treatment.
	13.	1.	WILD	MS.	Spl Hatch preparing to examine the child.
	14.	1.	SILENT	CU.	Mother and child waiting for treatment; the mother is nursing the child.
	15.	1.	WILD	MS.	Spl Hatch treating a villager.
	16.	1.	WILD	MS.	Spl Hatch putting medicine into a paper cup.
ROLL 3	1.	1.	WILD	MS.	Spl Hatch taking medicine from the bottles.
	2.	1.	WILD	CU.	Spl Hatch treating a villager.
	3.	1.	WILD	MS.	SAME AS ABOVE
	4.	1.	SILENT	CU.	A medicine bottle.
	5.	1.	SILENT	CU.	A woman with her child.
	6.	1.	SILENT	CU.	A woman awaiting treatment.
	7.	1.	SILENT	CU.	An older man awaiting treatment.
	8.	1.	SILENT	CU.	Some children watching the proceedings.
	9.	1.	SILENT	CU.	Several middle aged women awaiting treatment.
	10.	1.	SILENT	MS.	A group of villagers awaiting treatment.
	11.	1.	SILENT	CU.	Medicine bottles on the table.
	12.	1.	WILD	CU.	Spl Hatch treating a villager.
	13.	1.	WILD	CU.	Medicine on the table.
	14.	1.	WILD	MS.	Over the shoulder shot of Spl Hatch as he crushes aspirin for a prescription.
	15.	1.	SILENT	CU.	Paper sheet on which Spl Hatch writes each patient's ailments.
	16.	1.	SILENT	CU.	The paper cup into which the medicine is put; each cup is made out of a printed propaganda sheet.
	17.	1.	SILENT	LS.	Tilt shot from the Vietnamese flag to the group of villagers standing around Spl Hatch.
	18.	1.	WILD	LS.	A natural spring that runs next to the village; it is used for drinking water.