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4/21 EMPTIES RICE BOWL

Acting from an intelligence report, two elements from this Battalion, working with 12 Vietnamese and several vehicles from E Troop 1st Cavalry, recently placed a cordon around two hamlets in an area known as the "Rice Bowl", five miles south of Duc Pho, detaining six VC, one NVA, and confiscated 7,300 pounds of rice.

"Company D executed a combat assault into the area, and immediately placed a cordon around two small hamlets suspected to be VC controlled," explained Lieutenant Brian DeMary (Beaumont, Texas), Recon Platoon Leader, "our platoon was

then dropped into the area with the 12 Vietnamese to centralize the civilians and conduct a thorough interrogation". "We detained several individuals as they emerged from tunnels", commented Private First Class Cornelio Carrasco (Woodlake, California). The combined efforts resulted in five detainees, one NVA woman, and a VC believed to be in control of the Hamlets.

The following day Company D again cordoned the hamlets while the Recon Platoon and part of E Troop 1st Cavalry moved in to search the area. "The first cache was discovered by the cavalymen", explained Specialist Four Larry Hardin (Germantown, Kentucky) a member of the Recon element, "we then uncovered a second bundle". Recon Platoon Sergeant Bob Davidson (Kansas City, Missouri) described, "all the caches were buried approximately a foot underground, and were found by probing with metal rods, and digging with shovels".

This two-day operation is believed to have uncovered a major rice market for the VC and NVA operating in this area. The hard days work slowly came to an end as the Infantrymen of 4/21, and Cavalrymen of E Troop loaded their findings, and mounted the heavy iron horses headed for home.....

BRAVO BAGS 10 TONS

While on a recent search and clear operation in a section of the "Rice Bowl" eight miles southwest of Duc Pho, 11th Brigade Infantrymen of Company B, 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry, working with five ARVN soldiers, uncovered 20,000 pounds of enemy rice and detained the daughter of an NVA officer.

"This was a complete company-size effort," explained Second Lieutenant Charles Dannison (South Haven, Michigan), forward observer for Company B. "One platoon cordoned a section of huts, while another moved in to search. Everyone was uncovering small caches of rice."

Specialist Four William Scanlon (Los Banos, California) added, "we tapped the floors and walls of the huts, listening for hollow sounds. The overall result was ten tons of rice."

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OF THIS PLACE!

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"LOOK OUT WORLD HERE I COME"

THE TURNED-ON EVER GROWING EVER YOUNGER WORLD OF DRUGS

Drug users in the junior high schools? of any controversial question on the subject. Yes, some.

And more every year - every month and every week!

It would be an exaggeration at this point to draw a picture of flagrant drug abuse among children not yet in their teens.

But the most startling single fact about illegal drug use in the United States is the rapid drop in the age level of boys and girls experimenting with marijuana and other drugs.

Authorities who have studied the problem note that it took five years for the use of hallucinogens, such as LSD, to move from the postgraduate to the undergraduate college level.

It took another three years to spread to the senior high schools, and only two years to reach into the junior high schools and the upper grades of some elementary schools.

Some of the others:

..One of every 200 Americans is taking, or has taken, illegal drugs - from "soft" marijuana to the "hard" narcotics such as heroin - according to conservative estimates.

..Americans are paying from \$300 million to \$400 million a year for illegal drugs.

..In Detroit, heroin addicts alone spend more than \$16 million a year for "H" - most of the money obtained through constant criminal activities.

..Five of every 100 college students in the United States are believed to have tried "mind-blowing" LSD at least once, although precise figures on drug use are not available.

..Probably 20 per cent of the nation's teen-agers have tried marijuana.

..Some 60,000 of the nation's 316,000 physicians misuse drugs or are addicted to them, according to the AMA.

Teen-agers frequently know a great deal more about drugs than their parents. But they sometimes choose to ignore one side

"Any drug education which is not scrupulously honest will fail with the kids," one psychologist says. "Once you exaggerate, you lose them."

Parents are wrong if they believe that marijuana is an inevitable stage in a progression toward stronger drugs like LSD or heroin.

However, teen-agers can be wrong, too, if they argue that marijuana never leads to stronger drugs.

There are real dangers in drug abuse, whether the drug involved is marijuana or any of the other drugs that come along in an almost endless chain.

Parents are reacting, or over-reacting, to the drug problem in a variety of ways.

Many are seeking facts and information with which to guide their children, or to counter their children's arguments about marijuana and other drugs.

Some are helping to organize community programs featuring authoritative discussions of drugs, or are working toward drug education courses in the schools.

And some parents, doctors warn, are panicked into actions or attitudes that may reap greater trouble later with their children.

"Finding out that a teen-ager has used marijuana once or twice isn't the end of the world," a Detroit psychiatrist says. "Such experimentation is a normal part of growing up - like drinking a glass of beer when we were kids."

In fact, there is a growing demand across the nation among adults and teen-agers that marijuana be legalized.

One of those advocates is Lawrence Brilliant, Wayne State School of Medicine senior who is an associate editor of "The New Physician," a national medical journal published by the Student American Medical Association (SAMA).

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Brilliant, in a recent editorial in "The New Physician," called for legalization of marijuana under the same restrictions as alcohol, with its use regulated by local communities as to availability and taxation.

He also called for further research to determine exactly marijuana's properties and long-range effects.

Few law enforcement officers would agree that marijuana should be legalized. They see the weed as part of the total picture of drug abuse and crime.

And there are psychiatrists who now say they are beginning to see some marijuana psychosis - the after-effect of a bad hallucinatory trip.

"We used to feel it was really an innocuous drug," says Dr. Elliot D. Luby, a psychiatrist at Detroit's Lafayette Clinic, a psychiatric training and research center for the Michigan Department of Mental Health and Wayne State University.

"But we are now seeing marijuana-induced psychosis, including some involving suicide attempts.

"I really don't know what is causing these lasting marijuana panics. Maybe they are getting more potent substances. Or maybe they are being used more widely by less tolerant people."

Drug authorities say that only a small percentage of marijuana users "graduate" to heroin. But, they add, most heroin addicts began their drug abuse with marijuana.

Heroin users ordinarily must take the drug daily for a week or more before they become addicted. Withdrawal symptoms are extremely severe and may continue in diminishing form for 10 days or longer.

John G. Evans, regional director of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, believes that the use of heroin in Detroit "is now definitely on the increase."

"There is a very simple explanation," he says. "We've had a tremendous expansion in the market for marijuana. This means an increased number of potential heroin addicts, and the pushers are taking full advantage."

"There is no way to make a completely accurate estimate of the total drug problem; but if you include housewives, business executives and students abusing drugs, along with the criminal types, they must run to the tens of thousands in the Detroit area."

"You can't start young enough to teach children respect for these drugs, but it

goes far beyond simple drug abuse. I see it tied to a loss of values, a moral breakdown."

"I sometimes think the whole world is going insane, but I doubt that drugs are the cause. They are the result - a form of escape for confused people!"

"Meanwhile a lot of good kids are going down the drain before they can be stopped."

"The ultimate solution has to involve everybody in this country. No one arm of the government is capable of doing it."

"It has to involve enforcement, the press, doctors, social agencies, schools and the courts. Everyone has to put in some collective thinking on solutions."

"And it is going to cost a lot of money - one hell of a lot of money." (AFPS)

(Reprinted in part from an article prepared by the staff of the Detroit News)



"IT'S YOUR WIFE SNOOKUMS. . . . SIR!!"

OUR SINGING SWINGING S-3

These warm spring nights you can hear the South China Sea crashing at the foot of Fire Support Base Debbie. If you listen a little more closely don't be surprised if a song comes drifting your way compliments of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry singing S-3, Major Michael A. Moore of the Americal Division.

Major Moore, who hails from Dallas, Texas, began picking on a \$2 guitar as a nine-year old. His highschool and college years found him playing with a group called "Tommy Hutson and the Savoy's"--alongside a chap who was still a relative unknown--Trini Lopez. The group recorded several hit songs including "The Stroll" and "Look Homeward Angel."

The next stop was Denver, Colorado's "Baja Club" where Moore played bass guitar and sang with "The Astronauts". They cut one record album.

In 1966, the musician now an Army officer in Vietnam, served as officer in charge of "The Command Military Touring Soldiers' Show". "I really enjoyed that duty," commented Moore. "I got to see nearly all of Vietnam and become acquainted with celebrities like Martha Raye, Chuck Connors, and Arthur Godfrey."

It was during this tour that Moore was inspired to write two Vietnam favorites, "Goodbye Travis Air Force Base" and "Ballad of a Saigon Warrior".

When Moore was serving as commanding officer of Company A, 4th Battalion 21st Infantry he would occasionally have his guitar sent to him in the field and would give an impromptu performance for his men.

The members of the company appreciated this entertainment and recognized the newly promoted major with a new guitar suitably engraved, "To a Great Commanding Officer".

With fans like that who needs the "Baja Club"????????????????????????????????

GIMLETS TAKE HONORS
COMBAT LEADERSHIP

A two week trip to the Chu Lai Combat Center might seem to some as a two week "Sham", but the reality has proven quite different. Each month several men from 4/21 represent our battalion at the Combat Leadership School in Chu Lai, and recently have returned with top honors.

Each day during the two week course, you are inspected for personal neatness, and given points. During the day you attend classes after which you are tested on the material. You also participate in practical exercises such as adjusting artillery, detecting mines and booby traps, and handling demolitions.

At the end of the course, your points are totaled and the highest three men are awarded a promotion of one grade. Attending the school this month were Private First Class Daniel Neimon (Mifflintown, Pennsylvania) A Company, and Sergeant Duncan Blair (Pasadena, California) B Company. Neimon placed first in the class being promoted to Specialist Four, while Blair placing second was made Staff Sergeant.

"The school isn't that rough", commented Blair, "and the little extra effort is what it takes." The men worked hard to place tops in their class, but they both agreed the end result was well worth it...

(TEN TONS - Con't from page one)

"Rice was so abundant, and hidden in so many different places," commented Specialist Four Larry Tamashiro (Honolulu, Hawaii), platoon medic, "it took us two days to uncover and bag the cache."

"The ARVN soldiers detained the Vietnamese woman," explained Sergeant William Beard (Elmwood, Illinois), "and upon interrogation discovered her to be the daughter of an NVA major." Beard concluded by saying, "The enemy didn't like our confiscation of their food supply at all. As we were loading the sacks on vehicles for extraction, we received fire from several directions."



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1-Sharp pain
- 5-Game played on horseback
- 9-Chart
- 12-Wingless
- 13-Later
- 14-Everyone
- 15-Nearest
- 17-Proposition
- 18-Also
- 19-The sweetsop
- 21-Famed
- 23-Forerunners
- 27-Prefix; down
- 28-More unusual
- 29-Female ruff
- 31-Male sheep
- 34-Song
- 35-Requites
- 38-Note of scale
- 39-Unit of Siamese currency

- 41-Declare
- 42-Specks
- 44-Sun god
- 45-Unruly
- 46-Diving bird
- 51-Act
- 52-Inlet
- 53-French article
- 55-Newspaper executive
- 59-Perform
- 60-Wire nail
- 62-Ireland
- 63-Affirmative
- 64-Consumes
- 65-Harvest

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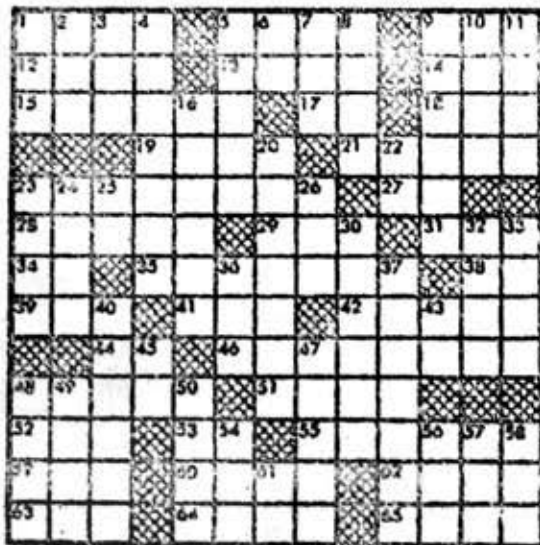
- 1-Crony (colloq.)
- 2-A state (abbr.)
- 3-Mun's nickname
- 4-More imposing
- 5-Communion plate
- 6-Proposition

- 7-Parcel of land
- 8-Ither in Siberia
- 9-Substance
- 10-Century plant
- 11-Walk wearily
- 16-Cubic meters
- 20-Wandered
- 22-Hypothetical force
- 23-Malay canoe
- 24-Kill
- 25-Railroad (abbr.)
- 26-Weight of India
- 30-Prepared for publication
- 32-Word of sorrow
- 33-Church service
- 36-Armed conflict
- 37-Army man

DON'T DELAY. KNOW YOUR STATE VOTING LAWS!



- 40-Handles
- 43-Symbol for tellurium
- 45-Melrose month
- 47-Sows
- 48-Color
- 49-Grain
- 50-River in Germany
- 54-Period of time
- 56-Cravat
- 57-Anglo-Saxon money
- 58-Corded cloth
- 61-Near



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