

February Summary



1Feb.—In an hour's time Delta Company patrols found five hootches containing bunkers and discarded equipment. 11 graves were found near the hootches ranging in age from one year to two weeks old. *****

1Feb.—On patrol along the hedgerows and rice paddies southwest of Duc Pho, first platoon of Bravo Company spotted 20 VC/NVA carrying packs and weapons. While the Ginlets put out heavy small arms fire on the enemy location, artillery rounds bombarded the grid. A search of the area produced negative results. *****

2Feb.—Alpha Company's CP spotted 3-5 VC/NVA 600 meters to the front while the company was on search and clear in the mountains southeast of Duc Pho. Small arms and artillery were put on the enemy location. Checking the area, the Ginlets found five ruck sacks that had been snatched by the enemy. *****

3Feb.—Checking out an explosion in the vicinity of a mechanical ambush, Alpha Company found that it had been set off by two VC, both of whom were killed. *****

4Feb.—Heading off 3VC/NVA moving south through the mountains southeast of Duc Pho, Alpha Company managed to kill one before the others could evade back to the north. *****

9Feb.—During an afternoon search Charlie Company found six hootches containing discarded equipment. A booby trap consisting of a 40mm round with a pressure release firing device was found on a trail leading to the hootches. *****

11Feb.—Following a trail in the mountains southwest of Duc Pho, recon spotted fresh foot prints and caught the scent of burning camp fires. A twilight patrol observed 8VC/NVA through heavy brush in a camp area consisting of three hootches. The recon element opened fire on the location, but the enemy managed to evade. In the hasty evacuation the enemy left behind an SKS, an AK47, and an NVA ruck sack containing documents. After extracting the captured equipment all remaining hootches and material were destroyed. *****



Drug Awareness

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IS MARIHUANA A STIMULANT OR A DEPRESSANT?

Because it affects the individual's self control, the effects of marihuana vary so widely that it can be either a stimulant or a depressant. THC is a strong hallucinogen with some sedative properties. Occasionally a person intoxicated with marihuana will become stimulated and overactive.

WHAT ARE THE IMMEDIATE PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF SMOKING A MARIHUANA CIGARETTE?

Reddening of the whites of the eyes, an increased heart rate, and a cough due to the irritating effect of the smoke on the lungs are the most frequent and consistent physical effects. Hunger or sleepiness are reported by some individuals.

WHAT ARE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF MARIHUANA?

The psychological effects of marihuana are variable. They include distortions of hearing, vision and sense of time. Thought becomes dream-like. The belief that one is thinking better is not unusual. Performance may be hampered or unchanged. Illusions (misinterpretation of sensations) are often reported, but hallucination (experiencing non-existent sensation) and delirium (false beliefs) are rare. Unfounded suspicion may occur, and this may be accompanied by anxiety. More often the feeling is one of a passive euphoria or "high." The individual tends to withdraw into himself. Occasionally, uncontrollable laughter or crying may occur.

WHAT KINDS OF EMOTIONAL PROBLEMS CAN THE MARIHUANA USER HAVE?

Anxiety reactions and panic states have been noted. Accidents have occurred due to impaired judgment and time-space distortions. The user, especially if he is inexperienced, may become excessively suspicious of people and take action that leads to injury. A toxic psychosis consisting of mental confusion, loss of contact with reality, and memory disturbances has been recorded.

The effects of prolonged use are not scientifically known. In those countries where cannabis use has been traditional excessive amounts are claimed to induce loss of motivation, apathy, memory difficulties and loss of mental acuity. Reports of psychotic breakdowns from the extended use of marihuana are frequently found in the medical literature of the Near and Middle East, but these require further scientific investigation.

IF ALCOHOL IS LEGAL, WHY NOT MARIHUANA?

It would seem more logical to deal with our millions of alcoholics than to add another mind-altering chemical to our existing problem. Whether another intoxicant should be accepted into the culture is the question.

Only during the past three years has the sophisticated, scientific study of marihuana been underway. It would seem prudent to await the results of ongoing and planned studies before treating marihuana as we do alcohol.

Editors Note: The Gimlet will continue printing question and answers about drugs in future issues.



Shortimers

Bravo Company

SGT Marle Griffin.....3Mar

Charlie Company

SGT Gary Roberts.....25Feb

SSG Lee Kalpin.....27Feb

SGT Christopher Welch.....19Mar

Delta Company

Sp4 Steven Nichols.....19Mar

Echo Company

Sp4 Chris Wood.....23Feb

Headquarters and Headquarters Company

Sp5 Alton McCollum.....21Feb

Sp4 Claude Roebuck.....11Mar

PFC Ramon Gonzalez.....18Mar

Sp4 Daniel Urban.....18Mar

Alpha Company

CPT Mitchel Kotula.....21Feb

SGT Gary Carter.....22Feb

New NCO's

Headquarters Company

Robert Ostendorf (Hudson, Wis.)

Eugene Etzkorn (Randall NY)

Calvin Talley (Greenville Ga.)

Dell Barlow (Colorado City Ariz)

Kenneth Meyers Jr (Lynnville In.)

Robert Speights (Marianna Fla.)

Alpha Company

Gary Carter (Albia Ia.)

Robert Allen (Columbus Ga.)

Daniel Vaughn (Orlando Fla.)

Greg Winchell (San Jose Ca.)

Charlie Company

Edward Martinez Jr (Patterson Ca.)

Widney Evey (Banks Oregon)

Charlie Company-continued

Juan Robles (Gatesville Tex.)

Steve Trzecki-(Ferguson Mo.)

Delta Company

Edison Hecht Jr (Indianapolis Ind)

Larry Olson (St. Louis Mo.)

Roger Schroeder (Columbus Ohio)

Edward Atwood (Spanish Fork

A.J. Roric (Yellville Ark.)

John Rooney (St. Louis Mo.)

Echo Company

Marvin Jackson (Pleasure Ridge I

Gregory Blunt (Milwaukee Wis.)

John Lewis (Boynton Beach Fla)





MAIARIA LOSERS BOX

COMPANY	No. Cases
	Nov-Jan
ALPHA.....	4
BRAVO.....	5
CHARLIE.....	6
DELTA.....	6
ECHO.....	2
FOC.....	2

LTC Vernon B. Sones....Bn Commander

1LT Billy J Orr.....Adjutant

PTC Gene Colling.....Editor

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Grad Course

The Admissions Test for Graduate Study in Business will be administered by the Chu Lai Education Center on Saturday, 3 Apr 71 at 0830 hours. Interested personnel should complete registration forms as soon as possible to insure that the test is received before 3 Apr 71. The necessary registration forms are available at the Education Center, across from the Admin Pad.

Checks Accepted

Personal checks on your state-side bank or military banking facility in Vietnam are accepted by PX's military clothing sales stores and the military clubs and messes. These checks are made payable to the organization. If you desire to give your personal check to another serviceman you must make the check payable to a bank and the individual.

Campaign Ribbons

Listed below are dates and names of all past campaigns for the Republic of Vietnam. Each campaign authorizes one star to the Vietnamese Campaign ribbon (yellow one).

CAMPAIGN:

1. Vietnam Advisory Campaign--15Mar62-7Mar65
2. Vietnam Defense Campaign--8Mar65-24Dec65
3. Vietnam Counter Offense--25Dec65-30Jan66
4. Vietnam Counter Offense Phase II--1Jul66-31May67
5. Vietnam Counter Offense Phase III--1Jun67-25Jan68
6. Tet Counter Offense--30Jan68-1Apr68
7. Vietnam Counter Offense Phase IV--2Apr68-30Jun68
8. Vietnam Counter Offense Phase V--1Jul68-1Nov68
9. Vietnam Counter Offense Phase VI--2Nov68-22Feb69
10. Tet 69 Counter Offense--23Feb69-8Jun69
11. Vietnam Summer-Fall 1969--9Jun69-31Oct69
12. To Be Designated--1Nov69-Present

Sack Time

People who need more than eight hours sleep each night aren't necessarily lazier than short sleepers, they may just need more time to dream.

That, at least, is the answer provided by Army researchers who found that almost everyone needs about the same amount of sleep—six hours—to rejuvenate and refresh the body.

However, short sleepers are more likely to be active, outgoing, flexible and sociable, the researchers said, while the long sleepers are usually introverted and creative, but less successful at sustained work.

The more introverted men, apparently are more "conflict conscious" than active persons, and need the longer dream time to work out "intrapsychic problems," the researchers said.

Check It Out

Veterans who plan to begin their GI Bill schooling in high schools or colleges at midterm should visit their nearest Veterans Administration office.

VA offices have application forms and can advise a veteran on whether the school courses he is considering are recognized by the VA and the state approving agency.

The VA also will compute how much money a veteran will receive each month he is in school.

A married veteran, with one child, for example, is entitled to \$230 a month for full-time school enrollment in high school or college.

Veterans are entitled to a maximum of 36 months of school if they were on active duty for at least 18 months. For less than 18 months of service, school time is earned at the rate of one and one-half months of schooling for each month of ac-

USO Birthday

4 Feb 71 marked the 30th Anniversary of the United Service Organizations Inc. (USO).

More than 25 million Americans who have worn the uniform since the beginning of World War II have been given the sign of welcome by the USO.

Today the USO is still serving our troops at more than 50 points overseas and in 125 communities in the continental United States.

At a USO club or lounge a serviceman may relax, write letters, enjoy television or listen to records or the radio. He may get information and tickets to sports events, stage and motion picture productions; get help in housing or personal problems; or find information about places of worship. In addition more than 1,000 entertainers annually give approximately 8,000 performances to audiences totaling more than 7 million servicemen.

USO is supported by voluntary contributions primarily through United Fund, Community Chest and other independent campaigns. It receives no financial support from the government.

The USO was created by the Young Men's Christian Association, National Catholic Community Service, National Jewish Welfare Board, Young Women's Christian Association, the Salvation Army and Travelers Aid Association of America.

tive duty.

Veterans are eligible for GI Bill benefits if they had at least 181 days of active duty, any part of it after Jan. 31, 1955 and were released under other than dishonorable conditions.

