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## BATTALION NEWS

### SANTA MAKES NEW STOPS IN THE BATTALION AO

The jolly old man from the North Pole made two new stops on his yearly route as he came to the Tu My Resettlement Village located just northeast of LZ 411 and the Catholic orphanage in Quang Ngai City. Due to the lack of snow on the ground his reindeer had to be left behind. Loaded with bundles of goodies for the children, Santa arrived by slick to the 3d Bn, 1st Inf., Firebase. The final leg of his journey was made to the two sites by truck and a jeep.

Santa made his first stop at the resettlement village on Christmas Eve. The children of the village responded to the new visitor with open hands, all waiting to see what this white bearded, red suited centaurian had brought with him. Both young and old gathered to see what had brought this visitor to their new home. Over 2,000 people congregated in the center of the village where Santa began opening his red bags to distribute gifts to the children. Balloons, candy canes, and many other goodies were distributed to all the outstretched hands.

Many youngsters shook hands with Santa and proclaimed him as "Number 1". Soon Santa had to leave again to be on his way to more children.

On Christmas Day Santa journeyed to the Catholic orphanage in Quang Ngai City. The trip was made by jeep. As the jeep wove its way through the crowded streets of the city, Santa reached into his bag and tossed candy canes and tootsie rolls to the children along the roadsides.

Once at the orphanage Santa was greeted by the 375 youngsters there. Smiling and happy faces covered the orphanage as Santa dug into his bag and handed gifts to all the children. A small girl, her face sticky from some candy, offered Santa a bite from an unopened candy cane. With crutches under arm a boy came to Santa and displayed a brightly colored pin attached to his shirt. A girl tugged at Santa's pant leg to show him the doll she had received.

The gifts were provided for the children by the efforts of the men of the battalion and their families back home. Some of the people whose wives sent the gifts were battalion commander LTC Leslie J. Stottle, MAJ Marion J. Goodin the battalion

executive officer and CPT Louis Green officer in charge of civil affairs. 1Lt Gregory Smith received a package for the occasion from the Junior Red Cross at Plymouth Junior High School in his hometown of Webster Grove, Missouri.

Santa, SFC James Dennis, the commo platoon sergeant, said "the effort was very rewarding. I wish that the people in the states could see all the happy faces there were when the gifts were distributed."

### AMBUSH TECHNIQUES BEING TAUGHT TO COMPANIES ON SQUAD LEVEL

Ambush training has begun for companies of the battalion as they take their ten day stand on LZ 411. The program is designed to make the ambush technique more successful.

Alfa through Delta companies are involved in the training which has a day phase and an actual situation phase at night.

Twenty four squads will compete to see which one is the best. Two squads will come from each platoon, six, from each of the four participating companies. The best squad will be given a three day standdown in Duc Pho. In addition each member of the squad will receive a letter of commendation and a certificate of achievement.

All the elements going through the ambush training are rated on a one thousand point scale. Areas included in the rating are the squad leader's order, squad preparation, movement to the ambush, placement, execution and the return back.

The ambush site represents terrain suited for good concealment and cover. A series of targets are moved into the killing zone after the squad has finished its preparation. When the squad leader feels that the enemy element is in the kill zone, the ambush is triggered. Split second timing is necessary to insure the best possible use of the killing zone.

According to MAJ Herbert H. Hameister, battalion operations officer, "the program has been very successful since its institution. It should make our ambushes more effective."

## PRESIDENT NIXON STRESSES INFORMATION AND EDUCATION TO FIGHT DRUG ABUSE

(Told to a meeting of the nation's governors)

This conference is an unusual one, as you have heard, because not only are the Governors in attendance, but their wives and families.

I would like to tell you how this conference came about. We had a presentation in the Cabinet, which I think those present agreed, was one of the most impressive and certainly one that had greater effect on our thinking than any that we have had.

We had the same presentation for Members of Congress. I happened to sit by Speaker (John) McCormack that day on the one side, and (Senator) Mike Mansfield, the Democratic Leader, on the other side. Each individually told me that in all of the years they have attended bipartisan conferences at the White House, that presentation on narcotics and dangerous drugs was the most effective that they have ever had.

For this reason, the fact that this presentation had been so effective before the Cabinet and before the legislature, we thought that it should be made to the Governors. It should be made to you also because if we are to do what needs to be done, we not only have to do what needs to be done, we not only have to do it at the Federal level, we need of course, State cooperation, city cooperation, county cooperation, Government volunteer activities at all levels.

Now the presentation itself will cover in more specific terms the general points I would like to make.

First, with regard to the magnitude of the program, and I am going to use statistics that are deliberately cautious but which certainly can be sustained by any reasonable objective observance, the number of people in the United States who use marijuana is 8 million. The number of people who use heroin-and when they use it, that means they will not be able to get off of its use-is 130,000.

But now putting it in another dimension, the number of people of college age who use marijuana, or have used it, is one-third of all the college students of the Nation. The number of students of high school age who have used marijuana is 16 percent.

Now let's look at where those various groups break down. There has been sort of a general thought that so far as drugs were concerned, we find them in the ghettos, among the deprived, those who are depressed and turn to drugs as a last resort. That may have once been the case. It is not the case today.

The prime concern, as far as drugs,

has moved to the upper middle class, those families who have better opportunities than others who have less of this world's goods. Consequently, we see that the problem is not limited to any region of the country or any segment of the society. It hits the young as well as the old and is indeed a national problem.

Now, what is its effect? Here we get some arguments. There are those who say marijuana has perhaps as little effect as alcohol has, and that all depends on the quantity in either case.

There are others who point out that when we start with marijuana, then the inevitable result is to move on to LSD or whatever provides the bigger thrill, until eventually the individual moves to heroin, or the so-called hard narcotics, from which there is no recovery. But we do know from hard statistics. I notice that Mayor (Walter) Washington is here from Washington, D.C., who has major responsibilities. We were talking about the problem of robberies in the city the other day, and it is interesting to note that over half of the robberies in the city are committed by people who are addicted to drugs, which indicates either cause or effect, or both. Whether one leads to the other or vice versa is not really material to the point. There is a direct relationship in one way or the other.

We can also go further in terms of that effect. In the City of New York alone, I was looking at some statistics that were presented by Mr. (Daniel P) Moynihan, and in one week 100 people died in the City of New York because of over doses of drugs, heroin or some other.

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her types. That is an indication of what drugs can do.

But let's put it in another broader, more important dimension. When we look to the history of civilization that have turned on a broad, general basis to drugs, and particularly when that affliction reaches the leader classes of these civilizations, those civilizations inevitably lose their spirit. They go down. They are destroyed. This is what happened.

The question is, is it going to happen to America? We have many problems in this country-material problems, problems we will deal with in this conference. We will deal with problems of the environment and other problems that can be dealt with in a material way. But when the spirit of the people is destroyed, it is almost impossible to restore that spirit.

There is not any question but that when drug addiction becomes a national malady, affecting all segments of the population, that there is the danger that the spirit of the nation may certainly be impaired.

I have learned a lot in these presentations. I must say that when we first started, I thought the answer was more penalties. I thought that the answer was simply enforce the law and that will stop people from the use of drugs. But it is not that.

When you are talking about 13 year-olds and 14 year-olds and 15 year-olds, the answer is not more penalties. The answer is understanding.

It is very important to be quite precise, to distinguish between marijuana and LSD and heroin so that we will be able to make the case against each, on the facts as they are, rather than on the facts as we thought they were before we received the knowledge which we are going to receive in this briefing today.

We are glad that all of you are here so that we can get the facts, and so that all of us can go back to our communities and be able to wage a campaign of information and education that will reach all of the people in the States of the Nation, because that campaign of education and information, in my opinion is probably more important than the criminal penalties.

That is part of the process. But when you get to the point that you have to apply criminal penalties to users and dispensers of drugs, then the damage has already been done. What we are trying to do is get at it before that point. We ask your assistance in that.

**BOWL SCORES** Rose Bowl

USC 10, Michigan 3

Orange Bowl

Penn State 10, Missouri 3

Sugar Bowl (Halftime)

Mississippi 14, Arkansas 6

#### NEW ARRIVALS

1LT Larry Weaver (Two Rivers, Wis.) joins Co C as a platoon leader.

#### Company A

PFC Roger Kidwell (Front Royal, Va.)  
PFC Stanley Zurwalski (Manton, Mich.)  
PFC James Lucas (Birmingham, Ala.)  
PFC Ronald Davis (Topeka, Kansas)  
PFC Glenn Heckler (West Salem, Ill.)  
PFC Jackie Johnson (Montrose, Ark.)  
PFC Michael Kerwood (Talmage, Calif.)  
PFC William Forrester (Detroit, Mich.)  
PFC Danny Estes (Cincinnati, Ohio)  
PFC Douglas Sheffer (Lunay, Va.)  
PFC Victor Schmidt (Karlruhe, N.D.)  
PFC Charles Tutwiler (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)  
PFC David Duby (Saginaw, Mich.)

#### Company B

SGT Robert Greene (Taylors, S.C.)  
PFC James Smith (Colfax, La.)  
PFC Jerry Stasiak (Carondelet, Ill.)

#### Company C

SGT William Lake (Eugene, Ore.)  
SGT Michael Jackson (Chicago, Ill.)  
PFC Joseph VanSant (Jasper, Ga.)  
PFC Peter Ussery (Griffin, Ga.)  
PFC Marlin Taunton (Niceville, Fla.)

#### Company D

PFC Michael Maler (Detroit, Mich.)  
PFC Delbert Klemme (Preston, Iowa)  
PFC Charles Ledbetter (Jasper, Ga.)  
PFC James Kuhl (St. Louis, Mo.)  
PFC Donald Linzey (Kent, Ohio)  
PFC Terry House (Marion, Ind.)  
PFC Kenneth Teunissen (Corsica, S.D.)  
PFC Gary Wheeler (Orleans, Nebr.)  
PFC Rayfus Ford (Monroe, La.)



## DID YOU KNOW,

## GAZING AT SPORTS,

Wisconsin Senator William Proxmire predicted that President Nixon will not veto the health and education money bill. The senator called for a continuing debate in the battle of national priorities. He said the president had put more emphasis on national defense than Congress and also on the military spending. Proxmire said that many felt for the defense of the country we should not only look to our military expenditures, but to our social expenditures.

In the showdown game for the national championship, Texas lived up to its reputation by edging Notre Dame 27-17. The Longhorns scored a touchdown with one minute to go for their edge. Notre Dame tried to pull the game out in the closing seconds, but an intercepted pass put the game on ice. The Cotton Bowl game was played to a capacity crowd on New Year's Day. In the Sugar Bowl, Houston put its massive ground game into gear and rolled over Auburn 36-7.

Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Robert Finch announced that the monthly premiums for Medicare will go up \$1.30 a month starting next July. The federal government now spends 12 billion dollars a year for health, three times as much as five years ago. There are reports that some doctors are reaping profits at the expense of the government health programs. Some administration officials say the Medicare is President Nixon's domestic Vietnam.

The National Football Champion will be crowned after this Sunday's game between the Minnesota Vikings and the Cleveland Browns. The Vikings overturned the Rams 23-20. The Rams had a 17-7 halftime lead. The "Purple Haze" of Minnesota got to work in the second half by throwing quarterback Roman Gabriel in the end zone for a safety. The Rams threatened in the closing minute of the game but an intercepted pass by Minnesota lineman Alan Page notched the win for the Vikes.

A United Airlines 727 jetliner has been hijacked while on a flight from New York to Chicago. An airline spokesman said the plane was diverted to Cuba. The plane was about 75 miles northwest of New York when the hijack occurred. The pilot wanted to stop in Atlanta to refuel, but the hijacker refused to let him land. There were 23 persons aboard with the crew of six. It was the first successful hijacking since October 31st.

Cleveland won their right to the meeting with the Vikings as they picked apart Dallas 38-14. Bill Nelson capitalized on third down plays to bring about the win. The defense of the Bruins limited 39 yards total offense to the Cowboys in the first half.

Sunday's game between the two teams, will see the Vikings edge by the Browns in a hard fought game in the Twin Cities. The awesome might of the Vike defense will get the upper hand and stop the Brown ground game, forcing the way for the secondary to notch several interceptions. Final score should be Minnesota 24, Cleveland 14.

In the AFL championship it will again be Kansas City and Oakland, fighting it out for the right to play the winner of the NFL in the Super Bowl. Although Oakland has won the two meetings this season for the teams, the Chiefs will squeak by in the big game 21-20.

Collegiate basketball has undergone few changes in its rating. Kentucky still retains the top ranking with UCLA closing the gap.

On the professional scene, the New York Knicks continue to lead their division but are losing ground to the Alcindor-led Bucks and the Baltimore Bullets. In the west Atlanta holds a five and a half game lead over San Francisco.

The New York Rangers are leading the National Hockey League's eastern division by two points over the Boston Bruins. In the west St. Louis holds a 12-point lead over Minnesota.

Mario Andretti has unveiled a Ford-powered Lotus 70 that he will drive in a Grand Prix at Sebring Airport. A 5-liter engine powers the car which is capable of speeds up to 180 miles per hour on the straightaways.

Parts of New England and upstate New York are paralyzed by one of the worst snowstorms to hit the area. Forty four inches of snow fell in Vermont and the state was declared a disaster area by its governor.

Bob Hope has ended his tour of bases in Vietnam with the statement that the morale of the troops is higher this year than it has been on his other tours.

Israel and Egypt are still bombing each other as the two countries seem on the brink of a new war. Heavy fighting has developed along the Suez Gulf.

Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot was turned down in his effort to fly two loads of Christmas dinners and presents to American prisoners of war in Vietnam.