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B A T T A L I O N N E W S

WEEKLY ACTION SUMMARY

January 21

Bravo Company engaged a sampam and its occupants. The sampam was destroyed but negative findings prevailed.

January 22

Charlie Company killed two NVA in an early morning encounter. As the unit left the night laager position a small element was left behind. Enemy soldiers frequently scavenge former larger positions for forgotten material. Within a hour three NVA emerged on the scene. Two were killed and one wounded in the initial burst of fire. An AK-47 and several magazines were also captured.

Company B, after receiving sporadic sniper fire, detained one military-age male in the area.

Later in the day, Charlie Company discovered a grave. The VC had been killed by small arms two days before.

January 23

An element of Bravo Company was on a night operation near the Song Tra Khuc River, when they observed a sampam moving west to east on the waterway. According to SSG Daniel Edwards (Odessa, Texas), "It was a resupply party taking materials to their allies. We engaged them with M-60 machinegun and M-72 Law fire." PFC Rick Hency (Battle Creek, Mich.) recalls, "Five to seven personnel were aboard the craft at the time it was engaged. Two enemy were killed by a perfect '72' shot on the boat." Two members of the party were seen swimming to shore. An element composed of SP4 Michael Miller (Greenville, Miss.), SP4 Andy Pettit (Moore, Okla.) and SP4 Richard Schultz (Lake Jackson, Texas) set out in pursuit and accounted for two more enemy kills. Delta Company discovered a VC that had been killed by a M-72 Law.

January 24

Company C found fresh signs of enemy activity while working in the mountains. Four recently used huts and fresh tracks were found in the area.

January 26

Delta Company got in on the river action when they spotted three sampams with seven personnel aboard. The party was engaged with small arms fire. Five VC were killed and two sampams sunk in the initial burst of fire. Two VC escaped and were seen moving north.

Charlie Company engaged a lone NVA moving down a trail and killed him.

January 27

Bravo Company spotted 10-15 VC moving south to north. The enemy was engaged with 4.2 mortars. Negative results were found.

Charlie Company took some incoming rounds in their night defensive position. Negative casualties were taken.

Bravo Company detained one male and sent him to the rear for interrogation.

SAFETY CORNER

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

No personnel are authorized to operate any Army vehicle of any type without a U.S. Government Motor Vehicle Operator's Identification Card. The card specifies which type vehicles the individual is qualified to operate.

The vehicle driver is responsible for proper observance of all Army authorized speed limits, rules of the road, and prescribed load limits.

The operator of the vehicle is held responsible for the conduct of all passengers in the vehicle.

BITS OF HISTORY

On this day two years ago the Vietnamese TET began. Flares and miscellaneous fireworks brought most of the battalion on an alert. Hostile action was light for the day with twenty two suspects being detained by the companies in the field.

NEW PERSONNEL

CPT Harry Sheppard (Killeen, Texas) joins the battalion and has become the S-3 (Air).

CIT Robert Henderson (San Juan, Texas) is the new commanding officer of Echo Company. CPT Jackowski has gone from Echo to Alfa Company.

HHC

SGT Stephen Lockhart (Murraysville, Pa.)
SP5 Freddie Baker (Brownwood, Texas)
SP4 David Fillmore (Bristol, Conn.)
SP4 Donald Guillory (Iota, La.)
PFC Joseph Lucero (Ramah, N.M.)
PFC Frank Naputi (Talofofo, Guam)
PFC Hideaki Dalme (Ft. Eustis, Va.)
PFC Ronald Moody (Etters, Pa.)

Co A

SSG Philip Wiperman (Woodhaven, N.Y.)
SGT Larry Mountford (Lexington, Ky.)
SGT Thomas Nichols (Brunswick, Ga.)
SP4 William McNamara (Syracuse, N.Y.)
SGT John Cartwright (Reseda, Calif.)
SGT Russell Thiel (Gypsum, Kan.)
PFC Frederick Carman (San Diego, Calif.)
PFC Johnny Brazley (Miami, Fla.)
PFC Rex Morris (Duncan, Okla.)
PFC Howard Lenhardt (Edwardsville, Ill.)
PFC John Farrington (Jefferson, N.C.)
PFC Raymond Bowick Jr. (Jefferson, N.C.)
PFC Fred Katz (Tekonsha, Mich.)
PFC Ron Gnagy (Wilmington, Calif.)
PFC Guadalupe Gonzales (Cibola, Texas)

Co B

SSG Rhea Kidd (Munfordville, Ky.)
PFC Jack Ferman (Niagara Falls, N.Y.)
PFC Louis Zittereruen (Monroe, Iowa)
PFC Peter Simpson (Grosse Pointe, Mich.)
SP4 Robert Clay (Memphis, Tenn.)
PFC Charles Dillon (Decota, W.Va.)
PFC James Hollernan (Miami, Fla.)
PFC Franklin Barney (Pidge Spring, N.C.)
PFC John Squires (Tuscaloosa, Ala.)
PFC Johnnie Beatley (Mims, Fla.)
PFC Roger Page (Albermarle, N.C.)

Co C

PFC Wayne Poling (Holland, Ohio)
PFC Robert Love Jr. (Benton City, Mo.)
PFC Kenneth Rohmeyer (Wausau, Wis.)
PFC Michael Dahlmeier (Anoka, Minn.)
PFC William Stephens (Tulsa, Okla.)
PFC Laverne Spikes (Bogalusa, La.)
PFC James Dow (Yonkers, N.Y.)
PFC Billy Ballard (Statesville, N.C.)
PFC Gary Conrad (Georgetown, Ky.)
PFC Kenneth Therp (Phoenix, Ariz.)
PFC Angel Esquilin (Fajardo, P.R.)

Co D

SGT Dennis Bourcier (Ludlow, Mass.)
SGT Arwin Zwert (Chaska, Minn.)
PFC William Tedrow (Cameron, W.Va.)
PFC David Boyer (Logita, Calif.)

PFC Thomas Litwinsky (Billoria, Texas)
PFC Fred Boyd (St. Louis, Mo.)
PFC Frank Bueno (Hacienda Hts, Calif.)

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COMMAND INFORMATION

RECENT RESEARCH ON ABUSED DRUGS

(Washington AFIS) by Sidney Cohen M.D.
Introduction

The spread of the abuse of drugs continues. It spreads from the metropolitan areas into rural towns and small cities which never before had a problem. It spreads into younger age groups, in some places down into the grade school. It spreads into classes of chemicals which had never before been inhaled, ingested, or injected.

Why is this happening now? Will it go away? What kinds of effects and side effects do the various drugs have? How do they work? How can these drug dependent people be treated? What strategies will prevent this epidemic of drug taking? These and hundreds of other questions are being sought on the street, in the hospital, in the research laboratory.

Each drug presents its own specific problems. I shall spend a few minutes highlighting some of the scientific information about the drugs which are of greatest current concern.

MARIJUANA

Now that the active ingredient (THC) in marijuana has been synthesized, and methods to determine the THC content of marijuana have been found, we can finally do precise research with this drug. Some marijuana has little or no activity, THC, or strong marijuana, in large doses will produce marked changes in time and space perception. Judgment and reaction time are impaired. THC has been labelled with

RESEARCH ON DRUG ABUSE (cont from page 2)
radioactive material to determine its distribution in the body. The chemical changes that occur in the smoking process are being studied. We know that smoking produces a greater effect than swallowing the same amount of material.

Many problems remain unresolved, especially the nature of the effects of long term use. Answers are needed and efforts to obtain them within a reasonable time are being made.

The extent of the problem is under continuing study. Over 10 million Americans would answer "Yes" to the question "Have you ever tried marijuana?" In our surveys most of them have tried it less than a dozen times. About 25 per cent are occasional users. The remaining 10 per cent are chronic, heavy users, the "potheads." The "pothead" and his behavior are under scrutiny by sociologists and psychologists. Each new survey indicates that the use of marijuana is increasing.

LSA AND OTHER HALLUCINOGENS

According to our statistics the use of LSD is leveling off or actually decreasing. This may be the result of an increased awareness of the complications that this drug can induce. However, at a time when a number of "acidheads" are turning away from LSD, some upper and middle class adolescents are beginning to indulge.

The hazards of the indiscriminate use of LSD and other hallucinogenic substances are now well known.

THE STIMULANTS

The stimulants, particularly the amphetamines, are increasingly being abused.

As with the other drugs, various levels of abuse can be identified: the infrequent user, the regular user of small amounts and the binge-type user, of enormous quantities. The latter group has emerged during the past three years and represents a serious personal and public problem.

The amphetamine which is most popular now is methamphetamine (speed). The heavy user is known as a "speed-freak."

THE SEDATIVES

The abuse of drugs that relieve anxiety and quiet emotional disturbances is not new. The barbiturates which include most of the sleeping pills have been abused for half a century. Physical dependence upon them and allied drugs is possible.

Although at one time this group of "downers" was misused by adults, during the past year or two, adolescents have become increasingly involved.

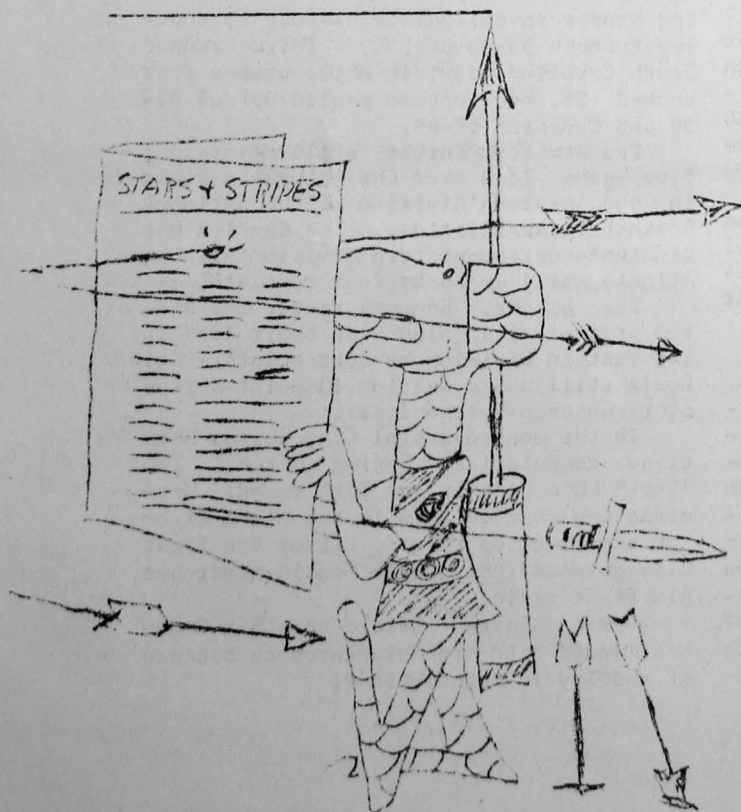
Chronic intoxication with barbiturates resembles the chronically intoxicated state evoked by alcohol. The dangers from accidental or suicidal overdosage are substantial.

THE NARCOTICS

The narcotics, drugs which relieve pain and induce sleep, are either related to opium (morphine, heroin) or are synthetic chemicals with a structure similar to the opiates. Heroin is the most popular item in this class.

Narcotic addiction has been on the increase, not only in the inner city, but also among the drug using subcultures in the suburbs.

A number of promising treatment methods have been developed.



DID YOU KNOW,

America's foremost rocket expert, Doctor Werner Von Braun, is going to Washington. He has been head of the Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Alabama. His new job will involve working on a rocket system to be used in the exploration of the solar system.

Supreme Court nominee, Harold Carswell was the leadoff witness before the Senate Judiciary Committee. His attitude on racial issues was the major topic of discussion. He said that he is a racist and does not hold white supremacy views. He said that he was a little bit shocked when the newspapers reminded him that he had once held such views.

The Senate has approved a new weapon giving new power to narcotic agents. The bill, which opponent Senator Sam Irwin (Dem, N.H.) said that the power granted would lead to a police state. The bill was passed by a 70-16 vote. It will allow agents to barge into dwellings of suspected narcotic pushers without identifying themselves.

President Nixon has offered Congress a compromise on his vetoing of 19.7 billion dollar Health, Education and Welfare Appropriations Bill. The President has offered to present a new bill that would guarantee money for health and education needs. In return he would ask that the lawmakers review HEW programs and the amount being spent on each program.

A military judge has asked the government to say what it is trying to prove during the Calley trial. The judge at Fort Benning, Georgia said the government should say whether they are trying to prove Lt. Calley of killing 102 Vietnamese civilians at the Vietnamese hamlet of My Lai almost two years ago, or ordered their deaths.

President Nixon has said that the United States would supply more arms to Israel "as the need arises" to offset arms shipments by other powers to Middle East nations.

According to Senator Alan Cranston (Dem, Calif.) everything is being done to arrange a quick settlement of the Senate-House deadlock over the size of the increase in educational benefits given to veterans. The House, in passing the measure in August, provided a \$655 monthly payment for the veteran. President Nixon has stated that the present administration would support an increase up to \$147. The Senate is insisting on a \$190 a month to give veterans needed assistance.

GAZING AT SPORTS,

An 11th Brigade sports league has been started in the last couple of weeks. Basketball is now being played by the nine team league. The battalion team is in second place in the league with a 3-1 mark. Their only defeat has come at the hands of HHC 11th Brigade, 41-36. The twelve man roster includes:

SP4 Barry Williams (Flint, Mich.)	HHC
1FC Harold Washington (E. Chicago, Ind.)	"
SP4 Nathan Paine (Holly Springs, Miss.)	"
SGT Jimmie Turner (N. Augusta, S.C.)	"
1FC Eugene Fulton (Detroit, Mich.)	"
SGT Jerry Shinn (Charleston, W.Va.)	CoA
SP4 Gary Terhaar (Cold Spring, Minn.)	CoB
SGT Jerry Horless (Danville, W.Va.)	"
SGT Eric Brown (Battle Ground, Ind.)	CoC
SSA Brian Kiedel (Edison, N.J.)	CoE
1FC Haroldo Martinez	

(Salt Lake City, Utah)

MAJ Philip Holman (Richmond, Maine), battalion executive officer, is the coach for the team.

The team considers their height and speed as the major factors in their wins thus far this season. The bucketteers have notched a 41-37 win over 23d Med and a lopsided 61-28 verdict over 1/20. According to SP4 Terhaar, "the deciding game will be the rematch with HHC. I'm sure that we'll win it."

On the collegiate basketball scene, the Bruins of UCLA have a firm grip on the number one ranking in the nation. UCLA is now 14-0. In last weeks action they trounced Wyoming 115-77 and beat Santa Barbara 89-80. Number two ranked Kentucky remained unbeaten with a 109-96 win over Pistol Pete Maravich and Louisiana State. Maravich became the second leading scorer in collegiate history by pouring tyrough 55 points. Third ranked South Carolina was idle while number four ranked St. Bonaventure mauled DePaul 83-59 and Canisius 62-49.

The New York Knicks still maintain a five game lead over the Milwaukee Bucks in the eastern division of the National Basketball Association. Los Angeles has tightened up the western division although Atlanta still leads by four contests.

The New York Rangers routed the Boston Bruins 8-1 to increase their lead in the eastern division by four points. St. Louis still has a bulging 13 point spread over runnerup Philadelphia.

In the controversial Clay versus Marciano computerized boxing match, The "Rock" KOed Clay in the 13th round. Marciano was knocked down in the eight frame but came back up to win. After the fight Clay quipped that people would never see him fight again.

Former Boston Celtic star Bob Cousy has decided to stop his comeback because of a delay in negotiations.