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### PROJECT HELP CENTER OPENS

Major General James L. Baldwin, Commanding General of the 23RD Infantry Division, officiated at ribbon-cutting ceremonies on 22 December marking the opening of the PROJECT HELP CENTER directly across the street from Division Headquarters in Chu Lai.

Through the new program, help will be just a telephone call away for the soldier with personal problems or questions about military life.

By calling Chu Lai and asking the operator for HELP(4357) or 2323 or by dialing the numbers directly, men stationed anywhere within the division area of operation will be able to request information on a myriad of subjects involving pay, leaves R&R, promotion, assignment and numerous other matters.

The individual without access to the telephone can explain his question or problem in writing and address the envelope to "HELP."

All inquiries will be answered within a maximum of five days by the Project HELP staff which will work on a 24 hour basis seven days a week under the supervision of SFC Jimmy Ray Miller, NOIC.

SFC Miller explained that every effort will be made to answer telephoned queries immediately, if possible.

### AWARDS PRESENTED ON LZ LIZ

During Award Ceremonies conducted on LZ LIZ on 29 December, 1970, LTC Thomas W. Brogan presented the following personnel medals:

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### V.I.P. PROGRAM DRAWS

#### HUNGRY CHILDREN

The V.I.P. program, initiated to encourage the Vietnamese people to turn in explosives they find for a cash reward, seems to have been doing very well during the later part of November and the early part of December in the 1st Battalion 20th Infantry's Area of Operations.

According to Cpt. Michael Berland (Paramus, N.J.), S-5 for 1st Battalion, 20th Infantry, there has been a large quantity of explosives turned in to Charlie company and smaller quantities through LZ Max, LZ Dragon, and Hill 103.

Due to a shortage in Piasters, Charlie company has been using food in exchange for most of the ordinance turned in to them by the Vietnamese children. It seems that a kid is just as satisfied with a good meal as with a cash reward.

Listed below are the different types of explosives Charlie company has recently obtained:

1 16 inch Naval rd.	5 60mm rds.
2 250 pound bombs	1 M-72 Law
2 8 inch Arty rds.	2 57mm rds.
8 155 rds.	9 M-79 rds.
9 105 rds.	2 home made frags
1 Arty booster rd.	4 Chi Coms
1 RPG rd.	1 Pineapple frag
1 B-40 rd.	1 Rifle grenade
2 4.2inch rds.	27 .50 cal rds.
6 82mm rds.	5 M-60 rds.
8 81mm rds	30 M-16 rds.

The above ordinance was paid for with 720 piasters and a large quantity of food.

Also from 1st Battalion 20th Infantry's AO came the following:

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## CHANGES IN LEAVE POLICIES

The changing combat environment, increasing disciplinary problems, and special morale problems created by the Vietnamization Program and the Phase down period have provided the basis for the change in leave policies. This change in leave policies is a part of a larger USMACV morale and welfare improvement problem.

Specific objectives of this program are to increase the number of breaks in duty to the troops, to help occupy more of the individuals free time, and increase the attractiveness of taking leave to a wider number of individuals of all grades.

The leave improvement program is phased to provide for development of the necessary procedures and controls. Phase one allows for a maximum of 14 days leave per normal tour and adds CONUS as a authorized leave site. Phase two provides for expanding leave sites in PACOM and developing a charter flight service. Phase three conducts a study on combining leave and R&R to assist individuals who may not be able to finance a 14 day leave otherwise.

Reasons for the new 14 day leave policy are that it enables the individual to wait out space available flights, provides incentive to purchase commercial airline tickets, would enable individuals to meet dependents in over sea leave sites, and encourages individuals to take the longer break from his job.

Reasons for the new CONUS leave are that it enables individuals to see their families who cannot afford to transport them to Hawaii, it has great potential to raise morale in the command, and it would help to ease the gold flow problems. It is understood that proper controls must be established to prevent anticipated problems with the leave. These controls include confirmed return trip transportation and that the leave must be taken between the fourth and the eighth months.

Execution of this leave policy is up to the individual commander who may impose whatever controls they wish to. It is anticipated that operation consideration will have an effect on the number of persons taking the leave.

No firm estimate of the number of people who can take this leave is available. Presently, less than 1/2 per cent of the total force is out of the country on R&R or leave and there is a possibility that this new policy will double that number.

With the new policy in effect, request for R&R to sites where individuals can meet his family may decrease slightly.

Current regulations governing issuance and use of currency in RVN permits purchase of airline tickets from international airlines when necessary. Banking facilities throughout RVN are provided to handle needed currency transactions. At this time there are no special arrangements to withdraw Soldier's Deposits or advance pay to purchase the tickets being considered.

Those individuals taking the leave will be expected to be in proper service uniform or appropriate civilian dress as in usual R&R and leave situations. Leave orders and DD 1580's are routine for personnel taking leave.

At this time, transportation arrangements are in the planning stages. Consideration is being given to charter flights under possible sponsorships of the USO or thru concessionaires contracted by exchange systems. Commercial scheduled airlines service is reacting to increased demand and is considering reduced round trip fare and increased service.

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Friends, I've only got one thing to say about this tired old year that is about to come to a close: IT STUNK!

Here is hoping that everyone has amuch better year to come.

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## HOLIDAY WISH

Another Christmas has come and gone and with it goes dreams of loved ones who, this year, spent their Christmas many miles away.

In this Holiday Season, a person realizes the need for peace throughout the world, but often wonders if it will ever come to pass. Surely, someday, the human race will also see this need and there will be peace.

The Sykes' Regulars REPORTER would like to take this opportunity to extend it's best wishes for a happy and safe year to come.

The Editor

## DROPS STILL COMING

Additional drops for individuals who DEROS or ETS in the month of February are officially down. Listed below are the dates involved:

DEROS or ETS	HOME
FEB. 18-19	JAN. 1
20-21	2
22	3
23	4
24	5
25	6, 7, 8, 9

At the present time, the drops total 49 days and there is a good possibility of more and even larger ones in the future.

(Awards con.)

The Bronze Star Medal for Heroism was awarded to:

PFC DONALD K. BUNNELL

The Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement was awarded to:

SGT WESLEY L. WILSON

The Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Achievement (1st Oak Leaf Cluster) was awarded to:

SFC ALLEN C. WRIGHT

SGT ROBERT M. HUPP

SGT JOHNNIE E. PARSONS

SP4 RANDALL L. AMOS

The Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Achievement was awarded to:

SP4 RANDALL L. AMOS

PFC MICHAEL A. BOSKE

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(V.I.P. continued)

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2 105 rds.	4 Chi Cms
1 4.2 inch rd.	4 grenades
5 81mm rds.	12 home made frags
1 M-72 LAW	9 M-79 rds.
1 B-40 rd.	1 M-60 bolt assembly

The above explosives were obtained from elements of Bravo company, LZ Max, LZ Dragon, and Hill 103, for a total of 3,140 plasters, six meals, and a package of cigarettes.

When asked if he considered the program a success in this AO, Cpt. Berland explained, "It is successful in that it prevents the VC from utilizing these explosives in the form of booby traps. It is, by all means the easiest way to find the explosives, it sure helps alot."



# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By CHAPLAIN MEELE D. BROWN

## THE BIGGEST BOOBYTRAP IN VIETNAM

One of the real fears of the Grunt is the so called wired areas, the booby-trap. Another of the unknown and often undetected threats to the G.I. in Vietnam is an innocent thing called "pot", or "grass" or a variety of other names.

In Basic Training we all had classes on CBR, but one thing that wasn't covered was the chemical warfare threat resulting from drugs. There have been many reports that nothing serious will come from the use of Marijuans, and who can argue the point. We do know, however, that anyone under it's influence has strong tendencies to do irrational and unpredictable things. On top of that, the innocent grass the G.I.'s use here isn't so innocent. It has been found to contain Opium and Cocaine which are known to be addictive.

When your buddies are depending on you in a battle or on guard watch, the last thing you need is for someone under the influence who is hallucinating, confused or whose mental and physical functions are being impaired by smoking the innocent "grass" bought from the coke kids. Who would believe Uncle Chuck was using the coke kids to trap, confuse, and make the G.I. unable to function as an adult in full possession of his facilities.

Anyone who has or is on drugs and finds himself running scared and doesn't know who to turn to, I can help you. Being a man is something everyone wants to be and there is no way you can be one and depend on dope every time something doesn't seem to go right.

The Army recognizes the problem and has developed the Amnesty Program, which simply means if you have this problem, seek help from your Company Commander, Chaplain, or Doctor.

It is a dull, drab, sorry scene when one has to live day after day afraid to face life because a chemical drug has taken control of his mind.

Let us be on the alert for this "trap" and if you know someone who has the problem, seek help for him. Don't let him ruin his life and future by ignorance and maybe cause you to lose your life too.

(Awards cont.)

SP4 MARK L. COOK

SP4 JAMES LEONARD

SP4 DENNIS O. MORALES

PFC MO'S NEWTON

SGT ROBERT SCHLUTER

The Combat Infantryman's Badge was awarded to:

LLT HAYWOOD KINSEY

The above awards, with the exception of SFC Wright and SGT Wilson, went

to men of Company A. There will be award ceremonies conducted for individual companies on LZ LIZ at later dates.

The Sykes' Regulars REPORTER wishes to extend it's congratulations to each and every one of these men for the fine job they have.

Keep up the good men!

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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Answers on Page —

## ACROSS

- 1-Browned bread
- 6-Rem
- 11-Hateful
- 13-Suffer internal excitement
- 14-Hypothetical force
- 15-Police record of occurrences
- 17-Chaldean city
- 18-Part of face
- 20-Southeast wind
- 21-Southern blackbird
- 22-Walk
- 24-Young boy
- 25-Poker stake
- 26-Period of time
- 28-Musical instruments

- 4-Cry
- 5-Bulrush
- 6-Dregs
- 7-Without end (poet.)
- 8-Near
- 9-Turns aside
- 10-Weird
- 12-Spirit
- 15-Working room or a painter
- 16-Snare
- 19-Stealing a look
- 21-Hooded jackets worn in Arctic
- 23-Coloring substance
- 25-Positive pole
- 27-Seak
- 29-Girl's name
- 31-Collage honor

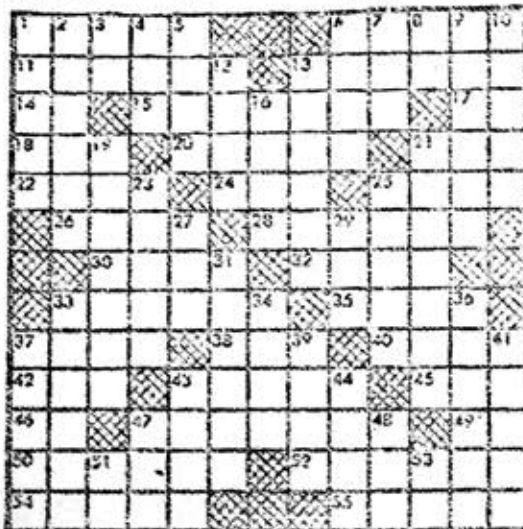


- 34-Female ruffs
- 36-Complain
- 37-Martinique volcano
- 39-Carry
- 41-Settles
- 43-Rocky hills
- 44-Baked clay
- 47-Expire
- 48-Short sleep
- 51-Symbol for the ion
- 53-That is (clue)

- 32-Anima
- 33-Season
- 35-Hebrew month
- 37-Gasp for breath
- 38-Obtain
- 40-Places out
- 42-Urge on
- 43-Handle
- 45-Resort
- 46-Behold!
- 47-Woolen cloth
- 49-Pronoun
- 50-All
- 52-Girl's name
- 54-Slaves
- 55-Singer's initials

## DOWN

- 1-Instruments
- 2-Rarity
- 3-Three-toed sloth



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## SPORTS QUIZ

1. Seven cities have NBA and NHL franchises; in one of the cities the teams use different arenas. Which one?
2. Who was the first pole vaulter to clear 18 feet?
3. What team, college or pro, has won the most games in football history?
4. How many all-time heavy-weight boxing champions have retired undefeated?
5. Which position in basketball has provided the Hall of Fame the fewest players?
6. Rick Barry, one of pro basketball's most prolific scorers now plays for what team?
7. What three former NFL teams were shifted to the American Conference in the new alignment of the NFL?
8. What is the record for most points scored by both teams in an NFL game?
9. What pass receiver in pro football holds the record for most yards gained in one season?
10. Who had the best field goal kicking percentage in pro football in 1969?

### ANSWERS

1. Detroit. The Redwings in the Olympia, the Pistons in COFO Hall.
2. Christos Papanicolaou
3. Yale. No other team is above
4. Two; Gene Tunney & Rocky Marciano
5. Third base. Only four third-basemen have made the Hall of Fame
6. The New York Nets of the American Basketball Association.
7. The Steelers, Browns, and Colts.
8. 113 points; Redskins 72, and the Giants 41 on Nov. 27, 1966.
9. Charlie Hennigan, Oilers, 174.6 yards in 1961.
10. Jan Stenerud, Chiefs, 27 out of 35 attempts for .771 percentage.



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