

Viet Nam War Humor

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle

Editor's Note: The following letter was sent to AggieLand through the A&M Parachute Team from Brig. Gen. J. W. Stilwell. While we may not all understand some of the jargon and abbreviations used, most of the comments are understandable to those who will soon be joining the fight in Viet Nam.

HAPPINESS IN THE DELTA
It really does not take a lot to make a man happy, especially in Viet Nam. The simple routine things of life that we often take for granted are the elements of life that makes us most happy. Here are a few things that bring happiness in the Delta of Viet Nam to the American Special Forces Soldier.

Happiness is a package from home, with "goodies" in it. It is all right if the package belongs to someone else.

Happiness is getting an uncensored movie film from Corps or even getting a movie at all.

Happiness is being relieved at the FOB.

Happiness is putting one over on your LLDB counterpart.

Happiness is getting Playboy Magazine before all the good pictures are cut out. It is getting to read it before the intrepeters take off with it.

Happiness is taking an airplane out of camp to anywhere, for any reason, at anytime.

Happiness is greeting your replacement. There is even more happiness when you tell him goodbye.

Happiness is a 707 or even a C-135.

Happiness is not having anything in Viet Nam named after you like a Bar, BEQ, BOQ or latrine.

Happiness is a reassignment from Cai Cai.

Happiness is high water which hampers VC operations.

Happiness is a comode that you can drop toilet tissue in.

Happiness is missing a guard roster.

Happiness is getting gasoline.

Happiness is seeing the milk run come in on time, or seeing it at all.

Happiness is seeing a field grade officer depart from an "A" team.

Happiness is not seeing any "Maggots".

Happiness is having someone on the team who knows how to operate a 4.2 mortar.

Happiness is using words that the Chaplain knows how to spell.

Happiness is avoiding conflict with "C" team, or "B" team.

Happiness is seeing Old Glory waving in the breeze, even if it is on a Coast Guard boat.

Happiness is getting a civil answer over the radio.

Happiness is getting a free meal at "B" or "C" team.

Happiness is a round eye woman.

Happiness is a warm shower.

Happiness is beating the Vietnamease at a game of volleyball.

Happiness is putting one over on "C" or "B" team.

Happiness is getting back across the Cambodian border without getting caught.

Happiness is getting your own underwear back from the laundry.

Happiness is a visitor who offers to pay for chow that he has eaten.

Happiness is being content with no complaints, doing your own job and letting the other guy do his.

To the A&M Corps of Cadets from the Special Forces at Fort Bragg and in Viet Nam,

J. W. Stilwell,
B/Gen., U.S.A.

P.S. Since there are going to be a lot of Aggies out there, they might find it amusing. J.W.S.



"Could these special delivery bundles have been sent here by mistake—They're nothing but autographed photos of Batman!"

Lane's Look OUT

By Tim Lane

A few nights ago I visited a couple of friends and met a friend of theirs who had a cause — he was against people with causes.

Heatedly, he condemned civil rights workers, college students who demonstrate or write letters to the editor for or against anything, anti - poverty volunteer workers — anybody working, campaigning, lobbying, donating, soliciting donations for, slandering, defending against slandering, doing anything for or against anything, he lumped all together as people following THE contemporary fad: having a cause.

This, I conceded, is certainly true of some people, and they are much to be pitied. But what about those people who are not just supporting a cause for the sake of a cause, but supporting something they consider greatly worthwhile or opposing some form of injustice they feel, deeply? There aren't very many like that, he insisted, hardly any at all. They just want a cause, and it doesn't matter very much what the cause is, it could be anything. He knew all about 'em.

When I had spent every ounce of reasoning and persuasion I could muster to persuade him that there is a breed of animal known as human beings who frequently are unable to sit placidly within sight of injustice, that many of these animals are actually deeply hurt by injustices to beings other than themselves, and I was ready to withdraw, he suddenly conceded.

Okay, he said, so maybe they are sincere. Maybe they really don't like the way things are. Maybe they really are trying to change things to make things better. They might as well give up. They might as well get used to the fact that the people who are running things are gonna keep on runnin' 'em, they've got the laws and regulations to support 'em, and anyway, things wouldn't be the way they are if they wasn't suppose to be that way.

I took his advice, in part at least, and gave up on him.

I tried to forget the whole conversation. But, a day or two later, a frightening thing happened.

A man twice that student's age, presumably well educated, in a responsible position with this university, gave me a slightly condensed, slightly more refined, subtler version of the same line.

Something like this: Don't ever buck regulations and policy. You've got an awful lot to learn, young man. Before you're as old as I am you'll learn you never get anything unless you go along with things. All this indignant idealism is fine up to a point, but someday you'll learn that justice is what the laws and regulations and policies and their interpretations say is justice. You'll learn to go along and buckle under when you have to, or you just won't make it. And the sad thing to me is that you don't believe me, you aren't learning a thing out of anything I'm saying. But you'll learn someday. You'll have to.

Needless to say, I didn't try to argue with him, either.

I wonder — maybe that student was right. And maybe the older man was right, too. Maybe someday I will learn to see things the day he does. Maybe I will. But I'm praying.

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