

BATTALION SURGEON
1ST BATTALION, 14TH INFANTRY
(GOLDEN DRAGONS)
APO 96355

23 July 1967

TO: Brigade Surgeon
196th Light Infantry Brigade

Dear Sir:

This letter is in response to our telephone communication of 22 July 1967, concerning the relative increased incidence of malaria in the 1st/14th. Investigation has revealed the following:

1. The vast majority of men here have been taking their C-P and Dapsone tablets as prescribed. This does not presently appear to be a significant factor.
2. The MSG officer here informs me that a previous brigade surgeon was of the opinion that Hill 54, and surrounding area, had a higher endemic focus of malaria than other locations in this general vicinity. This has been confirmed by the Preventative Medicine team.
3. The Preventative Medicine team, in recent weeks, has been somewhat lax in aerial spraying. Measures have been taken to correct this.
4. Use of individual mosquito repellent and mosquito netting is adequate within the base camp. Combat situation difficulties have caused less than adequate utilization of these items in the field.
5. The men of the 1st/14th spend significantly more time in the field, under combat situations, than the remainder of the 196th Brigade. This, in an endemic area, will obviously lead to a higher incidence of malaria.

Thank you for calling my attention to this problem. We will continue to undertake all possible corrective measures. Any further communication or suggestions on this matter would be appreciated.

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