

## Search Pays Well

# Infantrymen Find Hidden Treasure

BONG SON, Vietnam — One hundred and fifty-thousand dollars in three neat stacks of \$50 greenbacks have been uncovered in a remote cave along the north central coast of South Vietnam by elements of the 173d Abn Bde.

There was no explanation of how the money got there and why it was unattended.

According to sources here, it is considered to be the largest single cash sum found by U.S. forces in the war.

The cash was found almost by accident by Sgt. Donald W. Morrison, Argyle, Ga., whose squad from Co B, 1st Bn, 50th Inf, (Mech), was conducting a routine search through a series of abandoned enemy cave complexes in the Suoi Ca Mountains, 25 miles northwest of Qui Nhon.

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"WE WERE lucky to see it at all," said 1st Lt. Dan W. Dorsey, Warren, Pa., whose platoon had scoured their part of the cave for the better part of an hour.

"We had already found a large sum of piaster (later totaled at 935,000, equivalent to approximately \$9000), and thought this place was clean," Dorsey said.

Reportedly, the men were called back to the rendezvous point in a large room undoubtedly used as sleeping quarters by an NVA unit.

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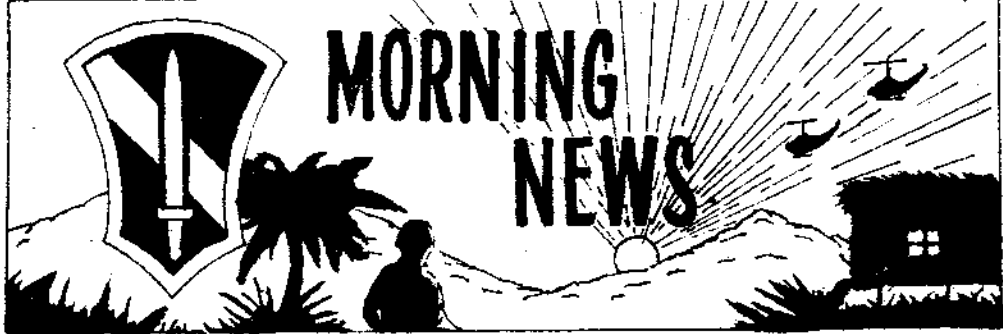
WHILE WAITING for his men to regroup, Morrison said, "I was just casually flicking my flashlight around the room when I spotted a small alcove about 10 feet off the ground with the edge of an ammo box sticking out."

The lieutenant boosted a Kit Carson scout onto his shoulders to retrieve the protruding can.

"I just couldn't believe it," said Morrison, "we opened the can right there and I saw all those \$50 bills staring at me."

The cave was first spotted by Sp4 James E. Snow, Winnebago, Neb.

"The hill was thick with caves and holes," commented Snow. "I had just gone in a smaller one and come out another way when I saw the entrance to this place. It wasn't camouflaged or anything."



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## U.S. CASH FOUND IN ENEMY CAVE

173d AIRBORNE BRIGADE (173d Abn Bde IO) AN KHE, RVN— One-hundred and fifty thousand dollars in three neat stacks of \$50 greenbacks have been uncovered in a remote cave along the west central coast of South Vietnam by elements of the 173d Airborne Brigade.

The cash was found almost by accident by SGT Donald W. Morrison of Argyle, Ga., whose squad from Co B, 1st B (Mech), 50th Inf., was conducting a routine search through a series of abandoned enemy cave complexes in the Suoi Ca mountains 25 miles northwest of Quin Nhon.

There is no explanation of how the money got there and why it was unattended. It is considered the largest single cash sum found by United States forces during the war.

"It was really lucky that we saw it at all," said 1LT Dan W. Dorsey of Warren, Pa., whose platoon had scoured their part of the cave for nearly an hour.

"We had already found a large sum of piasters (later totaled at \$VN935,000 equivalent to approximately \$9,000) and thought the place was clean," said Dorsey.

"The men had been called back to the rendezvous point in the larger room," said Morrison, "and as I stood there waiting I was just casually flicking my flashlight around the room when I spotted a small alcove about 10 feet off the ground with the edge of an

ammo box sticking out."

Morrison then called to a Kit Carson scout who was with the platoon and boosted the former NVA on to his shoulders to grab the can.

"I just couldn't believe it," said Morrison. "We opened the can right there and I saw all those \$50 (cont on pg 2 col 3)

### Three American Pilots Arrive In New York

NEW YORK, Aug. 5—Three American pilots released by Hanoi arrived in New York Sunday, and were reunited with their wives.

They are Major James Low of Sausalito, Calif., Major Fred Thompson of Taylors, S.C., and Captain Joe Carpenter of Victorville, Calif.

Later the pilots were flown to Andrews Air Force Base. The fliers were accompanied by three representatives of American anti-war groups who helped arrange the release.

Upon arrival at Kennedy airport, Carpenter was asked about brainwashing. He replied that he had not been subjected to any psychological testing. As to whether more pilots might be released by Hanoi, Carpenter said, "We can assume so."

### Israel Strikes Arab Bases Claims Jordanian Spokesman

AMMAN, Aug. 5—A Jordanian Army spokesman in Amman said five Jordanian soldiers and 23 civilians were killed and 82 were wounded in Sunday's raids by Israeli fighter-bombers.

Israeli warplanes, tanks and artillery crossed the Jordan River to strike at Arab military bases. Tel Aviv said the attack was carried out in retaliation for what the Israelis said has been a month of increased Arab guerrilla activity.

Jordan and Israel have notified the United Nations Security Council of Israel's bombing of Jordan. Jordan spoke of aggression and the Israelis of self-defense.

### Vietnam War Most Serious Problem Reports Gallup

WASHINGTON D.C., Aug. 5—The Gallup poll reports a growing number of Americans view the Vietnam war as the most serious problem facing the nation.

The poll said 52 per cent of those questioned consider the war most important. Lawlessness was called most important by 29 per cent in the latest sampling taken in mid-July.

The poll said that in early May only 42 per cent regarded the war as the most serious issue.