

Establishment of Illegal Billets: All Air Police must reside on base. An illegal billet is one maintained off base while maintaining an on base residence in the barracks. This practice is prohibited. You are expected to be on base in your assigned billet during curfew hours, unless on official Air Police duty elsewhere.

LOCAL PITFALLS

Unsanitary Eating and Drinking Establishments: Intestinal parasites, dysentery, hepatitis and other serious diseases and maladies are prevalent in the Saigon area and in many of its establishments. The acceptable and unacceptable establishments are not marked; thus, it would be well to avoid any place where there may be some doubt in your mind as to the cleanliness of the establishment. There are clubs on base and in downtown Saigon operated by U.S. Forces and the USO which are acceptable. As for the others, use good judgement or ask someone who has been here longer than you which are the better places to go for eating or entertainment. In all cases, however, in any off base establishment not operated by a U.S. Agency, don't drink the local water or drinks containing ice as the water in the Saigon/Cholon area contains hepatitis.

Bargirls and Saigon Tea: In most large war-torn cities with a large number of GI's in the area, you will find "bargirls"; Saigon is no exception. The bargirls of Saigon drink "Saigon Tea", which is equivalent to a small glass of Coke, tea or colored water for which you pay on the average of 160P (\$1.50). The technique is universal. You go into a bar and order a drink; a girl comes up and starts a conversation. She may ask you to buy her some Saigon Tea then or wait until you've had more to drink to lower your sales resistance. If you are not careful you will blow a good bit of money in a short length of time. Be smart and careful!

Prostitution and VD: Saigon, as in most large cities, has prostitutes. Where you find prostitution you will find Venereal Disease. Both the Chaplain and the Flight Surgeon will tell you that the safest thing to do during your tour over here is to abstain from sexual intercourse. Morally and medically, abstinence is best. The following is extracted from a handout prepared by the 377th USAF Hospital, Subject: Venereal Diseases:

"There are five types of venereal diseases in Vietnam. The most common, of course, is Gonorrhoea. This disease has extremely serious complications if not immediately cured. Some of these complications are: (1) Inability to urinate through the penis. (2) Blood poisoning. (3) Going home on emergency leave. The gonorrhoea is easily prevented by taking the following precautions: (1) Consider all girls infected until proven otherwise. (2) Use a prophylactic, wash with soap and water and urinate afterwards, and (3) avoid getting so drunk that you forget the first two. Syphilis is the most serious venereal disease. Anyone who indulges should have a blood test one month prior to leaving for the States. The disease may not be discovered until the brain or heart is affected or until you have given it to your wife. The other venereal diseases are quite obvious to the patient and do not present as great a problem. It is not generally known that a blood test takes one month to become positive after exposure. It is therefore logical that one abstain at least five (5) weeks before DEROS. A microscopic examination of the urine will detect any remaining infection by gonorrhoea."