

Army Says It Made No Follow-Up Tests In BZ Experiments

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DUGWAY PROVING
GROUND, Utah, Aug. 14 (UPI)
—The Army acknowledged today that it never performed follow-up examinations on human volunteers who were given the behavior-changing drug BZ a decade ago.

"There is no information available on any residual effects," a Pentagon spokesman said. "There were no follow-up examinations that we know of."

Eight volunteers from Edgewood Arsenal, Md., were given the mind-altering drug during a field test here in late 1964—five years after four instructors took LSD in Army experiments.

The Pentagon said records did not show whether the BZ volunteers were examined at Dugway Army Hospital before being taken back to Edgewood. But he said records showed that only subjects of the Army's LSD tests were observed for possible adverse reactions after testing.

The spokesman said the Army had never got any reports of adverse residual effects from subjects of the tests with BZ, which is still part of the military's chemical warfare arsenal.

In 1964 Army personnel set up a stockade on this post in the western Utah desert, and constructed a mock guard post inside. The volunteers acted as a guard unit manning the post, and were administered BZ in aerosol form.

Another group of volunteers then staged a mock attack on the guard post, and found the drugged soldiers incapable or uninterested in resisting.