

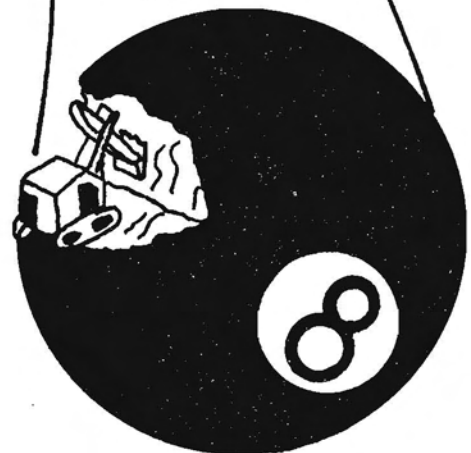
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EIGHT

“B” Co.

A check of the job board, indicates that Bravo Company, with LT. R. D. Roberts at the helm, is seeing a lot of Chu Lai, and the surrounding territory.

Yes, where Builders go, the Bravo Construction Electricians and Utilitiesmen are almost sure to follow in order to put in the last necessities. We are involved in many projects, so let's take a verbal tour of some of them.

At present, our primary job is a water distribution and sewage disposal system at our neighboring cantonment, the Naval Support Detachment.

Monsoon rains, loose sand and bedrock have helped very little to push this project to its end. In fact, the crew is claiming that they have to post a watch to insure that the Vietnamese do not launch their sampans in the ditch by

mistake.

However, in spite of problems, progress has been amazingly swift and the job is now over 50% complete. This project is the best example of the work being done by our UT's.

Bravo CE's have been spending most of their time wiring newly tinned strong-backs and quonset huts for the Marine camps in the area.

Not to be forgotten are the two UT's detached to the village of Tam Ky, 20 miles from Chu Lai, and the two Electricians recently returned from a detachment at 1-7 Marine camp about 10 miles from the area.

In addition to normal construction operations, the Company is responsible for camp maintenance and keeps a crew of Builders, Electricians and UT's constantly busy.

CO's NOTES

At the end of each day, when we finally have a few minutes of our own, thoughts are turned toward our homes, wives and families. Often however, the letter planned to be written in the evening doesn't get done.

This little paper is aimed at these families back home, and we hope you will find that it fills in some of the gaps left by those letters we didn't write.

The first two months of the deployment were marked not only by hard work, but by rain that seemed never to end. In spite of this, much was accomplished and February seems to have brought an end to most of the wet weather.

The first two months also brought a couple of close calls, as mines were detonated under two of our vehicles. We are thankful that all of our men escaped with



their lives from these episodes.

There has been time for a little fun, too. Our Christmas celebration, an occasional swim on a warm day, and a show by Shirley Simmons who also entertained us in Da Nang last year, all made pleasant breaks in our routine.

My greetings and best wishes go with this little paper to you in our families at home and to friends everywhere. May everything go well with you until we are home again.

Viet Cong Defectors Up 82 Pct.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—An official of the Agency for International Development (A.I.D.) says more than 22,000 communist soldiers defected in South Vietnam during 1966.

Claude L. Curtice, a U.S. AID representative in Quang Ting Province, made the statement in a news conference. Curtice, from St. Louis, is back in the United States to assist a week-long recruiting drive for AID.

Curtice said the number of communist soldiers defecting to the Allies last year increased 82 per cent over 1965. He said the defectors totaled 2,516 in December alone.

He reported that the total number of defectors since May of 1963 is 48,041.

He said that A.I.D. medical teams now treat 100,000 patients a month compared with 4,000 a month in 1965.



NO HELP NEEDED—(front to rear) CN R.A. Holbrook, UTA3 K.W. Richards, UTACN C.R. Schropp, and UTP3 J.P. Sullivan, Jr. put in a septic tank pipe line at the Naval Support Detachment. (Photo by PH1 C.V. Wade)

"H" CO. CHATTER

The Admin Office, under LT M. A. Pero, is running so efficiently, that when the word 'shift' is heard, all personnel immediately put a new plan into effect, and the whole office is shifted, thus leaving everyone confused.

The PN's have been burning some midnight oil, getting records verified, and evaluation marks entered.

Occupying one corner of Admin. is the Public Affairs Office. This office is the only one in camp with only a two man staff. Since arriving, the office has ground out 30 press releases, 75 Fleet Hometown News releases, and has published six newspapers.

Now situated in a new hut beside the Ops Office, is the 'hardworking' Engineering Aids, with EACS R. N. Allard cracking the whip.

Overlooking the camp, is none other than S-4 Supply Service. They have finally gotten everything 'on order'.

Special Services is clicking right along. ENS. Q. J. Larsen, Special Services Officer,

still insists that the slot car track will be open before the Battalion is ordered to go back to the States. The big races scheduled for this deployment are the Chu Lai 500, and the RVN Grand Prix.

The cooks, under Commissaryman Chief Cesarski, continue to dish out outstanding chow.

A Beneficial Suggestion Award has been presented to TD2 Paul H. Fichter, of Headquarters Company, for a suggestion he made while attached at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station, Kingsville, Texas.

Fichter suggested that two operational flight trainers be moved inside to an air conditioned building of the Training Department. This sug-



THE ADMIN OFFICE, Legal Office, and PAO Office, run at full steam, and many times late at night to keep the Battalion functioning smoothly. (front L-R) YN1 D. G. Hewkin, YN3 R.A. Bonnette, YN1 L.F. Martin and Doctor G.G. Hazouri. (Rear L-R) YN2 L.L. Perkins, Legal, ENS. J.A. Perkerson, Disbursing Officer, LTJG P.B. Fitzgerald, S-1, JO3 J.C. Davis, PAO, SN G.L. Duncan, and YN3 J.J. Barrett. (Photo by PH1 C.V. Wade)



Shirley Simmons entertained the Battalion on February 3rd with the temperature in the 50's.



THE PERSONNEL OFFICE is constantly at work, verifying records, evaluation marks, reenlistments, and on and on. (front to rear) PN3 C. M. Hughes, PNSN T.J. Van De Grift, PN2 A.C. Quinene, and SN G.A. Romero. (Photo by PH1 C.V. Wade)

gestion proved worthwhile and has increased efficiency in the Department. For his suggestion fighter received \$11.66.

New Theatre

Just being completed is the Battalion's open-air theatre. Taking just 12 days to complete, men of Delta Company have made it possible for USO shows to be given at Rosemary Point.

The first was a combo form MAG-12 called "The Phantoms", on February 1st. On February 3rd, the Shirley Simmons show was given: If this is any indication of what lies ahead, we're in for a successful and entertaining deployment.



THE OVERHEAD of the "H" Co. Command Post nears completion, as YNC M. S. Kofoed, (on ground) R. F. Corn, EAS3, (L), BUL2 J. O. Frye, (C), and G. W. Grimshaw EASCN (R), put down the insulating paper and tin, which will be followed by sandbags. (Photo by JO3 J. C. Davis)



AFTER 1 1/2 years of separation, GMGSN D. W. Hiles recently joined his father, GMG1 W. W. Hiles in USN MCB EIGHT's camp in Chu Lai. (Photo by C.V. Wade PH1)

FATHER & SON

Some of the most important people in the world are in Vietnam. Just ask GMG1 W. W. Hiles, MCB EIGHT's armorer.

Hiles was recently joined in Vietnam by his son, GMGSN D. W. Hiles, serving aboard the USS WASHOE COUNTY LST-1165.

The reunion took place at MCB EIGHT's camp in Chu Lai, after 1 1/2 years separation.

D. W. Hiles is stationed aboard the Washoe County, which arrived at Rosemary Point on the seventh of January. He works with 3 inch 50 millimeter guns on the ship, and is due to return to the States in about 18 months.

GMG1 Hiles is attached to the Battalion's armory in Chu Lai. He reported to EIGHT March 20th, 1966.



CS1 C.E. Miller, was recently joined in Vietnam by his son, SKSN C.H. Miller, who is presently serving with USN MCB TEN, on deployment to Da Nang. His son remained in the MCB EIGHT cantonment visiting his father for four days. CS1 Miller reported aboard MCB EIGHT during November of 1964, this is his second deployment to Vietnam with EIGHT.

BROTHER MEETS BROTHER

Perhaps there are many stories about brother meets brother in Vietnam. But this is the second time in as many years, that BUC W. L. Enderle, attached to MCB EIGHT, and Warrant Officer J. C. Enderle, from the First Marine Division in Da Nang, have met in-country.

The first meeting took place when Chief Enderle was with EIGHT in Da Nang, as was WO1 Enderle. Shortly after their first meeting, Chief Enderle returned to U.S. with the Battalion, only to return in Dec. 1966 to Chu Lai. Chief Enderle has been attached to EIGHT since August 1965, with two Vietnam deployments, while his brother John, who is in charge of a Photo Interpreter team in Da Nang, has been in Vietnam for 12 months, and is due to depart sometime in the near future.



AWARDS

Four members of MCB EIGHT received Advancement Certificates and two received Letters of Appreciation were received by BUR2 D.F. Dugal and BUL3 K.L. Evans.

Those receiving Certificates were CMA2 D.S. Hart, CMH3 G.L. Brian CES N.A. Peters and BUH2 E.K. McWilliams.

Those receiving Certificates

ALPHA CO.

Since our arrival in Chu Lai "A" Company under the leadership of LTJG E. R. Reilly, has been working continuously to support the Battalion's equipment needs. Work began when the thirty select members of "A" Co. arrived with the Advance Party. Operators and mechanics both participated in the Battalion Equipment Evaluation Program (BEEP.)

When the first flights of the main body touched down, the Transportation Department, supervised by EOC W. C. Elmore, began dispatching vehicles to haul personnel and material to MCB-8's numerous project sites.

A Co. is responsible for equipment support of the Battalion as well as jobs subcontracted from the other companies for site preparation such as the MAG-36 helo pads and I.W.C.S. jobs for "C" Co.

Jobs assigned to "A" Co. include road construction, road maintenance, earth work and well drilling. Maintenance of Route No. 1 and the military

Half Day Off

On Sunday 1 February work was knocked off at 1230 leaving the rest of the day to the imagination. Although there was no village liberty because of TET, the Vietnamese New Year, Many battalion members took advantage of swim call and ventured into the chilly waters of the South China Sea. Others played basketball, softball and volley ball. Many, however, not knowing what to do with a half day off simply laid in the sun and did nothing which is as good an idea as any.



A HELPING HAND—EON2 W. N. Epperson, of USN MCB EIGHT Alpha Company, digs the helpful drainage ditch, that serves two purposes. The first purpose is to drain flooding waters from one of MCB EIGHT's projects in Tam Ky, Vietnam, and secondly to keep a rice paddy flooded for the local Vietnamese. (Official Photo by PH2 B. J. Gaetano)

service roads is a continuous job, which is made more difficult by the heavy rain and poor drainage of the low elevation in the Chu Lai area.

The shop personnel headed by CMCS A. T. Marks are doing an outstanding job, although they are handicapped by a lack of certain critical items in the repair parts inventory.

The parts situation is improving due to the efforts of material expeditors, who have been sent to Okinawa and Da Nang.



EON2 R.M. DEMPSEY, Alpha Company, operates a grader in the road repairing operations on Route One. (Photo by PH2 B.J. Gaetano)



STEADY WORK—(L-R) EOHCN R.H. Neidig, EOHCN R.A. Michna, EO1 C. C. Williams, and EOH3 E. W. Sielagoski, find that the work in the tire shop, just has no ending, as flat tires seem to be a habit in MCB EIGHT.

((Photo by PH1 C. V. Wade)



THE JOB IS ALMOST OVER—(L-R) EON3 Al Price, EO1 R. N. Rader, and CA E. R. McBroom, rig a clam shell bucket at the bridge One, as their job comes to an end.

(Photo by OJ3 J. C. Davis)

Vietnam Christmas

Christmas 1966, was celebrated in a festive mood in Chu Lai, by MCB EIGHT.

To start the holidays, men from Communications installed a speaker on the front of the chapel. Taped Christmas music was played in the evening hours throughout the camp during the week.

Through the efforts of SA H. McDonough and men from Bravo Company, the interior trim of the Chapel was painted. Decorations, of Vietnamese origin, graced the sanctuary and to add to these, Nativity figures were prepared by SN J. Nata, in pastel chalk.

Christmas Eve was highlighted with a skit entitled, "Will The Real Santa Claus Please Stand Up." This skit was written by the men of the Battalion in their spare time.

Christmas services were held Christmas morning, with a girls choir consisting of eight girls, under the direction of two Nuns.

The girls sang Christmas hymns in their native tongue, as Chaplain Harris celebrated Mass in Vietnamese, English, and the customary Latin.

Christmas dinner couldn't have been beaten with 'home-cooking'.



CHRISTMAS EVE SKIT—One of the highlights of Christmas at EIGHT's camp, was a skit written and put on by the men of the Battalion. The skit was entitled "Will The Real Santa Claus Please Stand Up", some of the actors were, (L-R) SN D. L. Inskip, BUHCA B. M. Brown, SN H. J. McDonough, and SN S. R. Bustetter.

(Photo by SN J. W. Fiscus)

Ky Xuan has been assigned to MCB EIGHT as designated territory for Civic Action. Ky Xuan is an island, composed of three hamlets. The territory lies within the Province of Ly Tin. The three hamlets are Dong Xuan, Xuan Dinh and Dong Dinh.

An estimated 5,000 people inhabit the island. Fishing and farming are the only industries. Three schools care for the education of just under 600 students. Fifty percent of the school age children do not attend school.

There are no roads, and only two main footpaths. The products of the village are fish, peanuts, sweet potatoes, rice coconut, chickens, ducks, water buffalo, cows and pigs. Since there is not enough production to feed all the inhabitants on the island, rice pork and vegetables are imported.

The area, from all appearances, will be a most fruitful Civic Action project for the Battalion, since most of what is to be accomplished will be a first.

Officer's Club

Thanks to Bravo Co. and LT. R. Roberts, the officers now have an officer's club. Although LT. M. Pero had spent many hours and had drawn many blue prints for the proposed club, all were rejected for one reason or another. LT Roberts was given a 16' x 32' hut an told to make an officers club out of it. After several days the new club, which replaced what resembled a Vietnamese nightmare, was opened. Black and red on the inside, it has lifted the spirits of the officers considerably.

The problem now is what it should be called. After a pole of all officers, it is suspected that it will be named the "X. O. A-GO-GO" although there are many other names still being considered.



HM3 R. A. Piesco, administers treatment to a baby on the island of Ky Xuan Vietnam, on one of the Civic Action tours to the three hamlets of the island. (Photo by SN J.W. Fiscus)



CHARLIE CHATS

Charlie Company, one of the two companies providing the main construction effort for MCB EIGHT, is under the command of LT R.R. Bersani; Senior Chief D. R. Hess is senior enlisted man and Company Chief.

The mission of the 129 man Company, is construction support of the Marines. An example of work directly affecting both the Vietnamese people and the Marines, is the construction of a timber bridge, spanning 65' of water about 12 miles south of the Chu Lai complex along Route One.

To date, C Co. has built, or contracted to build, 130 wood frame berthing huts for various Marine units within a 15 mile radius of our Rosemary Point camp. This production is partly due to the work of our pre-cut sawmill crew, under BUL3 J. G. Hartmann, and has been under the direct control of Platoon Leader and Project Chief W. L. Enderle.

One of our most challenging

projects is a facility composed of a power building, an electronic building and twin antenna pads, which are being constructed for Page Communications Inc., and is nearing completion. Platoon Leader and Project Chief C. E. Bixby has responsibility for this project, with BUI T. K. Crawford on the site.

Work continues on the Ky Ha Heliport, occupied by Marine Air Group 36, with 40,000 square feet already completed on aluminum runway matting repairs. SWI K. A. Leach and SWE2 J. E. Haskell, have responsibility for this priority project.

There are other projects and other crews of equal importance, some 20 of them in all. The future holds an Aircraft Control tower, two steel Butler Building complexes, the opening of a completed gasoline station, and other projects for C Co. Builders and Steelworkers.

OFFICER'S SWITCH

On 1 February several officers switched jobs, the Admin Office is now headed by LT. M. A. Pero. LTjg R. D. Vatalaro has left the Personnel Office and is the new Assistant Bravo Company Commander. He left the Personnel office to LTjg P.B. Fitzgerald. Operations has 3 new faces. ENS. Q. Larson and LTjg F. Symanoski will be project coordinators while ENS. R. Clark is the Engineering Officer. Alpha Company's new addition is ENS. J. Goodman. Danang now finds ENS. Loberg dropping in and out like a yo-yo. As he is the battalion's expeditor. The battalion is still operating efficiently and the concerned officers are gaining much experience.



SWFCN Ron Skalka, (L) and SWF3 C.M. Harrington, do the welding on the four underground 5,000 gas tanks, which "C" Co. is installing for the NSD gas station.

(Photo by JO3 J.C. Davis)



PUTTING THE FINISHING touches on one of the many quonset huts that 'C' Co., erected for FLSG-Bravo. (L-R) BULCN G. E. Blanton, BUL2 R.L. Lighburn, BUL3 M.F. Burnham, and BUL3 J.J. Markham.

(Photo by JO3 J. C. Davis)



BATTALION DIVER BUR2 J.R. Schauffhauser, Jr., prepares to make his descent, to help set the piles at the timber bridge project on Route One.

(Photo by PHI C.V. Wade)



EVERYONE DIG — A "C" Co. crew, under BUR2 C. V. Brooks (second from Left), works on a drop inlet at MAG-36, for water drainage. (L-R) CN W.H. Smith, Brooks, CEW2 W. L. Whitaker, BUL3 P. C. Planky, and BUL3 W. L. Sack.

(Photo by JO3 J. C. Davis)

BIG "D"

It was cold, windy, and raining on that December morning when the Big "D" arrived at Chu Lai, RVN. Some of us Seabees thought for a moment that the aircraft had lost its navigational ability and we had landed on Adak.

But then we knew we were at the right place when greeted by LCDR. Gilmore, our S-3. He told us that we had the honor of being the first unit to land at Chu Lai aboard the giant C-141 jets. What a thrill!!!

After a briefing the Seabees of the Big "D" were transported to temporary lodging until space became available in our own camp. That afternoon the Chiefs got their heads together, picked out a group of top notch Petty Officers and sent them up to a place called the CTR. The POs checked out these olive drab boxes with Chinese markings, which read something like: Kit No. 20, Box 18. I say Chinese because up to this point a tool kit (Seabee type) was Greek to a lot of them. Then all of a sudden there began to appear a Gypsy caravan of nine little, two wheeled trailers with tin shacks built on them. Now the Seabees of the Big "D" had a place to store those olive drab boxes at job sites and a way to move them about.

Well, that same day those little trailers began moving off in all directions. By nightfall they were scattered all over Chu Lai, where they still remain. They all have their proud little markings, ranging from the Phu Bar Construction Co. to the Big "D". With each one

of these little trailers went a crew which represented MCB-8 and the Big "D" Construction Co. Their mission was to build the monuments which will represent MCB-8. And so they began.

In building these monuments these crews along with their trailers have been transported in many a fashionable way. They have been ferried across rivers in LCUs and LVTs. They have been jerked up the sides of mountains and floated through seas of mud. They have been fired on by Viet Cong snipers, mortared, and once they narrowly escaped death when their truck was mined with a charge so powerful that some parts are still in orbit. They have been yelled at, reprimanded, commended, and



BUH3 W.E. BAKER (sawing) and BUH2 R. E. Wachtler, Delta Company, work on the extension of the Battalion galley.

(Photo by PH1 C.V. Wade)



LIFT 'ER UP—A crew of "D" Co. men work on a revetment for MAG-12, which will be used to park aircraft between for protection. (L-R) SWECN J.S. Rold, CEP3 E.W. Harcarik, SWECA R.B. Crockett, BUL3 J.G. Self, BUH2 J.R. Irwin and BUR2 J.E. Womack. (Photo by JO3 J.C. Davis)



A BIG 'D' crew prepares to make another concrete pour for another quonset hut at the First Force Hospital.

(Photo by JO3 J.C. Davis)



CN R.A. WALLACE and BUL3 J.J. Defeo, Jr., Delta Company, work on one of the many strongback huts that were re-tinned by EIGHT, at the Seventh Marine Motor Transport Battalion. (Photo by PH1 C.V. Wade)

awarded four Purple Hearts. These Seabees with their little, olive drab boxes, and Gypsy trailers have put monuments up all over Chu Lai, and in such a short period of time they have surprised even themselves. In less than thirty-five construction days, the Big "D" has had 60 missions and has completed over half of them. Some are small, some are large. All require the same process of good planning. Our administrative and operations section of the Big "D" is burning the midnight oil almost every night. We have built strong-backs, butler buildings, quonsets, basketball courts, clubs, aircraft revetments, septic tanks, galleys, tin huts, covered walks, amphitheatres, chapels, security rooms, patios, grease traps, and on and on. We even had a Seabee build a monkey cage. Along with the harassment from the Viet Cong, these monuments were being constructed during the mon-

soon. Ask any Seabee of the Big "D" what it feels like to be down to your last set of greens, wet of course, to have your boots full of mud, the wind blowing rain horizontally, and with skin blue from the cold. He will be able to describe the feeling quite well, for during these first 35 construction days at least 30 have been exactly that way.

As this writing comes to a close, you will still find those Gypsy trailers parked and moving over the Chu Lai area, with their crews and little, olive drab boxes. And today we are trying out another mode of transportation, a Marine CH-46. We will close this little narrative now, leaving you these thoughts in mind—if the Big "D" has done all of this during the monsoon and the VC hostility, what they will do when the sun shines and the area is secure. For work, danger, adventure, join the Seabees!

FOUR MCB EIGHT PERSONNEL INJURED BY MINE AND BOOBY-TRAP



CM1 C.E. SHILLING receives the Purple Heart from Brigadier General Stiles, Commanding General Task Force RAY, at the First Medical Battalion hospital. The award was presented to Shilling Dec., 13th, for wounds he received from an electrically detonated booby-trap.

(Marine Corps Photo)



FIRST SERGEANT W.A. TODD receives the Purple heart from Brigadier General Stiles, Commanding General, Task Force XRAY, at the First Medical Battalion Hospital. The award was presented to Todd Dec. 13th, for wounds he received from an electrically detonated booby-trap.

(Marine Corps Photo)

On December 15th, MCB EIGHT, recorded their first Purple Heart awards in two Vietnamese deployments.

All four men were injured on the morning of Dec. 13th, about two miles south of Bridge 18 on Route One.

Brigadier General W.A. Stiles, Commanding General Task Force, XRAY awarded the Purple Heart to First Sergeant W.A. Todd and CM1 C. E. Shilling at the First Medical Battalion Hospital in Chu Lai.

In Da Nang, General Lewis Walt, Commanding General of the Third Marine Amphibious Forces, awarded the Purple Heart to EOH2 H.L. McKinney, at the Naval Support Activity Station Hospital.

BU1 J.J. Niemeyer will be presented his Purple Heart at

a Regimental Parade, March 4th, at Port Hueneme, California.

McKinney was driving a truck in a five-vehicle convoy, with Shilling as a passenger, when they passed over a mine which was electrically detonated. McKinney sustained injuries to his head and feet, while Shilling was injured in one ear and received minor lacerations on the head. They were immediately air lifted by helicopter to the First Medical Battalion in Chu Lai.

A sweep, conducted by Marines and ROK troops immediately following the explosion, turned up one VC suspect who was taken by the ROK troops for interrogation. Niemeyer and Todd, the Battalion's First Sergeant and Security Advisor, who were working in

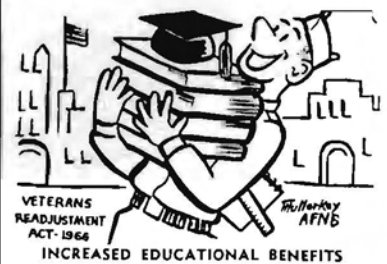
the vicinity, heard the explosion and went to investigate. Upon arriving at the scene, Todd and Niemeyer, along with Chief D. L. Thompson and two Popular Forces personnel, began inspecting the area. Niemeyer discovered a communications wire and was told by Chief Thompson and Sgt. Todd to put it down and clear the area.

As they turned to leave, a booby-trap was detonated by a Vietnamese. The three were knocked to the ground by the force of the explosion. As a result, Niemeyer was wounded in the face by shrapnel, while Todd received shrapnel wounds in the head and right side. A second helicopter was called in to remove the injured to the First Medical Battalion. Niemeyer, after an

examination, was flown to the hospital ship, USS REPOSE.

Sgt. Todd and Shilling were later flown to the hospital at Cam Ranh Bay, and McKinney was moved to Clark AFB Philippines for further transfer to the States.

Latest information received by the Battalion, indicates that all men are recovering from their wounds.



OPS REPORT

The Operations Office is buzzing along at a fast pace, trying to keep the paper mill churning. EAD3 F.H. Johnson, Jr., and EADCN J.J. Faramell have averaged a good eighty hours per week, since arriving to the scenic land of Chu Lai, Vietnam.

Due to all of the advance planning, the Ops boys had the privilege of turning out two monthly Operations Reports, one for November and one for December; guess the last two weeks stateside were just too busy to consider an Operations Report. Thus far, the Ops Office has worked one Yeoman. YN3 J. S. Miller, continously. He's been doing nothing, but typing memos to the construction companies, to raise the direct labor and lower the overhead.

Rumors have been going around, that LCDR G.R. Gilmore, Ops Officer, has signed a stop order on the rain, but I guess that it's still being routed, (which takes two weeks at the least), as no action has been taken yet. As a matter of fact, it has gotten worse.

The "Big 'D' Construction Company" says they can build a strongback in 10 mandays. They proved it on the new S-4 hut, which was completed in the record time of three days using an eight man crew.

Alpha Company has assured the Ops Office, that equipment will be no problem, once the parts become available to get the deadline equipment on the road. They accomplished several tough tasks during the last couple of weeks, one being, finding sand. They have located a site, a very likely spot, as sand is often found on the beach.

Looking at the big picture, MCB EIGHT is starting to move into high gear. The crews are becoming organized and producing a high quality of work, and the quantity is increasing each day. The project coordinators have even begun coordinating, which will assist the construction companies in accomplishing more work.



EAC G.B. GREEN, JR., raises his hand once again, this time for four years. Re-eligment took place January 9th.

(Photo by PHI C.V. Wade)



YN1 L.F. MARTIN received his third Good Conduct Award, while in Chu Lai. The award was presented by the Commanding Officer January 9th.

(Photo by PHI C.V. Wade)



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