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GOING HOME

ADVANCE PARTY DEPARTS FOR HOME

In the pre-dawn hours of June 14th, a very important group of men departed the camp on the first leg of a two day journey back to the land of milk and honey.

Under the leadership of LT R. D. Roberts, the Advance Party, consisting of 21 men, is now in the States making preparations for the arrival of the main body.

Faced with long and difficult hours of work ahead, this fortunate group is well qualified to handle the task set before them. They will be the people responsible for processing us rapidly in order to facilitate the taking of leave, technical training, crew training, and military training.

Good luck to all of them.



"I WANNA GO HOME, WANNA GO HOME" — Members of the Advance Party bind the last mount-out boxes together prior to their departure for the States. The 21-man group left Chu Lai on June 14th.

CO's NOTES

This will be our last Newsletter from Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. Before your sons and husbands return to you, I want you to know what an outstanding job they have done here and how very proud I am to be their Commanding Officer.

Since I assumed command of MCB EIGHT on April 2nd of this year, I have had many opportunities to observe their performance and they have earned the sincere respect and admiration of a Commanding Officer, who is the first one to admit that he's not very easy to please.

I have seen them work in stifling heat and humidity, in water up to their waists, at all hours of the day and night, on high steel and in deep excavations, over roads subject to mines, at a pace that no others I know of could sustain and then volunteer to work extra hours and on Sunday afternoons.

I have seen them at shows we've had in camp, at formal military ceremonies, at beach parties and in the chapel. I have seen them killed, wounded and injured. I have praised them and I have administered



CDR J.F. O'LEARY

discipline and punishment to them. They can only be described by saying that they are the Seabees of MCB EIGHT.

Those of you at home should be very proud of them too. I sincerely wish that I could have each of you visit here so that I could personally take you around and show you what they have accomplished and let you see them at work. But you'll have to take my word for it. So be very proud of them and treat them well when they come home to you. They are the finest. And thank you for helping to make them that way.

EIGHT TO ADOPT NEW EMBLEM

In the masthead of this NEWSLETTER you see a drawing of the proposed new emblem for MCB EIGHT. Primarily, the redesign has been made because it is felt all Seabee Battalion emblems should include a Seabee. Secondly, with the versatility of the Seabees, the shovel depicted on the old "Eightball" was not representative of the entire Battalion.

When approved, the new emblem will be used on Battalion plaques, decals, lighters, stationary, signs and wherever an MCB EIGHT emblem is appropriate. When used in color, the lettering around the outside will be in red, and the Seabee will be in color wearing dress blues. The remainder, of course, will be black and white.

When Battalion colors are required, we are using black and white-taken from the eightball. As an example, we acquired black and white uniforms for the varsity basketball and softball teams this deployment. For obvious reasons, though, we have not named the teams, "The Eightballs."

Some Battalions use catchy phrases as mottos or slogans. There has been some discussion of this in EIGHT, but it is felt that the real meaning and "motto" of this Battalion is written in the blood and sweat of the men, and the results produced. No amplification is considered necessary.

To The Officers and Men of EIGHT:

The following was received by the Battalion from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Estok, whose son Mike was killed in the mortar attack on the MCB EIGHT cantonment, in the early morning hours of May 13th.

"To the Officers and Men of MCB EIGHT:

Gentlemen your beautiful

floral tribute of roses to Mike was gratefully received. We were deeply moved by the love it expressed.

We pray that God will bring you safely home."

Sincerely

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Estok



CN R.F. Breault (R) and BUL2 F.J. Klein introduce the Vietnamese to the benefits of using a power saw. In aiding the Vietnamese to construct the school in Chu Lai, Vietnamese were introduced to uses of modern tools as the Seabees of USN MCB EIGHT were introduced to uses of Vietnamese tools.

MCB-8, VIETS BUILD SCHOOL



BUR2 J. R. Maynard (L) and BUL2 F.J. Klein with the help of a few Vietnamese use a tool designed to level the sand in preparation of the foundation of a school. USN MCB EIGHT played a vital roll in the construction of the school in Chu Lai.

When School bells ring this fall, the children of Chu Lai will answer that call in a newly constructed school.

The construction of this school, named "Dong-Cong" (which means built by Americans and Vietnamese), is being accomplished through the joint efforts of the Vietnamese of Chu Lai and Seabees from U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion EIGHT. The Battalion has supplied almost all the raw materials for the project.

As a result of this project, MCB-8 initiated a SCAT Program, (Sunday Civic Action Team), where the Seabees of the Battalion gave their only free time, Sunday afternoons, to help speed construction. Forecasted as a year-long project, it was reduced to three months.

The school, designed by Brother Hue, is literally a hand-made institution. From the foundation to each individual brick, manual labor was employed. The people of the village, realizing the full value of a school, donated their time and labor. Even the women of the village shared in the work.

This school represents a milestone in effort. The Seabees in no way endeavored to direct the Vietnamese in how to construct, but rather worked directly for them. This alone was a new experience for the 'Bees of EIGHT, who instead of working completely with machinery and power tools found themselves also using antiquated Vietnamese tools and construction methods. As a result, many friends have been made and an invaluable insight and considerable respect for the Vietnamese have evolved.

This school, when complete, will represent about \$40,000 in construction labor and materials. Materials not made available for the construction were purchased by Father Phuc, pastor of the church, with donations from the men of MCB EIGHT and other units in the area. Also many donations have been made by people back home.

This project is just another example of Civic Action efforts in which the Seabees of MCB EIGHT are helping the Vietnamese people help themselves.

"H" Co. Hotline

Perhaps the biggest event that occurred during the month of June, was the departure of the Advance Party. They decided to pack up and make it June 13th, and it would be a waste of space to say that we were all glad to see them go. They arrived in Port Hueneme on the 15th.

PN1 Ray, PN2 Quinene, and PN3 Romero accompanied the group to start the ball rolling on leave for the main body, transfers and discharges.

On June 10th, a little 'Miss', from the Philippines, named Tessie Reyes caused a loud commotion in camp, when she walked out onto the stage in a stunning form-fitting dress, and belted out songs that brought back memories of home. She also gave a few of the men a chance to show their stuff, with a little dancing. Not going to mention any names, but a high ranking officer with the initials JFO outshone them all.

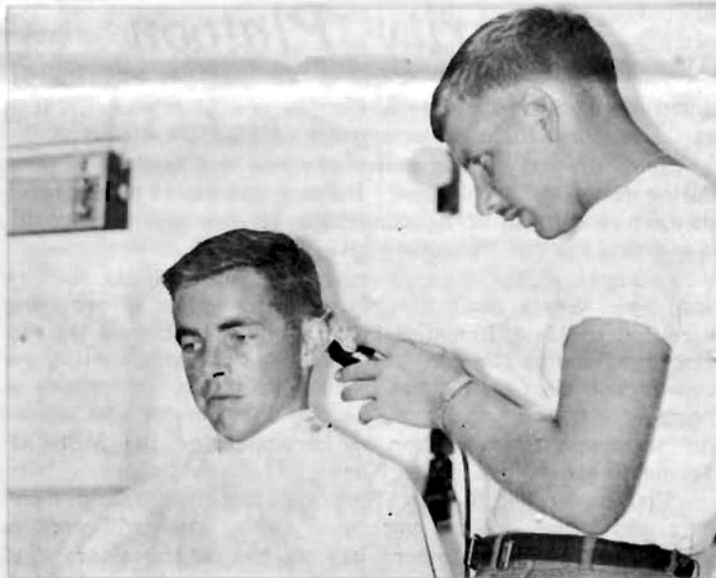
They say that June is the month of weddings, but in H Company it's the month for orders. HMC E.A. Austin received a set to South Charleston, West Virginia, wherever that is; JO2 Jerry Davis is going to the beautiful isles of the Caribbean, Key West, Florida; EACS R.N. Aillard is on his way to Davisville, R.I., EIGHT's old home; CS2 H.S. Butler is going south, Gulfport, Mississippi; BUL2 W.J. Cypher is expecting his any day, and all we can say to SK1 Joe Carey is we're sorry, it is probably cold in Kodiak anyway.

The H Company Command Post was rebuilt for the fourth time, as you have read before, it collapsed AGAIN.

We want to welcome our reliefs Advance Party aboard, wish you a wonderful stay and fun in the sun at Rosemary Point. We don't believe you'll find a better camp in the Chu Lai area.

We want to offer congratulations to the men at the MARS Station for the outstanding job that they have done on this deployment. The Commanding Officer presented them with a plaque from the MCB EIGHT wives, which says the same thing.

In closing, we want to mention, at the request of PN1 Lewis, that HM1 Borntreger was officially named the "Hut Mother of the Month", and 'Doc' is really overjoyed.



"AND THEN THE TRAVELING SALESMAN SAID . . ."—SA D.R. Richards gives a haircut to JO3 J.K. Curtis in the Battalion's new air conditioned barber shop, which was recently completed by the 'Bees of EIGHT.



AS CLOSE TO YOU AS YOUR PHONE — Commander J.F. O'Leary presents a plaque of appreciation from the MCB-8 Wives Club to the MARS station staff. (L-R) RM2 J.D. Emfinger, SN B.E. Larose, ENS G.A. Metcalf (Asst. Communications Officer), SN L.E. Black and CDR O'Leary.

Hart Chosen

Seabee of the Month

"You have been selected Seabee of the Month for May 1967 in recognition of your outstanding professional contribution to the construction efforts of USN MCB EIGHT."

With these words, Builder Second Class Clifford H. Hart, Jr., Headquarters Company was presented the Seabee of the Month award.

Petty Officer Hart's award read in part:

"While serving as a member of Engineering's Plans and Estimating Team you have worked carefully, efficiently, and untiringly to produce needed job packages. On several occasions you have worked long night hours to meet deadlines on critical jobs. Specifically, your work accelerated completion of the MAG-12 hangar complex package, a large and complicated job requiring experience and skill."



BUL2 C.H. HART, JR.

It was also noted that Hart's leadership and example had encouraged his associates and aided in maintaining good morale.

The award was presented to Hart at morning quarters, June 21st, by LTJG J. R. Clark, H Company Commander.



"AND YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO DANCE!"
—The star performer of the "Tessie Reyes and the Las Vegas Four" show joins CDR J.F. O'Leary, EIGHT's Commanding Officer, in an impromptu dance during the show held on June 10th.

Tessie Reyes Troupe Performs For Eight



"ANOTHER OPENING, ANOTHER SHOW" — Tessie Reyes electrifies the audience with a fast moving opening song designed to get everyone in the mood for a great show, which it was.

Everyone from Commander O'Leary down to John Q. Snuffy got into the act when Tessie Reyes and the Las Vegas Four came to EIGHT's camp on June 10th.

In addition to their regular routines, the Philippine musical group encouraged a sing-along and an unofficial dance contest. The contestants in the latter included the CO, Dr. Kerr, the Battalion dentist and one of our newer Ensigns, L.E. Beland.

The two hour show was well received by the men of EIGHT as they sat under the stars of Vietnam. Many say that the reason for the audience's enthusiasm centered around the very attractive star of the show, Tessie Reyes. Exhibiting a high degree of stage presence and showmanship, Miss Reyes captivated the men of EIGHT with songs ranging from "California, Here I Come" to "More."

All in all, it was an electrifying show which the men of EIGHT will long remember as one of the high points of their stay in Vietnam.

Seabee Team 0807 Builds For Freedom

At one time, MCB EIGHT enjoyed the prestige of being the first and only Battalion to have three Seabee Teams deployed simultaneously. With the recent deployment completions of 0805 and 0806 though, Seabee Team 0807 remains the only in-country representative of MCB EIGHT.

Business is still booming at Dien Khanh, the Team's deployment site, which is six miles west of Nha Trang. The month of May has produced the installation of the entire first bay of the Muong Quang River bridge, a 225-foot long precast concrete structure.

In appreciation for the help of the Seabees, the Village Chief of Phu Cap, the Village that borders the river, has solicited 15 volunteers, who assist in the construction operations.

Under the direction of BUL2 A. B. Newman, these trainees have installed the complete framework for precasting, thus freeing Team members for work on other projects.

Country roads, for instance, are bad all over Vietnam, and only when the monsoon rains have lifted can any real improvements be made. EO1 C. R. Proffitt has accordingly logged in many long hours with the Austin-Western grader on the back roads of Dien Khanh District.

Also the Team which relieves 0807 stands to inherit a brand-new shops building. Complete with a double garage and adjoining 480 square foot working area walled with conex boxes, it will serve as a monsoon season center of activity. Small projects can be prefabricated there and taken to the job site for installation during more favorable weather.

The reaction of the Vietnamese people to assistance from the Seabees has been totally favorable and a great incentive for the crew. While working, the men are often presented with gifts of local food and beverages.

On one occasion, a Buddhist priest from Phu Cap invited the entire construction crew over to his house for lunch. Enthusiasm such as this is not easily forgotten and will be remembered long after the hardships of getting the job done have faded away.

Security Platoon

Something new to the Battalion this year has been the addition of the Security Platoon. How successful it was . . . it is . . . will be told in the new pages of EIGHT's history.

Since the day's of intensive physical and tactical training during homeport deployment, Platoon members have proven themselves capable of handling their mission and even of filtering into the five "company hives."

Products of the Security mission include the six bunkers and three towers along the coveted three miles of perimeter wire that was laid. Immaterial, but highly valued, were the services rendered by the men during outings to provide security for construction sites as shotgun riders on trucks or sentries at bridge-side bunkers on Route One. The Platoon was also famous for its respected reputation in accompanying the MEDCAP Teams to the island of Ky Xuan.

Upon returning to Port Hueneme, Security Platoon members may choose from a variety of fields. Some will work in the Battalion armory, others will go into aggressor training, Drill Team maneuvers, or as instructors for military training. The rated men will receive transfers out of the Platoon.

With all this to look forward to and the past to build on, the Security Platoon should aspire to strengthen its capabilities for the next deployment.

BRAVO BITS

Enjoying a reputation for working themselves out of a job, Bravo Company's projects have progressed rapidly this month.

Since the last issue, we have completed five major jobs and are nearing the finishing stages of at least three others.

Still on the active list, the Dairy Plant and the MAG-12 hangars are the biggest projects. The hangar crew is now working on the overhead conduit runs, and at the dairy, there are a myriad of small tasks to accomplish.

One of the new projects, MAG-36 hangar No. 3, is nearly completed as far as materials available will allow. A sincere thank you is extended to Marine Squadron H&MS 36 for their cooperation with MCB-8 in preparing the hangar for the CE crew.

Base Maintenance crews have been working long and hard to prepare our campsite for our relieving Battalion. We are sure they will appreciate the new air-conditioned barber shop, the new generator shack, the fully tinned showers, and many of the other improvements this crew has worked so hard to accomplish.

Since this is the last issue of the Newsletter before returning to CONUS, Bravo Company would like to give thanks to Alpha Company for all their able support in accomplishing our mission. Although at times, it seemed that we were plagued with a rash of dug-up cables, water pipes and sewage, with their help we managed to accomplish what we set out to



"THEN HE HANDED ME THIS PICK, AND THE NEXT THING I KNEW . . .!" — UTW2 D.R. Epplert digging a ditch prior to the installation of the drainage system of the NSAD Chapel. Bravo Company installed the electrical and plumbing facilities for the structure.

do in record time.

We also have two important announcements to make this month. First, we would like to announce the wedding of Senior Chief Utilitiesman E. B. Olson to Miss Lee B. Larsen. Second, we want to congratulate CEW3 and Mrs. A. M. Warfield on the arrival of their 8 lb. 9 oz. boy, June 27th.



"GONNA BUILD A MOUNTAIN" — Construction men of Charlie Company tin the roof of the NSAD Chapel which will rise 41 ft. in the air when completed. The A-frame structure will be able to accommodate over 200 people.

Charlie Chats

This month has been one of much hard charging for the men of Charlie Company. The major portion of Charlie Company has been occupied with construction work on three different jobs: the NSAD Chapel, the VMCJ Hangar at MAG-12, and the NSAD POL Tanks.

One of the most interesting and challenging jobs going for Charlie Company is the NSAD Chapel. This is the largest all wood structure yet erected by the Seabees in Vietnam. The basic structure is built on an "A" frame that rises 41 feet high. Among the unusual features not normally found in Seabee construction work are: a rubble stone wall eight feet high surrounding the chapel offices, and a 21 foot high concrete cross erected next to the building. The chapel has seating space for over 200 people in the main building, plus a small chapel, a vestry, Chaplains offices, confession booths and interior Bathroom facilities. The erection of this chapel has been the result of two months of concentrated effort on the part of a crew

of as many as 40 men under the direction of MUC J.W. Gaster and BU1 K.V. Stewart; and has created a great deal of interest on the part of many people near and far.

At Marine Air Group 12, another huge Charlie Company project has made its mark on the Chu Lai landscape; the erection of a Pasco pre-fabricated steel aircraft hangar for
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WORKING INTO THE TWILIGHT HOURS are two construction men from Charlie Company as they add the finishing touches to the frame of the MAG-12 hangar.



"THIS REMINDS ME OF MY ERECTOR SET" — The first metal sheet for the roof of one of the POL tanks is brought in as Seabees of Charlie Company make the final preparations for its installation.

THE BIG "D"

With the remaining time in country numbering in the days, the men of Delta Company, along with the rest of the Battalion, are looking forward to going home. In addition, they are looking forward to leaving behind, in the Chu Lai area, many well done construction projects.

In the next couple of weeks, Delta Company will wrap up the First Hospital Company project where BU1 Bissing's crew has done a fine job. The hospital has been under construction since EIGHT arrived in Chu Lai and now with the final stage being set, the Big "D" is about to put the finishing touches on another MCB EIGHT project.

The Ice Plant, which may well be our best job yet, is progressing faster than expected. The crew, under the supervision of SWC Gilman, labored both day and night during the past month pouring concrete and erecting steel. The structure is partially complete and the crew is now working on equipment installation and general exterior work.

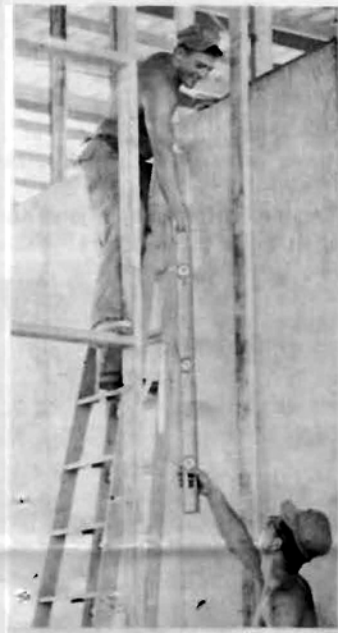
BUC Stenger has his crew "turnin and burnin" at the Dairy Plant. The 23-man crew is plastering, pouring a concrete wall and setting in windows. BU1 Smart, BUR2 Gibbs and BUL2 White are keeping the men on their toes to push for the completion of the job.

BU1 Rosensweig's hangar crew has made its last concrete pour. The building of partitions, office spaces and living quarters is one of the final phases at the hangar. SW1 Winchester is losing some pounds as he and his few remaining steelworkers are putting in louvres and setting the tin roof.

The tension is easing and Company morale is shooting skyward with little over a month to go in this deployment. As Seabees, we learned to live and fight under conditions which didn't exist in our lives some months ago. As craftsmen, we learned a new respect for the tools and equipment which enabled us to complete our jobs. As Americans, we learned a new kind of feeling for the people who are struggling for their freedom in this country. Our close living quarters and our every day routine never once caused the Big "D" to lag in her efforts. The men of Delta Company look back to their first strongback, Butler building, quonset hut, to the revetments, the Dairy Plant, Rosey's hangar, the Ice Plant and the vital First Hospital Company project with much pride. With all these jobs under our hat, the Big "D" looks back and sees a country, a people and a land that some day will no longer hear the noise, cries and the pain of war.



"I DON'T KNOW HOW TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT WE HAVE TO BUILD THE WHOLE HANGAR ONE FOOT LONGER."—BU1 S. Rosensweig and BUL2 L.A. Carigan discuss a minor construction problem on the MAG-12 Hangar project.



"IT'S CLOSE ENOUGH FOR GOVERNMENT WORK" — BUHCN J.O. Kelly (top) and BUL2 L.A. Carigan install the interior partitions in one of the MAG-12 hangars.

DRIVE SAFE

While we're in the states many of us will be driving to get where we want to go.

After driving jeeps at 20-30 mph on these roads in Vietnam, we may tend to go beyond the speed limit in the states. It will be hard to keep the speed down but it can be done.

Remember the life you save might be your own!

WELCOME

The Advance Party of our relieving battalion, led by LCDR M. J. Carricato, arrived at Rosemary Point June 29th in 110° weather.

Wearied from their long trip, they were somewhat cheerful to learn that EIGHT was ready for them, having arranged their huts and set up the needed additional racks.

We wish to welcome them aboard and hope they will have a successful deployment here in Chu Lai.

Charlie.....

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VMCJ of MAG-12 (one of a pair being built by MCB EIGHT). This hangar is 65 ft at its highest point and can house aircraft as large as a B-52. The basic structure is an aircraft shed with two lean-tos for shops and storage area incorporated on each side. The roof of the main structure weighs approximately 4½ tons with all of the roofing tin in place. The erection of the complete steel framework was accomplished in only eight days! In charge of this project are BUC W.L. Enderle and BU1 D.A. Gagnon. Under their supervision are BUR2 J.A. Dutcher with a crew of 13 Builders and SWE3 P.L. Flint with a crew of five Steelworkers.

At the NSAD POL (Petroleum Oil and Lubricants) tank farm, Charlie Company men have done still another superb job of meeting tight work schedules, by completing the construction of three 10,000 barrel tanks in record time. These tanks are prefabricated bolted steel structures 55 feet in diameter and 27 feet high. Each tank holds enough fuel to allow the average family automobile to travel around the world more than 260 times. The last of these tanks was completed in a record of 14 days by a crew of 10 men.

Along with these three large projects, work has begun on two smaller, but no less important jobs. At the Chu Lai Sea Anchor site, BUL2 W.L. Sack and his crew of four men are busy pouring concrete pads for a series of four whip antennae, plus a pad for the 80 ft. high central antenna.

As the deployment nears its end, the men of Charlie Company are beginning to look towards home with eager eyes. Nevertheless, the work must go on, and Charlie Company is continuing to work like there was no tomorrow.

EIGHT WINS 22 - LOSES 6

During the month of June, the MCB-8 softball team notched seven wins against two losses and extended their season record to 22-6. The month's action was highlighted by a weekend doubleheader with MCB-133, currently in Da Nang.

Action began with a 10-4 victory over NSAD. EOH3 Tyler was the winning pitcher and MR1 Pozzi and CEW2 Edwards led the 'Bees hitting at tack with three each. The men of EIGHT scored three runs in the first inning and added four in the second to drop the Fleet Sailors dead in their tracks.

The next game saw EIGHT playing host to their Chu Lai cousins, MCB-71. SWE2 Haskell was on the mound for the home team and responded with a sparkling five hit performance. EIGHT scored four times in the first inning, added one more in the third, and then held on for a 5-2 victory. Hits were at a premium and HM3 Koopman led the way with 2 for 3.

EIGHT dropped their first game of the month, when they fell before Second LAAM Battalion 5-2. The Marines scored four in the second and added one in the third. The slowstarting 'Bees couldn't muster an attack until the seventh, when a string of four singles by Napolitano, Haskell, Irwin and Mancilla accounted for two runs.

EIGHT jumped back on the winning trail with a 2-1 tri-

umph over MACS-7. UTP3 Mancilla made his first start of the season and, after allowing a single in the first, shut out the Marines the final six innings. Meanwhile, his teammates pushed across a run in the second, and the decisive counter in the fourth. BUL3 Baker drove home both runs and Edwards added a pair of doubles.

The 'Bees then ventured to MAG-36 for a Sunday doubleheader, which soon turned out to be a soft spot in the busy Seabee schedule. EIGHT won both tilts by the scores of 16-2 and 9-1 respectively. Player-Manager LT Reilly led the attack in the first game with a grand-slam home run and a triple. Tyler was the winning pitcher and Mancilla rapped out three hits. Haskell mowed down the hapless Marines in the second game and Napolitano led the offense with three for five.

The 'Bees then gained revenge over 2nd LAAM Battalion with an impressive 6-1 win. SK3 Sager led all hitters for a perfect four for four, and the 'Bees displayed their defensive skill by completing three double plays.

On June 24th, the rising sun brought with it, the arrival of MCB-133. The first game found EIGHT repeatedly filling the bases only to see their rallies end with popups or easy groundballs. MCB-133, however, came up with a big play or the big hit, when necessary, and built up a 5-0 lead over Haskell and his mates.

EIGHT closed the gap to 5-4, but their opponents pushed across two more in the seventh to ice the win. EIGHT had eleven hits, but left fifteen runners stranded on the bases. So it was: MCB-133 7, MCB-8 4.

The second game was quite another story as EIGHT won easily 8-1. Tyler assumed the pitching duties for EIGHT and the husky EO threw a convinc-



GOOD SHOW, TANK — LT E.R. Reilly, MCB-8's manager congratulates EOH3 Tyler, the team's pitcher, as he held MCB-133 to four hits and one run June 25th.

ing four-hitter, allowing only one run in the fourth. EIGHT took a 1-0 lead in the third, when Mancilla's single sent BUR2 Irwin scampering home. Edwards pushed the advantage to 2-0, when he led off the fourth inning with a booming home run to centerfield.

Then, EIGHT put the game out of sight as they sent ten men to the plate, collected six hits, took advantage of three errors, and scored six times to run the score to 8-1. The big knock of the inning was a home run by Pozzi. Tyler then coasted home; shutting out MCB-133 the final three frames and perserving the 8-1 win.

Team is looking forward to playing in the CBC Intramural league in Port Hueneme, and also in competing in the Oxnard City Tournament, in the Sports Festival in August.

LEAVE

Soon we will be in homeport and many of us will be going on leave. There are many things we should remember which may make the difference in the impression we will leave with others.

First we should remember to conduct ourselves in a military manner. Sure we have been in Vietnam for eight months, but that doesn't give us the right to be rowdy.

Also remember if anything should happen and you can't make it back to Hueneme within your leave time, you should notify the command of your difficulty and when you will arrive.

Keeping these reminders in mind will insure a successful leave period.



I GUESS THAT'S IT — The first base coach for MCB-133 folds his hands in despair, as CEW2 Edwards made the catch for the last out, as EIGHT trounced MCB-133, 8-1.



AND AWAY IT GOES — CEW2 Edwards grits his teeth, swings and a homerun is in the making against MCB-133, a broken bat for MCB-8.

ALPHA PARTICLES

With the final month of the deployment here, Alpha Company has found itself busier, instead of tapering off. The Equipment Operators are hustling to put the finishing touches on as many jobs as possible before we leave, and the Mechanics are preparing for the turnover of equipment to the relieving Battalion.



"NOW WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL THIS DIRT?"—EON2 J. W. Noah levels the floor of one of the MAG-12 hangars which are two of the most extensive projects that EIGHT tackled during the deployment.

The roads at the First Hospital Company will be completed this month. The last of the grading is now in progress and with the placement of 135 55-gallon barrels, to be used as storm drain pipe, this will be at an end. With these roads finished, the Company will then start upgrading and paving the Rosemary Point roads and parking areas.

The well crew is attempting to sink two more wells, one of which is at NSAD, which provides our camp with water.

The rock crusher crews are steadily increasing production and are beginning a 16 hour/day operating schedule. This is made possible by the hard work and the long extra hours put in by each crew. Before being relieved, the Battalion will be producing at least 6,000 yards of rock per week.

Meanwhile, back in the shops, the Mechanics are finishing the Class 'C' Preventative Maintenance schedule,

completing acceptance checks on the numerous pieces of new equipment arriving at the last minute, and preparing replaced equipment for shipment out of country, or to another battalion. The pressure is on to have all equipment in the best possible condition before turning it over to the relieving Battalion.

JOKE

The sweet young thing entered a photographer's studio with a small snapshot.

"I want this enlarged," she said.

"Certainly. Would you like it mounted?" said the clerk.

"Oh, that would be lovely," replied the girl. "He'll certainly look wonderful on a horse!"

New Chief



NOW WHAT'LL I DO??—CDR J.F. O'Leary (L) and LT H.R. Schoolcraft pin CSC G.E. Kemery's new Chief insignia on his collar, at the Chief's Initiation.



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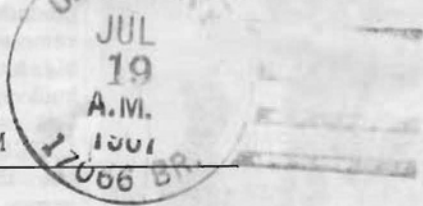
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