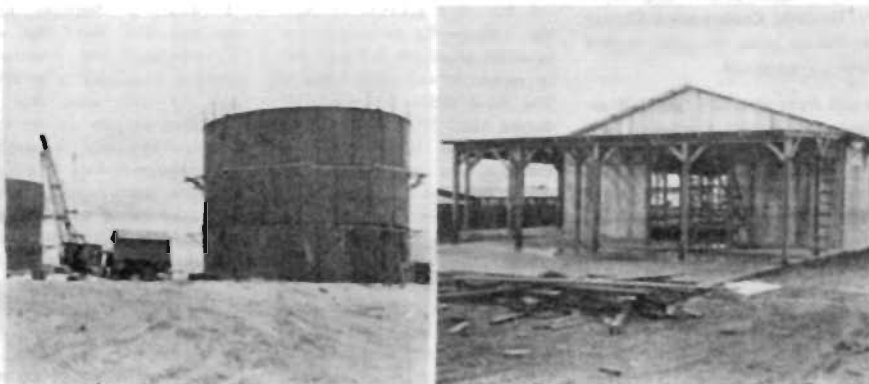


CONSTRUCTION UNLIMITED

Job Sites Expand To Outlying Areas



STORAGE FOR 3,000 BARRELS OF FUEL — Two fuel tanks for the storage of aviation gas were assembled from pre-fab material in the MAG-36 facility. The crane was used to prop the tanks' sidings for riveting. The 11th Engineers Transportation Maintenance group was furnished with a building (right photo) finished by the Battalion and started by MCB THREE. EIGHT did the wiring and poured the concrete.

With a minimum of drawbacks and a maximum of hours, MCB EIGHT's work quota is daily being filled to meet all project deadlines.

LTJG Robert W. Clark, CEC, USNR, assistant Operations Officer, checks and records all progress on the job sites as project coordinator.

No sooner is one job completed before another is started. Inside Camp Wilkinson itself, the new movie area has been completed and now merely waits for conditions to clear. The projection room was wired by the electricians

of Bravo Company.

The stage below the white screen will later be given the live performance of H.P. Davis through Special, a road and the USO.

A new generator site on the other side of the camp has been graded and the concrete has been poured for the supporting beams. Bravo Company electricians are on the job there for this priority job.

Most of EIGHT's major projects outside the camp area are concentrated in the MAG-36 area.

Grounds have been graded for the Marine Air Group's living quarters in the FLSC-A compound. These facilities will be two-story barracks structures finished in wood.

High on the priority list is the construction of the First Marine Division Hospital in the FLSC-A cantonment. In a joint effort by Alpha and Delta Companies, the site was graded and the trusses were formed for the concrete pours. Two to three quonset structures are being built on concrete slabs. The concrete slabs will serve as floors to be later laid with linoleum.

In major projects inside the vicinity of the city of Hue,

For a story on the repair job of a bridge across the Perfume River, See Page 3, Column 3.

matting for the LST ramps in Hue on the Perfume River is 35 per cent down.

All that remains for completion of the 131st Aviation Co. taxiway at the Phu Bai airfield is the installation of a five-foot diameter drainage culvert.

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Spearhead Made Good In Visits to Phu Luong

Battalion MEDCAP Team Aides Vietnamese

By JOE A.L. GONZALES

The people of Vietnam need more than Peace Corps. And this year the answer has again come from this Battalion in the Phu Bai area as it did last year on Ky Xuan Island.

Through the efforts of LCDR James F. Harris, CHC, USN, EIGHT's Chaplain and Assistant Public Affairs Officer, the Battalion has initiated a

vigorous Civic Action Program. As coordinator for the program, Father Harris contacted Father Trienh who is in charge of the area's refugee camps.

The Battalion's program began the last week of February in the village of Phu Luong after it was militarily secured. Since then, the medical team has made a minimum of three visits each week.

SN Hugh J. McDonough, Chaplain's yeoman, and HN Edward Itner, from EIGHT's medical staff, were the first to make preparations in the village for the civic action visits.

Serving civic action programs in the vicinity of Hue, are Itner, HM3 Roger T. Riddell, and HM3 Robert E. Anderson. Itner and Anderson are at the bridge sites and with the pipeline crew. Riddell is attached to the Col Co Island detachment on the causeway.

The Sunday afternoon Civic Action Team, SCAT, is providing fill for a malaria-infested swamp in Phu Lung. When the swamp is filled, the site will by used as a recreation ground for the children.

With a crew of six, the MEDCAP team treated some 150 persons on the first day at the refugee village three miles northeast of Camp Wilkinson. Phu Luong is currently providing asylum to 23 to 25 thousand refugees from the war-torn city of Hue nine miles north.

"The main problem here is sanitation," said Dr. Herbert A. Froewys, Deputy Chief Health Officer from Da Nang. (Cont. on Page 6)

Picture Stories of Hue, Camp Inside This Issue

On several occasions, the Battalion has gone into the city of Hue in convoys for supplies or in detachments for job sites. For a picture story of Hue, see pages four and five.

A picture story of Camp Wilkinson is included in the last page.



POSITIVE INSURANCE AGAINST DISEASE — LT Henry W. Hemsley, EIGHT's medical doctor, sprays infected sore on Vietnamese child in photo at left. Vietnamese children wait in line for treatment in next photograph.



"HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR SEABEEEEEE..." — BUC R.R. Chase, EIGHT's oldest Seabee, makes the first incision in the anniversary cake as the Battalion's youngest Seabees, SN M.E. Ingram and SN J.V. Hastriter, receive the first pieces. Captain O'Leary looks on.

RADM Bartlett Visits Camp



MCB EIGHT was officially welcomed back to Vietnam Tuesday February 27, when Rear Admiral James V. Bartlett, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Naval Construction Brigade, visited the Battalion's Gia Le campsite.

The visit took the form of a briefing delivered by the Admiral to EIGHT's officers and chiefs in Camp Wilkinson's Holy Trinity Chapel.

During the brief 20-minute talk, Admiral Bartlett alleviated the fears of many that the Seabees are beginning to run out of work in Vietnam when he said, "Horizontal construction (in Vietnam) has at least six years more work to be done while there are over two years of vertical construction work left to do."

The Rear Admiral urged the battalion to be flexible in their project work and to be ready for any construction eventually. "If there's anything that's sure out here, it's change," he stated.

Following the briefing, Admiral Bartlett joined the officers for lunch in the wardroom.

RADM JAMES V. BARTLETT
Addresses MCB EIGHT's officers in the Chapel.

Chaplain J. F. Harris

Voice from the God Box

They say we are "coming of age." That we are moving out of adolescence into a new maturity.

They say we are moving into a period of history in which man has recovered his nerve.

They say that modern man has less and less need to turn to God for answers to his problems.

They say man has increased confidence in the ability to solve his own problems, an increased faith in the universe which holds no secrets, and a restored belief in the intelligibility of the world.

They say we have developed a secular mentality regarding our present world age, and it is described as "the movement of man's primary interest and attention from other worlds beyond or above his own to this one."

They say man seems to be increasingly making sense out of life and the universe without God as an explanation or a problem-solver.

These are some of the sayings of the "new theology" within the three major confessions, which is taking with radical seriousness the age in which it lives, and its responsi-

bility to communicate with understanding to the "new generation" of young men and women. Regardless of how little or how much faith one chooses to place in the new theology, it should be examined by anyone interested in the new age in which we live. To do otherwise is to sell out your humanity and continue the non-involvement syndrome of a past generation.

The new theology is interested in being where the action is, and thinking about its ultimate theological significance (and more likely, the thinking man will also be acting with responsibility in the midst of that action). In the "old theology" the question was, "How can I find a gracious God?" One of the more prevalent answers was, "By faith alone." In the new theology the question is, "How can I find a gracious neighbor; or can I be a gracious neighbor?" The answer given is, "By humanity alone can I find God."

In a book by Bonhoeffer, a prisoner during WWII, we find the stirrings of the new theology. "So our coming of age forces us to a true recognition of our situation vis a vis God. God is teaching us that we must live as men who can get along very well without Him. The God who is with us is the God who forsakes us . . . the God

who makes us live in this world without using Him as a working hypothesis is the God before whom we are ever standing . . . God allows Himself to be edged out of the world, and that is exactly the way, the only way, in which He can be with us and help us."

Theology today is taking the earthly realm with seriousness and sees God (if He is seen at all) in the daily events of world history, rather than as a transcendent force behind the world. It is a theology of radical humanism, in which men in their loyalty to Christ go forth to solve their own problems.

We are in the throes of the theological revolution affecting the world on almost every level. The revolution was first verbalized in simple terms of loving God and neighbor with all the overtones of action required. Christianity they say hasn't failed, it's just that nobody knows anything about it. Instead of eating ourselves Protestants, Catholics or Jews, maybe we ought to try filling the void we have created by our impenetrable distinctions and begin to concentrate on the "Golden Rule" recognized by all. Obviously there is more to the generation gap and knowledge explosion than meets the eye.

CO'S LUMN

I am very pleased to have this opportunity to extend my personal greetings to all of you by means of this first issue of The Hard Hat to be published during this, MCB 8's third deployment to Vietnam. While many of you are familiar with our "Newsletters" from previous deployments, those of you whose husbands and sons are new to EIGHT may find it a new and, we hope, an interesting experience. The purpose of this publication, which we hope to get out monthly as conditions permit, and our "Familygrams," which we will be sending out from time to time, is to keep you as best informed as we possibly can as to exactly what we of EIGHT are doing here. We also publish a weekly newspaper which you might enjoy reading, but your men must pay postage to send that home.

CDR J.F. O'Leary



I want to impress upon you that The Hard Hat and "Familygram" are your publications. Our aim is to make them as interesting and informative to you as we can. If you have any suggestions or recommendations as to how we might improve them, please don't hesitate to write me and I can assure you that I will give them my personal consideration. The same applies to any other matters that may be of concern or interest to you. All letters will be most welcome and will receive my personal attention.

I sincerely hope that you enjoy this issue and the ones to follow. Please remember to write your men as often as you can even though they may not have the time to write you as often as they would like. I can assure you that your letters are the most important factor in their morale.

Until the next time, please keep us all in your hearts and prayers and be assured that you are in ours.



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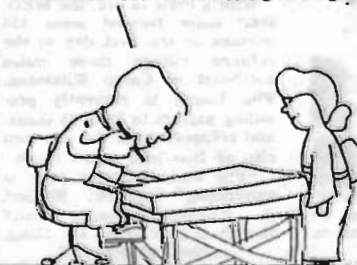
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JOHN - YOU AND YOUR DRAFTING AIDS - NO ONES GOING TO BELIEVE OKINAWA IS SLOWLY SINKING AND YOUR HERE PLANNING AN UNDERWATER SUPPORT SYSTEM!



MCB EIGHT ON OKINAWA

Detachment India Builds Advance Base

(In addition to the main body located near Phu Bai, RVN, MCB EIGHT has a large detachment of men located at Camp Kinser, Okinawa. Designated Detail INDIA, the group will be constructing a section of a ready Seabee battalion base which will be used

as a jumping-off point for Southeast Asia. At the present time, their work consists of building six barracks buildings, two mechanics buildings and a Chief Petty Officer quarters. The following is a column written by PH3 J.W. Fiscus describing the arrival in Okinawa

of the detachment.)

After the arrival of Flight Four at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, on February 1st, the men of the Okinawa Detachment (now called Detail INDIA) said farewell to their main body comrades and proceeded to their new home at Camp Kinser two miles east of Kadena.

In the course of their explorations, they stumbled on the 21 men who should have been airborne for Vietnam by this time. It seemed that the Air Force had informed the remainder of Flight Four to get off the plane and find other transportation to their ultimate destination. After several hours of standing on the end of the runway trying to thumb a ride to Clark AFB in the Philippines, the flight OIC fearlessly led his men on a joyful retreat to Camp Kinser. Four days later, the stranded men overcame the temptation of the EM Club and were fed aboard a new plane heading west. The next day, Detail India received a call from the Philippines inquiring just where the devil was the rest of Flight Four. (Ed. Note: Flight Four eventually did arrive in Vietnam.)



EIGHT ON OKINAWA—LT W.U. Klaus and SK2 J.E. Keener raise the battalion flag at Camp Kinser, Okinawa marking the arrival of Detachment India. The unit will be working on an advance Seabee base slated to be completed in 1975. (Photo by PH3 J.W. Fiscus)

January's Seabee

CMH2 Weimer Wins Coveted Award of Merit

CMH2 Z.J. Weimer joined the hallowed ranks of MCB EIGHT's Seabees of the Month on Sunday, March 3, when CDR J.F. O'Leary awarded him the coveted certificate at the Seabee Anniversary cake-cutting ceremony.

His citation read in part: "During MCB-8's Chu Lai deployment, your maintenance supervisor observed that no assignment was slighted or unworthy of your best efforts. During our homeport deployment you did a most commendable job of heading up Alpha Company's SOAP team, as reflected by our exceptionally complete tool allowance. As an inspector for the heavy equipment shop, your professional competence and sound judgment have resulted in a minimum downtime for MCB-8's construction equipment. During the BEEP, your thoroughness has paid and will, throughout



CMH2 Z. J. WEIMER

this deployment, continue to pay high dividends."

Petty Officer Weimer reported to the Battalion in May of 1966.



RECRUITER MEETS RECRUTEE . . . AGAIN—Chief Commissaryman F.D. Fields invites Construction Electrician Second Class E. Hedlund into the CPO Mess for a cup of coffee. The last time the two met was in May of 1966 when Chief Fields recruited Petty Officer Hedlund into the Navy in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Petty Officer Hedlund is presently stationed at the 32nd Naval Construction Regiment adjoining EIGHT's camp.

Welcome Aboard

Woll Takes Over As Ops Officer

Operations Officer, LT J.D. Woll, CEC, USN, was assigned to the Battalion on TAD orders Feb. 5 after serving seven months in Saigon.

While in Saigon, LT Woll represented the Seabees for the Third Naval Construction Brigade. As liaison and Brigade representative in Saigon, his job was to coordinate opera-

tional and administrative procedures within the command.

Having served in Saigon since July 1967, the 11-year service-officer established a background setting him firmly on his naval career.

Now serving his TAD orders, LT Woll has been given the duties of LCDR H.P. Davis who was injured in a road mine accident Jan. 18.

As a '67 graduate of the University of Michigan, Lt Woll was graduated with a Master of Science degree in Engineering Electronics having completed his post graduate work.

In 1964, he was Assistant Public Works Officer in London, England for the U.S. Naval Activities.

LT Woll is married to the former Miss Lenora Meyer of Fort Wayne, Ind. Mrs. Woll and their two children, five-year-old Lisa Margaret and two-year-old Bryan Douglas reside in Churubusco, Ind.



LT J.D. WOLL
Operations Officer

EIGHT Repairs Vital Hue Bridge on Crash Schedule

By JO3 J.K. CURTIS

Seabees in Vietnam today thrive on doing the impossible a day ahead of schedule. Such was the case on February 26th when MCB EIGHT was told to rush to the city of Hue and repair a vital bridge across the Perfume River.

Used as a thoroughfare for trucks and tanks, the bridge had been destroyed by an enemy demolition team.

Upon receiving word of the job assignment, LTJG G.A. Metcalf, assistant Delta Company Commander, formed up a convoy of men and materials and headed north to the city which had recently held the attention of the world.

Working around the clock from 2200 Monday, February 26th, to 0130 Wednesday, February 28th, the crew removed the damaged section of the bridge and replaced it with a 30 foot timber span.

Security for the operation was provided by Echo Company, the 101st Airborne and a company of Marines from the 1st Regiment, 5th Battalion.



SEVERED AND MENDED—Destroyed to the point where it was impassable to any vehicle, this vital bridge across the Perfume River into the southwest section of Hue, was repaired and functioning 72 hours after MCB EIGHT arrived on the scene.

HUE: "THE FIRES ARE CONSUMING

Story by JOE J.K. Curtis
Photos by PHAN B.A. Farley
(Two weeks after U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Eight arrived in Vietnam, the battalion began sending truck convoys into the embattled city of Hue. Since the city had entered a state of siege some days before, badly needed supplies belonging to the battalion had lain idle on the sand ramps across the Perfume River from the sacred city. The following is a first person account of one of those trips to rescue the supplies.)

For over an hour, we have been traveling up Route One toward the city of Hue. The people in the villages along the way regard us with indifference. A jeep and six trucks are not strange sights to a people who have grown accustomed to the constant presence of the military.

Here and there, small groups of refugees pass our convoy as they head south, away from the sounds of battle. On their backs, they carry the few belongings that now make up their lives. Their faces are blank, their eyes unseeing. It's as if they have seen too much in the past few days, as if their vision is crowded with memories.

As we grow closer to the city, the stream of refugees dwindles down to a trickle. For several days the people have been leaving the city by the thousands. What was once their home is now a battleground.

Going through the outskirts of Hue, the convoy witnesses the first signs of the conflict up ahead. Houses on both sides of the street are either completely destroyed or partially damaged. On our left, a gas



NOTHING LEFT, NOWHERE TO GO — Three Vietnamese stand before the wreckage of what was once a thriving shopping area. Scenes of such desolation were common as the truck convoy approached the city proper.

station lays in ruins. The convoy detours around a jeep that has been totally demolished as it was traveling toward the city.

Isolated columns of smoke drift up from various parts of the sacred city. Through this smoke, U.S. jets come screaming off the deck and over our heads, frightened of their bomb loads which explode in their wakes.

Crowds of people begin to choke the road ahead as we

approach a temporary refugee camp which has been set up in the ruins of the University of Hue.

Across from the camp lays our destination, the sand ramps. A continuous stream of landing craft are coming up the Perfume River and unloading their precious cargoes as our convoy pulls into the compound.

The byword seems to be efficiency as the forklift drivers

of the Hue Naval Support Activity locate our boxes and begin loading them on the trucks. But as we wait, I cannot help but watch the drama that is unfolding across the river.

I see a city that seems to be burning on its own funeral pyre.

To our left, the span of a steel bridge has been severed in the center by an enemy mine. Its two halves point down

into the river while a makeshift causeway connects them. It is still passable but only a few people can be seen crossing over.

The Hue waterfront is desolate while behind it, the enemy continue their bombing runs. The Citadel, still partially hidden by the enemy, what was once the old walled city, the fortress that housed the rulers of Vietnam, is now the center of battle.



ONCE A UNIVERSITY, NOW A REFUGEE CAMP — Hundreds of Hue citizens took temporary refuge in the University of Hue across the river from the city proper. The University itself was damaged during the fighting.



AIR STRIKE ON TARGET — A smoke column rises in the air after a U.S. jet has dropped its bombs in the area of the Hue Citadel. In the foreground is part of the sand ramp which was MCB EIGHT's destination.

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area in the outskirts of Hue.

The grayness of the sky seems to reflect the bleakness of the city's mood. It's as if Hue could speak: "I lie here suffering as the fires consume me. My blood is streaming out of me and with it goes my life."

I am brought back from my musings by the scream of an incoming rocket. The roar begins in the city and passes over us, the missile exploding two blocks behind the ramp.

Immediately everyone is running. The equipment operators leap from their vehicles and race for the safety of sandbags as others crouch down behind trucks.

The silence that follows is broken only by the whine of a neglected forklift.

We wait.

After a few minutes, men begin leaving their sanctuaries and continue with the job at hand.

Soon, the convoy is loaded and we line up for the journey down Route One. As we pass through the gate of the ramp, another bombing run begins on the Citadel and once again the jets tree-top their way over us. Isolated firefights can be heard across the Perfume River as we head south.

Everyone is quiet. There seems little to talk about. The important thing now is to get safely and quickly back to our base.

Behind us the city burns. We have paid our respects at its wake.



Although this bridge (above) was impassable to vehicles, it was still used by the refugees as they left the embattled city by the thousands (left). Many of them came south to Phu Bai where a temporary refugee camp was set up near MCB EIGHT's base (below).



A Gold Leaf

Chaplain Harris Achieves LCDR

In the eyes of God and the United States Navy, Chaplain James F. Harris is now a Lieutenant Commander.

EIGHT's Chaplain received the gold leaf this month at a gala ceremony at Camp Wilkinson's Officers Club. After the presentation, LCDR Harris commented, "Somehow, I feel older."

Prior to joining the Battalion in October of 1966, Chaplain Harris was stationed at the U.S. Naval Station in Adak, Alaska and the U.S. Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, North Carolina. He has been in the Naval Reserve since 1961.

LCDR Harris holds a Master

of Arts Degree in Theology and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy from St. Mary's of the Lake Seminary near Chicago, Illinois, his hometown.

At the present time, Chaplain Harris is in charge of MCB EIGHT's Civic Action Program in the Phu Bai area. He coordinates the two aspects of the program, that of civic action and medical aid trips to the surrounding villages.

In addition to his normal duties and his civic action work, LCDR Harris holds the position of Public Affairs Officer in the battalion and was one of last deployment's Cruise-book Officers.



"CHA" HARRIS GAINS GOLD LEAF — Pictured on a recent MEDCAP trip, LCDR J.F. Harris passes the time of day with a Vietnamese boy. Much of the Chaplain's work centers around MCB EIGHT's civic action efforts of which he is the director.



ON THE SPOT DENTAL CARE — LT James V. Smith, dental officer, examines and treats a Vietnamese girl and woman with dental problems. The majority of Vietnamese people suffer from damaged gums and brittle teeth.

Medcap...

(Cont. from Page 1)

"The people are in dire need of latrines. No matter how much of a medical program we may provide, we'll never accomplish much without proper latrine facilities."

Dr. Froewys, who speaks French and Vietnamese, was here to organize a team to administer vaccine and other inoculations which will be brought from Da Nang. The tall middle aged doctor is attached to U.S. Aid, Public Health, Da Nang.

LT Henry W. Hemsley, EIGHT's medical doctor, and LT James V. Smith, EIGHT's dental officer, promptly assumed responsibility for carrying out the inoculations once the supplies arrive.

Most of the cases met with at the village of Phu Luong involve worms in the stomach. Anemic dysentery and cholera plague are other persistent ailments.

Father Harris is investigating extension of civic action projects to Hue and the surrounding villages.



ECHO

Thinking on Watch

By GMGSN J.W. Hampton

What kind of a man does it take to endure this land? Ponder this question and you'll come up with, "The fighting man in Vietnam today."

Fire in his eyes and rage on his tongue—he was a man of fire born. Born by the gods of evil and good for the purposes of rage and scorn. Now does he dwell in this land till the rights of men are free. Free from the fires of a new hell.

Did you ever consider what goes through a man's mind on perimeter night duty, staring out into a pitch black night with stealing mists? What does

he think about while walking a lonely post?

Home, the seasons, his girl, good times, being overrun or just the loneliness of it all.

Memories of the proud and the brave who fought hard and true for the rights of another. Who fought with the valor of men afire and set us proud with the pride of country that even death does not falter.

Here, the prayers of those behind did guide the aim of the brave. Now . . . the brave are none. None but many! Many but none where life fights death.

ALPHA

Job Sites Follow BEEP

From the moment the advance party arrived in camp, the men of Alpha Company have been busy with equipment turnover, office, shop, and job turnover.

Later, when the main body touched down, the equipment operators were assigned to individual equipment in order to accomplish the many tasks which will confront them during the deployment. Work is not yet at its maximum because of a fuel shortage with the vital liquid being obtained from anyone who will give it to us.

The mechanics went right to work repairing the many pieces of equipment put into the shop by MCB THREE. They are doing the best they can with the material on hand. Equipment is sitting idle due to lack of parts but will soon be rolling once they arrive.

Many of the jobs include: the excavating of ammo berms which separate ammunition and fuel for the Army, grading land near the MAG-36 airstrip for a mess hall, NCO club, and barracks; construction of a parking apron and taxiway at the air strip plus keeping the road between Route One and Camp Wilkinson passable.

The living conditions of our home away from home are reasonably comfortable. The wood-framed, aluminum-roofed huts are spacious enough for 14 men, metal bunks with a thick firm mattress, and tall metal lockers to house the men's gear. Showers are conveniently located between huts, with hot water running through the pipes at allotted times.

Alpha also has a detachment working on Col Co Beach putting down matting for an LST Ramp.

Congratulations on making rate and advancement to: CMA3 T.E. Draper, CMA3 D.P. Hawkins, EOH3 H.T. Lennartz, CMA2 T.J. Lozensky, CMA3 R.A. Oscavich and EON3 J.P. Watkins.



WORKING NIGHT AND DAY UNTIL THE JOB IS DONE — CMA3 G.C. Fisher and SA G.G. Greiner bleed fuel filters as part of the extensive preventive maintenance being performed on all of EIGHT's vehicles. The volume of work is keeping the Alpha Company Shop buzzing night and day.



The firstmen of EIGHT which visitors to the camp encounter are from Echo Company. In this case (top) CN K.G. Boukema and SN A.J. Kalfeldt on the main gate. (Bottom) CN E.N. Bach, SN D.W. Hiles (partially hidden), CN M.W. Harney and SN J.A. Alloway rebuild a mortar pit on the camp perimeter.

BRAVO

Task: To Build, Maintain

Since our arrival, MCB-8 has seen many changes in Camp Wilkinson - our new "home." It is the largest Seabee Camp in Vietnam yet is maintained by the Battalion's smallest company. Chief Collyns, in charge of base maintenance, has a small but effective crew. The normal problems of camp maintenance, however, have been magnified by the large influx of Army personnel who are sharing our galley, showers and clubs.

Some of the important improvements now in progress are the new power distribution system and the new well. Delta Company has a good start on forming for the new generator building to be located in the old theater area. The new system will insure uninterrupted power service for the entire camp and the 32nd NCR. The new well is about to be test-pumped and cased. A producing well could ease the water situation and eliminate the necessity of shower hours.

Some of the jobs the UT's and CE's have worked on include the MAG-36, EM, NCO and SNCO clubs, FLSG-A field hospital covered storage, Gia Le showers and warehouse, 1st Air Cav, power distribution system. Tam My POL line not to mention many miscellaneous jobs.



BRIGHTNESS BY BRAVO (By the way, thanks!) — CEW2 W.R. Hallam, CN W.J. Gentry and CES2 J.W. Williams install fluorescent light fixtures in the battalion's Public Affairs Office. The men of Bravo Company take care of almost all camp maintenance plus project utility work.

'H' CO

Remington Raiders at 'War'



IMPORTANT COGS IN THE WHEEL — (L-R) W.R. Gilbert, R.H. Paternoster, and G.L. Duncan, YN3's all, are kept constantly busy with the administrative and legal work of MCB EIGHT. All three are growing mustaches, which because of their youth, are very difficult to see.

CE1 Emry Ships For Six, \$6000



CE1 W.T. EMRY
\$6,000 signature.

CE1 W.T. Emry counts his money after signing what amounted to his first re-enlistment although he has been a member of the Seabee Reserves since 1952. The extraordinary occasion marked Emry's transfer to the regular Navy. This was the largest bonus for re-enlistment ever paid by the MCB EIGHT Disbursing Office.

Petty Officer Emry joined the battalion in April of 1966 while MCB EIGHT was serving its first Vietnam deployment in DaNang East.

Prior to going on active duty, Emry was employed by the Washington Water Power Company.

He is from Portland, Oregon and is married with five children.

When not raiding for Remingtons or playing Remington Raiders, Headquarters Company personnel are quite the resourceful pirates over land.

After being grounded from the Fleet, they should have enough practice on Rules of the Road. Of course, this is important when applying piracy to maneuvers on land.

One such maneuver was the excursion to the Outpost Three Hill. The astounding fact is that the OP Three exercise was started, carried through, and completed with each Raider back on the job within the hour.

Although the exercise was merely a practice firing of the M-16 on the range at OP Three, every bush on the hill was attacked with hails of rounds because of the absence of targets.

After a quick relay formation by squads, the pirates of the high seas took the hill in less than 20 minutes total elapse time when the first squad began shooting. To the amazement of most, those M-16s work! Yes, they work in the rain and mud of Vietnam just as they did at Pendleton. But you need a trained eye to see the round hit the target — no butts or diskings here.

YN2 John Miller, fearless leader of Squad One, First Platoon, wasn't around to disk the accuracy of a Chinook bombardier's strike into his office space at Operations. A six-by-six (inches) beam fell from a helicopter passing over the camp. The roof over the operations yeoman was dented while he was at church services in the Holy Trinity Chapel. After seeing the destruction, he decided to return to the Chapel for a little visit thanking Him for it being Sunday and for his having gone to services.

DELTA

Jobs Run Amok

The Big "D" has now been in country for a month and has both started and completed many jobs.

The crew of SWE2 T.G. Herbert has been constructing POL tanks for MAG-36 while BUL2 L.A. Carigan and his crew are starting construction on an NCO club at the same facility.

BUL2 Rowe and his men have constructed a bunker for the Commodore of the 32nd Naval Construction Regiment. They are now putting the finishing touches on it before moving on to the next job.

Delta Company is constructing an outdoor theater on our base which will seat 470 men, the handiwork of BUL2 C. Doshen and his crew. The theater will also be used as a stage for future live shows which will be arriving in the area soon.

The crew of BUL2 A.D. Vincent is building an addition

to the MAG-36 avionics repair shop. They seem to enjoy watching the planes and helicopters on the airstrip but don't seem to like the resulting dust and wind produced by same.

Our two expeditors, BUL2 J.O. Frye and CN W.A. Brickling, are busy at work supplying our crews with materials. This can prove to be a hectic job when four out of five crews want material yesterday, but they are keeping everyone well-heeled including themselves. Both are wearing new jungle boots and if you ask them where they got them, don't expect a logical answer.

The Big "D" would like to welcome aboard SWECN J.C. Connolly who just completed SW "A" school and military training, and SWFCN R.B. Schultz who also just completed mitra. Welcome back to Delta.

LTJG Metcalf, BUC J.J. Niemeyer, and the crew of BUH2 M.L. Foertsch have recently returned from a three day crash program in the city of Hue. They had to repair a bridge which had been partially destroyed, making it impassable for trucks and tanks which frequent the structure. We would like to commend them on a job well done.



Delta Company crew puts timbers in place on the Hue by-pass outside the city's perimeter. At the time the picture was taken, the bridge was in its third day of construction, and already was half finished.



THE FIRST POUR OF THE DEPLOYMENT — BUL2 T.C. Gibbs and his crew make the first concrete pour at the MAG-36 covered storage complex. This is one of the many facilities being built for the unit that was also EIGHT's neighbor last year in Chu Lai.



THE MESS HALL — A double Butler Building houses the CPO Mess, First Class Mess and the central chow hall for the enlisted men. At present, it is being shared by Army and Marine units in the area of the camp.



HUT AREA—The living quarters of the men of EIGHT consist of rows of huts which slope downhill from the center of camp.

CAMP WILKINSON



HOLY TRINITY CHAPEL—Religion is a vital part of many of the men's lives over here and it is centered around this non-denominational chapel.



ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL — Logistics for the Battalion begin in this "L" shaped hut which houses personnel and admin offices.



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