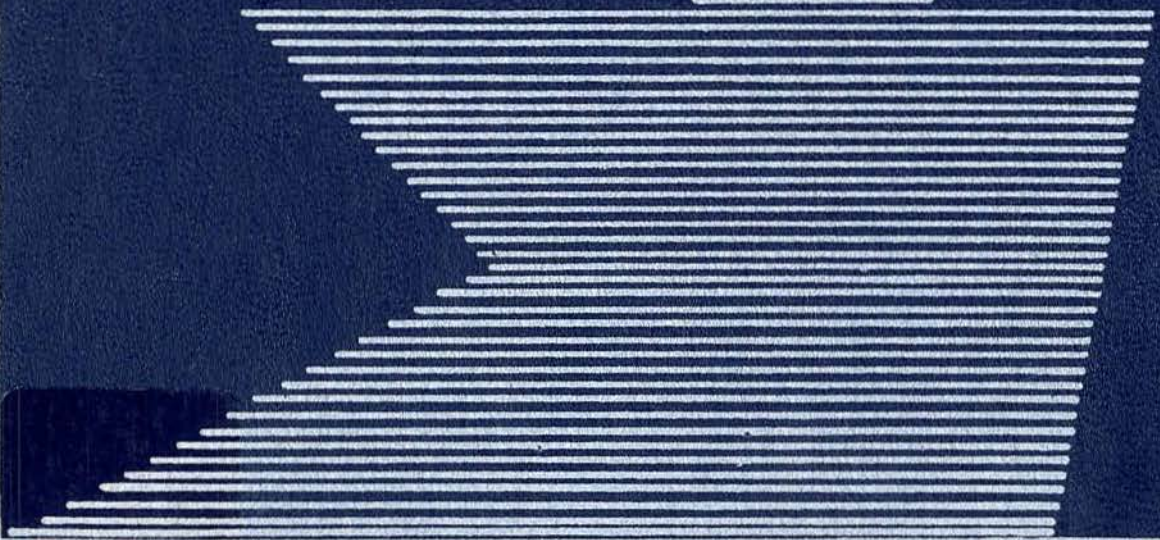
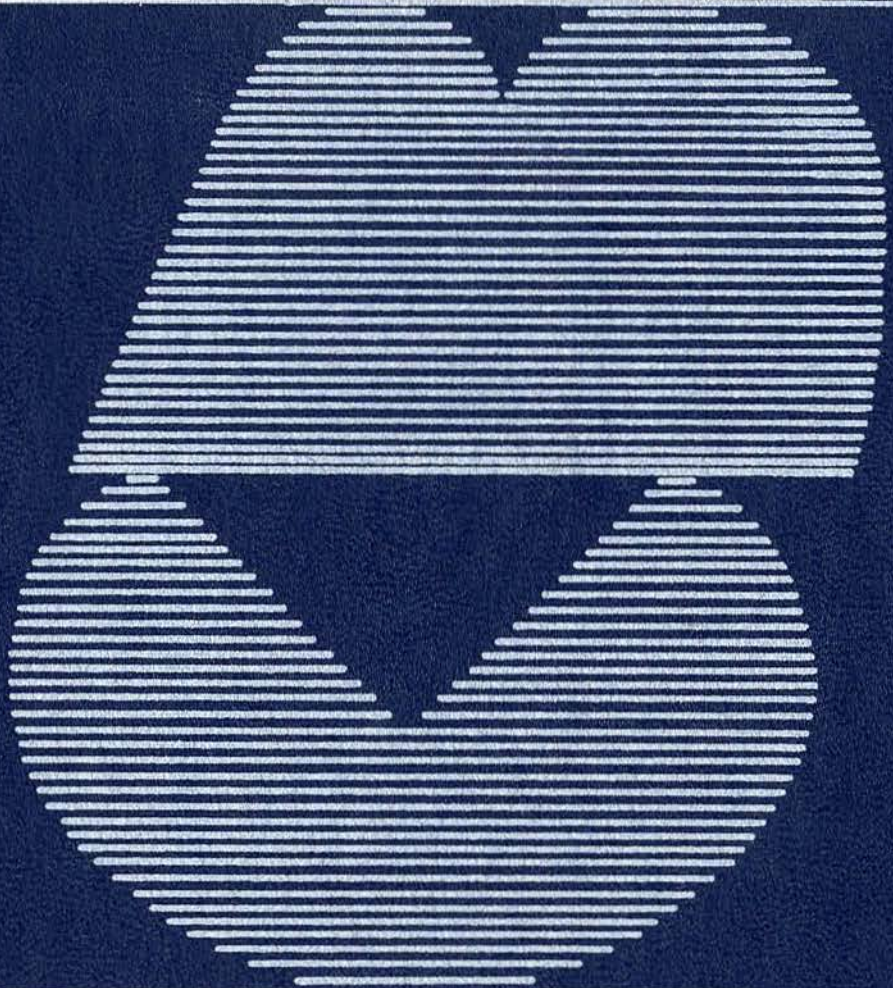


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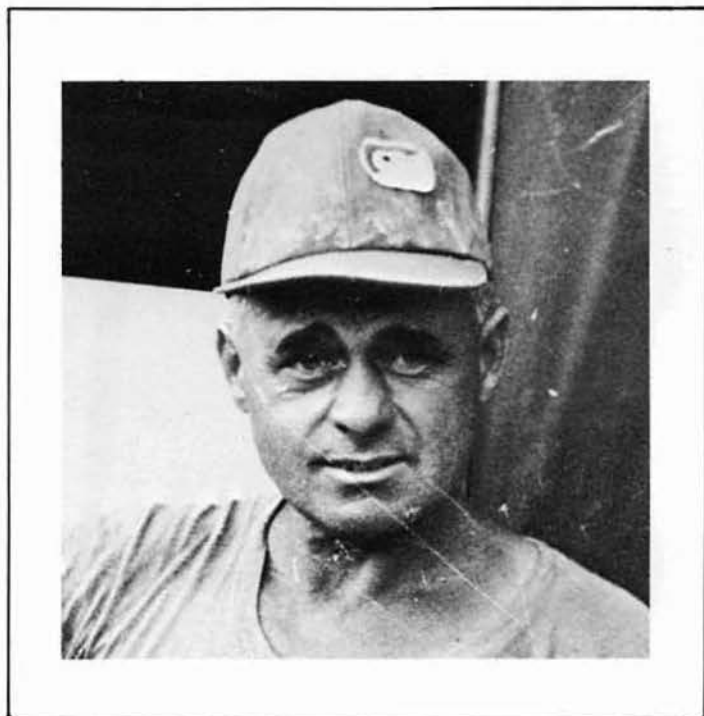








# *IN MEMORIAM*



E01 Henry C. Cousineau

Henry C. Cousineau, Equipment Operator First Class, was killed by enemy fire near Tam Ky on 4 January 1968. He was MCB-6's only combat fatality in two RVN deployments.





NAVAL FACILITIES

ENGINEERING COMMAND

A. C. Husband

Rear Admiral, CEC, USN

"As Mobile Construction Battalion Six completes its second tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam I wish to congratulate each man in the battalion for his personal contribution to the success of your construction program.

"Reconstruction of Route 1 from Chu Lai to Quang Ngai, the 400-bed Army Medical Evacuation Hospital, the Chu Lai primary power system, the consistent production of rock in your quarry and crusher operations, the Tam Ky Hospital, and the Army Ammunition Supply Point and Storage Point projects are but a few of your many accomplishments in support of Marine Corps, Army, and Free World Forces in the Chu Lai area of operations.

"MCB-SIX has added another 'Can Do' chapter to the history of the Navy's finest — the Seabees. Well done and welcome home!"





Rear Admiral W. M. Heaman – COMCBPAC

"As you complete your second Vietnam deployment, it is with a great deal of pride that I extend to the officers and men of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Six a most sincere and deserved 'Well Done.'

"The combat support construction efforts from your present deployment in and around Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam -- the Dairy Plant, Dental Clinic, Maintenance Shops, Flight Pads, POL Storage -- to name a few -- are benefitting thousands of Americans and will always stand as monuments to the performance of NMCB Six.

"Best wishes on your forthcoming homeport deployment. Good luck and Godspeed!"





Captain Greer A. Busbee, Jr. — COMCBLANT

"To the Seabees of MCB Six, I send a highly deserved 'Well Done.

"The officers and men of MCB Six can be justly proud of your many accomplishments and contributions in support of our nation's commitments to the free world. Your sterling accomplishments in Southeast Asia reflect great credit on your Battalion, the Seabees, and the Naval Service.

'I congratulate each and every one of you on your tremendous 'Can Do' spirit.

"Good luck and Godspeed!"



Rear Admiral J. V. Bartlett – Commander Third NCB

"During the period August 1967 to April 1968 NMCB Six has served with distinction in the Republic of Vietnam, providing combat construction support for U. S. Forces and their Allies in I Corps, Vietnam.

"Working in the face of adverse conditions and in a hostile environment, NMCB Six completed all assigned work in a commendable manner. Especially noteworthy projects accomplished were the Chu Lai Electrical Distribution System, Reconstruction of National Highway One (Route 1), and the expansion of the Chu Lai Medical Evacuation Hospital for the 44th Medical Brigade. The two-battalion quarry/crusher operations which provided the crushed rock supply for the entire Chu Lai area was managed in a superb fashion by NMCB Six. The NMCB Six detachment at Tam Ky successfully completed the Quang Tin Province Hospital for the Vietnamese civilians of that area despite continual harassment from the Viet Cong.

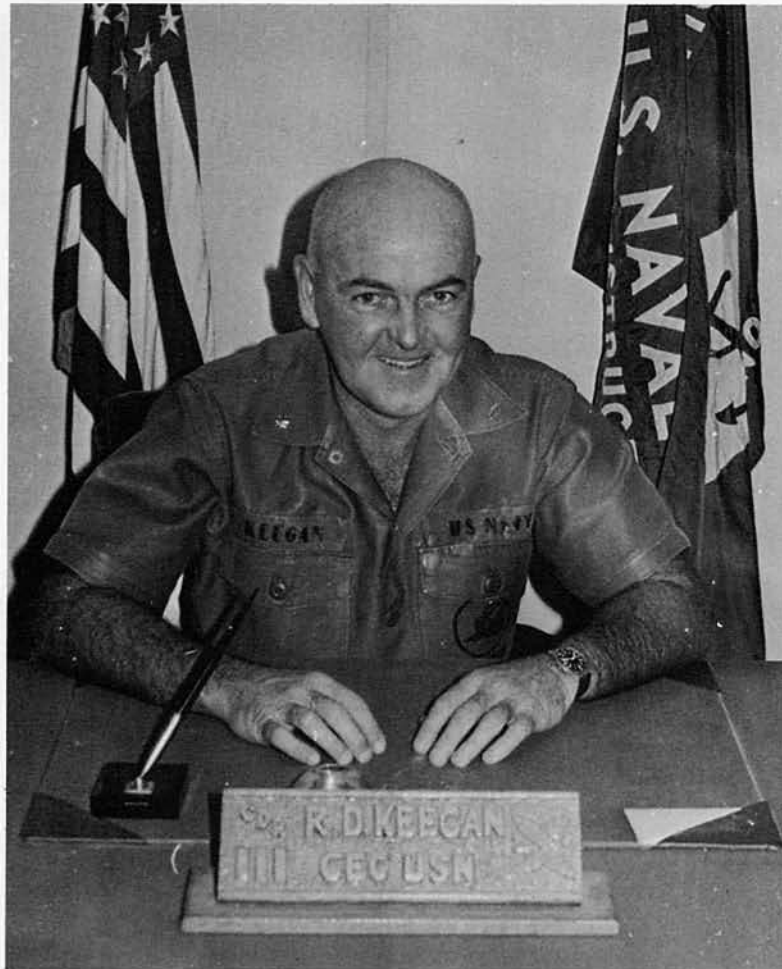
"Upon the occasion of your return to your homes and loved ones, I take great pleasure in extending to you my heartiest congratulations for a job well done. Your continued utilization of Seabee skill, ingenuity, and 'Can Do' spirit has contributed significantly to the Free World effort in the Republic of Vietnam."





Captain C. W. Turner – Commander Thirtieth NCR

"My appreciation to the officers and men of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Six on completion of a successful Vietnam deployment. Your accomplishments at Chu Lai, Tam Ky, on Route 1, DaNang, Thien Phouc and many other sites in providing combat construction support to the Free World Forces has advanced the cause of freedom. Your efforts in hospital construction and the civic action program has assisted in creating a closer tie with the Vietnamese people. The technical competence, Seabee spirit, and rapid response displayed during your 1967-1968 deployment has added a magnificent page to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Six's history. 'WELL DONE'"



Commander Robert D. Keegan, CEC, USN  
Commanding Officer, MCB-6

Commander Robert D. Keegan assumed command of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Six in March, 1967, during the homeport deployment at the Construction Battalion Center in Davisville, R. I.

CDR Keegan received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Northeastern University and entered the Navy through the Officer Candidate Program in 1952.

Following commissioning as an Ensign in the Civil Engineer Corps, he served at the District Public Works Office in Charleston, S. C.; as Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at the Marine Corps Air Station, Miami, Fla.; as Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at Ascension Island on the Atlantic Missile Range; as Public Works Officer at the U. S. Naval Air Turbine Test Station in Trenton, N. J. and as staff Civil Engineer at the Naval Air Station, Guam.

In 1963, following duty as Director of Professional and Technical Information at the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Washington, D. C., he attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. He then returned to Washington, D. C., for duty as Director of the Fleet and Marine Support Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Officer in Charge of Construction of the Seawater Conversion Plant at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. For his successful direction of this project he was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal. In 1965 he reported to the U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Davisville, R. I., for duty as Project Manager for Southeast Asia Support until his assignment as Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Six.

CDR Keegan is married to the former Miss Nancy Halton of East Providence, R. I.





Lieutenant Commander John A. Gunther, CEC, USN  
Executive Officer, MCB-6

Lieutenant Commander John A. Gunther reported aboard as Executive Officer on 30 September 1967 during the battalion's most recent deployment to Vietnam.

LCDR Gunther, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa., entered the Navy through the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in June, 1955.

After graduating from the Academy in 1959, LCDR Gunther served aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Hornet as a line officer.

In 1961, Mr. Gunther attended the CEC Officer's qualification course at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, and earned his Civil Engineering Degree and was designated a Civil Engineer Corps officer.

LCDR Gunther has had duty with the Public Works Department of Fleet Activities, Yokosuka, Japan, and upon commissioning of the Public Works Center in Yokosuka in July of 1965 he served as the Design Department Officer.

Prior to joining MCB-6, Mr. Gunther was Public Works Officer and Officer in Charge of Construction at the Marine Corps Base, 29 Palms, Calif.

LCDR Gunther is married to the former Miss Nancy Hubbell of Pittsburgh, Pa. The Gunthers have two children, John A. Jr., and Mary Alice, and are living in North Kingstown, R. I.

# BATTALION

## OFFICERS



LCDR M. J. Carricato  
Operations



LCDR D. D. Leeson  
Supply



LT R. M. Rohrbach  
Training



LT J. C. Morganelli  
Dental



LT J. R. Goodwin  
Medical



LT R. J. Fennell  
Chaplain





LT David Bowes  
Chaplain



LT(jg) M. B. Garber  
Asst. Operations



LT(jg) C. A. Thoren  
Asst. "A" Co. Commander



LT(jg) J. E. Hollander  
Disbursing



LT(jg) T. B. Hudson  
Administration & Personnel



LT(jg) T. E. Crull  
Legal Officer



ENS F. J. Jones  
Asst. "A" Co. Commander



ENS D. R. Kratzer  
Asst. "C" Co. Commander



ENS A. F. Varney  
Material Liason Officer



ENS R. A. Bulwa  
Administration & Personnel



ENS F. A. Andrews



ENS B. H. Gracey  
Engineer



L. M. Dempsey, EQCM  
"A" Company



L. I. Shea, CMCS  
"A" Company



D. Harrar, EOCS  
"A" Company



R. H. Gern, EOC  
"A" Company



H. M. Munger, EOC  
"A" Company



J. R. Cudmore, CMC  
"A" Company



W. B. Philmon, MRC  
"A" Company



W. W. Purkis, CMC  
"A" Company



D. Cochrane, CECS  
"B" Company

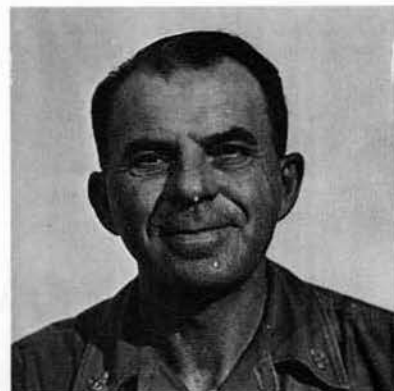
# BATTALION



D. R. Baker, CEC  
"B" Company



R. B. Lupkin, UTC  
"B" Company



L. Pivodori, SWC  
"B" Company



G. P. Phillips, SWCS  
"C" Company



A. L. Cole, BUC  
"C" Company



C. G. Hill, BUC  
"D" Company



E. N. Clapper, CUCM  
"H" Company



M. G. Castro, EACS  
"H" Company



V. J. Parelo, YNC  
"H" Company

## CHIEFS

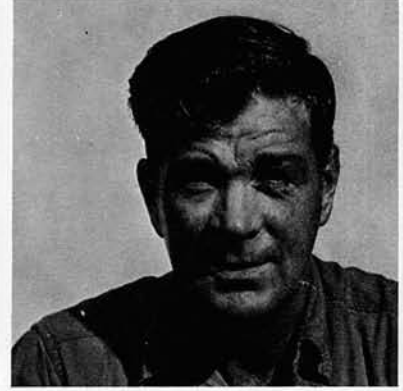




E. S. Mayes, HMC  
"H" Company



J. V. D. Hutchinson, EOC  
"H" Company



D. L. Newby, SKC  
"H" Company



D. Ford, MTC  
"H" Company



E. Jones, SDC  
"H" Company



V. W. Shinn, DKC  
"H" Company



C. R. Martin, CSC  
"H" Company

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- W. E. Cunningham, CMC  
"A" Company
- W. H. Doolittle, CEC  
"B" Company
- F. J. Giamo, BUCS  
"D" Company
- L. D. Midkiff, BUC  
"D" Company
- S. A. Sirois, BMC  
"H" Company
- R. F. Small, BUC  
"H" Company
- J. D. Taylor, SWC  
"C" Company



# VIETNAM 1967-1968 . . .

## A SUMMARY OF THE DEPLOYMENT

The following pages tell the story of our battalion's eight-month deployment to the Republic of Vietnam. Much that is shown is typical of the difficulties faced and goals achieved by all Seabee battalions in this war-torn country. Much of it is unique to MCB-6. All of it, we hope, will help you remember in years to come the events -- pleasant and unpleasant -- that made up this deployment.

The story begins, not in Vietnam, but in Rhode Island. It begins with many weeks of training -- technical and military -- that prepared us to fulfill our mission in Vietnam. Our first RVN deployment had taught us that we must be able to build with steady efficiency and to fight whenever necessary. Thanks to our training, we were able to do both.

Beginning in August, 1967, Six's new home was Camp Miller near Chu Lai. There were many jobs waiting for us when we relieved MCB-8 at Camp Miller.

The largest of the initial assignments was the reconstruction of a 26-mile section of Route 1, the allied supply line that stretches from Saigon to Dong Ha. Six was assigned the section linking Quang Ngai with Chu Lai.

To supply the materials needed for the Route 1 job, we took on operation of a rock crusher and quarry and soon the Seabees of Six had the operation running at peak efficiency. After having produced an estimated 125,000 cubic yards of assorted size rock, Six turned over the crusher operation to a civilian contractor in December.

Meanwhile, Six's detail of about 50 men at Tam Ky was busy. They built steel frame cantonments to house an entire battalion of Vietnamese Army forces. Just as the project was nearing completion, however, a Viet Cong attack resulted in the partial destruction of the cantonments.

More fortunate was an addition to the Tam Ky Provincial Hospital built for the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The work of Six's Seabees was hampered only by monsoon rains and the resulting mud. Construction, using Vietnamese brick and some local workers, went along as scheduled, however.

Another top-priority hospital, for the Army's 274th Medical Battalion, was built as a joint project of MCB-40 and MCB-6. Our hand in the construction consisted mostly of barracks and storage facilities.

Much of Six's construction, such as the Army hospital, was in the immediate Chu Lai area. The largest of the projects was the Chu Lai Power Distribution System. When completed, this ambitious project will have yielded more than 900 steel-reinforced concrete power poles and sufficient electric power for a city of 40,000 people.

There were many important projects around Chu Lai. One was the construction of three oil storage tanks for the Naval Support Activities Detachment. Also, additions and improvements were made to the Chu Lai USO. An engine repair shop and a library were built for Marine Air Group 36.

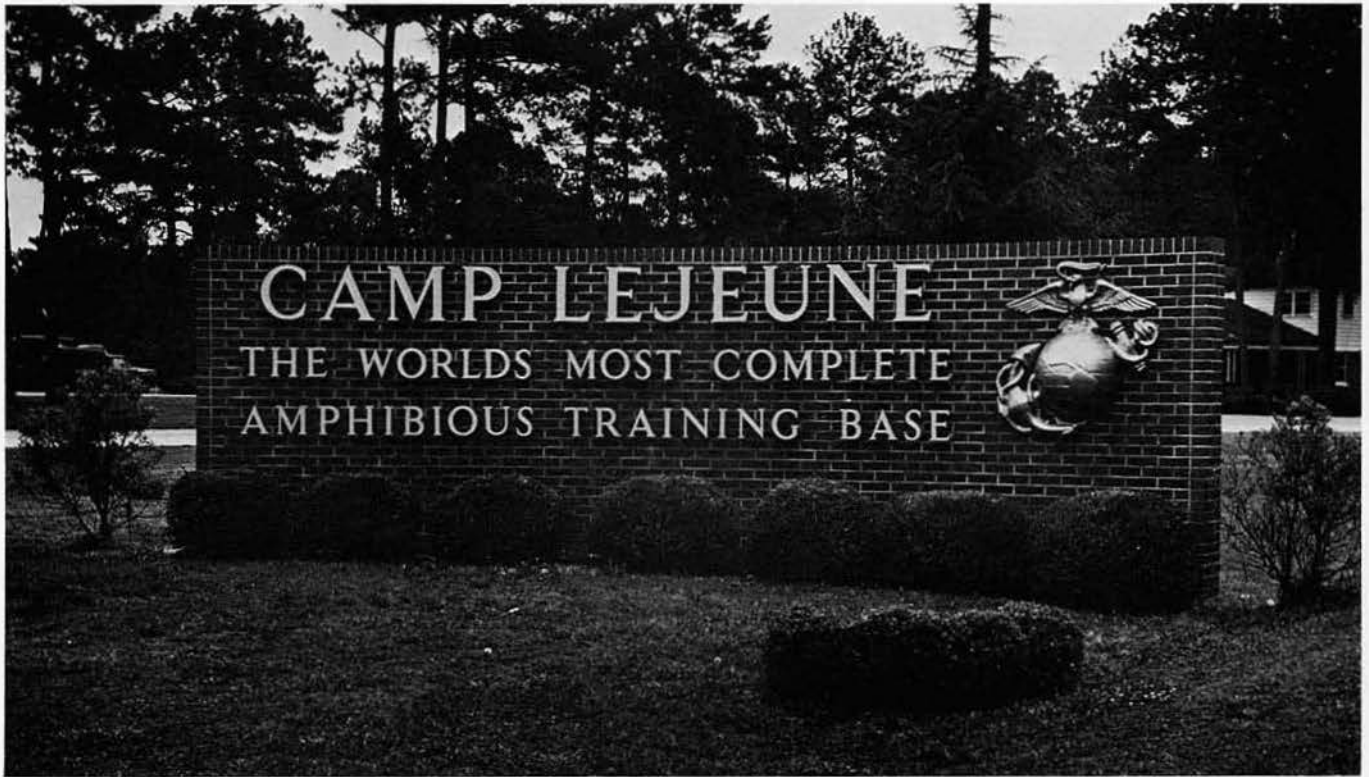
The work was not accomplished without interference. Bridge 13, one of our major projects on Route 1, was destroyed by the VC only two days before it was to be opened. VC satchel charges also destroyed a large crane being used on the Bridge 13 project. Not discouraged by these setbacks, the men of Six repaired the damage and opened Bridge 13 to traffic, still ahead of schedule.

Sniper fire was a common occurrence at the rock quarry and Viet Cong attacks at Tam Ky hampered construction. In one offensive the enemy tried to overrun the Tam Ky Provincial Headquarters, a portion of which was defended by Delta Company builders. When the battle ended the Viet Cong had suffered a major defeat at the hands of the Seabee and Army defenders, leaving over 500 dead. The Seabees had accounted for 46 and destroyed a recoilless rifle position. The U. S. Army Commander at Tam Ky later said MCB-6 personnel performed "up to the standards of an experienced combat unit and were a credit to the entire Seabee organization."

In all, our second RVN deployment was a fruitful one. Our major projects were an ammunition supply point and open storage pads for the Army's Americal Division, the Chu Lai Electrical Distribution System, the Tam Ky and Chu Lai hospitals, petroleum storage tanks, quarry/crusher operations, reconstruction of Route 1 and prefabricated steel buildings in the Chu Lai area.

In our eight months at Chu Lai, we poured enough concrete to build a sidewalk from Davisville to Boston, drove our equipment more than 1 million miles, moved more than 300,000 cubic yards of earth -- enough to build a dam across the Mississippi River -- and built enough storage space for 40,000 automobiles. The value of construction materials used -- \$2,445,912 -- would pay the President's salary for a quarter of a century.

# MILITARY TRAINING



In seeking to carry out its primary mission of "Build and Defend", MCB-6 traveled to Camp Lejeune, the Marine Corps Training Center in Jacksonville, North Carolina in May-June 1967. Seabees received well rounded training in such fields as combat, field medicine, field cooking, demolition, communications and bridge construction.



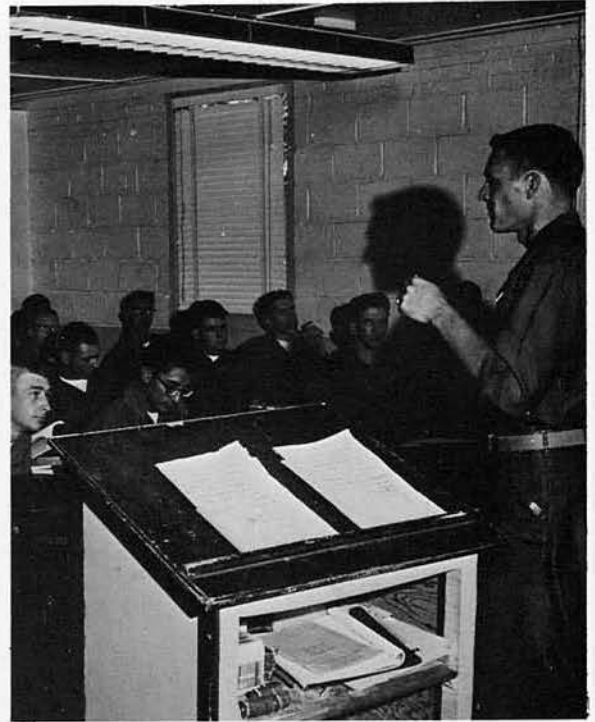


Headquarters Building





Inspections



Classroom

## *TRAINING*



Grenade

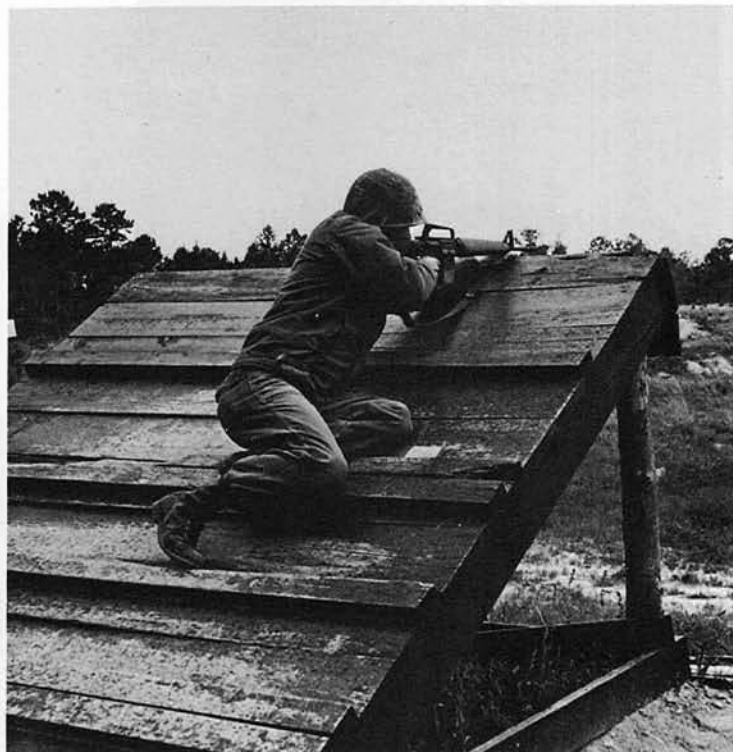


On the line

# ON THE RANGE



Standing



Leaning



Prone



# DEMOLITION



Make a hole



Add silly putty



Add fuse



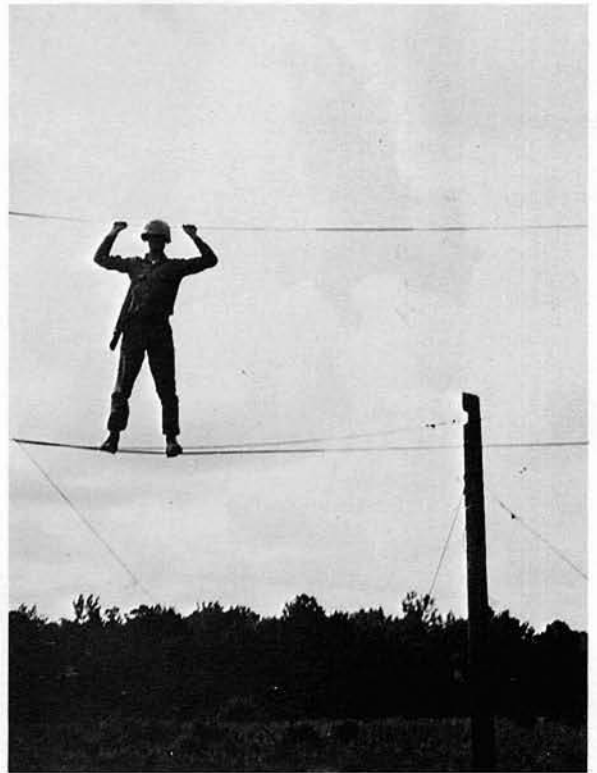
Boom

## RESULTS

# OBSTACLE COURSE



Over the top



Along the line



Under the wire

# FIELD EXERCISE



Trained killers



Patrolling



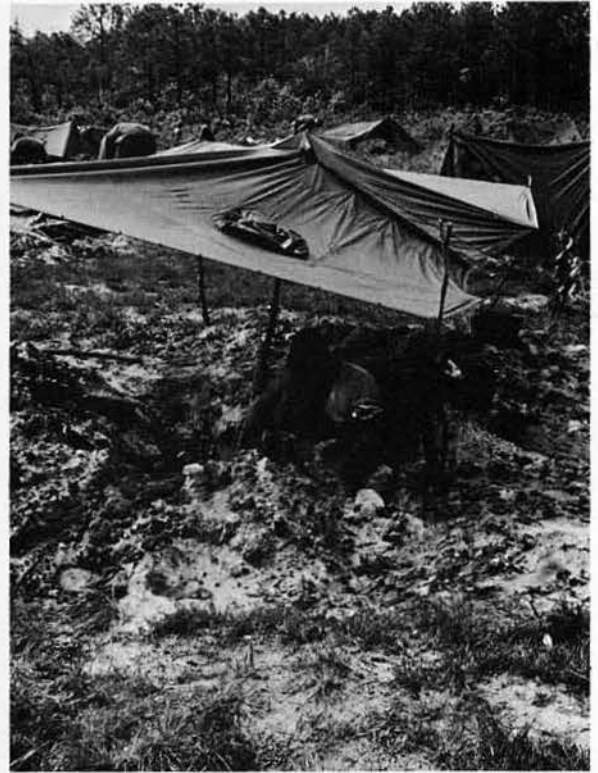
Enemy sighted



# HOME AWAY FROM HOME



Outdoor living



Ready and waiting



M-m-m! C-Rat Chow

# THE ENEMY



Look what I found



They went that way



Good hunting

# PASS IN REVIEW



Maj. Gen. J.O. Butcher USMC  
Cdr. R.D. Keegan CEC USN

Major General Joseph O. Butcher, Commanding General, Camp Lejeune Marine Corps base was the reviewing officer for MCB-6's Pass in Review. This ceremony ended MCB-6's training deployment. Now the battalion would return to Davisville, Rhode Island and await word to "move out".



Reviewing Troops



Pass in review



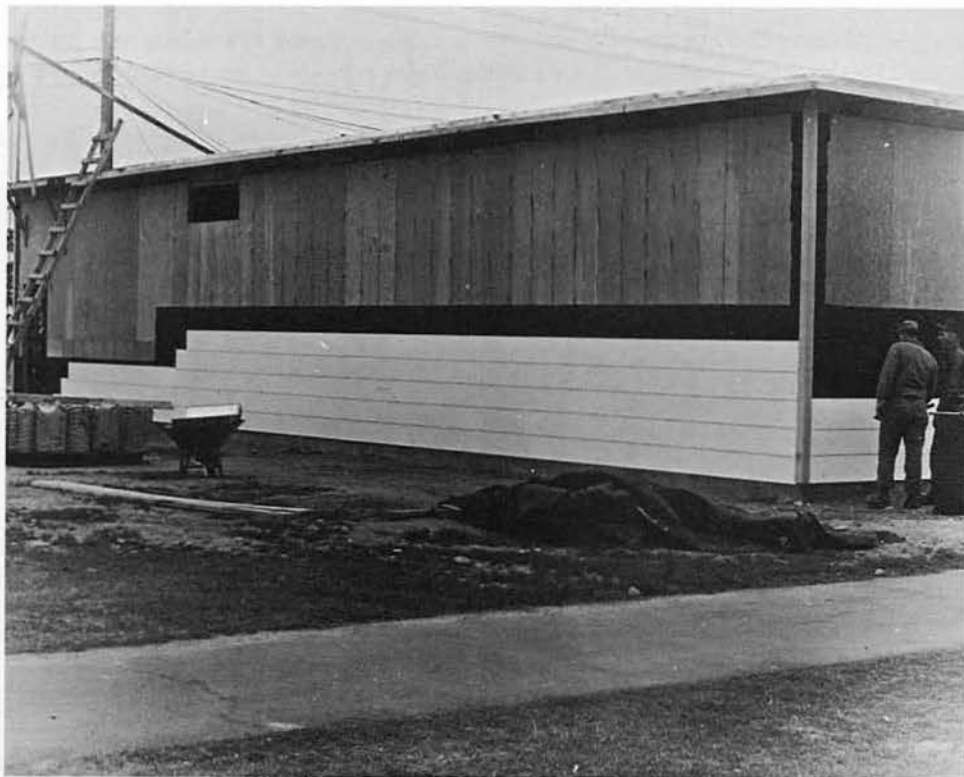
# HOME PORT PROJECT



Felling high



Nut "O" to Bolt "P"



Exchange  
Nearing Completion

# EMBARK EXERCISE



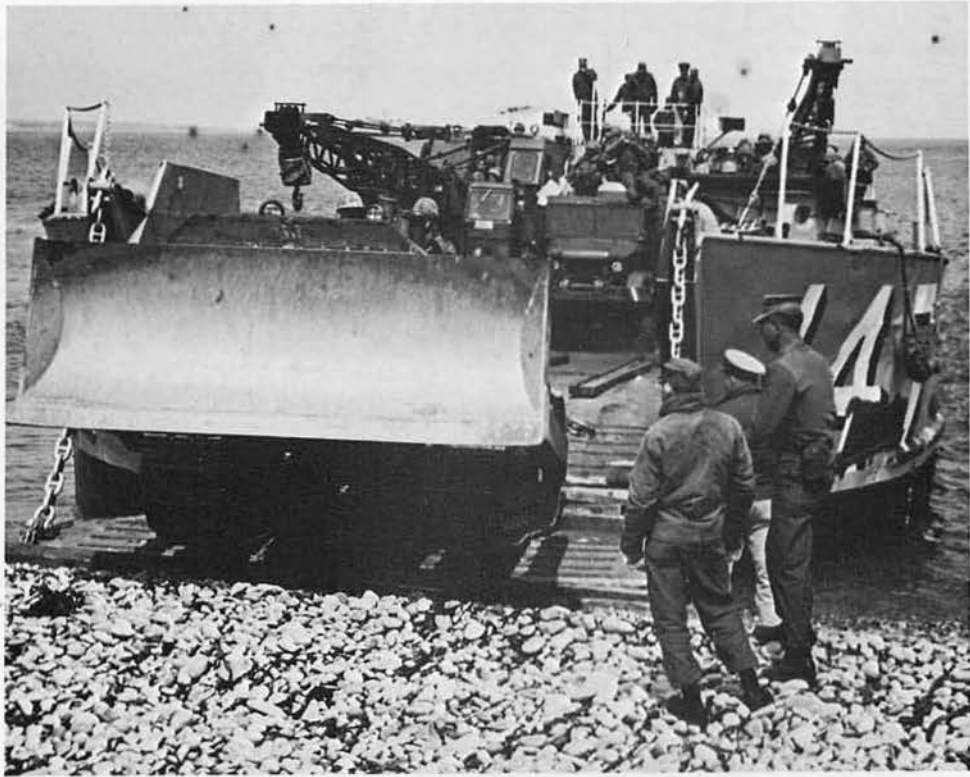
Going aboard



Heading in



Hitting the beach



Moving off the big stuff



Getting the job done



# SEABEE TEAMS



TEAM 0601

Front Row: EAS3 HOBBS; EO1 WHEELER; SWF2 BAKER; BUL2 DILL; CMA2 SWEREDOSKI; EON3 SISNEROS. Rear Row: BUC HOCKETT; EOH2 LESTER; CEP2 TURLICH; UT1 BOULDIN; CMACN NOLEN; Officer in charge: LTJG G. F. EVERHART, CEC, USNR



TEAM 0602

Front Row: BU1 HUMPHRIES; EON2 LAWTER; EONCN REES; SWE2 FOLTS; EAS3 PIRRO; CMHCN WALL. Rear Row: Officer in charge: LTJG SCHOLZ, CEC, USNR; CE1 CRIGGER; EOH2 MC CLELLAN; CMH3 PERREN; UTA 2 JOHNSON; EOC REES.

# ITALIAN FESTIVAL PARADE



Starched greens, spit shined boots-pouring rain



Officers all in step-a rare photo

# AWARDS FOR VIET DUTY



This photo showing Commanding Officer (CDR) R.D. Keegan, CEC, USN presenting the Navy Commendation Medal, the Secretary of the Navy's Commendation for Achievement Ribbon and letters of commendation is representative of the 25 men so honored and whose names appear below.

LT ARMENTROUT CEC  
LT AKSIONCZYK CEC  
LTJG VROMAN SC  
LTJG STORSTEEN  
LTJG POU CEC  
LTJG SCHOLZ CEC  
SWC PIVIDORI  
EOC REES  
BUC HOCKETT

BUCS GIAMO  
SKC VALKO  
BUC MEYERS  
SK1 JAMERSON  
BU1 WELESKI  
SW1 EICKHOFF  
BU1 SMITH  
UT1 IGO  
BUR2 DILL

BUL2 EDDY  
BUL2 DRURY  
BUL2 HONTZ  
HM2 THETFORD  
BU2 HAEFNER  
CMA3 CAUDELL





Some sang



Some danced

## *BA TTALION PARTY*



# BATTALION PARTY



Some ate



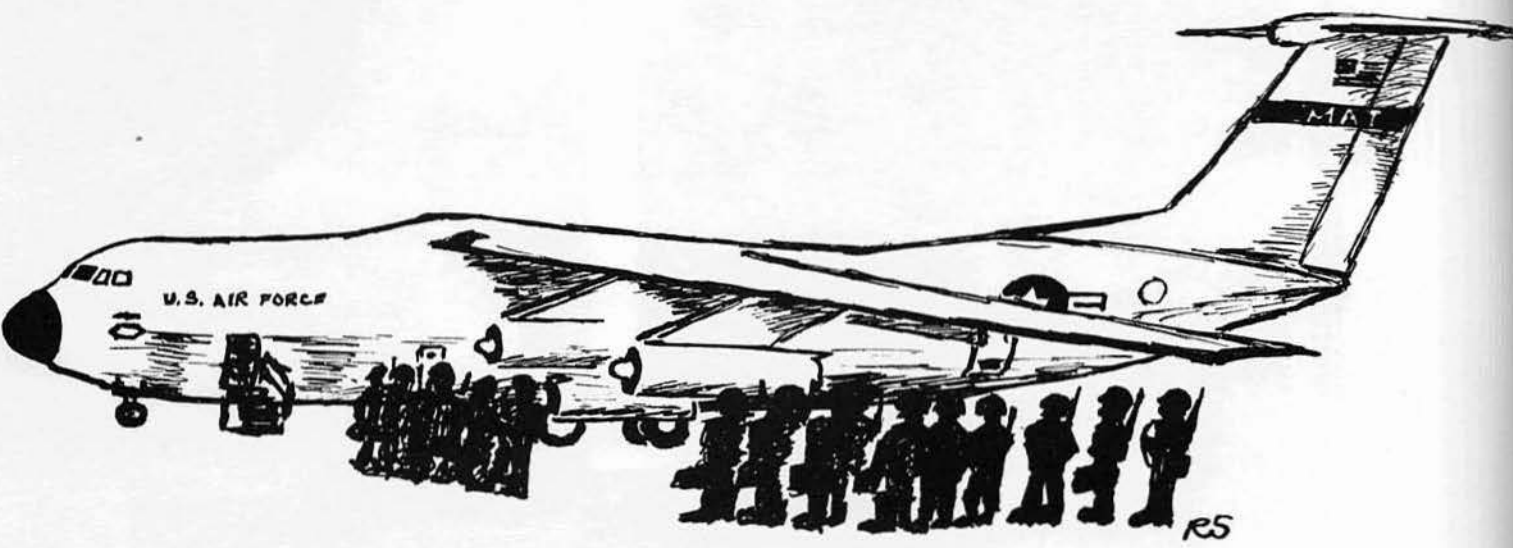
Some drank



Some . . .

All enjoyed themselves

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE



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In early August, 1967, MCB-6 left Davisville for an eight-month tour in Vietnam. Our new home was Camp Miller, near Chu Lai. The weather was hot, the land and the people were strange and new to us, but we settled down to do the work we had to do. Construction was the keynote of the deployment, but it was not the only thing we did as the pages that follow show. Somehow, while we were working and in our precious spare time, we managed to have a lot of fun.





*CIVIC*

*ACTION*



CDR Keegan at Sam Linh



Chaplain Bowes distributes gifts from the States

Early in the deployment we started a civic action-MEDCAP program for the villages of Sam Linh, An Ton and Chu Lai. Every week the doctor and the dentist went out to treat the villagers. The chaplain also went to distribute clothing and health aids sent by churches and civic groups back in the States. The time and effort involved was a small price to pay for the good will they produced.



"I guess they're friendly, but..."





Helping the villagers to better dental health



Chaplain Fennell and friends



Preventative medicine for the children





Civic action on an "eye-to-eye" basis



"There's enough for everyone"



Children, children everywhere

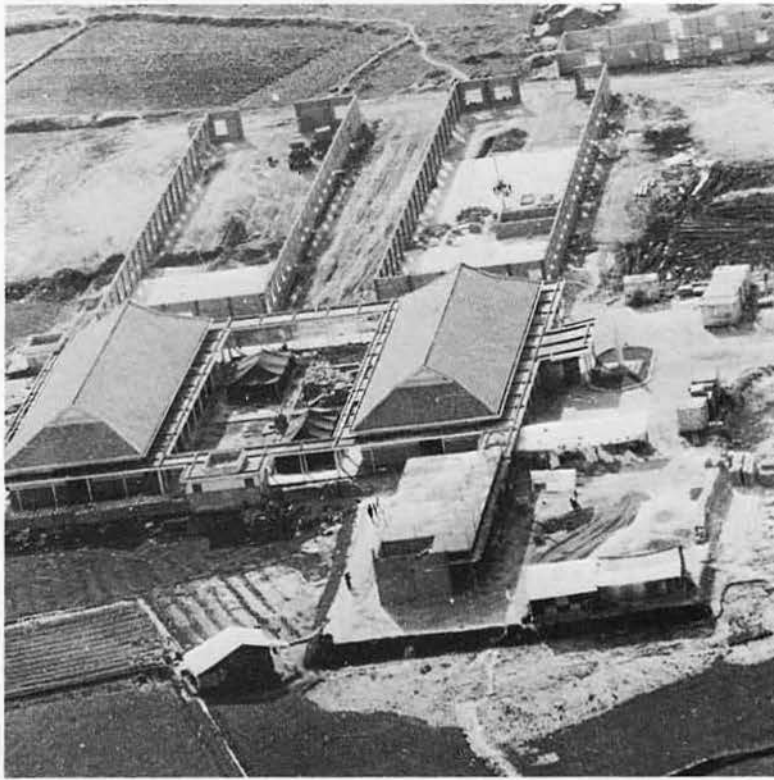


Buddies



Increased Viet Cong hostility near the end of the deployment brought an end to the civic action program, but not before it had given the villagers much valuable medical, dental and general health care.





Tam Ky Provincial Hospital

*DETAIL  
AT  
TAMKY*



A Seabee mud-mover



Our gang



Monsoon mud



A floor for the hospital



Saw that wood!



ARVN cantonments



Vietnamese workers





Smoothing the floor



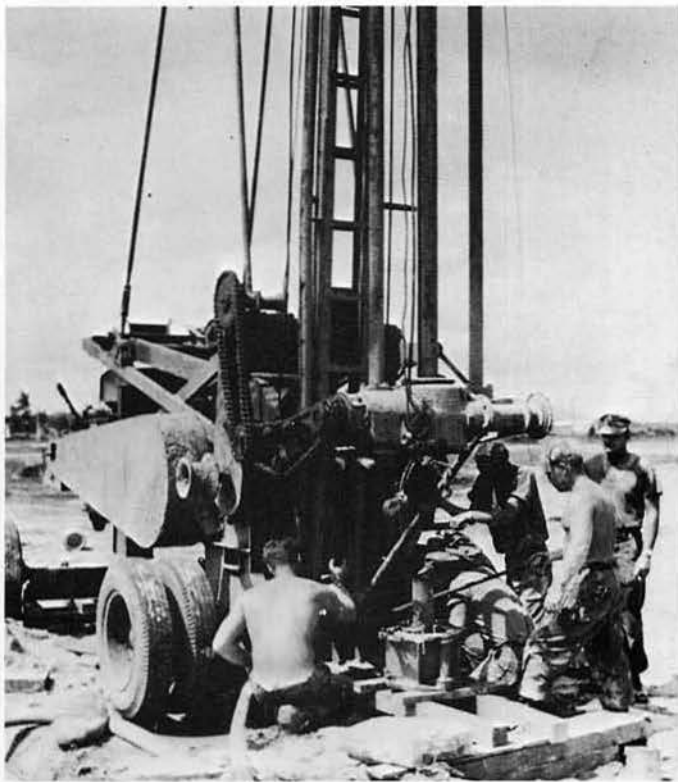
The walls go up



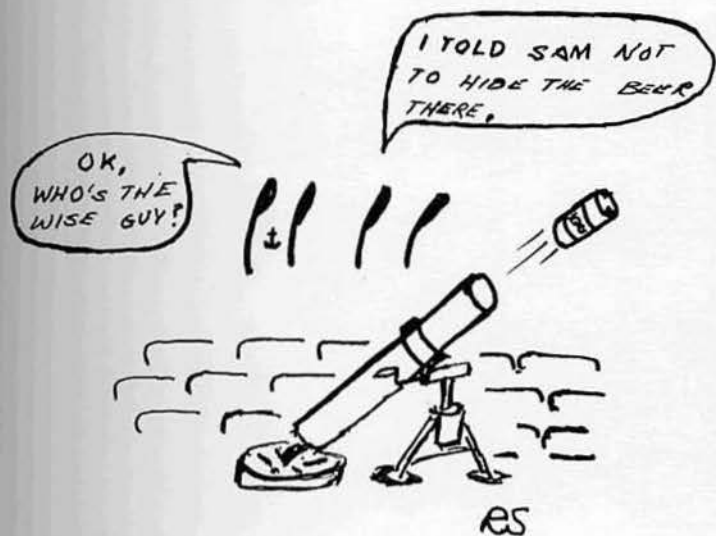
A little mud can't stop us



"We're ready!"



There's water down there somewhere





Moving earth the Seabee way



Moving earth the Vietnamese way





Mixing mortar



The foundation comes first



Vietnamese brick for the hospital



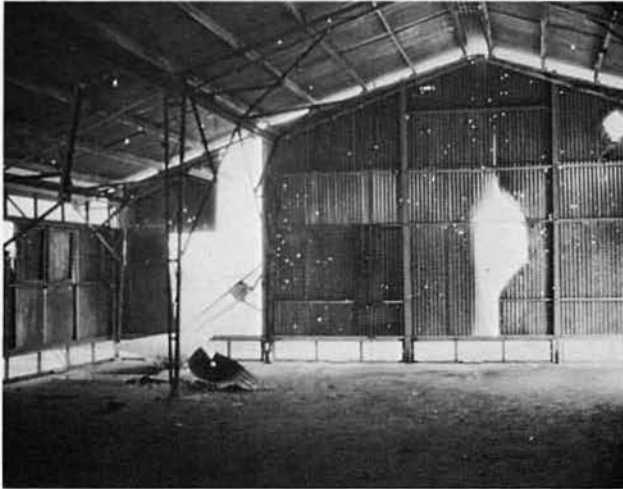
lay it straight, men



The Seabees fought from bunkers

In the early morning hours of 31 January, 1968, our men at Tam Ky were attacked by a large force of Viet Cong. The fighting was fierce but, in a few hours, the VC retreated, leaving 581 bodies in the field. The Seabees had only one man wounded.

A few day later, Army Lieutenant Colonel Philip L. Bolte, the senior United States Officer in the Tam Ky area, sent a letter to CDR Keegan praising the actions of SIX's small force at Tam Ky.



The ARVN cantonments were hit

The letter read, in part:

"The major thrust of the enemy attack was directed against the Quang Tin Province Headquarters. The MCB-6 camp . . . occupied a critical location during the battle.

"The timely and effective flanking fire brought to bear on the enemy force by the Seabees was a major factor in the annihilation of the penetrating force.

"The Seabees brought effective fire against the enemy force . . . numerous casualties were also inflicted on the enemy force both before and after daylight by small arms fire and 3.5 inch rockets.

"The combat performance of the Seabees during this action was up to the standards of experienced combat units and reflects great credit on the entire Seabees organization."



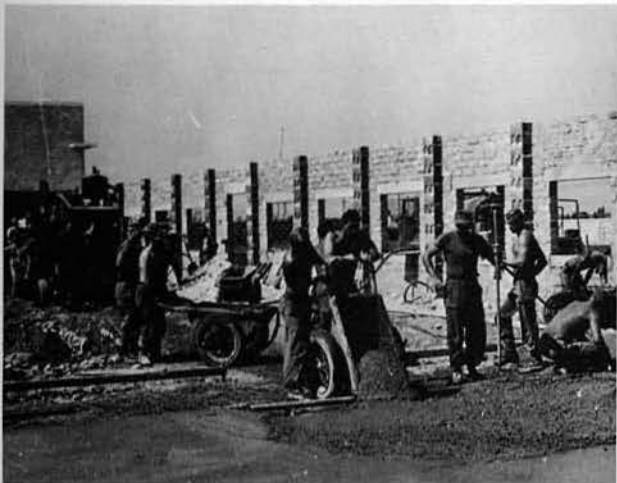
Post crisis conference



First the foundation....



Then the walls....





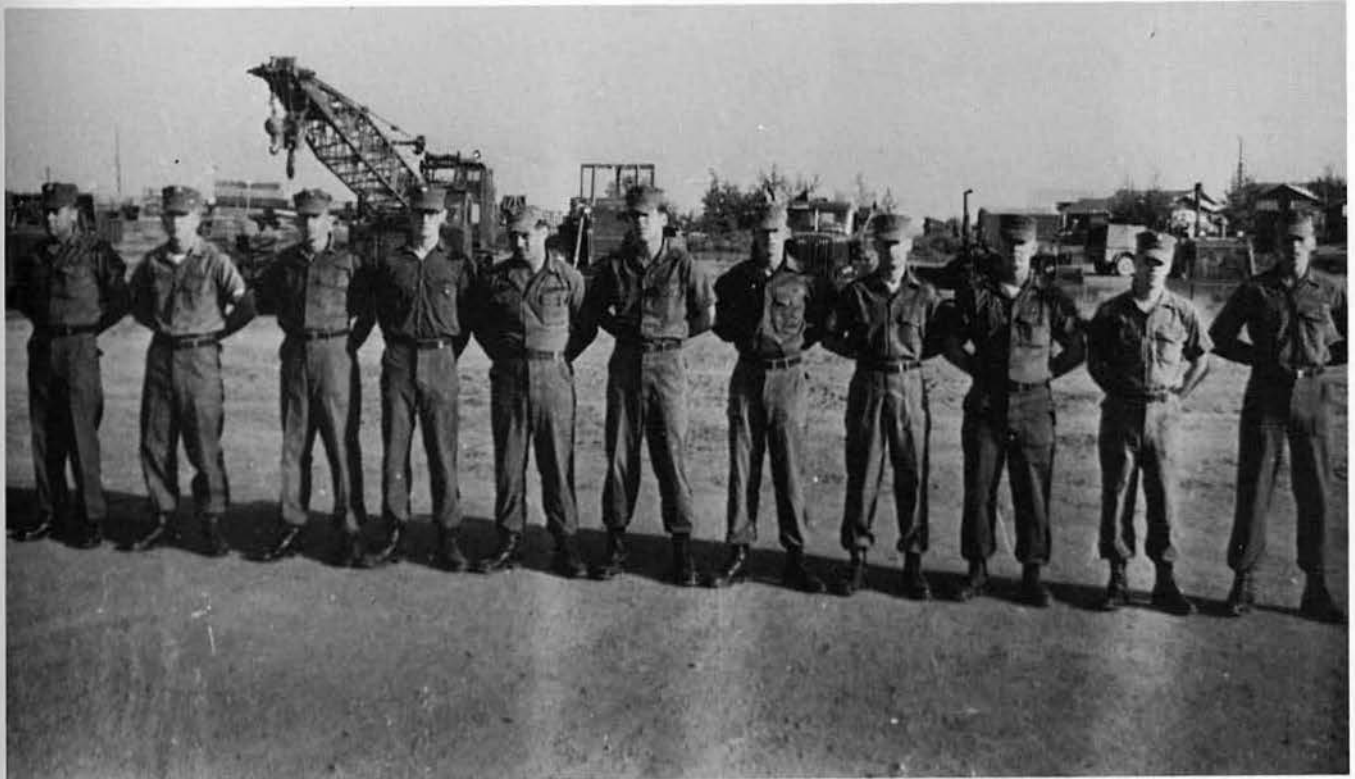
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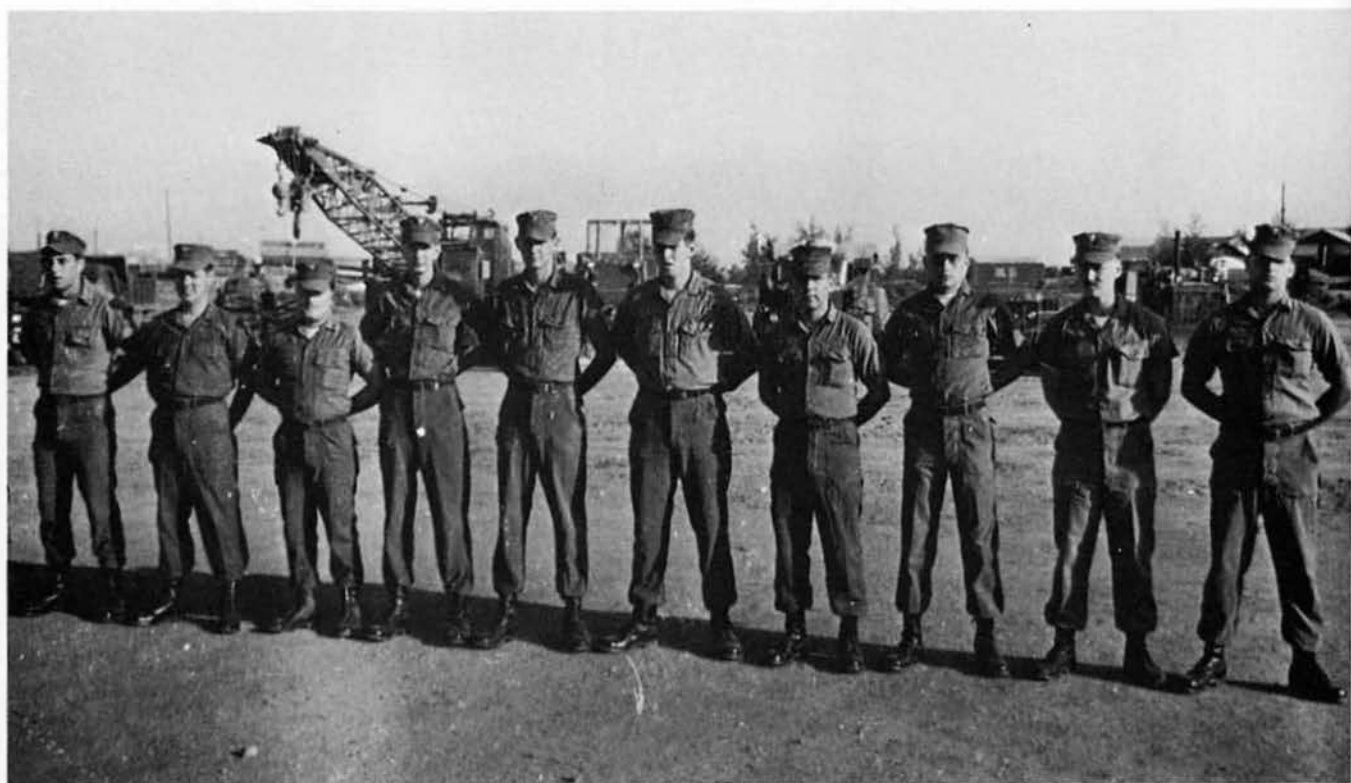


Lt. S. A. Martinelli  
"A" Company Commander

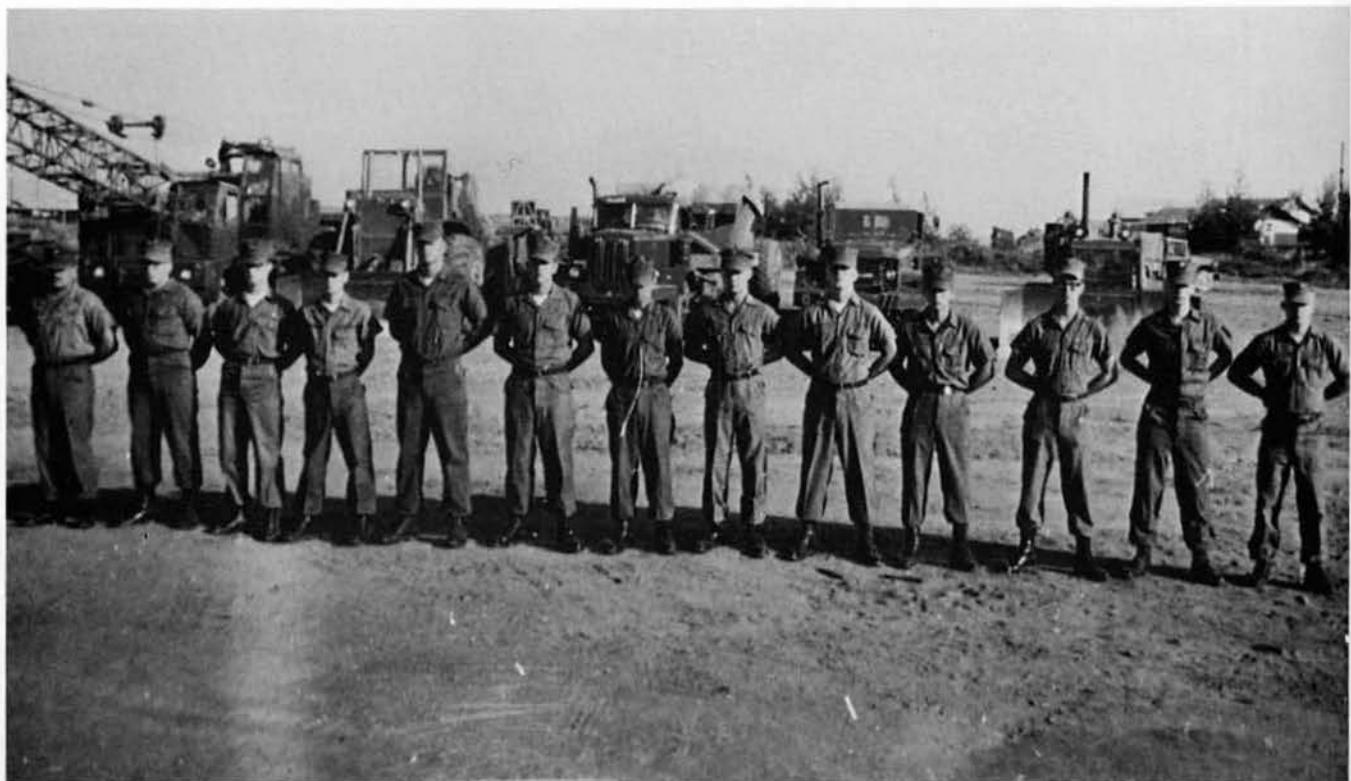
Everywhere we worked, there was a job for Alpha Company. There was always a need for materials and the machinery to move and mold them. Alpha Company's EO's and CM's made sure the needed equipment was on hand and in good working order.



FIRST PLATOON, FIRST SQUAD (l. to r.) Mickler, Field, J. E. Pringle, E. A. Gluckey, R. A. Aloisi, R. J. Mack, K. E. McDaniel, R. W. Minigan, R. B. Daley, J. L. Potvin, T. J. Fearon.

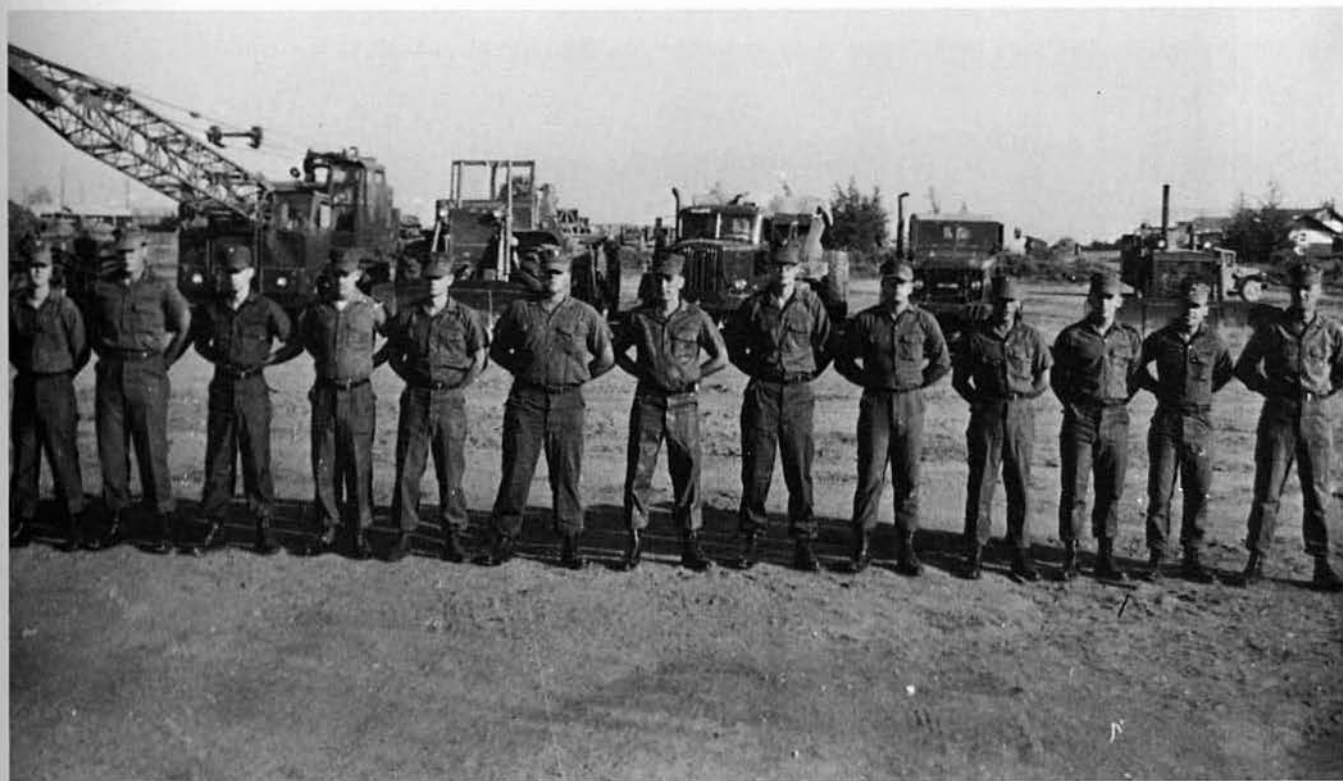


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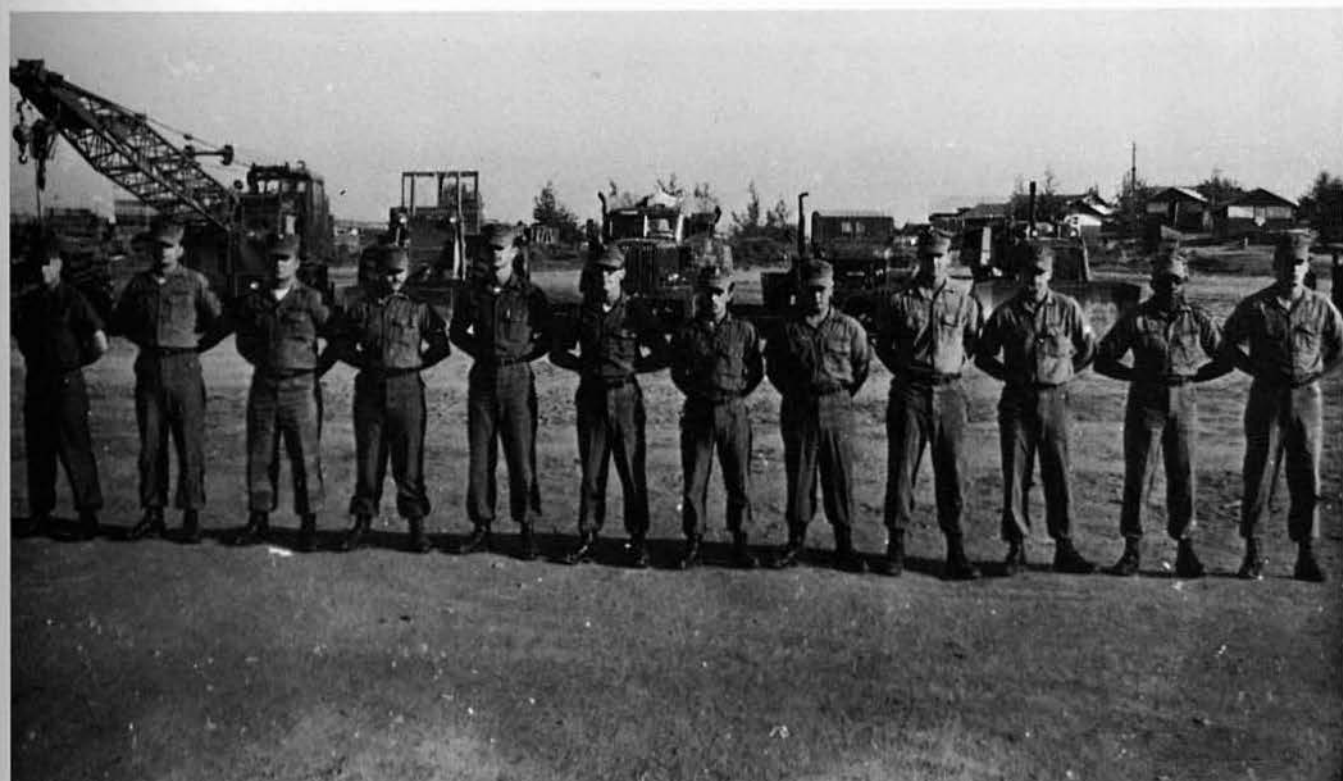


FIRST PLATOON, THIRD SQUAD (l. to r.) A. L. Reith, S. T. Sweeney, M. L. Hayes, K. E. Waters, R. K. Dawson, J. H. Charest, J. F. Washburn, V. D. Jackson, R. S. Bowton, R. D. Cochran, Farler, W. Yocum, J. Temple.

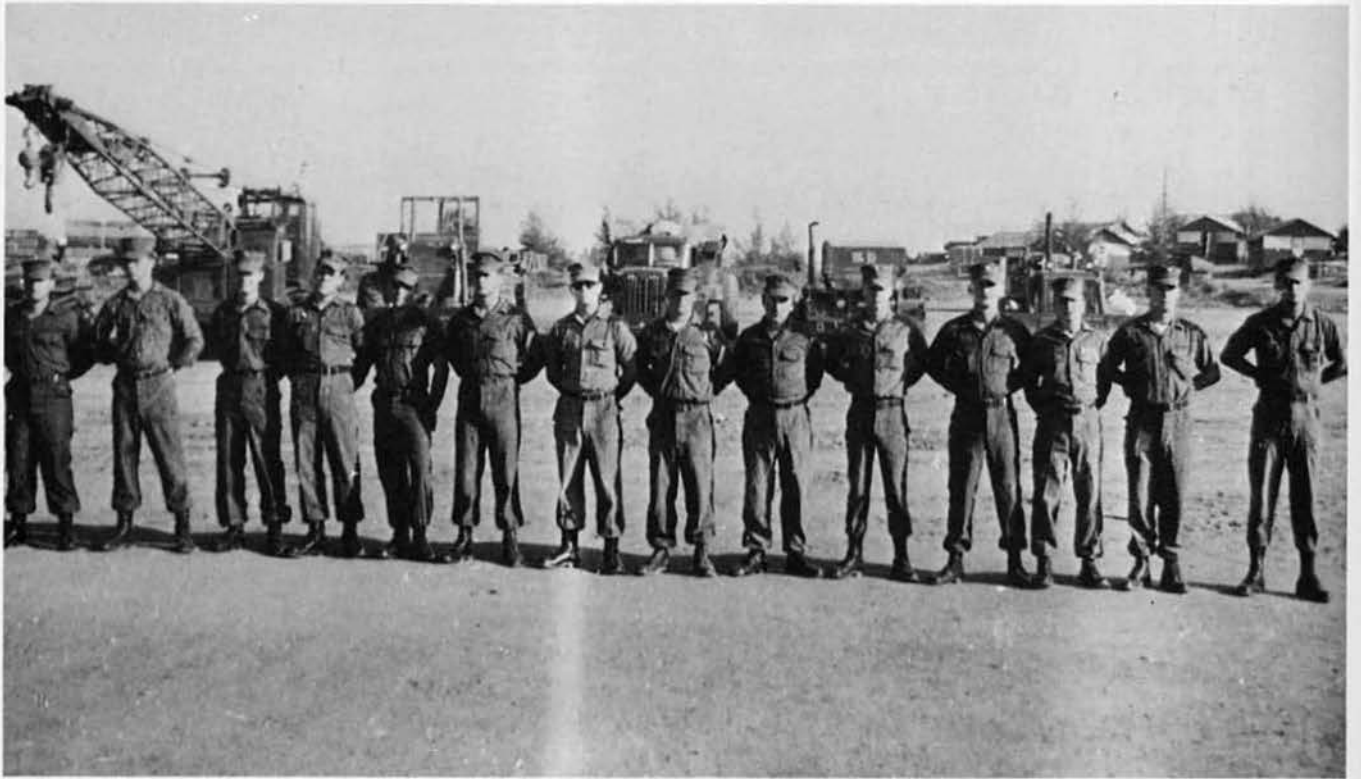




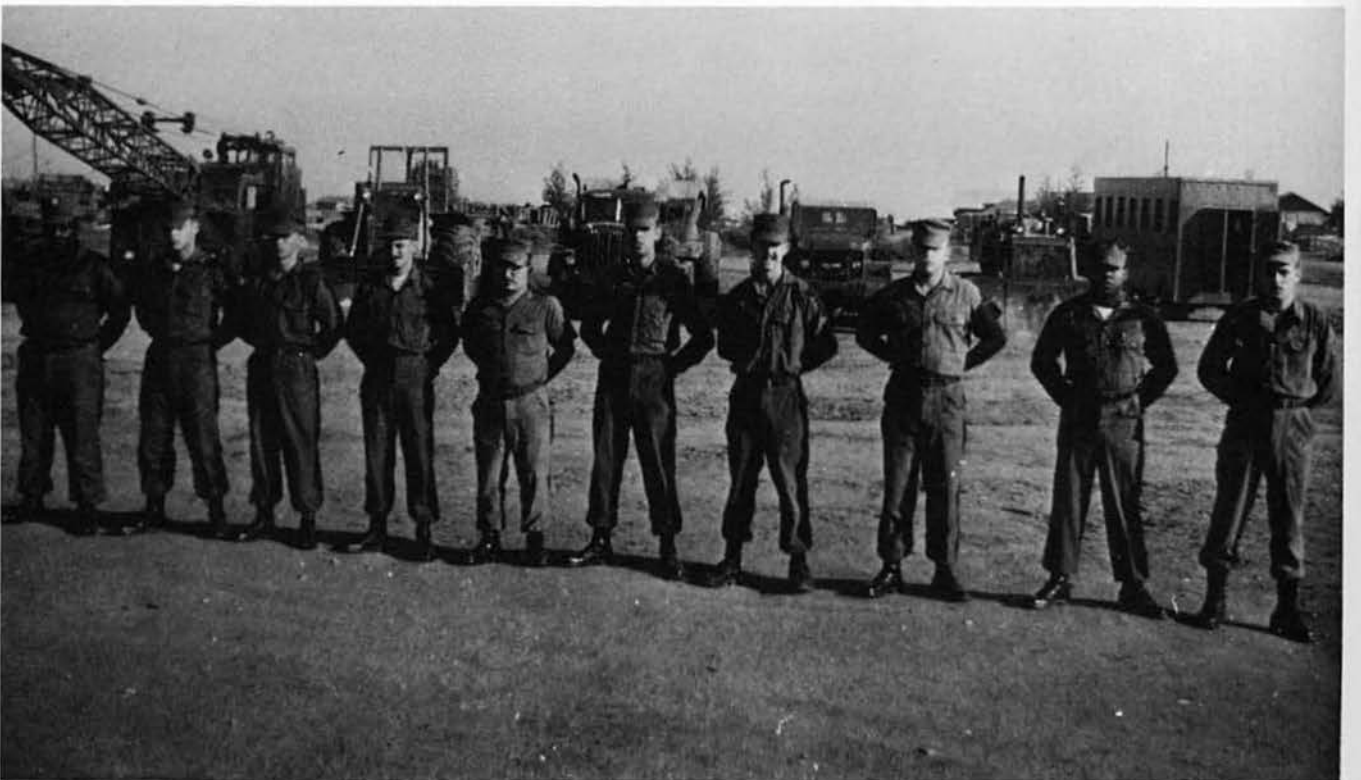
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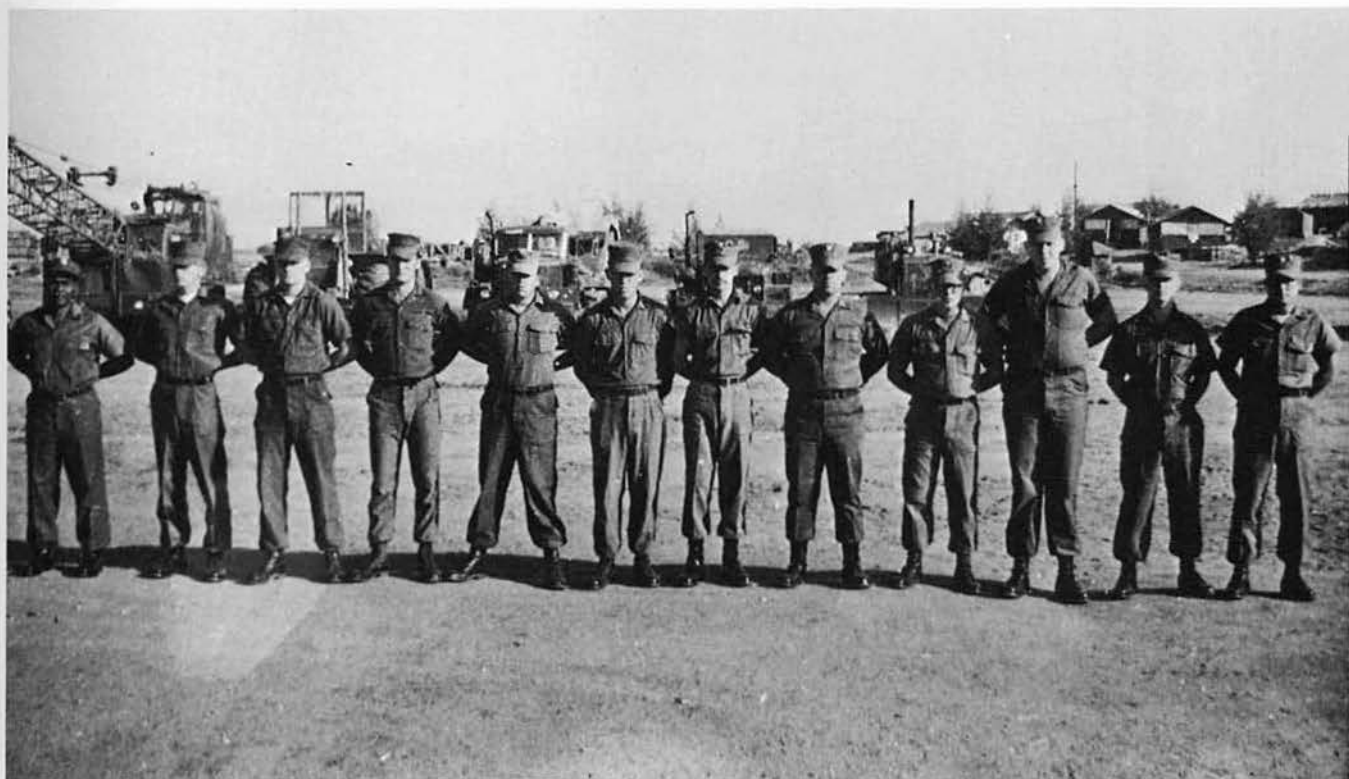
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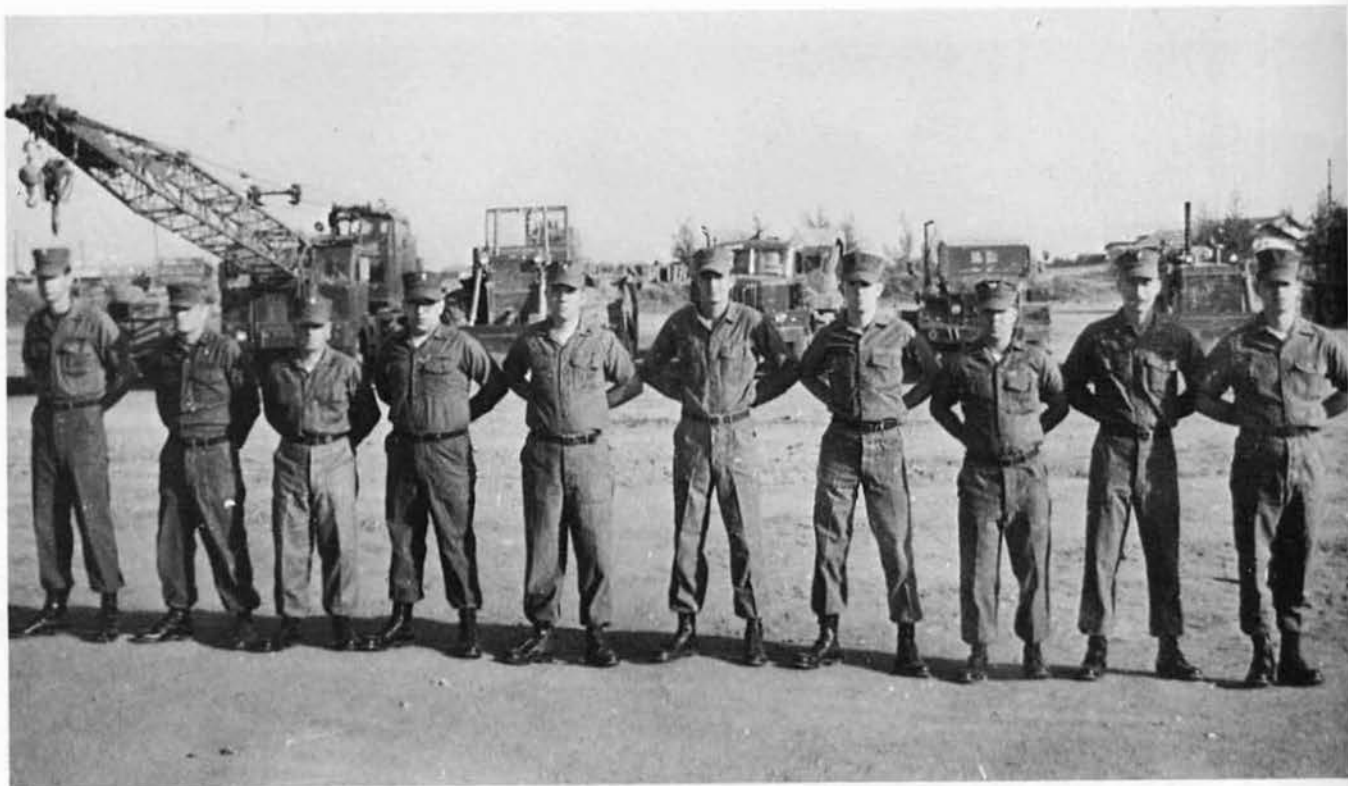
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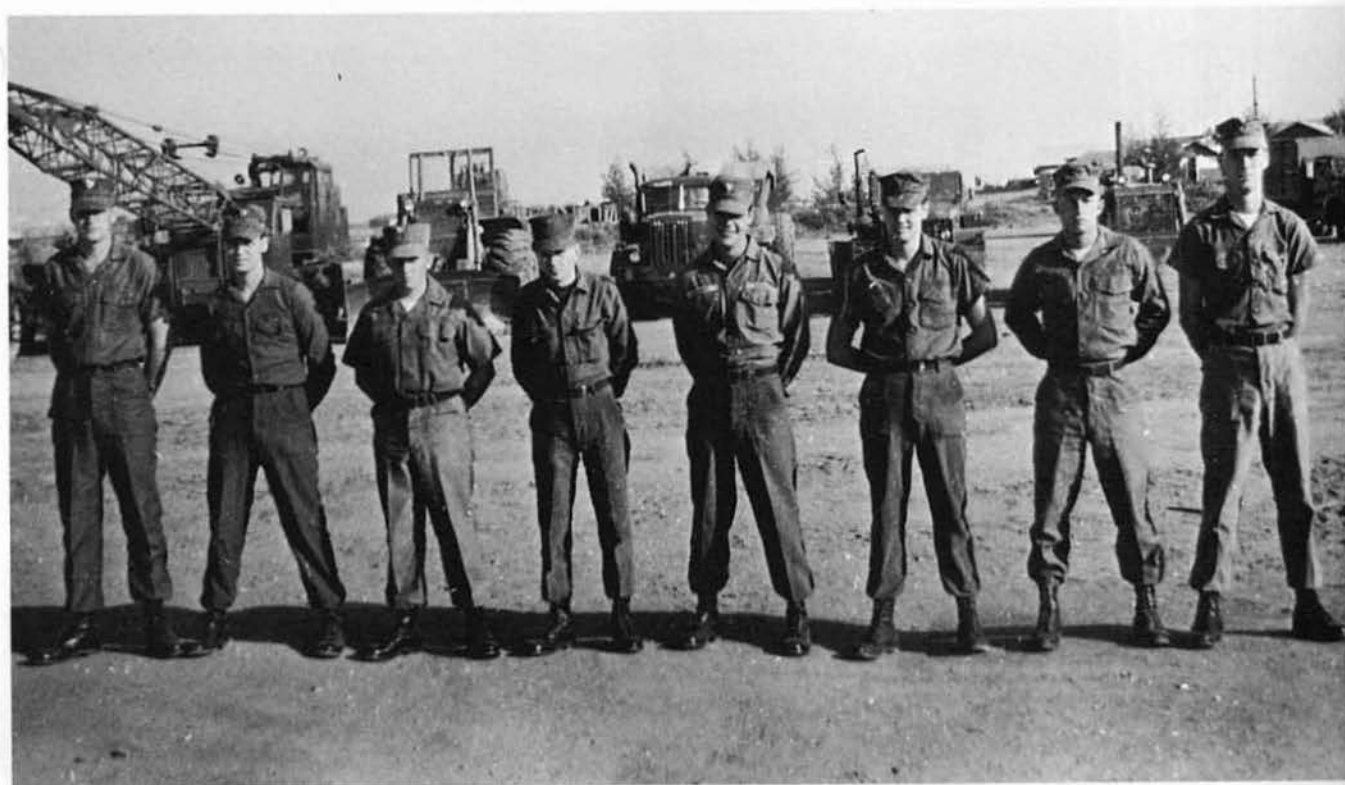
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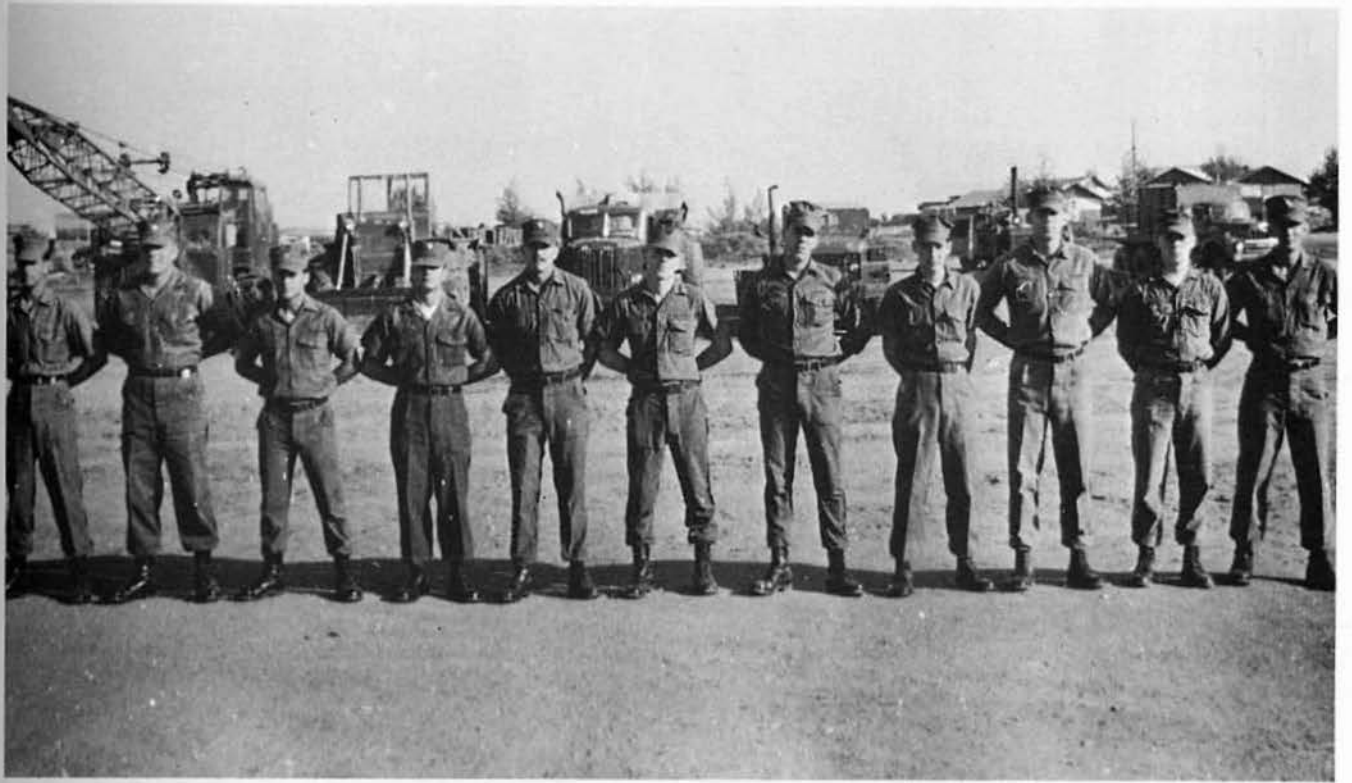


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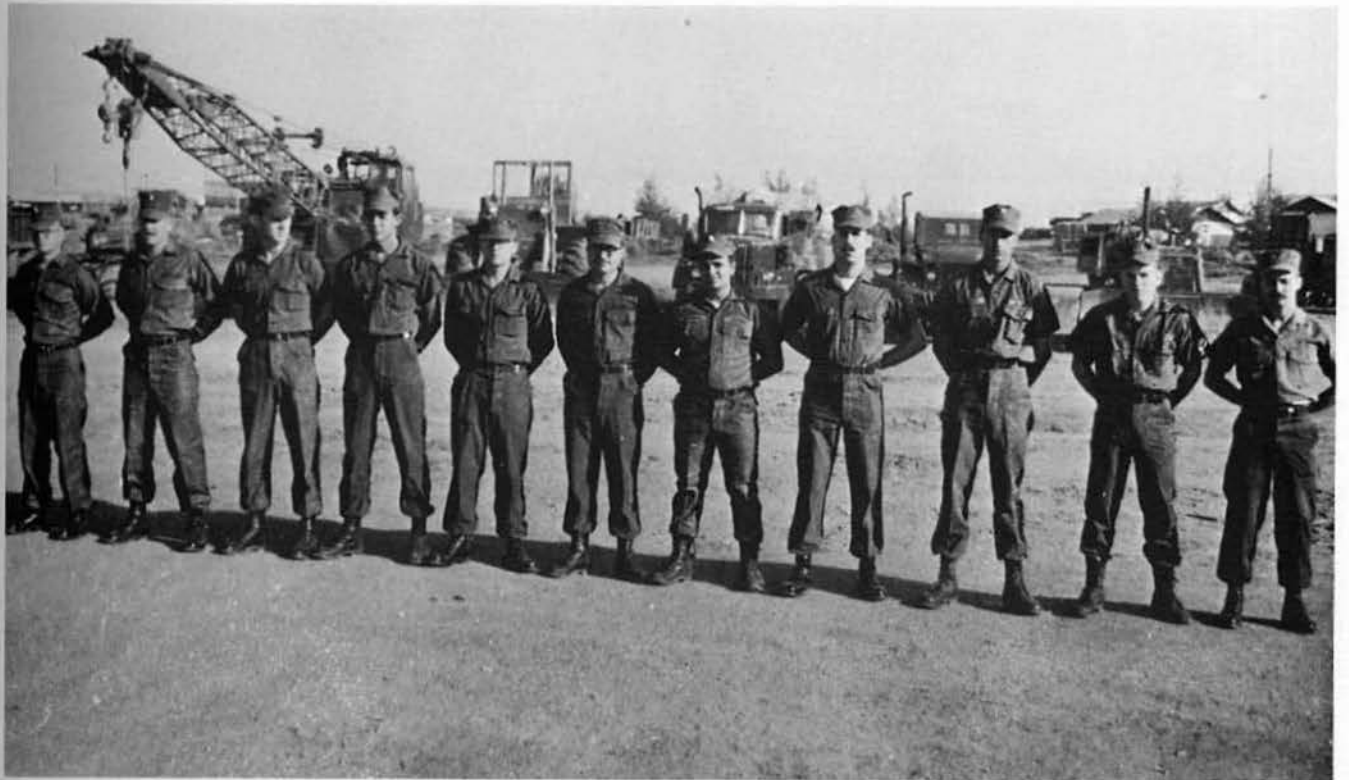


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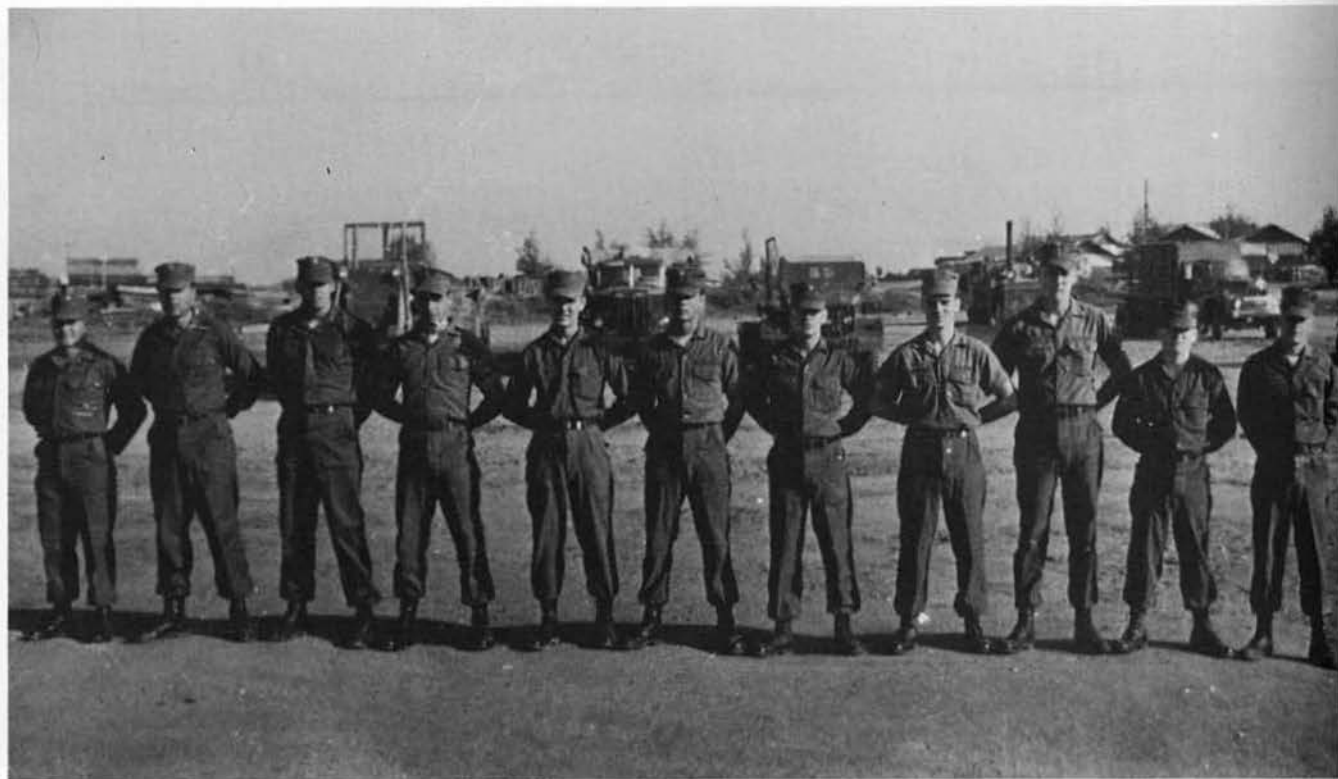
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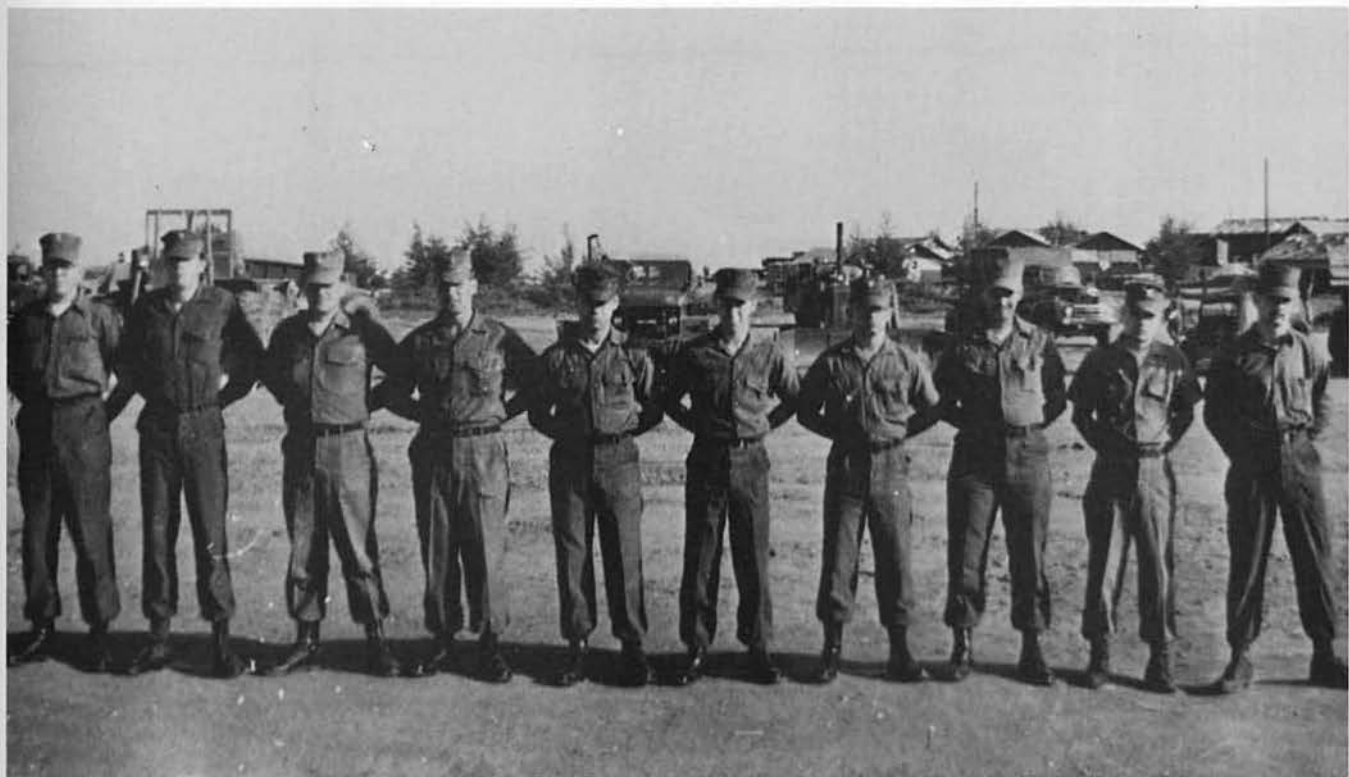
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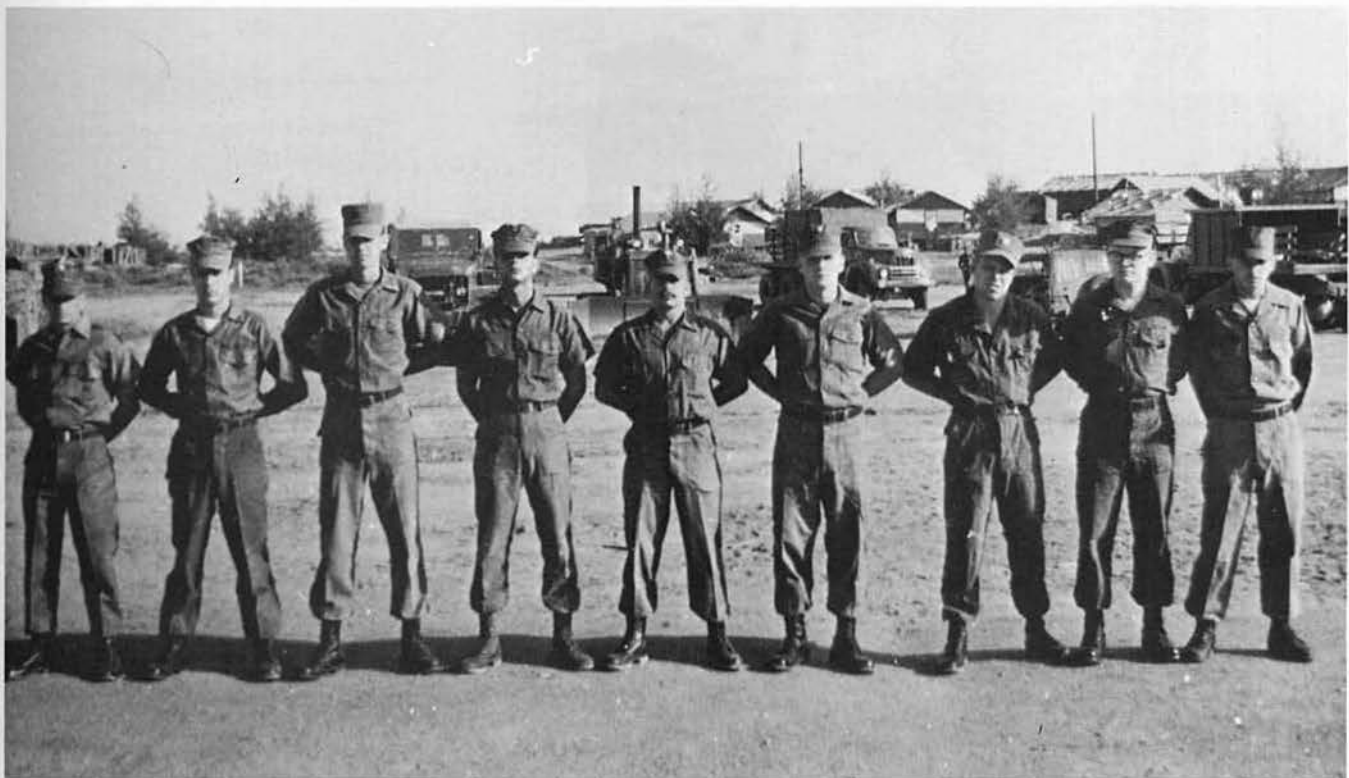
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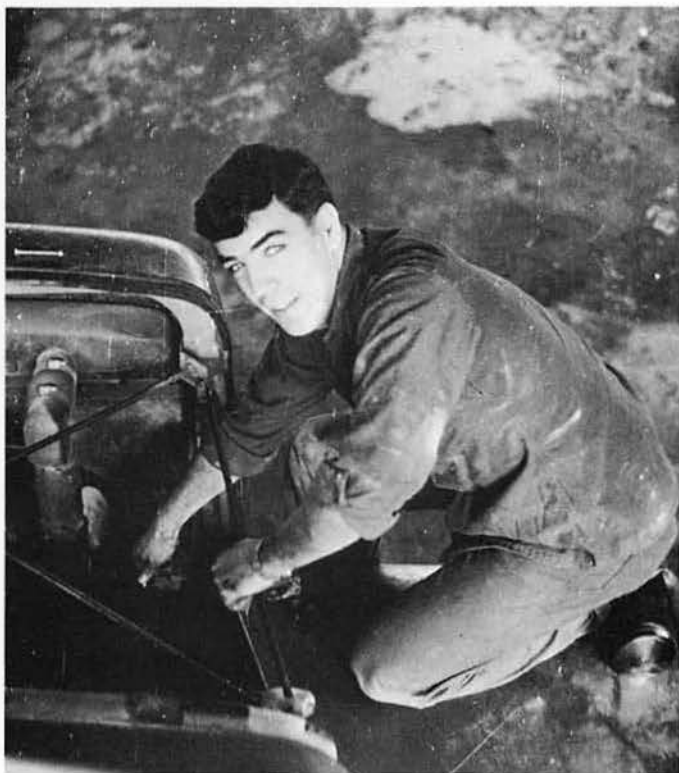


A little steam works wonders



The right tool for the right job

# ALPHA COMPANY WORKING AND RELAXING



Truck doctor at work



Let's plan this job before we start



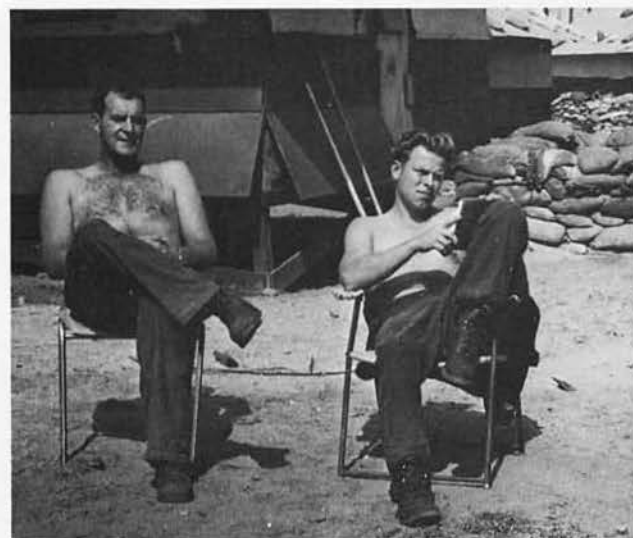
A Seabee with "rythm"



Thinking of home?



Why shouldn't we enjoy our work?



Relaxing by the "hootch"....



....and at the luxurious showers



We move the earth!



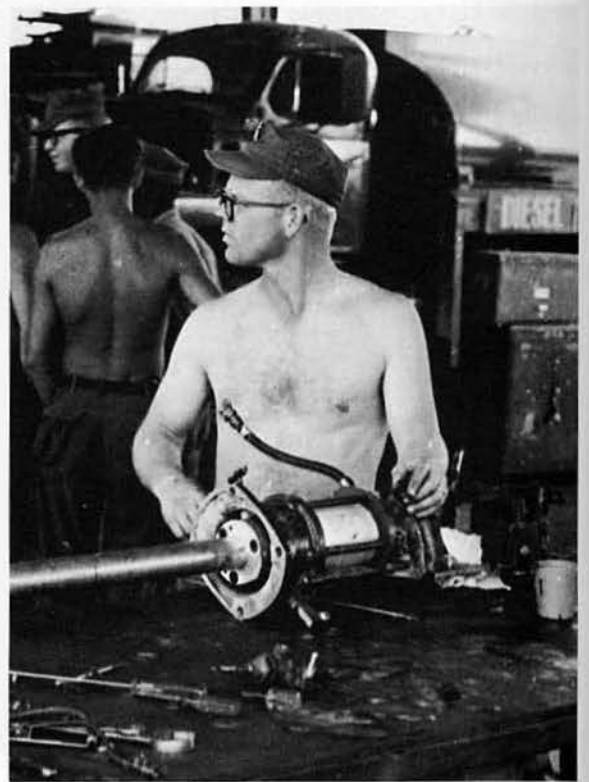
Only one thing can get these hands clean....



Explosives can be a relaxing hobby



Upholding the "Peapicker" image



"Now where did I put the watchamacallit?"





This damage due to VC -- not CM's



This job keeps you on your toes



The "roadrunners" pause for a picture



"What?"



Making the sparks fly





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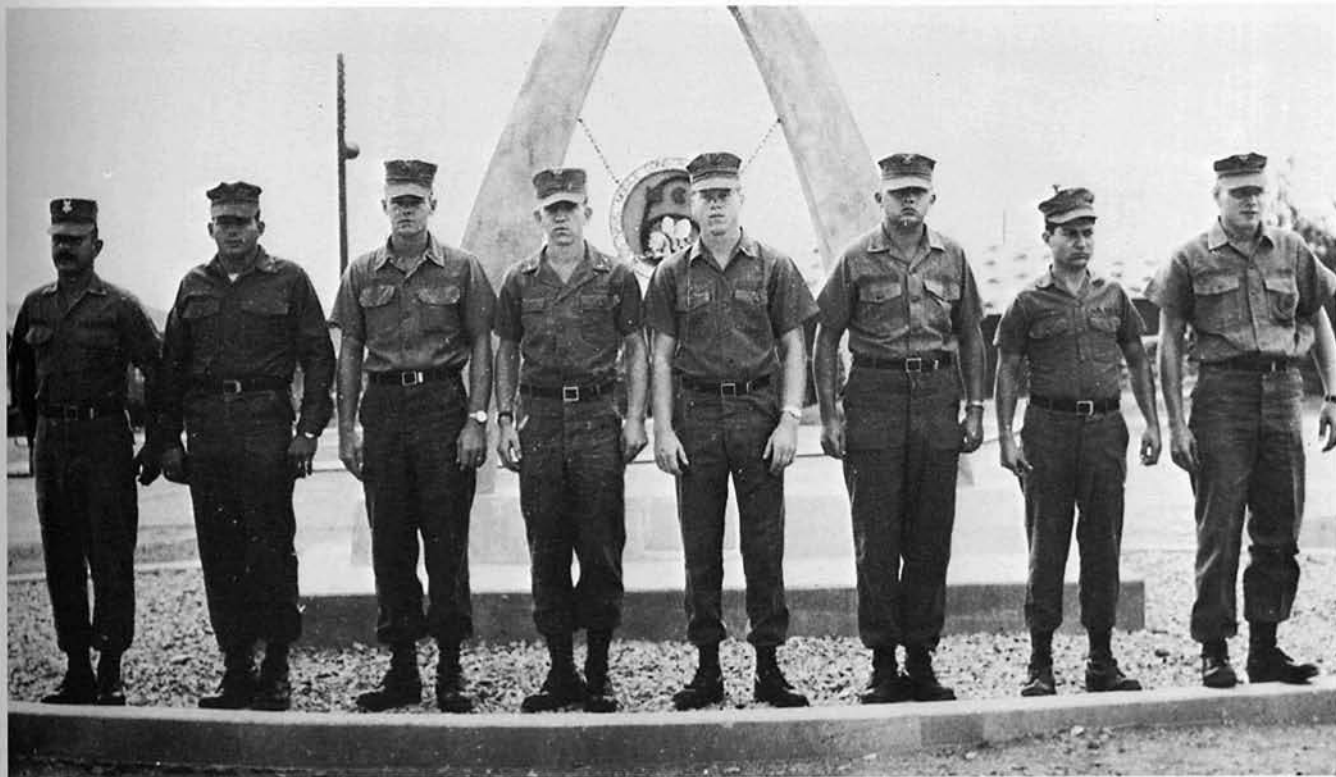
WO R. M. DuBay  
"B" Company Commander

The men of Bravo Company were involved in almost all the projects SIX worked on in Vietnam. Composed of men from several rates, Bravo Company was one of SIX's more versatile companies. Steel-workers, utilitiesmen, builders and construction electricians—all contributed to the completion of SIX's construction projects.



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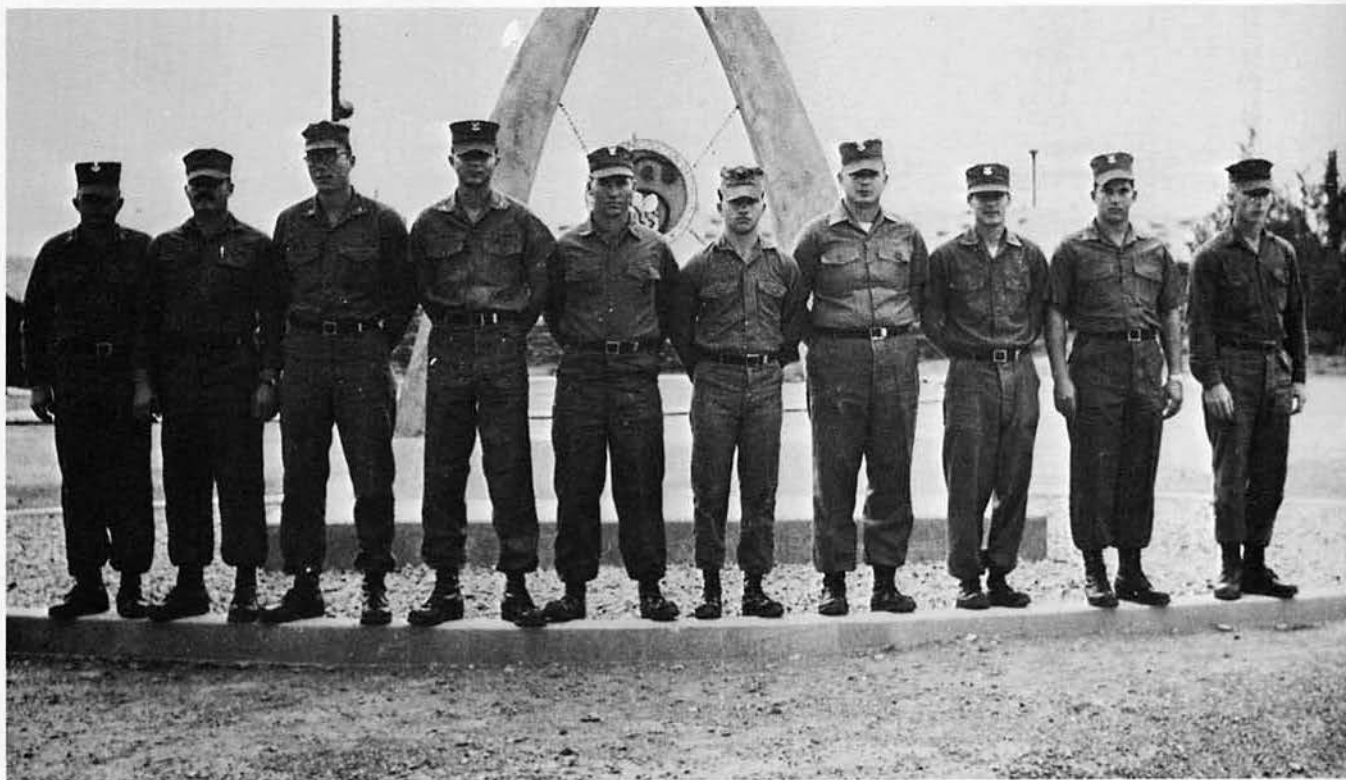




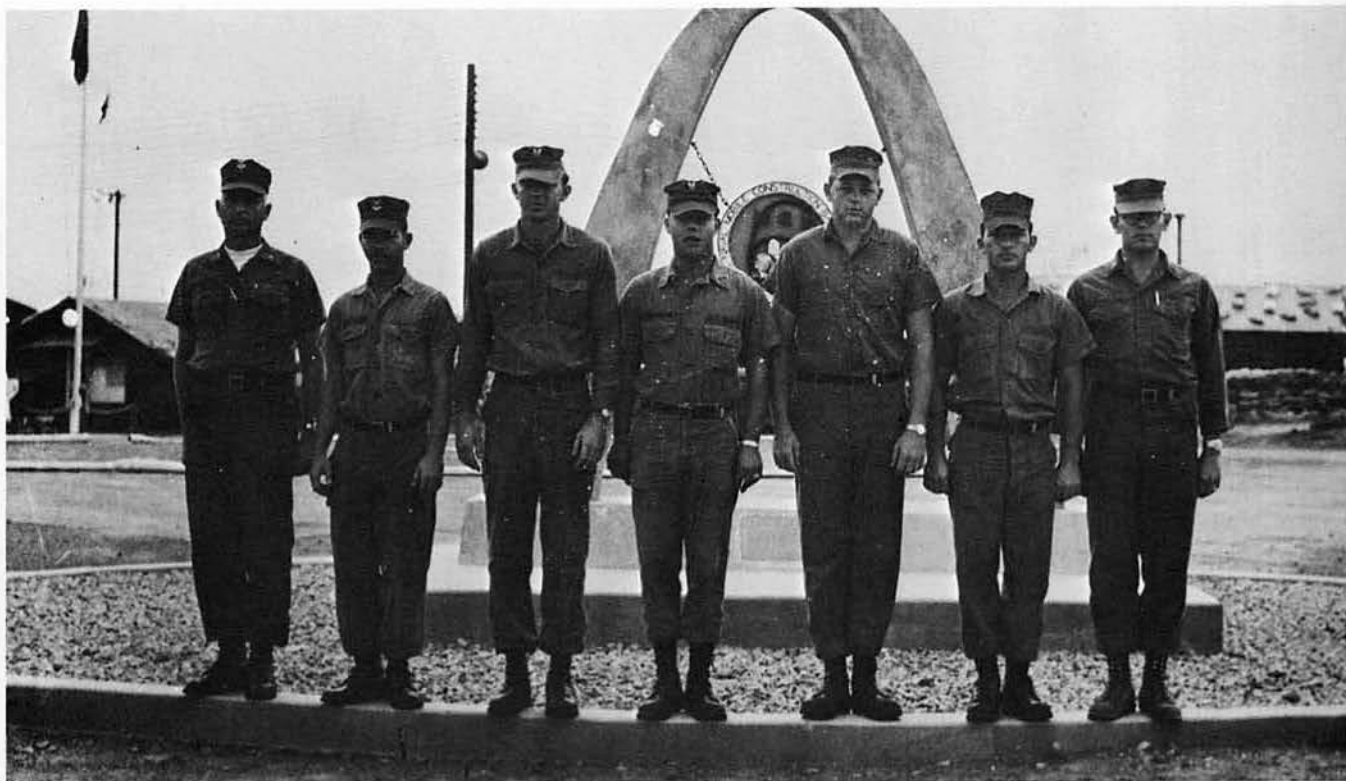
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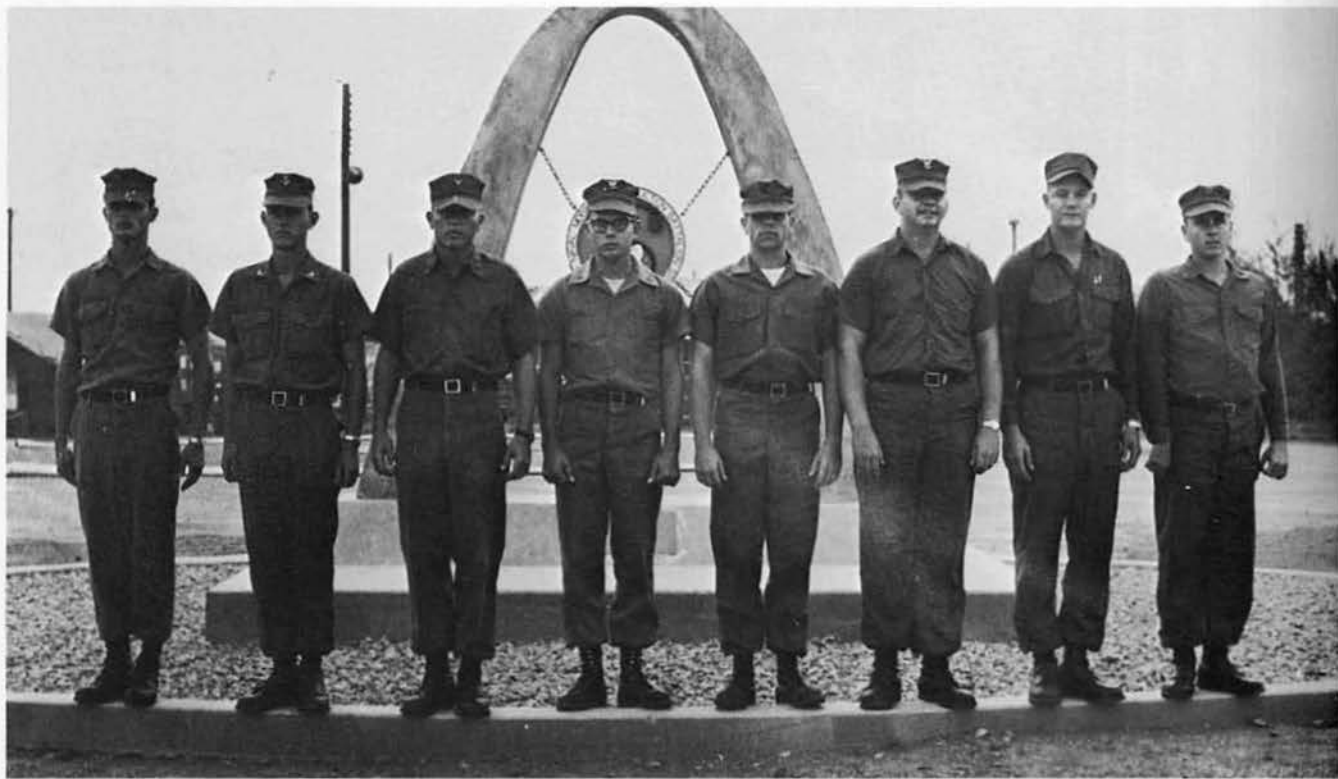
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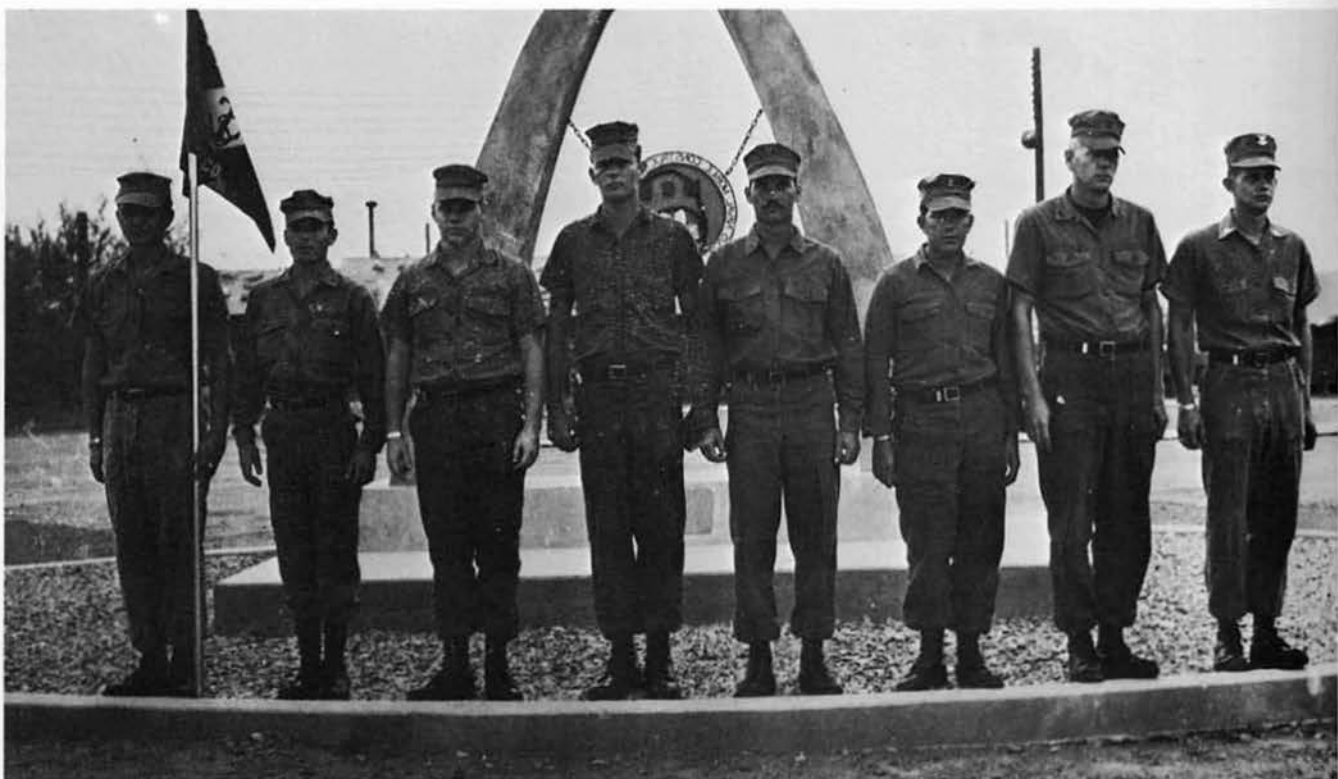
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# BRAVO COMPANY CANDIDS



Of course we know what we're doing



Keeping Busy



Artist at work



Obviously a two-man job



Faces at random



The poles go up





Laying pipe



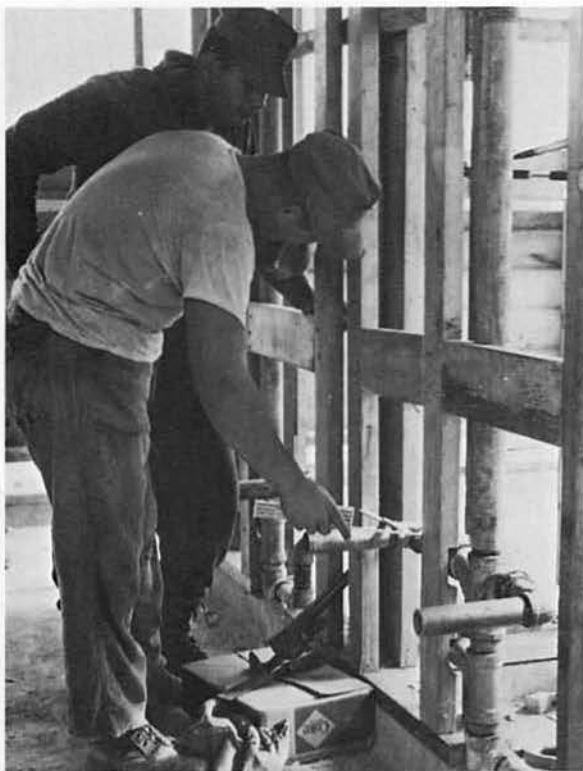
Stuck truck



At work in the "B" Co. shops



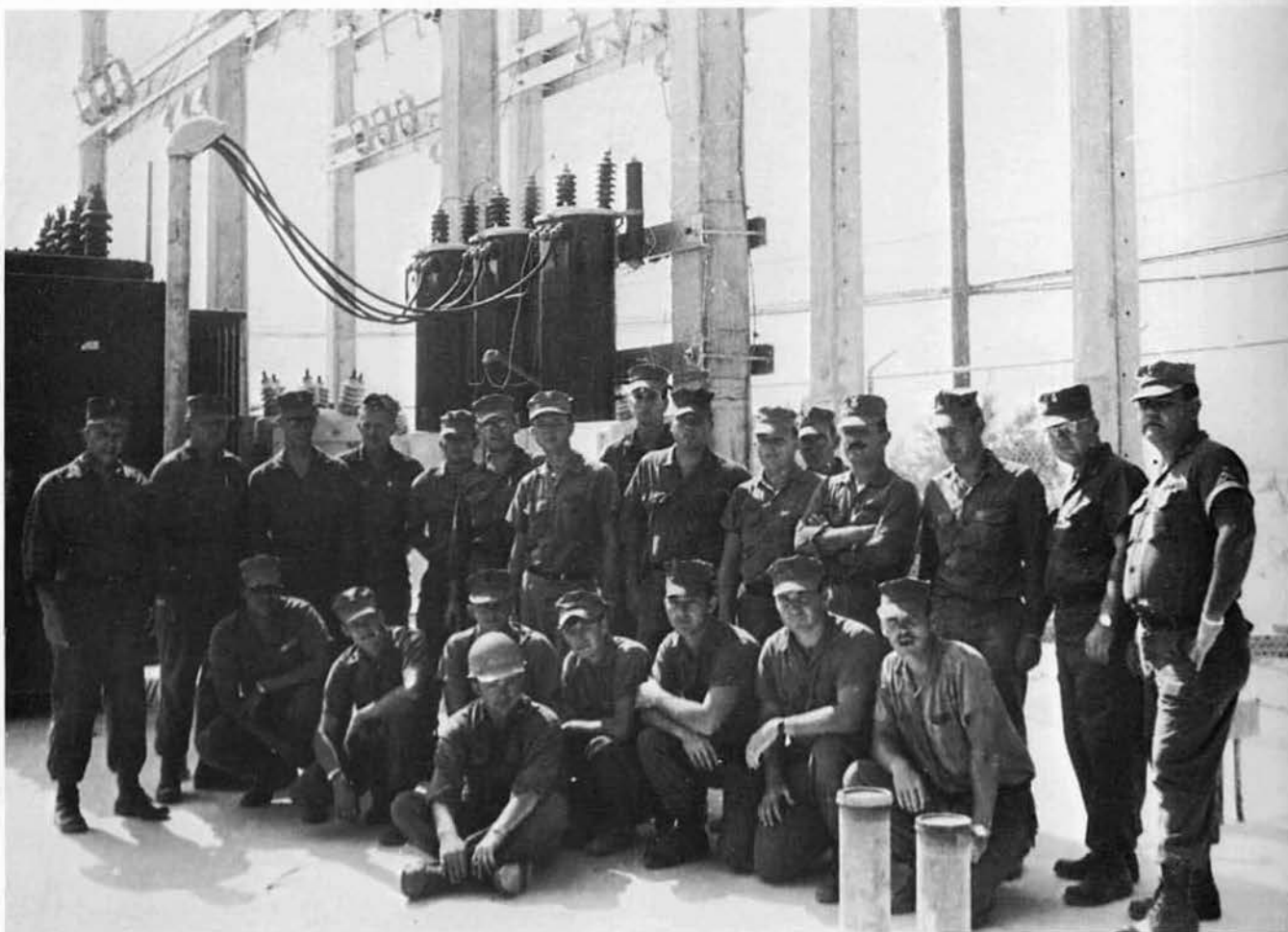
Bend pipe, bend!



How about a Coke machine right here?



Well, here's sand in your eye





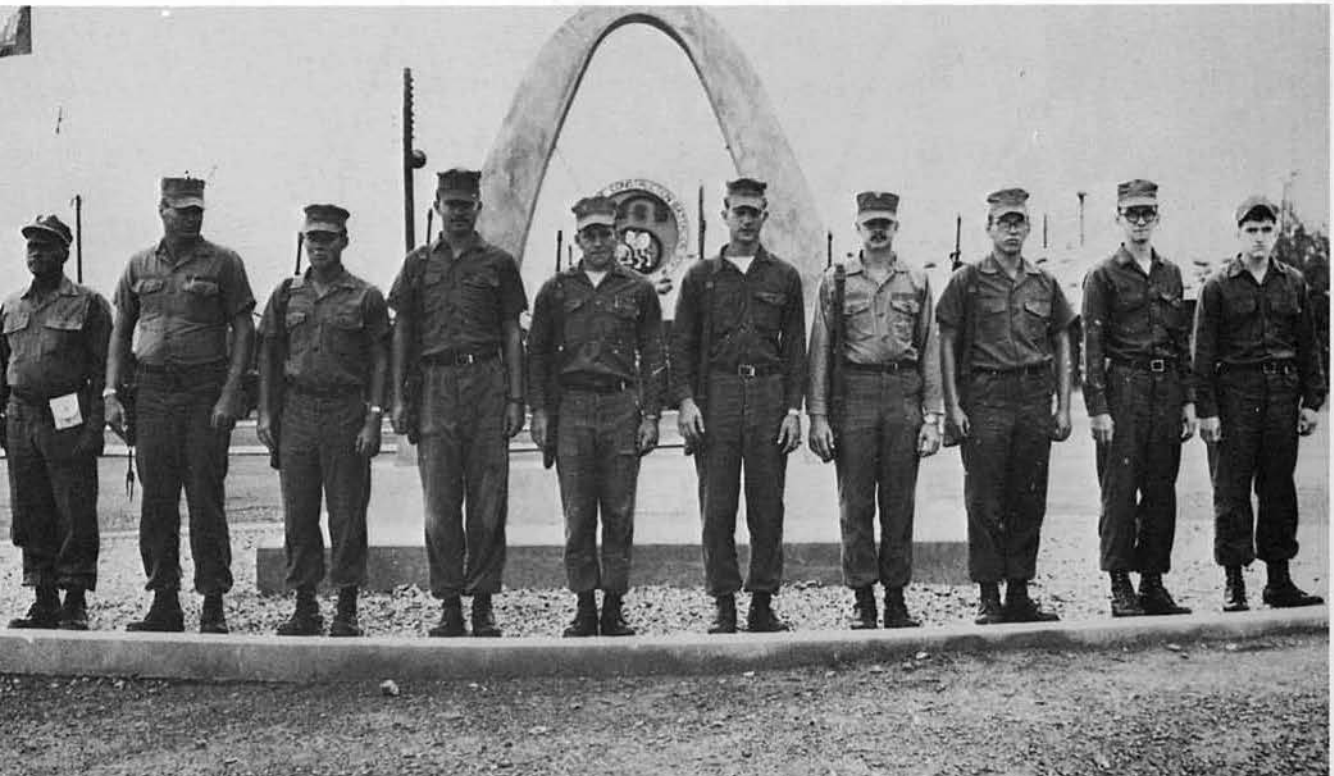
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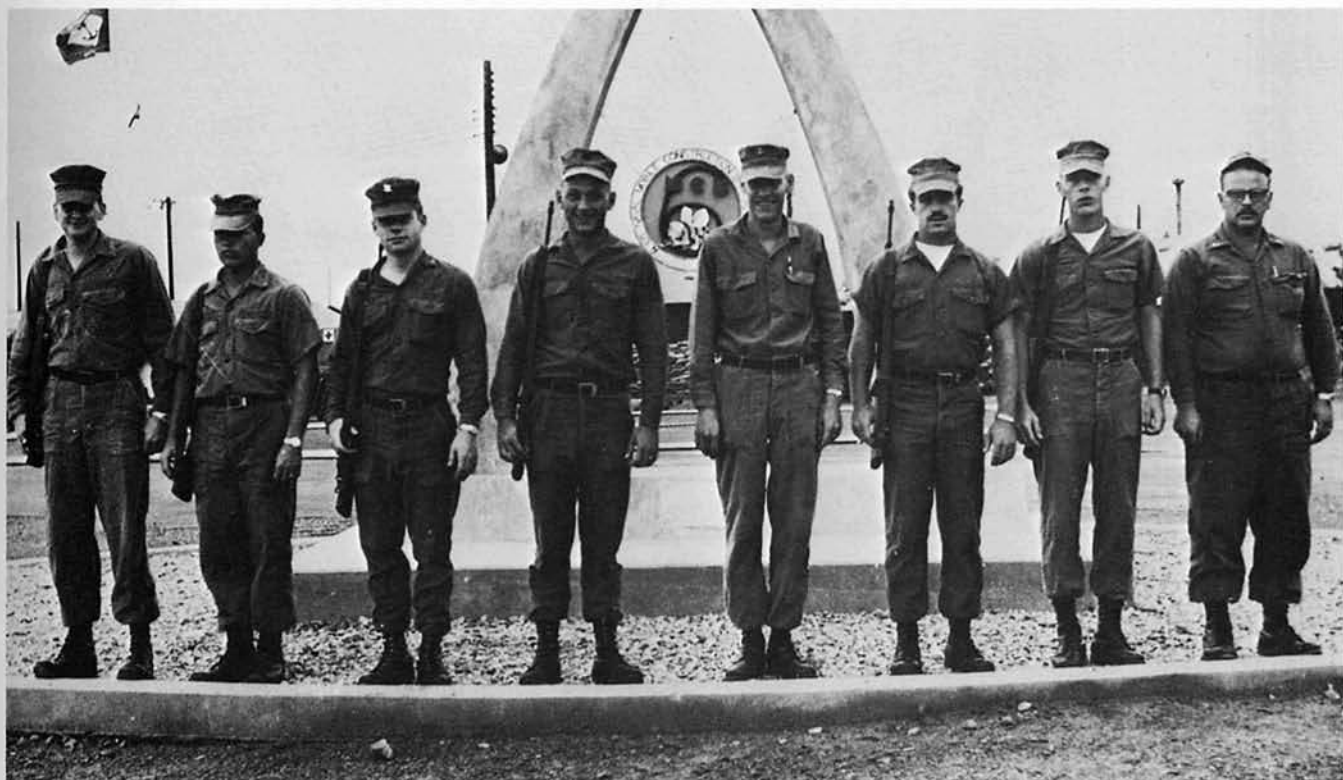


Lt. G. G. Gruhn  
"C" Company Commander

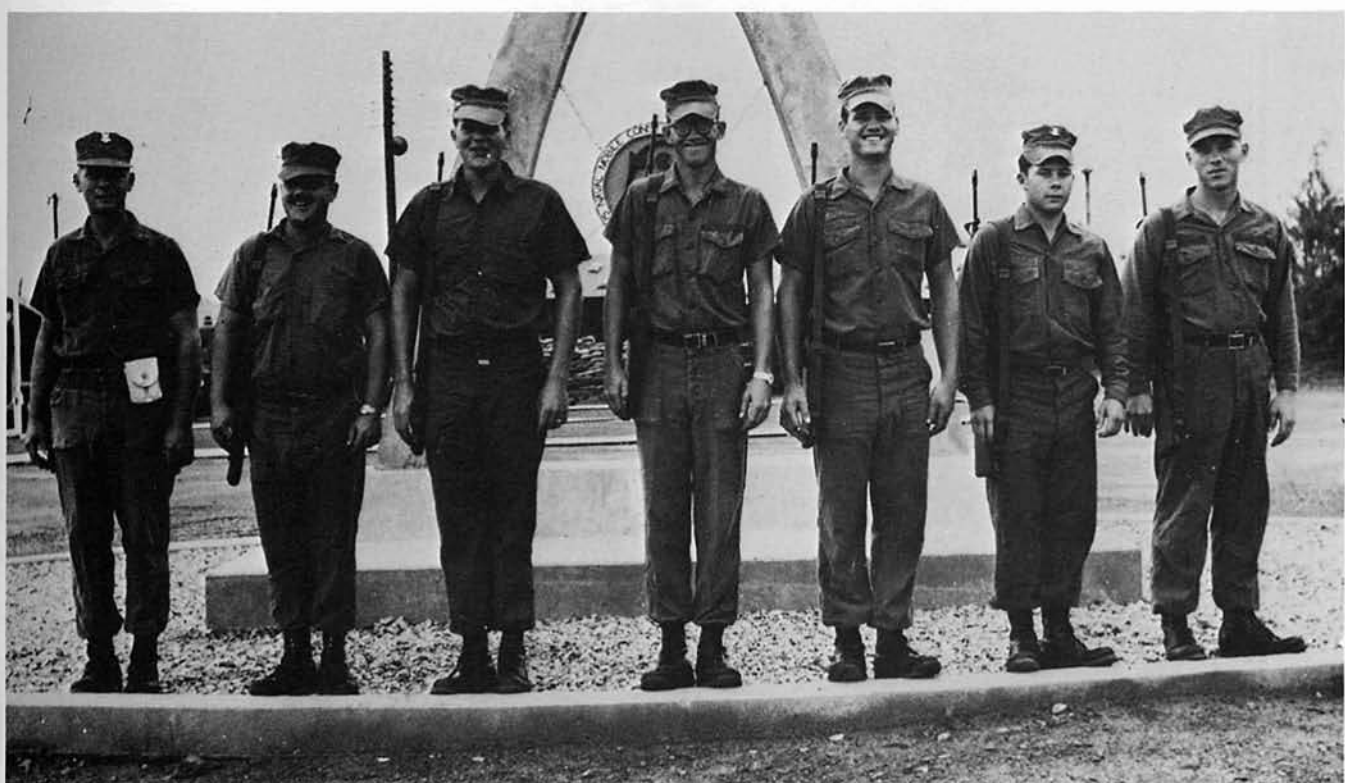
For the builders and steelworkers of Charlie Company there was plenty of work to do during the 1967-68 deployment. From Butler Buildings to power poles to "hootches"—the men of Charlie Company made their mark on Vietnam. The complete construction they leave behind is just cause for pride.



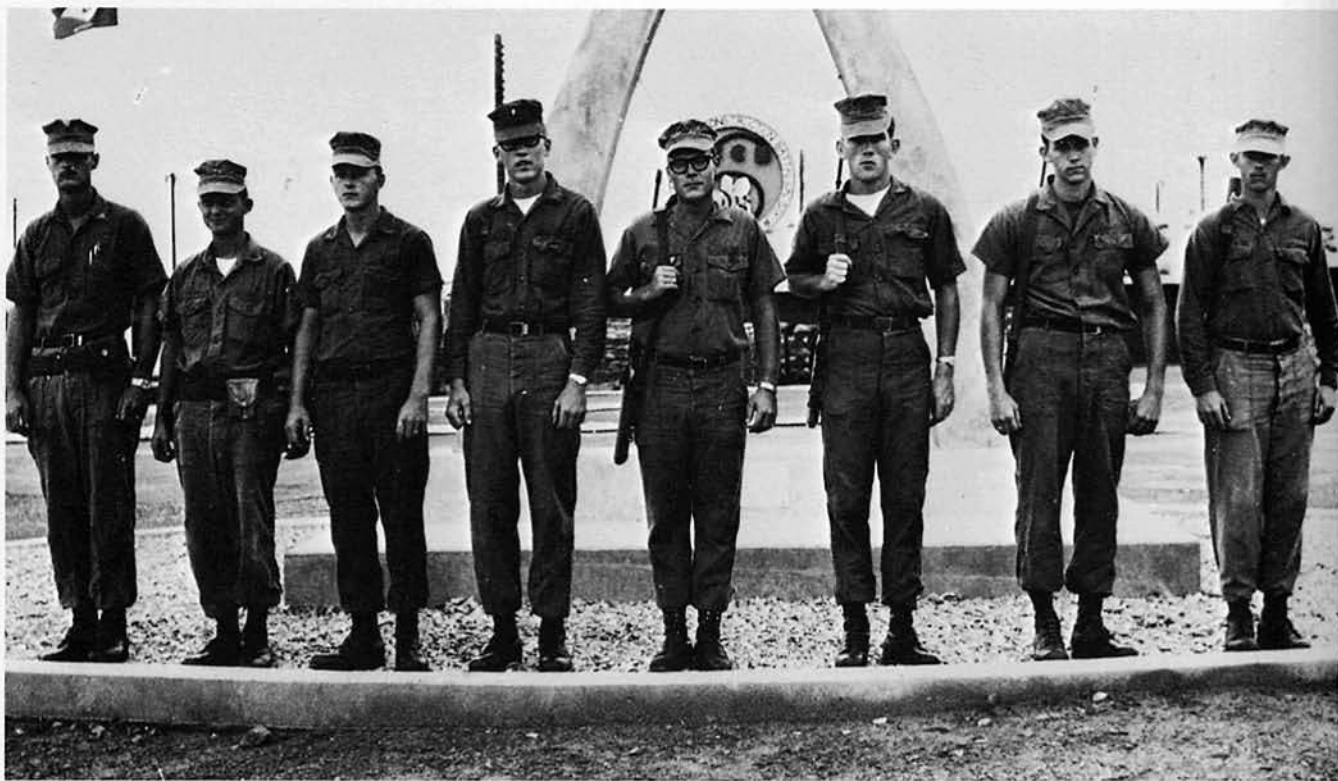
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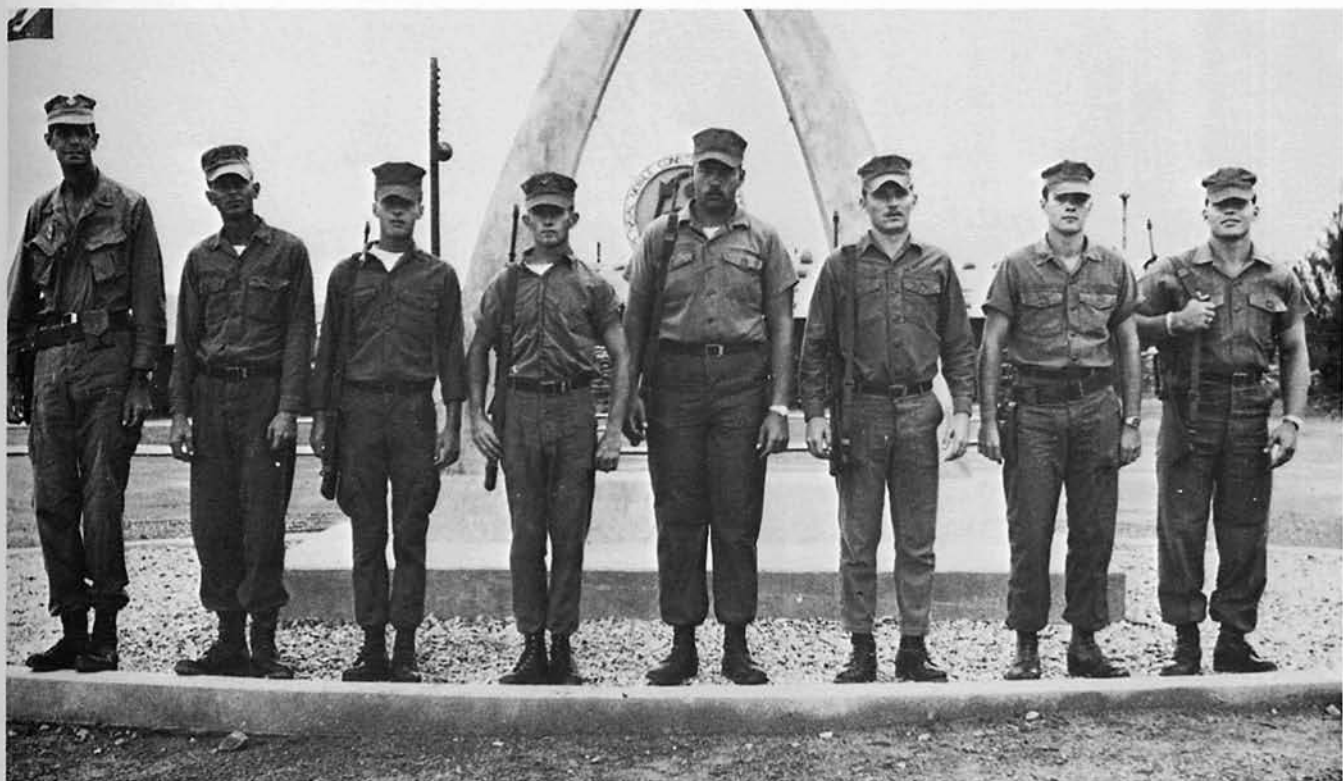


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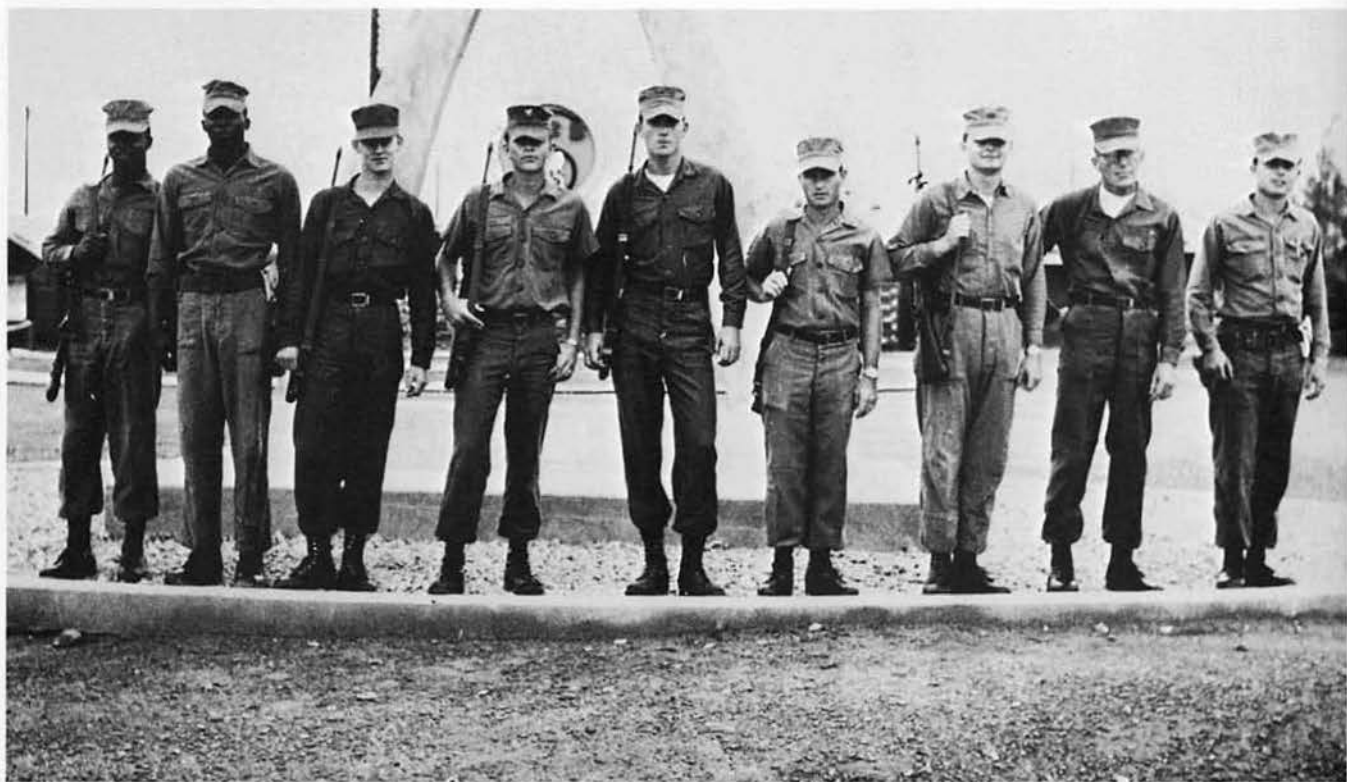




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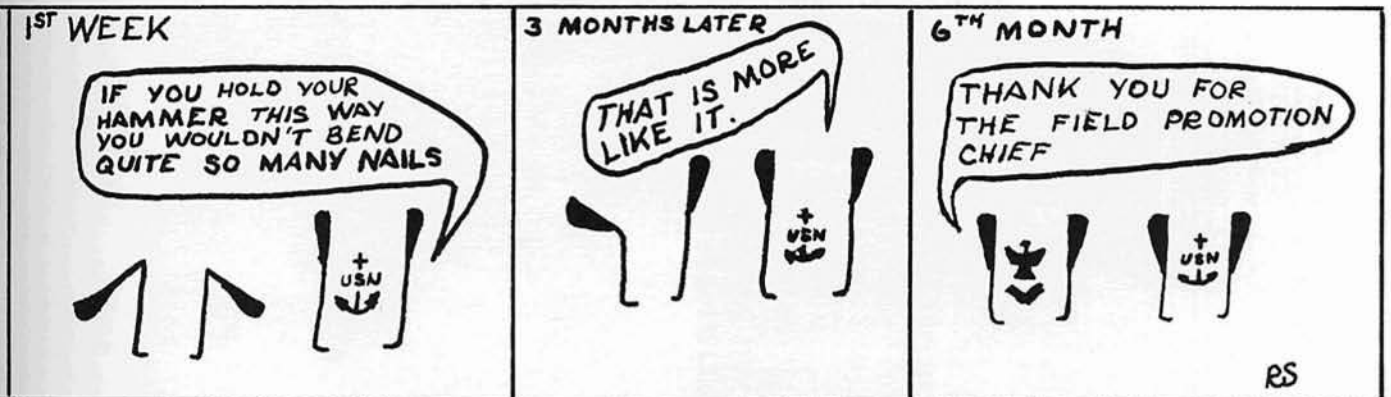
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# CHARLIE COMPANY AT WORK





Straight as an arrow



A Butler Building to shelter Marines



Hold it! That's my thumb!





Charlie Co. donates a typewriter to an orphanage



Concrete is our specialty

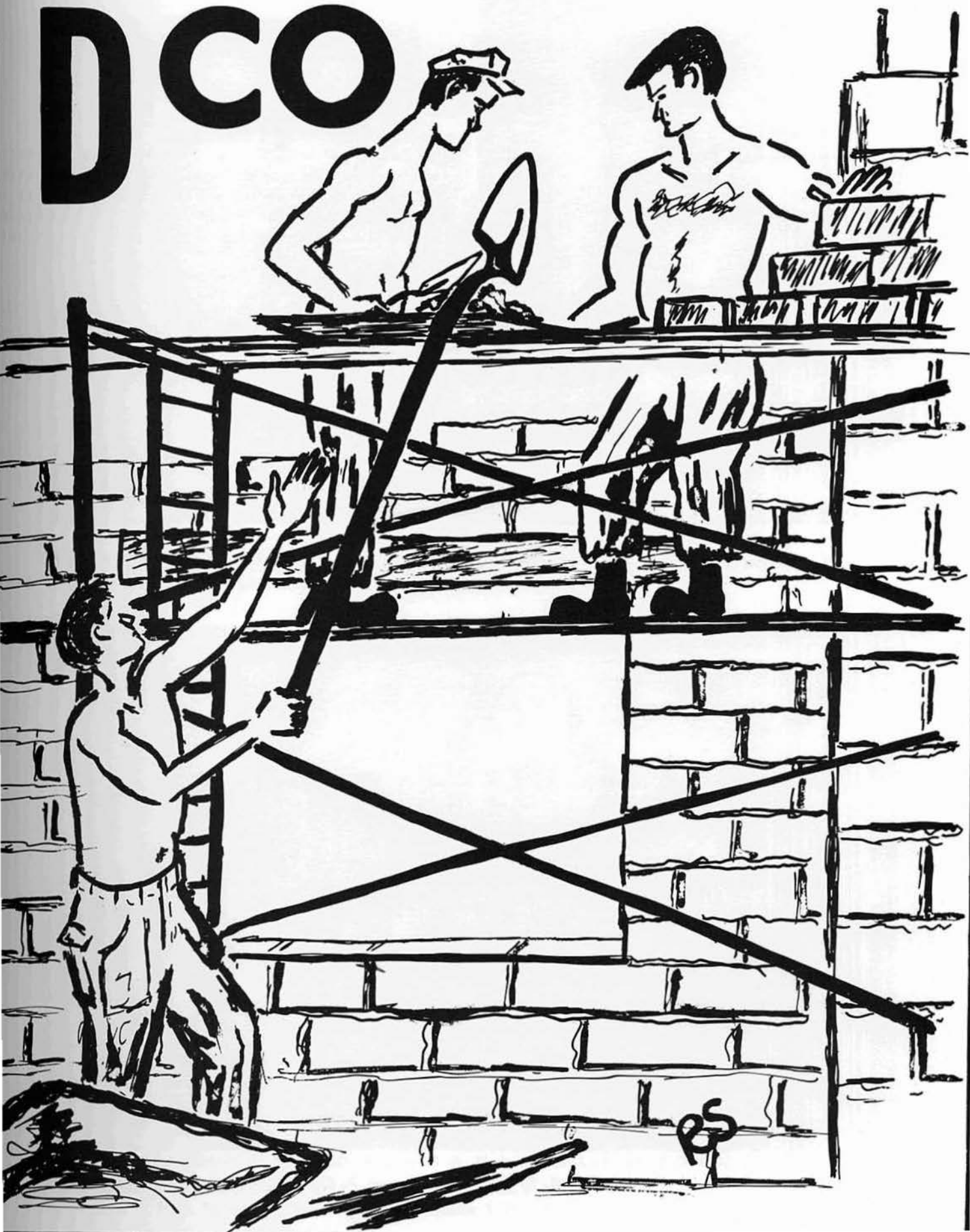
Charlie Company stands inspection by a local bird



Praise for Johnson's crew



# DCO





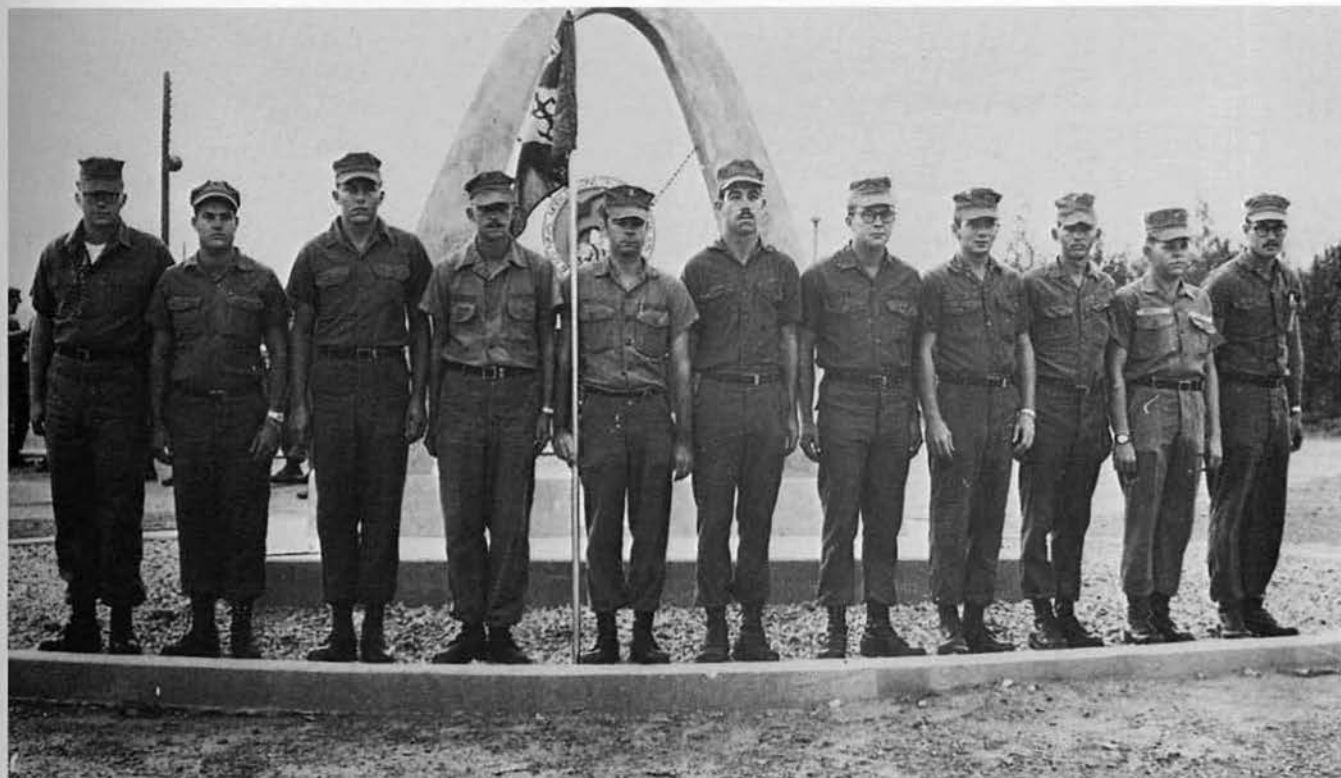
Lt(jg) G. N. Wiesner  
"D" Company Commander

For the men of Delta Company, the ARVN cantonments and hospital at Tam Ky were the biggest projects of the deployment. In these and other projects, some around the Chu Lai area, the builders of Delta Company proved themselves. Their work proved they could build and their defense of Tam Ky proved they could fight.

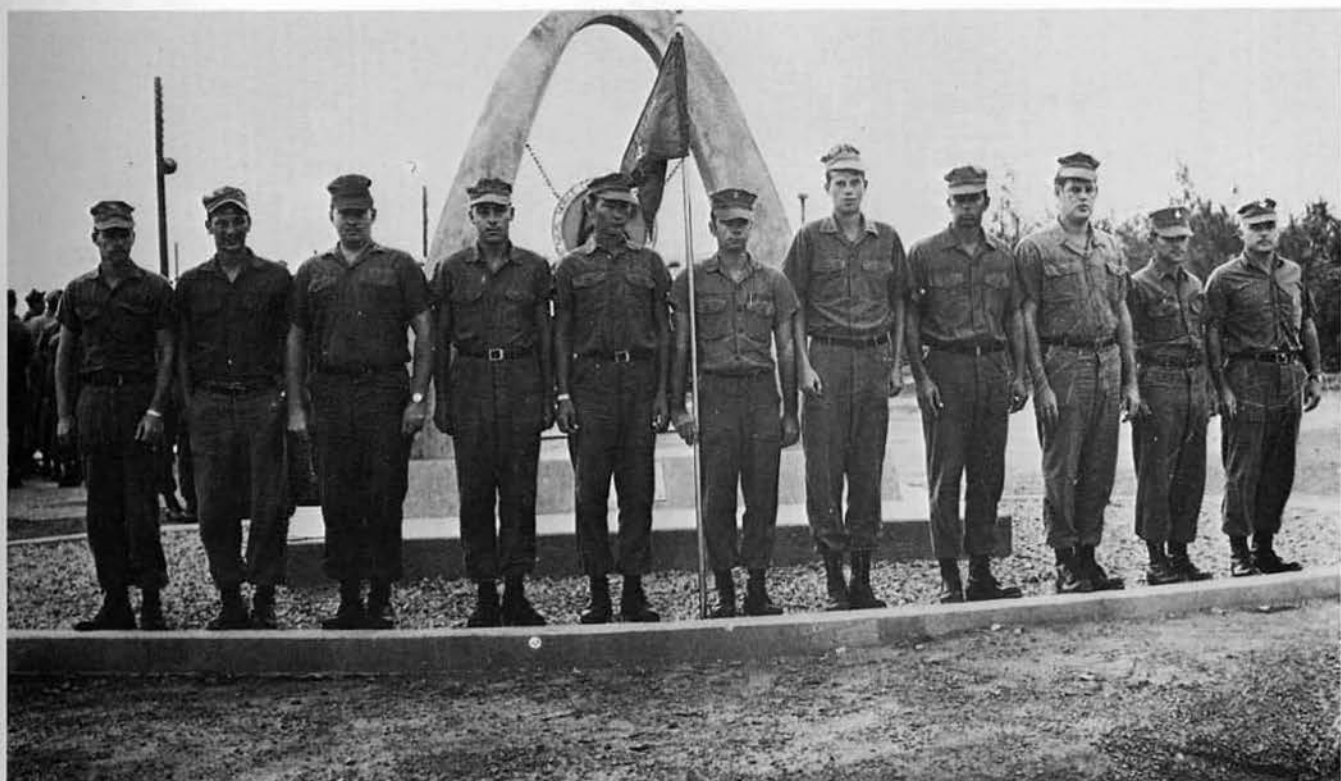


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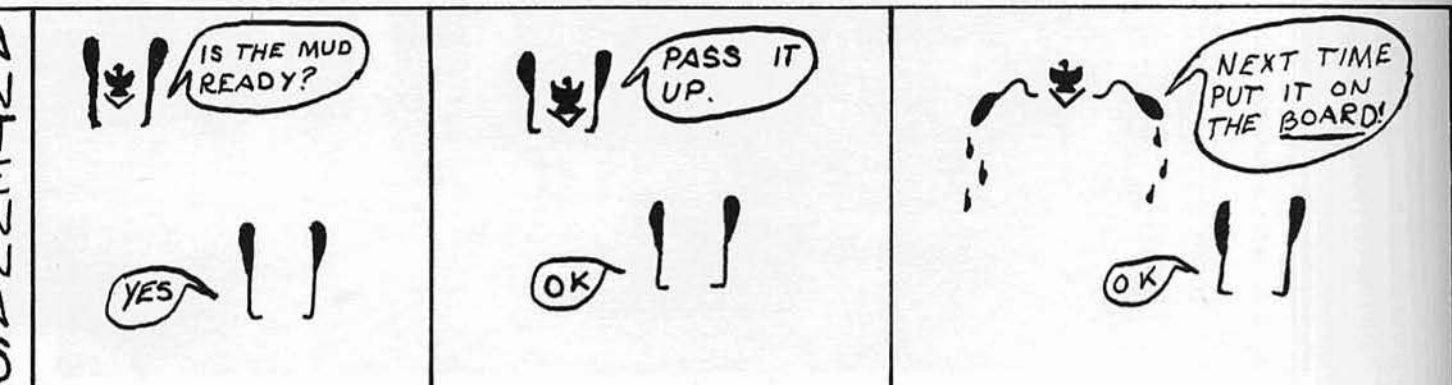
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## THE MEN OF DELTA COMPANY





IWCS tower



The Ensign becomes a Lt(jg)



Expanding the "H" Co. office



"I'm leaving Vietnam -- that's what I'm doing"



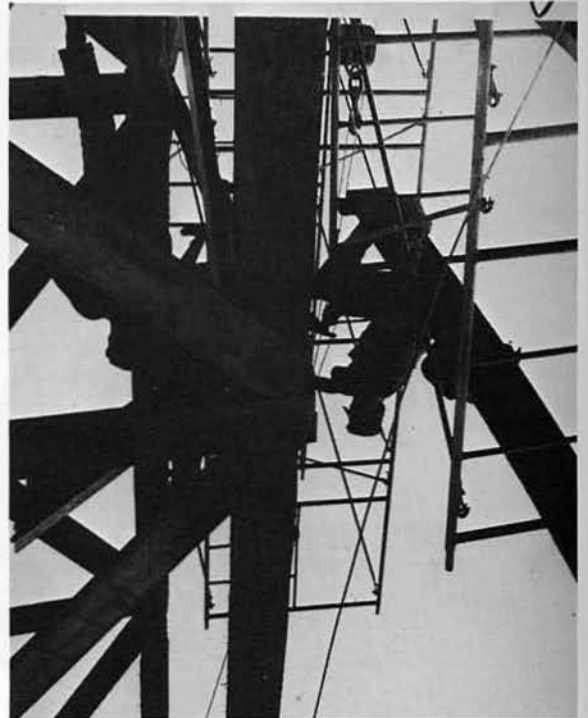
Starting "from scratch" on a new exchange for MCR-6



Decoration for the EM club

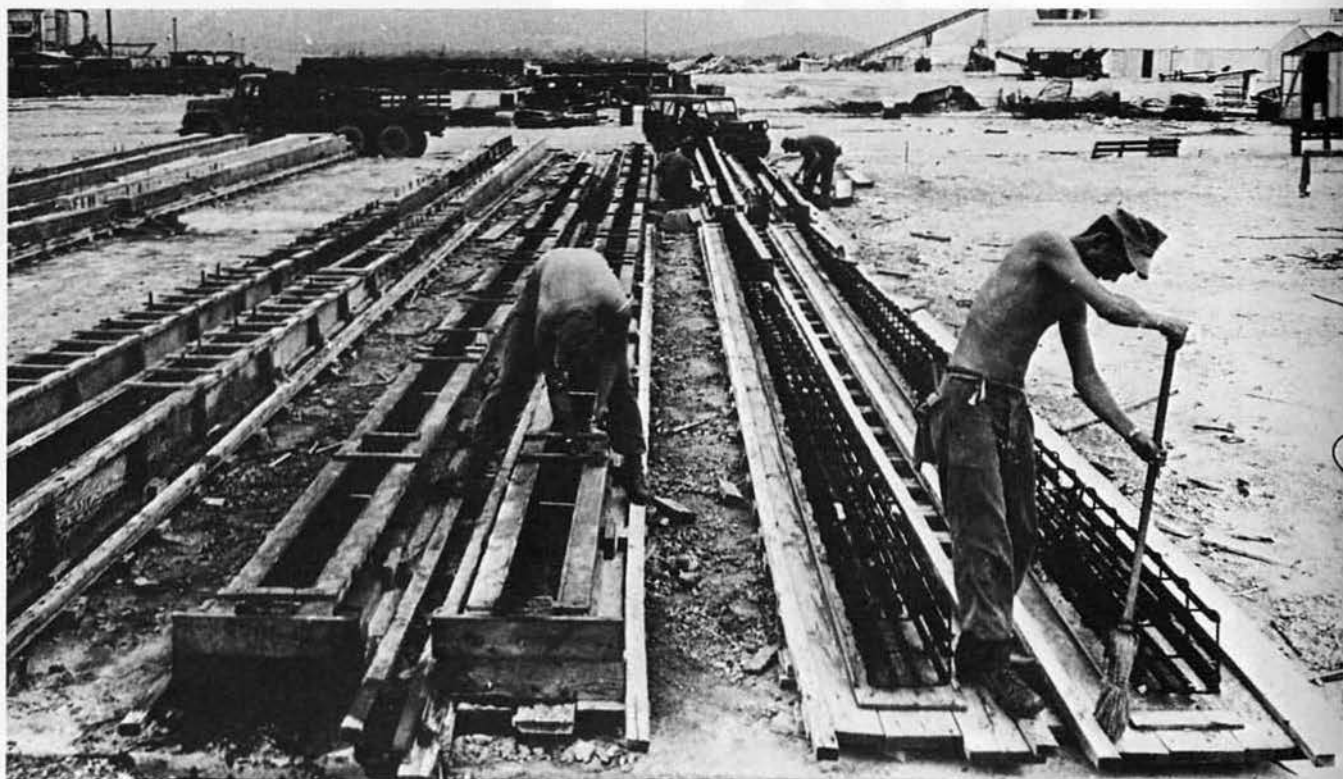


Up in the air



The best part of the day's work





From these forms will come more than 900 concrete power poles



First, the foundation...

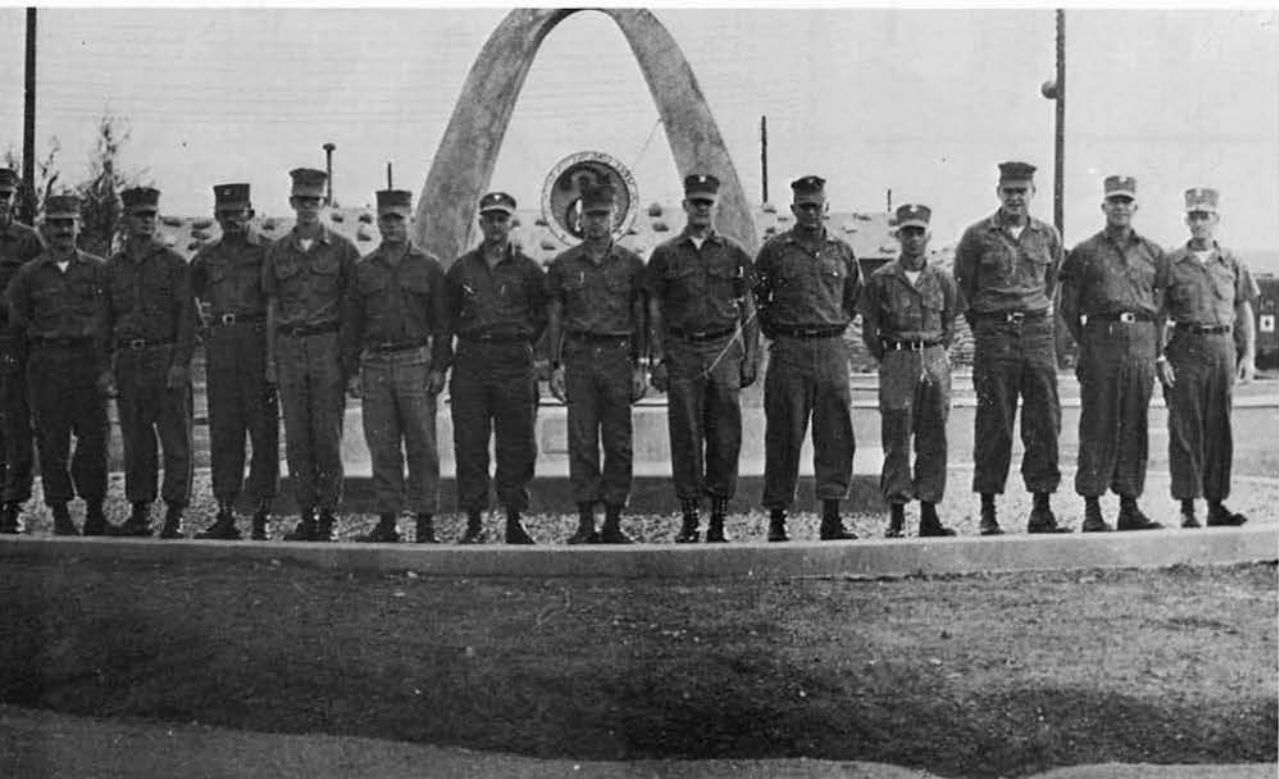
# HCO





Ens. W. J. Hanley  
"H" Company Commander

Headquarters Company is the administration company in all Seabee battalions. Composed of men from many non-Seabee rates, the "support company" insures that the 'Bees are paid and fed, get their mail, get the proper medical and dental care and are informed of what's going on in camp and in Vietnam. The men of Six's "H" Company have proven their ability to handle the "details," leaving the Seabees free to concentrate on their most important job—construction.

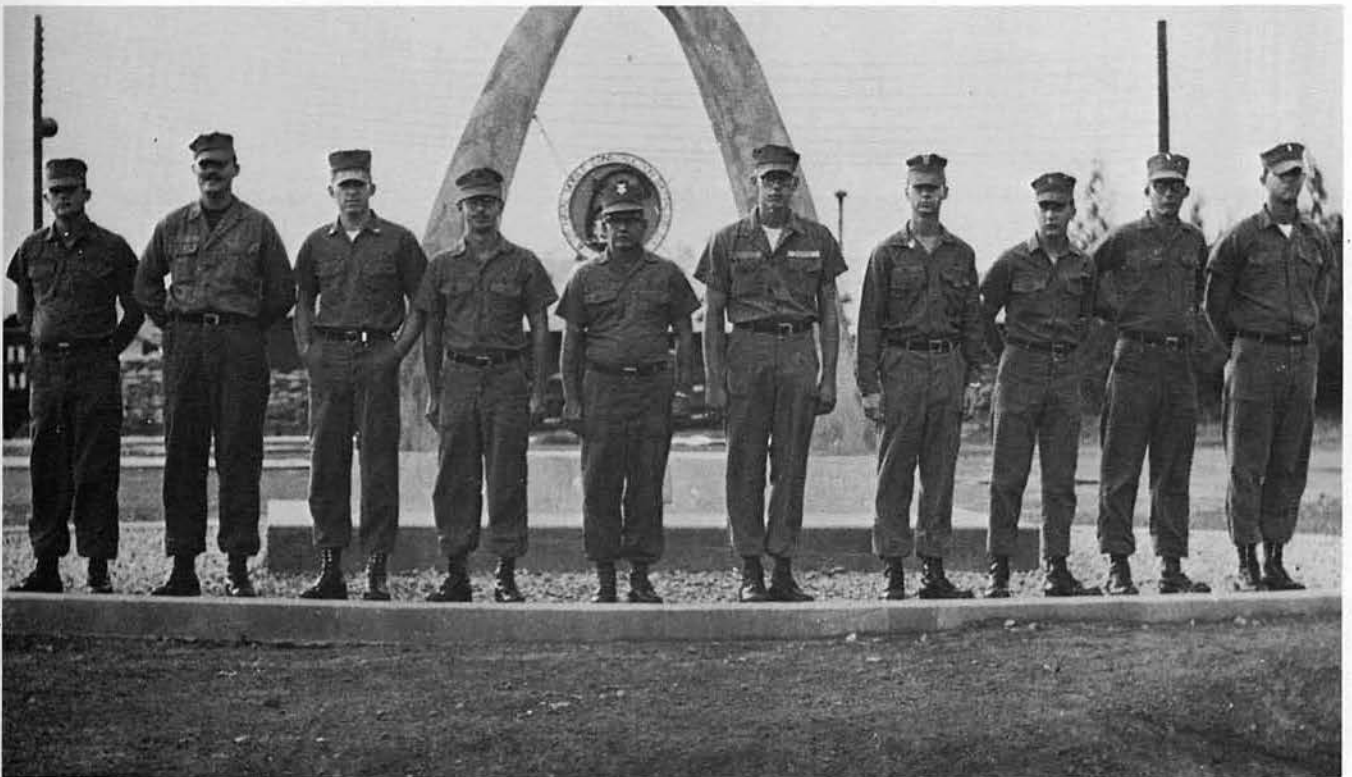


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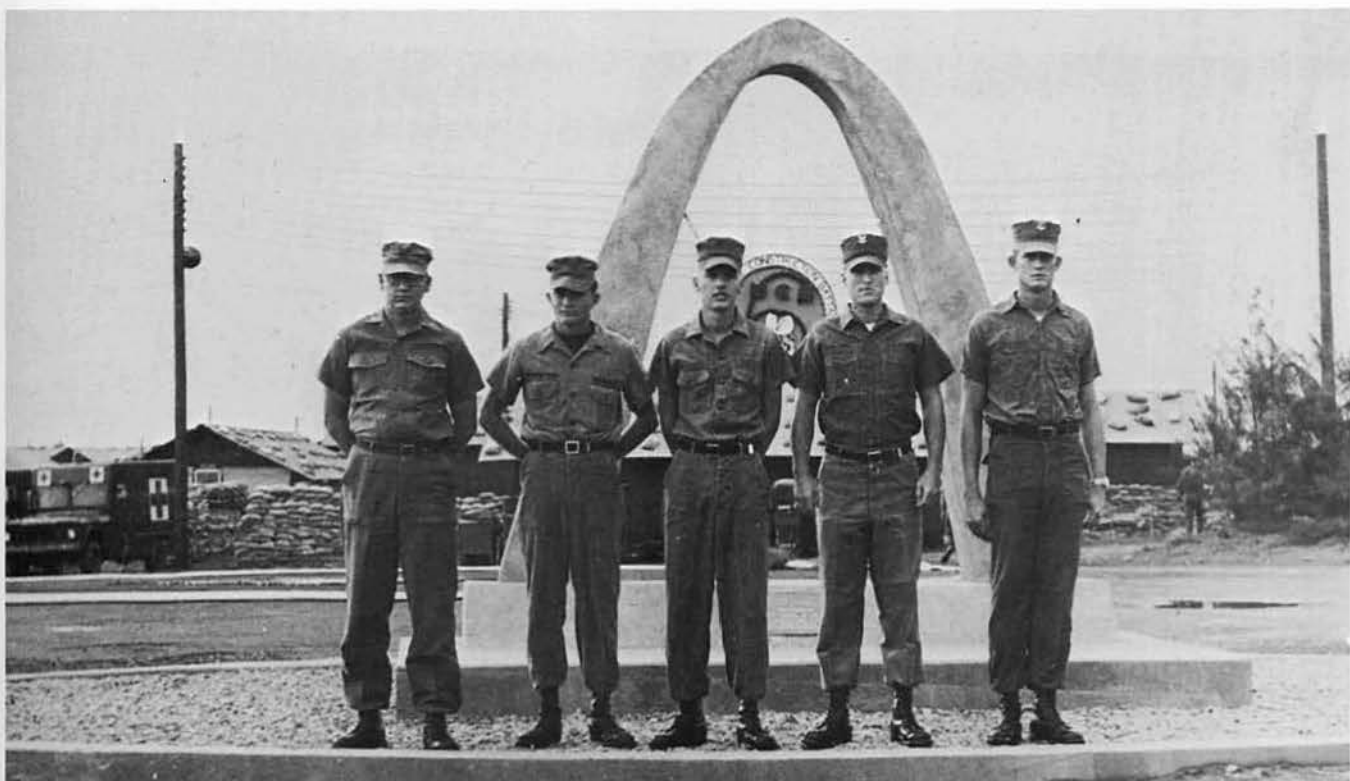
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SECOND PLATOON, FOURTH SQUAD (l. to r.) T. Cavanaugh, L. L. Reistetter, F. D. Brown, J. A. Bowser, E. S. Tharpe.



MEDICAL (l. to r.) (Top Row) W. M. Booth, R. D. Thetford, R. Morris, G. W. Davis, A. S. Krugman (Kneeling) R. E. Whitford, C. N. Wilkinson.

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A hand-drawn sketch of a syringe is positioned above the text.  
U WAS R&R?







FOODSERVICE PERSONNEL (l. to r.) E. P. Abutin, G. C. Ledesma, E. C. Supnet, A. F. Mendoza.



FOODSERVICE PERSONNEL (l. to r.) (Standing) M. H. Nelson, H. S. Mahoney, R. L. Navarro, W. L. Wamack, N. E. Thompson, E. M. Villegas, J. Livingston, J. A. Ferrari, Brown, R. M. Banks (Kneeling) C. R. Martin, Lt(jg) J. E. Hollander, J. D. Alphin.

# HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

## THE "FLEET-BEES" AT WORK



"The more we work, the happier they are"



Solving a confusing Personnel problem

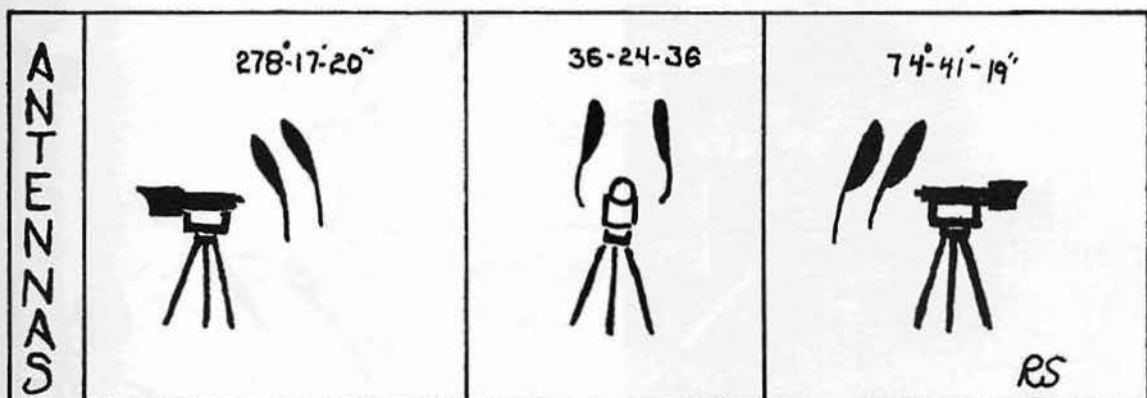


Ensign Hanley at work — as usual?



Another culinary treat from Carman





"Now here's what we should have done"



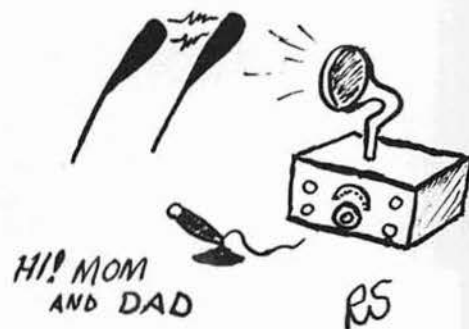
Perfect! A really outstanding straight line!



# HEADQUARTERS COMPANY THE "FLEET-BEAT"



Calling home



The Gunner's Mates fill a few sandbags



PAO and Photo staff reading you-know-what



"Why buy stamps when you can send it free?"





Skilled hands handle our "Operations"



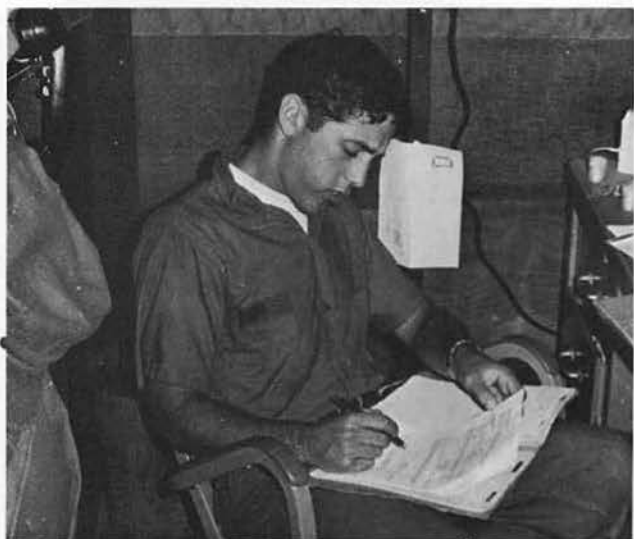
One of the Barbers' ten most wanted men



Reactionary Platoon



If we don't have enough, order more!



It's not easy being an officer



"What do you mean, 'It's an extra'?"



I hope you know what you're doing

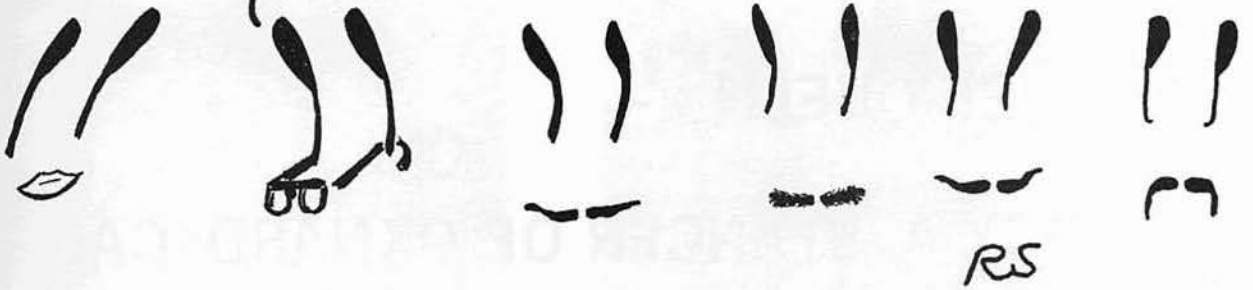


Take two — they're free



The Special Services

MISS, WILL YOU GIVE THE WINNER  
A BIG KISS-IF YOU CAN FIND  
HIS MOUTH, THAT IS!



## PEOPLE AND EVENTS THAT MADE NEWS



Joe "The Mustache" Wright



A big bite of a big cake



SEABEE WINNER  
1957

K'S SEABEE QUEEN --

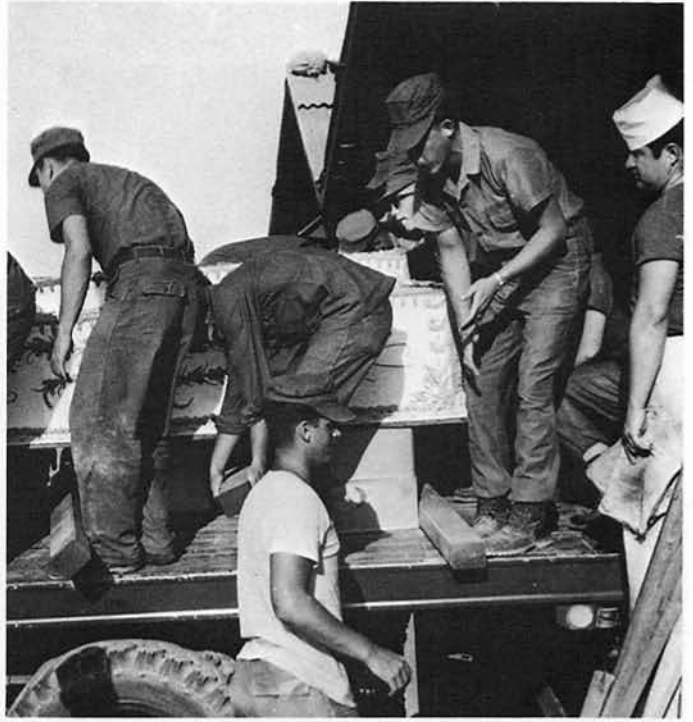
MISS NANCY A. STANCER OF OXNARD, CALIFORNIA



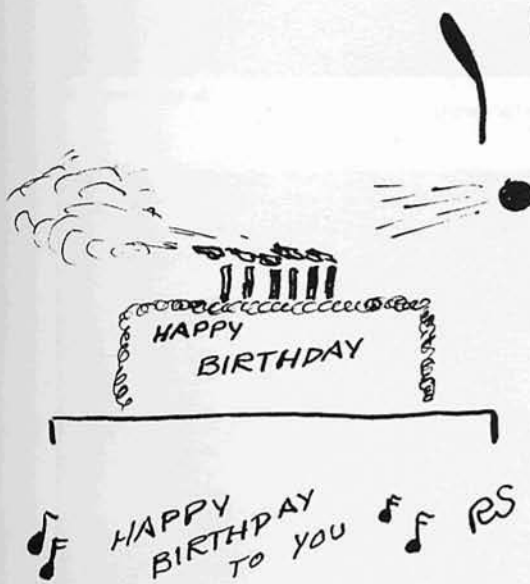




The largest cake ever made in Vietnam helped celebrate our 26th birthday



A helping hand to lift the cake





A visit from the "Beekeeper"



Perry Mason's D.A. visits MCB-6



Keeping it in the family — the Mills family

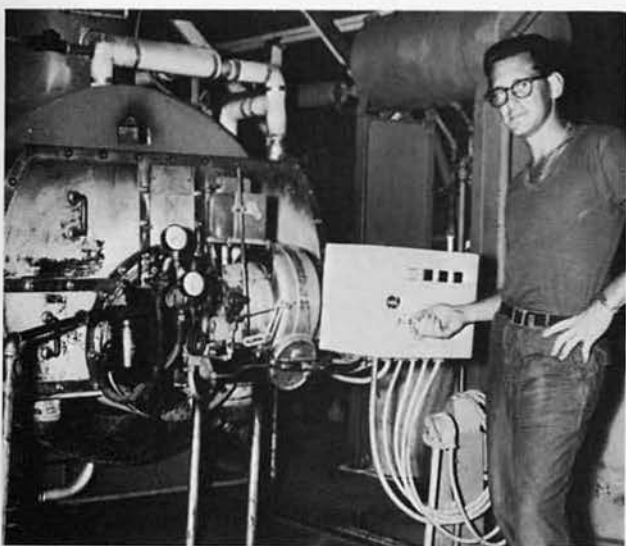


...and the Harrar family





A rough day at the laundry



Hot water for all



MCB-6's pistol team



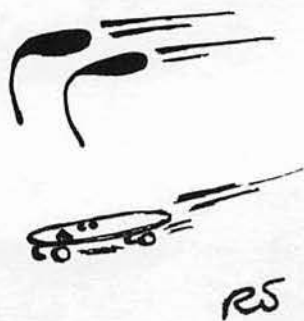
THIS IS THE BEST SHEET  
THE LAUNDRY HAD. RS



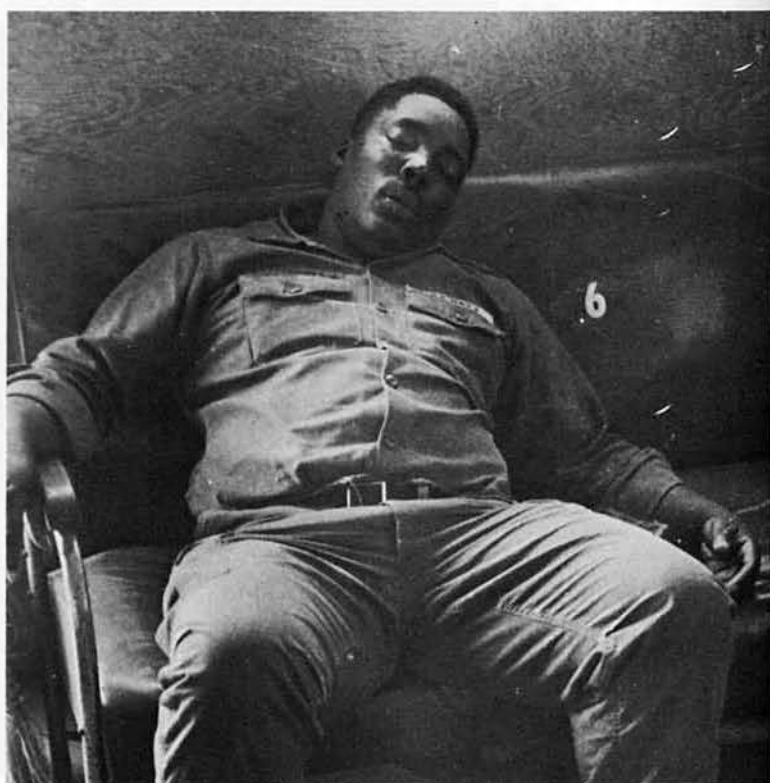
Seabees find "elevating" hobbies



He's not asleep — just inspecting the tank



RS







Chief Boatswain's Mate Sirois, our battalion Chief Master at Arms

**B.M.I.C.\***

**BIG MEN IN CAMP**



Camp Sergeant Dan Henderson, our Military Advisor



Sixers work at the POL farm



A solid building starts with a strong floor



**SIXERS BUILT**

**OPEN STORAGE PADS**



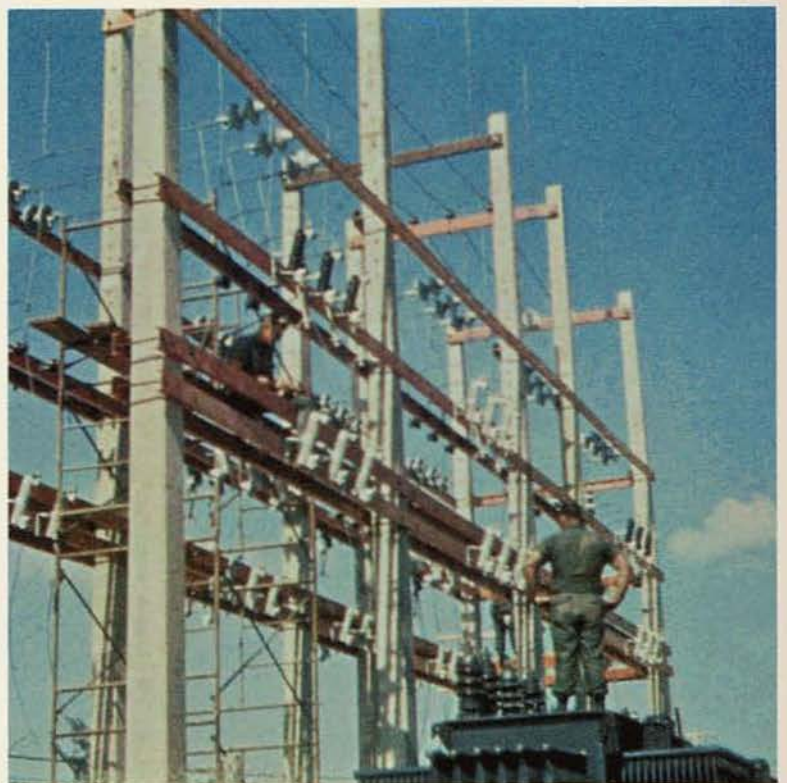




One of the culverts we built on Route 1

**TRANSPORTATION AND POWER**

**ARE TWO OF OUR GOALS**







The market-place

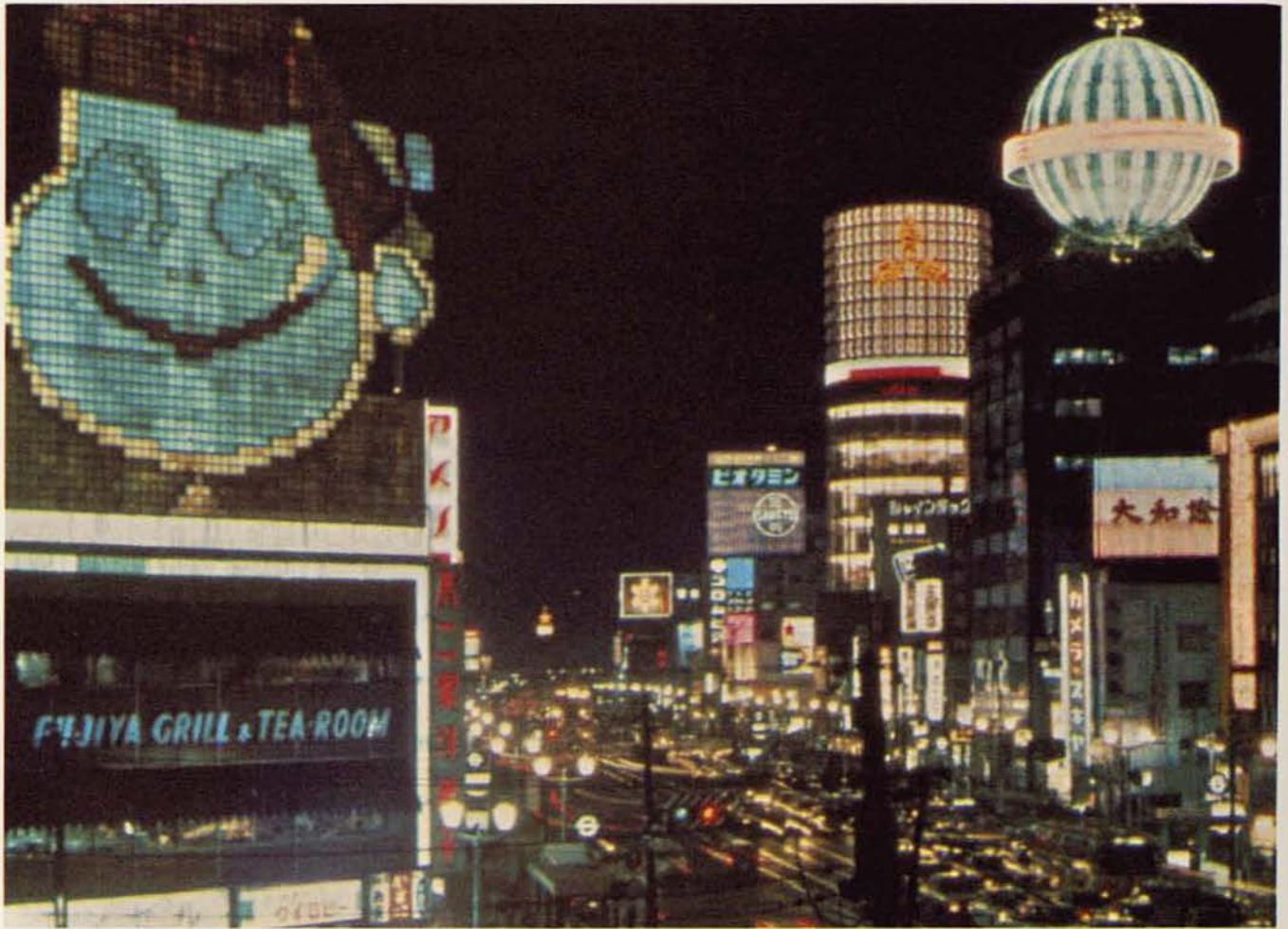


## THE VIETNAMESE



The fields





The Ginza – Japan's most active shopping center

**AUSTRALIA, JAPAN, THAILAND, HONG KONG ...**

**'&R' Was Our Passport to the Sights and Sounds of Many Cultures**



For our 26th birthday, the largest cake ever baked in Vietnam

**WE HAD FUN, TOO**

**IT WASN'T**

**ALL WORK ---**





*OUR JOB WAS TO BUILD . . .*



*. . . AND THAT'S JUST WHAT WE DID*



# THE WORK WE DID -- THE MEN WHO DID IT



Airlift at Tien Phouc



MedEvac hospital in Chu Lai





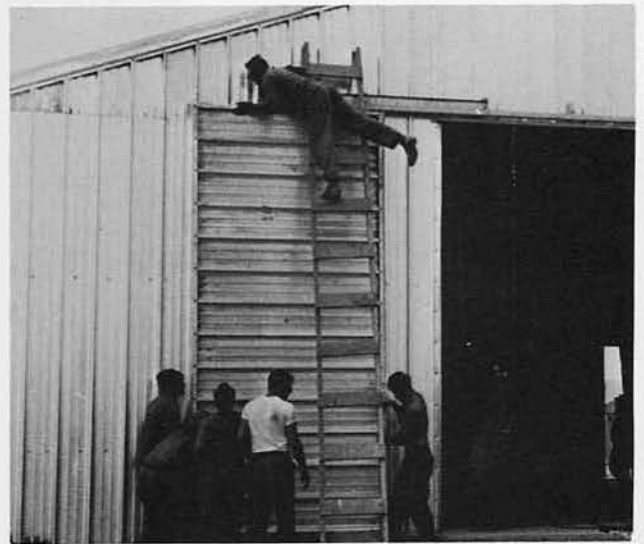
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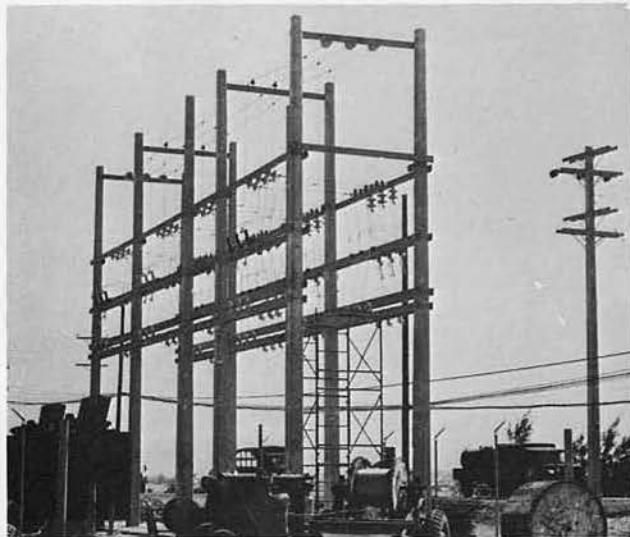
The power poles go up



VC destruction at Bridge 13



A butler Building for the MedEvac hospital



Heart of the Chu Lai Power System



The "Flying Seabees" at Tien Phouc



IWCS tower site



Laying asphalt at NSAD



Some high-level work on a POL tank



One of three oil storage tanks we built



Opening of remodeled Chu Lai USO

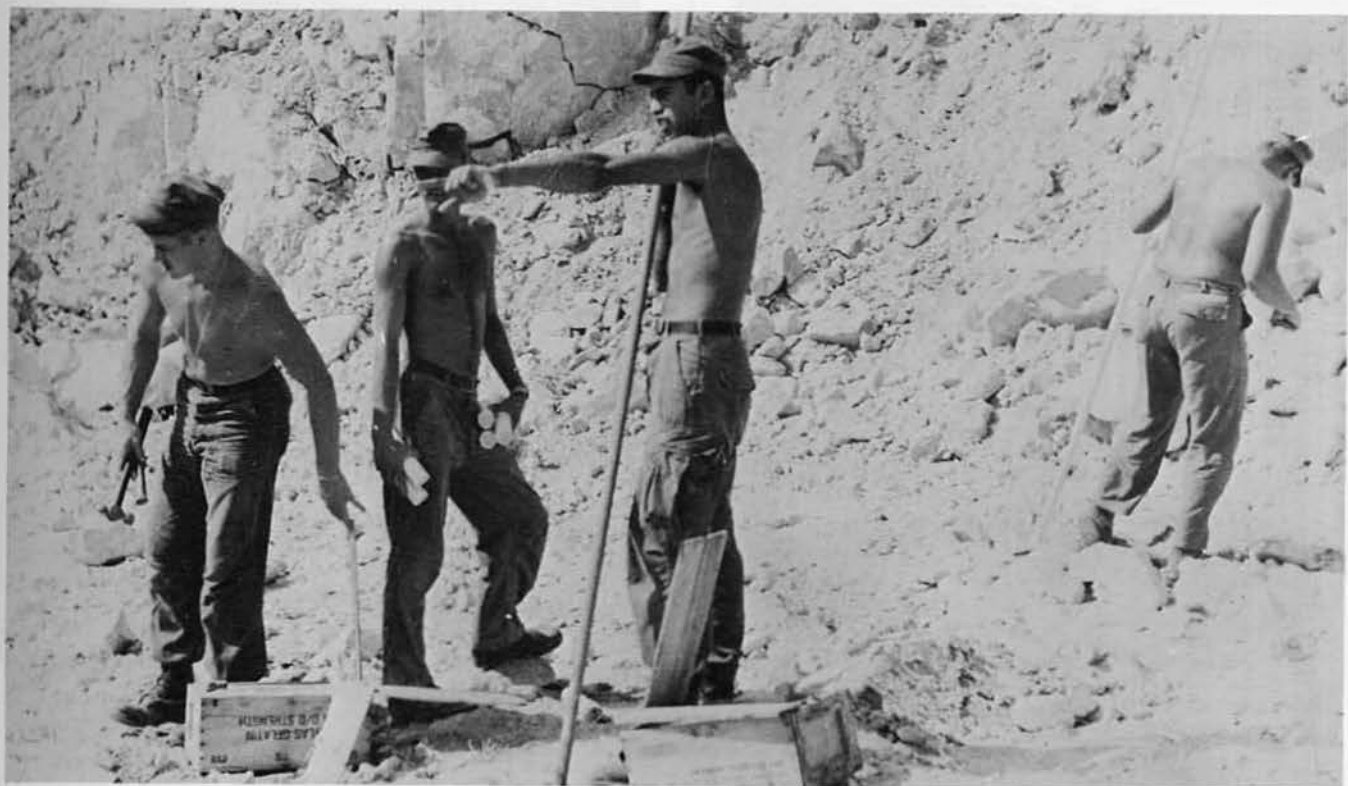


One of the rock crushers at our quarry



Alpha Company's detail at Tien Phouc

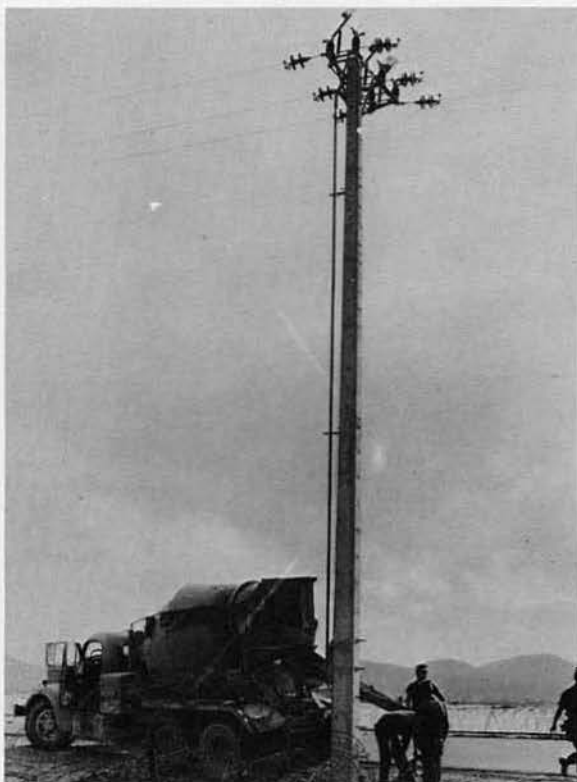




At work at Six's rock quarry



Loading boulders to feed the rock crusher



New power for Chu Lai



One pole out of many



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Aerial view of ammunition supply sites

AT WORK  
ON ROUTE 1





Six's crusher operation



Loading a truck at the crusher



Fill-in work along Route 1



Laying matting at Class II and IV Storage





USO  
SHOWS



Half a costume is better than none...



...and two microphones are better than one





Yes, fellas, there is a Santa Claus



Come blow your horn





Question: Which one is not a Seabee?



Wallis and Grayson and friend

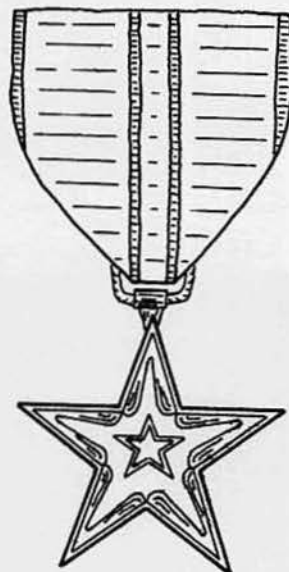




# AWARDS

A successful deployment is the result of teamwork, but it is also the result of outstanding individual effort. The reward of outstanding effort is special recognition -- awards, medals, certificates of merit. During our 1967-1968 deployment to Chu Lai, many members of the battalion were recommended for this special recognition. As this book went to press, only a few of the recommendations had been officially confirmed. These awards are listed here as being representative of all the awards that eventually will be given to the men of Six.

LCDR Michael J. Carricato  
Lt(jg) Gerald N. Wiesner  
BUC Leamon D. Midkiff  
BUH2 Robert D. Zink





CET3 John Ilkovitch



BUR2 Peter Moore



CN David L. Smith



## PURPLE HEART WINNERS



HOW DID YOU  
WIN THE PURPLE HEART?

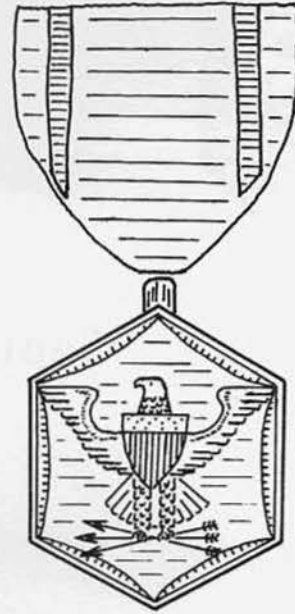
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EOH2 Billy R. Hoskins -- Navy Commendation Medal

# NAVY COMMENDATION



## GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

DKC Shinn  
EOC Munger  
SK1 Dupell  
SW1 Walker  
BU1 Smith  
CS1 Alphin  
SW1 Eickhoff  
RM1 Blalock  
SK2 Craig  
SD2 Beltran

HM3 Walter W. Kowalski  
Gy/Sgt Donald Henderson  
WO Roger M. Dubay  
Lt. Salvatore A. Martinelli  
Lt(jg) Gerald N. Wiesner  
BUC Leamon D. Midkiff



EOC E. L. Williamson -- Navy Commendation Medal

# *SEABEE OF THE MONTH*

**August, 1967 -- R. Ackerman EAD2**

**September, 1967 -- B.R. Mathias BUR3**

**October, 1967 -- B.R. Hoskins EOH2**

**November, 1967 -- R.D. Jahlas CMA3**

**December, 1967 -- L.E. Atwood CEP3**

**January, 1968 -- C.C. Hightower BUL3**

**February , 1968 -- L.W. Burton UTP2**

**March, 1968 -- J.F. Dawson BUR3**



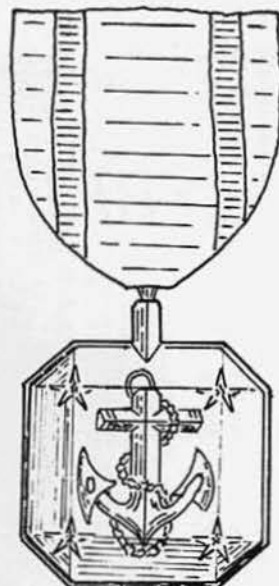
# NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL



EOC Richard H. Gern  
Navy Achievement Medal

CN David L. Smith  
BUC Robert F. Small  
DK2 William J. Kreinberg

SWCS George P. Phillips  
CEP3 Leonard E. Atwood  
BUC Arthur T. Dalton, Jr.  
SWC Jesse D. Taylor  
Lt. Gordon G. Gruhn  
Lt(jg) Carl A. Thoren, III



# MACV CERTIFICATES

Lt. David Bowes  
Lt. (jg) S. E. Warwick  
Lt. (jg) T. B. Hudson  
EO1 H. C. Cousineau  
EO1 Edward M. Johnson  
CM1 Robert Mossige  
EO1 R. Mickler  
BU1 Theodore R. Poff  
EO1 Reith  
BUL2 C. E. Drury  
BUL2 Eddy  
EON2 G. D. Field  
CMA2 Kenneth L. Fleming  
EON2 Mehaffey  
CMA3 D. W. Darnell  
EON3 Paul Faler  
YN3 F. P. Rinehart



CM1 George F. Massie  
MACV Certificate



Hands up!



The Great Chase



Lay-up



Who's on first?



Getting his kicks



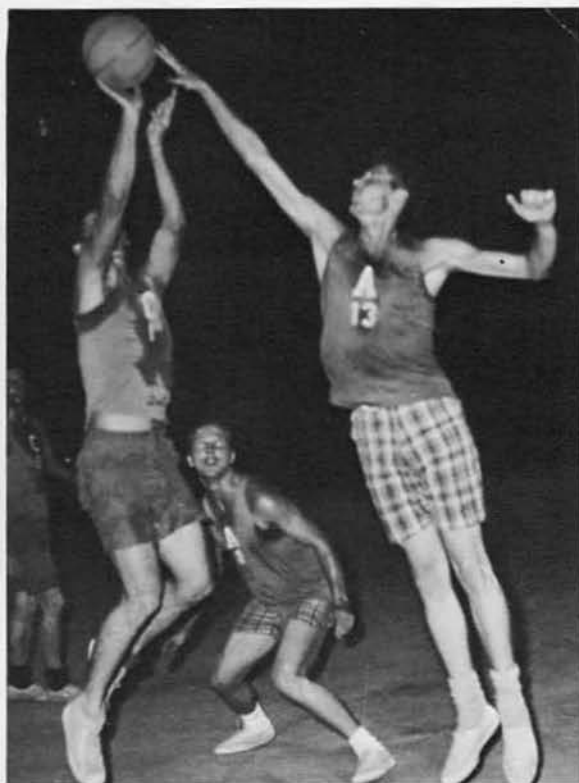
Protester

# MCB-6 SPORTS



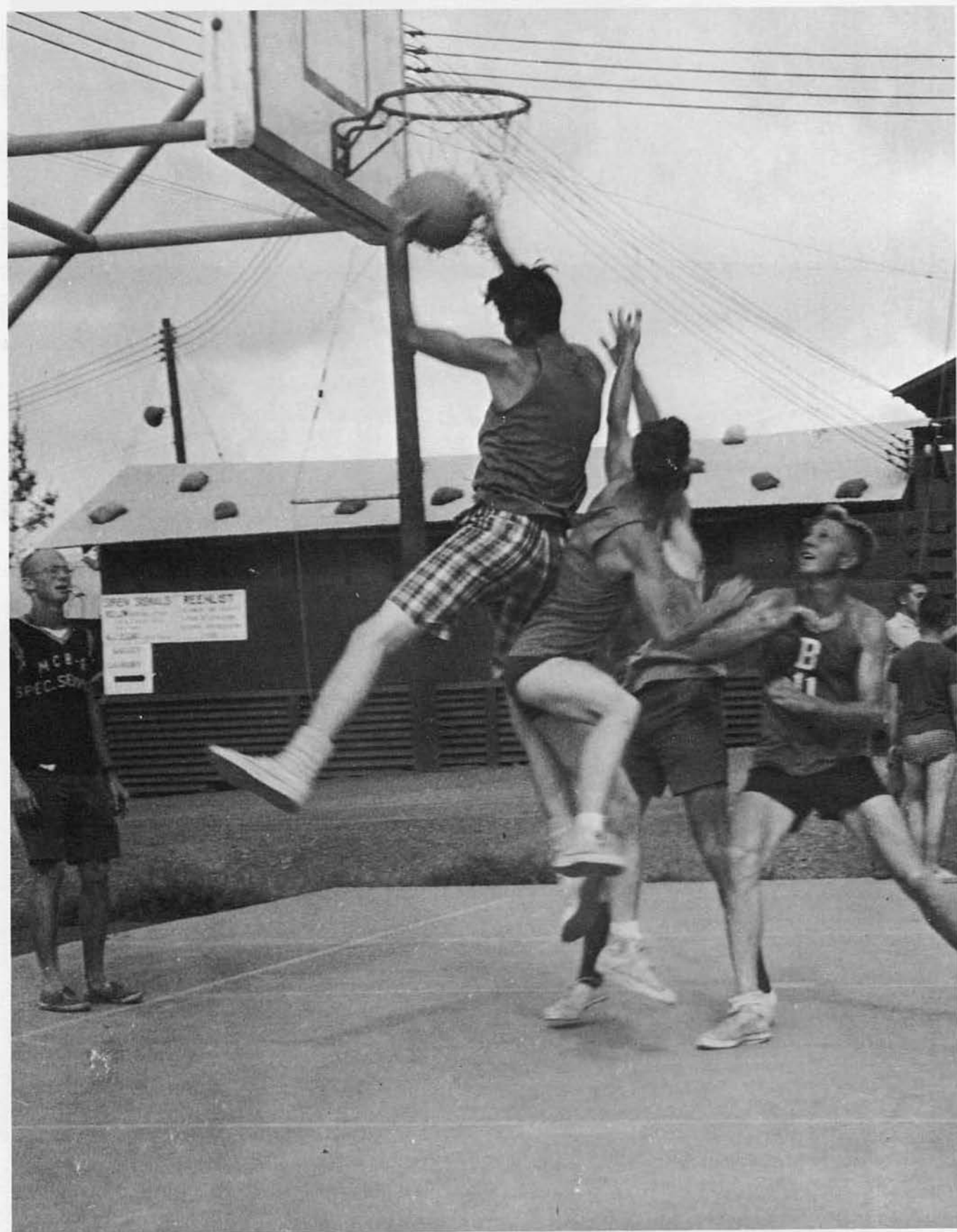


Contact



Oh no you don't!









"Now here's what we'll do..."



Pass protection





**HOME!**



C  
R  
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B  
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JOSN Steve Kappler -- Editor



PH1 Thomas Cavanaugh -- Photographer



EAD2 Robert Watson -- Artist

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UTA3 Paul Grynewicz -- Photographer



CN Peter Morrison -- Photographer



EAD2 R. P. Russ - Artist



