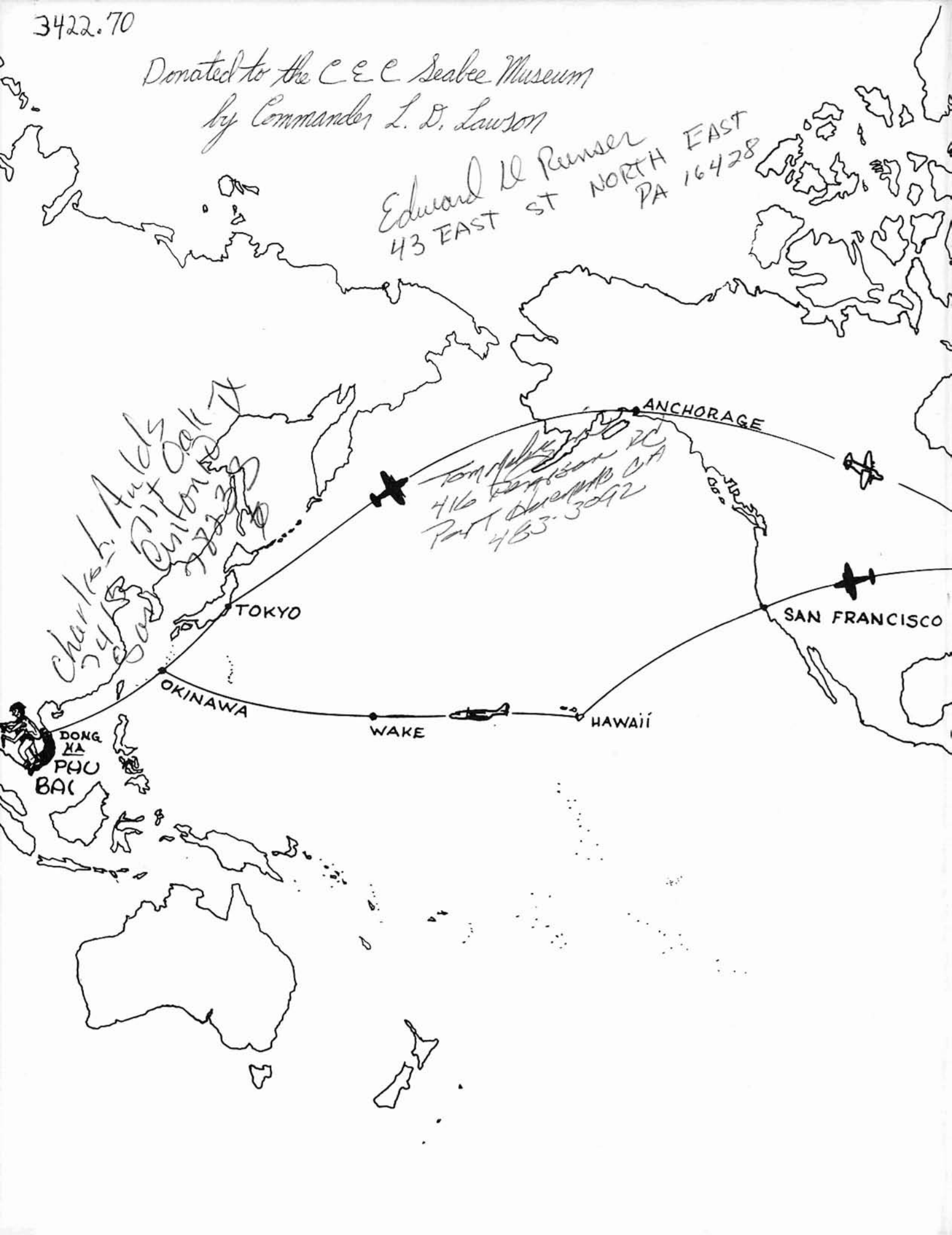


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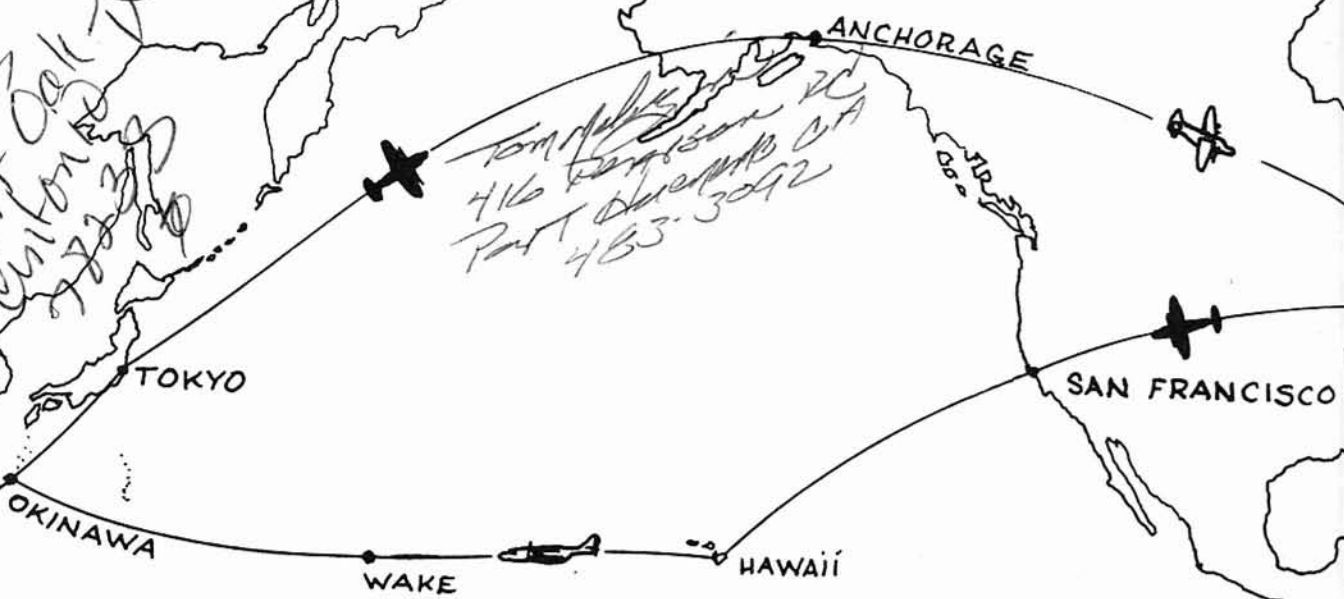
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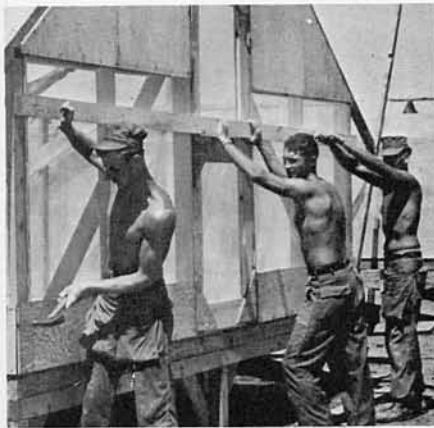
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U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION SEVEN

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Dedication

As world events evolve and the tides of necessity sweep Naval servicemen into long periods of foreign duty, there remains for the seaman at least one stable bulwark against the uncertainties of such times. Neither does great distance diminish our steadfast affection for our loved ones, who become in spirit pleasant memories and in immediate substance the paper of our correspondence.

We remember those who are ultimately our purpose and the reason for our voyages into sometimes dangerous waters. They, more than anyone, personify for us truth and devotion, immutable standards of peace as well as war.

Therefore, this book is gratefully dedicated to that person or persons in the life of each man with whom the bonds of affection are most strong, be they wife or sweetheart, father or mother, child or sibling.



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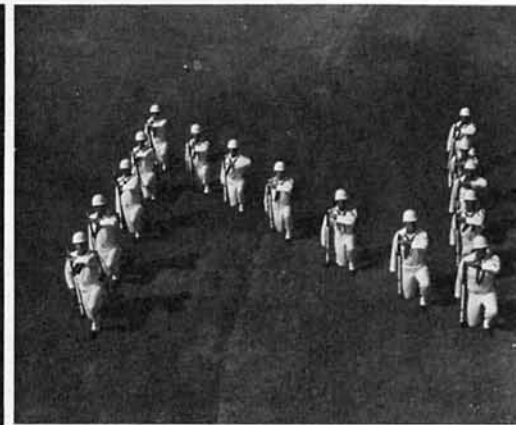
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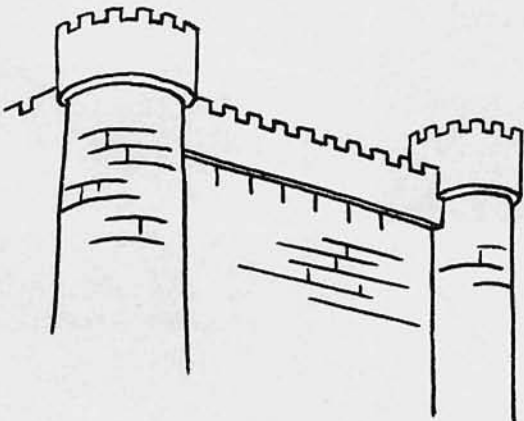
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COMMANDING OFFICER



Cdr. James T. Acuff, CEC, USNR

The two years I have had the pleasure of being your Commanding Officer have seen MCB-7 deployed in Cuba, Spain, and Vietnam. We have traveled over 7,000 miles by ship and 25,000 by air. Everywhere SEVEN has gone, we have confirmed the "Can Do" tradition of the Seabees. This has been exemplified not only by the large projects which are depicted in this cruise book, but also most meaningfully by hundreds of day-to-day activities, such as Civic Action, repairing tanks, and moving aircraft. On the defensive line also, "Can Do" has become "Did Do." Our military excellence has been proven time after time as we manned the Phu Bai Combat Base perimeter.



The pages that follow tell the story of deployments in two totally different atmospheres, ranging from Rota and dependent housing to Hue Phu Bai and combat support. It is a particularly deep source of pride to have seen this battalion weather the problems of deploying to the Republic of Vietnam, with the initial frustrations of lack of materials and transport, and to have developed the Phu Bai and Dong Ha combat bases.

Through work such as this, MCB-7 has made its presence known on both sides of the globe. SEVEN is truly the "Around the World Battalion." As depicted on our seal, the man is the most important element in our organization—in any location; it is the man who has accomplished the work. So it is with justifiable pride that we say, "through our mess hall doors pass the finest Seabees on earth."

James T. Acuff

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Lcdr. Ronald G. Shirley, CEC, USN

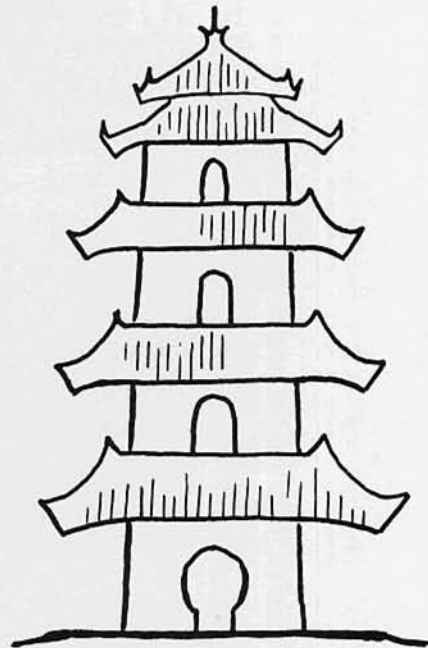
The story which unfolds as you leaf through this cruise book represents another outstanding chapter in the increasingly brilliant history of MCB-SEVEN. I was not with the Battalion in Rota, but I have heard much about the accomplishments and the rewards of that tour.

Arriving at Hue Phu Bai in April, SEVEN entered a much different type of deployment. Before we could build our own camp, it was necessary to get the Marines "off the ground" and into huts. After weeks in the field, they needed someplace to rest and recuperate. Consequently, MCB-SEVEN spent the first few months in an inferior camp. Later, it grew into one of the best in the area.

It is only right that everyone has heard of the many construction accomplishments of the battalion. Mobile Construction Battalions are organized to build, but for every productive man, it takes a specialist in some so-called non-productive area to support him. They must work as a team, and without both producers and support personnel, we could not have attained our outstanding achievements.

By the time MCB-SEVEN returns to its next overseas deployment, there will be many personnel changes. Those of you who are returning to civilian life and those who are transferring to shore duty or another battalion can do so with pride in a job well done. For the remainder, I look forward to the year ahead with you. We have more to do.

R. Gene Shirley



ROTA SPA



On the sweltering hot afternoon of July 13, 1965 Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN began loading aboard the USNS BUCKNER—destination Rota. This was the first time since 1960 that MCB-7 had deployed to this great naval base in Southern Spain.

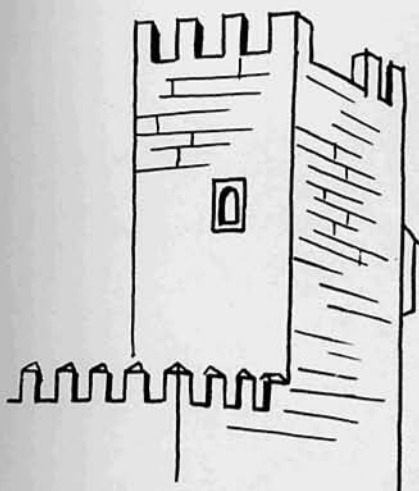
Along with SEVEN's "Bees," the Buckner carried hundreds of dependents and military personnel assigned to duty in Germany. After eight days at sea, a port call to Bremerhaven, Germany was a welcome break. This stop gave many of the men of the Battalion their first contact with Europe, and provided an opportunity to see the lush-green German countryside after eight days at sea. Following a long liberty card check, the men of SEVEN finally disembarked only to be greeted by a rainy afternoon. In spite of the drizzle, the Seabees, in dress white uniforms, began a ten-hour shopping and "bar-hopping" spree. Several personnel rented cars, and thus increased their radius of activity. Many towns, and the large cities of Bremen and Hamburg, were readily accessible by autobahn. A delicious meal of wienerschnitzel and dark German beer gave accent to fond memories of our short stop in Germany.



IN



The "Fighting Bee" stood at the entrance to the Seabee camp.



Hmmm—I think my seabag is over . . .

The weather became warmer and the sea bluer as the Battalion began the last leg of its trip. On July 26, the BUCKNER tied up at Rota, Spain, SEVEN's home for the next four months.

Silver City, SEVEN'S camp



THE USA HOME



The EO's moved mountains of dirt to make way for the homes.

The deployment to Spain found the battalion in a unique arrangement, with Group VIII rates dispersed throughout the individual companies. A and B Companies were integrated into a single company encompassing the rates normally included in each of them: equipment operators, mechanics, utilitiesmen, steelworkers, and electricians. A/B Company's work consisted of site preparation, roadwork, material hauling, sewer installation, and camp utilities maintenance.



Pouring new foundations across the bay



PROJECT

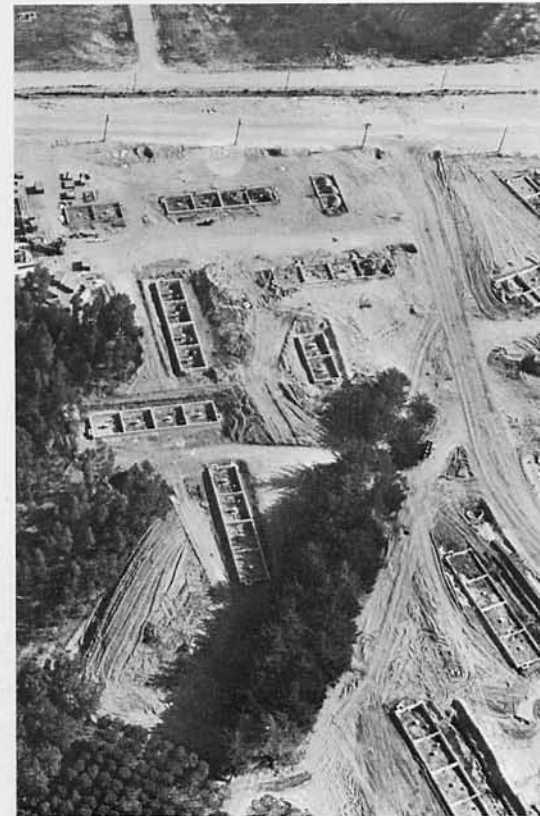


D Company's "place in the sun"

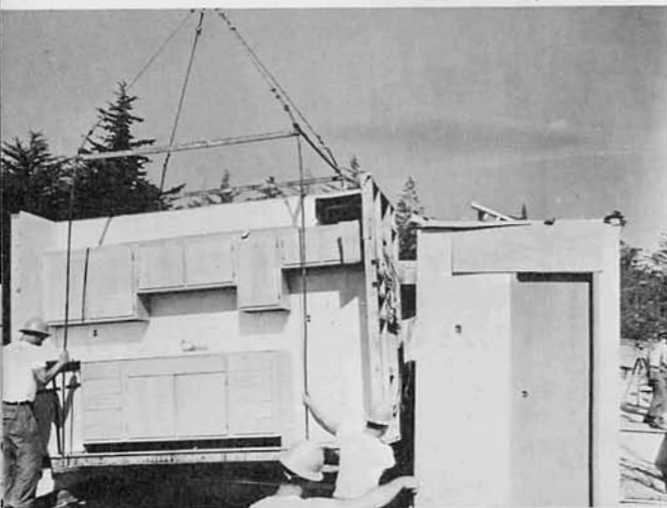


from one of Europe's oldest cities.

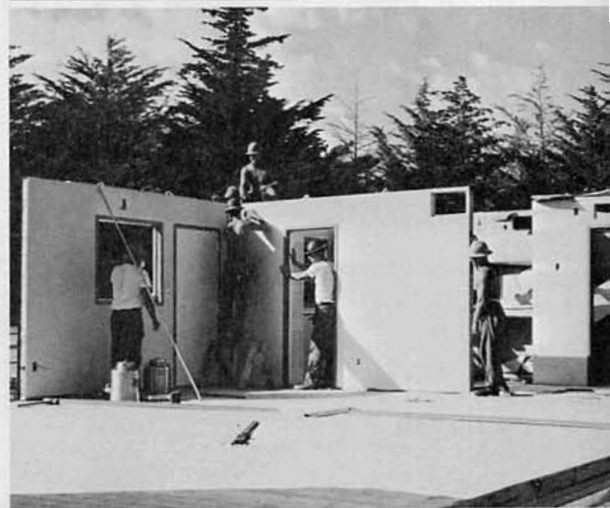
The Seabee Camp, popularly known as Silver City because of the numerous gleaming quonset huts, was located halfway between the base proper and the job site. Since the camp was continually occupied by battalions, it had indeed evolved into a small city, complete with its own galley, barber shop, post office, sick bay, chapel, and EM Club—the Silver City Saloon. Equipment and materials had been left by MCB-4, and in the short period of two days, the Battalion had begun full-scale work on the various projects.



Areas B and C



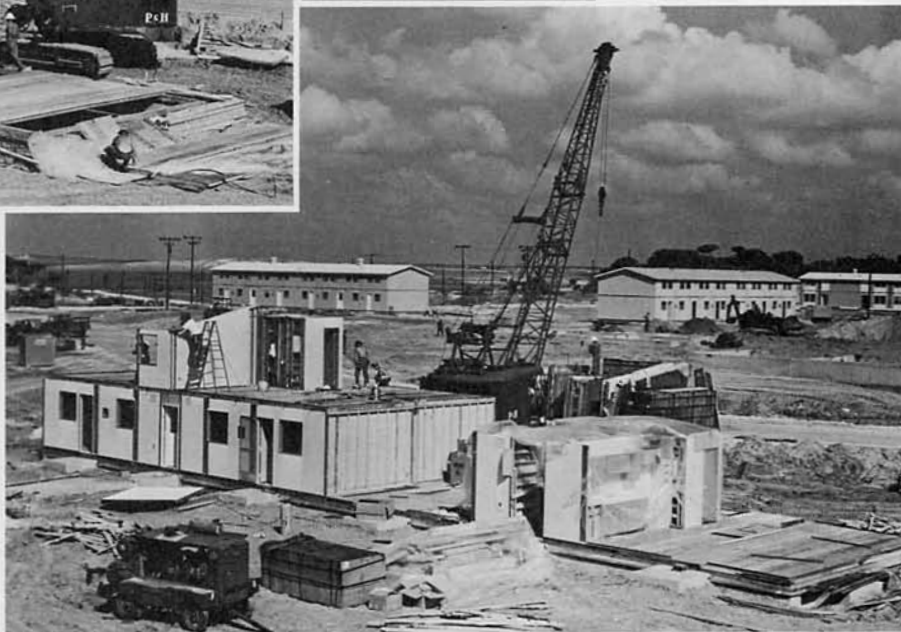
Each section had its place.



C Company was assigned the sizeable task of erecting the USA Homes. The company attained a high rate of work efficiency by subdividing into specialized crews. Two erection crews of 13 men each contained a variety of rates. As panels were fitted together, builders did the nail-driving and sawing and a construction electrician completed the house electrical system.



At the height of the deployment, crews could assemble 1.7 units a day.





Those with two left feet didn't last long.

A utilitiesman welded the plumbing system and connected the heating unit, while a steelworker handled all the metal ductwork. Finally, an equipment operator handled the big crane used to lift the large sections into their places.

After the erection crew completed a structure, one of two finishing crews moved in, and began the interior painting, tiling, fixture installation, and general finishing that changed the rough unit into a real home.

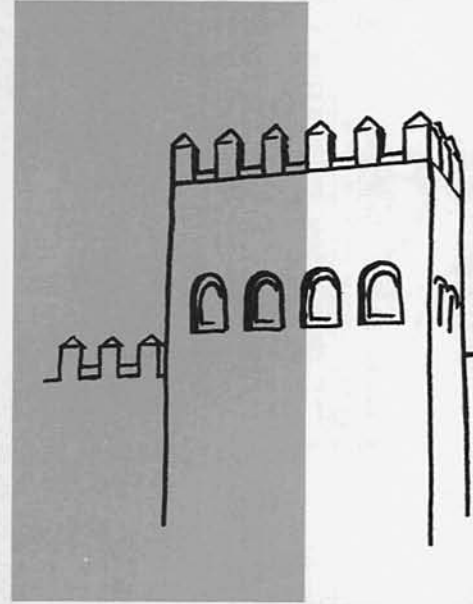


As the days go by the units begin to look like something out of a home fashion magazine.

Many American dependents were forced to live in the city of Rota due to the shortage of government housing on the base. MCB-7 was called upon to alleviate the situation, and on arrival, immediately began construction on the USA Home Project. On completion, the group of duplexes and four-plexes provided housing at a much cheaper rate than that which was available in nearby towns.



Tarzan strikers





The first erection crew was under BU1 Carl Dube.

The Rota deployment was unusual in that almost the entire resources and manpower of SEVEN were concentrated on a single project. A Mobile Construction Battalion's self-sufficiency was never more evident than here. As MCB-7 undertook such diverse functions as roadbuilding, street-lighting, and home construction, we showed the autonomy for which the modern Seabee battalion is noted. A large batch plant was built near the jobsite to produce the concrete and asphalt needed for foundations and roads. Material support by the manufacturers was all the assistance required. From pier to furnished unit, the residential community was a 100% Seabee effort.

The crates were systematically placed around the foundations.

D Company, assigned all the concrete work related to the project, poured thousands of yards of concrete. This included footings, foundations, walls, sidewalks, and man-holes. A field steelworking crew installed metal termite shielding while a shop crew turned out re-bar and steel forms. Since the majority of the electricians were in D Company, their responsibilities included the overhead power distribution system and wiring the asphalt batch plant. D Company was assigned the additional jobs of completing a single-family dwelling, MOQ 1227, and building a sewage lift station. The projects were not related.

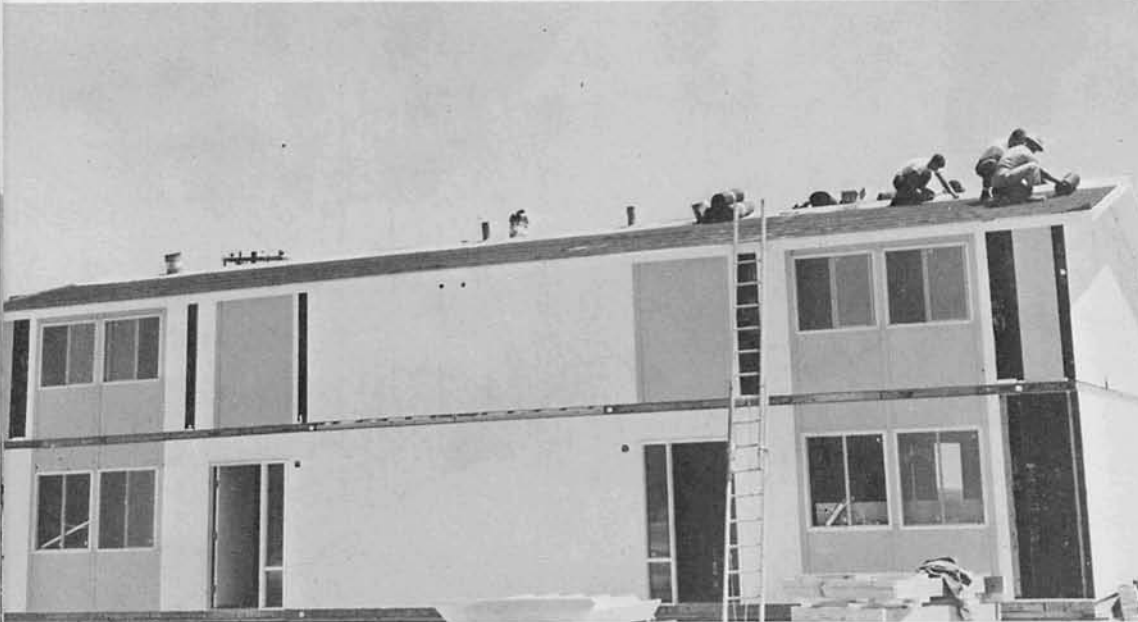


FINISHING TOUCHES

Finishing the interior consisted of placing and painting Sheetrock walls, installing stairs and windows, and attaching other breakable items that could not have been preinstalled. The wiring for the entire building was contained in the various panels. Forming complete circuits only required connecting the sections of wiring in each panel. The upper deck was constructed exactly like the lower.



Take *that* you pesky fly.



Chief Rourke supervises the laying of felt.

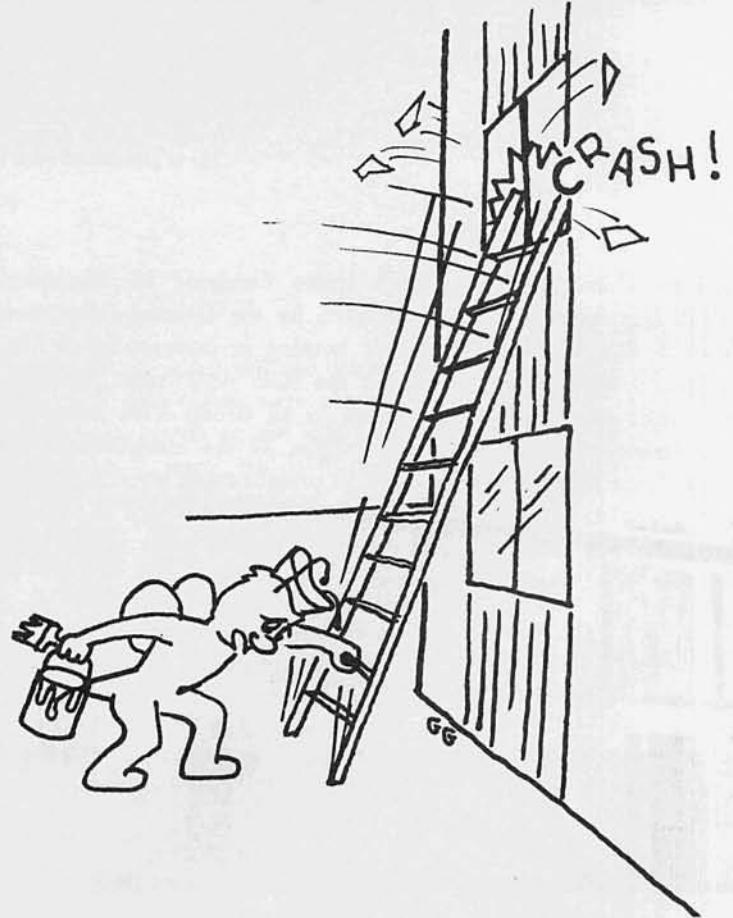
The result of a great deal of coordination and planning was an extremely modern unit, incorporating some of the latest items that are seldom found in prefabricated dwellings. At right, Lt. R. Swistock, Ens. F. Schlesinger, Chief H. Schultz, and BU1 Williams inspect the work of Charlie Company.



Shoot and Brabham install finish trim.



Measuring "cold cuts"



Ain't fancy, but it works.

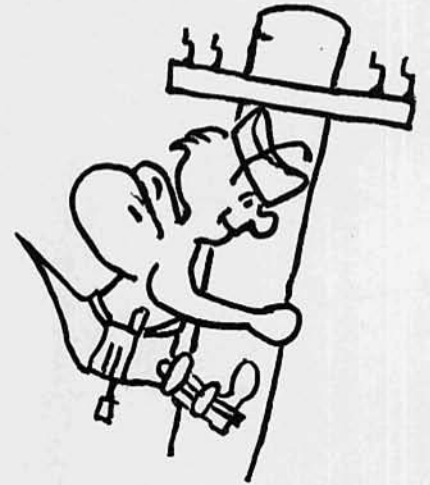


"If I had a hammer . . ."



These greenhorns soon became expert at laying sidewalks.

The USA Home, built by Knox Home Company of Thompson, Georgia, was an experiment undertaken by the Defense Department to provide much-needed government housing at overseas bases. Unit construction, the major project for the Rota deployment, provided an excellent opportunity for training in all Group VIII rates. The houses themselves were striking examples of the completeness and construction efficiency now possible in prefabricated structures. Each single apartment began as 22 large crates weighing a total of 50 tons. Every crate was numbered, and contained various parts in the exact order that they would be required for assembly.



Area D reaches the erection stage.



Paving the main road

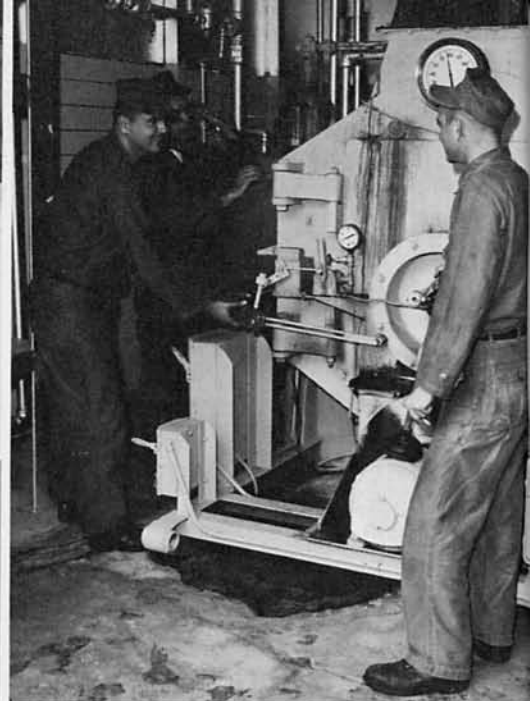
Large steel girders were also included with the crates. After the foundation and sole plates were seated, numbered floor panels were placed on the sills and secured together. Next, angle irons, which formed the bases of all the wall panels and partitions, were secured with 8-inch spikes. The kitchen and bath units came as complete cores that included all cabinet work. Attractively finished in formica and natural wood, the cabinets were complete with electrical work and all finished and rough plumbing. A series of simple sweat welds connected the bathroom and kitchen plumbing to pipes which lead beneath the houses.



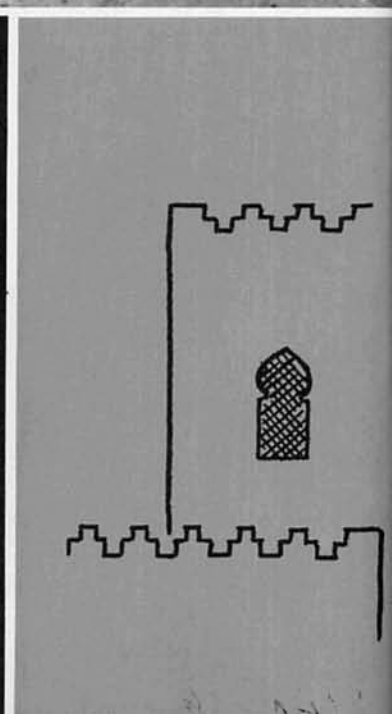
The powerline crew



"Cover it up and they'll never know the difference."



BEHIND THE SCENE



On November 1, 1965 the first 20 units in the A-area were turned over for occupancy. Present at the official ribbon-cutting ceremony were Rear Admiral H. A. Renken, COMSERVLANT; Rear Admiral Perry, Commandante General of the Rota Naval Base; Captain J. C. Young, COMNAVACTS Spain; Capt. J. S. Elkins, COMNASTA ROTA; and Cdr. J. T. Acuff, Commanding Officer, MCB-7. The first families moved into the units shortly after the ceremony.



Dressed as a civilian, Admiral H. Rivero, the American Vice Chief of Naval Operations, saw the construction site. Lt. General J. W. Bowen, Chief of Staff of the European Command inspected the USA site late in the deployment. Another dignitary who visited the project was Representative W. J. Randall of Missouri. On such occasions, Cdr. J. T. Acuff and Capt. J. S. Elkins, COMNAVSTA Rota toured with the guests and explained the operation.



HIGHLIGHTS

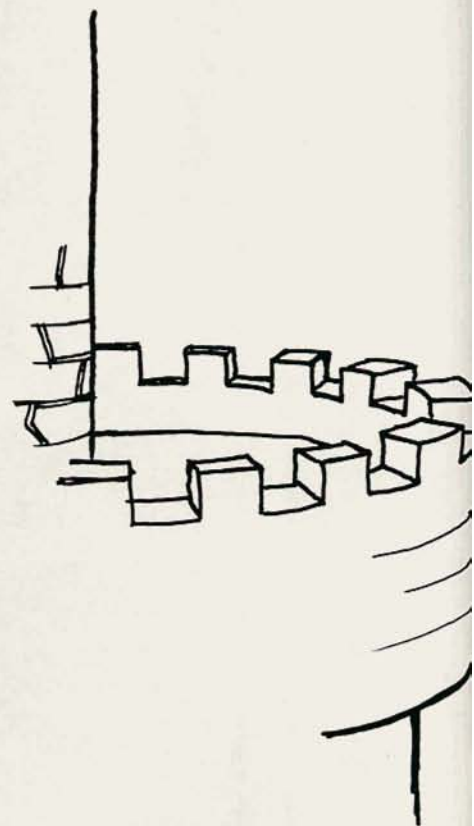




The drill team performs at the ceremony in Davisville in which MCB SEVEN was awarded the Navy "E".



Rear Adm. Henry A. Renken presents the Efficiency Award to Cdr. James T. Acuff.





The USA project involved all rates.

A typical fourplex is pieced together





... so then we went to the El Club and met Ramona.

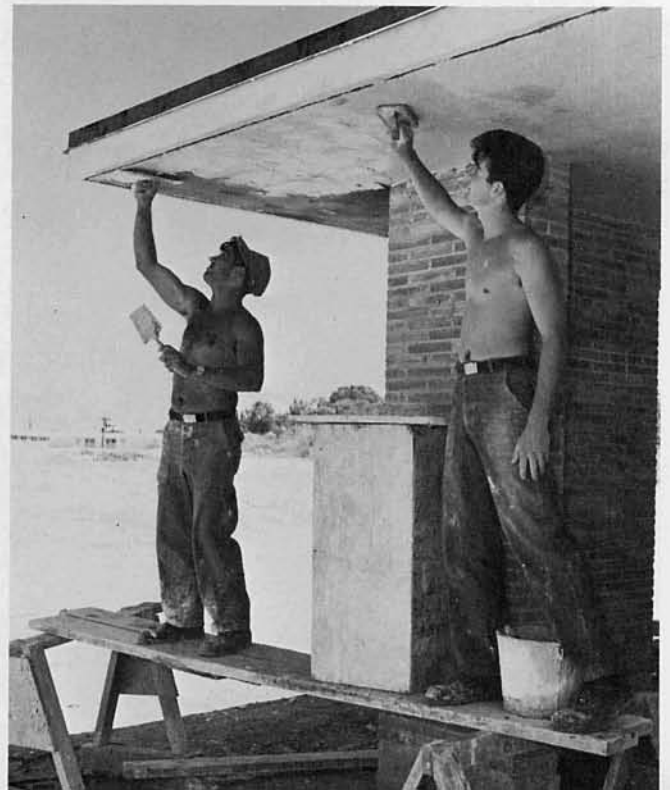


MOQ AND LIFT STATION

The MOQ, begun by the previous battalions, was completed by Delta Company for the Commanding Officer of NAVSTA Rota. Although the existing homes of the housing area were of a similar style, the MOQ was the only job we had that involved the usual techniques of wiring and plumbing. It was also unique in that masonry and stucco work were required.

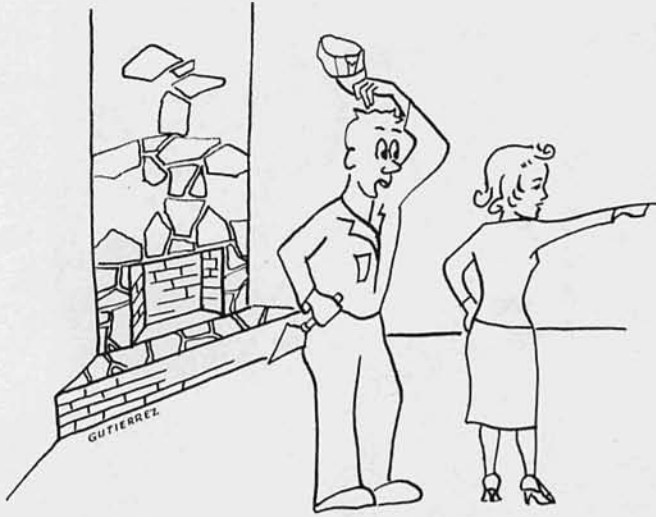
Our third major project was the sewage pumping station built near the Rio Salado and the gate to Puerto de Santa Maria. It was required because of the load that would result from the 300 new units in the housing area. Delta Company completed the job in half the scheduled time, a brief thirty days.

Hey Gianantonio, my float's stuck!

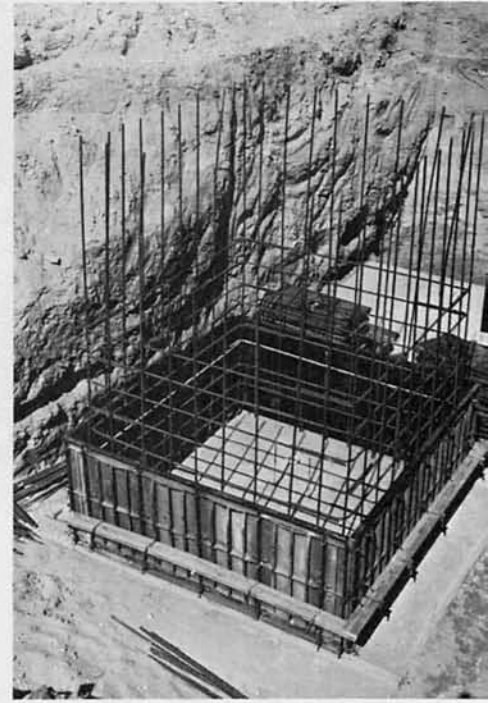




Placing steel forms for the spillway



NO, I WANT THE FIREPLACE OVER THERE .



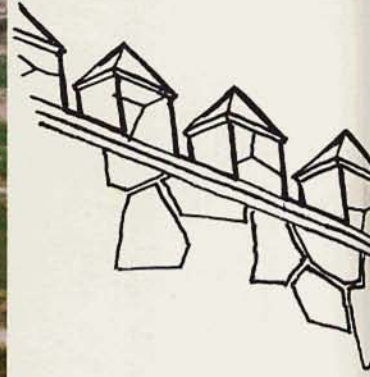
The basin re-bar is ready for the forms.



BUI Korpi and Chief Navin inspect the lift station



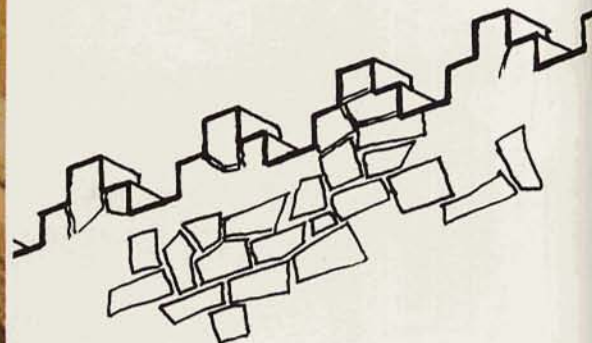
The MOQ (Married Officers Quarters) was a short distance from the USA project.



The jobsite and housing area as MCB-7 left them in December, with Rota in the distant background.



The Battalion completed the foundations in F&G areas.



The completed M.O.Q.



Silver City with the Acey Deucey (top) and office spaces (bottom)



The USA project after SEVEN had erected its first duplex. The MOQ is at upper left.

The Alhambra, ancient castle of Moorish sultans.



. . . therefore, let us contemplate this pencil point.



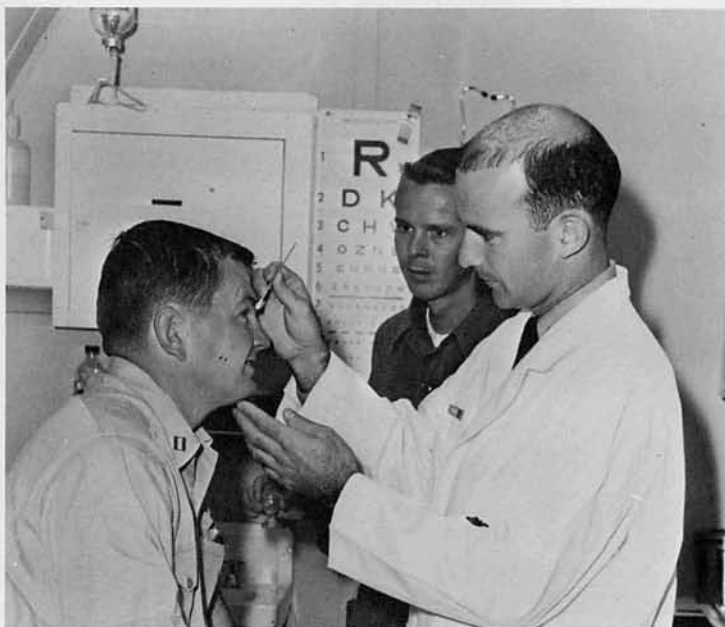
Those guys on the next page

OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS



One more mistake Bruner, and you've had it.

As the month of November drew to a close, so did the Rota deployment. The main body was scheduled to leave on the MSTS PATCH for Davisville, with a 24-hour stopover at Bremerhaven, Germany. A rear echelon of 100 men remained in Spain to finish the houses in the D-area. When the rear echelon left, 96 units had been erected and 36 finished for occupancy.



A touch of masquera should do the trick.

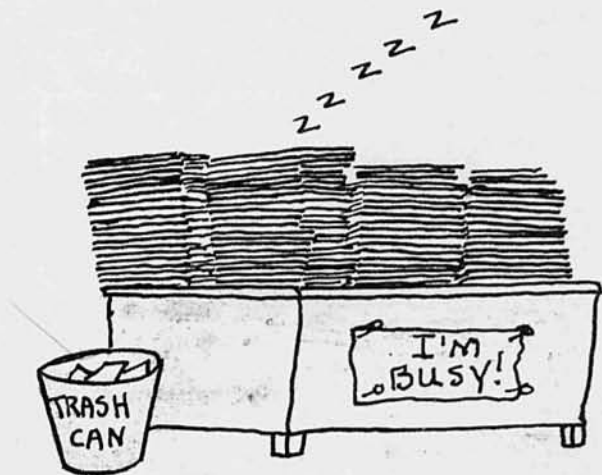


When the going got tight, pay records were typed on . . .



At this stage, the CPM calls for a beer bust.

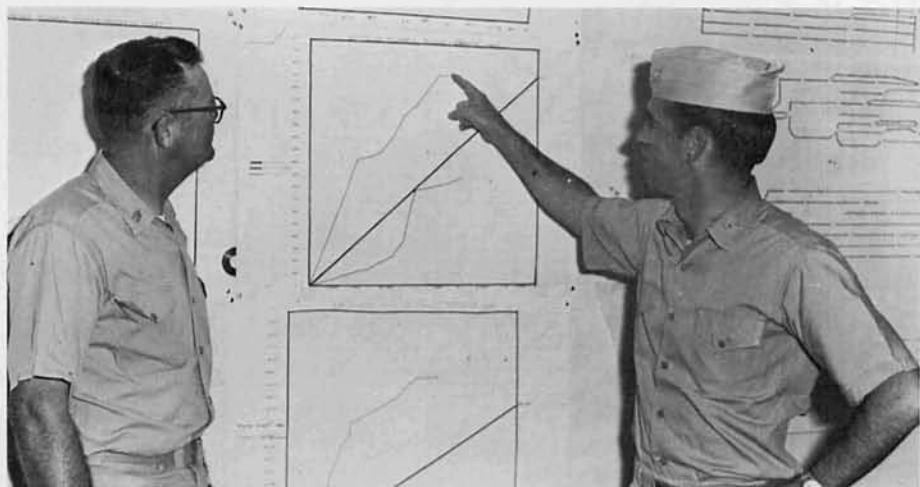
. . . they're working!



"He wants dollars for pesetas."



That's peculiar, this man should have been separated three months ago.

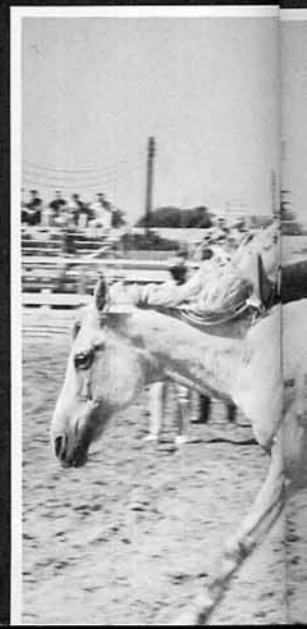
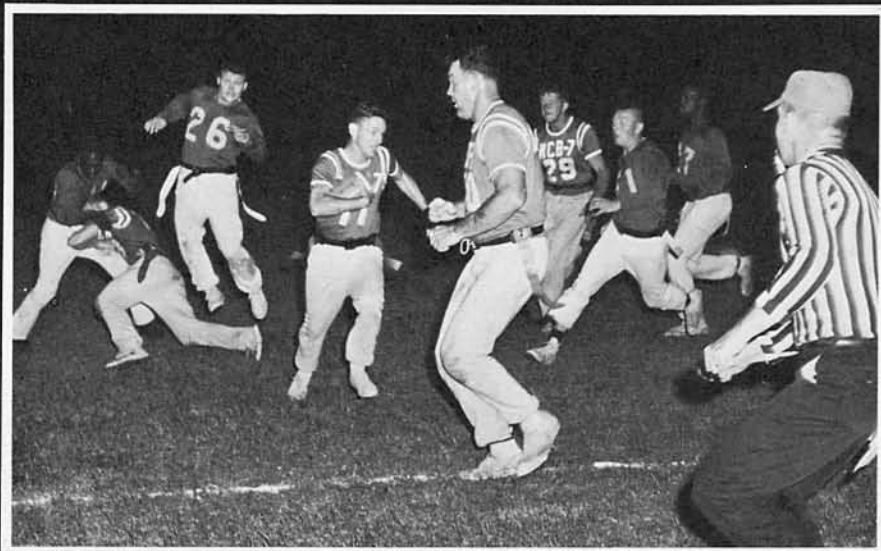


Remarkable, inking a line with your finger like that!



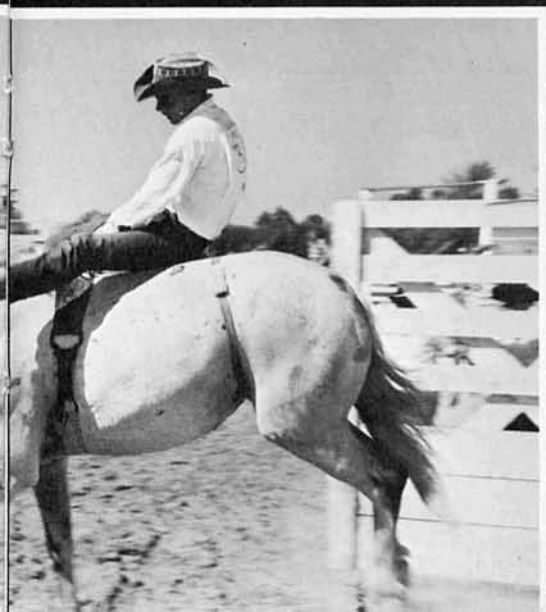
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ENTERTAINMENT IN PAIN



BATTALION PARTY



El Cordobes does a "Zapatiado."



Husband and wife, Los Gitanillos de Bonce, perform in gypsy costumes.



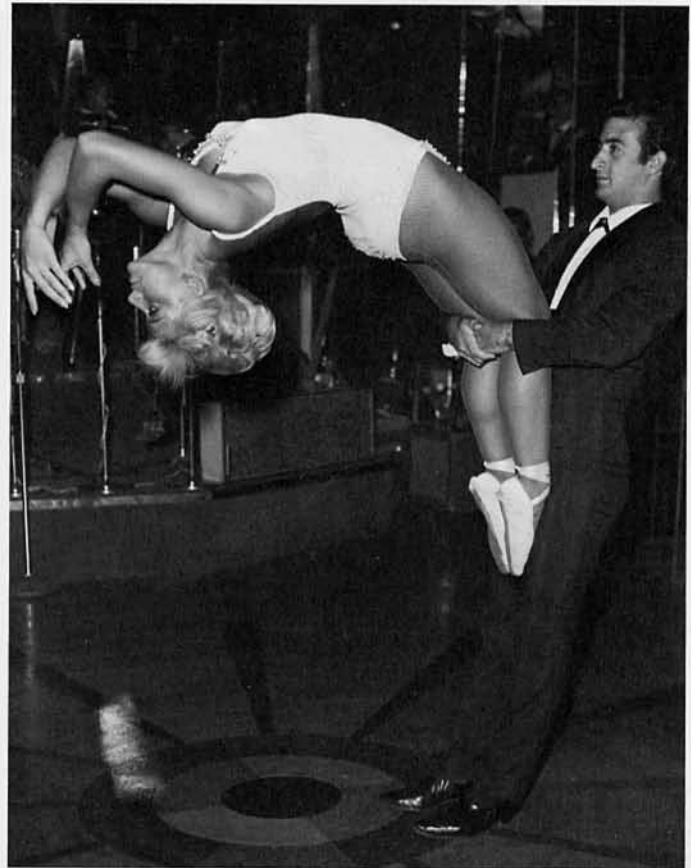


Carmen Ponce dances with castanets.



The doctor and medical staff have a few for medicinal purposes.

The largest Battalion Party was held at the El Vanguard enlisted club on August 30, 1965. Tasty charcoal-broiled steaks and free beverages were served. On hand to provide entertainment were some of the world's most famous Flamenco dancers. Flamenco, the traditional form of Spanish dancing, takes many years to learn. For hundreds of years it has been one of the hallmarks of Spanish culture. Beautiful, internationally-known dancers such as Rocio Loreto, Carmen Ponce, and Isabel Romero helped make the evening highly enjoyable, one that will long be remembered.



You too can be beautiful by exercising.



During the night of the battalion party, El Vanguard was temporarily renamed the Seabee Seven Club.

From the start, MCB-7 undertook an ambitious construction program designed to complete rapidly our projects, and also to allow personnel time for touring. Special Services arranged weekend trips to nearly every large city within a 300 mile radius. These were provided at no cost to the men, and were enthusiastically received.



Isabel Romero

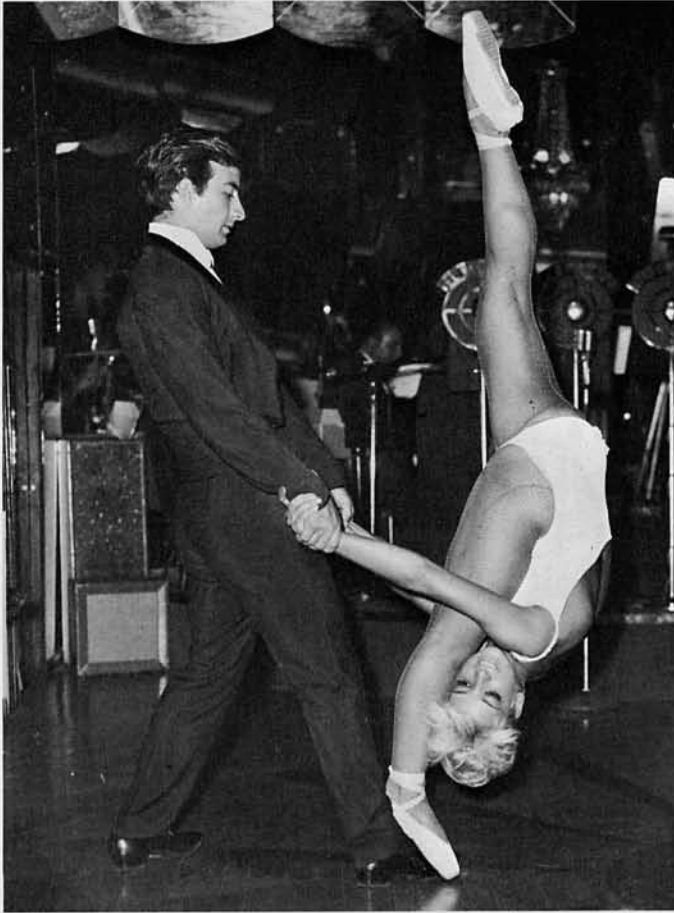


I think you dropped one of your polka dots.



Getting checked





Brother and sister, Ralph and Gloria, performed well.



Renowned dancers like Carmen Ponce and Rocio Loretto entertained.

One of the many tours was to Granada, the town of famous gypsy caves and the home of the Alhambra, an ancient Moorish Castle. In all directions from Rota there was beauty, culture, and amusement for those who sought it.

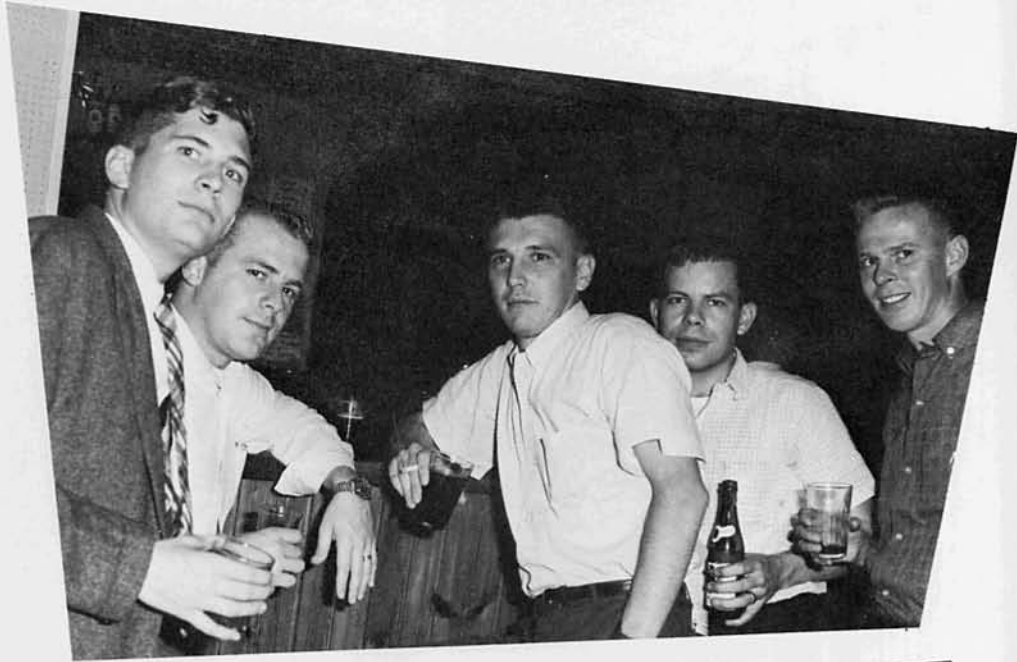
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Behind the scenes in the "Public Affairs Office"



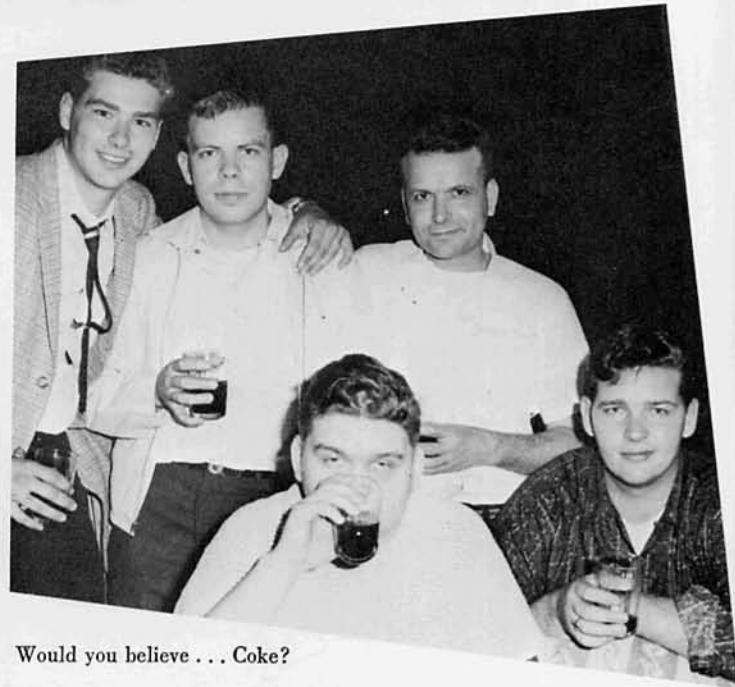
The night before the morning after



Rogue's Gallery



2200 muster at the Miami Club



Would you believe . . . Coke?



It's San Miguel for brighter, whiter teeth.



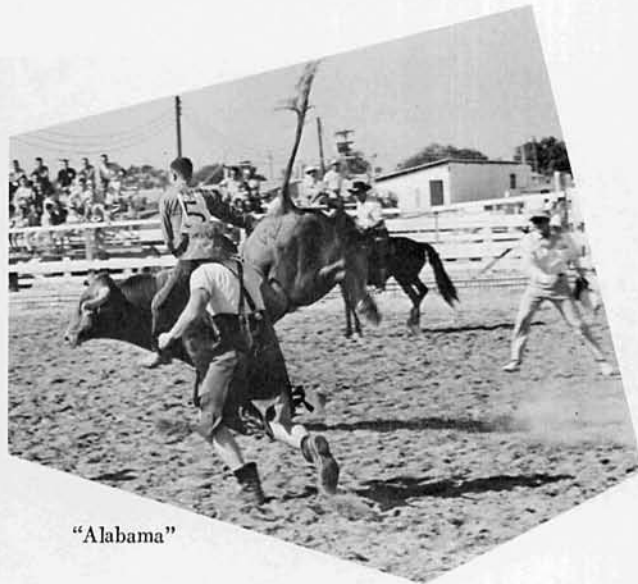
Not exactly a balanced diet, but . . .



One of the more refreshing lunch breaks



Pat



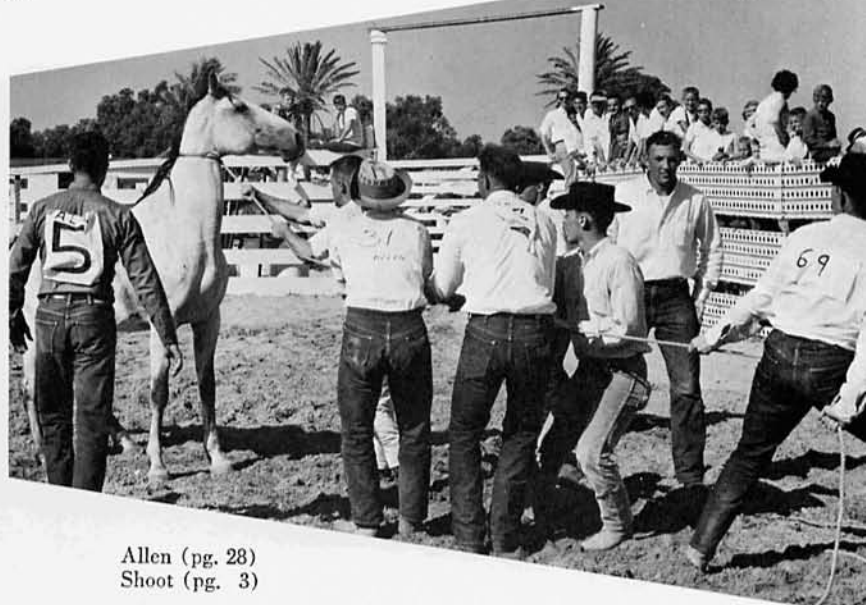
"Alabama"

ROTA WRANGLERS

Picture at lower right: Our bronk busters were "Alabama" Gilliland, 5; Allen, 31; and the last three at right, Mike Shoot, Pat Chamberlain and "Rabbit" Raymond, 69.



"Rabbit"

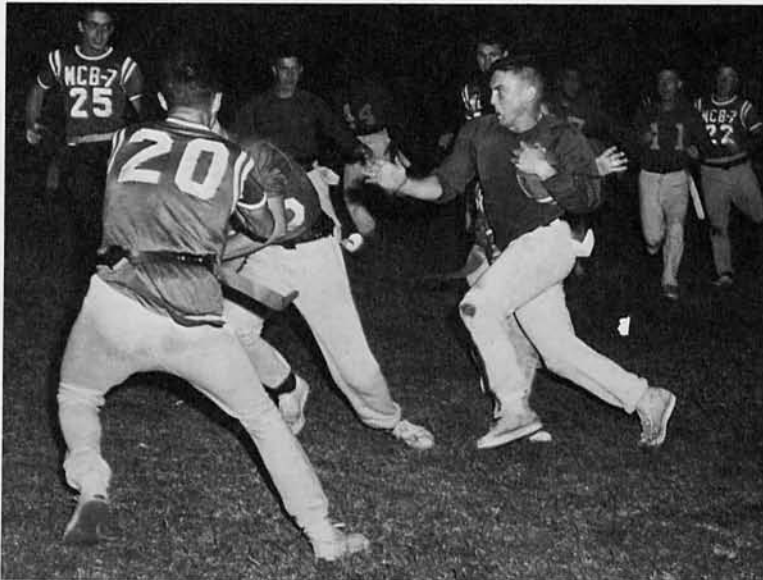


Allen (pg. 28)
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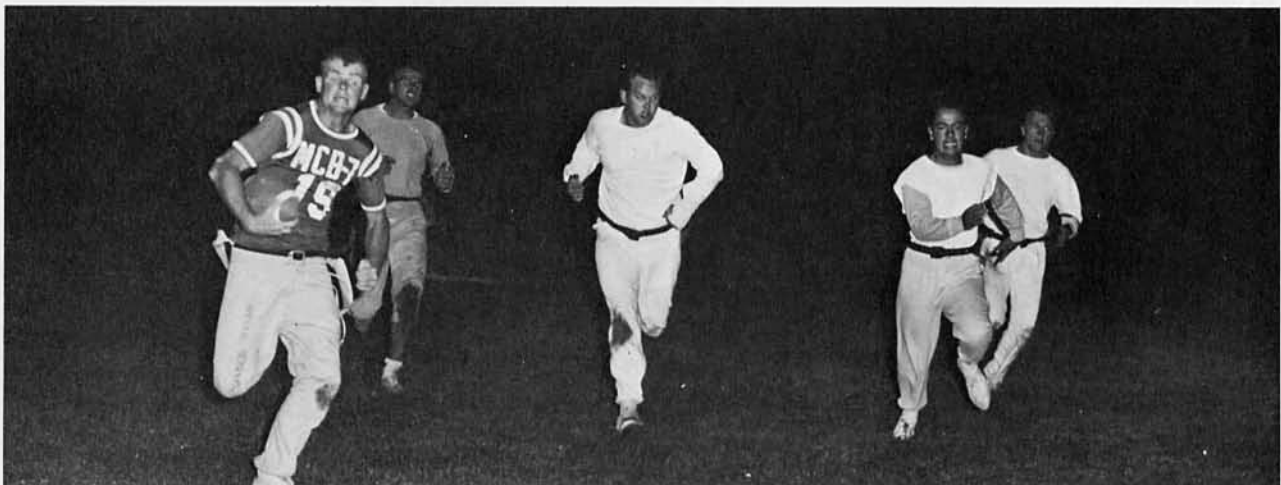
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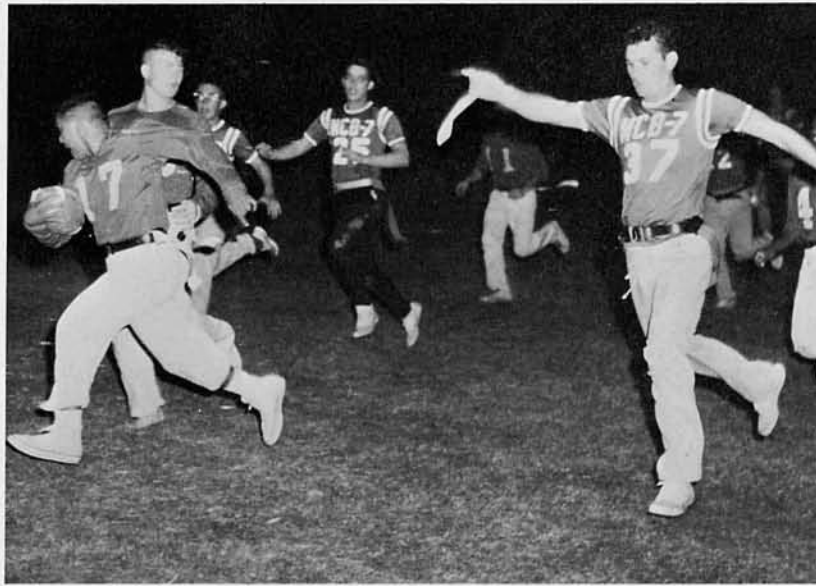
The "Big Red" was coached by George Saylor (at left).



On September 24, the battalion entered the Rota intramural football league. Although we had very little previous practice, the Seabees soon surprised the entire base by fielding a well-coached team that featured a brilliant passing attack and a bruising defense. Two of the most spirited contests were with our old rivals, the Marines. Donovan, 44; Wilson, 20; Hammock, and Thexton, 40, made the all-star team.



Turcotte breaks away from four white ghosts.

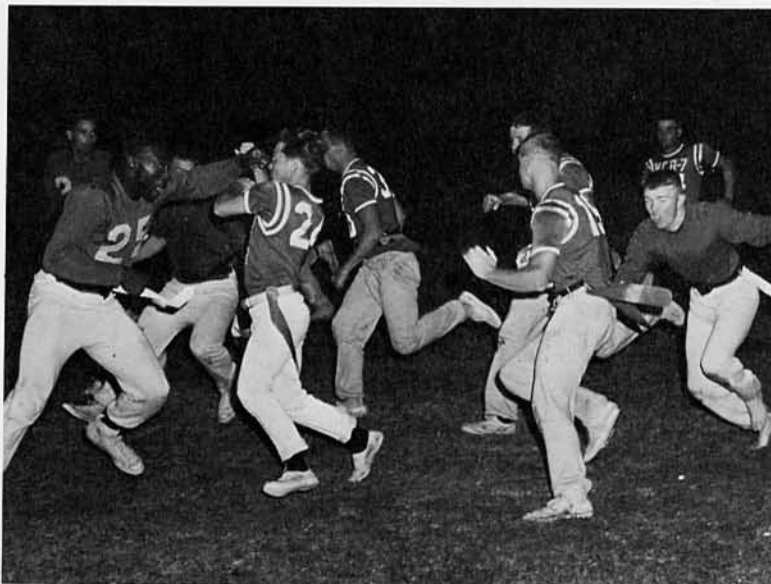


Making like Mercury, Bob Placker, flags down the Marine ball carrier.



Simmons (39) charges the VQ-2 back.

Pass complete to "Willie" Wilson



In the second of the two games, over 1,000 people witnessed a decisive Seabee victory in a hard-fought, exciting battle. The MCB-7 drill team, not to be outdone by the Marine Drum Corps, performed during the half-time ceremonies, and drew repeated applause for their fine showing. At the season's end, we finished third in a field of eight teams.

Seabee-Marine "slug fest"

THANKSGIVING

To promote a vigorous civic action program with people in the nearby countryside, MCB-7 unofficially adopted a Catholic orphanage in nearby Chipiona. On Thanksgiving day, 53 Spanish orphans were invited to a memorable dinner in the Seabee mess hall.





BASE FERIA



One of the highlights of the social season at the Rota Naval Station is the annual three-day Base Feria. An illustration of the camaraderie that developed with the Spanish occurred when three Spanish-speaking Seabees worked on Shore Patrol with Spanish S.P.'s to police the fairgrounds. SEVEN participated actively by helping to construct various stalls and booths needed for the fair. We also provided a static weapons display of all the various armaments used by a modern Seabee Battalion.



Some "Bees" visited Lisbon, the capitol of Portugal.



Three cheers for

TRAVEL

The cathedral in Sevilla



Quiet street in a small Spanish town

One soon learned of the beauties that could be observed along the scenic highway to Cadiz, the oldest city in western Europe. Among them are the mighty Rock of Gibraltar, and the sun-drenched cities of Torremolina and Malaga on the Spanish Riviera.



E SANCHEZ.



Men from 7 visited museums and cultural centers in the land of old Castile.

Everyone soon became familiar, not only with bullfights, but also with the toreadors themselves. We saw not only the up-and-coming toreadors, but also El Cordobes and Ordonez, the greatest in the world. If one visited the Rota bull ring on Sunday, he might be lucky enough to see small lads who occasionally would dash unexpectedly into the ring. Using burlap capes, these bare-foot 10 year-olds would attract the bull, show their bravery, and thus attempt their climb to fame. It was in this manner that El Cordobes got started in bullfighting. In most cases, however, the lads provided a hilarious afternoon of entertainment—at the cost of humiliation to the scheduled toreador, however.



Bull ring in Puerto



The parade field was located in the center of "mainside."

GREENS INSPECTION



Lcdr. Socha inspects the weapons platoon.



In preparation for the administrative inspection, an exacting greens inspection was held on the afternoon of September 25. Marine personnel inspected the assembled battalion and quizzed the men on any and all aspects of their weapons.



Inspecting the breach of the 106 recoilless rifle



What are your battle sights Seabee?

The 81mm mortar



ADMIN INSPECTION



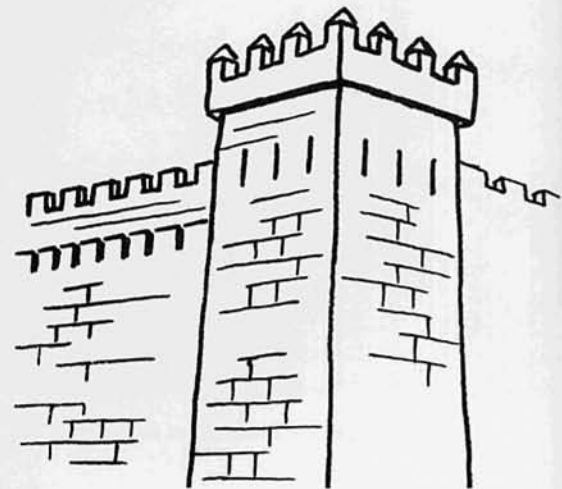
It drizzled as the Admin. party inspected the troops.

The CBLANT administrative inspection team arrived on October 5. Despite a week of solid downpour, the inspectors were impressed with the progress that had been made on the construction site. Several other distinguished guests that visited Rota went out to the job site to get a first-hand glimpse

of USA-Home construction. The Honorable Angier Biddle-Duke, U.S. Ambassador to Spain; Admiral Rivero, Vice CNO; and Lt. Gen. J. W. Bowen, Chief of Staff of the European Command, inspected the job.



SEVEN's officers confer with the Admin. party.





What's that SUPERMAN costume doing in there?



Outside the MOQ



Hotel Company stands ready for inspection, Sir.



Cdr. Acuff guides Capt. Spencer Smith, COMCBLANT, through the USA project.



Marching onto the field

PASS IN REVIEW



Charlie Company passes in review.

Captain J. S. Elkins, COMNASTA Rota, inspects Alpha Company.

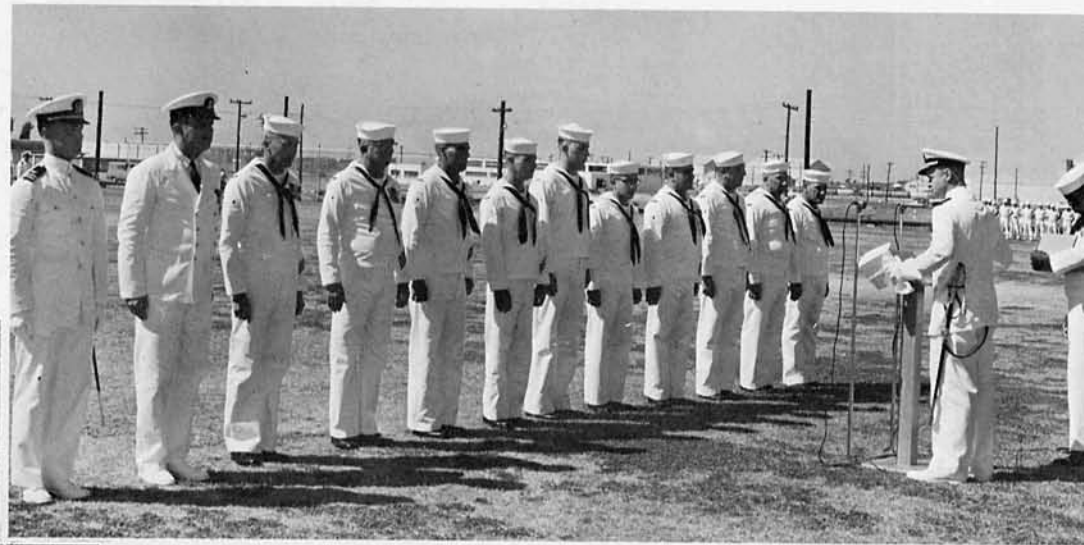




A whites inspection was held on 7 October.



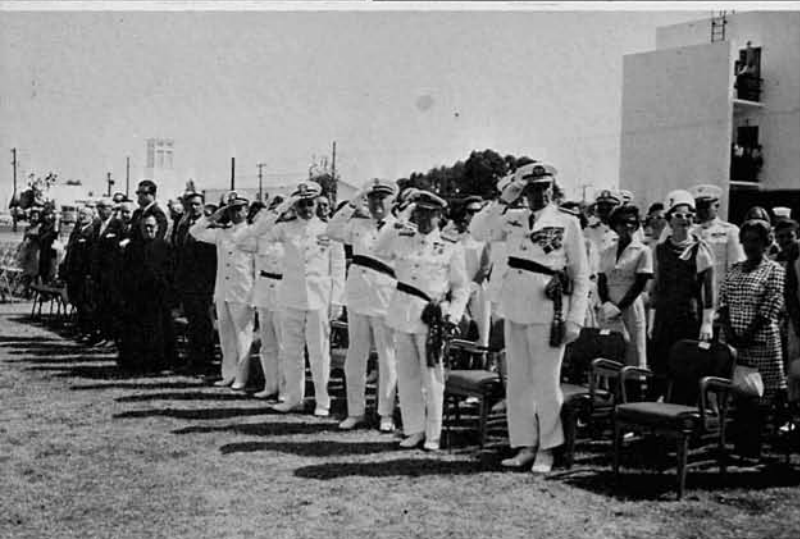
BUR3 Barnaby, becomes the center of interest.



Service ribbons were presented to veterans of the Cuban crisis.

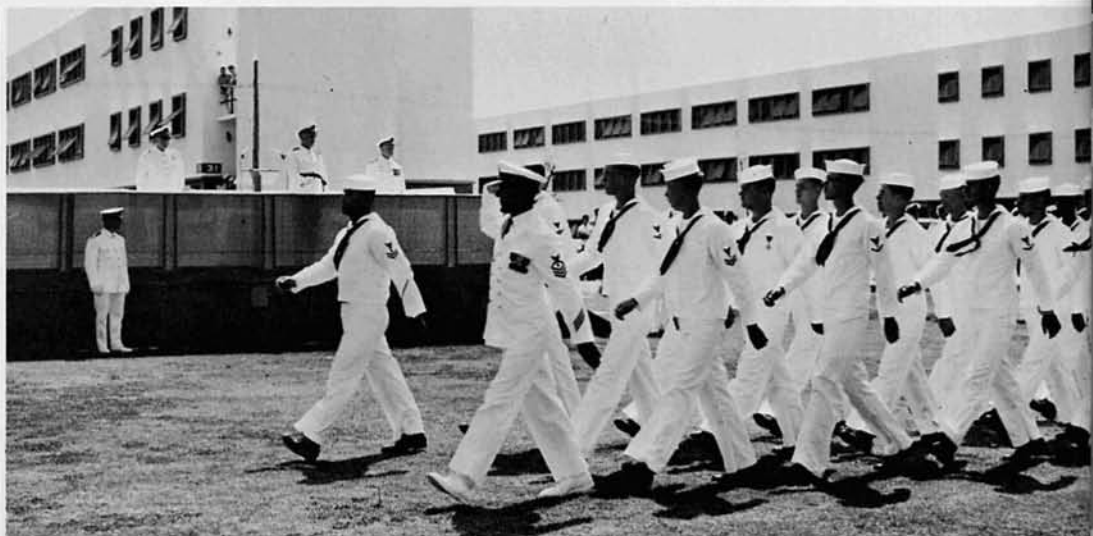


The Seabee drill team does not forget its nautical lineage.



SPANISH CHANGE OF COMMAND

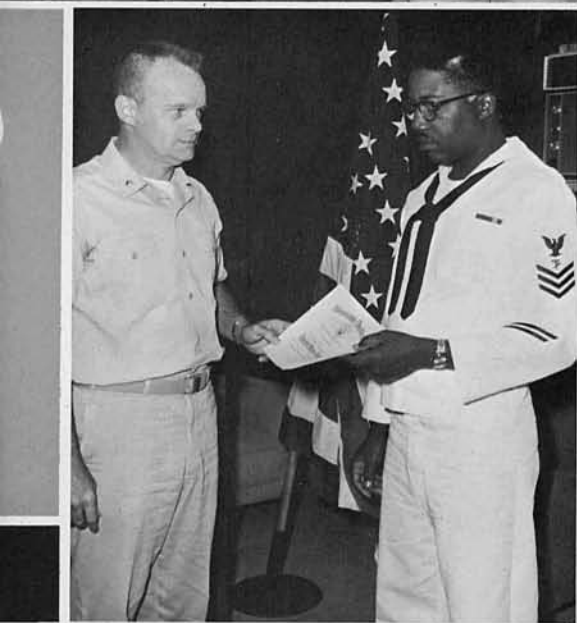
The Spanish Marines, the American Marine guard unit, and D Company of MCB-7 each provided a platoon which participated in the ceremony. Although commands were given in Spanish, the Seabees performed in a sharp professional manner.



An excellent example of the cooperation that existed between the Spanish and U.S. Navies occurred on August 18, 1965, when U.S. Military Forces participated in Spanish change of command ceremony. Rear Admiral Joaquin Pery relieved Rear Admiral Carlos Pardo as Commandante General of the Rota Naval Base.

Capt. Young, Adm. Cervera and Ct. Adm. Pery.

REENLISTMENTS



Before the battalion's departure, Captain J. S. Elkins, Commanding Officer of the Naval Station, said, "we thank the officers and men of MCB-7 for their whole-hearted cooperation and outstanding demonstration of professional ability at the Rota Naval Station."



As the MSTS PATCH pulled away from Rota harbor on November 30, the men of SEVEN could look back with pride and fond memories on four months accomplishment and fun.

LCDR A. R. SOCHA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

throughout the Spain
deployment and during
the early months in Vietnam.



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Lt. James B. Caughman
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Lt. Peter M. Fahrney
Medical Officer



Lt. Lewis A. Kurtz
Administration Officer



Lt. Myron D. Drinkwater
Supply Officer



Lt. Thomas F. Johnson
Chaplain



Lt. Peter C. Tomasi
Dental Officer



Lt. Sherrill E. Smith
Intelligence Officer



Lt. (j.g.) Donald R. Sheaffer
Engineering Officer



Lt. (j.g.) Ronald G. Flegal
Tech. Training Officer



Lt. (j.g.) Gary R. Minton
Project Control Officer



(j.g.) Stuart A. Cowan
Personnel Officer



Lt. (j.g.) Joseph J. Hegenbart
Disbursing Officer



Lt. (j.g.) Paul R. Dwiggens
Material Liaison Officer



EQCM David R. Harvey



First Sgt. Elmer Eversole



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SWCS Robert L. Westman

HMC Charles L. Hamme

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UTC Alexander Lasson



SKC Bruce L. Maxham

PCC Donald L. Merkle

CSC James M. Miller Jr.

CEC Douglas E. Moore

EOC Donald C. Pope





ALPHA	CO	P.	54
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Staff and Crew

BY COMPANY





Lt. Tracy C. Tucker
Company Commander



CWO3 Eugene C. Murray
A Company Commander



Lt. (j.g.) James T. Garrigan
Ass't A Co. Commander

ALPHA COMPANY

Throughout the Rota and Vietnam deployments, the men of Alpha Company have paved the way for the rest of the battalion. At Phu Bai, the company literally changed the face of the earth by moving thousands upon thousands of cubic meters of earth in site preparation and road construction for seven cantonments, Camp Campbell, the FLSU complex, and the Army antenna field. Our motor pool provided convoy support for several Marine operations and delivered material wherever and whenever it was needed between Danang and Dong Ha.

I wish to take this opportunity to write a few lines to all of you, to bring you up to date on my situation, and, more especially, to tell you all how grateful, proud, yet humble I am for the opportunity to have been your company commander.

As most of you know, I have developed high blood pressure. Most of you will understand what a blow it will be to me to have to go out this way on a medical. It is like losing someone very dear. That is the way I feel about Alpha Company.

You have all stood proud and tall throughout this deployment and, whether you are career-minded or not, it is something no one can take away from you! With only a few exceptions, you have really come a long way from the first day you stepped in country. You have continually demonstrated throughout the deployment the "Can Do, Will Do, Have Done" spirit that traditionally had made the Seabees famous since their inception. All that stands today with your name and your handprint on it, has been accomplished under some of the most insurmountable conditions. This is where the men are separated from the boys, and I am very proud to say that you stood up and were counted!

I am thankful that it was my fortune to be associated with such a fine group of men. I will never forget you! A sincere "well-done" to each of you. God-speed and fair winds.

CWO E.C. Murray



CMCS Elwin M. Abernathy



**CMC Gerald W. Aikman
EOC Blaine C. Bentley
EOC Gilbert E. Boyer**

The quarry and rock crusher crews supplied tons of aggregate for roads and concrete, and the heavy equipment and crane crews responded quickly to the support requirements of other companies. Our skilled mechanics kept the equipment running despite frequent breakdowns and parts shortages. Alpha Company can be justly proud of its record, carved out of the landscape of Vietnam. You have truly displayed the "Can-Do" spirit and upheld the finest traditions of the Seabees.

A. C. Tucker



EOC George Furtado



EOC Charles J. Bridgeman



MRC George W. Kropp



EOC Lyndon V. Hilsman



BUC Helmuth F. Tornoe



CMC Arthur A. Pryor

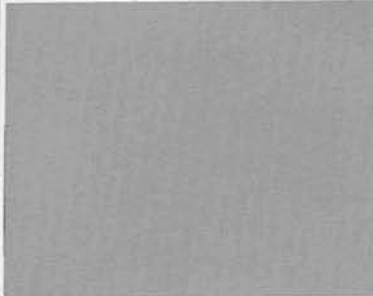




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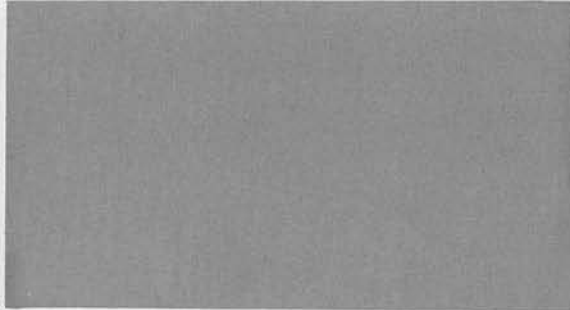
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A. D. Reynolds, EOH3
G. C. Ulery, EONCA



J. A. Wolfe, EONCN
H. Wysk, CMACN

BRAVO COMPANY



Lt. George H. Gardiner
Company Commander

VERSATILITY—one word that can best describe Bravo Company. Formed from the old A & B Company, Bravo Company came into its own, venturing forth from the luxuries of Rota and Davisville to enter the wilderness of the Republic of Vietnam.

Like the Roman legions when they left the aqueducts and splendor of ancient Rome, Bravo Company descended upon Hue Bai with little material and a lot of heart. From it arose one of the better Seabee camps in Vietnam. Still without the comforts of home, Bravo can point with pride to the power plants and distribution systems throughout the area—including the light and power company, I.B.E.W. Local 7, and the famed Phu Bai Water Works—the popular ice plant, innumerable steel buildings, and the many various carpenter shop projects.



UTCS William B. King



SWC Myron E. Litherland



UTC Robert J. O'Neil



UTC Glenn S. Speece



SWCS Robert L. Westman

NOT PICTURED:
UTC Marvin L. Johnson



R. Astuto, SWE CN
H. G. Barrar, CEW3



J. J. Becker, UT1
G. E. Bengston, SWE3

E. D. Black, CEP3
A. C. Borgensen, CN



J. E. Bradley, SWFCN
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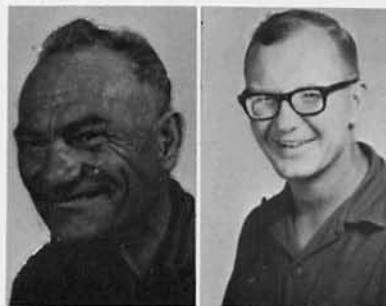
W. T. Brooks, CEP3
R. J. Buggle, CN
W. A. Byington, UTB3
R. S. Cannon, UT1

Bravo horizons projected from the hills of Lang Vei through Cam Lo, Dong Ha, and Phu Bai, to the shores of Qui Nhon and Nha Trang, leaving behind in each case a symbol of Bravo accomplishments: Bunkers, drainage lines, water and power distribution systems, interior wiring, steel buildings, quonset huts, and reefers. And who will forget the laying of the AM-2 matting for the runway at Dong Ha with the airfield in full operation? In many instances, the CE's and UT's combined forces with the SW's to meet the heavy demand placed on the steel-working trade. Many times assistance was provided to other commands to weld tanks or other steel members, to repair a generator motor switch, or a reefer, or to fabricate innumerable small items in the shop.

R. W. Carpenter, CES3
S. R. Carroll, CEWCN



L. B. Cheslier, UTWCN
G. H. Cillessen, CES3



K. A. Carson, UTA3
J. M. Cavalero, CES2

A. Coclas, CE1
J. L. Cohn, CMA3



J. J. Corcoran, CN
W. K. Corn, CEW2



E. G. DeBerry, CE1
A. S. DiFilippo, CEW3



N. R. Eckles, SWE3
R. L. Eddy, UTA2

T. David, CEW3
G. W. Davis, SWE3
R. J. Durand, CEW2
J. E. Dwyer, UTB3



M. E. Edinger, UTP3
J. E. Eichhorn, EO1



V. E. Engle, SWFCN
R. W. Glover, UTP2

D. C. Goossen, SWE3
M. B. Greenwell, CEP3



H. S. Grigsby, CEP2
L. W. Gugel, SWE3



R. O. Hammack, SWF2
C. S. Hammett, SWF3

R. W. Hartz, CEB3
J. W. Harvel, SW1



J. D. Head, SWFCR



K. E. Hedrick, SWE3
E. Hill, SWE2



C. K. Holebrook, CET2



P. B. Hill, UTW2
K. L. Hoesktra, UT1



T. Hooker, CEW3
J. N. Hooper, UT1



C. D. Howe, UT1
H. L. Jackson, CE1

D. G. Jones, UTA3

D. H. Jeffrey, UTA2
H. L. Johnson, EOH2
L. E. Jolley, CEW3



R. R. Kauffman, UTW3
T. R. Kent, UT1

J. A. King, CA



T. V. Lane, CES2
R. D. Langley, CEW2



F. J. Laurin, CEP2
J. E. Lavictor, CES3



W. Lehman, CEW3
J. W. Leonard, SWE3



R. S. Leonard, SWE3
V. M. Lewallen, CEW3

B. G. Lincoln, SW1



T. J. McDonald, UTP3
R. G. McCortney, UTWCN

V. W. McKeehan, UTB2
J. Miller, UTPCN





A. J. Mishke, CEW3
R. Montgomery, UTWCN



J.-E. Moore, UTA2
D. Myers, MRFN

W. H. Myers, SF1
A. R. Neelley, SN
B. J. Nelson, CN



M. W. O'Bryant, BU1
T. R. Olsen, SWE3
W. R. Pederson, CES2

J. P. Pennise, SWF3
V. J. Picciotto, CN

Bravo Company has met the demands of the RVN deployment and has given a bit more—personal pride. Individual accomplishments have been many, and a good job has been done by Bravo personnel wherever they were assigned. Personal accomplishments and satisfaction were Bravo's heritage on this RVN deployment. We were proud to have "Stoney" Campbell, SWE3, in Bravo Company before his untimely departure. We can only hope that he was as proud to be one of the Bravo.

G. H. Gardiner



G. G. Pickrel, CA
W. D. Pitts, UTP3

J. L. Rogers, UT1
T. F. Rossin, SWE3



D. D. Presley, CES2
R. P. Price, CEWCN



E. D. Runser, UTB3
J. M. Sankey, SWF3
G. Saris, SWF2
W. F. Scheible, UTW3



J. F. Scheuerman, SWF3
J. L. Scheuerman, SWF3
W. L. Self, UTP3
D. A. Shearon, SWF2





T. J. Sliva, CR

I. T. Smith, CEWCN
L. L. Speck, CN



A. G. Stanchfield, BU1
M. P. Sweaney, CES3
M. T. Takos, CEW3



P. S. Tate, SWE3
R. C. Taylor, SW1



H. S. Thornton, SWF3
P. Weible, UT1

J. J. Thiel, CMA2
C. A. Weiler, SWE3



R. Weidlich, SWE3
F. E. White, UT1
J. L. Wickman, SWE3
E. T. Williams, SWF3



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L. M. Johnson, CMHCN
C. L. Jones, CN
J. D. Kelly, UTACN
M. J. Kern, SWE2
J. F. McMahan, CET2
D. D. Metcalf, CEWCN
M. R. Whitten, CEWCN
O. D. Young, UTP3



B. L. Wood, SWE3
W. J. Zoskey, UTPCN



P. B. Wilson, CESC
W. R. Wynne, SWE2
M. R. Witten, CN



CHARLIE COMPANY

Lt. (j.g.) Donald F. Murphy
Company Commander



BUC Kieren F. Collins, Jr.



BUC Ronald L. Smeltzer



BUC William J. Korpi

The story of Charlie Company in Vietnam was the story of six squads of builders including some CE's, UT's and one Seaman.

The First Squad of the First Platoon, under BU1 Parker, set up the Phu Bai prefab yard that enabled the squad to cut and prefabricate ten or more strongbacks a day. When the big push was on at Dong Ha, Parker's squad went north and poured concrete slabs for galleys, maintenance tents, showers, and a village.

The Second Squad of the First Platoon, under the control of BUL2 Shoup, reinforced the prefab yard when it was supporting both Phu Bai and Dong Ha cantonment construction. Later Shoup's squad went to Dong Ha. After finishing the airstrip, the squad erected strongbacks, heads, and worked in the prefab yard. Later, they built a village for 60 families of Vietnamese Army dependents who were dis-

placed when the Dong Ha enclave was expanded.

The Third Squad of the First Platoon, whose leader was BUL2 Bonwell, was usually working in the field at Phu Bai. They erected strongbacks, tinned roofs, built heads, and worked in the prefab yard, but never made it to Dong Ha.

The First Squad of the Second Platoon operated under the direction of BUR2 Wallace. This squad of builders became specialists at building 500-man galleys. It seemed that about half the I Corps area eventually was eating in "Wallace-built galleys."

The Second Squad of the Second Platoon belonged to BUH2 Dube. After building strongbacks and heads at Phu Bai, they went to Dong Ha to open and operate the prefab yard there. They later went back to Phu Bai to continue work on new cantonments.

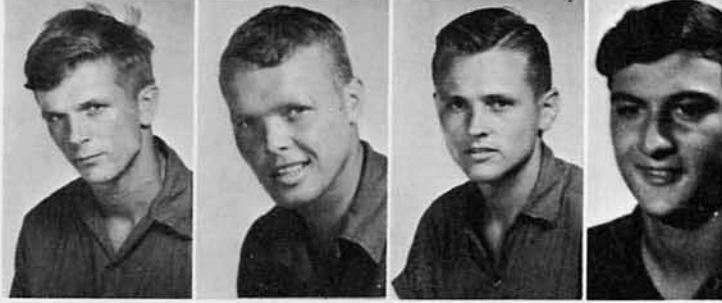


B. J. Allen, SN
D. R. Allman, SN
R. K. Barber, BULCN
L. E. Beasley, CN



E. Becker, BUL2
R. F. Bonwell, BUR2
E. Bradford, SN
F. J. Brown, BUL3
D. W. Brown, BURCN
J. D. Brown, CN
S. L. Bryan, BUH3
W. J. Burke, SN

R. R. Cartwright, CN
C. H. Catterton, SN
D. L. Clark, CN
W. M. Colling, BUR3



W. D. Coolidge, CN
G. F. Cooper, UTPCN

M. D. Dees, BUH3
R. T. Donald, SN

A. J. Dube, BUH2
C. S. Elliott, CN
G. K. Everett, BUL3

R. N. Edington, BUH2
T. F. Fabin, BUL3
F. Gianantonio, BUL3



B. A. Groves, BUH3
K. L. Hacking, BUL3
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A. Jones, SN

P. G. Landry, CN
 J. B. Lange, BUL3
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 D. J. Larson, BUL2
 D. T. Lowe, BUL3
 W. H. Lubrich, BULCN

R. G. Kelly, BUR2
 R. D. Kennedy, BUL3
 A. R. Kenyon, CEWCN

P. A. Manzi, BUR3
 H. Munson, CEPCN



J. Munson, BUR3
 R. E. Neilson, BUL3
 J. L. Nordling, BUR3

The Third Squad of the Second Platoon was a small but productive group of builders headed by BUL2 Williams. These men handled the antenna field job which consisted of placing over 400 concrete anchors and bases. Later, this squad went to Dong where they poured concrete slabs, assisted on the galleys, and even built a bridge on Route One. The First and Second Platoons were under the control of Chief Korpi and Chief Smeltzer, respectively, and Chief Collins was the Company CPO. With their leadership and that of the squad leaders, Charlie Company made their presence known in Vietnam and forged a record of which each man in the company can be proud.

DF Murphy

NOT PICTURED:

J. M. Pannel, BUL3
 B. E. Placker, BUR3
 A. G. Puglisi, BUL3
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 F. J. Reck, EASCN

N. E. Baker, CN
 A. S. Bush, BUL3

J. R. Parker, BU1
 T. J. Robinson, CN

J. E. Tiller, BUL3
 F. B. Uhlman, BUL3
 P. A. Yarnell, CEWCN



R. J. Wiehr, BUR3

J. C. Williams, BUL2
 R. L. Wallace, BUL2



E. S. Rude, BURCN
 D. F. Saver, BUR2
 W. P. Schick, BUH3
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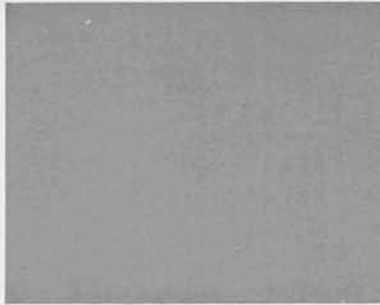




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J. E. Cade, BUR2
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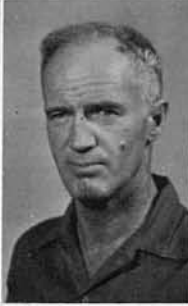
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A. Gorman, CN



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R. E. Harris, CN



S. E. Davis, SA
G. M. Delfs, BUH3

J. H. Hanson, BUL2
T. A. Harned, BUR3





J. A. Hart, BUL3
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R. E. Hollick, BUL3

A. E. Holmes, BUR3
W. A. Hopkins, SN

T. L. Howell, BUL3
E. S. Hubbard, BUL3

R. O. Jackson, BUL2
M. D. Jacobs, BUL3
R. W. Jennings, BUH2
J. W. Keith, CN



T. E. Kenyon, SWE3
W. E. King, BU1
R. B. LaBadie, BUH2
R. L. LaFleur, BUL3

At Dong Ha—an airfield; at Lang Vei—bunkers; at Qui Nhon—a cantonment. All are there today in no small measure because of Delta Company's efforts.

Although the company was spread all over Vietnam, its men carried with them the same positive SEA-BEE spirit. All men of D-Company can be justly proud of the thousands of man-hours they spent construction for the United States in this war-torn land. Much remains to be done—but much, too, was done.

R. F. Leetsman



B. Lederman, BUR3
R. F. Maine, BUHCN

R. A. Mecca, BUL3
H. E. Menges, BUL3

J. P. Mock, CN
T. P. Morris, BUL3

W. D. Oaks, UTWCN





A. W. Oberg, BUL3
D. J. O'Brien, BUHCN

C. S. Osmer, BULCN

R. J. Painter, CN
J. A. Pohjola, BUL3

J. W. Powell, BUL3
J. R. Puksich, CA

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- J. Harner, CMA3
- W. J. Kleis, CEWCN
- W. F. McKelvey, BUL2
- C. L. Peterson, BUL3
- J. R. Tofte, BURCA

D. M. Ratcliffe, BULCN
D. B. Robinson, BULCA



T. D. Rodgers, SN
K. J. Rose, CN
R. L. Schnabel, CEWCN

W. W. Smith, CEPCN
W. D. Swain, CN



T. P. Szendel, CETCN
J. J. Tauras, BUL3

S. E. Thompkins, SN
R. C. Trollier, CN

D. R. Trow, UTPCN
R. E. Vars, BUL3

C. R. Williams, CN
R. D. Wilson, BUL3

R. L. Young, CN
T. J. Zabadah, BUR3



HOTEL COMPANY

SWC Leslie E. Rogers
BUC Edward A. Murray
UTC Kenneth L. French, Jr.



Mostly camp-based, H-Company is an extremely heterogeneous, and essential, group. The company profile in Vietnam revealed that it had "Fleet" rates, and Seabee rates; line officers and CEC officers; fork lift operators, draftsmen, time keepers, and at least one mortar expert. With such diversity, company unity is a hard thing to achieve.

The Supply department under Lt. M. D. Drinkwater was responsible for procuring all our "beans, bandages, bullets, and boards." In addition, supply maintained various projects and support funds, paid the battalion's bills, and MCB-7's own troops. Disbursing, managed by Lt(j.g.) J. J. Hegenbart, had to make up no fewer than 9 payrolls a month. These were carried to all corners of Vietnam, wherever SEVEN's men were. Other Supply "sub-departments" included 6101, the laundry, and P-25A which issued all battalion tools.

The Operations Department, led by Lt. J. B. Caughman, was another "hydra-headed monster." It was the coordinator between our working companies and the battalion's job orders. "OPS" also provided surveyors for field jobs, and kept track of job progress, in Lt(j.g.) Minton's Control Office. Atypically, the Engineering Section of OPS did all of its own work this deployment. Among other things, Lcdr. T. C. Tucker designed the huts, cantonments, and our CP. One special "brainchild" which came from OPS is BU1 Hotopp's prefab plant, which saved many man-hours for SEVEN's builders.

Other H-Company departments included the Administration and Personnel departments. They were kept busy 24 hours a day cutting orders, maintaining service records, and keeping people on R & R. Personnel must constantly peruse some 650 service records in an effort to keep them current. Medical and Dental, the fourth large department in H-Company, kept our sick call the lowest of any Seabee unit in country.

More specifically, other offices which either made life more enjoyable or provided necessities were the communications crew, armory crew, Master-at-Arms, and the Training Department. The Public Affairs Office, Photo Lab, Post Office and Special Services departments were the chief "morale builders."

To all of H-Company I would like to extend hearty congratulations for these eight months in RVN. Diverse or unified, Fleet or Seabee, the job got done.



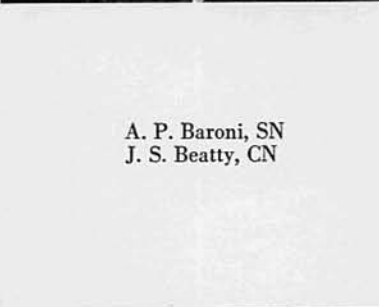
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B. R. Austin, SW1
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A. P. Baroni, SN
J. S. Beatty, CN



B. F. Blair, YN2
H. F. Bowen, PN1



J. E. Bennett, SH1
J. H. Beres, SA



J. F. Bradley, CN
C. W. Broussard, SN



J. B. Brown, SN
P. J. Bruner, HMI



J. W. Bryant, CS2
P. M. Burkett, BUL2



F. J. Buxton, SN
J. P. Caine, CET2



A. Cannarozzi, EAD3
D. Catone, EAD3



R. M. Cochran, EAD3
J. A. Conti, CN



T. V. Craig, SK2
M. D. Cronk, EAS3



R. M. Crow, PN3
M. R. Crum, SW1



R. D. Davidson, SK2
J. E. Dawson, SN



G. V. Day, KN1
F. R. Deguzman, SD3



P. Delacruz, SK3
J. P. Dyer, YN3



R. Engram, EAD2
D. M. Fain, BUL3

C. A. Famico, CN
R. R. Ferguson, SN



S. R. Force, SA
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T. P. Gallagher, BUH3
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M. J. Gibbs, BUR2
J. Gilbert, CMA2



C. R. Gilliland, EAS3
C. R. Gray, SHL2



G. E. Gutierrez, BUL3
D. Halsey, EAS3



R. J. Halstead, SK1
D. R. Hammond, BUL3

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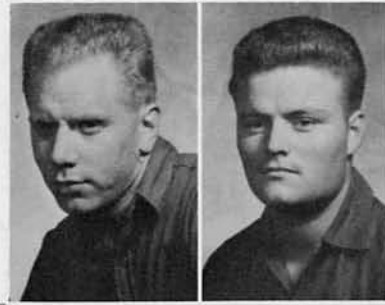
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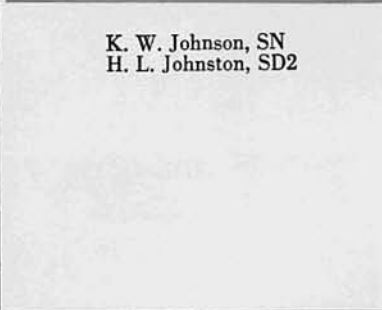
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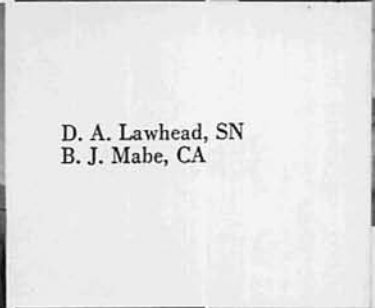
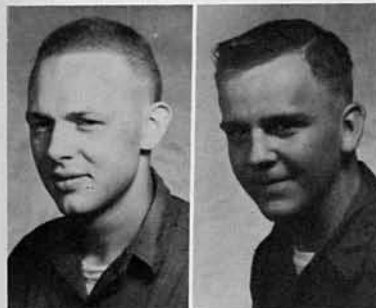
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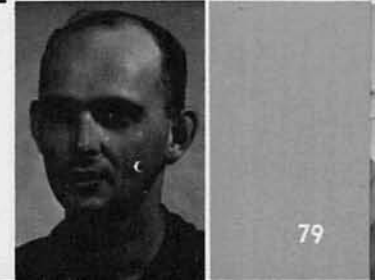


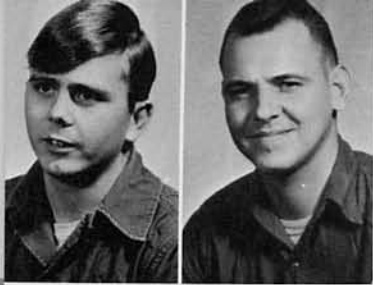
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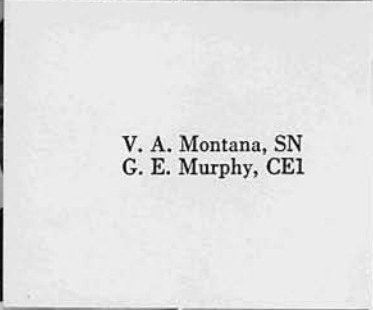




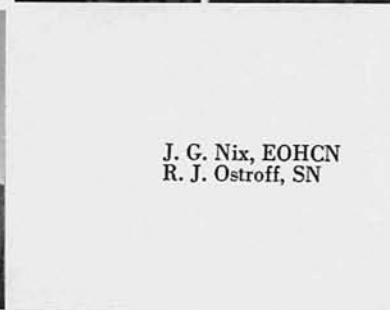
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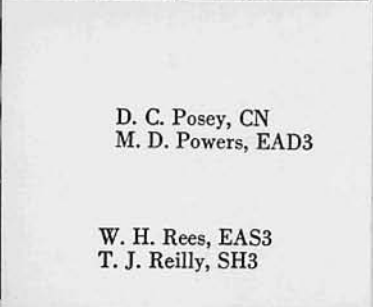
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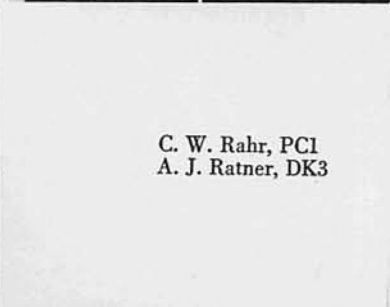
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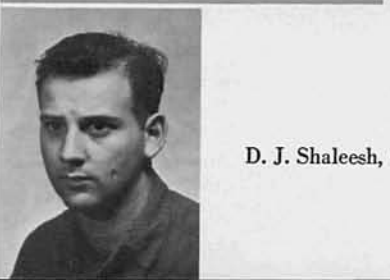
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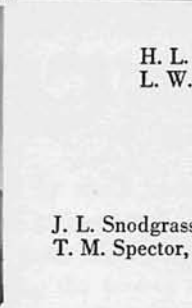
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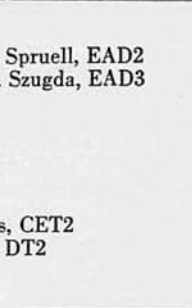
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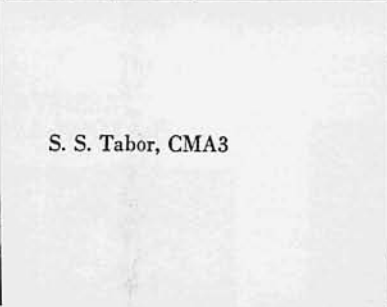
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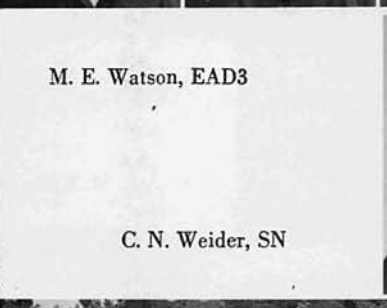
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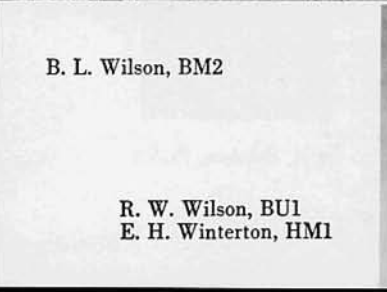


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SIERRA COMPANY

Lt. (j.g.) James C. Eckloff
Company Commander

PLATOON LEADERS

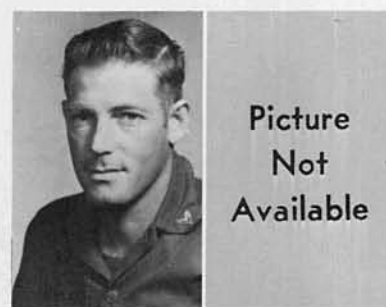


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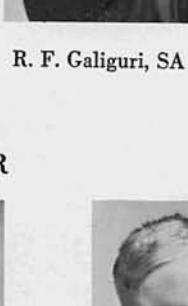
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SQUAD LEADER



R. D. Swain, CR

B. E. Smith, EOH3

C. D. Freeman, UTB2

L. H. Grissom, EOH3

T. J. Figlozzi, SWE3

FIRST SQUAD

Sierra Company came into being in April of 1966. It was formed around a nucleus of advance party personnel and augmented with men from each of the other companies. Its mission was to defend MCB-7's sector of the enclave perimeter 24 hours a day, and to provide security details.

Who will forget his first night on the Phu Bai perimeter? Fear plays strange tricks with the imagination, and no man will deny that fear gripped him that first night. Bushes were small men in dark clothing; the animals of the night in search of food were infiltrators. But Sierra Company learned to live with that fear, and it did its job well. Despite constant harassment by the elusive Viet Cong, the defensive line held.

Early in the deployment, the perimeter was probed by small bands of Viet Cong in efforts to spot our weaknesses and the best avenues of approach. Understanding this enemy tactic, Sierra Company kept their machine guns silent to hide their location. Only small arms fire and grenades were used to keep the probes away.



J. K. Ward, CEP3



J. W. Ferreri, CN



R. L. Hollenbeck, CMHCN

SQUAD LEADER



A. W. Huntone, EON2



D. T. Blaney, UTW3



S. W. Priest, SN

COMMUNICATORS

SECOND SQUAD



T. J. Bruce, SA



M. G. Wetherbee, CEW3



E. W. Johanson, BUL3



L. H. Searcy, SN

M. P. Murphy, SN



G. G. King, CN



J. L. Staples, SA



R. J. Pearman, SWE3
 M. D. Follis, SN
 W. J. Ravenscroft, SWE3



Then, on June 10, 1966 SEVEN was hit at midnight by a band of well-trained Viet Cong who were apparently attempting a strike on the Phu Bai airfield. With automatic weapons they held the Seabees down while others threw grenades at the positions. This night Sierra Company let loose with all its fire power, plus fire support from a Marine tank guarding Route One. After three hours, the VC were repulsed without injuring a single Seabee. According to unofficial reports the following day, five of the enemy had been killed.

After this, "S" Company braced itself for a worse assault, but as the weeks passed with only weak probing, it became apparent that "Charlie" was waiting for the monsoons. Therefore, Sierra Company spent many hours improving positions, and preparing to counter the improved concealment bad weather affords guerrillas.

It's a fine tradition of service and security that the men of Sierra Company have passed to the men of NMCB-62. We pray God that our good fortune will be theirs too.

JCC Ekloff

THIRD SQUAD



J. N. Carpenter, EOHB

A. C. Thompson, SN
 J. W. Dawson, CEPCN

SQUAD LEADER



W. E. Mulkey, EON3



W. K. Callahan, SA



W. H. Lubrich, BULCN
 J. W. Williams, SN

T. F. Fabin, BUL3



J. F. Combs, CEW2

STATESIDE

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.
DAVISVILLE, R.I.
AIRLIFT
ARRIVAL AT HUE PHU BAI, RVN





The month of March saw MCB-7 deployed to Camp Lejeune, N.C. Here, along with intensive military training, SEVEN's men went through various courses in jungle warfare, an important prerequisite to our forthcoming RVN deployment. These well-prepared classes by veteran Marines gave apprehensive Seabees insight into the Vietnamese people and their traditions, as well as Viet Cong tactics, booby traps, and weapons. SEVEN's Camp Lejeune "vacation" was terminated by a 24-hour "DEFEX" with the marine aggressors. Posing as VC, the "grunts" attacked and infiltrated our lines. This war game proved to be a successful demonstration of the instructions and classes of the preceding weeks.





HEY—REAL SAND!



ZZZ . . . POST 3 ALL SECURE . . . ZZZ



DEFEX IN MARCH

Captain, we're lost . . . I haven't seen anyone for hours.



That's right Doc, he says he wants his "Mommie."



Any station this net . . . any station . . .

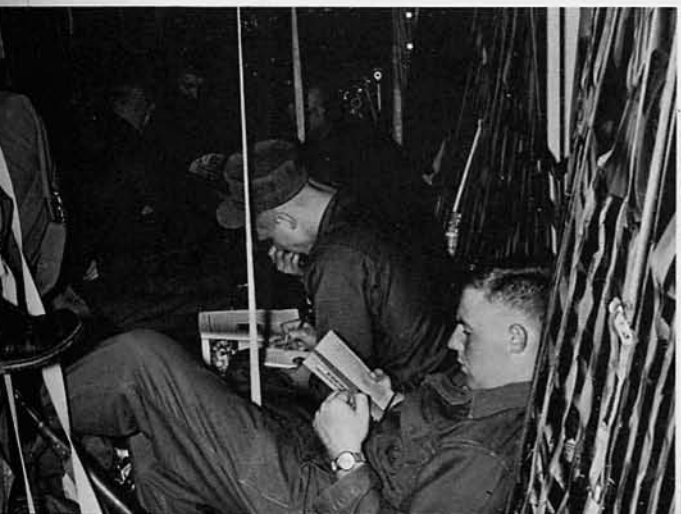
You get the beer can and I'll get the pop bottle.



The first C-130 left NAS, Quonset Point, on April 6. By April 15, MCB-7 and their tons of supplies had been airlifted halfway around the world. Now, as a battalion, our concerns focused on a war-torn land.



In the months following our arrival, SEVEN would make its mark in the Vietnamese countryside. Out of the middle of a Vietnamese burial ground would emerge not only our camp, but also a proliferation of "strongback" huts for friendly military units.





From Rota to Hue Phu Bai is a distance of 16,500 miles, but there was more than half a world of difference between the two sites. The sandy beaches of Torremolina were traded for the dusty plains of our combat base. Instead of prefabricated American homes, we found ourselves building tin-roofed huts. Instead of bull fights, we now faced bullet fights. Rota had been a training deployment. Vietnam was the real thing for there, a war beckoned. The Navy responded with all available construction Battalions. We arrived uncertain of what the next eight months might hold, but willing and happy to serve in this just cause.



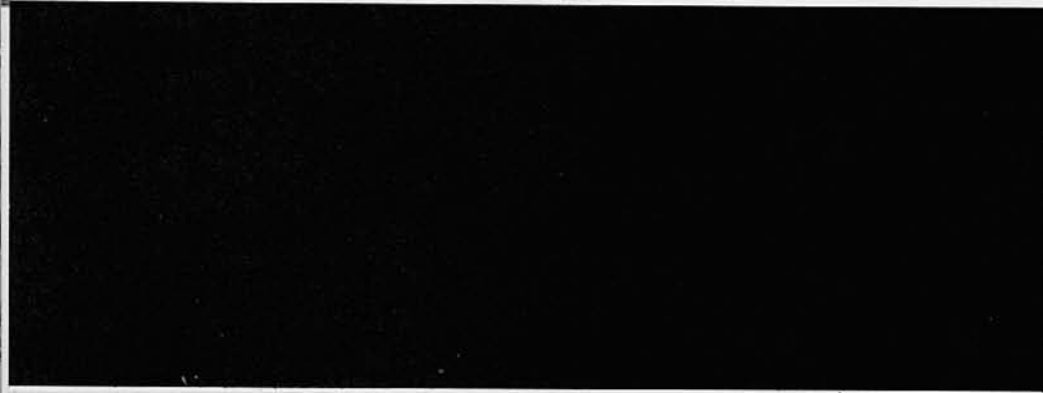


RVN veterans would agree that, in the first few weeks, our entrenching tools proved invaluable. Mole-like, the battalion proceeded to dig trenches, mortar holes, ammo bunkers, and fox-holes, all decorated with countless sandbags. Even more tents than had been erected by the advance party appeared, while Delta Company did its best to provide FHA-approved quarters. The physical improvements to our camp did come, one by one. By mid-June, SEVEN could boast of the most well-equipped camp in the I Corps area.





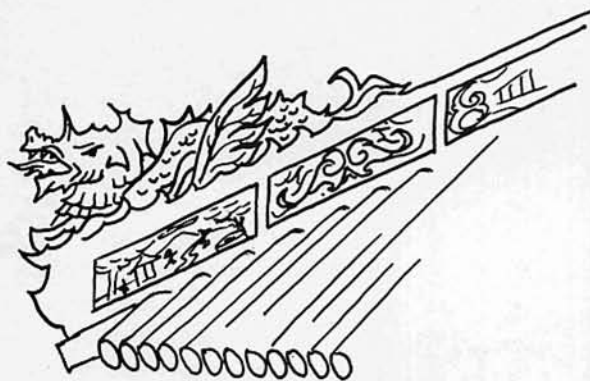
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During its deployment to Vietnam, MCB-7 carried out a three-fold mission. Most important was building for allied military units. This construction included marine cantonments, an airstrip, and a 500-meter causeway. Secondly came SEVEN's defensive military responsibility, a 1,300 meter perimeter of the vital area, defended by Sierra Company. Finally, SEVEN participated in an extensive Civic Action program to aid local Vietnamese citizens.



CAMP CAMPBELL



Laboring beneath the scorching sun by day, warding off infernal mosquitoes by night, and constantly swallowing dust, the Advance Party did an outstanding job. When the main body arrived, lister bags were full, tents had been erected, several strong-backs built, and an initial defense perimeter had been established.





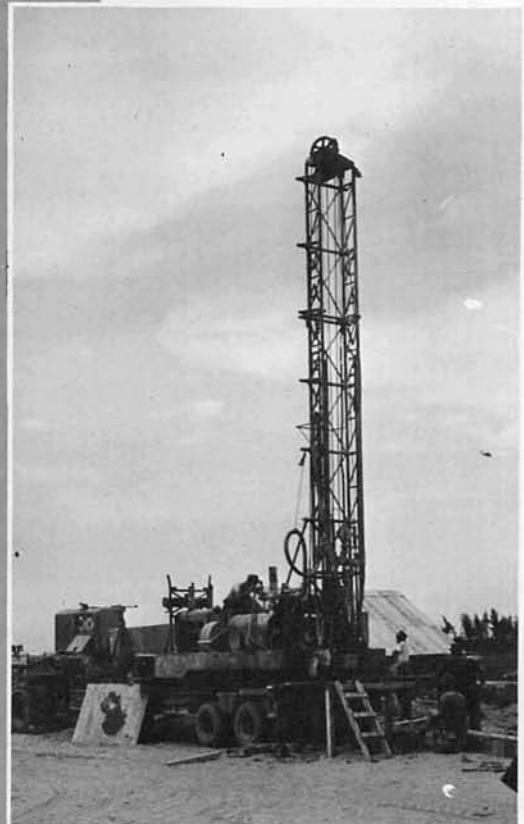
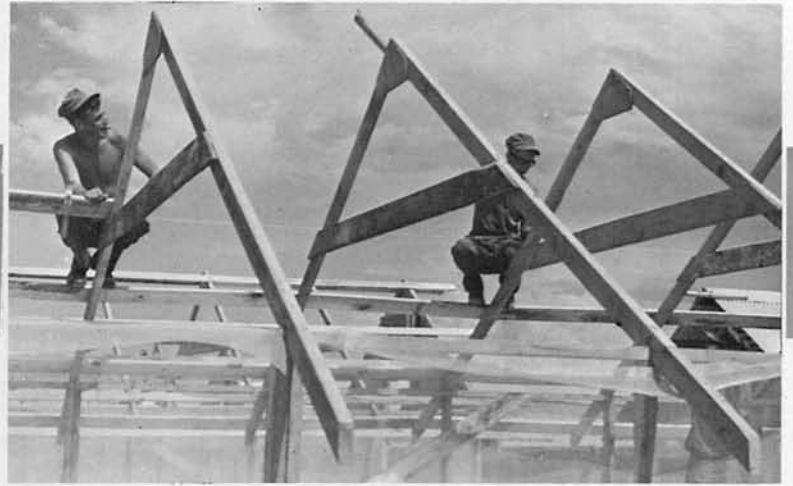
The galley-tents, where our C-Rations were reluctantly issued, were soon replaced by a 500-man galley. This galley also served temporarily as the EM and Acey-Deucey Clubs, Officers Wardroom, and the movie theatre in case of rain. Our Master-at-Arms office was conveniently located on top of SEVEN's underground Command Post.

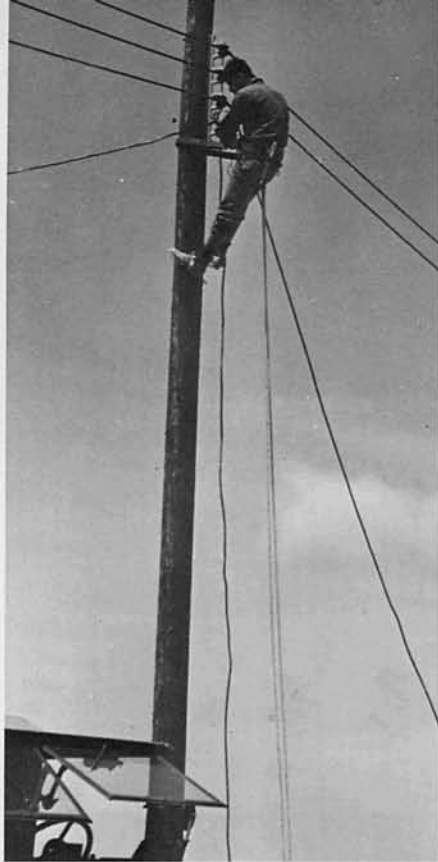




Outside its own camp, SEVEN took impressive strides to change the face of Vietnam. The list of accomplishments was headed by the 7,000-Man "City" constructed inside the Phu Bai combat base, the main feature of which was the 16' X 32' strong-back hut. Wherever terrain permitted, deep wells were drilled to provide showers and drinking water for this "City."

These huts, constructed with screened sides to repel insects while allowing adequate ventilation, were capable of sleeping fourteen men. By the end of the deployment, over 1,000 such huts had been built, including several in nearby hamlets.



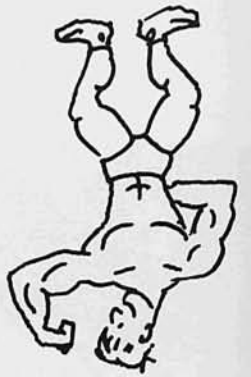
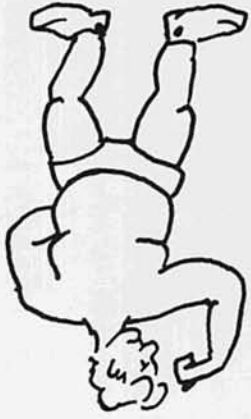


It was only a matter of time before the field showers bowed out in deference to the indoor "pull-chain" type, fed by a 2,000 gallon tank. Utility poles sprouted up to carry power lines; culverts were laid; and "modern" eight-man latrines became commonplace.

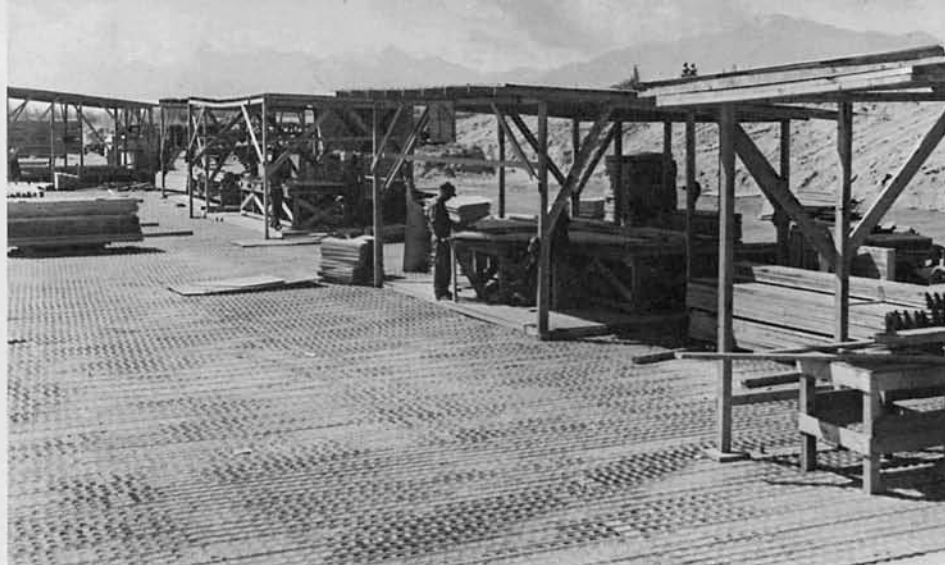
As Alpha Company's "Parachute-Shops" were replaced by Butler buildings, and as Bravo Company and P-25A moved into similar structures, the camp took on a finished appearance.



AFTER



BEFORE



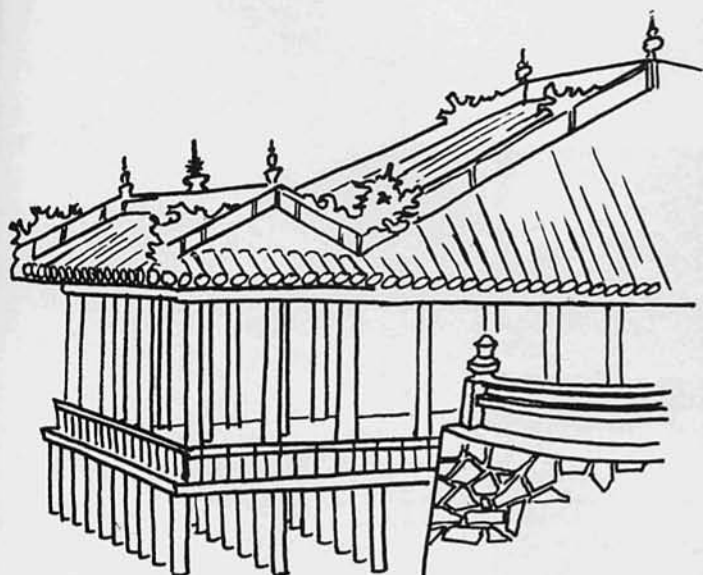
To expedite hut construction, MCB-7 developed a prefab plant utilizing mass-production. This plant prefabricated the various components of strong-back huts. Floor joists, deck sections, side and end walls, rafters, doors, steps, and louvers were all cut to specifications on jigs and radial arm saws. The plant, operated by 23 men, could easily prefabricate 10 huts per day, and reduced by half the time needed to complete one hut.



The prefabricated sections were loaded aboard trailer trucks and distributed to the job sites, sometimes via convoy, one time via sampan. Before SEVEN left Vietnam, prefabricated hut components had been transported to Dong Ha, Lang Vei, Nha Trang, Qui Nhon, and to various local villages.

A-MED

Another project inside the Phu Bai combat base was the improvement of A-Medical's facilities. The floor space of A-Med was increased about 65% through the addition of 23 Huts. A double Quonset was erected to serve as an intensive care ward. A new lighting system for the operating room was installed, as was a roofed walk-way between the huts, in anticipation of the drenching monsoon rains.



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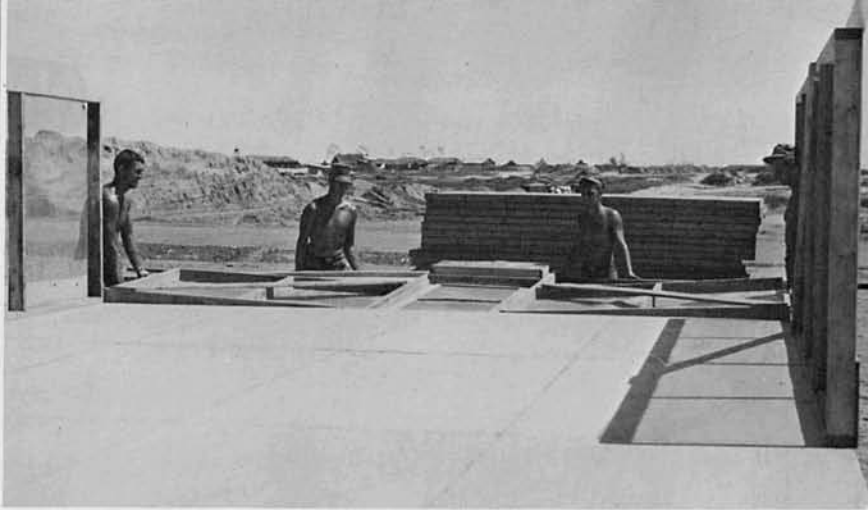
FLSU 2

For FLSU-2, the Marine Support Unit which supplied food for the entire base, SEVEN's Bravo Company assembled two banks of cold storage space totaling 44,000 cu. ft. The early completion of the first bank enabled FLSU-2 to stockpile A-Rations, in anticipation of having to close them to all traffic during the Vietnamese national elections. These now-completed reefers greatly increased the unit's A-Ration capability. In addition, FLSU-2 now has two miles of new road, 8 stran steel buildings, 11 Quonsets, 100 living huts, and 6,000 square feet of open staging area.



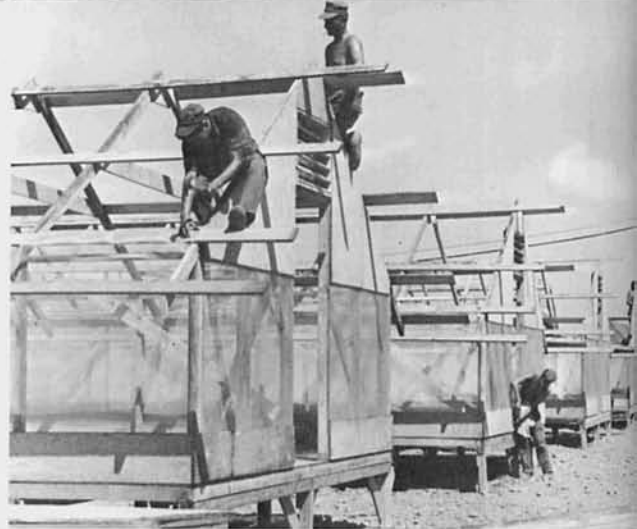
**Force
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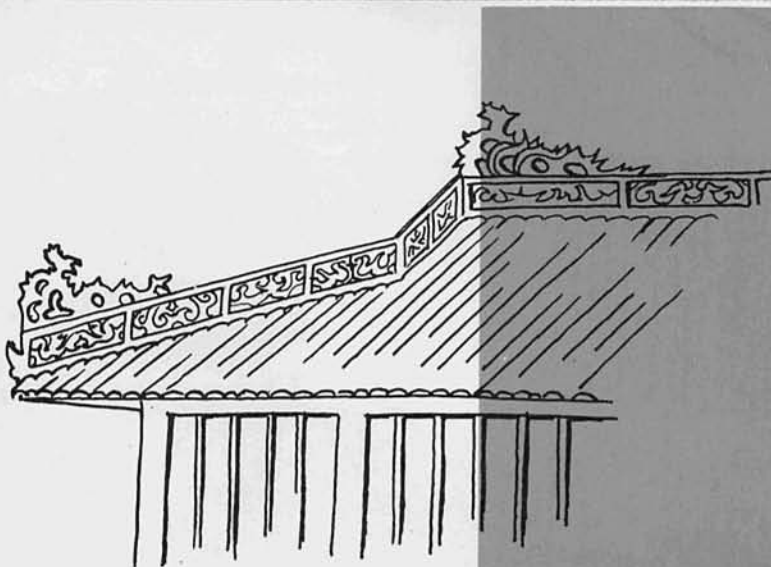


MARINE CANTONMENTS

Through the prefabrication plant, thousands of man-hours were saved in cantonment construction. Each of the five increments in the Phu Bai cantonment area contained 122 huts, a 500-man galley, eight latrines, and three showers. By prefabrication, the battalion developed the capability of erecting an entire cantonment in 12 days.

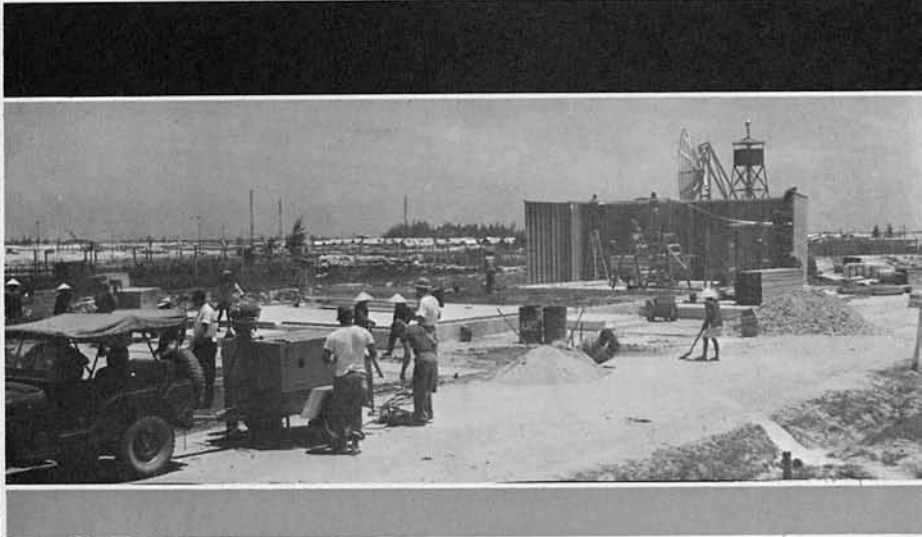
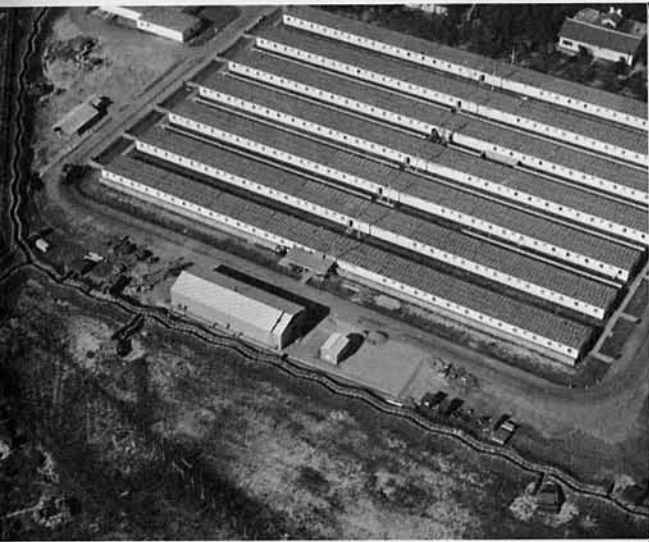


Through logistic support of the U.S. Marines, and through an active program of Civic Action, SEVEN lived up to the Seabees' reputation of "ingenuity and fortitude." Our job was to build in the face of adversity, occasionally in the face of the enemy.



8th ARMY RRU

The Page Project consisted of two radar towers, a 93' x 32' electronic building, a 24' x 16' power building, a parking lot, and an air conditioning pod. The completed project at the nearby Army Communications Unit contained 250 cubic yards of concrete and boasted of a tile floor in the main building.



Blasting and Chief "Boom-Boom" were synonymous. Chief Tornoe located two sources of rock, of which the most productive was the VC-harassed rock quarry. The laterite pit also produced rock for aggregate from time to time. MCB-7 aggregate acquisition in RVN progressed from the hand-broken rock of North Vietnamese refugee laborers, to the final product of the rock crusher operation.



LATERITE PIT



ROCK QUARRY







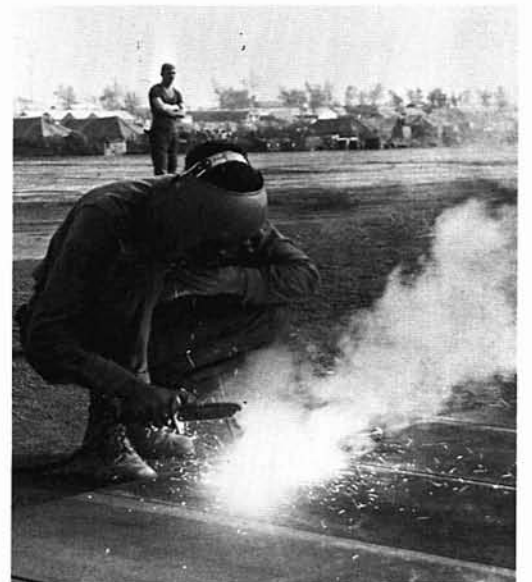
DONG HA

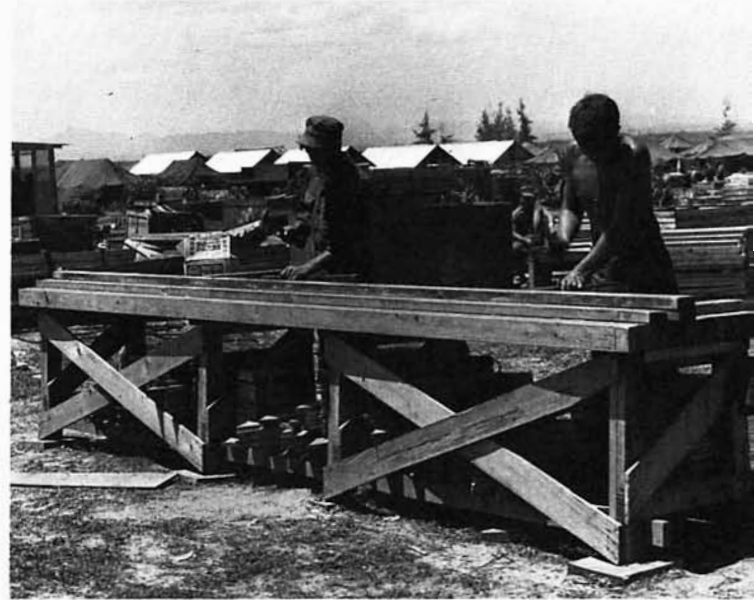
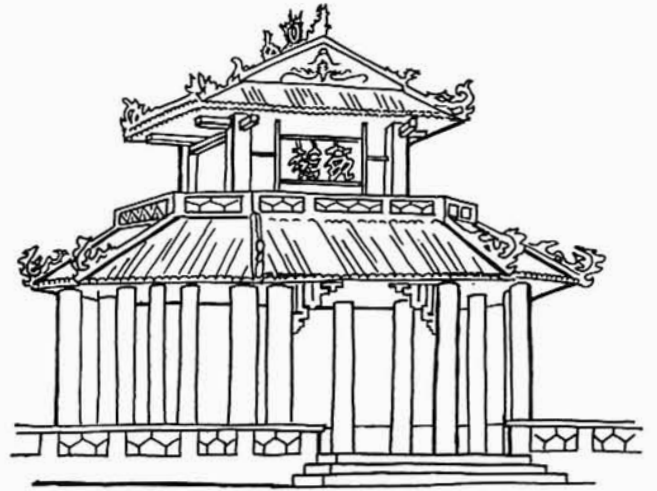


I TOLD BENNETT NOT TO
HIDE HIS BEER THERE .



Because of increased military activity near the DMZ, SEVEN was called upon to construct portions of the Dong Ha combat base. Working around the clock, SEVEN surfaced the tactical airfield there with 220,000 sq. ft. of AM-2 aluminum matting. This airstrip was completed in six days without interruption to air traffic. Additionally, two large parking aprons, totaling 225,000 sq. ft., were surfaced with T-17 rubber membrane.





A cantonment was also constructed at Dong Ha. A galley, identical to those at Phu Bai, and more than 100 huts were built. In addition, over three miles of road were renovated. A plant for the partial pre-fabrication of huts was also installed. Four showers were built in convenient locations and latrines were erected as needed. Culverts for the control of rain water were also installed.



Builders place fill and pour concrete for Vietnamese housing job.



Due to the expanding perimeter of the base, a group of 60 Vietnamese families in the village of Dong Ha had to be relocated. Their new quarters were built by MCB-7. Accustomed to thatch huts with earth floors, these families soon found themselves in tin-roofed dwellings with concrete floors and tin sides. The living space allotted to each family was more than most of them had before the change.





CAUSEWAY



Five miles east of Hue, SEVEN's "Bees" developed a 1,500-foot causeway which serves as an unloading ramp for cargo-carrying LCU's. The single-lane dirt road along this peninsula was widened and surfaced with sand, cement, and metal matting. Hired Vietnamese labor helped fill the 60,000 cement sandbags which form the retaining wall. The far end of this peninsula is the landing area for the cargo craft. It was expanded to about 540 sq. meters, and was topped with four by ten foot pre-poured concrete planks.



CAC TEAM

BUILDING

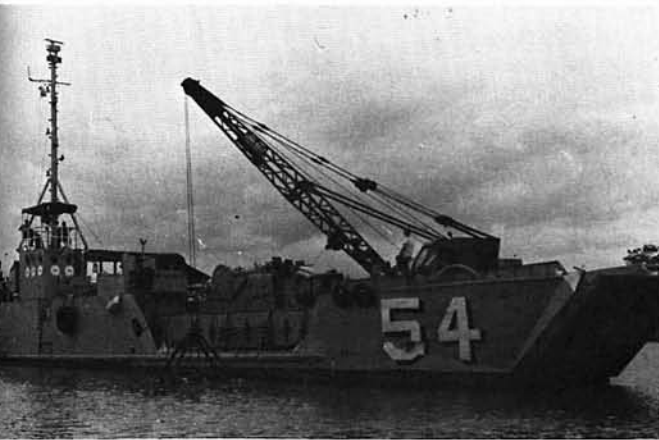


As the Combined Action Company (CAC) Program swung into high gear, MCB-7 sent armed squads of builders into the small hamlets around Phu Bai to improve the living conditions of the participating Marines. A CAC team is half Marine and half Vietnamese Popular Force, and is designed to resist VC infiltration into local villages.



The Vietnamese resided with their families, but the Marines often had to live in uncomfortable, unsanitary quarters. MCB-7 remodeled several stockades that the Marines occupied. Earth floors gave way to raised plywood platforms, and crumbling buildings, bad for the control of mosquitoes and rain, were repaired. Most of the projects also involved some degree of completely new construction. Huts were prefabricated and shipped to the site. They were quickly assembled and Marines slept in them the same day.

OTHER PROJECTS



During the week of August 23, 1966, the "Fleet Navy" and the Seabees worked side by side near the southern border of the DMZ. The mission was to remove sandbars from the Hieu Giang River so that Naval support craft could land supplies and valuable equipment destined for the advanced base at Dong Ha. With the mobile crane situated amidships, a high degree of coordination was required between the crane operator and the skipper of the LCU.

On September 5th, a squad of Delta Company builders loaded hut components onto a large Vietnamese sampan. This strange cargo was bound for the village of Vinh Hien, 20 miles north of Danang. The hut was erected for a Naval Advisory team, supervisors of the Vietnamese Junk Fleet which guarded against enemy infiltration and smuggling by sea.



MCB-7 used local labor whenever possible to aid able-bodied Vietnamese to help themselves. Mr. Ton Vy, a Vietnamese contractor signs one of several contracts with SEVEN. These contracts involved a large variety of labor as well as procuring local materials such as 12,000 feet of bamboo stakes.

During October, a crew of 22 men built six concrete bunkers for an ARVN watch of 200 men. This project at Lang Vei, close to the Laotian border, turned into unplanned Civic Action when SEVEN's backhoe enlarged the local swimming hole, while searching for gravel and sand.

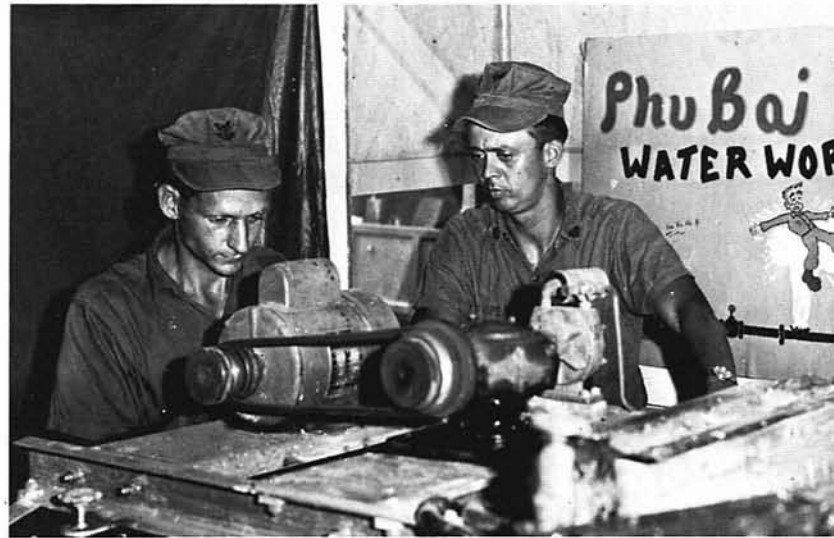




Steelworker's



OFFICES and SHOPS



Phu Bai Water Works

Construction Mechanics



Just as it is MCB-7's task to provide logistic support for Marines, so it is the job of the camp-bound office and shop personnel to support Seabees working in the field.



Administration Office

Photo Lab



Public Affairs Office



Post Office



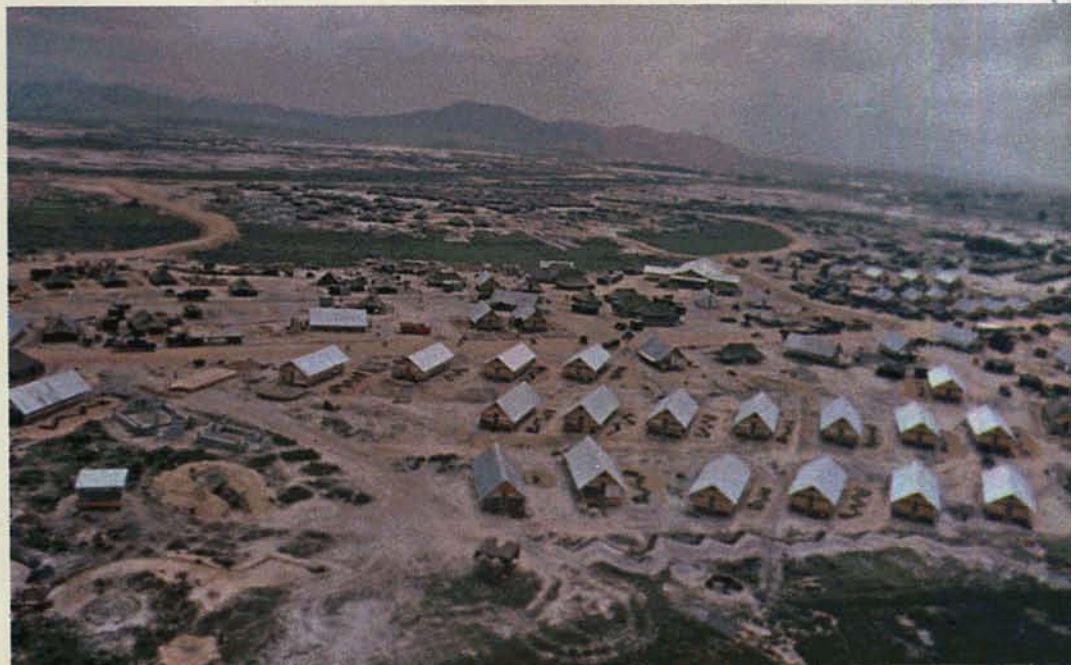
Electrical Generating Plant



Welcome aboard the "BEST."



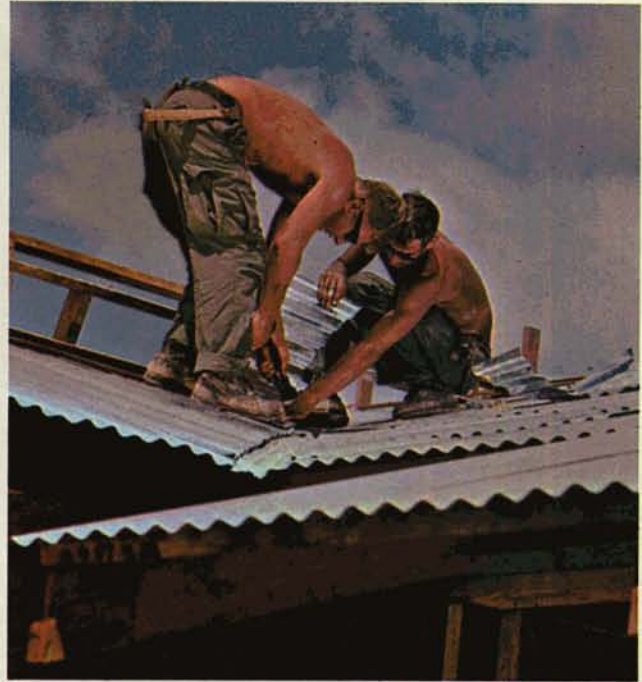
"Roses are red . . ." and so is the fire truck.



From a barren hillside, MCB-7 built a city of tinned roof huts.



Crushed rock plus cement equals concrete.



Roof renovation for a CAC.

Dong Ha airstrip takes shape as interlocking AM-2 matting is laid down.





Surveyors



Drafting Office



Disbursing

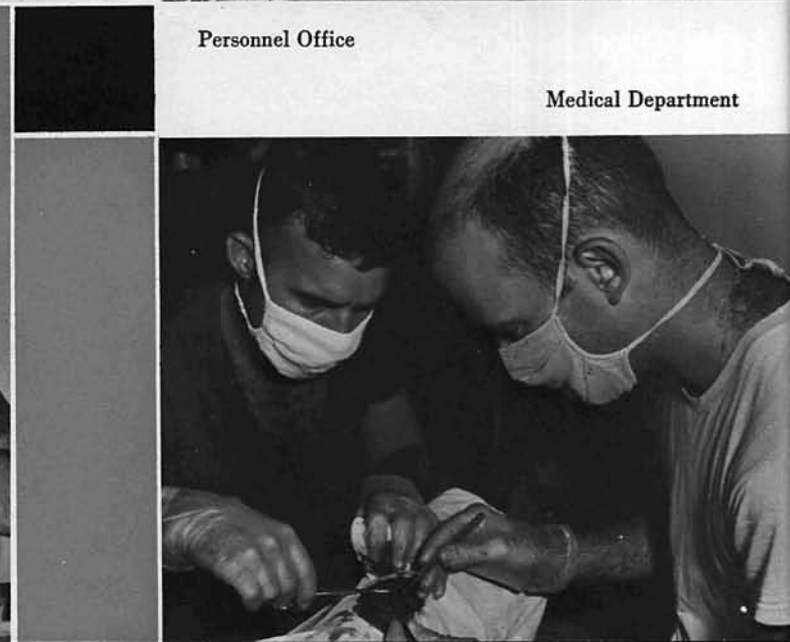


Dental Department



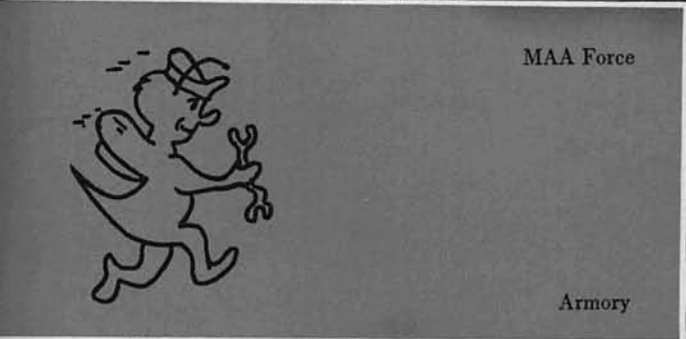
Personnel Office

Medical Department





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Armory



SEVEN'S THREE-FOLD MISSION . . .



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A King-size cigarette "lighter."

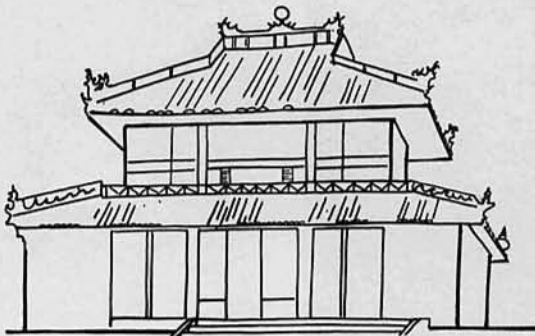


Colco Beach Causeway





SIERRA COMPANY

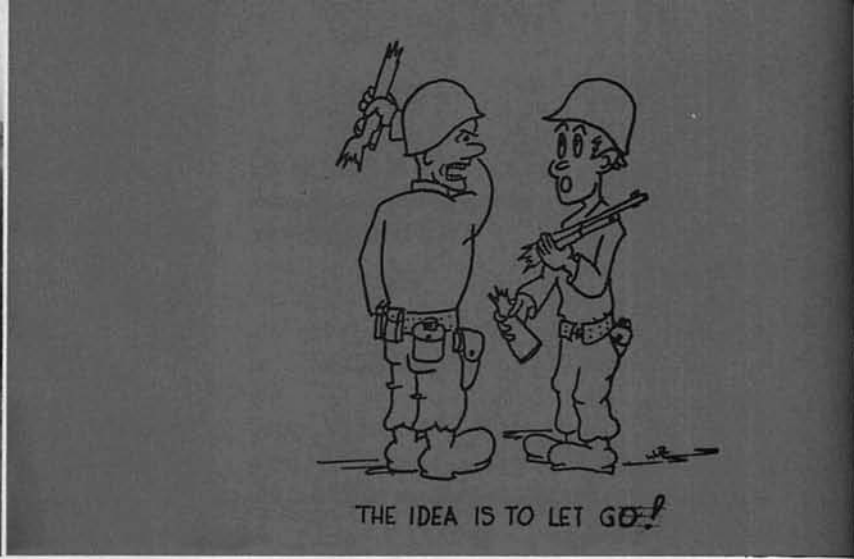


Sierra Company was a composite of men on six week's temporary duty from the other companies in the Battalion. With this small group of men, rested the responsibility for the security of Camp Campbell. At Phu Bai, SEVEN's Sierra Company was responsible for the defense of 1,300 meters of the vital area perimeter. Frequent inspections kept both men and weapons ready to do battle with "Charlie" at a moment's notice. Camp Campbell slept soundly knowing Sierra Company was alert and watchful—ready to quench unwanted interruptions.

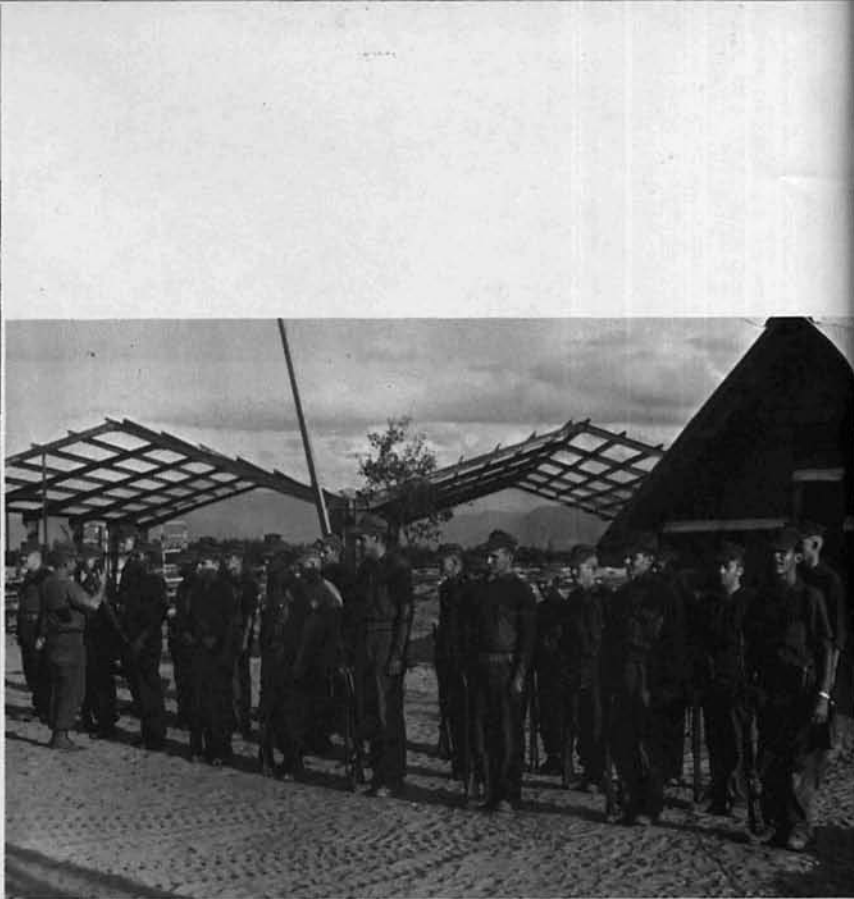
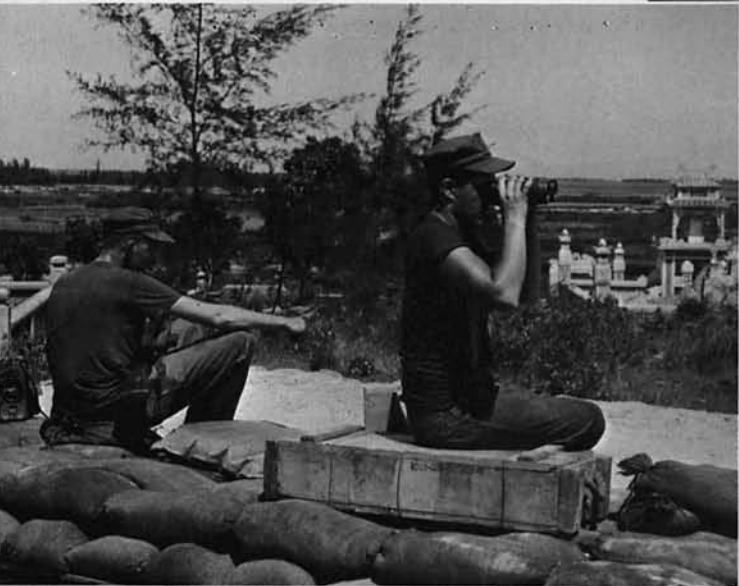


The defensive positions consisted of nineteen elaborate, heavily-sand-bagged bunkers, with interconnecting trenches and machine gun emplacements. Fast illumination from SEVEN's own 81mm mortars, and instantaneous illumination from a system of floodlights deterred enemy probes, as did Claymore mines, trip flares, and triple concertina wire.





Although the nights demanded an all-out effort from Sierra Company, they could not turn their backs by day. Scouting for traces of "Charlie's" evening visits, maintaining a 24-hour vigil, and more inspections kept "Sierramen" awake just a little longer.

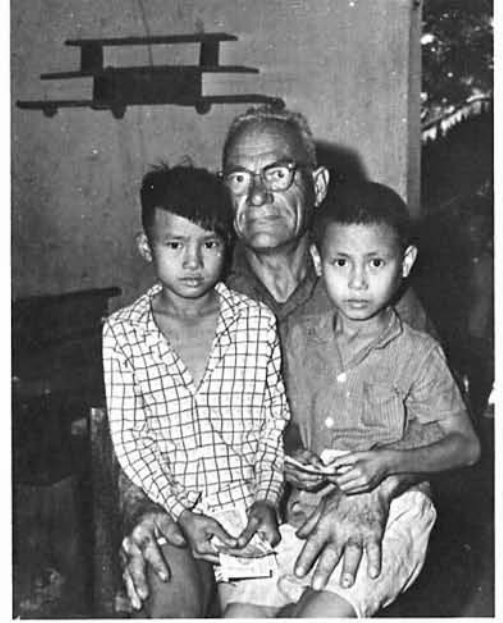




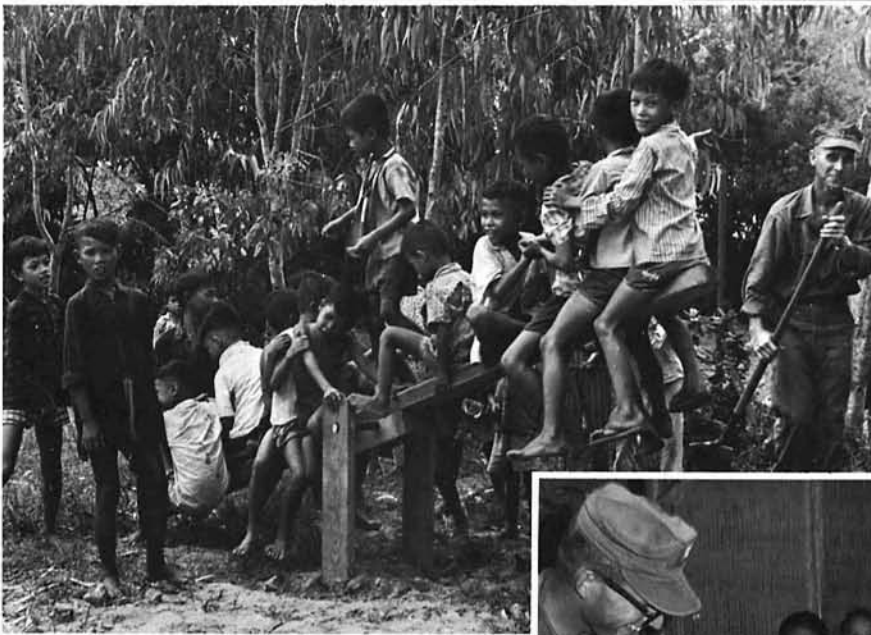
CIVIC ACTION



Part of the mission of the American G.I. in Vietnam involves gaining the confidence of the Vietnamese people, ultimately winning their friendship. This has to be done in spite of both the language barrier and grassroots communist insurgency. MCB-7's Civic Action Program, under the guidance of Lt. Thomas F. Johnson, CHC, was part of a network of similar programs conducted by the U.S. Armed Forces. We were fortunate to have villages near us which were sympathetic to our cause, and which, at the same time, badly needed aid.



Specifically, Civic Action ranged from negotiations regarding grave-removal, to donation of cement for a VC-destroyed house of worship; from helping two little boys to be educated, to building a see-saw for local orphans. Through SEVEN's efforts, dikes were repaired, the sick healed, and an ARVN widow was made happy by the donation of a sewing machine.



One "spontaneous" bit of Civic Action occurred when Thiu, a 13-year-old Vietnamese boy, was given his first bike by the members of Sierra Company. Thiu described the bike as "number one." Among the "novelty" projects was the distribution of a huge, 100-pound popsicle to the children of the Thuy Choa Orphanage. This was easily the largest "Good Humor" ever brewed, one eagerly received by outstretched hands.



Much Civic Action was designed to help the Vietnamese help themselves, as when MCB-7 contracted Vietnamese labor to build the EM Club, or when school supplies were donated to the orphanages.



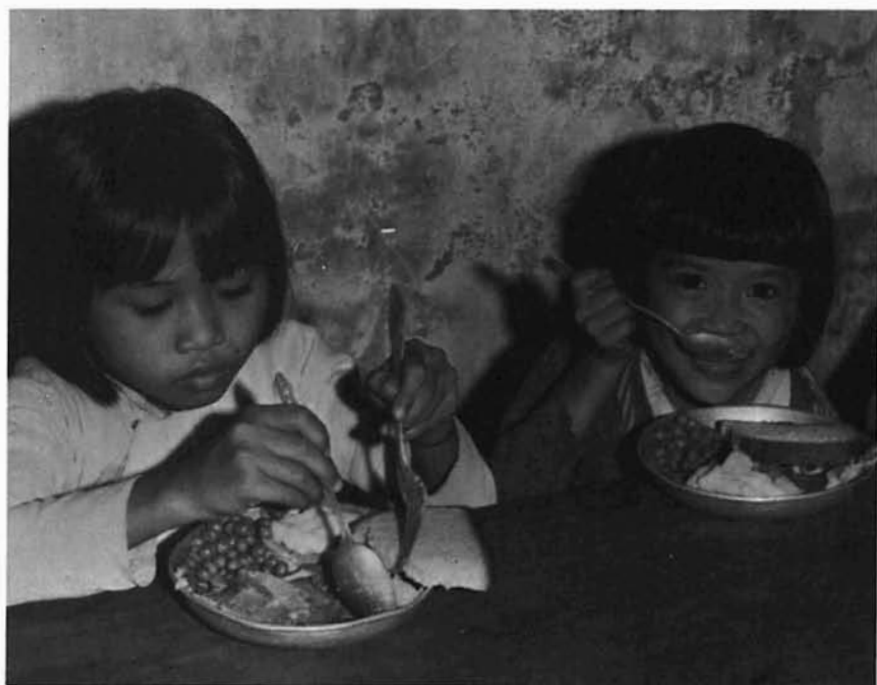


THANKSGIVING IN VIETNAM

On Thanksgiving day, a group of men from MCB-7 took numerous servings of the holiday meal from their galley and loaded them into a large truck. Their destination was the orphanage at Than Phu, a few miles north of Phu Bai. As the food was unloaded, the convoy was greeted by the three nuns who ran the orphanage. The children, ranging in age from five to nine years, hastened to the dining room. Once seated at their assigned places, they drew their cutlery from several piles that a child noisily dumped upon the table tops. The turkey and ham, vegetables and stuffing, filled the small aluminum plates to overflowing.

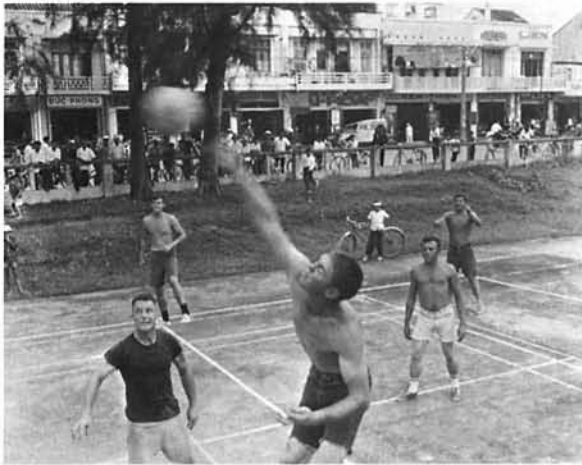


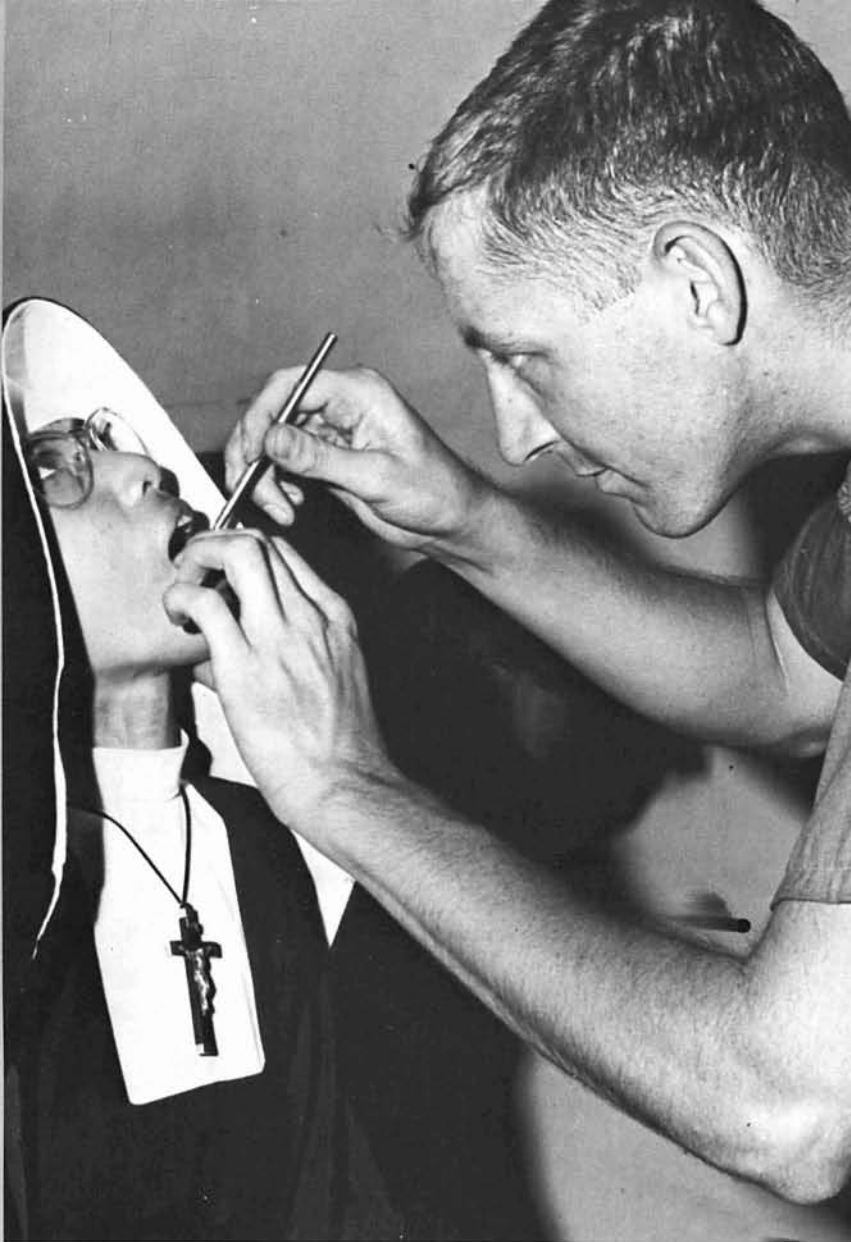
This simple country orphanage had no electric lights and its windows had no panes, but it did have youngsters who waited to eat, until all were served. The dinner scene was a group of happy orphans overseen by proud Seabees, who would soon leave to enjoy their own Thanksgiving repast. In such a way, American and Vietnamese customs and traditions mingled for a short time at least, in South Vietnam.



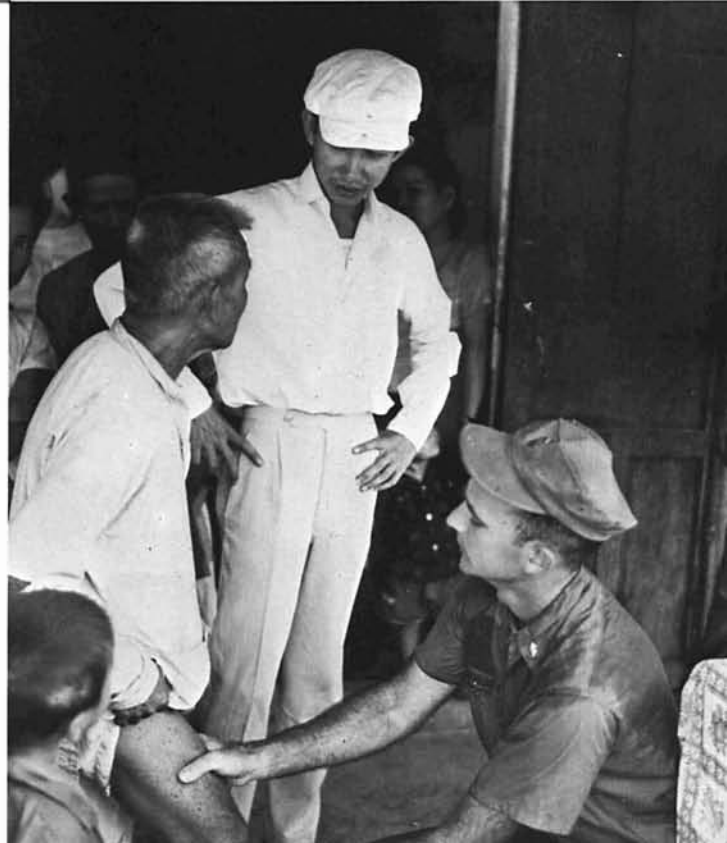


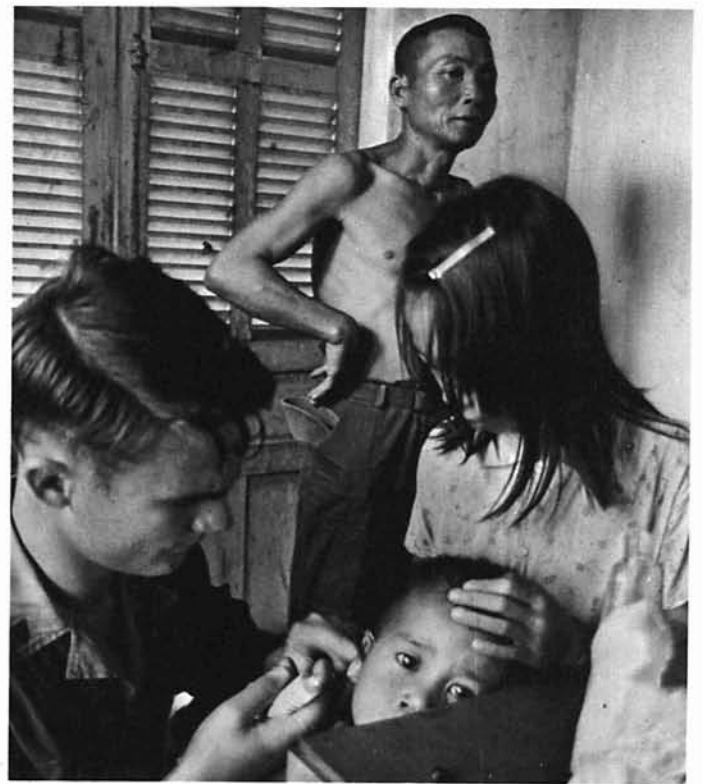
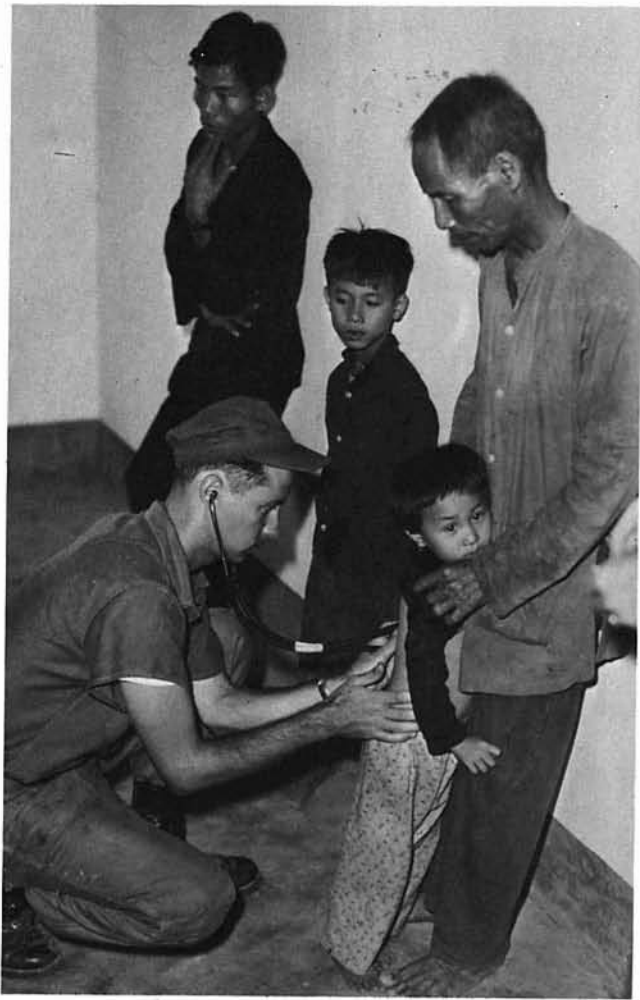
Part of MCB-7's Civic Action Program included Seabee participation in sports. SEVEN contributed to the Vietnamese celebration of the third anniversary of their government with a three-inning exhibition baseball game in Hue. Several times during SEVEN's deployment, Seabees participated in local Vietnamese-American G.I. track and field, swimming, soccer, and basketball events, coordinated through the efforts of USAID.





**MED CAP
PROGRAM**





The aim of Civic Action was not the sum of its projects, formal or informal. Rather, it sought to create a mood, to build a friendship, to establish a trust. The hope is that, somehow, the individual human being, the anonymous man in the hamlet, can be shown our concern for his struggle, and his hopes. Civic Action attempted to lay a foundation for understanding, and to accomplish intangible objectives measured in human feeling and memory. If SEVEN managed to cultivate this foundation of friendship and trust, then our Civic Action of eight short months was a success.



LIFE IN

CAMP CAMPBELL

CEREMONIES

and

RECREATION





Sunday morning brings church services.



USO's Mary Petite performs for the men at Phu Bai.

Ornate tombs



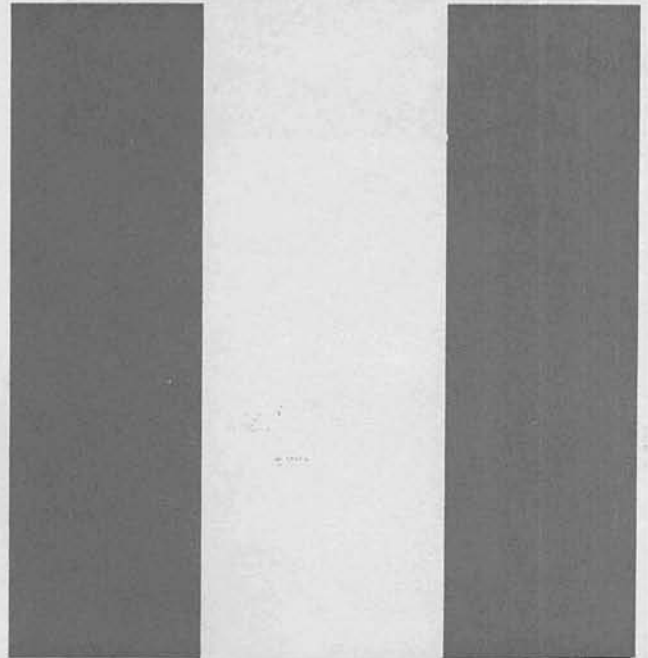
One table out of fourteen



SEVEN had friends everywhere.



BOXING SMOKERS





*At
The*

PUNGI PIT

Although life in Camp Campbell was tedious, we did find time for relaxing. With the completion of the "Pungi Pit," the "Beehive," and the CPO Club, the men had places to socialize and to get a cool drink. Often on Sunday, a Vietnamese band would come to the Pungi Pit and play rock 'n roll, with a Vietnamese "twist."



Boxing smokers added excitement and a change of pace to camp life. Competing with the Marines, SEVEN managed to win more than its share of the bouts. Also available were volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, and a nightly movie, held outside if it didn't rain.



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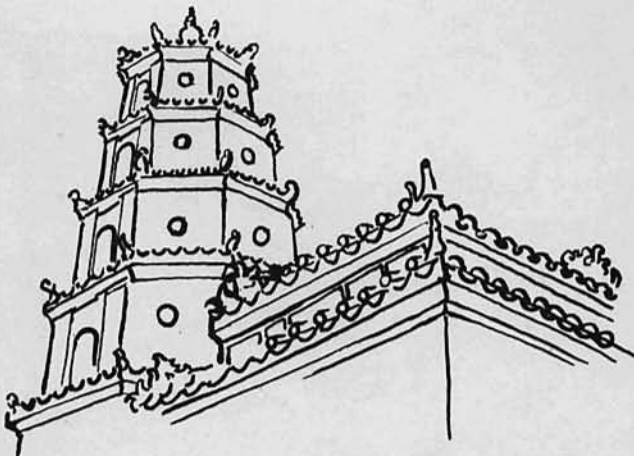
CHIEF HARVEY MAUES E-9



FROM "GUNNY" TO "TOP"



CHIEF WESTMAN MAKES E-8



NEW E-7's CHIEFS AIKMAN, INMAN, SMELTZER

USO SHOWS





Vietnamese load sand for causeway.



Kids are kids everywhere.

Cattle Vietnamese style—Water Buffalo





Along the road to Lang Vei.



Rice harvest time



Chào ông



JULIE GREGG



While in RVN, SEVEN was presented with over one million dollars worth of USO entertainment. The morale-building USO schedule was initiated for MCB-SEVEN with "Big Tiny" Little's May 10th performance. The program finished strongly with Martha Raye on November 14th and Frances Langford's show of November 18th. Besides these big names, SEVEN was entertained by a host of other singers, bands, comedians, jugglers, dancers, T.V. stars, and even a pair of big-league ball players.

THIRD MARINE DIVISION BAND



MARTHA RAYE



ERNIE CRANE AND CWO MURRAY



MARY PETITE



SEVEN'S SUPREMES

HARMON KILLEBREW—MINNESOTA TWINS



JOE TORRE—ATLANTA BRAVES



"KIM" OF THE "LITTLE DOLLIES" 143



THE KOREAN SWING BAND



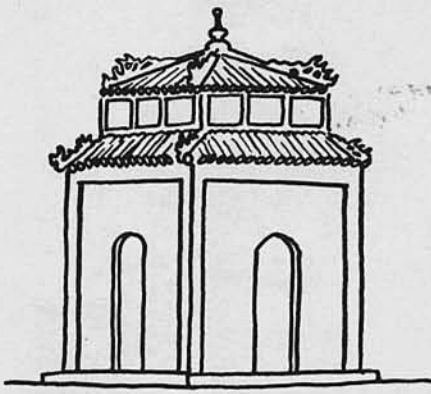
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BARBARA AND ARLENE GASPER



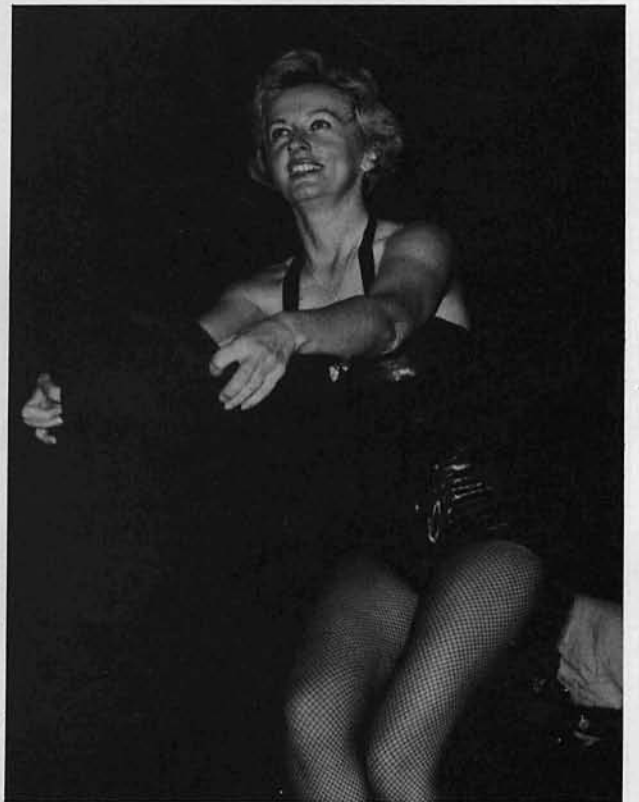
"DEADPAN" JOHNNY



FRANK SUTTON OF GOMER PYLE



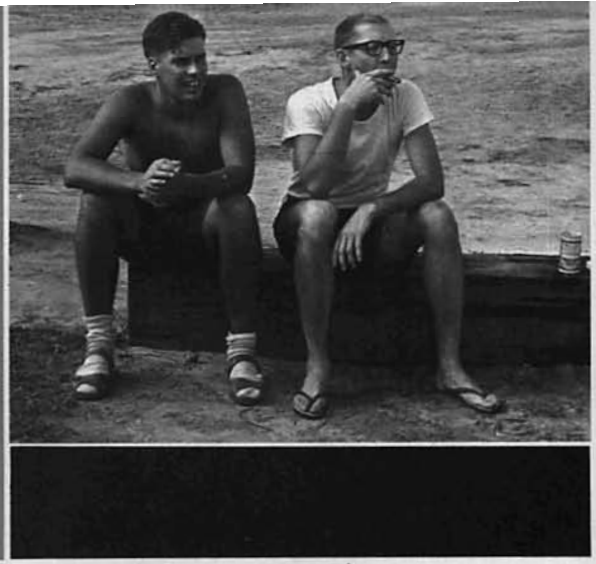
ARMY FOLK SINGING DUO



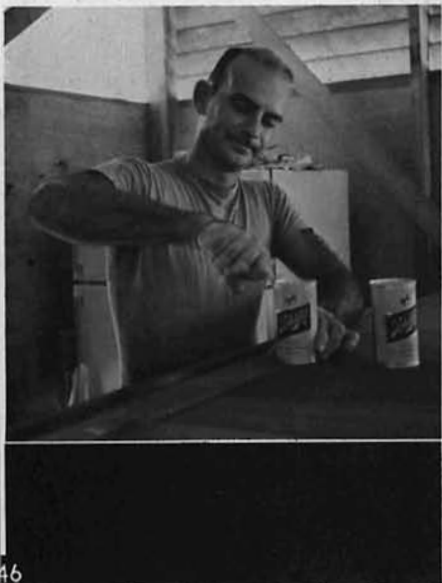
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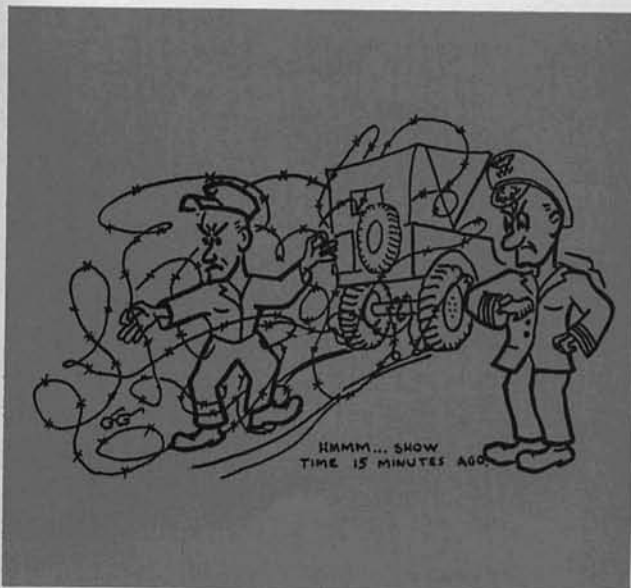
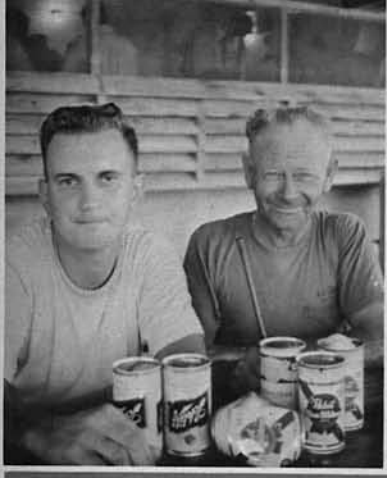


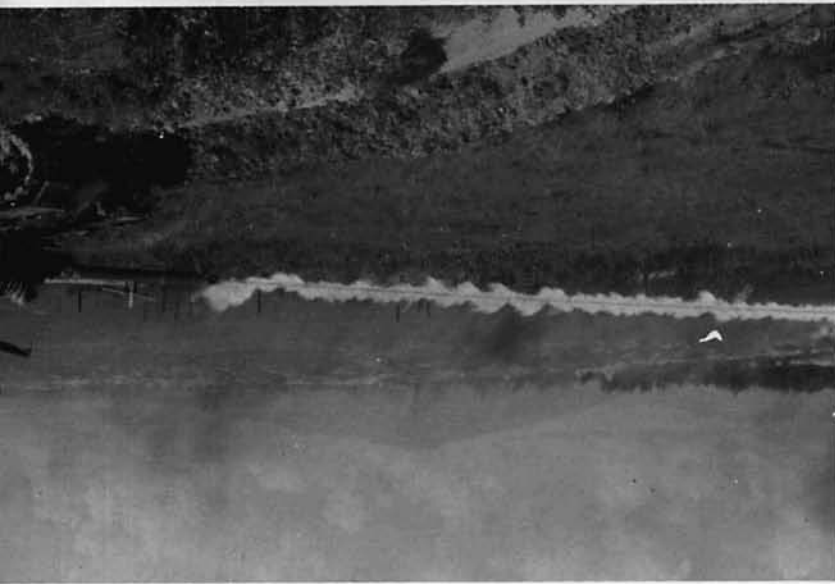
LIMBO CHAMPION OF LOCAL MARINE RECON UNIT



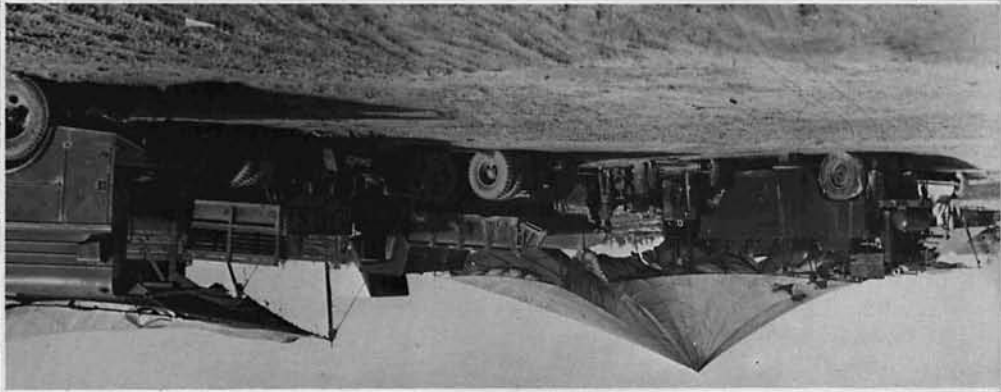
SEVEN's deployment at Phu Bai was unique. Although the days were long and tedious, and a twenty-four hour vigil had to be maintained, we all managed to find time to relax. Primitive facilities and a tropical climate added a special savor to these moments. Even the veteran chiefs found time to initiate properly their new members. Many new and lasting friendships were kindled, over a tall tale and a cool drink.







Down under the chutes



"Bennies from Seven"



SH3 Hardin, your sheets are dirty



Blow-out, VC Style





BRONZE STAR MEDAL

LCDR Tracy C. Tucker, CEC, USN

**VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY
with
SILVER STAR**

LTJG Robert P. Jowaisas
BUC Peter F. Rourke

**VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY
with
BRONZE STAR**

BUI Charles G. Donovan
BUL3 Hardy O. Avera
EON3 Fred H. Emery

NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL

LT Thomas F. Johnson, CHC, USN
SWCS William F. Wise
BUR2 Charles S. York
EOH3 Lionel T. Fry

**SECRETARY OF NAVY COMMENDATION
FOR ACHIEVEMENT**

UTC Marvin L. Johnson
BU1 Jodie D. Dickerson
BU1 Arthur F. Hotopp
SW1 Dewey F. Kemp
EON2 Robert P. Ackerson
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CAMP DEDICATION



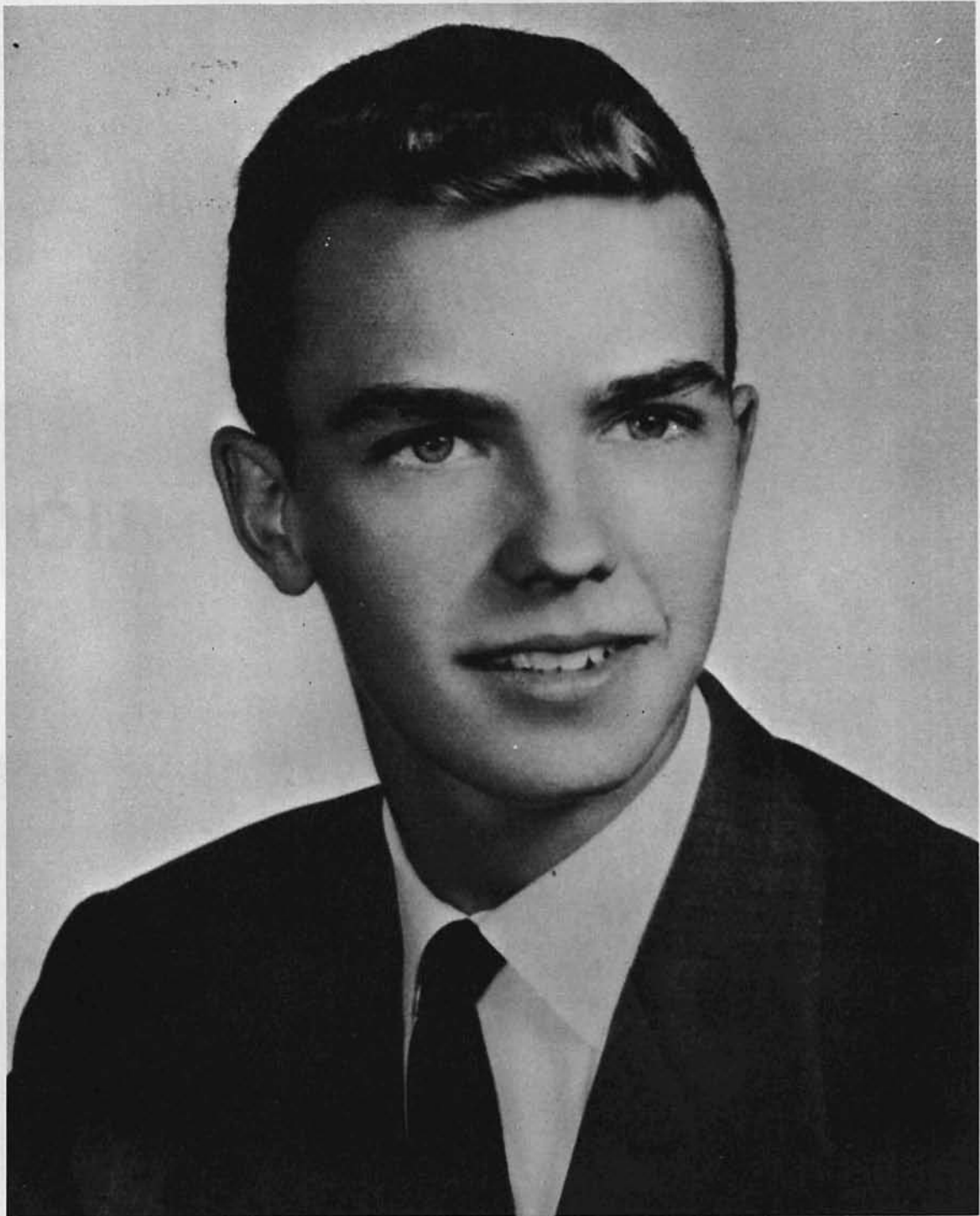
On October 30, 1966, the assembled personnel of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN paid tribute to one of their own. In a brief, twenty-minute ceremony, SEVEN's camp was formally dedicated in memory of a lost shipmate, SWE3 Stanley C. Campbell, who died in the service of his country on August 25, 1966.



Rear Admiral W. M. Heaman, CEC, USN, Commander, Construction Battalions, U.S. Pacific Fleet, spoke the dedicatory words. He noted that an appropriately inscribed plaque will be mounted permanently in a concrete marker to be placed in the center of the camp MCB-7 had built.

Also in attendance were Rear Admiral H. N. Wallin, Deputy Commander for Acquisition, Naval Facilities Engineering Command; Major General W. B. Kyle, Commanding General, Third Marine Division; and Captain P. E. Seufer, Officer in Charge of Construction Republic of Vietnam.





Petty Officer Third Class Stanley C. Campbell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip B. Campbell, joined the Navy on October 28, 1963. He reported aboard MCB-7 in June 1965, and deployed with the battalion to Rota, Spain prior to deploying to South Vietnam.

Petty Officer Campbell gave his life on the defensive perimeter of the camp which now bears his name. As his parents said in a letter, he was "proud to have been in MCB-7." It is fitting that, in this small way, his sacrifice be remembered.



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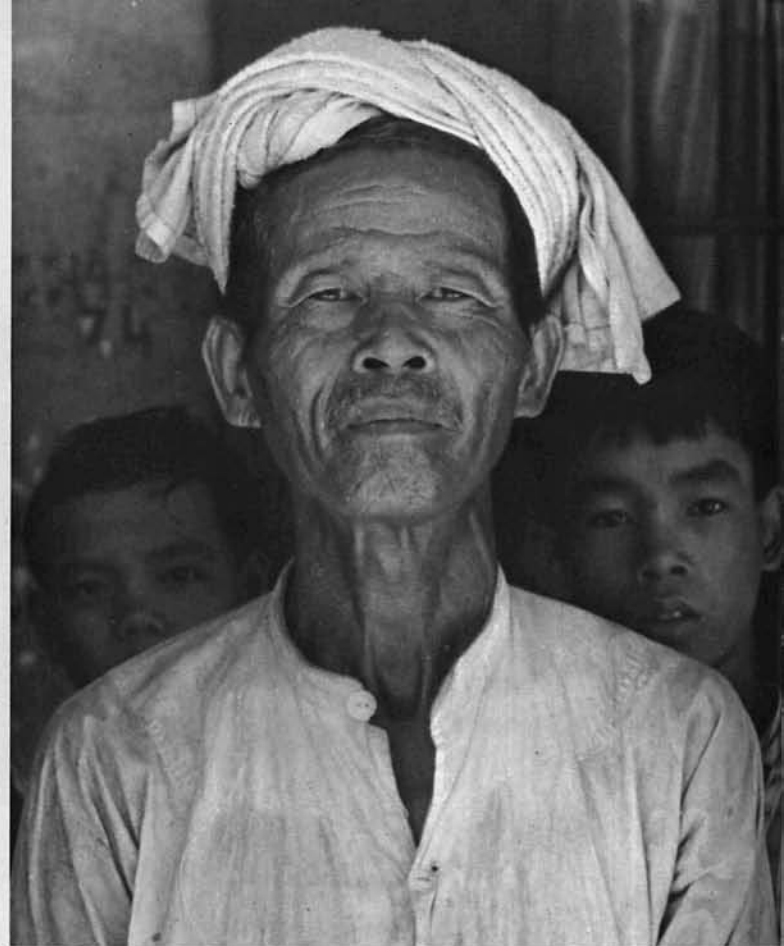
The Perfume River



Vietnamese water "pump"



"Pajamas"



Elder

Laundry day

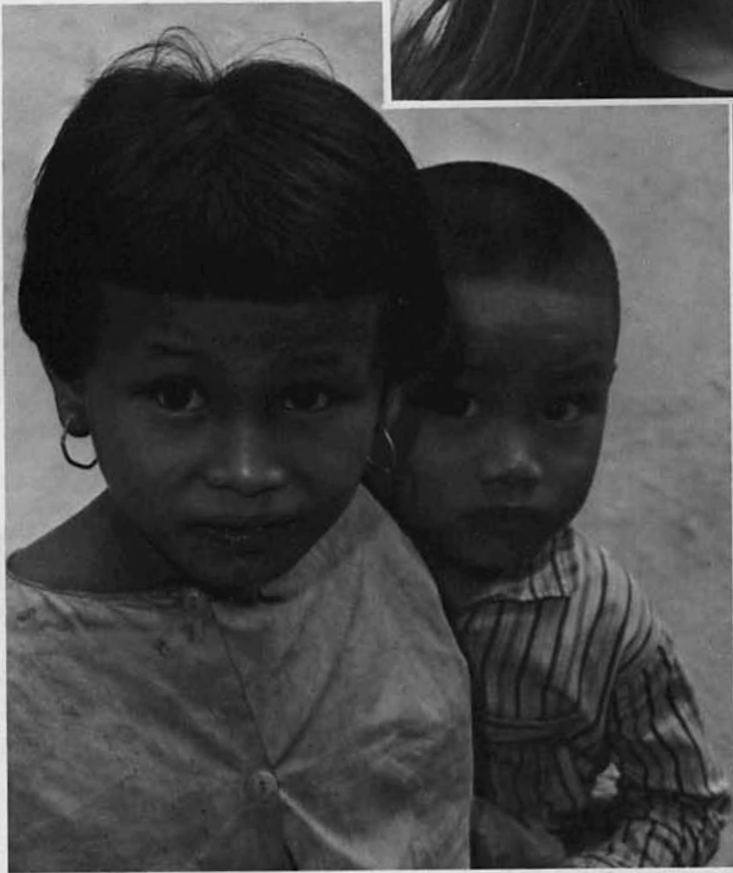
Roadside grazing



Fruit Vendor

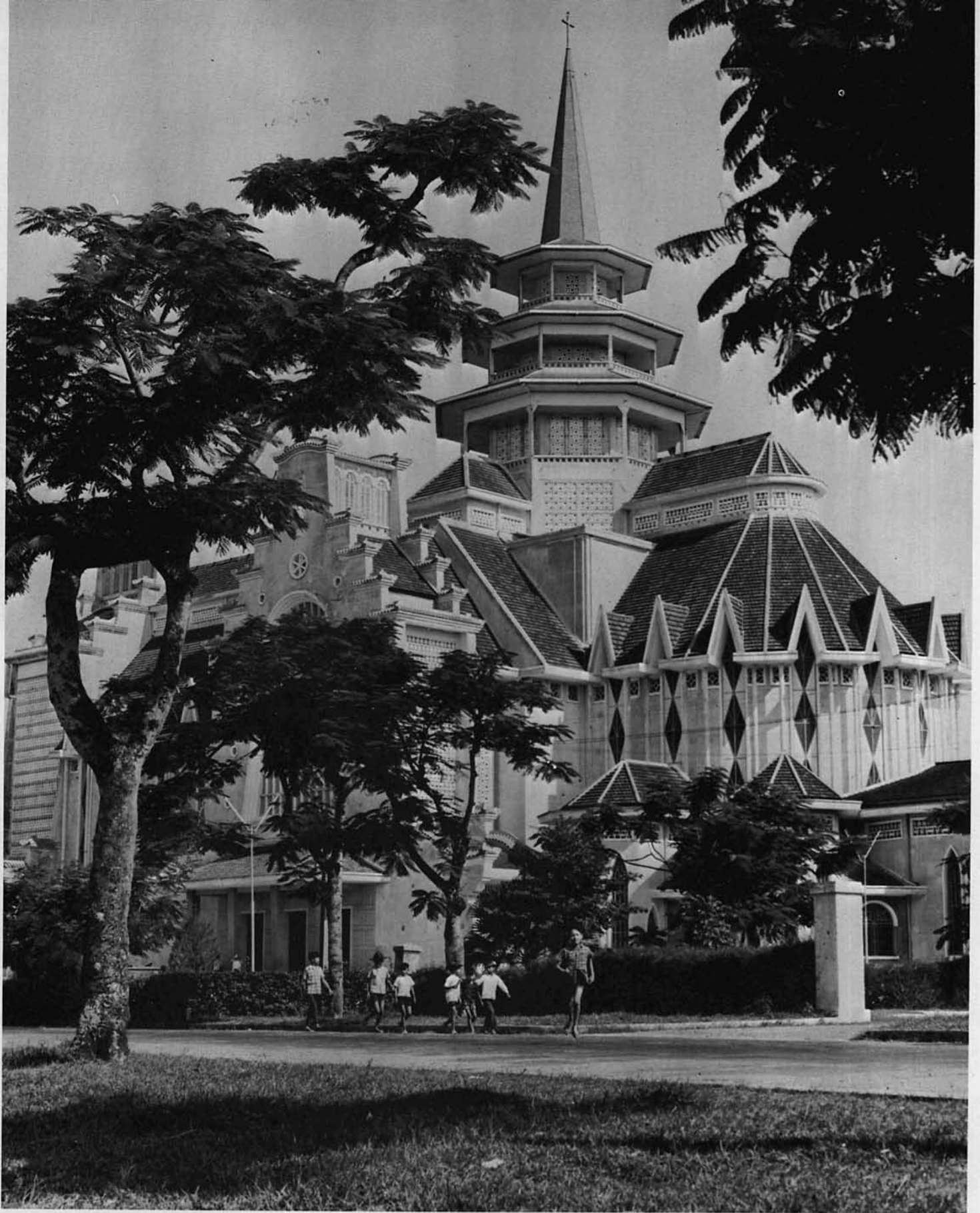


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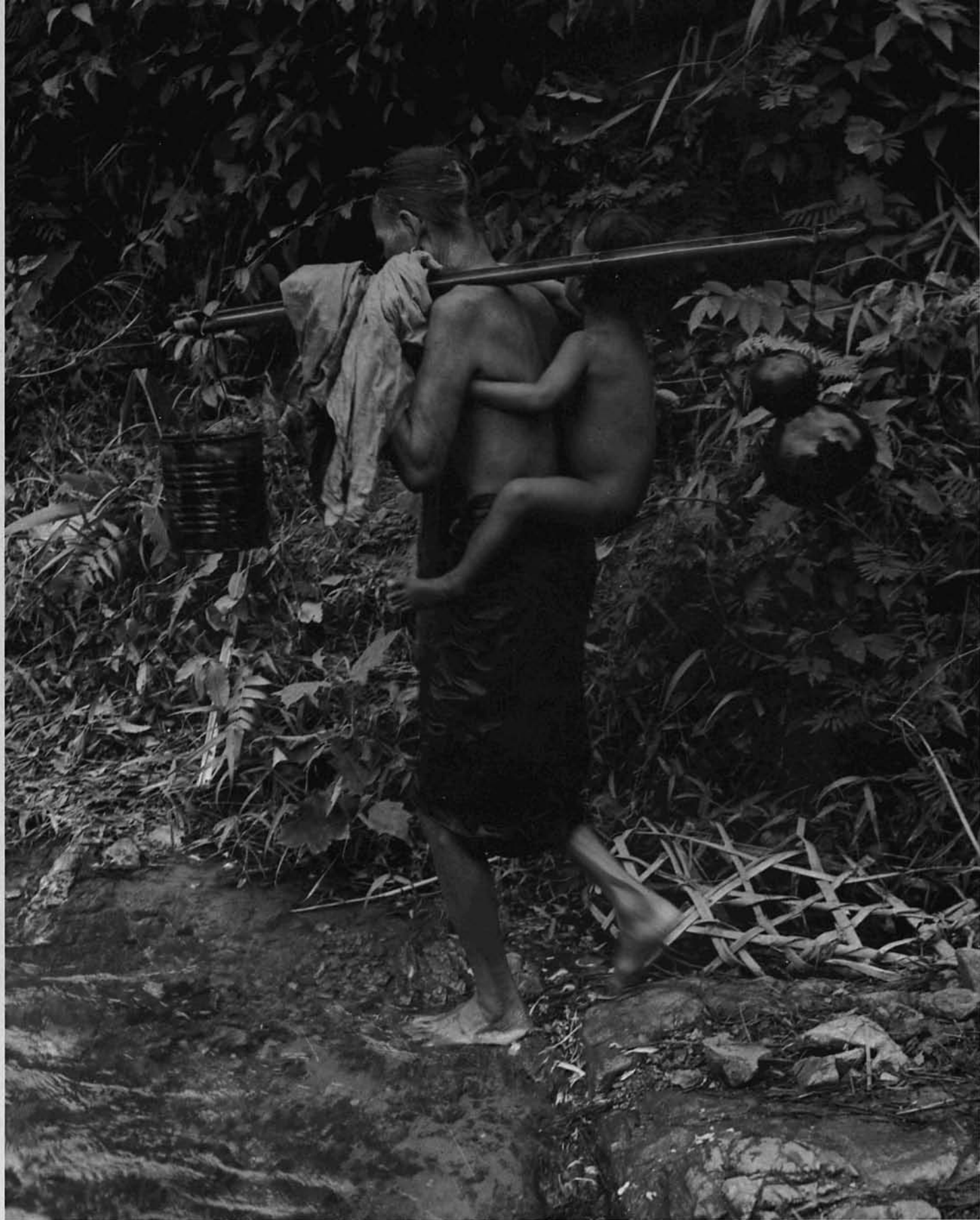
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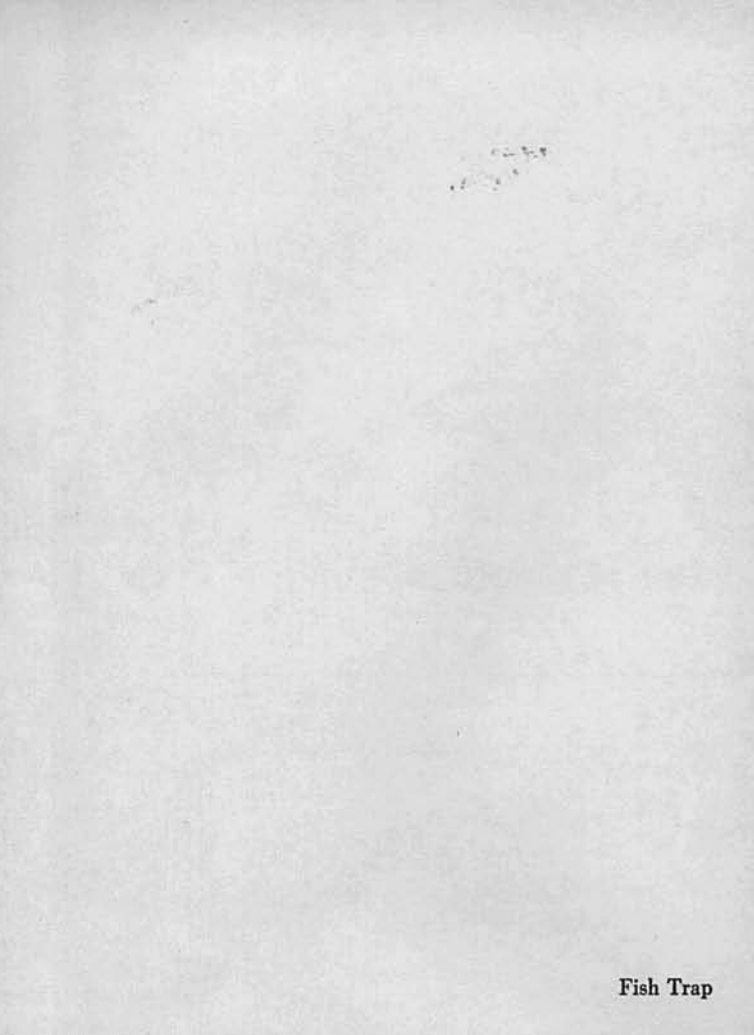


Hué Cathedral

COVER DESIGN, LAYOUT, AND INK WORK by BUL3 George Gutierrez



Montagnards at Lang Vei



Fish Trap



Side street in Hué



Outside Hué



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U.S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS, PACIFIC
Headquarters of the Commander
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco 96610

From: Commander Naval Construction Battalions, Pacific
To: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN

Subj: Letter of Appreciation

1. Upon the occasion of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVEN'S departure from the Republic of Vietnam and return to its homeport at Davisville, Rhode Island, Commander Naval Construction Battalions, Pacific desires to express his appreciation for your outstanding performance.
2. During the period of your employment at Hue/Phu Bai, Republic of Vietnam, you were responsible for timely and quality construction of numerous projects of various types and scope. Among the more significant of these projects the Regimental size cantonment at Phu Bai, the airfield up-grading and cantonment at Dong Ha, the COLCO causeway, quarry operations, and numerous other less significant accomplishments.
3. I wish to take this opportunity to express the sincere appreciation of the Pacific Seabees for your capable assistance in the enormous construction effort currently in progress in the Republic of Vietnam.

W. M. HEAMAN

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From: 30 Naval Construction Regiment
To: MCB-7

1. As you depart for home port it is my desire to express the admiration of all Seabees for your outstanding accomplishments at Phu Bai and Dong Ha. Your aggressive approach in over coming all obstacles has created an enviable record of achievement. Well don and happy holidays.

Captain Marschall

WELCOME HOME MESSAGE

FROM: COMMANDER SERVICE FORCE, ATLANTIC FLEET
TO: U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION SEVEN

1. WELCOME HOME. I JOIN WITH YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IN OFFERING THANKS FOR YOUR SAFE RETURN. YOUR WORK AND SACRIFICES IN VIET NAM HAVE ADDED ANOTHER PROUD CHAPTER TO SEABEE HISTORY AND TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS RECORD OF YOUR UNIT. YOU CAN TAKE JUSTIFIABLE PRIDE IN THE NOTEWORTHY CONTRIBUTIONS YOU HAVE MADE TOWARDS THE GOAL, ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT AT THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON, OF PEACE ON EARTH.
2. THE EXEMPLARY AND RESPONSIVE CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT YOU HAVE RENDERED TO OUR ARMED FORCES AT HUE-PHU-BAI, DONG HA, AND OTHER REMOTE AREAS, OFTEN UNDER ENEMY FIRE, ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE SERVICE FORCE, ATLANTIC FLEET AND THE U. S. NAVY. WELL DONE.

RADM RENKEN

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