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DEDICATION

Service. Ability. Integrity.

These three words appear on the official seal of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit Three Zero One, employed in a design to show our ability to perform great service, backed by more than a quarter of a century of U. S. Navy Construction Battalion effort.

We are still a young unit, but we are an experienced unit, and we have used that experience to the advantage of not only our pride and reputation and that of other U. S. armed services, but also to the advantage of a people searching for a way to live without constant fear, for a way to lead their lives as they wish, to live in a rich cultural pattern developed over two millenia, 2000 years disrupted by war and violent political conflict and horrible carnage.

We have supported a massive American effort. We have supported a valiant and struggling people. We have supported the individual right to dignity.

The roar of heavy equipment, the sharp whine of a saw, a hammer pounding, fresh water gushing from a pipe, a mail plane landing on a newly repaired runway—these things are all signs that Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit Three Zero One is carrying out its assignments, fulfilling its goals, and doing so well.

For each of us, the year in Vietnam was not the most pleasant of our lives.

The twelve months of Vietnam were months of danger. They were months of dust, of mud, of fear.

They were months of monsoon rains and blinding sand storms, of triumph, and tragedy. It was a year of hard, almost back-breaking work. And most of all, it was a year of pride and accomplishment.

Service. Ability. Integrity.

To those ideals, and to the men who support and cherish them, the men of CBMU 301, this cruisebook is dedicated.



J. B. GROFF
CDR, CEC, USN

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During my eleven months as Commanding Officer of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 301, my pride in the accomplishments of the Naval service was constantly increased, as was my pleasure in leading so fine an organization of hard working men.

During these months, the men of CBMU 301 have worked, ate, slept, defended, traveled, played, and prayed together, working for their country while accomplishing the Battalion's mission in aiding the Republic of Vietnam.

We are proud men performing a magnificent, but laborious task. We are proud not only because of our accomplishments, but also because we are American fighting men—and that adjective gives the most pride—American.

In Vietnam we have witnessed a portion of the tremendous improvement which can be wrought in a nation through tireless, dedicated human effort. Certainly the road to helping Vietnam has been rough and many lives have been lost along the way. But, the roads, harbors, runways, and houses which now exist are the blocks upon which the country can build for the future. If so much can be done in terms of progress in a country such as Vietnam through our concerted efforts, I can't help but ask why, when we return, we cannot shed the apathy that binds us back in the "world" and make our country, for which we have fought, a better place for our children.

Years from now, when we show our children and grandchildren this cruisebook, let us hope that we may have the ability to explain to them our role and accomplishments in the Republic of Vietnam, and let us pray that they can understand these accomplishments, carried out within the traditions of the American Ideal.

I urge you to hold the ideals of the American serviceman close to you, to cherish them, and continue them.

To all the men of CBMU 301, and to their families, whose understanding and co-operation made our tasks a bit lighter, I wish the greatest good fortune and I convey my heartfelt thanks.

EXECUTIVE
OFFICER



G. E. KRAUTER
LCDR, CEC, USN

Over the period of the last eight months, the Seabees of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 301 have taught me that they are the most versatile group of men I have encountered in my Naval career. These men have met every challenge which has faced them.

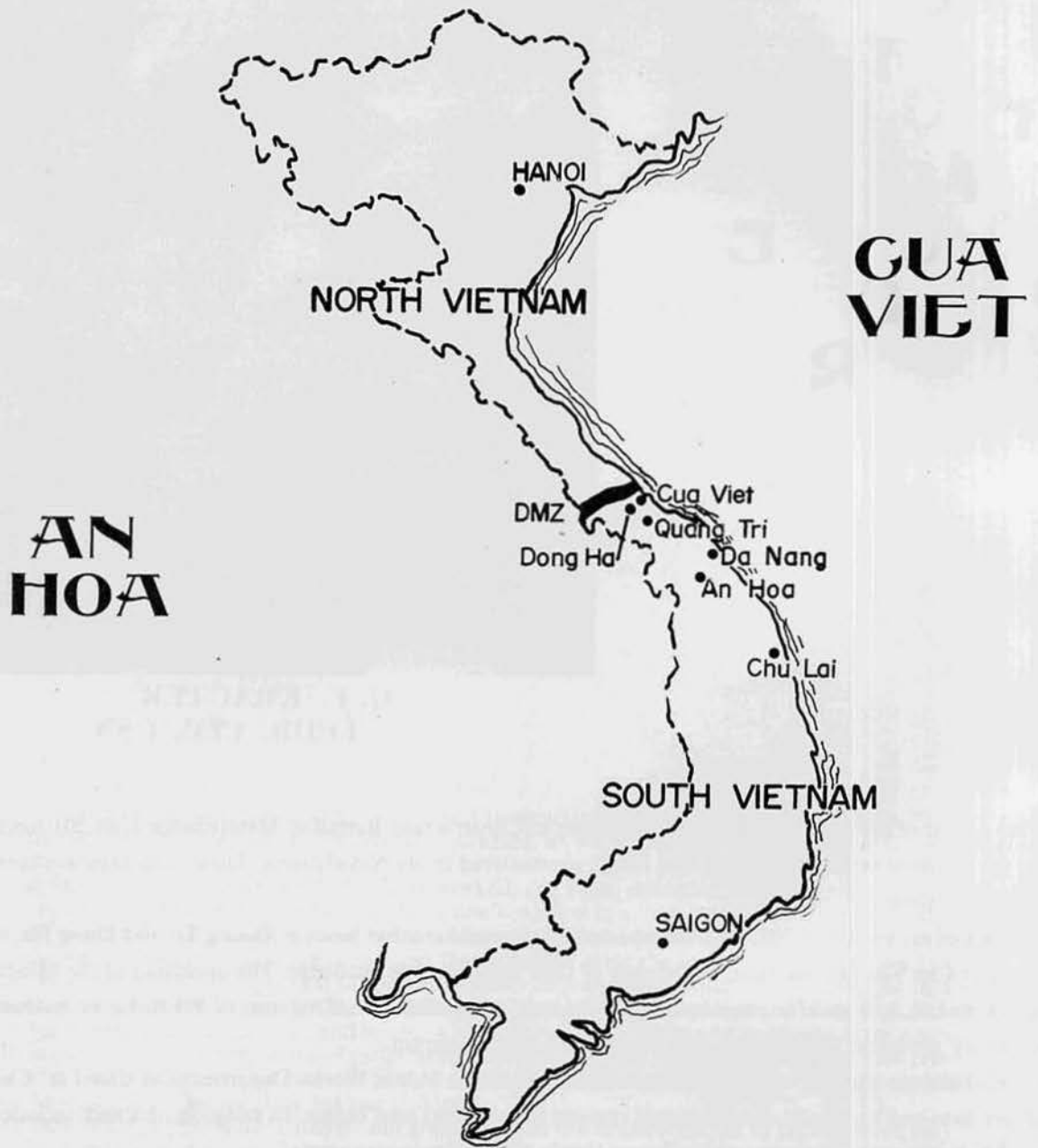
At the start of my tour with 301, we were maintaining forward combat bases at Quang Tri and Dong Ha, with smaller detachments at Cua Viet and An Hoa. In October of 1969 came the first challenge. The operation of the Mineral Products Facility at Chu Lai, operated for years by RMK-BRJ, was a field that few of the men of 301 had ever encountered. They learned as they produced the required products for the LOC program.

The next challenge was the maintenance and operation of the Public Works Department at Chu Lai. Chu Lai was a much larger base and had many more intricate systems than we had seen before. In addition, this task included the supervision of 800 Korean and Vietnamese employees. Again the challenge was met.

Finally this Maintenance Unit was tasked with new construction. This was the construction of housing for the dependents of the Vietnamese sailors and was a vital part of the Vietnamization program. Again the task is being met.

The Seabees of 301 have met every challenge without the benefit of homeport training for their new missions. They have shown the true versatility of the Seabees.

DONG HA QUANG TRI



CHU LAI

BATTALION HISTORY

Although the first Construction Battalion Maintenance Units were formed during the fury of war in autumn of 1942, all maintenance units had been decommissioned by the end of that decade.

The Korean conflict once more signalled the need for Construction Battalion Maintenance Units. Again, by 1956, after having served honorably and well in Korea, all maintenance units were deactivated.

After a lapse of eleven years, the need arose for maintenance units, this time in Southeast Asia. Mobile Construction Battalions were used to support Army and Marine Corps forces in the Republic of Vietnam, but with the vast construction effort underway, it was found that CBMU's were necessary. Thus, CBMU 301 was born.

December, 1966, signalled the birth of CBMU 301 as Naval personnel were detailed to the Thirty-first Naval Construction Regiment, Port Hueneme, California, for the formation of the Battalion. CBMU 301 was officially established on March 31, 1967, at the Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme.

Formal commissioning ceremonies were held on April 7, 1967 with Lieutenant Commander Henry A. Holmes, CEC, USN, the first commanding officer, receiving the unit colors from the commissioning officer, Rear Admiral E. T. Reich, Director, Logistic Plans Division, Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

The CBMU 301 advance party left the United States on May 17, 1967 for Naval Support Activity, Danang. Cargo and rolling stock followed by sea and air. CBMU 301 deployed to Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province, and by June 24, 1967, CBMU 301 had established its main camp.

After the camp was completed, the men of 301 turned to, commencing maintenance operations in accordance with assigned missions.

At Dong Ha approximately 200 Seabees of CBMU 301 were tasked with airfield maintenance and with caring for internal roads, Navy and Marine cantonments, the electrical distribution system, and the Utility Landing Craft (LCU) off-loading ramp on the Dong Ha river.

Although the battalion was at this time deployed at Dong Ha, details from the main body were sent to Khe Sanh, An Hoa, Cua Viet, and Quang Tri. The performance of duty by CBMU 301 Seabees during the heroic defence of Khe Sanh while that vital combat base was under seige claimed the life of SW2 Edward C. Adams when an enemy artillery round exploded in the area in which he was working on April 16, 1968. Six weeks earlier, BU1 Charles O. Spillman died when a Marine helicopter in which he was riding to deliver mail to the detail at Khe Sanh crashed after being struck by enemy fire. February 28, 1968.

On June 3, 1968, Commander W. E. Burdick relieved Lieutenant Commander H. A. Homes as Commanding Officer of Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 301.

On May 22, 1969, Commander J. B. Groff relieved Commander W. E. Burdick as Commanding Officer. At this time, the main body camp had been established at Quang Tri with Detail Delta being disestablished and Detail Bravo established at Dong Ha.

Flag officers who attended the change of command ceremony were Rear Admiral E. P. Bonner, Commander, U. S. Naval Support Activity, Danang; Rear Admiral J. G. Dillon, Commander, 3rd Naval Construction Brigade; and Brig. General R. Fuller, Assistant Division Commander, Third Marine Division.

The work of CBMU 301 went on through the hot summer months, with job assignments as great as ever, hampered by breakdowns, supply problems, and the ever-present wind, which drove the sand before it, hindering men and their machines.

Typhoon Doris struck on September 2, 1969 and called forth greater efforts from the Seabees of CBMU 301. As calls for aid poured in from the combination of military units supported by 301, men worked around the clock to repair the typhoon damage.

The announcement that the Third Marine Division would leave Vietnam, and of Mobile Construction Battalion 74's reassignment to Danang left CBMU 301 with a new set of problems in addition to those usually faced by the unit.

Personnel from the already hard-working unit had to abandon purely Seabee-type assignments to go mess-cooking, and to man a perimeter sector of Quang Tri Combat Base. The "Can-do" spirit and hard work of the Seabees of CBMU 301 continued to get the job done: the perimeter was manned, the chow improved, and maintenance tasks were completed, with all hands doing their best and carrying on while awaiting word of the future of the Battalion.

In October the word finally came: CBMU 301 would close down its detail at Dong Ha and redeploy to the Chu Lai enclave south of Danang. There the Battalion would acquire the Public Works missions in Chu Lai, thus absorbing a number of personnel already stationed at Chu Lai who were familiar with the operations, meanwhile, losing men to other commands because their rates and rating were to be in excess of the requirements at Chu Lai. CBMU 301 would also take over the work of the RMK-BRJ organization—quarrying granite, rock crushing, and producing asphalt and concrete.

The months of October through late January found an ever-increasing number of 301's Seabees at Chu Lai, and an ever decreasing number at Quang Tri, a minimum number of men left to carry out continuing obligations, complete those tasks already underway, and pack up and move battalion vehicles, machines, tools, records, furnishings, and all other implements necessary to day by day Seabee tasks.

From the CBMU 301 Quartermaster's Log Book, 4 February 1970: "0830: CBMU 301 Main Body with 40 men departed for Chu Lai. 1500: CBMU 301 Main Body arrived Chu Lai. No further entries this log."

The big move was over and now began the task of adapting to a new goal, carrying out a new mission and as 301 celebrated its third anniversary on March 8, carrying out a much older tradition of proud Naval service.

At Chu Lai, the Battalion ran the mineral products division, including the quarry, rock crushers, and the asphalt and concrete plants. CBMU 301 was responsible for all Public Works missions on the base, furnishing electricity, water, and ice to U. S. Army, Air Force, and Marine Corps commands.

On April 24, 1970, Lieutenant Commander G. E. Krauter, formerly the Battalion Executive Officer, relieved Commander J. B. Groff as Commanding Officer, while Lieutenant J. W. King, former Operations Officer, became Executive Officer of CBMU 301.



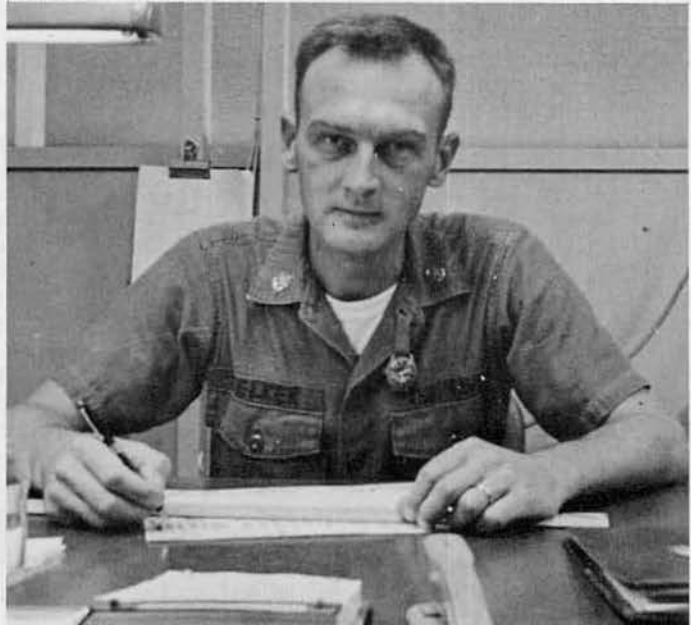
SWCS Bernard J. Artzer

SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISOR

UTCS E. D. Stershic



CECS O. B. Felker



As I write this, I can look back over seven months in this tour in Vietnam and over a year of accomplishment by 301. Although the battalion is young and its mission is ever changing to fit the needs of the service, and the country, the men of 301 exhibit the same "Can Do" spirit, positive attitude, and high level of technical skill that one finds throughout the Naval Construction Forces.

When I arrived at Quang Tri, I found the men of 301 preparing for a new mission, mounting out for Chu Lai, and finishing jobs in the Northern I Corps. The move through the mud and cold rain of the monsoon produced a new home and new mission with the mineral products facility and public works responsibilities. In Chu Lai, as the term Vietnamization became more familiar, the men again received a new mission—construction of Vietnamese Navy housing. As Senior Enlisted Advisor, I personally witnessed, in the men of 301, a re-affirmation of the spirit, attitude and technical skill of the Seabees.

In my capacity as liaison between the Commanding Officer and the enlisted man, I have met nearly all the battalion personnel from all companies on and off the job, at work and play, officially and unofficially. My predecessors, CECS O. B. FELKER, and UTCS, STERSHIC, and I have been tasked with improving the welfare and morale of the men of 301 just as they improve the morale and welfare of the Vietnamese people.

From my personal observations, I have seen what the Seabees of 301 have accomplished and I know what they will continue to accomplish in this war-torn land. With the men of 301 I view my assignment as a great challenge, as we all must view the demands made upon us, both as Navymen and as Americans.



ALPHA COMPANY





CN M. McLaughlin searches for tools.



Installing still another gate at Quang Tri.



Tire shop at Quang Tri.

Resurfacing airstrip at Dong Ha.





LTJG R. A. Bohn



ENS R. D. Spitzer

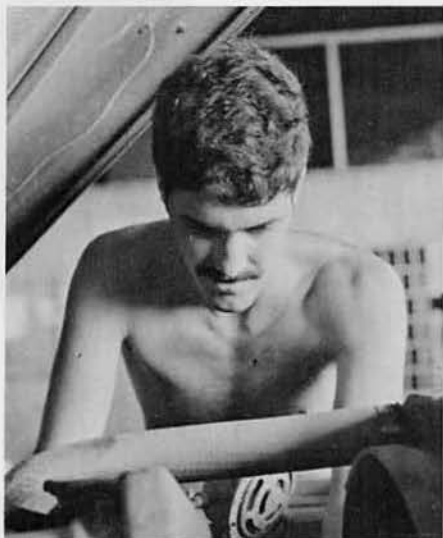


CMCS D. F. Metzger



EOCS L. R. Larkin





CM3 C. D. Sherwood



E02 T. L. Sorenson



CMCN H. Haley



Parts repair in Alpha Company shop.



Asphalt plant in operation at Chu Lai.

The Equipment Operators and Construction Mechanics of CBMU 301's Alpha Company have the biggest jobs to be done, and they do them with the biggest equipment in the battalion, as anyone who has watched an MRS loaded with 17 tons of earth roar past can testify.

With four MRS's assigned to the company, to mobile cranes, numerous graders, trucks, and smaller vehicles, the Equipment Operators have a wide variety of equipment to use in performing their many tasks. The Construction Mechanics, of course, have their work cut out for them in servicing and repairing all these vehicles.

The company dispatcher must ensure that all the necessary equipment is transported to the various job sites and must dispatch fuel and water trucks to the facilities and installations serviced by 301.

Cost Control has the responsi-

bility of keeping an accurate account of every vehicle and all heavy equipment in the unit, including those in use by the details at An Hoa and Cua

The men of Alpha Company, after the move to Chu Lai, assumed CBMU 301's quarrying and rock crushing responsibilities. Nearly every afternoon at about 1730 Camp Wall is shaken by a tremendous blast, and the next day's work for the quarry crews, truckers, and rock crushing crews is prepared.

In addition, Alpha Company handles asphalt and concrete production in Chu Lai for use not only by our own Seabees, but also those from MCB SEVEN and Army Engineer Corps units, in repairing and building new roads.

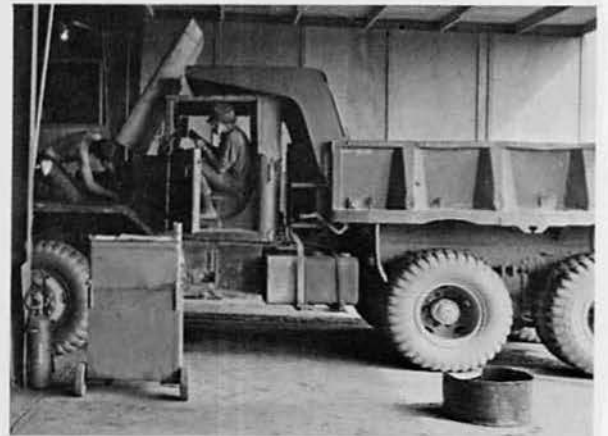
The Transportation Department includes scheduling and operating busses, and ramp operations—loading and unloading LST's and YFU's.



High winds littered Alpha Company yard with debris in July, 1969.



Dozer begins clearing way for new road at Dong Ha.



Truck at Quang Tri undergoes preventive maintenance at Alpha Company shop.



EO2 Hickman spreads asphalt while resurfacing road.



Front-end loader removes excess earth from construction site.



Extension is added to drill bit.



CN Ken Su'a moves portable drill to new location.

Crusher boss determines amount of rock entering crusher.



Drill bores its way into granite. Hole will later be filled with dynamite for blast.

Quarry blast at 1730 frees rock for next day's work.





Power shovel loads rock at quarry.

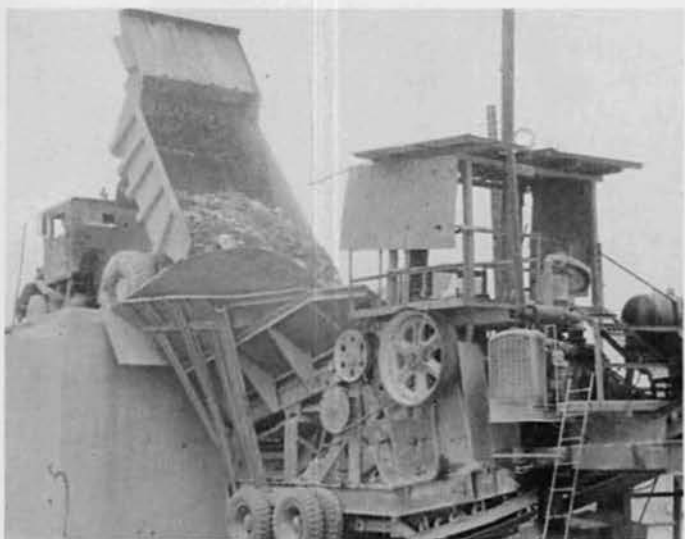


EOCN R. J. Haffner watches scales while mixing batch of concrete.

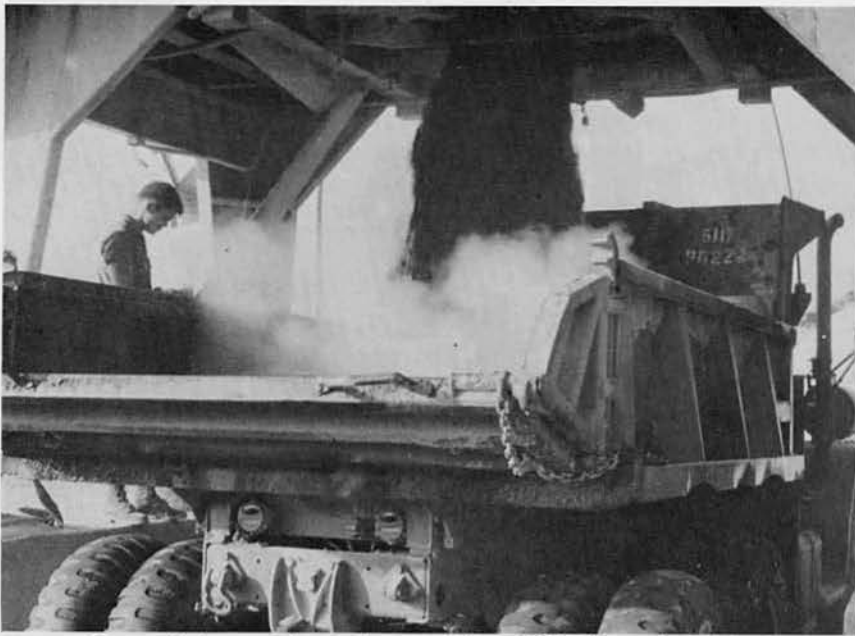


EO1 Powell operates dozer.

Power shovel loads raw materials for concrete batch plant.



Euclid dumps tons of granite into one of four CBMU 301 rock crushers.



Hot asphalt pours into a dump truck at 301's Chu Lai asphalt plant.



Front-end loader is pulled from mud.



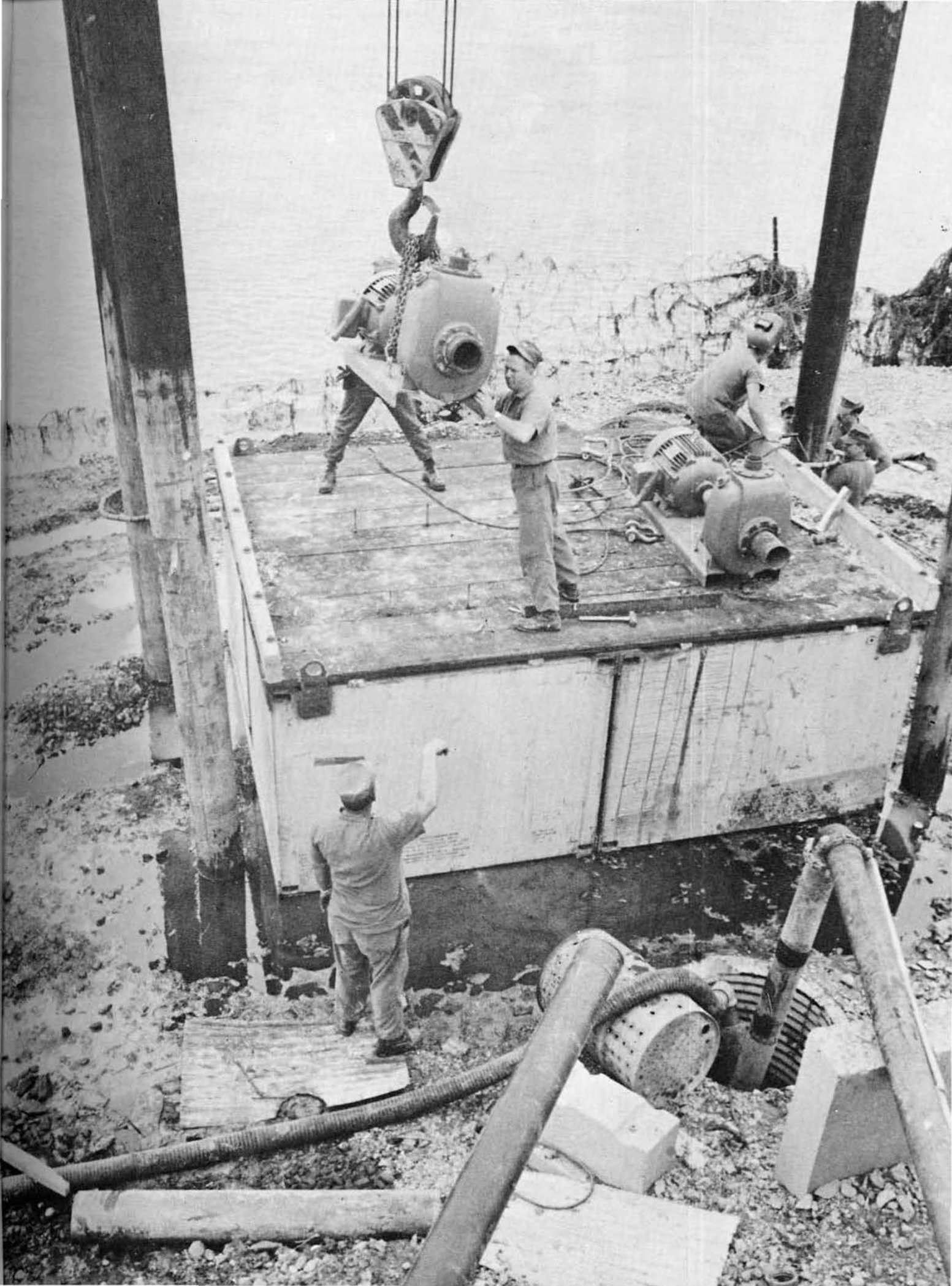
MRS moves 14 tons of earth in one load.



Small cat is used to fill revetments.

Convoy heads down Route One en route to Da Nang.







Bravo Company's line crew, Quang Tri.



CEs finished wiring special forces camp in Ty Hoa.



Generator crew at Chu Lai led by CE1 Hogsted.



Raising new lines near Chu Lai main power plant.



CE2 Sam Hill reviews inventory cards.



Line crew works from cherry-picker bucket.



LTJG Scanlan



LTJG Taylor

BRAVO COMPANY

Broken water lines and balking generators, downed electrical lines, and clogged pipes were all problems faced by the Utilitiesmen and Construction Electricians of Bravo Company at both Quang Tri and Chu Lai.

One of the most successful, and most difficult projects at Quang Tri was a floating pump stand. Because the Thach Han River has been known to rise as much as 15 feet after only one day of heavy rain, thus flooding pumps and cutting off the water supply to the combat base, the pump stand was floated on four pontoons and rose with the river level. It was secured to four corner pilings by iron guide loops.

When Typhoon Doris knocked out almost 80 percent of all power systems, as well as almost all communications systems in early September, an all-out disaster recovery effort by Bravo Company began even before the winds subsided and resulted in restoration of power and communications to all major commands in a matter of hours and drew praise from senior military commanders in the Republic.

Teams of Construction Electricians were sent out to the "boon-docks" to wire MACV Advisory Team compounds at Huong Ha, Cam Lo, and other areas.

After turning over responsibili-

ties for the generators to the Army, and water troubles to civilians at Quang Tri, Bravo Company found itself at Chu Lai, responsible for providing power, water, ice, and telephones for the entire Chu Lai Combat Base.

The company included approximately 52 Seabees, 120 Koreans, and 170 Vietnamese. Three central power plants with a capacity of 9600 kilowatts and numerous low voltage generators were operated and maintained by Bravo Company personnel. The Chu Lai Dial Telephone exchange, with its 2400 line systems, served the entire base as well as Americal Division outlying sites such as Landing Zone Bayonet. Water plants were operated at the Naval Support Activity Detachment Chu Lai, Americal Headquarters, 91st Evacuation Hospital, the 123rd Aviation Battalion, 27th Surgical Hospital, and Americal Combat Center and produced an average of 600,000 gallons of potable water daily.

Bravo Company was commanded by LTJG Robert A. Taylor, assisted by Chief Utilitiesman W. R. Mangrum. LTJG Taylor became officer-in-charge of Detail Charlie at Cua Viet in early 1970 and LTJG Scanlon became Bravo Company Commander at Chu Lai.



UT3 J. Smith, front, and
UT3 H. Robinson
check pump.



CE works on pole.



CE2 Abiera and CE1 Battle work on generator.



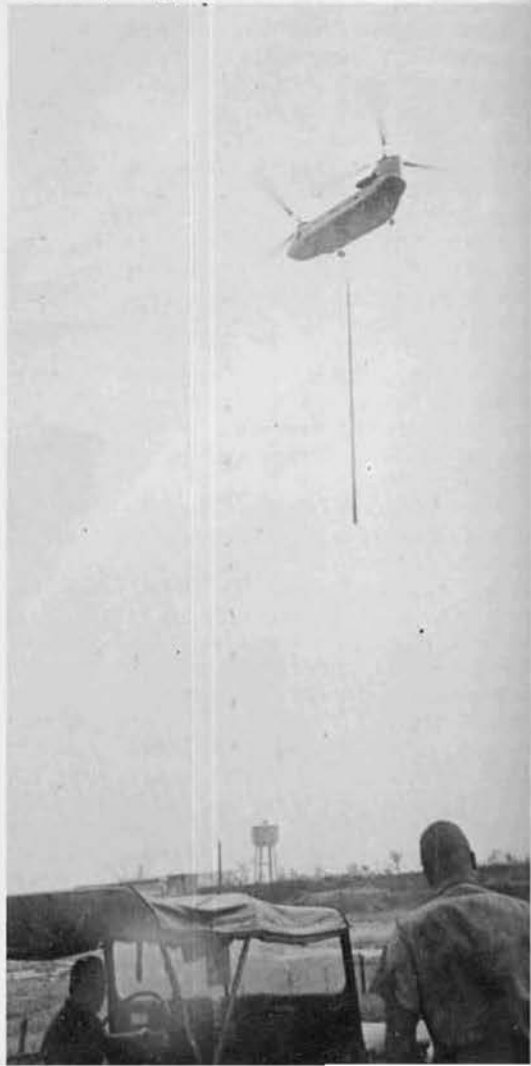
CE2 Andres Rocha



CE1 Jim Daniels



Utility pole to be installed in MACV compound arrives by chopper.

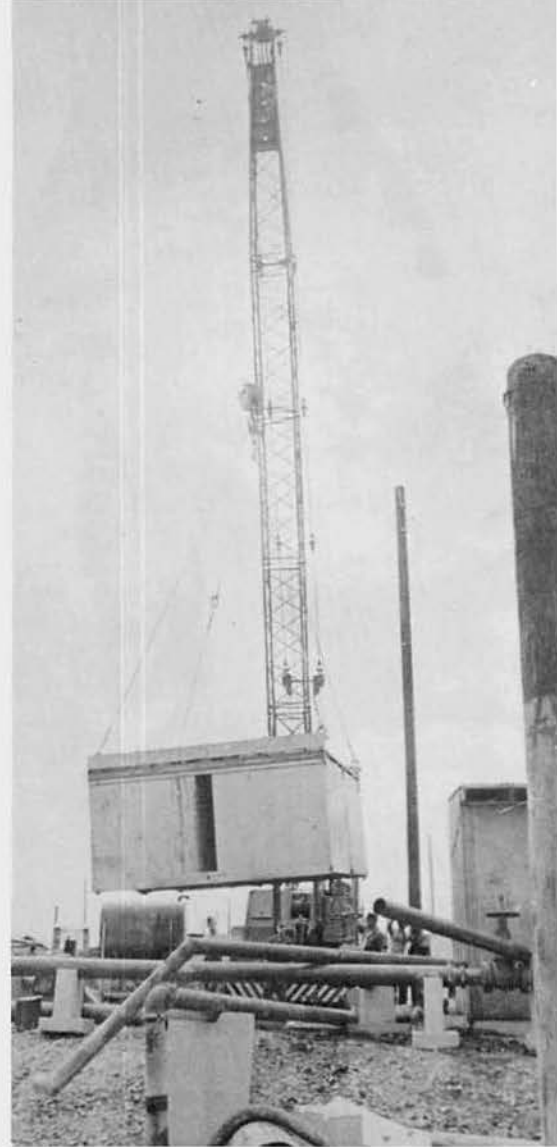




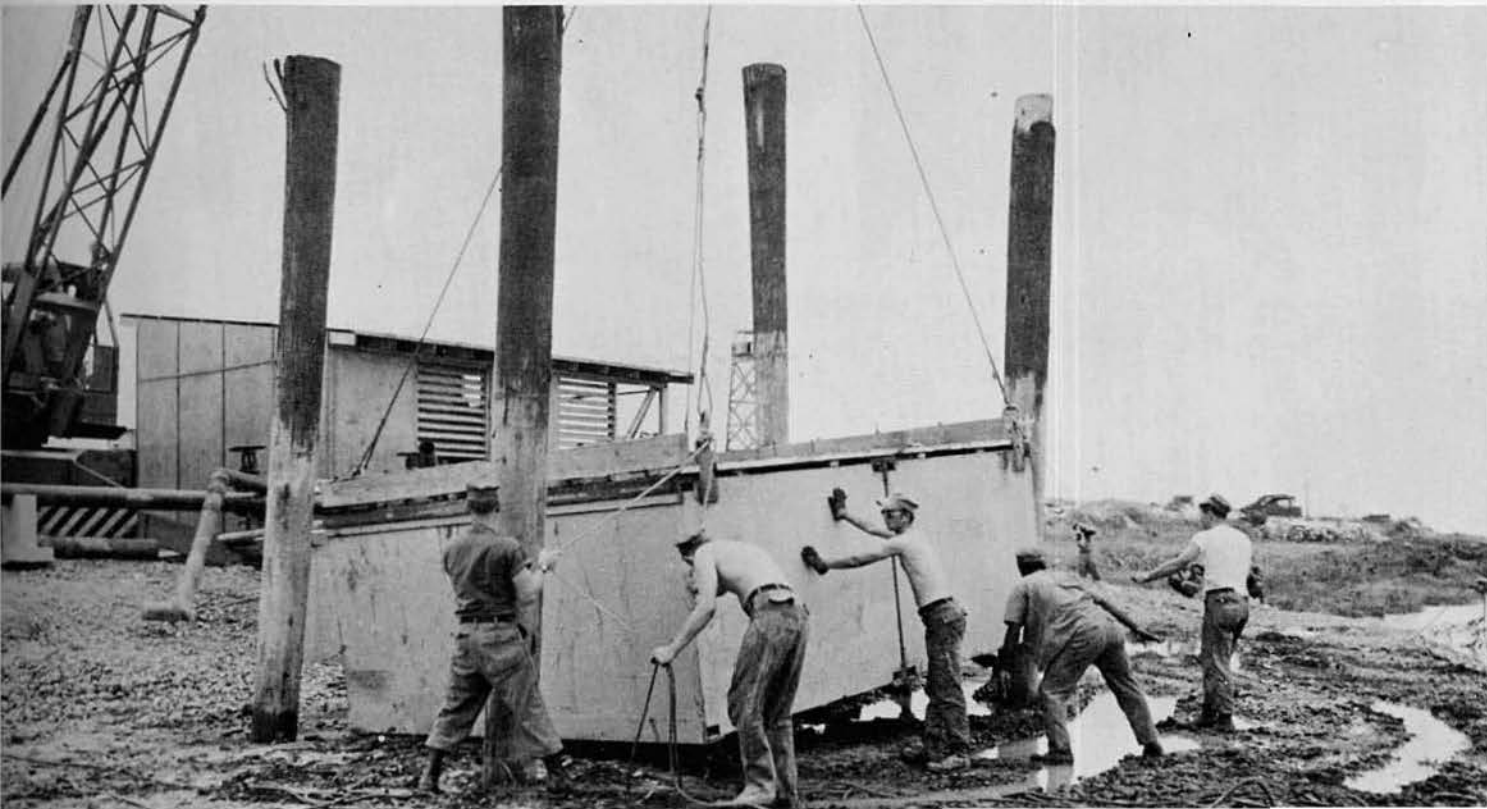
Water mains are wrestled into place at water point.



UTC Napper



Crane lifts pump stand into place.



Pump stand is secured to four conner piles.



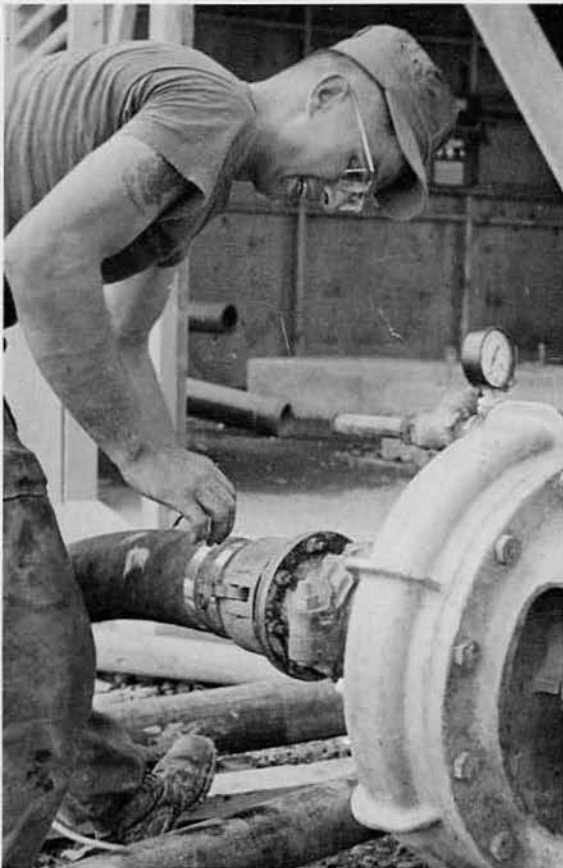
Work begins on floating pump stand at Quang Tri.



Parts room, Quang Tri Bravo Company shop.



Flooded water point at Quang Tri.



UTI Jerry Springer works on pumps.



UTs uncover water main to make repairs.



Giant popsicle was to prove the ice plant was working.



Tank at Marine hospital to aid heat victims.



Utilities office at Chu Lai.

UTs at Quang Tri join water lines.





Chopping down rotten utilities poles at Chu Lai.



Bravo Company workshop at Chu Lai.



CHARLIE COMPANY





LTJG R. A. Taylor



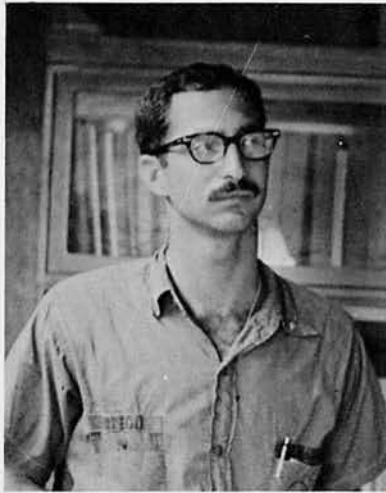
LT Parsons



LTJG Brogden



LTJG Scanlan



ENS Greco

As the general construction company of CBMU 301, Charlie Company furnished steelworking and building support to Battalion projects to Marine Corps and Army units in Quang Tri, Dong Ha, Chu Lai, and Cua Viet.

Builders, and Steelworkers, the rates which make up the Charlie Company organization, are primarily responsible for wood, concrete, and steel construction and maintenance.

Personnel from Charlie Company often work from the very beginning of a job to its completion, contributing their various skills to a project until it is completely finished.

Usually the first step is erecting forms for the foundation of a structure and then pouring the concrete. They then build wooden frameworks, partitions, and walls.

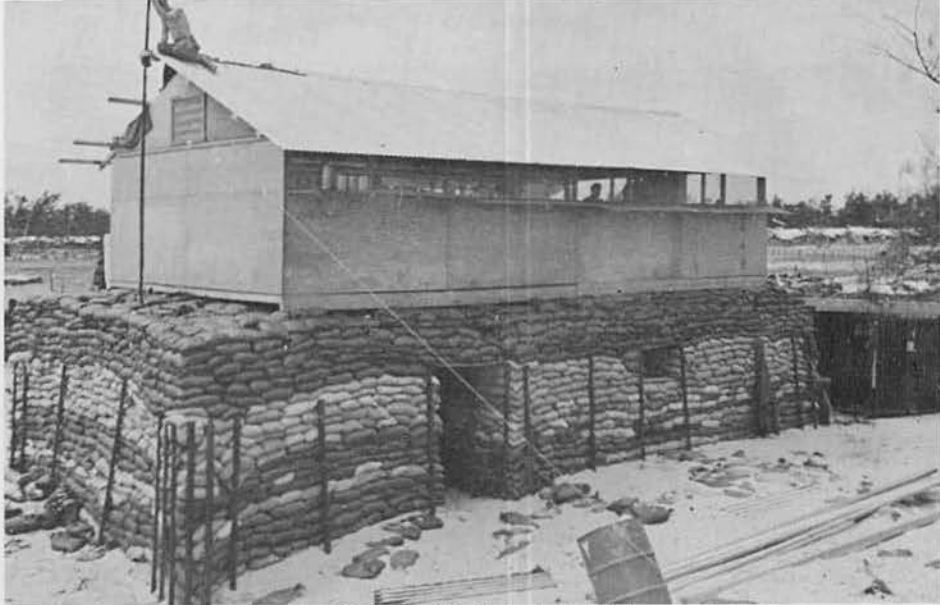
In addition to minor construction and maintenance missions in Quang Tri, Charlie Company constructed several water towers for the Americal Division, built a new control tower for the main Chu Lai airfield, and carried out, in addition, its normal camp maintenance duties. Charlie Company also manned the carpentry and steelworking shops at the Chu Lai Naval Support Activity Detachment public works center until the Army units assumed these responsibilities on 1 July.



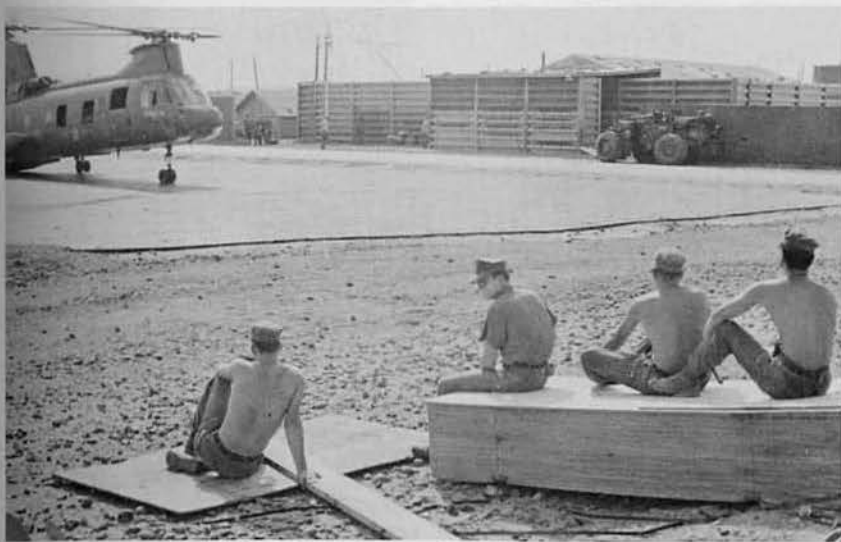
LCDR W. L. Enderle



BUCN Rutigliano builds footlockers.



CBMU 301 built this high-rise SEA-hut at Tam Ky.



Roof was constructed to protect CP from rain.





"C" Company tool room.



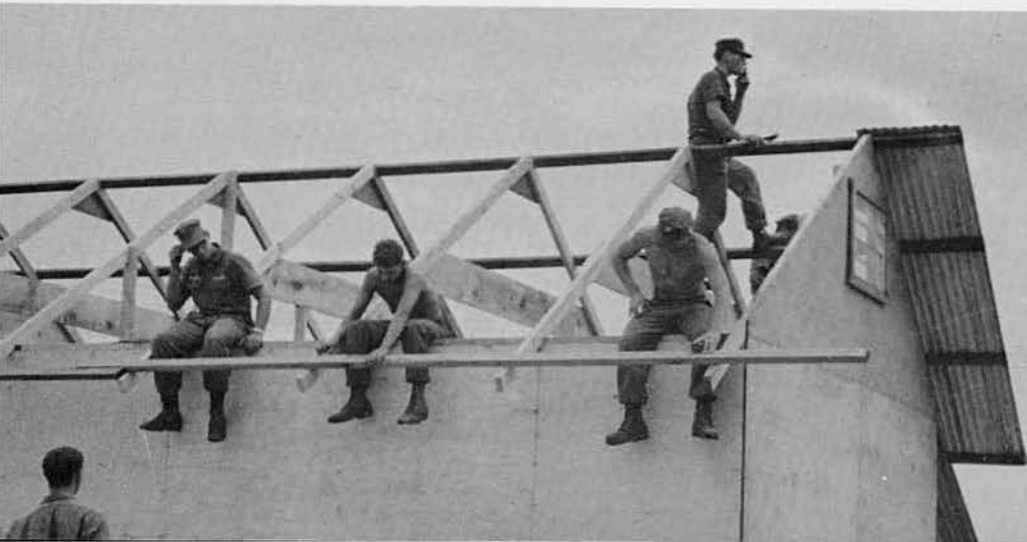
BU3 Altomari repairs steps at Chu Lai.



LTJG Battles inspect forms.



BUCN Rutigliano



Constructing recreation building at Quang Tri.



Repairing roof of Quang Tri EM Club.



Nurses quarters were built at 18th Surg.



Charlie Company built dozens of chairs for the EM Club.



BUC Bridgewater



BUs pour concrete for shop floor.



Many Vietnamese and Koreans were employed at Chu Lai.



Steelworkers join culvert sections at Dong Ha.



Masks are a must when welding.

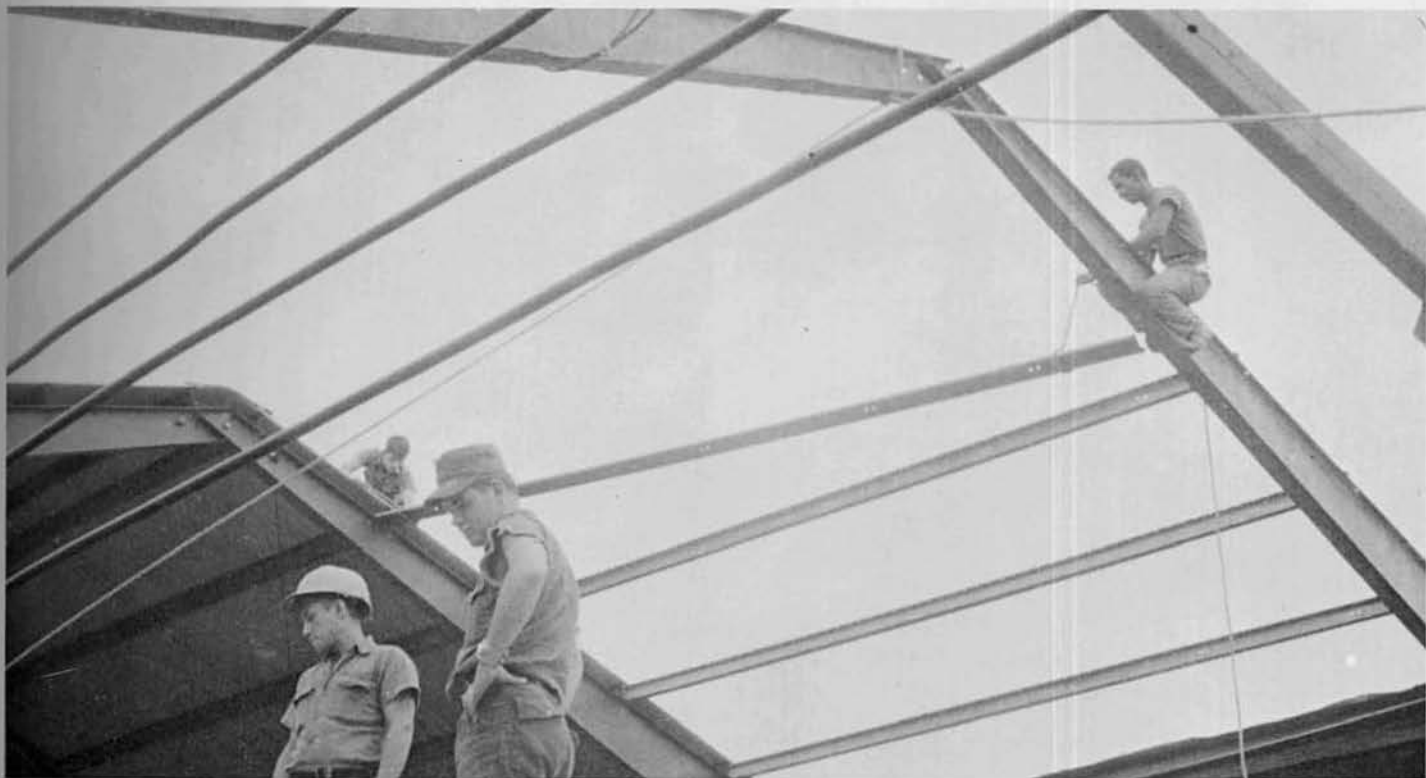


Workbreak in the storage yard at Quang Tri.



SW3 R. L. Taylor welds brace at Quang Tri gate.





Steelworkers erect Butler Building for Quang Tri warehouse.



BU3 Mike Altomari bolts joists together.



Repairing runway matting was a company-strength operation.



Steelworkers weld metal stand.





Repairing airstrip at Quang Tri.



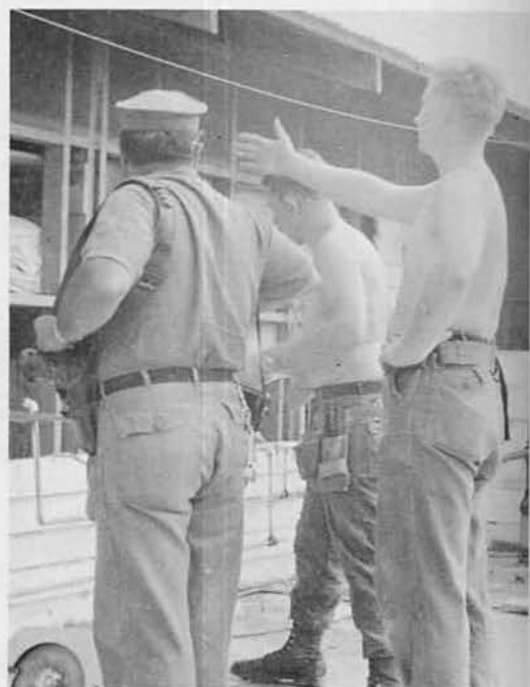
Steelworkers fabricate a storage tank.



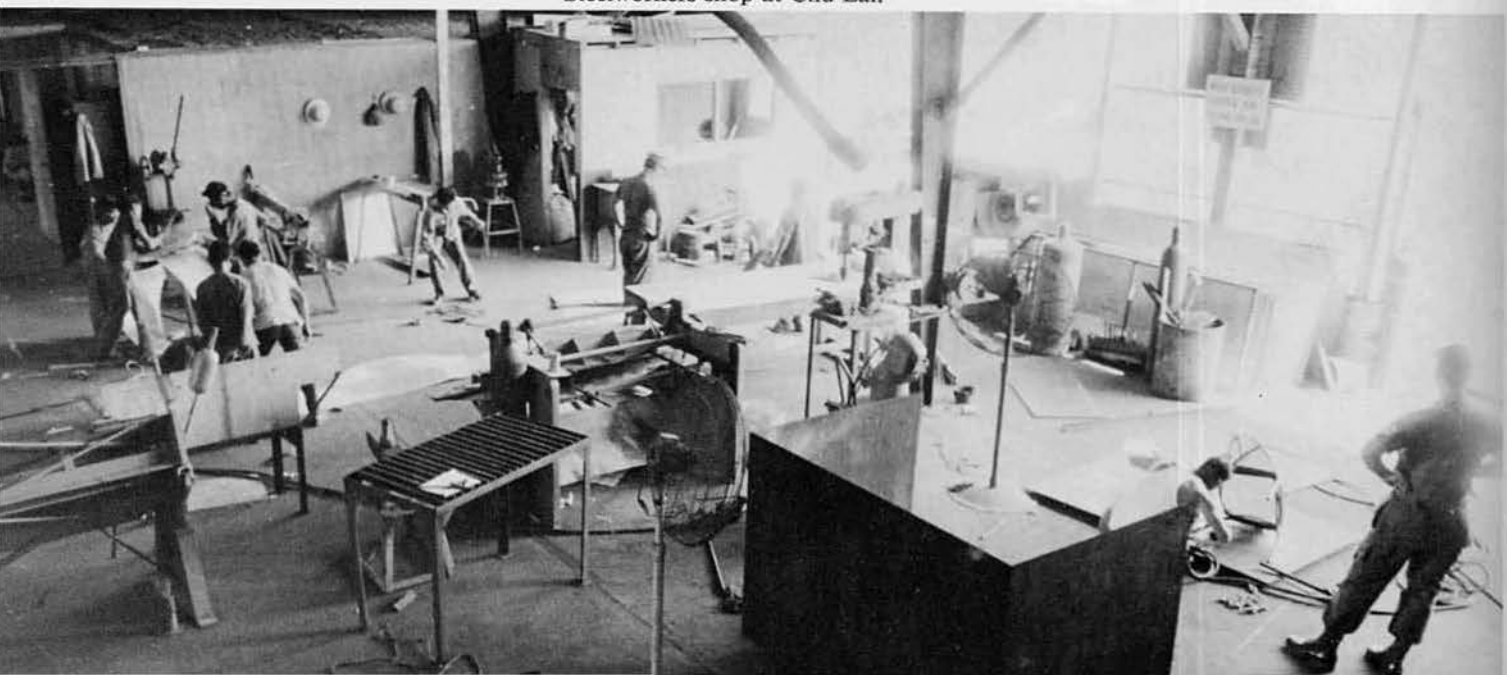
BUC Heathcock supervises flagpole installation at Chu Lai.



BU3 Byington and BU2 Roberson at work on recreation building.



Construction team project at Tam Ky.



Steelworkers shop at Chu Lai.



Records and paperwork and more paperwork was the usual admin routine.

HOTEL COMPANY

SK3 Robinson, SK2 Wilkins, DK1 Shock, SKC Nisbet and SK2 Speakaman in supply office.





Headquarters Company is made up of the group of men, mainly in the U.S. Navy's clerical rates, who provide the essential administrative support nucleus vital to the efficient, successful completion of CBMU 301's mission in the Republic of Vietnam.

Operating the Battalion's offices, galley, medical facilities, laundry, warehouses, armory, post office, and manning the master-at-arms force, H Company stands ready to support 301's Seabees as they lend support to other military units.

Disbursing Clerks, Yeomen and Personnelmen are responsible for the masses of paperwork pertaining to pay and service records and for the tremendous volume of correspondence and official instructions which filter through the command each day.

One Seabee rating assigned to H Company is that of the Engineering Aid. They plan jobs, estimate material needed, draft blueprints, survey construction sites, and run quality control tests on mineral products produced at Chu Lai.

Within H Company separate departments include administration, public affairs, supply, disbursing, medical and special services, as well as supplying the manager for the Enlisted Men's Club and the Acey-Duecy Club.



PN2 Thrasher and YN2 Whetstone at Quang Tri Officer Records.



YN3 Paul Turrer



YN3 John Dowd and his security corner.



PN3 Mike Kirkland worked in ESO.



Yeomen and Personnelman staff the admin office.



PC3 Mike Gennow served as battalion mailman.



EOCN Bob Murphy was assistant postal clerk.



YN3
Armstrong
at NSAD
trouble desk.



LT David Vigrass, Supply Officer, and SKC Neal, Supply Chief.



Commissarymen and mess cooks in a rare moment of inactivity.



SK3 Robinson on RT forklift.



SK3 Richard Kreke checks receipts.



DK3 Hazen, BUCN Hertenstein, SK3 Robinson and EA3 Jaruszewski in supply yard.

DK1 Charles F. Shock.



EA3 Jim Jaruszewski checks inventory cards.

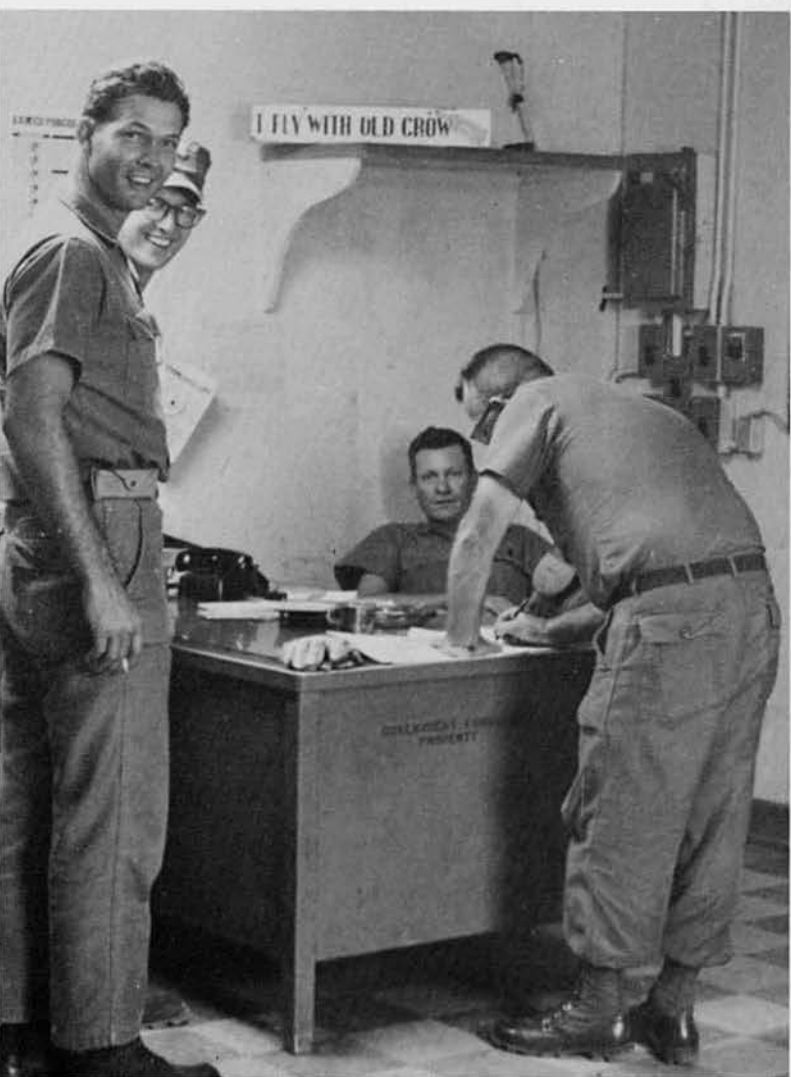




BUCN Purcell and BUCN Pang with friend.



SK3 Kreke checks catalogs for stock numbers. SW2 Hamilton



Da Nang expeditors help obtain supplies quickly.



BUCN Pang stocks greens issue shelves.



BU2 Vanover inventories club supplies.



Supply's SK2 Wilkins and UT2 Day also played in the "Country Four" band.



EA3 Herb Renew in Quang Tri greens issue.

SK1 Byers, BUCN Purcell, and CM3 Previte manned the auto parts warehouse.

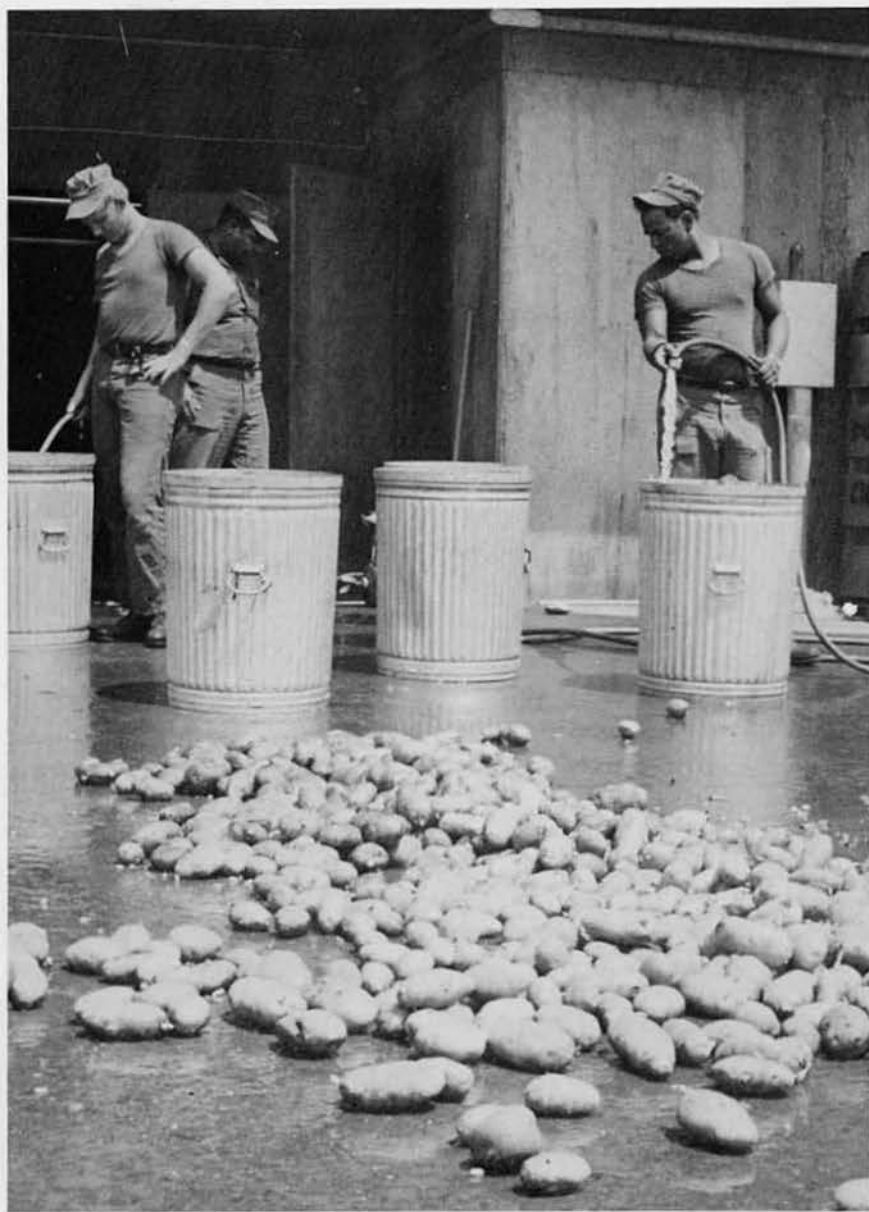




CS3 Pemberton and CS3 Lee with cauldron and Vietnamese helper.



CS1 Edger Smith.



Serving line at Quang Tri galley.

Hosing down spuds during a galley field day.



"Manny" bandages a cut leg.



HMC Mullen, HM3 Mays, and HM3 Astilla with their medical library.



HM3 Willis prepares to puncture YN3 Dowd.



HM3 Willis and HM3 Astilla check medical records.



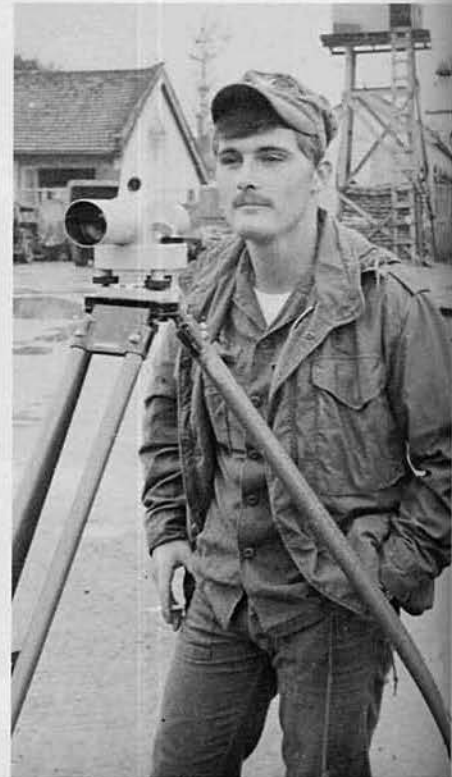
EA2 Dan Chopping finds himself in prone position at drafting board.



Chopping, Stepp & young from the top.



EA3 Tom Boleski works with transit.



EA2 Smith surveys Cua Viet.



EA2's Hall, Smith, and Stepp attempt to discover water level.







UTI Robert Tenholder inspects defunct refrigerator.



The electrical heart of An Hoa combat base.



Regimental Aid Station was rewired by Det. Alpha Seabees.



"Pete", the detail's 12-year old Seabee-striker.

AN HOA

An Hoa, Arizona Territory. A Shau Valley. Mud. Fog. Noise. Steel pots and flak jackets. Work. Help the Marines. More work. And danger.

Those few words describe the mission of the men of 301 assigned to this small and very forward combat base 20 miles southwest of Danang

Supporting elements of the Fifth Regiment, First Marine Division here, Detail Alpha's Seabees maintain the vital airstrip which, in the last monsoon season had to be closed for a time to fixed wing aircraft. To repair the airstrip, all the shoulders were built up, compacted, and peneprimed to provide stability to the runwar foundation and facilitate runoff and drainage of the ruins proper. Also, new drainage ditches

were built and the old ones cleaned out. Culverts were also installed to improve drainage.

The secondary task of the detachment at An Hoa is base maintenance and minor construction projects. This included improving and repairing land routes through An Hoa, many rewiring jobs throughout the cantonment to correct faulty and jury-rigged wiring, enlarging the post office, building sheet metal roofs over bunkers to keep them dry during the monsoon rains, expanding and improving aid stations necessary to treat wounded Marines, and general projects to improve living conditions and the general appearance of the base.

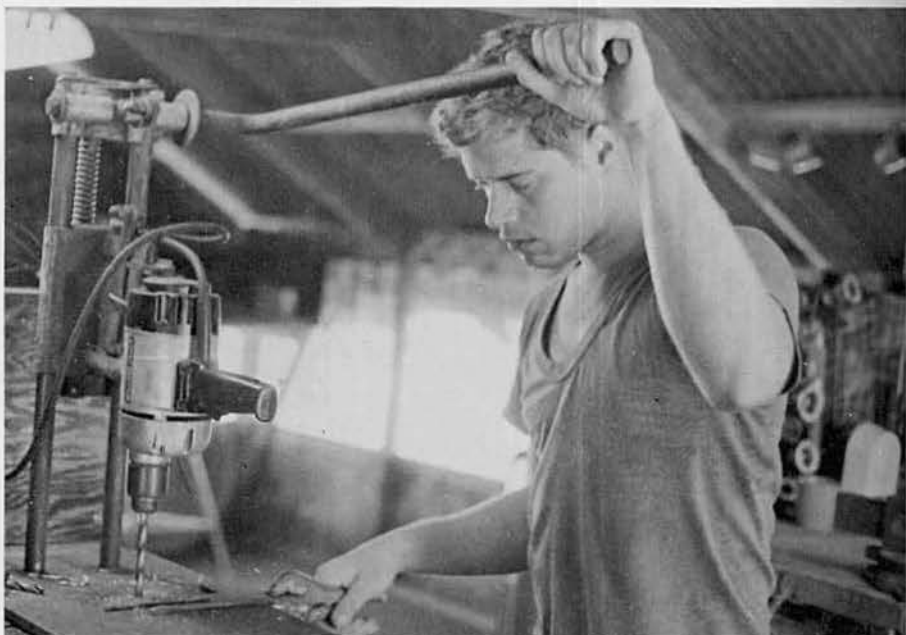


UT3 Robert April works in An Hoa steel shop.

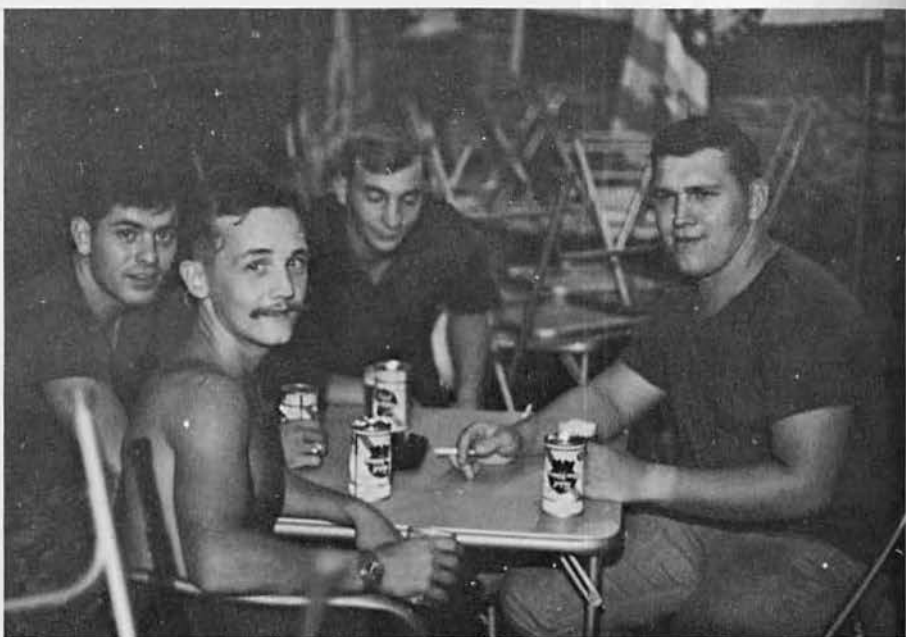
Welding at An Hoa



"High-rise" construction at An Hoa combat base.



Seabees at An Hoa built their own drill press.



An Hoa also has a private club for its Seabees.



Cooperation is good in construction, but watch that foot.



Nails are driven through sheetmetal roof covering a bunker.



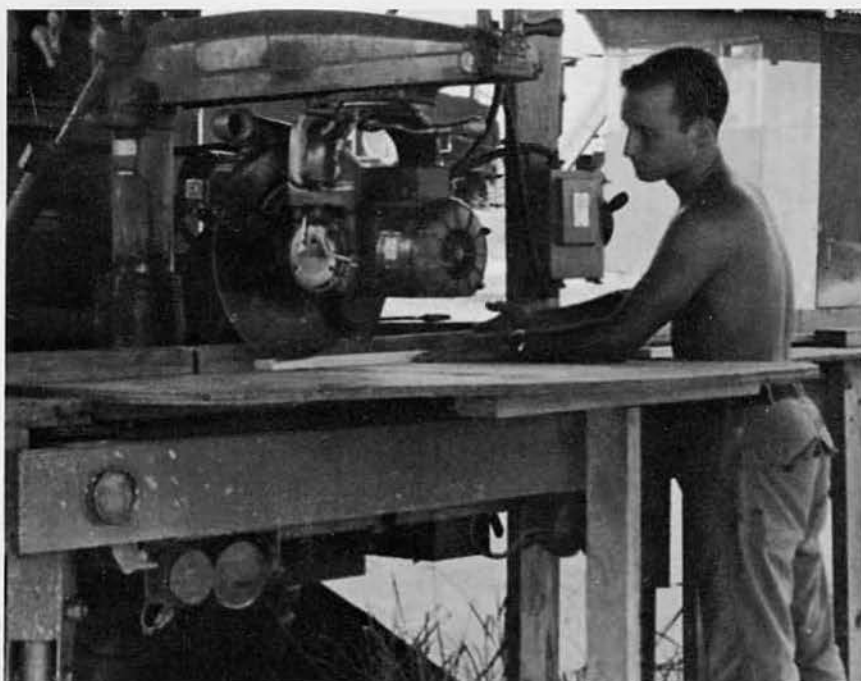
EOC Gunderson.



LTJG Moser discusses repair of ARVN jeep with CM3 McCook.



CM2 Apted gets a trim from EO3 Gallo.



BU2 Galfetti uses circular saw in constructing frames.



CE2 Hearn finishes changing a tire.



LTJG R. Moser, officer-in-charge.



Trouble with water lines keeps Utilitiesmen and Steelworkers busy.



Three Detail Alpha members take time out to read the battalion paper.







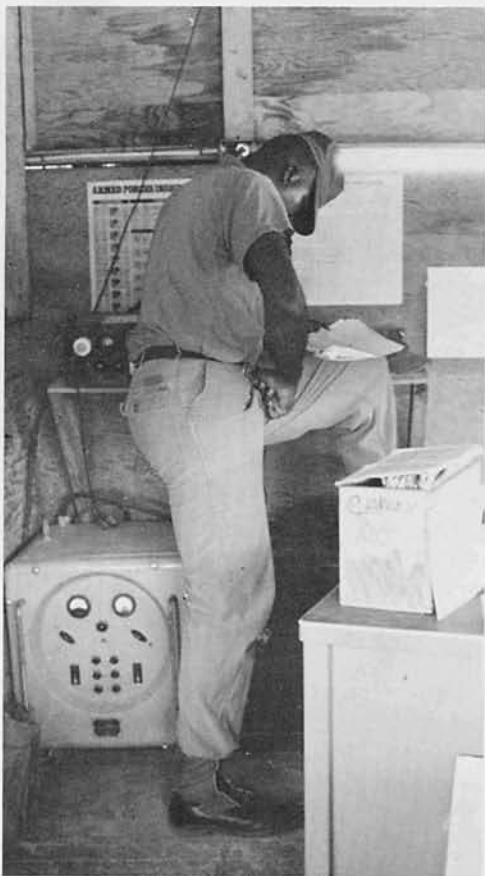
Concrete pillar is built for Vietnamese housing.



Pouring concrete for foundations

White surf rolls in as heavy weather hits Cua Viet.





LTJG R. A. Taylor



LTJG L. D. Battles



CMCN Bantay and CMCN Beining at work in RT shop.



There is sometimes little water but always plenty of sand at Cua Viet.





Fixen, the Mix.



Concrete is moved in dozer bucket.



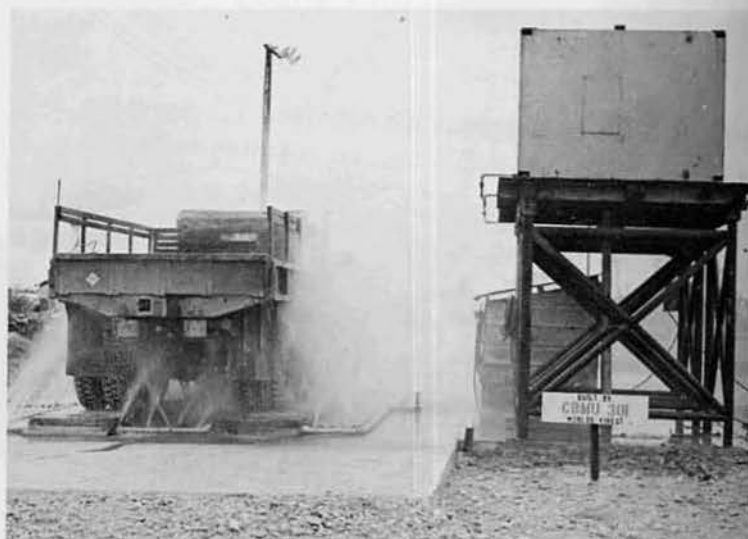
EOC Haugland holds mail call.



Checking fire pump at waterpoint.



UTCN Bullock checks chlorine content.



Washstand cleans vehicles before they are transported on LSTs.



CM2 Brever checks chains



Adjusting valves at water purification plant.



SW3 Grube cuts a barrel.



Foundations are poured for Vietnamese Navy housing.



Muster is held at company bunker during practice alerts.

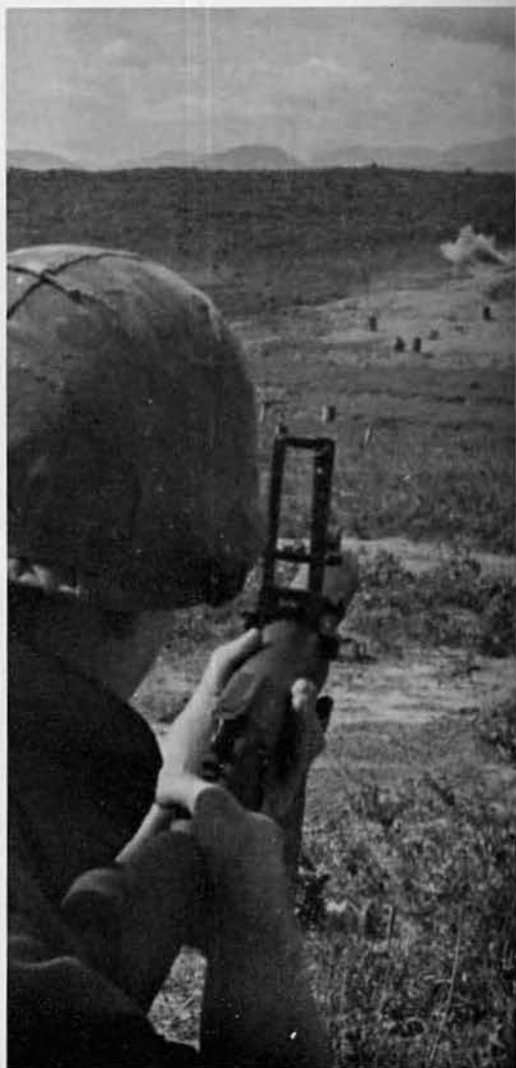


LTJG Battles give lecture on M-60 machine gun.

MILITARY



Practice ring of the M-16 on the rifle range keeps men familiar with their weapons.





CBMU 301 personnel cluster around bunkers after morning attack.



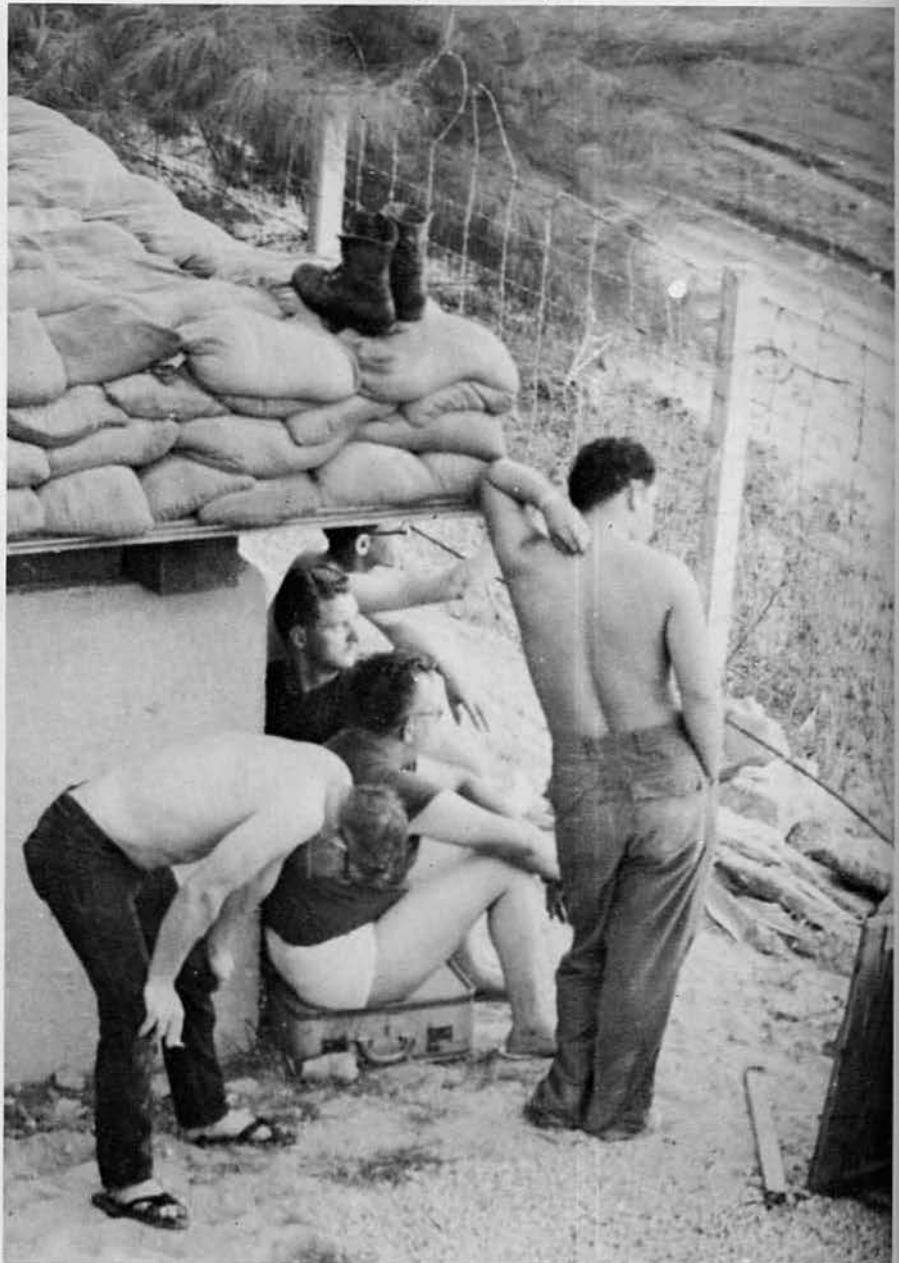
EO1 Benson and EOC Houghtaling during alert.



Watching and waiting.



ETN2 Takac man switchboard during practice drill.







Admin packs for the move.



Files and records also were moved.



All hooches were totally cleaned before the move was completed.





Guitars, flak jackets, helmets and paperbacks were everywhere during the wait at the air terminal.



Much equipment was transferred to Chu Lai by convoy or boat.



SK2 Speakman and BUCN Pang check packing list.

Mount-out boxes await shipment to Chu Lai.





Personnel were driven in trucks to the air terminal.



Engineering office is almost empty as packing is completed.



Battalion's new chapel was also left behind.



Luggage was carefully tagged to avoid loss, but confusion was unavoidable.



The move to Chu Lai, climaxing in late January, resulted in lots of inconvenience and extra work for all hands. Above, 301 Seabees hustle to pack gear. Right, boarding the plane for Chu Lai and below, Camp Adams stands empty and abandoned.





Personal gear was packed in footlockers and transported to Chu Lai in conex boxes.



Long waits in the air terminal preceded flight to Chu Lai.



CBMU 301 personnel line up to board plane bound for Chu Lai.



Winds tore roof from EM Club, toppled movie screen and latrines.



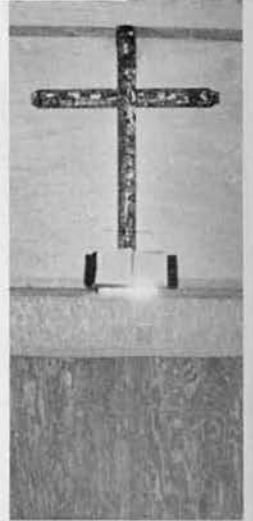
Flying aluminum sheets, boards, and other debris were hazards in the typhoon's high winds.



Time out for a soggy game of touch football after Typhoon Doris swept Quang Tri September 2.



EM Club at Quang Tri doubled as a chapel on Sunday mornings.



Hymns were sung during chapel dedication.



Timbers are put in place for foundation of chapel building.



Chaplain Berger, NSAD, leads divine services in new chapel.



Color guard at joint MCB 7-CBMU 301 awards ceremony.



EO3 Reinert receives Navy and Marine Corps Medal.



Rear Admiral J. V. Bartlett delivers remarks after ceremony.





SWCS B. J. Artzer receives Navy Commendation Medal.



EO3 Hilliard is promoted.





Battalion officers greet visiting flag officers.



TUI Walton receives medal.



UTCS
Stershic is pleased
with inspection.











The late LCDR Willie C. Wall served as battalion executive officer before he was medevaced to the States.



LTJG Lindsley receives his silver O-2 bars from CDR Groff.

EOI Warren is piped over the side during his retirement ceremony.





Brig. Gen. Roy Atterbury



CDR J. B. Groff



LCDR G. E. Krauter

COMMAND CHANGE

LCDR Krauter relieves CDR Groff as battalion Commanding Officer April 24, 1970.





Battalion staff and color guard at parade rest.



Bandmaster gives downbeat to First Marine Division Band.

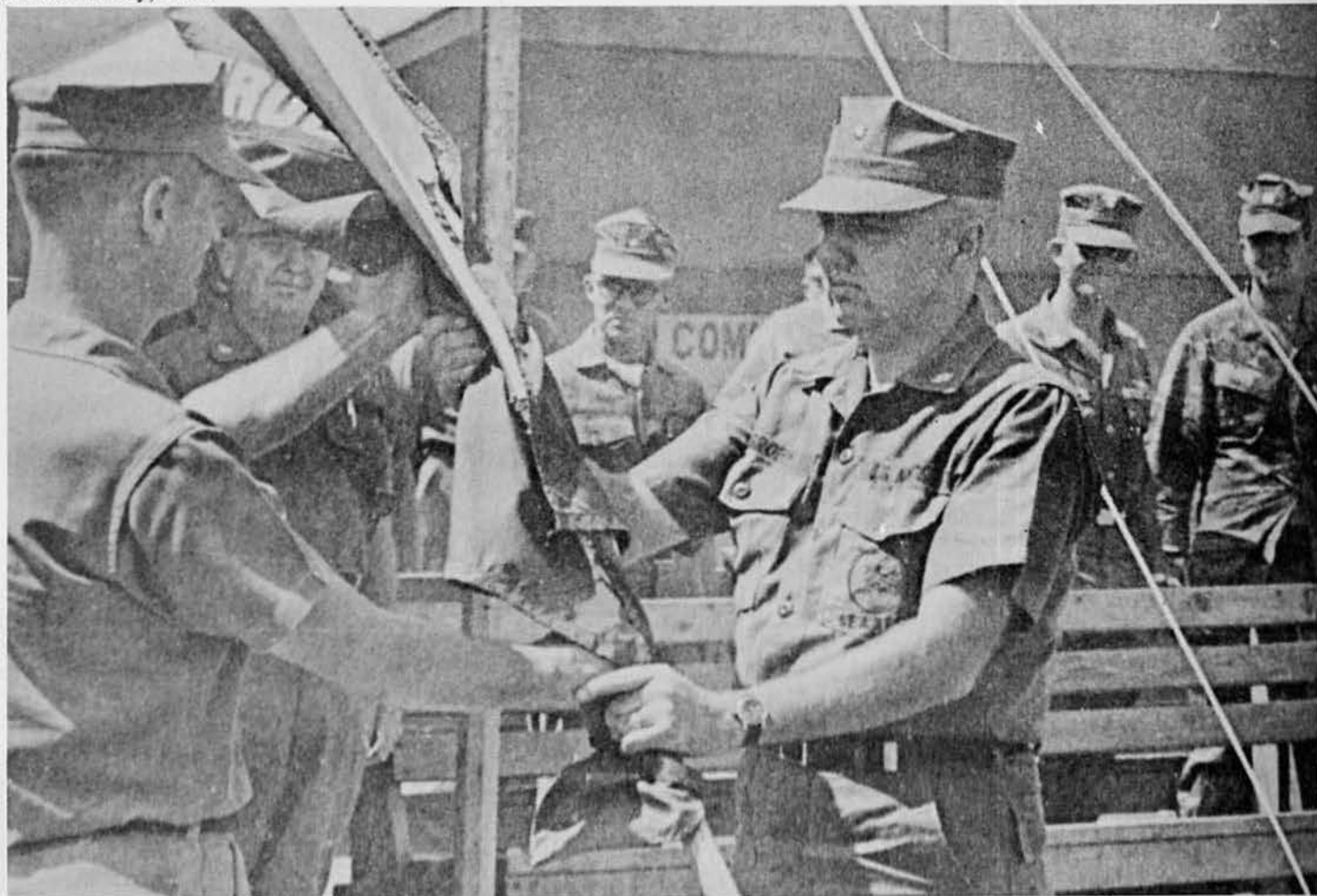


Alpha Company personnel stand at attention during official ceremony.



LTJG Scanlan publishes orders during change of command ceremony.

CDR Groff relieved CDR William Burdick as CBMU 301's Commanding Officer in May, 1969.





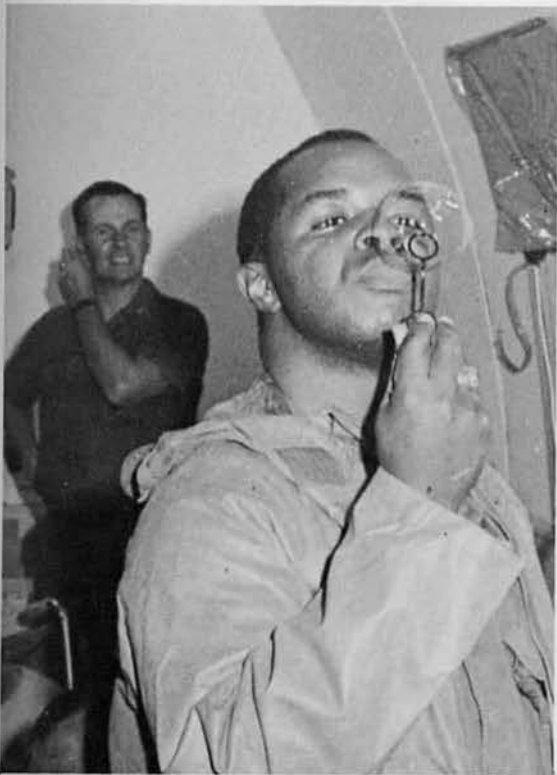
CHRISTMAS

Christmas at Quang Tri, 1969, was not only a time for feasting, but also gave us an opportunity to bring joy into the hearts of hospitalized Vietnamese children, innocent victims of a war that ravages their land.





EO1 Ed Head, CBMU 301's Protestant lay leader, sponsored a Christmas party for children in an orphanage at Quang Tri. Another party was sponsored by the entire battalion for Vietnamese children at the Army 18th Surgical Hospital, bringing more joy to a Christmas that was festive, even in a battle zone.







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Bob Hope's shows always include shapely girls.



Part of the crowd at the Phu Bai Bob Hope Christmas show.



Below, the Goldiggers added their harmony and beauty to the show.



VISITORS







Basketball was part of recreation program at Quang Tri.



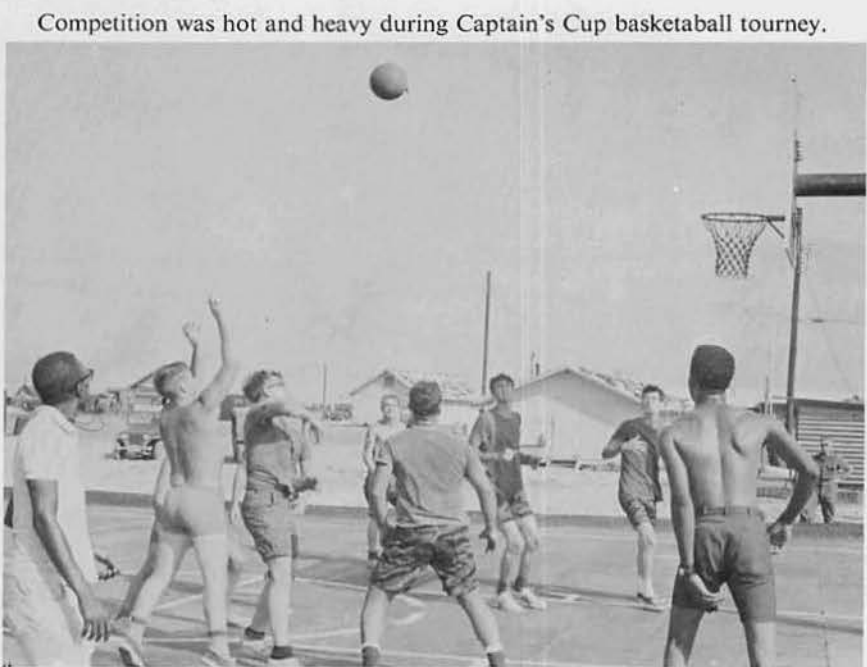
Officers and chiefs came out losers in this tug of war.



Quang Tri boxing smoker.



CEI Hogsed tows his tug team to victory.



Competition was hot and heavy during Captain's Cup basketball tourney.



Sunday afternoon softball game draws crowd of amused spectators.



CEI Carl Hogsed winds up to deliver the pitch.



Officers and chiefs played against enlisted men in Christmas Day volleyball game.



Volleyball at the beach was a highlight of Seabee 28th anniversary celebrated March 8, 1970.



Below, YN3 Nall is carried to the ocean.



Below, CS1 Thomas as head picnic cook.





CDR Groff serves PNI Bartos a slice of Seabee birthday cake.



LT King on his way to sea.



CDR Groff, UTC Napper, and UTCN Briscoe cut anniversary cake.



Anniversary cake was served to all hands.



LCDR Krauter was also dunked.





Busy Tuesday afternoon market at Quang Ngai.



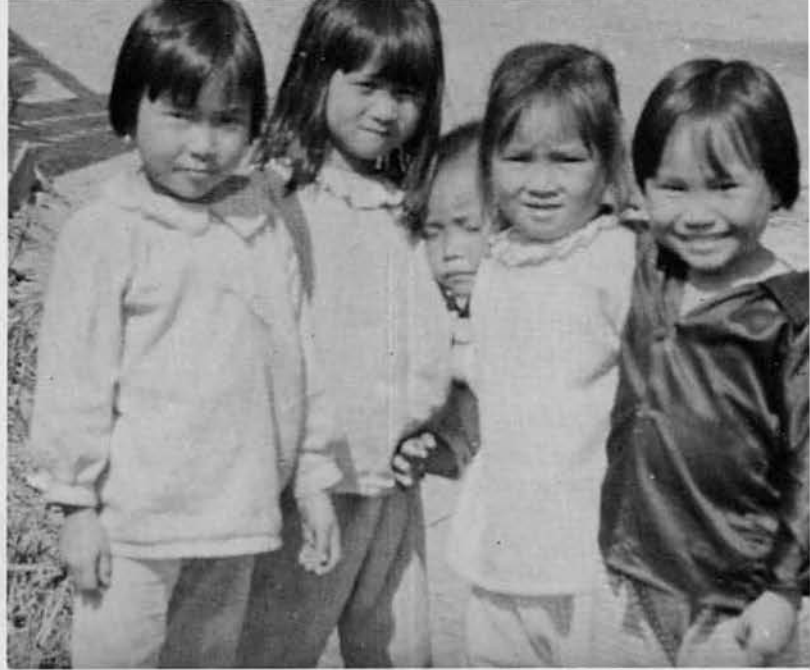
Classes in a school building constructed by CBMU 301 civic action.



Two Montagnard women and hut in the Vietnamese highlands.

Street scene at Tam Ky.





Above left, leatherware shop in Quang Tri City. Directly above, five pensive Vietnamese children. Below, Father Co, Catholic priest at Cam Lo Hamlet, and CDR Groff. Below left, Vietnamese boy waves a tentative peace gesture.





Montangard women.



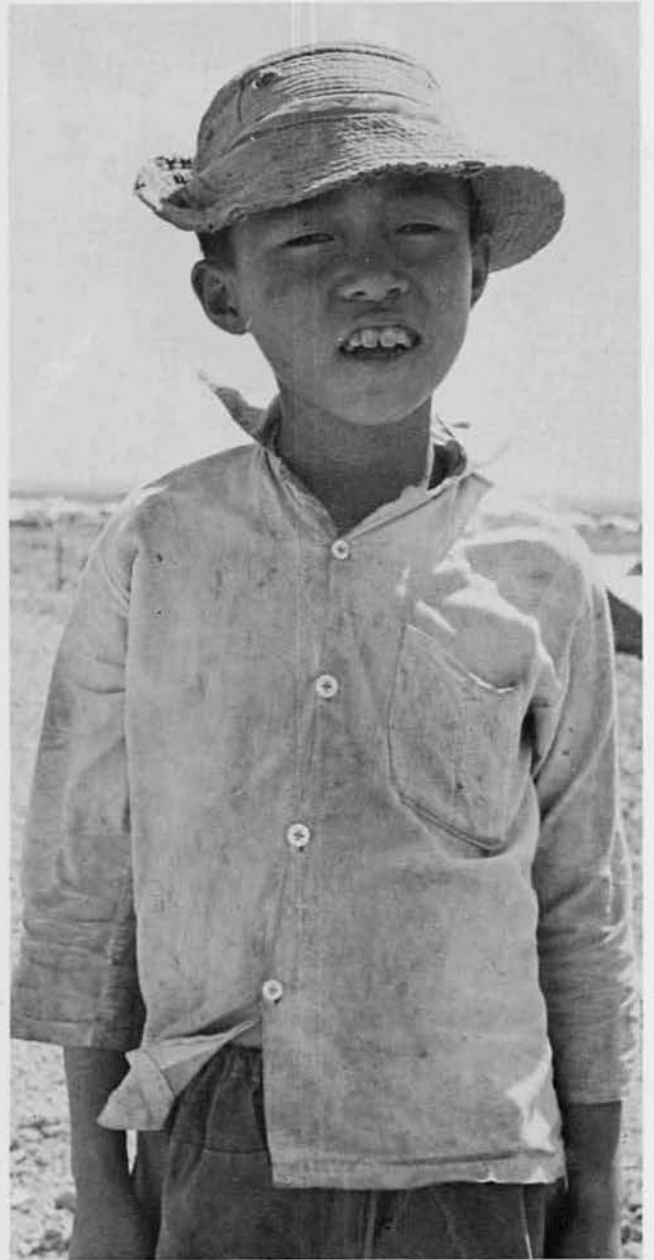
Three very old young faces.



Open-air market scene at Tam Ky.

Part of refugee village between Dong Ha and Quang Tri.





Vietnamese children perform folk dances for CBMU 301 Seabees.





E03 Lavaway served as Alpha Company yeoman.



No matter what the sign says, we didn't.



"... first you move the left foot..."



YNC Sherman



CE1 Daniels explains gerator repair problems to members of his crew.



LTJG Yoder, LTJG Lindsley, and LCDR Enderley celebrate Mr. Lindsley's promotion.



CDR Groff makes an acquaintance.



Snooper gets a bath after a dog fight.



SK2 Speakman, EA3 Jaruszewski, and PN2 Thrasher chow down.



UT2 Moore and HM3 Astilla.



Steelworkers assemble water tank at Quang Tri.



CDR Groff contemplates souvenir custom commode.



BU1 Mc Clellan consults with EA2 McKinney.





LTJG Yoder found himself in this snug position during "H" Company Sunday afternoon party at Cua Viet.



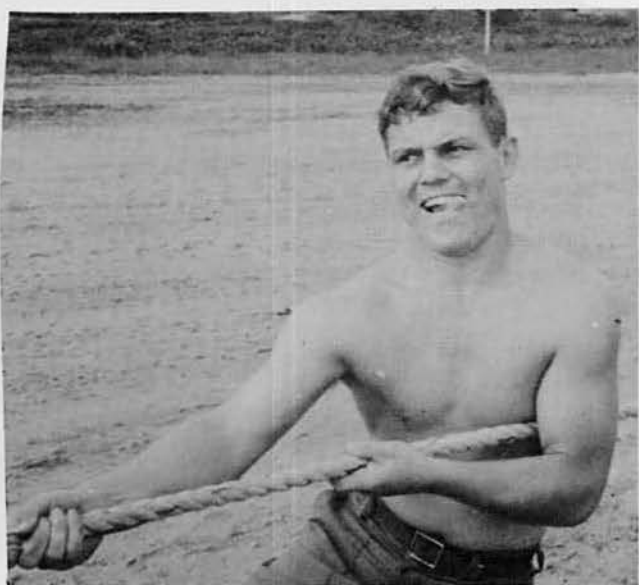
CMCS Metzger acts as judge at new chief's initiation.



LTJG Battles briefs new security crew on M-60 machine gun.



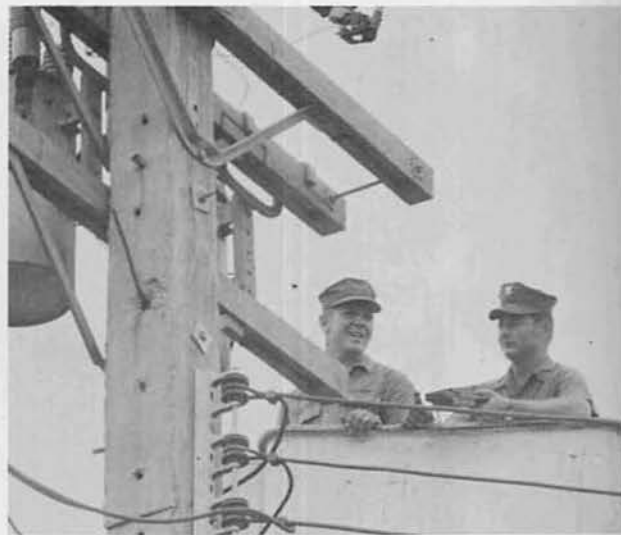
Work break in storage yard at Quang Tri.



SK3 Robinson on the ropes.



Auger-truck works out in Vietnamese military compound.



Members of line crew work on pole from bucket of cherry-picker.



Operations and Admin personnel combine talents to build pyramid on a Sunday afternoon in Quang Tri EM Club.



CDR Groff promotes UT3 Briscoe.



HM3 Willis emotes.



Pool room at Quang Tri was in almost constant use during free time.



Construction teams at Tam Ky explain project goals.



CE2 Abiera and CE1 Battle work on generator.



SW1 Griffin and paperwork.



Twelve "airdales" before transfer to Cua Viet.



Sunday afternoon swim-truck stuck in sand at Cua Viet.



YN3 Doug Nall recuperates



Battalion tasks are discussed and assigned at regular staff meetings.



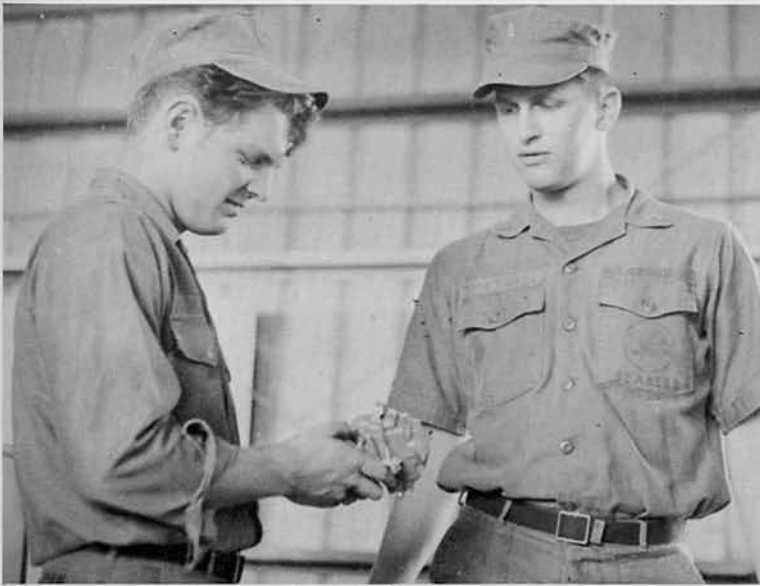
CE1 England (standing) discusses operation of Chu Lai telephone exchange.



CE2 Henry Espinoza



Construction Mechanics perform routine maintenance on vehicle at Quang Tri.



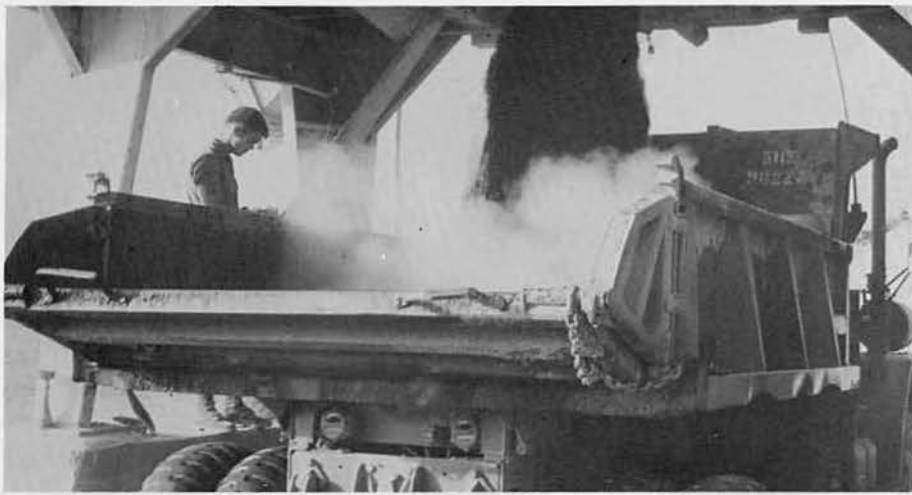
ENS Spitzer and mechanic confer.

Enlisted Men's Club at Quang Tri was evening rallying point for most of the battalion.



Utilities supply room at Chu Lai Public Works.





Hot asphalt pours on truck bed at Chu Lai asphalt plant.



Mechanic PMs truck in Alpha Company shop.



Capacity crowd filled newly-opened EM Club at Quang Tri.

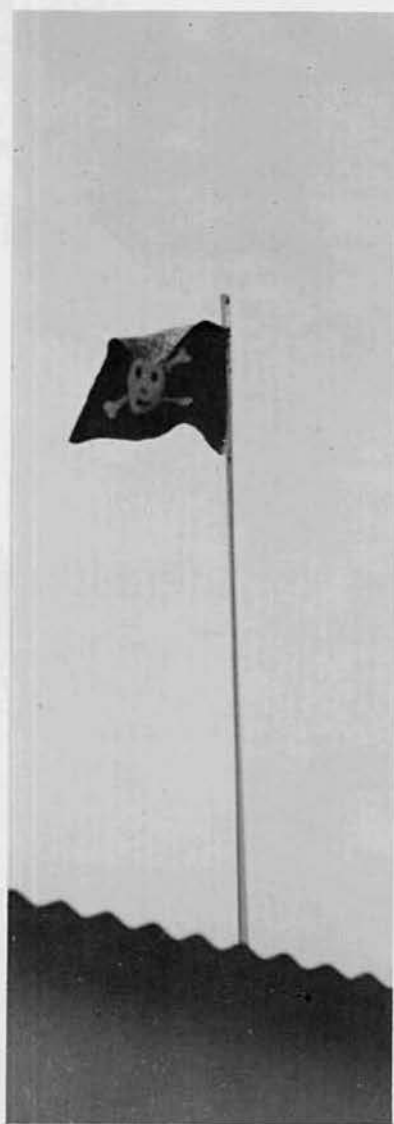




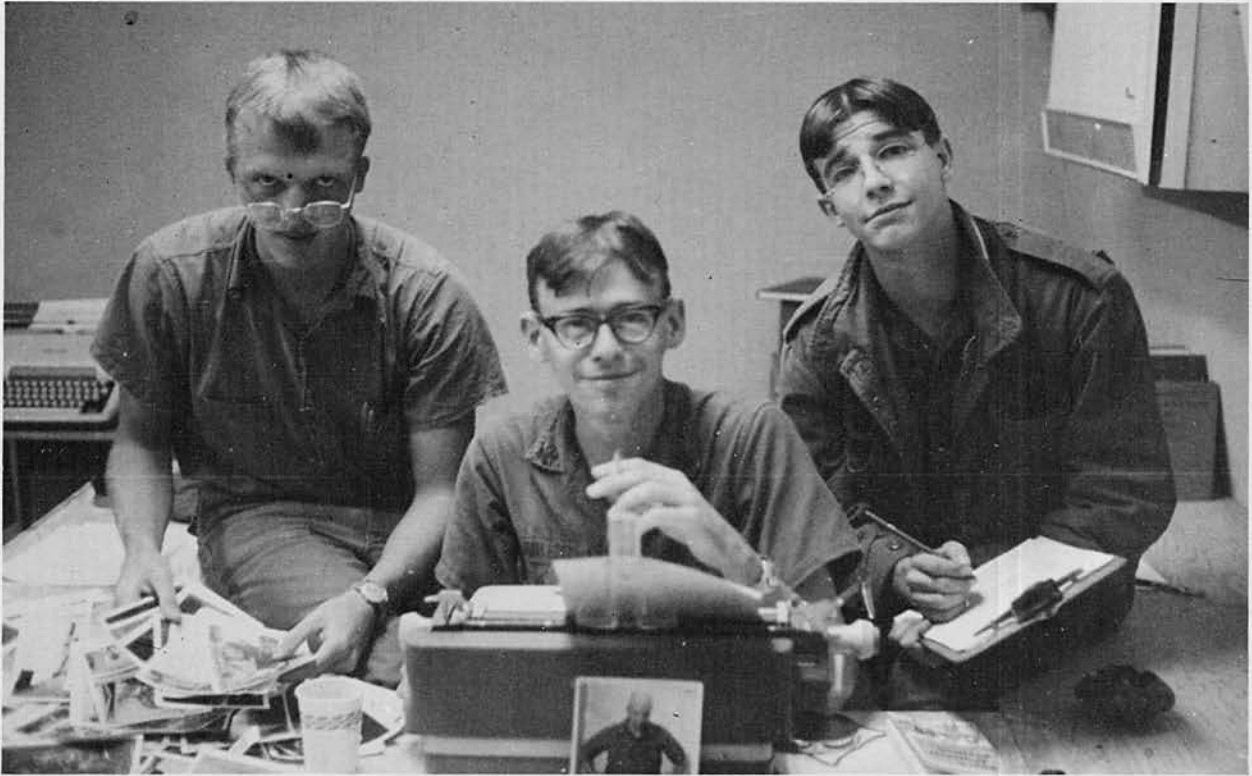
Sunday afternoon excitement as CBMU 301's helped MCB 74 fight a fire.



Captain briefs VIPs on 301's mission in northern I Corps.



Galley at Quang Tri served more than 1,500 meals per day.



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