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## HAWAII

MACV, Saigon--If you are planning to meet your wife in Hawaii while on P&R, you will find the key to a successful reunion lies in careful planning, MACV officials said recently.

The new airline discount plan for wives will require additional paper work.

Aware of the problems posed to the individual and his wife, MACV Personnel Services Division has initiated procedures which, if followed, will ease the way for family reunions in Hawaii (Can't P. 5 col. 3)

## Seabee of month

HM2 Harold J. Randolph, Headquarters company, was selected as "Seabee of the Month" for August.

Working in the Medical department, Randolph is the supply corpsman. To update medical supply he has worked long hours including during his free time establishing a better system and bringing supply to a high degree of readiness.

His citation also commended him for "affable personality, expert ability, devotion to duty and 'Can Do' spirit.

## NVA AMBUSH

An equipment operator from here was wounded during an NVA ambush August 19 while helping Marines remove their front-end loader stuck in the mud at Lang Vei.

301  
Bus  
Run

Seabees will soon be able to take care of their official and personal business without hitch-hiking or walking to the various places on the Dong Ha Combat Base when CBMU 301 starts a seven days a week bus run.

The bus will run from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. About 34 minutes after the bus leaves 301 on the hour, it will be at Camp Barnes.

The bus stops in front of the MCB-11 gate then goes past MAG-16 and down towards 9th Motors and 1/44 Army then goes past 11th Engineers and loops around to 12th Marines and 1/94 Army.

Let's say a Seabee wanting to go to the Marine PX catches the bus at 2:34. Here's the (Can't P. 5 col 2)

The NVA force fired 60mm mortars, and attacked with automatic weapons and small arms. During the skirmish, scharpnel struck EONCN Daniel W. Turrisi on the upper arm and back. Within 20 minutes the Marines repelled the enemy attack.

Turrisi was bulldozing a corn patch at the bottom of the hill to the new Special Forces camp when, on the return trip from the river marking the Laotian border, the loader buried its wheels.

That was the second ambush near the same hill in slightly more than a month.

In the other ambush, EOK2 Theodore R. Neadow, accompanied by several Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) men, left the morning of July 17 to continue his scheduled bulldozing of the cornfield when an element of the NVA forces ambushed the men.

Firing two clips and part of a third, Neadow fought until his carbine jammed. Then he drove out of the cornfield and to the camp to assist the Seabees with the mortars. Meanwhile 70 CIDG pressed the NVA force to the river in a six-hour battle.

The Seabees were credited with killing three NVA's.

# CO's Comment

Cdr. W.K. Hartell

First, I want to commend everyone on their performance the past several weeks, including Sundays, to finish our camp. We will not work anymore Sundays at this time. However, each of us can, and should, complete various items around our huts as time permits. This includes sandbags, covered mortar holes, removing all stakes and obstacles that are safety hazards, and general clean up around our areas.

The second item I want to insure is that all hands are aware that my door and also the XO's is always open to discuss any problem you cannot solve or find the answer. There is a proper chain of command to follow, but this does not stop your request to see me or the XO from being approved. You should first seek assistance from your chief or company commander. We had several cases recently of persons raising to people in the States or complaining to visitors about their particular problem. This is not the way to get a prompt, accurate answer. Only if we are made aware of your problem can we offer any guidance or assistance.

Lastly, I strongly encourage every man to take time each week to attend worship services according to his own beliefs and convictions.

# XO's Notes

LCdr. J.C. Totten

You did it. All of you, the men of Delta, the men of Charlie, Bravo, Alpha and Headquarters. Last Sunday you did it.

You were beat, you were pushed hard, you were tired and at times mad but you did it. It was easy for me. I just rode around in my jeep and watched but yet I still felt a part of your effort. The living huts are completed. You beat the rains and we are out of tents.

Now except for an occasional select crew for a high priority job, Sunday afternoons are yours. We will do our part to provide shows, bingo, set up the boxing ring, etc. to try to make up for the lost Sunday afternoons. In a way though, they weren't lost because we all gained.

You men of Eleven are an unbeatable team. You are the best of the best. I want to congratulate you all on a job well done. The extra effort you have shown is what makes you and Eleven great. As far as MCB Eleven is concerned, the motto is not "Can Do", it is "Have Done".

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# Chaplain

Ltjg. W.E. Dodson

A young man ran from a building into the street, shouting and waving his arms. He was expressing his new found liberty. As he was waving his arms wildly, he happened to hit an elderly man on the nose. The man laid his hand on the shoulder of the young man and said, "listen, my friend, your liberty is a wonderful thing in its place, but remember this, your liberty ends where my nose begins."

We each want for ourselves and without any restraint. We must remember though that our liberty ends when it affects the liberty of someone else. The Bible says, "As for you my brothers, you were called to be free. But do not let this freedom become an excuse for letting your physical desires rule you. Instead let love make you serve one another."

# freedom

Submit your entry now for the 1967 Freedom Foundation Letter Writing contest and speak out for your priceless heritage--freedom.



S-2

## Come the Duties

EAD3 Rosenberg

S-2 had a personnel shuffle during last week. EUI Diorio went to Security company. We hated to see him go but our loss is Security's gain.

On the plus side we now have SEP2 Blevins, formerly of Bravo. In this case Bravo's loss is our gain. Sorry 'bout that Bravo.

Chief Slaherty has been busy all week spotting up candidates for embassy duty. That is correct Embassy, not AFNB. If you're eligible and haven't put in your shit yet, there's still time. You get to be an exterminator or something like that because I heard the chief tell one candidate that they did a lot of looking for bugs.

S-2 lucked out again. Snuffy was everywhere in H Co. except here. Actually we planned ahead. When the Rolling brought him down this way we locked the door between us and Admin. If he ever comes back though we'll just send him to one of the general's briefings and I doubt that he'll stay. One of our people went through the fun experience of explaining to the general that he wasn't a member of the press. All our man did was show up at the general's first briefing wearing sun glasses. I'm sure Snuffy would just love talking to the general.

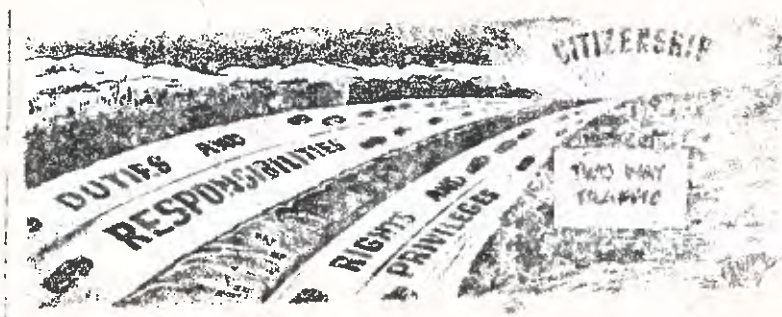
For those of you who might have the equivalent of a college freshman's knowledge, but haven't the schooling, we have the comprehensive college tests. These tests have replaced the college GED.

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom, must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it." Freedom was not easily won, nor has it been easily maintained.

Those who wish to enjoy the rights and privileges of citizenship must also labor to earn them. For along with the rights of citizenship, come the duties.

For every right, there is a responsibility; for every opportunity, there is an obligation.

You who serve in the armed forces are fulfilling one of the responsibilities of citizenship--providing for the defense of our Nation.



But to fully meet the obligations of citizenship and reap its benefits, every citizen must not only obey the letter of the laws, but the spirit as well. It is also the responsibility of every citizen to be well informed about current political and economic questions.

And, it is not only the right, but the responsibility of every citizen to exercise his franchise by voting in every election and urging others to do the same.

History has shown that the democracies which prove to be the most enduring are those in which the individual has the highest sense of civic responsibility and fully participates in government.

The preservation of freedom, equality and justice requires not only the intelligent exercise of the rights and privileges of citizenship, but willing, determined and intelligent assumption of all the responsibilities of citizenship as well. (AFNB)

Successful completion will give you a freshman education as far as the Navy is concerned.

These tests have been taken over for use by the college entrance examination board and incorporated into the college board exams. Some of the colleges will let you use these test scores for testing out of some basic freshman classes.

For more information on any educational program stop in at S-2.



# ALPHA ANTICS Charlie

EOH2 Curl

Sand, plain old everyday beach sand makes swift-ness and efficiency a daydream when it comes to operating equipment. And Cua Viet is quite simply nothing but a giant sand dune.

The Seabees of Alpha company are turning this sand into a hard durable staging area for the vital supplies.

To accomplish this they are using a unique product for the first time in the history of this battalion. It's called "soil cement". Ordinary cement is mixed with water and the existing soil, using a road stabilizer, which is nothing more than a large rototiller.

When the project is completed the ten-man detachment, headed by Ens. Dan MacDonald, will have laid 4,200 cubic yards of soil cement, using 16,000 bags of cement.

A major problem for the crew is the cargo that continually pours in and out of the area. They must move it or work around it, and the confusion is at times complete. Besides the soil cement, there are two other phases included in A company's work at Cua Viet.

Four hundred linear feet of sheet piling has been hammered into place along the shore of the river to keep the sand from eroding away. The final phase of the project consists of laying 700 yards of concrete for the loading ramp, which is the link between the open bows of the LCU's and LST's and the staging area.

Now in itself this construction does not seem to present any monumental problems. But consider for a moment an incident that occurred a month ago. About 5:30 one evening the crew was in the process of adding the required water to the soil cement. Suddenly Charlie bracketed the area with rockets. At the first explosion, the Seabees, along with everyone else, raced for their holes. The rockets continued to whistle in.

The critical phase of laying soil cement comes after the water is added. It must be laid and rolled quickly, or it will harden and become unworkable. Realizing this, Ens. MacDonald and  
(Con't. P 5 Col 1)

# Charlie Chatter

CN Stupka

Charlie company is still busy. First platoon, with the first and second squads out on detachment, is busy prefabricating and erecting the camp's huts and a butler building for 3rd Marines.

The second platoon is erecting green issue's quonset hut, and the officer's and chief's quarters.

Our third platoon, boasting as the best steel workers in the battalion, are now busy off camp constructing butler buildings, and adding to A co. shops.

A job well done by all and in the Charlie tradition of quantity and quality.

On the R&R scene we find BUL3 Picard and BUHCN Allemony enjoying Tokyo. While SWB3 Money is on the go in Hong Kong. BUL3 Miller is presently in Hawaii, spending five wonderful days with his wife.

Here's wishing them all a successful R&R.

## LIFTING DEVICES

There are 141 lifting devices in the NASA's vehicle assembly building at the Kennedy Space Center. These range from one-ton hoists to two 250-ton high-lift bridge cranes with hook heights of 456 feet.



OLD FASHIONED GIRL—TV star Patricia Blair makes a good argument for the "good old days" in frilly pantaloons and camisole.

# BONDS



# DELTA DATA

BU3 Rapp

First on the agenda this week is a farewell to two Mikes from the third platoon. SWE3 Mike Boeh and SN Mike Lamphier were separated from active duty this week and are undoubtedly home by now. As they left we had another check in. E. Vasquez formerly of Security co. joined Delta and has since left for Lang Vei.

Delta company has undergone several changes under Mr. Cahill, our new company commander. Crews are juggled and platoons re-organized to meet current demands. Also evident is a new emphasis on camp cleanliness and personal appearance. However, first in our minds is still safety while producing quality construction.

During a practice alert condition drill during the week, Delta's lines were hit by an enemy force of approximately three battalions (simulated of course). Delta company drove off the attacks for a while, suffering only 16 casualties. We called for reinforcements because the enemy had regrouped. Alpha company said they would form a 360 degree defense and the rest of the battalion should fall back to their position. But Delta, reinforced by two mortar

ALPHA CON'T.

some of the men waited until the first barrage of rockets lifted, then made their way back to the project site, completing it by 11 p.m.

Fortunately, the first barrage was the last.

USAFI  
OPENS THE FUTURE

platoons from Headquarters company, was committed to the fray and decided to fight it out to the last man. The fighting was so close that we called in artillery on our own positions (simulated of course). Near the end of the drill, the company had been pretty well decimated. Our company commander and company chief both made the supreme sacrifice. They would have been glad to know the handful of survivors under the leadership of acting company commander J. Manale held until condition "Easy" (code names are confidential). So goes another drill at Camp Barnes.

Of course Delta worked hard during the week to further the battalion's mission. Details in next week's edition of the Stinger.

Question of the week: How many men in a mortar platoon?

BUS CON'T.

schedule for the trip:

MAG-16	2:36
MATCU	2:38
FLSU	2:40
3rd Tanks	2:41
1/44	2:43
CBMU	2:48
1/44	3:03
Bridge Plt.	3:06
11th Eng.	3:07
1/94 USA	3:08
12th Marines	3:09
1/40 USA	3:11
Task Force Krueger	3:15
FLSU Inter.	3:18
Marine PX	3:20

At the PX the bus lays over for five minutes. After he completes his shopping, he catches the next bus at 4:20 and follows this schedule:

Hdqts. Company	4:27
Hospital	4:29
ASP	4:31
MCB-11	4:34

HAWAII CON'T.

Three major airlines—Pan American, Northwest, and United—have offered a discount of approximately 25% on round trip tickets from the west coast to Hawaii.

The reduced rates applies only to wives (not parents or dependent children) of servicemen in Vietnam; the economy (tourist) class tickets are good for only 15 days from time of departure until time of return.

Planning includes the preparation of Permissive Travel Orders for out-of-country R&R. Separate orders are prepared for each man going to Hawaii on R&R to meet his wife.

On the reverse side of these travel orders is a form which resembles a DD Form 1580 and which certifies your wife's eligibility for the reduced fare.

The certificates which also bears complete instructions for your wife enroute to Hawaii has been formally accepted by the airlines in arrangements made with MACV.

MACV spokesmen pointed out it is the responsibility of the individual serviceman to send a minimum of two copies of the orders with completed certificates on the reverse side to his wife before she begins travel.

## Seavey

A change has been incorporated into Seavey Segment C-67 outlined in BuPers notice 1306.

Sailors extending their enlistments to qualify for Seavey may cancel extensions if they have not received orders ashore by one month after the last normal issuing month for a Seavey segment.

# SAM SEZ

This past week was a banner week in the accident game. As of August 23 we had only three accidents. Three for the week, not bad at all. Brings our total to 87, with A company adding two and Bravo one. Charlie, Delta, Headquarters and Security had an accident free week. By the way my week runs from 12:01 a.m. Thursday to midnight Wednesday, just in case you are trying to figure out the system. Also might add that it is two weeks in a row without an accident for Headquarters.

Back on July 25 we had a man from Delta company who according to the 108 was on his way into the shower when he slipped on a piece of soap laying on the floor. He struck the corner of the wash stand. Required five stitches to close the cut on his lip. Sam Sez, if we could get some of the slobbs in line the rest of us could safely walk into the shower. Throwing used soap, razor blades, toothpaste, tubes, etc. on the floor is not only a sanitary problem, it's unsafe. Think of the other guy before you abandon your trash.

July 28 the big D scored again. A BU3 was cutting wire mesh. The wire came loose striking him on the forehead as he cut the last strand. Luck was with him, only a half-inch cut on the eyebrow. Sam Sez, I agree with company commander's report that supervision and lack of proper procedures were at fault here. We had this wire

mesh problem last year. Proper methods when cutting wire mesh and closer supervision by crew leader to insure short cuts are avoided would have prevented this.

July 19 and August 1, Bravo and Charlie companies had a few idiot accidents. One was a man loading trash on a dump truck. He threw an ammo can on the truck and bent over to pick up more trash. As he did this, his hard hat fell off and--yep, the can fell on the head. Sam Sez, two things could have prevented this one: a) Wear the hard hat properly, insure you have a chin strap if it is required. b) If our man had just stepped back an instant he wouldn't have had the quarter-inch cut.

The other idiot accident involved a second class petty officer and a third class petty officer from Charlie. They found some powder bags in the canister they were using for hut foundations. Instead of turning them in to the armory, they decided to play. They built a large pile of powder and then a short distance away a smaller pile. One idiot lit the small pile and the wind carried the flame to the large pile and, yep, you guessed it. It exploded. Our idiot second class ended up with first degree burns on the face and neck. He was lucky. The solution to preventing this one is so obvious Sam is speechless.

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