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Front Line MOBILE DENTAL UNIT ARRIVES

Men

For most of us in MCB the job of completing the projects here at Quang Tri involves a ten hour work-day for 6 1/2 days each week.

We feel that we work hard and deserve all the praise and privileges that can be bestowed upon us. But how many of us work night and day, sleep in a bunker and get to see our tents for a couple of hours each day if we're lucky? This is the fate of the Security Company.

Life isn't so bad if you don't mind a four hour watch every night and working on your bunkers or stringing barbed-wire all day. It can be a little tiring, and if per chance you do get a little time to sleep - have you ever tried to sleep in the daytime here at Quang Tri? The heat just isn't too conducive to good sleep.

So the next time a man from Security Company cuts in front of you in the chow line, or gets the hot soda or the like, just remember that sure you're having it rough but you're probably having it just a little rougher.

A Mobile Dental Unit has arrived at Quang Tri to be used by the men of MCB-11 and all succeeding battalions coming to the Quang Tri area.

At present the dental unit is being operated by DT2 Stanley Carrington, DT2 Michael D. Nelson and their officer in charge Lt. C.L. Snidow. Standard dental work will be performed at the unit, but if the need arises emergency dental surgery will be performed.

Flags Okayed

The Department of Defense has assured state officials that "flags of our states" may be flown by members of the armed forces.

There are no DOD or military department regulations, directives or guidance concerning the display of confederate or state flags by themselves.

State officials concerned about display of certain state flags being flown in Vietnam have been notified of the clarification.

The DOD said, "The state officials are assured that the Department of Defense fully recognizes the importance of and respect due to the flags of our states."

The only restriction on flying state flags is that they cannot be officially displayed such as on the MCB-11 flagpole.

The unit will be operating on a tight schedule for the first couple of weeks working into the early evening hours trying to perform all the dental work that they can possibly manage. The hours for dental call will be 0700 and 1900. Appointments will be made on the hourly basis and possibly later on by half-hour appointments.

The unit is an air-conditioned trailer with taped music provided for the patients. The unit is composed of three rooms, a waiting room and two separate rooms to be used in performing dental work.

The equipment being used is the best that is out at present. It is just hoped that it will be able to withstand the varying climate of Vietnam.

The unit is to be used exclusively by the men of the battalion for the most part, but when time and schedule allows other servicemen in the area will be given dental work.

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Delta Data

ABSENTEE BALLOTING

BUL3 G.L. Compton

Delta company's men are really making production at the present. All crews are putting out maximum effort. Our first platoon has been busy repairing a bridge on Route 1. It seems that the bridge crew was surprised by the unique way the Vietnamese do their fishing. The other squad is still busy with the huts. So far they have completed 11 huts and have 14 to go.

The second platoon is still busy with the 500 man galley. It seems that every time the crew just about finishes up engineering adds more work to the job order. Ask BUL2 Wisswell—he'll tell you all about it. The other squad is pouring a foundation for a rigid steel building.

A composite of the first and second platoon are going to go south to put in a bridge. Last week I said that it would be 60 days—now the men say maybe 40 days. I sure hope they are right.

The steelworkers have been in Quang Tri working diligently on culverts for the bridges. They have been building revetments for the INCS compound. A few of the steelworkers have been assisting the builders repair the bridge on Route 1. Our steelworkers are expected to put up 16 rigid steel buildings this year and they can't wait to get started. I understand that the Vietnamese in Quang Tri are especially fond of
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This week's article will cover two topics, (1) which state is considered an individual's voting residence and (2) how to fill out the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) for absentee ballots.

For voting purposes the legal residence of a member of the Armed Forces is generally the state in which the voter lived before entering the military. This home state remains as the only state in which a person in the Armed Forces has the legal right to vote, unless certain conditions are met.

All states will permit persons in the Armed Forces to acquire a new vot-

ing residence within their jurisdiction. When this is accomplished voting rights in the old state are lost.

Service personnel desiring to acquire a new voting residence must meet the new state's legal requirements. They must have lived within the state for the required length of time, normally must have resided exclusively on military property, and presently must intend to make the new state their permanent home when they retire from active duty or are released from active service.

The law usually holds that the voting residence of the wife is the same as that of the husband. Where there is any question pertaining to voting residence, see your voting officer.

The FPCA card may be used for registration in most states. It is used by all states in applying for absentee ballots for both primary elections and the general election.

- ...Print or type clearly and legibly.
- ...All questions answered correctly.
- ...Show the applicant's name twice, once printed or typed and once in the applicant's own handwriting.
- ...Military addresses, particularly in abbreviated forms, are often confusing to civilians. Avoid all possible abbreviations.
- ...FPCA must be certified by a commissioned officer.
- ...Before mailing, check with your voting officer for the state mailing address.

Alpha Antics

BONCN H.C. Hartis

The past week has been a very busy and trying one for Alpha company. The mighty Alpha company has been working diligently on the ASP. It requires moving numerous yards of material with some of the soil going to the new helicopter pad being constructed for the Marines. Our new camp is progressing on schedule. The fill should be completed this week barring any unforeseen trouble. The dirt crews have
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Sam Sez

Bravo

Banter

There have been no major accidents this week, but no matter how small the accident, they must be avoided. Some people will say, "What's wrong with small accidents, pain builds character." Sam sez, "We have enough characters in this battalion as it is now, we need no more."

Charlie company led the pack this week (first time this year) with two accidents, both resulting in lacerations to the hands.

The first "Charger" was pulling a form off a concrete pier. The form had a nail in it, and when the form sprung back it cut the man's hand. Sam sez, "There are all sorts of little hazards around each job. Those hazards should be brought out by the crew leader in the tool box safety talks before the job gets underway. Charlie company are you holding these lectures?"

The second Charlie Charger stated that he fell and while falling grabbed a 4 by 4 causing the injury. Sam sez, "Be careful not to get yourself into a position where you could fall. Be exceptionally careful when working on high buildings."

Bravo company jumped into the act this week with another cut hand. It's been a big week for cut hands. The man was lifting a refer onto a truck and cut his hand on the bottom of it. Sam sez, "Watch out for all surfaces that may be dangerous. Check all sides of an object before you lift it."

Last but not least Alpha company acquired a cut knee to maintain its load for the deployment. The man was cutting a piece of wood with a knife, when the knife slipped cutting his knee. Sam sez, "Take care when working with knives."

Another major problem that is going to exist will be people being bitten by rats if trash continues to build up and is not picked up. Carry all soda cans to the trash can. Sam sez, "Ask the people at Lang Voi last year about the rats, they'll tell you it's bad news."

EADCN R.M. Alpert

Another week has flown by and everybody has been working hard as usual. The first platoon is running all over the place doing a thousand little jobs. The refer shop is hard at work. Since last week they have fixed all the refers in the area and this week are dedicated to air conditioners.

The second platoon has been busy putting up power poles for the Bravo company shops. In addition they have almost completed the wiring in the M/G-39 gallery.

The only remaining problem the second platoon has is that there are five first class CE's and only two squads. Warren ended up with the third squad, the only hitch is that the squad is back into the states.

The third platoon is working hard on Bravo Med. They are all eager to get to work if only they could get some supplies.

We would like to welcome back Larsen from MLO and a few of our new men from the states. UTW2 Charles Gardner and CEP2 John R. Thill have returned from power production school in Texas. CEP2N Mike Hartor, who had orders, is back with us. We also gained two new men in USMC James Russell and CFI Edward Buchscher.

Bravo's thought for the week into every little...

SCOREBOARD	A	B	C	D	H	Total
ACCIDENTS	4	1	2	2	0	9

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the hairy chest of one of the steelworkers.

The other night, one of the steelworkers, SWE3 Morrison, thought he was on one of the Malibu beaches and asked his comrades to bury him in the sand.

The rain we had this past week really improved the morale of the Delta company men for once it was cool. Of course some of the men were upset when

they found their tents in mild disarray and their personal gear a little damp.

I wonder who the hippie is in Delta company who wears sandals all day long.

Delta's thought for the week: If it takes a man and a half to lay an egg and a half, how long does it take a rooster sitting on a door knob to hatch a...

Charlie

SNUFFY

Chatter

UNCLE T. Calvin

Charlie Company's work on the new camp in general had been coming along quite smoothly until the plans for the Chief's and Officer's quarters came out. They have caused quite a stir and lots of pencils have been figuring the extra man-days involved. Sunken concrete bathetic? Really gentlemen! Someone said there was a war going on.

The pre-cut crew has discovered after burning up two skill-ams, that it does take a little skill to operate them. Even so, they are turning out living quarters components at a pretty good clip, with steelworkers nailing endwalls. Better not let Uncle Walter hear about what?

Thanks to the editor, Stan Hulstein and his whole crew were slighted on last week's report. They are the ones doing the steelwork on the new galley, and an outstanding job, too! The roof is on and it's really taking shape.

That C-130 seems to be getting smaller and our conex boxes are suddenly full. It has been said that pilot and co-pilot seats are pretty comfortable, and our pilot and co-pilot are going to see if it's true. How about the navigator?

Airports are noisy and windy and in Quang Tri very sandy. The wind blow, the sand flew and C. Co. lost two of its tents. We almost lost the company office too, when Mr. Mittler's fire starting abilities came to the surface.
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Dear Mama,

This has sure been another interesting week at Quang Tri. I got to do all sorts of new things with my battalion. Boy it sure is exciting being here.

Last Monday I watched the men in the helicopters spraying the valleys around here. I don't know exactly what they were spraying for, but it sure was interesting watching them drop spray bombs and covering the valleys with smoke. I'd sure like to go over there one of these days and see what kinda woods they're killing off.

This week I got to go out on the line with Security Company. They are the men who protect us from getting hurt. They sure did their job, too! This big snake, a bowl-a-stickers or something like that, was trying to get into our camp, but they stopped him. There's no way of telling how much damage he could have caused.

Out in front of the line they have all this barbed wire, but damn there's nothing inside of the fence. It sure seems kind of funny to me. It sure doesn't do a very good job of keeping the snakes out.

We were sure having nice weather here for a while, but then it rained here this week and ruined everything. I got soaked and all my stuff in the tent got wet. I had to sleep on wet blankets all night long, and it sure was cold. I sure hope that it warms up cuz I just don't like it when it's cold.

Last night while I was sleeping someone started yelling that something was coming into our camp. I got up and looked around for a while, but you know there just wasn't anything around. Next time I'm just gonna stay in bed.

I guess I'd better be closing for now cuz I have lots of things to do. Tell me, are you really short of tea at home? My Officers keep telling me to send my absent "tee" ballot home.

Love,

Snuffy

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been averaging many cubic yards per day even though plagued with equipment breakdown due to mechanical failure and constant operation.

One of our major projects during this deployment is the building of a 1400 foot bridge over the LY Thanh River. It should prove to be a great challenge for the bees of 105-11.

It goes without saying that the FO's are keeping

the mechanics busy. They're so busy that they're going to expand and set up another shop just so they can give better service to the numerous pieces of equipment that we have in operation.

After that welcomed shower Tuesday afternoon everybody should be a little relaxed and it should help our morale by keeping down our number one problem of dust.

A PRICELESS "V"

Dictators fear it, visionaries dream of it; women have marched for it, dedicated men have died for it; adolescents yearn for it and informed adults exercise it; corrupt individuals seek control of it, honorable men respect it.

It is your vote.

It is a priceless heritage that has spread the shining light of freedom and self-respect to the far corners of the earth. It is man's unquenchable thirst to control his destiny by having a voice in the affairs of his government.

It has helped build this country from a small group of states clustered along the Atlantic Ocean to the most powerful Nation in the world today.

The free vote of the individual has proven that our form of government can and does work—that a nation can be governed by the will of the majority ~~and still~~ respecting the rights of all other individuals and groups.

The right to vote is stained red with the blood of millions who have fought to gain it and died defending it.

It's your legacy from the past — your endowment to the future.

It is your right and responsibility — not to be taken lightly.

It is your way to guarantee a free, responsive, and enduring America. (AMTS)



CHARLIE COME....

Uncle Frank Maize is going to throw the next company party. It seems he put one over on Uncle Sam this time. It costs the pain of shipping over when you gain a nice bank account. Bear and Bell are trying to see how many articles they can get into. A couple of ripped fingers and they made this one and Safety Sam's. The info about Schlitz shipping over was denied by him personally, but the question arises — why would he volunteer to work two shifts unless he wanted to be sure of a good re-enlistment recommendation? Those letters from home are keeping David Allen so high that we have to throw water on him twice a day to dampen his spirits. Crazy Otto is trying to get a helicopter pilot's license, but it may take more than one Sunday afternoon.

Question of the week — Will Stewart get the paper work done for USF before his 50th birthday?

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