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Best

Since this battalion will be returning to Port Hueneme soon, those who intend to be home for the holidays should plan their method of travel.

Most will prefer to fly because it saves time. In the past they have depended on either paying full fare or military half-fare. Those on standby frequently had to wait for another plane, especially during the holiday season.

Most airlines now offer a military reservation fare at a cost of two-thirds of the usual fare for military per-

Fourteen Commendations

Five letters of Commendation, five letters of Appreciation and four Good Conduct Awards were presented to 14 men of this battalion Thursday.

EO1 Roy D. Haislip was commended for his work with the quarry crew at Cam Lo. He was directly responsible for successfully diverting the Cam Lo River. As a result of the diversion, they were able to quarry a high quality rock for crushing operations.

EOH3 Donald L. Alcorn, EOH3 Briddell and EOH3 Phillip W. Lawter received letters of Commendation for their performance on the advance party to Dong Ha. They

set up the base camp, erected tents, dug mortar holes, strung barbed wire and numerous other tasks not related to their rate.

SF1 Stanley P. Koziol also received a letter of Commendation. During an attack September 5, an artillery round landed near the main water storage tank and punctured it. As he began to weld the holes, twice his work was interrupted by artillery attacks. Still, he repaired the tank in less than five hours.

CMA3 Bernard G. Perry and CN Terry R. Wallace received letters of Appreciation. The two men, through working overtime and improvising spare parts, kept the asphalt distributor operating without de-

1108

Mail Call

XO's Corner

Ltjg. W.E. Dodson

"Mail call!" These are pleasant words to hear in Vietnam. When mail call is made each of us are eager to see if we have a letter, a tape or maybe a care package from home. Word from home makes the day pass that much quicker. It makes our stay a little more pleasant.

The same is true for those back home. They eagerly look forward to the time for mail to come for that letter or tape from us. They are not having quite as hard as we are, yet they still want to hear from us. A word from us makes their day go by easier and lets them know that we are fine.

A great deal of my time is spent answering letters from wives and mothers who have not heard from their husbands and sons in some time. I don't mind it one bit, but they had

Lcdr. J.C. Totten

November 5, the deployment is drawing to a close. The intense pride and continued effort of all concerned to insure completion of all assigned projects possible despite all that we have been through will certainly insure NMCB Eleven its mark of greatest in the history of Vietnam.

NMCB Five's advance party will arrive shortly. This may mean some sacrifices of time and comfort by the men of Eleven to insure a proper turnover for Five. However with going home so near, these sacrifices should be easy. We want to turn things over to our relief in the best possible condition and in so doing insure the continued outstanding record of NMCB Eleven.

The only way this can be done is in the true spirit of co-operation. Insure that the people relieving you are given every opportunity to fully understand what they are taking over. Give them guidance on who to contact in the area. Point out some of the problems peculiar to Dong Ha and the lessons learned.

Insure that living huts and working spaces are in the best material condition prior to turnover. That they are clean. All accountable gear in place and in good repair.

Turning the camp over in this manner after the constant enemy harassment that we have been through will guarantee the continued outstanding reputation and record you men have built for yourselves.

1108 CONTINUED...

K.F. Durkee and SWE2 A.A. Bills were awarded letters of commendations by Lt.Col. K.H. White, senior advisor CORDS, Binh Duong Province. EOH2 C.M. Touchet was a bee Team 1108, have through your construction skills, guidance, industry and good will made a contribution to the people of Vietnam which will not be forgotten.

Alpha

NEIGHBORS

Antics

EOH2 Curl

Retraction: our abject apologies to Charlie company. Charlie company and not Bravo company, as we stated in last week's Stinger, is working with us on the bridge south on Highway One. This is one mistake we cannot pin on the editors.

Although all eyes are turned longingly to the east, the big "A" has been far from idle. The road patch crew is still improving the right of way and installing culverts on Highway One. They managed to make it through the week with a minimum of hinderance from Charlie for a change.

The well brew continues to drill at Delta Med. They should be finished at 200 feet.

Our detail at Cua Viet, headed by Chief Edwards is looking forward to completing that project soon. Using soil cement and concrete, they have turned a shifting sand pile in-

Vice-president Hubert H. Humphrey in Saigon made the following remarks Tuesday in regard to the U.S. Armed Forces in Vietnam:

"...The men and the women of the armed forces of the United States today represent the finest generation of Americans that this nation has ever known. This is the testimony of the officers who are in command and so when I read of the limitations of our young people these days I am reminded of what the men who command them tell. Remember these young Americans who are here are your brothers. They are your neighbors from back home. They are the same Americans that you see back in your home town. And they are doing a mighty good job, adjusting themselves to a new and strange environment, to all the difficulties of climate and terrain.

They see problems that they never dreamed existed and yet I think it is fair to say that we have never put a better defense force in the field. Never have men worn the uniform of the United States of America who have done a better job as soldiers, as airmen, as sailors and Marines and coastguardsmen than those that are here today serving in this struggle as an ally to the Republic of Vietnam. I'm proud of them, the President is proud of them, and I want them to know that we are humbly grateful."

nough rock to keep the gravel grinder going is tough, since they are hauling from a new pit way out near Camp Carroll.

Chief McCool's boys completed three ASP berms in two weeks. This is a comforting thought. In addition, they have been improving the LCU ramp and road.

Twins Go

Again

BUL3 Joseph M. and BUL3 Martin J. Satalino of Delta company have volunteered to remain

Bravo

Banter

Farangs

"Seabee Team 1109 Reminisces on Thailand"

UTB3 Dubis

As time gets shorter,
the busy work of the
Bravo company UT's,
CE's, BU's and SW's goes
on.

In addition to the
builder's regular work,
last week they also
built and installed a
pump shed for the Ninth
Motors Marines. They
also poured a concrete
slab for Alpha company.
They are busy building
pack out boxes, making
air conditioners sheds
for the medical and com-
mand post bunkers, and
at the same time turning
in all unneeded tools.

The first platoon
UT's and CE's are keep-
ing all the camp water
and generators in top
condition. UTA2 Falk is
keeping all the galley
equipment and all the
air-conditioners run-
ning.

The second platoon
also has its share of
work. Two men from the
second platoon went to
Khe Sanh for a few days
to instruct CBMU 301

In this alnd away from home,
Team 1109 is not all alone.
In every village one chances to gaze,
A villager casts an appreciative face.

From Ban Talat to Bam Hwei Fuang,
A D-8-H dozer pioneers the road along.
Soon ox-carts can travel far and wide,
And the villagers may sell their wares with pride.

At Ban Don Chai a temple is begun,
At Bah Ko Noi a bridge almost done.
At Ban Sakoen two wells are completed,
At Ban Thung Kluai the medic is needed.

At Ban Khum settlement large stumps are removed,
At the shop compound all equipment improved.
At the Seabee house English lessons are going,
At the BPP house a movie is showing.

But for all projects that we muct recon,
Our counterpart BPP provide the liason.
No program too large, no detail too small,
Be it school, earth dam, or little girl's doll.

Though days are hot and hours long,
The pace too much for the average Farang.
Old work comes down making way for the new,
Because there is a saying, Seabees "Can Do."

this article.

The third platoon was
all present and account-
ed for Monday, but when
they couldn't be found
on the jobsite at 8 a.m.
I was asked to check the

take over right away and
kick us out; we'll see
how everything will turn
out when the schedule
gets reset to suit
others.

S-1 Spotlight

VN3 Herbert

Here we are down to the last few weeks of the deployment. I have been with the battalion in Dong Ha for only two months and it seems like it has been two years.

A rumor is going around that we are going to have an outstanding homecoming. What it means, I'm not sure but be prepared for anything.

The advance party got back to Port Hueneme about a week ago. They are probably still in bed resting their weary "bods."

A suicide duo is in S-1. You'll probably see them during or just after an artillery attack making a message run.

A terrible mistake was made last week.

Charlie must have put a rookie on one of their guns and he got his grids mixed up and dropped a few rounds into Camp Barnes. Three lockers in H-1 received Purple Hearts. But don't worry, a formal protest was sent up north by S-1 and we are sure it won't happen again. As a matter of fact we even corrected their grid.

Everyone should have their leave squared away. If you haven't, do it soon. There is an old saying which goes, "Seabee, Seabee, don't be blue; the Fleet is watching over you." Unfortunately the work load in S-1 is almost double, therefore we can't handle any major personal problems unless it is absolutely necessary. If you have a problem, try to hold off until we get back to the States.

Don't forget to buy your cruisebook because time is running out. Only \$2.50 at Special Services.

DELTA DATA

BUH2 Rapp

As the deployment enters it's last month, one can observe the Delta company crews "churning and burning" just like they have for the entire deployment. Last week the big D completed the strongbacks for FLSU. If all goes well two more projects will be completed this week. During the last two weeks, the steelworkers of the third platoon have finished two end-to-end butler building modules and nearly fin-

the air and spotted the "Flying Crane" with an observation under it headed for Cua Viet. Seeing a chance to save some time they quickly placed the tower and headed home.

On the social scene, Delta company is planning a big party for mid-November. It should be a good one as we will be short, very short by then.

The last paragraph of last week's Data was submitted by a steel-

START NOW

Algebra, biology,

SAM SEZ

You're doing it in fives. Grand total as of November 1 is 135, up five from last week. However the big A went accident free which is a light shinning in the darkness.

Delta added 2 to retain second place at 30, Headquarters had 1 and Bravo none so both tied in third with 19 each. Charlie added 2 for fourth place with 16 and Security last with 6. Incidentally Bravo hasn't had an accident since September 29 and Security since July 22 so these are some records to shoot for.

On September 7 the big A had a third class petty officer who suffered a cut finger because he didn't keep his mind on what he was doing. This guy was pushing empty barrels with a dozer when one barrel got between the radiator and the blade. When he tried to pull the barrel out, he got his finger caught between the barrel and radiator. A little more care and thought about the hazards involved could have prevented this one.

Then on September 10 a man from Bravo company also cut his finger. He was reaching for a sheet of metal and hit his hand on the edge sheet causing a one inch cut on his finger. When are we going to start wearing work gloves when working with metal? It would help somewhat, that is if we all realize the hazards of working with sheet metal and took our time.

And a third class petty officer from D Co. really cut up the back of his hand. Four sutures were required to close it. He was working in confined quarters using a pick and his hand scrapped the side of the ditch. Rather than stop and get the proper safety equipment, our man continued working until he was cut so badly he had to go to sickbay. Wonder is he or his supervisor ever thought of work gloves? Sure would have saved some grief and the hands.

And on September 13 an Alpha company man had two days lost time because he struck his knee while running during an attack. All Sam Sez here is these things happen. So wherever you are, take time to find out where the nearest hole is and be sure to keep the paths clear. And above all, remember the hazards involved.



WINSOME—Yvonne Romain
lives in her Hollywood home
between movies. The love-his
beauty is another British import
who will soon grace American
movie screens.