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Seabees

Two men have been named "Seabee of the Month" for September.

SWEEN Kenneth L. Moe of Charlie company, was cited for his efforts on two of the battalions projects--parking revetments for a Marine helicopter squadron at Dong Ha and the airstrip at Khe Sanh.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard F. Moe of Monot, N.D. He entered the Navy March 9, 1966 and reported to MCB-11 on Oct. 23, 1966.

UTP2 Donald R. Williams of Bravo company, preplanned the project at the 250-man galley at the Ninth Marines enabling his squad to complete the job in seven hours instead of the estimated 2 to 3 days. His squad also completed the repairs to MCB-11's galley in 45 minutes. Both times the crew worked while under artillery attacks.

He reported to MCB-11 Oct. 14, 1966.

Three MCB-11 Seabees who were medevaced earlier this month have all reached stateside hospitals and can receive mail at the following addresses:

Lt(jg) R.H. Cahill
Naval Hospital
Chelosa, Mass. 02150

BUL2 U.E. Savage
Naval Hospital
Oakland, Calif. 94627

BUH2 C.S. Davis
Naval Hospital
San Diego, Calif. 92134

TAPES

SAIGON (MACV)--Tape recordings going from Vietnam to stateside addressees are not subject to customs inspection and therefore do not require customs tags, according to a recent announcement by a MACV spokesman.

As long as the tapes have "the character of personal correspondence" (Con't P. 3 col. 3)

Immersion Foot

The problem of immersion foot occurs with the onset of the monsoon season here in Vietnam. This condition has incapacitated large numbers of troops in the past. However, except under unusual conditions the condition is preventable:

Immersion foot occurs after prolonged continuous exposure of the foot to a wet environment--usually about three days.

The foot becomes white, wrinkled and

painful. Infection ensues if the condition is not properly treated.

Immersion foot may be prevented if the feet are allowed to dry overnight and a change of dry socks is made daily. If the symptoms should appear after taking these preventative measures, contact the medical department immediately for treatment. A delay could possibly mean infection and a period of five to ten days hospitalization.

CO's Comments Chaplain

Cdr. W.K. Hartell

As we enter the last quarter of our deployment here at Dong Ha it is time to start planning for returning to the states. This includes working on inventory of the gear we are responsible for to insure that it is all accounted for or replaced. We should plan any purchases of personal items that are to be shipped with the battalion gear as soon as possible. It is only by proper planning that we can expect to be ready to leave and have a well organized turnover to MCB-5.

Another area which requires everyone's attention is cleanliness of our camp. This includes our living areas as well as our work areas. Charlie company takes 5 to 10 minutes each morning to "police up" their area. This little effort by every man results in a neat looking area. I would like to see every company and individual spend a few minutes each day cleaning up their areas of responsibility.

XO's Corner

Lcdr. J.C. Totten

Preplanning for the homeport deployment will ease the change for everyone. In order to reduce ground time of the main body aircrafts, there will be no cargo on the airlift.

Each individual will have in his possession when boarding the airplane his weapon, 782 gear, one seabag or suitcase and one handbag. Nothing else will be permitted.

In order to get all the personal gear home before the main body arrives, we are scheduling a
(Con't P. 6 col. 3)

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| Public Affairs Officer..... | Ens. J.E. Bolling, USNR |
| Staff..... | B.F. Findley, JO2, USN F.A. Crowell, JO3, USN |

Ltjg. W.E. Dodson, CHC

Driving through a section of my hometown, of which I was not too familiar, I came upon a strange street sign. It read, "Dead-end except on Sunday." I had never seen such a sign before so I drove to the end of the street to find out why it was dead-end except on Sunday. At the end of the street was a gate to a cemetery. The only time this gate was open was on Sunday, so the street was dead-end except on Sunday.

Sometimes our religion is "dead-end except on Sunday." The only time we think of it is when time comes for us to go to chapel services.

Christianity is a daily relationship with Christ. It is to be lived every moment of every day and not merely on Sunday. The Bible says, "For to me to live is Christ---." This should be each of our desires; Christ living in us moment by moment.

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Alpha Antics

EOH2 Curl

It is with regret that Alpha company says farewell to two of its long standing chiefs.

EOC B.F. Wilson, first platoon commander, has retired after almost four years with MCB-11.

In 1957 he served with the battalion in Adak, Alaska, as chief-in-charge of all horizontal construction. The following year the battalion was in the Philippines, and Chief Wilson was in charge of a detachment at Sangley Point doing road construction.

During the 1965-66 deployment in DaNang, he was in charge of transportation. This year he held the same position, in addition to duties as operations chief.

Chief Wilson plans to enter the Civil Service as a steam fitter at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., devoting his spare time to hunting and fishing, and as he says, "Just being with my family."

CMC E.F. McDowell, sixth platoon leader, has been with MCB-11 for two Vietnam deployments. Last year in DaNang and, of course, this year at Camp Barnes. Chief McDowell has been in charge of the automotive shop, which is responsible for preventative and repair maintenance on all automotive equip-

ment. Chief McDowell came to Eleven from the Fleet Reserve. He plans to seek a shore duty billet, possible in San Diego.

Alpha company's well drilling team is drilling its seventh and final well on the Dong Ha Combat Base.

The team has drilled wells for Delta Med, MAG-16, CBMW 301, the Combat Base CP and two for this camp.

Now they are drilling for 9th Motor Transport. Each well has taken roughly three weeks to complete, from setting up the rig to final development. The wells average 200 feet deep, through 30 feet of red clay and 170 feet of blue shale.

The team is composed of EO1 Huckabay, EO1 Ballard, EOH2 Potter, EOH3 Sexton, EOCN Clemmons, UT2 Wulff, UT3 Byrd, SFP2 Weeter and CMACN Minter. The crew works two shifts 24 hours a day.

Bad weather hampered many of the company projects. The fifth and sixth platoons have been getting in shape a lot of new equipment just received.

Several culverts have been installed at critical run-off points in order to handle the coming deluge.

Campaign Ribbon

SAIGON (MACV)--The Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, authorized for acceptance and wear by U.S. Forces in 1966 for service in Vietnam, may be worn only "with device."

The device is a small silver plate with the legend "1960-."

Criteria for acceptance and wearing of the ribbon are six months service in South Vietnam since 1960 or six months service during that period outside the geographical boundaries of the country in direct combat support operations.

Also, individuals qualify for the ribbon who are wounded in combat action, captured and later released or rescued, or killed in the line of duty or in action against the enemy.

Only one award of the ribbon is made to an individual.

TAPES CONTINUED

they may be mailed free of postage by any member of the U.S. Armed Forces at any military post office in Vietnam or its contiguous waters.

The tapes are handled the same as personal letter mail when received at the San Francisco Postal Concentration Center for further movement within the U.S.

DELTA DATA

SNUFFY

Dear Mama,

Rapp

"Listen for the second one and if you don't hear it keep hammering." That is the rule of thumb used by Delta company to judge the recent harrassment tactics used by Charlie.

Of course most of the listening for the second round is done from a nice safe mortar hole!

Last Sunday a four man detachment from the third platoon returned from Khe Sanh. SWF2 Earl Davenport, SWECA Robert Glover, SWECN Thomas Howard and SA Arthur LaBelle had gone to Khe Sanh to build revetments for the base there. Some how they managed to finish up and return to Dong Ha just in time for the floor show and cook out that took place on Sunday.

Chief Baker headed up a five man detachment to Quang Tri later in the week to repair a tower there by helicopter. Accompanying the chief were four builders from the second platoon. They were BUL2 John Rhoades, BUHCN Gordon Bjerk, CN Dennis Souza

ORDER

YOUR

1967 CRUISEBOOK

NOW

This week I went over to the first sergeant for military training. When I went into his office the sergeant seemed real happy to see me. A big smile broke out on his face and he started muttering about how he hadn't got to be a DI for a long time. Mama, what's a DI?

First the sergeant said that I should practice jumping in and out of mortar holes since that was the most practical training for around here. A couple of times he even ran out and joined me. Every time he came out thou, he was saying something nasty about some guy named "One Gun Charlie."

Next the sergeant says he's going to inspect my rifle so I went and got it out of my hut. First he was real nice and showed me how to present arms, right shoulder arms, port arms and all that military stuff. Then he stands in front of me and tells me to present arms. So I presented arms and all of a sudden he reaches out and grabs my rifle away from me real nasty like.

Mama, he didn't have to do that. I would have given it to him. And Mama, I don't know why he just stared at my rifle and said over and over, "I just can't believe it. I just can't believe it."

Mama, after that he took me out to the mortar pits and showed me how to run the mortar. When I asked him why, he said that it was because I was going to the EA's again and he was sure that they would want me on a mortar crew.

I gotta go fill sandbags for a couple days first thou Mama. I'll write you from S-3 next week.

Love,
SNUFFY

and BUL2 Bernard Korody. Their trip was scheduled to last from four to five days but they managed to return the same day they left.

The first platoon has been working on the commanding general's compound. The commanding general has given the crew his jeep and driver

to help with transportation of materials, etc.

The general's generosity has boosted morale which has been reflected in the rapid completion of the phases of the project now under construction.

question of the week: "Where are they going to put the bridge?"

S-4 SCOPE

S-2 Skinny

OK3 Coale

I suppose by now everyone feels about a week shorter than they were last week at this time when I wrote, but still not short enough.

As the old saying goes, "It won't be long now." I am going to save all of you a trip down to the disbursing office and let you know that we do not know when the next per diem payday will be except that it will be in October. Just as soon as we are given the date and money we will be putting out the word to all of you.

S-4 would like to hold out the welcome mat to Ens. Marano who is H company's assistant company commander and to Ens. Guy who is now the MLO officer. We have two fine capable officers here and we are very glad to be getting them. There is a couple of points for me, huh?

We have had a few inter and outer transfers recently. SK2 Worcester is now POIC up at GSK, SWF3 Lee has been relieved by SWE2 Cramer at CTR, CEP3 Lyman is now a member of the Embarkation crew, and SKSN Dutton is a happy member of the Supply office staff.

CS3 Hamm is now the proud owner of a new 68 Mercury Cougar that he bought with his re-up

bonus. The money bruned a hole in his pocket and he had to get rid of it somehow. I could have thought of a few other ways myself.

You would be surprised to know just how many guys couldn't remember their marriage date when they came down to fill out their yearly dependency certificates, or maybe they didn't want to remember!

There was this one Marine, I can't mention any names of course, but he had to flip a coin to decide what day he was married on. Don't worry Sarge, she'll never find out from us.

Well the cry of the pay records is getting louder so I will close off here for this week and get hot on them. Question, "Has Mr. Lutjemeier been keeping Snuffy from visiting Disbursing because he is afraid Snuffy will balance out the safe as Mr. L. can't?????????"

Quote of the week courtesy of Mr. Mountjoy: "The speed of a body moving towards a mortar hole increases in direct proportion to the nearness of the round. Or S=k/d."

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HE ISN'T KIDDING!!!

EAD3 Rosenberg

After spending our time for the week jumping in and out of our holes every two hours we hope that ol' "One Shot" is gone for a while.

Petty Officer Blevins has been getting his builder quals in by painting our packout boxes. That's also a sign that we're getting short.

Another good sign is that the homeport training is shaping up and also the advance party is being determined.

For anybody interested in second class diver's school there are four quotas for the battalion. You have to be able to pass the first class swimmer's test and be physically qualified. The top two men will draw diving pay.

A note for people completing practical factor sheets. They go to your company yeoman not to S-2. Also people checking into security go straight to security. You do not check into S-2.

KEEP AMERICA STRONG BUY BONDS

