19TH SUPPORT
IST CAVALRY

Company B of the 39th Engineer Battalion (Combat) recently returned to its base camp near Qui Nhon after completing three months of combat support for Operation Thayer, conducted by the 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile).

Company B was given the job of opening up, grading and maintaining 50 miles of Highway No. 1 from Qui Nhon to Bong Son. This route included 92 bridges.

Based near Phu Cat during the first month, the engineers improved the route while passing more than 200 convoy vehicles a day from Qui Nhon to the Hamdon Air Field near Phu Cat.

Company B moved to LZ Crystal near Phu Ly, for the second phase of the operation. The emphasis on road repair shifted to a stretch between Hamdon Air Field and Bong Son. This route had not been used by American combat troops since Operation Baker last spring.

Fighting both monsoon rains and Viet Cong harassment, the engineers upgraded the road to Class 35, capable of carrying heavy equipment.

84TH GIVES QUI NHON NEW LOOK

The transformation of U.S. Army billets in the Qui Nhon area from a sea of canvas tents to an orderly array of permanent buildings is well under way. Chief architect is the 84th Engineer Battalion (Construction), commanded by LtCol William A. Rank.

This operation, known as the "Self-Help Program," promises to convert all existing cantonment areas into permanent sites, with facilities never dreamed of by the first units to arrive here in 1965.

Implementation of the program, from initial stages to final construction of buildings, is simple but effective in time and labor.

The Operations section of the 84th prepares a detailed site layout of a given area and submits it to the requesting unit and higher headquarters for final approval. The requesting unit then submits its requirements for various types of buildings—mess halls, billets, administrative—to the 84th.

Next Company C of the 84th, using a large prefabrication site, turns out component parts of requested structures. The company is capable of prefabricating single- and two-story buildings 20 feet in width and in lengths that are multiples of 20 feet.

1300 HY TRAP

Company C of the 35th Engineer Battalion (Combat) finds the strangest things when engaged in routine jobs—like possible Viet Cong booby traps, for instance.

The 1st Platoon was preparing for construction work on Thu Thanh, a pipeline pump station pads along Highway 19 one morning recently. The platoon, led by LtCol William A. Brantley, always inspects and clears work sites that have been left unattended before doing anything else.

Sgt Vladimir Gonzales discovered a plastic bag containing two hand grenades with a C4 explosive casing nearby. Investigation revealed both grenades had their pins removed and the handles were wired down.

"Using a standard demolition charge, the platoon blew the grenades in place and went on work." Is it a WC booby trap? Company C will never know for sure.
COMMANDER’S COLUMN

By COL George W. Bush

The 2,396 equipment operators in this group are responsible for 2,736 pieces of equipment with a total value of $19,126,406. Each day this equipment consumes 13,281 gallons of POL. If all the power of this equipment were combined it could pull the equivalent of 1,199 D7E bulldozers.

Our equipment has one limitation, however. It must be properly cared for.

Each day the equipment must be properly used, not abused; it requires 6,189 man-hours of first echelon or operator maintenance. The engineering output of this group is totally dependent on the skill and dedication of our operators. Their task is a demanding one—requiring long hours under tough conditions. Maintenance must frequently be performed in adverse weather—rain, sleet, heat or hot, blowing sand. But maintenance must be performed; and the equipment must be skillfully operated.

The supervisors of the 37th Engineer Group have responsibility to ensure that our equipment operators receive the training they need to OJT on their equipment; the training and facilities they need to maintain their equipment; the supervisory assistance they need in both OJT and maintenance; and, finally, recognition they deserve for a job well done.

OUR GOAL: A GOING MACHINE

PORT LANE WORK CONTINUED BY 577TH

Facilities at Port Lane, 20 miles south of Tuy Hoa, are undergoing continuous improvement by Company B of the 577th Engineer Battalion (Construction). Company B is handling the second phase of construction. The initial phase was completed in October by the 39th Engineer Battalion (Combat) and other elements of the 15th Group, plus one company from the 35th Engineer Group.

Bulldozers from Company B are cutting into a mountain to get rock for a 250-foot causeway for a D6Long 49er. Seventy feet of the causeway have been placed and 250,000 square feet of jungle cleared. This provides access to not only the rock, but also an area where a 365,000 square foot hardstand will be built.

Principal construction feature, however, is the 250-foot causeway. This will be connected by three girder spans to two D6Long 49er units. When completed, it will provide facilities for simultaneous unloading of two deep-draft ships.

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PERSONAL GLIMPSES

Two members of Company C of the 55th Engineer Battalion have brothers who are also stationed in Vietnam.

PFC Fred South, Jr. of Company C has a brother, Air Force Technical Sgt. Robert E. South, stationed about 300 miles from Qui Nhon at Tan Son NHut Air Base near Saigon.

Both brothers were in the Korean conflict, but their assignments have kept them apart ever since. "The last time I saw Bob, I was in a hospital in Korea in 1951," Fred South recalled.

The brothers grew up together in Indianapolis, Indiana. Fred South entered the Army in May, 1954 and Robert South joined the Air Force soon afterward.

Fred hopes to get a three-day pass to visit his brother at Tan Son NHut. It will have to come some time in the next two months, however, because Robert is scheduled to return to the States March 10.

PFC Arthur J. Hotard of Company C is only 15 miles from his brother, PFC Delvin F. Hotard, who is assigned to the 300th Transportation Company in Qui Nhon harbor and has been in the country since September.

The brothers saw each other last Jan. 3, while Arthur was still a civilian and Delvin had been in the Army four months.

Their next meeting was Dec. 17 in Qui Nhon.

Arthur is an assistant squad leader in his unit, and Delvin helps unload ships in the harbor.

Although both are aware of an Army policy that allows a man in Vietnam to return to the States if his brother is assigned there, Arthur doesn't think Delvin will take advantage of the opportunity.

19TH CHALLENGES BIG PATCH OF JUNGLE

Challenges are nothing new to U.S. Army Engineers, and a construction project now underway near Qui Nhon seems designed especially to tax their talents to the fullest extent.

The challenge is to cover 600 acres — one square mile — of snake-infested, swampy, tropical jungle that must be cleared to make way for a logistics depot expansion project. Company A of the 19th Engineer Battalion (Combat) is handling this initial phase of the job.

Under the guidance of PFC Thomas M. Hambly, the 34 Platoon of Company A recently plunged into the task by removing brush and tropical growth in the area. Four powerful HD-15 bulldozers push the top bushes into hedge rows between existing trails and natural drainage ditches. The dozers then make a second pass over the same area, cutting about three inches lower to insure that all roots have been removed.

Hedges are then saturated with diesel oil and burned. The remaining ash and soil is removed by bucket loaders into dump trucks, with FFC Larry L. Procop and SP4 Walter B. Wood in charge. It is hauled to a nearby gully, where it is used as fill.

The next step is stripping the topsoil. The entire area is covered with six inches of decomposed earth. This is removed by two 85ON 18-yard scrapers, supervised by Sgt. Ronald K. Paul. Material is then stockpiled next to hedgerows of brush and removed with it.

A constant headache is the possibility of equipment getting mired down in saturated soil. With the ever-present rainfall and high water table, care must be taken not to travel the same route more than twice; this "rounds waterers" bro.
QUARRY SITE BUILT BY 73D

The quarry platoons of the 73d Engineer Company (Construction Support) 86th Engineer Battalion (Construction), has completed construction of a quarry site near Qu Nhơn. Crushed rock is now being produced at the site.

The platoon finished the job in one month under the direction of Capt John W. Kimmell, formerly platoon leader and now company commander. The quarry consists of a primary and secondary crushing unit and a washing and screening plant. The unit is capable of producing crushed rock of various sizes, washed or unwashed.

The quarry site is near the village of Pha Thanh and another quarry operated by Company A of the 86th. Together they promise much production.

553D RETURNS TO TUY HOA

After 11 months in the Qu Nhơn area, the 2d and 3d Platoons of the 553d Engineer Company (Float Bridge), 39th Engineer Battalion, have rejoined the company at its new location south of Tuy Hoa.

The platoons had been attached to the 59th Engineer Company (Float Bridge), under the 937th Engineer Group, and were located about eight miles north of Qu Nhơn. During their stay, the platoons worked on various tasks in addition to bridging missions. They were instrumental in construction of the Highway 68 access road to the Republic of Korea Tiger Division Base Camp. The 2d Platoon was assigned to Company E, 39th Engineer Battalion (Construction) for construction of prefabricated buildings.

GENERAL JOHNSON VIEWS 45TH GROUP PROJECTS

General Harold K. Johnson, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, visited the 45th Engineer Group during a tour of Vietnam Dec. 27.

General Johnson viewed Port Lane and other group projects in the Tuy Hoa area. He was accompanied by Col. George H. Rush, Commanding Officer of the 45th.

General Johnson left Tuy Hoa by helicopter for Port Lane. He was accompanied by Brig. Gen. Mahlon E. Gates, Commanding General, Cam Ranh Bay Support Command and Col. Harold A. Namee, Commanding Officer 158th Engineer Brigade. They flew over a float bridge, Bailey bridge, engineer rock crusher, and PQL blander farm.

The party was met by Colonels Bush at the intersection of Highway 31-L and Bryant Road, the access road to Port Lane. They drove down the road and were met at a point overlooking the port by Colonel B. F. Parker, Commanding Officer, Tuy Hoa Sub Area Command.

After an orientation on port activities, General Johnson was met by Col. W. F. Starnes, Commanding Officer, 35th Engineer Group, and toured Port Lane.

General Johnson returned to Tuy Hoa, flying over 504 and U.S. Forces cantonment areas.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
1. Free ticket
2. Resolution
8. Fragment
12. Toward shelter
13. Meadow
14. Opera by Verdi
15. Woisty
17. Part of, preface
20. Trap
21. Amount at which a person is rated
23. Man
24. High card
26. Comprehensive
28. Base of body
31. Proceed
32. Gnat
33. Name of state
34. Form
36. Font lever
38. Communicate
39. Actual
41. Manufactured
43. Ethical
45. Article of furniture
48. Puffs up
50. Minor item
51. Ceremony
52. Be in debt
54. Southeastern Indians
55. Pertaining to the town
56. Writing implement
57. Ancient Persian

DOWN
1. Circles
2. Wallhound
3. Lawmaking body
4. Screeches
5. Beverage
6. Compass point
7. Cut of meat
8. Waterway
9. Bustle
10. Mental image
11. Become
12. Hieroglyph
16. Athletic group
18. One for a while
22. Republic
23. Title of respect
25. Town gone by
27. Food fish
29. Parent (colloq)
30. East
31. Simple
33. Mixture
34. Tail (vulgar)
35. Otherwise
36. Gook up
37. Eeny
38. Refund
39. Eeny
40. Consumed
42. East
44. Simple
45. Mixture
46. Tail (vulgar)
47. Otherwise
49. Gook up
50. East
51. Simple
52. Eeny
53. East
54. Mixture
55. Tail (vulgar)
56. Eeny

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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45TH SEES 130B HOPE

Men of Headquarters Company, 45th Engineer Group, were among an estimated 5,000 servicemen in the audience when Bob Hope presented his annual Christmas show at Qui Nhon.

The show included Hope as master of ceremonies, comedienne Phyllis Diller, singers Vic Damone and Anita Bryant, dancer Joey Heatherton, baton twirler Diana Shelton, Reita Faria of India, the newly crowned Miss World, a singing-dancing group, the Korean Kittens, and Les Brown and his band. Evangelist Billy Graham, who was in the audience, appeared on stage at the end of the program.

Though it was an unforgettable experience for all, one member of Headquarters Company who is especially unlikely to forget the show is FFO Gerald Scott, a clerk-typist in the personnel section. He managed to get backstage after the show and took close-up photos of several stars.

Scott said he took pictures of Bob Hope, Vic Damone, Joey Heatherton, Billy Graham and Anita Bryant. "Miss Bryant even posed for me," he said.

"Even if the pictures don't come out, I'll never forget it," Scott exclaimed. "It will be the most memorable day of my life."

TAKE FIVE

PROFIT FROM PAST ERRORS

By Chaplain (CPT) Winslow E. Brown

Christine has come and gone, and the New Year is upon us. The old year with its joys and sorrows, its successes and failures, is fading into our memory. Just ahead there stretches out before us a brand new year. What will the New Year bring to you? In many ways it is up to you because the world tends to reflect back to us the same attitudes we show toward it.

For one thing, the New Year gives each of us a new chance to correct the errors we made last year. Only a fool refuses to profit from his errors; consequently, we should use 1967 to improve upon the blunders of 1966.

Most important though, let us remember the New Year is God's gift to us. Life and time are God's property—it is only our privilege and good fortune to use and enjoy them. 1967 then becomes our latest opportunity to use God's great gifts as He would have us use them.

Let us look to our God for strength and guidance that we might each one measure up to our tasks, and our opportunities. God is handing you a fresh, new, clean sheet upon which to write the record of a new year. Use the mistakes of yesterday to write a record of a bright tomorrow.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. "Tillie" drew 1,153 bases on balls in 12 seasons with the Philadelphia Athletics and the Boston Red Sox. What was his real name?
2. Who was the first Canadian to win a PGA tourney?
3. Who was the first recognized heavyweight boxing champion of the world?
4. There were six errors in the 1966 World Series between the Dodgers and Orioles. Which team committed most of them?

ANSWERS
1. Max Bishop earned this nickname by being fuzzy at choosing pitches to swing on.
4. Dodgers, who made all six in second game.

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PROMOTIONS AND AWARDS

SP4 Douglas L. Wood, 553d Engn Co
SP4 Joseph D. Kelly, 553d Engn Co

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