



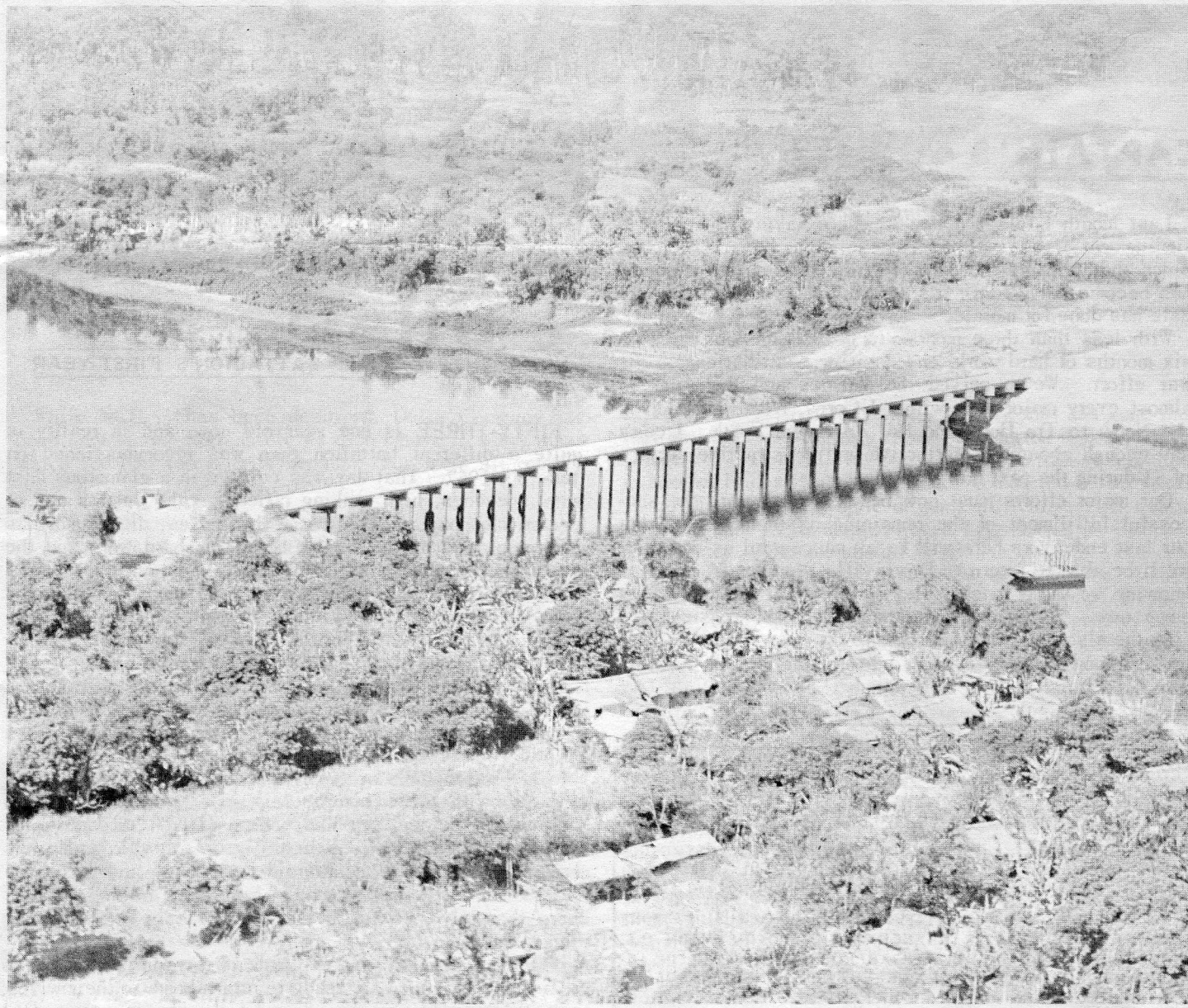
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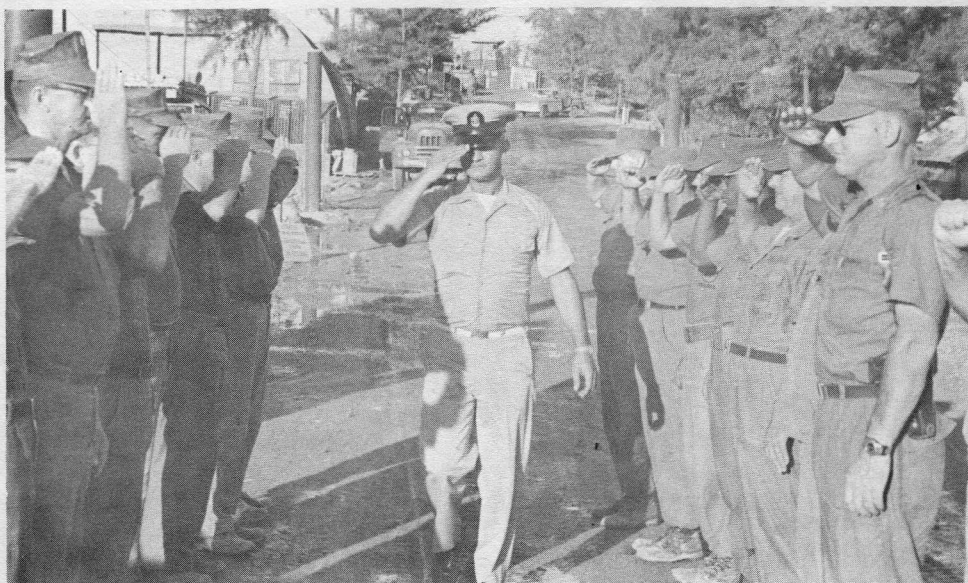
COMPLETED AMMI BRIDGE



USO SHOWS AT CAMP ADENIR ARE ALWAYS "INTERESTING".



MCB-53'S BAND PERFORMS. SHOWN HERE ARE SINGER SN W.T. HEAD AND DRUMMER HM3 B.L. CALLOWAY.



EOCS E.C. DANA, BEING "PIPED-OVER" THE SIDE 23 YEARS OF NAVAL SERVICE



LT. B.L. RUNBERG DELTA COMPANY COMMANDER, BUC R.L. NAPIER DELTA COMPANY CHIEF, AND LT(JG) D.J. MAC KINNON DELTA COMPANY ASSISTANT COMPANY COMMANDER.

Delta's Demons

While MCB-53 has been deployed, Delta Company has been kept busy. Fortunately we didn't have to worry about which job had top priority because they were all top priority!

We started this deployment by completing NSA Hospital projects left over from MCB-7. We also constructed an Ammi Pontoon Bridge South of DaNang under the expertise guidance of Ltjg Horton, BUC Ford and SWC Hawkins!! Then we started doing a little work for the Third Marine Amphibious Force at Camp Horn. BU1 Hamm and his crew were assigned the task of building 3 two-story barracks for the marines. They did such a good job that as a reward they were assigned the III MAF Administrative Building. Of course this was completed in a manner that reflects the highest traditions of Delta Company and naturally both jobs had a No. 1 priority, but don't think these were the only jobs Delta Company tackled. We also built a set of field quarters for 2 Marine Corps Generals. BU2 Howard was in charge of this project. This project, besides having a No. 1 priority, also required a stateside finish using Vietnam materials! An impossible task? Not for Delta Company. "Well Done" crew. Meanwhile BU1 George Cummings and his crew were assigned the Combat Operations Center, (No. 1 priority again) at III MAF. It has a complicated design that required the men to put in many long, hard hours. They have done a fantastic job and can be justly proud of their work now that the job is almost complete. Words cannot

express the quality and quantity of work that has gone into that building. During this time, Ltjg Horton took his Ammi Bridge crew, Detail Delta One, up north to Nam Hoa and put in another bridge (560' long) They completed it two weeks ahead of schedule in spite of many difficulties. It was at this time that Lt Runberg relieved Ltjg Horton as Company Commander. Welcome aboard Mr. Runberg!

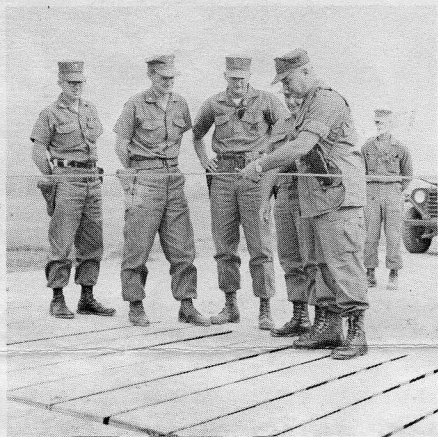
When Bob Hamm and his crew finished the Admin. Building, they were put on the I-Corps Direct Air Support Control (IDASC) Building. This had a No. 2 priority for a day and a half and then changed to No. 1. When the priority changed BU2 Roloff and his crew worked as a night crew and the building was completed 2 days ahead of schedule.

While the Builders always seem to get the glory when a job is completed, let's not forget that the Steelworkers contribute immensely to each and every job. There have been three projects that give the Steelworkers their due glory: the two Ammi Bridges (The first 2 constructed in Vietnam) were built by the Steelworkers and currently the Steelworkers are building a huge Pasco Building Complex for the Naval Support Activity, DaNang. What a job and let's not forget the 30 miles of steel in COC.

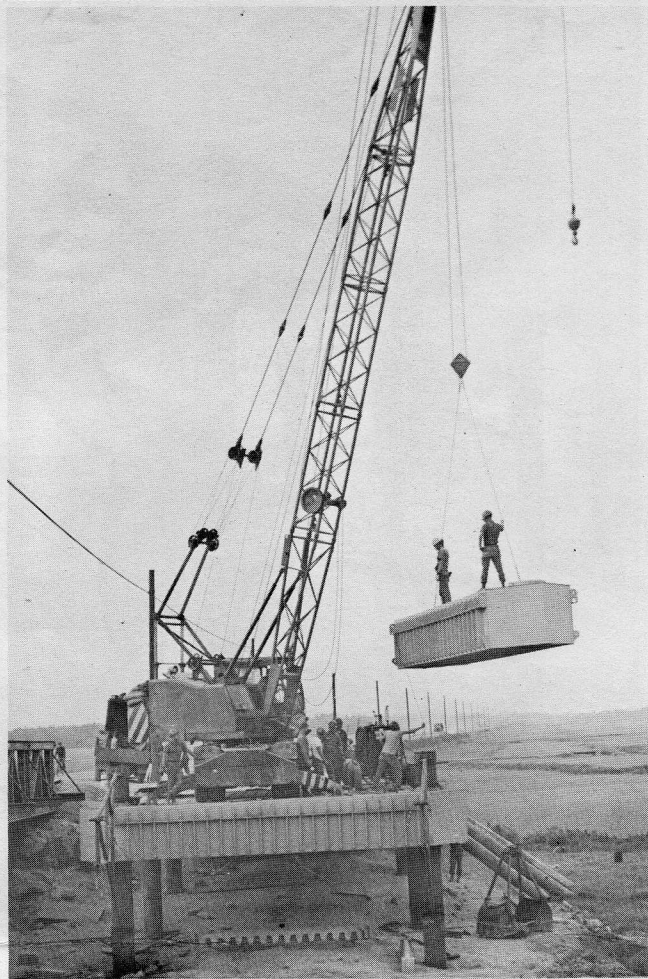
All in all, Delta Company has done more than its share in contributing to the impressive list of completed projects that MCB-53 has to its credit. Since words and pictures cannot completely describe the work Delta Company has contributed, all are cordially invited to come to DaNang to bask in the splendor of Delta Company's efforts!



LT(JG) C.W. HORTON AND CDR R.A. BOWERS WITH AMMI BRIDGE CREW



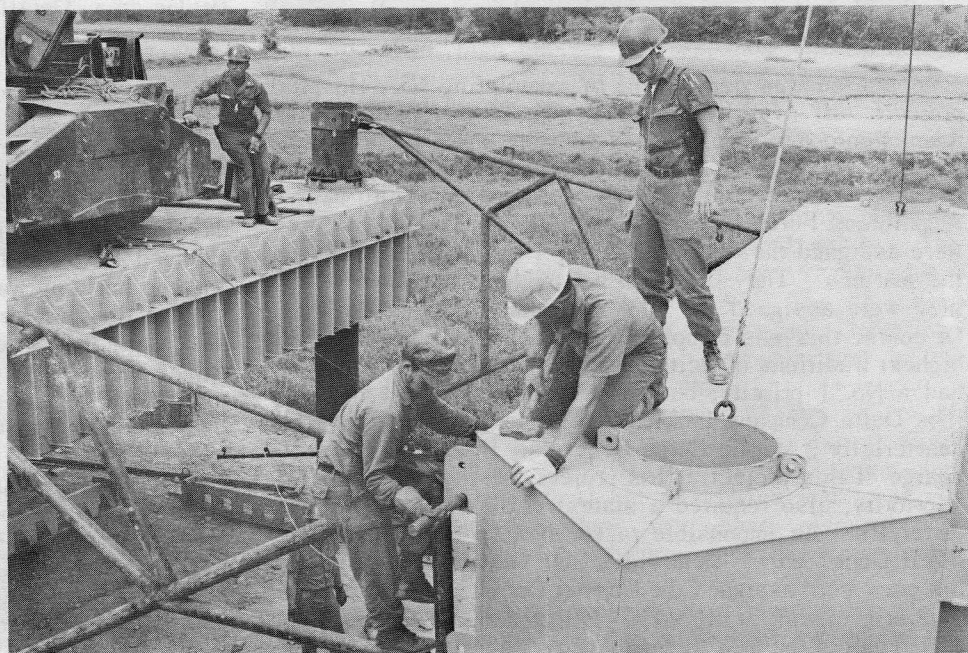
LT(JG) C.W. HORTON, CDR R.A. BOWERS, LCDR R.H. SCHELFORD, COMMODORE C.W. TURNER (FORMER COMMANDER 30NCR) COL. W.E. JOHNSON FORCE ENGINEER III MAF AT OPENING OF AMMI BRIDGE.



MOVING A PONTOON INTO POSITION

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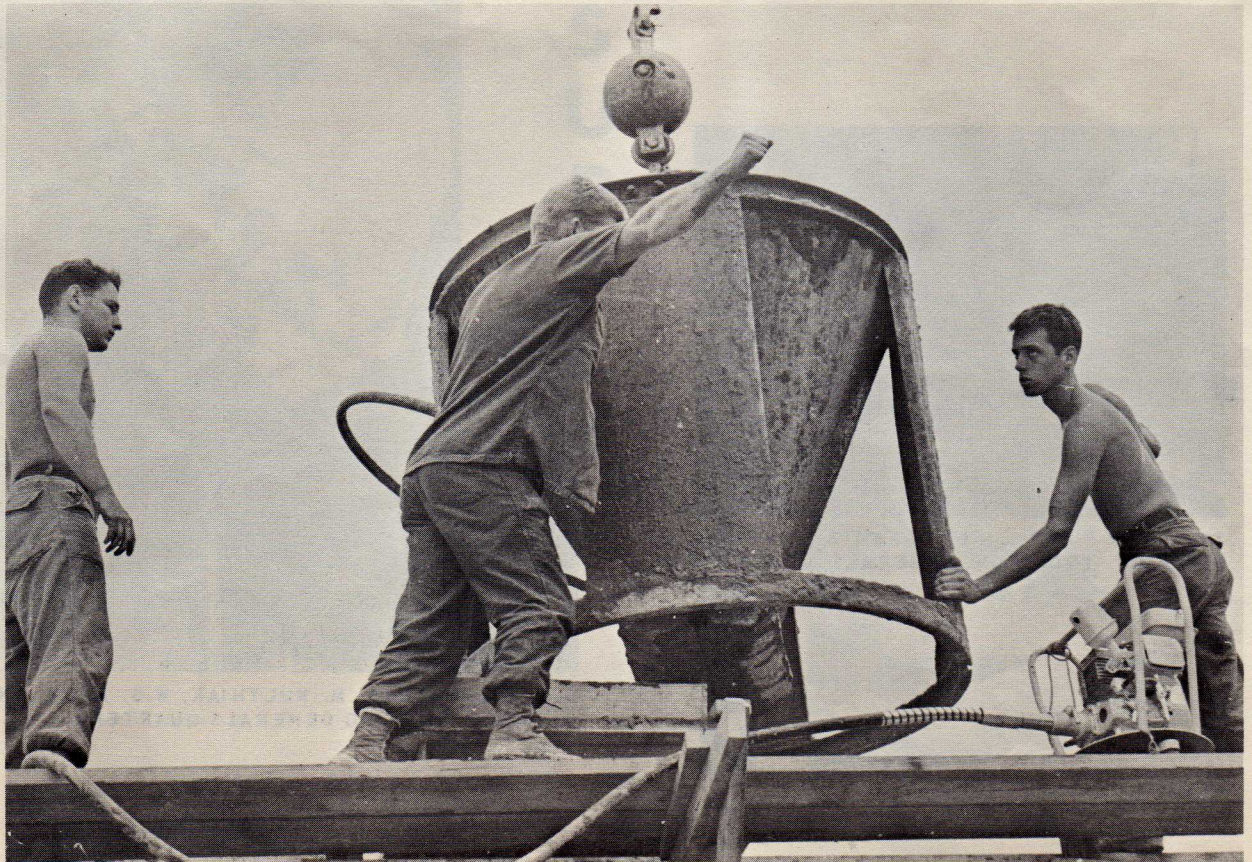
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SW2 W.J. CHEIRRIETT, SWC L. HAWKINS, BU3 MUSOLF SET ANOTHER SECTION OF PONTOON.



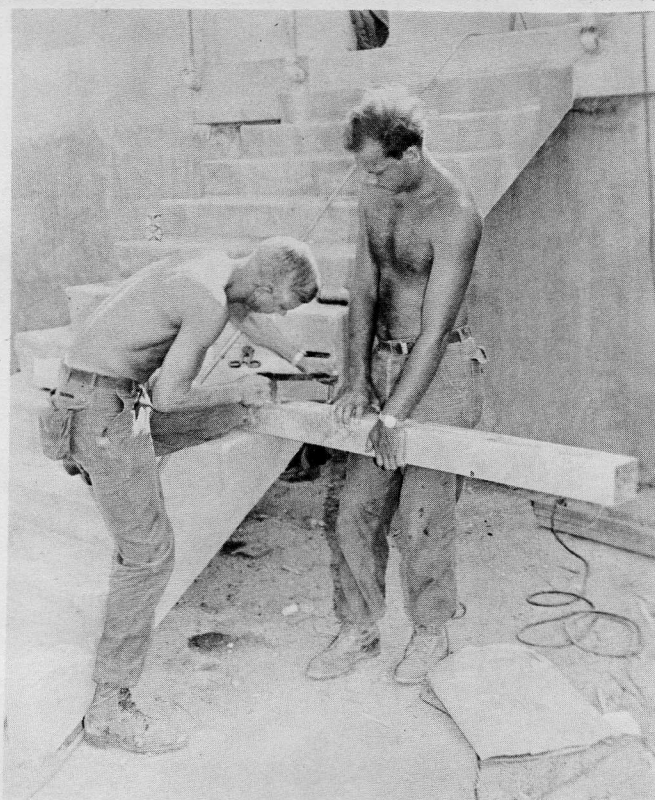
SW3 W. SHKAPITCH LEADING DOWNSPOUT FOR THE GENERALS QUARTERS.



E.H. BRANNELLY, J.D. HOWARD, AND R. KOZMINSJI POURING CONCRETE FOR GENERALS QUARTERS.



LT. B.L. RUNBERG, AND GENERAL E.E. ANDERSON
CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF



GROON, G.C. AND KUNICK, L. CUTTING DOWNSPOUTS
FOR GUTTERS ON GENERALS QUARTERS.



J.S. FEE AND N.L. STANTS CUTTING
INTERIOR TRIM FOR GENERALS QUARTERS.



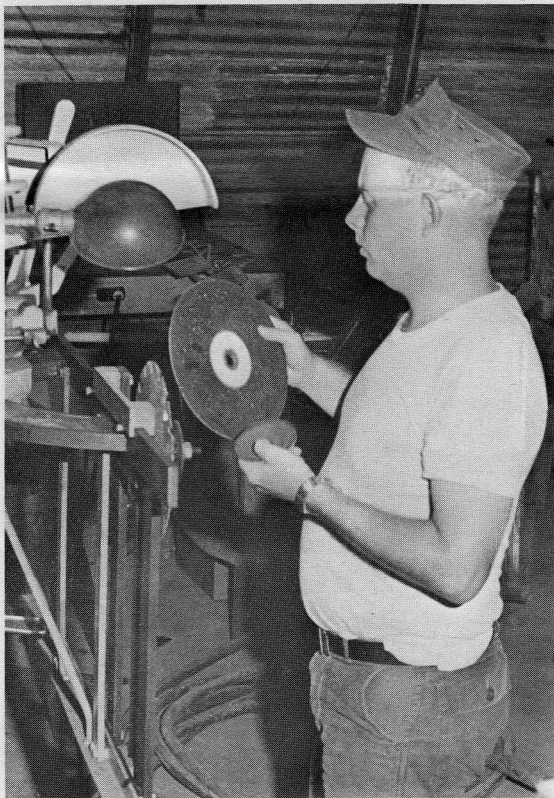
D.C. EICHENBERG, M. KULYNIK, W.G. RYDALCH, AND
D. GAUGH PAINTING GENERALS QUARTERS.



LCDR J.F. LYTLE SC, USN HEADS UP SUPPLY DEPARTMENT WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT



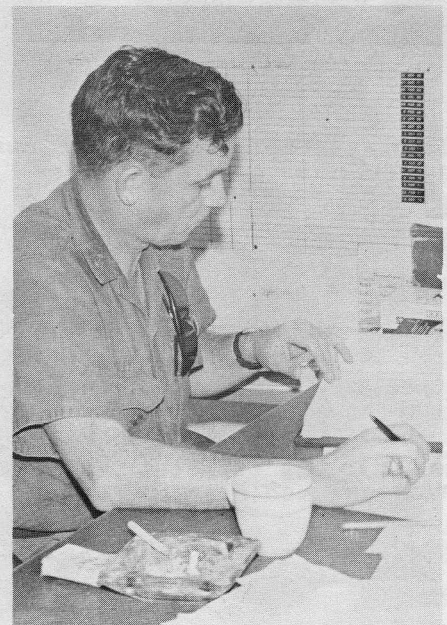
DK3 G. R. MARTIN



BUR2 J.S. BROWN SHARPENS SAW BLANDE IN CENTRAL TOOL ROOM

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SKC J.S. HEALEY SUPPLY CHIEF



CS3 P.A. FRAZIER BEGINS PREPARATION OF ANOTHER CULINARY DELIGHT



SWC J.E. RAFFIN AND SN R.J. BOULET "WHA DA YA MEAN WE'RE OUT OF TOILET PAPER"



SN J.M. CHIARAVALLOT, CS2 NICHOLS CHECKING PROVISION RECEIPTS.



PORT WATCH OF GALLEY CREW: SN GRAY, CS3 NICKLIEN, CS3 GREEN, CS1 HILL, CSSA FORRESTER.



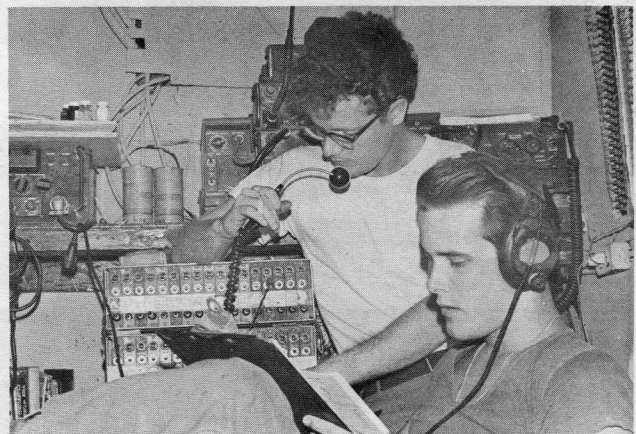
LT(JG) E.P. FUCILE CEC, USNR MATERIAL LIAISON OFFICER "YES GENERAL THE AIR CONDITIONING IS ON ITS WAY"



CN F.W. BAXTER AND BU3 R.R. BISHOP TWO MEMBERS OF '53'S MORTAR CREW WHICH PROVIDES LILUMINATION FOR PATROLS IN THE AREA.



TEACHING HER PUPS YOUNG! DOG LITTLE, THE RECENT MOTHER TO A LITTER OF THREE, ASSUMES HER POSITION BETWEEN THE DAY WATCH, EQUIPMENT OPERATOR THIRD CLASS RICH J. BERESFORD, AND ONE OF HER NEWLY ARRIVED PUPS AT POST 15, CAMP ADENIR, DANANG EAST, VIETNAM. WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE THREE NEW "WATCHDOGS", THE FUTURE OF THE U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FIFTY-THREE SECURITY FORCE LOOKS MUCH BRIGHTER.



CMHCN T.M. MATTIMOE, AND CET3 E.J. GAILLARD OPERATING SWITCHBOARD IN 53'S COMMAND POST.



HOSPITAL CORPSMAN BENNY CALLOWAY TREATS A YOUNG BOY'S EAR INFECTION DURING A RECENT MEDCAP TO THE VILLAGE OF SON CHA. THE CHILD'S MOTHER MAKES THINGS EASIER FOR THE CORPSMAN BY STEADYING HER SON.



CHAPLAIN FIOLE AND FATHER NHAN LOOK OVER PLANS FOR 8 ROOM SCHOOL, IN AN CU III REFUGEE VILLAGE, THAT MCB-53 CIVIC ACTION IS HELPING TO BUILD.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR FROM PHOU HAI PROTESTANT CHURCH, CAME TO PROVIDE SPECIAL MUSIC FOR A SUNDAY SERVICE.



DETACHMENT FROM MCB-53, BEGINNING CONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE AT TRA BONG, SOUTH OF DANANG.



BUDDHIST PAGODA IN MY THI HAMLET

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