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## 74'S PRE-DEP PARTY ARRIVES

The question of who is to relieve the Great 58 seems to be answered positively now. MCB-74's pre-deployment inspection party arrived in Camp Has-kins on 16 February. CDR. S.W. Schley, Commanding Officer, and his party of LCDR. E. W. Thomas, S-3 Division Officer; LT. A.H. Hanson, S-4 Division Officer; LTJG Grover, "A" Company Commander; and Ens. C.R. Cary, S-2 Assistant. (CONT PAGE 7)

## A BIG 4 T O

## ENTERTAIN

Upcoming within the next three weeks are four exciting musical groups that will tantalize your eyeballs and provide hours of entertainment.

Monday, 20 February, a 5-girl group from the Philippines will swing our way beginning at 1900. They are "The Golden Goodies" and their performance will sweep the gamut from rock and roll to C & W. If you don't appreciate any type of music--come anyway, and just stare at five little lovelies.

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## SS DELIVERS

by R.D. Burns  
Anything from horseshoes to coffee cups; dice to fishing gear; and Seabee to Phoebe towels are available to the Bees of 58, through the Battalion's Special Services Department.

The leader of this combination gym, variety store, and music shop is Ensign Timothy J. Allega. Assisting him are five able-bodied men. Their functions, and those of the department, are many and varied.

R.C. (Cala) Hogue, SN, is the mainstay of the hobby and athletic issue shop, temporarily replacing BUL3 Comshaw Caplinger, shop manager, who is presently serving in the Security Battalion. Sporting gear, including basketballs, softball and football equipment; swimming, fishing, and archery gear; along with slot cars, chess sets, cards, and checkers are issued here. Other items in the variety line, such as, rings, lighters, pens, and paint can be purchased. Marble nameplates and figurines can be ordered during the shop's regular hours Mon.-Sat., 1200-1700 and 1900-2000; and Sun., 1400-2100.

If anyone ever wondered where the beer and soda come from, SS has the answer. Their employee, S.M. (Beer) Therson, CM, makes weekly runs to the storage lot at FL5G-A. Originating out of Saigon, the huge quantity of about 1400 cases of beer, in contrast to the 500 cases of soda, are loaded by fork-lift onto a low-boy. The soda is hand-packed 24 to a case and then hand-loaded onto a truck; a process which consumes about five hours.

CM Therson is also SS's movie man. He makes his flick-run every day to the 1st Medical Battalion. The films are distributed from the DaNang USO and are on a circuit which changes every Sunday.

Among two new services offered by SS is the stereo, now tape recording, operated and directed by Mr. Allega and R.W. (Sonic) Sprengelmeyer, SN, who also audits the books.

Due to a backlog of recordings, only one tape

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per person is being accepted. A recording request and a copy of the selection catalog is given to each tape submitter. On the request are the various running times at different speeds for blank tape. By coordinating this with the album time, as shown in the catalog, the exact number of albums that can be recorded on that particular tape can be determined. The request is then to be filled out and left with the blank tape.

The second of the new services will be the opening of the Photo Hobby Shop within the next few weeks. It is still under construction, but all the photography equipment has been acquired. The operating hours will be the same as those of the Hobby Shop in the evening, and instruction by S. Henson, CN, and F.M. Taylor, BUL2, will be provided every night.

Also, individual recording benches are being installed for personal tape recording. SS has four portable tape recorders that may be checked out for this purpose when the shop is complete.

Last but far from least, is our gentleman friend, Harold (Hugh Hefner II) Lockett SUL, club manager and head "haicho number two". He is also the Battalion's talent scout. He auditions and signs for the people who perform for our "listening and viewing pleasure. His managerial capability has enabled both the Playboy Lounge and the Acey-Deucey Club to operate nightly with efficiency and beneficially for the men and the Battalion.

## COMNAVAFAC PRAISES SEABEES

RAADM A.C. Husband, CEC, USN, Commander Naval Facilities Engineering Command, sends the following message to Seabees in RVN:

On my return from visits to each Seabee command in Vietnam, I commend you for construction excellence and rapid response to the commands we serve. At every command level your exploits are hailed and appreciated. Your performance gives extra meaning to Seabee traditions of ingenuity and determination. We are very proud of your contribution to the Navy/Marine Corps team.

New challenges lie ahead as you move outside the enclaves in support of tactical units. These will again test your ability to move and build rapidly in a combat situation. I know the future will find you where the action is, mobile, alert, competent; in shirt, "Seabees".

## CAPTAIN'S CORNER

As we near the halfway mark in our present deployment, it is a good time for all of us to take stock of ourselves. We have a great deal of construction work ahead of us, and far better weather to do it in than we have experienced up to now. We are likewise more capable now than we were when we arrived in Vietnam. Despite all the good work that has been done, there are only a few completed jobs that could not be done better, or faster, or more efficiently, were we to undertake them again now.

The recipe for the second half of our deployment is therefore very simple: Profit from Experience.

I shall expect that in the months to come this Battalion will fully earn its right to call itself "The Great 58th" by mere production of better quality work than ever before.

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Men serving their country away from home are a major concern of the American Overseas Agencies. Please support these agencies through the Overseas Combined Federal Campaign.  
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# "CAN I DO" OF SERVICE HERITAGE

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George Washington, whose birthdate we observe February 22, is perhaps the outstanding example of famous men in the history of our Nation. Washington's life was governed by an unalterable personal code built on duty and honor. To him, no duty was greater, no honor more satisfying, than service to one's country.

When he could have been enjoying the pleasant life of a prosperous country gentleman, his country called him. He answered that call, suffering personal hardship and exposing himself to almost constant danger during the long, arduous and often frustrating campaigns of the war.

As military commander of the small, ill-equipped American Army during the Revolutionary War, his leadership and genius were instrumental in the American success against the finest army in the world at that time. When he was chosen as President, he again unhesitatingly left the quiet comfort of Mt. Vernon to serve in the political arena, risking his honor and reputation.

As our first President under the Constitution, his tact, judgment, ability and devotion guided our government through its critical formative period, establishing a solid foundation on which future generations could build.

But equally important is the other heritage left by Washington; that of selfless, dedicated service to his country,

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## CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Talk. We need talk. Lots of talk. Much deep talk. People must learn this greatest art of all - to talk meaningfully with other people without fear of inhibitions.

We hear some say: "People are no damn good." "Hell is the other person." We read the terrible statistics: Of war - when nations are unwilling to negotiate differences. Of divorce - when a husband and wife no longer relate to one another. Of racial tension - when fear and misunderstanding take over.

Let's be realistic: People are capable of being cruel and inhuman. We need laws to govern our relations. We need police to control the outlaws. We need hospitals to treat the victims of cruelty.

But what we don't need is bitterness and fear. We need talk between enemies. We need people mature enough to stand abuse. We need fellowship on a deeper level than it has been. We need person to person therapy.

None of us are immune. None of us are strong when we stand alone. The Christian Church stands for fellowship. Religion is not interested in helping you stand splendidly alone. The Christian faith relates you to both God and your fellow man. This comment is no longer an option in a strife filled world. We must learn to talk. We must be prepared to appear silly or vulnerable to other people. Only as we talk can we understand one another.

# XO'S NOTES

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The Navy Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) offers to outstanding petty officers, on active duty, a commission and a career as an unrestricted line officer of the U.S. Navy. NESEP is an uninterrupted, four year maximum, college education program which usually includes summer sessions. Selectees are assigned to designated colleges and universities in a program which leads to a Baccalaureate degree in one of the major fields of study approved by the Chief of Naval Personnel. Upon receipt of a degree graduates will be ordered to Officer's Candidate School and upon successful completion appointed to the grade of Ensign.

The following eligibility requirements must be met for entrance into the program:

1. Be a citizen of the U.S. and must be able to furnish positive proof of citizenship.

2. Be USN or USNR on active duty in pay grade E-4 or above and have completed at least one year of duty in other than a school environment prior to 31 December of the year of application.

3. Have reached 21st, but not 25th birthday by the year of the year selection.

4. Have sufficient education to do one year after completion of preparatory school.

5. Have a clear record for past 2 years of active service and no record of court-martial or civil court other than minor traffic violations.

6. Have a GCT/ARI of at least 118.

7. Have a high school education or have completed 3 years of high school and possess a GED equivalent with an average of the 75th percentile in all areas.

Procedures for application, examination, and selection are as follows:

1. Applicants must complete and submit a letter of application in the prescribed format as to reach the office of the command.

2. Applicants take examination on 2nd Monday in November.

3. Orders will be issued to selected candidates by 1 May.

4. Selected candidates will be ordered to preparatory school in June prior to enlisting in September.

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by Scuttlebutt Sam

A belated Happy Valentines Day from all of us to all of you.

If you think you've got your problems listen to this. Alpha Company has a crew on the night shift that has been seen chasing Pink Sandcrabs around the Grease Rack!

Did you ever have something happen to you and you know for sure that it did? I heard about a certain First Class in "A" Co. that thinks mortar pits have sharp teeth and go around biting people!

Just the other day we got a casualty report from Route #4. Missing in action—MONN! Bent or broken on the job—three: 2 M-14 rifles; and one .45 cal. pistol. Sounds like the Gremlins are at work again.

What's this we hear SKI? And O'DONNELL Jr.!

LUMPY would like to thank all those who showed concern for his absence. Comment from Lumpy, "Boy, I never tasted such delicious BLT's." Anyone for thirds or fourths?

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AND 100TH

# W J S T O R Y

## VIETNAM IS SPLIT AGAIN--THEN RE-UNITED

PART 4 by J.P. Shinnick

Three brothers during the 18th century once again pitched Vietnam into the throes of civil war. In the "Tay Son Revolt" they defeated the ruling Nguyens in the South, and then moved north to overcome the Trinh armies. One of the brothers, Nguyen Van Hue, proclaimed himself emperor of Hanoi; another, Nguyen Van Natch, took control of the region around Hue; and the third, Nguyen Van Lu, reigned in the South.

One of the deposed princes of the Nguyen ruling house, Nguyen Anh, undertook to regain lost ground, and Vietnam continued to see war for the next 25 years. He began his campaign in the South, and moved ever Northward until he had defeated all opposition. He declared himself Emperor of Vietnam, changed his name to Gia Long, and set up his government at Hue.

Prince Anh then enlisted the aid of Bishop de Behaine, a French missionary, who in turn went to France in 1787. After securing promises of aid from the government there, he returned as far as Pondicherry, (in modern-day India) only to discover that the promised aid was not awaiting him. Undaunted, he enlisted French volunteers there, who trained the Prince's armies, equipped his navy, and served in a capacity much the same as our own advisors are doing now. This was the first recorded instance of non-Asian intervention in Vietnamese affairs.

Gia Long's rule of Vietnam lasted until 1820, during which time he tried to relieve the burden of oppressive poverty which had shackled his people for so long. He re-distributed land, standardized weights and measures, and revised the code of law. What he failed to do, however, was to change the form of government. Vietnam was still ruled by a central strong class, taxes were still comparatively high, and forced labor was still used for the construction of public facilities.

His successor, Emperor Minh Mang, made the mistake of the era. He declared Christianity illegal, and punishable by death. His constant harassment, deportations, and imprisonments of the French missionaries were continued, with confusing periods of almost brotherly toleration, throughout the next two changes of government.

Emperor Tu Duc, who came to power in 1848, attempted to close off all of Vietnam to outside influence and preserve the traditional ways of life. His first, and most costly step was to eradicate all of the Christian communities in the predominantly Confucian country. This act brought French warships steaming into the ports of Vietnam to demand, and receive, the release of missionaries held in captivity.

Tu Duc was a determined emperor, however, and he continued to harass and persecute the white-skinned foreigners who carried Christianity with them. The deaths of both French and Spanish mis-

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# CHARLIE CAIPEERS

by Germino MELTZMAN

If it wasn't for contributions from the men in Charlie Company, there probably wouldn't be any company articles. This week I was deluged with a lot of little tidbits. I started on my article early this week.....the day it was due!!

The Hubcap was put in charge of his wheels again. The illustrious BUL's are working on three separate projects at FLSG. Many of the crew are finishing up the Officers Mess, while others are building a 300 yard bridge connecting the Officers Mess and FLC. American sandcrabs are invading Vietnam.....Andy's crew will be constructing a BOQ for them.

Most of the third platoon are at the 1st Marine Division. BOUCHARD, BUL2, and his crew are building strongbacks in record time. JOHNSON'S Slaves are toiling over a new Industrial Relations Office.

The 2nd platoon steelworkers are doing fine out at FLSG, building another Butler building.

MAY's small, but mighty crew is still out at the PPP building at FLSG.

DUKE and JAKE are building a maternity ward at the aid station on Rt. 1. RANTANEN left Tuesday for China Beach, where he will be on security.

There has been one man who has done an outstanding job in organizing Charlie Company since his arrival in February, 1966. Since then he has been in the forefront of many activities relating to the company. Our assistant company commander LTJG L. LORD was born in Mobile, Alabama, in 1942.

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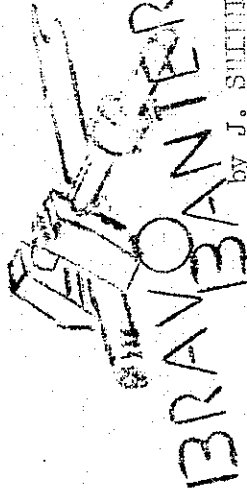
crete to pour and doesn't know who to hire to do the job for him.

F.M. TAYLOR's squad hate to leave the Tango area because the Marines were so good to them. (And the waitresses, too.) The Staff Sergeant's Club is now a decent place to drink in, thanks mainly to honcho RADFORD and his California Crew.

Larry NIXON, Delta Company's representative-at-supply, recently sealed off and insulated the supply offices in preparation for air conditioning. Nixon said he was also called upon by A Company to do a fork-lifting job. It sounds strange, but A Company didn't have a fork-lift small enough.

We'd like to welcome aboard our new Platoon Commander, SGT Dave MARTIN from Bravo Company and we wish to congratulate O'KELLY and JUSTICE for making CN and FN respectively.

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BRAVO BANTER

by J. SULLIVAN

One of the most important tasks of Bravo's UP's is supplying the camp and outlying units with water. Recently, some positive steps have been taken in that direction.

As I reported earlier, a "water witch", yours truly, found two veins of water for the UP's. Both of these veins have been drilled into, and are producing 50 and 30 gallons per minute respectively. In each case, the gallon figure is the capacity of the pumps available for developing these wells. A third well has been PAVED at the batch plant, and drilling will probably start by Saturday.

Thanks to the initiative and open-mindedness of our leader, Mr. CALLEN, enough water has been found to avoid the water hours that are the scourge of the fleet. While many people consider the process of locating underground water with a forked stick to be old-fashioned, even more time-honored is their reaction to it; they simply close their mind to the possibility that it might work.

There's a rumor afoot that Bravo Company finishes its part of jobs before they are assigned to the battalion. Witness the water line that our UP's have run to the hilltop behind the 1st Marine Division area.

The first platoon's party last week was a large success, due partly to our head cooks. Unfortunately, they nearly burned down one of the cabanas while starting their fire. The steaks, however, were delicious.

Who was the Chief Mechanic in "A" Company that spent 15 minutes trouble-shooting a lamp before he found that the bulb was burned out?.....What happened to KOPAKAKI'S T-shirt on R&R in Taipei?..... One of our courageous crew ate some chow in the Galley that had been intended for LCDR STEADMAN'S pig, "S-4". Shame on you, EVERS.....Our company rowing team has been working out behind the club lately. They sit in their craft and row hard, digging their paddles in deep. Eventually they should be able to row down to the beach and into the water where they can get some real practice.....What is it that I keep hearing about SULLIVAN going to Monkey Mountain?...TOLEDO had his hands full trying to keep Charlie Company's BU's from pouring his drains full of concrete at the PPP Building last week....Bravo Company has broken another record; our batch plant batched 181 cubic yards of concrete in one day!

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regardless of the hardships or sacrifices.

His example is no less inspiring than it was to the cold, ragged men at Valley Forge. If this nation is to continue as the beacon of freedom for the world, Washington's example of selfless dedication must be followed. (AFNB)

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ionaries in 1859 marked the most radical and far-reaching change in Vietnamese history to date, for it brought a French-Spanish task force in retaliation, irrevocably changing the face of Vietnam for all time.

Next: The first French Campaign

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He attended University Military School in Mobile, where he lettered in Basketball. Mr. Lord graduated from Georgia Tech, where he majored in architecture. During the summer of 1965 he attended OCS. Four months prior to reporting to Davisville, he attended CTC Officers School at Port Hueneme, California. In November he was promoted to LTJG. His extracurricular activities include; tennis, flying, and painting.

RUMBLINGS ABOUT THE CAMPUS: OLD man POLEY is the fastest rope climber among the 2nd platoon steelworkers. He climbed to the top of the Butler building in 8 seconds...Paley's wife likes his cookie duster...Chief THOMAS, What's this I hear about a little Vietnamese boy getting mad at you? What did Mr. Lord say to the boy to calm his nerves?...PRESCOTT has finally found a crew suited to his abilities...URANGO and BOISCLAIRE, haven't you learned to put up purlins yet?...I heard there's a mean guy in Hut 43? What's wrong GOMBEY? Good luck SAMER! He's leaving for the states Sunday. Keep in touch...Congratulations to MERVICK whose girl won 1st place in the Seabee Queen contest.

Congratulations to the four men who made CH this month: HUYGBARDET, GRANGIER, SMITH, and ROGERS.

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## THE KEYSTONE CO.

by Spinner KOLLSCH

19 February 1967, a brief ceremony was held honoring PNC FLOBBERG and YNL BILL NEWMAN, who are transferring to the Fleet Reserve. Between the two of them they have combined a total of over 40 years of service to their country. PIC Flobberg was in the Korean Conflict and now the Vietnamese Campaign. NEWMAN was in the Korean Conflict, the Lebanon Crises and the Vietnamese Campaign.

Both men will be leaving in a few days for the states where their transfer will become official. I asked Newman what he plans on doing and all he would tell me was, "I plan on sitting on a river bank with a case of cold beer and a fishing pole, and hope the fish are biting." PIC Flobberg on the other hand, I believe, will go into Civil Service, but he is not available for comment right now.

Other than the above news not too much has been happening in H Company, since the writing of the last article. A few rumors; CW JACKS uses the same hair brush as my dog; SN McFADDEN plans on going on the wagon; SN HOLLIS isn't really hostile, but only his doctor knows for sure; who said CW THOMPSON was an Admiral; EAD3 BATES fell in love in Tokyo; and last but not least, will personnel conversing in the northeast end of the mortar pit hold it down to a small rear!

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Eight days later, for their return engagement tour, a popular act, are "The Young Ones". Nothing much need be said about this well-known hilarious group. Their first performance captured the entire audience and their second should prove to be quite a show.

Four beautiful Filipino girls, calling themselves "The Paulettes" will make their debut on March 2, the Seabees 25th Anniversary. These young ladies were a smash hit in Las Vegas, and their show should liven the Anniversary celebration. Starting time---1900.

For C & W fans, on Monday 10 March, a group calling themselves "The Hill-Pilers" will stamp their feet and bring their guitars to the rhythm of the western blues. The group is composed of men and one woman, and the show will kick off at 2000 for country and city boys alike.

(Inspection Party Cont) tant Officer, are unboard to inspect the camp and the battalions functions while in DMV. They will be briefed on matters concerning base security, operations, administration, and other necessary phases that will help them in the future deployment.

They will depart Camp Haskins on 28 February.

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## THESE ARE THE RATES OF BASIC PAY FOR ALL ENLISTED SERVICEMEN

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2 or less	96.90	100.50	121.80	168.60	200.40	232.20	269.40	--
Over 2	129.00	141.00	170.00	211.50	246.90	281.70	321.80	--
Over 3	--	--	182.10	222.90	258.60	293.40	334.80	--
Over 4	--	--	193.80	240.60	270.00	305.40	346.50	--
Over 6	--	--	--	252.60	287.70	317.40	358.20	--
Over 8	--	--	--	--	299.40	328.80	369.60	428.40
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Over 14	--	--	--	--	328.80	369.60	411.00	463.80
Over 16	--	--	--	--	--	381.30	422.70	475.50
Over 18	--	--	--	--	--	387.60	434.40	487.20
Over 20	--	--	--	--	--	--	440.40	499.20
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