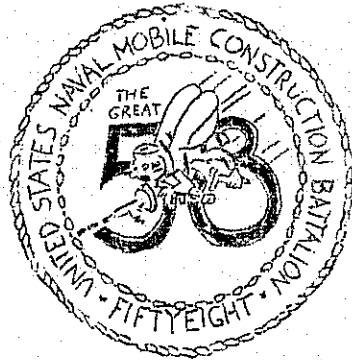


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SPRENGELMEYER COPS TROPHY

THE PAULETTES ALL DAY!

To help celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Seabees and 58's First Anniversary on March 5, the "Paulettes", an all girl group from the Philippines will be on board the entire day, culminating in their performance at 1900.

The plans now call for the Paulettes to arrive in camp at 1130 where they will spend the day with the Battalion. Since they will be here most of the day, there will be many chances for 58's Bees to meet them and get acquainted.

Rocking first off the line at 1900, the four "Paulettes" will put on a performance that was a smash hit at the Tropicana in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The show should prove to be the shakin', sweet topping at the end of the holiday.

Back for her second appearance at Camp Haskins is
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Defeating two opponents in the elimination games and then facing the DaNang City Champion in the final match of the Vietnamese Sports Festival Tennis Tournament was the path of victory for Seaman Robert W. SPRENGELMEYER of Dubuque, Iowa.

With rain hampering the entire game, Sprengelmeyer was able to defend against the Vietnamese Champion's drop shots and go on and win the match 6-4 and 7-5. Having a long string of victories and awards to his credit in the U.S., this marked the first time the 25 year old star had competed in another country.

His interest in tennis began at the age of seven when he learned the basics of the sport in tennis clinics in Dubuque. Every summer thereafter, he participated in tournaments throughout the state, and while attending Loras Academy in Dubuque, Iowa, he and his co-player won the Doubles Championship. At Southern Illinois University, where he attended four years on an athletic scholarship, he was chosen Most Valuable player each year. He was elected to the NCAA College Division All-Amer-

ican team 2 years straight. Then for 2 succeeding years, he took the Tri-State Championship in Burlington, Iowa, and went on to win the Greater Peoria Open in Illinois, two years running. His next victories were in the Pekin, Illinois, Invitational and in 1964 won the South Carolina Open. He was ranked number one singles player in Iowa, and ranked second in the Missouri Valley Section. He graduated from S.I.U. in 1965 with a B.S. in Finance. Prior to coming on active duty with the Navy in March 1966, Sprengelmeyer played in tournaments in Corpus Christi, Texas, and in Florida.

Also, sharing honors in the Sports Festival was the 400 meter relay team composed of MARTINEZ, McCANN, BLOOM, and SERGEANT. They took second place in the race, being nosed out at the finish line by the Marine team.

In other action, ROGERS finished fourth in the 100 meter dash and KELLY entered the five kilometer race.

This year marked the first Sports Festival in DaNang and if the present
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CAPTAIN'S CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN CORNER

How does one apply international law to this kind of problem (the Vietnam conflict)?

In the case of Vietnam we have the Geneva Accords as a starting point and legal framework for dealing with the situation. Although the United States did not sign the Accords, from the beginning it undertook to respect them.

For nearly seven years U.S. forces and material in the South stayed within the limits set by the Geneva Accords for external military assistance. The United States made the decision to exceed the limits on the basis of a principle of international law similar to the doctrine of fundamental breach in the domestic law of contracts. (CONT PAGE 4)

XO'S NOTES

BUPERS Instruction 1306.73 A sets forth provisions of first term reenlistees for requesting a duty assignment of their choice. Following are the incentives for personnel serving on sea duty:

1. You may request to be retained at your present duty station for up to 24 months.
2. Request to be transferred to another duty station on the east coast with a specific unit or homeport guaranteed.
3. Transfer to any duty station on the west coast with a homeport or specific type unit guaranteed.
4. Transfer to an overseas shore billet within one of the following areas: Europe or North Atlantic, Latin America, North Africa and Middle East, Far East, Hawaii or Alaska.
5. If eligible for shore duty and on SEAVEY you are guaranteed assignment within the Naval District of your choice.

To be eligible for this you must be willing to reenlist for four or more years, be in an onboard-for-duty status, be an E-4 or a designated striker or an E-3 who has passed the exam, be recommended by your Commanding Officer and, if requesting assignment to an overseas area, be eligible for assignment in a foreign country. Upon the initial request you must agree to extend your enlistment for

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From: Chaplain

To: Whom it may concern

Subj: Playboy philosophy; some serious misgivings

1. I confess that I am not an avid reader of Playboy, but that occasionally I have taken a peek, for the obvious reason that I can't preach against sin unless I know something about it. Naturally I blush and hold my hand before my eyes when I turn over the bawdy pictures. I also have to say a little prayer which tries to relate me to the Seventh Commandment.

2. I do want to rid myself of a few opinions on the subject of Playboy Philosophy. The very first principle of this philosophy I wish to object to is, Thou shalt spend \$1.25 for the deluxe Christmas Edition. This is unfair competition with the Catholic & Protestant Chapel funds. No one seems to have \$1.25 when I pass the offering plate on Sunday.

3. Some other objections are:

a. That Playboy does not take sex seriously enough, nor its own views. Why doesn't this magazine organize a march on Washington; send two million red-blooded Americans (boys & girls) to demonstrate for sexual freedom. Think of the pictures Playboy could get of the demonstrations of sexual freedom! (CONT PAGE 4)

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VJET HISTORY

PART V - THE FIRST FRENCH CAMPAIGN

by J.P. Shimmick

After the Emperor Tu Duc continued to prosecute the foreign missionaries in Vietnam, the French retaliated in force. An armada of French and Spanish warships invaded DaNang, quickly moving inland and seizing control of all towns and hamlets in the immediate area.

In February of 1859 they swept southward, down the coast, and seized Saigon, after which they again moved inland to capture the three provinces bordering this much be-seiged city.

The French semi-legalized this conquest in a treaty with Emperor Tu Duc in 1862. At the time, he was ruling Vietnam from the imperial city of Hue in the center of Vietnam, and might have signed the treaty in the hope of forestalling further seizure of his country.

If so, his hopes were short lived. French Admiral de la Grandiere occupied the three western provinces of the lower third of Vietnam in 1867, on the grounds that anti-French rebels were using them as a refuge.

The French sent a small force against the walled city of Hanoi in 1873, capturing it and possible control of the northern third of the country. For some inexplicable reason, they shortly thereafter pulled out of the sector, leaving it again in the hands of the Vietnamese. This defeat severely crippled the prestige of the Emperor, and he was unable to rule this section of his country. He appealed to the Chinese, under the ancient agreements of protection, for help in defeating the French. (Historians think that he was attempting to persuade the Chinese into attacking the French, thereby weakening both of his enemies while maintaining his own strength.)

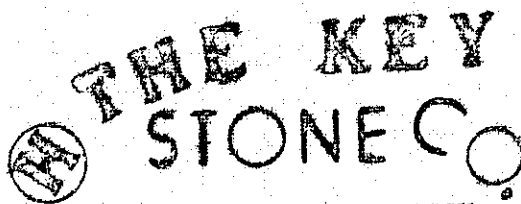
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EL DEMONS

Since this is the first article I've had the honor of writing for Delta Co., I will try to make it interesting.

A tour of the job sites finds us first at the Tange area, where most of the old French buildings are being "face lifted". MARTIN and his crew in Building #2 have been letting off some steam, smashing down a few masonry walls, while the General had a heart attack. I thought they would never cease, but finally the dust settled and are now busy building new mahogany walls, closets and dropped

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by Spinner FOLLSCH

Well, all has been fairly quiet since YNL HERMAN departed. Speaking of his departure, that was quite a song he was singing as he left. Luckily no one heard him, and those who did weren't offended, in fact, most of them joined him in the song.

The 1st Sgt. returned from Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday, February 22. He showed up for work Thursday all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed. According to him, Malasia is a decent place which he favors over all of the countries he has visited in his many years in the Corps.

Rumor has it that BIRD will probably be promoted to 1st class to fill Newman's billet, but of course they would have to demote him from Admiral to do it. While we're talking about rumors, have you heard that flight lists are being roughed up for the much awaited return to the U.S. It seems that everyone wants to go on the Advance Party. Don't tell me you want to leave our fine

little paradise here.

According to scuttlebutt obtained from the mess cooks and other reliable sources, there might be two flights that will be leaving early, who knows?

Has anyone saw the sign in Hut 57? I won't mention any names, but it hangs over a certain rack and is inscribed with the words, HOSTILE MAN. BORMEAU is still in training, and the bout with the BULL is long overdue. Maybe CASKETS is losing his nerve (or lip)!

A group of our surveyors returned from a project that took them about 50 miles south of Chu Lai. They were told to watch their step when setting up, because there were a lot of booby traps in the area. Everything went smooth, except for Goose KILYON who tripped as he left the helicopter, but then that's only natural, and was expected by everyone.

BRAVO BANNER

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At the midway point in our deployment, time is beginning to grow short. Among the things that remain to be completed before too long is our battalion cruise book.

The first section of the book, dealing with our re-commissioning and training at D'ville and Camp Lejeune are just about completed. The bulk of the book will cover our deployment here at Camp Haskins.

Bravo Company is low man on the totem pole for orders placed, with only a scant 11% that have already placed their orders. Although there is as yet no deadline on ordering, there is no time like the present to place YOUR order. With so few things to spend money on here, the price of \$4.00 should be an easy one for all hands to meet.

One thing in particularly short supply is black and white pictures. This is your cruise book, but pictures of your crew and your jobs must come from you. A few color pics will be used, of sunsets and R&R spots. If you have any negatives or prints, look them over and select some that you would like to have in the cruise book.

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1883 marked the start of the finish of the Vietnamese independence and autonomy. Chinese troops, in answer to the Emperor's call for assistance, moved into the northern section of Vietnam. The French again sent a squadron against Hanoi, and seized it with but 600 men.

Under the treaty terms signed by the Emperor, France was recognized as the protecting power of all Vietnam.

However, guerilla warfare continued to rage on in several sections, and Vietnamese resistance to French presence in Vietnam continued into the 20th century.

Next: THE FRENCH IN VIETNAM

Turn them in to me with particulars on the back or on an attached sheet, so that I can turn them in for consideration.

CEL's HALL and SEAL are having their problems out in the Tango area, where they are re-wiring the old French barracks. These are being modified for use as barracks, etc. for the Marines. Seal says that if the resilient population of rats and mice aren't in the way, Delta Co's. BU's are. Chief Johnson suggests that we rename that the Tango Area.

There's rumor afoot that the UT's will have to work nights and Sundays to catch up on all their job assignments.

Would you believe? Chaplain Blade is the prospective "E" Company Commander? He has been noted at quarters every morning last week.

HUMM, UTP2, had a surprise recently. He crawled into a culvert to install some pipes for the 1st MarDiv's showers and was attacked by a mad swarm of bats. He buried his pipes in the ground.

Our batching crew has broken their own record; 189 yards in one day.

b. That sex must be surrounded by glamour to be valid. Why don't they show pictures of the less endowed, or the over-weight? After all most of the world's women are not ideal.

c. That Playboy has been fooling a lot of people into thinking it has intellectual appeal when actually if it did not have pictures, it wouldn't sell.

d. That Hugh Hefner has never been married, and thus never demonstrated to the world that his philosophy leads to a happy marriage.

e. That the Playboy Company is becoming very rich by commercializing sex, and I am very jealous!

There is this guy down in the village who wants to sell me dirty pictures. Maybe I can invest a little Chapel Fund money in a new publication, "Vietnam Vignettes". If I can get it on the shelf of the exchange, I could really make out. You know that old saying, "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em."

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North Vietnam had violated seriously the obligation to prevent the northern zone from being "used for the resumption of hostilities or to further an aggressive policy." In these circumstances South Vietnam was relieved from the obligation to comply with the cease-fire agreement's limitations on military manpower and material, when the South needed additional strength for its own defense against aggression from the North. At no time did South Vietnam undertake to overrun the North by force.

Critics have argued that any U.S. assistance that might be justified would have to be confined geographically to South Vietnam. Such a rule certainly does not apply to a case of armed attack. Legitimate defense includes military action against the aggressor wherever such action is needed to halt the attack.

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ceiling.

Now that BOARD'S crew has finished the club in Bldg 306, they have moved to Mag-11 and have just about finished the Straad building.

Kindall's Civic Action crew appears to be busy fighting off kids at the refugee village. Actually the kids are anxious to be of help where they can and the village as a whole is proving they know the meaning of SEABEE "CAN DO". Two prototype huts are nearing completion and hopefully the remaining 78 can be done by the Vietnamese with our technical assistance. This is real civic action: helping the Vietnamese help themselves.

SADLE'S crew is finishing at the Admin Building for the 1st Marine Division. They thought they were finished until the General decided on installing an air conditioner, a dropped ceiling and a few other things. I hear the boys are disappointed about not getting to paint the exterior "Marine Green".

DID YOU KNOW now that Mr. MARTIN is back from R&R, he's got to catch up on his sleep...We understand Mr. PACIFICO has completed his practical factors on the shovel.



PLAYBOY LOUNGE

by H. LOCKETT

The recently authorized privileges of drinking beer and using club chairs at the movies have been misused by the usual two-percenters. Trash cans are provided, but no one utilizes them. Each morning the movie area looks like the proverbial outhouse. Where it normally takes ½ hour to police the area, it now takes 1½ to 2 hours. Thus, valuable man-hours that could be expended on battalion projects are lost because of a few non-conformers. This has already caught the attention of everyone in camp. The only result is that the privileges will be terminated. I would also like to remind everyone to stay out of the fighting holes in the rear of the club.

Extreme caution should be used when lighting charcoal in the cabana area, as the roofs are extremely dry and can catch fire quickly. It would be a shame to lose the cabanas before they can be fully used and appreciated. (Right Davey!)

For the purpose of those who patronize the soda sales, the hours are as follows: Monday - Saturday 0800 to 0830; Sunday 0900 to 0930.

Remember, put your beer cans in recepticals and return all chairs to the club.

Did you know that POLEY, SWL, was in the showers the other morning shaving, and as usual was having his problems (shaking), when in walked BUL ANDREWS. "Hey Ray", he said, "Try and cut yourself this morning. I've got color film in my instamatic."

HAVE YOU GOT A PROBLEM???

Alpha BITS & PIECES

by Scuttlebutt Sam

Greetings "skates" and a big hello to all you Boes on the Great White Ocean of sand. You may not believe this, but I saw a Seabee the other day, trying to put diesel fuel in his vehicle's radiator! What's up M.B.S., new type of anti-heat?

Riddle: Who walks through the huts, all by himself. Taking down the names of those who seem to forget (or get caught)? Why it's none other than the sheriff of "A" Company Hamlet.

I've heard people complain when an EO damages a vehicle, it's only natural, but when it comes to really torquing over a vehicle, leave it to a mechanic. What do you say SKI, a new dump that goes backward instead of up.

Well he's off again, this time to Port Huonem. Good ole Parts Procurement Chief PECK.

Seems that there is a lot of buzzing going on around transportation that goes like this. ONE, TWO, THREE: Water Truck, Water Truck, who gets the Water Truck first.

The other day I met a complete stranger named TRUITT, who seems about as likeable as a ratchet-head can be. And he said "Some people don't realize how lucky they are to know me!"

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one year. If you are granted one of your first two choices the extension becomes binding whether you accept the duty assignment or not. If you get your third choice you may either cancel the extension or take the duty assignment.

I PRAY

I pray to God
 Our Lord above
 Please, Dear Lord
 Keep your hand
 On the man I love.

I beg you God, hear my plea,
 Please take care of my man for me.

If anything were to go wrong,
 I beg you, Dear Lord,
 Make me strong.

Bill is my husband, I love him dear,
 Please O'Lord, take away my fear.
 He is a Seabee, big and strong,
 He's in the 58, and they can't go wrong.

He is over 3000 miles across the sea,
 That's the place he has to be.
 There's a job that must be done,
 O Dear Lord, he's not the only one.

But soon Dear Lord, he will be home,
 With the help of your hand.
 He will be back in his own great land;
 Land of hope, land of faith, and the
 Land of the free.
 Thank you Lord for hearing my plea,
 O'my God, I have faith in thee.

submitted by
 Carol M. Brown
 Wife of E#2 W.C. BROWN

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the dynamic Miss Elaine Stewart, returning to give the battalion another smash show. Accompanied by the humorous and talented "Young Ones", her exciting show will be held at 1900 on Tuesday, 28 February. If you intend on taking photos or being at close range, better be there at 1830, or else bring binoculars, hearing aids, and telephoto lens.

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progress is continued, there will be many more to follow. Another first was that U.S. Service Personnel were invited to participate which will further enhance goodwill between Vietnamese and U.S. Forces.

Springmeyer was presented his trophy by LT GEN Lewis WALT, Marine Corps Commander in Vietnam.

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Some argue that Vietnam does not present a situation of "armed attack" because invading armies were not massed at a border and did not march across it in broad daylight.

The crucial consideration is that North Vietnam has sent instrumentalities of the State, including units of its regular armed forces, into South Vietnam---to subject the South to its rule.

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TO _____

