1966

MCB-1

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DA NANG
Dear Mr. Young,

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William E. Pfe[illegible].
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Sincerely yours,

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Cohos on 70-07
Richard T. Hardy was born 11 December 1922 in Savannah, Georgia. He graduated from Savannah High School and attended Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Commander Hardy began his naval career in April 1943 as an enlisted member and received his commission as a Line Officer upon graduation from the University of South Carolina in 1946. He transferred to the Civil Engineer Corps in 1950 after receiving his Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree from the same University.

He reported aboard MCB ONE as Commanding Officer from the Bureau of Naval Weapons in May 1964. Prior to duty at BUWEPS, Commander Hardy was at the USNS Rodman in the Canal Zone.

The Commander is married to the former Catherine M. Hima of Milford, New Jersey. They have four children, Dean—15, Debra—13, Craig—9, and Kurt—3.

Commander Hardy was relieved as Commanding Officer in June 1966, at which time he went to the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Caribbean Division, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.
In June 1966, Commander Paul R. Gates, Civil Engineer Corps, U.S. Navy, assumed the duties of Commanding Officer of the "First and the Finest", United States Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE, during the Battalion's Vietnam deployment.

CDR Gates, who entered the Navy in August 1952, reported to MCB-1 May 28, 1966. Prior to coming to the Battalion, he was stationed at the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Stanford University, and Public Works Center, Pearl Harbor.

CDR Gates, born in July 1931 in Umtali, Rhodesia, Africa, is the son of Mrs. R. C. Gates of Daytona Beach, Florida. After graduating from Umtali High School in Rhodesia, the Commander proceeded to obtain his Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering in 1952 from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. In 1964, he received his Master's in Civil Engineering from Stanford.

The Commander is married to the former Brenda Shorten of Swampscott, Mass., and the father of four, Barbara — 9, David — 8, Deborah — 5, and Susan — 1. His family is presently living in North Kingstown, R.I., adjacent to MCB-1's homeport, Davisville.
FORMER OFFICERS AND CHIEFS
OF
'THE FIRST AND THE FINEST'

Joseph E. Weber
Builder Senior Chief

Charles E. Bergstrom
Yeoman Chief

Richard A. Tunison
Construction Mechanic Chief

Oscar Miles
Builder Chief
STATISTICS:
Laterite moved by
Alpha Company
in Vietnam ............... 485,000 cu. yards
Sand moved ........... 350,000 cu. yards
Deep wells drilled ................. 7
Shop Repair orders
processed by CM’s .......... 4,500 plus

The statistics quoted above give an idea of how effectively Alpha Company, under the leadership of LTJG Payne and CWO3 Miller, met the challenge of its first deployment to Vietnam.

There was more to this deployment than simply statistics. It was a story of men with a job to do and of their directly meeting the challenge of the job.

Not all of the construction took place in the safe confines of Camp Haskins. The men of Alpha Company were called upon to send a unit to Hill 724 to aid in the construction of a Hawk Missile site for the Marines. The Seabees on that hill were subjected to sniper fire and harrassment as a matter of course. They lost not a man either to the Charlie or to accidents and, as with most of the projects assigned them in country, completed it before their deadline. The well drilling site for the Marines came under mortar attack. One slightly wounded Seabee, who received a Purple Heart for his wounds, was all of the success the Charlie could claim. The well job went on to completion.

In all aspects of the Alpha Company job from the fields clear through to the tire shops, ALL HANDS showed the professionalism and dedication to duty that allows MCB ONE to claim the title, "THE FIRST AND THE FINEST".
Wayne T. Regan
Kirland Hills, Ohio
George P. Rendleman
Henderson, N. Y.
Jesus Rivera
Bronx, N. Y.
Reyes G. Ruiz
Phoenix, Ariz.
Raymond P. Rysedorph
Green Island, N. Y.

Bobby D. Sager
Albin, Wyo.
Jose Salinas
Freer, Texas
Kinsey E. Samsel
Doylestown, Pa.
David L. Savage
Los Angeles, Cal.
Robert W. Scheibl
Elkhart Lake, Wis.

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James B. Smith
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Troy, N. Y.
John D. Sorel
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James E. Stendifer
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Thomas E. Stanton
Portland, Ore.
Joseph Strelec
Boonton, N. J.
Lewis R. Stugard
Hughsville, Pa.
John W. Suchecki
Buffalo, N. Y.
Bravo Company has many responsibilities. Its personnel are responsible for camp upkeep and repair, all plumbing and electrical installation and maintenance, prefabricating both for builders and steelworkers, and the production of electricity, water, and the ice to cool it.

The jobs were done by Seabees from all sources of procurement: Regulars, Reserves and the Direct Procurement Petty Officer. When the work was done there was little heard about this “Oriental Public Works Department”.

Their responsibilities are of the type taken for granted when everything is going smoothly. When good, clear water runs from the taps, when lights come on at the flick of a switch these men know their jobs have been done, and done well. At those times when these necessities quit functioning the camp sounded with the call for the Bravo Company duty Petty Officer. It was part of the job and the problem had to be corrected. The comfort and convenience of the men in the battalion was largely Bravo Company’s responsibility.

The deployment is over now and the Company has returned with every man it took with it. It is a point of satisfaction to these Bravo Seabees that they did their job well. Back in home port they are training and preparing for their next deployment with the same philosophy they worked with in Vietnam, “Make a good job better and the better job the best.”
OUR MEN

Daniel B. Bluemel
Blainore, Cal.
Louis S. Bobynski
Beverly, Mass.
George W. Boucher
Lawrence, Mass.
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Salem, N. H.
Warren C. Bradley
Denver, Colorado

Garland D. Broadwater
Grantsville, Md.
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George L. Buscaglia
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Hampstead, N. H.
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Barnwell, S. C.
Claud E. Cripps
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Raymond F. Fischer  
Southington, Conn.  
John R. Gallagher  
Milton, Mass.  
Charles W. Grindle  
Quincy, Mass.  
Paul W. Hatjum  
Amelia, Va.

JAMES E. DALY  
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Paul W. Hatjum  
Amelia, Va.

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CORY V. HATTON  
Lowrence, Mass.  
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Lancaster, Pa.  
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Bronx, N. Y.  
HENRY W. HODGE  
Gadsden, Ala.
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Cleveland, Ohio
Bradley L. Horning
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Bornwell, S. C.
Edgar J. Hunter, III
Skyville, N. Y.

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Billy M. Johnson
Jefferson, S. C.
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Avon, Ohio
Lonnie W. Jones
Bakersfield, Calif.
James W. Jordan
Baltimore, Md.

Mark A. Keyser
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Pete C. Kohi
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Jerome, Idaho
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James K. Leacher
Blanchard, Mich.
Lawrence G. Leclair
Cranston, R. I.
Gary D. Lehman
Bettenford, Iowa
John L. Lemley
Briertield, Ala.
CHARLIE! CHARLIE!
THIS IS THE CAPTAIN!
It seemed that the push was on Charlie Company from the beginning. In the midst of their first project in the new MCB ONE camp, 50% of its personnel were rushed by helicopter and small boat to East Danang to carry on the work abandoned by the striking Vietnamese workers on the 3rd Marine Air Facility. For the remaining personnel, it meant simply doubling their workload and finishing the assigned jobs.

Their camp construction ranged from a thousand man galley clear through to a basketball court for use by the Seabees who still had energy left at the end of a Vietnam workday. Charlie Company also furnished Builders and Steelworkers for the project on Hill 724.

Records were made to be broken by Charlie Company. A 500 man galley at the Force Logistics Support Group complex was finished by them in just 11 days and 4 hours. In addition, "The Capable Charlies" can boast of 125 barracks, 31 Quonset Huts, 12 Stran-steel buildings, 8 Butler buildings, and an administration building.

The People to People Program was not forgotten by the men of Charlie Company. On Sunday afternoons, many of them volunteered to aid in the construction of a school house and the repair of two bridges for the Vietnamese citizens.

An old quote states that to get a job done one must give it to a busy man and it seemed that Charlie Company was always busy. Now that the company is back in the States, it is applying its "lessons learned" to further training so that the next deployment will be even more successful for them than their first cruise to Vietnam.
Paul M. Breaux
New Orleans, La.
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Borney B. Boshell
Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Peter M. Baskoffsky
Eggesik, Alaska

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Freehold, N. J.
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Joseph A. Schmidt
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Hudsonville, Mich.

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Richard L. Winneroski  
Walled Lake, Mich.
Lindell Young  
Malvern, Ark.
John L. Zumek  
Block Island, Wash.
Many of the Seabees of Delta Company saw Vietnam for the first time in February as members of the advance party. Their job was to prepare a camp and perimeter defenses for the arrival of the MCB ONE main body in March. Mortar pits and barbed wire became their first taste of War Zone construction. After the arrival of the main body their primary project consisted of continued camp construction.

From the camp, the company moved to the 30 NCR area and began construction on nine permanent type enlisted barracks. These were finished in record time. FLSG followed and a pre-fab crew worked in the area full-time in order to keep up with the field crew. Again these jobs were completed to meet a short deadline.

The biggest and most demanding project was still to come. The Company was moved into the 12th Marine Division area and began to replace the canvas hut roofs with tin. A Marine left his tent for the field in the morning and returned at night to find he was living under a tin roof. The big push was on. The by-word was production. At 1430 on 4 September, the axe fell. At 0800 the next day Delta Company was to mount out in entirety for Chu Lai to aid in the completion of a crosswind runway. Work was begun at 1200 on the day of arrival. Again records were broken. Three culverts running a total length of 1200 feet containing 900 yards of concrete and many lineal feet of Rebar tying it together were finished and finished ahead of schedule despite a mortar attack during the project. It is a tribute to the spirit and training of these men that they returned to Camp Haskins with every man intact and ready to complete the Marine roofing project.

It has been proven. Delta Company "CAN DO".
Place: Da Nang, Republic of South Vietnam.
Time: March to November 1966.
Persons: The members of Headquarters Company.
Scene: Aboard an Air Force C-141 Starlifter drifting down towards the runway at Quonset Point.

As the plane touches down, everyone thinks back to the day when we all boarded another C-141 at Quonset and flew into a new world and the challenges of Vietnam.

Upon arrival in Da Nang, there were many immediate problems to face. First, there was the natural fear of a strange place plus the extreme heat and the night. But everyone became used to these things in time, and soon the members of "H" Company found themselves filling sandbags, stringing barbed wire, setting up temporary offices, moving from tents into huts, building mortar pits and finally getting permanent offices. With these things done, work began on a regular basis and slowly but surely Headquarters Company got on its feet with a full workload.

There was no easy time for anyone as every day was a full one in every department. The surveyors had one of the heaviest workloads when we first arrived; they had to lay out what was to be built. The draftsmen also went at it with great vigor because there were changes to be made and new plans to be drawn.

Supply was constantly busy, from the Supply Warehouse, to the galley, the exchange, the barber shop, and down to disbursing. All the other departments, Admin, Personnel, Public Affairs, and the Photo Lab also carried a full workload.

The Medical and Dental departments had a unique job to carry out. Besides caring for the men in the Battalion, each Friday they went to a nearby hamlet to treat the Vietnamese.

With work came relaxation, as remembered through the efforts of our Special Services department. Also, we could always go to "To Be Announced", the nightly movie, or to the club, or take an afternoon swim.

Later in the deployment in Headquarters Company, there were two very necessary challenges to be met, and through good leadership, plus an able and organized following, they were met.

First, the first platoon of "H" Company, known as the Turtle Platoon, stood ready every night to be called out as a reactionary force in case of emergency. Assisting this group with illumination were the capable mortar crews.

The second challenge that faced "H" Co. was the coming monsoon season. For several weeks, mainly during September, it was our job to dig and maintain drainage ditches in the Company and Headquarters area.

Now, as we sit in Davisville, it all seems like a dream, yet for the members of Headquarters Company it will always be as vividly clear as it was the day we came home.
James M. Dougherty
Morriston, Po.
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San Pedro, Cal.
Terry Edmisten
Rockville, Md.
John Falciglia
Scranton, Pa.
William R. Farlow
Greensboro, N. C.

Eugene R. Felt
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New Britain, Conn.
Kenneth Thompson
Arlington, Mass.
Dennis W. Woznicki
Parma, Ohio
"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the Shadow of Death, I will fear no evil —
cuz I'm the meanest mutha in the valley!"
AWARDS
AND
CEREMONIES
Trooping of the line by General Simpson, Commander Hardy and LCDR Stedman.

Appreciation to our host, 2nd Battalion, 6th Marines.
CHANGE OF COMMAND
2 JUNE 1966
Promotion for a deserving Seabee

Farewell to a fine Builder

Captain Spencer R. Smith CEC, USN, Commander Const Batt Atlantic, promotes five Seabees to Petty Officer Third on the summit of Hill 724
Captain G. A. Busbee, CEC, USN, COMCBLANT, presents Secretary of the Navy Commendations for Achievement to Chief Ferris, John Dever and Holverson for outstanding performance of duty in constructing missile site on Hill 724, Da Nang.
NAVY COMMENDATION MEDALS

awarded to:

LTJG W. B. GARROTT, CEC, USNR

"For outstanding performance of duty while serving as officer in charge of the detachment for construction of the LAAM Battery Site, Hill 724, from June to August 1966... Under his superb personal leadership, the LAAM Site was carved and blasted from heavily forested and steep mountain slopes... thick jungle, a torturous supply route and enemy sniper fire were skillfully overcome with sound professional judgement, extraordinary initiative and untiring effort. (His) personal leadership, judgement and inspiring devotion to duty upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

LCDR W. N. AHRENS, CEC, USN

"For outstanding performance of duty while serving as Operations Officer of USN MCB ONE from March to August 1966. Under the most demanding conditions of construction in a combat zone, LCDR AHRENS was responsible for the organization and direction of the Battalion's total construction program. He applied his enthusiasm, aggressiveness, industry and initiative... to achieve impressive production in spite of material shortages, civil unrest and frequent lack of design.... (His) superior leadership, untiring efforts, extraordinary professional competence and absolute devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval Service."

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TRAINING DEPLOYMENT TO CAMP LEJEUNE

FEBRUARY 1966
VIETNAM

RED BEACH, DANANG

MARCH — NOVEMBER

1966
FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS

Temporary Defenses...

Fill 100,000 sandbags...

Fresh water...

Clear and level the beach.
Receive the Director of Construction for Vietnam...

Good chow for the producer...

Improve defenses...

And let the world know the Finest has arrived.
THE CAMP
BY LATE
MARCH

EASTER
SUNRISE
PROJECTS WERE STARTED ...
... AND FRIENDS MADE
WE FOUND IT LIKE THIS...
THE COUNTRY AND PEOPLE . . .
THE CAMP . . .

IN THE EARLY DAYS . . .
FORCE LOGISTICS SUPPORT GROUP . . .
... AND OTHER JOBS
CONSTRUCTION
THE FINISHED PRODUCT
OPERATIONAL
21 AUGUST 66
FORCE LOGISTICS SUPPORT GROUP
AND
FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND
HEADQUARTERS
These are the plans for... F.L.C.

It's a bit much, isn't it? After all he's only a marine.

Boot!

Now, here is where we'll be using the ceramic tile and stairs. I'm telling you about plans!

LT Garcia - 30 HCR - GEN'Z

I love looking at house plans!
There you are, General. Your new house is all finished.

Well, what do you think?

It's beautiful!
BIRD'S EYE VIEWS . . .
... OF THE FINISHED PRODUCT.
SPECIAL PROJECTS

FOR
CNO?
400 STRONG BACK TENTS CONVERTED . . .

. . . TO HUTS
BOX CULVERTS FOR THE CROSSWIND RUNWAY AT CHU LAI

AND POL STORAGE FOR NSA
CIVIC ACTION
AND WE HAD FUN TOO!
FRIDAY

Not only do I have to design the damn thing...

And anyone who doesn't square away will be shipped home...
SOME WELL!

BOOTS
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
NUMBER ONE ROCK?

Would you believe 500 gpm?
I see where Dupont has dropped five points this morning . . .
THE MARINES HAVE LANDED...
AND AS OUR FAREWELL DREW NEAR IT RAINED
HOME AGAIN!
CRUISEBOOK

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