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CHRONOLOGY

SECTION I

- 23 NOV Advance Party of MCB FOUR arrived at Camp Shields, Chu Lai.
- 9 DEC Main Body on board. MCB FOUR replaced MCB TEN at Camp Shields. Primary work load is Airfield, Helopads and 2 double Butlers.
- 17 DEC Heavy rains and strong winds. Eighteen berthing tents were damaged beyond repair. Three circus tents were destroyed. Field crews spent the majority of their time trying not to lose ground in their respective projects. The storm lasted three days.
- 23 DEC BGEN L. E. ENGLISH, USMC, ADC of the 3rd MARDIV visited Camp Shields.
- 24 DEC RADM J. S. KELLEY, CHC, USN, Chief of Navy Chaplains visited Camp Shields.
- 25 DEC MCB FOUR Part I pack up began arriving.
- 3 JAN Commenced construction of the shower and galley program in Chu Lai.
- 8 JAN Began construction of the first concrete batch plant (of home made design) in Chu Lai.
- 9 JAN Began construction of semi-permanent facilities in Camp Shields.
- 16 JAN Began major rehabilitation of north 4000 ft. of the airfield at 0030.
- 16 JAN Struck water in Chu Lai's first deep well (189 ft.).
- 16 JAN Began construction of Chu Lai's Medical facilities.
- 25 JAN First Concrete was batched using makeshift plant and new transit mix trucks.
- 10 FEB RADM T. R. WESCHLER, USN, CO of NSA DaNang visited Camp Shields.
- 16 FEB RADM G. W. PRESSEY, USN, CINCPACFLT (J-4) visited Camp Shields.
- 18 FEB RADM R. R. WOODING, CEC, USN, OICC SAIGON and BGEN C. DUNN, USA, COMUSMACV Staff visited Camp Shields.
- 24 FEB Completed runway rehabilitation.
- 1 MAR OIC of the MCB THREE Advance Party reported to CO, MCB FOUR for Operational Control for a one month period.
- 4 MAR Celebrated 24th birthday of the Seabees and 99th birthday of the Civil Engineer Corps at the Chu Lai Seabee Birthday Party held in the Camp Shields EM Club.

15 MAR Mounted out a 15 man construction detail by air to Kham Duc, RVN.

16 MAR Began work on Kham Duc runway after airlifting a small work detail with construction equipment to the Special Forces Camp near the Laotian border.

17 MAR LTGEN CASSIDY, USA, Chief of Engineers U.S. Army visited MCB FOUR.

22 MAR EOH3 Arnold J. FAULKNER was killed at Kham Duc in a construction accident.

27 MAR Began construction of permanent road surfacing in Chu Lai.

4 APR Completed Kham Duc Runway project.

16 APR RADM W. M. HEAMAN, CEC, USN, COMCBPAC-DIRPACDOCKS and RADM W. M. ENGER, CEC, USN, Deputy Chief of BUDOCKS visited Camp Shields for twenty-four hours.

20 APR MGEN L. J. FIELDS, CG 1ST MARDIV visited Camp Shields.

25 APR Completed the major rehabilitation of Camp Shields. All berthing and most Admin buildings were tin roofed; a chapel, "O" Club, EM Club, and Acey Deucey Club were constructed, by Vietnamese contractors, and Camp Shields roads and equipment yards were improved.

1 MAY Commenced the hiring and training of local Vietnamese laborers in the trades of carpenter, rigger, welder, mason and automotive mechanic.

16 MAY Seabee Team 0405 departed for Port Hueneme for training prior to deployment.

16 MAY Commenced construction of the Chu Lai Community and Recreation Facilities.

19 MAY Completed the first Refrigerated Storage Facilities in Chu Lai.

3 JUN RADM WOODING, CEC, USN, visited Camp Shields on his first official tour as Commander, 3rd Naval Construction Brigade.

5 JUN Completed the original work order for construction and improvement of the Chu Lai Airfield.

18 JUN Completed Chu Lai's only POL tank facilities.

27 JUN Began operation of Chu Lai's first full scale batch plant. The plant serves MCB 4, MCB 3, and 1st Marine Division Engineers.

12 JUL MCB FOUR Advance Party departed for CONUS.

15 JUL MCB FORTY Advance Party arrived in Chu Lai.

18 JUL Began construction of a new SATS crosswind runway at Chu Lai.

16 AUG MCB FOUR departed Chu Lai.

WEATHER

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>NO OF RAINY DAYS</u>	<u>TOTAL RAIN FALL (in)</u>	<u>CONSTRUCTION CONDITIONS</u>
DEC	26	10.05	POOR
JAN	14	4.34	POOR
FEB	8	5.49	POOR
MAR	4	1.86	EXCELLENT
APR	0	0.00	EXCELLENT
MAY	14	7.54	GOOD
JUNE	3	1.43	EXCELLENT
JULY	6	2.47	EXCELLENT
AUG 1-10	7	2.84	GOOD

DAYLIGHT HOURS

SUNRISE	06:56	07:04	07:18	06:14	06:18	06:31
SUNSET	18:12	18:16	18:31	19:19	19:23	19:23
DAYLIGHT HOURS	11:16	11:12	11:13	13:05	13:05	12:52
	NOV	DEC	JAN	JUN	JULY	AUG