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Would You Believe? This in



THIS "BATMAN" DIVE IS ONE OF MANY ODD GYRATIONS PERFORMED AT THE POOL.

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THE 3d Brigade of the 4th Inf. Div. recently added to the repertoire of man's most unusual wars when it re-opened a French swimming pool at Dau Tieng, just across the border from Viet Cong rifle fire.

In a scene that would undoubtedly send Lloyd's third time, the combat-hardened 3d Brigade took to the new swimming pool almost as calmly as a Viet Cong soldier.

"It's unbelievable!" said one specialist. "I had fun since I left the States. About the only thing girls."

And few would dispute that this was the greatest hit the camp since Armed Forces television brought the country late last year.

When the Ivymen arrived in War Zone C, it did to uncover and overrun the dilapidated swimming pool built under the shade of the Michelin Rubber Plant in the 1930s.

The pool was marred by 20 years of neglect. The system was beyond use, debris contaminated the water, and an explosion had ripped out a chunk of cement) but definitely there.

The 2d Bn., 12th Inf., getting a chance to move in, cleaned up, then moved out, not before it had moved below the sun deck, dumping 80 gallons of paint on 275,000 gallons of water to fill the tank.

The result was a fabulous 81-foot-long, 31-foot-wide pool and an opening day splash-in that resembled a goldfish bowl.

Since opening day, the pool has taken on a life of its own and now features a little something for almost everyone.

The high divers have a four-meter tower, while the water skiers have a helicopter rotor wing has been in the pool.

A wading pool tapering down to four feet across the pool deck, wanting to relax and forget the bitter turmoil in War Zone C.

The sun deck is equipped with a stereo unit, as well as available masks, swim fins and snorkels.

The pool is managed by Sp5 Ray Croft. He is in charge of the care and maintenance of the pool and equipment. He is assisted by Sp4s Jim Fulton and Richard W. McAtee.

In addition to their other duties, the pool crew teaches swimming classes for the non-swimmers in the brigade.

The pool is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. suggested putting up night lights for a midnight splash.

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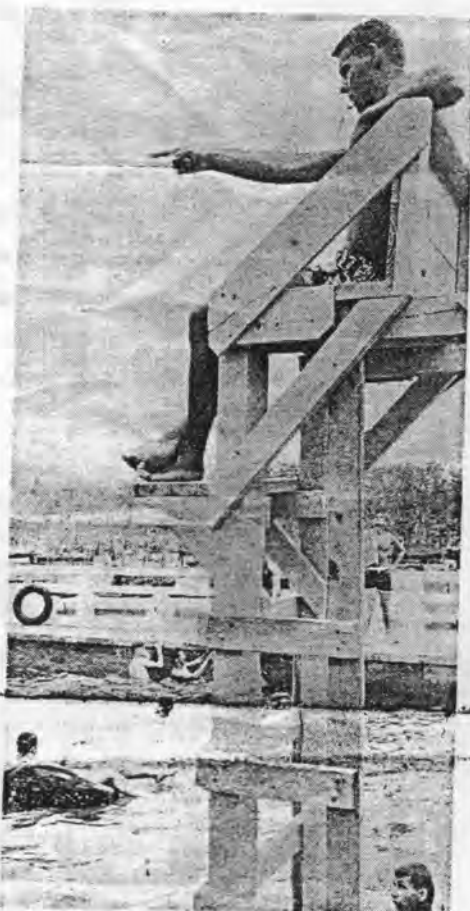
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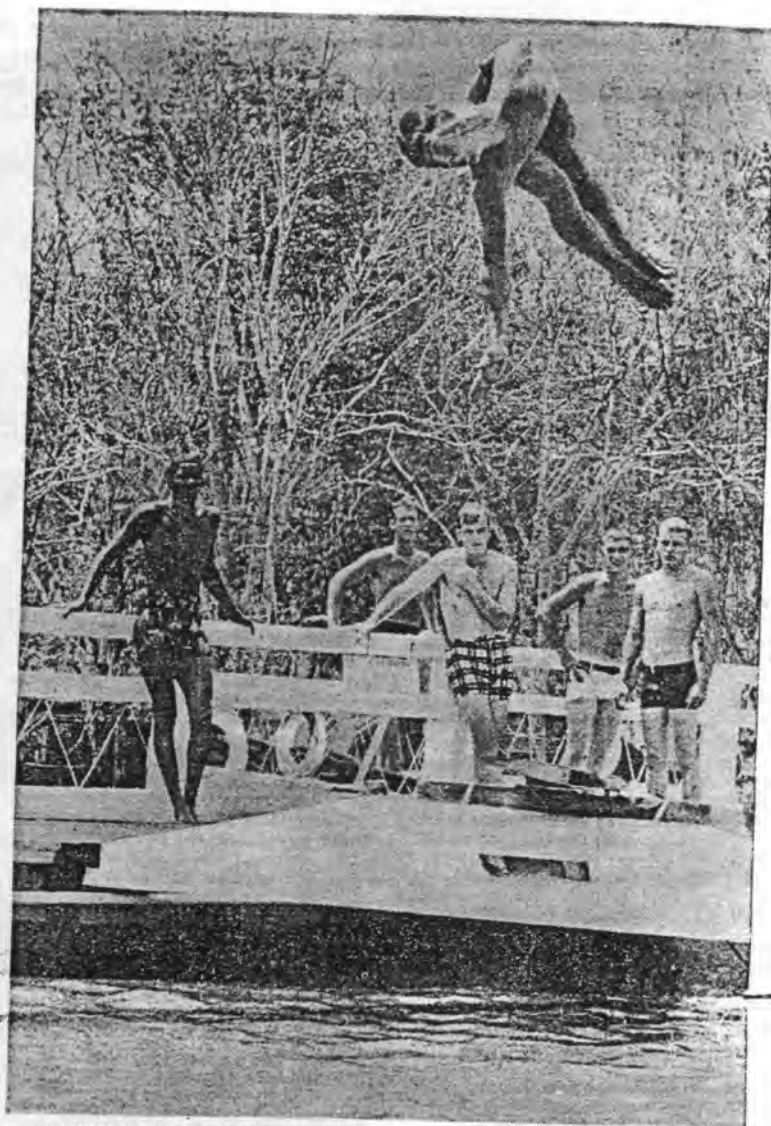
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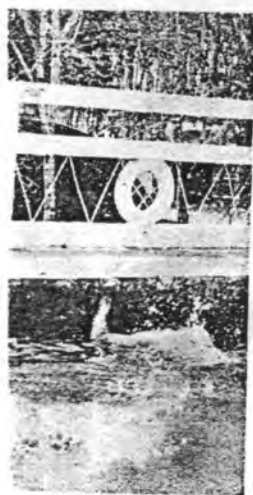
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There's nothing like an old inner tube to add fun and games to a pleasant day at the pool despite a war that rages on nearby.