

MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION 22

22



Feb. 1969

LONE STAR BATTALION

THE CAPTAIN'S CORNER
Some six months ago (seven for the advance party), NMCB-22 deployed to S.E. Asia as an untested combination of Reserve Officers, Petty Officers and men, brought up to strength with Regular Navy career enlisted.

Never in the history of this nation had a Reserve Naval Construction Battalion been ordered to duty. Therefore, many eyes were turned our way to see if we could perform in an acceptable manner.

I am most happy to report to you that your Seabee has performed in an outstanding manner on every task handed him. And your Seabee has set a pace that will be hard for anyone to stay with long!

They accomplished their work not from the pushing of the Officers, but that from within themselves they wanted to prove that indeed they are "Professionals".

We are now very busy getting ready for our return to civilian life in the near future, and the morale of the men continues at a very high level.

I am certain that all will be happy to return home again.

Roy "L" Dunlap
CDR, CEC, USNR
Commanding Officer

"It will be like a man who is about to leave home on a trip: he called his servants and put them in charge of his property....After a long time, the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The servant who had received \$5,000 came in... 'Well done, good and faithful servant!' said his master. You have been faithful in managing small amounts, so I will put you in charge of large amounts. Come on in, and share my happiness!" (Mt. 25)

WHEN WILL HE GET TO G'PORT?

Flight schedules from RVN are classified information and may not be publicized. Further, the exact day and time of departure of any flight is imprecise until within several hours of the actual departure.

Servicemen may inform you of the flight number on which he is returning.

Bona Fide, listed dependants may obtain the scheduled time of arrival of the flight (and any change of schedule) by phoning CBC Gulfport (601: 864-6220) and asking for "Mount Out Control Center", extension 296 or 329.

LEAVE & LIBERTY ON RETURN CONUS

The Command is most concerned about enabling personnel to be reunited with families ASAP on arrival CONUS.

Consent then with the target date of 17 March 1969 for release, leave and liberty will be as follows:

Everyone to G'port

All personnel will return to Gulfport from RVN. Leave, liberty and transfers will be effected there.

96-hour Passes

Upon arrival at Gulfport, after a minimum check-in, personnel desiring such will be granted a 72- or 96- hour pass. (A 96 must include a Saturday and Sunday.)

Leave Discouraged

Reserve personnel being released have been discouraged in taking leave because of the short time for processing for release by the target date.

Leave to be Granted

Personnel continuing on active duty with other units will be granted leave, if desired, shortly after arrival.

"H" TYPES DISCHARGES MELODIOUSLY

Due to increased work load in the Admin-Personnel and Supply offices the past few weeks, there hasn't been much time for extra-curricular activities. However, Headquarters Company is the only Company that can boast about typing DD-214's to the beat of the Tiajuana Brass!

Further, Engineering is becoming well known for its prowess as a recording studio. With the help of Special Services & WO Corder's buying trips, the EA and legal offices are well equipped for re-recording all that good music.

Headquarters would like to say, "Welcome Aboard", to MCB-53. We are all willing to relinquish our hold on Camp Haskins (North) to these staunch and sturdy "Regulars"!

"B" Notes:

THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE

A letter of appreciation was received by the Chaplain in appreciation for the work performed by men of Bravo Company in installing a compressor for the reefer at the Sacred Heart school-orphanage.

Men included were UT1 B.L. Wilson, UT2 S.J. Junda, UT2 S.N. Pinkston, UT2 D.D. Scott, UT3 H.K. Lowe, and UTCN A. J. Thomas.

SOFTBALL TEAM: "Number One"

Bravo is leading the battalion in the softball league, the only undefeated team this far.

UT1 E.C. Hagar, manager, says they're going to finish the season undefeated, despite the transfer of one of the top hitters (Benny Pippen) to Vinh Dai.

YANKEE HANKY PANKY

Camp Maintenance chief, V.H. 'Stubby' Green, is not too sure about this southwestern battalion, for the 'rebels' have been giving him a hard time about his Yankee heritage. He indicates he can hardly wait to go on detachment again to get away from his harrassers.

COOK-OUT COMMITTEE REPORT

Modifying the rigors of war and family separations, UT2 S.J. Junda and CE1 F.L. 'Pappy' Kalinec produce the smoke signals for the Bravo cook-out committee for steaks on the beach. 'Pappy' grills.

CHARLIE'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As the final deployment month rolls, all are busy on various jobs, getting them in shape to turn over to the relieving battalion.

NightandDay, 200 Hootches

Another outstanding company feat was prefabbing 200 sea hootches, which another battalion will erect.

This involved all builders and a few steelworkers, in two crews, 24 hours a day.

The day crew, under supervision of BU1 McArthur, BU1 Wooten and BU1 Skloss. In this force were BU2 Shackelford, BU2 Rodriguez, BU2 Cheatwood, BU2 Rosales, BU2 Segura, BU2 Burton, SW3 Benedict, CN Hae-seker, CN Lichenfels, CN Castoe, CN McCarthy, CN Almand, CN Beckman, CN Soderman, CN Meredith, CN Wooten, CN Wallman, CN Hall, CN Peck, CN Richard Jordan, and CR Myer.

The night crew was under the supervision of BU1 Spillman. Working with him were BU3 Williams, BU3 Coodey, BU3 Barber, CN Longoria, CN Glass, CN David Jordan & CN Downing.

All did an outstanding job, working long hours to complete the task, under considerable pressure, within a tight schedule.

Data Processing Center

General construction of the FLC Data Processing Center, under BUC Hammond, combines all the forces of Charlie Co, including steelworkers. Doing an outstanding job in wood as well as metal are SWC Mc Neal; SW1's Minero, Smiddy, Raute and Evans; SW2's Musser, Barrera, Avalos and Dixon; and CN Willison.

Miscellany

BUC Oertli has been tasked, as battalion embarkation chief, with the mount out of personnel and equipment... BU1 Cottingham has done outstandingly in getting the men's personal gear prepared for shipment with minimum loss of man hours from work. ...BU2 Shackelford has departed for a California hospital and surgery; we look to meeting him again in Gulfport... Congratulations, CN Giles, on the son born Feb 1. ...Thanks, Lt. Harry, for the Chicken Gumbo and barbecued chicken at the cook-out. ...We're all looking forward to the trip back to Gulfport and our families

Very Important!!!

DEPENDANTS' I.D. CARDS

Dependants of service men being released from active duty 17 March 69 MUST turn in their I.D. cards, via the serviceman at Gulfport by 15 March 69!

If you are coming to Gulfport for the [REDACTED] Review, be sure to bring your card.

If you will not be at Gulfport, it is suggested that it be given or mailed to your serviceman in time to arrive by 12 March.

Mail should be marked, "HOLD FOR ARRIVAL", and addressed:

Name & Rank

NACE-22 (Attn: LCDR G. Smith)

CBC

Gulfport, Miss. 39501

NINETY-THREE HONORED

Ninety-three members of "22" were recognized for outstanding achievement during this tour in RVN. MACV Certificates of Achievement were presented 16 February to 11 Officers, 10 Chiefs, 13 First Class, 31 Second Class, 14 Third Class, and 14 E-3's.

Officers receiving certificates were Lt. Commanders Cornell, Schell and Smith; Lts. de la Garza, Harry, Williamson, Harrigan, and Hill; LTJG's Flaker and Dennis-Strathmeyer; and CWO (2) Corder.

Chiefs include UTCM Fisher, CEC Tarter, PNC Remes, PCC McAngus, HMC Diaz, BUC Quintanilla, SWC Green, UTC McAnelly, BUC Hammond, and BUC Oertli.

E-6's being called out for presentation included SK1 Alonzo Williams, SD1 Edgardo Lumagui, RM1 Robert Furman, EO1 James Hyatt, CM1 Lloyd Paulson, CM1 Frank Castenada, BU1 Bill McArthur, EO1 Ronald Nunez, BU1 Johnnie Cottingham, BU1 Billy Stewart, BU1 Charles Seaman, BU1 Wayne Reeves, and BU1 Jackie White.

Among the 31 Second Classmen receiving the award were YN2 Jesus F. Cortez, YN2 Ernest G. Olivares, EA2 Derald M. Killgore, BU2 Jose M. de la Hoz, CS2 Kenneth Dean, CS2 James L. Leslie, CS2 Albert

Baker, CM2 Jerry W. Vint, CM2 Irwin J. Joubert, CE2 Arthur B. Peisner, CM2 Joseph L. Wise, Jr., MR2 Clarence N. Ayers, EO2 Juan J. Silva, EO2 John A. Death, EO2 Thomas L. Godwin, SM2 Dwayne Hudson, and EO2 Tyrone H. Tyll.

Also EO2 Parker R. Ream, CS2 William C. Minshew, UT2 Lon F. Curbello, Jr., UT2 Walter S. Boyd, UT2 Dale B. Scott, SW2 Floyd L. Tally, CE2 George M. Wilson, Jr., BU2 Jaime Rosales, BU2 Herman A. Skloss, BU2 Clovis C. Weston, BU2 Kenneth G. Kennedy, BU2 Thomas W. Newman, BU2 Rueben Pedroza, and SW2 Lloyd L. Dooley.

Third Classmen cited were EO3 Truman E. Wood, BU3 Clarence A. Storey, GM3 George S. Darley, CM3 Jerome J. Wasielewski, EO3 Robert C. Newberry, EO3 John M. Nelsh, CM3 Edward J. Kelly, EO3 Eduardo D. Sandoval, CE3 Carl R. Hughey, UT3 Harry K. Lowe, BU3 Gustavo J. Rodriguez, BU3 James A. Byrum, SW3 Ralph N. Hently, and BU3 Timothy McPherson.

The list of E-3's consisted of CN Robert T. Dawkins, CN Darryl W. Reed, CN Richard L. Curbello, SN Robert J. Stanley, CN Duane W. Utoff, CN Gary W. Barnes, CN Robert H. Lucius, Jr., CN Joseph A. Lauria, CN Timothy D. Roberts, CN Ronald F. Coutu, SN Frank J. Fontenot, SN Roy G. Sluzis, CN James A. MacKay, and CN Daniel K. Thurston.

AUTOMOBILE PASSES - GULFPORT

Personnel planning to bring their cars to Gulfport and onto CBC are reminded to bring title, current insurance policy, and evidence of current inspection.

PESKY (but important) PILLS

Upon return COMUS, personnel of "22" will receive a special after-RVN gift from the Medical Department: a small container of 8 orange-colored tablets.

The hideous-hued tabs sometimes do awesome things intestinally, but they are also most powerful in preventing malaria.

In RVN, Thursdays have been "pillday" for "22". Dependants are urged to assist their servicemen to continue to take the

Special Events!

"THE LAST WEEKEND"

A special invitation is extended to dependents of "22" personnel to be in Gulfport on Friday and Saturday, 14 and 15 March.

Friday evening there will be a Battalion Party for couples at the Broadwater Beach Motel.

All dependents are invited to the final Pass-in-review Ceremony at 1400 (2:00 pm) on the CBC Grinder.

NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM "D"

Delta notes that we've now seen two New Years for 1969: the one we know back home and one here in Vietnam.

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PLAUDITS COME TO PAO

Garnering commendations along with the remainder of "22", Public Affairs has received two recent recognitions for its quality of work.

The Chief of Naval Information named THE BUG as 1 of the top 6 unit newspapers in Navywide competition. Selection was for production during the 4th quarter of CY '68.

During the same period of time, 'Home Town News releases' from "22" were judged by 3rd Naval Construction Brigade as best among all battalions In-Country. On the bases of "timely, accurate & informative" the releases bring an award plaque to the

Called "TET" and pronounced "Tate", it ran from the night of 16 Feb until the 19th.

So, Mother, Sweethearts, Wives, little brother & sister, and, of course, Father:

"Tol' chu cong, ba (co, em) phat tai va hanh phuc nam moi."

We wish you a prosperous new year since this is a new lunar year out here In-Country. It's nothing like back in the "world", the good old U.S.A. I mean. Here, all good shipmates know it as "Xuen" (zoo-un).

Good wishes to our new papa, Donald L. Covelli, on the new addition to Delta Co: Lisa Lynn Covelli, born 24 Nov 68.

*This may represent the sentiments of the Command and editor; we don't know!



battalion and letters of commendation to CEC O.W. Tarter, SN Roy G. Sluzis and CN Douglas J. Luryea.

CHAPEL FUNDS DISTRIBUTE \$3,011.35

Two major projects have received assistance from 22's Catholic and Protestant Chapel Funds during this deployment.

The Sisters of St. Paul at An Ngai Tay and Phu Tuong received \$1,072.90 from the Catholic Fund, for food, school supplies and building repairs.

The Protestant Fund is purchasing materials for the building of the Tin Lanh (Prot.) Church in Hoa Khanh village. This totalled \$1,893.75.

Chapel supplies purchased total \$65.00