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Giang Long residents who needed medical attention. Dr. Smith volunteered to spend 60 days in Vietnam under a program sponsored by the American Medical Association. "These programs (MEDCAPs and DENTCAPs) do a lot to take care of the immediate needs of the people," he said. He spends most his time working at the United States Overseas Mission hospital in Da Nang, but said that he plans to assist on rural medical programs as much as he can.

Assisting Dr. Smith were Hospital Corpsman Second Class Frank Reitinger, Hospital Corpsman Second Class Gene Wheat and Hospital Corpsman Third Class William Hardin.

Hospital Corpsman Reitinger explained how medical personnel were able to operate in a Viet Cong area. "The Viet Cong rarely interfere with our medical programs," he said. "It would be to their detriment if they bothered with a program that helps the people. Besides, we probably unknowingly treat a few of them when we go out into the hamlets and villages."

Dr. Elmer M. Smith, a civilian doctor, treats a child.

Crowded Condition Alleviated By Eng Construction Project

PLEIKU (USA) — Five U.S. soldiers from Company B, 815th Engineer Battalion (Construction), 937th Engineer Group are constructing a concrete block building for an orphanage in Bien Hoa village about nine miles north of Pleiku.

The orphanage—which is a school and boarding house—has been overcrowded for years. The new 16 x 32 foot building will be partitioned into three rooms—two bedrooms and a dining room—and will be the home of 20 children.

Sisters Dominique and Marie-Louise of the Order of St. Paul of Chartres first made their needs known to the battalion in early June. Since that time the battalion has helped out in various ways.

In August, the Company B engineers decided to tackle the building project. First Sergeant Hampton S. Sullivan volunteered to draw up the plans.

But they were not for the usual frame building; instead, the plans called for a sturdy wooden frame surrounded by a concrete block building. "We want something that will last 50 to 75 years," Sergeant Sullivan explained.

Specialist 5 Leonard K. May, Specialists 4 Randolph and Roger Billings and Private First Class Robert Jones are building the structure.

The rafters are now completed and tin roof has been set in place. Soon the men will begin putting up the brick walls. The final step will be the construction of a roof over the concrete walkway connecting the new house to the main building.

Before verticle construction began, the concrete floor was almost used for an unintended purpose. Several Viet Cong—carrying a mortar-climbed through the orphanage fence and started setting up their base plate.

Sister Dominique ran them off, but they left behind some Communist propaganda leaflets. In a Montagnard village three kilometers away, two other children were not as lucky, they were murdered by the Viet Cong the same night.

The next night the two nuns covered the concrete mixer with brown paper in an attempt to hide it from the VC. The following morning the soldiers were quite amused when they discovered the camouflaged cement mixer.

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Dau Tieng Renovates Ball Field

DAU TIENG (USA) — It was obvious to those present at the first soccer game played at Dau Tieng in several years that the Vietnamese were no strangers to the sport.

Playing on the recently refurnished soccer field in the heart of the village, 65 miles northwest of Saigon, the gold-shirted military—composed of members of the Regional and Popular forces (RF-PF) defending the village— were hard pressed by the blue-shirted civilians, who won the match 3-0.

A Sunday crowd of about 700 fans lined both sides of the field as the Chief of Tri Tam District, Captain Phan Manh-tuan, booted the ball to begin the game.

The renaissance of soccer in Dau Tieng can be credited to the efforts of the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division Civil Affairs Team and the cooperation of the village officials.

Seeing that what was once the home of Vietnam's champion soccer team had been turned into a pasture for pigs and cows, Second Lieutenant Charles Wray of the 2nd Civil Affairs Company asked the village officials what his office could do to put the field back in shape and get a soccer program started again in the village.

With the local population remembering some of the great soccer teams in Dau Tieng's past, the response was enthusiastic. The soccer field was cleared of the cows and pigs, the grass was mowed, and the fence encircling it was repaired and repainted. The broken-down goals were strengthened and new nets were added behind them.

For equipment, soccer balls and complete uniforms—including shorts, shirts of several colors, socks and soccer shoes—were acquired by the civil affairs team.

An elderly member of those great teams in Dau Tieng's past volunteered to coach the new teams, which were formed on an agelevel basis.

At present there are five different teams practicing in Dau Tieng. Each Sunday, the teams are paired off and the action begins.

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