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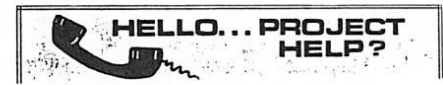
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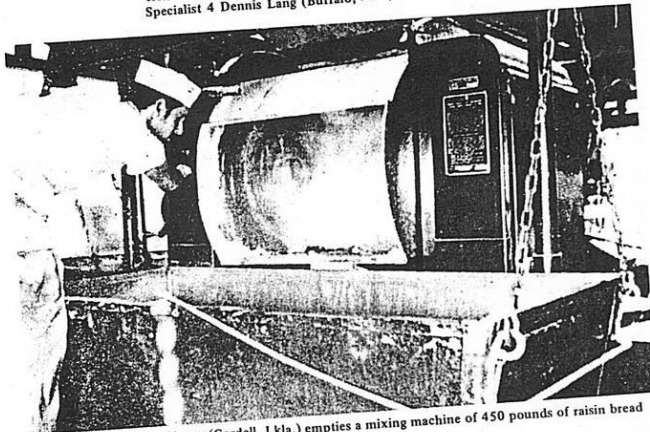
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6 types of 'bread' from the bakery



Molding the dough into loaves and "panning" it is a job for both men and machine. Shown (right to left) are: Specialist 4 Ken Hubbard (Casper, Wyo.), Specialist 5 Richard Schuck (Brooklyn, N.Y.), Specialist 4 Mark Licher (Geneva, Ill.), Specialist 4 Dennis Lang (Buffalo, N.Y.) and Private First Class David Brown (Tulsa, Okla.).



Specialist Four James Noyes (Cordell, Okla.) empties a mixing machine of 450 pounds of raisin bread dough.

CHU LAI, (23d Inf. Div. 10) - There's an old German saying that goes, "Where bread I eat, his song I sing." In Chu Lai and its environs, not too many songs are heard about the 4th Quartermaster Bakery Detachment, even though they supply all the units in and around Chu Lai with their bread.

About 4,000 pounds of bread come out of the 4th Quartermaster Bakery every day. Bread is its only product, French, white, raisin, whole wheat, cheese and potato—none of them are fancy or elaborate, but no one expects home cooking in Vietnam.

It takes four hours from the time the flour meets the yeast and other ingredients until a loaf of bread is ready for eating.

The 24 soldiers and nine Vietnamese civilians who work in the bakery, labor 12 hours a day, every day in order to ensure the bread the troops eat is always fresh.

First, the ingredients are mixed. About 450 pounds of goodies, including about 250 pounds of flour, 150 pounds of water and—surprisingly—a half cup of vinegar, are poured into a gigantic mixing machine that works just like mom's washer back in the "world."

According to Specialist Four James Noyes, Cordell, Okla., "There's a gigantic agitator in there that stirs everything up, just like a washing machine."

After everything is thoroughly mixed, the dough is transported to a molding machine. It ferments for a while, then gets chopped up into 216 loaves, each weighing 36 ounces.

Six at a time, the loaves are put into baking pans, then allowed to ferment a little longer before they're put into a 450-degree-hot oven. Each oven—there are three of them—can bake 216 loaves—a whole "dough"—at a time.

After baking for an hour, the loaves are allowed to cool; then they are moved to the packing room, where the Vietnamese civilians pack the bread in bags, six loaves at a time.

Sooner or later, a mess hall truck comes to pick up the bread and take it back to its ultimate destination—the soldier.



After the bread is baked, it is allowed to cool off before these two Vietnamese civilians wrap it. SOUTHERN CROSS June 25, 1971

Story and photos
by
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Master Sergeant Loran B. matter. ates Army with all of its ly help. And the only way

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performed a "Lombard stration of an anesthetic to the lower leg. physical therapist at the

hospital's Orthopedic Clinic, where Nguyen began to work at walking again.

Specialist Four Joe C. Lovato III, Northglenn, Colo., a physical therapist, stated that when Nhuyn first came in: "He wouldn't let anyone touch his leg and would not even attempt to walk on it. His problem was as much emotional as physical. He had convinced himself he would never walk again."

After only a few therapy lessons, Nguyen was walking once more, but with a noticeable limp. The intense pain he had known for so long was gone. By the end of a week he could walk without help, and seemed quite pleased with his returned mobility.

After little more than a week in the 91st Evac. Hospital, Nguyen was told he could return home. MSG Massey, who had frequently visited the boy, also seemed quite pleased to hear that Nguyen would be returning home. "That was one of the most rewarding parts of my job," he stated.



Story by
Sp4 William Hutchison
photos by
Sp4 Rick Holloway



196th & 198th combine efforts

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While on patrol near the same area, the "Mountainmen" found a weapons cache which included three machineguns, three tripods, nine circular magazines, one 76mm recoilless rifle, 31 76mm rounds, two small recoilless rifles, one heavy machinegun, four 82mm mortar rounds, and one Chinese-made 70mm howitzer.

Working northwest of Chu Lai, Delta Company, 4/3rd, engaged and killed one Viet Cong soldier. Captured in action was an AK-47 rifle, two Chicom hand grenades.

Earlier in the week the "Mountainmen" engaged and killed another Viet Cong trying to evade from the infantrymen.

In a night defensive position northwest of Chu Lai, Charlie Company, 4/3rd, engaged and killed one Viet Cong soldier as he neared the "Mountainmen's" position.

In an area northwest of Chu Lai, Echo Recon, 4/3rd, engaged and killed one enemy soldier. The "Mountainmen" also captured in action one AK-47 rifle which was extracted to a nearby LZ.

Gunships from the 23rd Infantry Division accounted for seven enemy kills this recent week and destroyed several enemy structures.

Flying over the 198th area of operations, gunships from Delta Troop, 1/1st Cavalry, engaged and killed four NVA soldiers with mini-guns and rocket fire. Gunships from Delta Troop, 1/1st Cavalry, engaged and killed one Viet Cong evading into a tree line, while flying over an area west of Chu Lai.

Using mini-guns and rocket fire, the gunships from Delta Troop were successful in destroying 10 enemy structures southwest of Chu Lai.

Action was light in the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, as the

"Regulars" had but one kill and detained five Viet Cong suspects during the recent week.

Charlie Company 1/6th, observed and engaged a group of Viet Cong killing one. Captured in action and extracted to an LZ were three Chicom hand grenades and one AK-47 magazine.

While on patrol west of Chu Lai, Alpha Company, detained five Viet Cong suspects which were extracted to a nearby LZ for further questioning.

Finally, the 198th Brigades' Highway Broadcast Team received 13 hand grenades, one anti-personnel mine, one rocket, and three recoilless rifle rounds.

CAROLINE HILL

In light action during this recent week of operations the "Chargers" of the 196th Infantry Brigade were credited for 14 enemy soldiers killed and over 4000 pounds of rice captured.

While in their night defensive position early in the week the Reconnaissance element of 2/1st Infantry engaged and killed one VC.

A few days later Recon, while on a search and clear mission southwest of Da Nang, observed seven enemy soldiers to their front. They engaged with small arms fire, killing two as the others evaded.

Later that week while patrolling an area southwest of Da Nang, Recon engaged and killed one NVA with small arms fire. Six packs containing 65 pounds of rice and miscellaneous medical supplies were captured in the action.

While patrolling an area southwest of Da Nang early that week, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry, found one enemy structure. Upon checking the structure, the "Gimlets" found 2000 pounds

of rice stored in wooden bins. The find was extracted to a nearby LZ.

Company C, 3/21st, while on patrol southwest of Da Nang found a cache consisting of 2,000 pounds of rice. The rice was extracted to Que Son.

Later in the week, Charlie Company engaged and killed one VC, while working an area southwest of Da Nang.

The Reconnaissance elements of the "Gimlets", while on patrol late this week came upon a structure and observed two VC. The enemy soldiers attempted to evade and were engaged by the Recon element. As a result, one VC was killed as the other successfully evaded to the southeast.

While patrolling an area southwest of Da Nang, the Recon element found 12 structures and detained two Vietnamese males. A search of the area uncovered 13 packs containing four NVA uniforms, one Chicom grenade, 10 pounds of rice, 10 pounds of potatoes and 80 pounds of corn. The detainees and supplies were extracted to a nearby LZ.

Early that week, while flying a visual reconnaissance mission in the 196th Brigade's AO (air of operation), Helix 16 observed four VC and processed artillery on their position. As a result, all four enemy soldiers were killed by the arty. The kills were credited to Battery A, 3rd Battalion, 16th Artillery.

Later in the week, Helix 16, while on a visual reconnaissance mission, observed three enemy soldiers and called in artillery on their location. As a result the artillery killed all three enemy soldiers. Battery B, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Artillery was credited with the kills.



A beautiful dancer, and a lively beat keeps the attention during this floor show at the 198th Refit area. These soldiers of A 1/6 seem entranced by the moves of the girl or is it the music of the "Big Sound" band. (US Army photo by Sp/4 James Richardson)

Officer hootch 'slants' on NDP

By Sp/5 Daniel McVann
CHU LAI (39th Engr. Bn. IO)
- Located in the middle of Night Defensive Position (NDP) Knight stands, or more accurately, slants, a most unusual looking edifice. Among the men of the 39th Engineer Battalion's Charlie Company, it is affectionately known as the "L.T. Abortion."

It all started three weeks ago when battalion supply reported they had some scrap lumber to get rid of. Not being one to pass up free material, Charlie Co. gathered it up and took it to the NDP. It was decided to construct a combination orderly room and officer hootch.

Originally there were no plans for an officer hootch as all requisitioned materials were to be utilized for the troops. To keep from detracting from the company project, troop labor was not used, but instead, "lieutenant labor!"

The hootch was primarily built by Lieutenants Bruce Gooding, Golden Valley, Minn., and Michael Shaw, Forest Park, Ga., with many others lending a hand.

The style could best be described as early slum. One of the major problems was that each day, various sizes of lumber were picked up and used the same day. The following day, different sizes would be brought in and used. This led to an assortment of lumber with little or no uniformity. In all, the 12 by 21 by 11 by 20 foot structure, uses more than 20 different lumber sizes.

When you see the hootch, you immediately notice a slight slant to the right. If you ask why, "for drainage." Likewise, the floor has several slopes to it, "for drainage." The incline of the building couldn't have anything to do with the fact that no levels, squares, etc. were used by the builders.

By far the most distinguishing feature of the "L.T. Hootch" is its floor. There was no lumber left over for the floor, so old bricks from nearby ruins were used instead. In addition, to being unique, the brick and mortar floor is quite cool.

Despite its lack of squareness and other minor shortcomings, the hootch is comfortable and sturdy. As testimony to its soundness, the Vietnamese KP's remarked, "Number one! This is where I go if we get trouble!" A true testimony to the worth of a lieutenant's labor.

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He awoke with bamboo viper

By Sgt. Tom Frey
CHU LAI (23rd Inf. Div. IO)
- How would you like to wake up some morning and find a "bamboo viper" hanging over your head? Exactly that happened recently to Specialist Four Joseph Chrisman, Hatfield, Ark., a member of the 23rd Infantry Division's 198th Infantry Brigade.

Chrisman, a rifleman from Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry, was lying down at his sleeping area of a night laager position when he noticed the poisonous serpent crawling among some branches directly over him.

"I was in a daze at first," said Chrisman, "but when I realized the danger, I immediately cleared the area, fast."

Members of the platoon chased the snake with sticks, fire M-79 canister rounds at it, and finally Specialist Four Dan Daily (Loving, Tex.) killed it with a machete.

"He was a hard one to kill, but we finally got rid of him," said Daily.

The deadly snake measured about six foot in length and possessed large fangs.

"We heard a saying that snakes travel in pairs," said Chrisman. "I hope it's not true because I don't want to wake up tomorrow and find the second one."



Relaxing "grunts" show their appreciation for a good show. These "grunts" who were on refit after 46 days in the field relax and get comfortable for the small amount of time they spend at the 198th Refit area. For the men of Alpha Company, 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry the days in the rear and the refit shows are just to few and far between for soon they will once again don their rucksacks, gather up their weapons and return to the bush. (US Army photo by Sp/4 James Richardson)

Soldier stood facing two NVA

By Sgt. Les Bechdel
FSB BRONCO (11th Brigade IO) - "It was a point blank situation. I had just reached a crest in the path when I came face to face with two NVA soldiers," exclaimed Specialist Four Richard C. Hatten.

Hatten, from Syracuse, N.Y., was walking point for his squad of Delta Company, 4th Bn., 3rd Inf., returning from a night patrol to their night laager position, approximately ten kilometers west of Minh Long in Quang Ngai Province. "We observed several signs of recent activity in the area as we made

our way along a small stream. It was a light brushy area and we were only about 100 meters from our night position when we made contact," explained Sgt. Henry O. Brown of Chesapeake, Va.

Hatten dropped the first enemy before he could return fire from his AK-47. The rest of the squad quickly moved up to give supporting fire. Another NVA soldier slid down an embankment to the stream leaving a heavy blood trail. "We could tell by the blood trail that he was moving downstream directly toward our other

element, so I radioed for the other squad to set up a hasty ambush," said Brown.

Specialist Four Rodney A. Barker of Riverside, Calif., sighted the fleeing NVA soldier first. Initiating the fire, he and machine gunner Darold W. Sime of Akron, Ohio, successfully stopped the NVA's escape.

The 11th Bde. troopers swept through the area of contact and found one AK-47 and magazine, one Chinese Communist grenade, two rucksacks, and various medical supplies. All captured equipment was removed to a rear area.

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Injured Vietnamese boy



CHU LAI, (23d Inf. Div. 10) - Thanks to the concern shown by one G.I., a young Vietnamese boy will once again be able to run and play with his friends.

Nguyen-Van-Hong, eleven years old, was injured when Viet Cong terrorists detonated a bomb in the movie theater in which he was sitting. His body was hit by multiple fragments and debris. He was treated at a local Vietnamese hospital, and when his wounds had sufficiently healed he was released. At the time no-one suspected that the young boy had a more serious problem.

When Nguyen arrived home, in An Tan, his parents found that he could not walk. Because of an intense pain in his lower left leg, he would not even let anyone touch it. Since no-one knew quite what to do, the child just lay around home. For nearly two months Nguyen lay at the door of his hooch and watched his young friends playing. He could not even stand because of the pain. His leg began to wither.

The small boy's plight became known to the 23d Infantry

Division's G-5 Civil Affairs section. MSG Massey, Johnson City, Tenn., took over. He felt "that the United States modern medical equipment, could find out what was to get the boy up there."

Two months after losing the use of his leg, Nguyen was admitted to the 91st Evacuation Hospital. He was examined by Dr. (Major) Barry J. Levine, an orthopedic surgeon. Dr. Levine found that a bullet had entered the boy's left buttock, causing the sciatic nerve. This inflammation was causing the intense pain that was his leg.

To reduce the pain Dr. Levine administered "Sympathetic Block", which was the only relief. The boy was then turned over to the physical therapist.

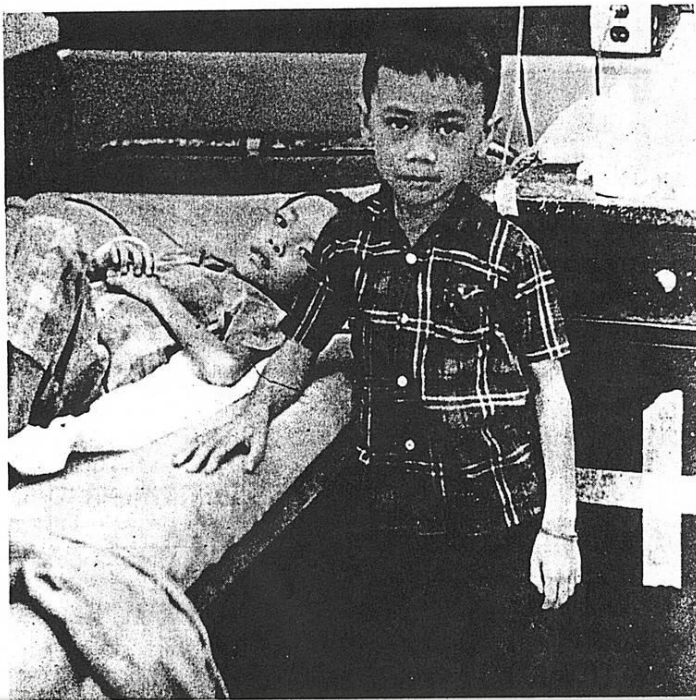
TOP LEFT: Nguyen-Van-Hong, a very happy eleven year old, expresses elation over the news that he will soon be going home. He holds a model helicopter a gift from a G.I. who cared.

MIDDLE LEFT: Nguyen, a shy boy by nature, never really became accustomed to hospital life. It was all just too big. Here he is shown with his only friend who occupied an adjoining bed.

CENTER: Under the watchful eye of Sp/4 Joe Lovato, a physical therapist at the 91st Evacuation Hospital, Nguyen gamely begins to walk under his own power. The sensation of again walking was quite a surprise to him.

UPPER RIGHT: Here Lovato works with conditioning and toning up the boy's leg, which had lost much of its strength. Nguyen looks on with intense interest.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Under the direction of the physical therapist, Nguyen exercises different muscles in his leg. After two months of no use, he had to be taught once more to use his leg.





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Jennifer O'Neill smiles with satisfaction after starring in her recent film "Rio Lobo" with John Wayne. (Photo courtesy JWT)

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Sergeant Charles E. Hatfield and his crew prepare to partake of one of life's little pleasures as he gets ready to try the first batch of his concoction. Hatfield is chief of gun crew No. 4, Battery B, 1st Bn. 14th Artillery at FSB Linda. (U.S. Army Photo by Sp/4 David R. Prim)

Sgt. Hatfield starts Humgullian stew craze

By Sp/4 David R. Prim
FSB LINDA (23d DIVARTY IO) - Humgullian stew is the number one dish at Bravo Battery, 1st of the 14th Artillery, since the unit moved to FSB Linda, west of Da Nang. The battery is a jump unit, constantly moving between makeshift firebases. That means a pretty steady diet of C's for the men of Bravo Battery.

Sergeant Charles E. Hatfield,

chief of gun crew number four, concocted the stew from a combination of C's and named it after the Humgully, a short-lived popular dance of the 40's.

"I just take some beef and shrapnel (beef and potatoes with gravy), tomato sauce from barbed wire and buckshot (spaghetti and meatballs) and get a couple of fresh tomatoes smuggled in on the supply ship."

"Season, mix and simmer in a

saucy pan until the meat looks like meat again, then serve," recites the Sergeant.

Sergeant Hatfield picked up the culinary skills during a brief break in the service when he and his brother-in-law operated a diner in Hot Springs, Ark. Asked to give his opinion of the Humgullian stew, Sergeant Hatfield modestly remarked, "It's just one of life's little pleasures."

New mess hall for 1st of 21st

FSB SAN JUAN HILL (23rd Inf. Div. IO) - Engineers of the 23rd Infantry Division recently labored for nearly a month building the only structure on this pile of rocks that does not consist of ammo boxes and sandbags.

First Lieutenant David Sauer, (Buffalo, N.Y.), and ten men of Delta Company, 26th Engineer Battalion constructed a 32 ft. by 64 ft. mess hall for the men of the 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry.

"Three days after we started work a 'Chinook' helicopter flew over the old mess hall and blew down part of it, making the new mess hall a first priority project," Sauer said.

FSB San Juan Hill can only be reached by air, so all building materials had to be brought in by CH-47 'Chinook' and UH-1H 'Huey' helicopters. Most of the lumber came from Chu Lai, headquarters of the 23rd Infantry Division, and tin for the roof was flown in from a recently closed fire base.

The only power tool the engineers had was a chain saw. With it they cut all their timber and posts and as much of the rest of their lumber as possible.

"We did a pretty good job with what we had," observed Specialist Five Robert Bartnuff, (Kearny, N.J.).

"At one point the plan called for one inch by eight inch boards and four inch wide boards, but all we had were boards one inch by twelve inches, so we cut our narrower boards out of them."

The structure, built from the ground up without prefabricated parts, includes a kitchen, storeroom and a dining area which seats 75 men.

Veterans hit high of 28.2 million in May

CHU LAI (23rd Inf. Div. IO) - The number of American veterans hit a high of 28.2 million in May, the Veterans Administration announced.

The VA said the number of living veterans is likely to continue to increase in the foreseeable future since the military discharge rate has been running over 80,000 a month and older veterans have been dying at a rate of about 26,000 a month.

Of VA's 28.2 million veterans, some 25.1 million served during a wartime period and an additional 3.1 million served after the Korean Conflict and before the Vietnam Era-Feb. 1, 1955 to Aug. 4, 1964 inclusive.

Most of the million veterans now in training under the post-Korean G.I. Bill served during the Vietnam Era (after Aug. 4, 1964) and this group also makes up the large bulk of those now applying for G.I. loans.

In contrast, these young Vietnam Era veterans compose only 15 per cent of the patients in VA hospitals, and about ten per cent of those on the disability compensation rolls.

Veterans who served after Jan. 31, 1955, are eligible for all VA benefits. While time has run out for World War II and Korean Conflict veterans for G.I. Bill education benefits, unused portions of home loan guaranty benefits have been restored.

Veterans interested in VA benefits information should contact their local VA office or veterans service officer. Personnel here in Vietnam should contact the Education Center.

8 posts offer excess family housing

CHU LAI (23rd Inf. Div. IO) - Eight locations in the continental United States (CONUS) now offer housing to dependents of personnel who are serving in Vietnam and other unaccompanied short tour areas. The latest excess housing list compiled by CONARC shows

352 sets of quarters available at Edwards AFB near Lancaster, Calif., and 297 units at Roswell, New Mexico. Edwards AFB was added to the list recently.

Clinton-Sherman AFB in Burns Flat, Okla., leads the list of available units with 829, while Schilling Manor Sub-Post in

Salina, Kan., has 215 sets of quarters for officers and 520 for enlisted personnel.

Army Regulation 210-50 outlines procedures for applying for excess housing. Additional information may be obtained by contracting the locations as indicated below.

* Edwards AFB, Base Housing Office, Edwards, Calif. 93523, (EM ONLY)

* Savanna Army Depot, Family Housing Manager, Savanna, Ill. (3 units for EM)

* Family Housing Manager, Schilling Manor Sub-Post, Salina, Kan. 67401 (215 Units for EM)

* Clinton-Sherman AFB, General Manager, Midwestern Okla., Development Authority, PO Box 549, Burns Flat, Okla., 73624. (829 for officers and EM)

* Family Housing Manager, Dugway Proving Ground, Dugway, Utah 84022. (8 units, officer and enlisted)

* Port of Moses Lake Housing Authority, 419 Liring Drive, Moses Lake, Wash. 98337. (44 units for officers)

Quarters are usually available within 30 to 60 days. At Schilling Manor, approximately 55 families depart and arrive each month. Quarters at that post can be confirmed in 60 to 90 days.

Additional information is available in AR 210-50.

23rd Inf Div sports

Volleyball next scheduled event

CHU LAI (23rd Inf. Div. IO) - Volleyball is scheduled to be the next competition open to 23rd Inf. Div. units, and according to First Lieutenant Samuel E. Torbert, Division special services officer, 30 or more teams are expected to swing into action during the first week in July.

Plans for the volleyball competition were announced by Torbert during a meeting of the Americal Sports Council recently at Special Services Beach here.

The schedule will follow the same lines of the recently completed division softball tournament. Torbert based his expectations for a 30-team battle on six entrants from each of five major divisional units in the Chu Lai area.

"We will handle more," he said, "if the units can field more team. We'll go up to 40 if there are indications that the sponsoring units commander is certain his team can meet the schedule commitments."

Games will be played daily on two courts, one of which will be the court at the beach, according to the special services officer. A match will be decided by the best two out of three games.

Competition will be conducted according to Volleyball Association rules, Torbert pointed out, and qualified referees will be assigned to the contest by the special services officer.

During the sports council meeting, a slow pitch softball tournament was discussed also, but no dates were established for it.

General Motors joins PX car reps

CHU LAI (23rd Inf. Div. IO) - The exchange officer at the Chu Lai Main Post Exchange announced that a General Motors new car sales representative has joined representatives from Ford and Chrysler in offering sales service to military personnel.

The offices are located in the arcade of the main exchange building. Page 8



Troopers of the 11th Infantry Brigade make a canal near FSB Bronco into a pleasurable swimming hole, while taking a break from working under a hot sun. (U.S. Army Photo by Sp/5 Michael Heath)

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