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SEABEES IN VIETNAM LAUNCH 'OPERATION PORKER'

If Navy Seabees are successful, a South Vietnam village will be sending bigger pigs to market.

This effort toward heftier hogs started when members of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIXTY-TWO visited Thuy Chau village on their regular civic action mission. While aiding the villagers, the Seabee chaplain, medical doctor and dentist couldn't help but notice the scrawny appearance of the village's main meat supply, namely the pigs which were running about on the hoof.

Believing that something could be done to improve the size of the puny pigs the energetic Seabees took the matter up with Corporal Bill Taylor, Third Marine Division agricultural adviser.

Through him it was learned that American pigs could be obtained from Saigon and interbred with local pigs. The proposal was greeted with great enthusiasm by the area's village and hamlet chiefs and proper steps were taken to obtain the paunchy pigs.

Meanwhile, Lieutenant Bill Bohart, Seabee Medical Officer, had been doing a little more looking around the village, where he discovered a very undesirable situation regarding people and pigs. It seems that most local pigs were kept inside each family's dwelling, away from sunlight and in conditions regarded by the doctor as unsatisfactory for proper breeding.

Worse, having the swine quartered in the dwelling created an environment injurious to the health of the villagers. For a two-fold purpose, villagers were persuaded to build outside pens and Seabees contributed scrap lumber for the purpose.

At last, all was in readiness at the village, but "red tape" was holding things up in Saigon. Finally, Corporal Taylor was flown to the capital city, where he pried the porkers loose.

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Six pudgy pigs, including a pure bred American Yorkshire boar, were distributed among village farmers. Each recipient signed an agreement to provide suitable housing and care for the pigs and to return half of each first litter for distribution to other families in the Thuy Chau area.

The Seabees see the project as a significant step in providing the Vietnamese villagers with the means and knowledge to better themselves.

It is as important, the busy Seabees of Battalion SIXTY-TWO realize, as the combat and construction functions they perform daily on the war front.

1967 marks the 25th anniversary of the U. S. Navy Seabees; the 100th of the Navy Civil Engineer Corps whose officers lead the Seabees in action; and the 125th of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (formerly Bureau of Yards and Docks).

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