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SEABEES THREE FOR THREE!

It's three for three for MCB-3! Yes, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion THREE is back in Vietnam for the third time, building its third new camp...and, since the Seabees of MCB-3 are the first to wear a "triple crown", they're determined to better the "CAN DO" record of their two previous deployments.

However, this will be no easy task. During their last deployment to Vietnam, the construction wizardry of MCB-3's Seabees won them the coveted Navy "E" for battle efficiency. The Navy "E" is awarded each fiscal year by the Secretary of the Navy to the best unit of each type in the Navy.

On their first deployment in 1965, MCB-3 Seabees were at Da Nang where the major projects were construction of a road on Monkey Mountain and erection of huge fuel storage tanks for the U.S. Marines.

For the Monkey Mountain road project, teams of blasters were airlifted by helicopters to the summit and worked their way downward. Graders, dozers and other heavy equipment meanwhile, starting at the bottom, growled and applied their massive might to a successful meeting of the two crews.

The second tour of duty in Vietnam, in the spring of 1966, brought MCB-3 to Chu Lai, where the Seabees built the cantonment and troop housing for the Naval Support Activity. Other projects included NSA's officers' housing and a triple box culvert for the crosswind runway facility.

During the Chu Lai deployment, 91 rigid frame and 1,287 wooden frame buildings were constructed totalling 1,113,875 square feet of covered floor area. More than 900,000 cubic yards of earth were moved and 35 miles of road were rebuilt and maintained. Large liquid storage tanks were erected with a capacity of 36,000 barrels. The concrete crews placed over 14,900 yards of soil cement, and 4,103 tons of asphaltic concrete.



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Also during the Chu Lai deployment, over \$4 million were used for construction efforts. Almost 1400 buildings and structures of every description were erected. These included: huge warehouses, storage tanks, messhalls, and barracks.

Now, in 1967, MCB-3 is back in Vietnam for the third time, ready to do an even better job than in the past. This time the Seabee campsite is on a hill near Phu Bai overlooking the rolling foothills towards the central highlands that are infested with Viet Cong and where the Seabees of MCB-3 are called upon to practice their famous, motto: "We build, we fight!"

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