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SEABEE SAVES DROWNING VIETNAM BUDDY

Navy training and a quick-acting Seabee Hospital Corpsman saved the life of a friend recently on the beach of Chu Lai, South Vietnam.

Dick Roberts, a Seabee Hospital Corpsman with Seabee Battalion 71, while swimming recently gave aid to a stricken Seabee pulled from the waters of the South China Sea. Seabee Construction Electrician J. W. Laster had been overcome by heavy surf and was pulled ashore by friends.

Roberts, a Seabee Hospital Corpsman with over six years of Naval service, rushed to the stricken man and immediately began administrating mouth-to-mouth respiration.

Directing his fellow Seabees to summon medical aid and an ambulance, Roberts displayed outstanding leadership, quick thinking and command of the situation. The 25-year-old sailor continued to administer mouth-to-mouth respiration until Laster arrived at the hospital.

For his action, Seabee Roberts and the two other seabees who aided in the rescue, were presented Letters of Commendation by Commander R.D. Coughlin, Battalion 71's commanding officer.

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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(DEAR EDITOR: We Seabees hope you can use this copy and we would appreciate a tear sheet mailed to:)

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