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NAVY SEABLES DRILLERS HIT WATER IN HOT SPOT

Navy Seabees are successfully battling South Vietnam's rising summer temperatures and receding water table.

When the Army's potable water well at Chu Lai went dry, Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-ONE were given the task of drilling another and came through with the first successful productive well drilled in Chu Lai in over a year.

Located near the cross-wind runway, it brought in an unbelievable 50,000 gallons per day.

With that success to their credit, Seabee Equipment Operator Third Class Charley Bordner, a Texas oil-rig man a year ago, Chief Richard R. Reimel, and his utilitymen moved their drilling rig to the Army's ice plant.

The new location, which had produced numerous "dry-wells" for others, was in dense laterite atop Rose Mary Point. The Seabee crew put down a 32-foot hole the first day-it was dry.

On returning the following morning, it appeared that "good fairies" had visited the well during the night--the well was flowing. The team had struck an underground stream that ran on top of a stratum of shale 32-feet down--fresh water was plentiful.

The water was found to be safe AND in sufficient quantities, 20,000 gallons per day, to satisfy the needs of the ice plant production of much needed ice for the front line troopers.

The drilling crew, under Seabee Chief Reimel, is comprised of six additional men besides Bordner. They are: Equipment Operator Ruddy Kaye; Utilitiesman First Class George Hardwick; Rick Clayton, Denny Scholossar, Olie Oliver, and Norm Allair, all Utilitiesmen third class.

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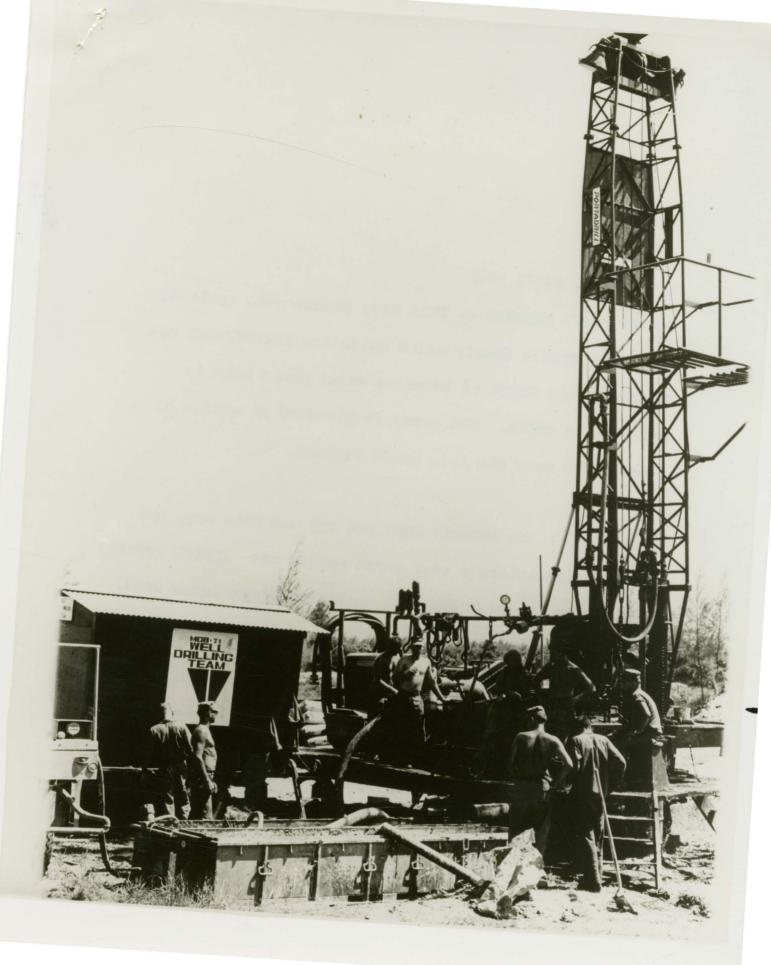
1967 marks the 25th ammiversary of the U.S. Navy Seabees; the 100th of the Navy Civil Engineering Corps whose officers lead the Seabees in action; and the 125th of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (formerly Bureau of Yards and Docks).

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SEABEE WATER SLEUTHS -- This Navy Seabee well drilling team from Mobile Construction Battalion SEVENTY-ONE has developed the knack of locating water where none is believed to exist. The group is pictured in action at a well site near Chu Lai, South Vietnam.

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