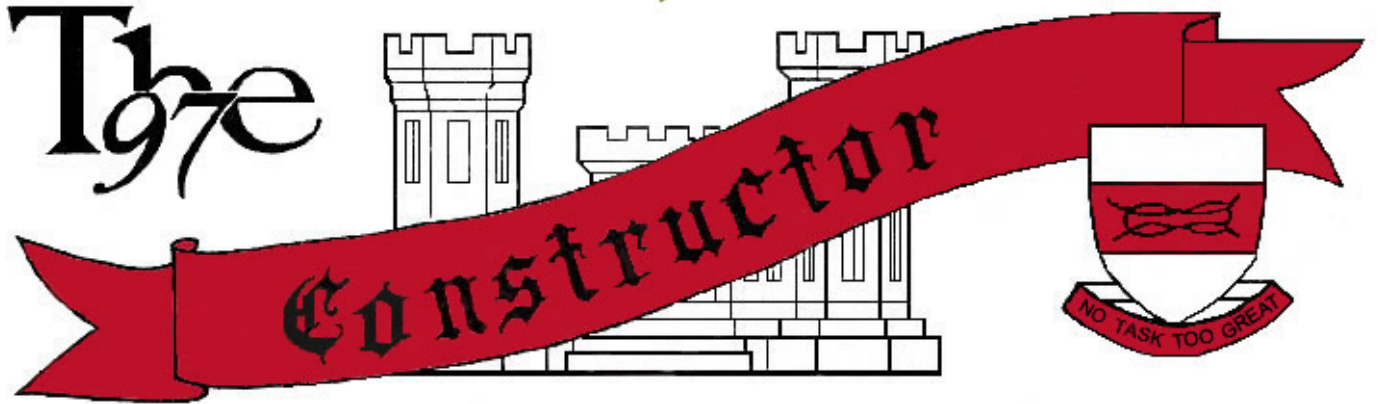


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97TH GETS NEW XO

The 97th Engr Bn (Const) now has a MAJ, the first MAJ since Sep 67. MAJ Martin M Rogers will be the Executive Officer of the Bn, replacing CPT Delbert E Duncklee.

MAJ Rogers has just returned from his second tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam. He was assigned to HHC, 20th Engr Bde, as Chief, Construction & Operations Section. MAJ Rogers was awarded with a Bronze Star, 2nd OLC, during his latest campaign.

MAJ Rogers received his Bachelors Degree in chemical engineering from Missouri School of Mines, and his Masters Degree in Facilities Engineering from Arizona State University.

MAJ Rogers and his wife, Kathryn, have two children, Angela who is four years old and David three years old.

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A COMPANY DOES ITS "THING"

Co A, 97th Engr Bn is up to its old tricks. This is, working at the rock quarry. SSG Holmes is in charge of this project, which really must be considered Alpha's "thing." Part of the rocks were used in the new parking lot behind A Co, which should help this battalion with their parking problem.

SSG Dew was quick to point out the new volleyball court, which was constructed in front of A Co gym. The court was constructed under the supervision of SSG Ron Frazier and should offer an outlet for all the energy A Co seems to have. Alpha is considered one of the best volleyball teams on post and is willing to take on all challengers.

One of Alpha's minor projects was the delivery of six 10-ton concrete blocks out to the range control, to be used as roadblocks. This project was done in conjunction with the 55th Engineers.

BRAVO GOES TO THE THEATER

CO B, 97th Engr Bn is presently working on four projects. The biggest of which is the amphitheater. The amphitheater is being constructed on the north shore of Milford Lake and when completed will hold about 2,200 people.

The amphitheater will be complete with aisles, and will be fully sodded. Presently Co B is working on the sub-grade, which should be finished any day.

SFC Floyd Lambert is in charge of the project, which will be of great value to the community. Once built the theater should be perfect for flourishing high school troupes, not to mention our own acting company from Ft Riley.

Co B is also working on the construction of prefab huts for the ROTC program and also for storage upon Custer Hill. SSG Richard Miller and SSG James Lavelle are in charge of these projects.

Last but not least is the ever present buffalo coral. SSG Miller and his crew are putting the finishing touches on the viewing stand and the parking lot. This should be the end of the 97th up at the buffalo coral for a while.

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D COMPANY HITS THE TRAIL(S)

Even with the absence of their fearless leader, Delta Co was plugging along. LT Wiggins was on leave last month and the company was under the temporary command of LT Lovejoy. Both men are slated for upcoming tours of duty in the Republic of Vietnam.

Delta Co is still running around up at the high school track. They are now pouring concrete for the curbing. LT Luxton is in charge of this project, which should be completed in time for track season.

SP5 Refford Eddy is in charge of putting the finishing touches on the barracks, which was damaged by fire on Camp Forsyth. The ROTC program will utilize the barracks this summer. Along with this they are constructing prefab buildings for the program, which will be used for storage.

D Co is back on the trail again, tank trails that is. This seems to be a year round project for the men of the 97th. Presently LT Allen Knecht, is in charge of up grading tank trail "yellow." This involves upgrading the trail so that the water will run off and not cause excessive damage to the trail. To quote LT Lovejoy, "the trails look like they have been hit by mortars, after the tanks have gone over them." It is D Co's job to make sure the trails are useable.

97TH OWN ACADEMY AWARDS

It is only fitting with the recent presentations of the Academy Awards, that the 97th takes time to recognize its own. The nominees for the various awards were numerous and therefore we only have time and space to mention the winners in their respective categories:

The Best Actor Award: The winner of this award is SP4 James Jablonski formerly of D Co and HHC. SP4 Jablonski won this award for his convincing role as a part time soldier and full time civilian.

The Best Actress Award: Goes to Thelma Gooch for her outstanding performance in her latest film, Stitch-after-Stitch, Miss Gooch is presently employed as a seamstress at the Forsyth laundry.

The Best Supporting Actor: The winner is SP5 Josef Curiel, better known for his outstanding role as "Sucker Joe." SP5 Curiel was the former driver for LTC Gioiosa and LTC Aron, that's a heck of a supporting job.

The Best Supporting Actress: This award goes to anonymous troop; down in C Co, who for the last five months has been posing as a male. Myra Breckenridge would be proud of you!

The Best Movie: The winner is naturally the movie seen by all of us in the battalion, and probably more than once. The movie is Army Training Film #123 better known as Riot Control.

The Best Musical Score: "Hup, 1, 2, 3,...4," written and sung (?), by every NCO in the battalion.

The Best Wardrobe: The winner is the famous French designer, James Pierre Fatigue' for the outstanding styles he has presented the Army.

The Best Direction: The winner is those who so carefully planned and controlled the past FTX.

The Best Photographer: SP4 Eugene Quaintence, he's the only one we've got.

Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Minor Film Presentations: PFC Smith of A Co, for his outstanding collection of "Skin flicks."

The Best Actor in a Non-Productive Role: Since our censors refused to let us print the name of the winner – we leave it up to you.

CHARLIE COMPANY GET NEW CO

Co C, 9th Engr Bn had a change of command ceremony 23 Apr. The new commander is 2LT Diarmuid B Dunne. LT Dunne relieved 1LT Charles R Stroble, who is being assigned to the Republic of Vietnam.

Co B has been laying cable out at range control for the last few weeks. LT Gary E. Maier is in charge of this project along with SSG Otha Ellis.

Bravo is also working over at the ROTC area. SSG Eddie Bolton is supervising the construction of a PT field and sanitary field.

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TO SSG

Terry Strum Co D

TO E-5

Brian Wahl HHC

TO E-4

Michael J Byrd HHC

James H Taylor Co C

Ysidro Garcia Co C

Dennis Merrill Co A

Larry W Crutchfield Co B

Joseph S Roberts Co B

Roger Brennon Co D

TO PFC

William Frye HHC

James G Hamiltion HHC

Raymond McKevitt Co C

Larry Rasumssen Co C

Dennis Sugg Co C

Russel Yoder Co C

Dannie Johnson Co C

Aron Barfield, Jr Co A

Roger Campbell Co A

Kermit Lee Co A

Gary Morin Co A

Timothy Pearson Co A

Gene Vauldin Co A

Jim Mathis Co D

Gary York Co D

Jack Dyer Co D

Ronald Lane Co D

Issac Davis Co D

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