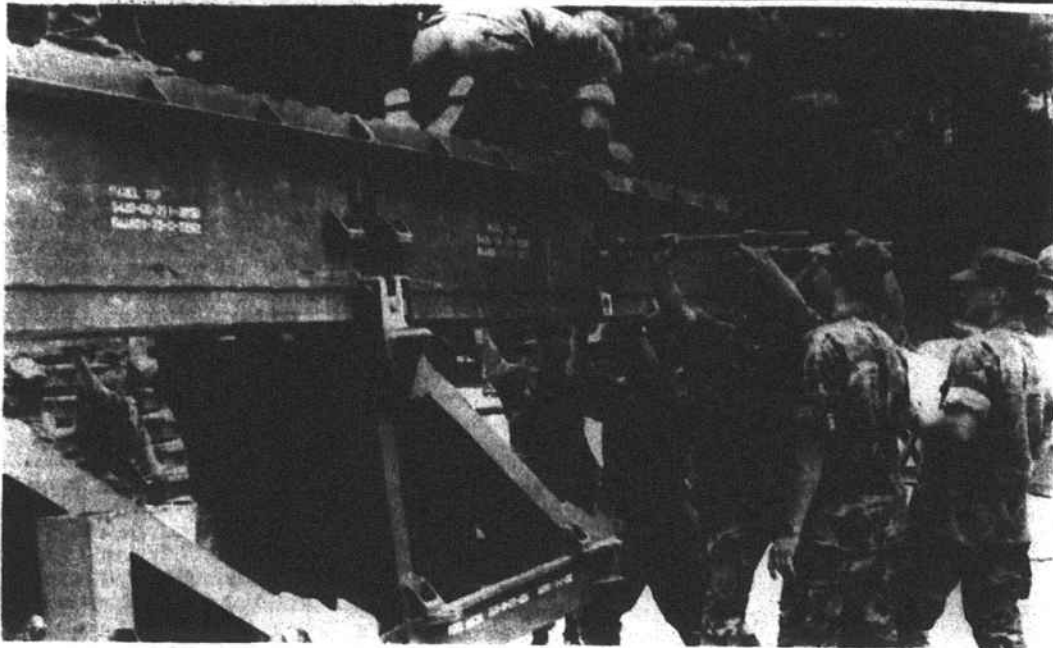


Military News



Sgt. Anthony M. Giambattista of Fort Bragg's 264th Co. directs a crew of Marines from Camp Lejeune's 8th Engineer Support Battalion while they fit a piece of a medium girder bridge into place. (U.S. Army photo).

Ft. Bragg Engineers Show Marines Bridge Building

Members of Fort Bragg's 264th Engineer Co., 20th Brigade, allowed members of the Marine Corps' 8th Engineer Support Battalion, 2nd Force Service Support Group to gain some practical experience with the Medium Girder Bridge Oct. 5 at Camp Lejeune.

The 264th, which is the Army unit that first tested the M.G.B. for the Army in 1978, offered instruction while the Marines erected the Army bridge over a land depression of approximately 30 feet.

"The bridges we got are a lot bigger and heavier," said Marine PFC Patrick T. Cram. "I like this one a lot better. It's lightweight and easier to put together."

First Sgt. Jimmie L. Barnett of

the 264th, who has been building bridges for 24 years, agreed with Cram's description. "It is the quickest and easiest bridge to build by hand. It's good for what it was designed -- 100 foot distance."

Put together by bolts and 20 pound stainless steel pins, the M.G.B. can be completed across a 100-foot obstruction in approximately 1.5 hours. A crew of 25 workers is recommended to build the bridge, which can support up to 60 tons.

Marine PFC Harry T. Lackey said he was looking forward to next year when his unit will receive a M.G.B. "Right now, the bridges we build take all day, and that's with cranes," said Lackey.

Several Marines credited the

264th non-commissioned officers for conducting a well-run class. "I learned a lot. It was taught in a way that anyone could understand," said Cram.

"They knew what they were doing," added Marine Lance Corporal Phillip C. Fusco.

The 264th had travelled to Camp Lejeune as part of the Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise, "Dragon Team 1-82."

Army Sgt. Michael L. Cooney, who helped instruct the bridge building class for the Marines, said he enjoyed working with the Marine unit. "They were all inquisitive and wanted to learn. They worked hard and I think they did learn a lot."

Brady Completes Recruit Training

Navy Seaman Recruit William T. Brady, son of William J. and Patrick N. Brady of 612 E. Fourth

St., and 713 N. Third Ave., respectively, Silver City, N.C., has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

Graham Promoted

Joseph N. Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Graham of Route 1, Aberdeen, N.C., has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of senior airman.

Bowen Gets Germany Duty

Spec. 4 Stephen A. Bowen, son of Patsy J. Pennington of 717 S. Michigan Ave., Hastings, Mich., has arrived for duty in Wuerzburg, West Germany.

Bowen, a food service specialist

with the 3rd Infantry Division, was previously assigned at Fort Bragg, N.C.

His wife, Sandra, is the daughter of Sandra L. Bowen of Route 1, Shannon, N.C.

At Center Grove

Center Grove Missionary Baptist Church in the Antioch community will hold its annual Ingathering November 5 and 6, from 11 a.m. till everyone is served, each day.

Pork barbecue, slaw, hush puppies, liver hash, fried chicken and candied yams will be offered at \$3.50 per plate. The barbecue will be for sale by the pound.

Ingathering

The Ingathering of Shiloh Presbyterian Church will be held Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the church, on N.C. 291.

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