

"A" Company Gets "Drilled"

Engineers of Co. A, 70th Engr BN (Cbt), accustomed to drilling, cleaning, and filling potholes on QL- 21 have had the tables turned on them with the arrival of a three man dental team from the 934th Medical Detachment (Dental Service). Now it is the engineers' turn to have a few "potholes" in their teeth filled.

The dental team, headed by Capt. Melvin J. Weissburg, D. M. D., arrived at Co. A on 16 June and immediately broke out their sophisticated equipment and set up shop in the officers' living quarters, a twenty by thirty foot bunker. "We transport all of our equipment ~~and~~ in four large suitcase type ~~containers~~ ~~and~~ two footlocker sized cabinets", explains Capt. Weissburg. The ~~dent~~ dental apparatus is specifically designed for use in the field and is easily adapted to most any type of surroundings whether it be a tent, sea shack, or bunker. "The only element that must be supplied by the unit in the field is electrical power", states Capt. Weissburg.

The dental crew is often forced to rely on "field expedients" in their work. For example, a five gallon can serves as the running water supply while a .50 caliber ammo box is used as a wash basin. Despite the crude surroundings the patients receive the same high quality of dental care available in stateside clinics. The occasional soldier that requires major dental work is referred to the ⁹³⁴934th's dental clinic in Nha Trang.

According to Capt. Weissburg approximately 80% of the ^{men} ~~men~~ examined require some dental work, primarily filings, ~~but~~ while about one fourth of ~~these~~ shows a pressing need for dental attention. By ~~having~~ having dental care available in the base camp, "A" Co. engineers are saved the wasted man hours that would normally be ~~xx~~ used in ~~xxx~~ transit to and from established dental centers.

The dental teams ~~x~~ that venture into the "boonies" are following the Army Dental Corps' ~~934th's~~ motto, "Conserve the Fighting Strength".