

## A Company Discovers Sand Mine

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### Sand, Sand, Sand, but how to get it out

Company A, along with the rest of the 70th Engineer Battalion was in need of a supply of good sand to be used in their concrete work. CPT David A. Corbett, Commanding Officer of A Company, after reconning an area north of QL 21 along the Ba Krong River, felt sure there was a large amount of sand in that area. A D 7 E dozer was dispatched to the area and after a few hours, uncovered a large deposit of very good sand. The dozer began stockpiling the sand but soon ran into difficulties due to the high water table brought about by the monsoon rains. The sand pit soon became a water hole and in trying to get a little more sand out, the dozer got stuck, and stuck good. After dispatching another D 7 E from A Company which was unable to do the job, two D 9 G's were borrowed from the 610th Engineer Company (CS), and dispatched to the pit. After much work, they managed to free the buried dozer.

Approximately 25 loads of sand were hauled out of the sand pit before the stockpile was depleted, and due to the condition of the sand pit it is doubtful whether anymore sand will be removed unless a crane is brought in to do the job. In the meantime, new areas are being developed to keep sand in supply.