

During the past week, all people who weren't committed on road or bridge projects, or at East Field working on the artillery placements, were put to work giving A Company a new look.

The area hit the hardest was the roads. Because of poor drainage, the roads became rivers and then quagmires with every rain. A grader and operator were borrowed from D Company, 86th Engr Bn (Const) and were put to work digging out the existing drainage ditches. In no time flat all the roads were in a state of shambles and it was nearly impossible to get anywhere on the compound. After much grader and dozer work the roads were restored to the passable state. The situation was then reviewed by CPT David A. Corbett, Commanding Officer of A Company, and First Sergeant Lin T. Lau and it was decided that the present drainage ditches weren't located in the best spots for proper drainage. The roads were once more destroyed for progress. The new system of ditches bisected some of the present roads so crews had to be set up to construct culverts, most of which had to be box culverts due to the lack of eighteen inch steel culvert in the area. After the culverts were put in place, the roads were repaired and over the worst sections of road, base course was spread in an attempt to stabilize the surface of the road. With the road surfaces repaired, the only remaining problem was a human one. The drivers in the company just couldn't keep from running over and destroying the head-walls on all the newly installed culverts. This problem is being taken care of by more cautious driving due to the fact that anyone observed driving over the head-walls will spend that evening repairing or replacing it. So a word to the wise, when driving in A Company, watch out for their culverts or you may be there longer than you planned.