

Bunkers alone will not keep the enemy out. Concertina barriers must be built, trip flares installed, claymores emplaced.



Section of the perimeter



Concertina

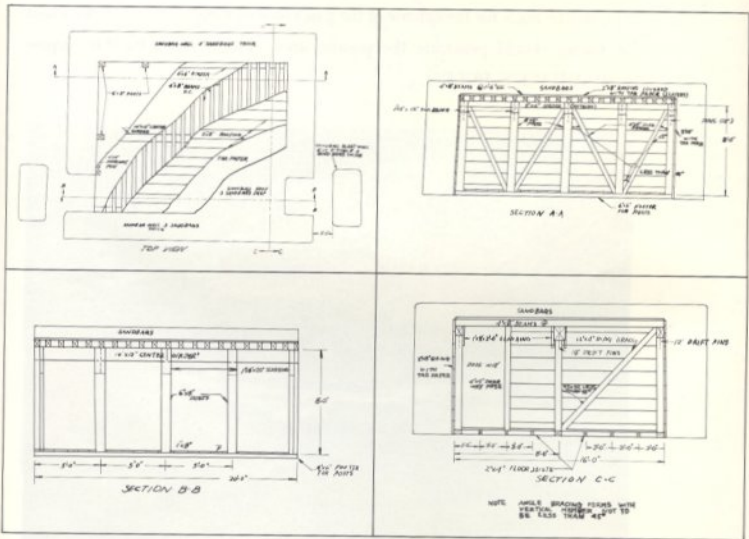


Claymores

The Fire Direction Center is the nerve center of the artillery. Here the personnel devote the same careful attention to detail in the construction of FDC complexes as they do in the computation of firing data.



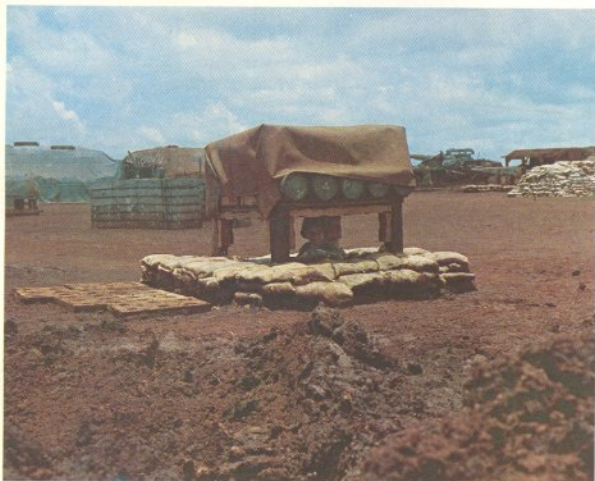
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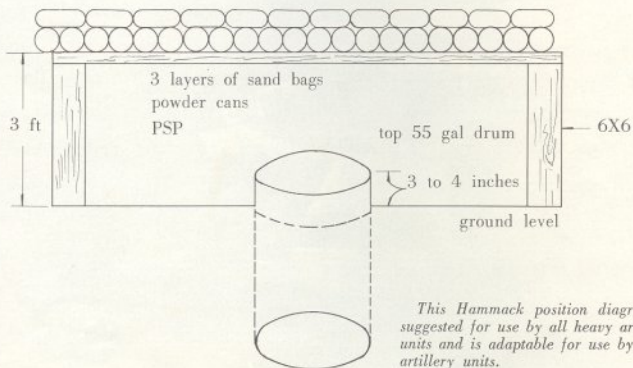
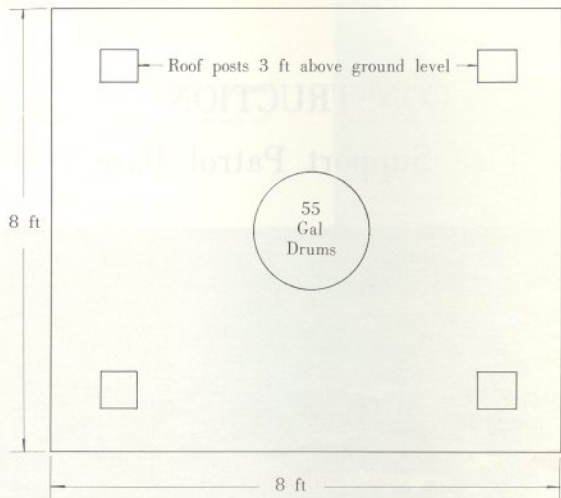
Blue Print FDC Bunker

“HAMMACK’S HOLE” (Individual Fighting Position)

Although continuous command emphasis must be placed on the defense of the artillery perimeter, experience in Vietnam has shown that provisions must also be made for the defense of the gun/howitzer emplacements in the event the enemy should penetrate the position area. Ideally suited for this purpose is “HAMMACK’S HOLE”



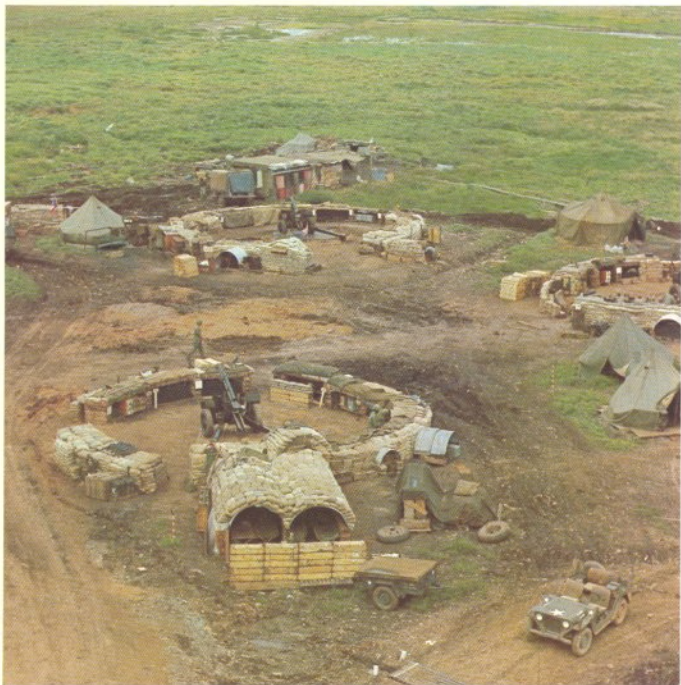
HAMMACK'S HOLE



This Hammack position diagram is suggested for use by all heavy artillery units and is adaptable for use by other artillery units.

CONSTRUCTION

Fire Support Patrol Base



Construction in a Fire Support Patrol Base is usually by means of field-expedient methods.



Fire Support Patrol Base

Immediately after the battery is ready to fire, work is begun on the personnel shelters. Protection for all members of the battery from mortar and rocket attack is the goal of the battery commander.



Personnel Bunker

After this work is begun, the personnel shelters are tied in with the protection facilities planned for the guns and ammunition.



Parapet and Ammo Storage

Other field-expedient means are also available to build protective shelters in the Fire Support Patrol Base.



Personnel Bunkers Using Steel Culverts

THE OTHER FACE OF THE WAR



Two peoples working side-by-side for a better life

"The other face of the war", describes the American civic action programs which help the Vietnamese people salvage a meaningful life out of the land which has been so ravaged by war. It is an effort to provide shelter for those who have been driven from their homes by a merciless aggressor—to provide a productive livelihood for those who have been cast about by the winds of social and economic turmoil.

The significance of this other face of the war lies in the fact that it is being carried out by the same men and organizations that are so heavily engaged in the shooting war, and also through the efforts of the Vietnamese themselves.

It is being fought with trowels, hammers and nails and the firm commitment to the belief that after the war will come peace and freedom and a time when all of the Vietnamese will become productive members of a stable society.

Widely accepted as the most outstanding American civic action project in Vietnam is a refugee hamlet near 23rd Artillery Group Headquarters called Gadsden Village.

Little more than two years ago, the citizens of Gadsden, Alabama, adopted the 23d Artillery Group as their sponsored unit in Vietnam. They offered financial assistance to the group for any project that might help the men. Instead of accepting the Alabama goodwill for themselves, the artillerymen decided to channel the aid to those with a greater need—the homeless refugees in the Phu Loi area.

With land donated by the Vietnamese government and the more than \$21,000 contributed by the citizens of Gadsden, the refugees set out to build their own homes.

Soon the first refugees moved into their white-washed brick homes in Gadsden Village. The village now boasts 176 privately-owned homes. But houses alone do not make for a cohesive community, and to be sure the artillerymen did not stop there. The first order of business was to build a sixroom schoolhouse and to hire trained teachers.

Besides the school, there is a cooperative sewing center, a large dispensary, soccer field, hog-raising complex, water distribution system and a community center building.



Villagers press their own bricks.



A proud teacher and her students



A girl practices on one of the 25 sewing center machines.

The Gadsden Dispensary has become one of the hallmarks of the project and the 23rd Artillery Group's civic action program. Three days a week, the Group Surgeon, along with two other doctors from the member battalions based at Phu Loi and their MEDCAP (Medical Civic Action Program) teams, journey to the dispensary.

The main feature of the MEDCAP activities is the dispensary's tuberculosis clinic, the only Army staffed and operated TB clinic in Vietnam. On any normal day, up to 450 patients, mostly TB, are waiting to see the doctors, some arriving before dawn.



Patients wait to see the doctors



Examining patients

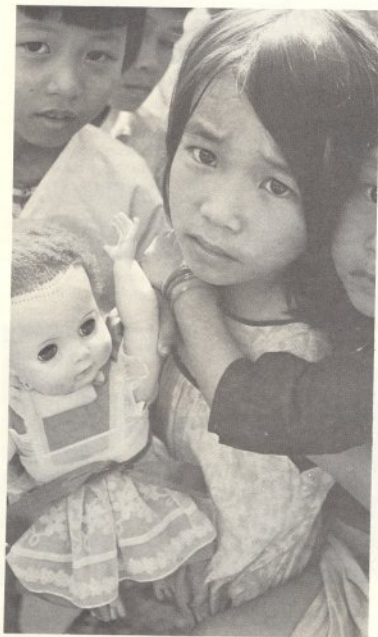
This little girl suffering from TB was the 10,000th patient to be treated at the dispensary. But with early diagnosis and treatment, she will become a healthy, productive member of society.



One of the crowning occurrences in the village's short history was the visit of the President of the Republic of Vietnam Nguyen Van Thieu to Gadsden. For his visit the President was briefed on the project by the Commander of the 23rd Artillery Group, Colonel Harold G. DeArment. This was one of the first official uses of the new community center. Then the President toured the entire community and was greeted by the 1,000 enthusiastic villagers.



President Thieu chats with the villagers



Gadsden Village is exemplary of the tenet of effective civic action, "help people to help themselves." The village has been designed with self-sufficiency in mind—there is enough space between each house for the family to keep a vegetable garden; the cooperative sewing center; the water system. Even the community center reflects this purpose. From the center will come the cohesive force for effective government and responsible community action.

Gadsden Village spells "hope" for more than 1,000 Vietnamese people. This hope is especially seen in the faces of the children. For they are the hope for this war-torn nation.

This little girl is holding a doll given to her by the 23rd Group for Christmas. Two years ago, she may have thought that there would never be another Christmas. But now she knows that there will be many more for herself and her children.

For the men of the 23rd Artillery Group, she makes both faces of the war worthwhile.



ON THE WAY