“Can Do”

We were informed Vietnam is being evacuated and the Philippines doesn't want them so they were coming to Guam. We needed to prepare for 10,000 refugees per day were to be processed by our 600-man unit. So the dozers cleared the overgrowth and we began setting up tents we worked 12 hours on and 12 hours off - meals, transportation, personal hygiene were done during off time. Everybody did what they were best at, and the uniform regs were relaxed. Everything was put to its max performance - man and machine.

I needed to adapt quickly to the environment, I was amazed at looking up and seeing planes line up in the night sky landing every 2 minute. Buses were making pick-ups at the planes and bringing them to intake and immunization [Where] we would feed them and assign them a tent and cot, pillow, blanket.

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