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ON THE COVER

Work on the trailer site at Solomons, Maryland, is continuing at a fast pace. For more on Detail Solomons see pages 6 & 7.

Chaplain's Communique

SOUND THOUGHTS

The majority may question the statement, "A man is what he thinks", but the advertising media base their business on it. The thoughts generated in the mind have a way of controlling our manners, thereby establishing predictable patterns in human behavior. Jesus gives us insight as to the effect that cumulative thoughts have in governing or guiding what man becomes. In the Gospel of Luke, through a parable, the Lord describes a rich man whose land yielded heavy crops and debated within himself what he should do. His final conclusion was to live a life aimed at satisfying his immoral desires, which he reasoned was his perfect right and privilege. This was not the case, for that very night he died and his acquired wealth was inherited by another. The parable concludes with this reminder, "This is how it is with the man who amasses wealth for himself and remains a pauper in the sight of God".

Was this an act of God against industrious endeavors, or did the man as a result of greed cut short his life through wastes that governed his immoral desires? I believe it was the latter, because wealth, fame and fortune do not necessarily formulate such criteria; one might be middle class or even poor and possess the same condition of self love.

To be PAUPERS BEFORE GOD we may involve ourselves in very little, or one might fill the mind with luring materials designed to entice the natural desires through sight and sound. Further, we might consume beverage alcohol and drugs until the mind is clouded, unable to make proper decisions so that supposedly reasonable actions become foul in spite of the best intentions.

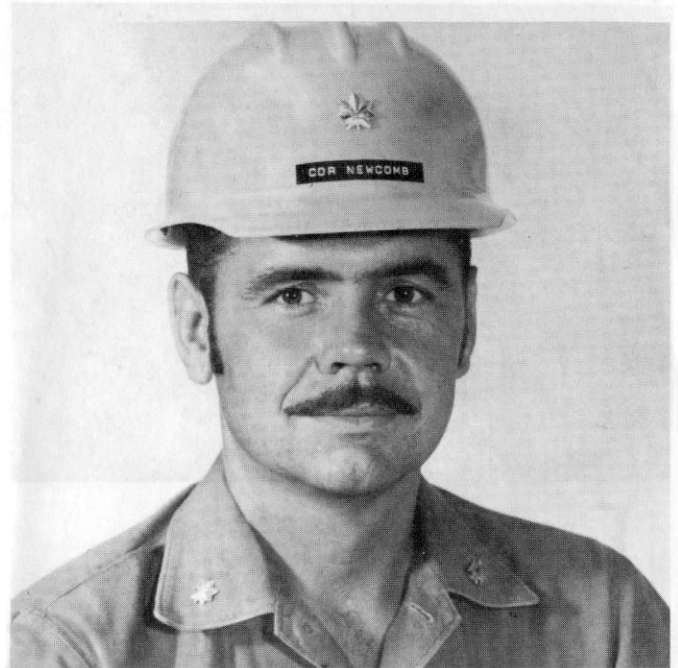
Sound thoughts that become the basis for constructive ideas and actions need a healthy atmosphere in which to form. This, at least, allows man to perform at his best possible level. Man's potential for a

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View from the bridge

The Holiday Season is upon us. Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas and New Year's are just around the corner. All of us are saddened by the prospect of spending these traditional family holidays separated from our families. Some of the sadness is tempered by the anticipation of our return to Gulfport and our loved ones in the later part of January.

However, the fact still remains that we must sacrifice the joys of family togetherness in order to provide one element of this Great Nation's Armed Forces, standing ready to defend our way of life. I know it is difficult to relate a Mobile Construction Battalion to the immediate defense of our Country and our way of life. Suffice it to say that in today's modern mode of warfare Construction support of



Land, Sea and Air Forces is mandatory within minutes of the outbreak of hostilities. It is our primary mission here at Roosevelt Roads--to be ready.

Let us all take this opportunity to rededicate ourselves to the teaching of Him whose Birthday we celebrate this month. Let us all lift our voices in prayer for the Peace on Earth the World needs so

badly and for that wonderful day when no Armed Forces must be stationed away from their families and loved ones.

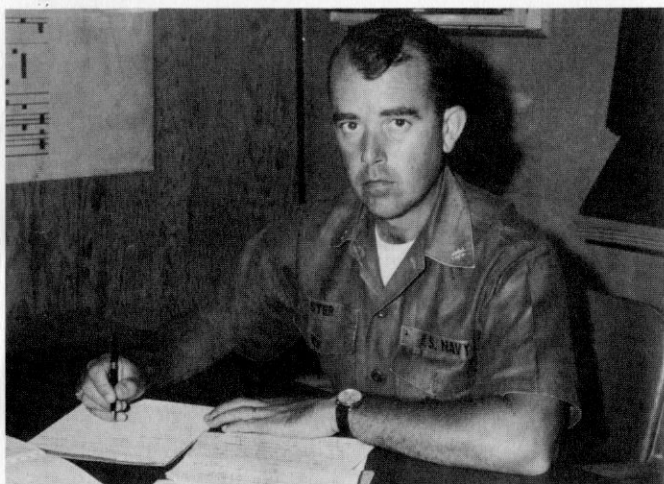
Please accept my very best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. May the coming years see us achieve that goal of peace. Our thoughts are with all of our families and friends and we are eagerly looking forward to returning in January.

Merry Christmas,

F.M. Newcomb
Cdr. CEC, USN
Commanding Officer



One of Cdr. Newcomb's numerous duties as Commanding Officer of NMCB-62 is the inspection of personnel and weapons to assure combat readiness. Here the Commander inspects Headquarters Company.



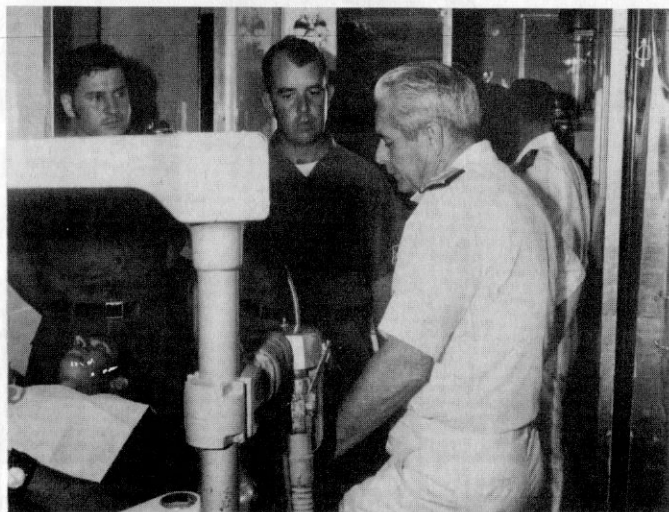
From the XO's desk

This November 1971 issue of the Seabeacon will arrive in December due to the time delays associated with printing and mailing. With the holiday season soon with us, I want to take this opportunity to wish all the men in the Battalion, their families and loved ones a very Merry Christmas. May the blessings of this Holy Season extend throughout the coming year for you and your families.

We will be returning to Gulfport in January 1972 and many of us will belatedly celebrate the festivities with our families. This is a time of reflection on both our deployment from Gulfport and families and

also on the assignments tasked to the Battalion while deployed. Each and every man who has or is serving with SIXTY-TWO may be proud of the service that is being rendered to our Country and to the men and women stationed at our deployment sites. We are deployed in two oceans and including our two Seabee Teams in Vietnam and Micronesia, have over one-half of the Battalion personnel at five deployed sites.

The direct support provided by all men is appreciated and we are reaffirming our sincerest beliefs that SIXTY-TWO is indeed a Battalion in the true sense of the Seabee motto--"Construimus, Batuimus--We Build, We Fight."



RAdm. Arthur takes a look at the dental department's equipment during a recent tour conducted by LT. Reichel, 62's Dental Officer.

This morning I have signed several check-out sheets. These men are going back into civilian life. By just looking and talking to these people I realized that they are men. They are going into civilian occupations of all kinds, but they will never forget their tour of duty with NMCB-62.

They are better men now than when they joined the Navy. They have learned trades that will always be of use to them and to their Country. They have also learned self discipline. This alone would have made their tour worthwhile. No one can accomplish anything without discipline. This is one way I like to look at the Navy. It is one of the world's greatest schools. There are thousands of men leaving the Navy each year. They are going out into civilian life better trained and with more self discipline than any other group of men. Anywhere you look in industry or government you will find many trained men. They are technicians and leaders in every field.

Just think for a moment, what if there were no Navy, Where would this Country get its talent? There would have to be some kind of school set up to accomplish what the Navy is already doing. You can send a man to school but there is no training like on-the-job training. This is for leaders and technicians of all kinds. You just cannot beat the Navy in this field.

UTCM B. Jones
Senior Enlisted Advisor
NMCB-62



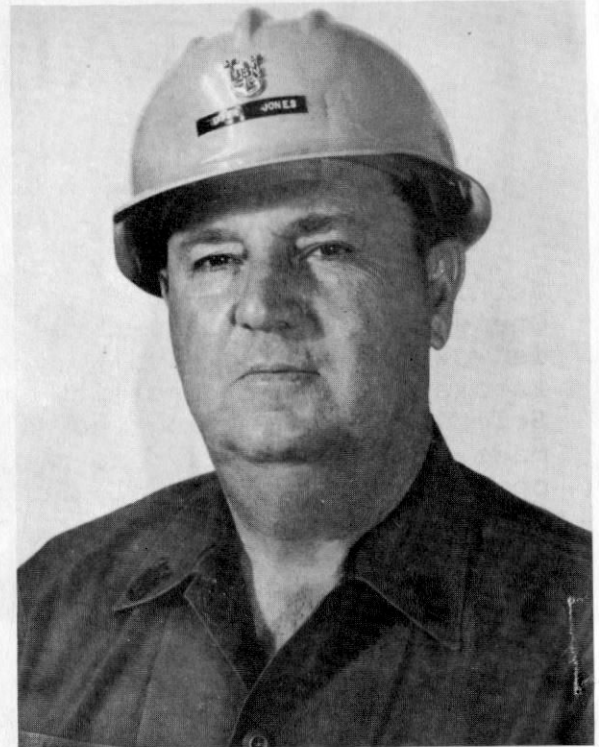
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MCPO's pen



SOUND THOUGHTS

balanced life is enhanced when his approach to establishing it is based on God given principles proven valuable through the ages. We are nobly instructed by the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Philippians, "And now my friends, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable---fill all your thoughts with these things." (Phil 4:8 NEB)

What better approach to the advancement of your life could you direct time and energy towards, than to seek out the best possible means of mental development as Paul recommends? Your life depends upon a healthy mind. Abuse or neglect it through improper thought control and you will discover the fact.

CHAPLAIN ROY C. WOOD

MARYLAND

DETAILS

NMCB 62 currently has two details at work in Maryland. One detail of thirty-three men is working at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory Test Facility near Solomons, Maryland, and the other, made up of twenty-one men, is operating at the Naval Support Facility near Thurmont, Maryland. The two details have the same Officer in Charge, LTjg John Rectenwald, even though the two work locations are about 200 miles apart.

Detail Solomons is working on a large recreational facility that includes a marina, a clubhouse, a trailer park, and a motel. The detail has installed exterior lighting, constructed a shower and locker room build-



Members of Det Solomons arrive at work.

ing at the marina, made improvements on the motel, and completed some earthwork, landscaping and paving on the base. They are currently installing utilities and doing earthwork for the trailer park and building a covered patio at the clubhouse.

Detail Solomons is rather unusual in that they ride a boat to and from work every day. They live at Patuxent River Naval Air Station which is on the other side of the Patuxent River from the Laboratory Test Facility.

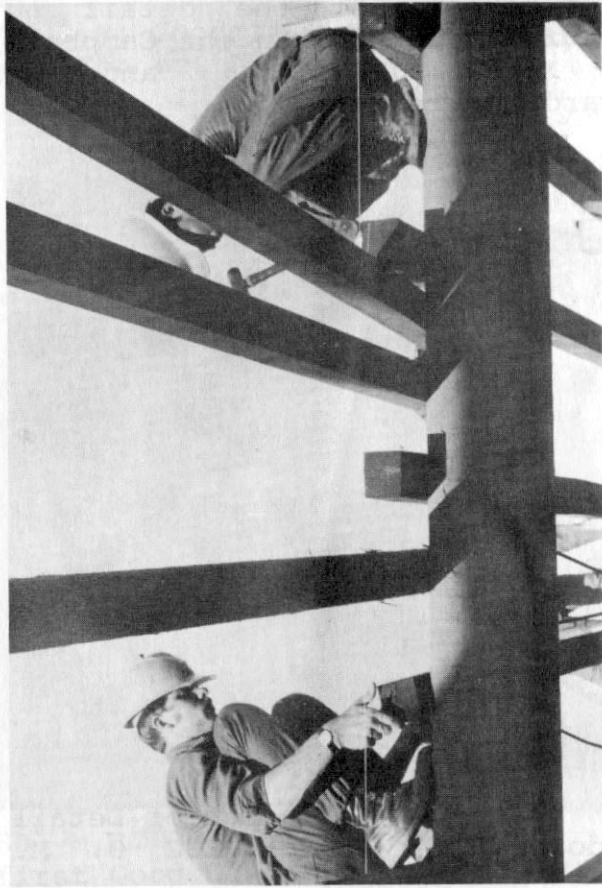
Detail Thurmont is lending construction assistance to the Public Works Department of the support facility near Thurmont. They have been clearing land and doing general construction work.



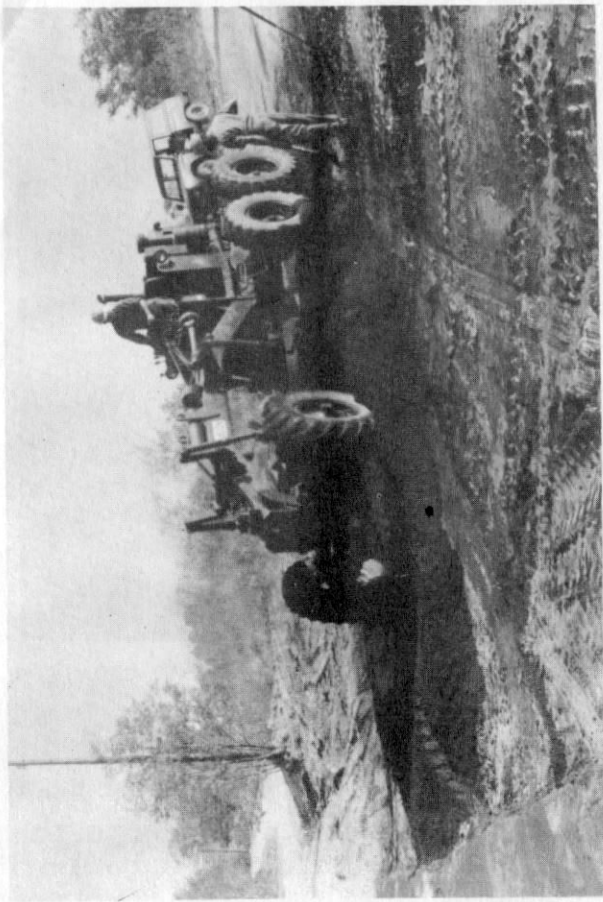
Cdr. Newcomb congratulates E03 Charles R. Seaman on his recent advancement.



HM2 D. M. Taylor receives a good conduct medal.



Rafters are set over the clubhouse patio.



Asphalt is placed on a driveway near the marina.



Workers place sewer pipe for the trailer park.



Det Solomons mechanic replaces a brake shoe.



E01 David A. Kleckner gasses up for a day's work.

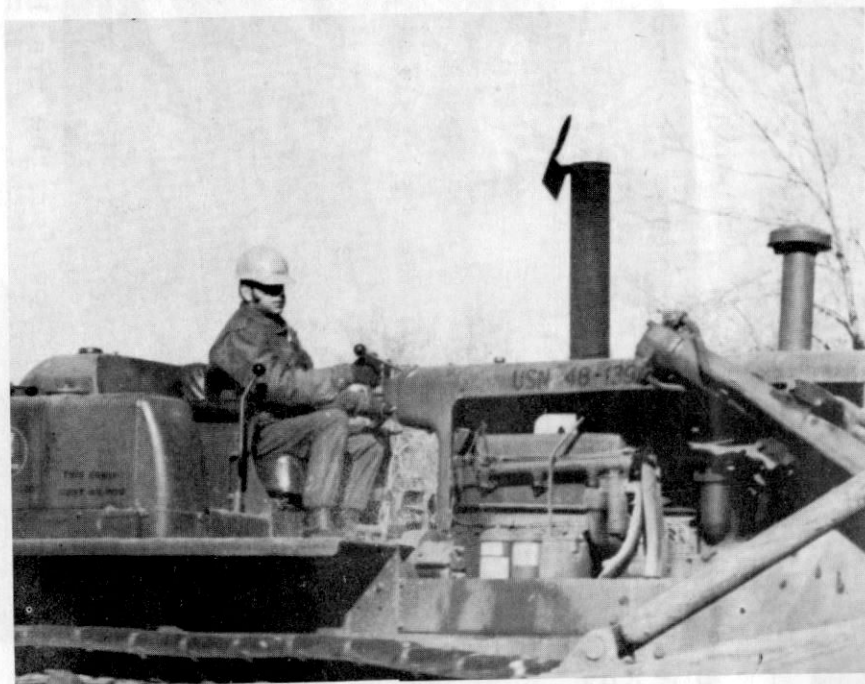


CM3 Robert W. Tallman checks a Brockway tractor.

DETAIL NEW LONDON

Detail New London is the smallest detachment presently maintained by NMCB 62. Six Equipment Operators and a Chief from 62 joined two Engineering Aids from NMCB 4 in New London on Sept. 13 to form the detachment. They are doing rough earthwork and land-

scaping in preparation for a Navy trailer park which will be built at the Submarine Base. Their work is scheduled for completion in December. Members of the detail not pictured are E03 Eugene Campbell, E03 Kenneth J. Cortell, and E03 Edward Lenkiewicz.



EOCN Jerry R. Turner operates a D8 bulldozer.

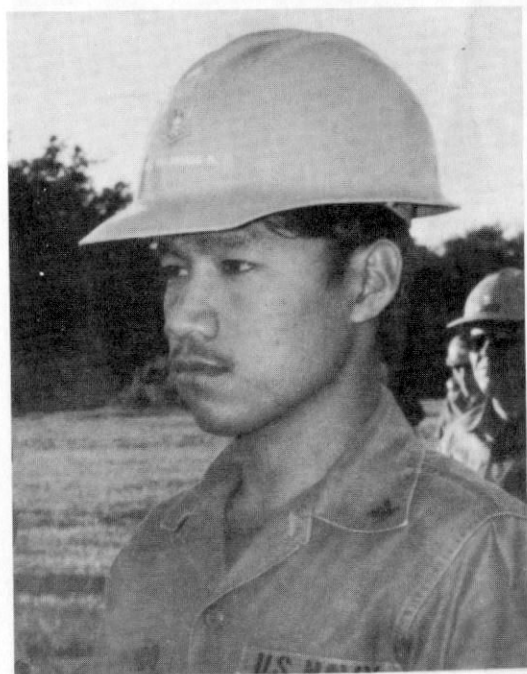


CPO In Charge of Detail New London, EOC D. M. Dryden.

People, Places, and Things

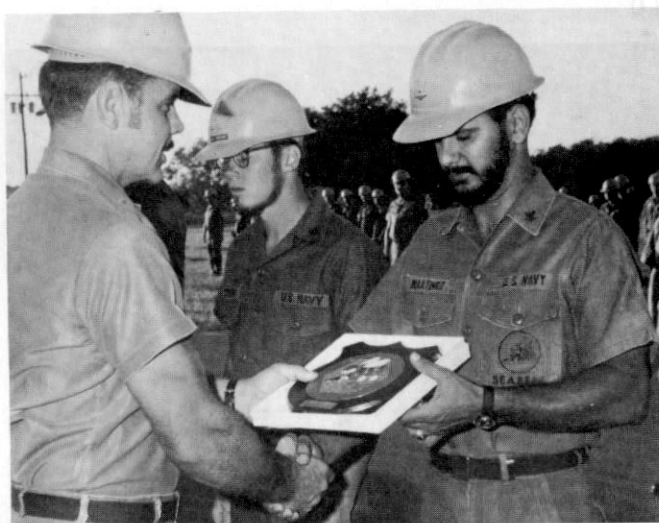


UTC C.H. Goodman receives fifth Good Conduct Award.



SD3 M.L. Quismondo receives first Good Conduct Award.

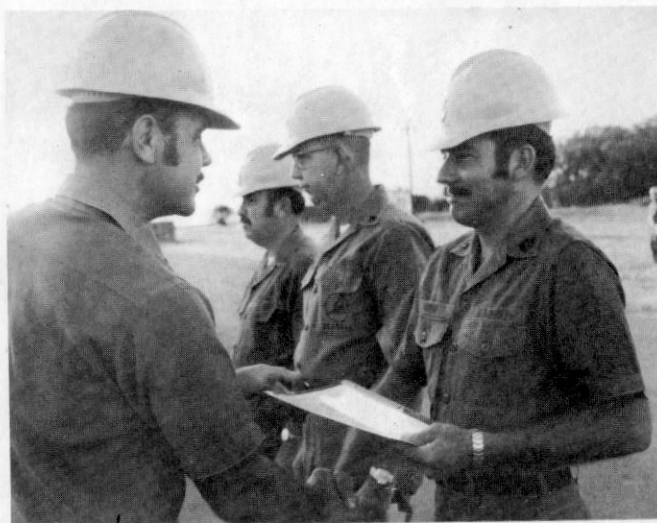
A W A R D S



SEABEE OF THE MONTH--SW3 M. S. Martinez receives plaque. Runner-Up, UT3 K.H. Norton looks on.



SK1 J.F. Madrid is awarded the Navy Achievement Medal.



DT1 A. Mere gets second Good Conduct Award.



YNCS A.D. White ships for 4



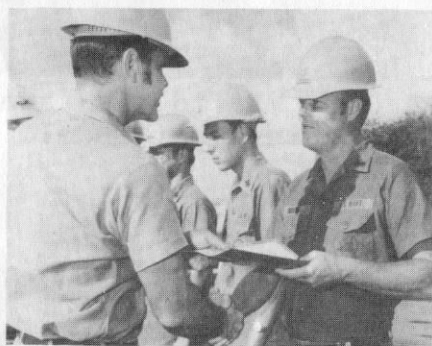
HUTMOTHER--BU2 S.B. Burch of Delta Co. accepts Hut of the Month Award.



Ens. J.D. Allen accepts Regular Commission.



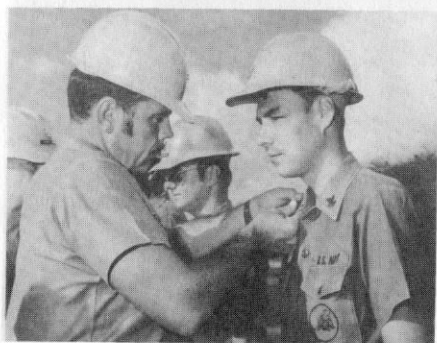
YNC to YNCS A.D. White



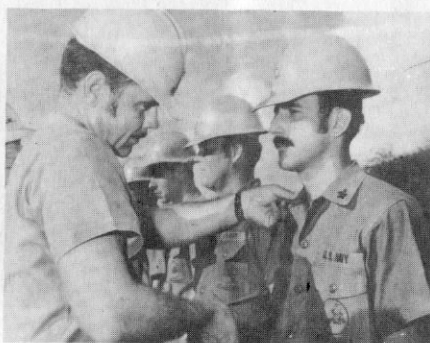
SW3 to SW2 C.R. Ridens



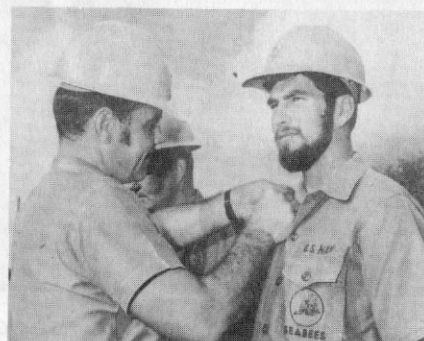
UT3 to UT2 W.J. King



, BU2 R.I. Pepperman



BU2 A. Russo



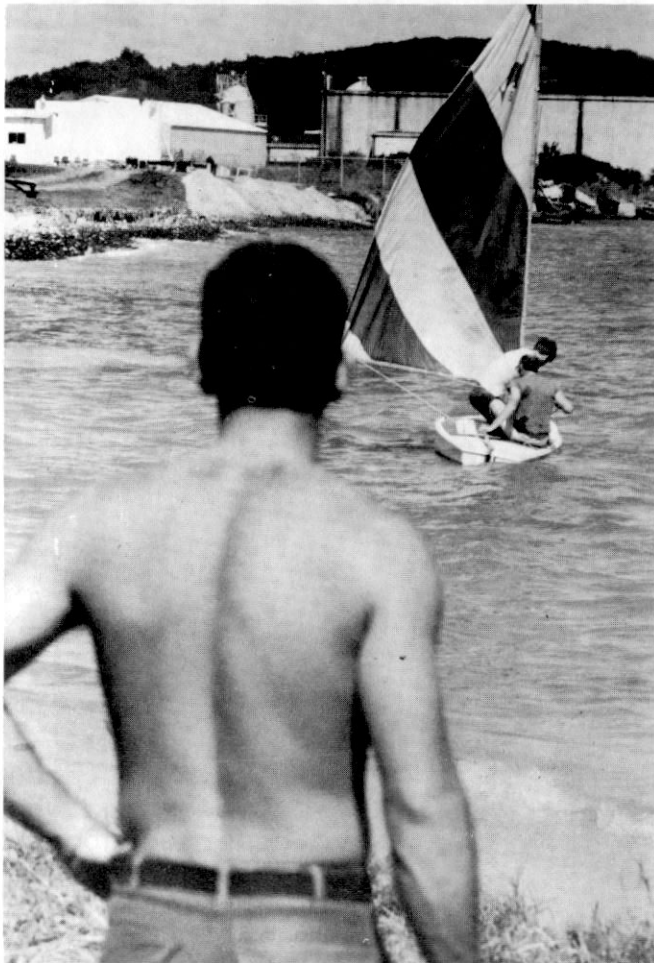
BU2 R.J. Ferguson



AIRBORNE--EA2 Warren E. Wilson flies over one of the four jumps that are part of the one-mile motocross course. In this race he placed second.

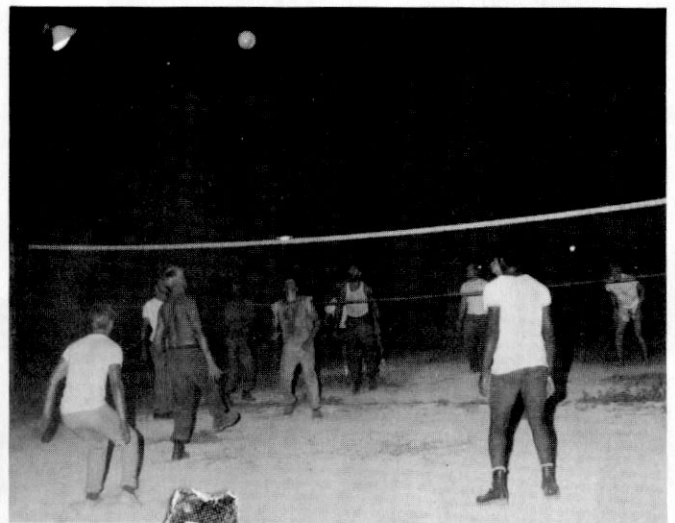


BU2 PETE GIO makes this turn with a contender right behind him. Gio places, as he did in this open class, 1st in many of the races here at Roosy Roads.

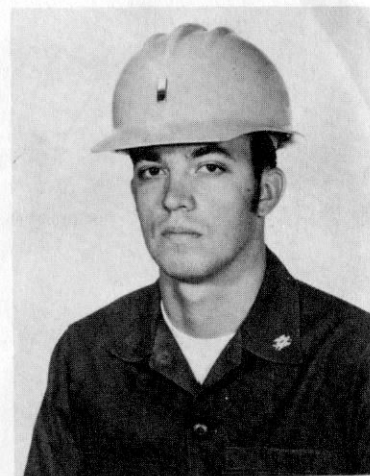


LT. Charles R. McLaughlin, MCB-62's sailing instructor, observes two of his pupils who are being tested for their sailing ability.

SPORTS

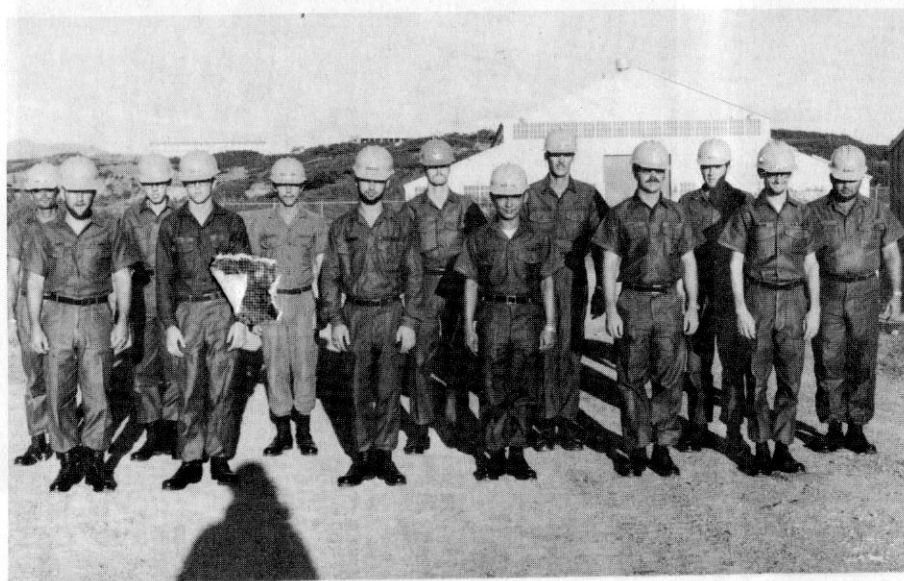


IS IT A BIRD?--No, it's a volleyball and when it comes down the game between the CM's and Bravo Co. will continue.

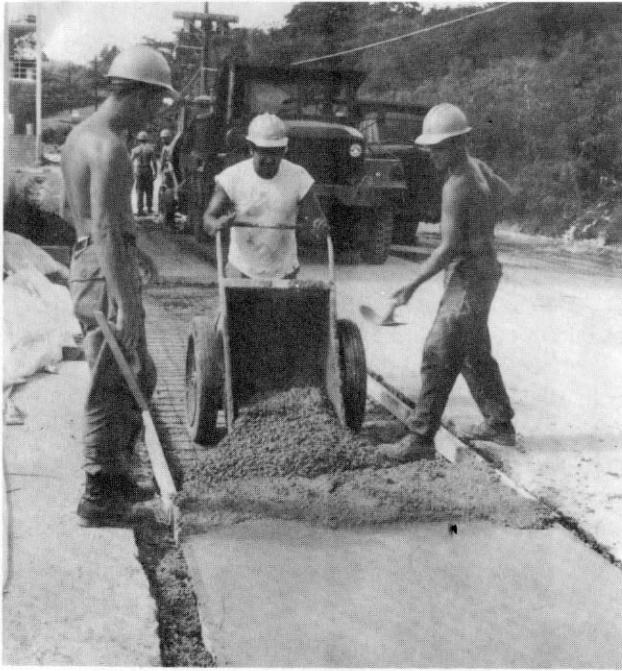


Ens. J.F. George
Ass't Engineering
Officer

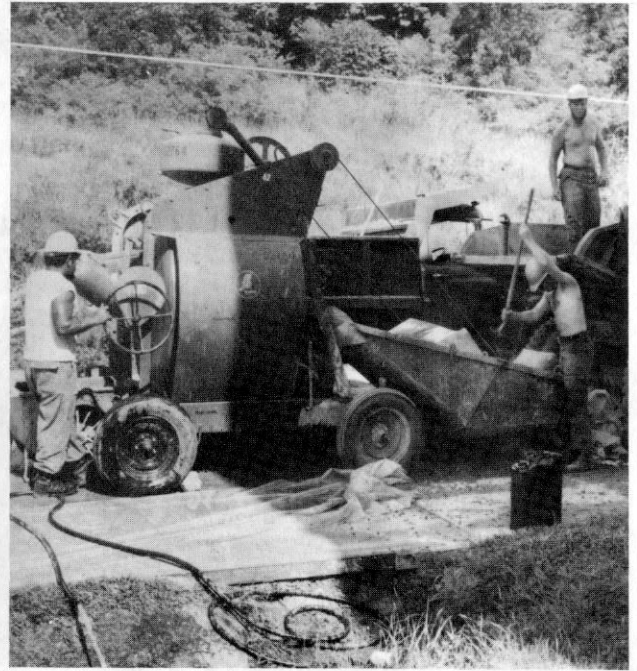
WELCOME ABOARD



The above pictures show personnel who have reported aboard during the month of November. Top view-Bravo and Delta Co., Middle view-a group being indoctrinated and the bottom view shows Alfa and Headquarters personnel.



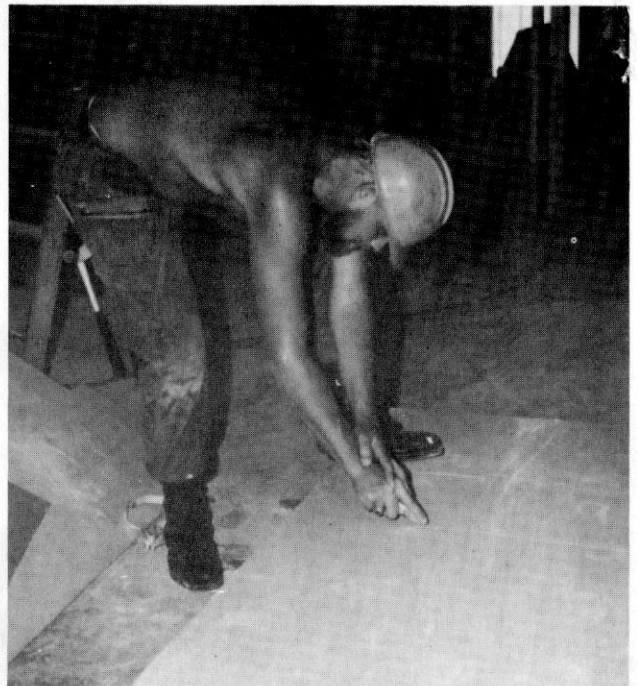
BU3 Hernandez and BU3 Cook pour cement for sidewalk behind EM Barracks. SWCN Fisher stands by with float to give the job a smooth surface.



Team work pays off as Delta Co. workers put the last finishing touches on the sidewalk.



BU3 St. Jean works on the hospital addition, insulating the roof of the butler building.



The interior of the Hospital Addition nears completion as BUCN Green cuts sheet rock for the inside walls.

DETAIL



CE1 Wilson and CE3 Terhorst work on an electrical supply line in the central generator room on Crane Hill.



CRANE HILL--A security fence is being placed around the AAW building by the men of Detail GTMO.

GTMO

The men of Detail GTMO have found this a busy and challenging deployment. Already we have completed a barracks facility for a Marine Battalion on board. The city consists of fifty-three 20'x 40' Baby Butler buildings complete with electricity and sanitary facilities. Also, we have turned over a laundromat to the Navy Exchange.

Underway now are four large projects. The radar installation project atop Crane Hill overlooking Guantanamo Bay is all but complete. The Special Operations Center project at the same location is awaiting materials. The Perimeter Lighting project, which entails some 600 light poles spaced along the twelve mile perimeter on Leeward Point and the Associated power distribution development, has now only four men on it due to early outs. Still they hope to be hanging wire by the first of December.



CE's maneuver an auger truck into place to drill pole holes for the security lighting project.

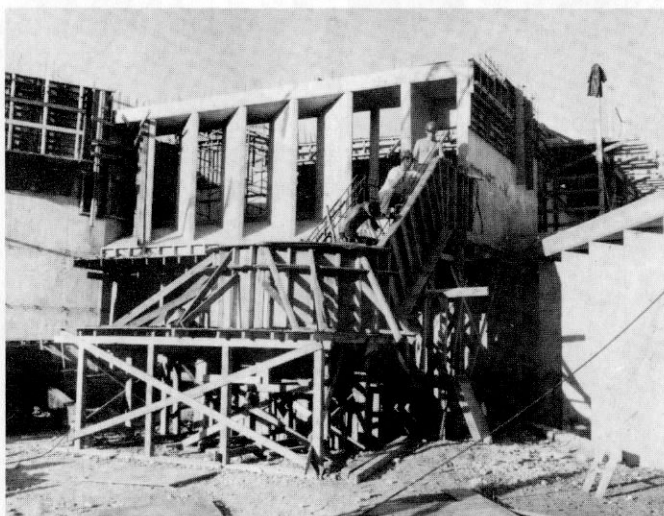
Finally, the Enlisted Men's Club project is progressing more than satisfactorily. On paper it is just over sixty percent complete, but to the uneducated eye it looks all but done. All concrete should be in place by late November. The crews are use to working together and this makes for an efficient and organized unit. Soon, all crews will be working inside and the work will appear to slow. Structurally, the building is impressive, and it is evident why it is an architectural award winner. This has been a somewhat more sophisticated project than the BEES are accustomed to in vertical construction, and the Detail has undertaken the job with a great deal of pride. Overcoming, at first, concrete mixture design problems and presently material procurement problems, the Detail is continuing to produce quality work.

On all jobs here, an inordinate amount of responsibility has been placed on many of the lower rates, and they have responded almost without exception with quality work. The work has been challenging and an education to all of us. In short we are proud of Detail GTMO and the men who make it up.

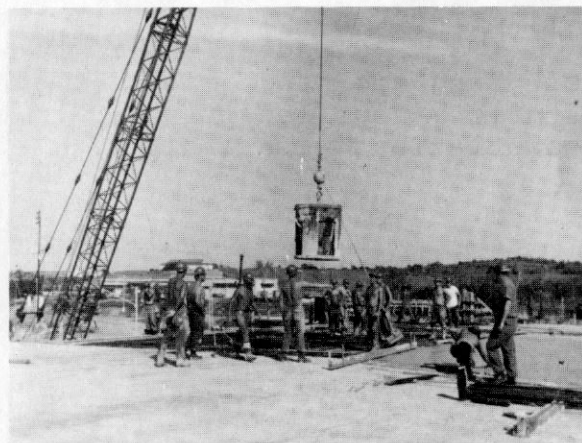
Joe H. Parsons
Ens, CEC, USNR
Ass't OIC Detail GTMO



EM CLUB--CR Lawrence Rankin installs pipe hangers in the hallway.



Builders of Detail GTMO work on the framework for the EM Club's rear stairwell.



ANOTHER POUR--There's plenty of concrete work to do on the EM Club and the men do it well

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (NAVNEWS)...A Personnel Exchange Program (PEP) has been established by Z-Gram 100 for the exchange of officers and enlisted personnel between the U.S. Navy and the navies of our allies, as well as inter-service exchanges with the U.S. Army, Coast Guard and U.S. Air Force.

PEP's purposes are: (1) To provide interesting and challenging foreign shore duty for junior officers and enlisted personnel and (2) To foster a better understanding and appreciation of our Allies, and in turn allow the host nation to become better acquainted with the U.S. through personal contact.

Negotiations to establish exchange billets are currently underway with Australia, New Zealand, Canada, United Kingdom, Greece, the Netherlands, Italy, and the Federal Republic of Germany. There are plans to expand the program to other allied navies.

Officer and enlisted personnel selected for exchange will be those who are capable of representing authoritatively their technical and professional specialties. Exchange personnel are not intended to be liaison officers, advisors, instructors, or observers, but integrated working members of the unit or staff in which they are employed, filling a assigned position within the chain of command, in exactly the same way as though they, in fact, belonged to the Navy in which they are assigned.

Officers considered for exchange duty will normally be of the rank of commander and below, but certain special exchanges may be a higher rank. Enlisted personnel will normally be career designated petty officer second class or above.

Tour of duty for an exchange will normally be two years, exclusive of language and specialized training if required prior to arriving on station. Tour lengths may be adjusted depending upon the assignment and negotiations with the countries concerned.