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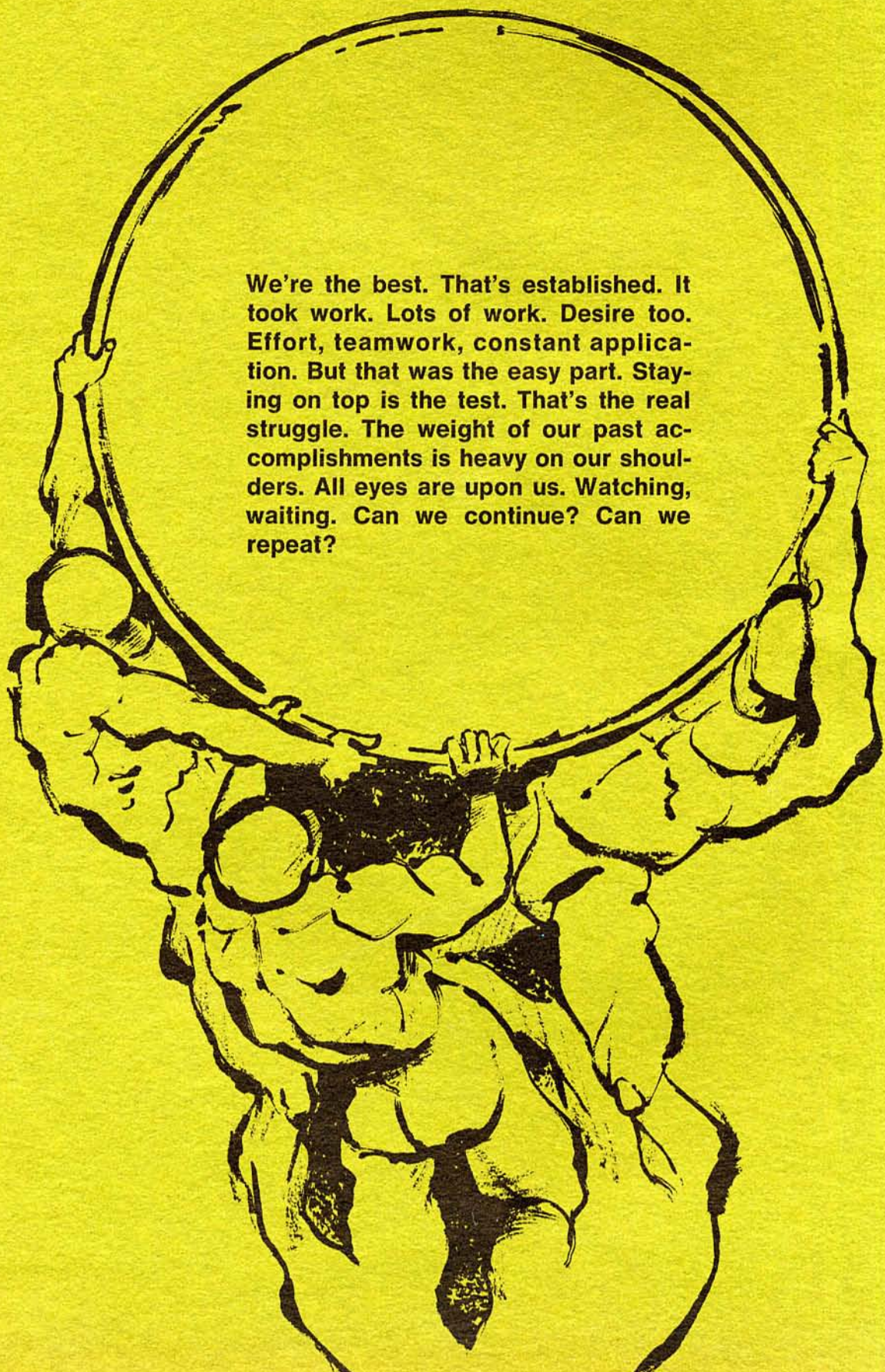
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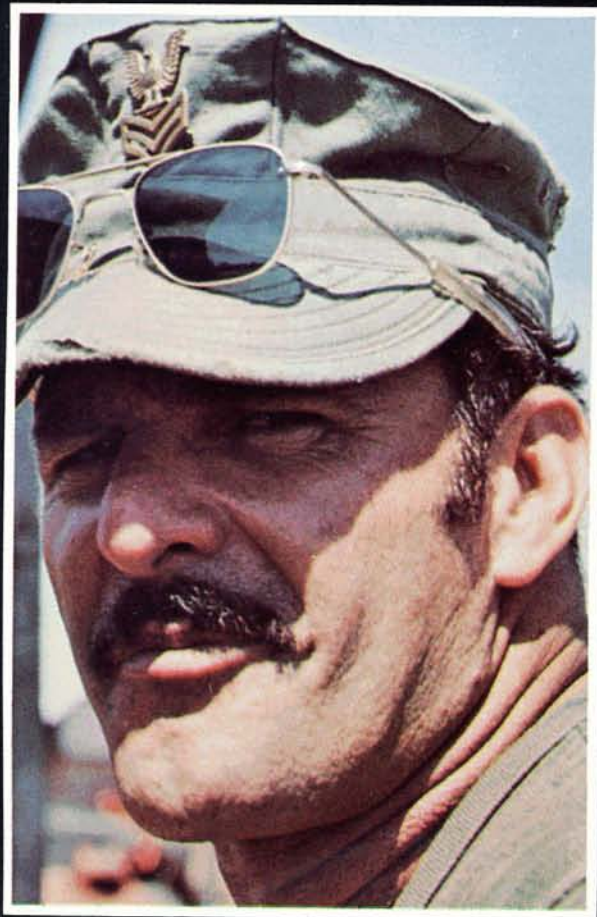


1970
MOBILE

We're the best. That's established. It took work. Lots of work. Desire too. Effort, teamwork, constant application. But that was the easy part. Staying on top is the test. That's the real struggle. The weight of our past accomplishments is heavy on our shoulders. All eyes are upon us. Watching, waiting. Can we continue? Can we repeat?



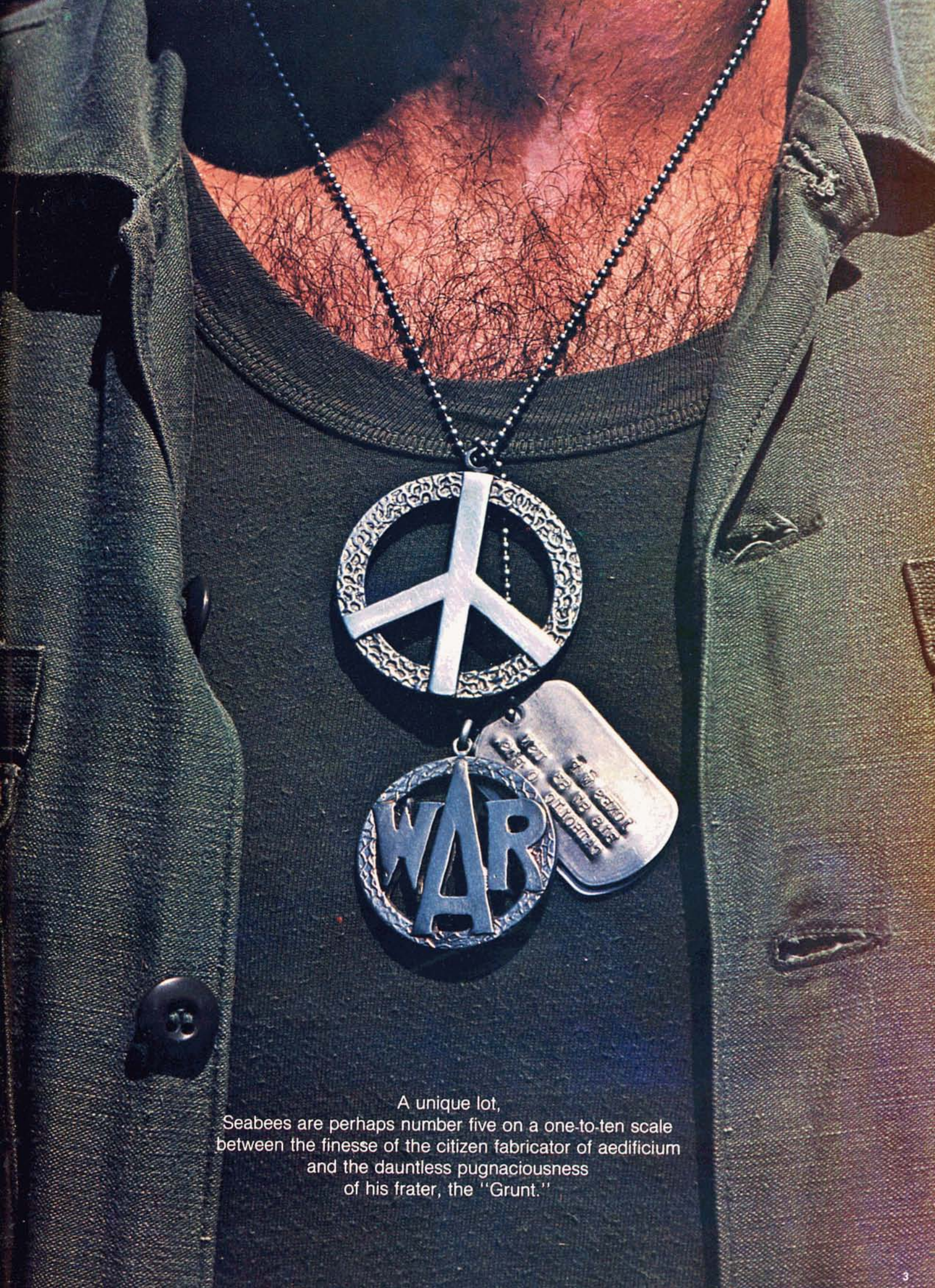
Somewhere
amidst
the orders
of the
military
establishment
there
breathes
a whimsical
character
known
as the
"Seabee"



Or if you rather . . .

... the "Chicken Man"
of the military construction aggregates
which abet the world's struggle
against the forces of evil.





A unique lot,
Seabees are perhaps number five on a one-to-ten scale
between the finesse of the citizen fabricator of aedificium
and the dauntless pugnaciousness
of his frater, the "Grunt."

His mission, then,
as a fighter/builder



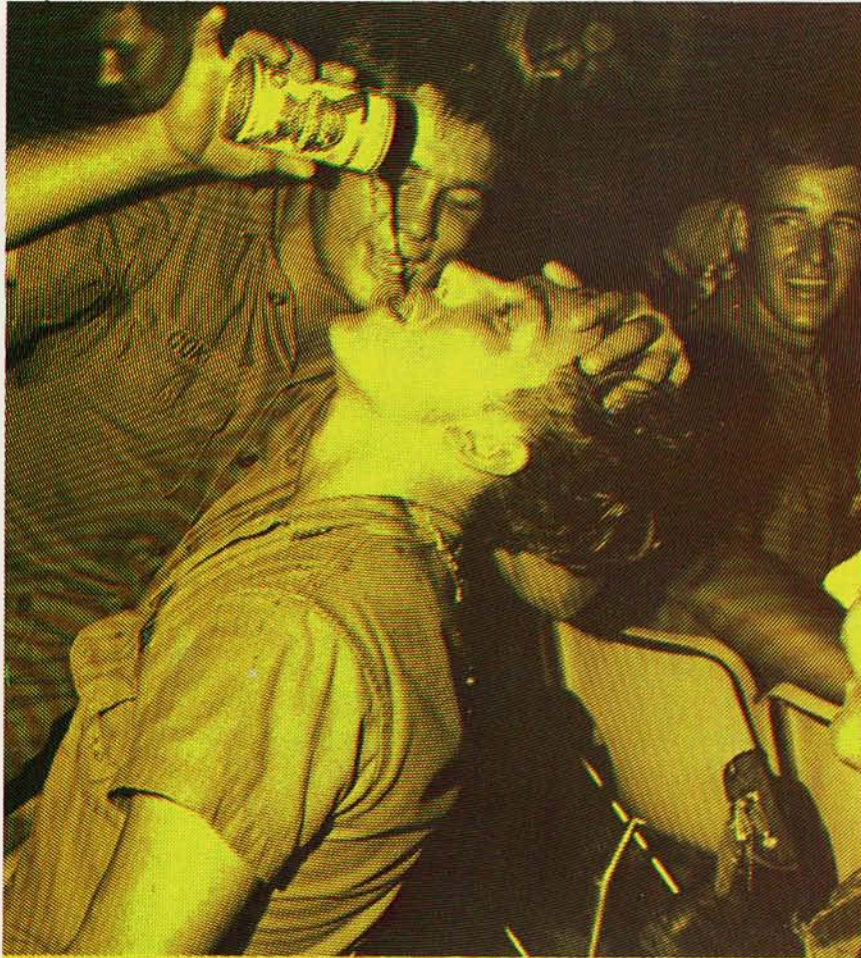
. . . is to provide with never lulling perpetuity
the logistical and tactical construction support
so direly depended upon by our men-in-arms.



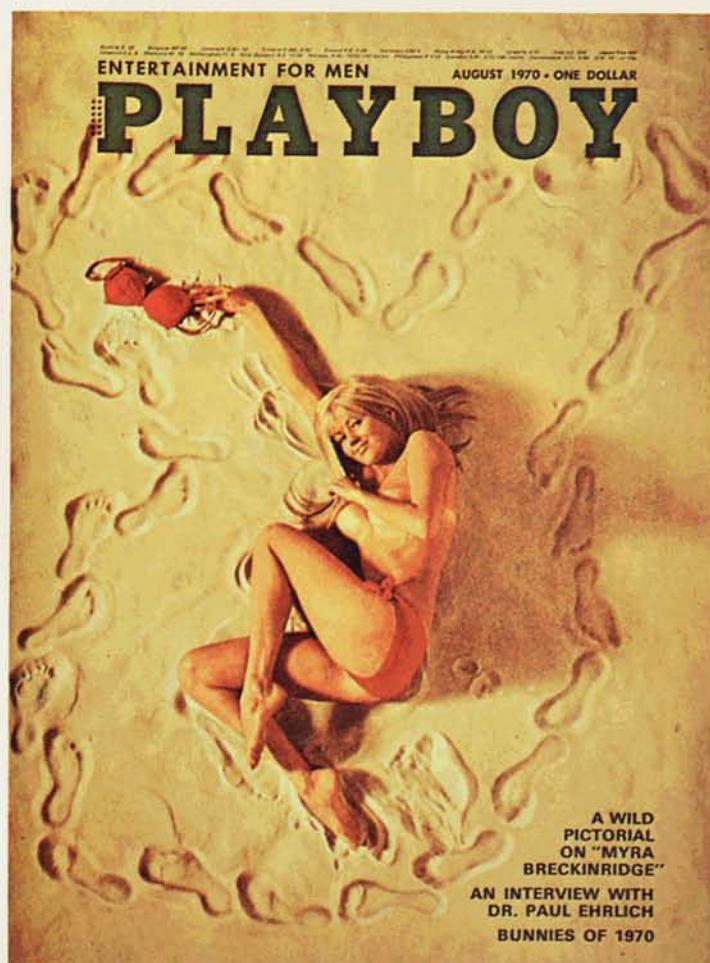
A machine of muscle and bone,
he is a man of lofty spirits,
vast energies
and incessant physical fortitude.



A miscellany of sizes, shapes and weights,
the Seabees enjoin but one common credo:



to revel in every second of every hour
of every day — at work or play.





And of his
credible
off-hour
diversions,
he prefers
such delectables
as girls,
chow,
pin-ups,
beer,
movies,
pin-ups,
geedunks,
pin-ups,
sleep,
comic books
and pin-ups.

No other being can gorge as much,
funnel as much, snooze as much, toil as much,
and still enjoy life as much.



Be so attentive, yet so unaware of it all



And when it comes to grumbling,



groaning and griping,



let no man rival
the rath of the Seabee tongue . . .



... nor equal the pride that
secretly flows from the heart
in knowing that he has come the distance,
and made it.

The Minuteman

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Dedication

Nelson Michael Hyler

July 3, 1970

Charles Ernest Koberlein

October 9, 1970

To the cause of peace and freedom for which they died, and to the "Hill 55 Boys", who with them risked their lives and limbs daily in the execution of their jobs on enemy harassed Route LTL-4. We honor these men and pray for peace that their sacrifices have not been in vain.



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"Once upon a time . . ."



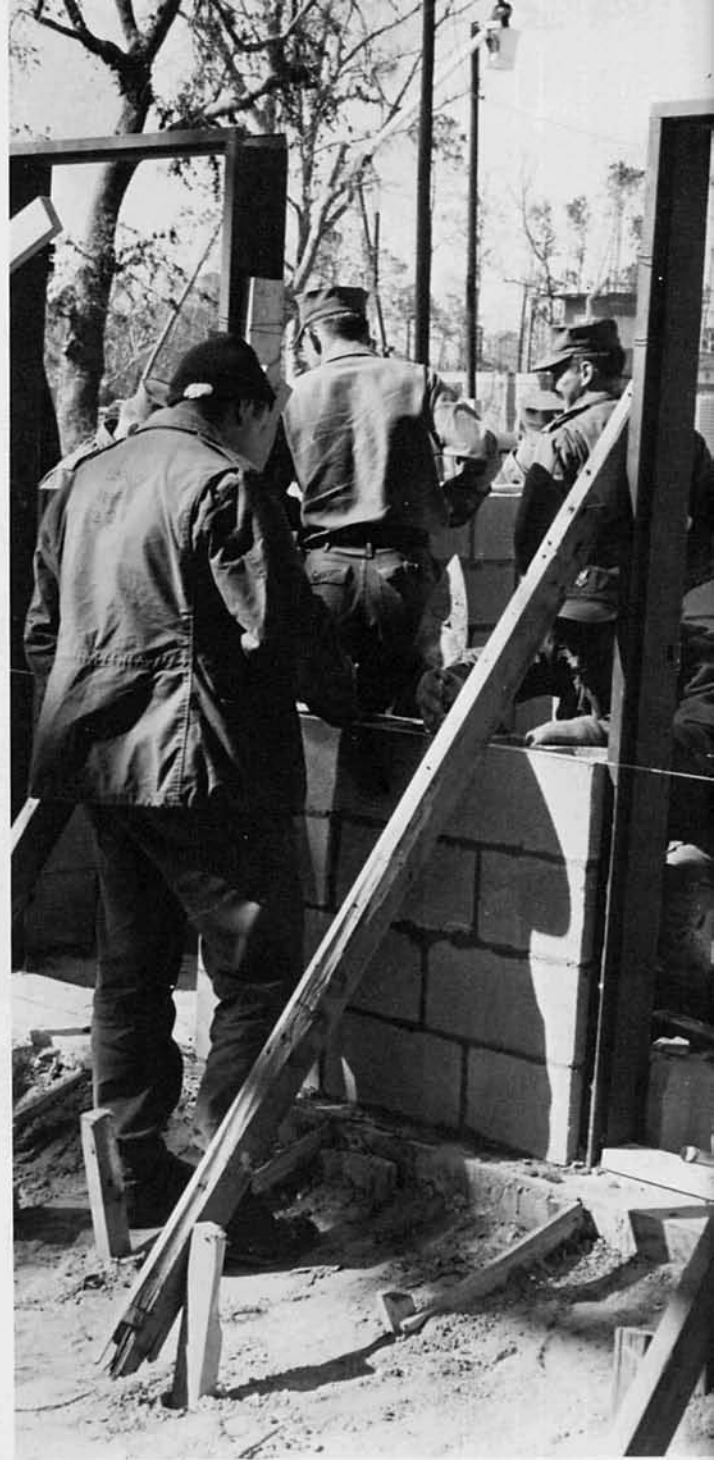


To those of us who were there,
and those who waited behind,
it seems like eons ago that the nation's
number one Seabee battalion
launched its fourth deployment
to that distant land in the Eastern sky.
But in recapping that journey,
it has to begin here, in

Homeport



Construction
training
introduces
the “Seabee way”





Military training,





readiness personified

FEX





the good,
the bad,
and the muddy





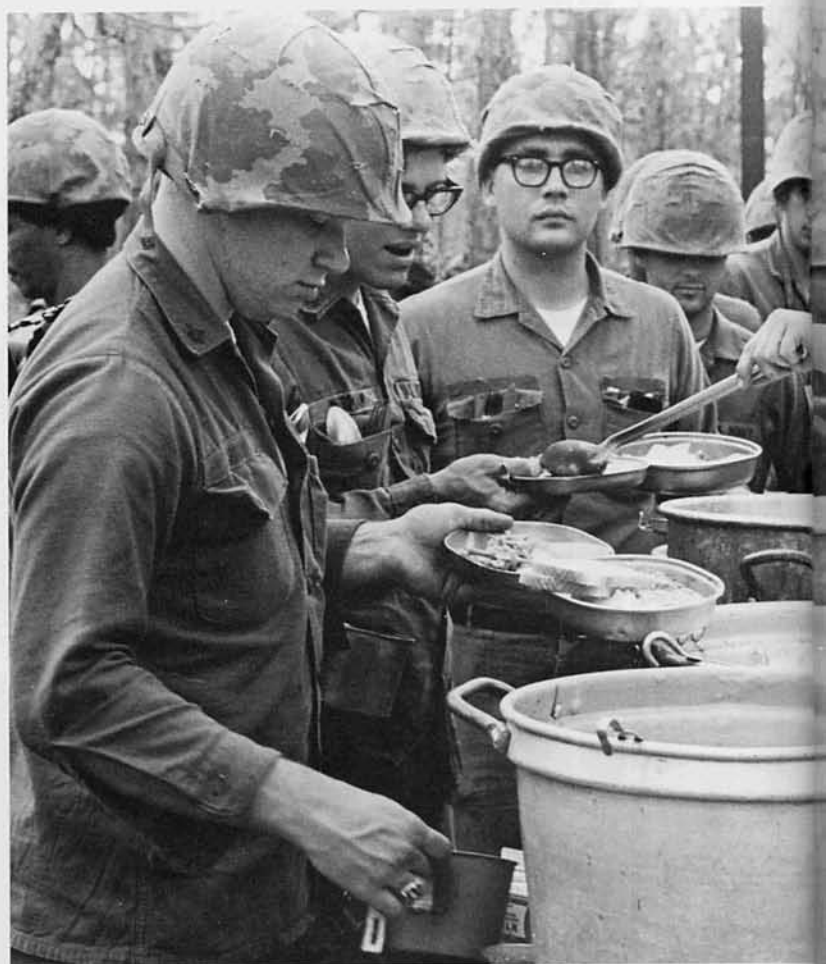
Patrols, ambushes, aggressors



rattling
rifle
fire

for the weary

Outstanding Navy chow





and rest for the weary.

Full days





sent hours spinning . . .



Suddenly, 8000 miles later



**we were
there**





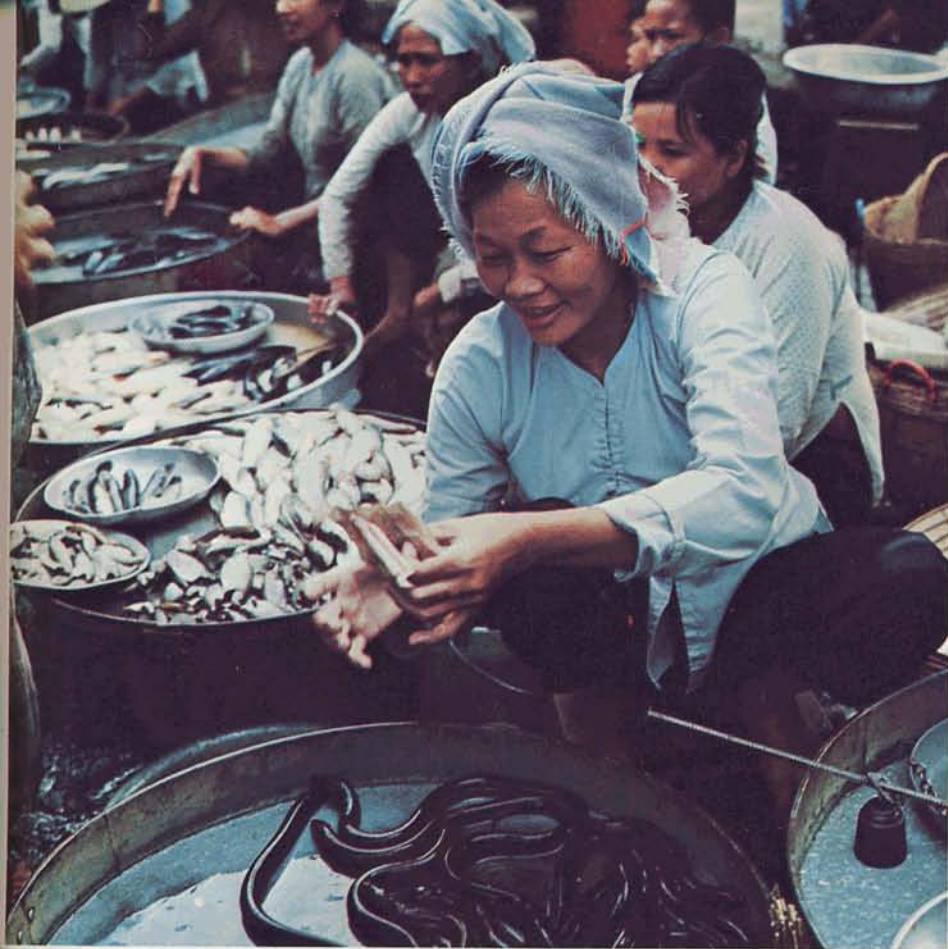
Vietnam!





A strange country







Intriguing





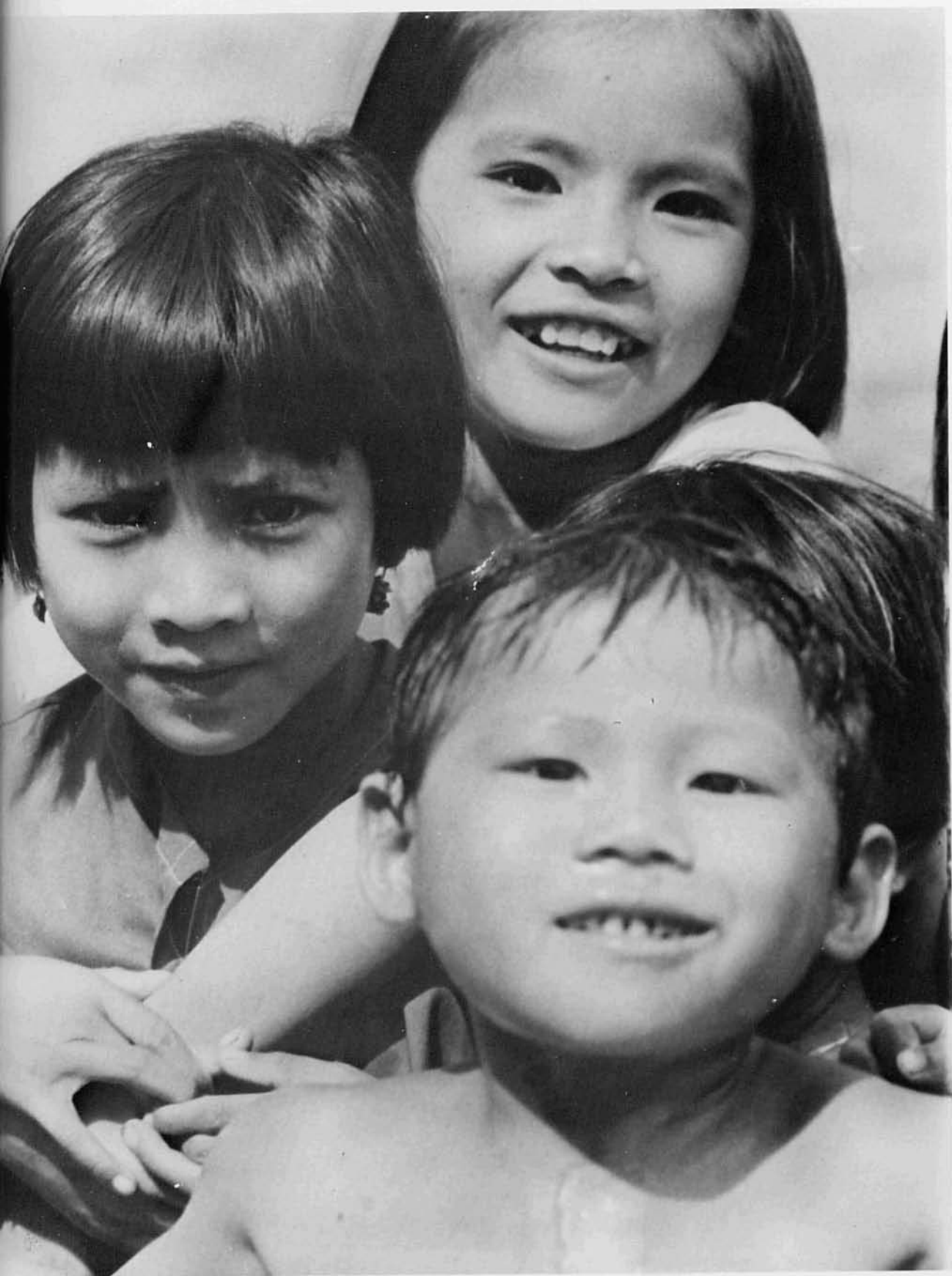


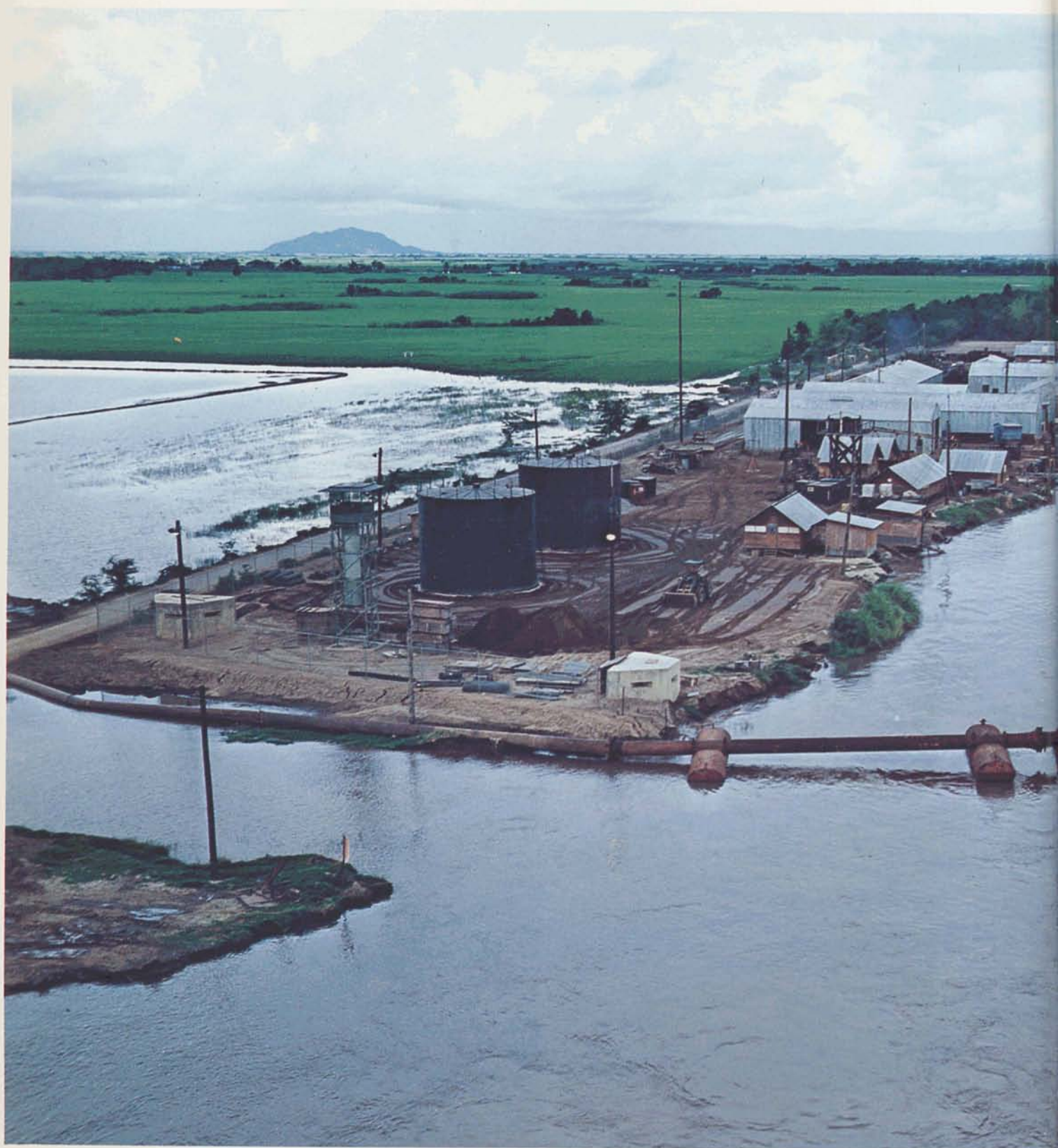
Full of beauty



and alive









Projects?
We had plenty

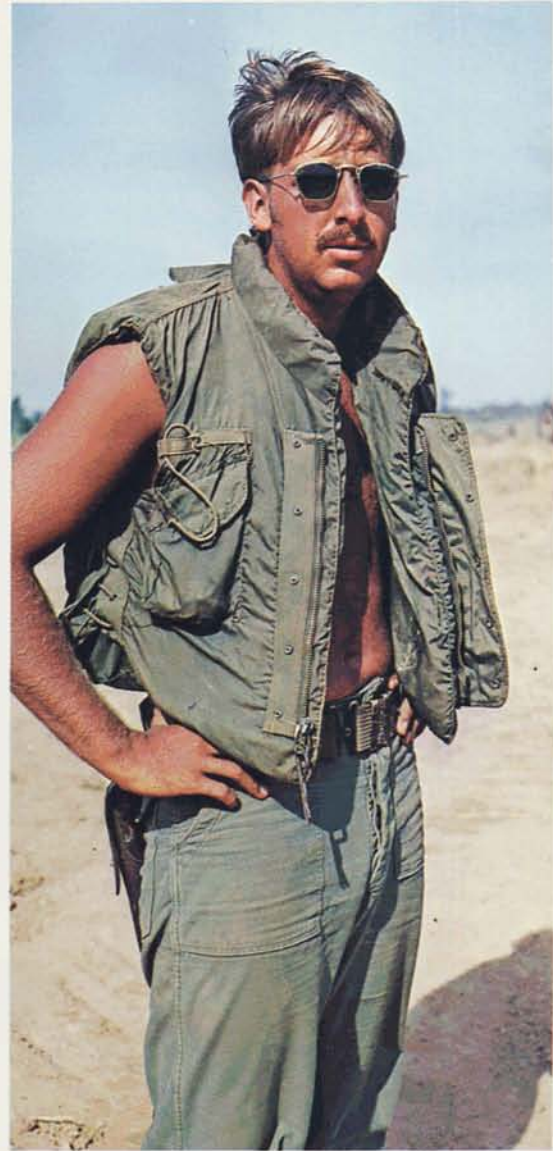




Provincial Route LTL-4



... was living Hell!







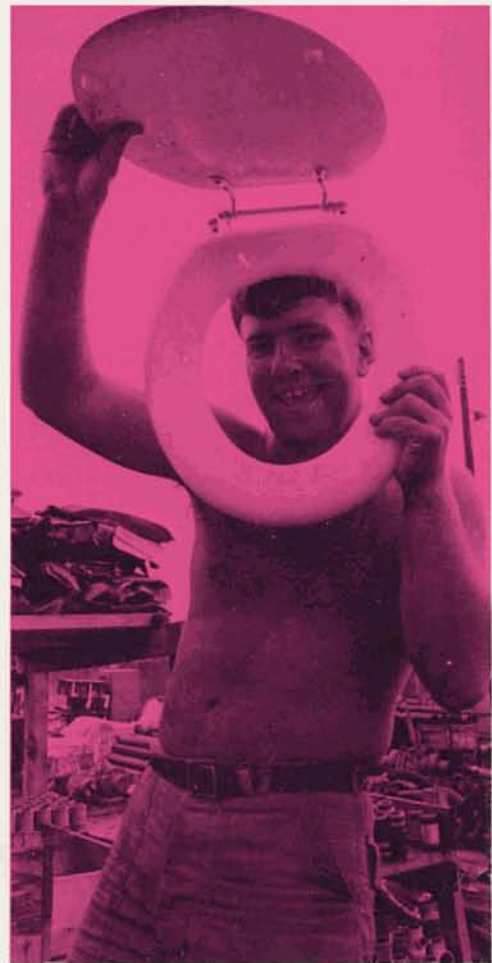
ACTOV bases







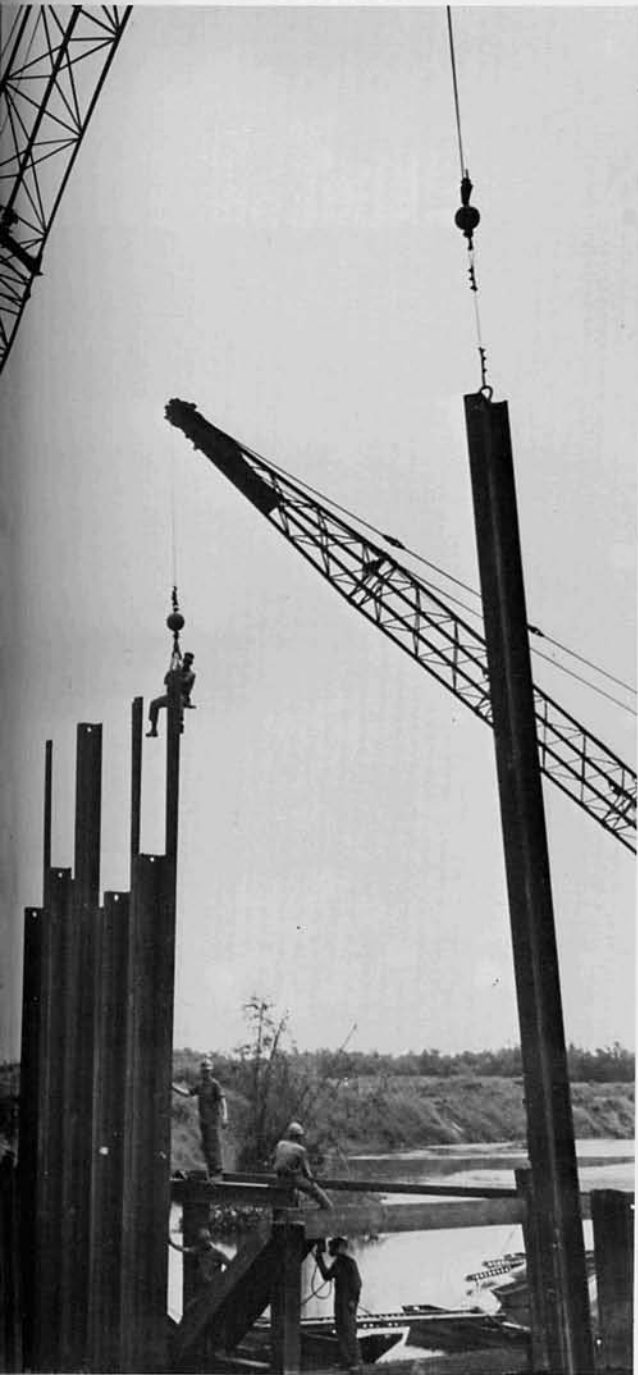
Chau Doc
and Tahn Chau





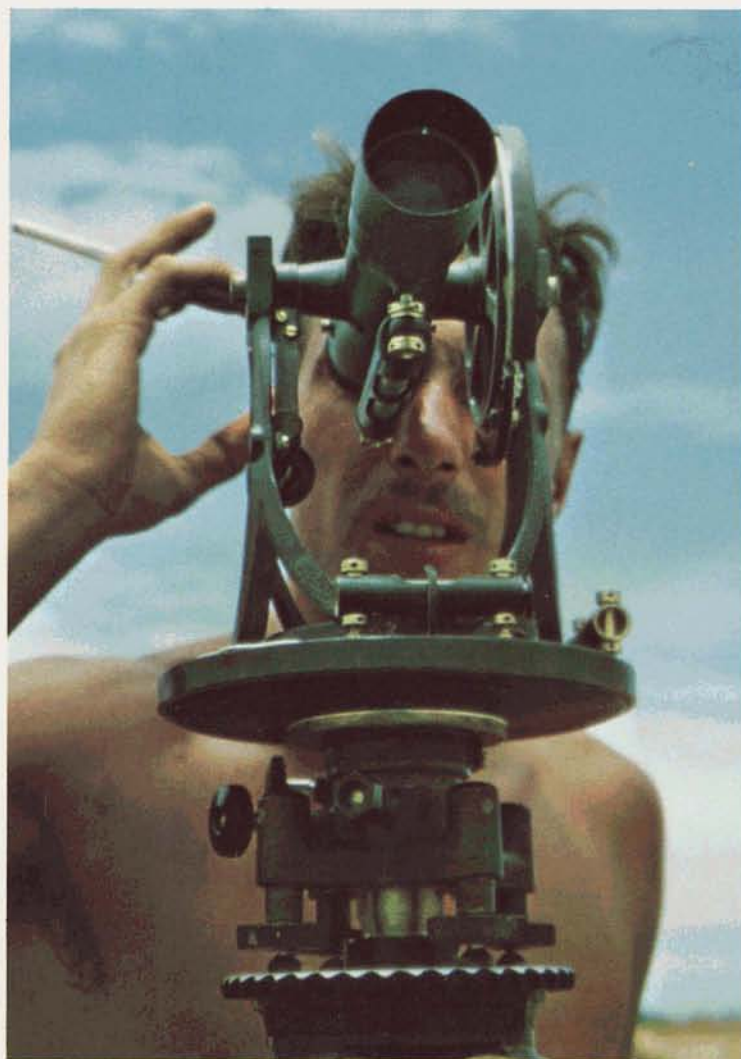
We came to work

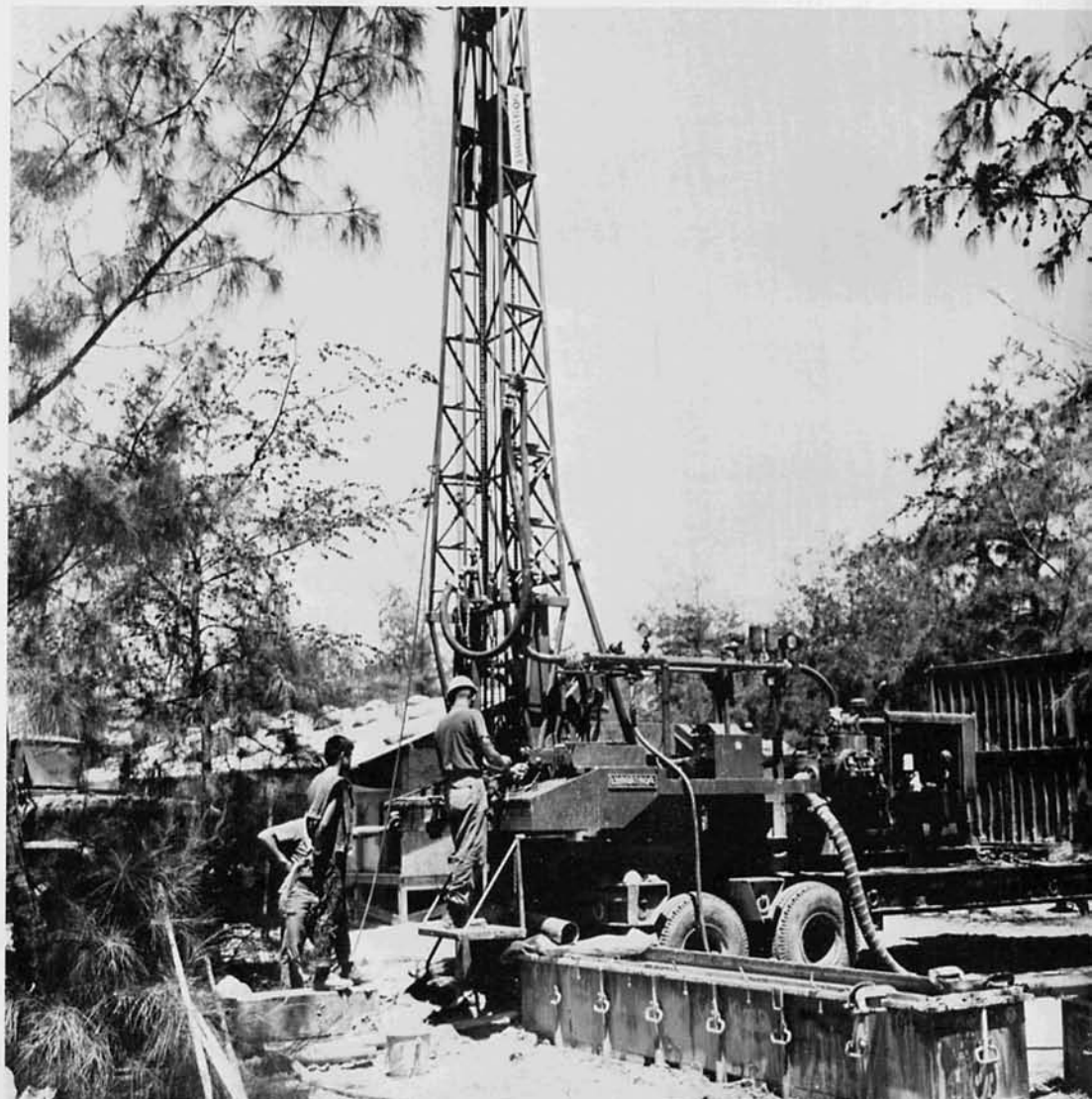




And work we did . . .









. . . often





Free time?





Short . . .



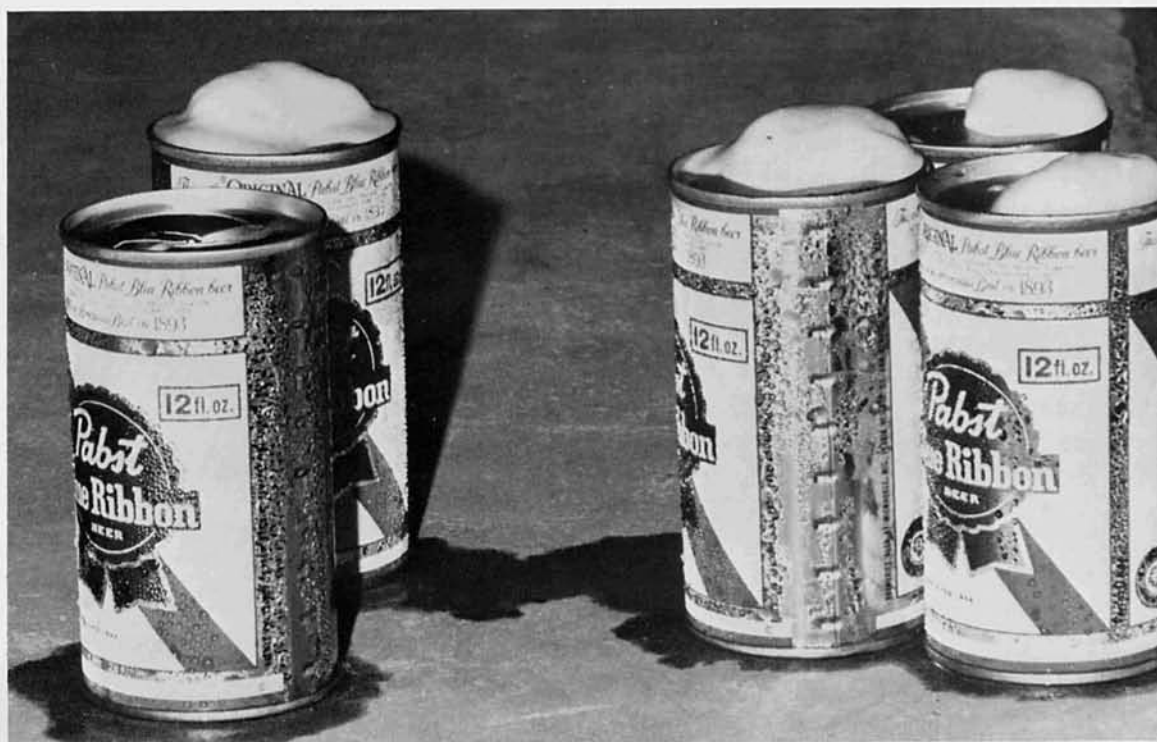
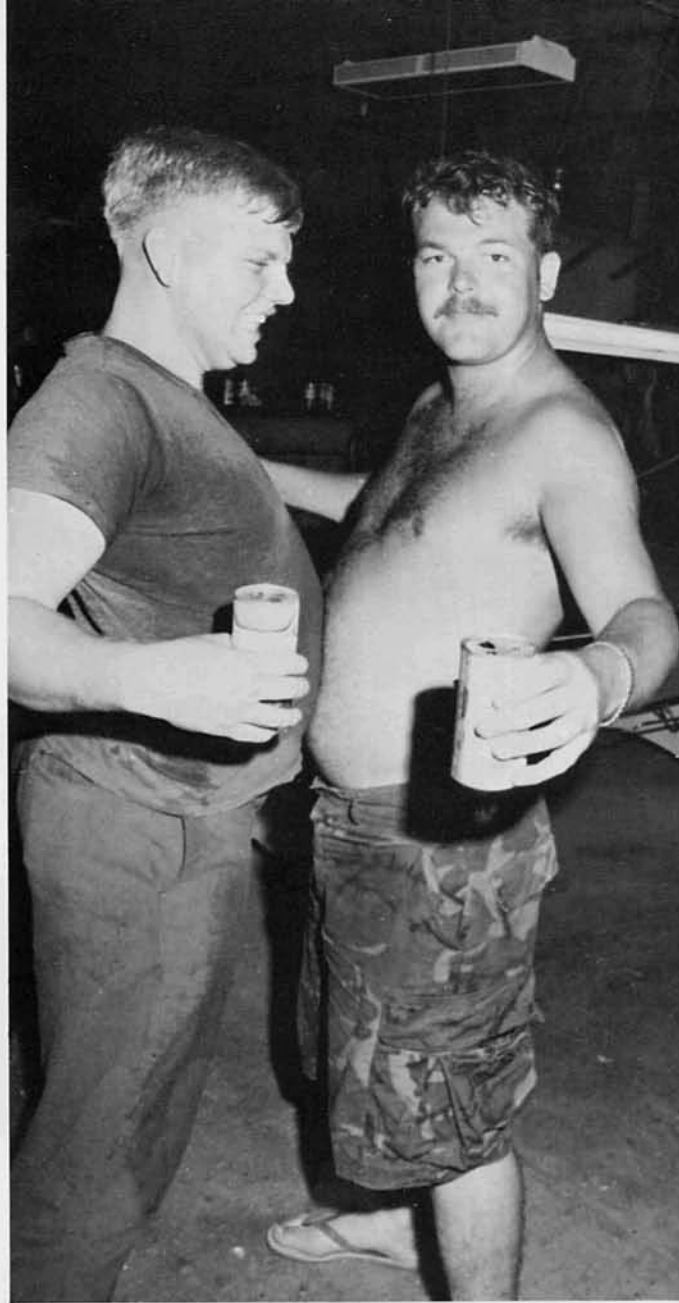




. . . but sweet



Club life was popular



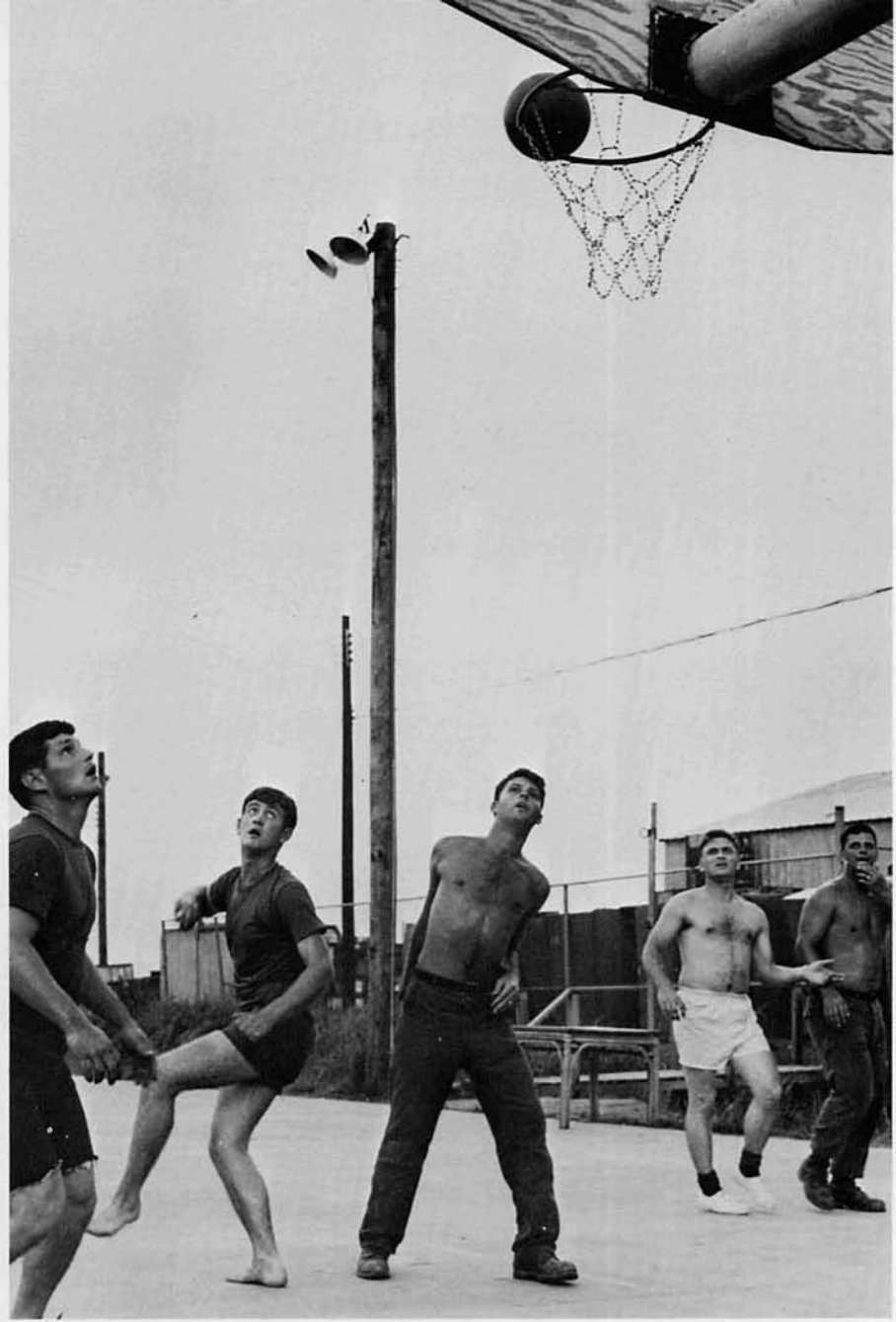


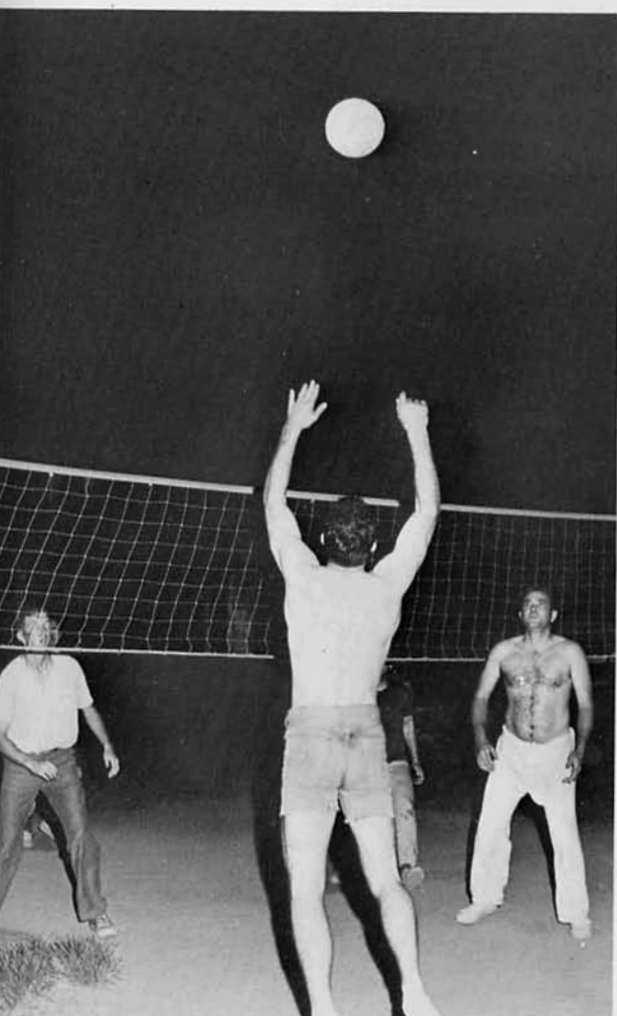
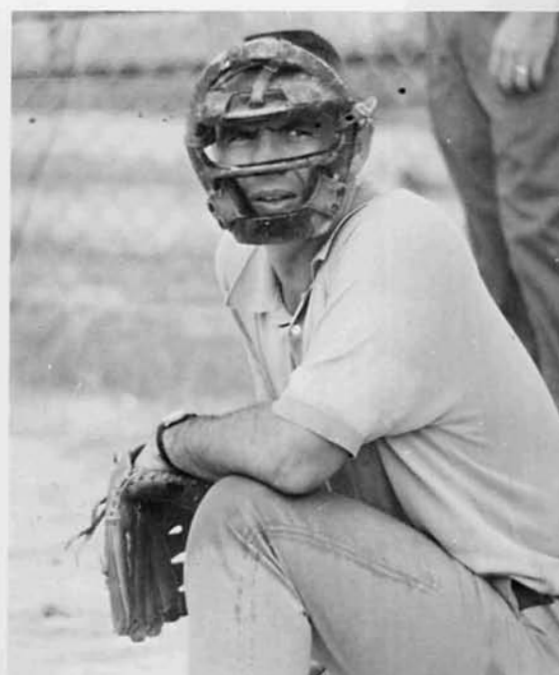


So was the beach



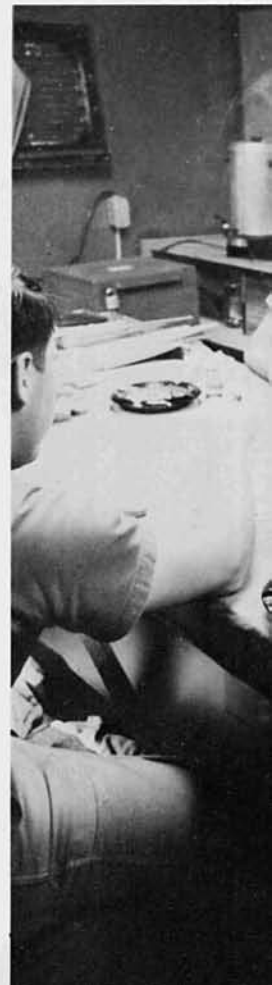






And then
there were
the jock-strappers

Just doing





our own thing



To while away the hours.



Finally . . .



... going-home-time!



Oh happy day — bye now!





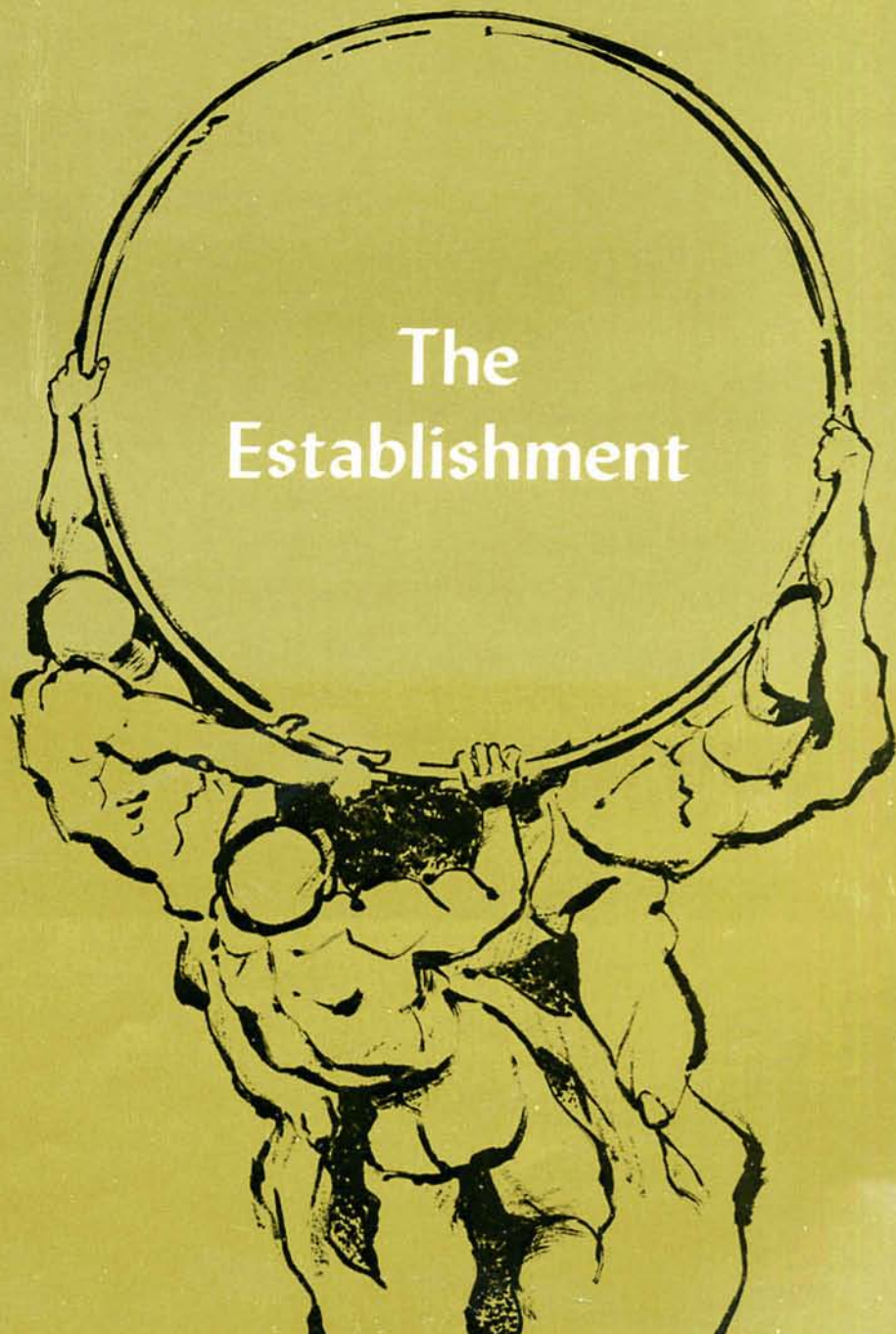


Home —
at last!





The
Establishment





CDR John Paul Jones, Jr.

Commanding Officer
July 30, 1968 — July 15, 1970

These past two years have been for me the most challenging, and at the same time the most rewarding, of my life. I have seen on three deployments in the Republic of Vietnam and in homeport just how amazing the Seabees really are, individually and collectively.

We have had our successes, QL-9 upgrade, the Dong-Ha Bridge, the Cam-Lo Bridge and two highly successful homeport deployments. And there will be more successes too, Chau-Doc and Tan-Chau ACTOV bases, LTL-4 upgrade and the Mackinac Bridge to name just a few.

These accomplishments were, and will be possible only because you, the individual and collective Seabees of NMCB 62, have consistently performed in such a magnificent manner. Even when the going has been exceptionally rough you have responded without faltering. Your loyalty and devotion to duty, your pure professionalism are unmatched in my experience. To all of you, officers and men, I extend the traditional Navy "Well Done." It has been a privilege and a distinct honor to have served with you.

It is tragic, and my only regret, that these successes were not made without sacrifice. I grieve, as I know you all do, for our fallen and wounded comrades and their bereaved families. These dedicated American men who have given their lives or have suffered painful wounds in the service of their country deserve our utmost respect and appreciation.

I know that I leave MCB 62 in good hands. Commander Newcomb is an old and valued friend, and he will lead you well. Follow him, and support him as you have supported me. With his leadership and that support, I have every confidence that this outstanding organization will remain "the best."

Finally, farewell and God speed to all of you. I will pray for your safety as you complete this arduous deployment, and hope that your reunion with your loved ones will be joyous.

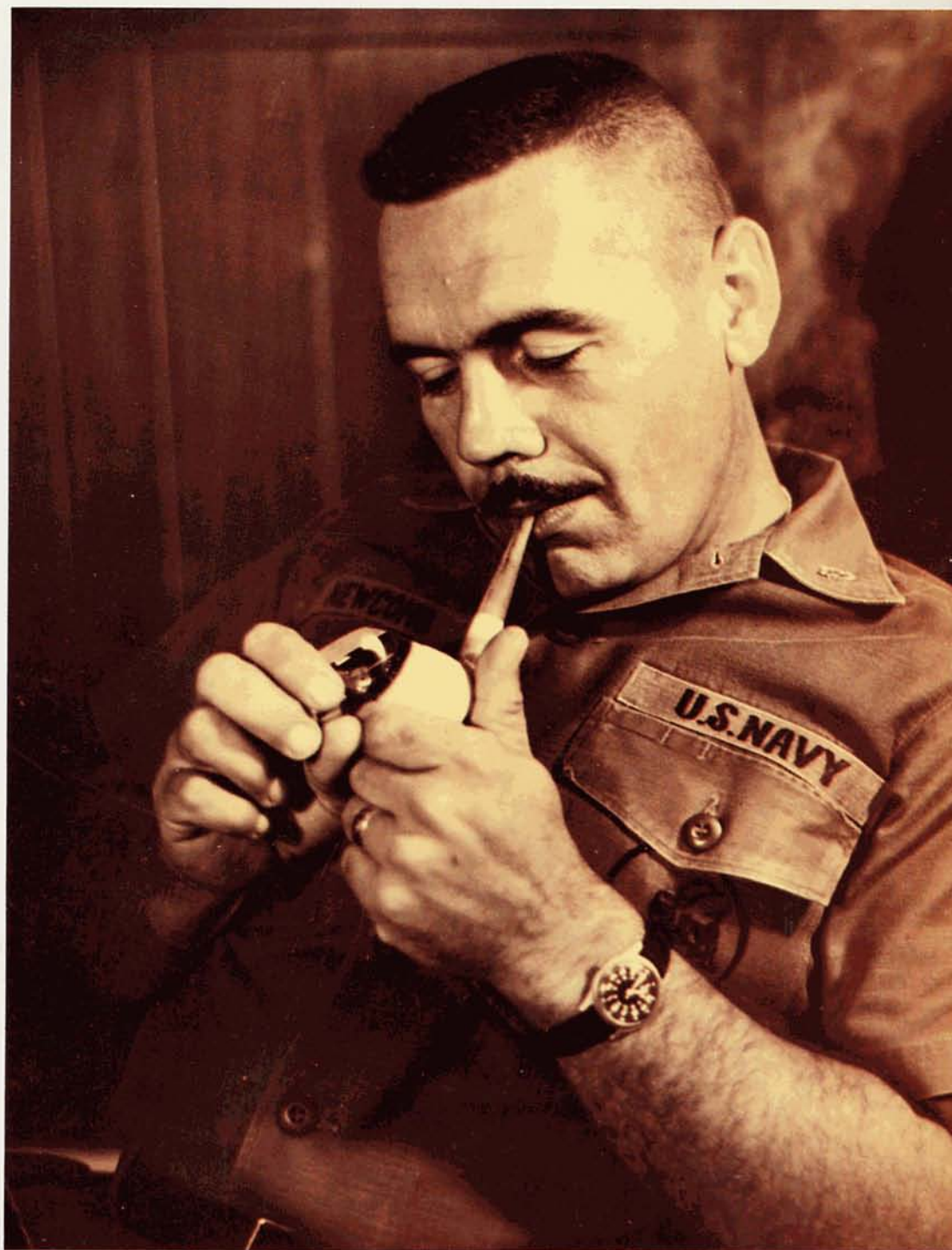
This cruise book is dedicated to the men of MCB 62's Detail Buford. It is right and proper that some signal recognition of their determination, perseverance, and valor should be made. Determination to build LTL-4 in spite of enemy mines, blown bridges and weather delays. Perseverance to continue working while seeing their comrades fall to the maiming of the ever present impassionate mines, and then demanding to go back to work as soon as their injuries permitted. And finally valor to continue to run their heavy rigs up and down the road knowing they were playing their own brand of "Russian Roulette."

But Detail Buford is only a part of the whole battalion. It took the support of all of the battalion to make Detail Buford successful. Each and every man in MCB 62 made his own contribution to that project as with every other project undertaken by this battalion. The continued outstanding performance of MCB 62 throughout the deployment is mute testimony to the pride of the individual Seabee. Pride in his unit, pride in his job and pride in himself.

Now the deployment is over and the men of MCB 62 are scattering to the four winds. Some of you to continue your careers in the Navy at other duty stations. Some to return to civilian life to start out on new ventures in college, industry and business. I take my hat off to all of you — the "best of the best." May God go with you and may you forever have "fair winds and following seas."

To the men who will remain with SIXTY-TWO I charge you to hold up this 1970 deployment to Vietnam as the goal which must be achieved on each subsequent deployment.

Finally to all of the men of SIXTY-TWO my deepest thanks and admiration for a difficult job superbly "WELL DONE." You are the backbone of the United States and you have certainly supported her in an exemplary manner.



CDR Frank M. Newcomb

Commanding Officer

July 15, 1970 —



LCDR David H. Gerdel

Executive Officer

The completion of the Danang deployment marks another significant milestone in the records and achievements of MCB 62. The diversity of work and the geographical separation of assigned jobs has truly tasked all elements of the battalion during this deployment and each has responded with outstanding "can do" and "have done."

To the courageous men of Detail Buford who daily gave more than anyone could ask, and the men who worked in the Delta achieving such outstanding quality and quantity, I especially express my appreciation and admiration. The efforts of all hands was in the finest traditions of the Seabees and were obvious reflections of the pride each of you had in yourselves and MCB 62.

Of particular significance this deployment was the almost total utilization of the battalion on projects to benefit the Vietnamese. The construction of LTL-4 and QL-1, the Go Noi Island bridge, the Force Structure Increases and the ACTOV bases were all projects which will materially assist the Vietnamese in their struggle for self determination and economic development.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve with each of you. I wish you continued success in whatever endeavor you may undertake and charge those of you remaining with the battalion to continue to maintain the reputation and pride you have so deservedly achieved.

Officers — the hub of leadership



LCDR William E. Robertson
Operations

LCDR Robert A. Cooper
Supply



LCDR John D. Simcox
Supply

LCDR Roy C. Wood
Chaplain



Top row: LTJG Glenn M. Armstrong, Material Liaison; LT Larry D. Brock, Medical; LT Charles J. Bruce, Detail Albany; ENS David L. Burrus, Bravo Co.; LT Richard R. Crowe, Chaplain. Bottom row: LTJG Michael W. Delk, Charlie Co.; LTJG David E. Dunnavant, Disbursing; LT Gordon D. Gregory, Dental; LTJG Carl E. Gross, Training; LTJG Donald R. Keith, Detail Hollywood.

James W. Enright, EQCM
Battalion Master Chief



Top Row: LTJG George F. Koob, Engineering; LTJG David W. Marshall, Alfa Company; LT Kenneth W. Meeks, Alfa Company. Second row: ENS William C. Meyer, Charlie Company; ENS Bruce W. Murff, Disbursing; LT William D. Nunez, Medical. Third row: LTJG John E. Rectenwald, Engineering; LTJG Roger W. Sinnott, Administration; LTJG Thomas A. Wells, Delta Company.



WO1 William C. Woolnough
Personnel

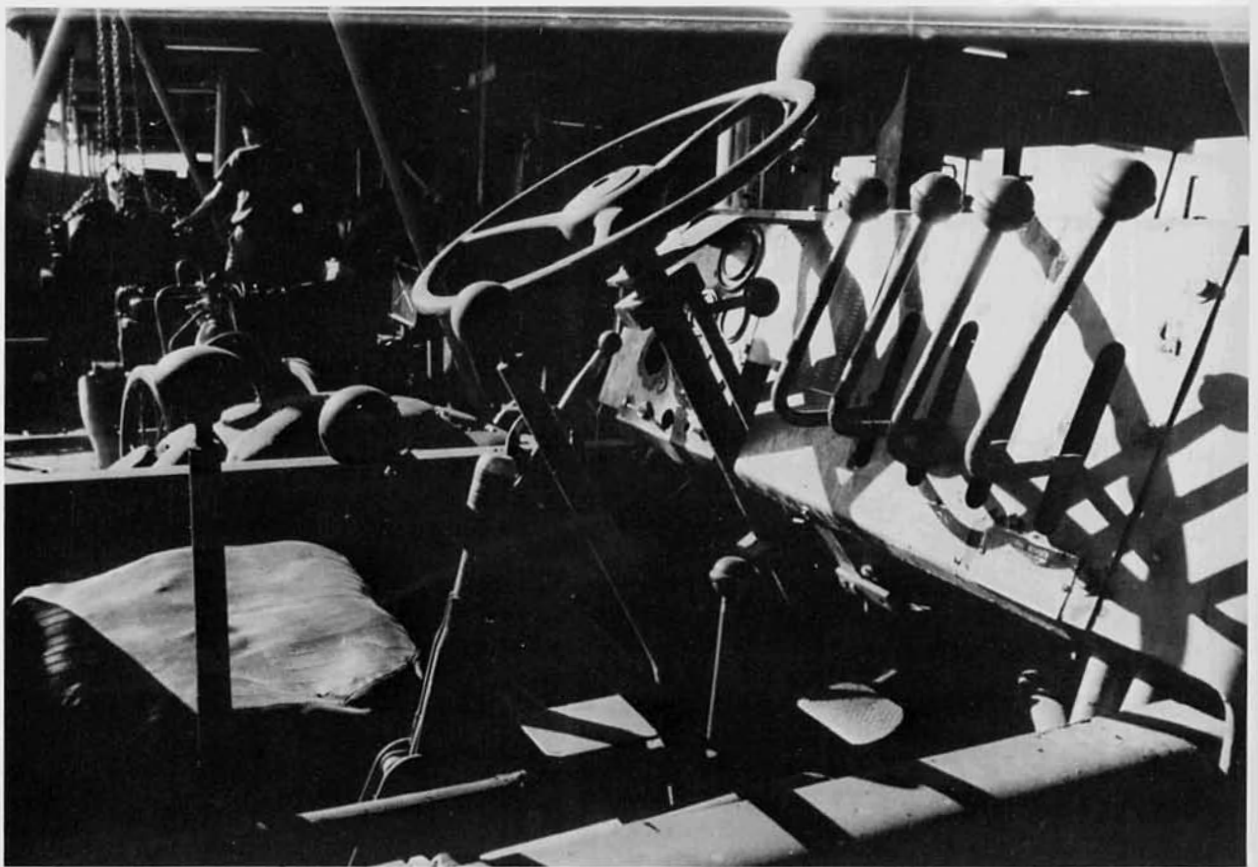


CECS Charles L. Ferguson
Bravo Company

ALFA



The mobility in MCB 62





Union of man . . .



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Nils C. Andersen, CMC
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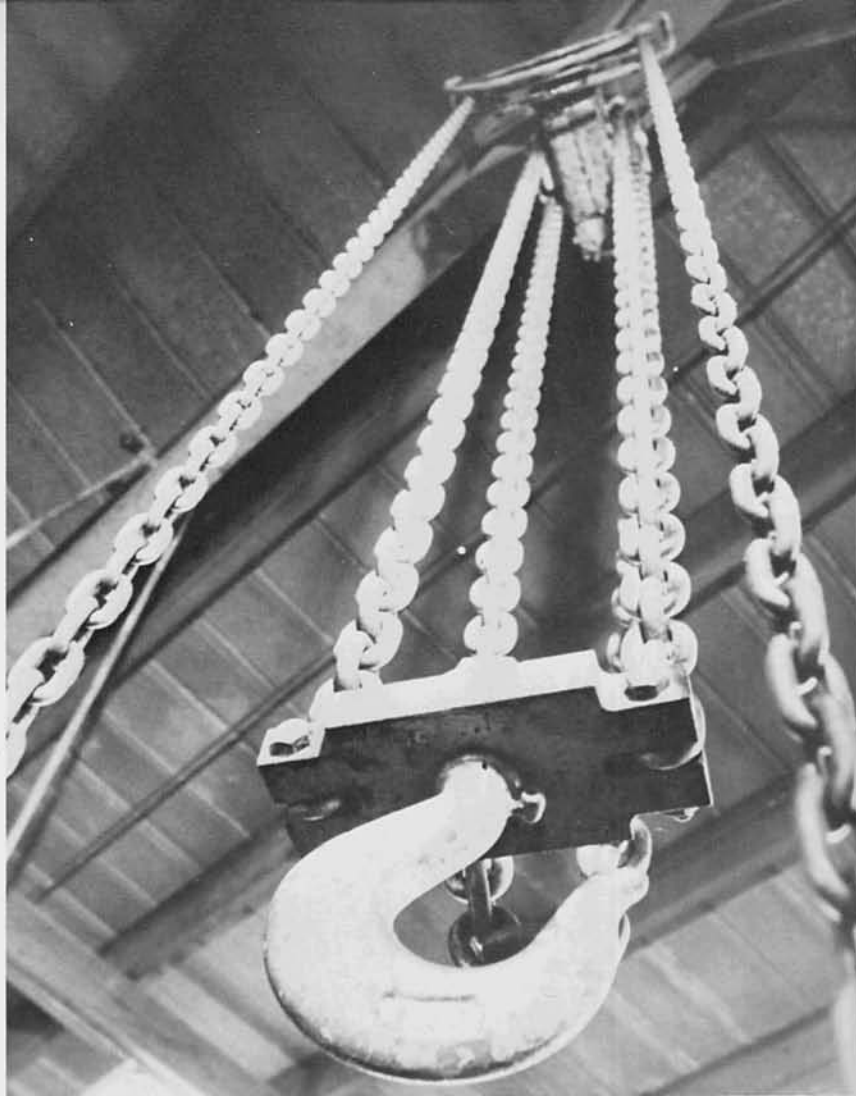


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... and machine

Horsepower . . .



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Raymond J. Carlton, EO3
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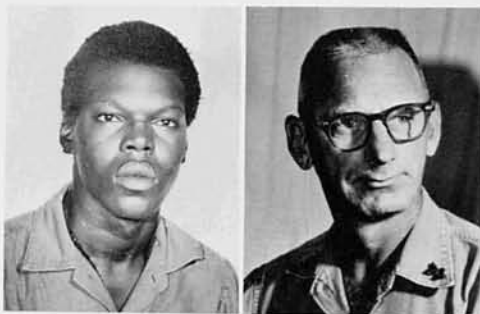


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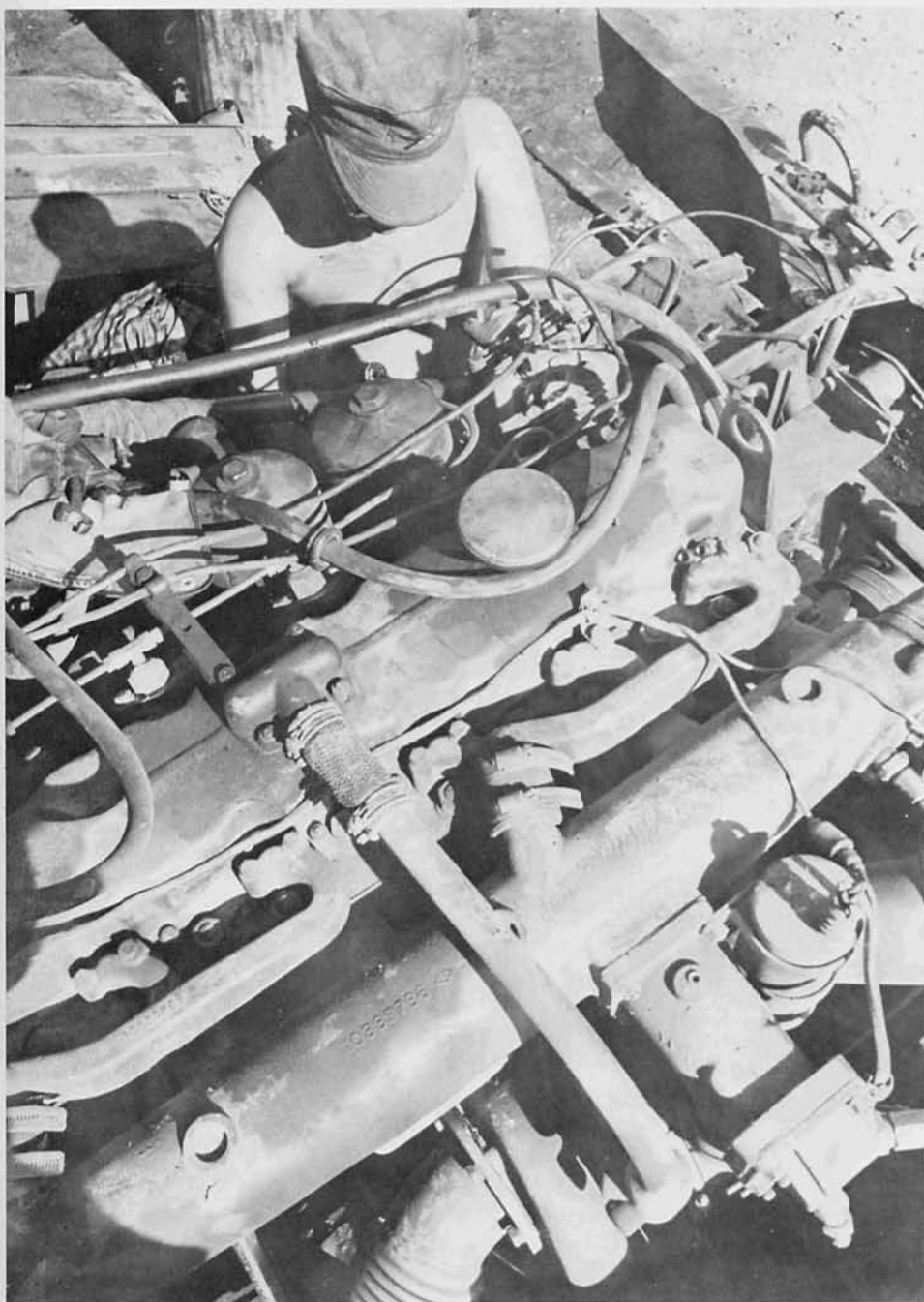
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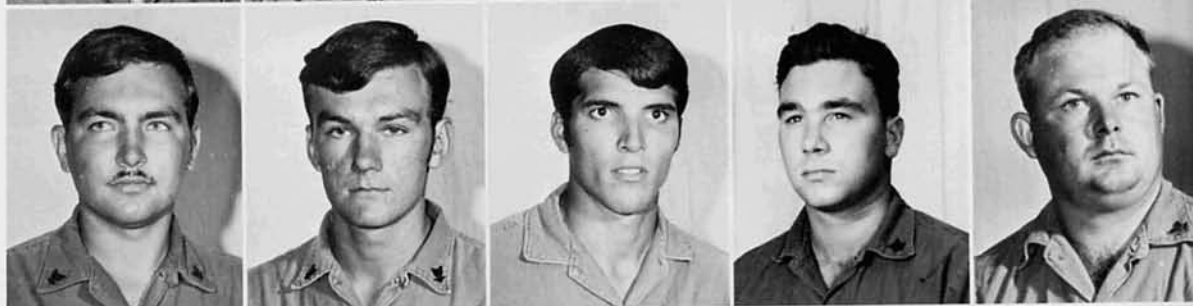
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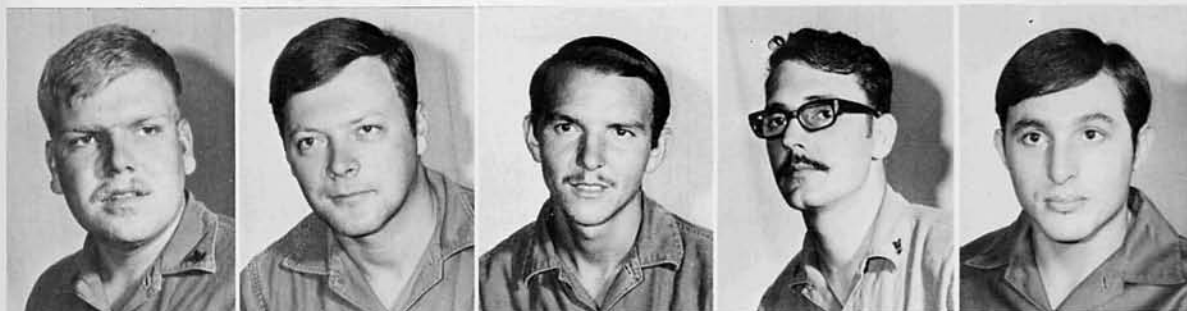


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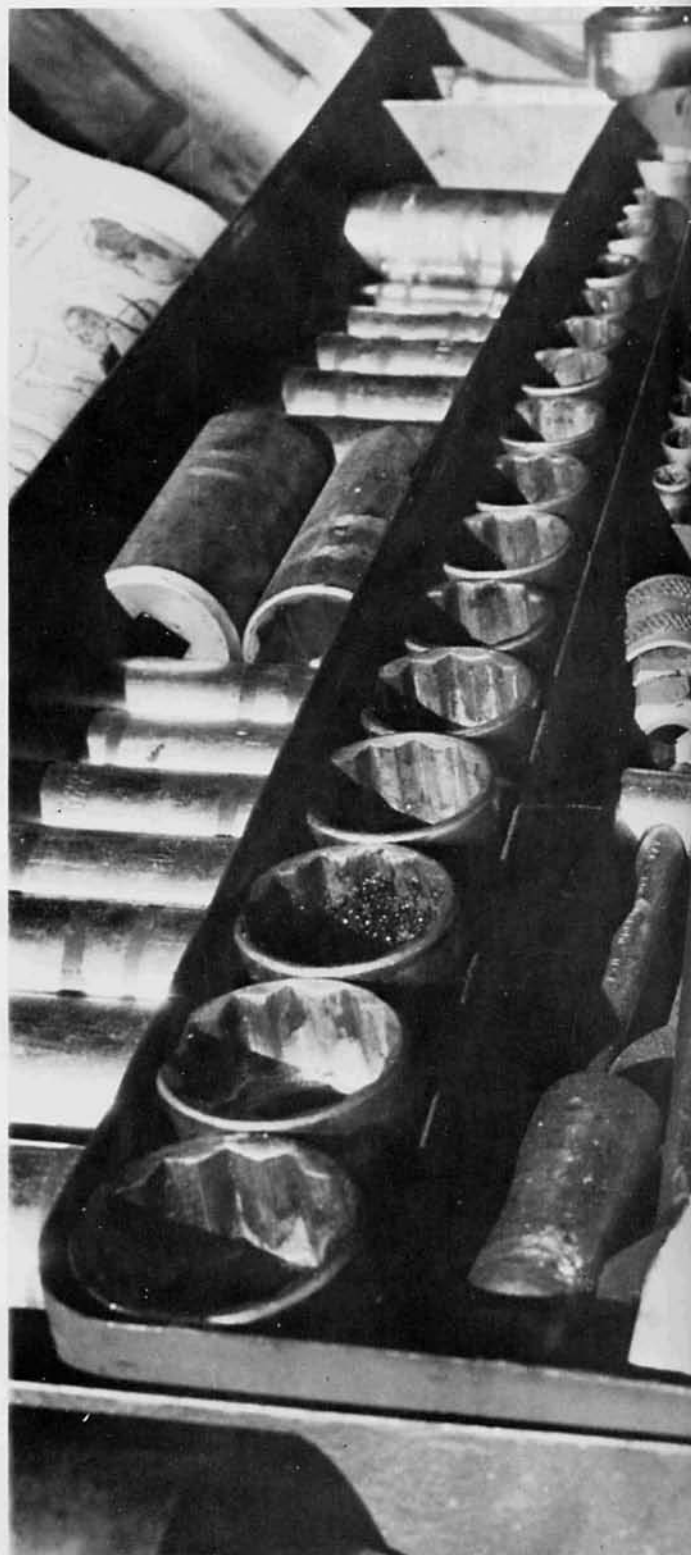
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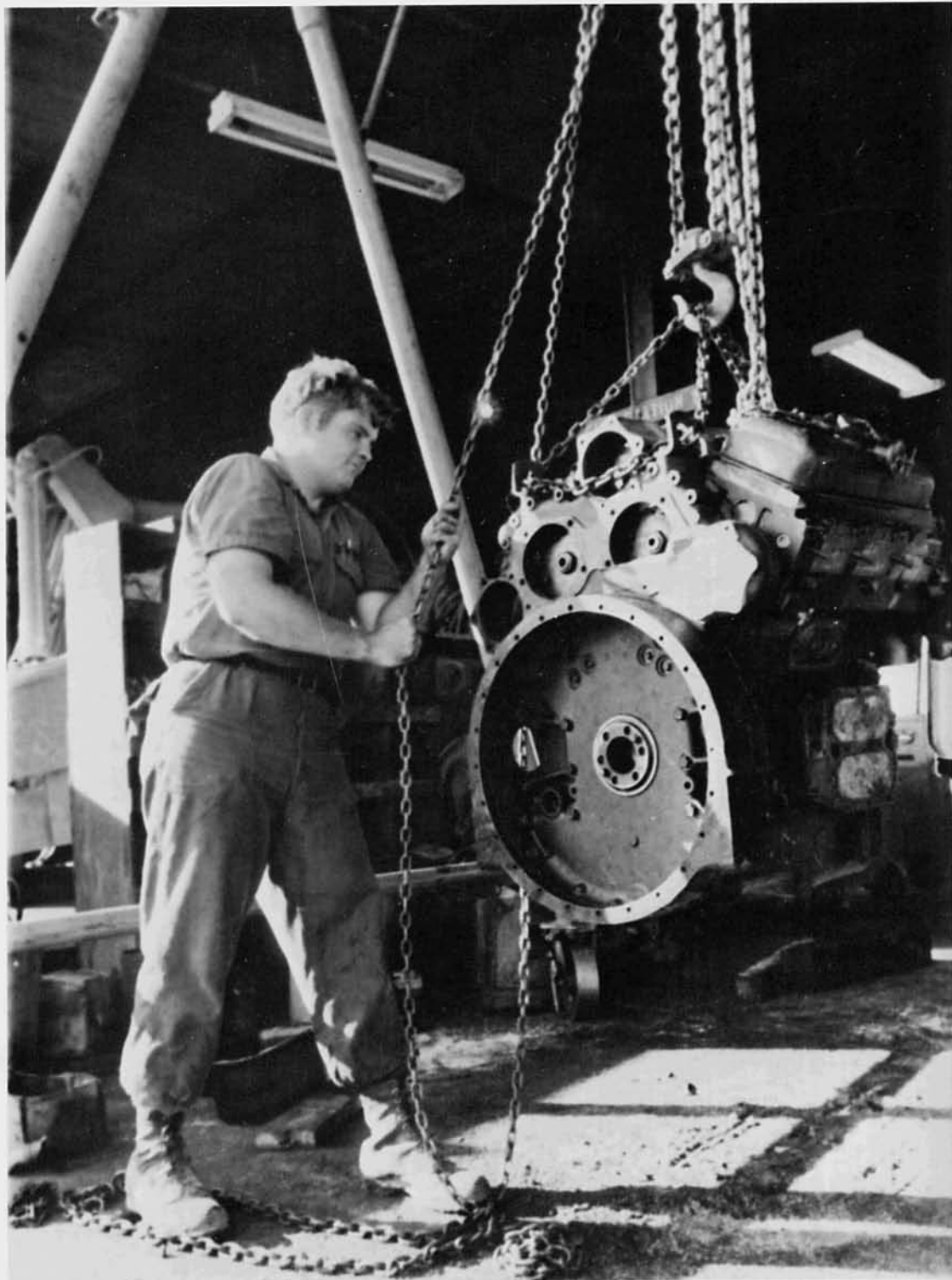
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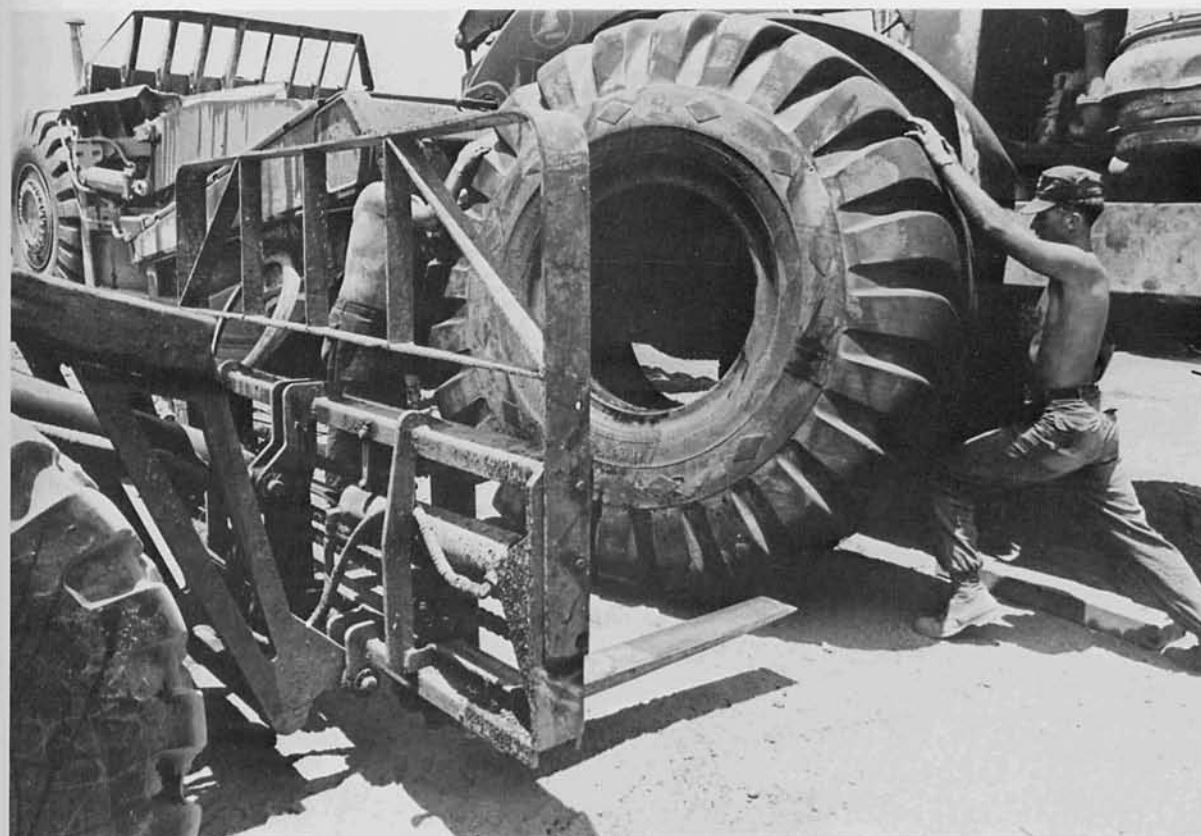
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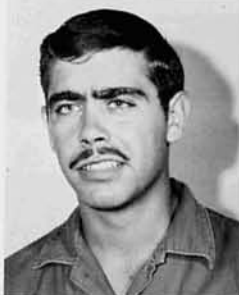
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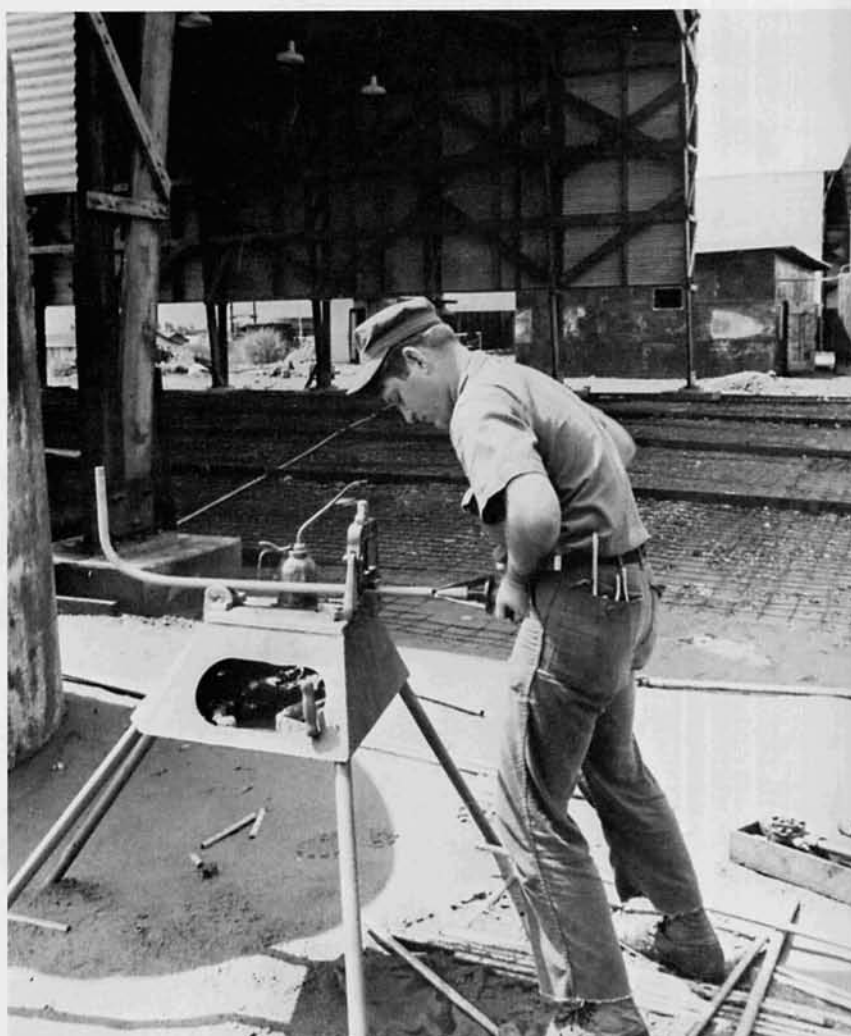
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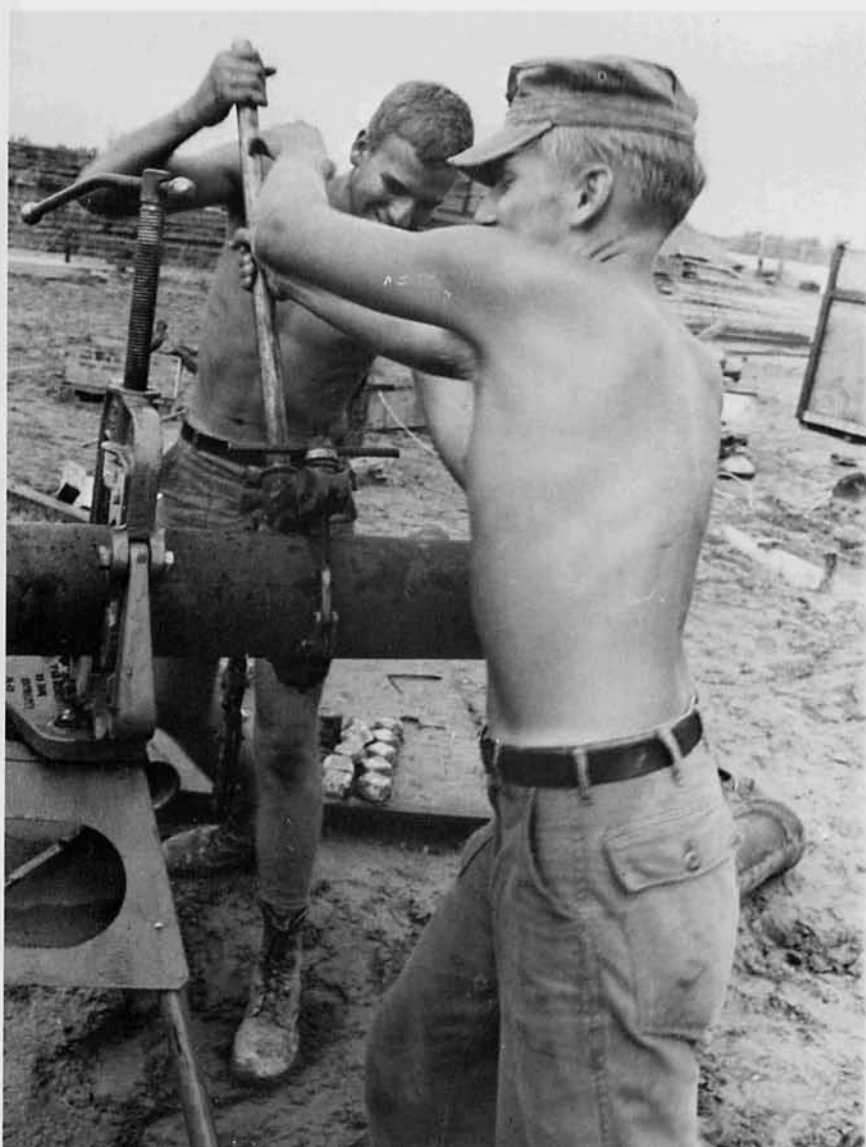


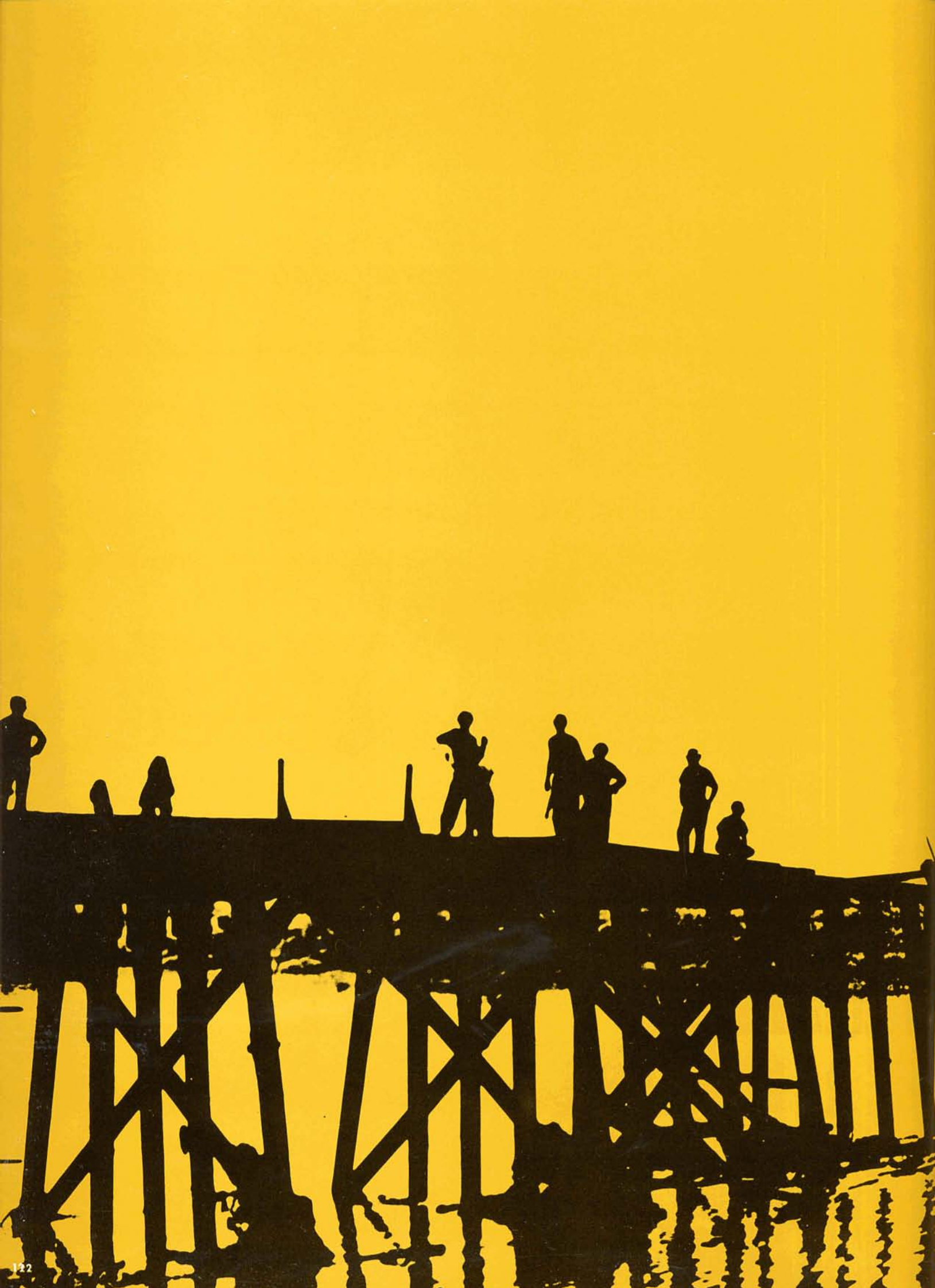
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Vertical projects
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Towers, dams, bridges and the like

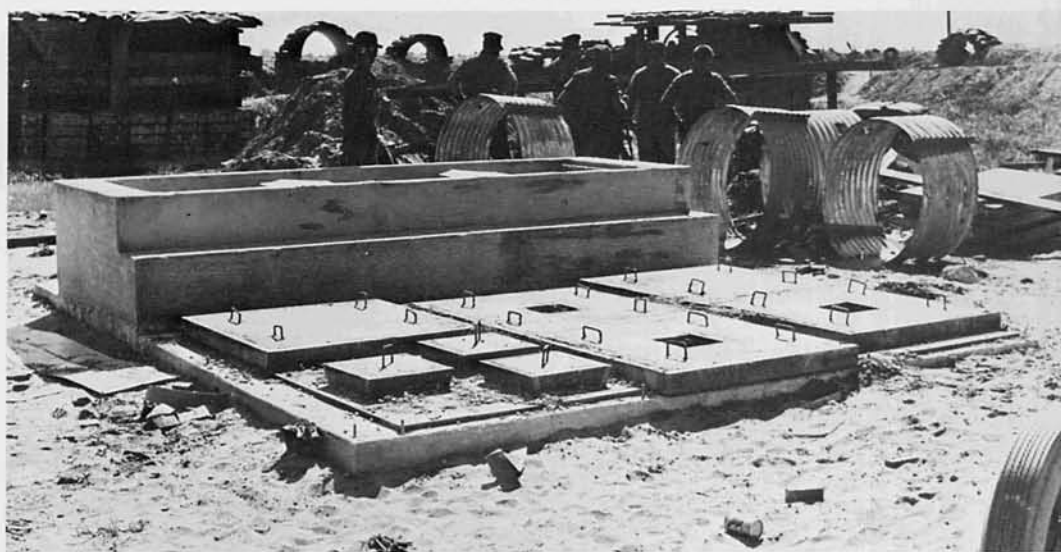


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Roughing it in the Delta





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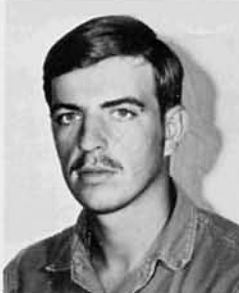




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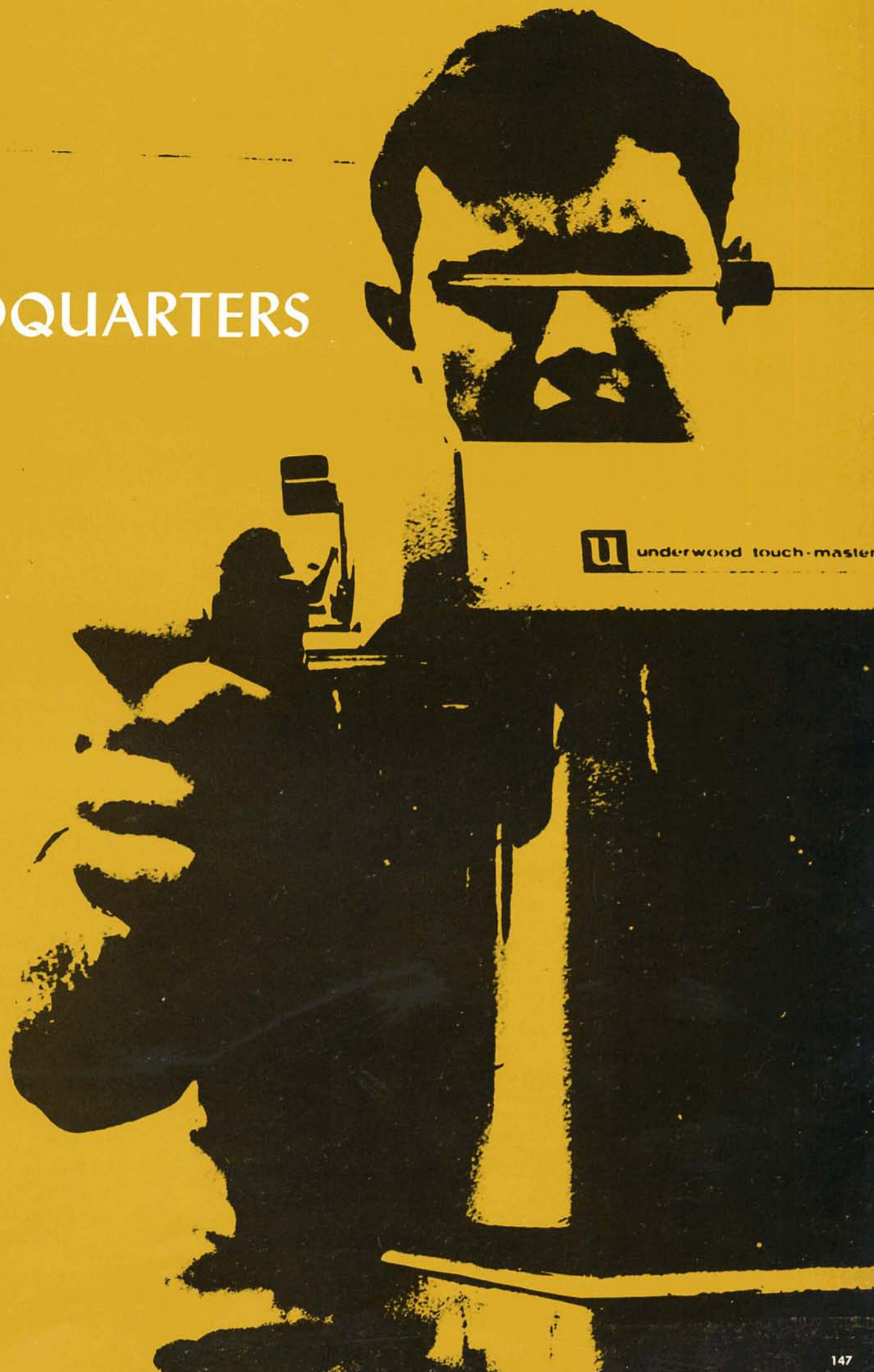


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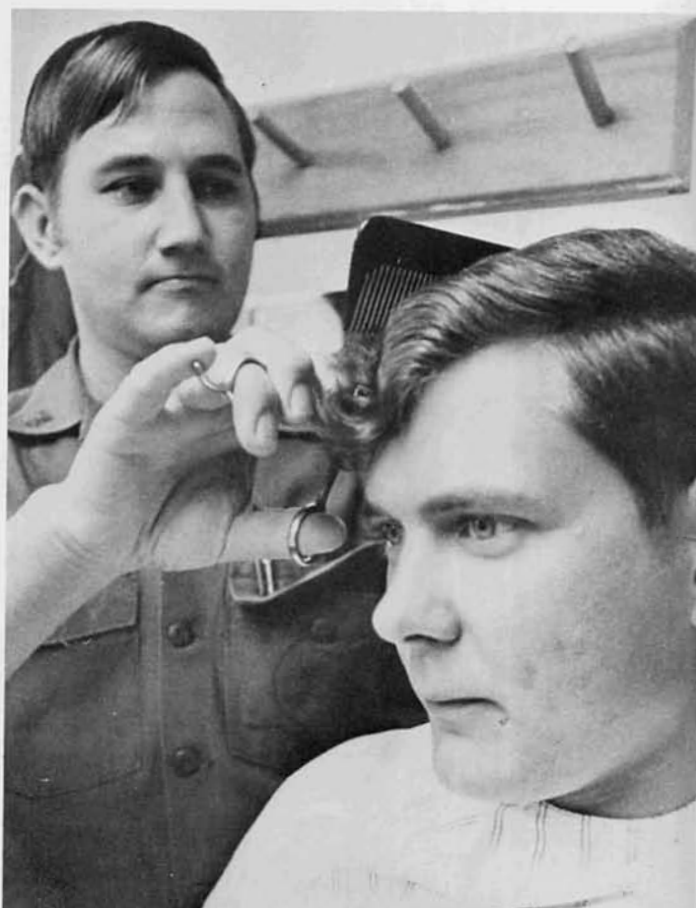
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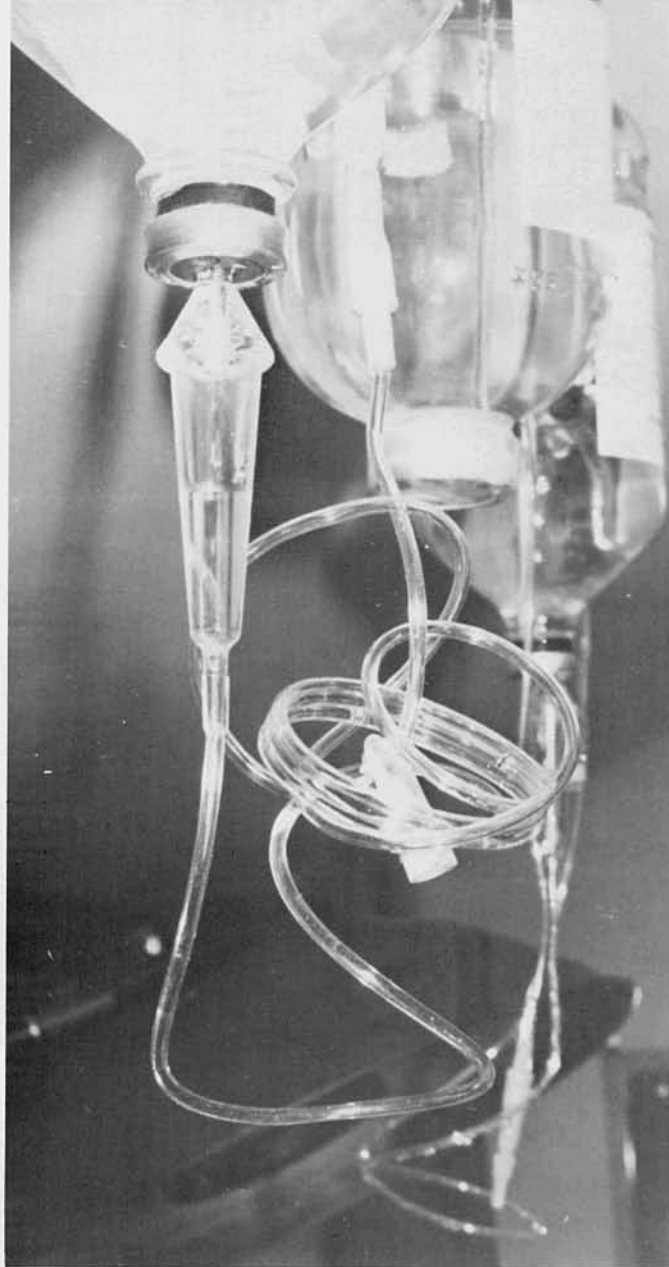


underwood touch-master



Fleet Bees — heart of the battalion







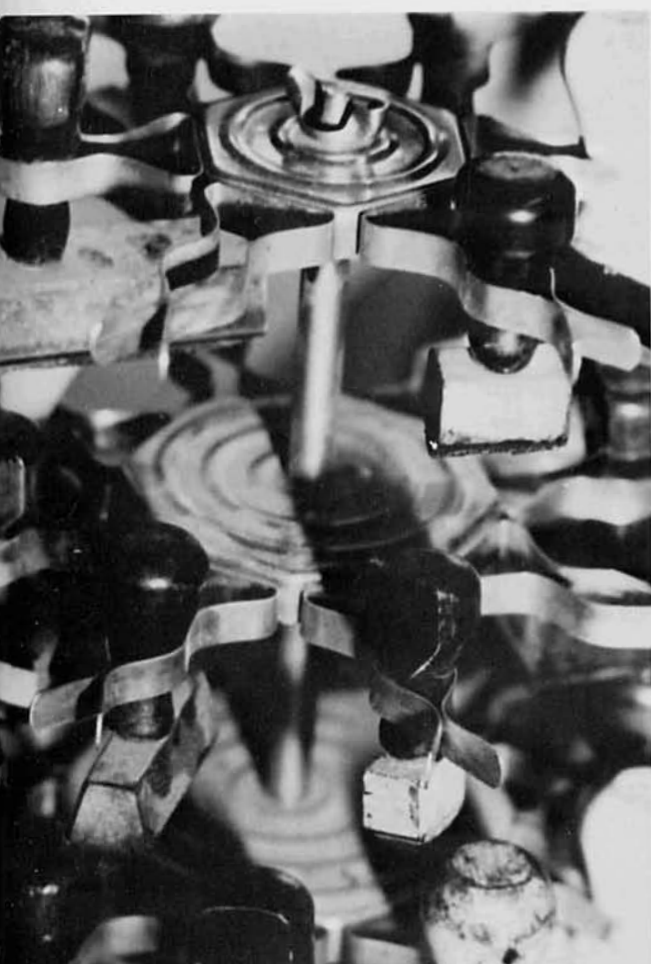


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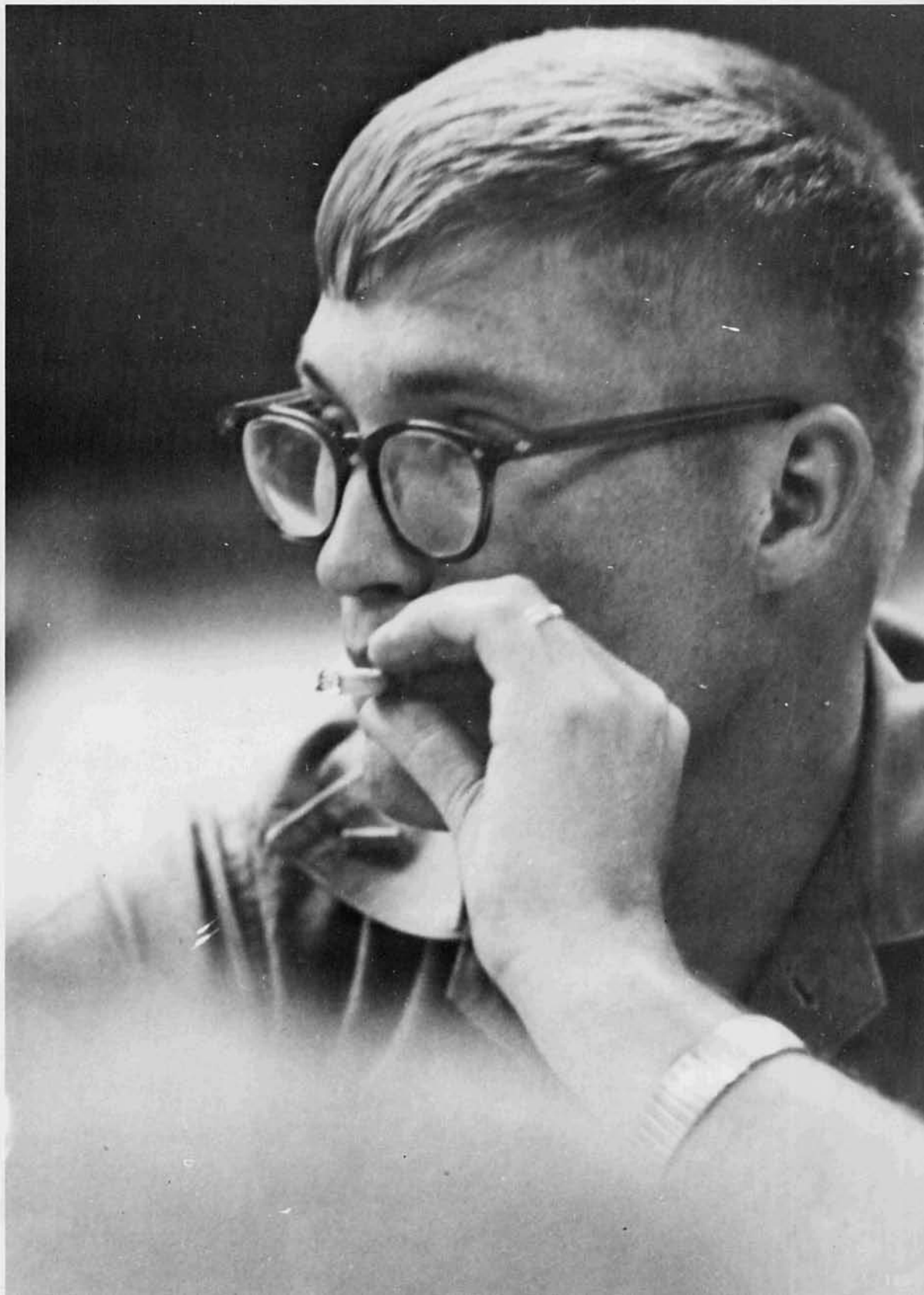




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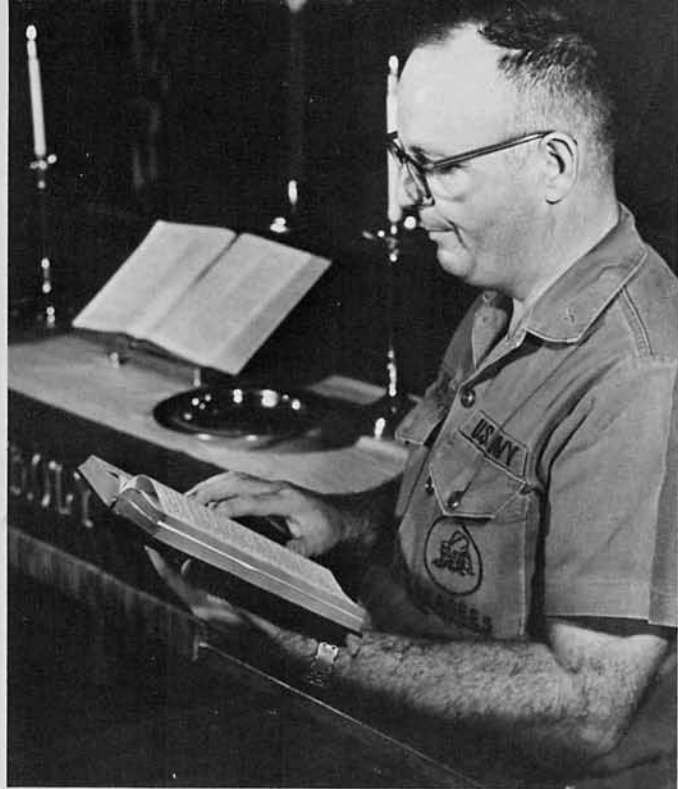


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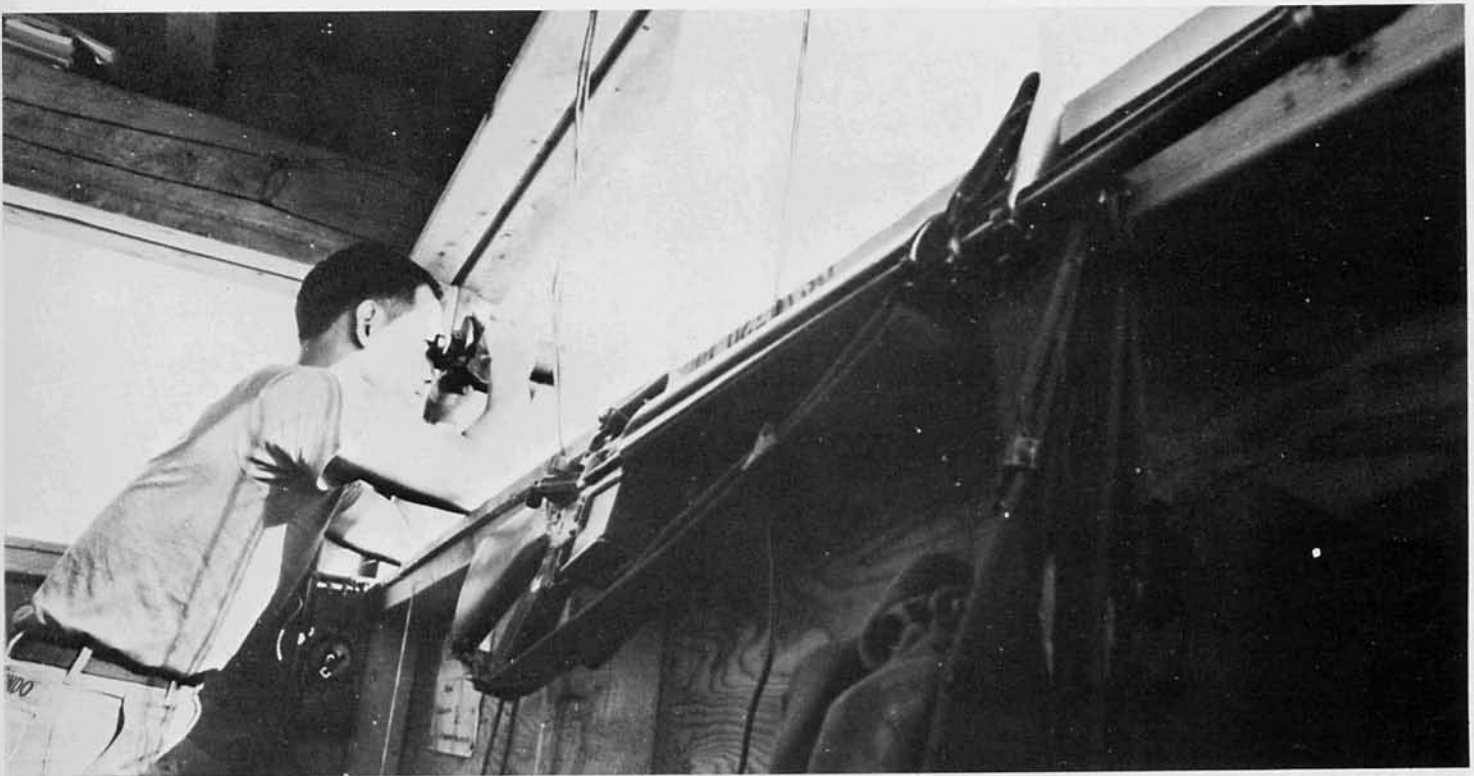


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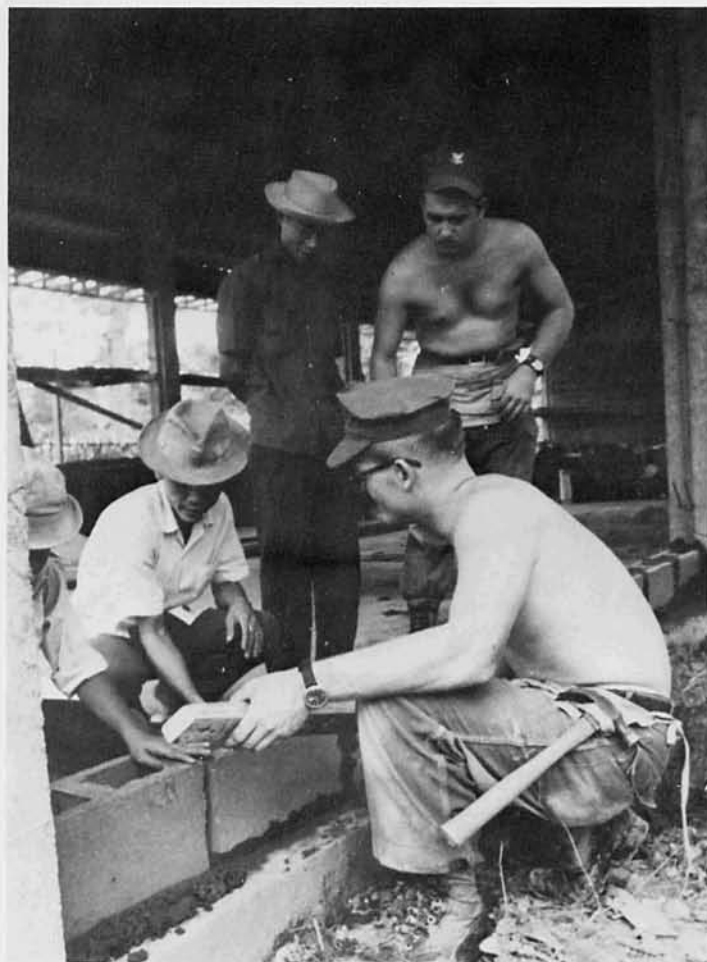


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Seabee Team 6203



Seabee Team 6203 spent seven months in the city of My Tho in the Dinh Tuong Province. During the deployment members worked along side Vietnamese trainees building a 16-bed recovery ward for the province hospital at My Tho, the Giao Duc High School addition, the Dinh Tuong Agricultural High School site and a two and a half mile road upgrade project in the central part of the province.





LEFT — Members of Seabee Team 6203 are (from top, left to right), BU3 Douglas R. Schinler, EO3 Frederick C. Slaw, CM2 William M. O'Brien, EA3 James E. Evans, EO2 Calvin C. Mathews, SW1 James F. Cook, LTJG Richard C. Johnson (officer-in-charge), HM3 David M. Taylor, and BUC Keith W. Nelson. Not pictured are BU2 Charles K. Davis, UT1 Forrest W. Churchill, CE2 Roy D. Berlin and CM3 Roger A. Groetzinger.

Seabee Team 6204

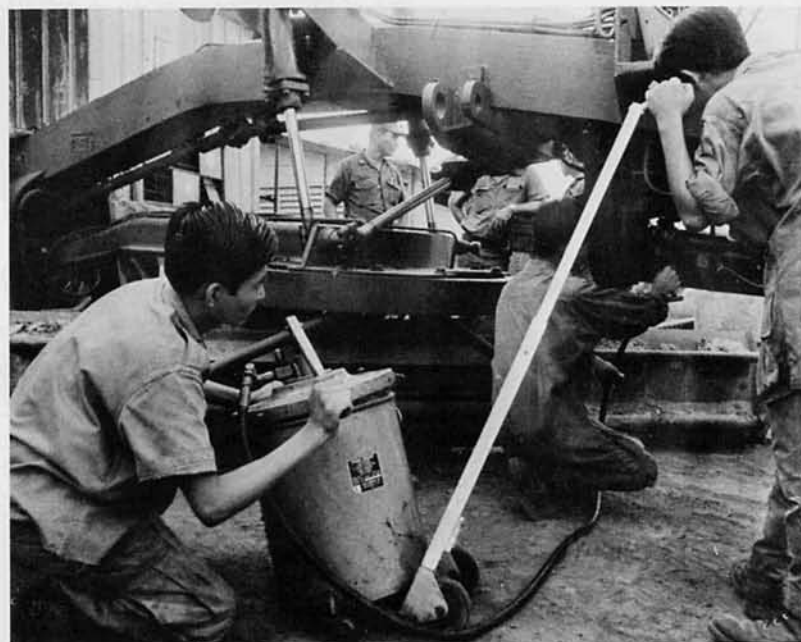


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Seabee Team 6204 was assigned to the area around Thu Duc in the Gia Dinh Province. Some of their projects included a trainee mechanics' quarters near Thu Duc, a concrete athletic court for the German Re-education Center near Thu Duc, a ten-unit apartment complex for the province Chieu Hoi Center and a new road through the village of Tam Hai.



Seabee Team 6205

At Lai Thieu in Binh Duong Province, Seabee Team 6205 completed projects such as the Binh My village dispensary, the Lai Thieu Primary School, the Binh Hoa refugee water system, four miles of upgrading Provincial Route 9 and the market square resurfacing at Lai Thieu.





ABOVE — Members of Seabee Team 6205 are (from top, left to right), BU3 Ted S. Owens, Paul Gilbert (interpreter), CM2 William D. Seale, EA2 Charles E. Thibodeaux, CE3 Dennis L. Spartz, EO2 Robert L. Turner, EO2 Jack C. Bounds, UT3 John C. Gilbert, HM1 Larry L. Young, SWC Donald T. La Flamme, CM3 Randal L. King, SW3 Kerry D. Luttrell, LTJG Gregg D. Hagedorn (officer-in-charge) and BU1 Arthur R. Smith.



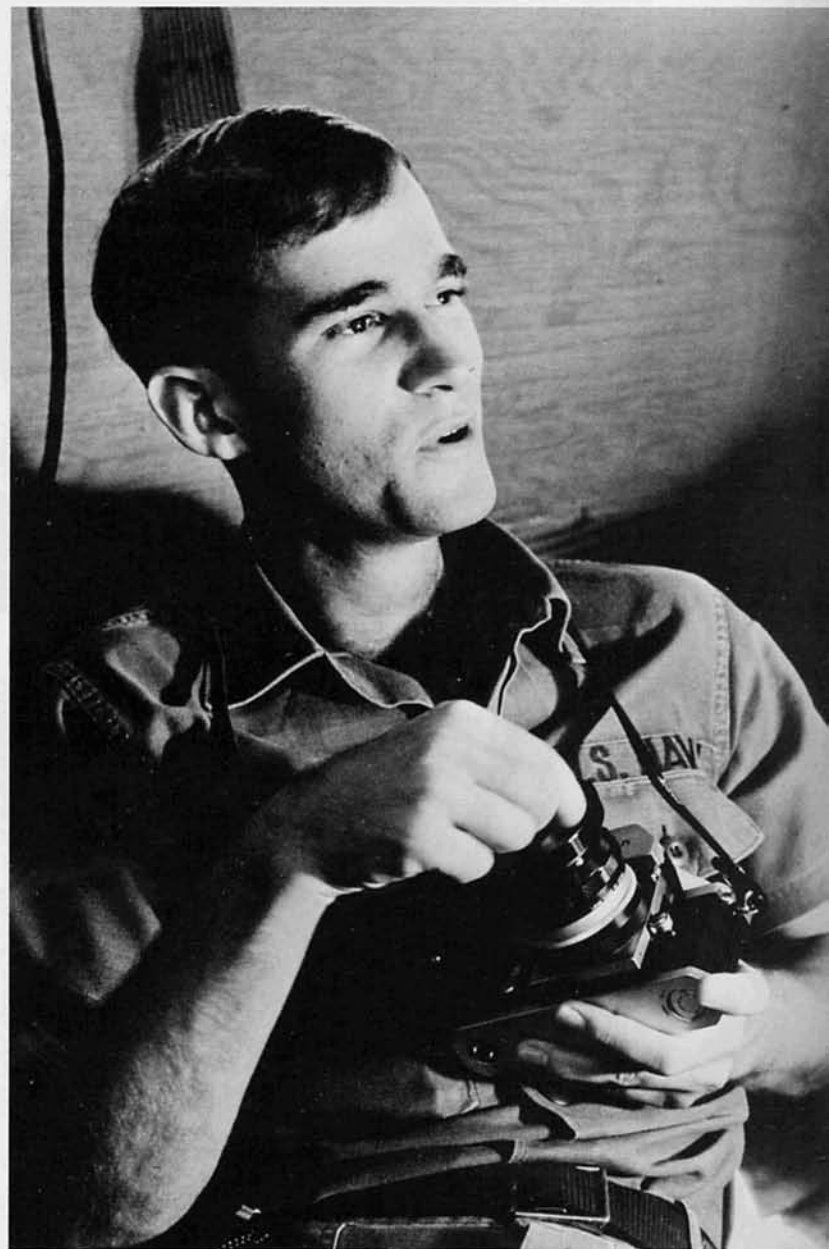
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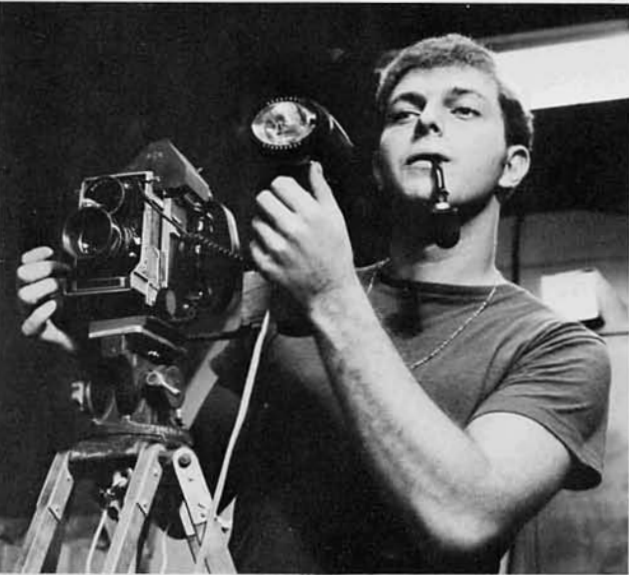


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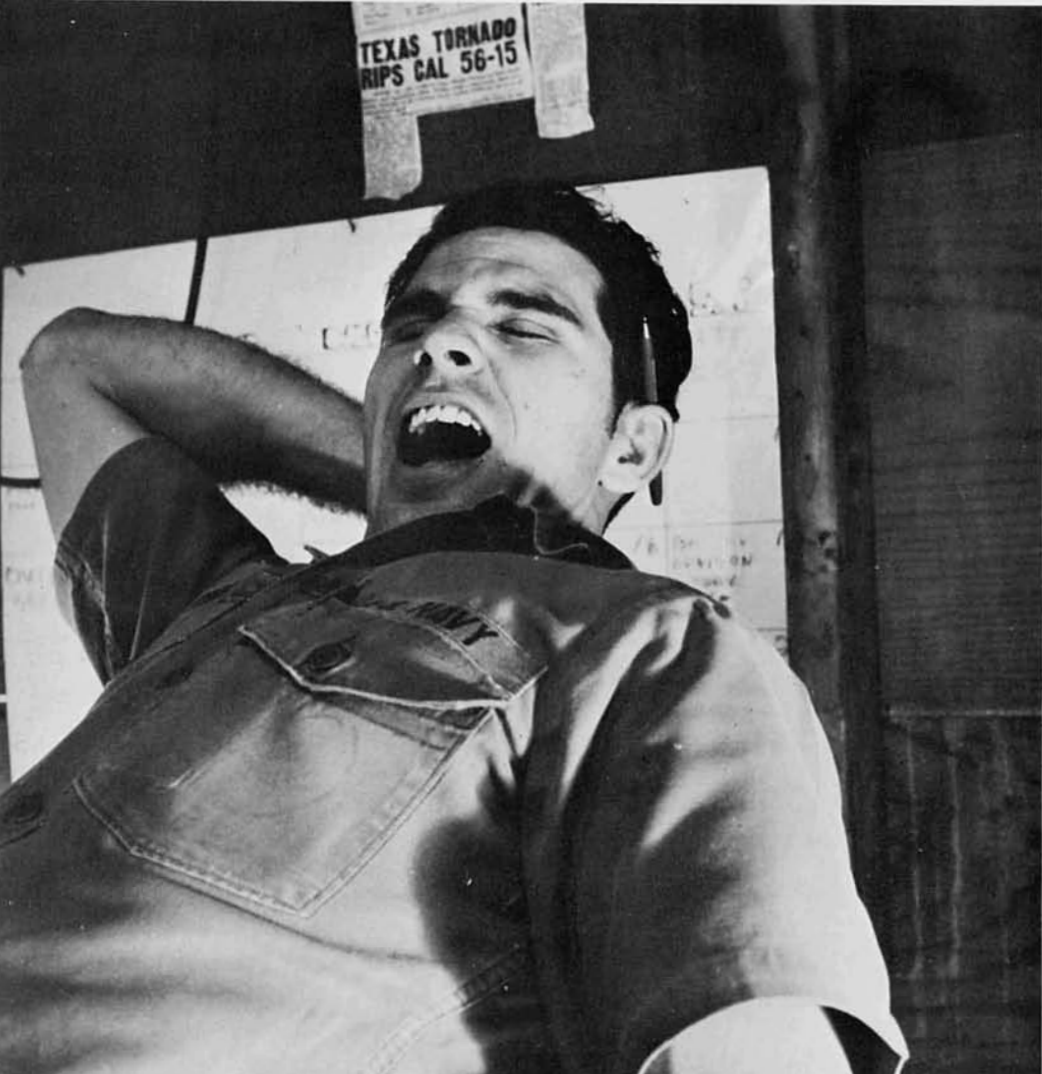
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Editor

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Epilog

Remember when it all began? For many of us it was at Gulfport getting fitted for Seabee "greens." For the vets it was ages before that.

We went through all that preparation. Military training in the brush and rain and cold. The Admin Inspection that we all feared so much, but aced in the end.

Then that long, seemingly endless, 'cross-the-world flight on the big bird. The most uncomfortable "airliner" to ever fly the skies.

Suddenly we were stepping down on numbed legs. Scorched air singed our faces. The brilliant sunlight blared a taunting welcome.

We were there. Enchanting Vietnam.

The work started immediately. From the moment we passed through the dusty gates of Camp Hoover. And it never let up for seven months.

But that's what we were there for. To work. And work we did. We opened our minds, bodies and souls to the tasks ahead of us. We cursed the heat, the dust, and then the rain.

At times the disorientation, confusion and complete strangeness of the place made it seem as if there was no purpose to our being there. But soon the strange became familiar, and the new became old. We got used to the climate, the terrain and the people.

And our jobs too. Most days all we really had time to think about was our jobs, and maybe our loved ones back home.

Then at the end of a long day we relaxed for a few short hours. A life-lifting shower was usually first to refresh our tired bodies. Then maybe a cold beer or two at the club to refresh our minds. It was during these moments of freedom from the confines of our work, that we could be ourselves. Getting away from it all was easy, if just for fleeting moments. Writing those letters that linked us with the world, playing a game of cards or chess, or just loafing in the surf of our own private beach offered channels of escape.

But no matter how we spent the free hours — with friends or just hoarding them to ourselves, they were precious and never wasted.

Neither were those hours on the job wasted. We dug ditches, built roads, bridges, sunk wells and constructed completely self-sustaining Vietnamese naval bases.

And as we did these things, it was hard to comprehend the full scope of our individual efforts to the battalion's ultimate mission. As we drove a dozer, swung a hammer, or pecked away at typewriter keys, we gave little thought to the way each of our jobs combined with the other men's to eventually complete the big jobs. We really didn't have time for that. We each had our jobs and we did them.

"Can do," is the Seabee motto, and appropriately so. We may have scoffed at the term, but it really did have a meaning to us. After all, we were professionals completing the jobs which were a part of our mission. And even though we seldom admitted it, the "can do" spirit was there. It showed up in our work, in our accomplishments. It was there in the LTL-4 project and the ACTOV bases down south. We had jobs to do. We knew we could do them, and we did. Beating deadlines more often than not.

We continued our relentless pace until the very end. Finally we began to feel a gradual lifting of the burden. The deployment was coming to a rapid end. We were short.

It didn't take long after that. We welcomed our replacements with good cheer. We had worked hard, but now we were ready to go home.

Now, even as we look back on those days that seem so long past, we can remember what it was all like. We'll carry with us forever the experiences of those seven months. We'll look back occasionally and remember. But most important we'll remember why we were there. It was the people. That was why we were there. And knowing that we were helping them was what it was all about.

The struggle has been long. Unending it seemed. The burden was heavy. But we reached out together with strong arms. Desire fueled by pride lifted us above first one test, then another and another. We met the test. Conquered it with new achievement. We're still the best. That's established. There's no question now. No doubt. Confidence is ours. We will continue.

