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U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION SIXTY-TWO

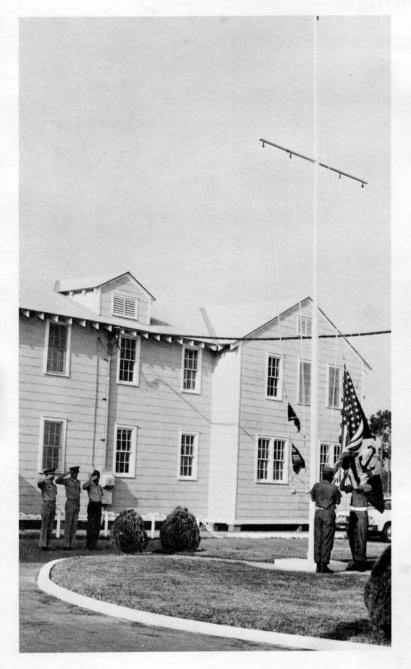
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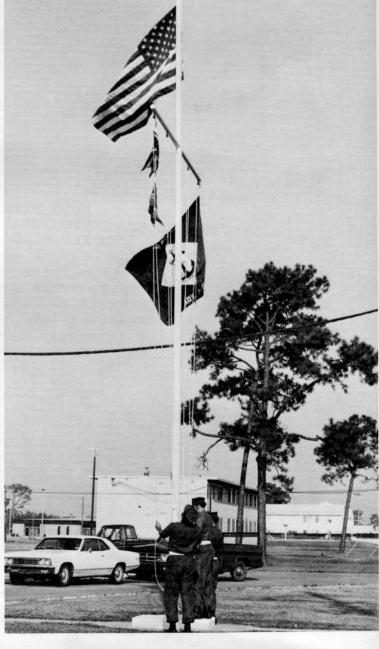
BUCN MICHAEL A. ESCORSIO BRAVO Company, NMCB SIXTY-TWO 27 February 1955 - 13 June 1976

We returned to Homeport with only fond memories and lasting impressions of Mike Escorsio. In his memory we dedicate this cruisebook to Mike and extend our deepest sympathies to his loved ones and friends. We all share in his tragic loss.

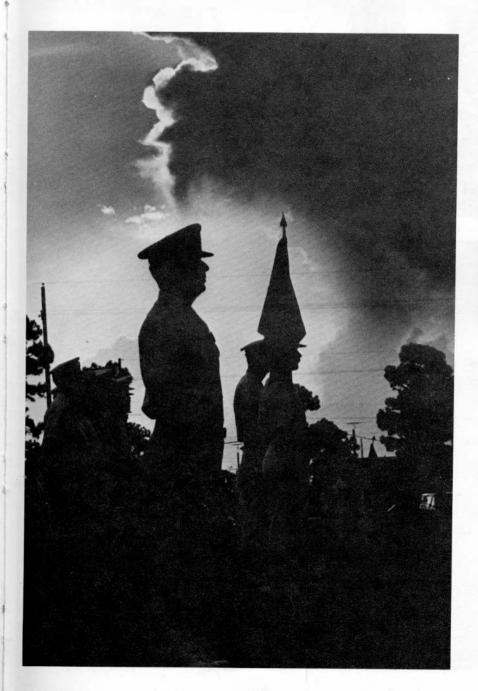
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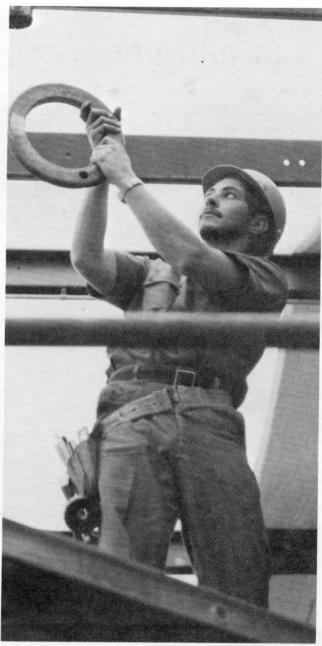


Europe . . . Back in Gulfport



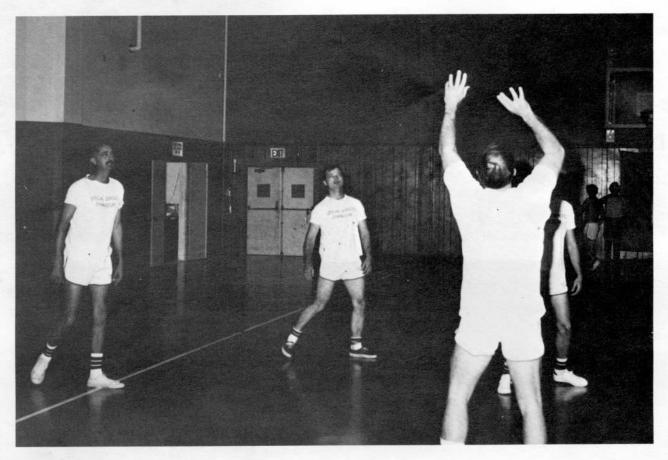
Morning Quarters,





Work,

Play, and more work.

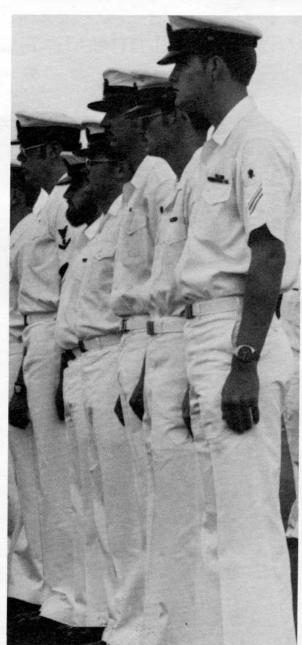






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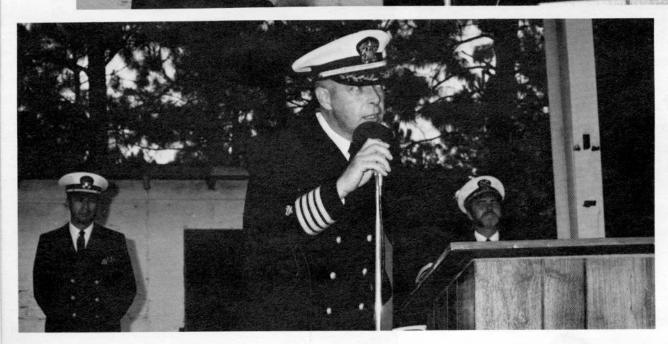
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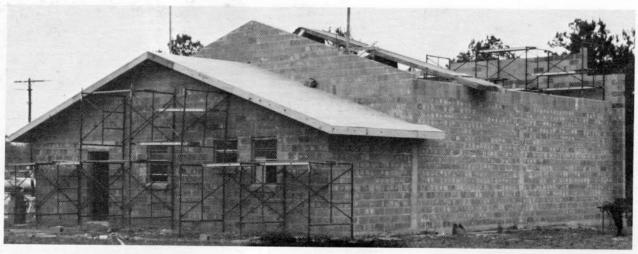
























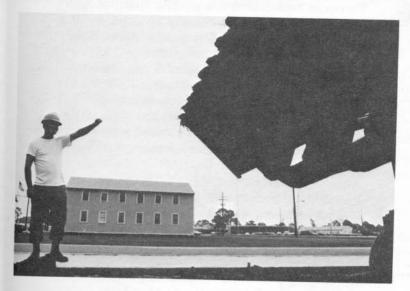


















The History of NMCB SIXTY-TWO

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIXTY-TWO is a proud unit with a noble heritage. Originally organized of construction workers from the Midwest on 7 December 1942, and comissioned in Davisville, Rhode Island on 30 December 1942, the Minutemen first won fame at Pearl Harbor where they built many of the facilities at the Submarine Base. Later, after landing on Iwo Jima, they repaired and maintained captured enemy airstrips. The Battalion eventually moved to Japan where it was disestablished on 15 December 1945.

Since reestablishment at Gulfport, Mississippi on 2 July 1966, the Battalion has deployed to VietNam four times to provide construction support for American forces. The Battalion has also deployed to Puerto Rico, Diego Garcia, Guam, Spain and Okinawa.

The Battalion first deployed to VietNam in November 1967 and was assigned to the Hue-Phu Bai area. One of its most important projects was the heliport complex essential to the helicopter operations in the northern I Corps area. Working on an unfavorable site against monsoon weather the Minutemen placed many acres of soil cement and steel matting for the helicopters. Hangars, living huts, fuel berms, drainage facilities and roads were also built.

The Battalion's second deployment in January 1968 sent SIXTY-TWO to Camp Haskins, DaNang. Besides constructing bulk fuel tanks, roads and bridges, the Battalion started Medical Civic Action Programs and deployed the first of many Seabee Teams.

The third deployment to DongHa in March 1969 found us involved in a wide variety of projects. The most important was the upgrading of 39 miles of highway in the Lines of Communication program. Two other large projects were a 448 foot bridge across the CamLo River

and a 560 foot bridge across the MieuGiang River. After returning home to Gulfport the Battalion performed urgent repairs to CBC, Gulfport and the surrounding communities which had been damaged by Hurricane Camille.

During the final deployment to DaNang in May, 1970 the first priority mission was the projects contributing to the program of Accelerated Turnover to the Vietnamese. The Battalion also upgraded highways, built living facilities for the Marines and constructed two river patrol boat bases in the Mekong Delta.

The "E" award for Best of Type, Atlantic Fleet Battalion was awarded to SIXTY-TWO in fiscal years 1969 and 1970 for outstanding performance. SIXTY-TWO also won the Peltier Award twice in that same two year period. In 1972 SIXTY--TWO was named runner-up for Best of Type, Atlantic Fleet Battalion.

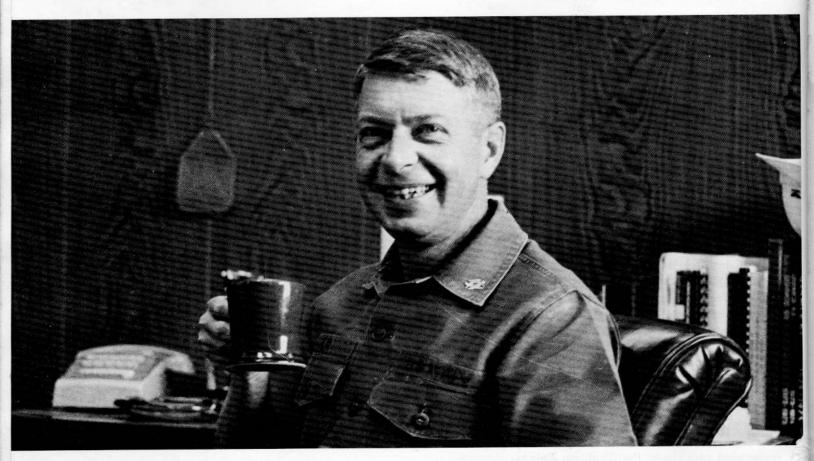
After the VietNam era, SIXTY-TWO went to Puerto Rico in 1971 and was assigned as Atlantic Fleet Alert Battalion. The Battalion conducted an active Civic Action Program as it had done in VietNam. After returning to homeport the Battalion prepared for what would be the most challenging peacetime construction effort ever undertaken by a battalion: the Naval Communication Station on the British island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

The sixth deployment to Diego Garcia in July, 1972 saw SIXTY-TWO completing the Naval Communication Station. The Minutemen also built the world's first coral aggregate slip-form paved runway which can handle any aircraft in production. Other projects included warehouses, a sewage lagoon, living quarters and power and desalinization plants.

SIXTY-TWO's seventh deployment to Guam started in September, 1973. Construction projects included a new Chief Petty Officer's Club, a headquarters building for the 30th Naval Construction Regiment and earthwork for the Naval Magazine. SIXTY-TWO had details in Alaska, Midway Island, Japan, the Phillipines and a Seabee Team on Truk Island.

During the eighth deployment to Rota, Spain the Battalion again served as Alert Battalion. Construction projects included the ordnance area security zone improvements, rehabilitation of a BEQ, an ASTAC facility, Seabee camp rehabilitation and the Air Cargo Apron. Other projects were aggressively pursued at detail sites in Holy Loch and Edzell, Scotland; Gaeta, Italy; La Maddalena, Sardinia and Sigonella, Sicily.

During the last deployment SIXTY-TWO provided construction support to a variety of sites in the Western Pacific. The main body, in Camp Shields, Okinawa, saw command of the Battalion change hands from CAPT D. L. Conner to CDR C. E. Fegley III. Projects included a BEQ rehabilitation, an Avionics Storage Building, the relocation of a gymnasium, several air-conditioning plant installations, a road and pipeline upgrade. an LST Ramp and two parking lots. In addition, substantial improvements were made in material condition of Camp Shields. The Battalion responded quickly to the Typhoon Pamela damage on Guam by sending a disaster recovery detachment. The Battalion had six details providing support in Misawa, Iwakuni, Atsugi, and Yokosuka, Japan, a large detail in Subic Bay, Republic of the Phillipines and a detail in Diego Garcia. The details, which comprised nearly a third of the Battalion, were responsible for many improvements to existing facilities as well as new construction which gained attention for quality and quantity.



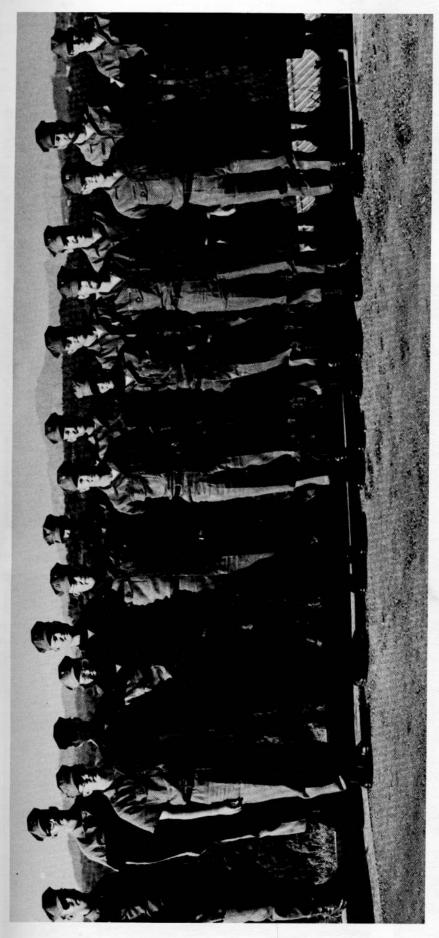
Capt. D. L. Conner Commanding Officer February 1974-May 1976



Cdr. C. E. Fegley III Commanding Officer May 1976-Present



LCDR Paul A. Chapla Executive Officer



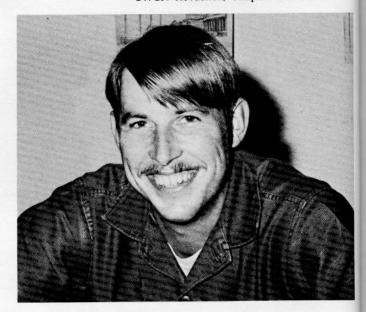
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Okinawa Okinawa

UTCM Celey, MCPOC LT Mennis, Chaplain

Special Staff

SWCN Kovachek, Chaplain's Assistant



LCDR Pepper, Chaplain



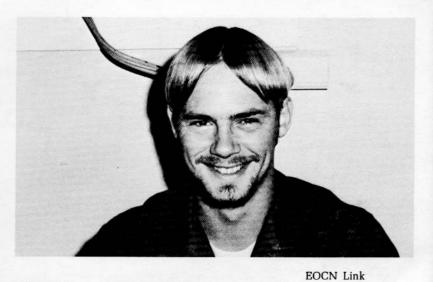


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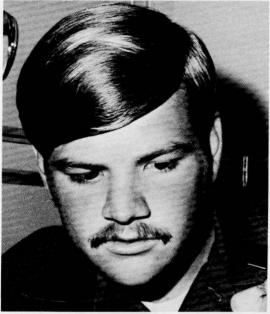


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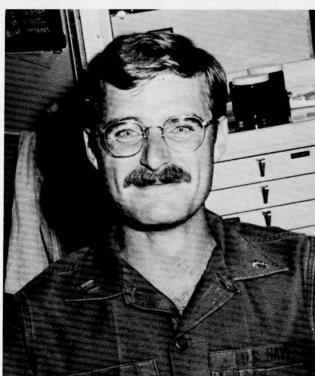




DT2 Minten



LT Currier Dental Officer





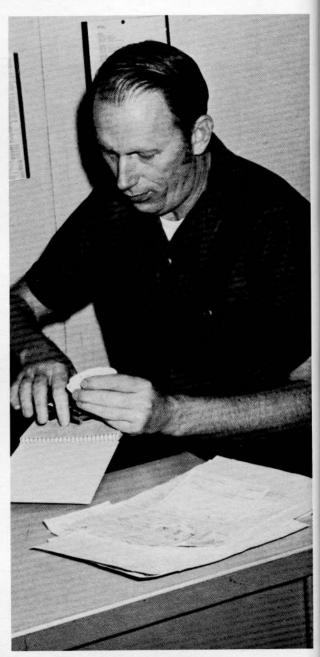
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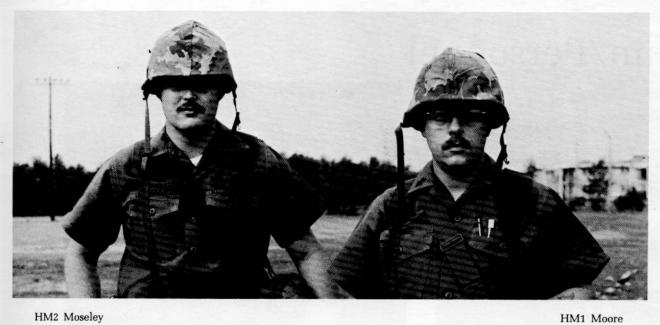
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LT Bruce, Medical Officer



HMC Michael



HM2 Moseley



HM2 Reed

HM1 Overbey





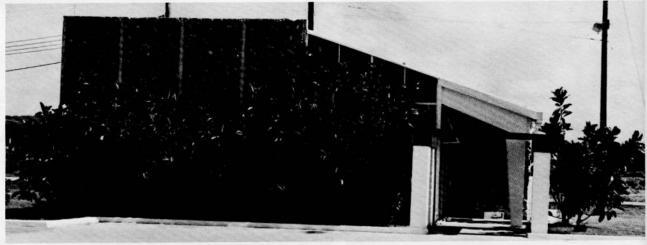
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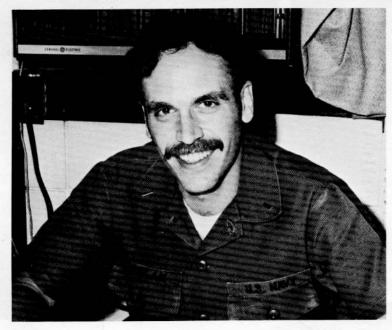
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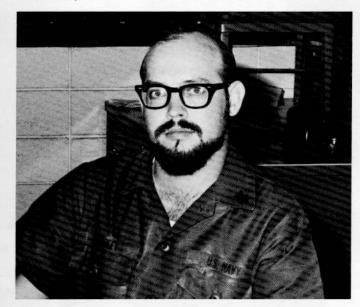


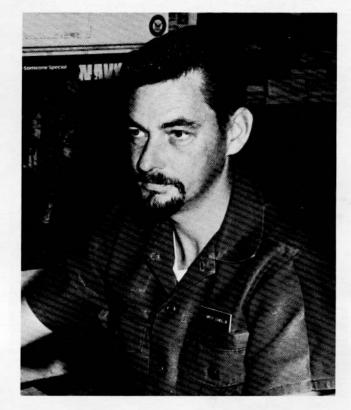


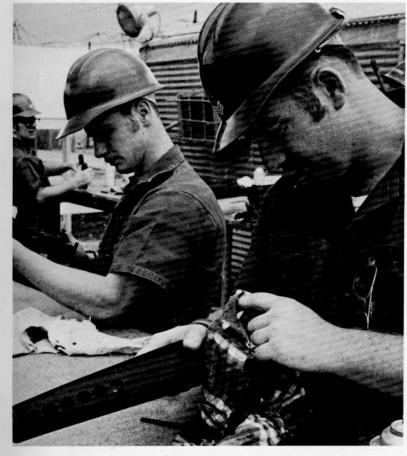


LTJG Kaplan Admin Officer

YN1 Bradley









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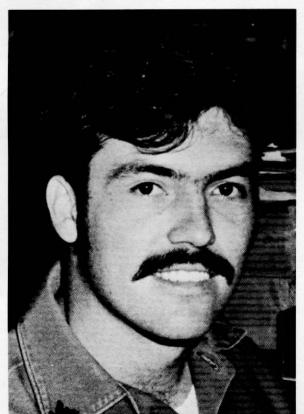
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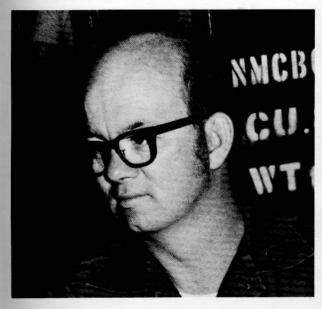








PN1 Hart



PN1 Goode SN Eldred





YNSN Brothers





YN1 Hunt, PC1 Reddy

Plans/Training



ENS Doyle

GMGSN Hall



LT Cosgrove, Plans and Training Officer

GMG1 Hutson



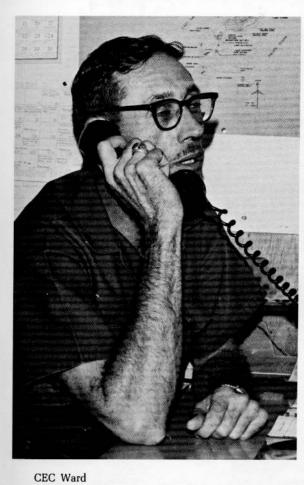
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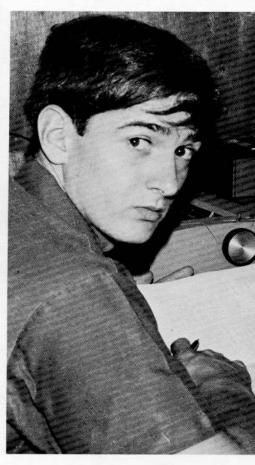












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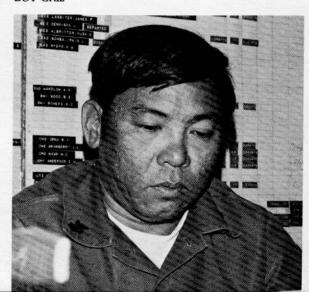


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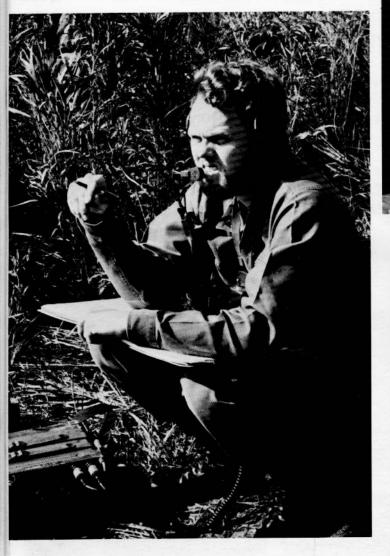


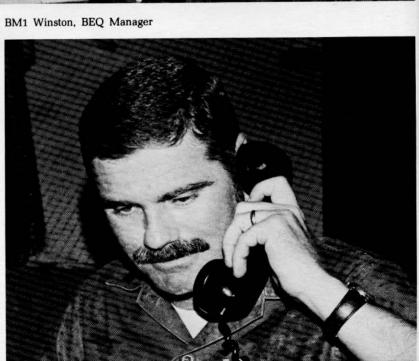


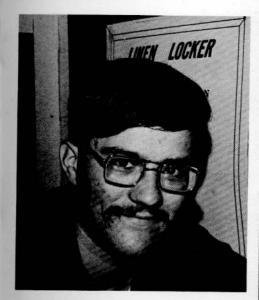
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MAC Wangerin, Chief Master at Arms
BU2 Mosser







EOCN Glantz



BM2 Sumrall



SA Salzwedel



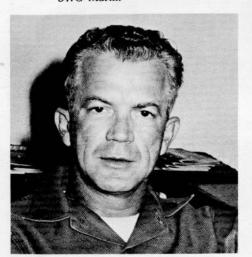
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CUCM Thompson LT Rushing

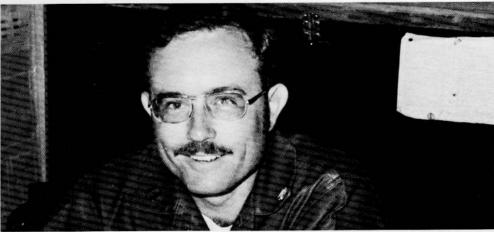


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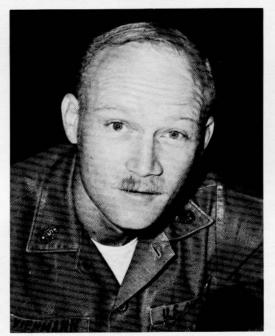




LCDR Milkintas, Operations Officer



BUC Viehmann



YNSA Kraska

LT Hill

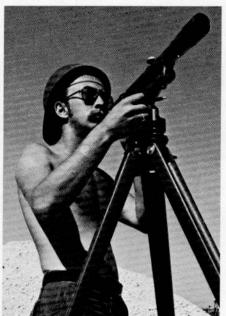




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EACN Tutokey









ENS Whatley

EACN Jurosic

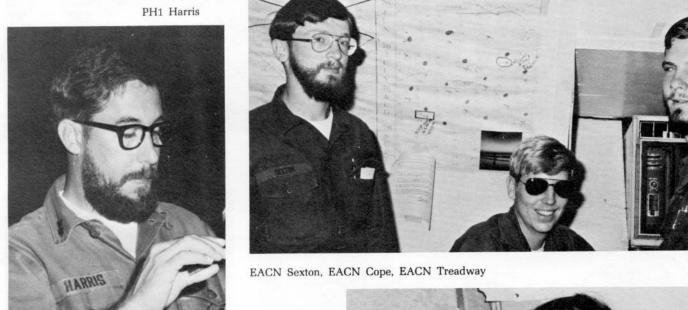


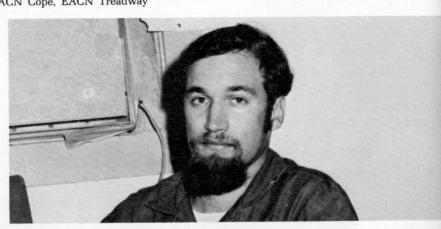


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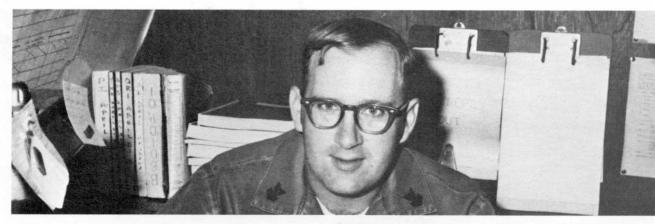
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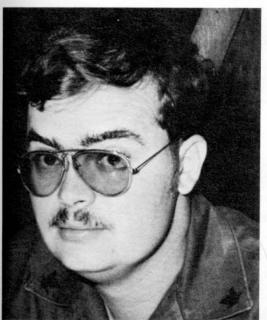
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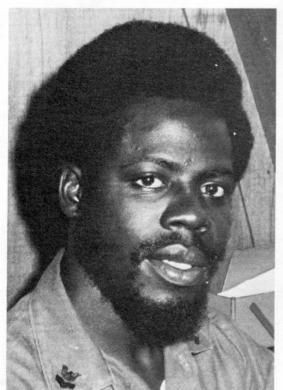


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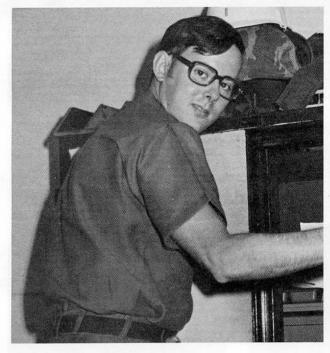




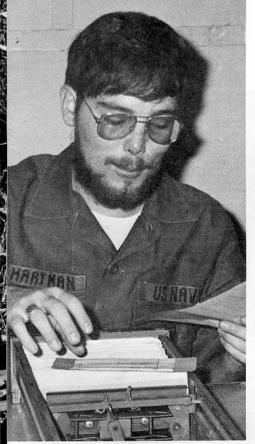
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SK3 Ready



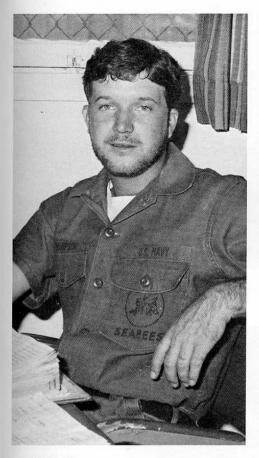


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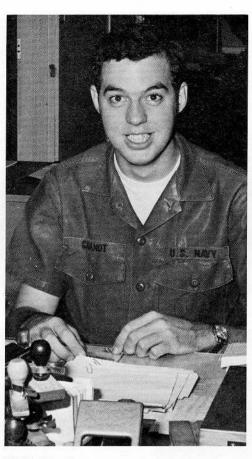


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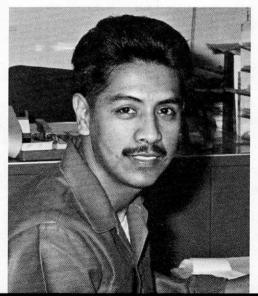
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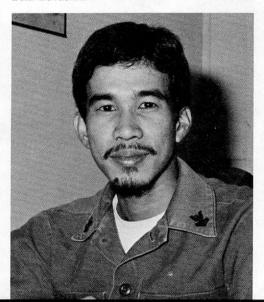
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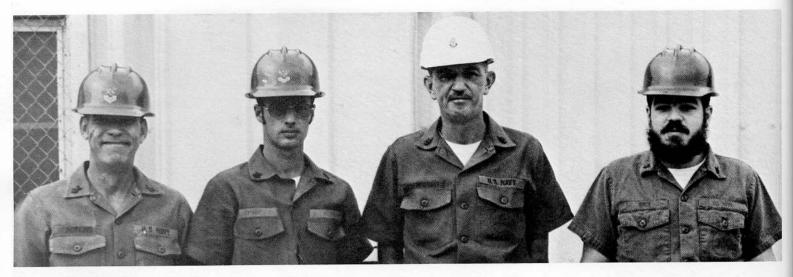


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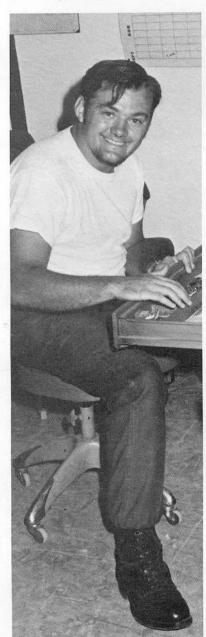


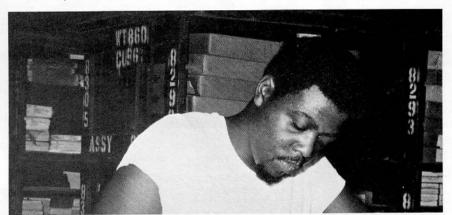


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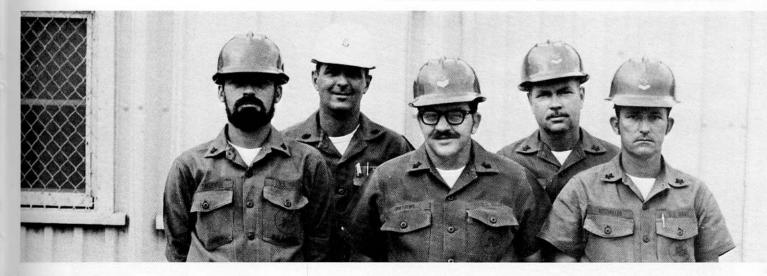


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CMCN Ignasiak, SKSN Smith, SK1 Payne, CM2 Carmichael



CE3 Talley, EOCS Best, EO1 Mathews, EO2 Connell, EO2 Kitzmiller







MS1 Tala EOCA Specht



Below: ENS Knorr, MS1 DuFour, MS1 Abellera, MS2 Carlson, MS1 Reyes





MS3 Abad, MS3 Ries, MS3 Balderas, MS3 Chilcote, MS3 Wolfe, MS2 Valerio, MS3 Casey, MS3 Hernandez, MSSN See

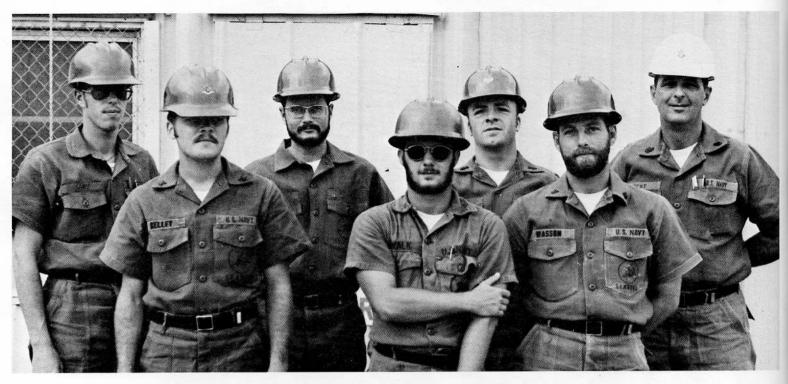


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MS1 Reyes





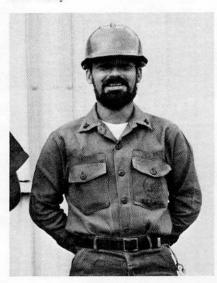
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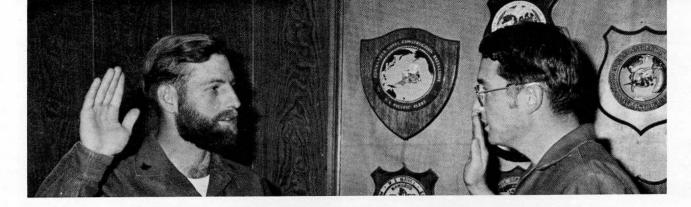


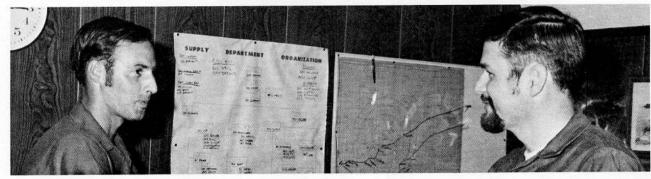
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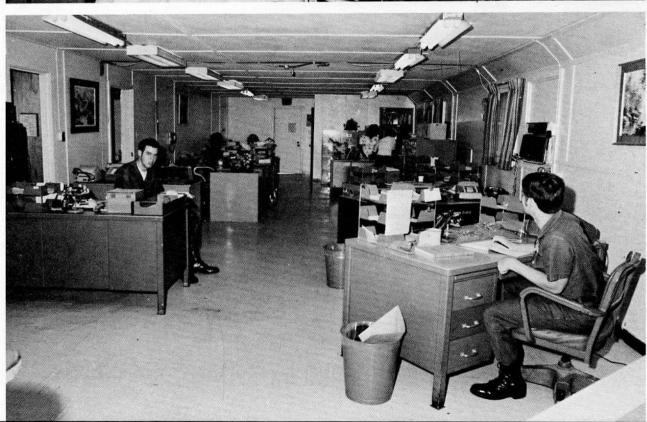














Living up to its well earned reputation for excellence, Alfa Company experienced a most successful and highly rewarding deployment in Okinawa. Beginning with the operation and maintenance of a fleet of automotive and construction equipment valued at over five million dollars, continuing through a widely diversified horizontal construction program, and extending to a substantial tasking in Battalion support functions, the men of Alfa Company met each challenge with enthusiasm and dedication.

The tone of the deployment was established upon the arrival of the Advance Party in early January. The EOs and CMs worked long, hard hours to assure an accurate BEEP of the on-site equipment and an orderly turnover of the Alfa facilities in Camp Shields. With the arrival of the main body, matters were into full swing—improvements were beginning in the Alfa yard, NCF equipment was being upgraded and construction projects were starting.

Besides providing some degree of support to many vertical projects undertaken by the other companies, the EOs tackled a number of horizontal projects. The LVT Ramp at Camp Schwab, the Awase Road and Pipeline, the Hanza Recreation Area, the White Beach Staging Area and asphalt work at both Hanza and Schwab provided good experience and "clutch time".

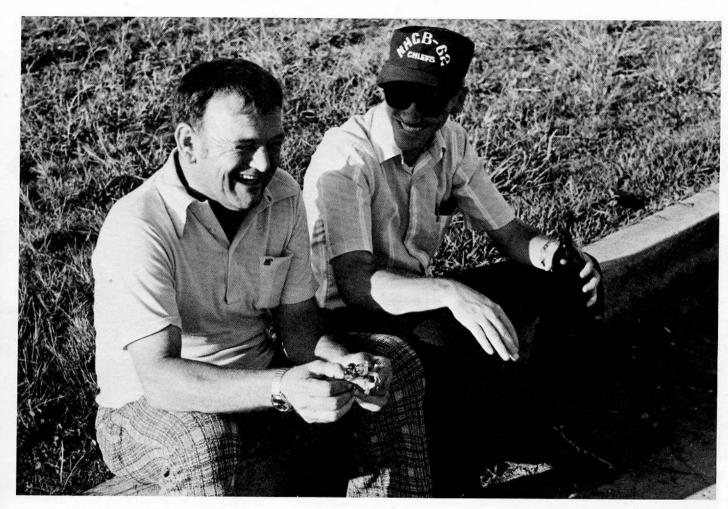
The CMs (and associated black shoes, of course) made great strides in the equipment maintenance area. The PM to Interim Repair ratio on equipment was raised to above 4 to 1, far better than the NCF average. The overall condition of much of the equipment was significantly improved with over fifty pieces of rolling stock rebuilt and repainted. Important improvements were made to the maintenance facilities as well, the most noteworthy being the MR shop which has been referred to as the best in the Pacific NCF.

Of course, the support functions filled by Alfa Company were many and varied—the base taxi and liberty bus runs, the periodic substistence and fuel resupply runs, the grounds maintenance effort, all a part of the dedicated service provided by the Transportation Division of Alfa Company. The accomplishments speak for themselves—grades of excellent in both the Operational Readiness Inspection and the Embark Exercise, Letters of Appreciation from the customers and high praise from superiors all attest to the superb performance of the men of Alfa Company during their memorable deployment on Okinawa.

Alfa Alfa



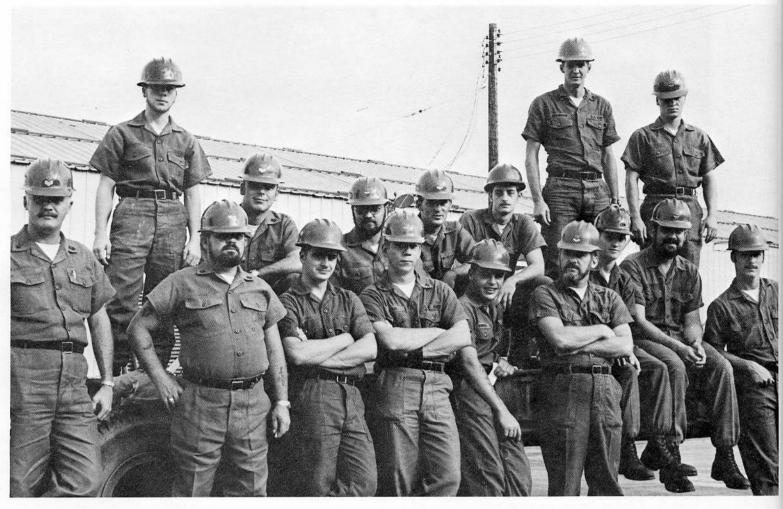
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QB and Chief Sutton discuss matters at hand.



CMC Smart, Mr. Nichols, Puppy Dog and MRC Feazell.

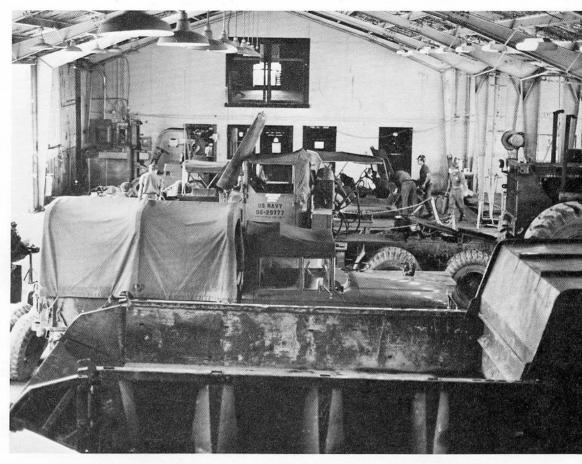


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There's many a slip 'twixt the truck and the lift. We work to avoid them.

CM's



Top: CM2 Cash, CMCA McKenzie, CMCN Sprague, CMCN Mouton, CMCN Compala, CMCN Almon, CMCN McInturf Middle: CMC Smart, CM3 Barry, CM2 Graviet, CMCN Kondrup, CM3 Runden, CMCN Lee, CMCN Bopp, CMCN Maday Bottom: CMCS Jackson, CM1 Quattlebaum, CMCN Cook

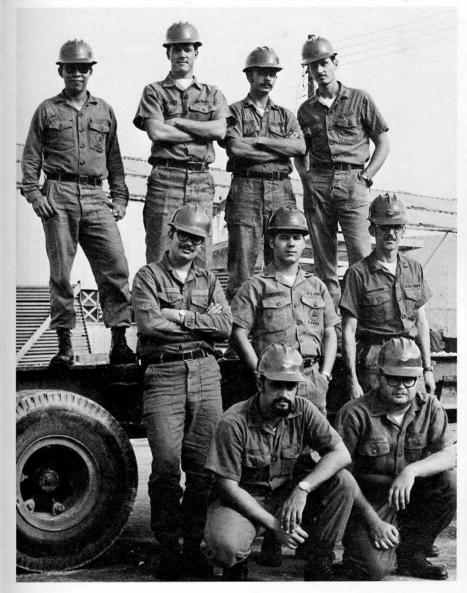


EO's



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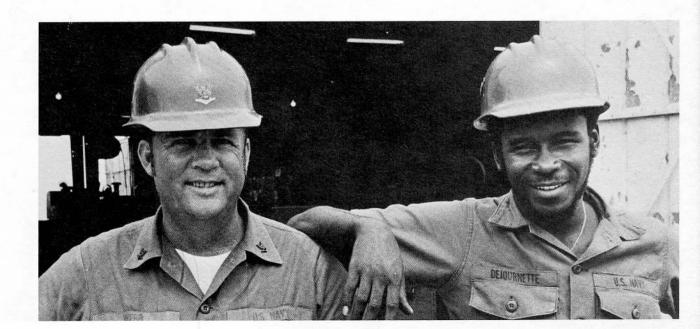




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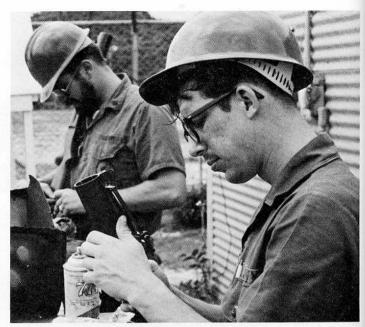


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Takin' a break!



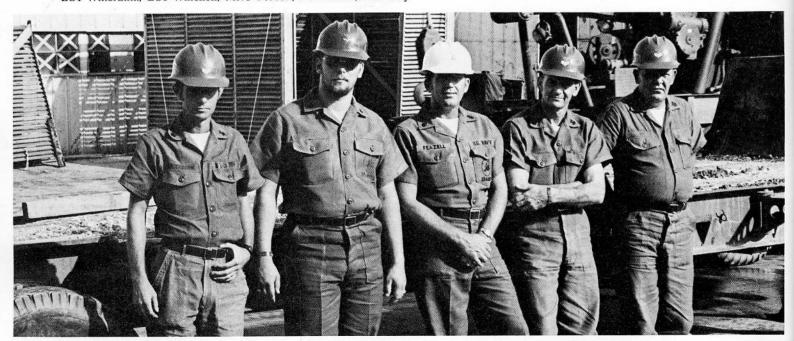


CM3 Brandsness, EO3 Gibelyou



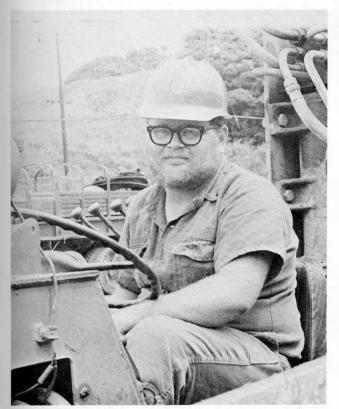
Packing it down hard.

EO1 Wilterdink, EO3 Winchell, MRC Feazell, EO1 Smith, EO1 Hoy





The Camp Schwab crew. A group of men at the northern end of Okinawa.



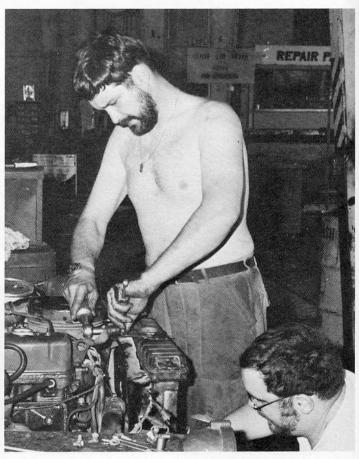




Top: EO1 Robertson, EOCN Barrett, EOCN Dykstra, EOCN Bowen, CM3 Pickering, EOCN Lester, EOCA Rushton Bottom: EO1 Lebkicher, CM1 Crha, EOCN Reihl, CMCA Almon, EOCN Willey



Nice Truck, isn't it?



Working on a jeep.







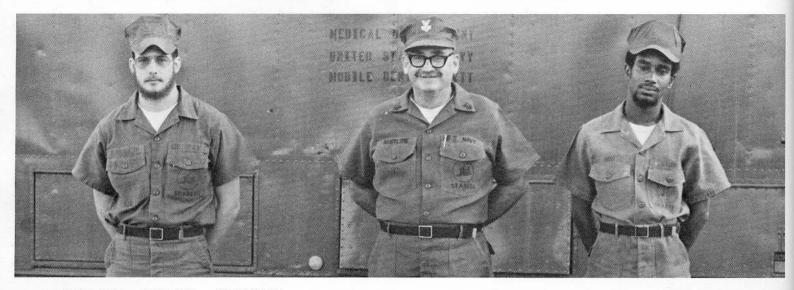
Sometimes we did work 24 hrs. a day.





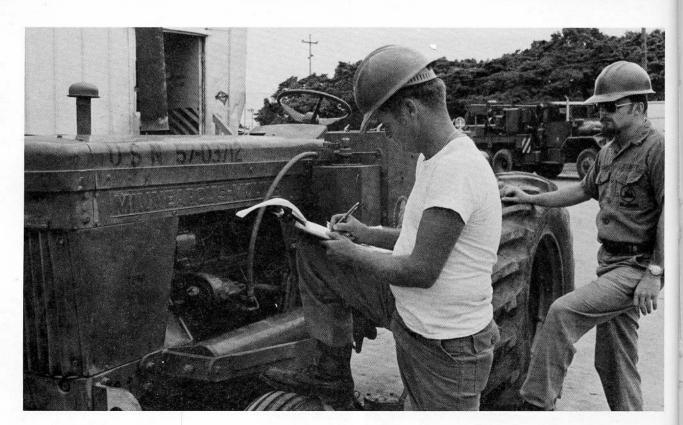
EOCN Wren, EO2 Granger, CM1 Quattlebaum

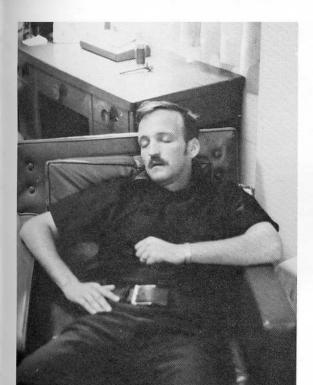




CMCA Haller, CM1 Whitlow, CMCN Hicks





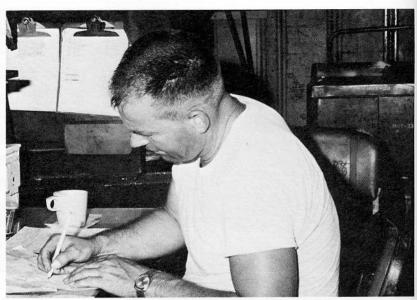


LT Pylant (Company Commander)





CMCN Rogers



CM1 Glasco and his paperwork.

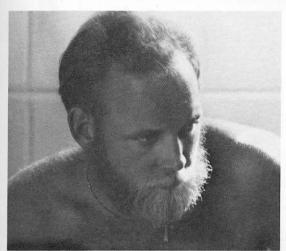


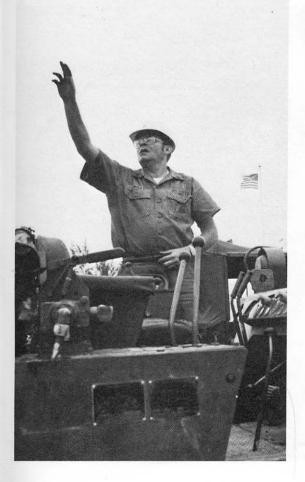
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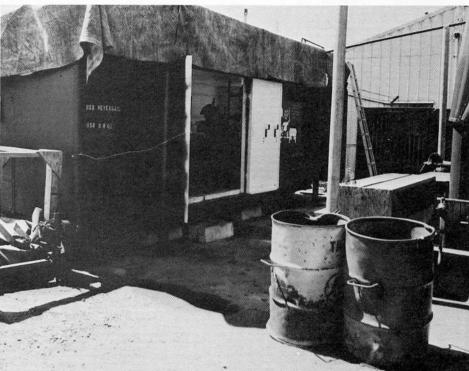
"Mount Out!"

Constructionman Schloemer



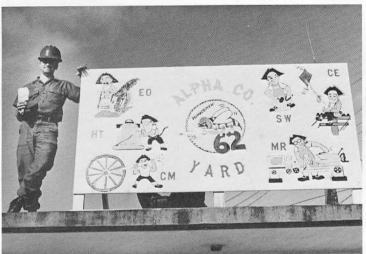


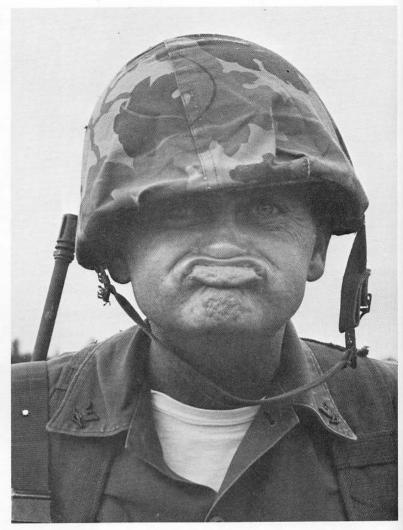




The USS NEVERSAIL





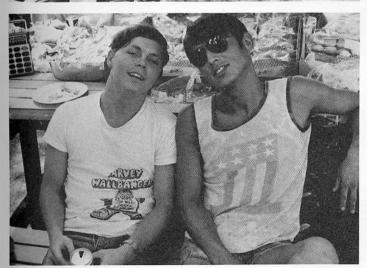


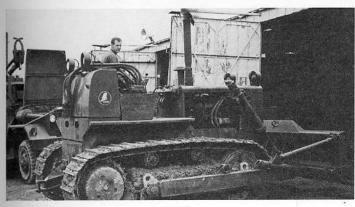
EO3 Batts says, "Read my lips."



















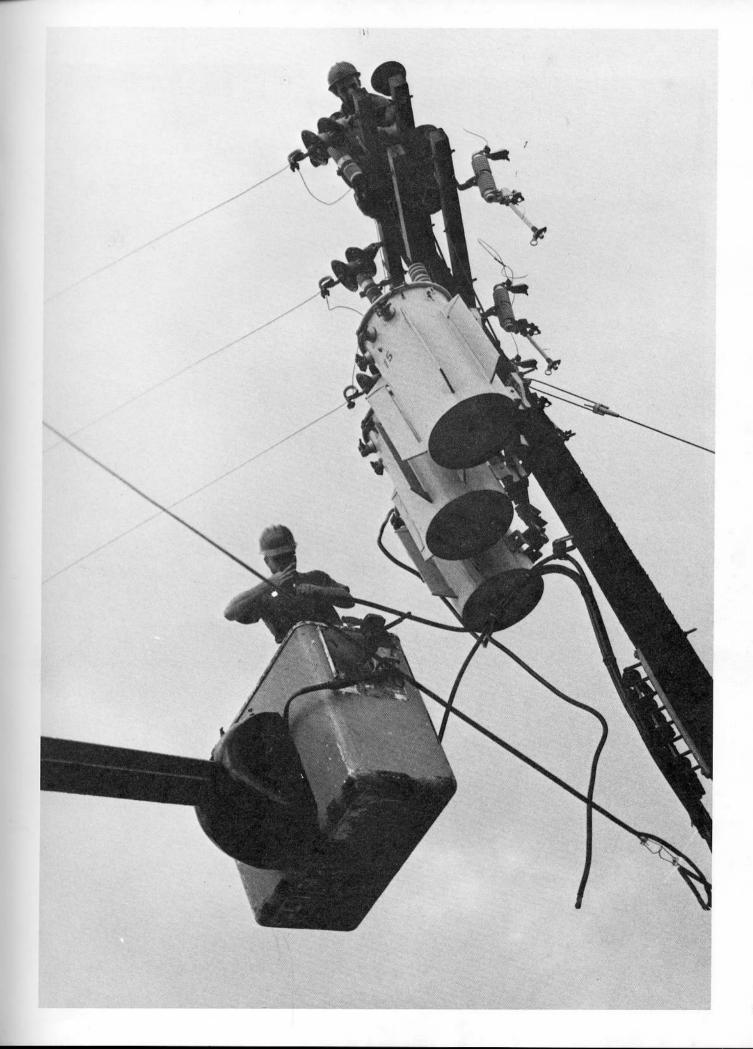




Bravo Bravo

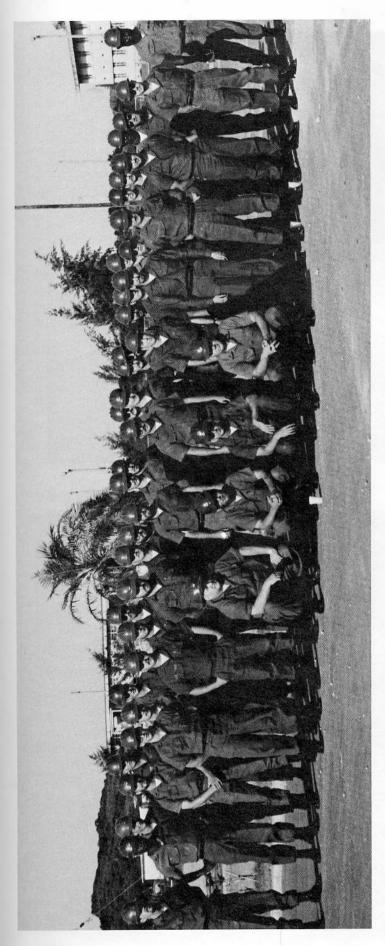


UTCS McGhee, CWO2 Brick (Company Commander), CE3 Craig, CECN Cornelisse, UT3 Slade with flag.





From left: CECN Wallace, CE3 Hull, CE2 Espinoza, CE3 Jones, CECN Caporale, UT3 Major, UT2 Ison, UTCN Mikolinski, UTCN Williams, UT1 Findley, UTCN Robinson, CE3 Hawley, CECN Duarte, CE2 Johnson, UT2 Hayes, UTCN Steele, UT3 Gosselin, CE2 Albritton

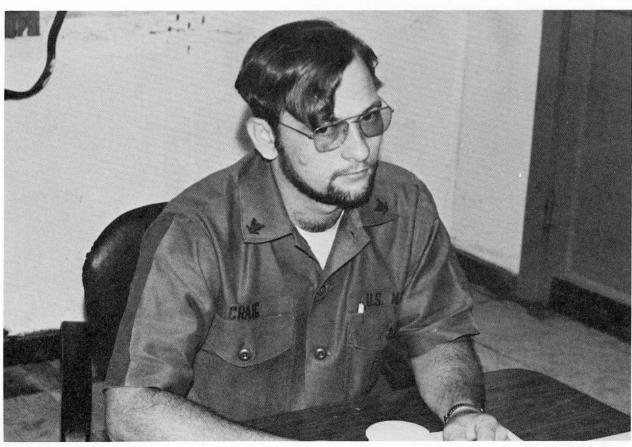


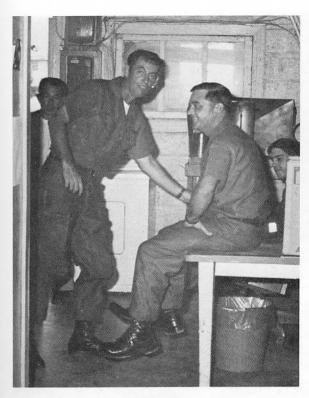
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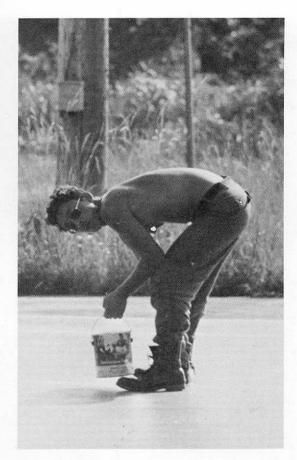
Capt. Conner attaches the Marksmanship Award.

CE3 Craig



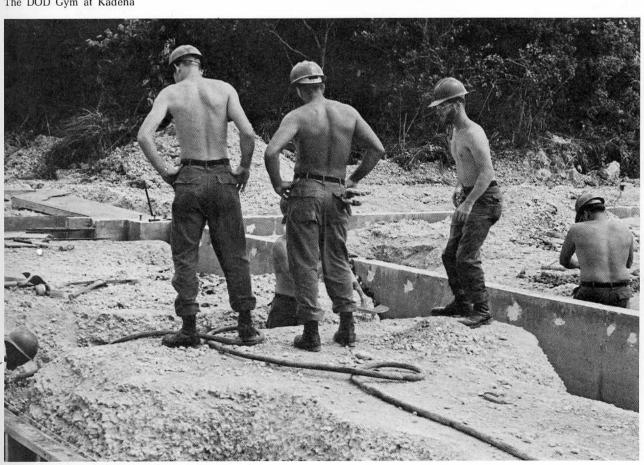


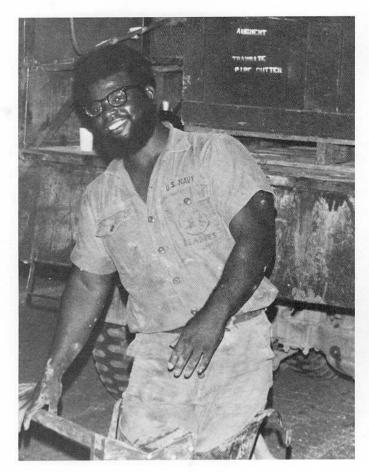
UT1 Findley, UT2 Ison, UT3 Hawley



CECN Caporale







UTCN Gray



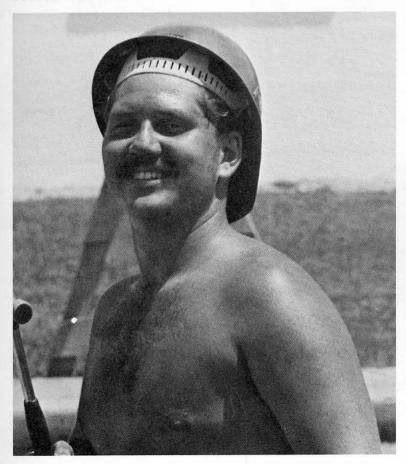
Honest T. J. and a happy customer.



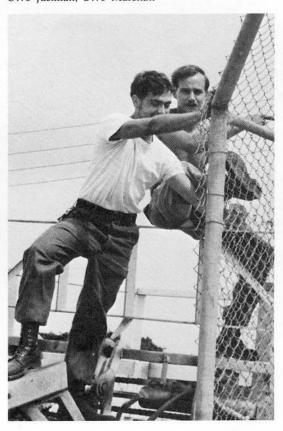




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SW3 Justman, SW3 Marshall



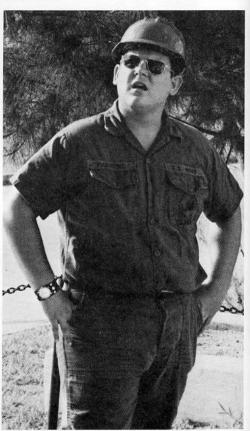


CE3 Leonard shows his stuff.





UT3 Slade



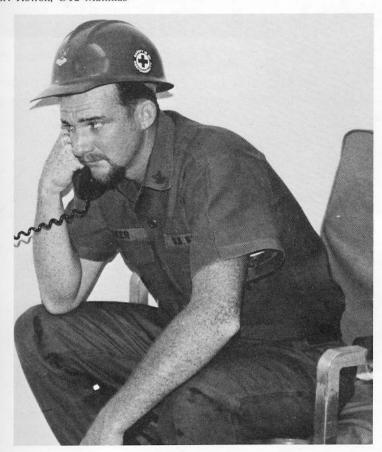
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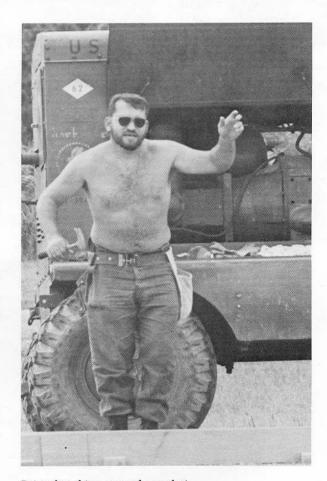


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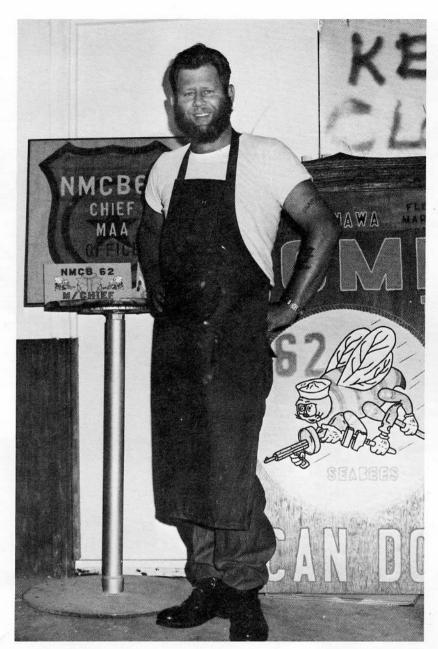
UTCN Howell, UT2 Matthias



UT2 Parker



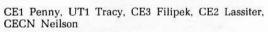
Point that thing somewhere else!



BU2 Szarkowitz



BU1 Pannel and HT1 Muscarello









UT2 Godley and CE2 Delves

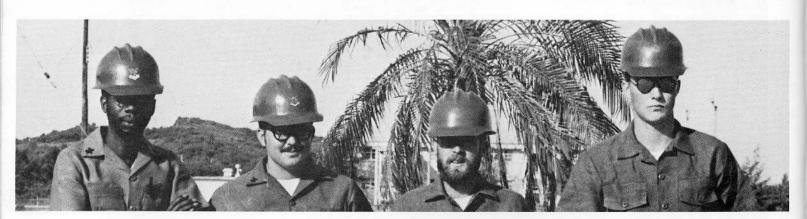
Midnight repairs in Camp Shields.







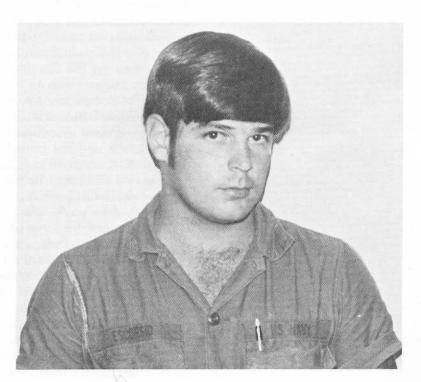












Michael Angelo Escorsio



Delta Company started preparations for the Okinawa deployment in early November, 1975. After personnel were assigned to the details, 45 men remained in the company. We deployed in January, eager to go to work and eager to see the "Paradise of the Pacific". We were quite busy at the start of the deployment disasembling a gymnasium, constructing the foundation for the Avionics Storage Building and doing window modifications at the Camp Foster BEQs. Everything went well for the first months with the crews effectively utilizing their skills and resources to get the job done.

Then things began to happen. With the pressure of completing the projects on the detail sites, additional BUs and SWs were needed. We were tasked with supplying the augment personnel to the details and the impact was hard felt. It resulted in an almost complete turnover. Within a short period of time over half the men originally assigned to Delta Company were gone and new faces took their place. The impact, though hard felt, did not last for long because the new men were ready to put their skills to the test in the field. Within two weeks the Camp Foster window project was back on track, the Avionics Storage Building was being erected and the gymnasium relocation was in full swing. Everyone was at their peak of performance—then another tasking was placed on the Battalion. Typhoon Pamela had devastated Guam and additional personnel were needed for disaster recovery operations. Delta Company detached 15 men leaving 20 men to work the projects on Okinawa. Again reorganization and again the men gave it their

"Can Do" spirit. The last two months of the deployment, after the return of the Guam Detail, Delta Company was manned to its original 45 men. Only punchlist remained at the Avionics Building and the foundation for the gymnasium was progressing. One BEQ at Camp Foster was completed and another had begun. With the deployment quickly coming to a close and completion goals set the men turned to on the projects. With the extra effort, Delta Company's deployment completion goals were met-two BEQs at Camp Foster were completed, the Avionics Storage Building was completed, the gymnasium foundation was completed, as well as the completion of nine other smaller projects. The men of Delta Company could leave Okinawa being proud of their accomplishments and knowing they did a job well done.

The deployment was not all work. Delta Company organized a softball team to compete in the Battalion League. Though supplying little competition, we sewed up last place with no problem, the men enjoyed it. The company also held two picnics to give the men a chance to enjoy the sun and the sights. Everyone did their fairshare while on Okinawa but the one that seemed to perform above the others was Flash. As the company mascot he performed well beyond the call of duty and his accomplishments were noticed by all.

All in all, it was a good deployment. We were busy and time passed quickly. For some it was a new adventure, for others just another deployment, but for all it was a challenging and rewarding experience.

Delta Delta



BUCA Barnhill, BU2 Amey, SWC Ries, BU1 Hopkins, LTJG Stasiewicz (Company Commander), BUC Mott Chief Ries mans the rake.





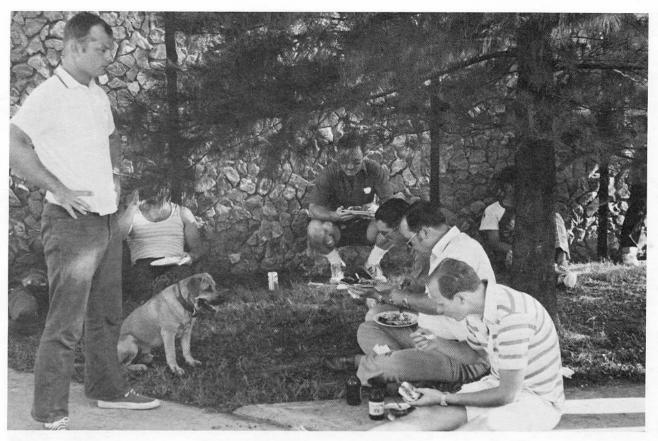
BUCN Blades, BUCN Gasparro, BUCN Hone, BU1 McElroy



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SW2 Price, SW1 Blume, BU2 Fisher, SW3 Marrone, BU2 Duncan, SWCN Rajacich

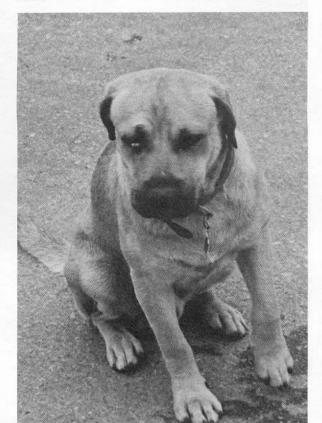


A man and his dog.

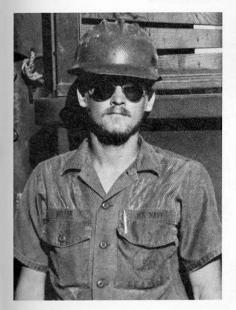


Concrete, Concrete, and more Concrete.

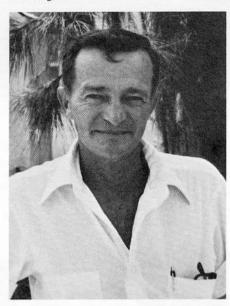
Flash



BUCN DeLeur



BU1 Ingram





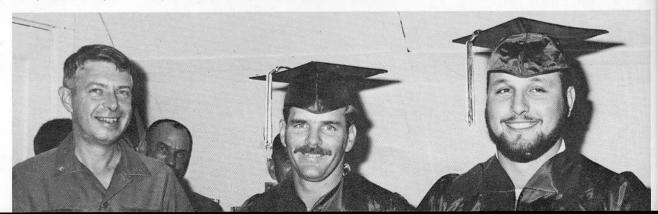
Top: SW1 Wood, SW3 Markey, BU2 Unadia, SWCN Hastings, BUCA Cook, BU3 Laubmeier, SW3 Miller Bottom: BUCA Lillmars, SW2 Mayes, BU3 Chabot, BU2 Windisch, SWCN Davis



BU2 Seefeldt, BUCN Clark, BU3 Dobry, BU1 Wright, BU3 Martin, BUCA Quigley, BUCN Sebring, BU3 Mensik, SW2 Mayes



Top: BUCN Murdock, BUCN Curlile, BU3 Langley, BUCN Mitchell, BU1 James, BU3 Walker Bottom: BUCN Hollis, BUCN Fick, SW3 Pina, BUCA Southard, BU3 Warman



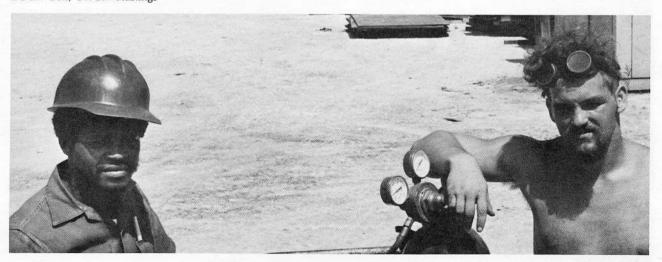




BUCN Bell, SWCN Hastings

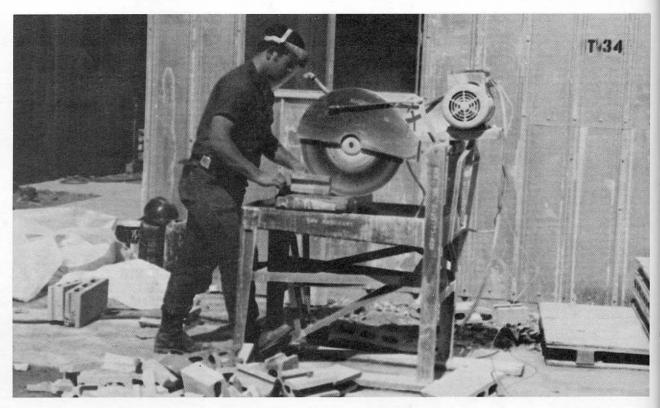


BU2 Evans, BUCA Childers



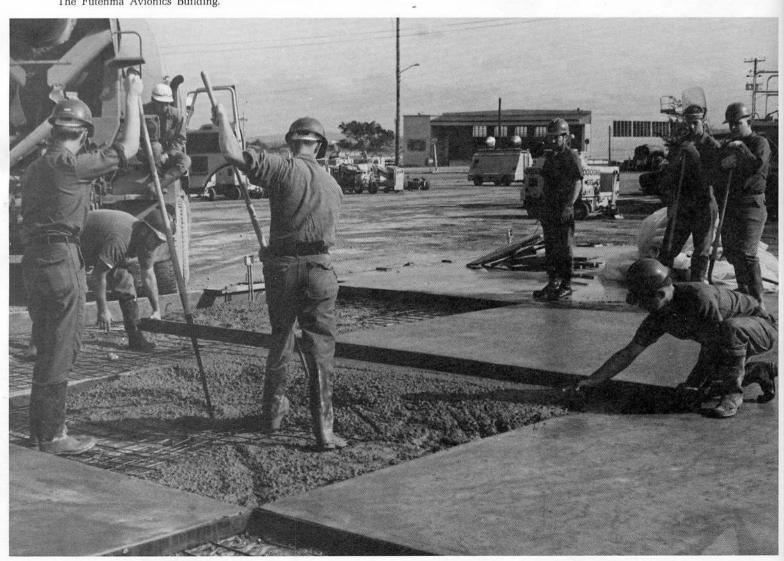
BU3 Lassiter, BU2 Childers, BUCN Drelick, BUCN England, BU3 O'Donnel, SW1 Marshall





BU3 England at Camp McTureous.

The Futenma Avionics Building.





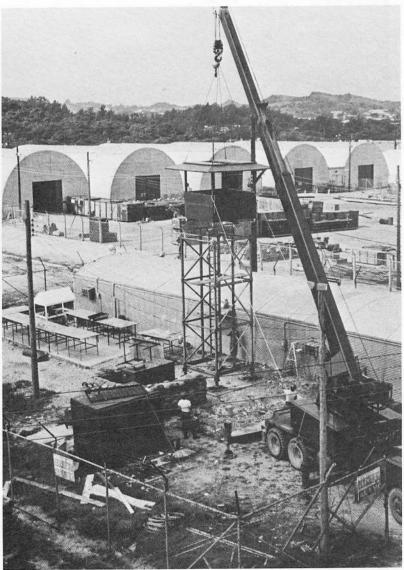
The pad is almost ready for the steel.

First the foundation,





then the structure.





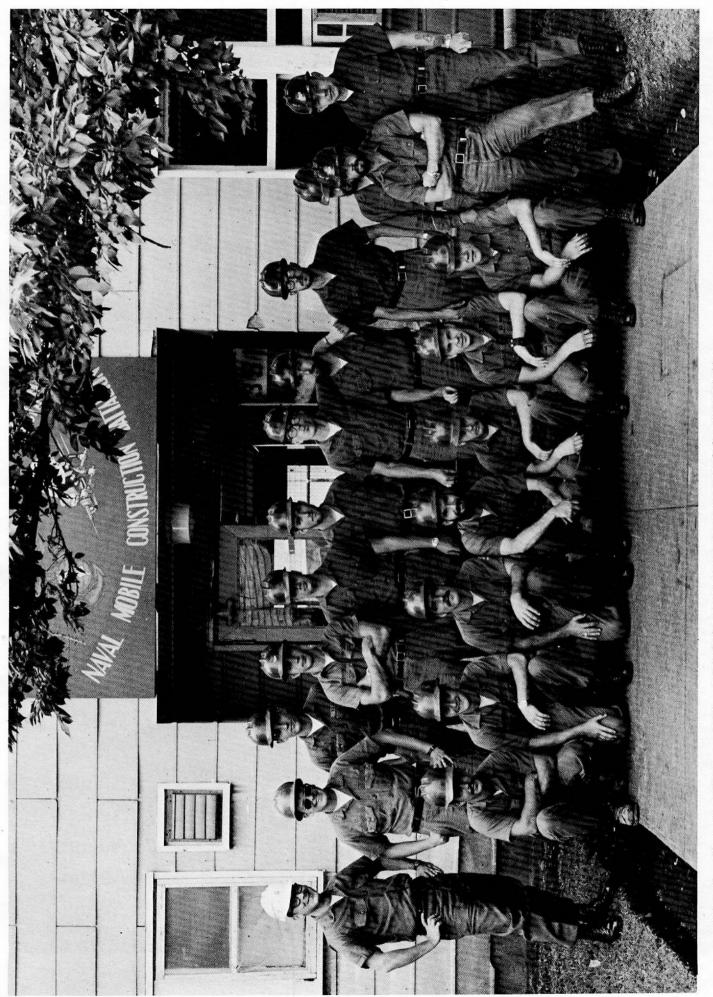
Detail Atsugi was tasked with the renovation of a pre-World War II structure being utilized as a BOO. The work included installing new floors, ceilings and walls, a complete rewiring and extensive repair and replacement of the shower and drain lines.

We deployed with little experience in these areas and project contracters delayed our progress at times. In addition, we encountered the varied problems of renovating an older structure. We overcame these problems through enthusiasm and a desire to produce quality construction in all phases of the operation. Quality control was foremost in our minds, thanks to our OIC, and the result was apparent as we stood back and saw what we had produced. Visitors and our hosts, NAF Atsugi, continually remarked on the excellent quality of our construction. We felt that no one could have done a better job.!

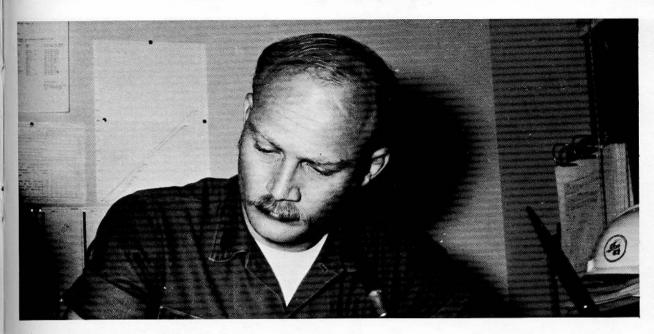
Though we worked hard much of the deployment, we pursued leisure activities with the same zest. The first attempt to master the Japanese train system was an unforgetable experience. Few of us really did but we were able to reach the Tokyo Tower, the Great Buddha at Kamakura, the Imperial Palace and of course Yokosuka. Our softball team, though not unsurpassed, was well known.

We made many friends who we will not forget and we're sure they will not forget us. We will have fond memories of our first sight of Japan and of our experiences through the time we said sayonara.

Atsugi Atsugi



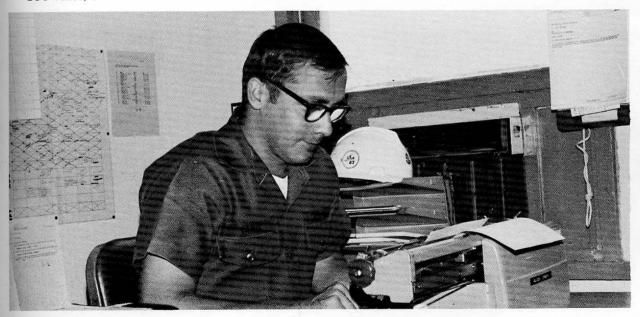
Detail Atsugi flanked by BUC Vance (OIC) and BU1 Flockton (AOIC). KNEELING: EOCN Cholet, BUCN Burkhart, EOCN Shick, CE3 Deery, UT3 Scott, UTCN Nundahl, BUCN Halm, STANDING: EOCN Oaks, CECN Douglass, BU2 Sutton, BUCN Miller, BUCN Drelick, BUCN Curlile, BU3 Lassiter, BUCN LeBlanc, UT2 VantHof, BU2 Ellis

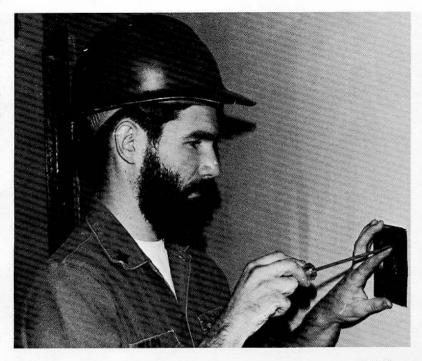


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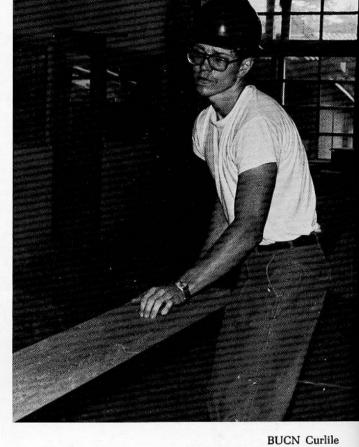


BUC Vance, OIC

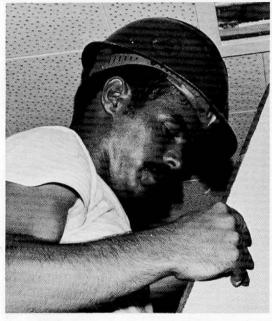




EOCN Cholet



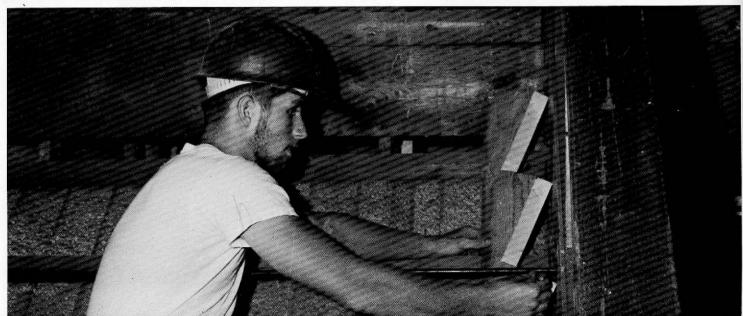
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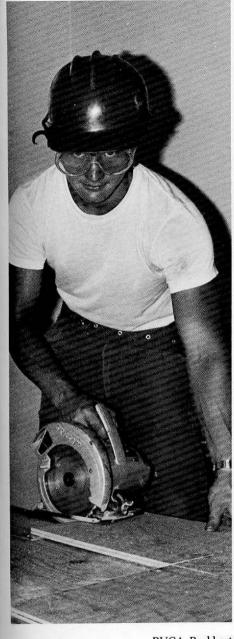


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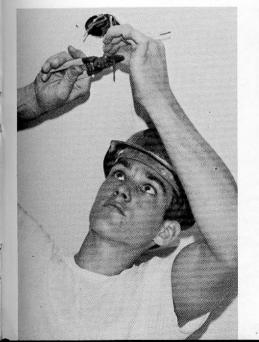


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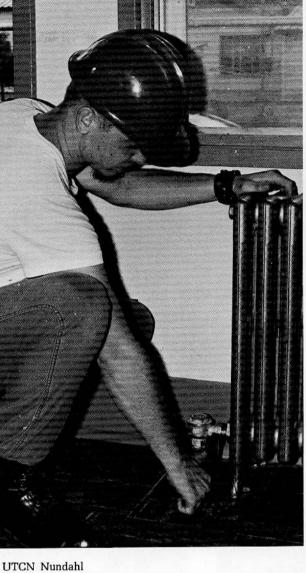




BUCA Burkhart CECN Douglass





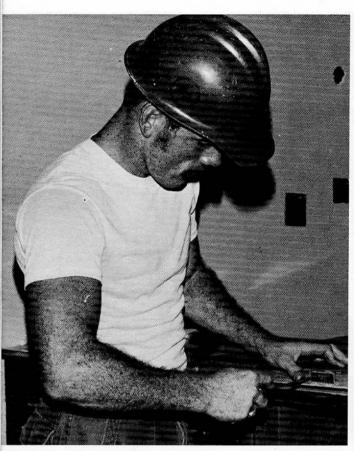


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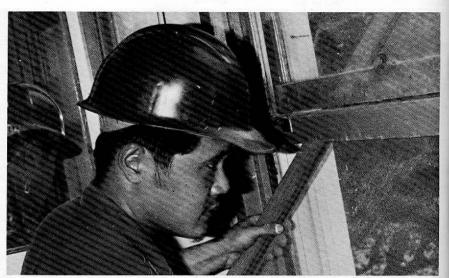




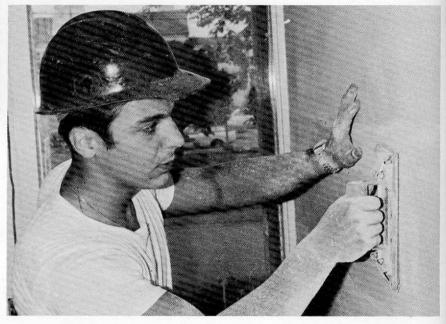




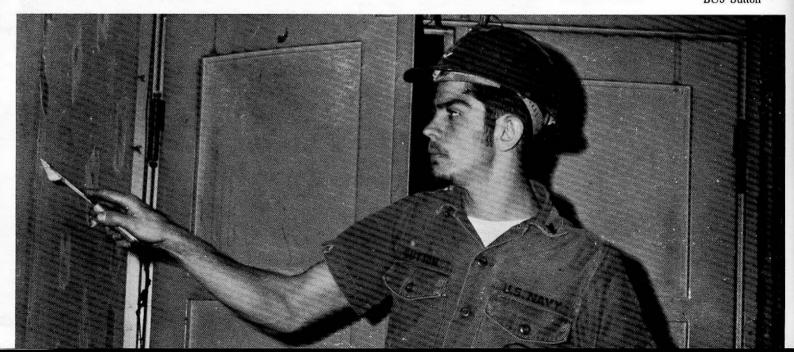
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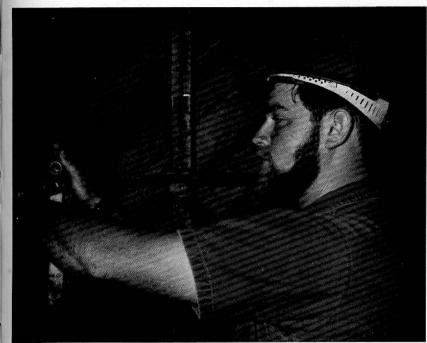


BUCN Halm



BUCA Johnson BU3 Sutton





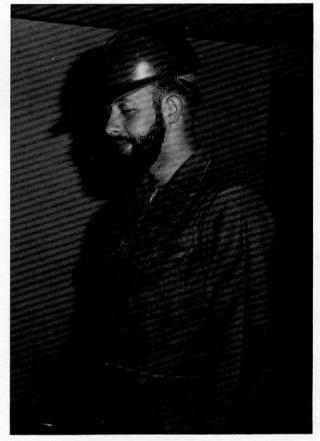
UTCN Weddle

EOCN Oaks



UT3 Scott





BU3 VantHof



The Battalion was tasked late in homeport to provide a fifty man, multi-disciplined detachment to deploy to Diego Garcia to accomplish numerous and difficult construction projects. Under the able leadership of LT Webb, SWC Belcher and EOC Jenkins the detachment surpassed all expectations and completed all assigned tasks on or ahead of schedule.

The well drilling team drilled, developed and tested twenty water wells using the percussion drilling technique. This was a first for the Seabees and the successful completion of these wells provided the critically needed water supply for the entire island.

Not to be outdone, the highly motivated block plant crew operated at a record setting pace. In all, 200,000 concrete masonry units were produced which was more than double that expected. Enough CMU's were stockpiled to satisfy the construction requirements on Diego Garcia for the next three or four years.

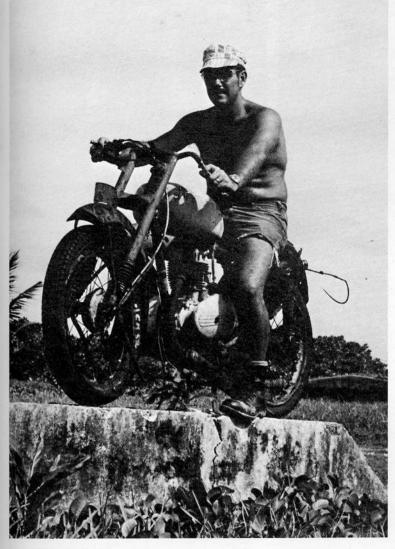
Meanwhile, other crews cleared ten acres of jungle for the site of the Recreation Facility. The entire area was cleared for various ballfields and courts. A sheet pile, steel cofferdam pier was constructed in time for the supply ship's arrival (the project was extremely urgent since the old pier had collapsed).

Not to be overlooked is the fine performance of the overhead and support personnel, especially the job done by the mechanics.

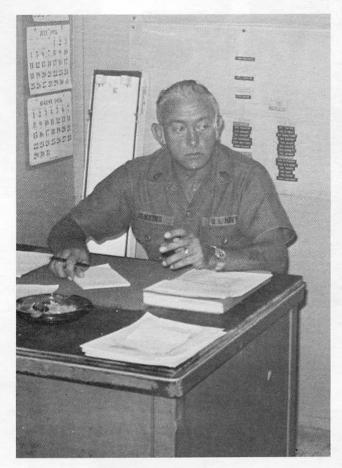
The detachment completed 25 projects involving many long hours on the job. All of the men can look back with pride on their superb performance while deployed to Deigo Garcia.

Diego Garcia Diego Garcia





LT Webb, OIC



SWC Belcher, OIC



EOC Jenkins, OIC



EO3 Barrow



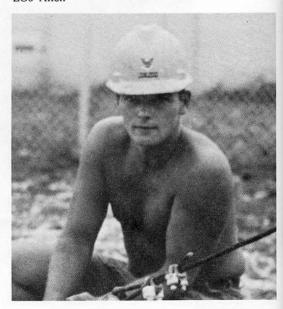


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EO1 Bruce EO3 Allen



EO3 Kahler



UT3 Kralemann



EO3 Hardmack

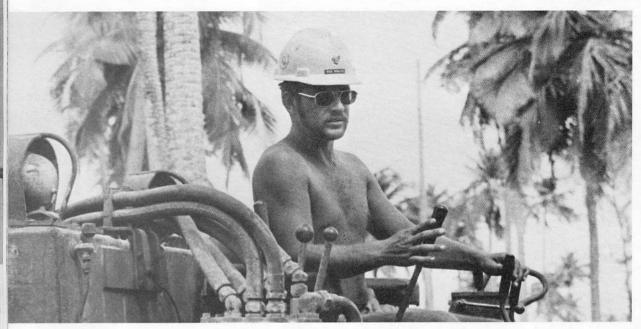


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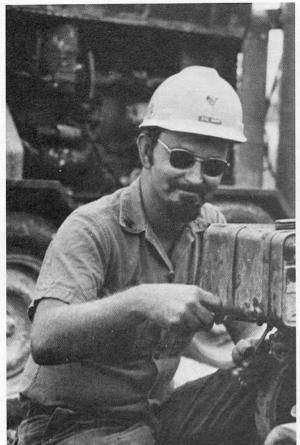


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CM2 Carf



BU3 Gumpy



NMCB SIXTY TWO



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CMCA Pikul



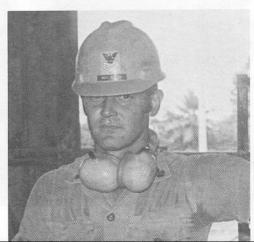




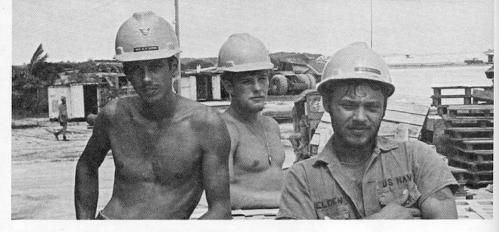
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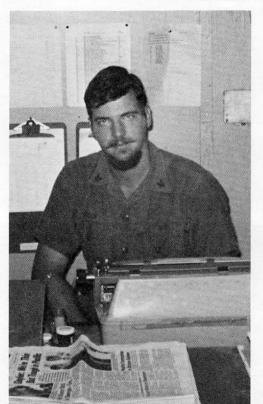


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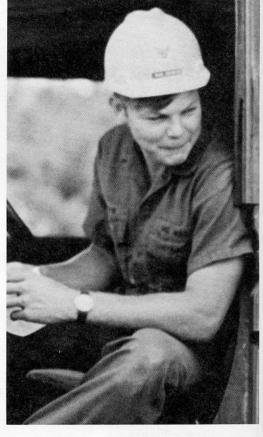


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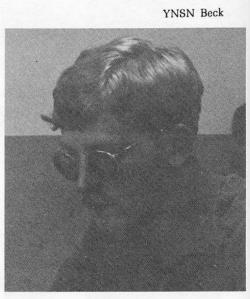


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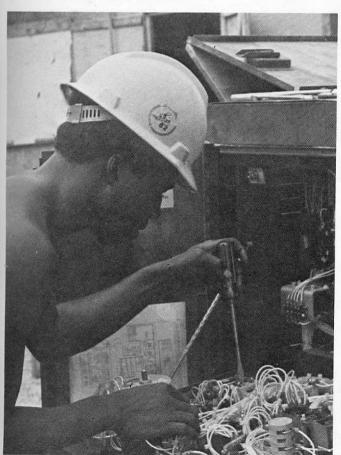
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BU3 McLaughlin





EO3 McWatters

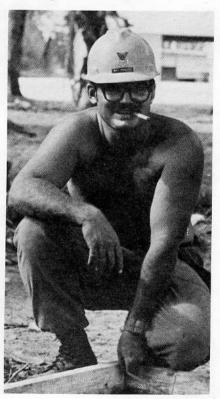


EO2 Meachum





BU3 Mioduski BU1 Rogers

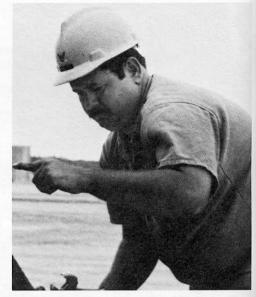




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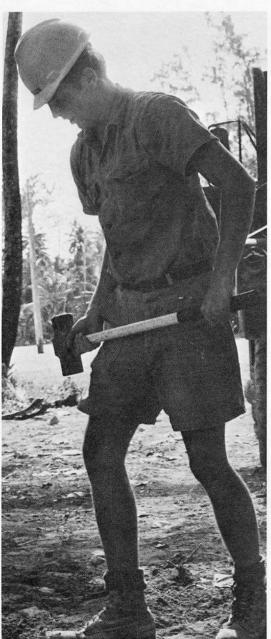


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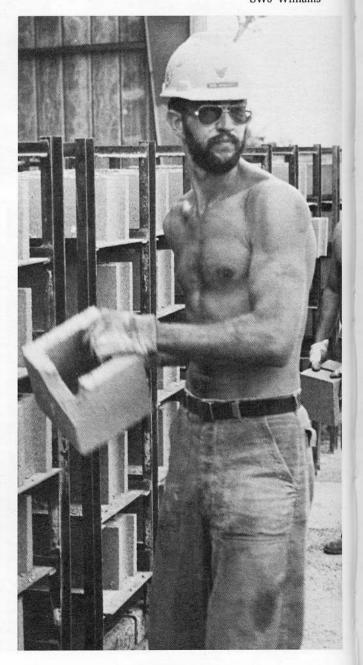


EO2 O'Neal





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BU3 Sauceda

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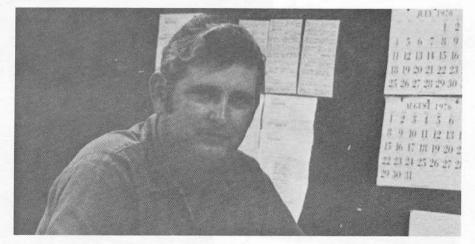


BU3 Schwirblat



BU2 Warner

SK2 Tinsley



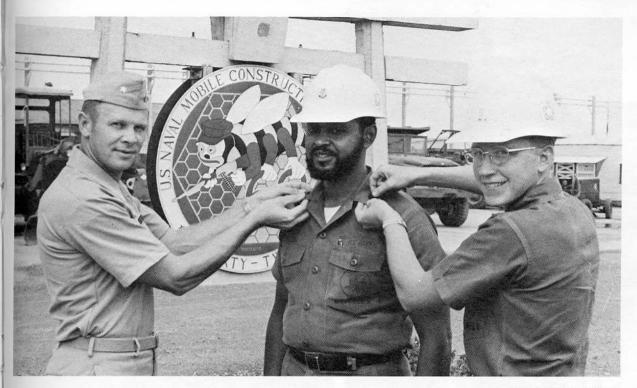




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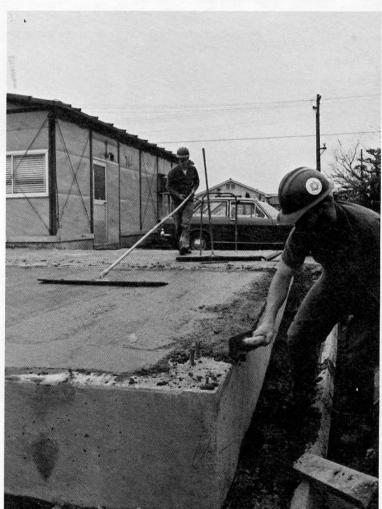
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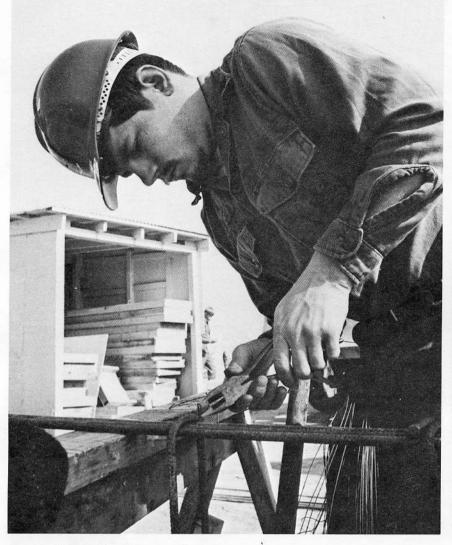


A new Senior Chief: BUCS Ballard.

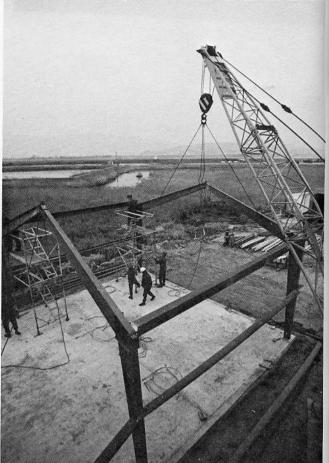
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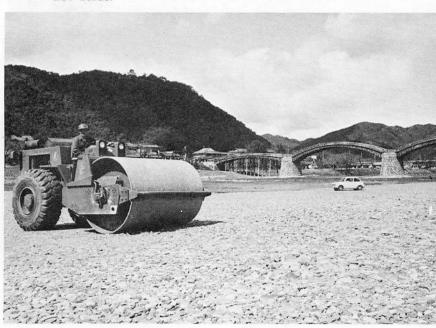




The Cryogenics Building.



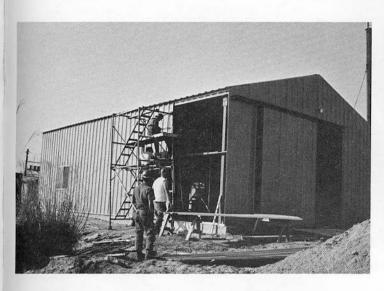
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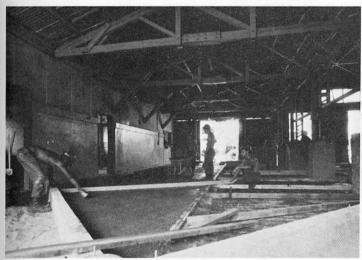
EO3 Bender



BU3 Shelton





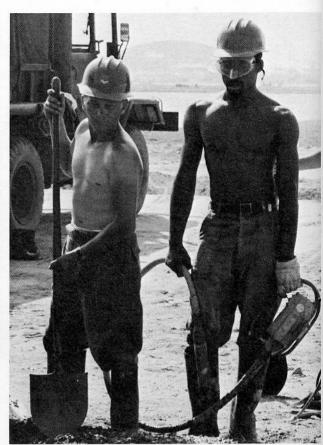




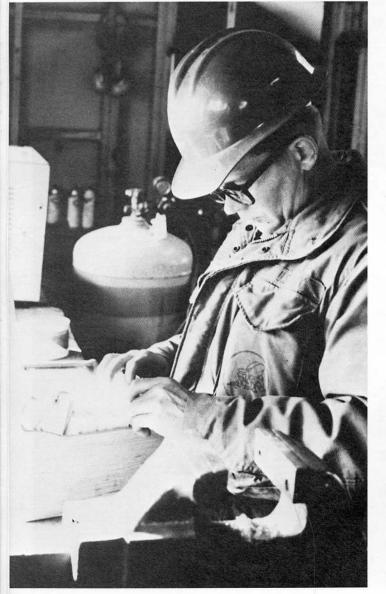




BU3 Shelton and BU3 Greene CE2 Davidson



CE2 Davidson and BUCA Hawkins



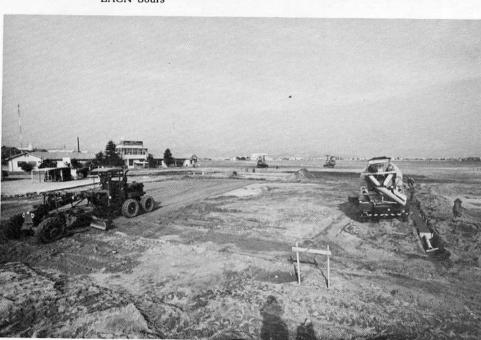






EACN Sours





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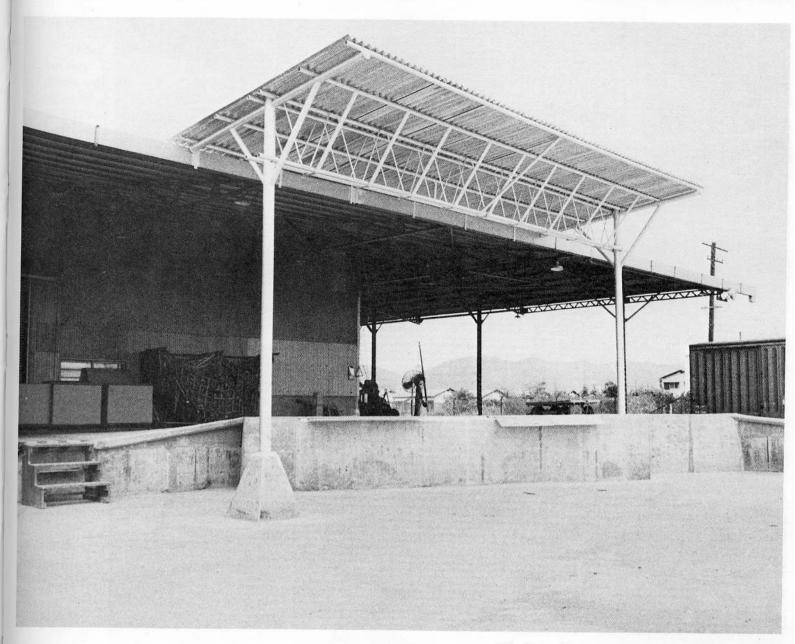






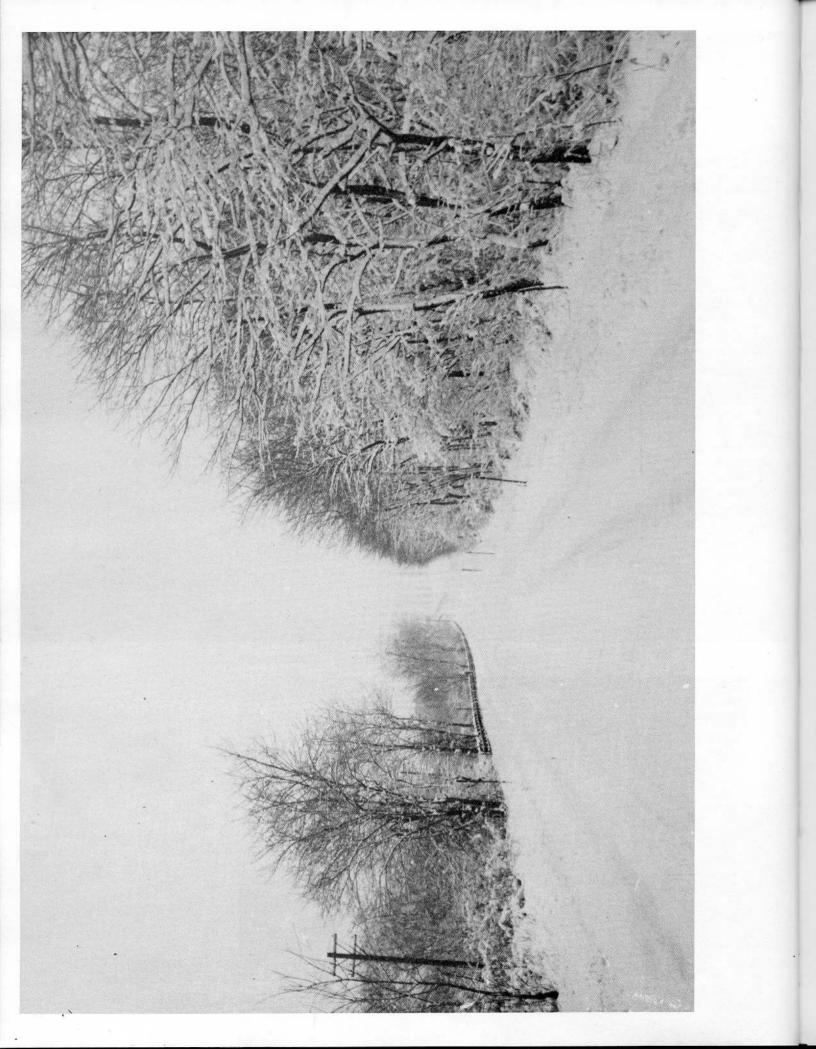
EO3 Bender





SW2 Howard





Detail Misawa arrived in Misawa on 9 January, 1976. We came to relieve NMCB 1's detail and they departed after a 12 day turnover. Misawa, located in the northern part of Japan, has a very long winter and recieves heavy snowfall, so heavy that outside construction work is virtually impossible. We were tasked with maintaining 15 pieces of equipment that would be put to use later in the year.

Idle hands were soon put to work after the OIC, BU1 Glidewell, requested tasking from the Public Works Officer there. These projects included relocating doors and windows in the NAF Admin Building and installing an intercom system for the VP squadron stationed there.

The snow did melt in mid-April and the detail was able to move into high gear completing the "Bare Bones" Project which encompassed a Battery Storage Locker, a Jet Engine Test Stand, an Aircraft Wash Facility and an Armament Equipment Shop. These projects were finished ahead of schedule in late June.

From there on the detail concentrated their efforts on a Spotting Tower and a Warehouse Upgrade. Even though the Short construction season limited the quantity of work, the quality was apparent and when NMCB 74's detail came to relieve us, many substantial improvements had been made to the NAF there, improvements which all of us can say we were a part of.

Misawa Misawa



BU1 Glidewell (OIC) presents BU3 Girard, CM3 Thornburgh, CE3 Clayton, UTCN Fletcher, EOCN Cox, SW3 Miller and UT3 Anderson to the XO.













Will it ever quit snowing?



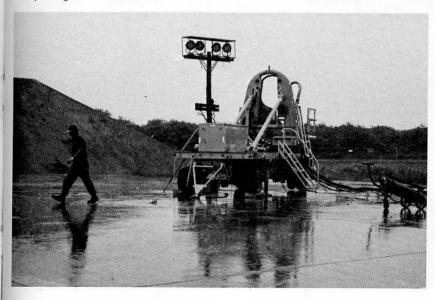


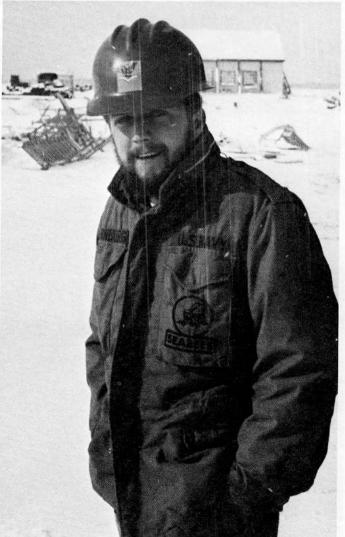


The airfield in Misawa.



The Jet Engine Test Stand









Subic Subic



LT Kieth, OIC

ENS Ross, AOIC

The deployment to Subic Bay, R.P., proved to be one of the most enjoyable and rewarding to all the detail personnel in recent times. This is true because the Naval Base at Subic and the Naval Air Station, Cubi Point, not only provided a great variety of construction work but also excellent recreational facilities. From the beginning, the work load provided many challenges and gave an opportunity to use our famous "Seabee Ingenuity" to meet the critical deadlines imposed.

Looking back on this most successful deployment we can proudly remember our projects: the readying of Camp Jeffries, named in honor of LT Jeffries, NMCB 133's Detail OIC, for the dedication, construction of the NAS, Cubi Point, project and the Red Label Area, and the Helo Ramp Road, where we enjoyed meeting and knowing Capt. Rutledge, USN, a POW in VietNam for seven years.

We also built the LST Ramp, the Pelota Court and NEX Loading Dock, all at the Naval Station, Subic, the Naval Hospital Training Building and the concrete and asphalt parking aprons and vehicle loading ramp in the NCF camp.

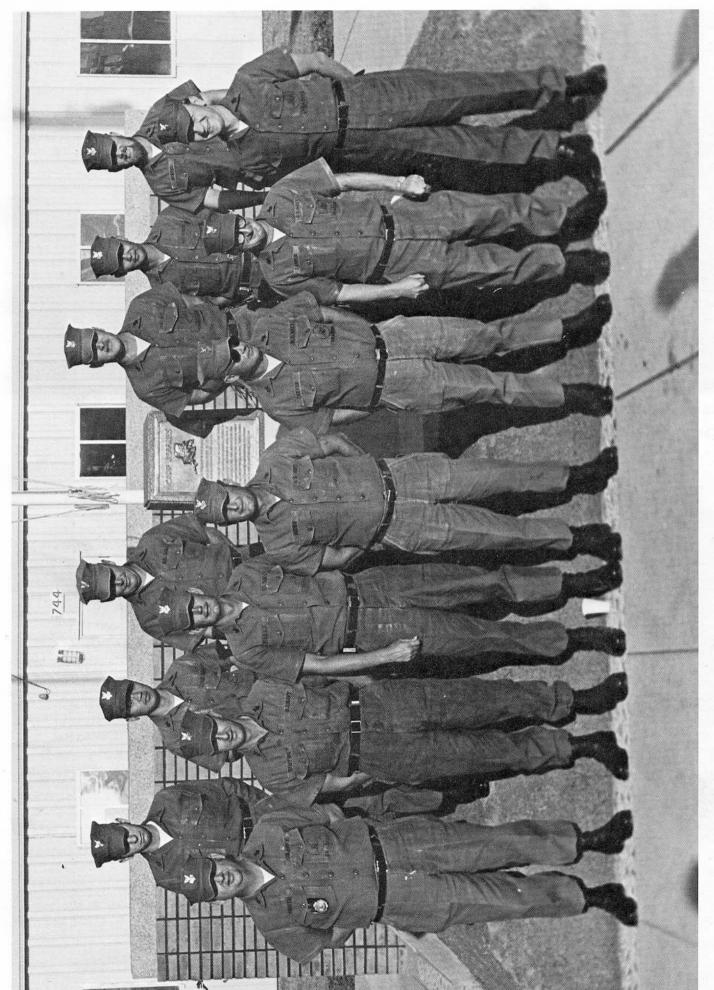
Justifiably proud are the special crews who came from the Main Body to lay the M8A1 matting at the Red Label Area and those Builders who worked so hard in completing the NAS Self Help project: the Chapel. At the beginning no one could have believed it would turn out so beautifully. Proud, also, can be the Mechanics who did so well maintaining and reducing the deadline of equipment that enabled others to do their job. Last, but not least, are the SKs and PNs who kept the material coming and the personnel records straight. All things now said, it was truly a deployment that everyone could have proud to have been a part of.



Top: BUCS LaBonce, EQCM Meyers, SKC Hodges

Bottom: CMC Williams, HMC Bunch, EOC Bass, SWC Smith

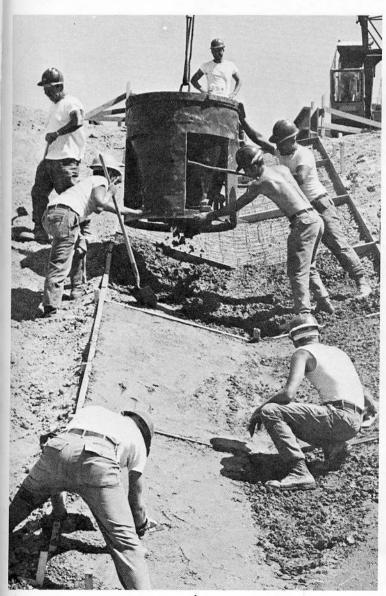


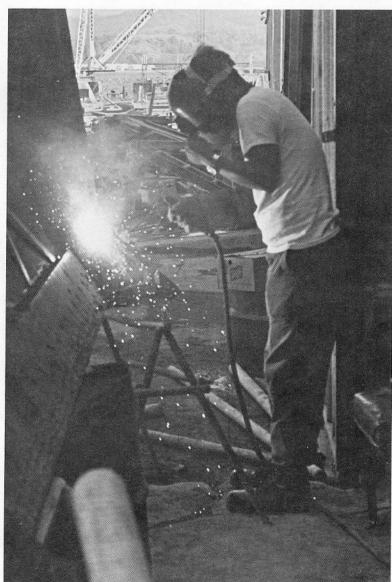


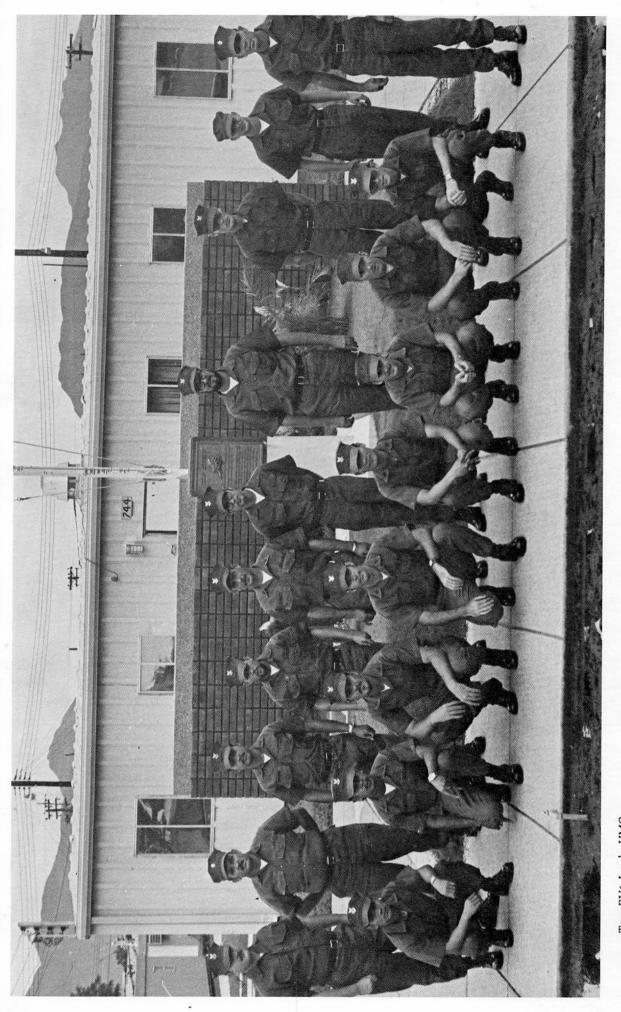
TOP: EO1 Kelley, EA1 Embuido, CE1 Mangrum, EO1 Fitchie, EO1 Diwas, SW1 Bowers BOTTOM: BM1 Smith, CM1 Vantine, BU1 Meece, SW1 Brown, EO1 Carter, BU1 Fadden, BU1 Hosinski



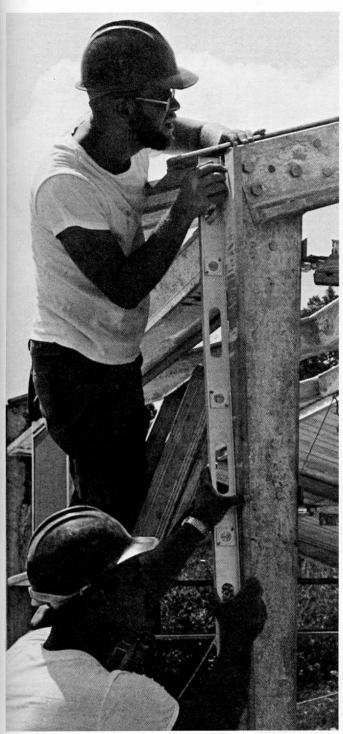
I've never done this kind of thing before.







Top: BU1 Lamb, HMC
Bunch, MS2 Banzon, SW2
Bumpass, BU2 Lunday, HM2
Rhodes, BU3 Allee, BU3
Andreassen, CMCN Hensley,
SKC Hodges. Bottom: EA1
Embuido, EA2 Pulumbarit, EA3
Myers, EA3 Stein, PN2 Sunga,
YNSN Brothers, SKSN Brady,
BU2 Lehmoine

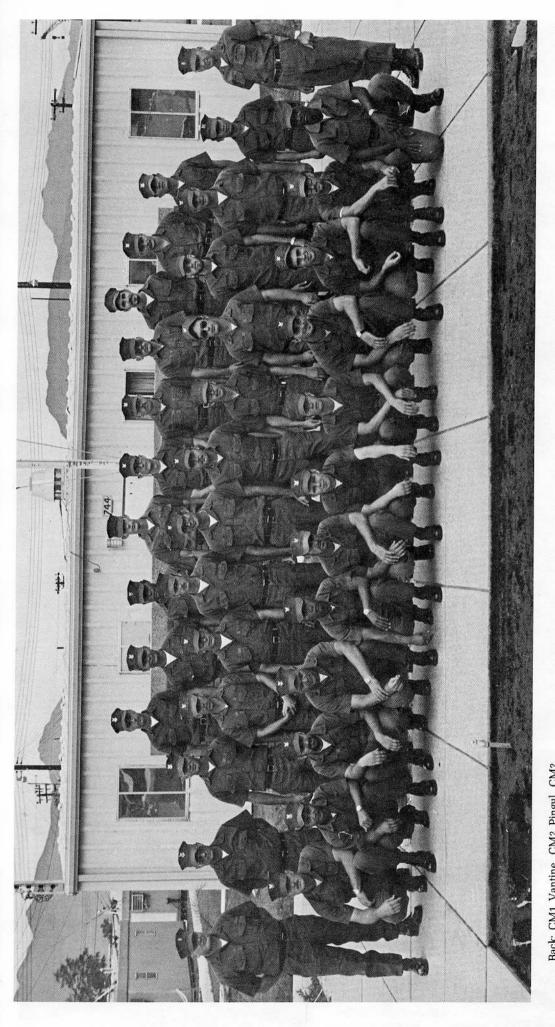




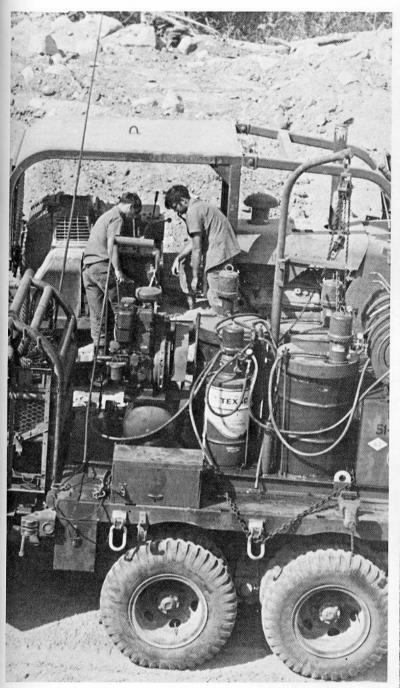
Moving the Earth.

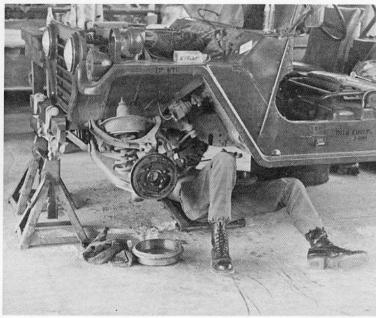




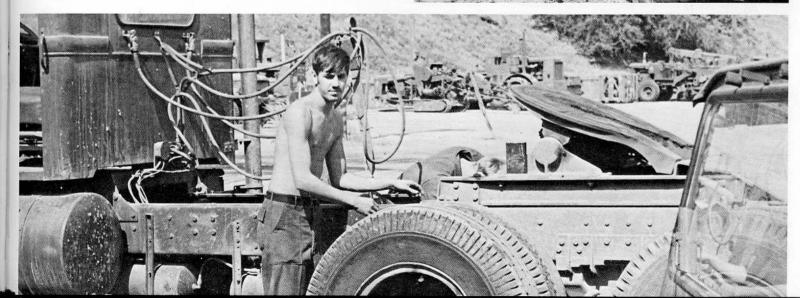


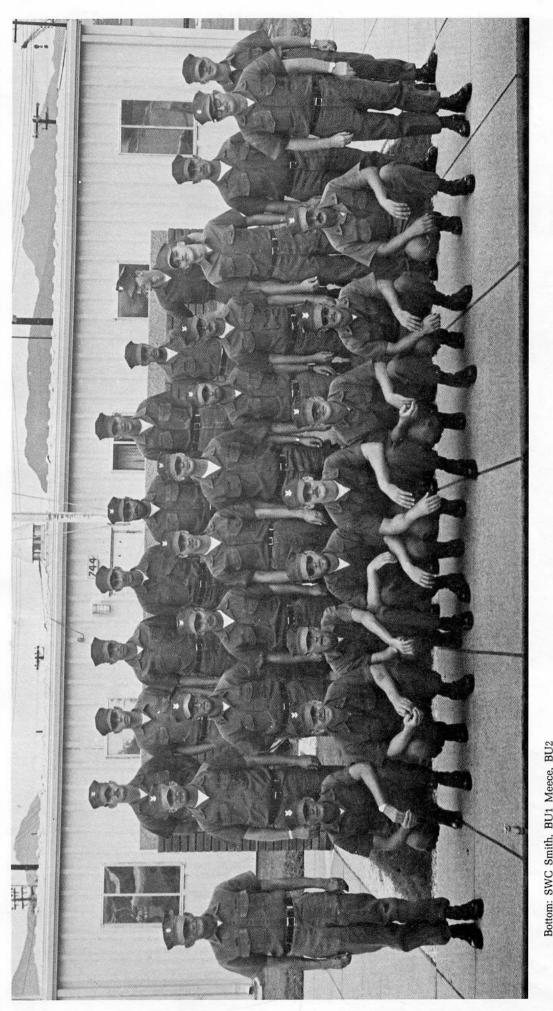
Back: CM1 Vantine, CM2 Pingul, CM2
Abueme, CMCN Moore, CM3 Thomas, CM3
Harrison, CM3 Bell, CMCN Rienhard, CM3
Markley, CM2 Labadan. Middle: CMC
Williams, EO1 Carter, EO2 Connally, EO3
Smith, EO3 Doyle, EOCN Clair, EO3 Barry,
EO3 Padgett, EO3 Cook, CM2 Mamaril.
Front: EO1 Fitchie, EO1 Diwas, EO3 Wheeler,
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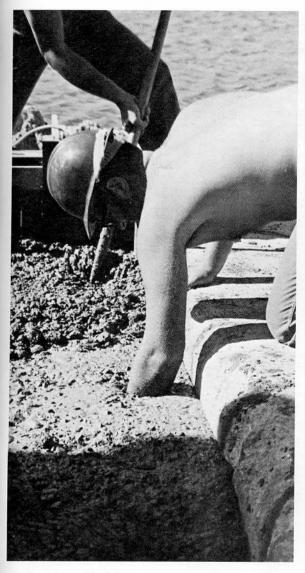








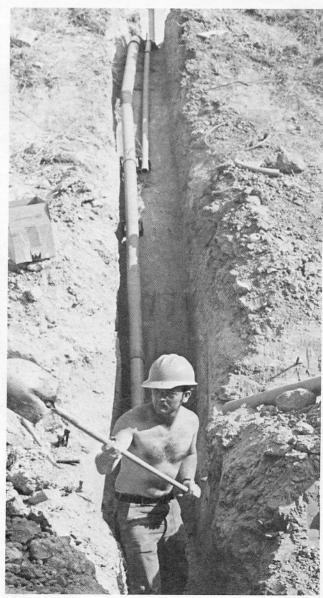
Bottom: SWC Smith, BU1 Meece, BU2 Marshall, BUCN Flynn, BUCN Thorsen, BU2 Nolan, BU3 Ellis, BU2 Fogle, BU3 McNorton, BUC Fadden. Middle: BU2 Irish, BU2 Merideth, BU3 Griffin, BU3 Schermer, BU3 Green, BU3 Cox, BU3 Oexman, BUCN Grant, BUCN Stevens, BUCN Sheldon. Top: BU3 Langley, BUCN Barnhill, BUCN Etienne, BUCN Terlecky, BU3 Collins, BUCN Eisenbraum, BUCN Brown, BU3 Marmalich

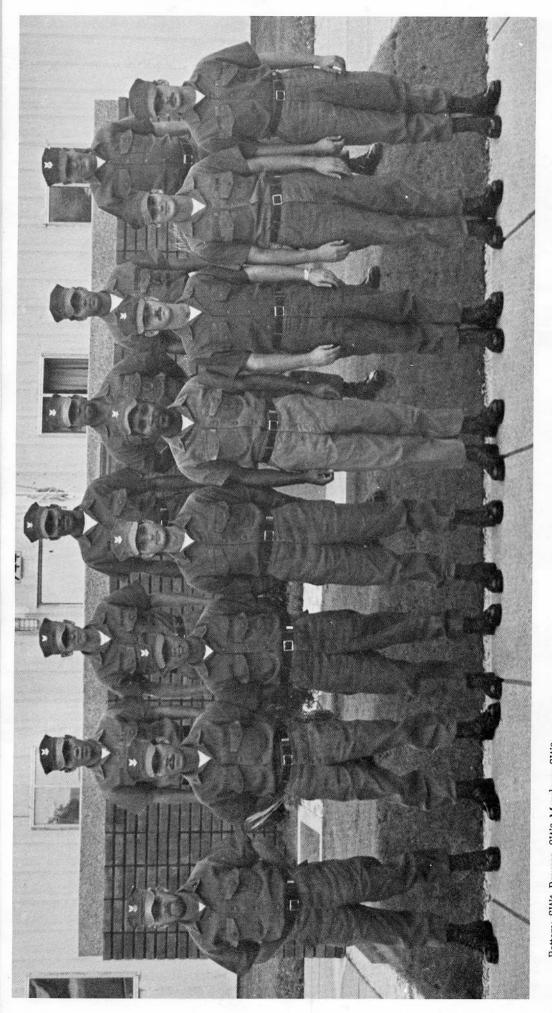




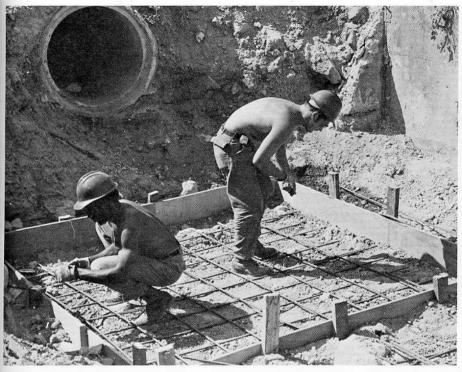






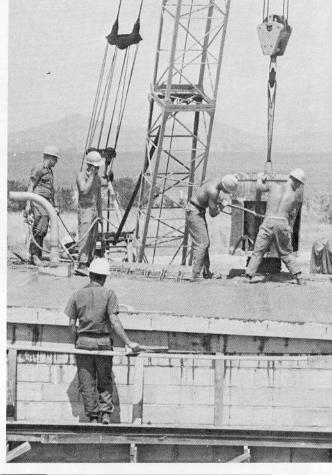


Bottom: SW1 Bowers, SW2 Mendoza, SW2 Sarao, SW2 Merkt, SW3 Wardlow, SW3 Markey, SWCN Haugan, SWCN Davis. Top: UT2 Rafada, UT3 Streeter, UT2 Greer, UT2 Hernandez-Rivera, CECN Alimusa, CE1 Mangrum



Working in the sun.

The TACAN Building.



Helping the Marines out.







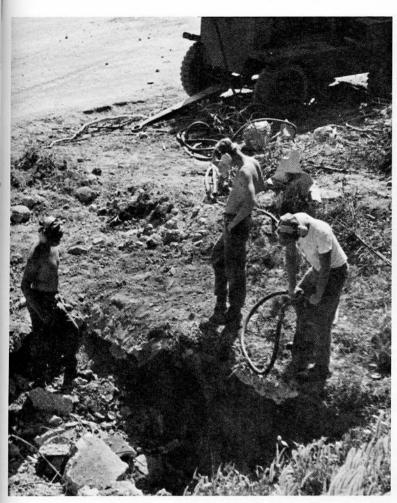
The Hospital Training Building.

Unveiling the Camp Jeffries Monument.

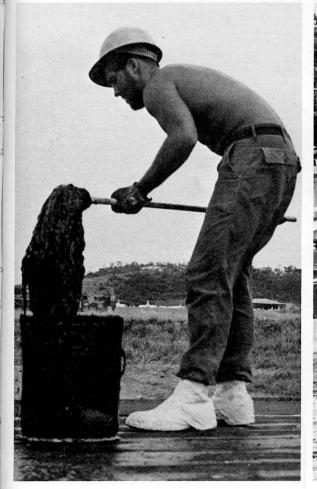


















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In the beginning it was difficult to adjust to our new surroundings. We had found ourselves in a new place; a different land with many exotic customs and traditions which were alien in nature to our own.

But our work was our primary and only objective: to complete as best we could the tasks assigned to us. We soon found ourselves amid the flurry of hammers, saws and framing squares—diligently pressing onward in noisy unison toward one common goal: quality workmanship in conjunction with timely construction.

And during our own time many of us saw places and things most can only dream of or read about in books. Towers of wood and gold standing as giant pillars among fragile gardens and still pools, and cities as vast modern as our own, but still retaining a grace and dignity that are like no other place on earth. These things will always hold a place in our memories, but one will stand apart from the rest. This is the personal knowledge that we did our best, and a job well done is always the most fond and satisfying of memories. It will remain forever resting in our minds while setting the pace for all other things to come.

Personnel

CECS Germain, OIC

BU1 Haley, AOIC

BU2 Jones

UT2 Inman

BU2 Tims

UT2 Bankson

BU3 Michaud

BU3 Wells

BU3 Poff

SW3 Rajacich

BU3 Somma

BU3 Walker

BU3 Ramstine

BU3 Cockerham

CE3 King

CE3 Riner

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CECN Andreassen

UTCN Claytor

CECN Sloan

EACN Friend

BUCN DellaPiazza

UTCN Hennelly

BUCN Bell

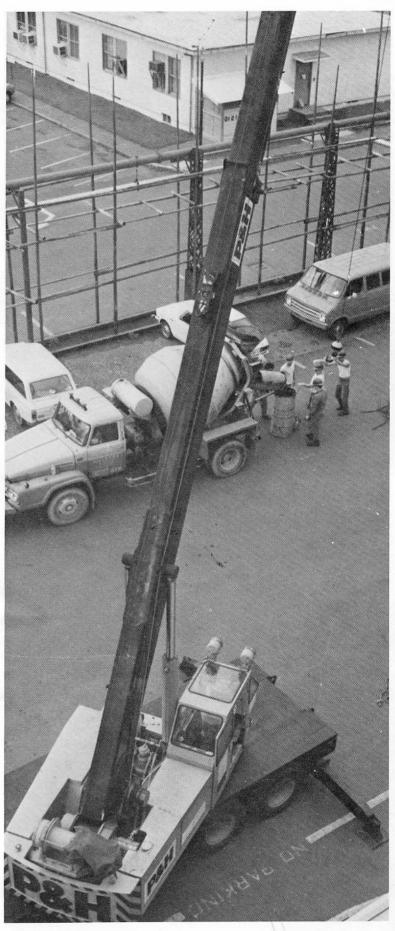
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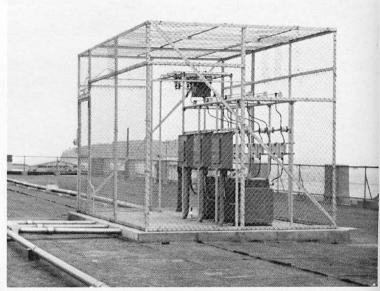
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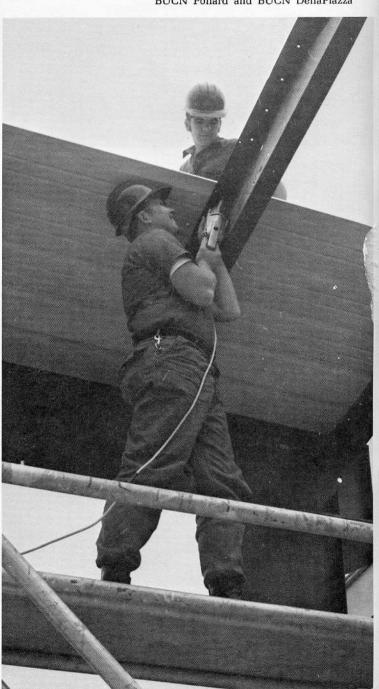
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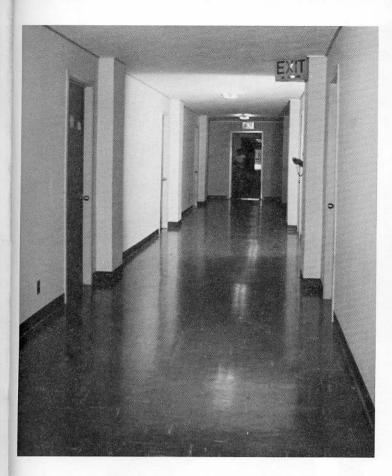






BUCN Pollard and BUCN DellaPiazza



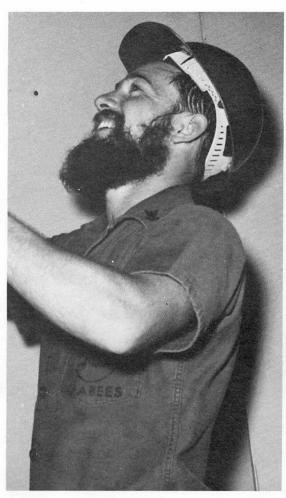




CE3 King

UTCN Hennelly and BU3 Ramstine



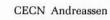


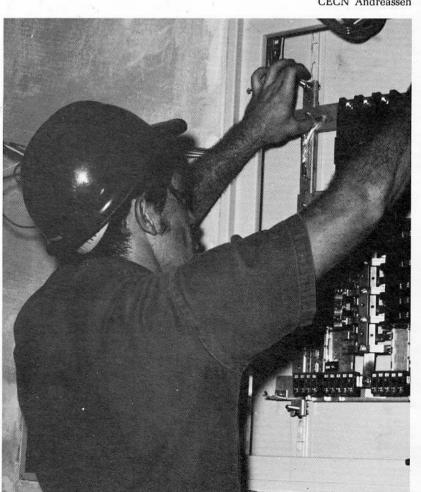


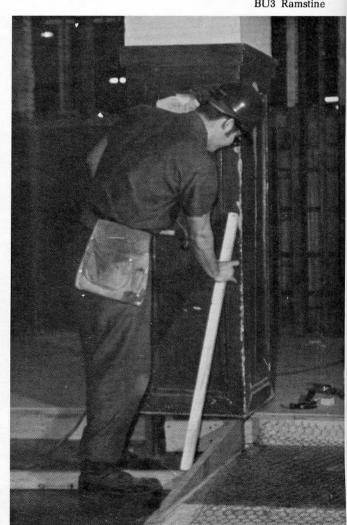
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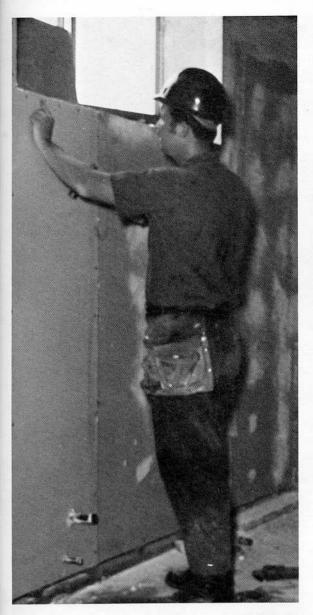
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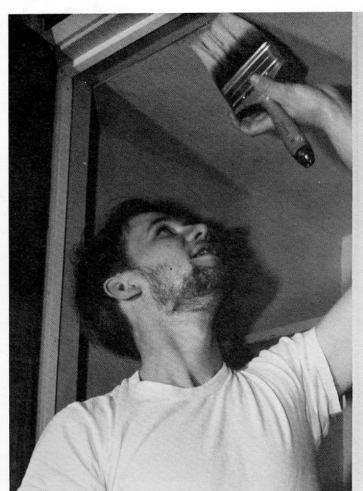




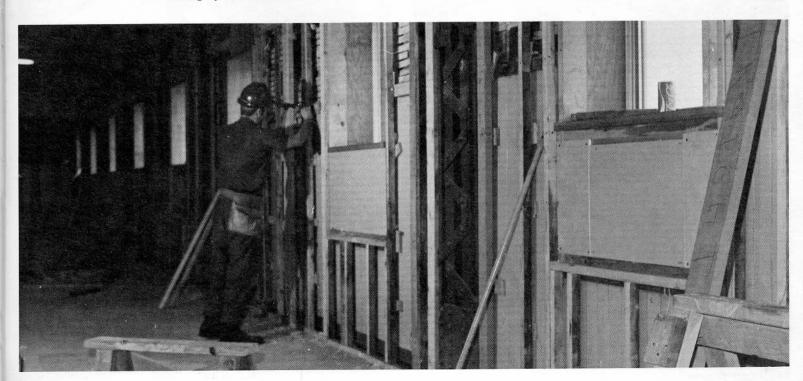


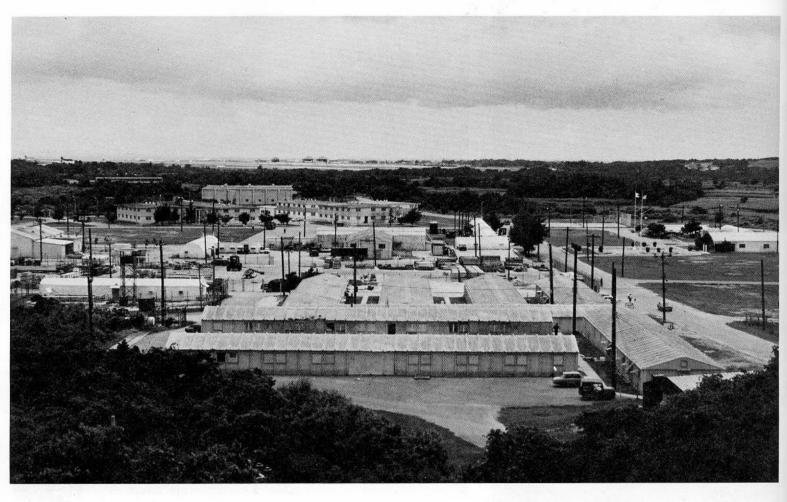


Nailing up sheetrock walls.

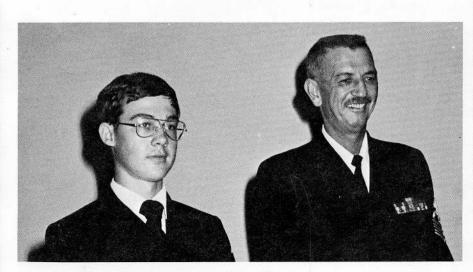


A new coat of paint for a new appearance.





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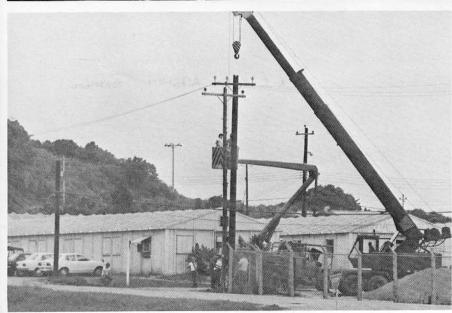


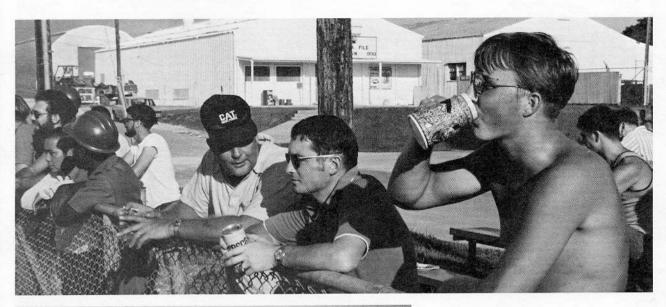








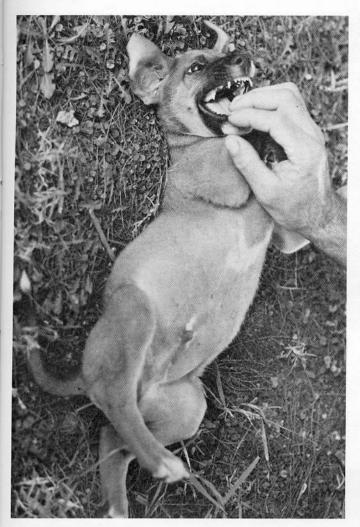








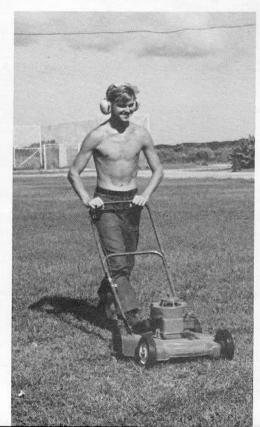


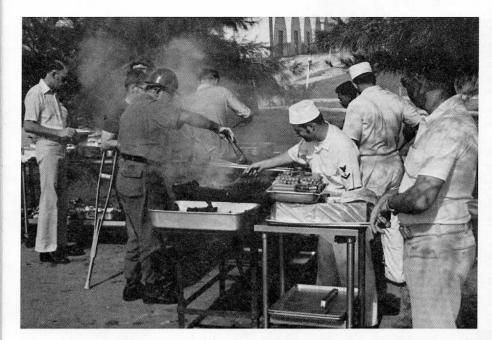


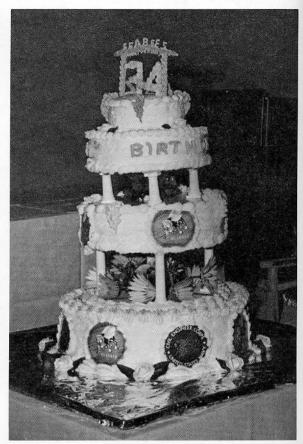










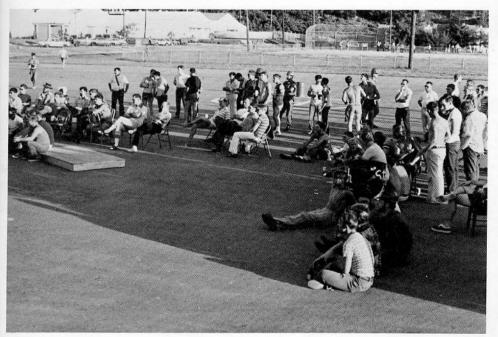










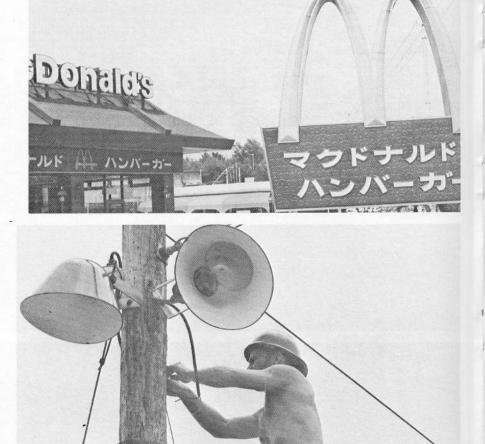


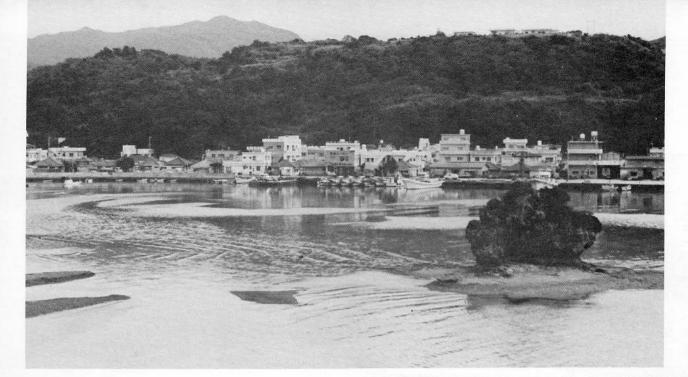




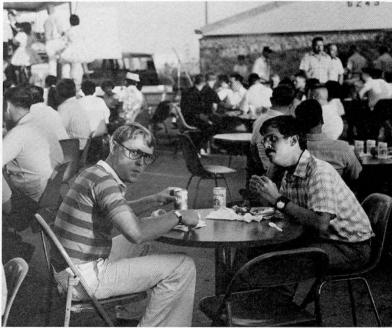


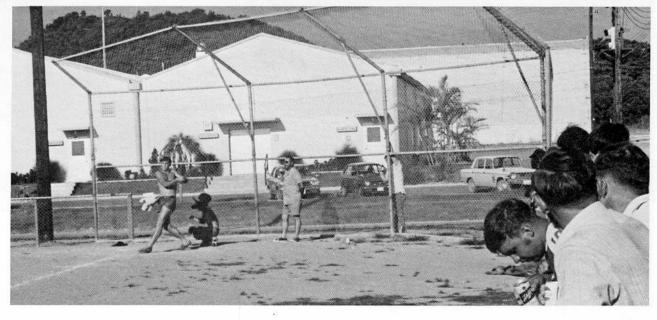










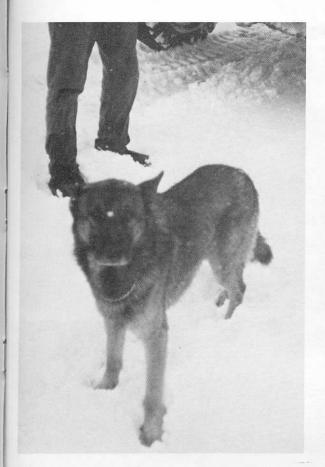


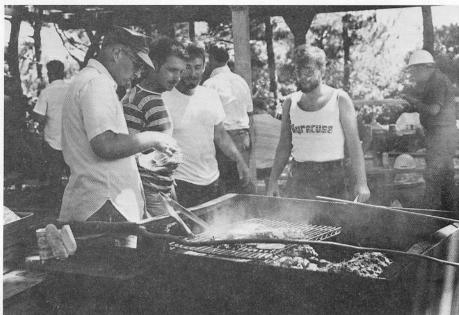


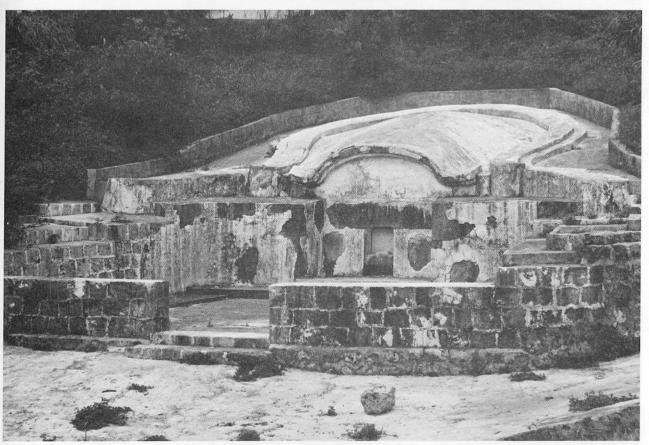






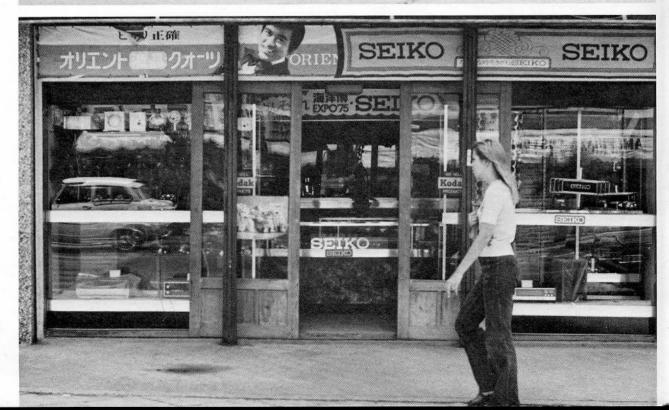


















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