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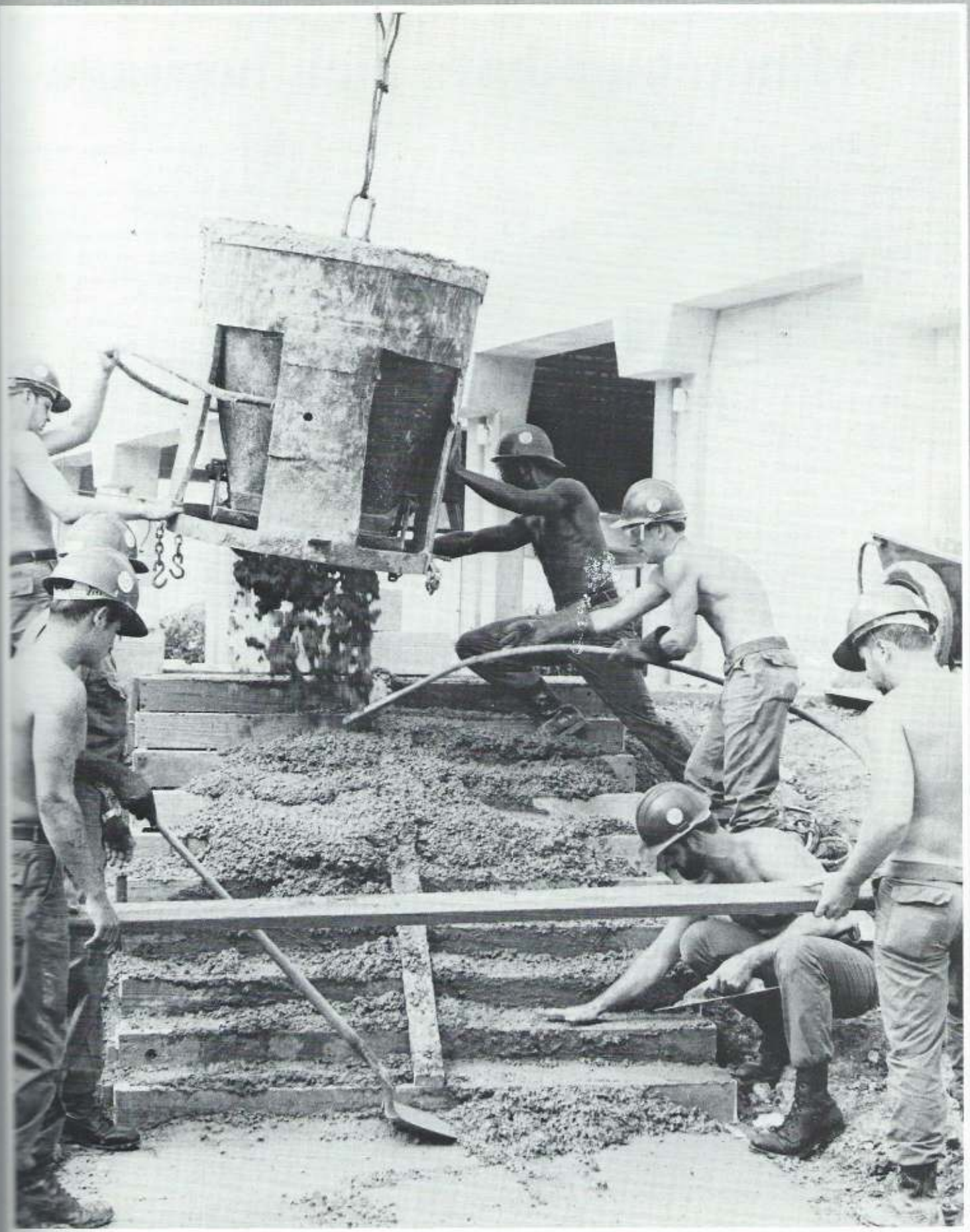
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**Construction is our trade;
our mark in Seabee fame**





Minutemen have rich heritage

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIXTY-TWO is a proud unit with a noble heritage. Originally organized with construction workers from the Midwest on Dec. 7, 1942, and commissioned at Davisville, R.I., on Dec. 30, 1942, the "Mighty Minutemen" first won fame at Pearl Harbor where they built many of the facilities at the submarine base. Some of them remain today. Later, after landing at Iwo Jima, they repaired and maintained captured enemy airstrips. The battalion eventually moved to Japan where it was decommissioned on Sept. 15, 1945.

Since recommissioning at Gulfport, Miss., on July 2, 1966, the battalion had deployed to Vietnam four times to provide construction support for American forces in combat areas and to stand by to fight if necessary. They had also deployed to Puerto Rico, the British Indian Ocean Territory island of Diego Garcia; the island of Guam; Rota, Spain; and Camp Shields, Okinawa.

"The Minutemen Battalion" has earned three Meritorious Unit Commendations and two Navy Unit Commendations in its 22 years of active service.

This command is also a four-time recipient of the Peltier Award, given annually by the Society of American Military Engineers to the construction battalion it feels is the best example of excellent construction and military prepared-

ness. NMCB-62 is the only battalion to receive the award four times.

During the Vietnam War, NMCB-62 won the Peltier Award twice in 1969 and 1970. The third one was received in April 1978, recognizing the battalion's outstanding construction achievements on the island base of Diego Garcia, located in the British Indian Ocean Territory (Chagos Archipelagos group). The fourth award was presented to the battalion for its outstanding work in Rota, Spain.

NMCB-62 was the last full battalion to serve in the construction effort on Diego Garcia, ending an 11-year history of Seabees on the island in July 1982. The battalion also had the last detachment of Seabees on site at Diego Garcia, ending with the battalion's deployment to Guam in September 1983.

During the Puerto Rico deployment, NMCB-62 mounted out a special detail to Antigua in the West Indies to restore water and an islandwide distribution system to the people of the drought plagued island.

While on their Caribbean deployment, the battalion had seven detail sites in addition to the main body at Puerto Rico. The detail sites were located at Vieques Island, Andros Island, Bermuda, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Atlanta, Georgia, Crane, Indiana, and Cascade, Maryland.



Welcome home Minutemen



from Guam deployment



After an eight and a half month deployment to Camp Covington, Guam, the Minutemen deployed to Gulfport, Miss., in September 1983. The NMCB-62 Seabees were reunited with their families and loved ones once again. During the Guam deployment, they distinguished themselves on such projects as the Harden Power job, gymnasium, Marine Barracks and Alarm Control Center at the Naval Magazine.

Another project which required much coordination in supplying necessary materials was the street lighting project at the Naval Communications Station.

At the Naval Station, the Minutemen built a head at the Serv-Mart, and they made improvements to the Sierra Wharf.

The Minutemen renovated the Enlisted Dining Facility after an 11-month closure at Camp Covington. In addition, they completely rehabbed two barracks literally from the ground up. Then they began their homeport training for the Puerto Rico deployment after a stand down period.

Homeport training schedule



covers skill-building

During October, the Minutemen began their homeport training in the 20th Naval Construction Regiment Specialized Construction Battalion Training (SCBT). In an innovative concept, the SCBT classes were combined with NMCB-133 to make full use of both instructors and their resource materials. In this respect, both learning and skill-building were enhanced for the Minutemen for the upcoming Puerto Rico deployment.



Contingency construction training



tests Seabee skills



The NMCB-62 Seabees experienced a unique construction tasking in a clearing on the back 40 acres of CBC Gulfport in November. Their tasking was to build a complete 100-man camp, using facilities from the Advanced Base Facility Component system.

This monumental order was to test each Minuteman to work literally with his hands and a bare minimum of tools, if any, to acquaint him with an emergency tasking which might occur at any place anytime in the world.

The camp included a galley, berthing area and all the necessary utilities to operate this small village.

At the conclusion of this training, monitored by the 20th NCR, all hands then joined forces, using their brute strength, to erect the massive Bailey Bridge. In addition to this awesome feat, the Minutemen constructed a timber bridge and a timber tower.

The contingency training exercise ended the construction training phase for the Minutemen. The NMCB-62 Seabees then began their military training in preparation for the upcoming Puerto Rico deployment.



Minutemen train in rapid



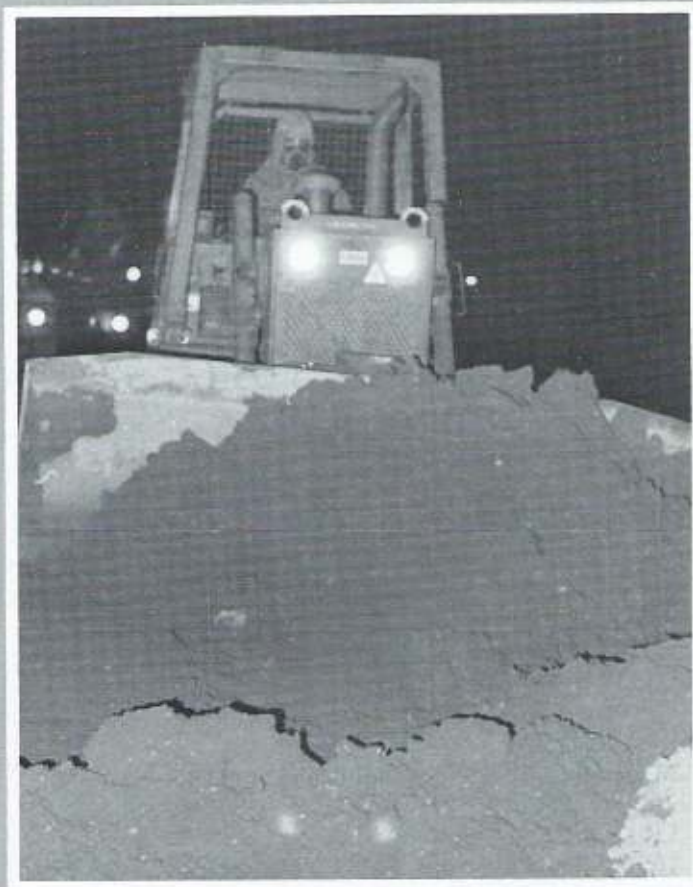
runway repair operations



In December, the battalion practiced the fine art of rapid runway repair both during the day and at night. In this exercise, the Minutemen encountered a simulated bomb crater on a runway. Their mission was to fill in, smooth over and level the hole while restoring full capability to runway operations.

This simulation required quick, exact teamwork in a close effort to complete this project in a timely fashion. To provide these capabilities, battalion members trained for two days in procedures for backfilling a bomb crater and assembling runway repair matting.

To add realism to the exercise, the Minutemen worked under power plant lighting at night. They also donned their gas masks and 782 gear to simulate unfriendly forces and the possible threat of nuclear, biological and chemical warfare presence in the area.



Disaster recovery prepares



'62 for contingencies



In January, the Minutemen welcomed the New Year and promptly got to work, training for disaster recovery operations. The purpose of this training is to enable the battalion to respond effectively to any type of disaster.

In this segment of training, the men learned rescue techniques, how to operate in contaminated environments and area decontamination techniques.

The training was culminated with an exercise which simulated the crash of a truck, carrying dangerous chemicals. When the Minutemen arrived at the exercise scene, they found a real mess: an overturned truck, injured people and entire area that was highly contaminated. Using all of their training, they moved quickly to assess the situation, rescue the injured and decontaminate the area.

Representatives of the 20th NCR remarked about the efficiency and effectiveness of each NMCB-62 crew, saying that small unit leadership was very strong.



Minutemen train for war

When the last item was packed into the seabag and the last goodbye was said, it was then time for the entire battalion to journey to Camp Shelby in February 1984 for the week-long Field Exercise.

Upon their arrival at the heavily wooded north country, the Minutemen unpacked their seabags and found their berthing spaces in the cold, dank block barracks. They then waited for the war to break out after a series of long, weary marches.

During each training day, the Minutemen crammed their heads chockful of camouflage, concealment, carrying weapons, C-rats and camp cleanliness.

And then the war came, ending the week of classes and practical exercises. All the week's preparations came to a head, and then it all made sense, for the Minutemen were there to train for their defense and aid of others for whom they may have provided construction.

A hasty base camp was erected on Friday, and a complete perimeter was established and maintained. The enemy attacked and was counter-attacked. Soon it was all over, and the weary Seabees again convoyed back to CBC Gulfport.



in their field exercise



Mighty Minutemen mount



out in March maneuver



March was the time to march on, move up and mount out, and that is exactly what the Minutemen did. It all began within 48 hours of their first notice. The destination of the Air Det was Eglin AFB, Fla.

Operations within the Mount-Out Control Center immediately began to hum as the central hub of activity. The battalion went on an around-the-clock alert status to prepare for the mount-out exercises.

Vehicles for the Air Det were washed and weighed. The men were vaccinated, and their service records were validated. Their supplies for their tasking were broken out, loaded up, palletized, weighed and balanced and literally measured from top to bottom for the appropriate stowage aboard the corresponding aircraft flight.

After a final inspection of both men and equipment, the embark teams loaded the Air Det and their construction gear and supplies on the aircraft for their flight to Eglin AFB.



Advance party paves way



The NMCB-62 CMAA receives the duty can of aspirin for the headaches of getting the battalion settled (above). GMGI Verlin Allen (right) goes for the big guns at the Armory (right).



by successful turnover



After seven months of homeport training, the advance party left Gulfport on April 23, 1984, enroute to Camp Moscrip, Puerto Rico. As the Minutemen waited at the airfield for their departure, their hearts were heavy at the thought of leaving loved ones and friends, but their spirits were high to accomplish quickly the tasks that were set before them.

As takeoff neared, the feelings of attachment and companionship heightened, mixed with heaviness and emptiness. At the same time, comradeship and commonality drew the Minutemen together by a professional pride. They had an important job to do, and they were the most qualified to do it.

The door was at last shut, and the airplane taxied to the runway to begin its trip to the Caribbean.

CM2 Dennis Comrie puts a '62 BEEP sticker in its place (left).



HMC Jordan Befort accepts the ambulance keys (right).

Main body departs for



Caribbean deployment

Before the main body began its flight to Puerto Rico on May 5, 1964, the Minutemen distinguished themselves as they tied together the last-minute loose ends, especially in their barracks and common areas. They literally had no discrepancies with either the barracks or the furniture or even linen issue. In addition, they were recognized by the 20th NCR for their outstanding efforts to clear the barracks in a timely and efficient manner.

During the stand-down period before the main body departed, the Minutemen packed out their offices and shops; they repainted their spaces in Bldg. 39. They readied themselves for the upcoming deployment by stuffing their seabags and making preparations for the comfort and well-being of their families.

The Minutemen then zoomed into the air with both their excitement and frustration while knowing their profession was vital to the defense of their country.



Daily Living

Although the sky is still dark and the lights yet dim, the Minutemen of NMCB-62 have begun their daily duties. Slowly at first, they pour out of their darkened huts and proceed to the Camp Moscrip grinder for morning physical training and quarters. After PT, and just about sunrise, it's off to the galley for a quick bite of a nourishing breakfast, swished down with a steaming cup of coffee. After breakfast, the Minutemen have the chance to do what they do best—work. They head for the shops and offices or board the crew trucks for transportation to the job sites, and, just shortly after the sun rises overhead, they are already working hard. As only Seabees can do, the Minutemen always meet their job challenge in the most efficient way possible. Regardless of his job, each Minuteman devotes all his energy to the task at hand. Just before darkness falls, the work day is over, and each Minuteman gets ready to enjoy his favorite pastime—at the beach, on the ball field, in the gym or “on the island.”







From exercising early in the morning and standing military inspections to getting paid and going to quarters, the Mighty Minutemen worked hard on the Puerto Rico deployment, but they took some time out to play some foosball at the club or call home.







A day on deployment includes a myriad of things from getting on the truck after the noon meal, back in the shop and welding, catching a ride to accomplish the mission, having another cup of coffee, standing a weapons inspection, watching the nightly movie and observing evening colors.



Support

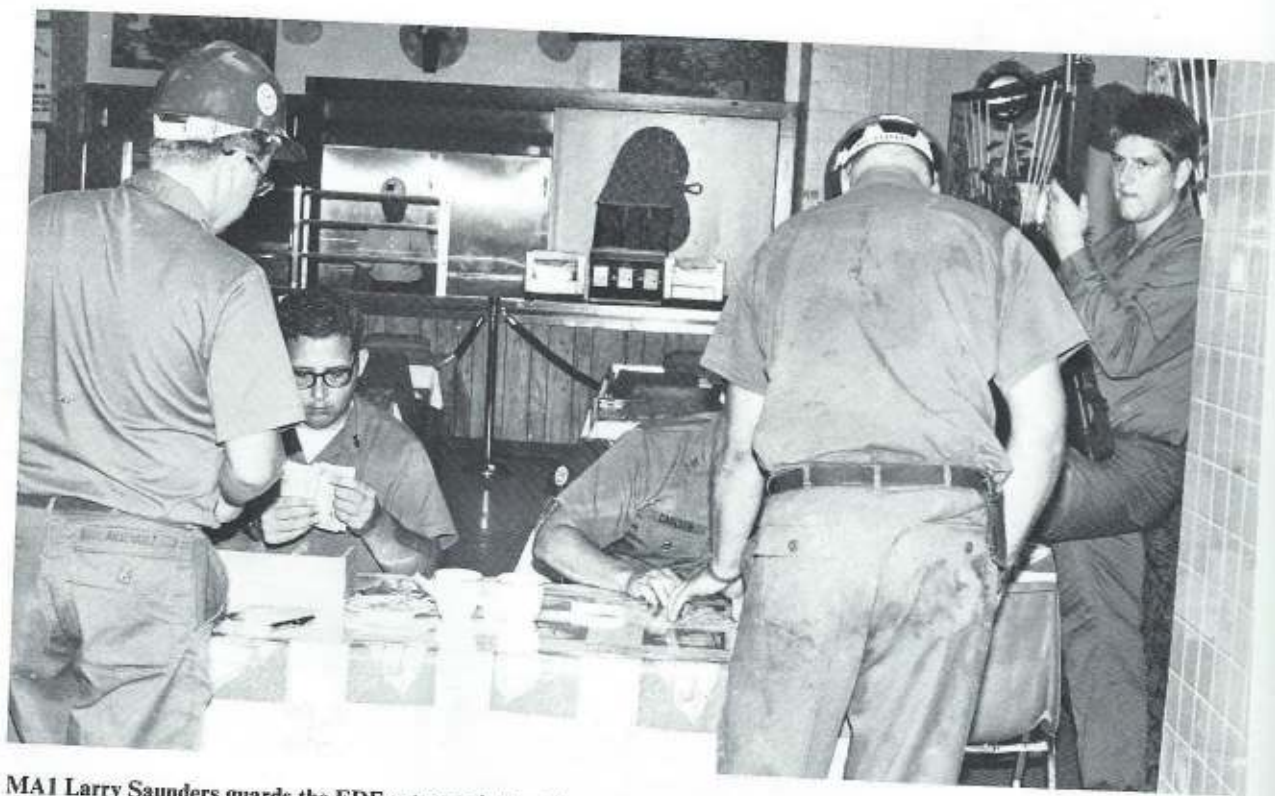
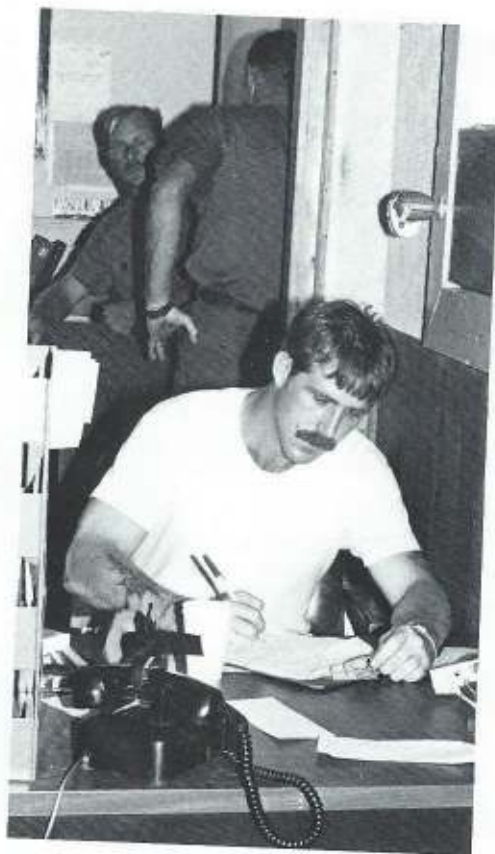


EACN Richard Chocolas drafts a new blueprint (left). The ETs try to call home (below).





HM1 Dennis Billeter (left) assists Dr. Barry Miesenburg during a mass casualty drill triage exercise (top). Corpsmen practice their in-house medical examination (above).



MA1 Larry Saunders guards the EDF entrance before the payline begins (top left). The paperwork never quits anywhere in the Supply Office (top right). But deployment can be worth money in your pocket (above).



MC John Williams transcribes a legal proceeding on the dictaphone (top). SGT Jean Laverdiere assists SK3 Brian Edmondson with removing material in the supply warehouse (above). EA2 Eric Owen (left) and EA1 Steve Walker take an asphalt sample (right).





Many hands make light work in the Supply Office (top). MS3 Sam Wilcher keeps the hot ham steak coming (above). SH2 Ricky Thomas (left) and SH3 David Cradic take inventory in Greens Issue (right).





MS3 Daniel Moore whips up a fresh batch of goodies in the CPO Mess (top left). MS1 Victorio Lagmay serves up steaks done just right (top right). "Who said too many cooks spoil the soup?" (above).

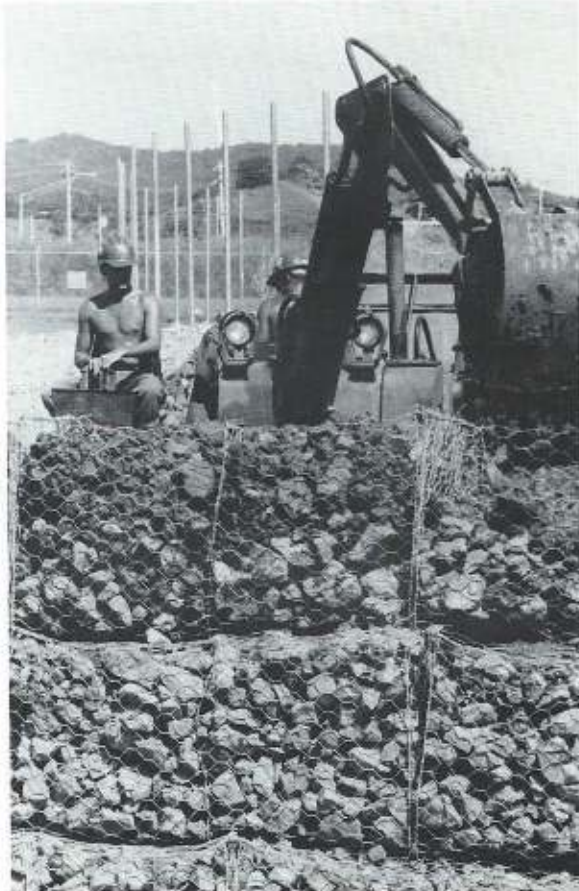
Projects

Dripping with sweat, the Minutemen met the challenge of their construction projects as they tirelessly attacked their tasking amid the onslaught of the Caribbean tropical climate. Both the production rate and direct labor statistics set a high goal for the Puerto Rico deployment for battalions to come. Such a display of quality work is a result of the evident pride and professionalism of the Minutemen.

While the sun beat their brows and sapped their strength, the Minutemen pressed on in the high degree temperatures, consistently exhibiting high quality workmanship, outstanding crew morale and job sit leadership. They consumed thousands of gallons of water, and they continued to strive for visible proof of the pride which they all share in their accomplishments.

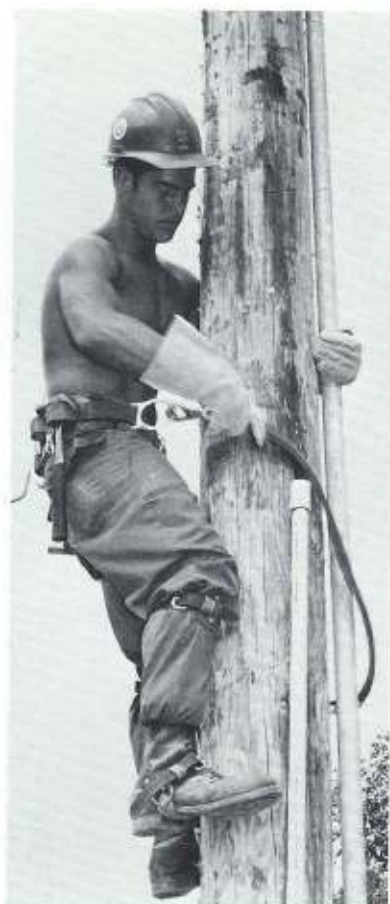


A Charlie Company CPO Hut crew digs a water line.



Bravo Company utilitiesmen smooth up concrete on Magic Mountain (left). Equipment operators fill gabions at the Security Fence (above). The gabion crew puts the finishing touches on the special wire construction (below).





Whether on a pole, in the concrete or on the asphalt, the Minutemen do it best.





Charlie Company crew members pour concrete at the Industrial Drainage Ditch (top). Alfa Company cleans up the Tow Way Road after milling operations (above).



Charlie Company uses a crane and a concrete bucket to place concrete on remote portions of the Industrial Area Drainage project (above). Alfa Company prepares asphalt lay down at the Public Works Department parking lot (below).





Charlie Company Minutemen erect the softball field fence at Camp Moscrip (top). Bravo Company construction electricians install new lighting at the field (above).





A Tow Way Road project crew member prepares to advertise the Minutemen's services. Bravo Company Seabees shovel dirt at the Dog Kennel. Minutemen from Charlie Company erect scaffolding at the Ops Storage project. A gabion crew assembles a gabion at the Security Fence project. A Bravo Company construction electrician climbs a telephone pole to make repairs at Camp Moscrip. A Charlie Company Seabee smooths the wall at Ops Storage.





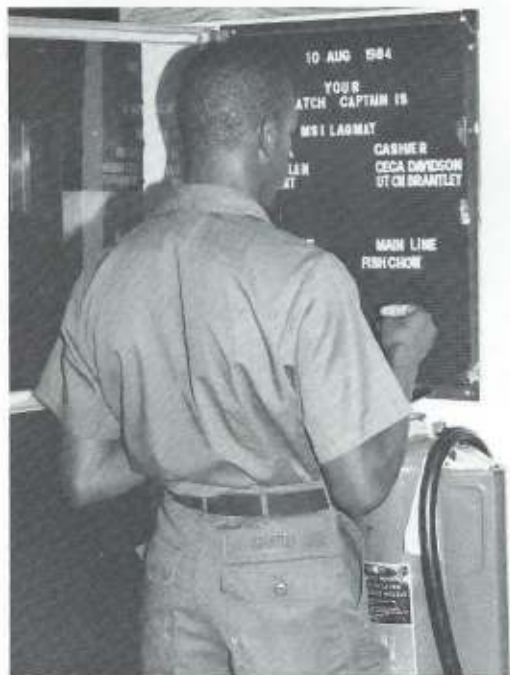


(Clockwise) The wire goes up steadily at the Security Fence project. Cleaning operations go down at the Tow Way Road project. Charlie Company crew members prepare the foundation at the Dog Kennel. Alfa Company equipment operators roll the asphalt at the Public Works Department parking lot. The gabions are filled to overflowing at the Security Fence. Ops Storage crew members put on finishing touches with sponge floats.

Lunch break

After a long, hard morning of working at their project sites, the Minutemen converged on the Camp Moscrip Enlisted Dining Facility for a hot, nourishing meal. The EDF staff worked literally around the clock to

provide meals for the Minutemen so they could hop aboard their trucks and return to their work sites to accomplish quality projects completed with pride and professionalism.



(Clockwise) The MDMAA posts the day's menu. The Minutemen enjoy the noon meal. The EDF staff prepares the evening meal.



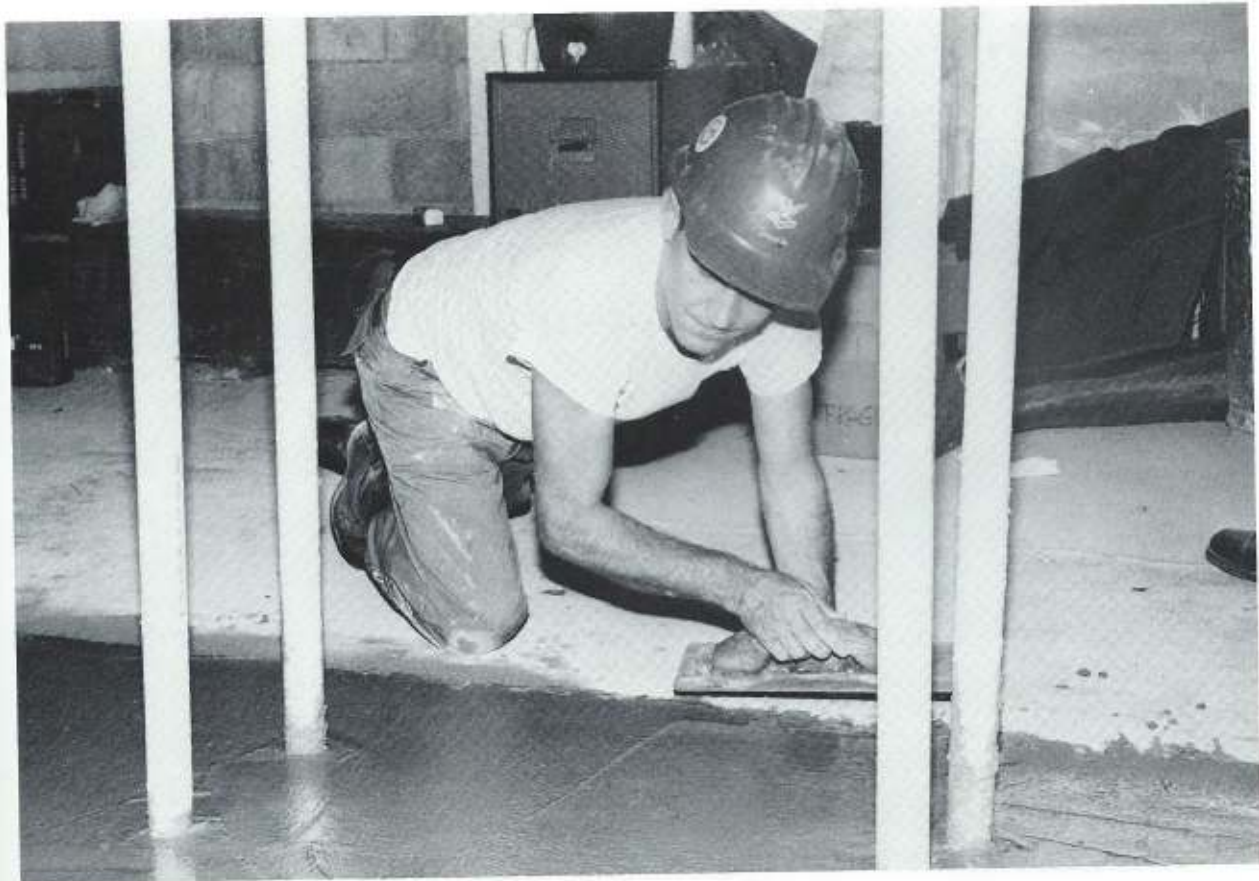


Full of vim, vigor and vitality, the Minutemen jump aboard a crew truck to return to a construction project (above). At the same time, the EDF staff is already preparing yet another delicious meal of spaghetti for the evening meal (below).





Alfa Company lays down asphalt at the Tow Way Road project (top). A gabion crew fills a gabion with rock at the Security Fence project (above).

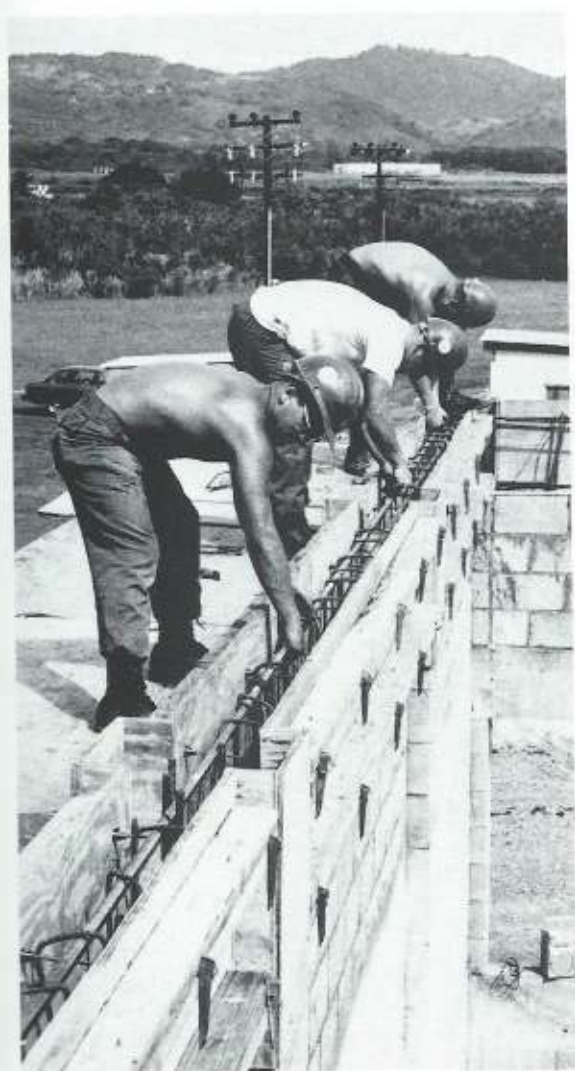


BU2 Terry Jackson sponge floats concrete at the Camp Moscrip Laundry/Linen Bldg. project (above). Charlie Company Minutemen smooth up the foundation at the Dog Kennel (below).





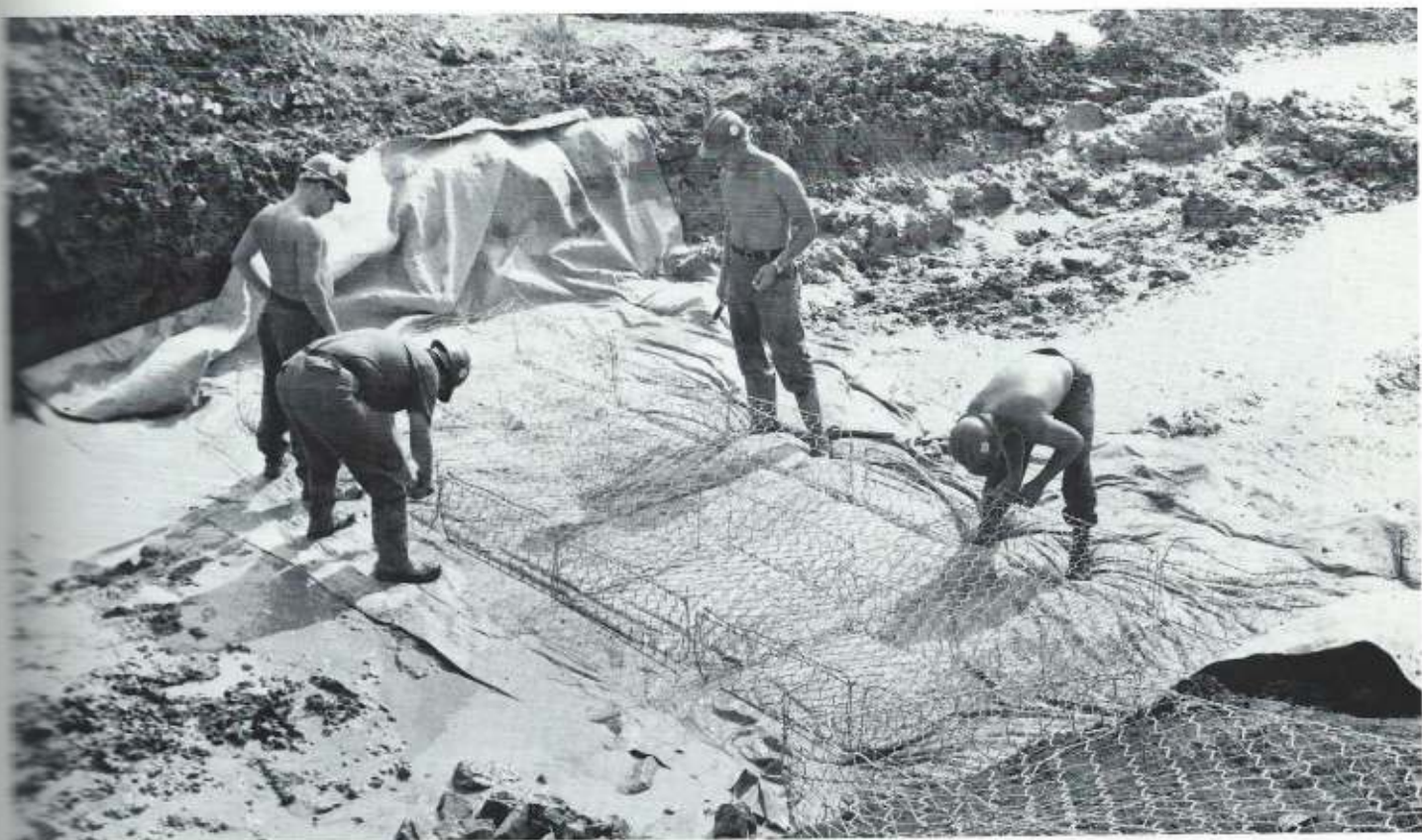
(Clockwise) The Charlie Company Telephone Exchange crew smooths up the foundation. At the Seabreeze Club Addition project, the Charlie Company crew poses for their picture. BU3 Nelson Carter installs "railroad tracks" at the Dog Kennel project. The Ops Storage crew ties rebar to the bond beam. The great gabion maker perfects his craft.





A Charlie Company Minuteman levels concrete blocks at the Seabreeze Club Addition (above). Bravo Company was responsible for Camp Moscrip maintenance such as parking lot improvements (below).





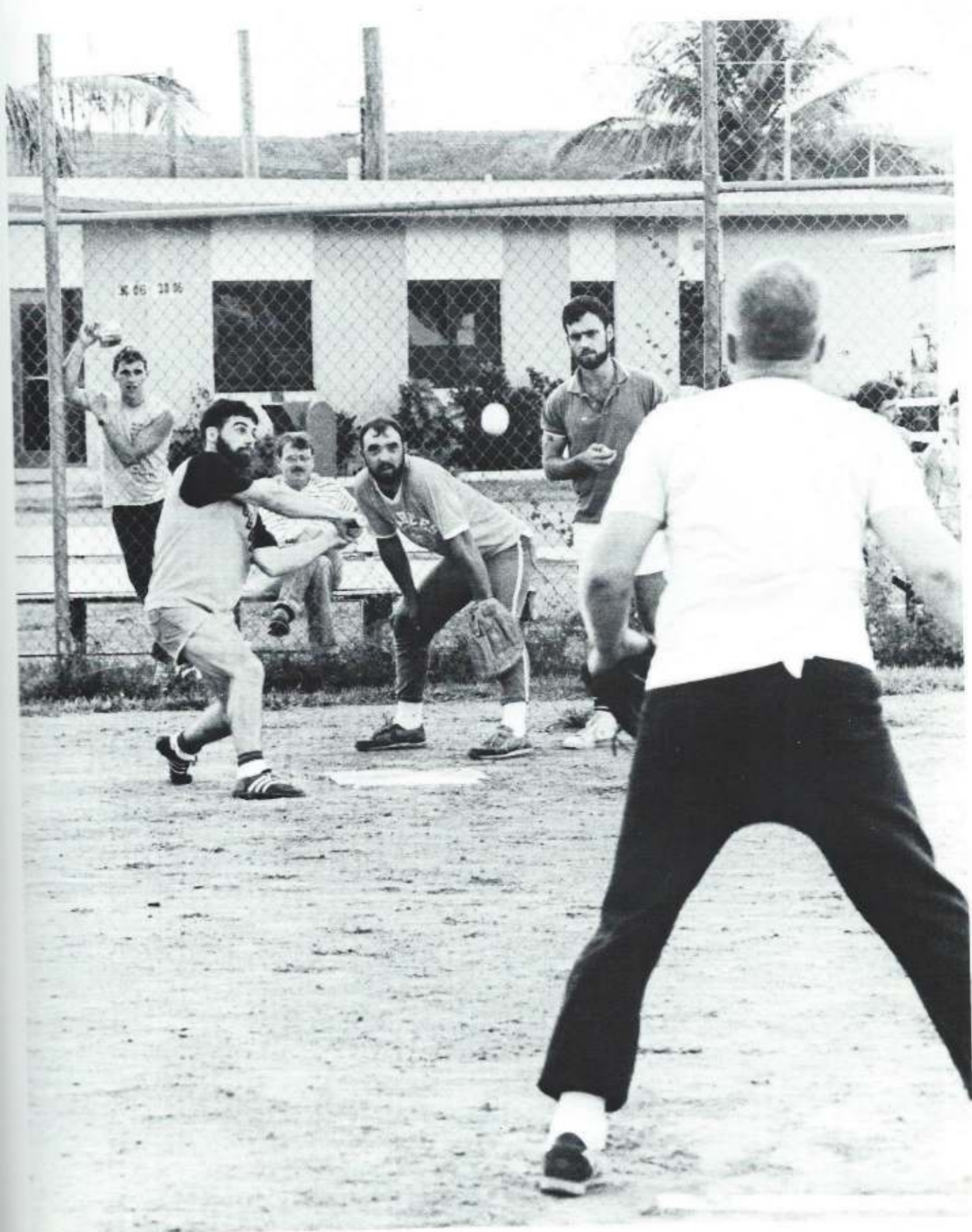
Minutemen assemble gabions at the Security Fence project (top). Alfa Company equipment operators clean up after milling operations at the Tow Way Road project (above).

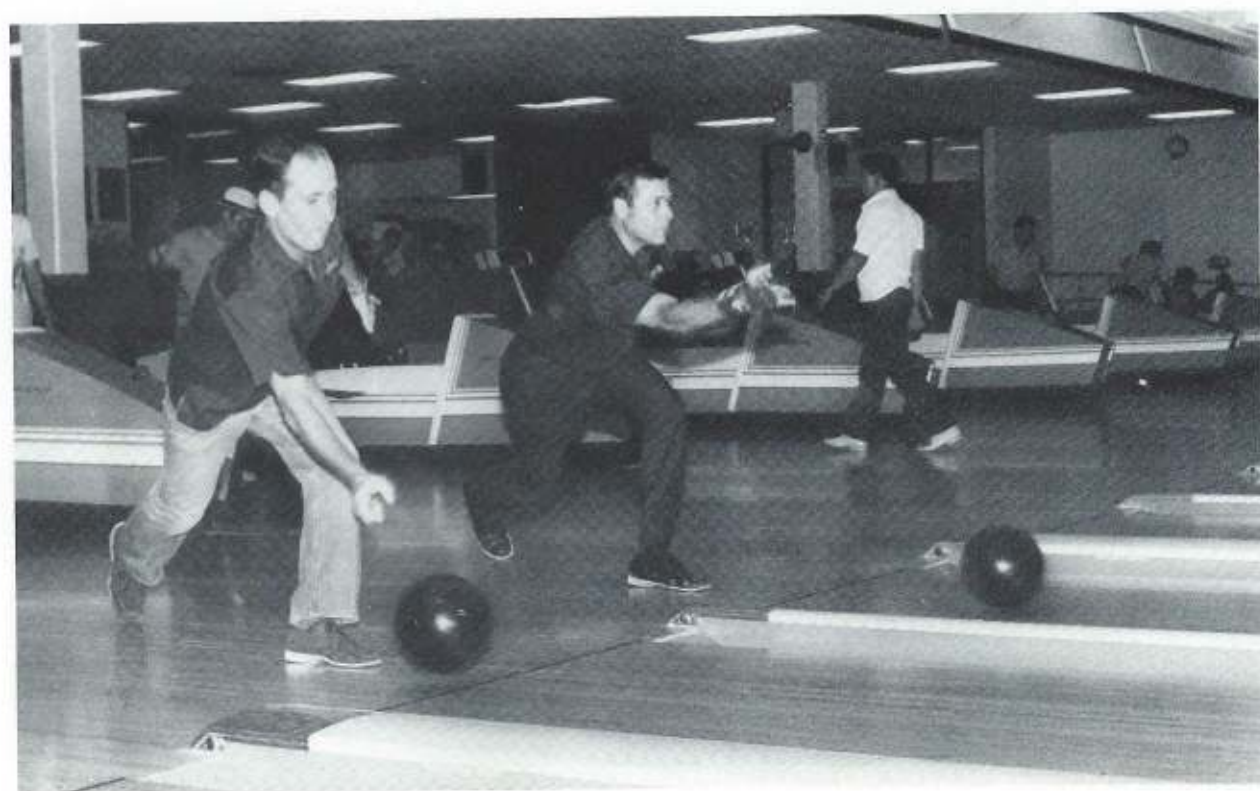




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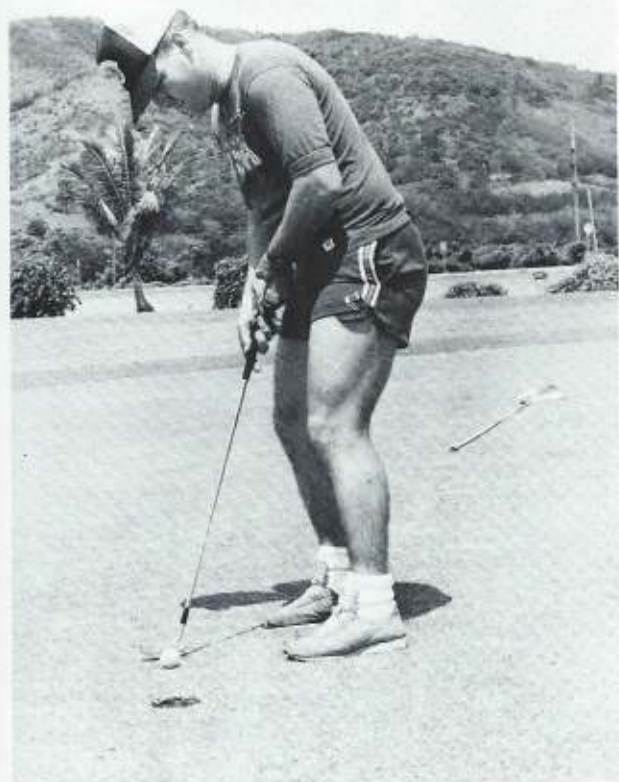




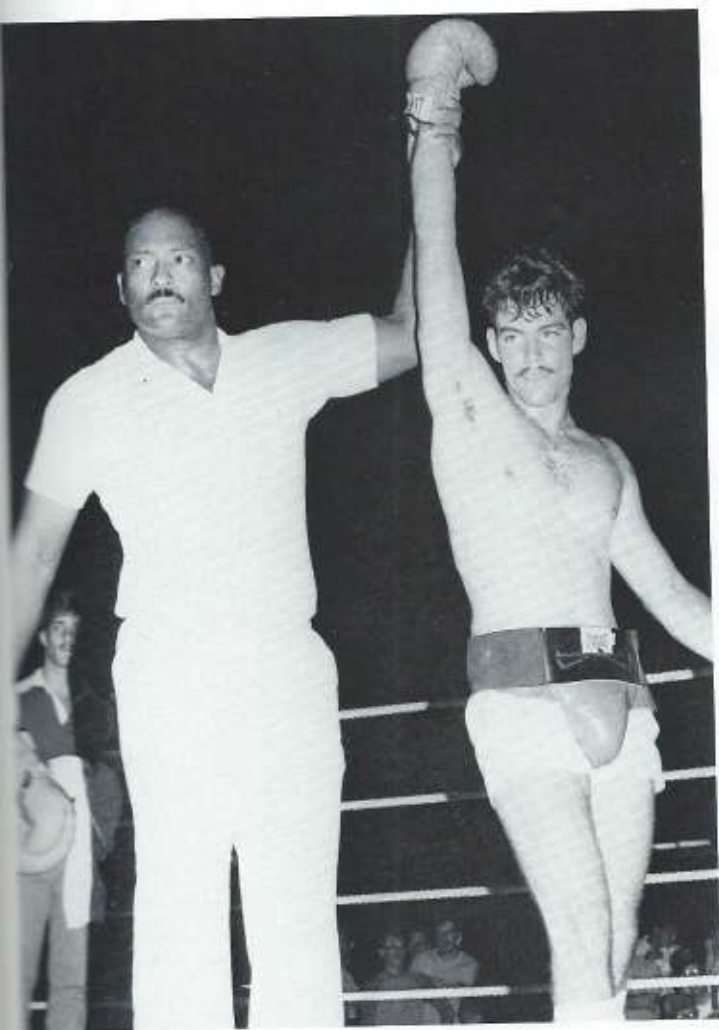


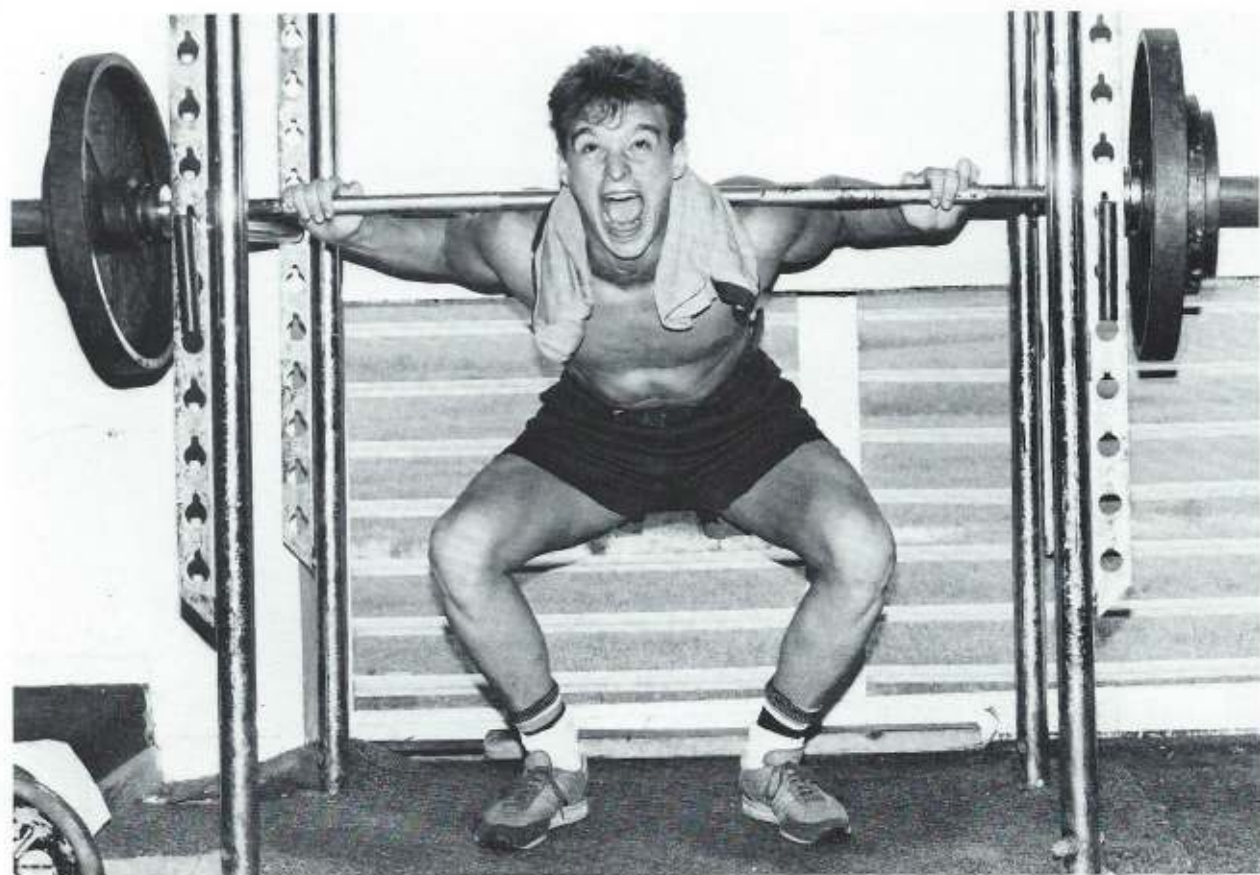
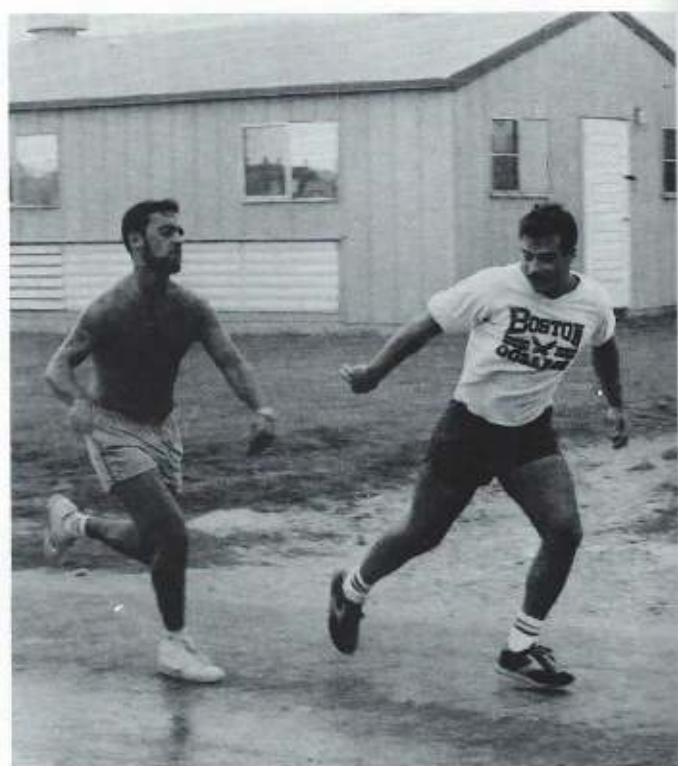


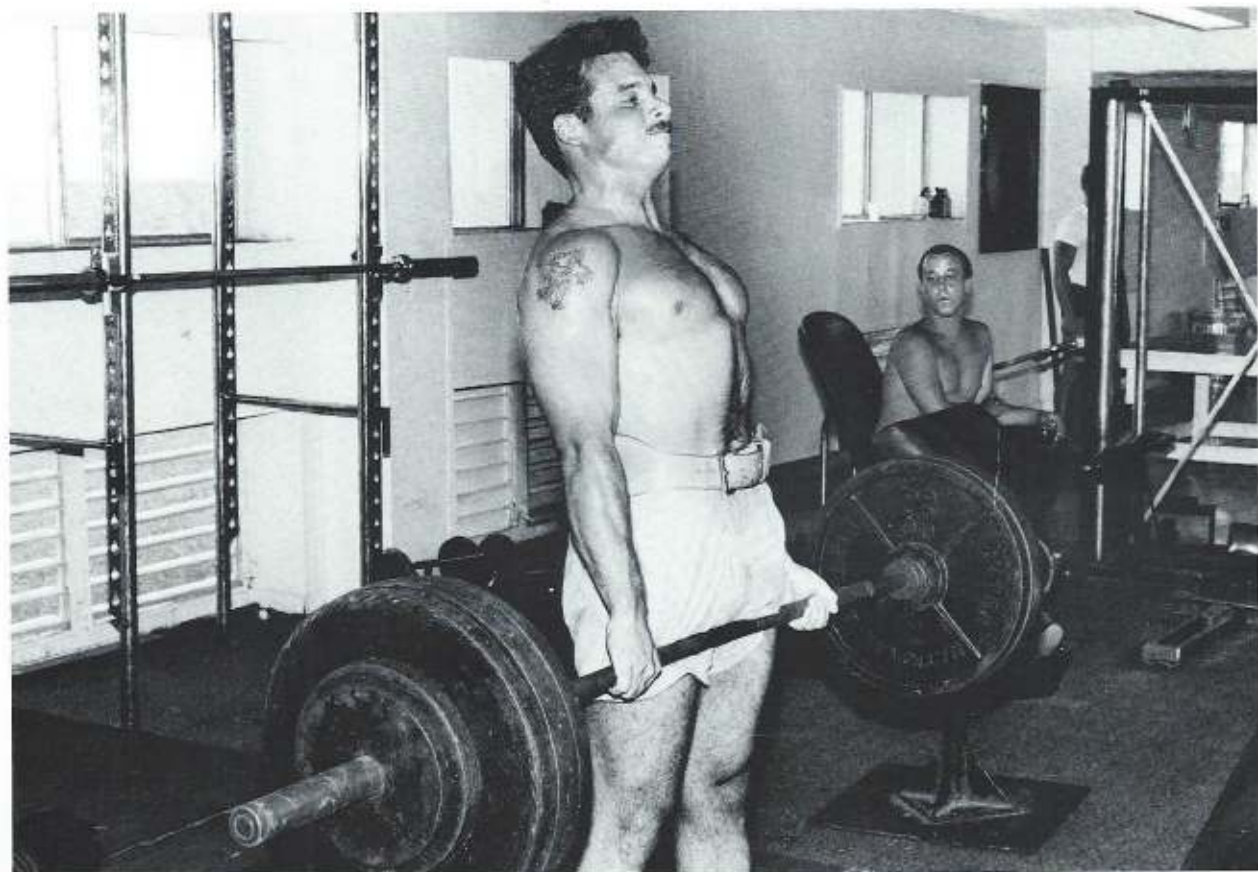


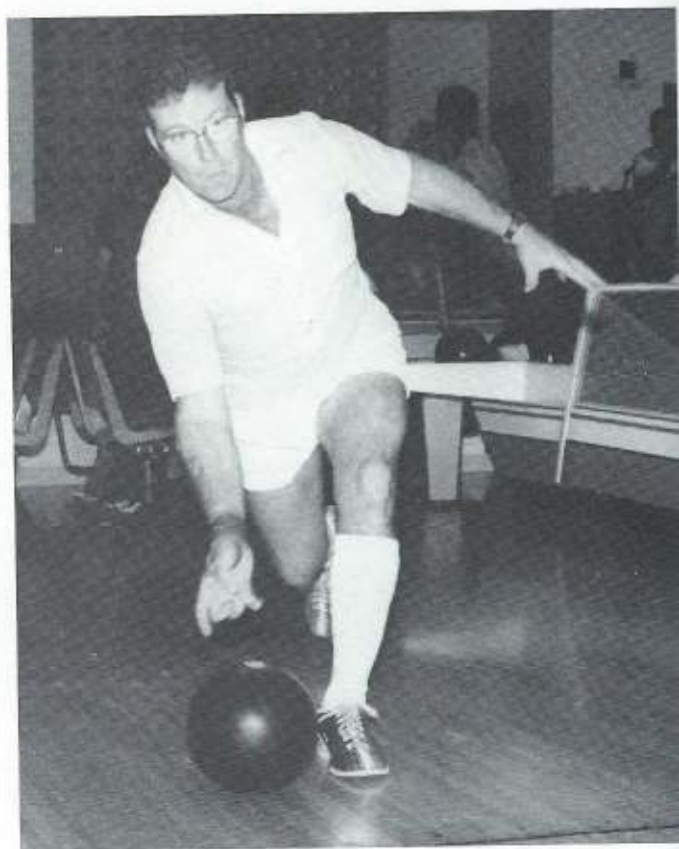
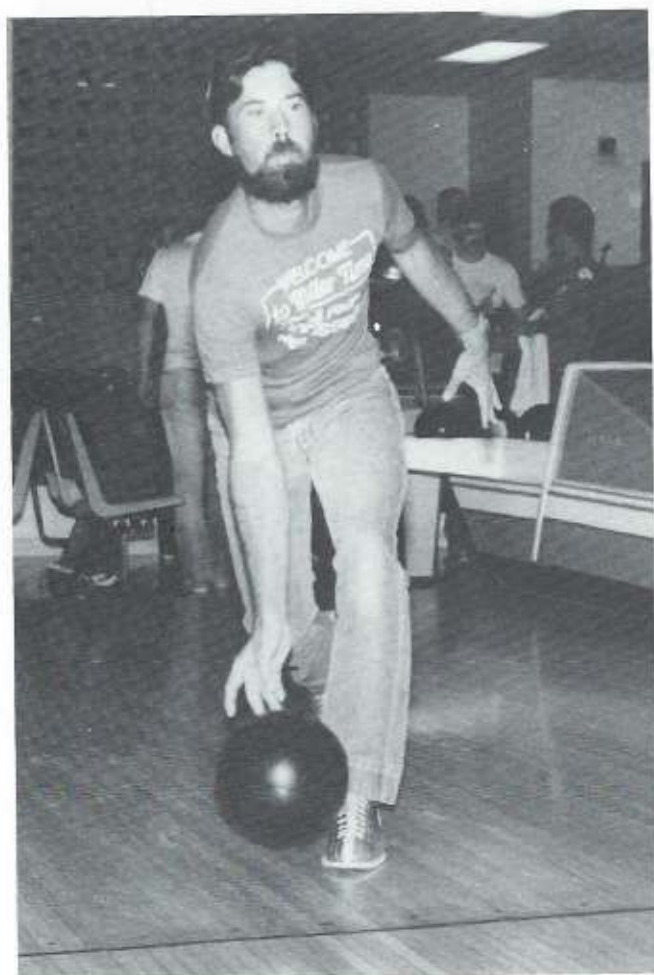
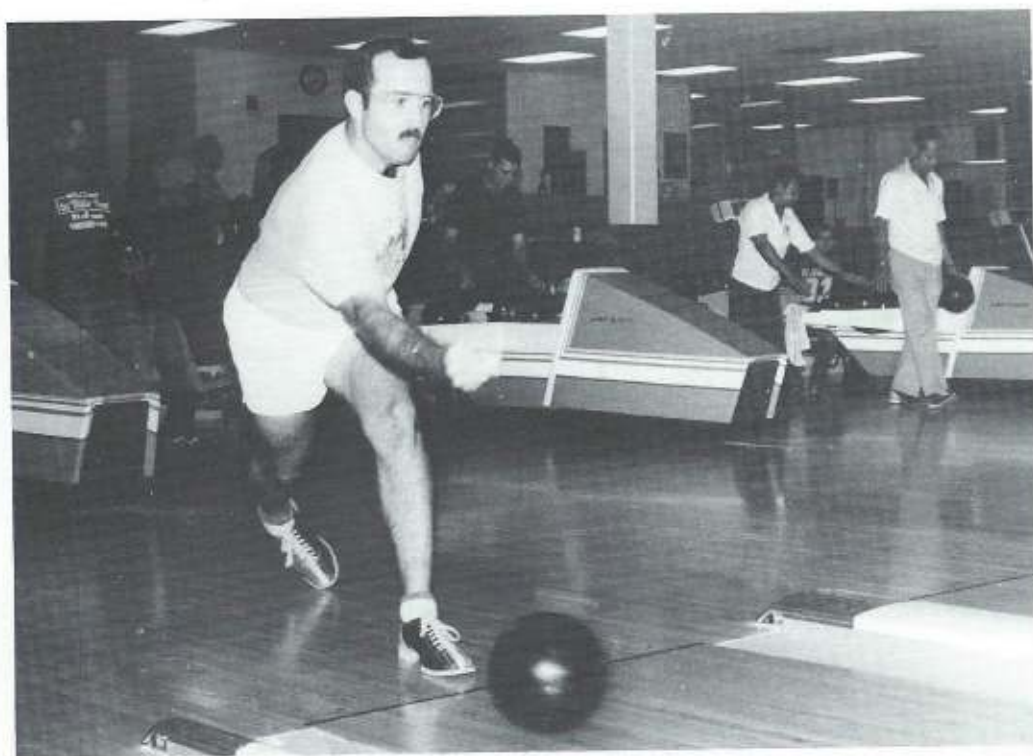










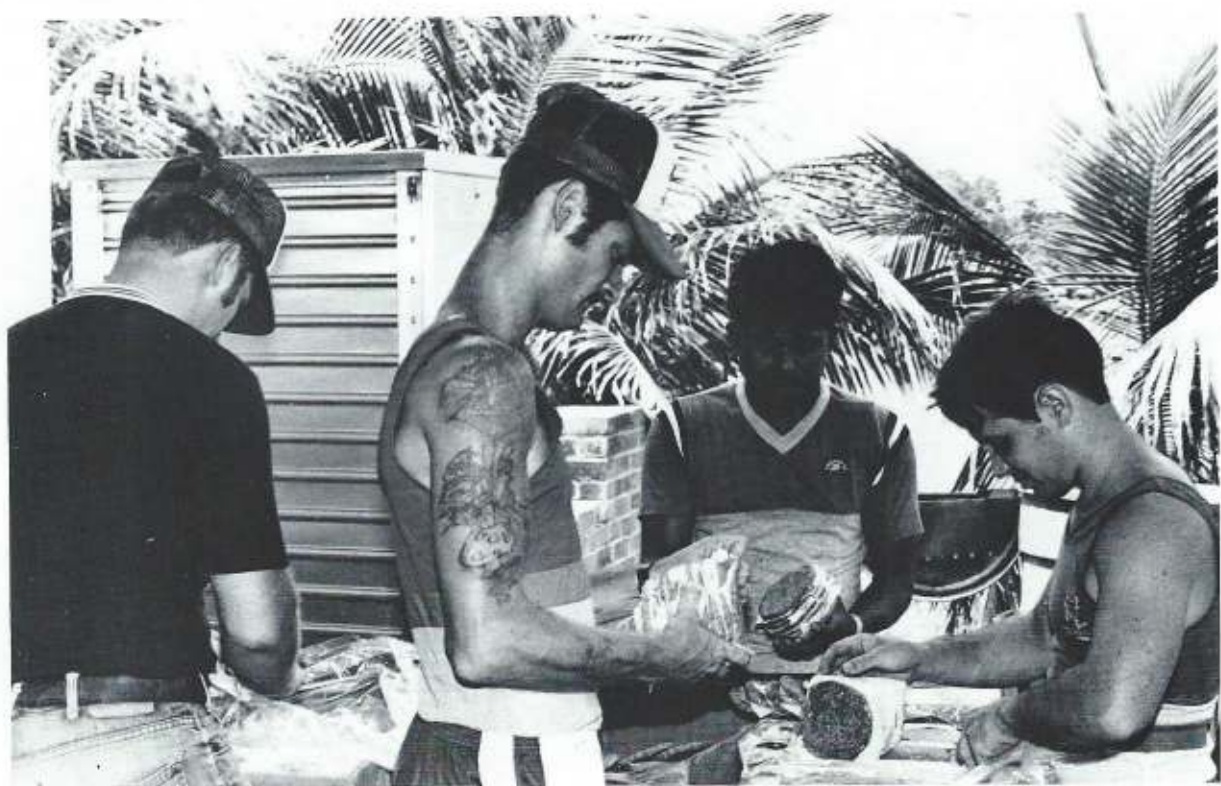








Parties





Helping Hand tests mobility

On June 18, NMCB-62 received an order to start a simulated mount out of the entire battalion. The order allowed just six days to complete this monumental task.

The exercise was known as Helping Hand, and it involved sending the entire battalion to Port of Spain, Trinidad, to work in disaster recovery operations. The battalion was to move in three groups: the Air Det, Air Echelon and Sea Echelon. As soon as the first notice was given, the Minutemen went to 'round-the-clock operations.

Pallets were assembled; vehicles cleaned, repaired and weighed; load plans were developed; project tasking was planned; intelligence was gathered; all the necessary administrative de-

tails were handled and project sites were secured.

Just like every other real fighting man, a Seabee travels on his stomach. The galley satisfied everyone's hunger with meals available any time of day.

Just 48 hours into the exercises, the Minutemen were loading the Air Det on the C-141 aircraft. Seventy-two hours beyond that the rest of the battalion was ready to go. A C-5A was furnished to load Air Echelon equipment, and the USS Newport (LST-1179) was used to load the Sea Echelon.

It was a very busy week for every man in the battalion. When it was over, each one could look back with pride at the accomplishments during that week and say . . . "We were ready."



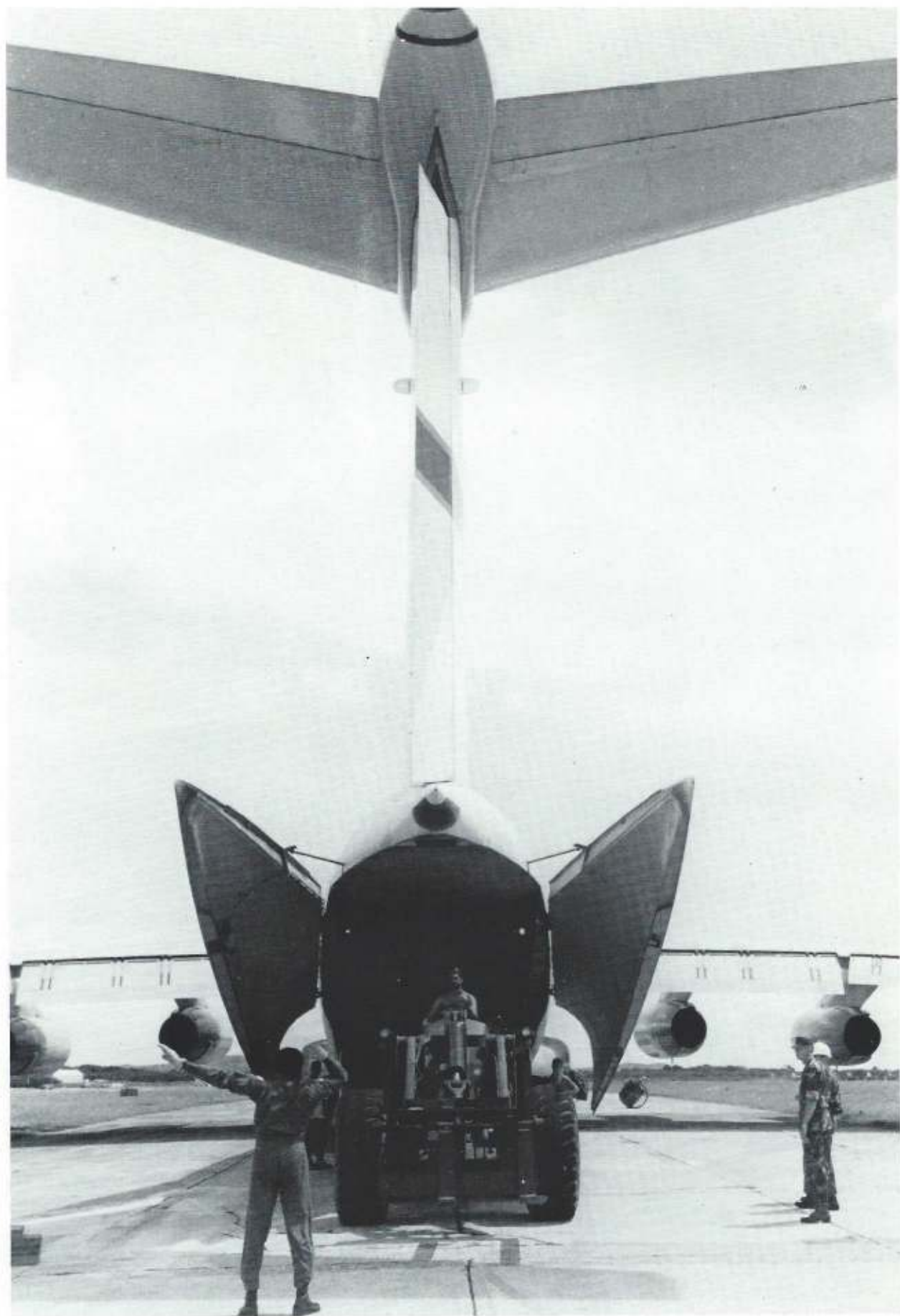


Air Echelon loads out complement



A staging area for the C-5 is established (above). In cooperation with the Air Force, the Minutemen unload their equipment from a C-5 (below). Aircraft loading operations is a closely knit teamwork coordinated plan (right).





Sea Echelon also loads out



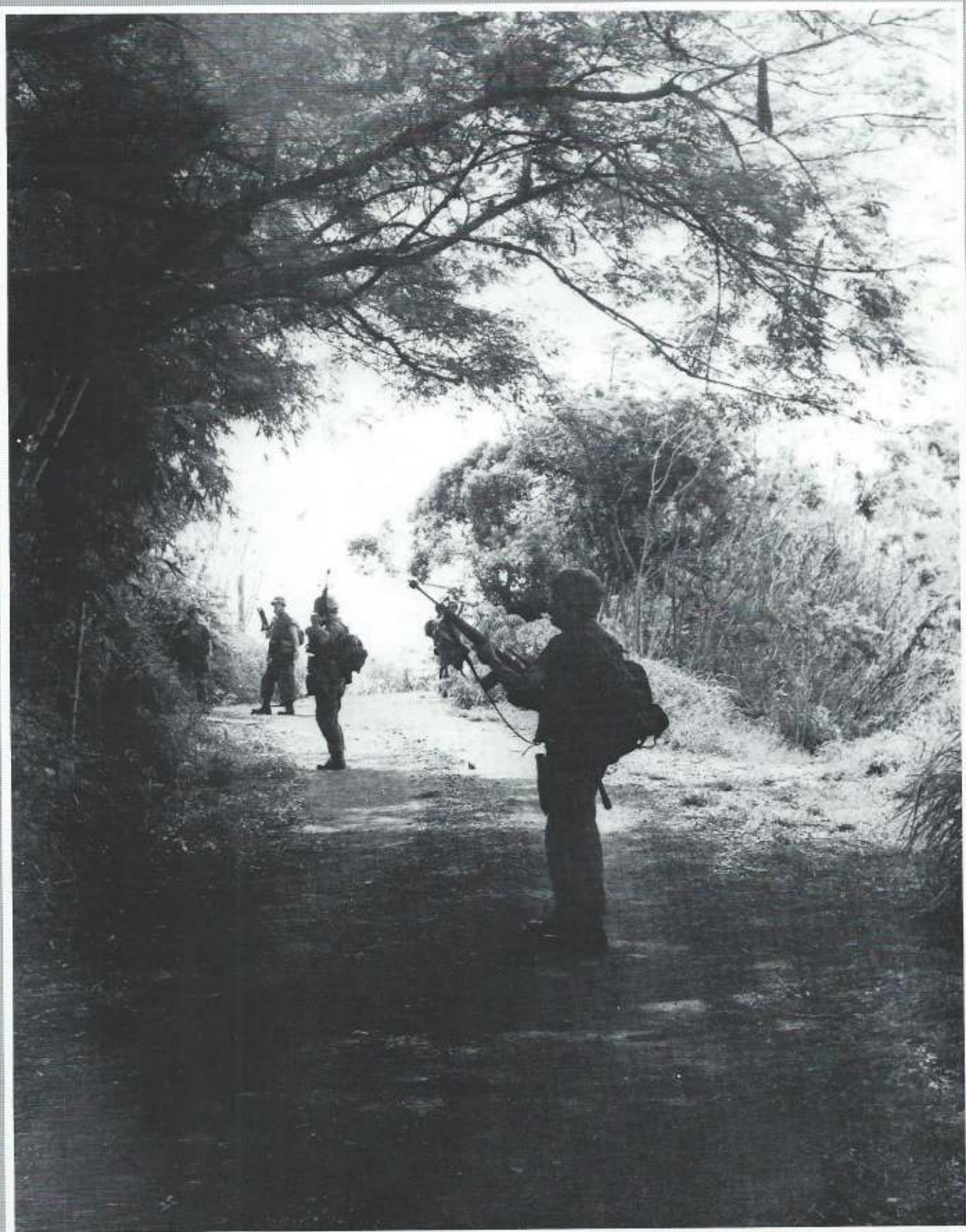




Seabees train in field exercise

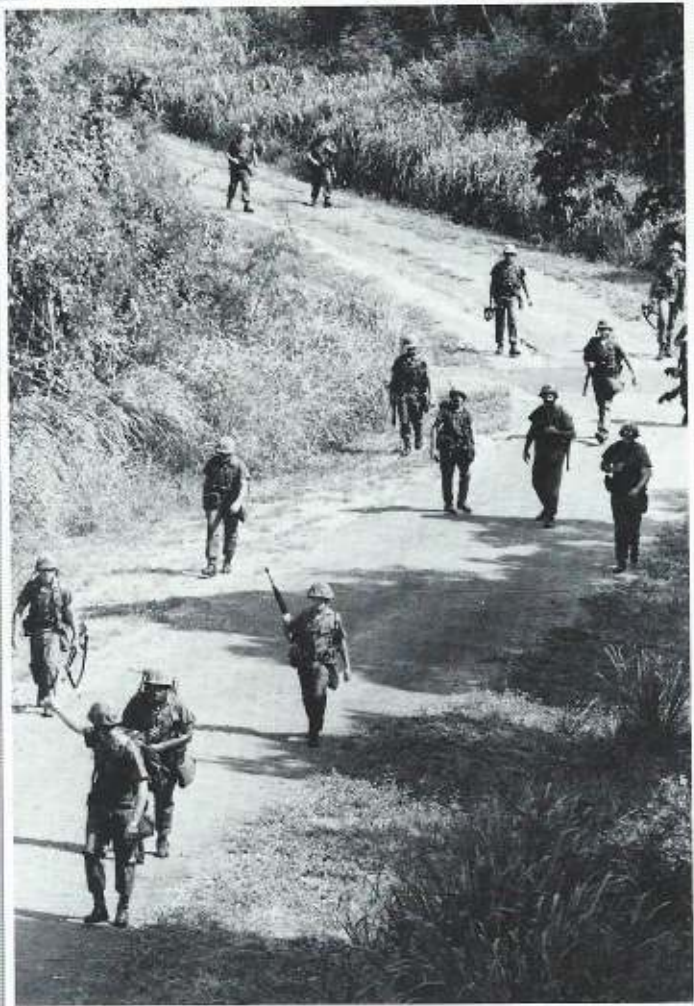


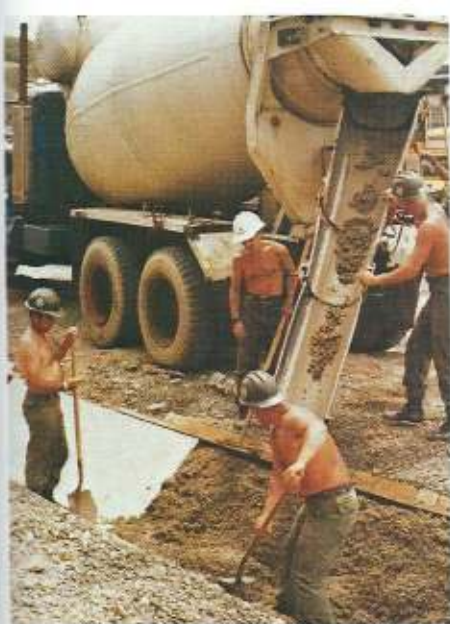
NMCB-62 trained every man on the M-16, M-60 and .45-caliber pistol (above). Additionally, each man trained in using hand grenades. To put their weapons skills to the test, the Minutemen practiced combat patrol procedures at Puerca Point (right).





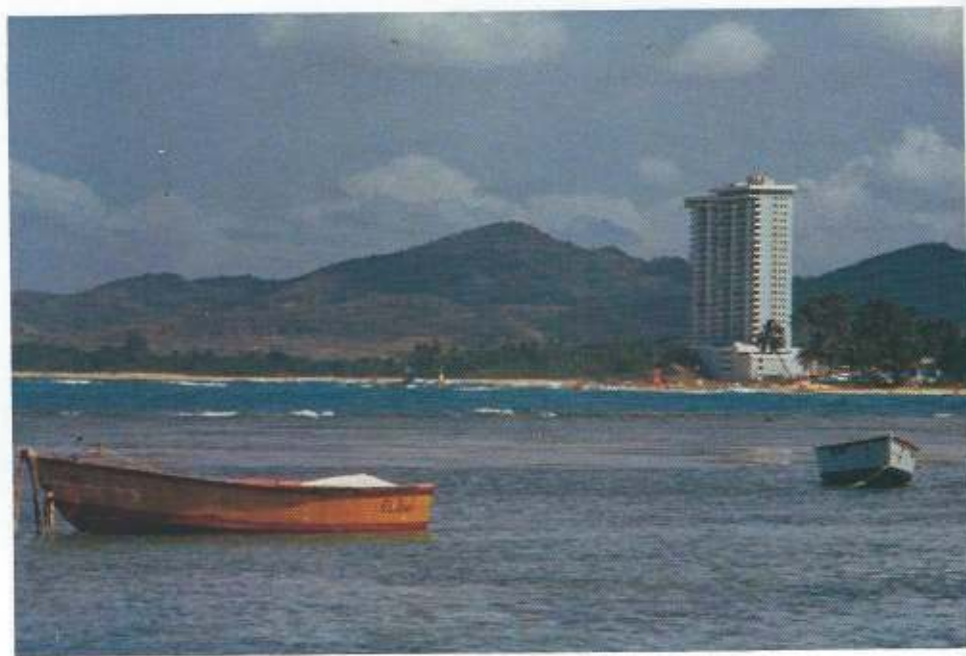
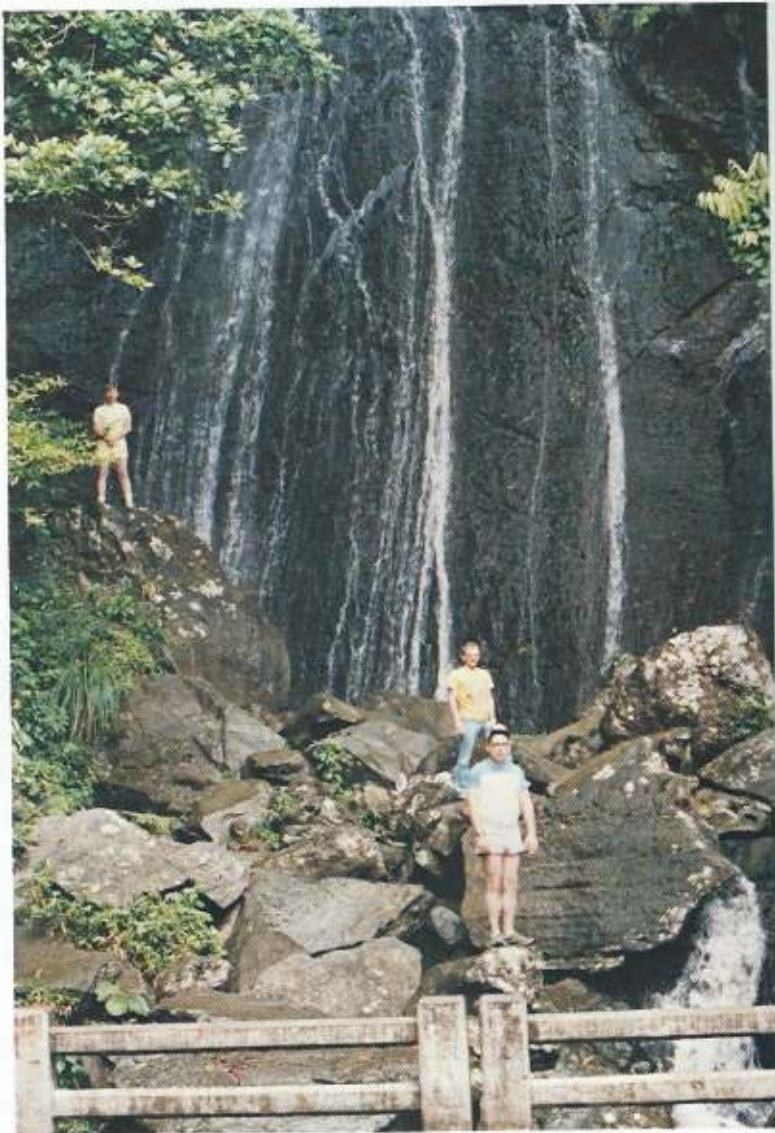
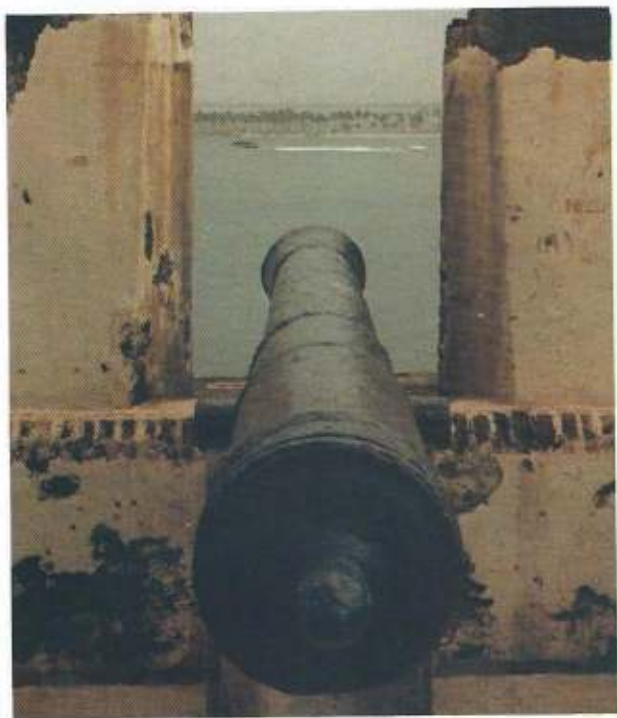
During the week, the Minutemen practiced camouflage techniques (above) and conducted a full battalion tactical march to Puerca Point and back to Camp Moscrip (right). Gas mask training was put to the test when the Seabees felt the powerful effect of tear gas at the airfield (below).

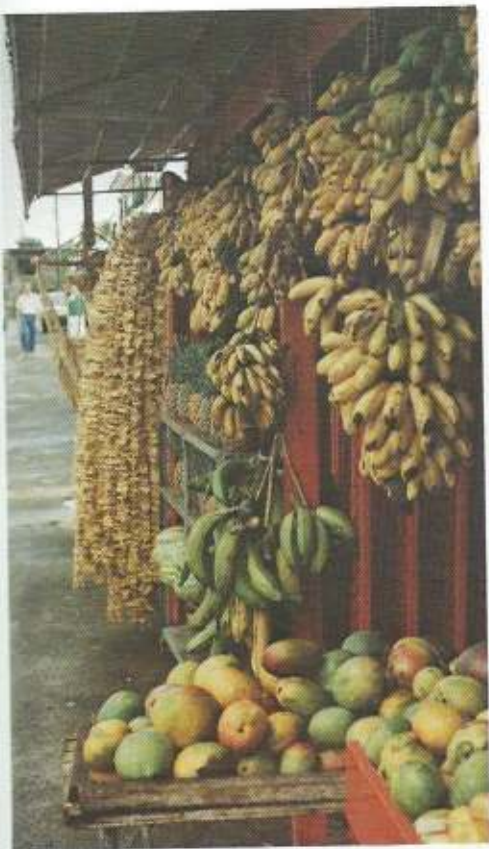




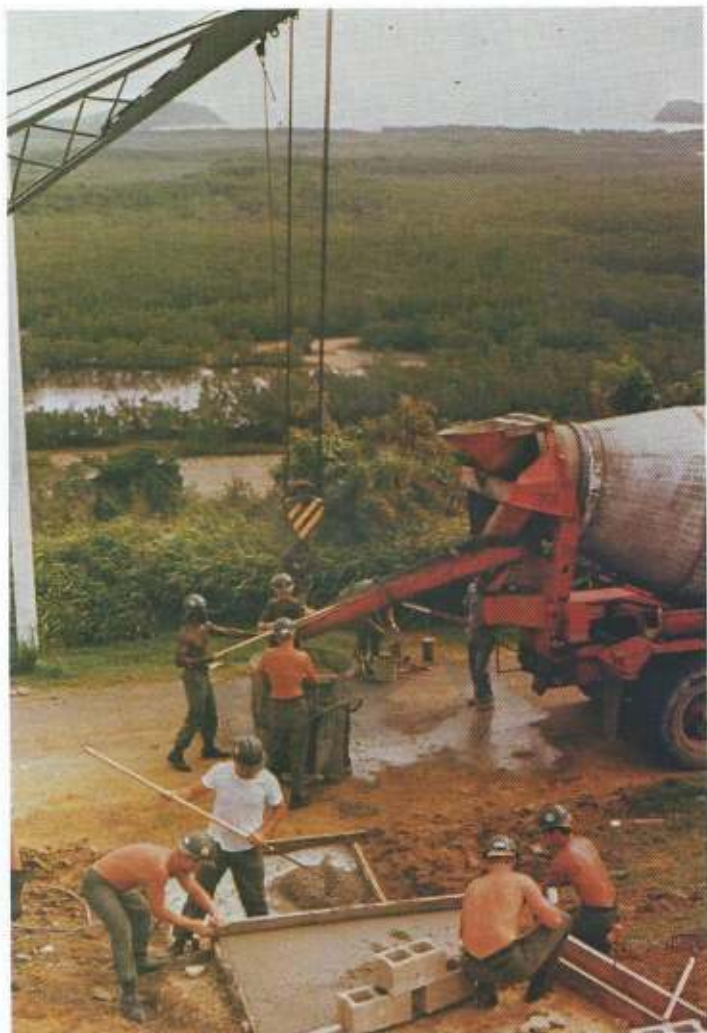


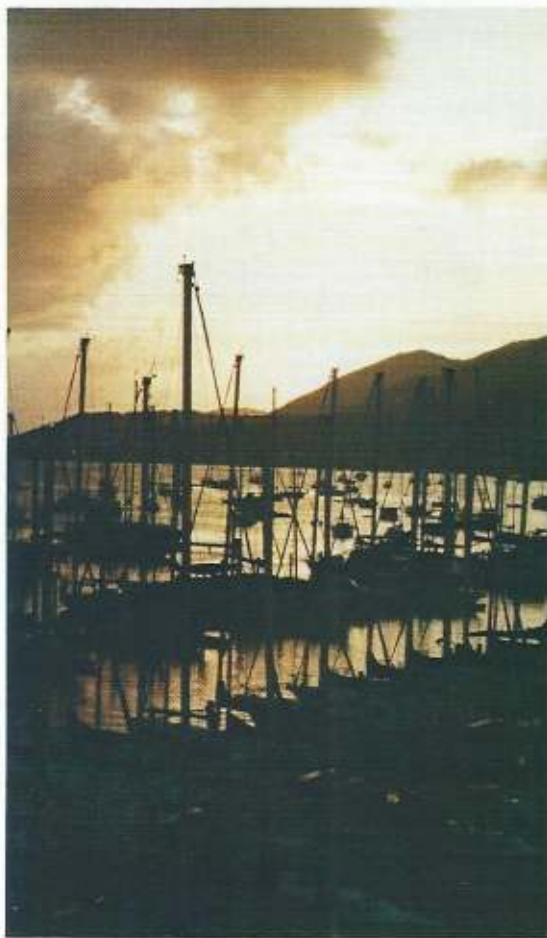










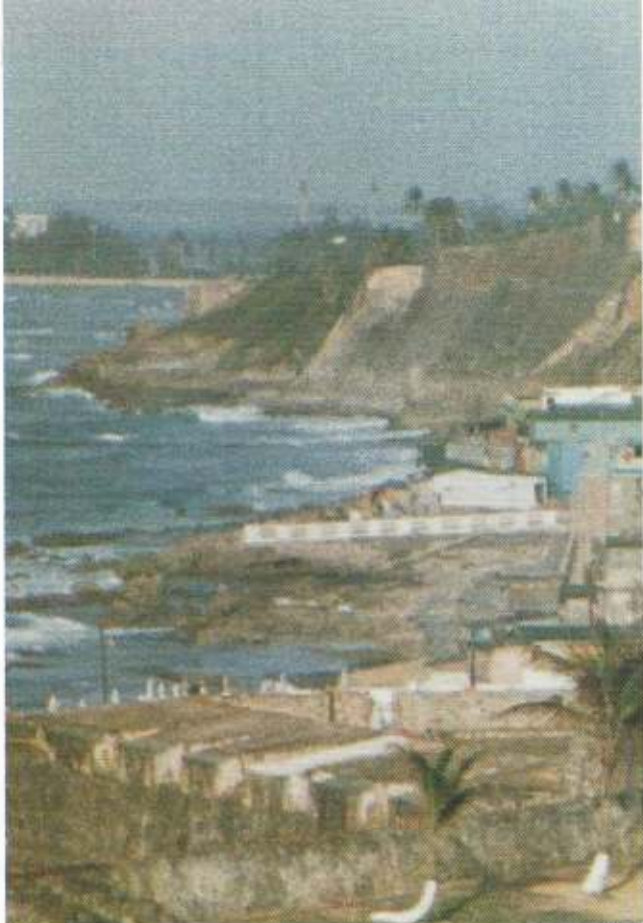






Dr. Michael Hughes submitted this photo and won the “Capture the Color of Puerto Rico” photo contest. (above) CM3 Scot Ramsay won second place in the contest with this photo of the Fjardo marina (below).

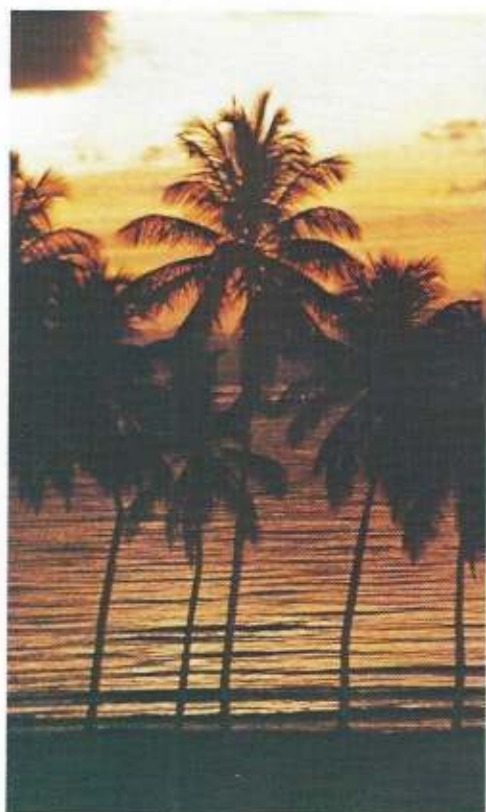
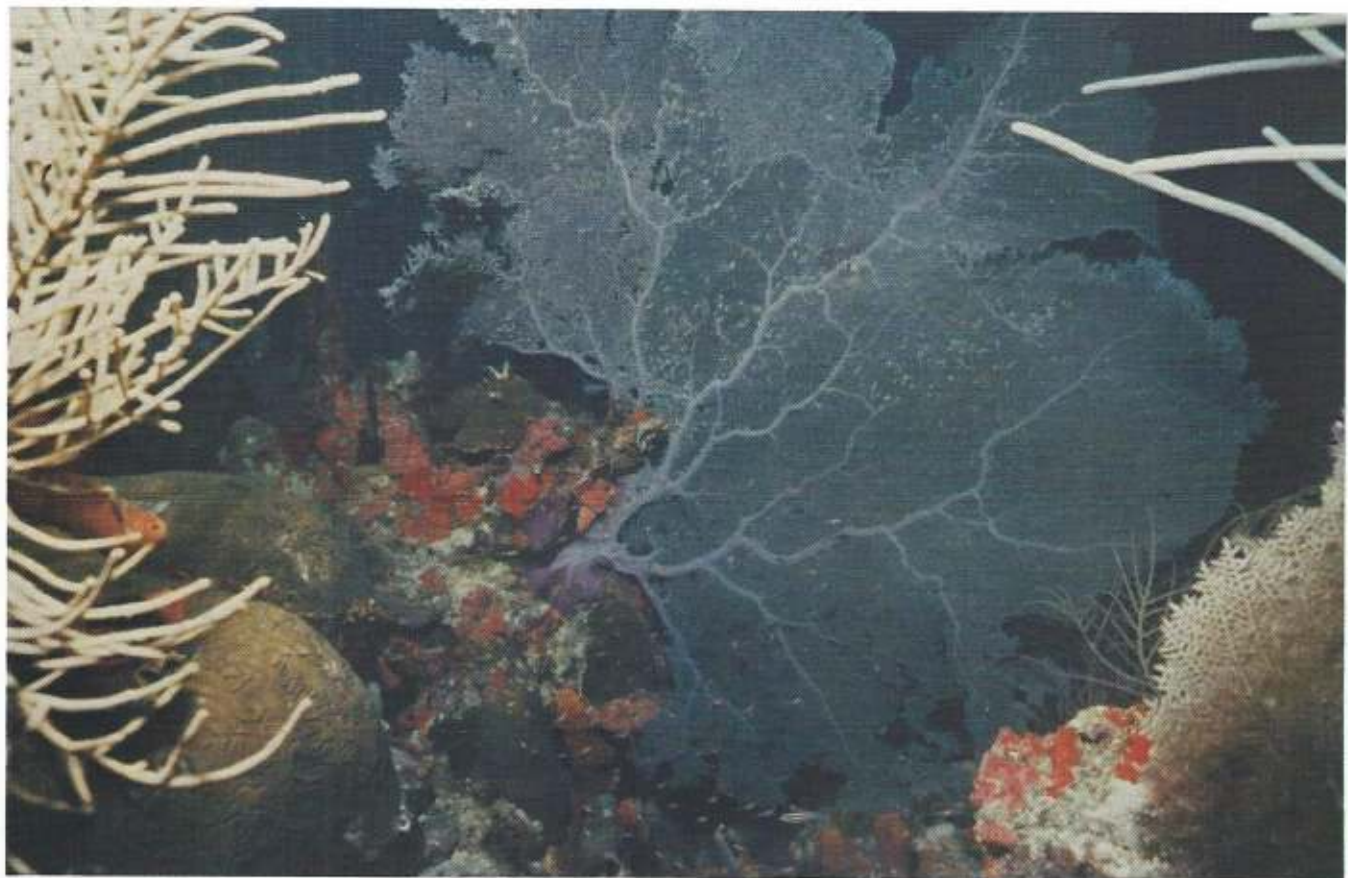




CMCN Joseph Heartley took third place for his San Juan seascape photo (left) and fourth place for his native band (below).

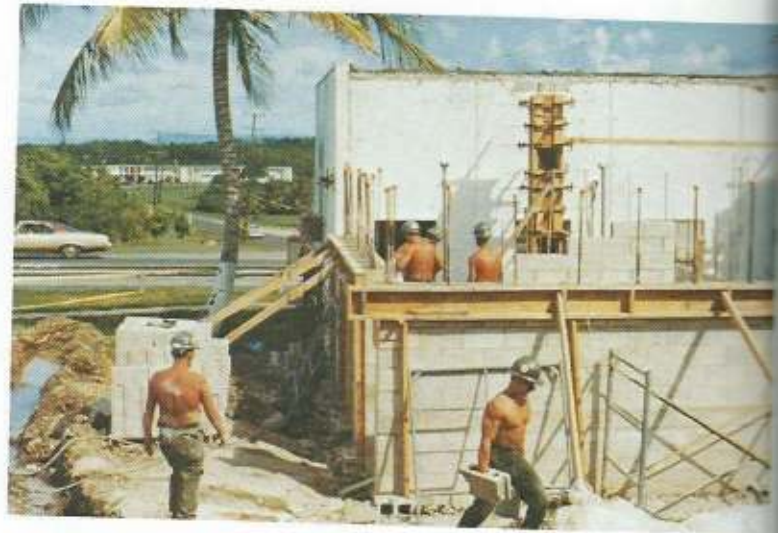
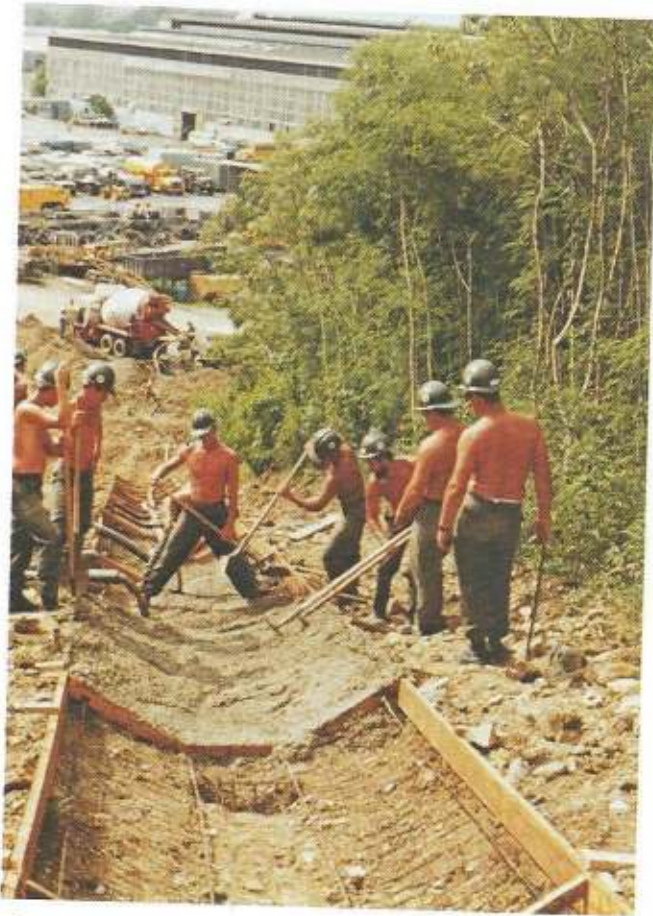












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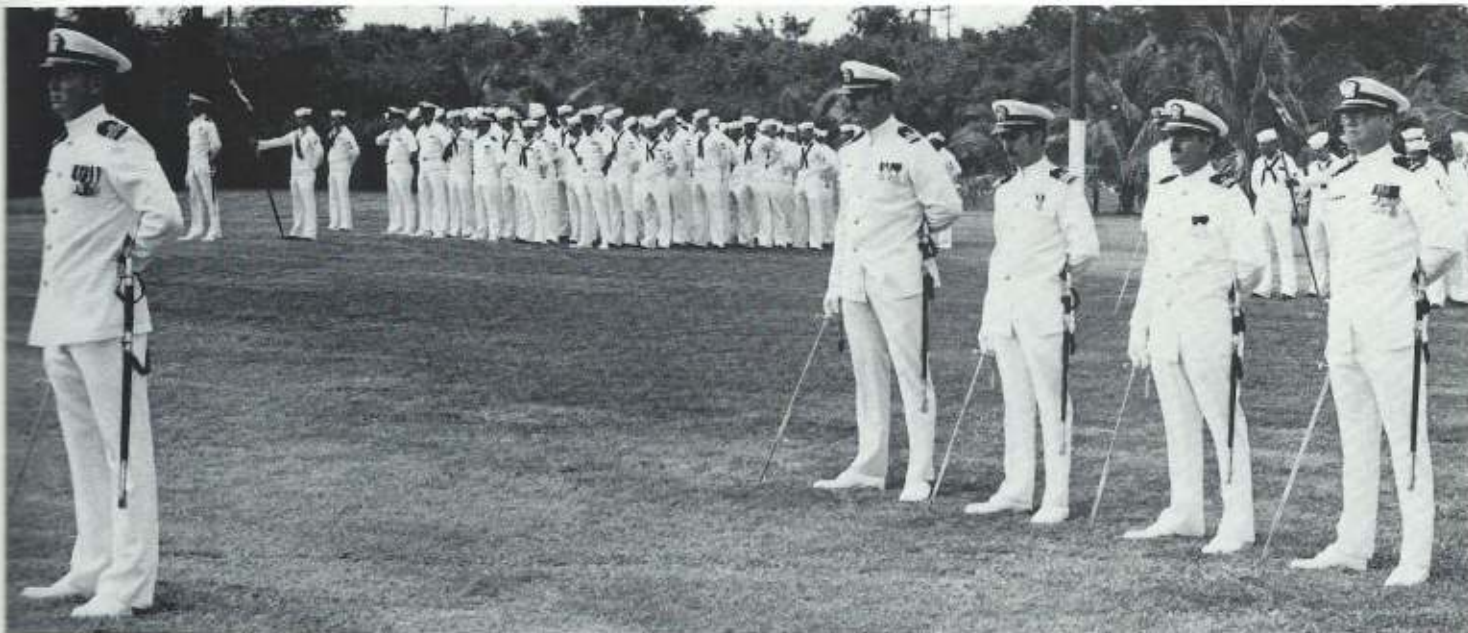


(Clockwise) The engineering field crew takes to the road in style. E03 Wade Rohlfsing gets a hit at the old ball game. PN1 Ronald Finck and GMG1 Verlin Allen man their posts at the armory. PH2 John Richardson stands ready for action onboard a C-5.

Caribbean deployment features command change



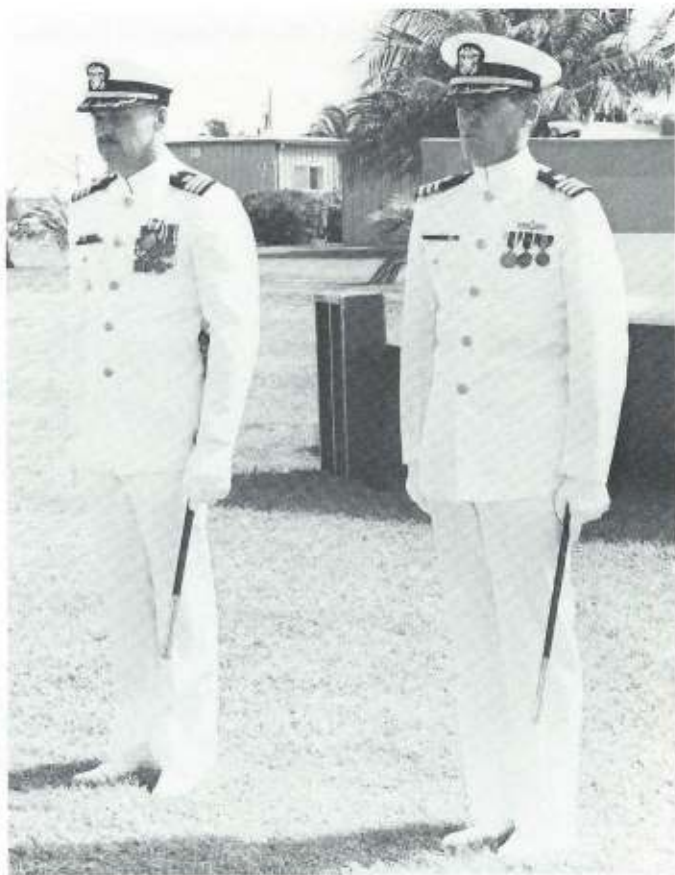
CAPT James B. Caughman Jr., COMCBLANT, (center) was the guest speaker for the change of command (above). **CDR E. R. Hamm, Commanding Officer,** is piped aboard NMCB-62 (left).



LCDR Eduard A. Dailide, Executive Officer (left), puts the battalion at parade rest during the change of command ceremony.



PN3 Gregory Dodd prepares to sound attention on the bugle (above). Both CDR John C. Elkins (left) and CDR E. R. Hamm prepare to pass the command before the battalion formation (right).



CDR Elkins transfers 20 July 84

Commander John C. Elkins, CEC, USN, was relieved as Commanding Officer, NMCB-62 by Commander Edward R. Hamm, CEC, USN, in a change of command ceremony on 20 July 1984 at Camp Moscrip, Puerto Rico.

As a highlight of the ceremony, Cdr. Elkins was presented the Meritorious Service Medal by Captain James B. Caughman, Jr., Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, for this outstanding leadership of the battalion. Cdr. Elkins successfully led the battalion with its last Seabee detachment on Diego Garcia during the Guam deployment from January to September 1983.

Under his leadership, NMCB-62 sent a special detail to Antigua in the West Indies to restore the water supply and distribution system to the Antiguan people.

Cdr. Elkins was assigned to the Office in Charge of Construction, Trident, Kings Bay, Georgia.



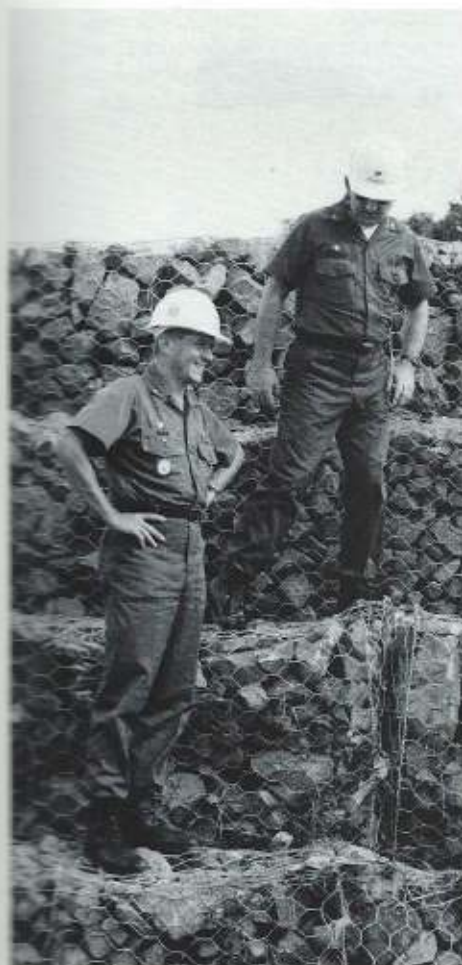
Commanding officer



Commander E. R. Hamm, CEC, USN, assumed command for NMCB-62 on 20 July 1984. Under his leadership, the battalion completed the following construction projects during the Puerto Rico deployment: Industrial Drainage Ditch, Seabreeze Club Addition, Air Cargo Storage Building and the Tow Way Road Paving Project.

On 10 October 1984, the battalion deployed two 10-man Seabee Details as part of the West African Training Cruise 1984. Through his guidance and direction, the command received many kudos from higher authority for the battalion's participation in WATC 1984.

Commander Hamm set a new pace for the Minutemen while deployed to Puerto Rico regardless if he were leading the pack while running PT or passing the word at quarters or getting dunked at a battalion beachside party.



Executive officer



LCDR Eduard A. Dailide, CEC, USN, NMCB-62 Executive Officer, serves as the right hand man to the Commanding Officer. Whether at battalion quarters or a staff meeting, the Executive Officer acts as an administrative assistant to handle details, both large and small, concerning the ongoing business of the battalion. From approving enlisted evaluations to presiding at XO's Screening, the Executive Officer maintains constant contact with Company Commanders, Department Heads and Special Assistants to coordinate the work of the command on a daily basis to ensure a smooth running operation.



Command Master Chief



CUCM Billy R. Williamson, NMCB-62 Command Master Chief, serves as the principal advisor to the Commanding Officer for enlisted matters. In this capacity, CUCM Williamson meets with both the chief petty officer and officer communities within the battalion to discuss enlisted affairs, resolve problems and overall strengthen both the chain-of-command as well as retention at all levels of the command.

Officers



LCDR Steven Thamer
LCDR Steven Johnson
LT Michael Hughes
LT Mark Gemender
LT John Siffert
LT Tyrone James



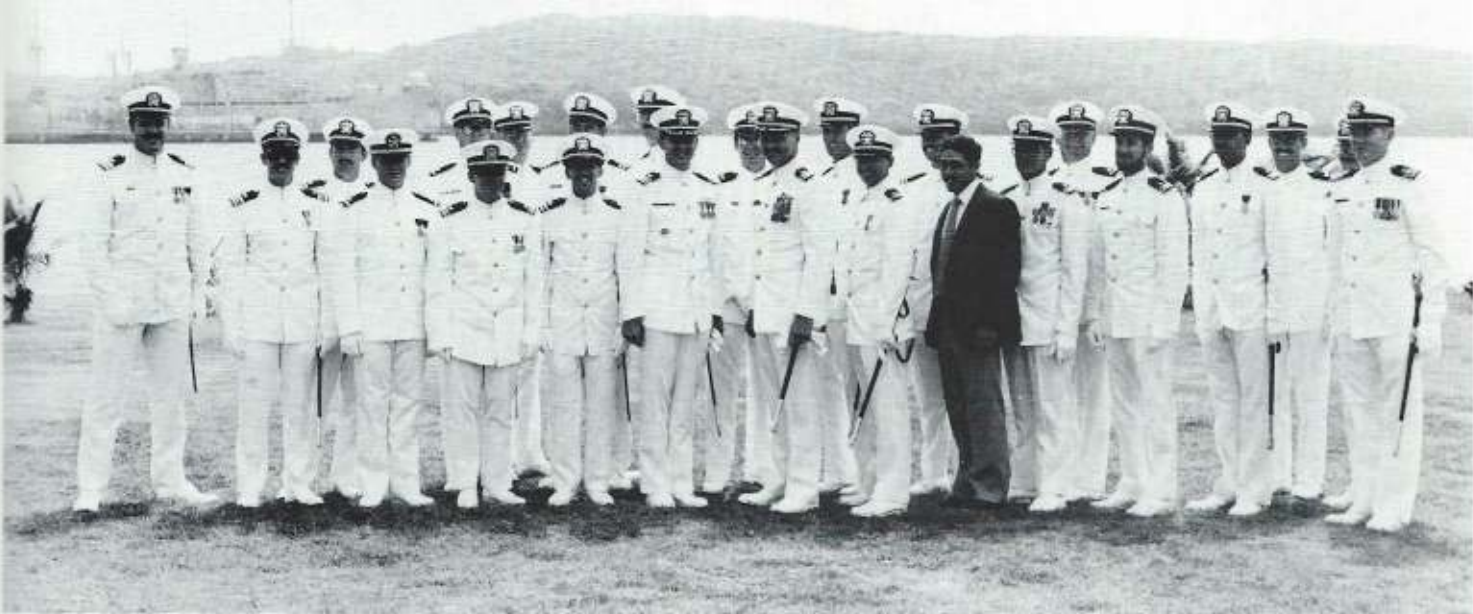
LT Steven Hamilton
LT Ross Malley
LT Wayne Bley
LT Fred Gerheiser
LT James Hamrick
LT Michael Peek



LT Charles Buechele
LTJG Richard Siegelman
ENS Michael Redman
ENS Bret Muilenburg
CWO3 William Racz
CWO2 Steven Darmstadt

Dr. Barry Meisenburg gives a shot to LCDR Gary Chetelat, Operations Officer.





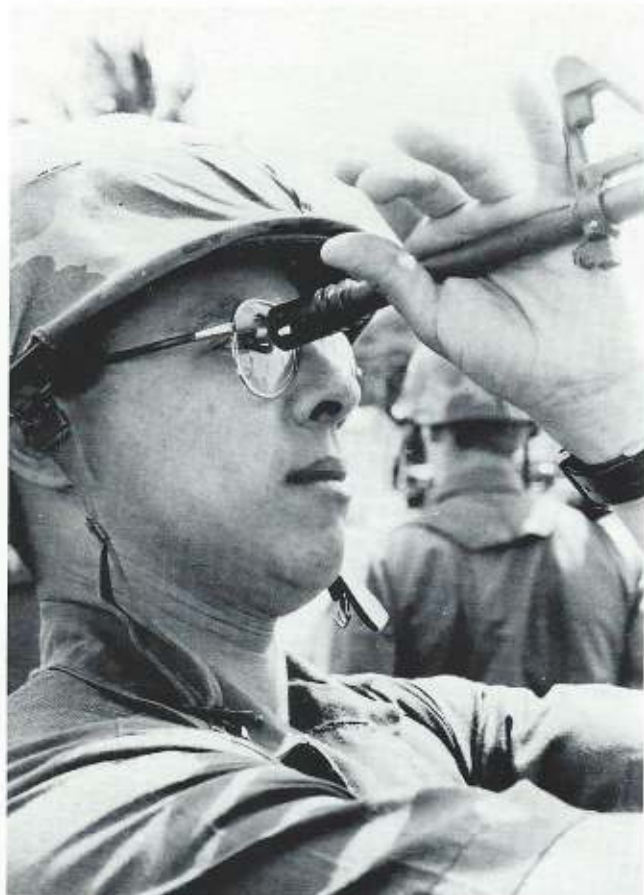
NMCB-62 officers hit the beach in great style after the change of command.



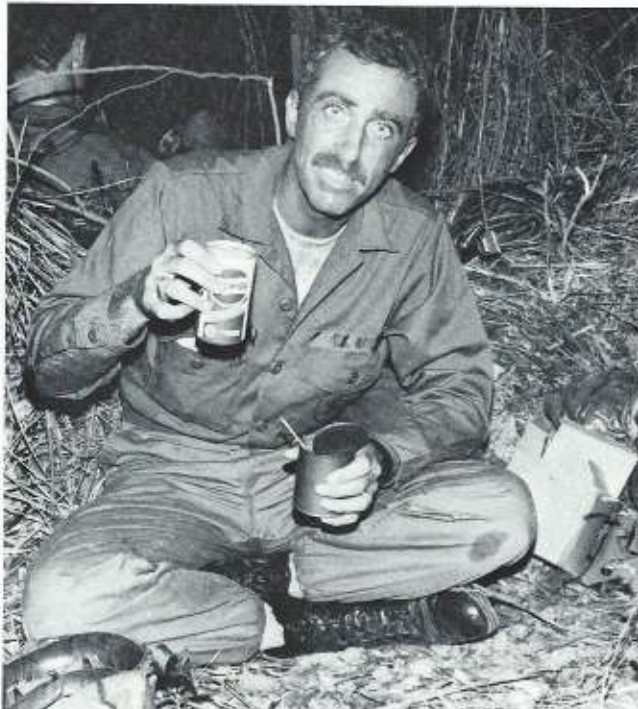
LT James Hamrick calls the change of command ceremony to order.



CDR E. R. Hamm qualifies on the .45-caliber pistol range.



LT Michael Peek, Bravo Company Commander, peers through the bore of an M-16.



LTJG Richard Siegelman, Food Service Officer, demonstrates appropriate field rations.



Dr. Ross Malley administers smelling salts to a Seabee opponent (left). LCDR Steven Johnson, Operations Officer, (center) sums up his point with BU1 Alan Wallace at the Security Fence Line project.

Chiefs



EQCM William Sutton
BUCS Richard Skarzynski
CECS Bruce Beckman
SKCS Robert Marr
CECS James Rouillard



YNC James Johnston
PNC Larry Carroll
HMC Jordan Befort
HMC Ed Townley
HMC Gil Fontecha



Minutemen chief petty officers prepare to board the aircraft for the flight to Puerto Rico.



HMC Walter Rosko
BMC Tony Burkhart
BUC Johnny Gill
UTC Frank Liberty
GySgt Larry Savell



SWC Charlie Robinson
BUC Claude VanGurp
BUC Ralph Housand
MSC Rodolfo Saria
EOC Gerald Napert



EOCS Joseph Engleman is piped over the side by his fellow Minutemen chiefs.



NMCB-62 chiefs have a "rockin' good time" at the CPO Mess.



CMC Douglas Joyner
CMC Walter Butler
EOC Donald James
EOC Gordon Morris
CMC Ronald Abernathy
CMC Alfred Hill



UTC James Welte
SWC Arthur McFadden
CEC Jerry Lawson
EAC David Lewis
BUC Robert Prokopowicz
BUC Paul Eaton



Alfa Company





Light Shop



CM1 Eduardo Enriquez
CM2 Steven Kiser
CM2 Keith Rinker
CM2 Robert Long
CM2 Mike McDonald



CM3 Timothy Budzman
CM3 Mitchell Lueth
CM3 Robert Martin
CM3 Damon Vaudrin
CM3 Charles Salvage



CMCN Brian Bowman makes minor repairs on a weapons carrier.



The Support Shop crew jumps off a generator.



**CM3 Michael Mossey
CMCN Thomas Janos
CMCN Thomas Welden
CMCN Brian Bowman
CMCN Michael McCreary**



**CMCN Joby Weldon
CMCN Robert Williamson
CMCN Keith Lee
CMCN Andy Wood
CMCN Bruce Humbertson**

Heavy Shop



CM1 Ronald Tapp
CM2 Dennis Comrie
CM2 Billy Rogers
CM2 Harold Brown
CM2 Jonathan Blakeslee
CM2 David Noel



CM3 Robert Joyner
CM3 Thomas Rusher
CM3 Steve Harris
CM3 David Defriese
CM3 Mark Taylor



CMCN Thomas Welden prepares to drop the clutch on "The Silver Bullet".



CM1½ Al Hill grimaces against any further charges before being frocked to chief petty officer.



CM3 Scott Matheus
CM3 Robert Bryant
CM3 Edward Watkins
CM3 Daniel Felstow
CMCN William Reber



CMCN Scott Libby
CMCN David Reavis

Support Shops



CM1 Joseph Fuller
MR1 Charles Moretz
HT1 Kenneth Ward
HT1 Jack O'Rourke
MR2 Andy Larowe



CM2 Thomas Rice
CM2 David Hylasewski
CM3 John Harmon
CE3 Charles Eastridge
SW3 Robert Difloe



CMCN Chris Thomas
CMCN Joseph Heartley
CMCN Chris Keller

MR2 Andy Larowe customs a vehicle part in the Support Shop.





HT1 Jack O'Rourke (left) and SW3 Robert Difloe weld a frame (far left). EO2 Richard Green checks out a tool from the Toll Room (left).

Cost Control, Live Storage



CM1 Sam Abenojar
CM2 Danny Briggs
CM2 Philip Henderson
CM3 Randy Campbell
CMCN Kevin Mathews
CMCA Daniel Dean



EO1 Ronald Beaver
EO2 David Lubetski
CM3 Blake Tucker
EO3 Dusty Rhodes
EO3 Roy Lease

Transportation



EO1 Lawrence Maddox
EO1 Charles Alston
EO1 Thomas Beuke
EO1 Thomas Gmerek
EO3 Daniel Adkins
EO2 Michael Dillon



EO2 Richard Green
EO2 Terry Green
EO3 Gregory Campbell
EO3 Wade Rohlfing
EO3 Eugene Farney
EO3 Darrell Storm



EO3 Todd Gibson
EOCN Matthew Robinson
EOCN Scott Gricks
EOCN Richard Seopa
EOCN Enrique Torres

EO2 Kerry Freeman issues a trip ticket at the
Light Dispatch Office.





E01 Thomas Gmerek, Alfa Company yard boss, halts traffic.



E03 Gregory Campbell learns how to shift for himself.



**E01 Cecil Sharpe
E01 Robert Scholte
E02 Bill Guffey
E02 Russell Burgess
E02 Kerry Freeman
E02 Edward Doyle**



**E02 Thomas Weber
E03 R. C. King
E03 Timothy Brown
EOCN William Buckingham
EOCN Randolph Jobes
EOCN Jerry Morrison**

Projects



EO1 Karl Brunner
EO1 Max Long
EO1 Dennis Ross
EO1 Roger Salois
EO2 Stephen Nikula
EO2 Fred Davidson



EO2 Paul Schiltz
EO2 Al Gray
EO3 Jeffrey Triplett
EO3 Matthew Jarzynkowski
EO3 Samuel Marotta
EOCN Gregory Held



EOCN John Bates hauls dirt at the Security Fence Line project.



The asphalt crew puts down an overlay at the MWR parking lot.



EOCN Daniel Quinn
EOCN James Carney
EOCN David Massengale
EOCN Julius Winans
EOCN Rocki Hunsucker
EOCN Danny Hayes



EOCN Charles Saunders
EOCN John Bates
EOCN Bob Schuster
EOCN Keith Wade
EOCN Carl Cheskey
EOCA Jon Pullin



EO1 Samuel Dean
 DO2 Scott Hillanbrand
 EO2 Jeffrey Aiello
 EO3 Jack Countryman
 EO3 Randy Whitehead
 EO3 Frank Obergfell



EOCN Brian Tinnel
 EOCN Robert Bicknese
 EOCN Stan Finch
 EOCN William Shriver
 EOCN John Sellen



EOCN Rodney Johnson
 EOCN Dennis Scott
 EOCR Mahlon Marshall

CWO3 Bill Racz oversees the check-in process at the Alfa Company Office.





CM2 Harold Brown (left) and CMCN David Reavis pull an engine on a scraper (above). The Alfa Company Tow Way Road crew lays down asphalt (below).





Bravo Company





CE, BU Shop



BU2 Jim Miller
 CE2 Eugene Scotchlas
 CE3 Robert Gilliam
 BU3 Michael Randall
 BU3 Kevin Naapila
 BU3 Ken Morgan



BU3 John Degenaro
 BU3 Ken Herr
 BUCN Tom Bauer
 CECN Albert Cashio
 CECN Michael Folger
 CECN Marcus Picton



BUCN Steven Vogel song
 BUCN Troy Gray
 CECN Brian Cassidy
 CECN Richard Paulette
 CECN Scott Smith
 CECN Ken Reed

CECN Charles Forester makes an electrical repair.



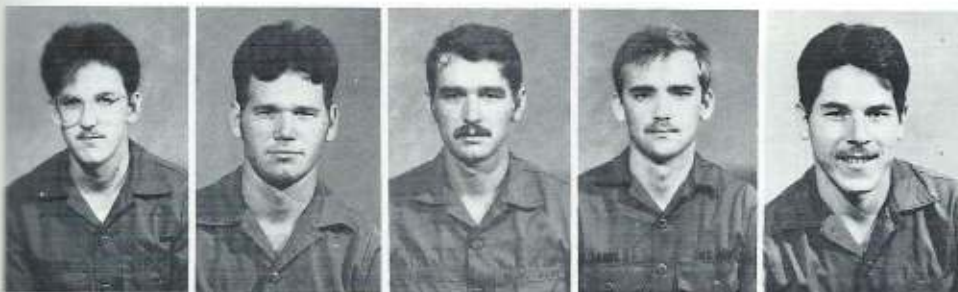


A Bravo Company crew lays forms for a concrete curb at the Enlisted Dining Facility parking lot.

UT Shop



UT2 David Wood
UT3 Bruce Ridgeway
UT3 Michael Graves
UT3 Joseph Blackston
UTCN Steve Sleeper



UTCN Brent Johnson
UTCN Don Harrison
UTCN Joe Cook
UTCN Brian Amos
UTCN Robert Winters

A/C & R, SW Shop



UT2 Tony Nagy
SW3 Martin Andrews
SWCN Chris Petryga
SWCN Chris Kumpf



CECN Chuck Forester
UTCN Ken Yingst
UTCN Stephen Wylie

MCD, Maintenance Staff



UT1 Jerry Adams
UT2 Greg Ryan
CE2 Richard Hearn
BU2 Jeff Fillion
CE3 Robert Price



UT1 Chuck Alcock
SW1 Karl Dixon
UT2 Randy Jones
CE3 Michael Fundahn



The Maintenance Control Division staff is ready and willing to serve its customers.

Projects



CE1 William Burke
CE1 Gene Baldwin
CE2 Michael Sigler
CE2 William Konopka
CE2 Michael King
CE2 Joe Mulherin



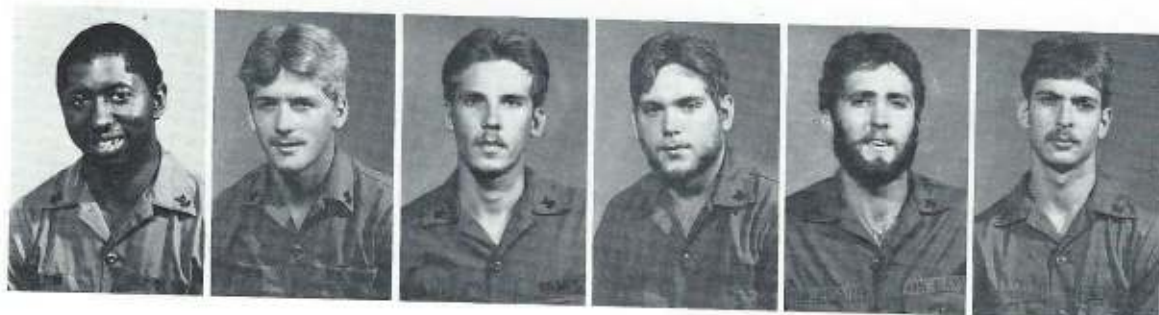
CE2 Alain Jones
CE3 Joe Cournoyer
CE3 Tad Borror
CE3 Gary Kintzer
CE3 John Massoud
CE3 Mark Weiss



CE3 Stan Davis
CE3 Billy Thompson
CE3 Tony Campbell
CE3 Dennis Jordan
CECN Ronald Knechtel
CECN Johnny Williams



CECN Terry Barnett
CECN Charles Roe
CECN John Davis
CECA Paul Davidson
CECA Jessie Jenkins



UT2 Dewayne Ford
UT2 Robert Horneij
UT2 Kim Torgerson
UT3 Michael St. Onge
UT3 John Sheppard
UT3 Richard Robinson



UT3 Michael Grant goes for a hole in one par 4 at the Laundry project.



Bravo Company crew members do site prep for the quadrangle parking lot.



CECN Johnny Williams installs an overhead lighting fixture at the Seabreeze Club addition.

UTCN Brent Johnson (left) and **UTCN Steve Sleeper** thread a pipe in the UT Shop.



UT3 Ken Davis
UT3 Scott Desrosiers
UT3 David Johnson
UT3 Michael Grant
UTCN Alphonso Goode
UTCN Patrick Lingane



UTCN Kevin Brantley
UTCN Raymond Nelson
UTCN Brian Crehan
UTCN Wayne Sherrod



Charlie Company





First Platoon



BU1 William Dean
SW1 Thomas Daniels
BU1 William Coffield
BU1 Leon South
BU2 Calvin Bonner
BU2 Jimmy Miller



SW2 Dale Akin
BU2 Kenneth Williams
BU2 Robert Greenlee
SW3 Michael Wiswell
SW3 Mark Mathena
BU3 John Soutanian



BU3 Pat Dorsey
BU3 Brian Dennis
SW3 Ray Mathis
BU3 Daniel Williams
BU3 Donald Houser
BU3 Clarence Bouse



BUCN Larry Fisher
BUCN Robert Patterson
BUCN Thomas Street
SWCN Mark Bender
BUCN Jess Kline
BUCA Brian Clise



Charlie Company crew members spread concrete at the Industrial Drainage project (left). BU3 Clarence Bouse cleans the mixer after making a batch of mortar (above).



BUCN Jason Goodwin
SWCN Steven Sottovia
BUCN Arthur Krueger
SWCN Timothy Anderson
SWCN Randy Sutterfield
BUCN Billy Halstead



BUCA William Quackenbush
BUCR William Chroniger
BUCR Sean Conway
BUCR Paul Long

Second Platoon



BU1 Alan Wallace
BU1 Jon Doliana
BU1 John Wiese
BU2 Steven Fries
BU2 Anthony Tuggle
BU2 Randall Fuller



BU2 Nelson Carter
BU2 Mark Primeaux
BU3 David Galli
BU3 John Coutts
BU3 Zachery Azarias
BU3 Joseph Miner



BU3 Hubert Corbello
BU3 Michael Arsenault
BUCN Russell Gilbert
SWCN Roland Dearborn
BUCN David Petrillo
SWCN Anthony Mayo

Charlie Company crew members fill up gabions with rocks at the Security Fence Line project.





BU2 Nelson Carter (left) and BU3 Ysmael Salas grout to seal block at the Ops Storage building project (above). Charlie Company crew members pour concrete steps at the Seabreeze Addition project (right).



BUCN Warren Read
BUCN Darin Swiatkowski
BUCN Steve Haskins
SWCN Chuck Spencer



BUCN Mark McCullough
BUCN Ron Vraux
BUCN Robert Grabka
BUCA Gregory White

Third Platoon



BU1 William Stauffer
BU2 Stephen Lemming
BU2 Terry Jackson
BU2 Randy Ellis
BU2 Kevin Johnson
BU2 Brian Loonie



SW2 John Attaway
SW2 Keith Rosberg
BU3 David Grocott
BU3 Merwin Hughes
BU3 Kenneth Duerr
BU3 Leslie Delahunt



BU3 John Dewees
BU3 David Rudd
BU3 Joe Williams
BU3 William Fogle
BUCN Perry Ireland
BUCN Allan Schmidt

Dog Kennel crew members put the roof framing in place.





The Laundry crew constructs a manhole at Camp Moscrip.



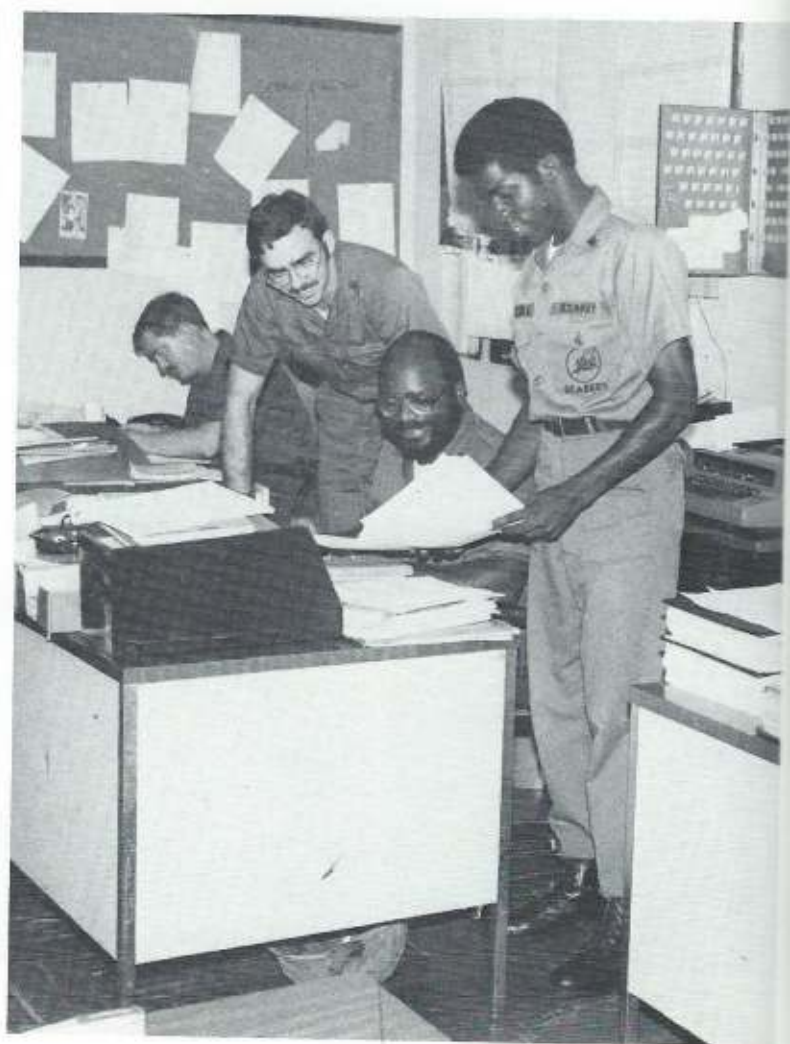
**BUCN Douglas Hansen
BUCN Walter Shaw
BUCN Edward Hammon
BUCN Alan Springer
SWCN James Menicocci
BUCN Daniel Kinderman**



**BUCN Kevin Reece
BUCN Winston Proctor
SWCA Hank West
BUCR Stephen Coffin
BUCR Ronald Barbour
BUCR Richard Nelson**



Headquarters Company





S-1



PN1 Ron Finck swats his staff to continue providing good service.



YN1 Michael Whitlock
YN2 John Williams
YN2 Mark Wood
YNSN Howard Thomas, Jr.
YNSN Ronald Niemuth



PN1 Ronald Finck
PN2 Thomas Whitbeck
PN3 Gregory Dodd
PN3 Leonard Treadway
PNSN Michael Duke



PNSN Pedro Ortiz
PNSN Patrick Arebalo



RPSA Maurice Moriarity



The resident RP sounds the Sea-bee shalom.



HM1 Dennis Billeter
HM1 Levinson Winborne
HM2 John Evans



HM2 Timothy Butler
HN Joseph Bertoline
EOCN Albert Nicholson



DT1 Kenneth Lester
DN Martin Keller



U1 John Wiese receives dubious service from HM2 Timothy Butler (right). Dr. Michael Hughes and DT1 Kenneth Lester go spelunking in a cavity (above right).

S-2



EO1 Robert Williams (left) and SW1 James Richardson (center) plot a location during the Field Training Exercise (left).



EO1 Robert Williams
UT1 Rudy Lacroix
SW1 James Richardson



GMG1 Verlin Allen
GMG2 Adam Rabinowitz



ET2 Steven Chapman
ET3 Scott Lufkin



ET2 Steven Chapman and ET3 Scott Lufkin get their wires crossed at the ET Shop.



MA1 Lawrence Saunders
BM2 Otis Day
SW2 Jeffrey Perkins
BM2 Robert Williams



MA1 Lawrence Saunders assists with a random drug search (far left). PN1 Ron Finck hopes that GMG1 Verlin Allen won't find any grime in his M-16 (left).

S-3



PH1 Ken Downing
JO1 Jerry Foster
PH2 John Richardson



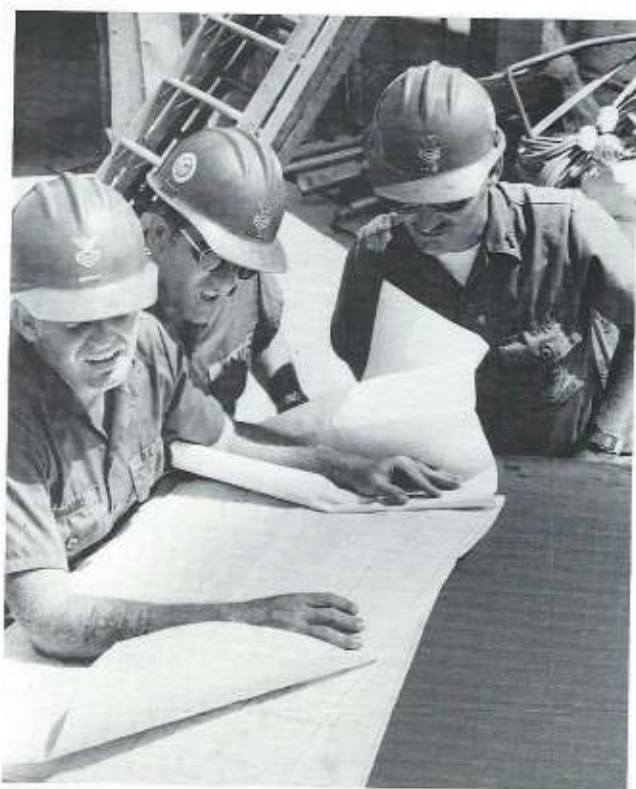
EA1 Steve Walker
EA2 Bill Bales
EA2 Eric Owen
EA3 Bruce Jamison



EACN Dale Ritchey
EACN Jeff Moxley
EACN Richard Chocolas
EACN Bradley Clevenger



EACR Michael Fenton



EA1 Steve Walker and EA2 Eric Owen research a project drafting plan (left). SW1 Joe Childers (center) and CE1 Carl Zielke (right) check a blueprint with SW1 Lester Broome (above).



SW1 Joe Childers
CE1 Carl Zielke
UT1 George Jones
BU2 Phil Maimone



EO1 John Farrell
CE2 Thomas Pope
CE2 Cecil Tharp
UT2 Jeff Kretsch



YN2 Chris Mincey
EO3 Don Williams
YN3 Mark Babb
BUCN Chris Bender



CE1 Carl Zielke, Quality Control, makes a concrete test.

S-4



MS1 Marcelo Suayan
MS1 Victorio Lagmay
MS1 Jacinto Lorenzo
MS1 Delfin Grefalda
SW2 Bob Bunt
MS2 Jesus Rodriguez



UT2 Sean Callan
MS3 Elias Torres
MS3 Daniel Moore
MS3 Martin Miller
MS3 Kenneth Coffman
MS3 Sam Wilcher



MS3 Michael Lewis
MS3 Melvin Gray
MS3 Douglas Hauger
MSSN Lawrence Smith



MS1 Victorio Lagmay and MS3
Martin Miller adjust the slicing
on a cut of beef.



MSSN Dwight Hamby
EOCN P. Davidson
EOCN Robert Schuster
EOCN Dennis Dahm
BUCN J. Goodwin
UTCN Kelvin Brantley



DK1 Orville Blue
DK2 Garth Woodruff
DK2 Don Robinson
DK3 Tony Cabrera



SH1 Ralph Rao
SH2 Fitzroy Farquharson
SN Jeff Barone



SK2 James Marks
SK3 Michael Chambers
SK3 Kenneth Fuston



SKSN Ricky Hartman
SKSN John Dore



SH2 Ricky Thomas and SH3 David Cradic inventory Greens Issue.



CE1 Harold Jessmore
BU1 Michael Lollar
UT2 Randall Church
SN Daniel Dasilva



CE3 Robert Palmer
SK3 Osborne Hunt
BU3 Mark Rayome
CM3 Michael Mossey



BU2 David Vaughan
SK3 Perry McCorvey
CE3 Walter Wright
BU3 Timothy Boyd

The MLO Office is always a hub of activity.

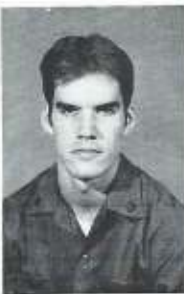




CE3 John Sukontarak and SN Jeff Barone battle the never-ending war at Special Services.



**SK1 Jean Laverdiere
SK3 Brian Edmondson
SH3 Ricky Thomas
SH3 David Cradic**



**SK2 Michael Harry
SW2 Philip Hastings
CECN Kenneth Reeder
CE3 Ronald Hedrick**



**SW3 Randy Murphy
UTCN David Galarza
BUCR Ralph Houston
SKSN Henry Hoadley
SKSN Peter Patricks**

Detail Sites

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Bermuda

Thurmont, Maryland

Andros Island, Bahamas

Vieques Island, Puerto Rico

West African Training Cruise 1984

Antigua, West Indies

Atlanta, Georgia

Crane, Indiana



Det Gitmo



LT Eugene Desaulniers
LTJG Hans Probst
EQCM Luther Cole
BUC Stephen Kowalski
BUC Martin Clay



CM1 Harry Kerr
BU1 William Nixon
BU1 Duain Huegel
EO1 Dean Melino
SW1 Bill Czirr



EO2 Terry Holloway
BU2 Wayne Gullion
CE2 Jeffrey Nylander
SW2 Thomas Bell
BU2 Rodney King

Base Housing project crew members assemble forms.





The Water Pit crew constructs forms for the foundation.



**PN2 William Harter
SW2 Ricky Pack
SW2 Pete Nye
UT2 Kyle Hanna
BU2 Clyde Mays**



**BU3 Ross McGuinness
CM3 Charles Baker
BU3 Andrew Powers
BU3 Jeffrey Shoemate
SK3 Nathaniel Andrews**



**BU3 Gardner Stanford
EA3 Thomas Heath
EA3 Stephen Oftedahl
EO3 Jeffery Peterson
EO3 Joseph Gatins**



BU3 Otto Barr
 SW3 Randall Weber
 BU3 Frank Sorbin
 BU3 Luther Todd
 BU3 James Oertell



EO3 Frank Raulerson
 CM3 Dale Unger
 CE3 Anthony Cercello
 YNSN Donald Lamb
 BUCN Sam Lawrence



CMCN Merritt Green
 CMCN David Docter
 BUCN James Turnmeyer
 EOCN Robert Murray
 UTCN Eric Metz





The Fence crew prepares to guard their project (above). The Guard Tower, a finished project, looms in the distance (right).



BUCN Robert Poole
BUCN Richard Hedman
BUCN Scot Ramsay
BUCN John Bassett
BUCN Gary Washock



CMCN Eric Cheek
BUCN Bryan Voth
BUCN William Slattery
BUCN Mark Smith
CMCN Earl Conley



BUCA Alan Donlevy
BUCR Paul Cassese

Det Bermuda



LTJG Ronald Ungaro
EOC Carlton Greentaner
BUC Ernie Click
CM1 Stephen Porter
BU1 Michael Manley
EO1 Mark Lockhart



SK2 Edward Graham
CM2 Robert Washock
EA2 Garfield Rhoden
BU2 Raymond McLaughlin
CE2 Keith Pettis
CM2 Dale Payeur





SW3 Joseph Bennett perfects his tonsorial art of hair cutting.



BU2 Donald Geist
BU2 George Albritton
EO2 Michael Nelson
UT2 Roger Evans
EO2 Michael Yenulevich
CM2 Kurt Lorenz



EO2 Fred Seely
SW2 Paul Fox
EO2 Douglas Lewis
BU2 Theodore Parks
EO3 Stuart McCullough
UT3 James Michalik



EO3 Stephen Kosciolek
BU3 Albert Nehrings
BU3 Steven Stabe
SW3 Tom Trayer
SW3 Joseph Bennett
CE3 Jeffrey Smith



CE3 Timothy Jones
BU3 Mark Hootman
SW3 Tony Trego
SW3 Gregory Millikin
EA3 John Lamphear
CE3 Michael Lewis



UT3 Wade Mavity
SW3 John McSparrin
BUCN David Mawe
BUCN Brian Throop
CMCN James Wisinski
EOCN Jonathan Jones



DET Bermuda Minutemen warm up for the old ball game.



BUCN Barry Raedel
 EOCN Kirby Wyman
 BUCN Francis Peters
 BUCN Jessie Klein
 EOCN Thomas Rolls
 BUCN John Sasso



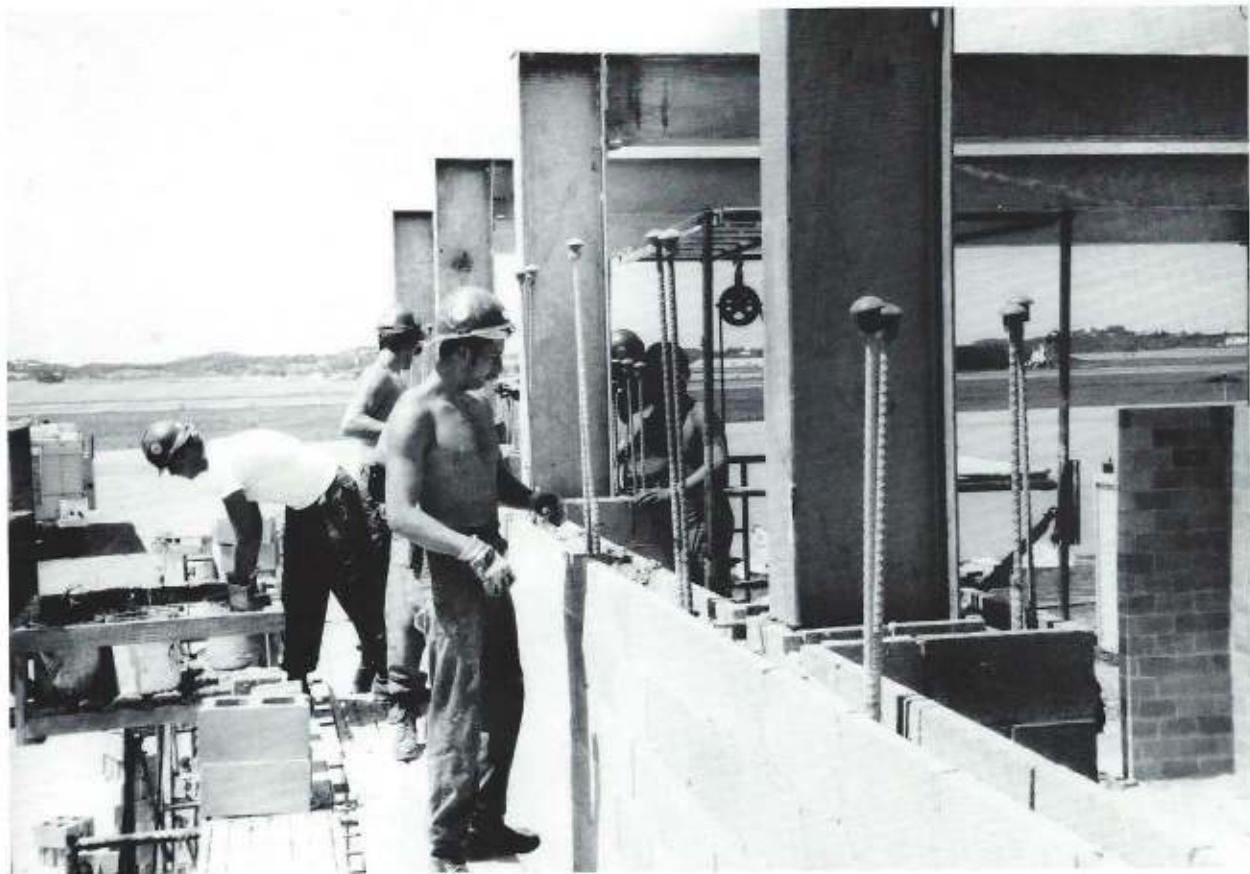
BUCN Mark Egbert
 CMCN Thomas McClure
 BUCN James Glenn
 CECN Bill McNeely
 BUCN James High



YNSN David Futch
 EOCN Edward Stahley
 BUCN Michael Wallace
 BUCA James Wink



DET Bermuda Seabees do site preparation work at the Crash Fire Rescue Vehicle Shelter.



Minutemen lay block.



**CMCN James Wisinski exhibits
"Mamma Cat" and her litter.**

Det Thurmont



LTJG Steve Scanlan
BUCS Meredith Stephens
BU1 Patrick Robison
SW1 Edwin Garside
CM1 Paul Cassidy



SW2 Alfred Drews
SW2 William Herron
EO2 Russell Johnson
BU2 Earl Ford
BU2 Paul Barnett



DET Thurmont Minutemen repair the roadbed and replace culverts at the National Park Service site.



LTJG Steve Scanlan, Office-in-Charge, BU1 Patrick Robison, SW1 Edwin Garside and BUCS Meredith Stephens, Assistant Officer-in-Charge, map out their operational plans.



CM2 Jerry Reynolds
EO2 Richard Spink
BU2 Thomas Gibbons
BU2 Thomas Tucker
CE2 Alain Jones



EA2 Roger Adlon
BU2 Thomas Walter
BU2 Charles Debellis
BU2 James Berninger
EO2 James Palaniuk



CE3 Tony Mosley
BU3 Daniel Schultz
EO3 Gary Lavallee
SW3 Kenneth Hassler
EO3 Matthew Robinson



EO3 Ricky Larson
SW3 Jack Faiola
EO3 Douglas Vanzile
BU3 Barry Raedel
CE3 George Baldwin



DET Thurmont members have "reel good" time down at the old fishing hole.



DET Thurmont Seabees erect an addition to the Riding Stable.



**EO3 Keith Siney
EO3 Joseph Grocki
EO3 William Donaldson
EO3 Michael Noggle
BUCN Donald Kunzie**



**BUCN Paul Jackson
BUCN Michael O'Connor
EOCR Glenn Siter**

Det Andros



SWCS W. A. Bley
SW1 Bobby Bellanger
BU1 Mark Smith
UT2 Roger Fouts
EA2 Michael Gonska
SW2 Eric Guyer



CE2 Richard Martinez
EO2 Joseph Gassman
CM2 David Griswold
BU2 Michael Miller
SW3 James Hopkins
UT3 James Dixon



Det Andros crew pours concrete at the Laundry.



Det Andros crew members construct a CMU block storage building at Site 2.



EO3 John Raynor
BU2 Marline Dunham
UT3 Daniel Thompson
CM3 Charles George
CM3 John Bischof
SW3 Thoms McKee



EO3 Edward Bator
BU3 Henry Miller
BU3 Nicholaus Rochman
EO3 James Leary
CE3 Kenneth Avery
SWCN Donald Evans



BUCN Raymond Smith
 BUCN Jerri Letner
 BUCN Randy Runkel
 BUCN Daniel Brayton
 CMCN Greg McIntyre
 UTCN Calvin Matthews



BUCN Michael Ryan
 BUCN Ralph Dennis
 BUCN John Hansen
 BUCN Dave Delaney
 CECN Ray Klouda
 CMCN Lloyd Prudent



The Down Range crew charges the concrete mobile.



The Down Range crew erects the storage building.



The Hobby Shop crew pulls it all together (left). SW3 Donald Evans tightens an anchor bolt.

Det Vieques



EOC Roger Williams
BU1 Gary Oppenlander
EO1 Kevin Johnson
EO1 Donald Rath



EA2 Norman Saunders
SW2 Gregory Gibson
BU3 Herman Caldwell
EO2 William Fisher



DET Vieques Minutemen lay down fabric at the pier project.



DET Vieques members prepare a grout pump.



**MS3 Alan Tessier
EO3 David Brown
CE2 George Gojmerac
EO3 Brian Sebastyanski**



**EO3 Alan Woodnorth
EO3 Robert Champion
BU3 Theodore Parks
EO3 Robert Garo**



DET Vieques Seabees lay down fabric at the pier.



**CM3 Curtis Conner
CM3 Jeffery Lowdermilk
CM3 Robert Smith
EO3 Donald Perry
BU3 Thoms Parks**



**CM2 John Houghton
MS3 Douglas Hauger
BU3 Walter Radford
BUCN Richard Micheau
UT3 Christopher Lalonde**

Alfa Co Rock Crusher Crew



EO1 Hollis Robinson
EO2 Bob Hope
CM2 Everet Tice
EO3 Scot Ramsay
EO3 Frank Obergfell



SWCN Curt Searson
SWCN Joseph Padilla
EOCN Michael Whaby
EOCN Reginald Pack



DET Vieques Seabees band together a pipe extension.

West African Training Cruise 1984

On 6 October 1984, NMCB-62 deployed two 10-man Seabee Details to Africa as part of the West African Training Cruise (WATC) 1984. This was the first time for Seabee participation in WATC which is under the operational control of the United States Commander of the South Atlantic Force (COMSOLANT).

While enroute to Africa, the two details embarked on the USS Fairfax County (LST-1193) in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Destination for Team One with UTC James Welte, Officer-in-Charge, was Freetown, Sierra Leone, where the team was tasked with constructing an open air market and completing work on a local school.

Led by UT1 Charles Alcock, Officer-in-Charge, Team Two rehabbed a local hospital children's ward.

Rear Admiral C. W. Taylor, COMSOLANT, congratulated the Seabee details for their outstanding efforts on the WATC team. The Chief of Naval Operations praised the WATC details for their participation throughout the cruise and particularly for the humanitarian assistance they provided. "Their performance was positively executed in a professional manner under difficult conditions," the CNO said. "With full understanding that Seabees must train to operate under a variety of conditions, they carried out their tasks in 'Can Do' tradition."



School children lend a helping hand to a Minuteman.



Minutemen and local workers fix shutters for a school (top). Seabee Detail members receive a hearty welcome back home (above).

Detail Antigua

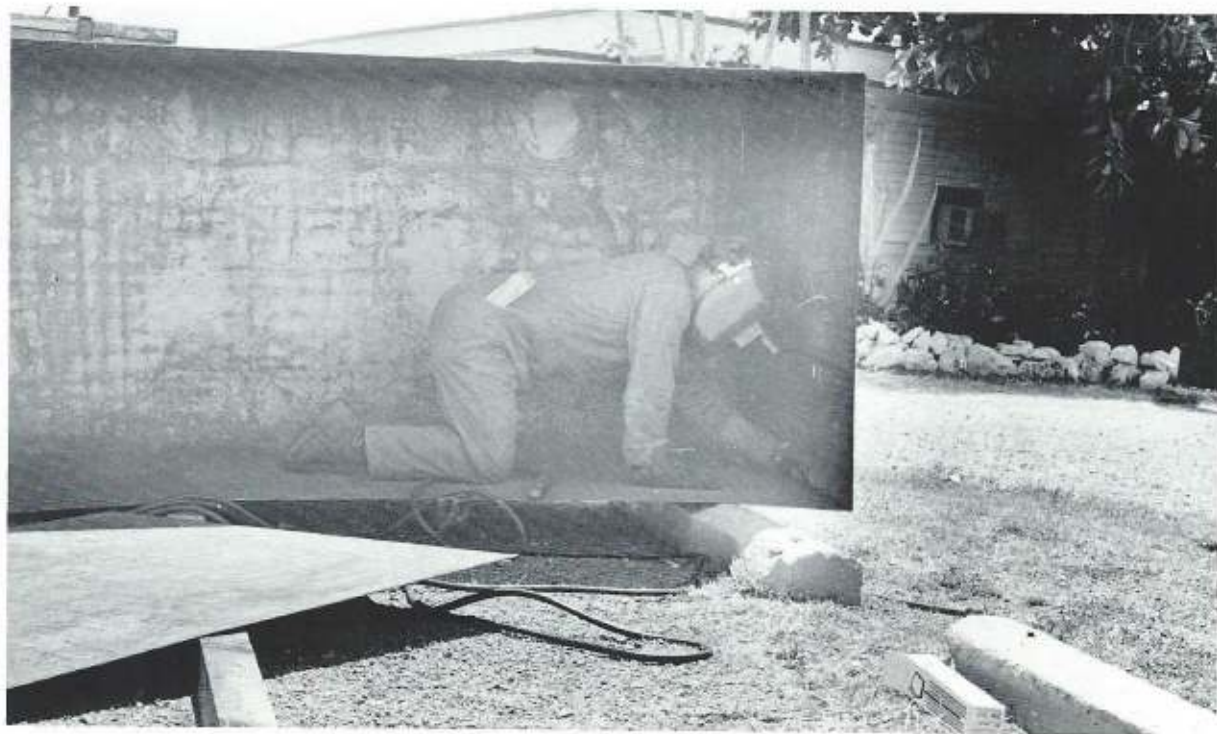
In response to a Department of State request to alleviate a critical drought situation on the island of Antigua in the West Indies, NMCB-62 was tasked with providing a 10-man detachment to improve existing and construct additional water storage facilities.

Detail Antigua deployed from Roosevelt Roads on 10 May 1984 under the direction of SWC Arthur McFadden, Officer-in-Charge, and SW1 Joe Childers, Assistant Officer-in-Charge.

The special detail's life-saving mission consisted of repairs to a 2.5 million gallon steel tank and constructing 41 1,000-gallon tanks, located on Crabbs Peninsula, Antigua.

The Chief of Naval Operations thanked the Minutemen who deployed to Antigua for their professional efforts and "can do" spirit. In a letter to the Commander in Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, the CNO said, "... The on-site representative of the Agency for International Development has stated that without the technical assistance and hard work of these personnel, the first tankers would still be sitting out to sea with no place to unload water needed to sustain the 70,000 residents of Antigua ..."

Captain James B. Caughman Jr., Commander, Naval Construction Battalions, U. S. Atlantic Fleet, (foreground), examines the valve flange on the outlet to the pumps on Antigua (right). SWCN Roland Dearborn chips slag inside the seam of one of the 40 portable water tanks (below).





The official party views the barge off-loading system pipeline running into the bay on Antigua (top). Captain Caughman (right) checks out pumping operations (above).

Homecoming



The chartered jet plane taxis up to the passenger unloading position (top). The Seabee Queen and her official greeting party prepare to meet the NMCB-62 incoming flight back to Gulfport (above).



The Minutemen hurry down the ramp to meet their loved ones and friends (top). Families and friends anxiously await the return of the Minutemen (above).

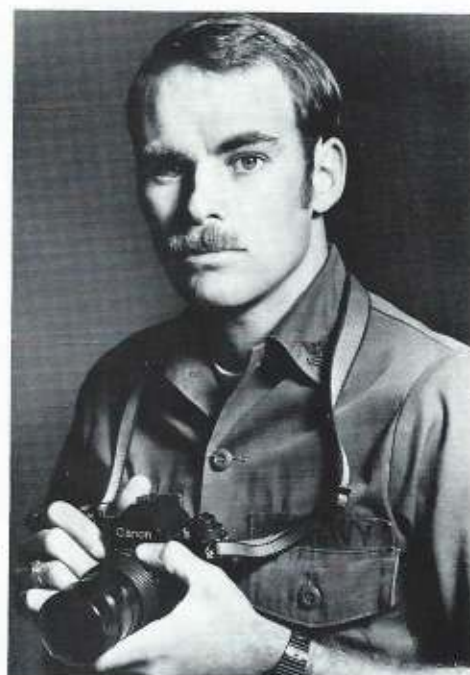


Minutemen and their guests dance to celebrate both their return to homeport from the Caribbean and the 42nd year of NMCB-62 (top). Navy Show Band New Orleans gets into the swing of the evening (above).



The Minutemen and their guests talk over old times at the Welcome Home Birthday Party (top). The buffet table offered a hearty fare (above).

Cruisebook Staff



(Clockwise) LT James Hamrick flashes "his cruisebook sales smile" in the field. PH1 Ken Downing gets his photos with heavy equipment. PH2 John Richardson captures a solemn likeness for his own photo. JO1 Jerry Foster rehearses cruisebook layout.





