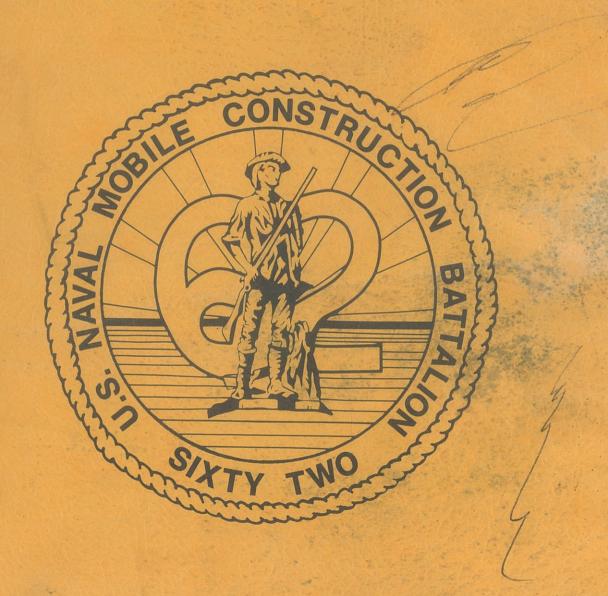
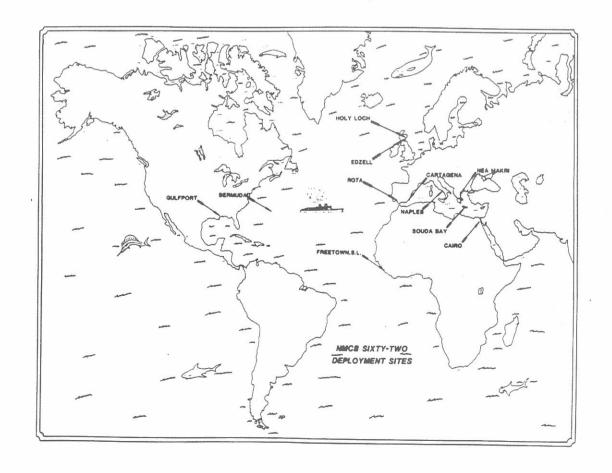
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WE BUILD, WE FIGHT

The Seabees were established 44 years ago at Quonset Point, Rhode Island; shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. By the summer of that year the first Seabee units were engaged in combat. From the construction and defense of Henderson Field on Guadacanal to the Normandy Invasion, the "CAN DO" Seabees participated in most major Navy and Marine Corps assaults in World War II. From the island hopping of World War II; the cold war of Korea; the steaming jungles of Vietnam; today's Seabees have built cities, bulldozed and paved thousands of miles of roadway and flattened numerous airstrips in the four corners of the world.

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

Since recommissioning at Gulfport, Mississippi on July 2, 1966, the battallon has deployed to Vietnam four times to provide construction support for American forces in

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combat areas and to stand by ready to fight if necessary. The battalion has 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.

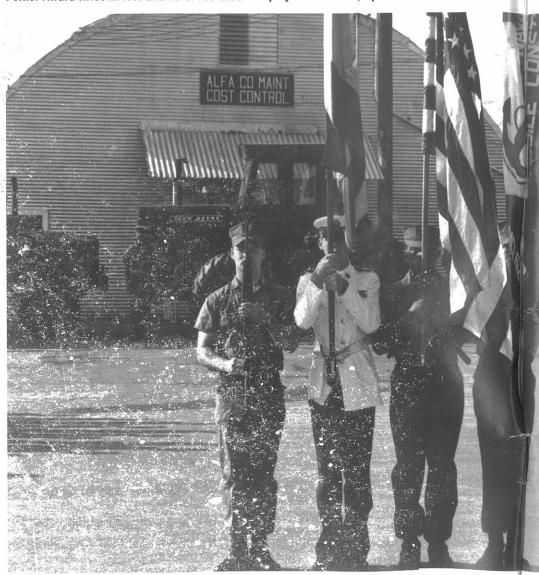
The command is also a four-time recipient of the Peltier Award, given annually by the Society of American Military Engineers to the construction battalion it feels is the best example of excellent construction and military preparedness. NMCB-62 is the only battalion to receive the award four times.

During the Vietnam War, NMCB-62 won the Peltier Award twice in 1969 and 1970. The third

one was received in April 1977, recognizing the battalion's outstanding construction achievements on the island base of Diego Garcia. The fourth award was presented to the battalion for its outstanding work in Rota, Spain on its first deployment there.

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.

More recently, NMCB-62 has made deployments to Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico from May 1984 to November 1984; Okinawa, Japan from June 1985 to January 1986 and this our deployment to Rota, Spain.





Minutemen always keep a sharp edge on all that they do. Taking part in the Field Exercise in Rota, Sixty-Two keeps in a ready to deploy status if a need were to arise.







Working together the Minutemen take on any tasking that is asked of them.

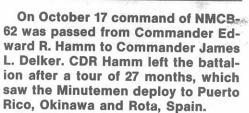
During soe off duty time, some of the Minutemen bring joy into the lives of some less fortunate children.



Commanding Officer

CDR James L. Delker



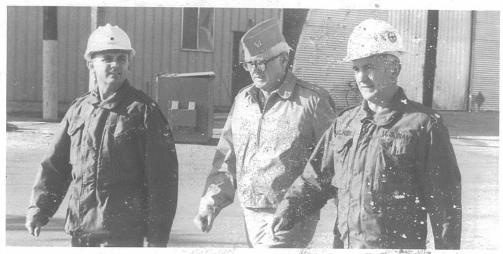


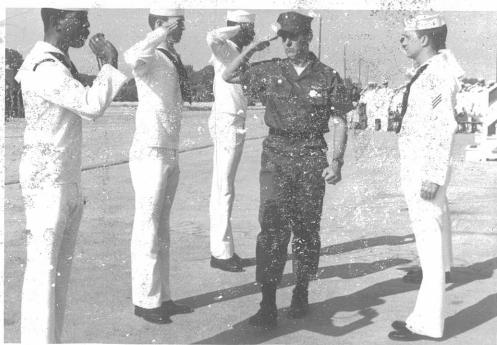
CDR Delker joined the battalion following his two year tour as Resident Officer-in-Charge of Construction at Comiso, Italy.

CDR Edward R. Hamm









Chaplain Hightower conducts Sunday services outside in the pines at the Camp Mitchell Chapel.

LCDR Kornegay inspects one of the new Blazers which replaced the jeeps.

Lt. Scott Warfield and LCDR Hightower during the Over-the-Hump party.







CDR James L. Delker LCDR Edward L. Kornegay LCDR Steven W. Johnson

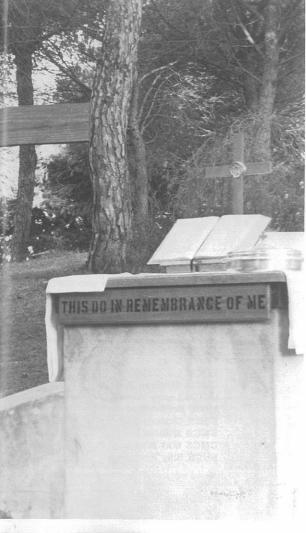
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Lt Stephen E. Barker Lt Tyrone James Lt Ulysses S. Martin

Lt William K. Gray Lt David C. Phillips Lt Scott K. Warfield







Lt Sikes and Lt Orlowsky congratulate each other on making Lieutenant.



Lt Stanley C. Sikes Lt Joseph G. Orlowsky Ltjg Keith Hamilton



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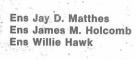


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Ens Ronald T. Mille. CWO4 Lloyd D. Dyer CWO3 Steven J. Darmstadt

Sixty-Two Minutemen

Officers





EQCM L.J. Cole (L) and CDR E.R. Hamm (R) stand with the newest chiefs in "62". (L to R) UTC Donald McManus, EAC George Bright, BUC Troy McCarter, BUC James Tremain and SWC Joseph Childeres.

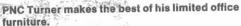
The chiefs of Sixty-Two.

MINUTEMEN

CHIEFS



During a visit to the Chipiona Children's Home, HMC Fontecha helps one of the girls with a gift.





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SWC Thomas Hoover NCC Larry Kennedy EAC Leonard Krapcha CEC Jerry Lawson BUC Troy McCarter UTC Donald McManus BMC Terry Neill UTC Robert Nicholson

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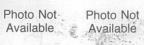














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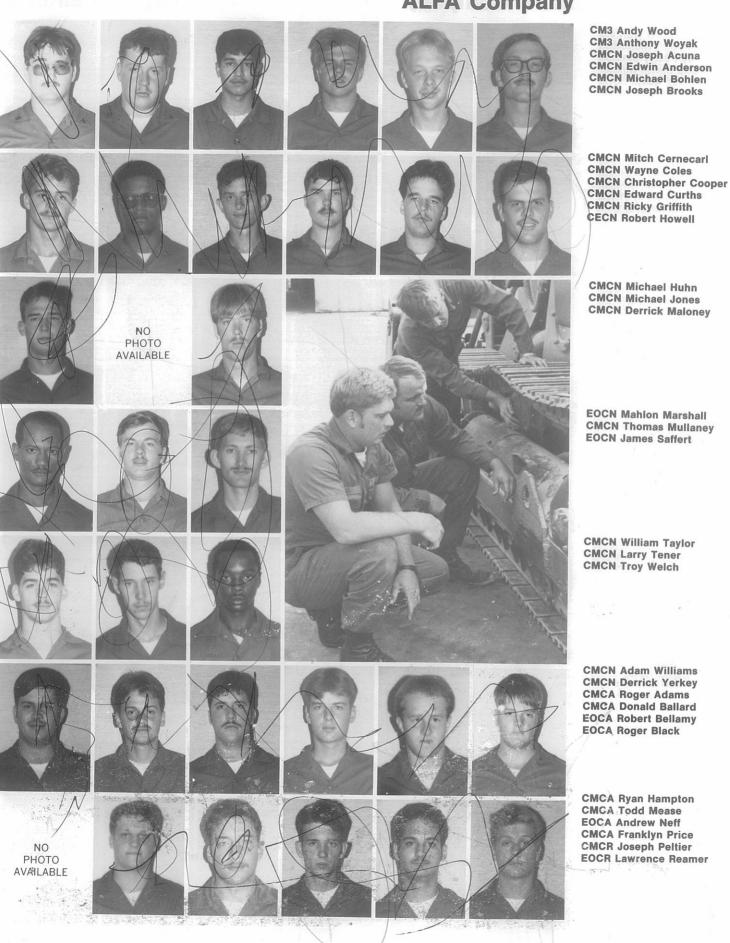
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Chief Neill goes for a 8-second ride.



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ALFA Company



Bravo Company

Lt Scott Warfield UTC Robert Nicholson BU1 Jerry Shelton BU2 Calvin Bonner CE2 Kevin Davis UT2 Roger Fouts

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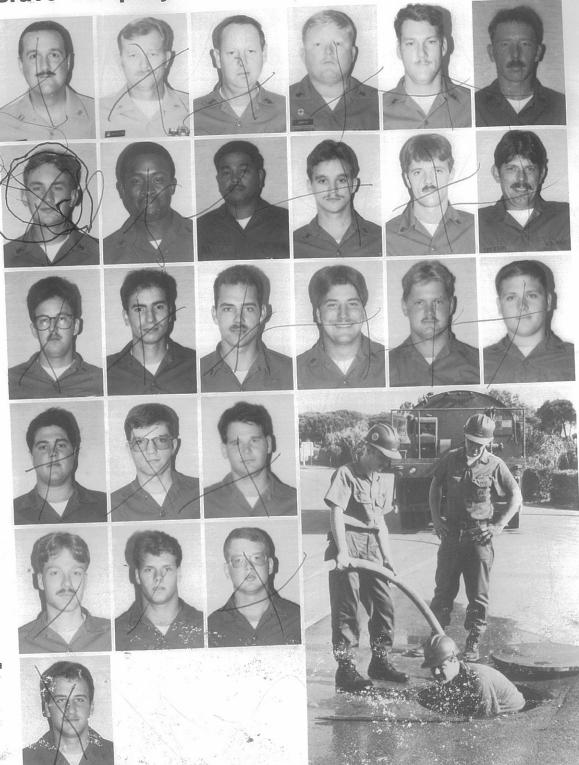
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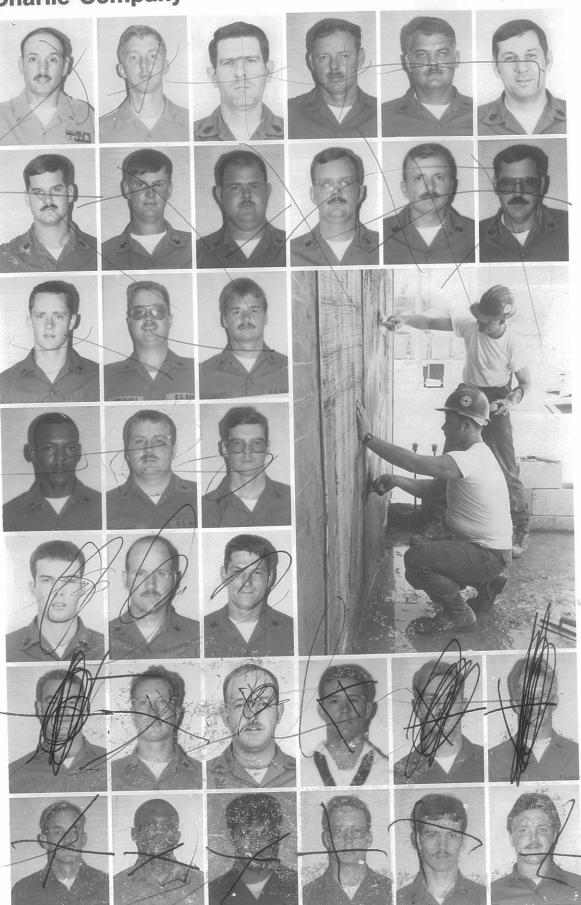
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Charlie Company



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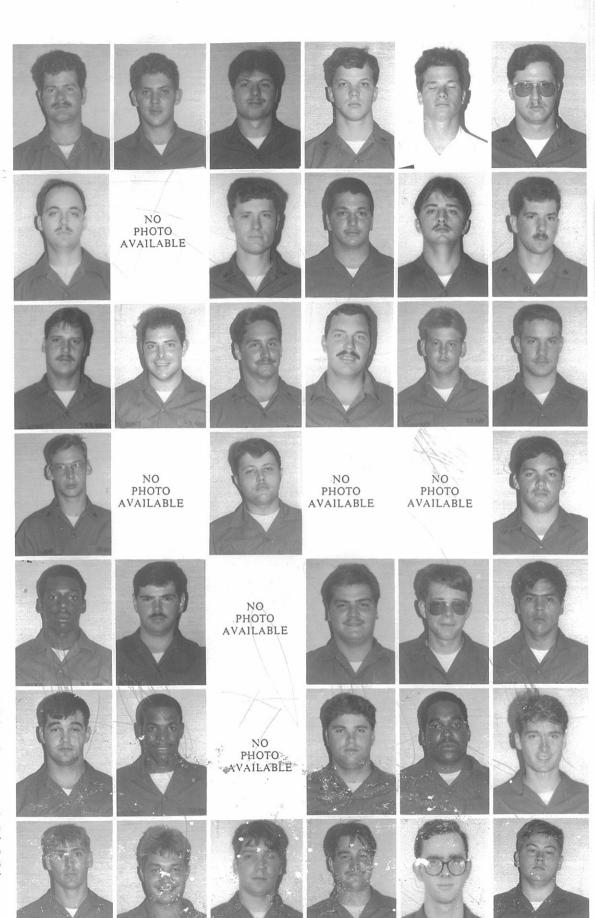
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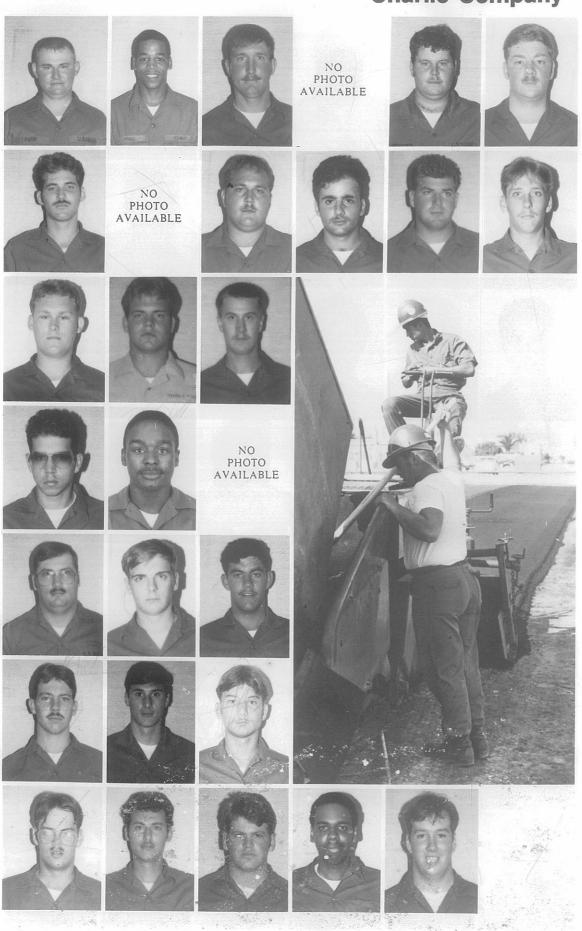
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EOCN Terrance Kershaw
CECN Kraig Klein
SWCN Art Kretzmer
CECN Mark Lavallee
EOCN Robert Matthews
BUCN Steven Nester



Charlie Company



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SWCA Michael Applebee BUCA Robert Burlingame SWCA Kent France

BUCA Kevin Lynch BUCA David Mack EOCA John Maude

BUCA George Rennison SWCA Scott Sencal BUCA Keith Thibodeau

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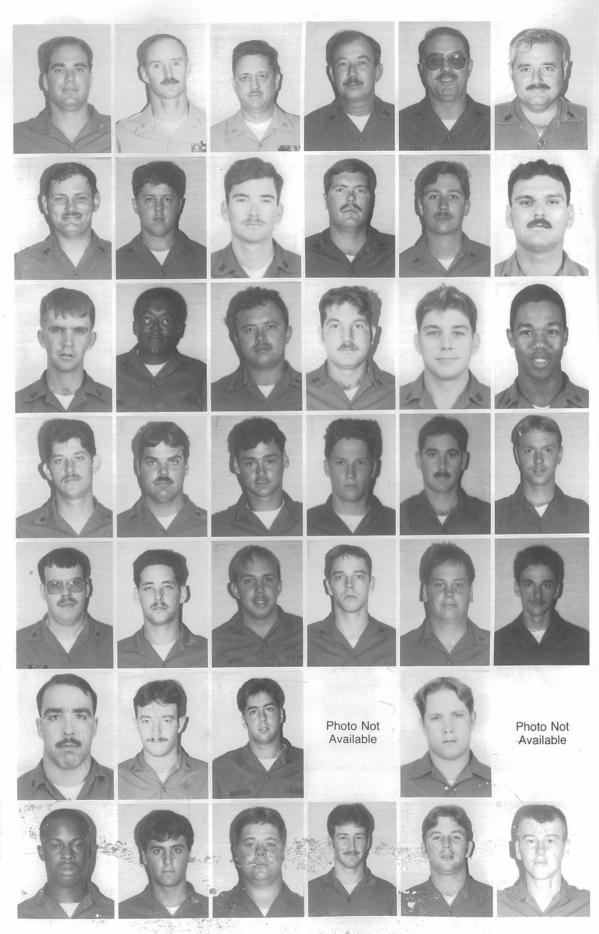
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CECN Scott Smith
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BUCN James Spruill

CECA Michael Knight UTCA Albert Lamb CECA John Laverock

SWCA George Long UTCA Charles McMannis UTCA David Silva

SWCR George Reisinger



S-1 Headquarters

Lt Tyrone James Lt Ulysses Martin Lt Brian Mc Hugh Lt Daniel Kim Ens Willie Hawk CWO3 Stephen Darmstadt

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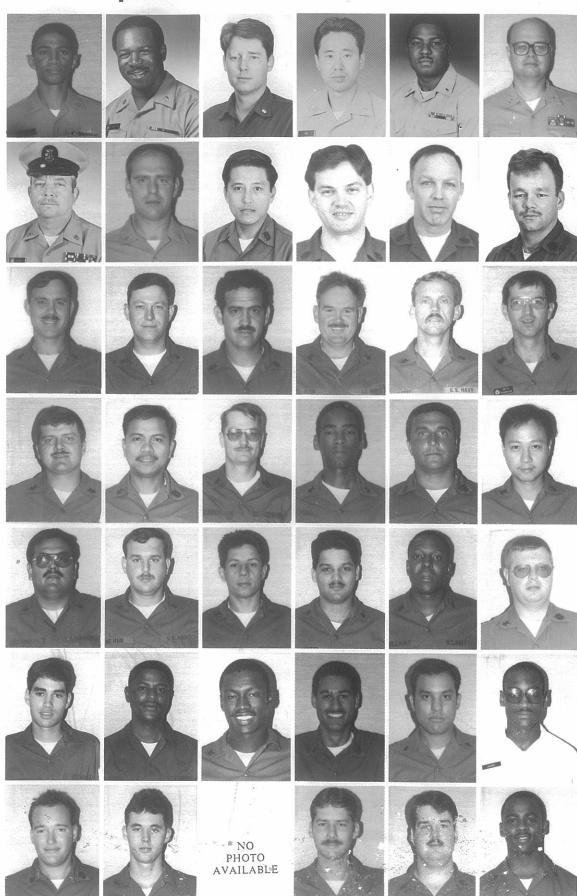
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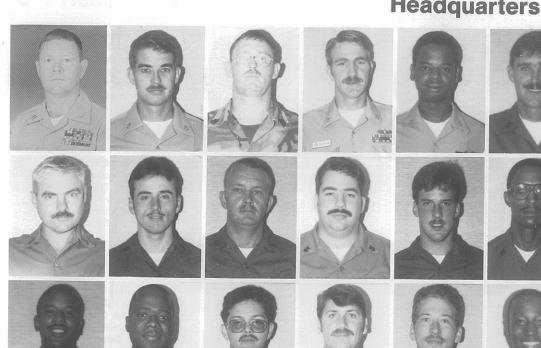
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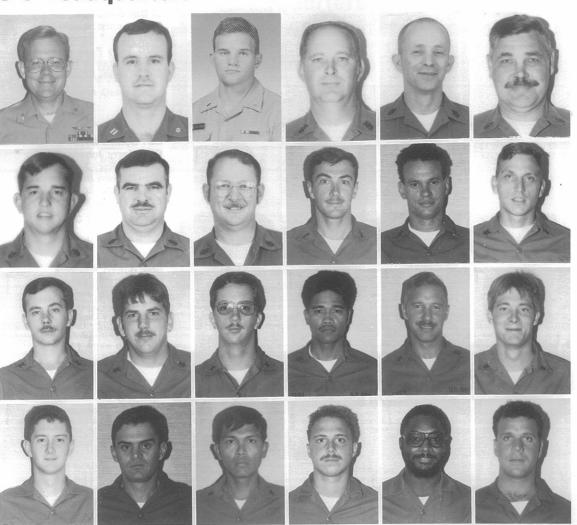
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LCDR Steven Johnson Lt Stanley Sikes Ens James Holcomb UCCM Lanny Worel EAC George Bright SWC Thomas Hoover

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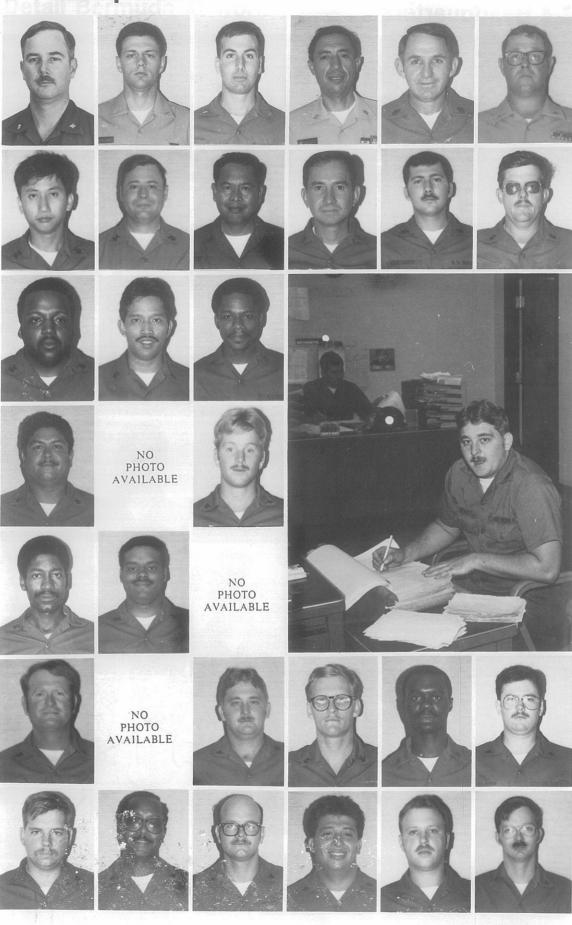
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DK1 Garth Woodruff MS2 Alfredo Almeda SK2 Donnell Bolden

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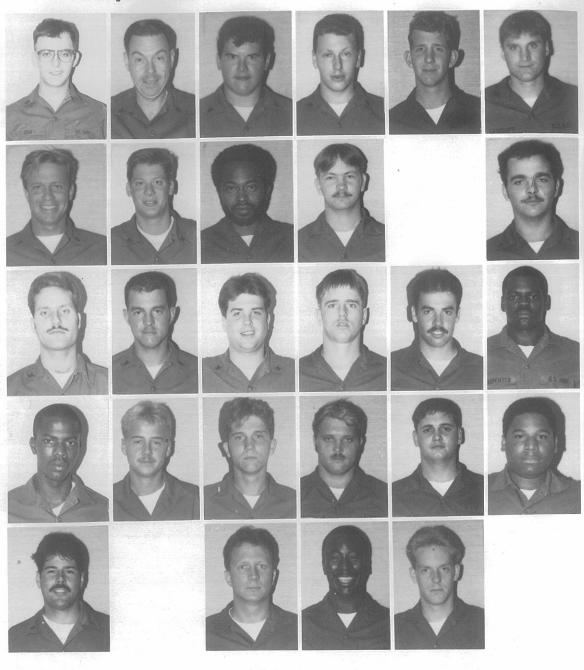
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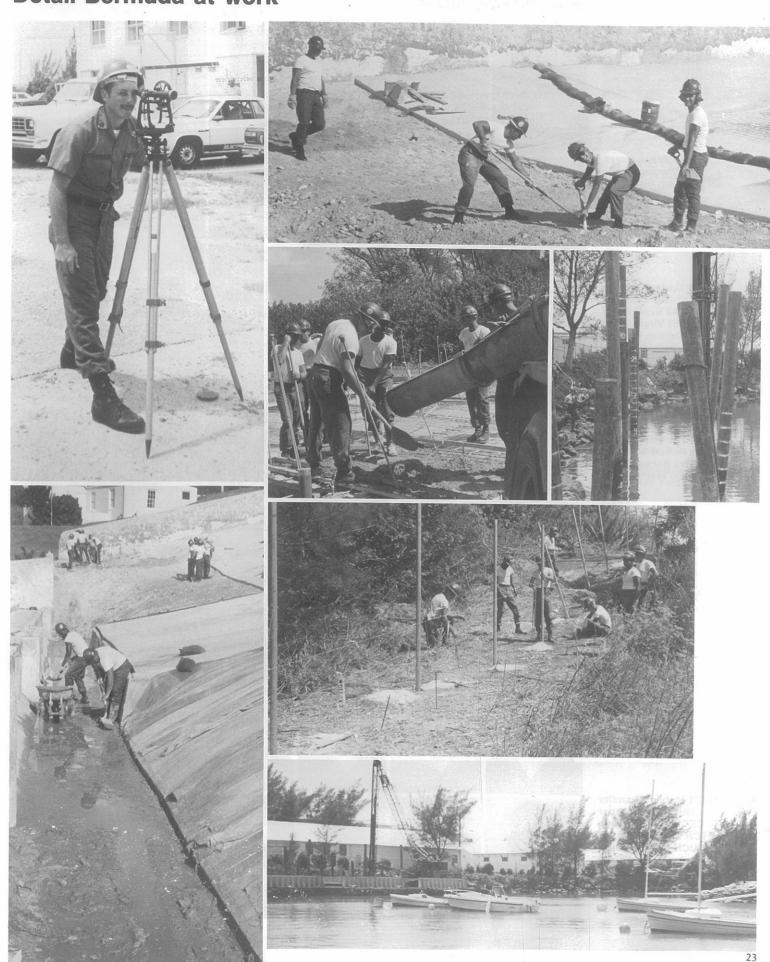
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Detail Bermuda at work



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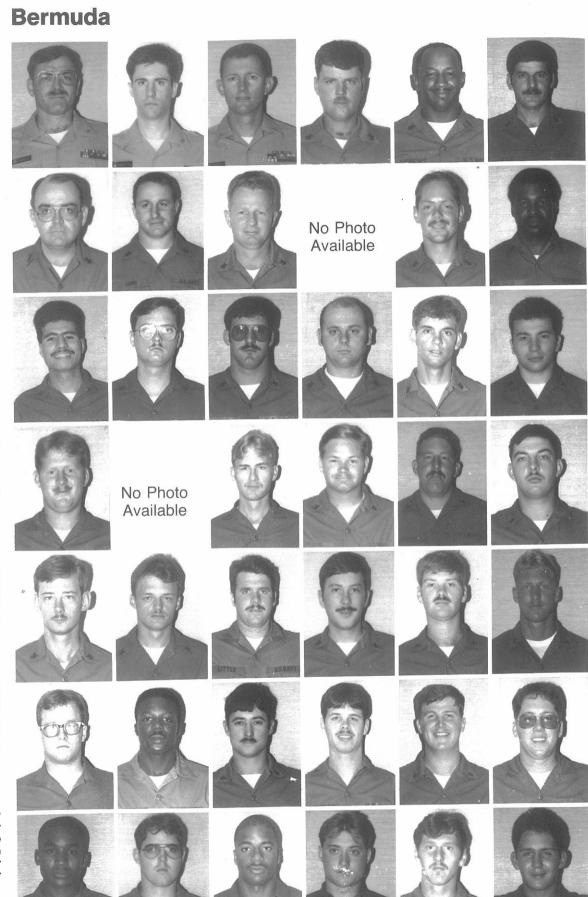
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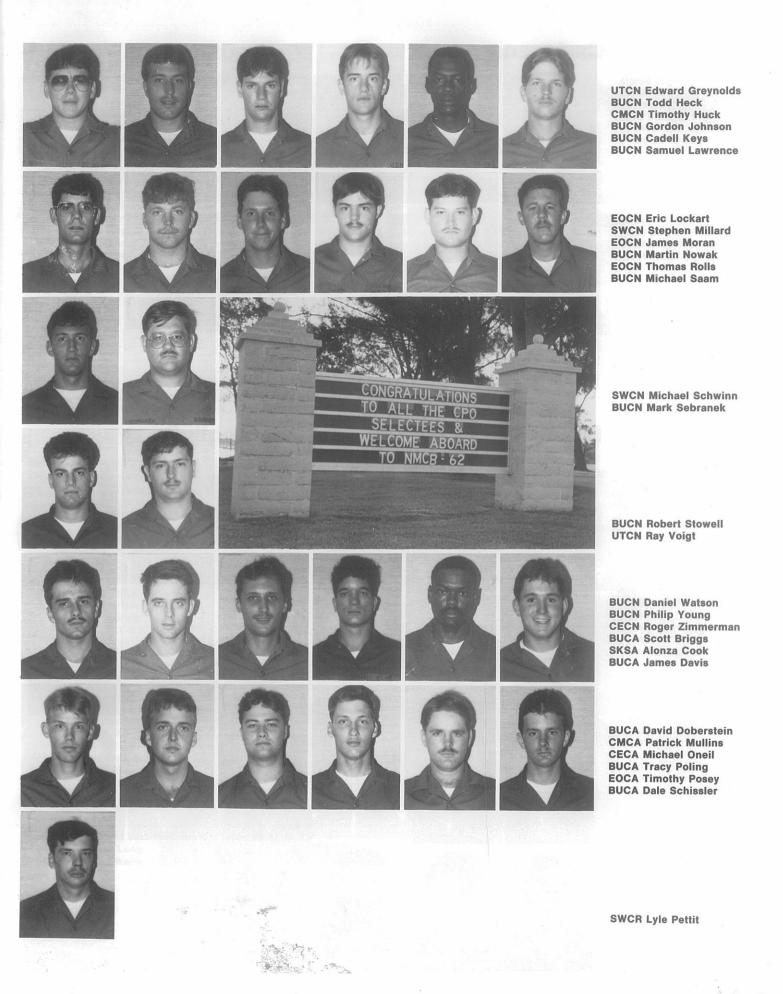
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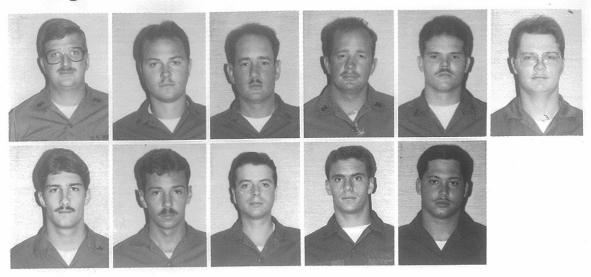




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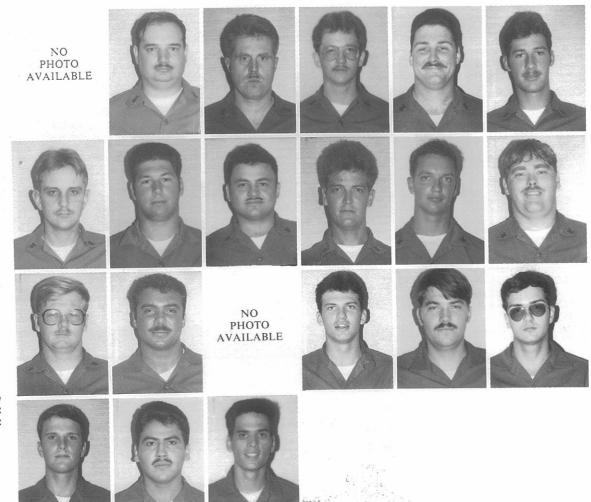
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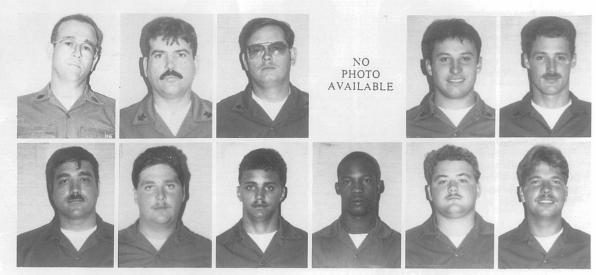
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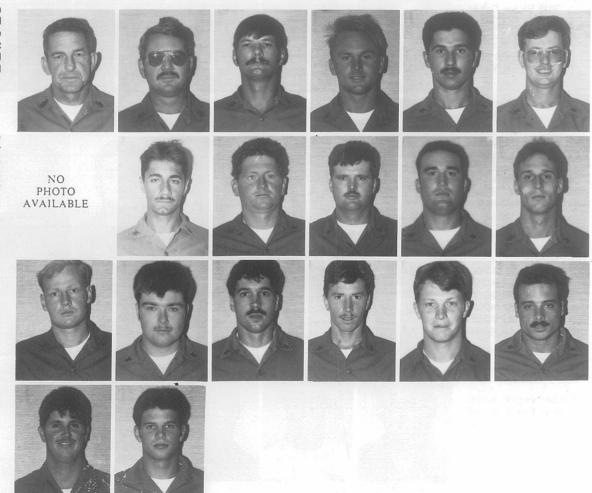
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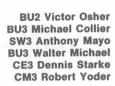
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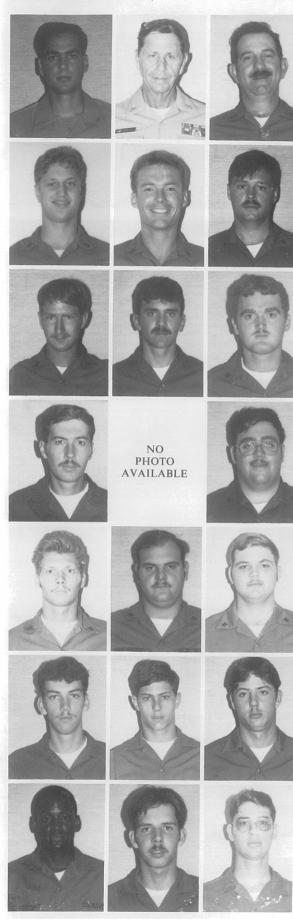








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Home port 1986 Fun and Training

Participating in community events, enjoying time with families and friends, training through home port projects and military training were all part of home port 1986.

Right — CECN Mark Harmon participates along with other Minutemen in the St. Patrick's Day parade.

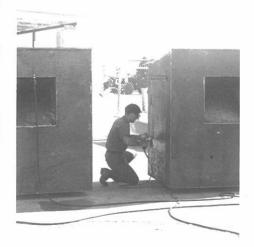




Families gather during the pre-deployment picnic.

Work went on by the Minutemen to complete collection boxes for Goodwill.

Military training took a high priority to ensure the Minutemen would be ready to handle any situation that might come up.

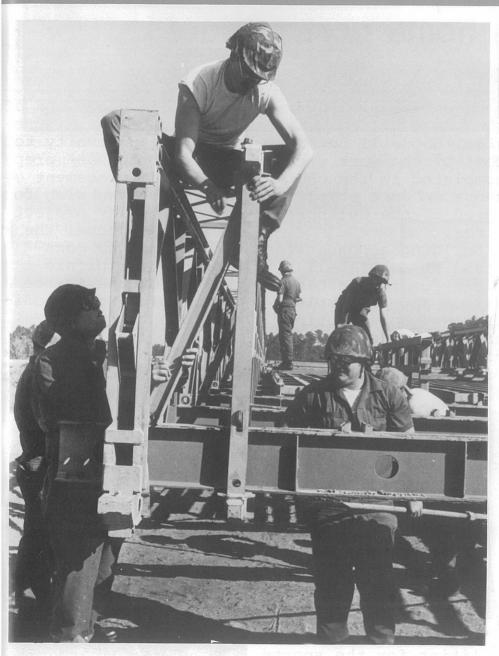






During the home port, the Minutemen assigned to CBC Dental Clinic assisted in the Family Day Dental program.

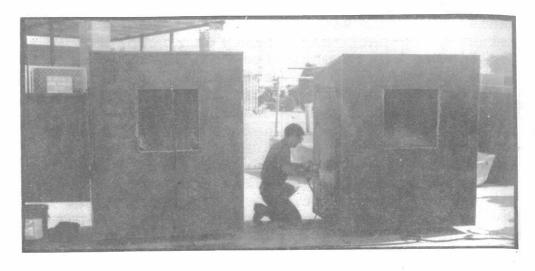
Lt. Ulysses S. Martin checks a young patient's teeth as his brothers and sisters look on.





As part of the readiness training, the Minutemen practice building a Bailey bridge.

During Rapid Runway Repair training, practice was taken in identifying unexploded ordnance.



Minutemen eave mark

eave mark Goodwill collection boxes nearing completion in CBC shops.

in Gulfport, with home port projects

While in home port, the Minutemen kept pace with a busy training schedule and yet managed to accomplish several home port projects. In three of the projects the Minutemen not only proved the quality of work that Seabees can do, but were able to show the Gulfport community the pride and professionalism of the Navy.

Fabricating Goodwill collection boxes, steel-

workers from Sixty-Two, gained valuable experi-. ence and training during the construction of five steel Goodwill boxes.

Most of the work was completed in the CBC shops and once completed moved to the Gulfport sites.

Building a concession stand at a softball field for the Herbert Wilson Sports Complex, provided construction experience for several different construction fields. The two-story structure built of

concrete block and masonry construction for the first floor and wood framing for the second was started and completed during the home port. The new concession stand also included an announcer's booth and restroom fa-

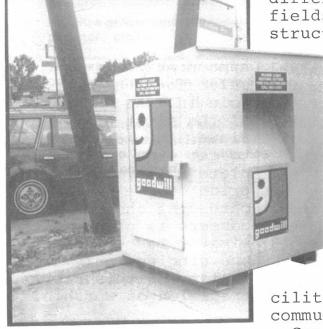
cilities for the sports community.

Construction on an addition to the Gulfport

Planning Commission
Building on Old Pass
Road began at the end of
May, giving the Minutemen the opportunity to
complete the site preperation and placement of
the footers and slab for
this community project.

Closer to home, the Minutemen also constructed four picnic tables for the Seabee park; worked on a modification to gate 7, which will allow for a new entrance to the back



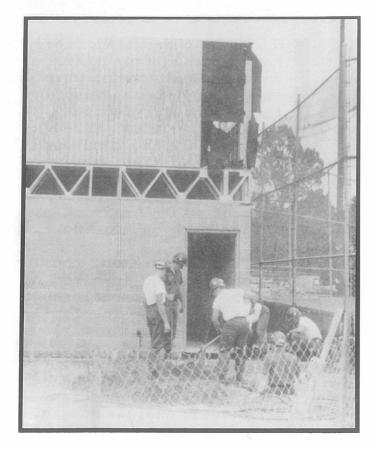


Completed box in Gulfport.



Minutemen construction crew perform site work at the Gulfport Planning Commission.

of the base; starting an addition to the Navy Exchange Garden Center; installed the Naval Home antenna tower; worked on the CBC street lights throughout the base; and erected a Butler building.



Nearing completion on the concession stand, the crew makes some of the last outside plumbing connections.

Air Detachment

The Air Detachment participated in exercise Southern Lights. While ninty Minutemen actually deployed to Eglin Air Force Base, Florida it took the entire battalion to conduct the embark exercise and prepare the needed supplies for the flight to the exercise site. The Minutemen established a defensive security area and set to work constructing a temporary

Some fo the construction projects completed during the exercise included: strongback tents, a water purification and distribution system, an electrical generation station with distribution system, a leach field within the camp and two timber soil loading ramps.





UTCN Albert Lamb, BU1 James Tremain and UTCN Eric Metz load the C-130 aircraft for the flight.

Looking out the aft end of a C-130 during loading.

The Air Force provided some of the needed equipment for the loading proceedures.







Checking the fit of a five-ton inside a C-130.

Lt. Kenneth Gray checks over the cargo after its arrival at the Air Det site in Florida.







Unloading of the cargo that came in as part of the convoy that drove in from Gulfport.

Ensuring everything fits and follows the load plan were all part of the exercise.

In the field

Putting together one of the water storage tanks.

Checking plans and proceeding with one of the many projects. Keeping ready, Minutemen prepare to mountout by plane.

Ens. Kenneth Branch keeps on top of things as the Assistant Officer in Charge.

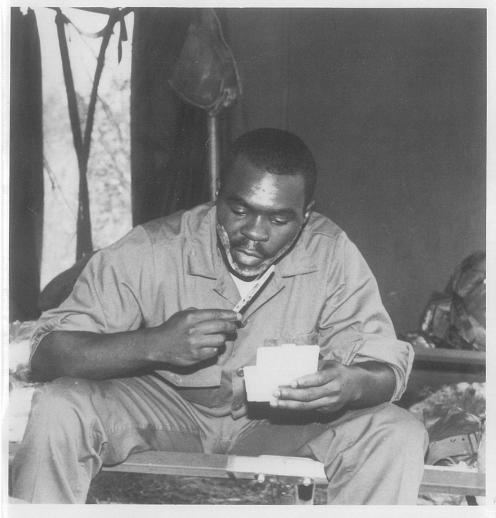




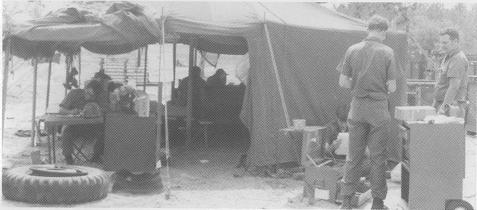




Making the best of a bad situation, the Minutemen maintain personal hygiene standards.







Work progresses around one of the operational areas of the camp.

Maintaining order in the storage area for all the incoming supplies.

Readiness through CCCT

Work goes on to complete the framework for a strongback tent.

Building a timber bridge was one of the bridges built during CCCT.



Building by the plans, from kits and scratch the Advanced Base Facilities Component system went together.



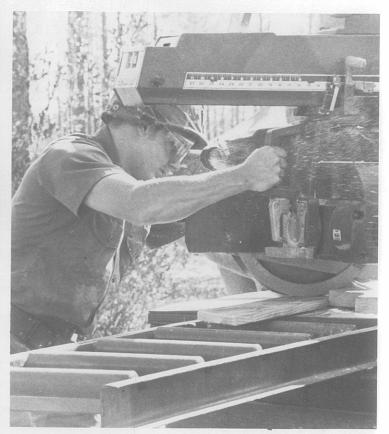






UT2 Bruce Ridgeway works on the ND-25 Water Purification unit.

After a week of learning about the Advanced Base Facilities Component (ABFC) system and planning the tasked projects, 70 minutemen set to work. The entire Contingency Construction Crew Training was designed to strengthen Seabee skills for a contingency or war-time situation. Construction of various facilities included a timber bridge; Bailey bridge; a timber platform; a 500 barrel steel tank; a steel tower; a water storage purification and distribution system; electrical generation and distribution system; seahuts; strongback tents and other facilities needed for a campsite.







BU3 David Delaney cuts lumber to be used in the construction of seahuts.

The Munutemen assemble one of several seahuts.

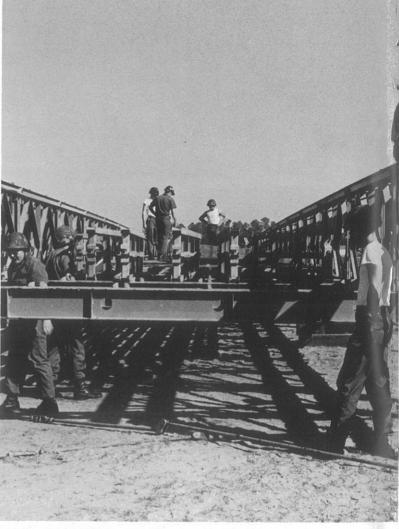
SW3 Manuel Campos assembles parts from the kit to complete the steel tower.

Bridges and Seahuts

As one of the first evolutions to CCCT a crew was busy working on the Bailey bridge.

In the field, work started on seahuts and setting up the camp.









Steelworkers put the last touches on the 500 barrel tank which had to be built on the elevated platform.







The Minutemen finish up the Bailey bridge.

Ensuring quality from head to toe; BU3 Michael Aresnault, BU2 Frank Greenless, BU3 Michael OConnor and BUCN William Martel.

DRT

Minutemen learn to properly remove contaminated clothing during the exercise.

Tending to the injured in a simulated disaster.



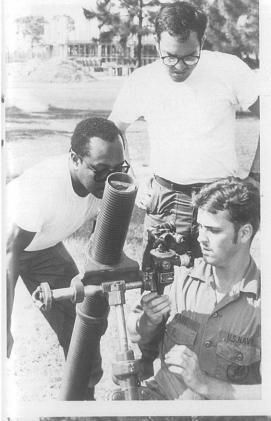




Following the prescribed techniques, the Minutemen perform first aid in the field.

Being able to perform each mission that the battalion might be tasked with, the Minutemen went through a week of training in Disaster Recovery Training. During the course the men had to tend to injured, and deal with simulated conditions which included: Nuclear, Biological and Chemical attacks.

Mortar and M-60 Training











Rapid runway repair

One of the first stages in RRR is to identify the un-exploded ord-nance.

Donning gas masks in a simulated gas attack couldn't slow up progress. Even darkness couldn't stop the Minutemen.

Equipment operators get busy filling in the holes from the exploded ordnance.



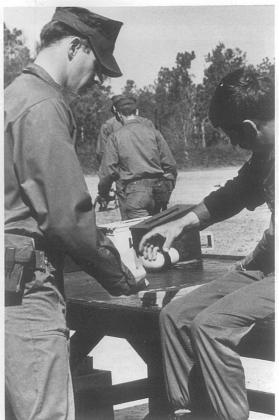












From a sitting position, one relay of Minutemen take

Foul weather couldn't slow down the qualifing of the battalion.



takes aim on his target practice. as range coach SW3 Francesco Balducci watches on.

aim on their targets.

SK3 Spencer Edwards Issuing the ammo for the

The range

M-16-A1 rifle .45 cal pistol

For most of the Minutemen, the first phase of home port training involved a week on the .45 caliber service pistol range of the M-16-A1 rifle range for familiarization and qualification firing. Many in the battalion had the opportunity to fire both weapons.

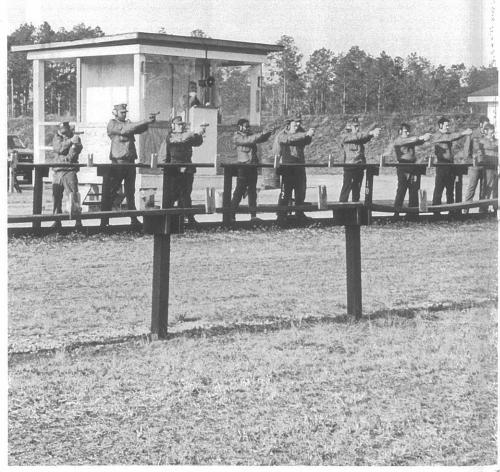




From the standing position, one of the shooters takes aim on his target.

Doctor Richard Dobbens takes close aim on his target.

One of the Minutemen relays takes to the ready position on the firing line. Firing the .45 cal pistol proved to be a challenge for many that had never shot before.





Shooters recieve training from the range coaches.





Range coaches and shooters check targets for scoring of hits.

Long days at the range for GMG3 Kevin Evens.

Field exercise

In preparation for the Field Exercise the officers, chief petty officers and the squad leaders went through a week long preparatory course. Then it was a full battalion movement north to Camp Shelby, MS. For four days of training and field practice and one day for the mock war exercise.





Members of the battalion gather for instruction before familiarization fire.

CDR Hamm and EQCM Cole make the rounds to the various activities during FEX.

During a patrol, members take an aggrossor prisoner.













LCDR Kornegay looks over one of the communications exercises.

SK2 Lawrence Haley keeps alert while on patrol.

Members air out after completing a trip through the gas chamber.

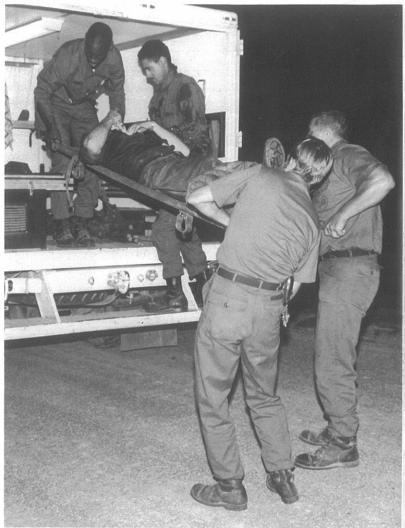
EOC Richard Saffle (front) and BU1 James Tremain plot troop locations during the exercise.

Medical tends to the needs of the battalion.

Mortar training for Headquarters. Alfa Company on patrol.

Making do for meals, Minutemen and aggressors break for chow.









Minutemen gather to watch the night fire.





Preparing for a gas attack in the woods.



Getting ready to go out on patrol.

Europe "1986-1987"

As the Minutemen found themselves deploying to Rota and eleven detail sites, they left behind many outstanding accomplishments of the past seven month home port. We left behind a detail to construct a Navy Lodge and work on projects such as new picnic tables for the Seabee Park, concession stands at a nearby park, a building addition for CEO, Goodwill collection boxes and the start of an addition to the Gulfport Planning Commission building all enhanced the battalion's image for excellence.

With home port behind the battalion and an Atlantic Deployment ahead, the Minutemen prepared for the job that the battalion must do. The Munutemen were ready to face the deployment.

As the battalion moved toward the halfway point of the deployment, the Minutemen mark of quality construction was showing up at sites throughout Europe, Bermuda, Africa and Gulfport.

Minutemen weigh in for the plane flight to Rota.

In Rota, the battalion had been busy working on thirteen construction projects and camp maintenance. During the first week of September the battalion conducted an embarkation exercise which prepared the main body along with all equipment and other support items for a possible mountout.

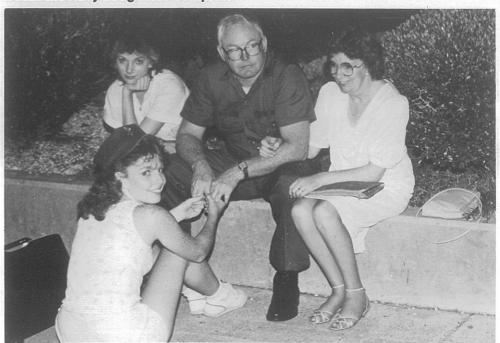
The eleven details in: Bermuda; Cairo, Egypt; Holy Loch and Edzell, Scotland: Nea Makri, Greece: Souda Bay, Crete; Naples, Italy; Cartagena, Spain, Freetown and Mauritania, Africa and Gulfport, MS did a super job representing the Seabees at their respective sites. In November the details from Naples, Nea Makri and Souda Bay joined the main body in Rota as they were relieved by details from NMCB-4 as they established a new main body site in Sigonella, Sicily. Additionally our Gulfport Detail completed the Navy Lodge and joined the main body in Rota. Through the efforts of the Gulfport **Detail the Navy Lodge was completed**

over a month early and is a quality facility that we are proud of. It will serve many of our fellow Seabees for years to come.

While we were busy bringing four details back to the main body, we were sending out two new details, one to Mauritania for a bridge building project and the other to Cairo, Egypt to complete some priority utility work on a facility there.

Mid-October also brought another event of significance for 62. On the 17th of October, CDR James L. Delker took over command of the battalion.

"Quality construction, highly professional, positive attitudes, military smartness and the best battalion or detail that has been here in a long time," are but a few of the comments that were passed on by visitors, inspectors and host commands during the deployment. The Minutemen built a reputation second to none and left Europe with a very positive image of the American people.



In the last few hours before the Minutemen leave, as much time as possible is spent with family members and friends. CM1 Virgel Riggs spends those last few hours with his wife and daughters.



The Minutemen step down from the plane in Rota, Spain.

In the first few hours onboard the Naval Station the Minutemen were going through an indoc course on what to look at and do in Spain.





RPSN Alonzo Reeves changes to Camp Mitchell chapel sign to welcome Sixty-Two onboard.

Camp Mitchell Beep

Each piece of equipment is checked as part of the Basic Equipment Evaluation Program.

CM3 Dan Ramsal checks several pumps. Members of Alfa Company check each piece of large equipment.



Supplies were accounted for and each piece of equipment was turned over to the Minutemen when everything was working smoothly.







Basic Equipment Evaluation Program





CDR Hamm accepts the key to Camp Mitchell during the camp turn-over ceremony.

After the camp turn-over both battalions took part in a picnic.

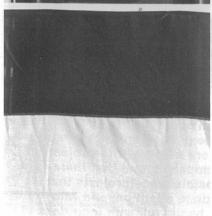
Wasting no time, the Minutemen were off the plane and busy with the intensive camp turnover and Battalion Equipment Evaluation Program. For Admin, Personnel and Training sections of Headquarters Company, each was busy unboxing their offices and setting up for normal operations; Supply personnel were busy inventorying the supplies onboard and getting familiar with Spanish supply sources; Operations Department along with Charlie and Delta Companies were all busy with project turn-over; Bravo Company found that there were many camp maintenance projects that needed their immediate attention; and Alfa Company had their hands full with long days of checking each piece of equipment.

Change of Command

CDR Hamm and CDR Delker wait to pass the battalion's colors during the Change of Command.

Captain Jack Buffington addresses the battalion during the ceremony.





"I relieve you sir," states CDR Delker.



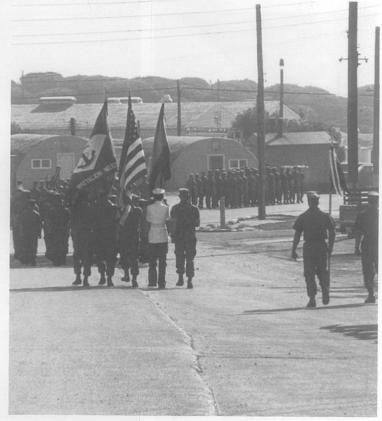






CDR E.R. Hamm piped ashore after being relieved as commanding officer in the change of command ceremony.

On October 17 command of Sixty-Two was passed from CDR E.R. Hamm to CDR James L. Delker. CDR Delker joined the battalion following his two year tour as Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at Comiso, Italy. During the Change of Command ceremony, Capt. Jack Buffington honored guest, presented CDR Hamm with a Meritorious Service Medal and Capt. S.A. Martinelli, Officer in Charge of Construction, Mediterranean, presented CDR Delker with a Meritorious Service Medal for his accomplishments while ROICC.







The battalion marches off after the ceremony.

Guests stand during the passing of the battalion colors.

Battalion stands in formation as Capt. Jack Buffington addresses the battalion.



Embarkation



Minutemen recieve instruction on the loading and unloading of aircraft during the embarkation exercise.

On station in Rota, the Minutemen were required to maintain constant readiness, ready to re-deploy the full battalion at any time, Maintaining this state of readiness required training which was recieved in an actuall exercise and special training which was recieved during a visit by several ships to Rota.

During the exercise period, the battalion's job sites around the base stood vacant and the battalion personnel remained in camp to make all of the preparations to mount-out the full battalion within the required 144-hour time frame. Loading out everything from heavy equipment to Meals Ready to Eat, the two 11 men pallet building teams assembled the "giant jig-saw puzzle" into well organized pallets of near equal weight, size and balance. Once pallet construction was completed. Weigh and Balance teams took over to assist the Load Planners figure out the loading of each item for transport.



In the Well Deck fo the USS Trenton LPD-14, the Minutemen are told how the Well Deck can be flooded and used to recover landing craft during a beach assault.

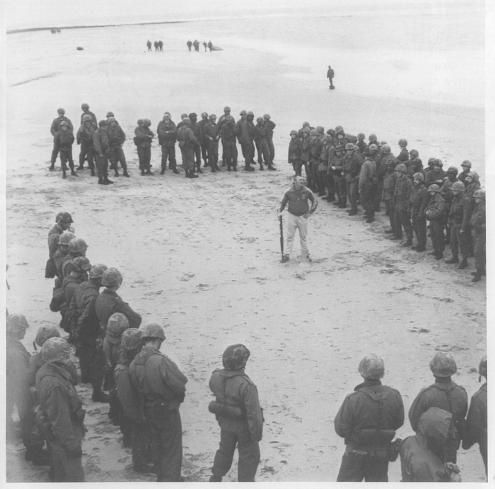
Minutemen load some of the heavy equipment aboard the C-5 aircraft during the Embark exercise.

Aboard the USS Sumter LST-1181, Minutemen meet with members of Amphibious Assault Group 22 and go over procedures for loading, storing and off-loading of Seabee construction equipment.





Gunny Hancock instructs the Minutemen on the beach as part of the Fam fire.







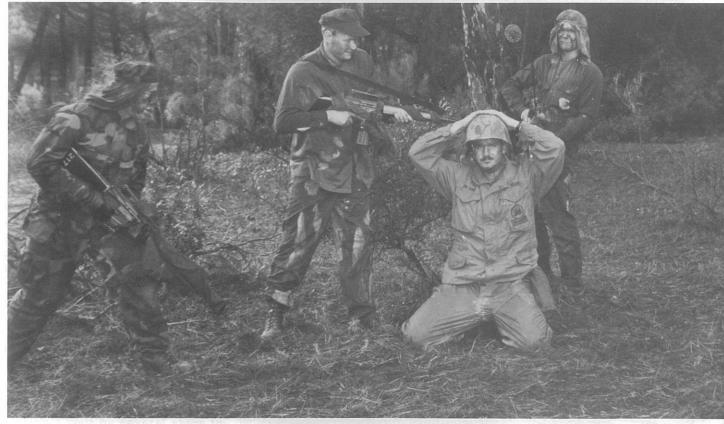
Waiting to fire weapons on the beach as part of the exercise.

Members of Alfa Company fire the M-60.

Field exercise

Not in some far off land with a hostile enemy, but right in the backyard of Camp Mitchell the Minutemen conducted a field exercise that climaxed a week of intensive classroom training. As the cool winds and autumn rains rolled in off the Mediterranean, the battalion left behind the thoughts of ongoing projects and turned all efforts to the comprehensive lesson plans that were before them.





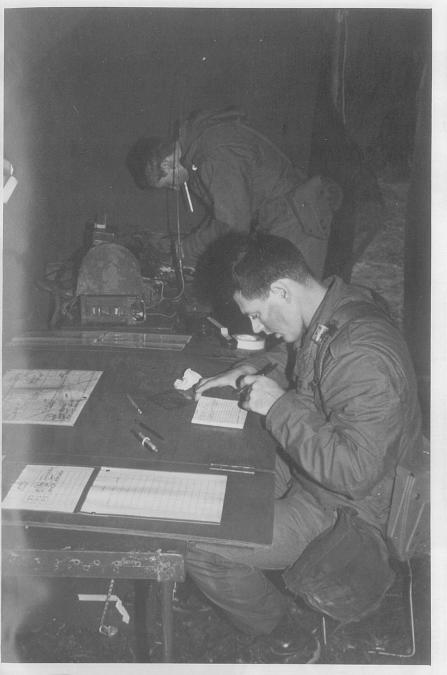
The Bravo Company aggressors take BU1 Jon Doliana prisoner.

Carrying out communications is BU3 Michael Pavlisick, NCC Larry Kennedy and BU3 Orlando Garcia.

Headquarters Company sets up one of the mortars.













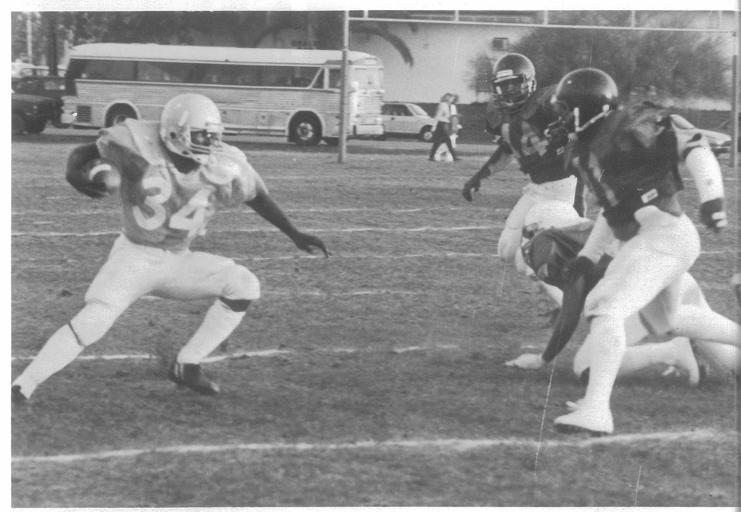
Lt. Joseph Orlowsky prepares a message as Mortar Platoon Commander.

The Delta Force takes time out for a quick picture.

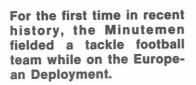
Laying out the required items of a back-pack for inspection.

SN Dan Gales stands by for inspection.

Minutemen sports

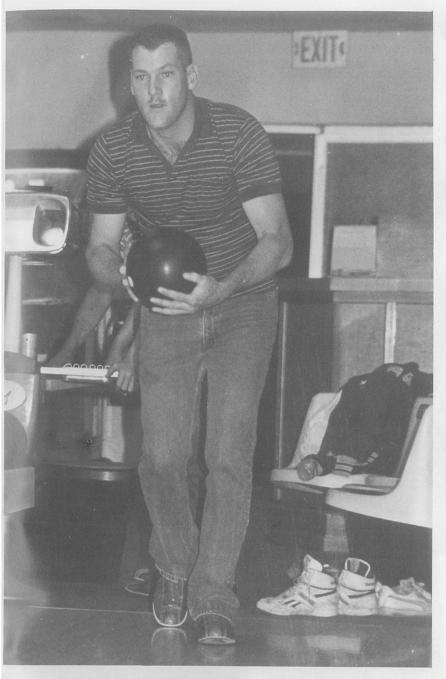


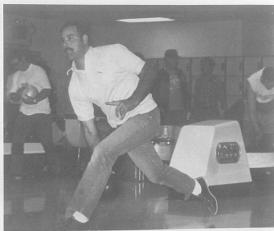




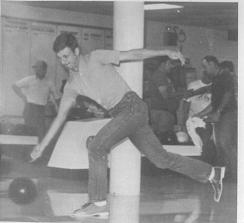












CE2 Kevin "ZIPPY" Davis participates in the 62 Bowling league.

CM1 Malcolm Johnson

CM1 David Noel

SWCN David Burns

Minutemen on the run





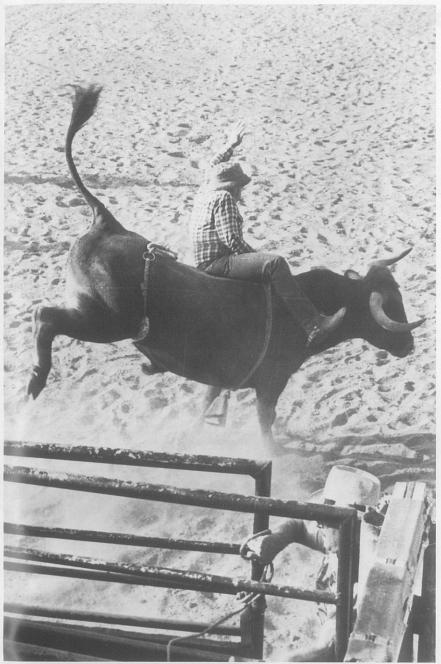
LCDR Steven Johnson proclaims victory early on for the "88" primary.



Even in Edzell, Scotland the Minutemen kept in pace.

Minutemen set the pace for the Energy Awareness Day race in Rota.

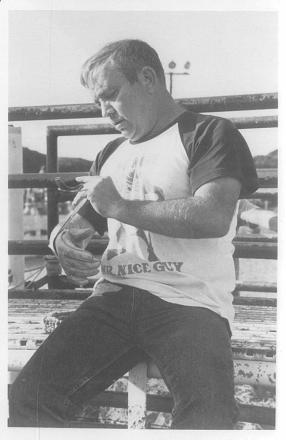






The Contest





The agony of defeat
The Champion



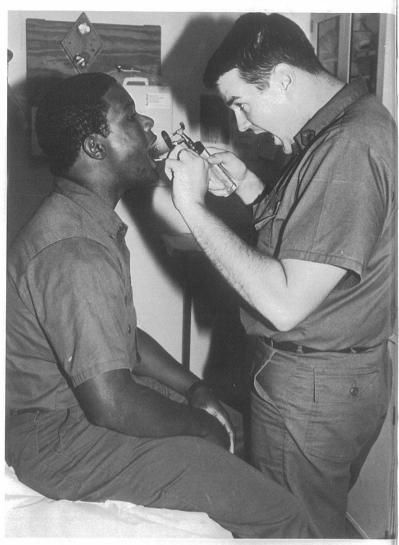
People and Places

HN Phillip Caudill performs an exam. EO1 Thomas Beuke assists in the removal of old pilings at the pier project.

Ongoing work on the small harbor craft piers.

Putting in the floor pad for the theater addition.













Charlie Company works on lot across from the air terminal.

Communion in the pines at Camp Mitchell.

SK3 John Lombardo and SKSN Mark Judge prepare supply paperwork.

perwork.
EO3 Jeffrey Weidner and EOCN
Edward Krall lay asphalt.

MR1 Dan Johnson fabricates a new part.



CMC Robert Bess asks, "Why can't I park in the CO's parking space?"







Delta Company 24 inch valve





BUCN Embry works in the galley at Camp Mitchell.



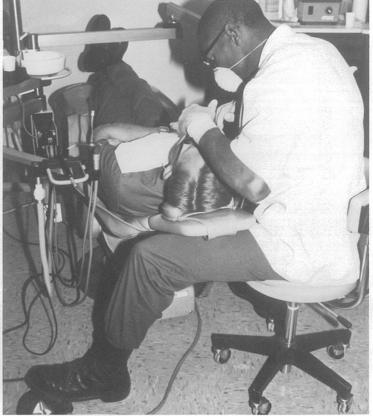
"When I made Senior Chief, they said I would have my own desk and wouldn't have to type any more," says PNCS Richard Turner.

EA3 Doug Blanchard struts his stuff as he learns to belly dance.





CE3 Kenneth Erickson works on the power distribution project in the housing area.







DT Alonzo Adams cleans one of the Minutemen's teeth.

BU3 Michael Schmit and BU3 Steven Vogelsong paint the "Bee" at Camp Mitchell.

HN Charles Cox keeps up with the medical lab's paperwork.



EA3 Jorge Rivera and EA2 Eric Owen do survey work on the running trail project.



Headquarters Company, S-3 "trained killers" during the FEX week in Rota.

SKC Danny Bebber and SK1 Timothy Stringer go over some of the Supply paperwork.

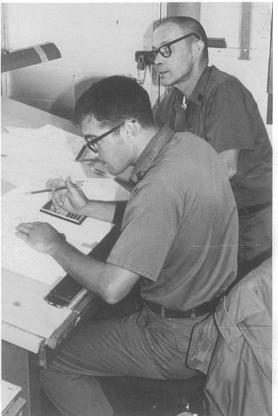
CM3 Anthony Woyak prepares the menu board for the day's meals.













BU3 Michael Ryan re-enlists atop the Alfa Company Batch Plant on New Year's at one minute past mid-night.

PN2 Pedro Ortiz keeps a smile on his face during the daily routine.

UT2 Roger Fouts checks the trouble call log book.

EA1 Matthew Kiefer and EAC George Bright calculate curves in the exercise running trail project.

BU1 Stanley Fudge, BUCA David Mack and BUCN George Rennison manned the Special Services throughout the deployment.







LCDR Thomas Cox keeps his paperwork moving.

BUC Gary Oppenlander reviews plans.

BU3 Michael Collier and BU3 Steven Vogelsong take a break from their busy painting schedule.

Minutemen prepare to use the range.

UTCN Christopher Blesi and UT2 Bruce Ridgeway repair gun burner for boiler.











EO3 Wesley Rainey prepares the lot across from the air terminal for paving.







SW3 Lonnie Shutt welds up some steel to be used for shoring.

EOCN Kevin Betz works at the new pistol range site.

SW2 Roger Hall, SWCN Art Kretzmer and EO3 Jeffrey Weidner take a break from the action.



LCDR Edward Kornegay checks his new vehicle. The Battalion saw the old jeep replaced by the new blazer.



Bravo Company on the beach; FAM fire, not liberty.

BU3 James Adams and BU3 Charles Crouse check plans while working on the theater addition.

Through the heat of the day or a Spanish rain, on foot or bike, PC1 James Flynn kept the Minutemen's mail moving.













Shocked at the sight of what has taken up residency inside his M-16, BU2 Dennis Sheffield decides it is time for Spring cleaning.

EO3 James Carney prepares the lot across from the air terminal for the new parking lot.

BUC Oppenlander gets Minutemen to the job site. In the truck in BU2 Michael Arsenault, BU3 Steven Warner and BU2 Ralph Dennis.

UTC Robert Nicholson contemplates how to answer another B-6 question.

Embark team visits ship





Lt Brian McHugh digs into the chicken during the over-the-hump party.



BUC Johnny Gill plays "MC".

Bravo Company busy working on projects around Camp Mitchell.





EO3 Michael Whaby and EOCN Roy Garrett take a break from laying asphalt.







Removing one of the eight inch valve was only a small part of the entire job.

HMC Gil Fontecha and SN Dan Gales deliver gifts during the visit to the Chipiona Children's Home.

CECN Charles Fryer and CECN Kieron Cole work on the underground electrical system at the fuel farm.

BUC Troy McCarter, Quality Control Inspector, explains to BU3 David Delaney the importance of constructing forms to a uniform height.

EOC Richard Saffle visits EO2 James Trigg and EO2 Robert Bender at one of the many paving jobs.



BU1 William Nixon and EO1 Lawrence Maddox go over some paperwork.

EO2 Harold Brown re-enlists.







UCCM Lanny Worel brings his Naval career to an end as he retires before the battalion in Rota.







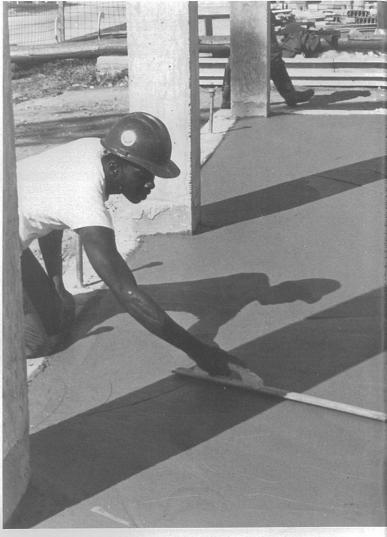
CMCN Edwin Anderson works on a tow truck.

BU3 James Adams finishes concrete pad at base theater.

CE2 Alain Jones and CE3 Paul Morris work in electrical man-hole at fuel farm.

CDR Delker conducts E-5 Captains call.















Charlie Company works on the outside of the new brig addition.

EA3 Douglas Blanchard and EA3 Craig Troncone conduct a slump test.

Early stages of work on the new pistol range.

CM3 George Petty removes a front loader bucket for transport during the embark exercise.

More valve removal



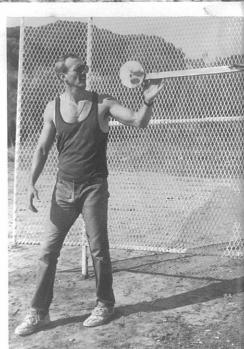


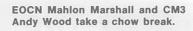
SWC Anthony Buzzitta gives the Rota Naval Station Chaplain a turkey from the golf tournament.

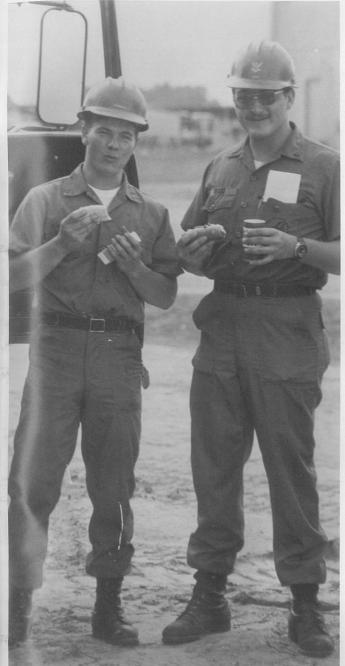


UTCN Eric Metz and UTCN Martin Galik prepare to pump out a valve pit.

BU1 Stanley Fudge prepares the dunk tank during the over-the-hump party.











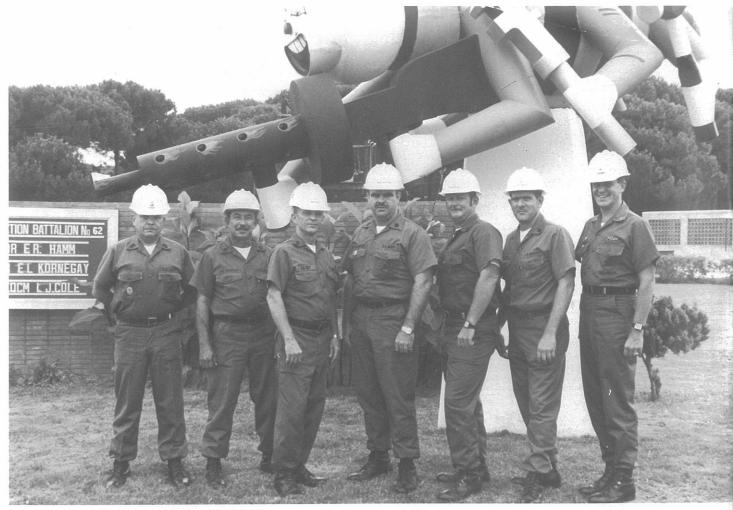


The Ditch Diggers Three, UTCN Patrick Kingsbury, UT2 Matthew Kueckelhan and UT3 Robert Combs cover up a new eight inch water line.

UTCN Richard Collot and EOCN Curtis Key dig for a valve.

NCC Larry Kennedy

New chiefs in Sixty-Two





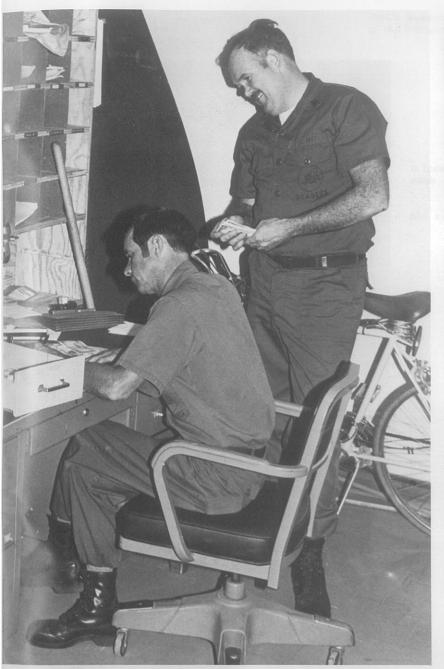
Lt Tyrone James



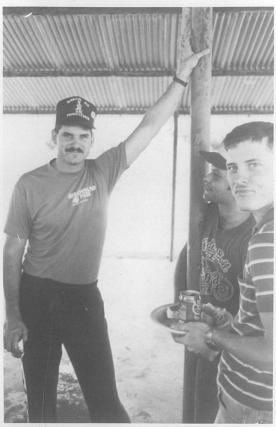
PN1 Ronald Finck

EO3 Thomas Colin and EO3 John Vinyard prepare to remove a valve.











CWO4 Lloyd Dyer and PC1 James Flynn review postal records.

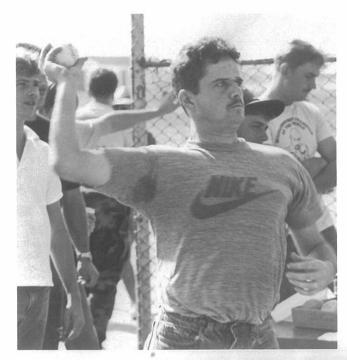
BUC James Tremain runs for first during the over-the-hump softball game.

Welding up shoring for the Delta projects.

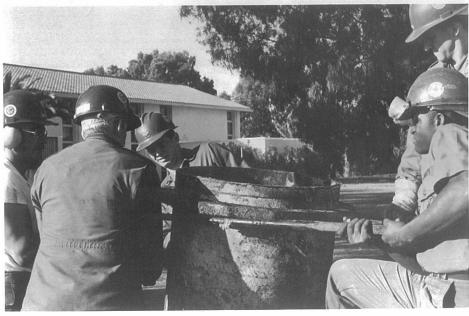
BU1 Jon Doliana, BU3 Joseph Alverson and BU2 Grover Pennington hang-out during the over-the-hump party.

Minutemen take their best shot at sending the XO into the dunk tank.

Delta Company removes old flange from 24 inch pipe.

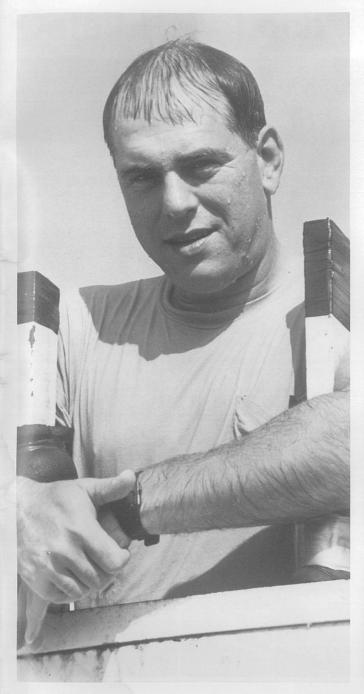


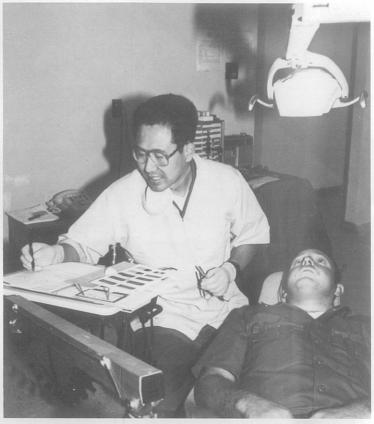






PNCS Richard Turner climbs out of the dunk tank.









Lt Daniel Kim prepares to work on a Minutemen's teeth.

SWCN Victor Fritch and SW3 Richard Rastrom break from the work at the small craft pier project.

PH1 Kenneth Downing sets the ball to BU1 Jerry Shelton.

UTCN Timothy Beyer, UTCN David Silva and BU2 Nicholaus Rochman take their job supervisor UT1 Paul Farrell to lunch.

HMC Gil Fontecha trys to send the XO into the drink.



BU3 John Sasso prepares dinner.

EO1 Mark Kreher waters down the lot across from the air terminal.

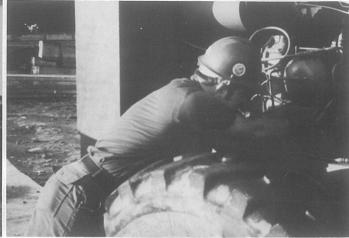






Detail Holy Loch







The crew of the detail Holy Loch.

CM3 David Docter doctors vehicle.

BUCN Daniel Brayton gets haircut from SH2 Scott Hall.

CE2 Tony Campbell repairs security lights.

BUCN Samuel House and BUCN Michael Stich work on the transportation dispatch office.









BU3 Patrick Baker checks project plans.

UT3 Brian Crehan and SW3 Richard Malek off load scaffolding in MLO Yard.



MS3 Dwight Hamby creating a masterpiece.









Two more details

Detail Mauritania

SWC Thomas Hoover, SW3 John Rastrom, BU3 James Adams, BU2 Darin Swiatkowski and HMC Gil Fontecha.

The local sites of Cairo, Egypt.



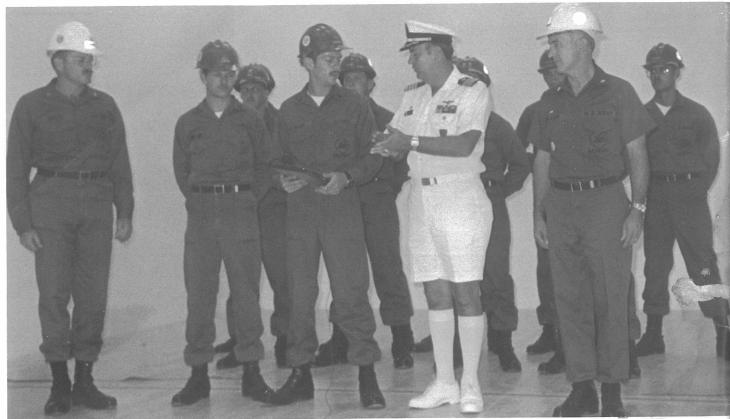








Detail Freetown as they board the bus from CBC for their trip to Africa.



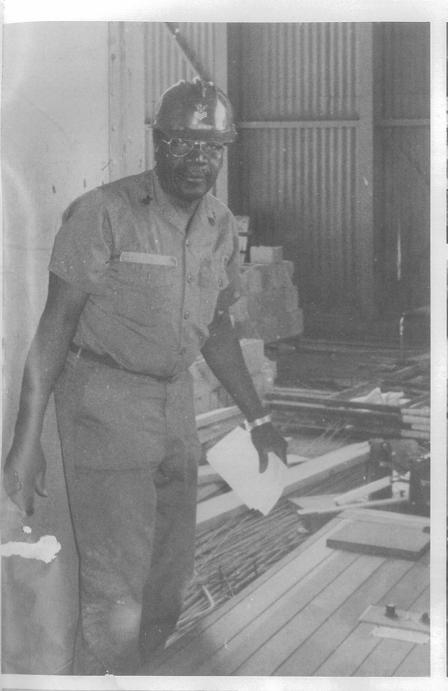
Detail Bermuda at the dedication of the racquetball courts.

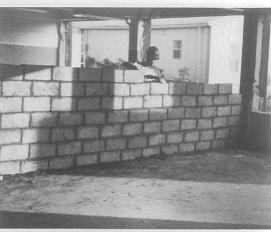
The office sign of detail Nea Makri.

CM2 Norman Gartner and CM2 Campbell of NMCB-4 turn over the first piece of CESE.













BU1 William Dean makes the rounds at his job sites.

BUCN Stephen Coffin mixes mortar for laying brick.

BU3 Richard Micheau lays block. BU3 James Glenn lays block.

Detail Edzell









