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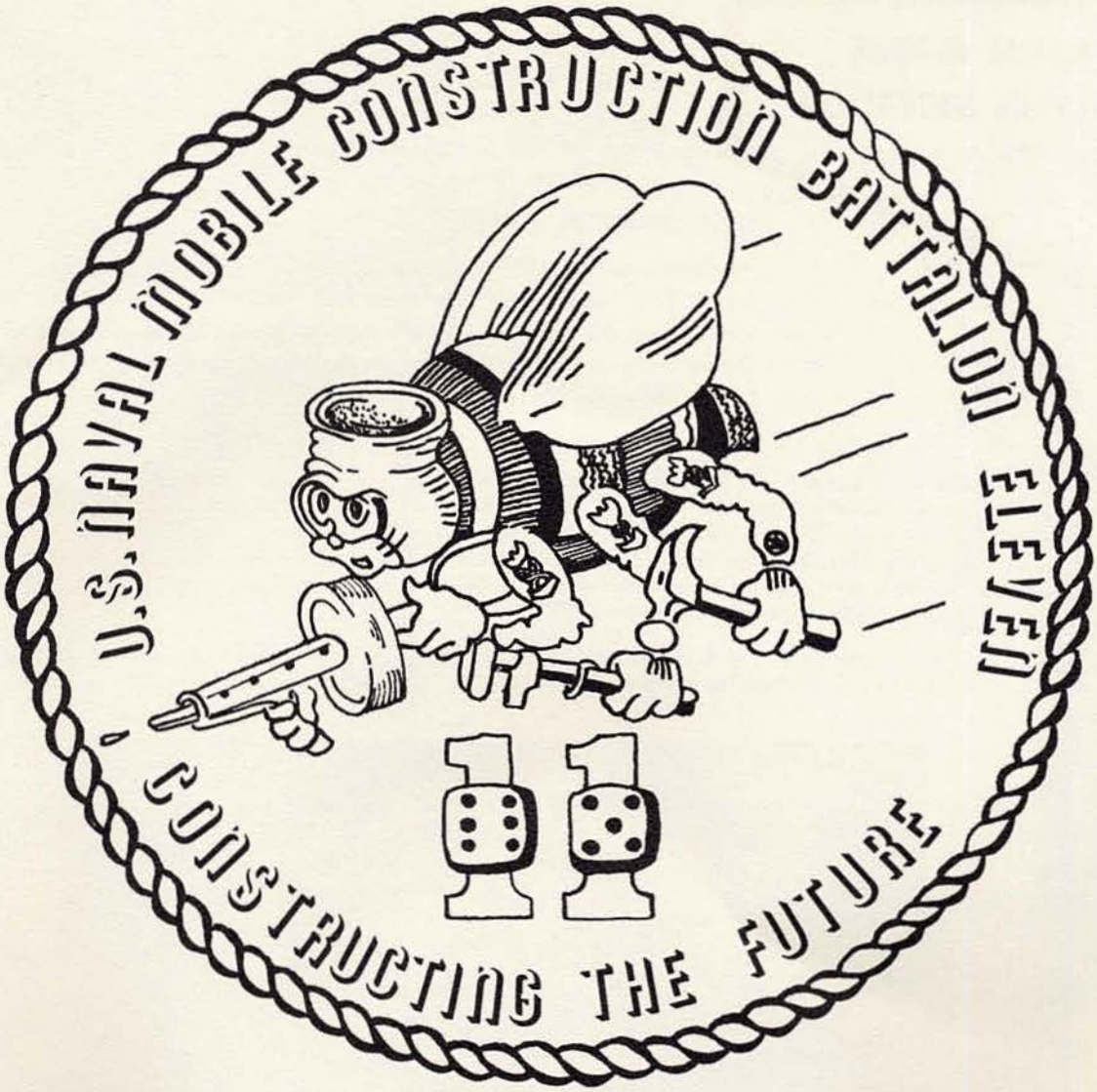

IN MEMORIAM

ROY E. CAMERON, CEC
JAMES E. MORGAN, BU1
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To these men that died while in the service of their country
We of Mobile Construction Battalion *ELEVEN* dedicate this book

U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION ELEVEN

1953-1960

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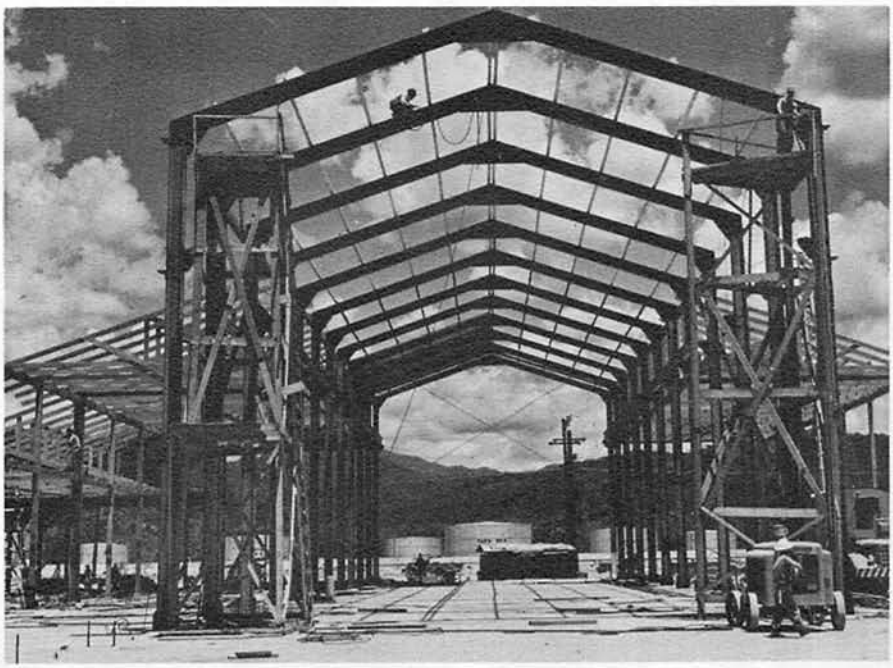
On Monday, 14 September 1953, at 1605, MCB ELEVEN was officially commissioned and became known as "The Newest Battalion In Existence." LCDR Castanes had the honor of being the first Commanding Officer. LCDR A. D. Froman was his Executive Officer.

ONE MONTH LATER

At approximately 1500, the men of the Battalion boarded the USNS BARRETT, "headed out" for their first Pacific Deployment. At 2230 the number one line was cast off, making the departure official and on the last day of October arrived at the Naval Air Facility, Cubi Point, Luzon, Philippine Islands.

The work cut out for the men of this new Battalion, included the construction of temporary facilities, used for barracks, shops and warehouses, the largest single buildings of the project; earth-moving for the construction of seaplane parking areas, roads and building sites; and the maintenance and operation of camp facilities. Living was none too pleasant since the men were billeted in tents most of the deployment and waded through approximately 100 inches of rain.

Over a year later the battalion returned to the Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California for leave and training.

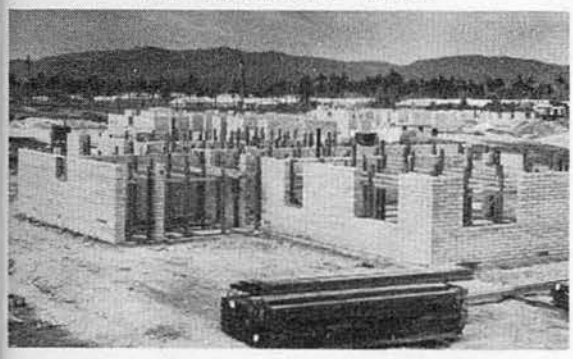


6 MARCH 1955

Off again, embarked for the U. S. Naval Station, Kodiak, Alaska to carry out assigned tasks consisting of maintenance, repairs and rehabilitation.

After a relatively short deployment, (thank goodness for the Alaskan winter) MCB-11 returned to Port Hueneme, California, in September, for leave and reorganization.

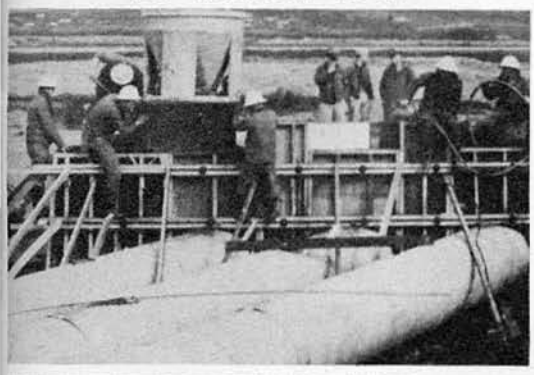
26 OCTOBER 1955

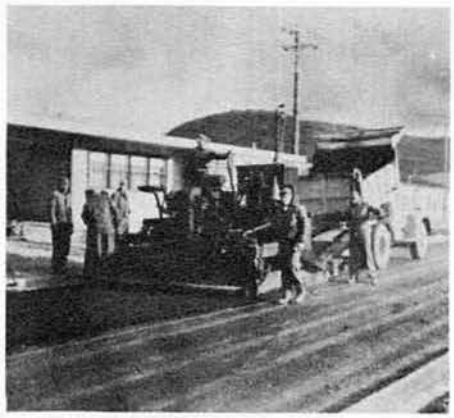


Embarked for Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands. The short period in port hardly allowed enough time to thaw out from the northern deployment but the destination soon took care of that. Hot, humid, salty weather on the atoll was with us continually as the men worked on the construction of 175 concrete block houses.

MCB ELEVEN was again deployed to CBC Port Hueneme, California on 16 October 1956 for technical training, leave and preparation for a new job. This was done during four months at the home port.

29 MARCH 1957

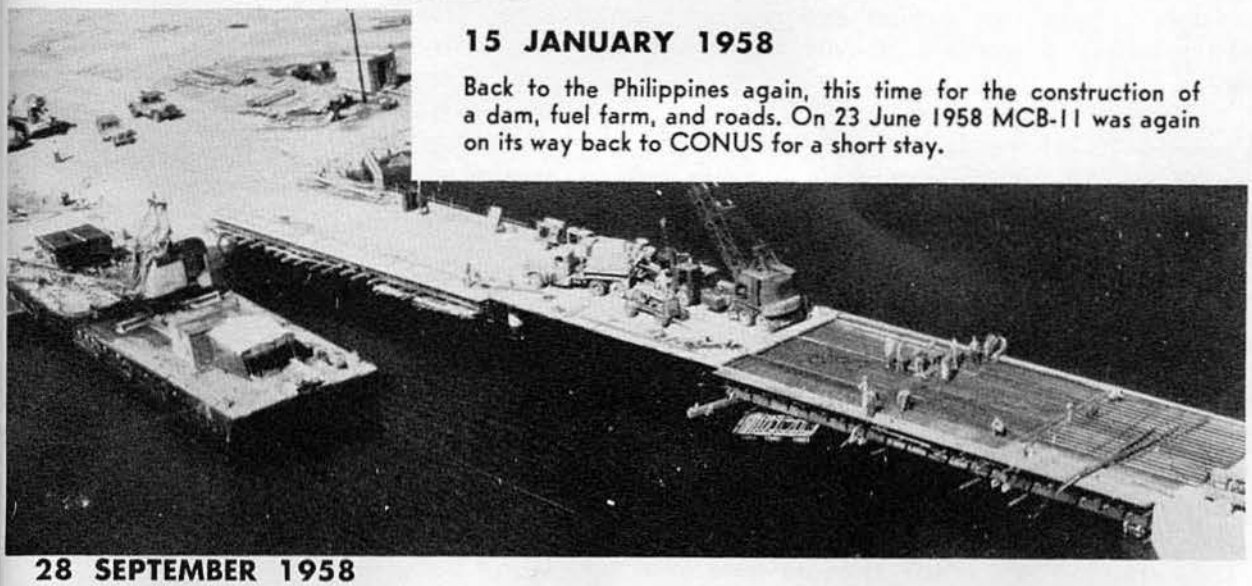




ON THE MOVE!! MCB-11 embarked again for approximately seven months of duty at Naval Station Adak, Alaska. From 6 April to 17 October 1957 their work consisted of runway seal coating, paving, and repairs and rehabilitation. The Battalion completed the assigned project and departed for home.

15 JANUARY 1958

Back to the Philippines again, this time for the construction of a dam, fuel farm, and roads. On 23 June 1958 MCB-11 was again on its way back to CONUS for a short stay.



28 SEPTEMBER 1958

The USNS SULTAN took us aboard and carried us to Duva Duva, better known as Guam. The battalion was split up into two groups for this work. The main group lived at the Naval Operation Base and the other at the Naval Air Station. The main jobs were construction of NAS housing, operation of a batch plant at Fadian Point and construction of magazines and the support facilities at the Naval Magazine Base. MCB FIVE followed us up on the Guam project.

The battalion arrived at Port Hueneme, California 24 June 1959. After the approximately nine month deployment in Guam, the California weather was quite a change — but a good one. The Port Hueneme deployment was very beneficial and different. For the first time Military Training was administered as a whole for a Mobile Construction Battalion. All hands who were able received at least three weeks of military training and many received six weeks. The bulk of the military training consisted of range firing, weapons familiarization, hand signals, march maneuvers, physical conditioning, an overnight bivouac for each training company and a day and night exercise in which the entire battalion participated.

MCB ELEVEN made first entry into the planning of space age construction work by Seabees in 1959, when the battalion was temporarily assigned to construct tracking stations on Canton and Guadalcanal Islands. Two officers and two men were sent on a preliminary survey but the project was deferred.

15 OCTOBER 1959 The main body of the Battalion left aboard the USS General Breckinridge for Okinawa. Already in the Far East was the advance party which left Port Hueneme on 7 September. The men of ELEVEN arrived on the little island on 31 October after an overnight stop at Yokohama, Jepan. MCB-11 relieved MCB-9 at Camp Kue, the battalion's new home, and MCB-9 boarded the USS General Breckinridge for their trip home. This in turn started the beginning of a productive deployment that was to extend until 20 July 1960.

The Okinawa project consisted of building permanent Staging Out Facilities for the U.S. Marine Corps. This project, which had been started by MCB-9 in February of 1959, included 5 large warehouses each 100 by 400 feet, 2 Engineer Shop Buildings, 1 Motor Transport Shop, 1 Ordnance Shop, a Supply and Administrative Building, a Central Head, wash and grease racks, and retaining walls along with necessary water, sewer and electrical services and roads and parking areas. MCB ELEVEN worked on all of these items except the central head, gasoline dispensing station and wash and grease racks. The construction involved consisted primarily of precast, heavily reinforced, concrete units, some of which weighed 20 tons.

The battalion poured 10,215 yards' of concrete during its deployment and fabricated and placed over 63,000 pounds of reinforcing steel. Over four acres of concrete floor slabs were poured. A total of 106,438 man-days were put into the project and the supporting camp facilities while the battalion completed about 40% of the project.

The battalion functioned as a completely independent and self-sustaining unit on Okinawa. It even operated its own Enlisted Men's Club. The battalion organized an intramural basketball league which was very successful. There were company softball teams which played against each other and a varsity team which won 19 out of 20 league games and took the championship of a league conducted by Kadena Air Force Base.

The battalion had a People to People program with the Okinawans. The Seabees built and installed playground equipment and moved buildings for classrooms at a public school in the town of Jagaru. 350 first grade children were entertained at a battalion sponsored Christmas party. This work was all voluntary.

On 16 February 1960, CDR H. F. LIBERTY was relieved by CDR JOHN P. WILLIAMS. There were also eight other officers detached during the deployment.

In November 1959, CWO MUNSON, officer in charge, and 35 enlisted men were detached to Midway. Their job consisted of building a stabilized area adjacent to the runways that birds might favor rather than the Air Station runways where they had long caused heavy damage to aircraft. Detachment Bravo returned to Okinawa on 24 March 1960.

The USS MANN brought MCB-5 to Okinawa on 19 July 1960 to relieve MCB-11. The battalion boarded the ship on this day and the next day, 20 July, departed for Port Hueneme, via, Yokohama, arriving on 3 August, 1960.

The following pages present a pictorial review of our latest deployment.

By R. S. Forde

"Cock of the Walk"

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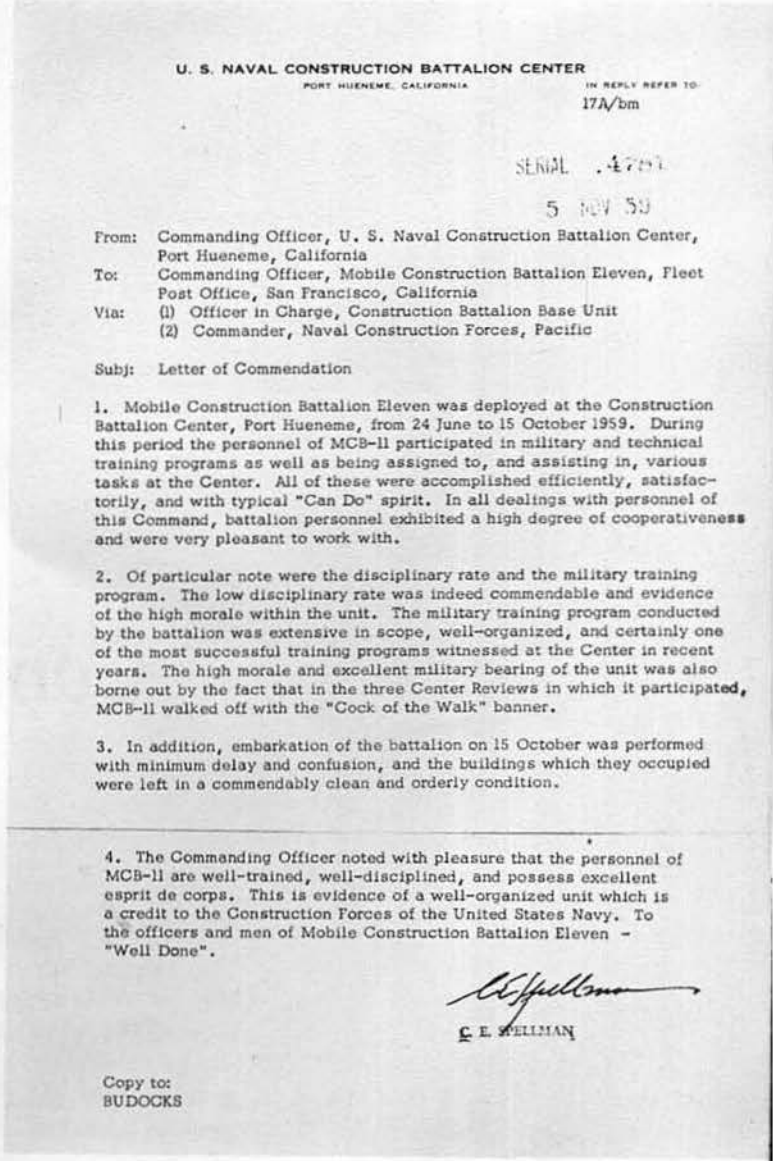

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From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, California
To: Commanding Officer, Mobile Construction Battalion Eleven, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California
Via: (1) Officer in Charge, Construction Battalion Base Unit
(2) Commander, Naval Construction Forces, Pacific

Subj: Letter of Commendation

1. Mobile Construction Battalion Eleven was deployed at the Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, from 24 June to 15 October 1959. During this period the personnel of MCB-11 participated in military and technical training programs as well as being assigned to, and assisting in, various tasks at the Center. All of these were accomplished efficiently, satisfactorily, and with typical "Can Do" spirit. In all dealings with personnel of this Command, battalion personnel exhibited a high degree of cooperativeness and were very pleasant to work with.

2. Of particular note were the disciplinary rate and the military training program. The low disciplinary rate was indeed commendable and evidence of the high morale within the unit. The military training program conducted by the battalion was extensive in scope, well-organized, and certainly one of the most successful training programs witnessed at the Center in recent years. The high morale and excellent military bearing of the unit was also borne out by the fact that in the three Center Reviews in which it participated, MCB-11 walked off with the "Cock of the Walk" banner.

3. In addition, embarkation of the battalion on 15 October was performed with minimum delay and confusion, and the buildings which they occupied were left in a commendably clean and orderly condition.

4. The Commanding Officer noted with pleasure that the personnel of MCB-11 are well-trained, well-disciplined, and possess excellent esprit de corps. This is evidence of a well-organized unit which is a credit to the Construction Forces of the United States Navy. To the officers and men of Mobile Construction Battalion Eleven - "Well Done".

C. E. SPELLMAN

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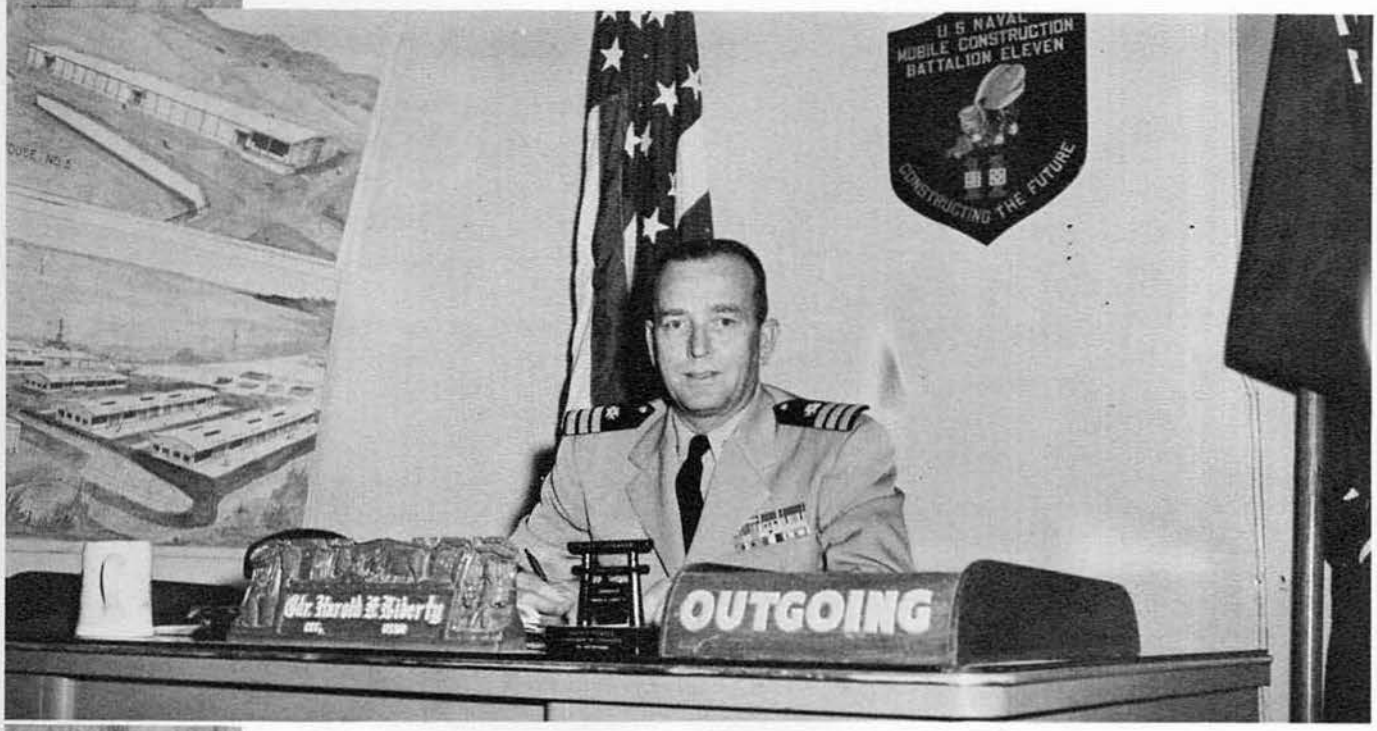
BUDOCKS

Returning to Port Hueneme in July of '59 the Battalion had an opportunity to participate in three Regimental Reviews and walked off with top honors each time. Upon departure for Okinawa in October the above letter was received commending the Battalion on its accomplishments. CDR Liberty, above, on right, returns the "Cock of the Walk" flag to CAPT Spellman just before leaving aboard the USS Breckinridge.



CDR HAROLD F. LIBERTY
CEC USNR

Commanding Officer

Nov. 1957 — Feb. 1960

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF MCB-11:

My interest in your activities has never diminished. Through personal letters, the Stinger and monthly reports, I have been able to follow your job progress, as well as your military and sports programs. These reports give further poof to the outstanding reputation of the Sea Bees in general and MCB-11 in particular.

I am proud to have had a part in building up this reputation. I look forward to reading of your future accomplishments so that I can continue to say "That's my outfit, the best in the Pacific."

H. F. Liberty

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CDR JOHN P. WILLIAMS
CEC USN

Commanding Officer

Feb. 1960

On 16 February 1960 at Camp Kue, Okinawa, I relieved Commander H. F. Liberty as Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ELEVEN. At that time, you had already been on Okinawa for three and one half months and you were making excellent progress on the construction of the U.S. Marine Corps Staging-out Facilities, Sukiran. During the remainder of the deployment, as a result of your abilities and industry, this amazing progress continued. In the years to come, as you look back through the cruise book, I hope each of you obtains a great deal of enjoyment and satisfaction in reliving this period of your life. Every man in the Battalion deserves a "Well Done" for his contribution to the outstanding success of this deployment.

For my part, I am proud to be associated with such a fine group of personnel and even prouder of having been a part of MCB-11 during at least a part of the Okinawa deployment.

JOHN P. WILLIAMS
Commander, Civil Engineer Corps
U.S. Navy
Commanding Officer

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Executive Officer

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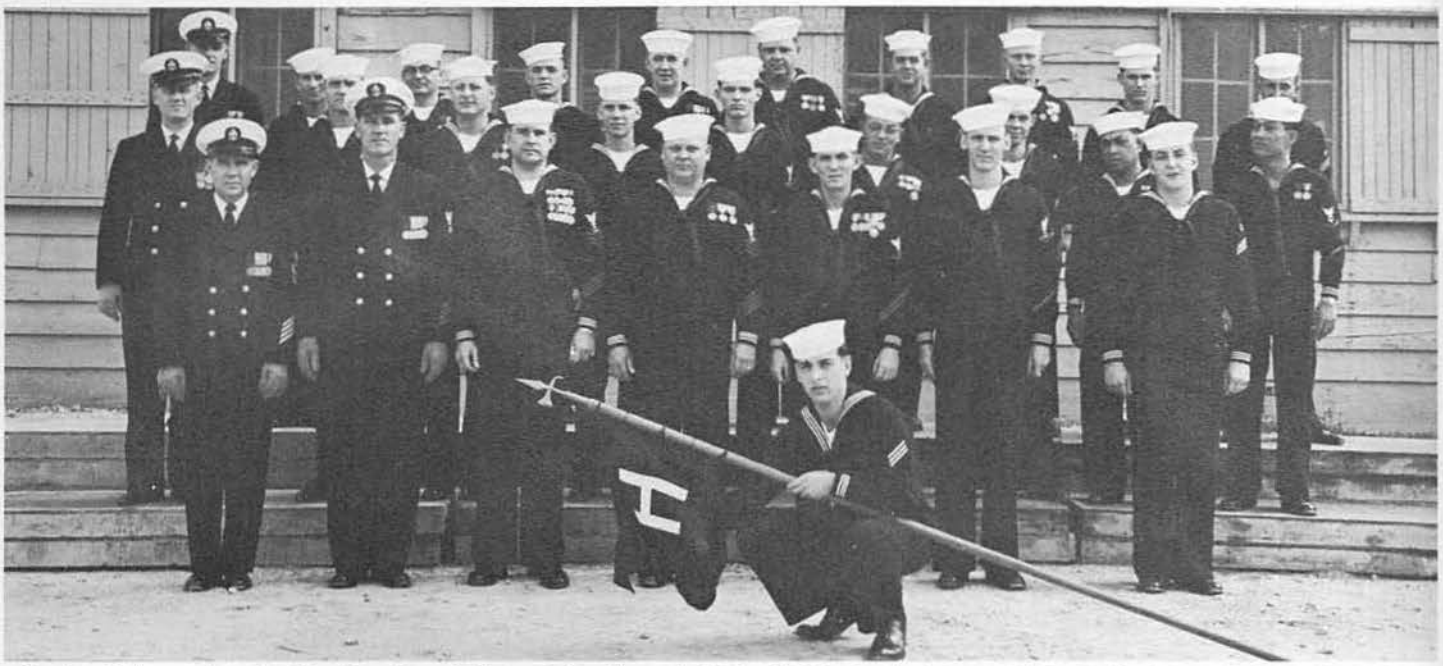

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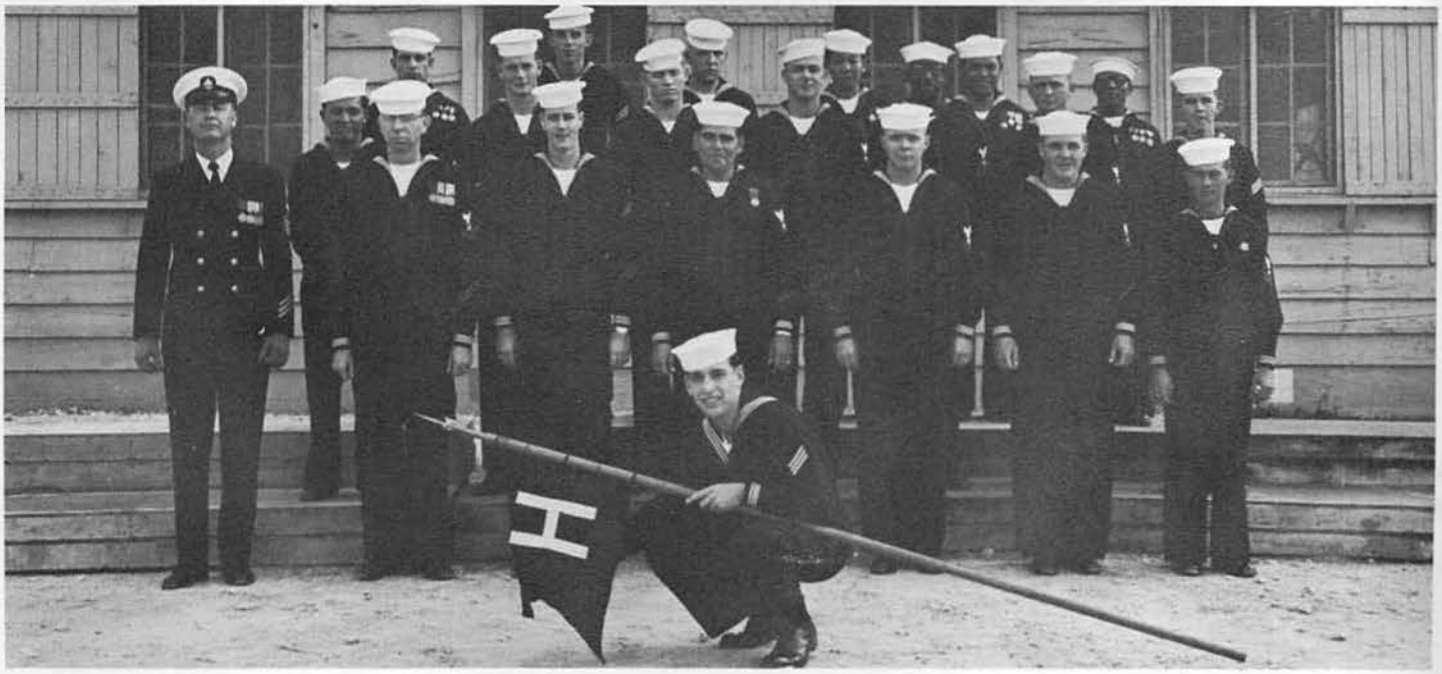

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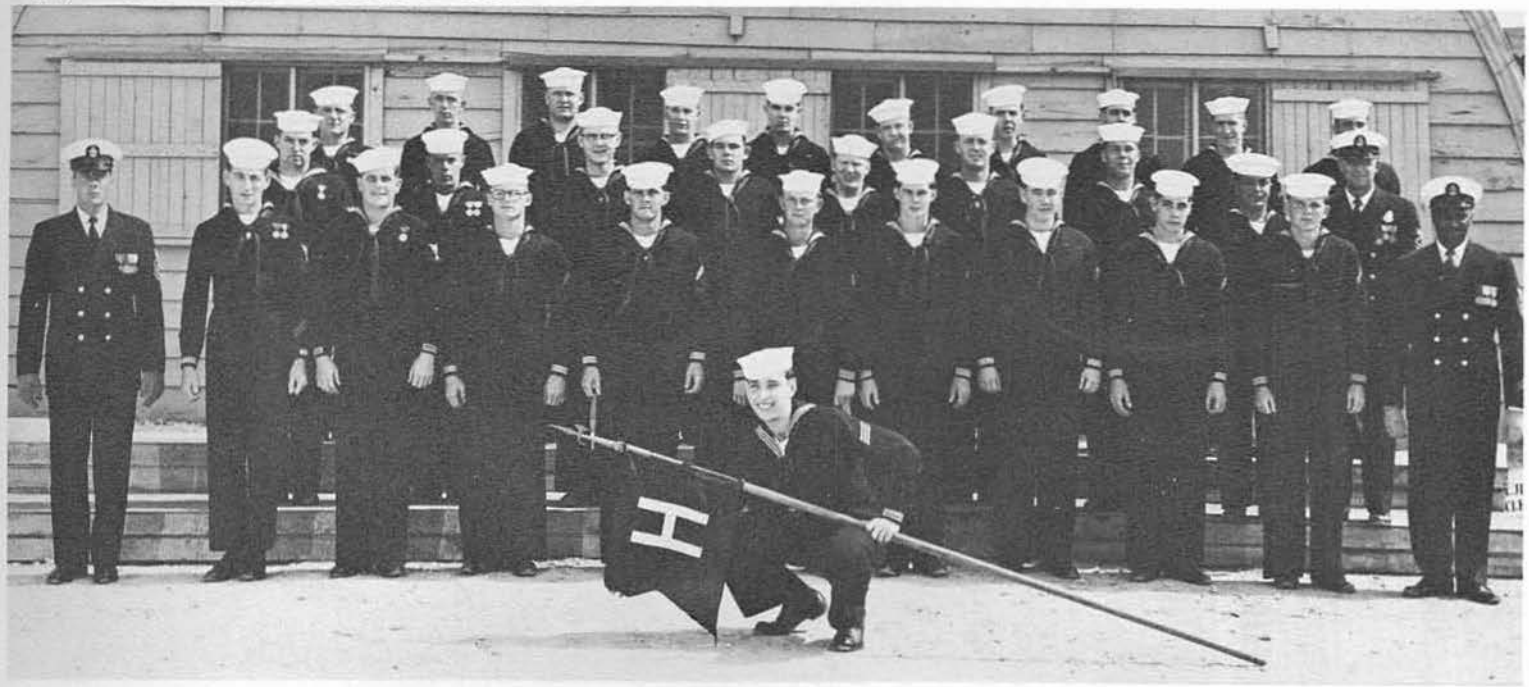

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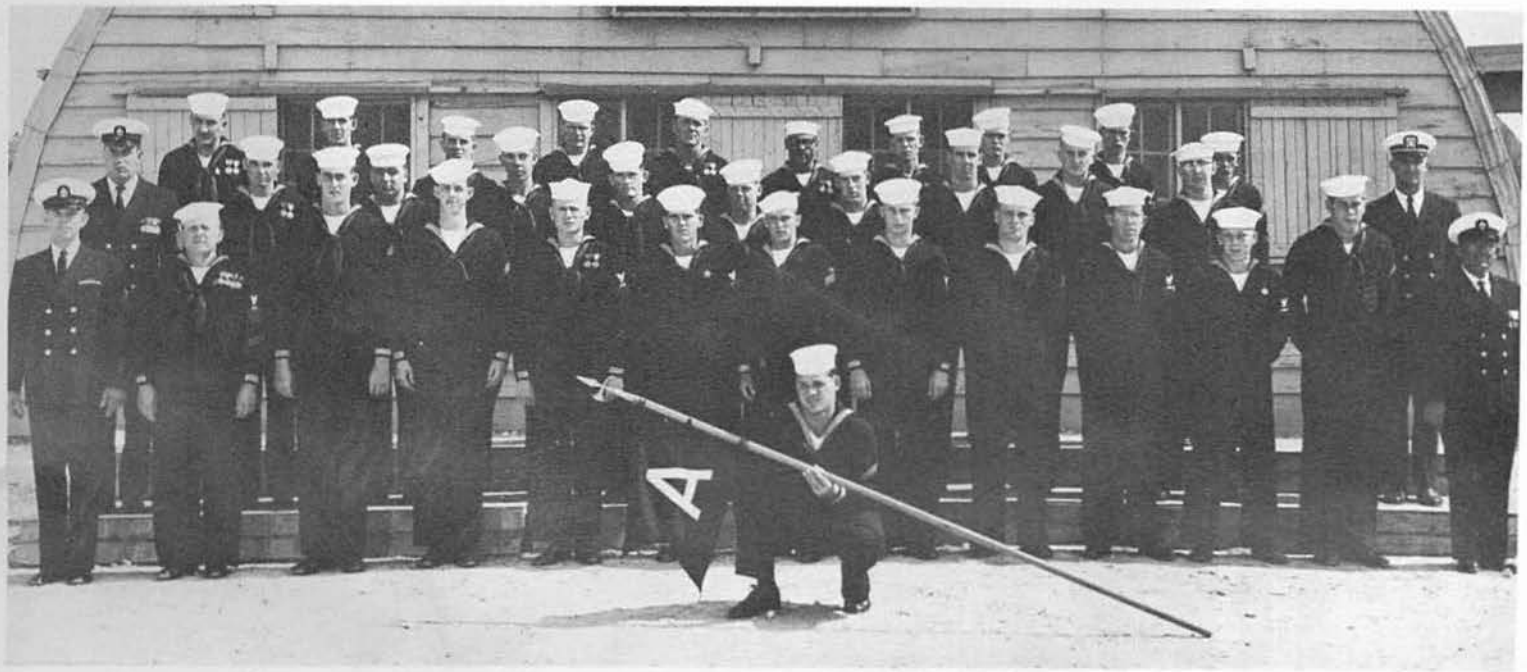

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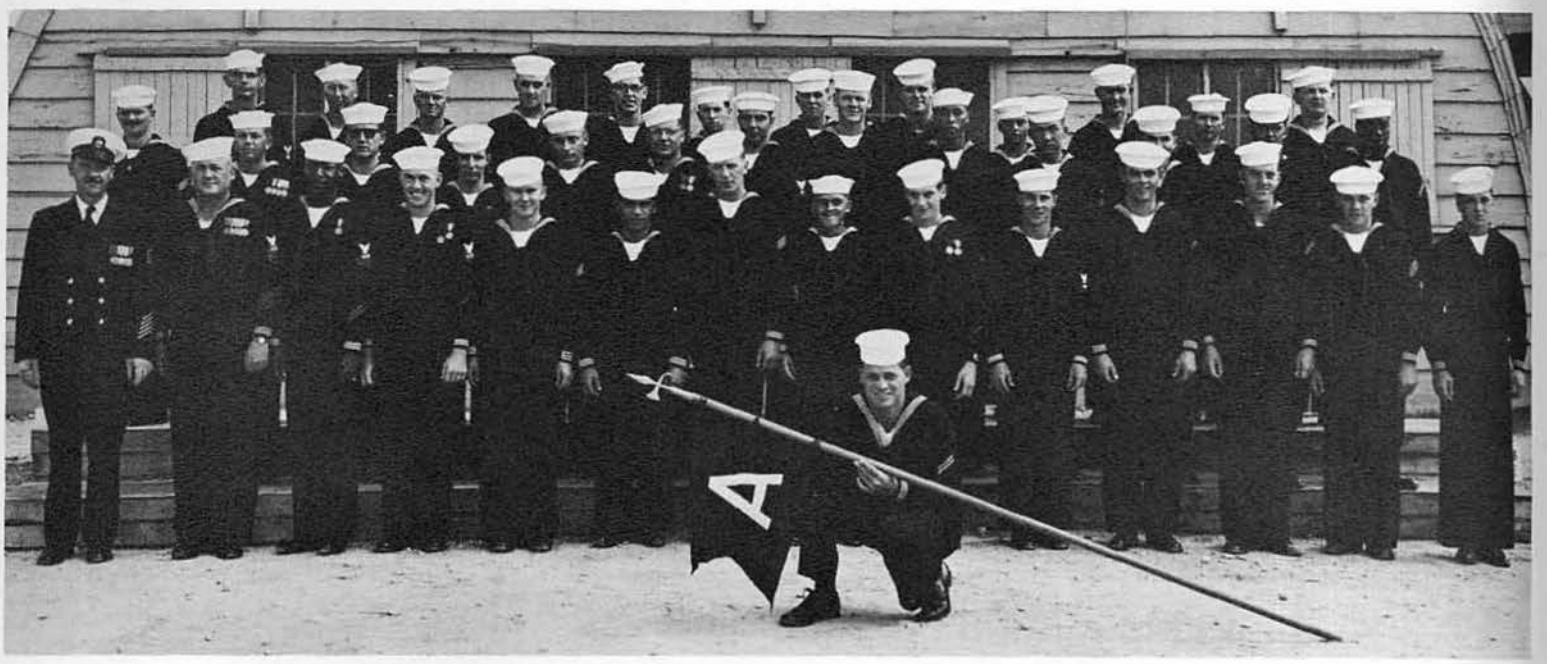

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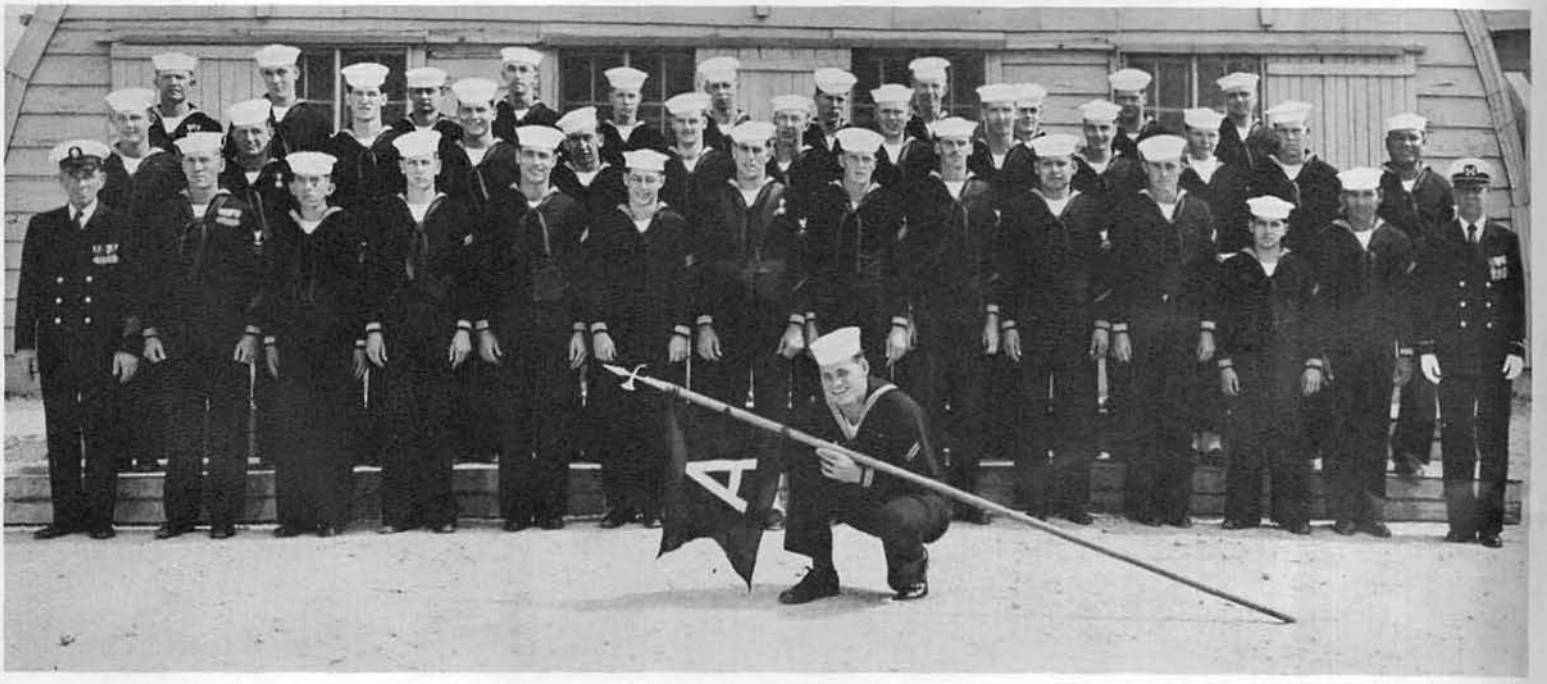

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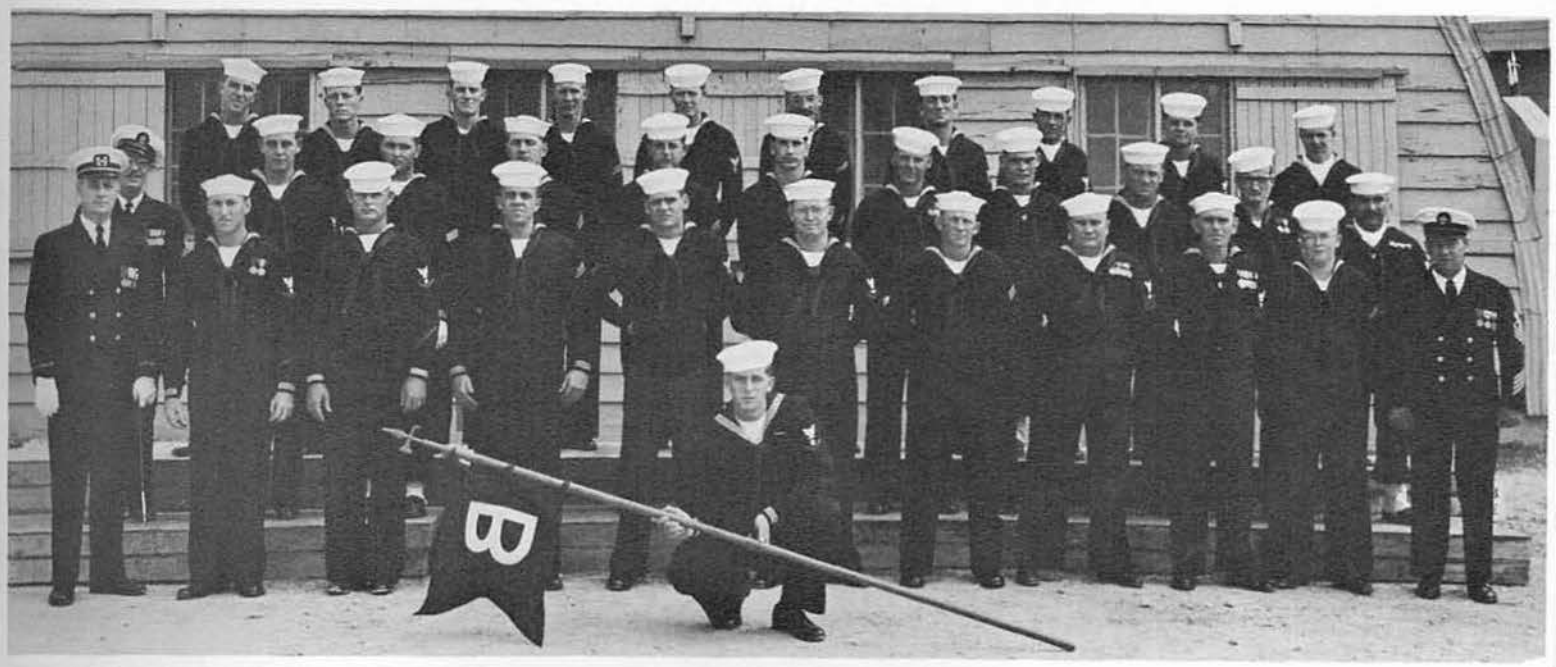

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Second Row: ENS D. C. Ellison, Byrd, F. K. CN, Simonetti, A. J. BUL3, Hoefert, C. L. CMA3, Brown, A. E. CN, Clapp, D. C. BUL2, Gesner, R. A. BUL2, McNeely, R. A. BUL3, Russell, G. E. BULCR, Cagle, E. H. CN, Crist, G. B. CMA2.

Third Row: Camron, R. E., CEC, Decker, A. N. SWF3, McDowell, L. L. CN, Crow, L. J. SWI, O'Conner, D. D. BUI, McMullen, B. L. BUI, Fortenberry, P. BUL3, Collings, F. R. EON2, Barkley, L. D. EON2, Haky, J. CN, Misner, E. W. EOI.

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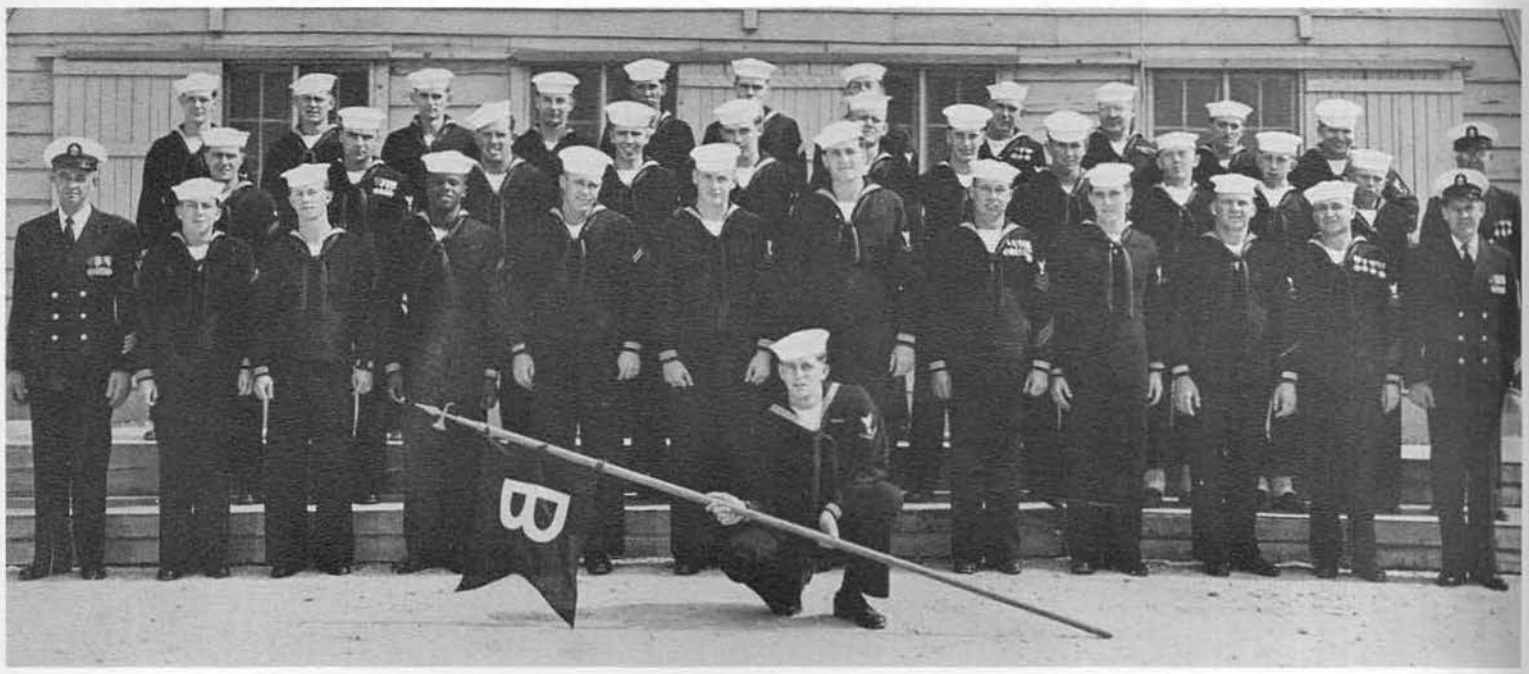

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Second Row: Galipeau, G. J. BULCN, Dore, R. R. BU1, Serna, L. R. BURCN, Raynor, R. W. BULCN, Steffens, W. F. BURCN, Gregg, J. W. CN, Zeiter, D. M. Jr. CN, Anderson, C. E. BUR3, Williams, J. M. BUR2, McGinley, BUC.

Third Row: DeLong, R. E. UTP2, Lubbers, K. SA, Kosecki, R. E. SWF2, Kubitza, J. CN, Jones, B. A. CP, Hall, D. L. SN, Williams B. R. CEW3, Smasal, J. F. SFI, Benedict, H. E. CEI, Gilliland, J. L. CN, Malicoat, D. F. BUL2.

"C" CO. 1st PLATOON

Guidon Bearer, Fletcher, J. L. CN. First Row, left to right: WO D. E. Landers, Garcia, B. D. C. CMA3, Stratmeyer, J. L. EOCP, Hallman, E. A. EOCN, Varney, K. L. EON2, McCormick, C. H. EON2, Lawrence, J. B. CMH3, Lawson, J. L. EOCP, Harrison, M. EOH3, Steckler, H. H. EOI, Long, R. J. EOC.

Second Row: Wilkinson, G. R. CN, Brewbaker, H. K. BUL3, Downey, S. J. BUL2, Carson, J. W. BUR2, Albright, E. G. BULCN, McGaffin, D. W. BUL2, Young, J. F., Goudy, L. D. BULCN, Caron, W. A. BUR2, Dygert, R. L. BUR2.

Third Row: Sanchez, A. S. BULCP, Kehs, F. H. UTP3, Gannon,, C. R. UTP3, Lawden, A. J. CN, Forbes, R. D. SWF3, Ariz, W. D. SWI, Clemetson, D. L. CN, George, R. A. CEP3, Westbrook, H. A. CN, Mears, J. W. CEP3, Chance, R. H. UTC.

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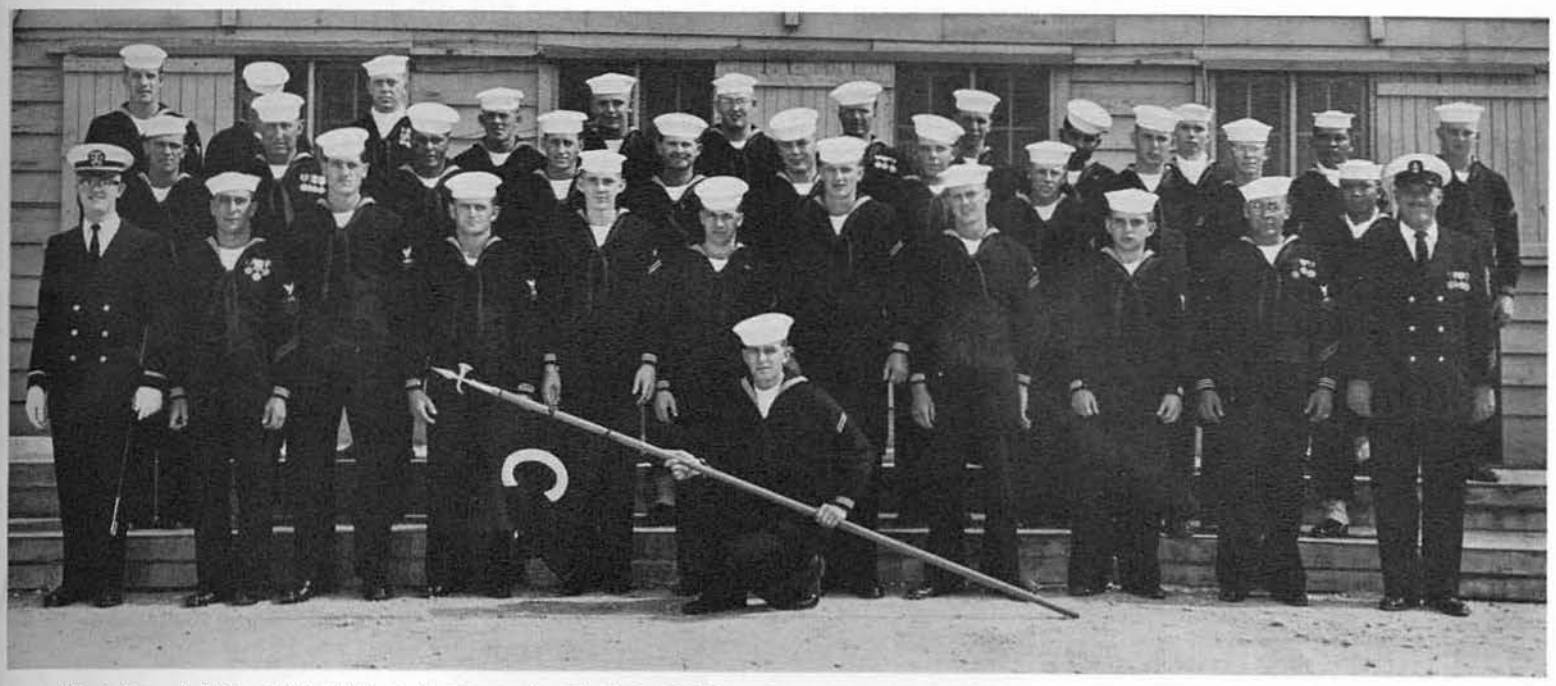

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Second Row: King, C. H. CN, Morgan, J. E. BUI, Cotman, R. F. BUL3, Lowery, D. E. BULCP, Wasson, O. M. EOH3, Boron, P. V. BUL2, Saxton, E. E. BUL3, Cotten, N. V. BUL3, Mosher, F. CN, Denbo, J. L. BUHCN, Doria, B. G. BUL3.

Third Row: Yoder, B. L. UTA3, (Hidden), Cannon, E. L. BUL3, Sweatt, E. E. BUL3, Pankow, K. J. BUL3, Dack, G. L. UTB3, Fisher, D. L. UTP2, Barr, R. E. CEW3, Anonuevo, R. E. UTA3, Barnes, J. I. CMHCN, Mesa, J. L. UTWCN, Carroll, H. E. CR.

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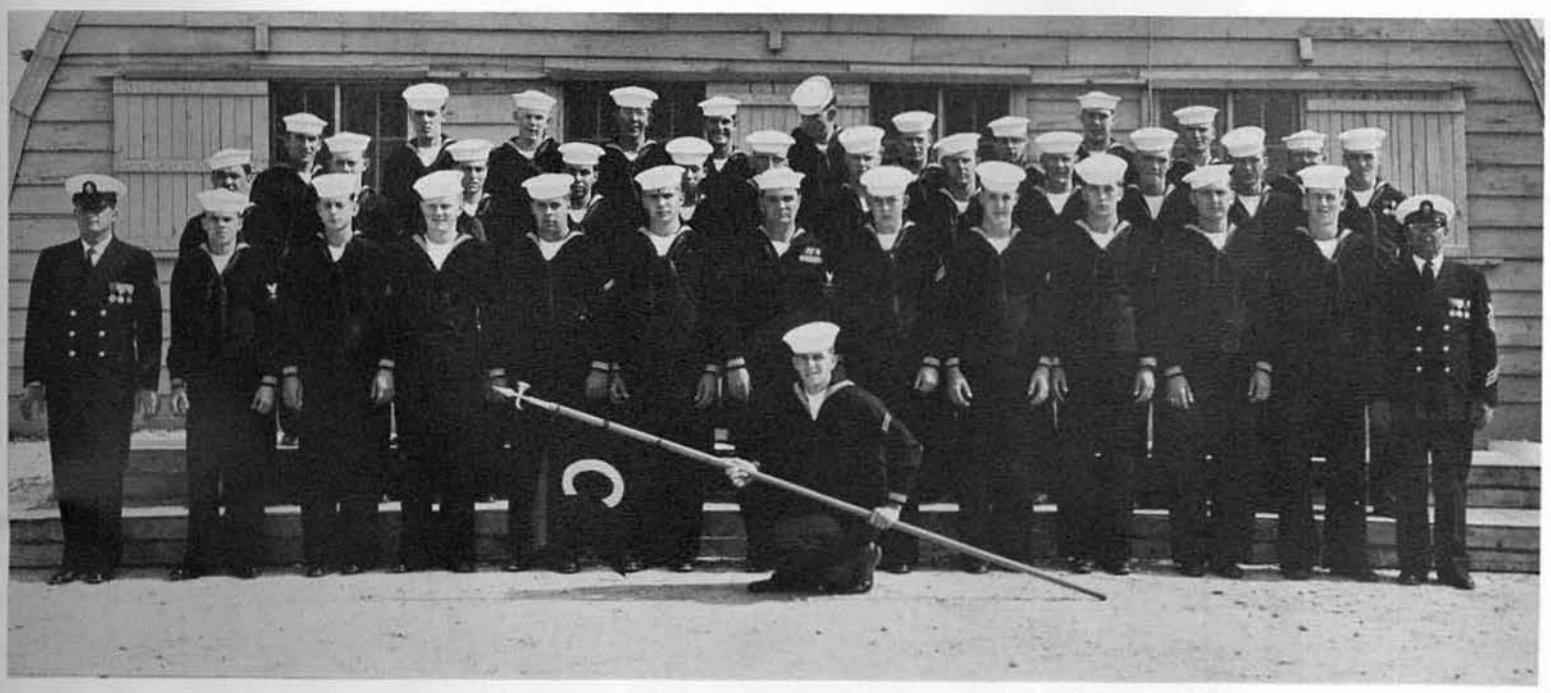

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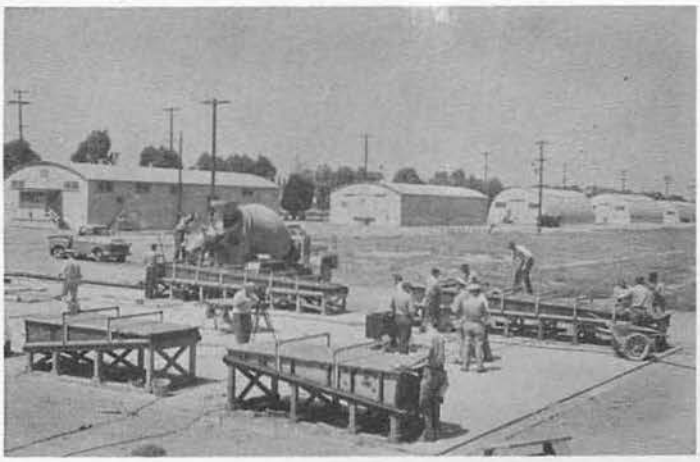
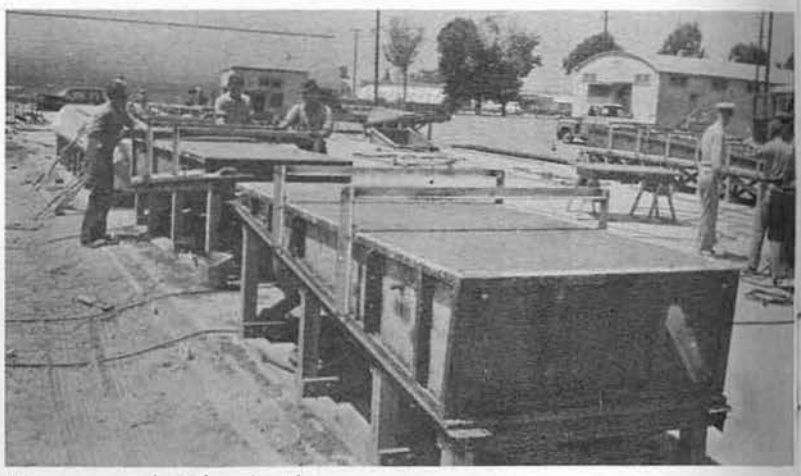
Second Row: Cabrara, Q. CMACN, Franklin, J. E. CP, Anderson, L. J. CP, Degollado, N. BUL3, Gies, B. E. CP, Hughes, R. L. BUR3, Trimble, L. W. CP, Beaver, R. K. CN, Ridenour, H. L. UTWCN, Moore, J. C. CN, Dart, A. W. CN, Smeltzer, R. L. BU1.

Third Row: Piava, R. A. CN, Lutze, R. W. BULCN, Bodin, L. S. SWF3, Williams, M. E. CN, Sawtelle, R. BULCN, Carruth, J. B. CN, Wyld, J. E. CEW2, Hathaway, W. E. CEW2, Etzler, D. R. CEW2, Kot, J. F. CEW2, Cerasuolo, R. S. SWF2.

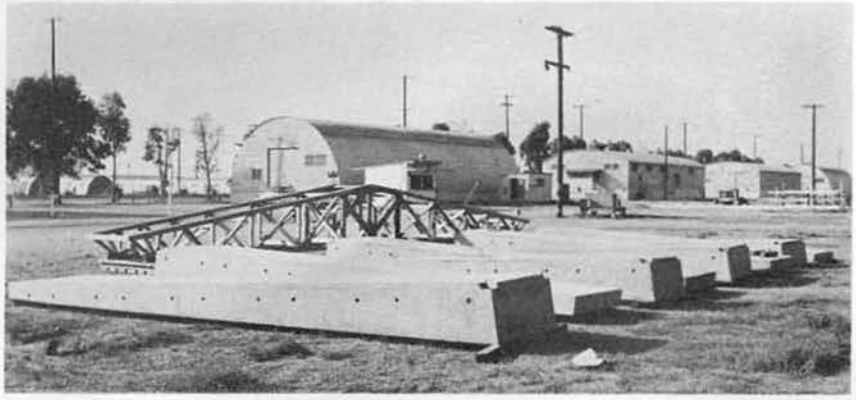
Training at Hueneme

Construction . . .



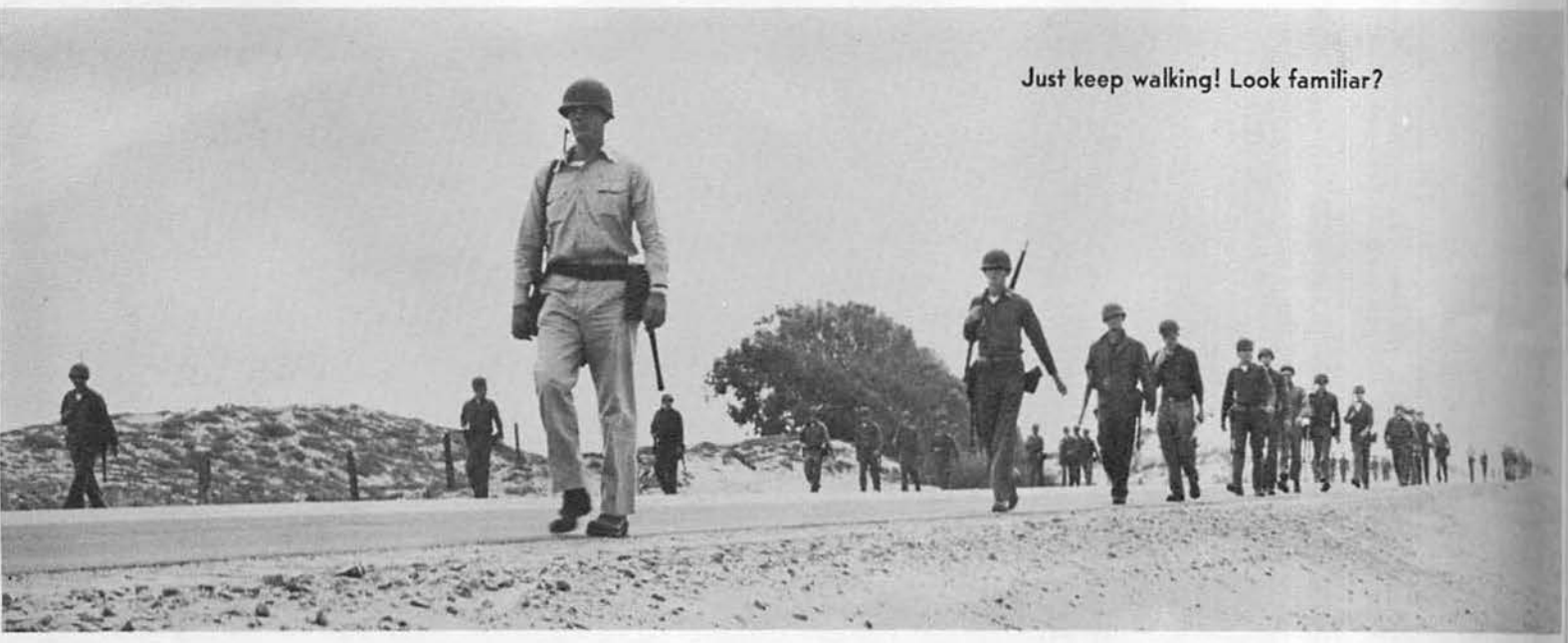


The first precast concrete construction ever undertaken by the "Bees" of "Eleven."—A preview of things to come!



Finished product . . . The only problem was that we never did find out what they were (take a look now, though!)

Military . . .



Just keep walking! Look familiar?

Don't fire, men, until you see the whites of their eyes!

"The Summit Conference"

Me too?

Take ten!

Y'all come and git it!

Training over, it's time for a Sea Bee type party at Port Hueneme.

Like MAN, what is it?

We Departed

On October 15, 1959, USN MCB ELEVEN departed Port Hueneme, California, for a long deployment in the Far East. Destination—Okinawa, R. I. Mission —to build a staging-out facility for the United States Marine Corps consisting of warehouses and shops buildings, a total of ten major precast tilt-up structures. MCB NINE had started the job and we were to be the middle man in the construction picture, followed by MCB FIVE.

We mustered on the grinder and formed in manifest order . . . Luckily there was no waiting (Ha).

We then boarded the manhauls, plush air conditioned vehicles with a maximum of 15 people allowed on board (Now wait just a minute!)

We arrived at the docks and bade adieu to our families and sweethearts . . .

. . . boarded the USS Breckinridge . . .

and took a last look at the States.

We Arrived

After a short stop in Yokahama, Japan, we pulled into the Port of Naha on October 31, 1959.

We arrived at the docks.

The advance party displayed their knowledge of the local language, and prayed that the ship wouldn't be late and arrive in the afternoon.

We off-loaded right into the hands of those pioneers of MCB Eleven—the advance party.

and once again set foot on dry land. ("Nuff said!")

Each of us received an introductory pamphlet to the island—you can see we had plenty of time to read and a third hand to carry it in . . .

. . . and mustered to await transportation to our new home, "Camp Kue."

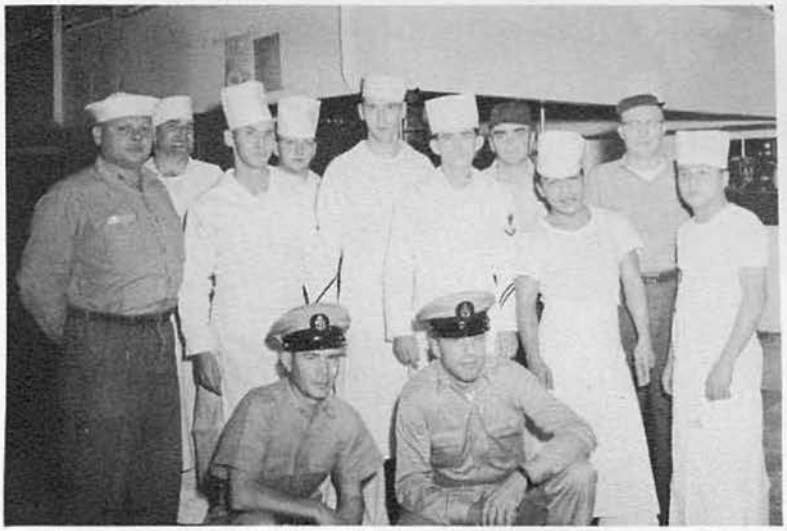
CAMP KUE

Our portion of the camp area was located directly behind the army hospital and just below the local village of Jagaru. The Army bus serving both Kadena Air Base and Naha Air Facility stopped at the Hospital giving the men free transportation to the southern part of the Island, while local buses made connections to the east side of the Island and the recreational area of Ishakawa Beach.

Below exemplifies the huts in which we lived. Some were partitioned off into two men cubicles. It doesn't look like much, but you tell us how to make the top half of a culvert look like a "house beautiful."

Admin Crews

Farmer and his sidekicks



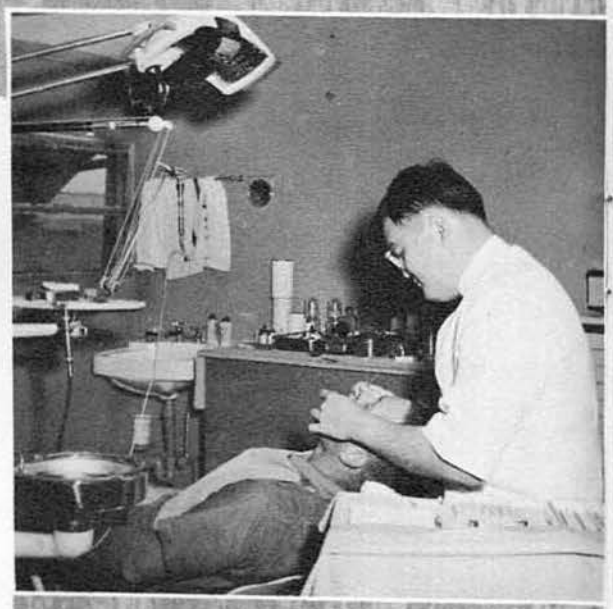
No. 1 Sea Bee type belly-robbers

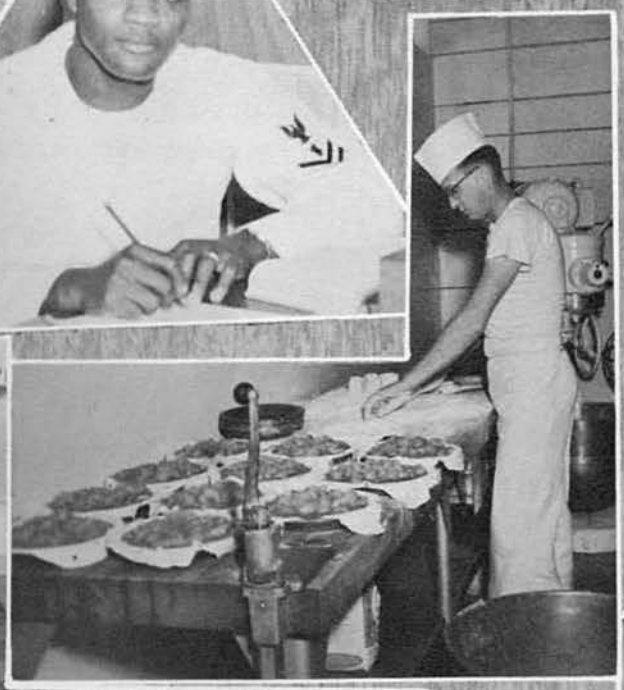
. . . Help you out — which way . . .

Keepers of the battalion supplies and monies

"Doc" Sullivan's dart throwing crew

Admin Crews at Normal





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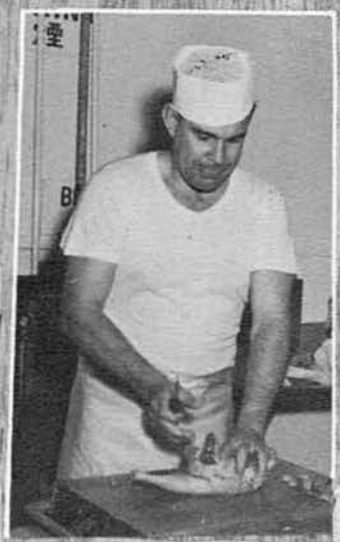
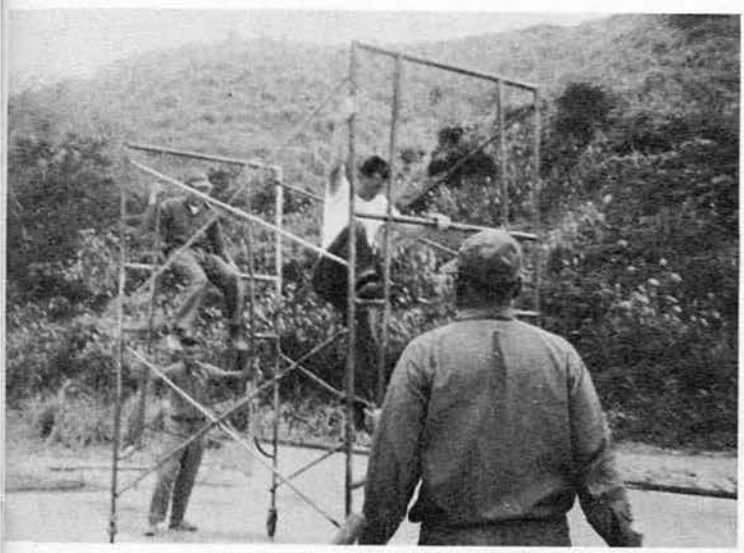


Project Crews

Here's the twenty man crew who took forty rations from the galley and poured what would normally take fifty men twice the time — over 10,000 yards of concrete.

Project Crews

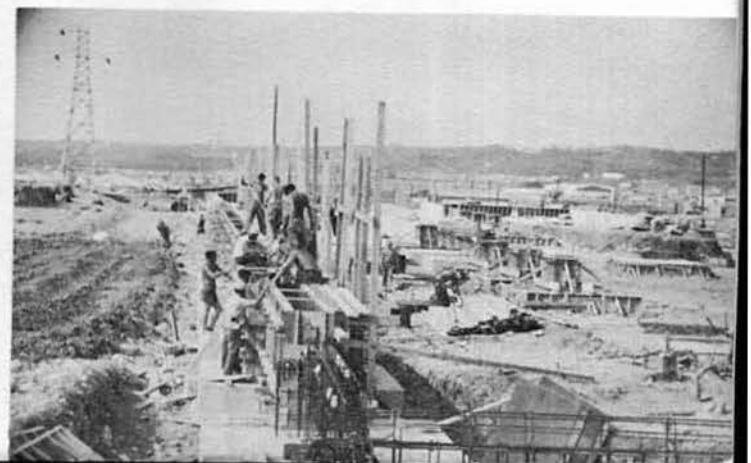


Who needs trees?

Quonset erection crew

It was a T-ball jotter

Gradebeam crew



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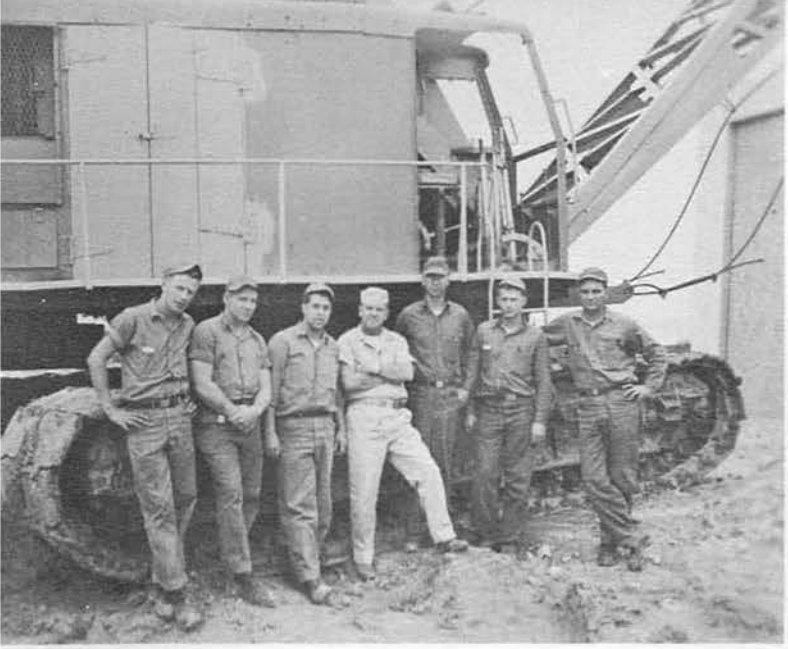
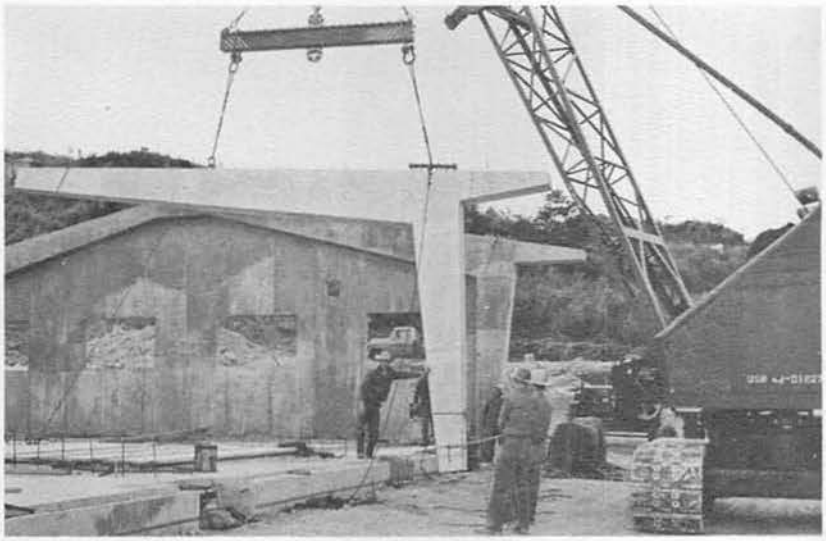


The Crane Crew . . .
Some people call 'em
"Mountain Movers"

APEX crew



Where's Safety Sam?

Before . . .

. . . after (almost)

Steel yard crew and

miles and miles of it!

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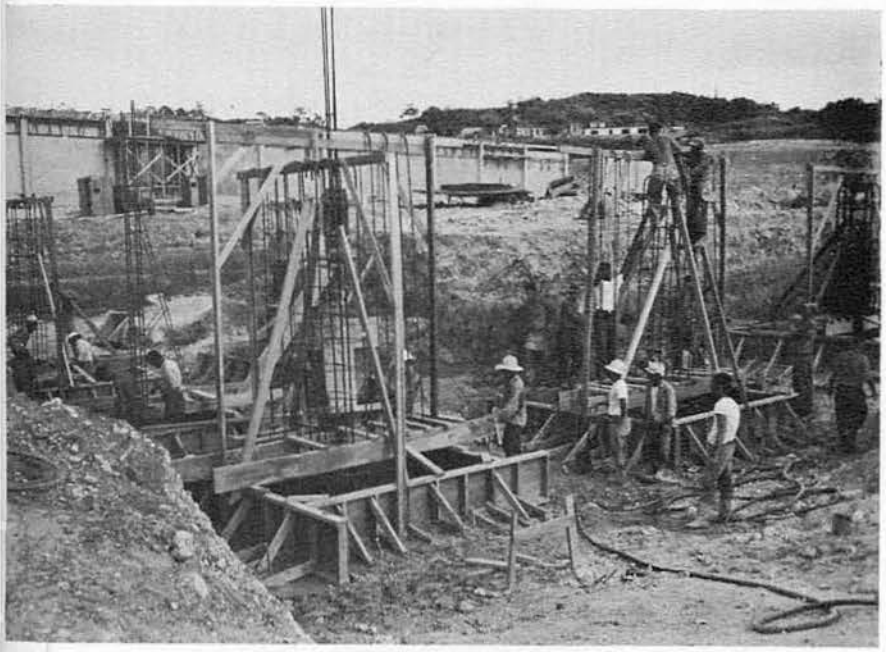
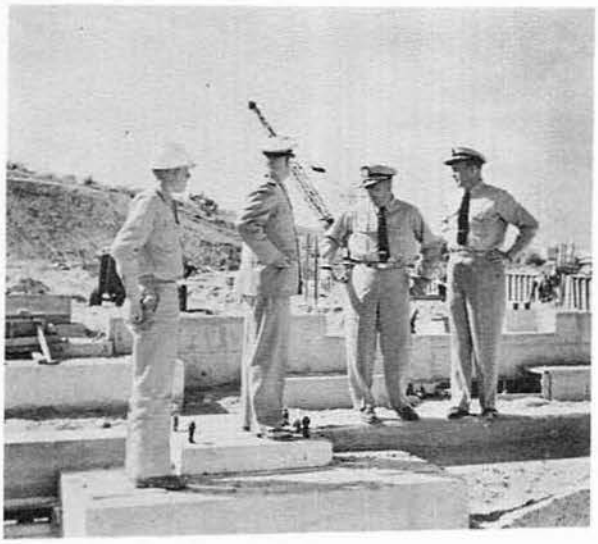
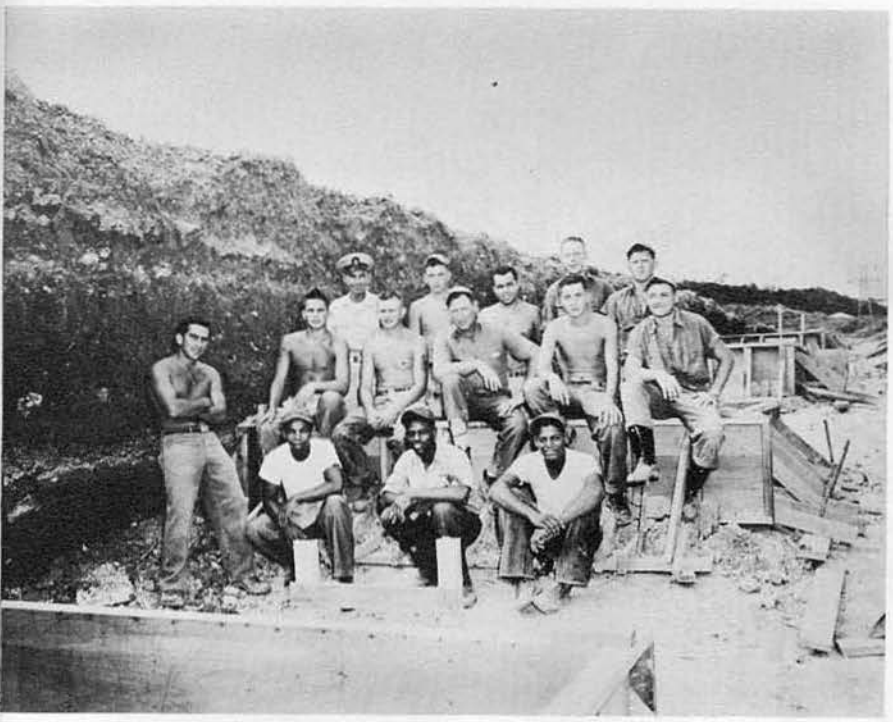
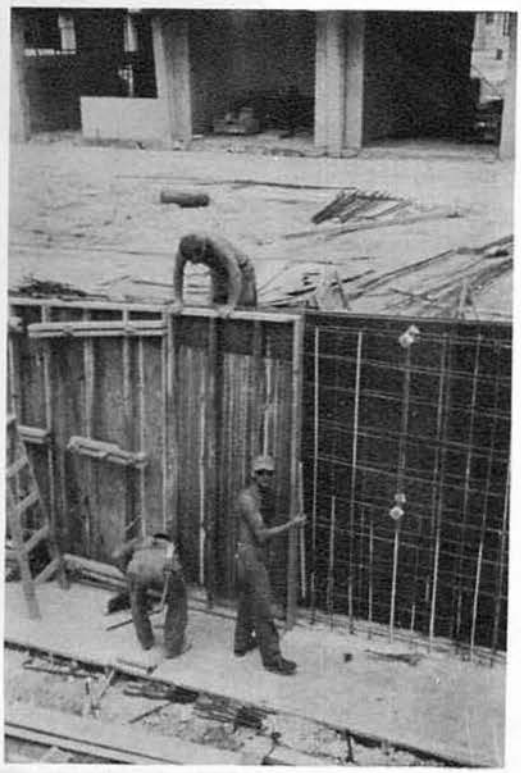






Concrete and steel were the blood and guts of this project and these were some of the crews that kept it alive. "Pappy" Knight's Footing and Pedestal crew and Carpenter's stiffener crew. Dore and a few of his boys snuck in too!

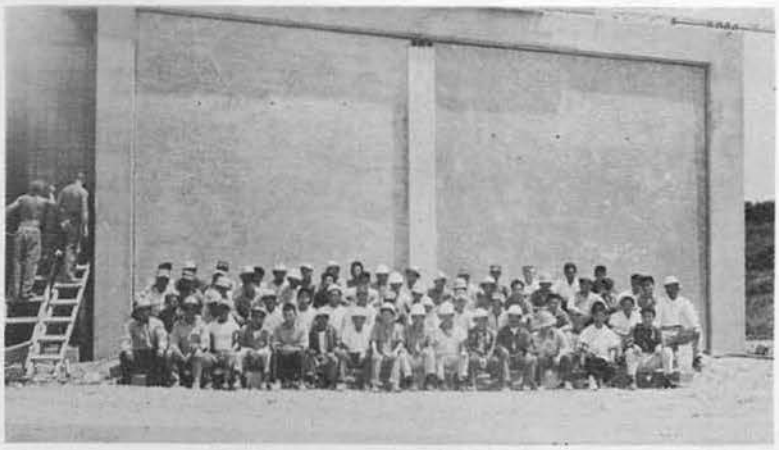


Project Crews

UT Crew, "What da ya mean it won't run up hill!"

Chief O.B.'s boys

"See what that other lever is for"



Indigenous laborers (seated)

"I've been working on the rip rap—"

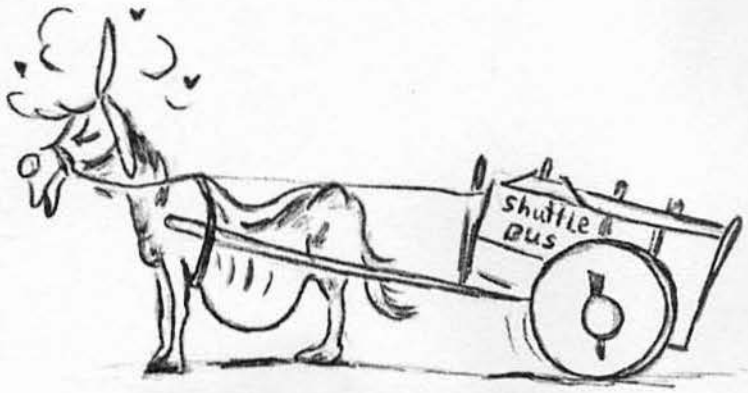
Project Crews

Finish grade

Three cats to one pan—who said it didn't rain!

And here's the mud movers!

"Make your left turn here"



Transportation, anything—anywhere—anytime!

The lamplighters of Okinawa
Our CE crew

Project Crews

Ditching crew and the monster

What cliff?

"No Smitty, it's not like a typewriter!"

The end of one Habu and the start of more rip rap, or are they still trying to locate the P.O.L. line?

Put in an 1150 for some instant grass

Support Shops

. . . without these men no job can be accomplished

Heavy Equipment Repair crew

Spare Parts Issue

It says here . . . .

I wonder wonder who?

Mechanics stay here!

Dispatchers

Support Shop

They say if you don't know who is supposed to do it—give it to Operations—the same holds true for Central Shops—if no one else will build it—give it to Central Shops. From running boilers to building BOQ's they're the people.

Operations Type People

Operations Department personnel

Drafting Section

Moshi Moshi who you?

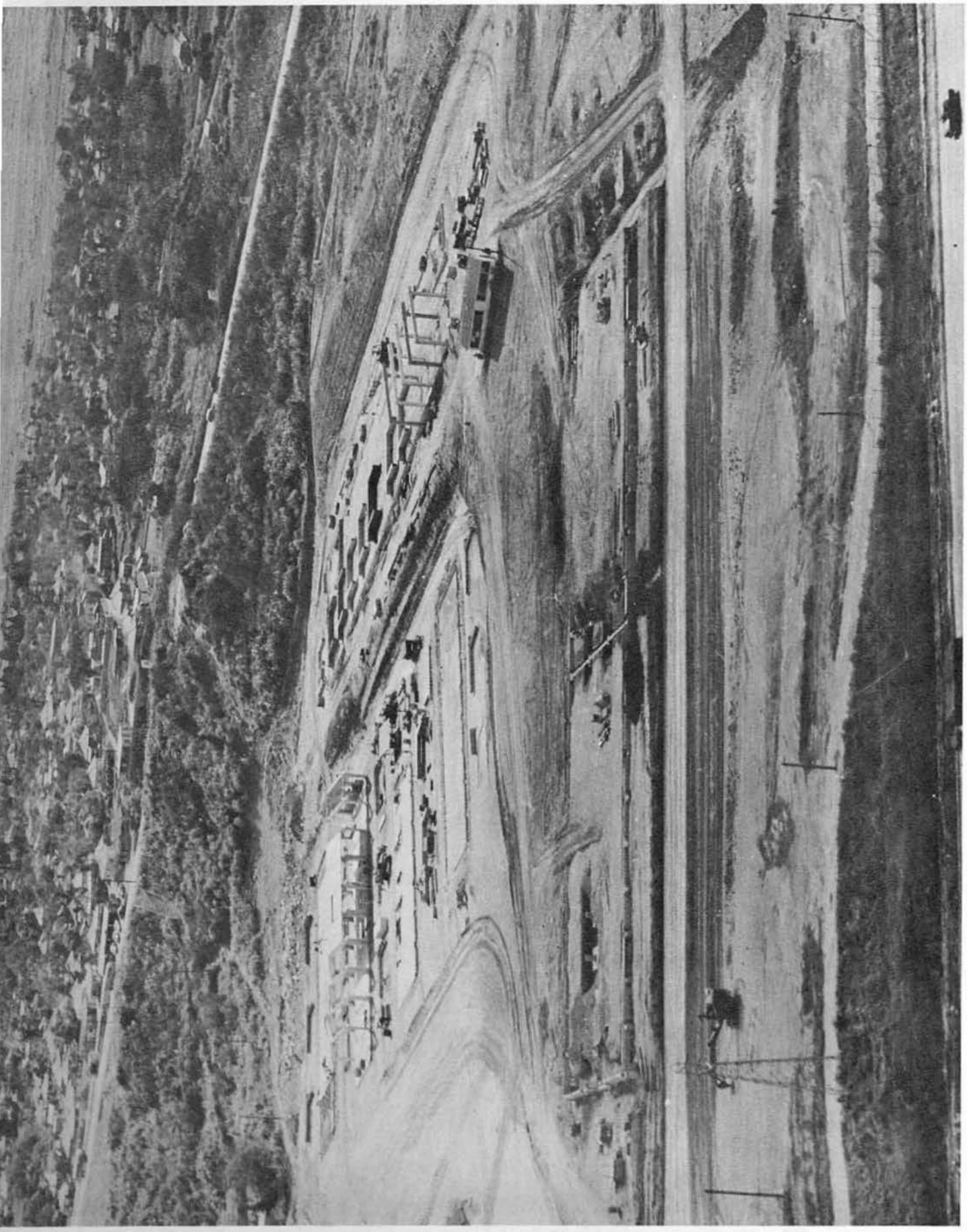
Safety Chief

The BEATS man!

VIP'S

"Who says it's five feet off?"

THE WAY WE RECEIVED IT



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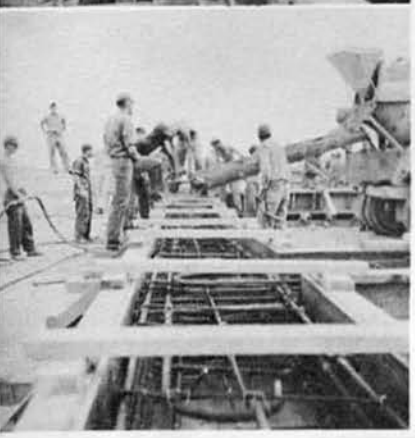
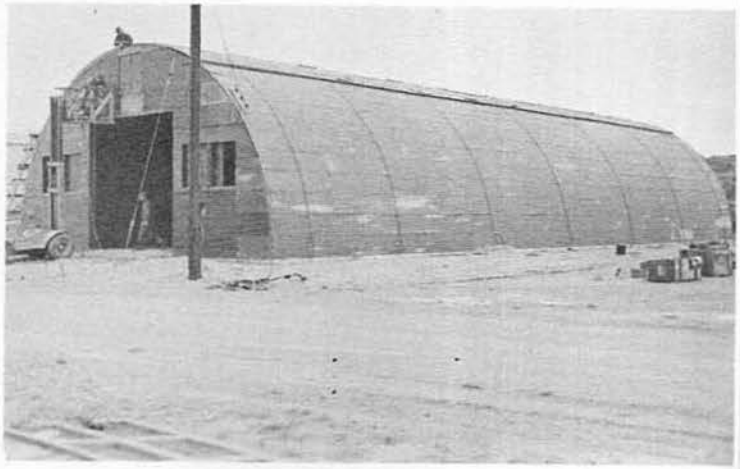


THE FIRST POUR. On the Monday following our arrival crews were on the job and in no time the first TM churned its initial load of "mud" into the forms waiting for it. Thousands of yards were to follow that first cement, sand and aggregate into hundreds of forms and the progress to be made by MCB Eleven became evident in just a few short weeks. That progress is recorded in the following pages — a record to be proud of.

Nov - Dec

Typhoon! Even before we could really dig in, Mother Nature let us know that she wasn't a lady to be dealt with lightly. We learned early, and luckily, that plywood and light-weight steel were like matchsticks when a gust of wind hit 90 to 100 mph. Things may look bad on this page but this was about the extent of our damages. "Pappy" Knight had a few end walls to reform, the UT's and CEs received a few lessons in quonset erections and our rip rap ditching was slightly pushed to carry the water but all in all it was a "mild blow!"



Before and . . .

After, not a Charles Atlas ad!

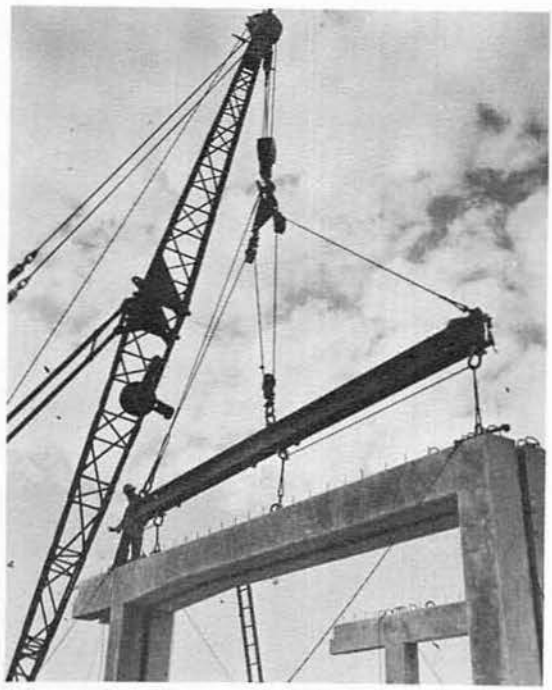
Tinfoil

Poor Pappy

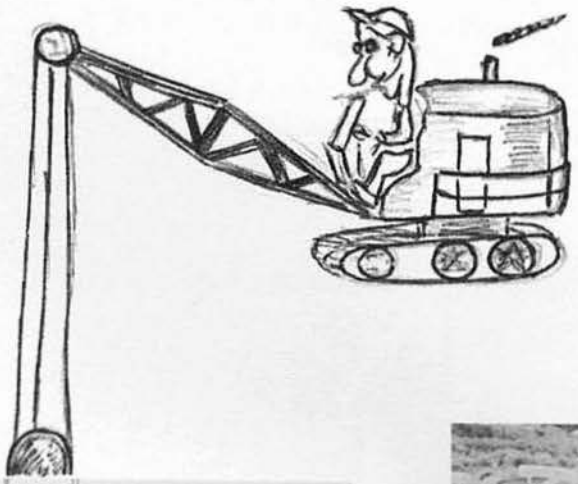
Poor, Poor Pappy

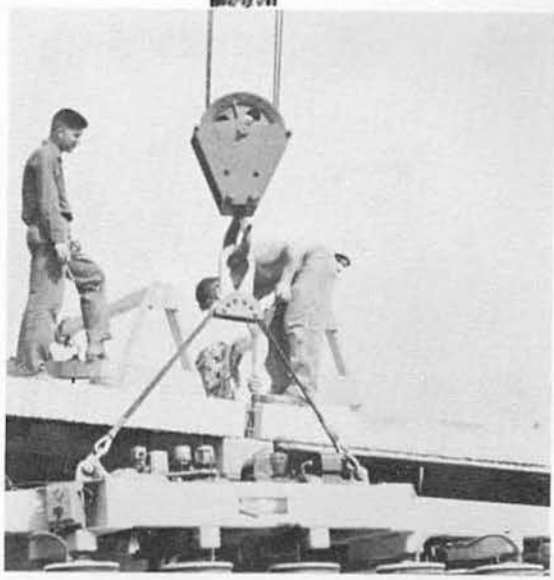
Glub-glub

But finally—full steam ahead and after no time at all crews were in high gear. The bents on warehouse Five popped right up and the job was really growing. O8 Project had priority but you couldn't prove it by the men working for Mr. Paradies . . .



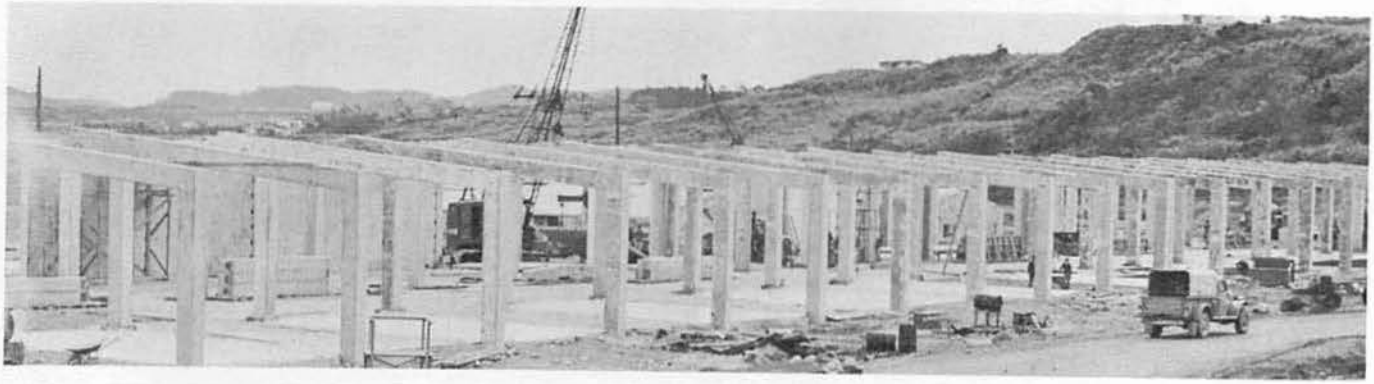
How about that? Both the same!





Like MAN, dig that suction!

Hey, you have a license for that vibrator?



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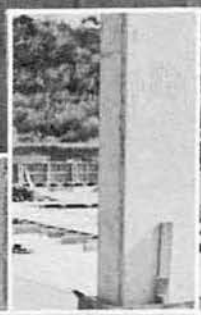

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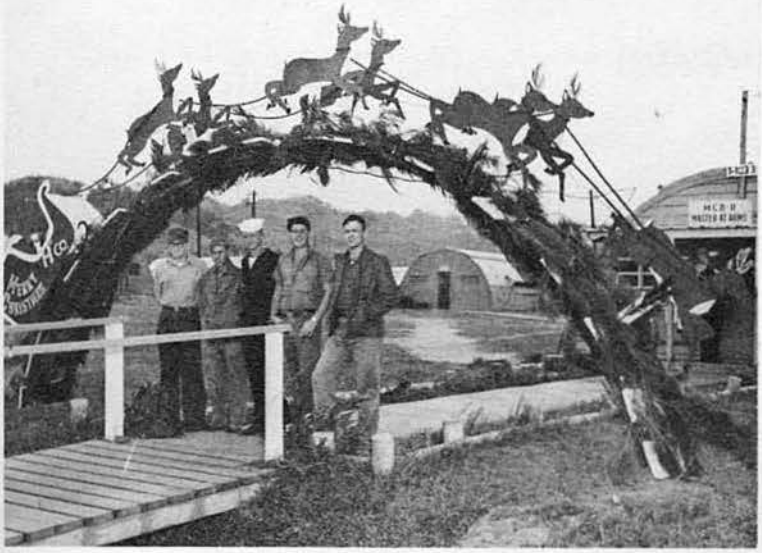
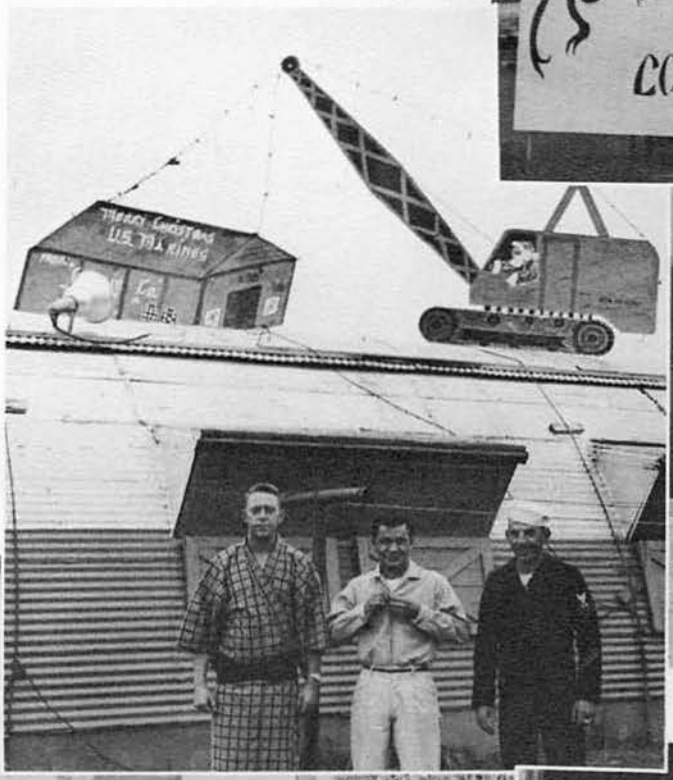
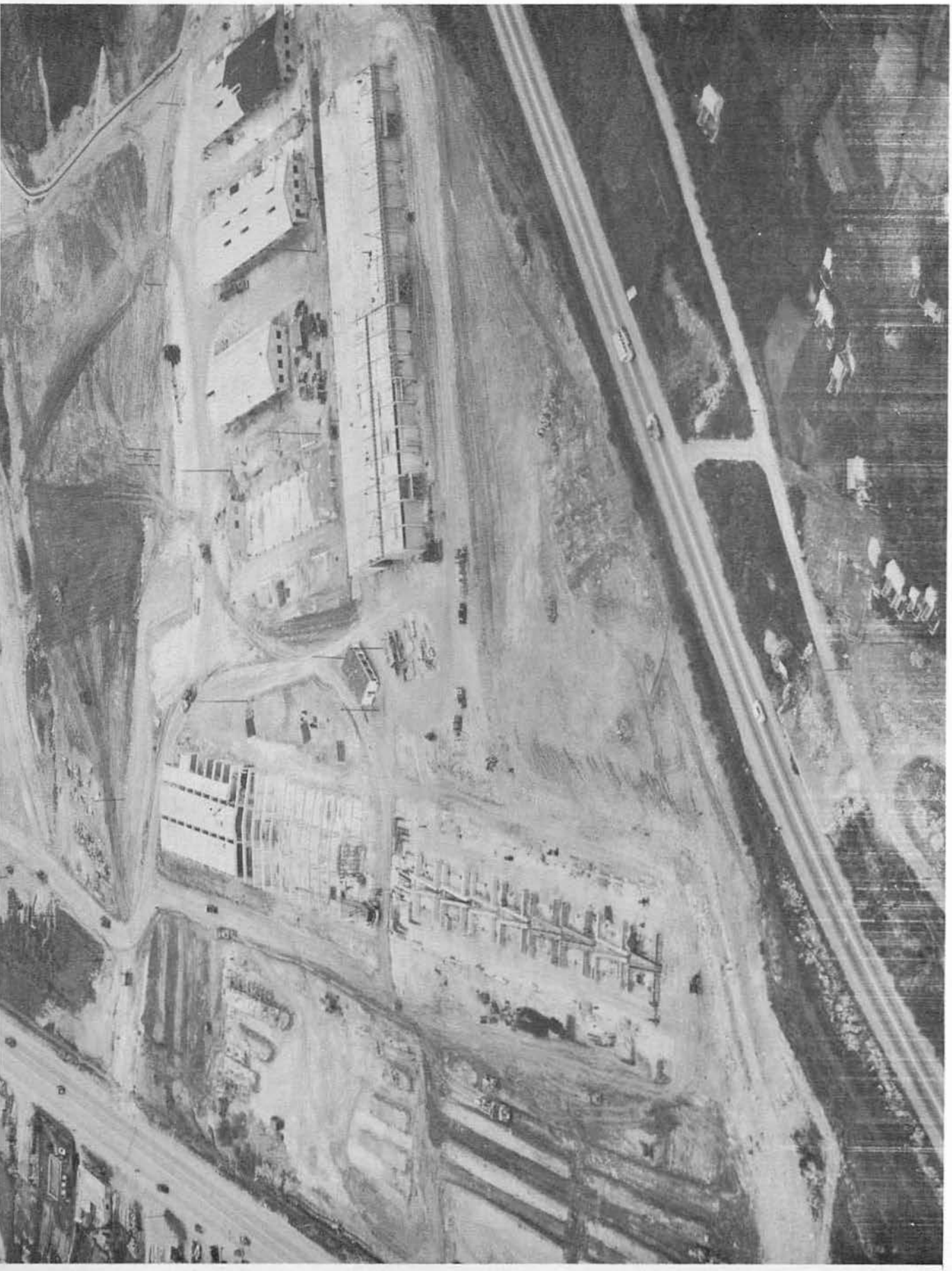


Christmas, 1959, and even without our families and relations, or even snow, the spirit of the season wasn't lost, as seen by the scenes on these pages. Companies originated, built and mounted displays. A Christmas committee worked long hours on refinishing and packaging toys and clothes brought from the States for the orphans and underpriviliged of Okinawa. A huge sleigh was built by Central Shops in which "Santa Beale" roared a Merry Christmas to all and after all was said and done most of us spent Christmas Eve thinking about what was happening thousands of miles away.



January and February were about as good for working as you could ask. It seems that the Skipper had a direct line upstairs and stopped all rain—except after 1630 and on holidays.



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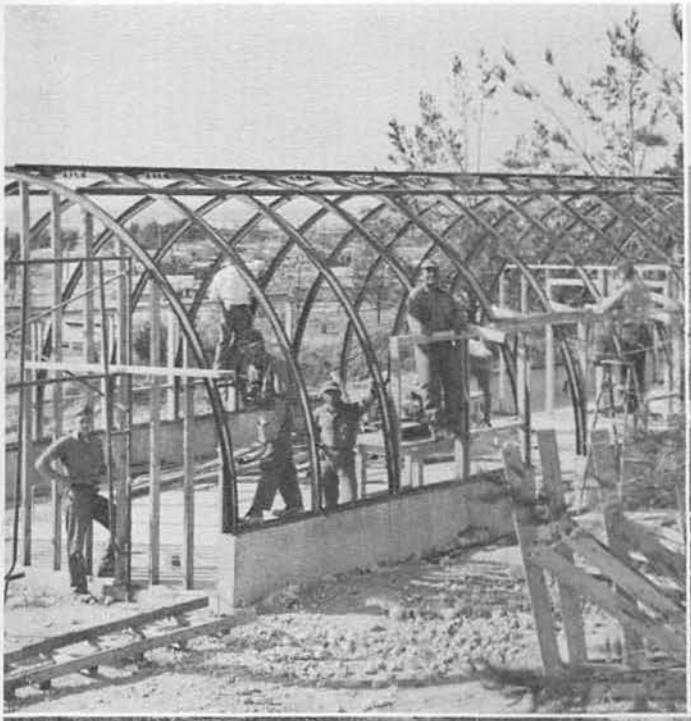
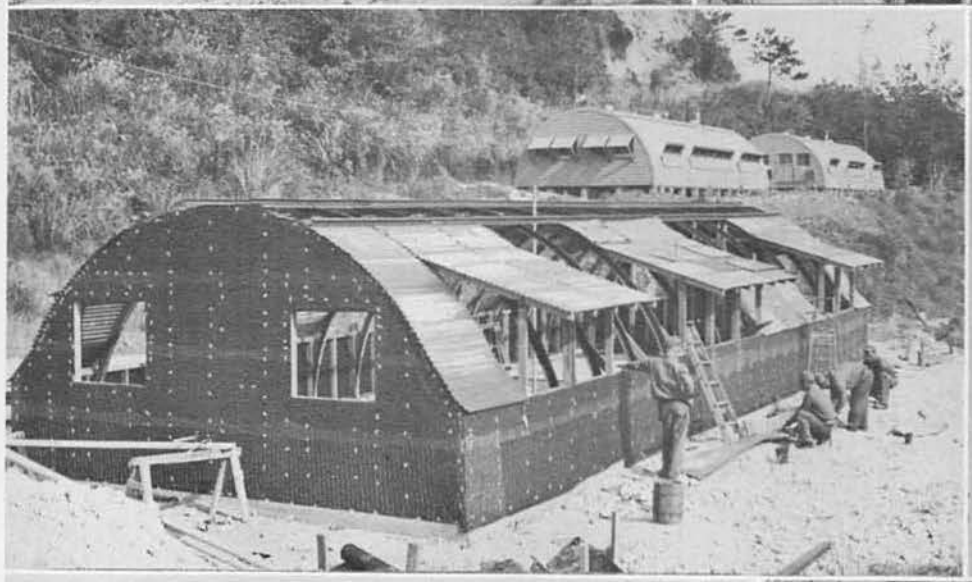


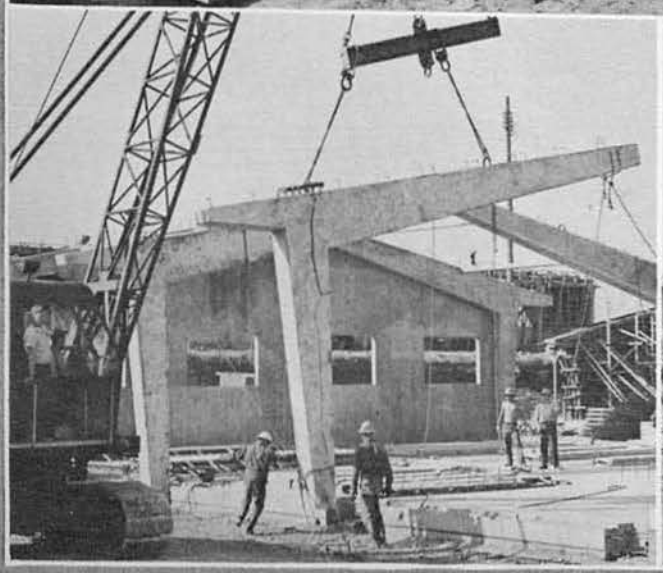


BOQ's

Work shifted into high gear on this project after the first of the year. Well, as high gear as you could get into without material!!! Just check that stucco work. You don't find many quonsets like that!

Engineering Shop 07 Projects

When can I have the other crane to do some lifting?



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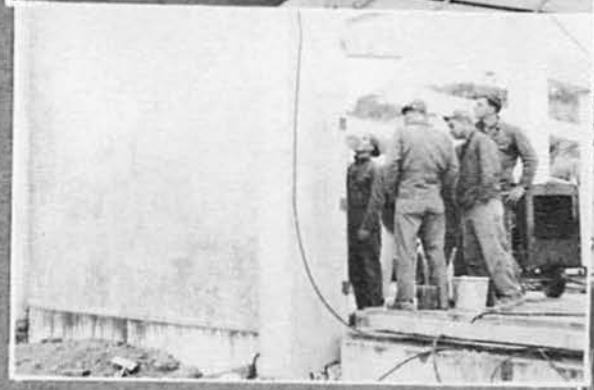
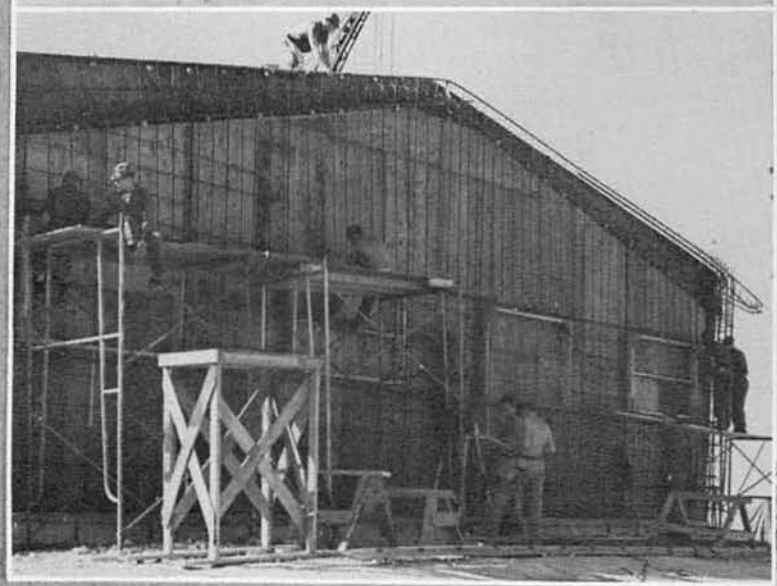


It's quite the thing for reducing the bay window . . .

07&08



Seabee Birthday Party

Above: Oldest and youngest CB

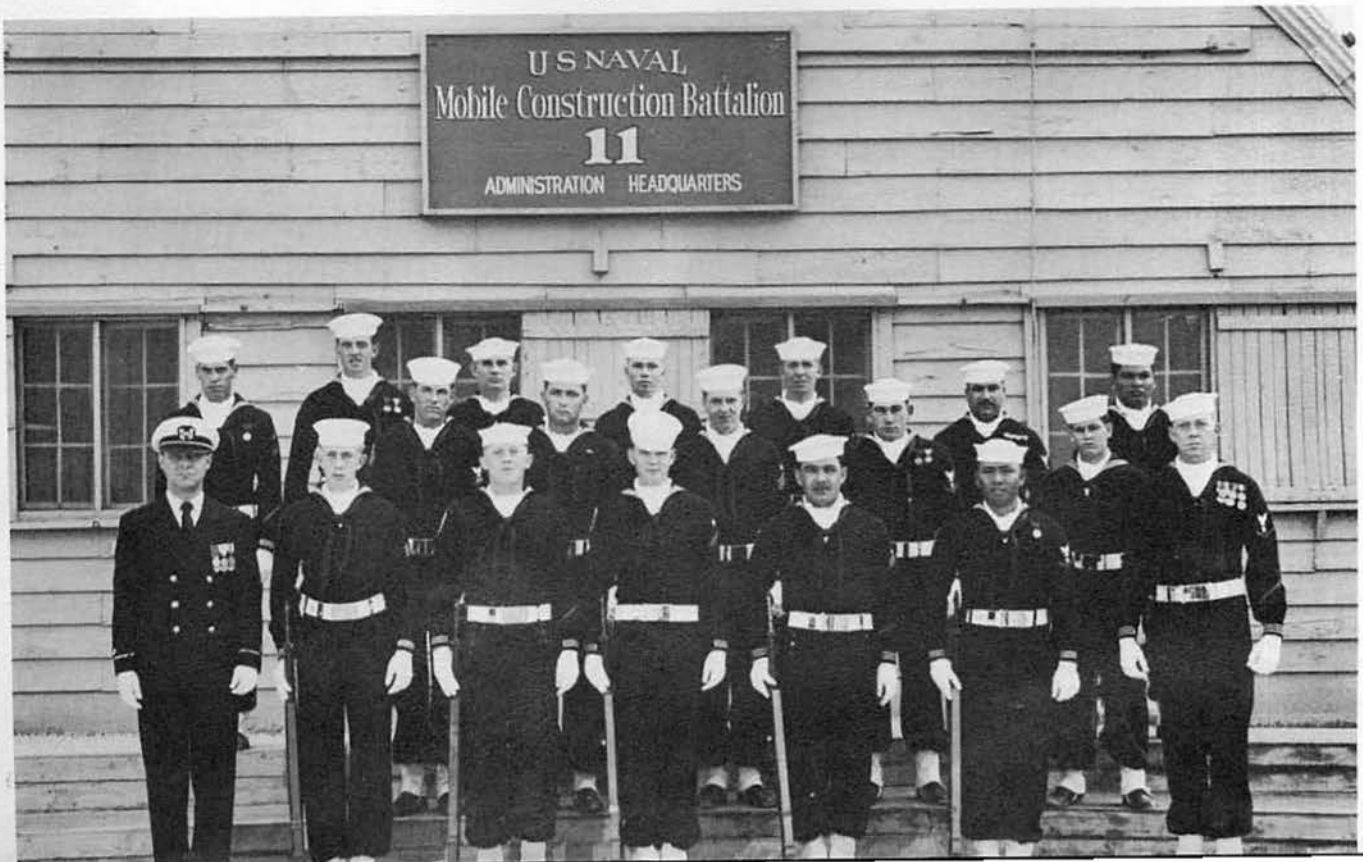
Far left: C.O.'s MCB ELEVEN and THREE with new and old queens.

Lower left: CAPT Davidson, ROICC Far East, cuts birthday cake with queen.

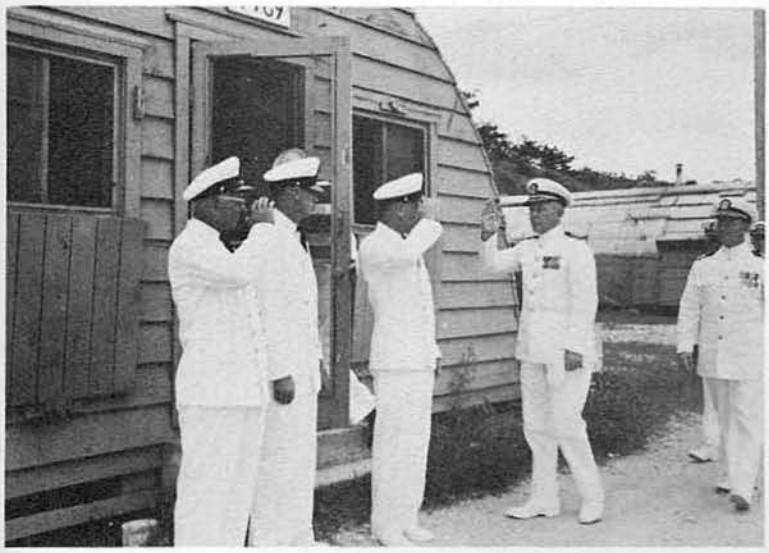
Military Ceremonies and Inspections

Above: Color Guard

Below: Drill Team

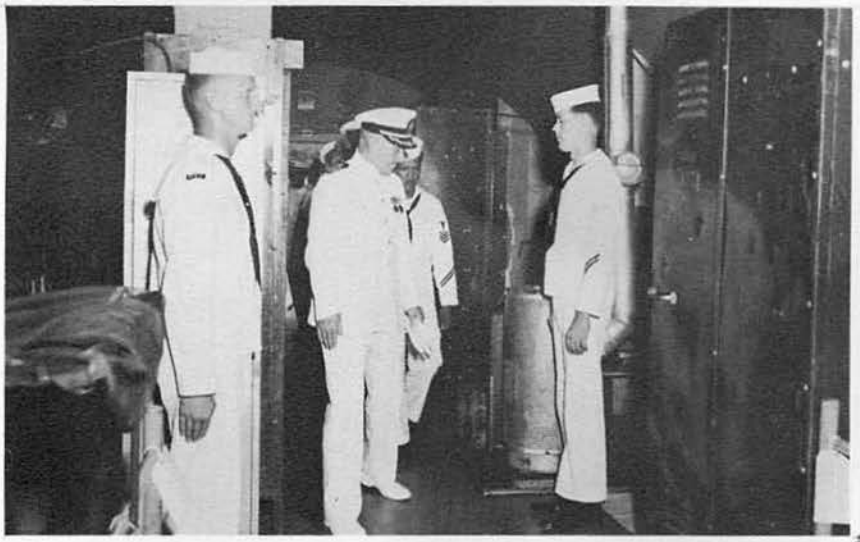


Administrative Inspection

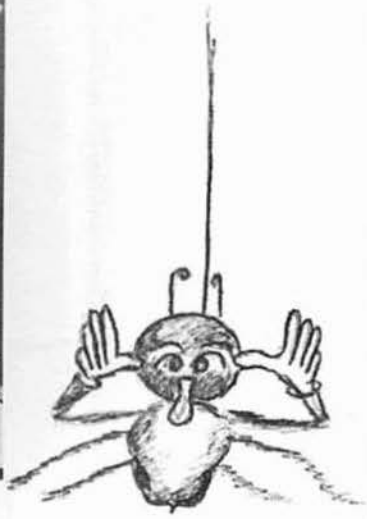


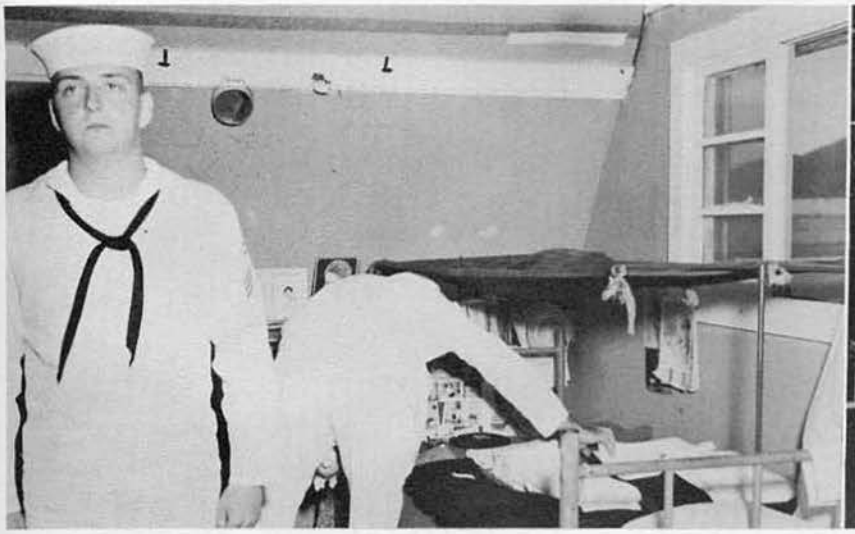
How Chief!

What? No coffee mess?



The once-over

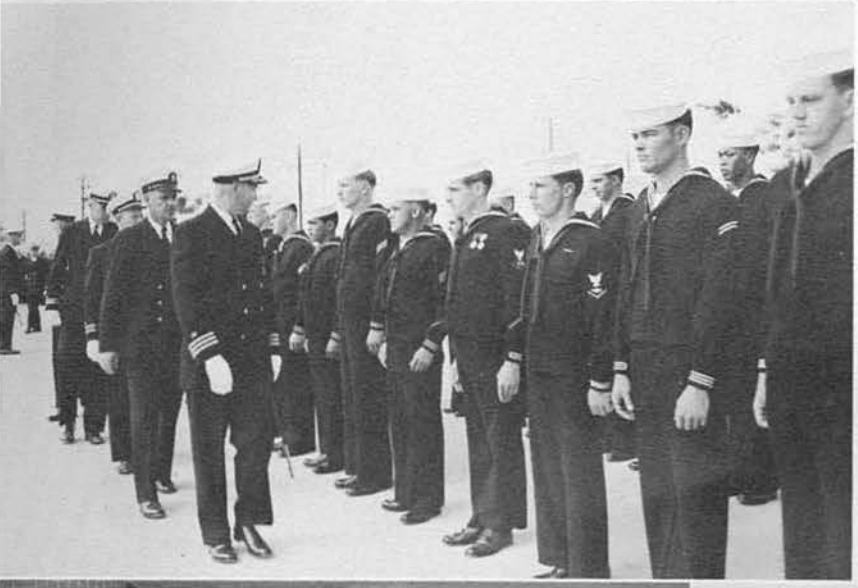




Hope he doesn't find it!

Is it tame?

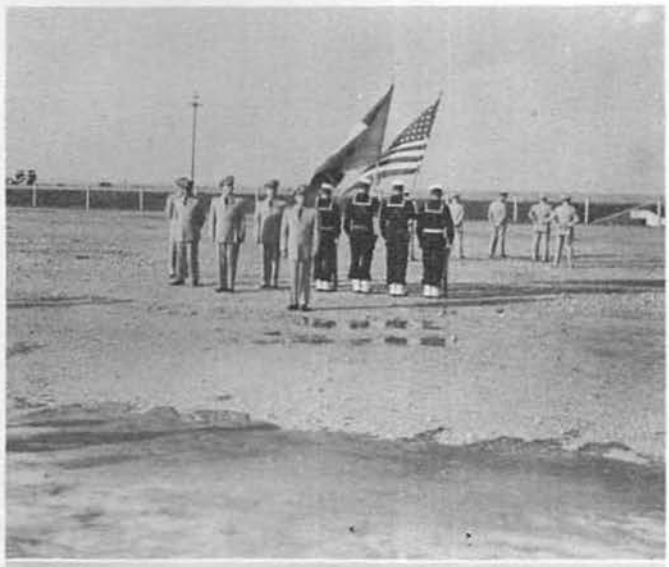
Change of Command



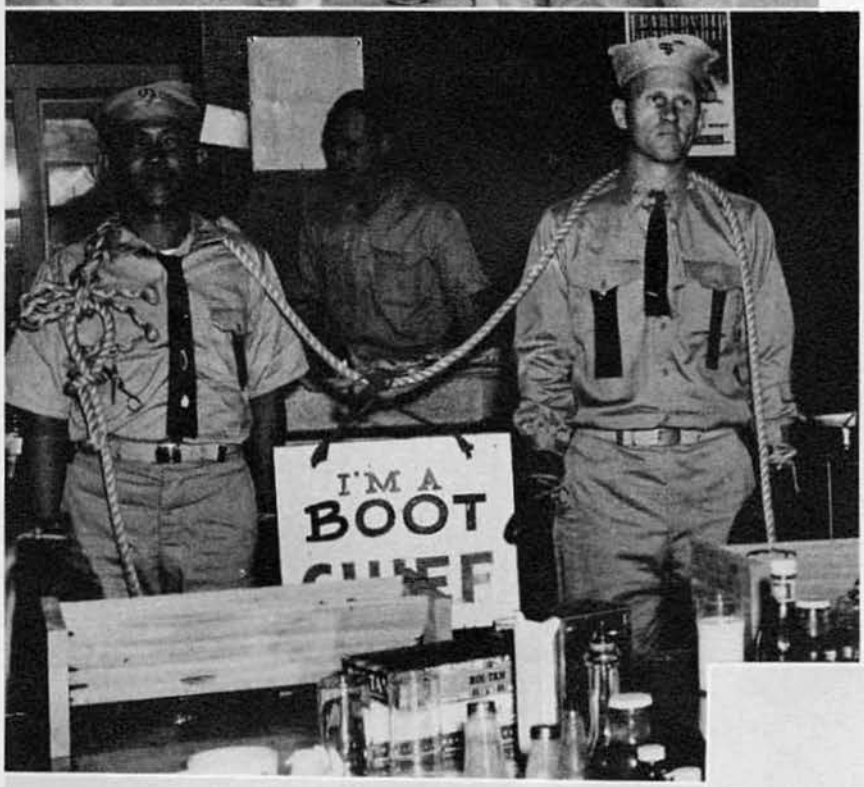
On 16 February 1960 CDR H. F. Liberty, CEC, USNR, relinquished command of MCB ELEVEN to then LCDR John P. Williams, CEC, USN. CDR Liberty made the rounds after formal ceremonies to say goodbye to the officers and men he had grown so proud of, particularly on this deployment.

Admiral's Inspection

Both on the job and at formal inspections, ADM Clark goes over men and methods with a sharp eye. Talking about a sharp eye, it looks as if the Admiral might be pretty sharp at the pool table.

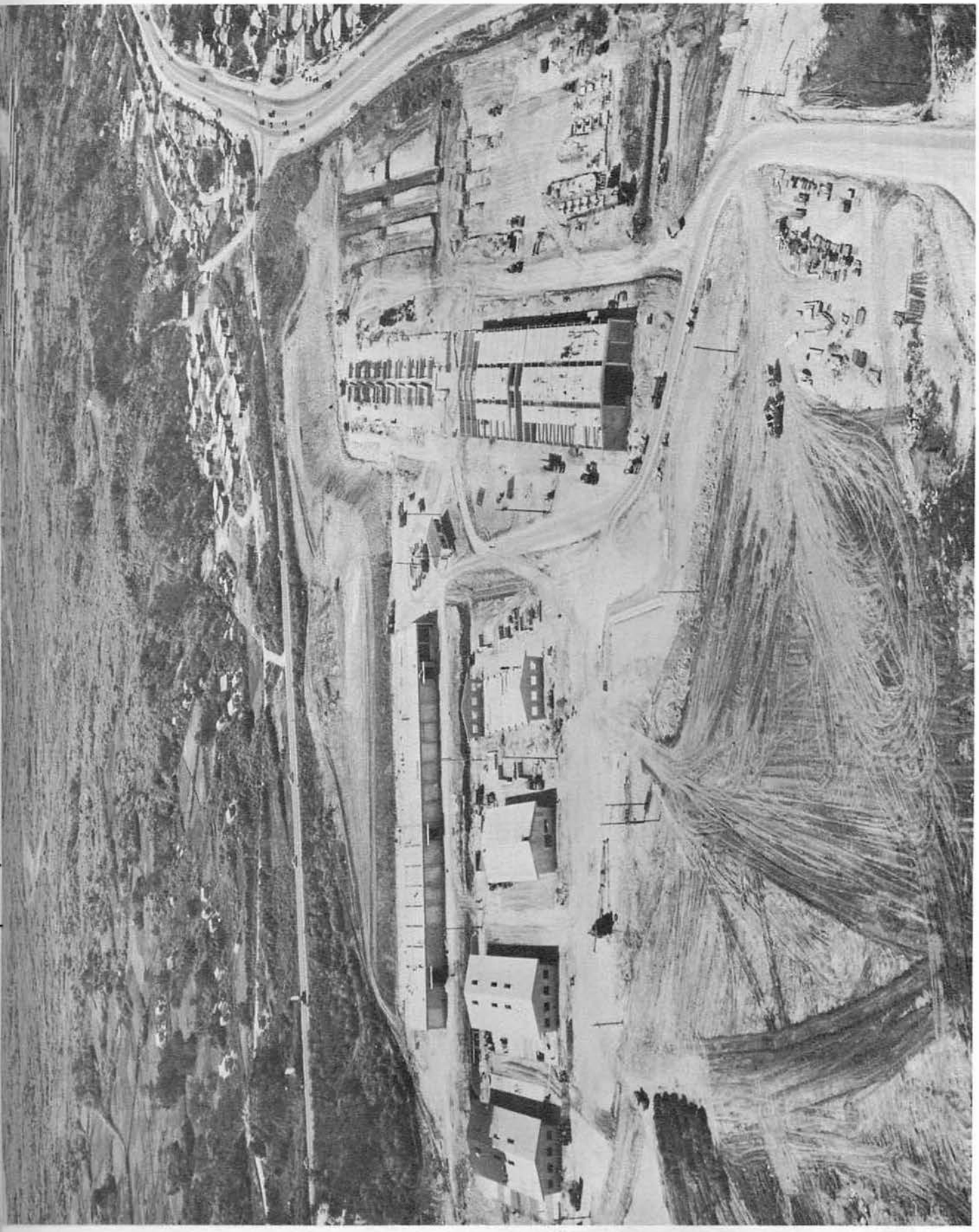


Honors And Ceremonies



Many other honors and ceremonies occur in Battalion life, including those shown on this page. Chief Kratzmier gets "piped over the side" as he leaves the service for retirement and below, Battalion safe driving awards are presented. The honor of becoming a chief is filled with considerable "ceremony" too—so we thought this would be an appropriate page for the photo on the left.

With the ground broken for the foundations on all major buildings, and the mud hole in Warehouse One covered, the aerial picture below really lets you see the layout. Those bents were starting to spring up like weeds.



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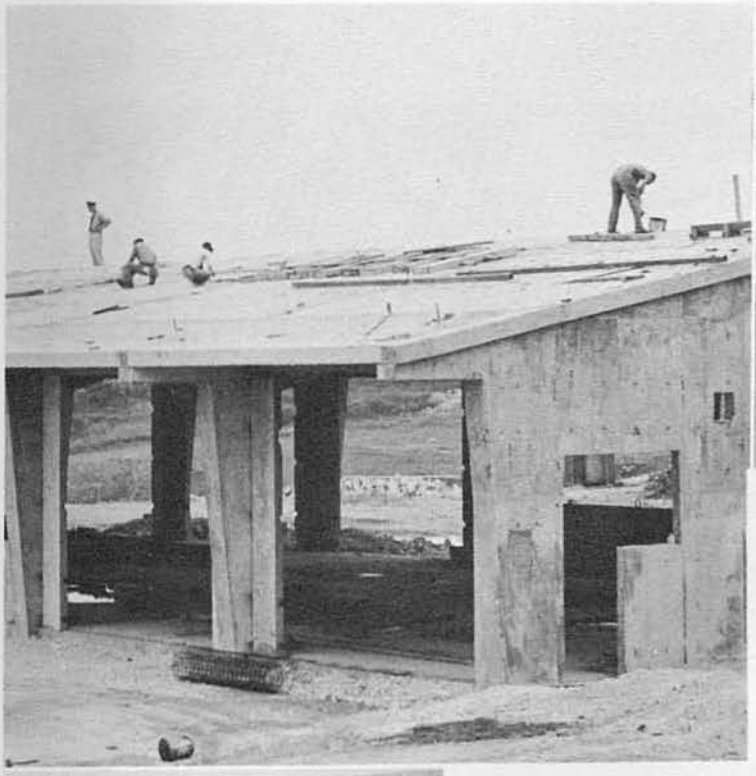
March — April

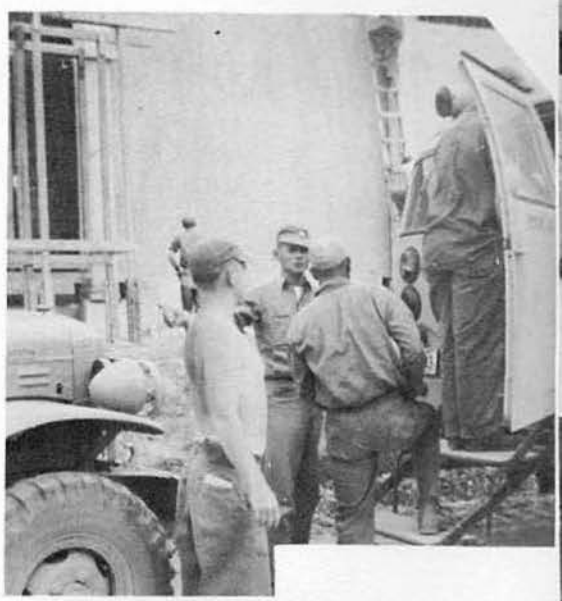


Right: Phonie!!
Jonsey

Beep Beep

March — April

The maze of rebar



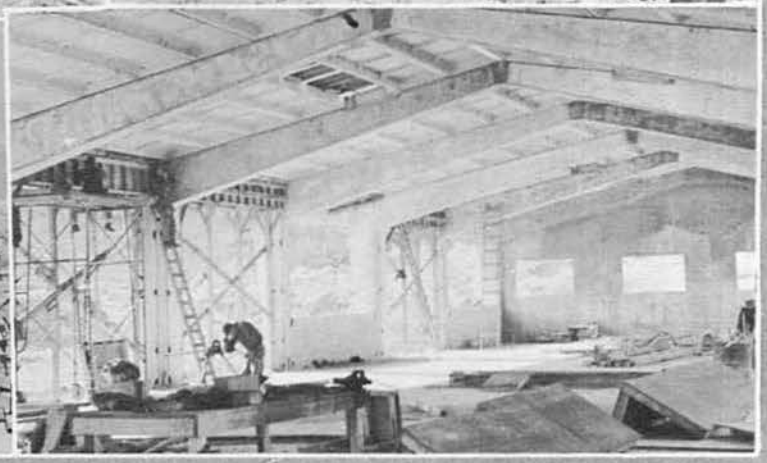
Line forms to the rear

Has anyone seen Jones since we started this pour?

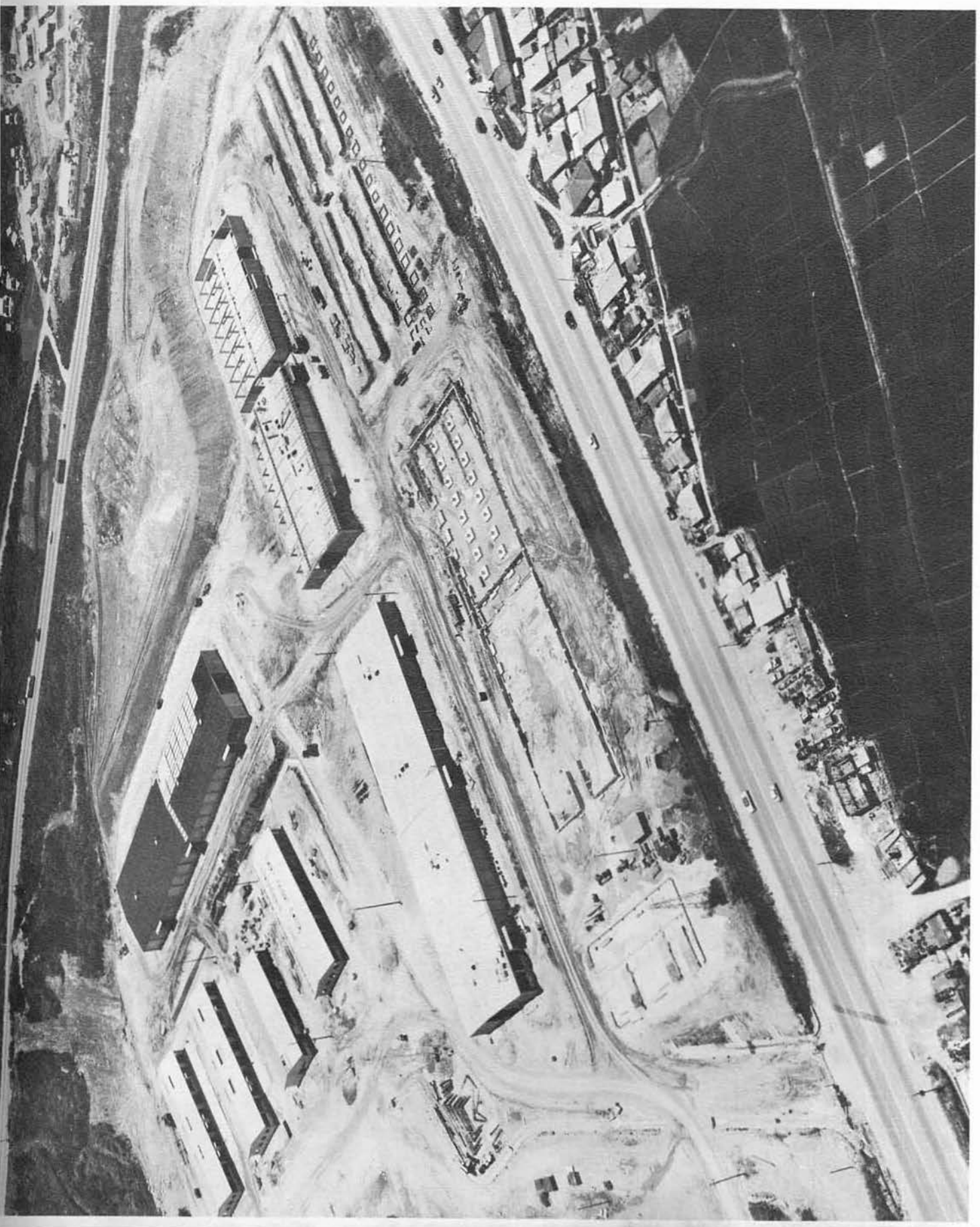
Modern Seabee??

March-April

Progress!

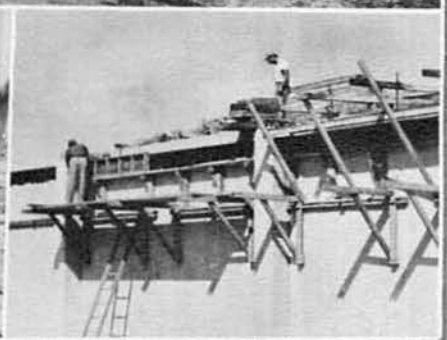


1 May and the Marines want to move in soon. Rain has slowed us down but those roof panels keep going up—"keep pushing" says the Operations Officer!!



1 MAY 1960

May–July



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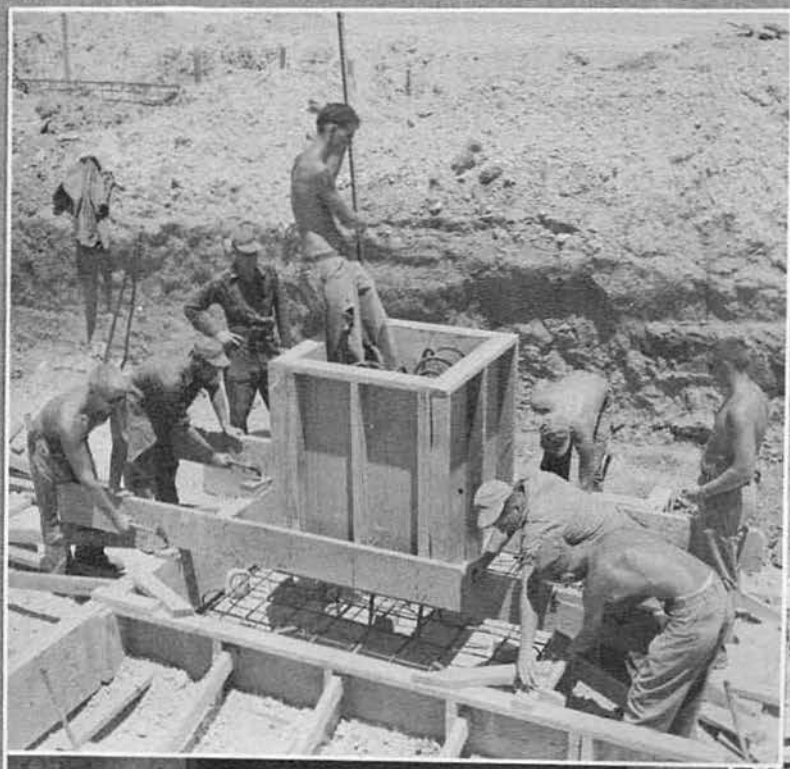
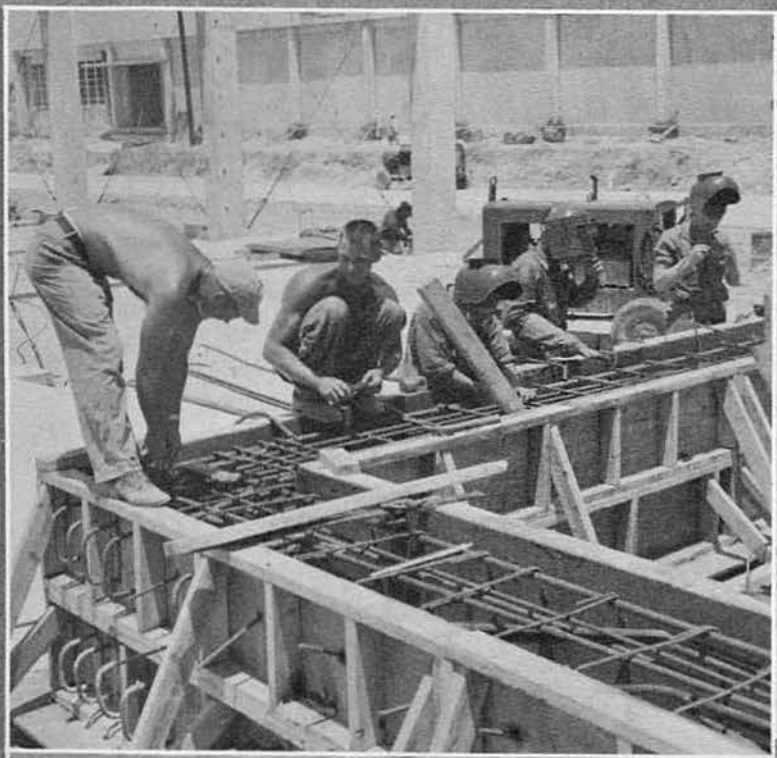
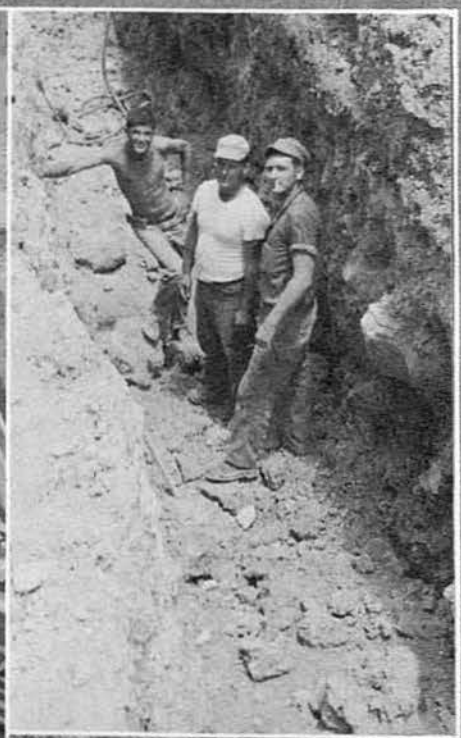
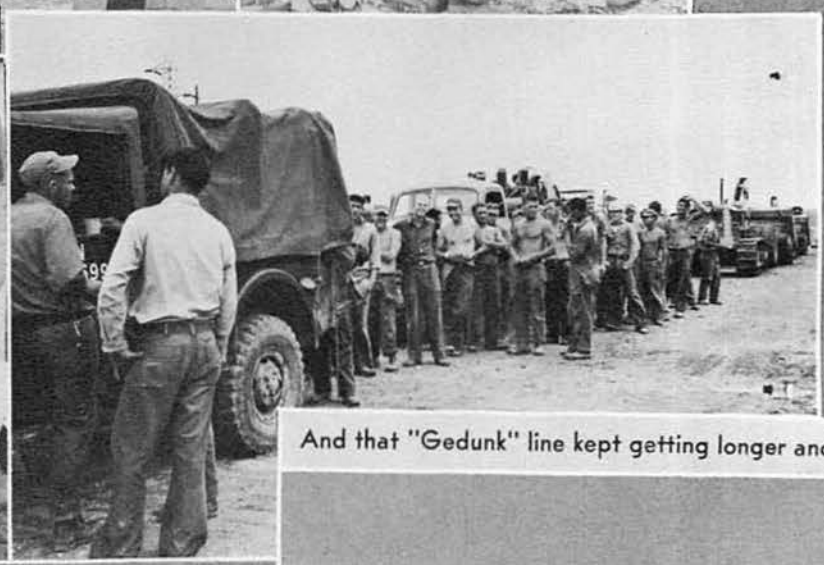


Get 'em out of the ground was the word
—and so we did!

May–July

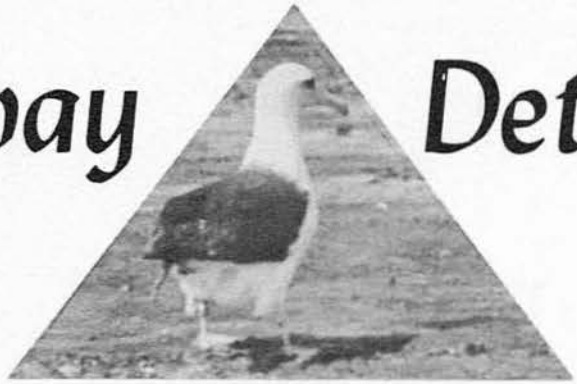






And that "Gedunk" line kept getting longer and longer!

Midway Detachment



In November of 1959 MCB ELEVEN Detachment "Bravo" left to perform a job on Midway Island which had become associated with the Battalion—taking care of the "Gooney Birds." The job consisted of the clearing and stabilization of areas adjacent to the runways at the Air Station. By doing this it was hoped that the Birds would use the warm updrafts over the new stabilized areas for soaring instead of the runway updrafts. The work was done with a minimum of delay and with great determination by a group of hand picked men. Upon completion of the project a letter of appreciation was received by this command congratulating all hands for a job "well done!"

Gooney Bird Mishaps Down

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government reported progress in its running battle with the Midway Islands' gooney birds. But it wasn't confident enough to claim a real victory.

The Interior Department reported these gains:

The number of airplane collisions with albatrosses, or gooney birds, has been cut 67 per cent since dunes adjacent to Navy runways have been leveled.

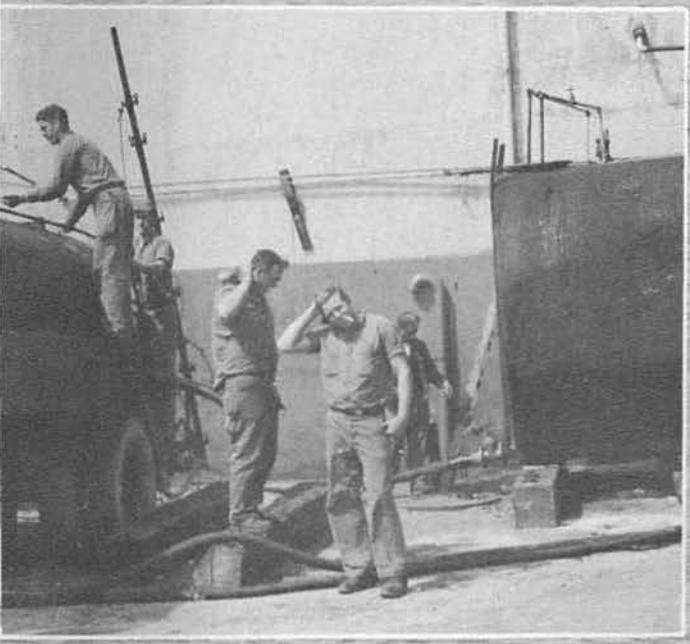
The gooney bird population in the area of the busiest runway has dropped 95 per cent in the last two years.

However, the department said it will be several months before firm conclusions can be drawn regarding the effectiveness of the dune cropping on bird-plane collisions.

The Navy started leveling the dunes last Thanksgiving Day at the suggestion of Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wild Life.

The leveling was recommended in the belief that the dunes aided in the creation of currents attractive to the albatross for soaring flights.

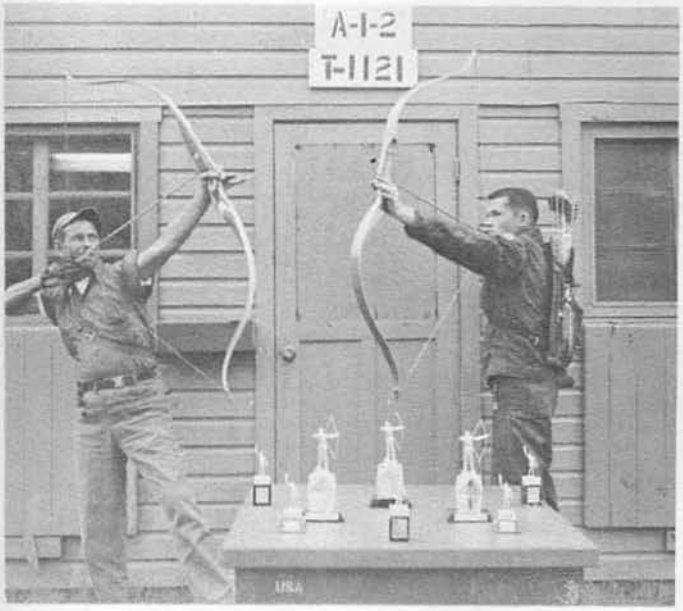
A Testimonial!!



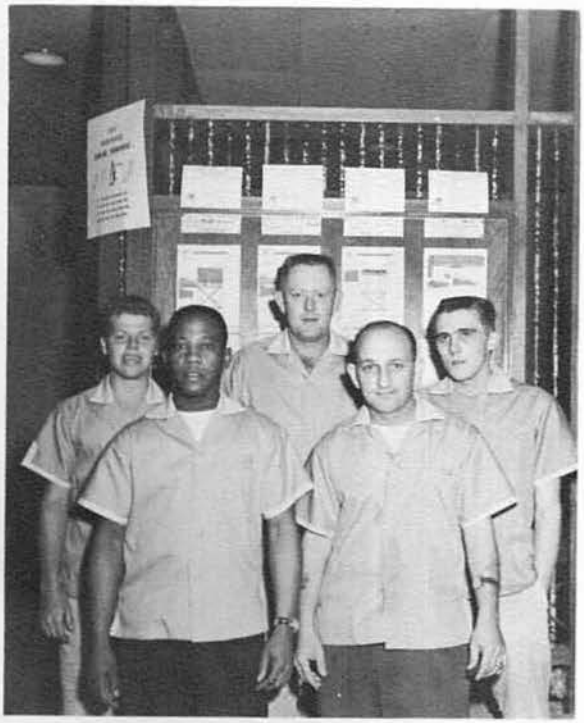
Sports Cavalcade

How many fell Cookie??

Basketball, bowling, softball, boxing, archery—and others—a year around program. The pages following depict this activity.



William Tell, Harrison and Robin Hood Haifly with trophies won in the Far East



MCB Eleven Bowling Team—First Row: J. Jefferson, G. Campbell; Second Row: L. Engelbretson, WO-1, D. E. Landers, L. D. Durant.

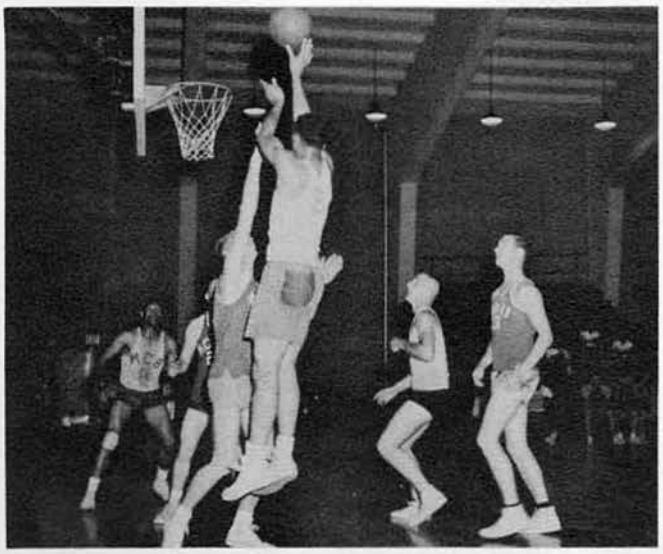
"Kibitzer" fading away

Gall lets go—with a strike? a gutter ball?

Big Del in motion

Intramural

The Skipper throws up the first ball of the basketball season . . . and the Battalion sports program got underway. After the final whistle of the final game "Alpha" Company came out on top with the combined Bravo-"H" Company team close behind.



Lightner lets go with a push shot

A perfect layup

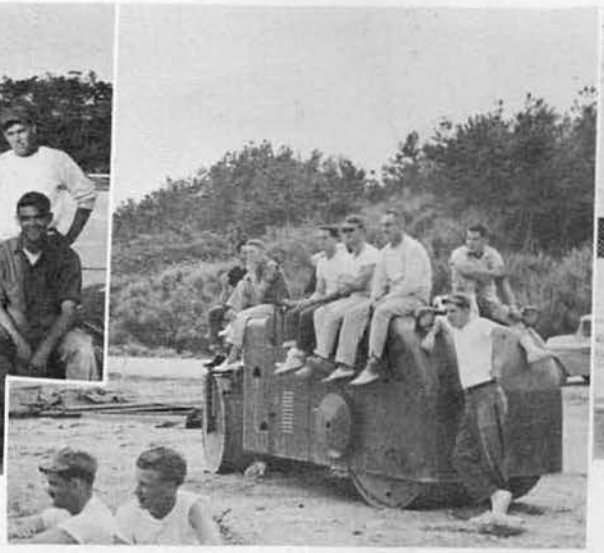
Sports

Bravo Company champions

Out or Safe???

King's Project

Alpha Company



Seabee bleachers

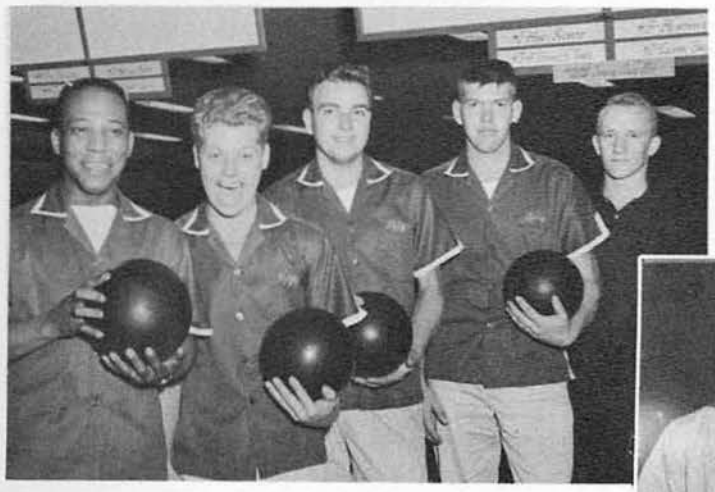
O8 Project

Officers and Chiefs

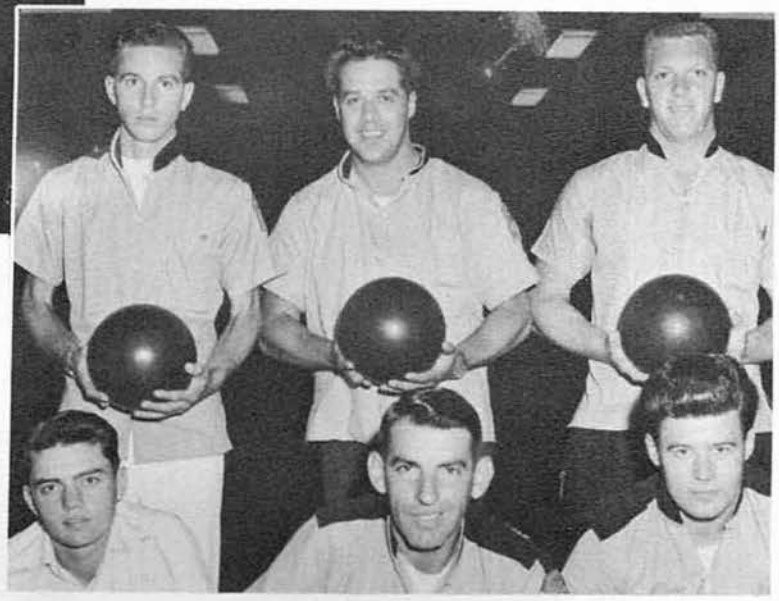
"But Mister Ump"

J. David hits a long one

Bowling Teams



Beatnicks
1st Place Early League

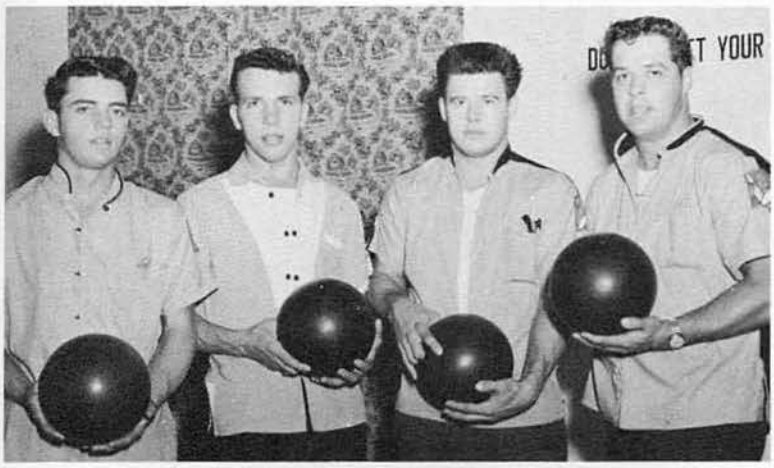


7-10 Splits
1st Place Late League

4 Strikes and 1 Spare
2nd Place Late League

Stewburners

Saki Sippers



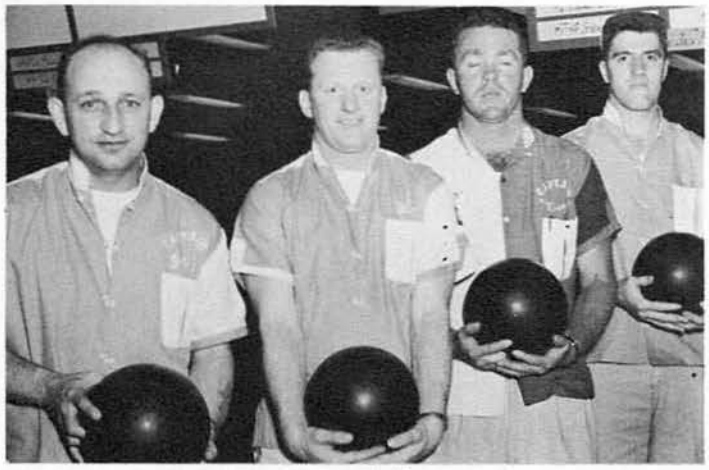
Dinky Dos

Worry Warts

Panics

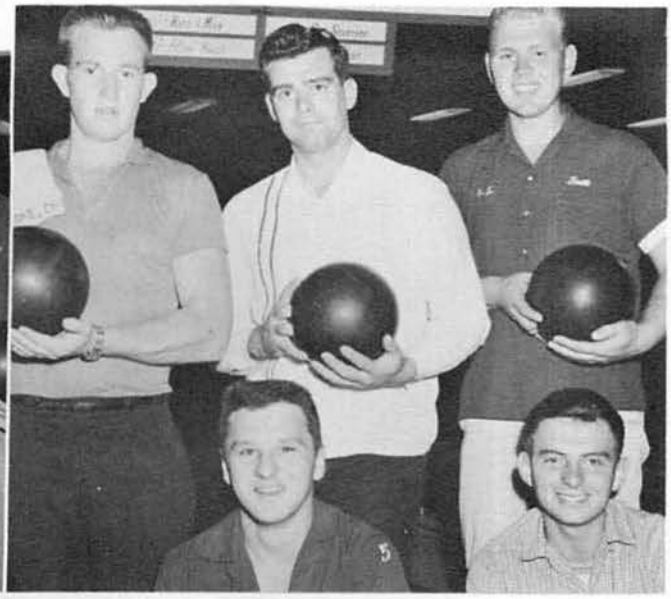
Officers

Alley Kats

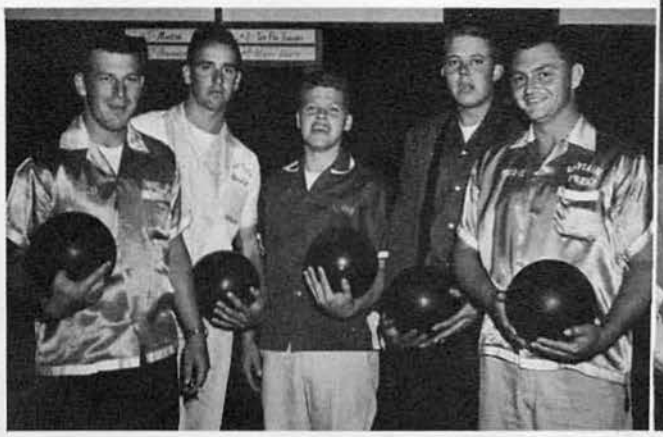


Honey Buckets

The Keys



High Balls

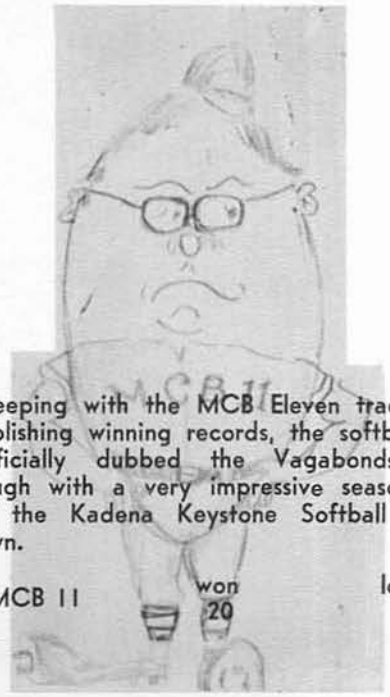


Beginners

Clean Sweeps

Vagabonds

Rocky gets a hold of one



In keeping with the MCB Eleven tradition of establishing winning records, the softball team unofficially dubbed the Vagabonds, came through with a very impressive season. They won the Kadena Keystone Softball League Crown.

	won	lost
MCB 11	20	1

Bottom Row: F. Davis, Marcoe, Cannon, Haifly, Sanchez, Wilkinson, Egan. Top Row: Carty, Coach Etzler, Fritz, Haarman, Kehs, Nystedt, Steffens, Pace, J. Davis, Peters, Cerasuolo, Manager.

MCB No. 11 Blanks RGM To Stretch Loop Lead

Big Del Purdin pitched a magnificient one hit shutout last Friday night as MCB #11 ged 6922nd RGM 1-0 and thus maintained their lead in the National softball gue. The victory was the 16th in 17 starts for the MCB #11 squad while the s for RGM left the second place team with a record of 11 wins and two defeats.

It was the second meeting between the two teams and was the second time in ow that the MCB #11 squad came off with a 1-0 advantage. The first meeting ween the two teams was a 1 ing affair.

Friday's contest was a pitch- g duel between Purdin and GM's John Stickler. Purdin lowed only one hit, a single Dave Johnson in the fifth ning, while Stickler permit- d four hits. One of the hits allowed, however, was a me winning home run in the venth inning by Jim Steffens.

urdin struck out 14 batters walked only three while kler fanned one and issued bases on balls.

MCB#11 played two other games ing the week and rang up two e victories by shutting out h TAC 7-0 and blanking In- lations 8-0. Purdin pitched games for the winners and now hurled four consecutive touts.

Purdin Pitches No Hitter As MCB 11 Holds NL

Del Purdin pitched his fourth no-hitt eason and his third in four games Monday he National League front runner MCB #1 Detachment #2 13-0 to hold their lead in Ka ural softball play.

Catch All

RESIDENT OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTIO
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DEPARTMENT
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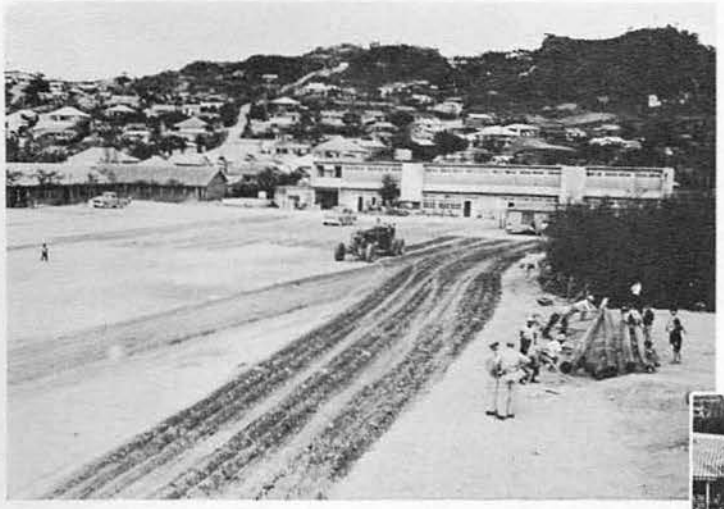
People To People

People to People is President Eisenhower's program developed to promote peace. The men of MCB ELEVEN, though weary from a six day work week, sttill donated their time and skills to make our friendship with the Okinawans stronger.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

JAGARU SCHOOL PLAYFIELD



ALL SOULS CHURCH
MACHINATO

People to People

SOFTBALL FIELD
NORTH SECURITY

The final project before returning to the United States—constructing and erecting playground equipment for children in the Jagaru School.

Late in the deployment two Chinese officers visited MCB ELEVEN to gain knowledge of Battalion operations —a form of People to People work. At right: the officers have presented the Commanding Officer with a gift.

Tours

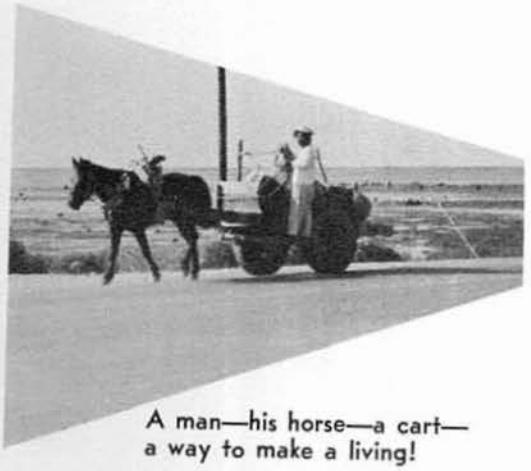
These are scenes from Okinawa taken by members of the Battalion during off duty hours.

Okinawan fishing fleet

Two Papasans discussing the coming tidal wave and the safety of their boats

Modern art being observed by reflections

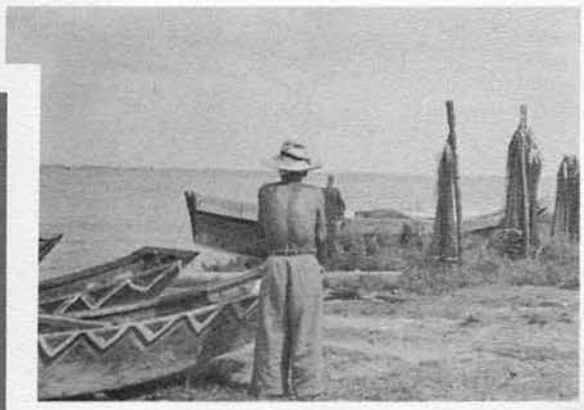
TOP: Statue of the Unknown Soldier and a smiling visitor



A man—his horse—a cart—
a way to make a living!

On their way to school

Okinawan sanitation system



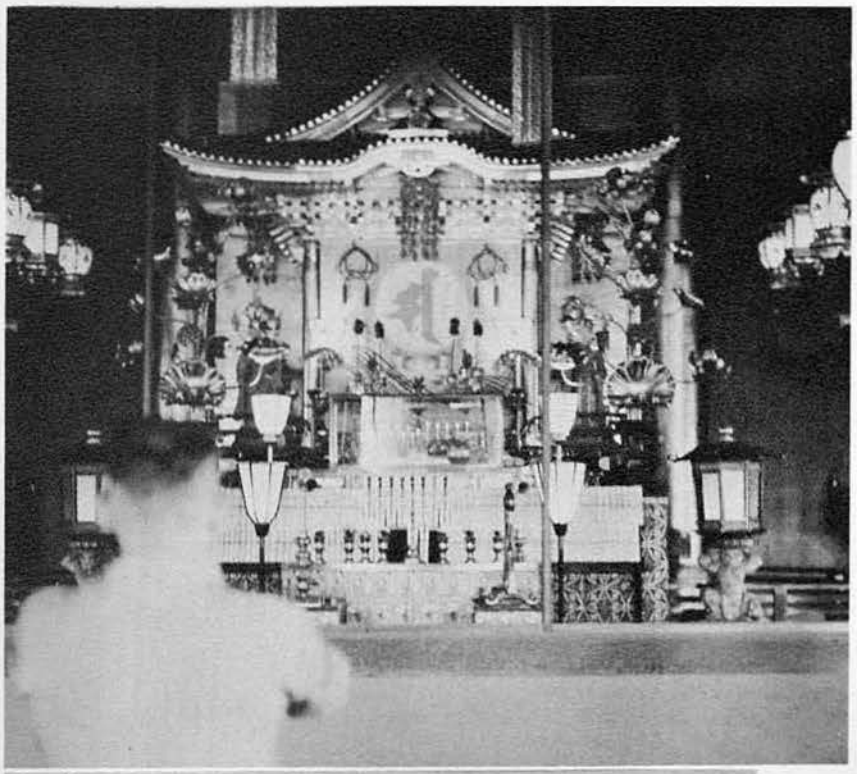
The scenes above are from B. C. Street and of the fishing boats that provide most of Okinawa's people with fish.

This is Suicide Cliff where the Japanese soldiers jumped off rather than be captured. The Memorial in the foreground was erected to the memory of the Okinawan children who followed the soldiers over the cliff—afraid of the possibility of capture.

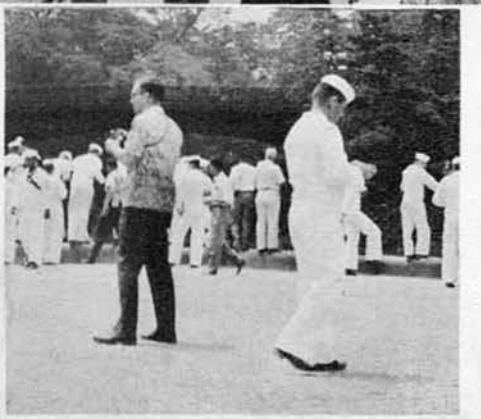
On The Way

20 July — At last, and the long voyage home starts. It seems that the two weeks going home are longer than the two weeks coming out — I wonder why? The Chaplain managed to dig up a few laughs for everyone with a pie eating contest. Mr. Landers was always on the go too!!!

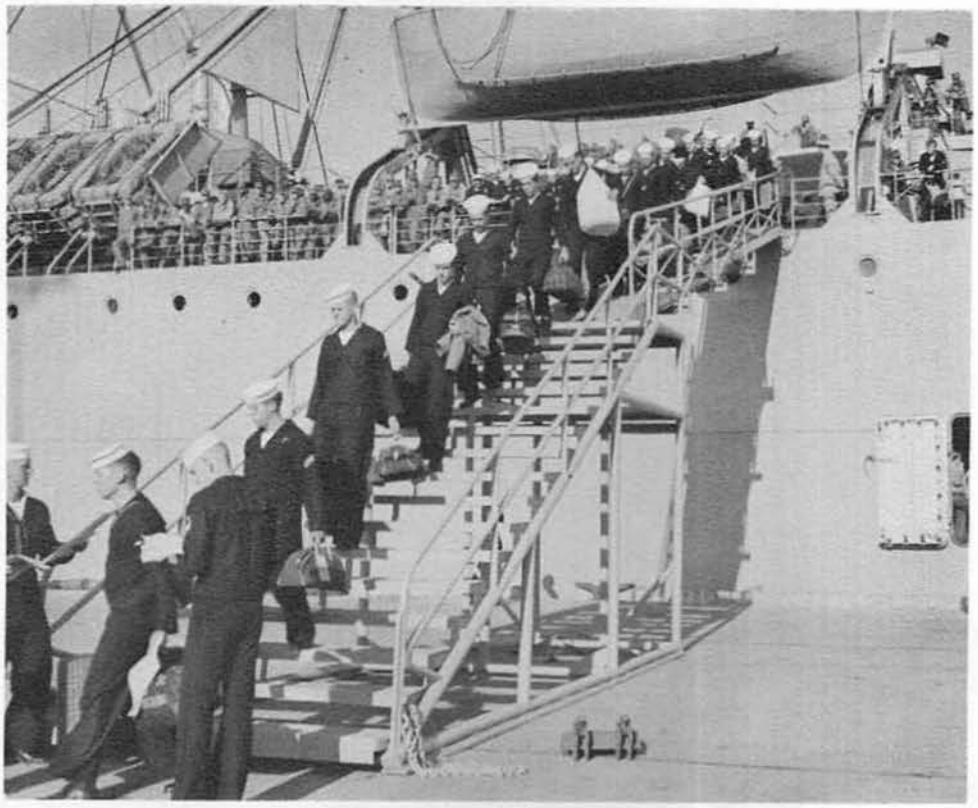
TOKYO STOPOVER



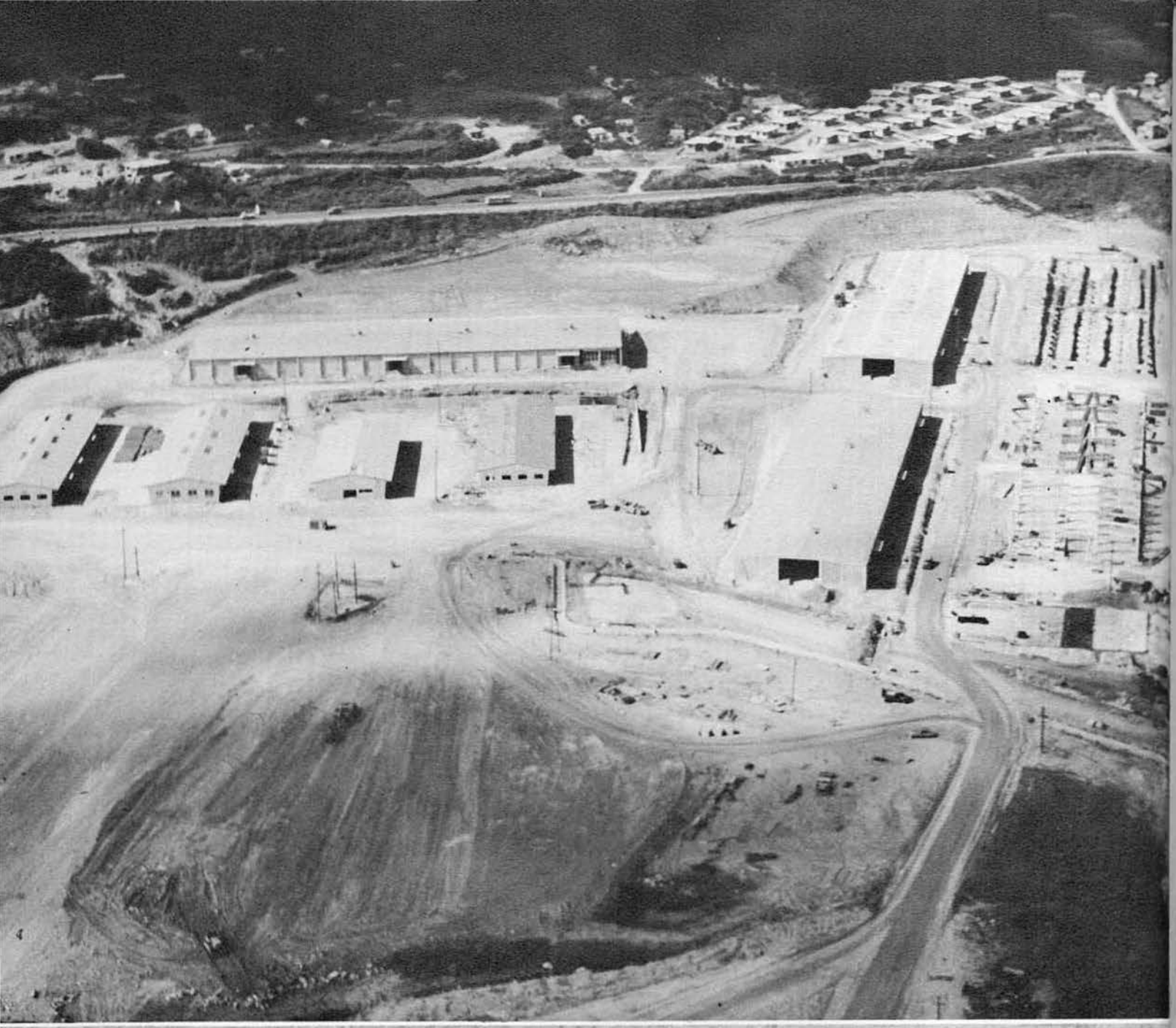
A stopoff at Yokohama—just long enough to get a look around Tokyo and then back on our way again—Homeward Bound.



Home Again



Good old Ama-Rika Shima! Offloading after a full two weeks sailing the briny main. Many a happy face is smiling up from that dock. Wives, sweethearts, mothers and fathers are anxiously waiting, and after nearly 10 months, and more for some, who can blame them. The thoughts about the job just completed are a distant memory but as a reminder, just turn the page and see what nine months of a deployment can do toward completing a project. Turn the page and be proud of your accomplishments!



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