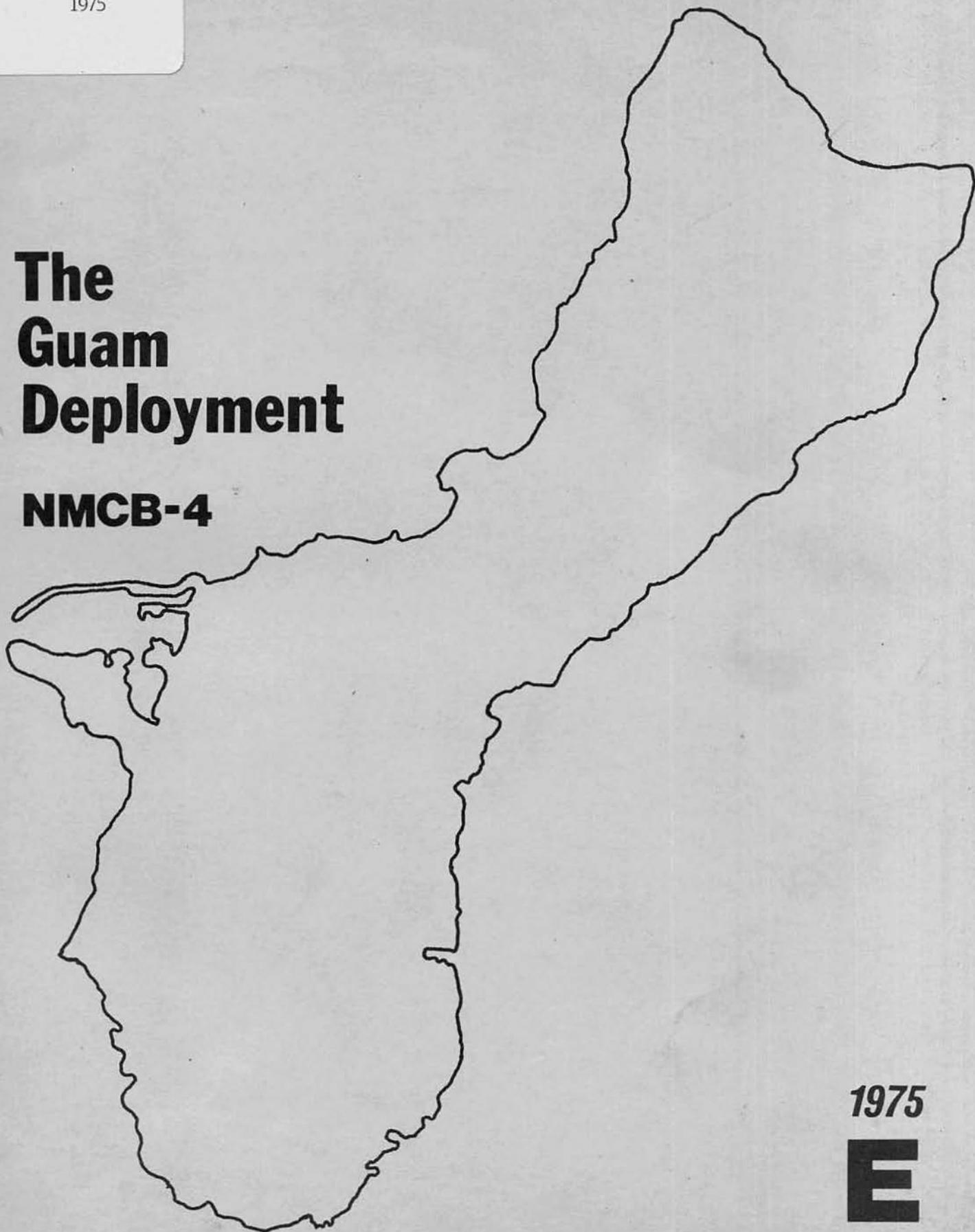


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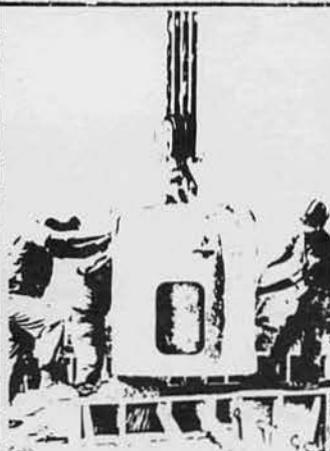
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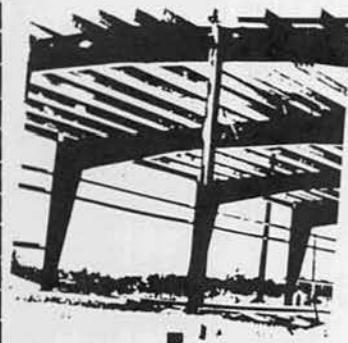
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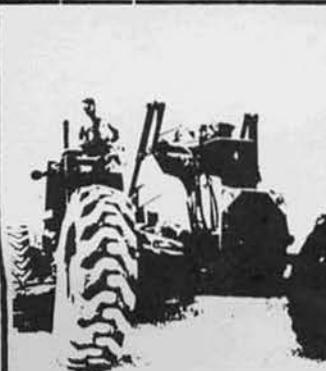
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# COMMANDER



This deployment can only be characterized by the many superlatives used by others to describe our accomplishments. The high point was reached on 17 July with the announcement that NMCB-FOUR had been selected as Pacific Fleet Best of Type for Fiscal Year 1975.

For most battalion personnel, our standout project was obviously Operation New Life. The major portion of the battalion was drawn together in a common cause. We had an ideal opportunity to show our capabilities and to receive instant recognition on a nationwide, even worldwide scale. Coming at mid-deployment, New Life was both challenging and, at the same time, a break from the routine of everyday work. Everyone was fully involved and highly motivated, with resultant outstanding achievements. The Commanding Officer of the Army's 45th Support Group was liberal with his praise and appreciation of the Seabee support he received from FOUR. He said that he had never seen an Army Engineer Battalion that could have equaled the output and responsiveness of FOUR. Even greater praise came from the founder of the Seabees, Admiral Ben Moreel, CEC, USN (ret.) in his letter to Rear Admiral Fisher, when he said that the record of FOUR's participation provided a historic document and that the Seabees merited an enthusiastic "Well done"!

New Life, however, should not be allowed to overshadow many other noteworthy accomplishments upon which FOUR's splendid reputation is based.

On its own merits, our Seabee Team on Ponape has been referred to as the best team in the Pacific, so we like to think of them as a "chip-off-the-old-block!"

In Japan, the Atsugi Detachment, with personnel both at Yokosuka and Atsugi made notable progress with club, housing and barracks rehabilitation, before being recalled to Guam—first for New Life, and then as a result of NMCB-ONE taking over all Japan work. Their return to Guam has given the battalion a lift and allowed us to catch up on construction deferred during Operation New Life.

On Midway, our Detachment overcame difficult problems of equipment and material shortages to prove they were the hardest working group on that island. Doing the work of others when they couldn't progress with their own, they served as a fine example of Seabee drive and ingenuity. Their projects improved the

quality of life on Midway.

The Adak Detachment fought a successful battle against the vagaries of tough Alaskan weather to get antennas in the air and improve the ecology of the island on the ground. The detachment has grown dramatically in size and interest as the difficulties and importance of their work become more and more prevalent.

On Guam, the Finegayan Detachment finished the CPO Mess and produced an architectural masterpiece. The results far exceeded the requirements of the plans and specifications, and have provided the Communications Station with a real show place. At the same time, the detachment also provided the station with a fine Teen Center, and came a long way towards completion of a Community Center for the family housing areas there.

The main body literally changed the face of Guam. Major earth moving and construction of drainage facilities were accomplished at the Naval Magazine. The large swimming pool at the Naval Hospital, complete with bathhouse, pavilion, large rambling sun deck and parking lot, was probably the most complex construction available on Guam. The pre-engineered buildings at Polaris Point, the various parking lots, roads and the myriad minor jobs all added vital facilities in answer to Guam's military needs. The demolition and removal of major portions of the ramshackle Roxas Village was a significant beautification of Guam. Camp Covington itself has taken another quantum leap forward towards becoming the best Seabee camp available.

The people of Guam and our detachment sites will miss the men of FOUR because you have been good neighbors. You have contributed to each area you served. You did your best, met every test, and now can look back on this deployment with great satisfaction.

Commander M. J. Macdonald  
CEC, USN  
Commanding Officer

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER



"Climb every mountain . . ."

Those lyrics from "The Sound of Music" are quite descriptive of the sort of "trip" NMCB-FOUR has been on since last September. Now, we need to look ahead to new peaks—but before we do that, it seems appropriate to reflect a while on the past.

When recalling the last twelve months, most of us have the tendency to remember the "main events," particularly the big ones: Broome Ranch, Camp Pendleton, the Air Det exercise, the ORI, the Mount-Out exercise, Project New Life, and the NCS CPO Club, just to name a few. In addition, there have been good times and bad, and joy and sorrow. What we fail to remember many times, however, is that behind each of these events is human emotion and personal involvement. It seems to me that we should remember all of those people who made that commitment much in the way that we recollect the "main events."

Since construction is one of our primary missions, most of the publicity we've received generally focuses on this area. I would like to take some time at this point to recognize the people behind the support which makes the construction operation possible. I'm talking principally about the men assigned to Headquarters Company—for without their continued efforts behind the scenes, it would be impossible to keep construction in high gear.

Also, we shouldn't forget the mechanics who keep the equipment operating, and the Bravo Company Camp Maintenance crews who ensure that the utilities are always available for our convenience and comfort. It takes lots of people to get the job done, and each individual effort is one link in that chain to success.

Speaking of success, we can all look at the "E" with justifiable pride. That award took the sum of everyone's efforts to acquire it; the same, if not a greater, effort will be required to hold on to it. Incidentally, let's not look back at the "E" as something

we earned for FY 75, but as something we will display with the pride in the coming year. If we can do that, then satisfaction will come in the realization of a job well done, and we will have reinforced our reputation of not only being able to do more, but doing it best.

When we deployed to Guam in January, there were about 680 men assigned to FOUR. Since then, many names and faces have changed, and many more will leave us shortly after we return to Port Hueneme. To those individuals who will depart for new assignments or to return to civilian life, I sincerely hope that your tour with FOUR was professionally rewarding and personally enjoyable. For those of you who remain, keep up the good work. Remember, Europe is only six months and two military field exercises away. (Now where else would you get the opportunity to enjoy snow and C-rats at the same time, but at Bridgeport . . .)

By the way, I've just about given up on the idea of a "whites" inspection during this deployment. But keep them ready just in case!

Hafa Adai!

*C. M. Maskell*

**C. M. MASKELL**  
Lieutenant Commander  
Civil Engineer Corps  
U. S. Navy

P.S. Habla Espanol?

# The Officers of FOUR



**LCDR J. R. Hildebrand**  
Supply Officer



**LCDR W. E. Schumm**  
Chaplain



**LT C. H. Royal**  
OIC Det Finegayan



**LT M. W. Shelton**  
Operations Officer



**LT R. N. Longfield**  
Medical Officer



**LT C. V. King**  
Training Officer



**LT T. C. Monson**  
Dental Officer



**LT M. R. Johnson**  
A. Co. Commander



**LT F. C. Klein**  
H. Co. Commander



**LTJG R. A. Dun**  
C. Co. Commander  
OIC Det Japan



**LTJG P. D. Saunders**  
OIC Seabee Team 0420



**LTJG R. A. Elliott**  
D. Co. Commander  
OIC Air Det



**LTJG P. B. Wade**  
Disbursing Officer



**LTJG W. Yuh**  
Admin/Pers Officer



**ENS R. P. DeTroye**  
B. Co. Commander



**ENS L. J. True**  
Engineering Officer  
Public Affairs Officer



**ENS M. A. Kopaczewski**  
ESO Officer



**LT J. D. Mason**  
Dental Officer



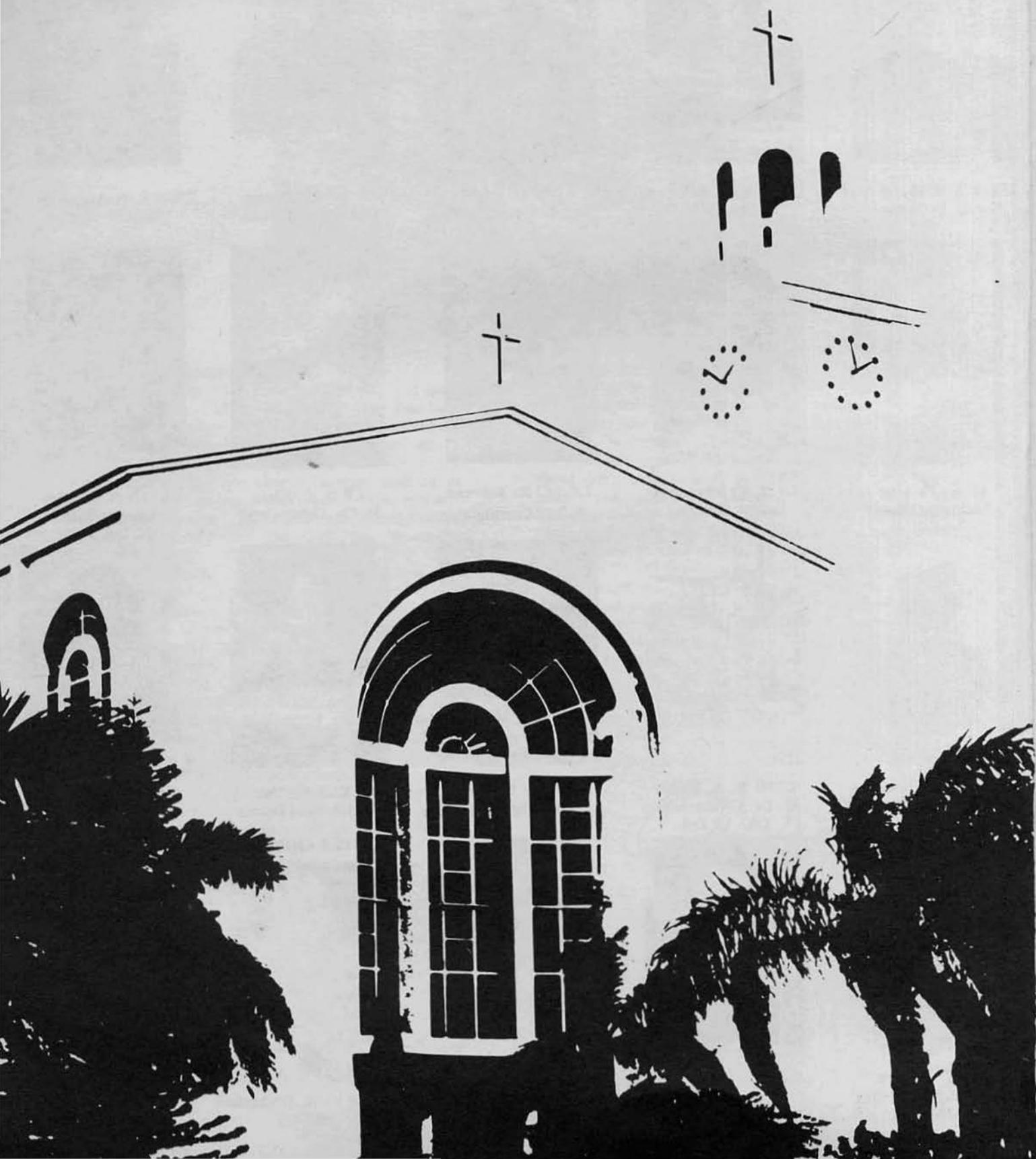
**EQCM D. R. Rutherford**  
MCPOC



**CUCM K. W. Nelson**  
Operations Chief  
D. Co. Commander

## MASTER CHIEF PETTY OFFICERS

# The island



Guam: a small tropical island, approximately 30 miles long and 6 miles wide; home of NMCB-FOUR's main body for 8 months.

This South Pacific island came to be our home after an 8-month tour on tiny Diego Garcia, in the Indian Ocean—a period that more than prepared us for an equatorial location.

Guam is hot and humid; the rainy season comes in mid-summer. Palm trees and thick jungle growth cover the coastal and low areas, while grassy hills dominate the interior.

The island is not what you'd call mountainous; however, from any point on Guam, you can see green hills, some reaching heights of 300 feet. Waterfalls are common.

The coast is rugged and features spectacular beauty in many spots. Two Lovers' Leap on the Philippine Sea side of Guam is such a place.

The western side of Guam is where most of the population, both civilian and military, is found. Agana, the capital, is bordered by such towns as Asan, Piti, Tamuning, Mongmong and Barrigada, to name a few. Situated along busy Marine Drive, these areas resemble modern suburbs in the States. The beach at Tumon Bay is Guam's "Riviera." Several large, modern hotels dot the beach, along with specialty restaurants. The area caters to many tourists, most of them Japanese,

and is genuinely luxurious.

Also on this side of the island are the military bases: sprawling Andersen AFB, NAS Barrigada and NCS Finegayan; on the southern tip is NAVSTA Guam. The Seabees' home is Camp Covington, nestled in the quiet woods bordering the Naval Station.

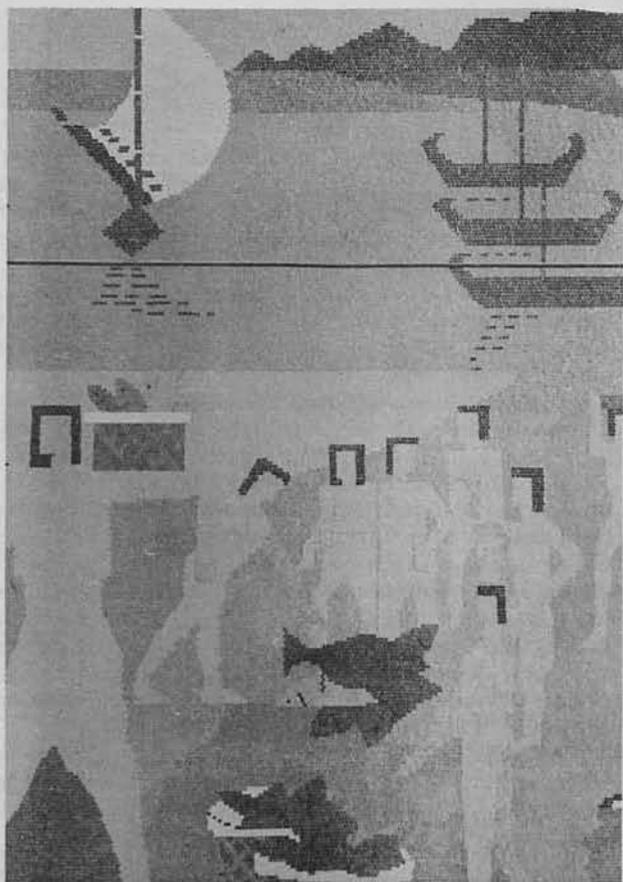
On the east coast, the picturesque villages of Umatac, Inarajan and Talofoto remain relatively quiet and peaceful places in which to live, and many historical customs are still observed here.

The Guamanian people belong to a race called Chamorro, and are tall, dark-skinned, and well-known for their good looks. Their ancestry is Polynesian, Filipino and Spanish, which gives them a rich cultural history and folklore. Many traditional ways of life have been carried down from the years under Spanish domination (a period lasting to 1898); hence, the Guamanian people are primarily Roman Catholic. The people share a great love of fiestas, large celebrations open to all, and which display colorful, traditional dances, costumes, music and entertainment. Liberation Day, celebrated July 21st, recalls the day when Guam was liberated from the Japanese in 1944.

As well as being truly beautiful, Guam is an interesting mixture of traditional customs and jet-age technology. America's day could not begin on a better place.



NMCB-FOUR's own little part of Guam, Camp Covington is adjacent to the Naval Station on the southern end of the island.



This mosaic on the International Trade Center is a good sample of the ancient art of the Chamorros.



The Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral in downtown Agaña.



These participants in the Independence Day beauty contest are proof of the beauty for which Guamanian women are famous.



Seabees and their decorated jeep from FOUR pull the float from Tamuning-Tumon in the Liberation Day parade.



SK2 Tom Sterns enjoys the tropical delights at the fresh-water Bali Hai Falls



**The panoramic view at Cetti Bay near Umatac.**



**A view of the rocky coast near the Agana Marina.**



**A family enjoys the Liberation Day parade as it passes by.**



**A view of Agana, the capital city of Guam, as seen from Nimitz Hill. Agana is a busy and ever-growing place.**



At a fiesta, a local woman shows how food was prepared long ago on Guam by grinding grain with stones.



The object of this local game is to throw a ring around a duck's neck and to make sure that it isn't too easy, this little guy keeps 'em running.



The well-known Spanish Bridge in Agat was built hundreds of years ago by the Spanish who occupied the island then.



Chaplain Schumm's photo of the village of Inarajan on the east side of the island.



"The Corn Palace" is one of Guam's stately mansions. It sits on the heights of Agana.



Did you know that New York's Statue of Liberty has a little sister on Guam?



A little citizen takes a long and curious look at our weird photographer.



All attention is fixed on the festivities on July 21, Liberation Day. This is an important day on Guam commemorating the liberation of the island from the Japanese in 1944.



Ypao Beach near Tumon where the hotels and tourists can be found.



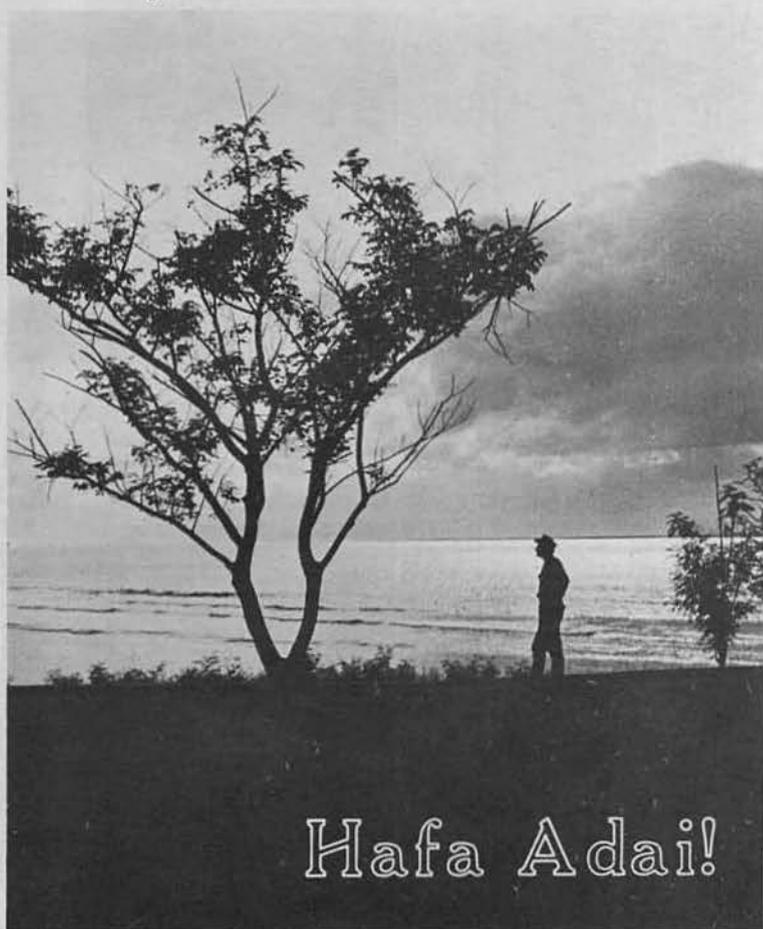
A common sight on the island of Guam; latte stones road signs.



Carnival rides are a big thing on the island when July 4th rolls around.



Guam has a considerable Filipino population and many Japanese tourists giving it an international atmosphere.



Hafa Adai!

Really quite a place. . . .

# Recreation



On off-duty time, the men of FOUR found a whole bunch of things to do.

Both Camp Covington and the Naval Station offered similar facilities, such as gyms, libraries, and hobby shops. These places made the deployment a bit more like home, and were always convenient for everyone.

The main on-base attraction, however, seemed to be the Camp Covington EM Club. This was a friendly after-hours meeting place, where relaxation was the common goal. Towards the second half of the deployment, live entertainment was introduced in the form of the "D'Magdalena Sisters," whose performances were quite popular.

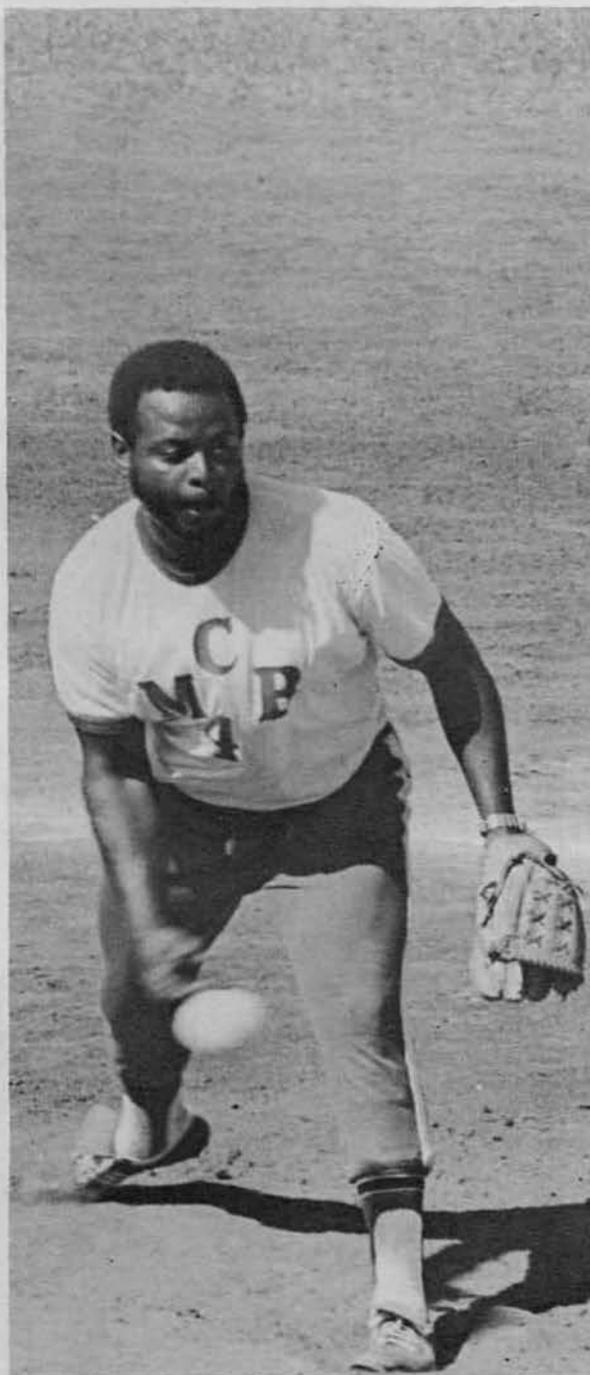
The battalion had organized sports, as well. Early in the deployment, our softball team won the Intramural League championship and made a good showing in the Varsity League. Our football team also won their Intramural League Championship.

The base, however, was not the only place to go; Guam offered a lot more. A steady flow of Seabees made their way "downtown" to Agana and Tamuning, where theaters, stores, and nighttime entertainment centers are located.

Guam's biggest offering as far as recreation was concerned, was found in its natural beauty. Being an island, water sports exist of every conceivable type; they were offered by clubs and done also on an individual level. There were many swimmers, divers, shellers, fishermen, water skiers and shutter-bugs from FOUR who spent lots of time on or near Guam's greatest natural resource: the ocean.

Hikers were a devoted lot. USO-sponsored "boonie stomps" were conducted every weekend, and led the curious to such locations at Talofof Falls, Asgadao Island, Cetti Falls, various caves and myriad World War II sites. Some hikes were quite difficult, and involved negotiating steep, often muddy trails, thrashing through dense jungle, and bearing up under the ever-present sun. Hikers paid the price, with sore legs, muddy clothes and sunburn, a common result of a back country excursion. However, these venturesome individuals earned the reward of seeing some of the most beautiful sights to be found on Guam.

If this article makes Guam look like Paradise, it should be pointed out that all of us felt homesick at one time or another, and wondered how things were going back in "the world;" for the many cards, letters, and phone calls from families and loved ones, we are grateful. Even though Guam was really a fantastic place in some respects, it can only take second place to Port Hueneme.



**Willie Blackmon, pitcher of FOUR's champion softball team releases a fast one.**



Dunking in the ocean; a Seabee tradition.



The USO welcome party in January featured a coconut throwing contest. Here Larry Scott gives it a try.



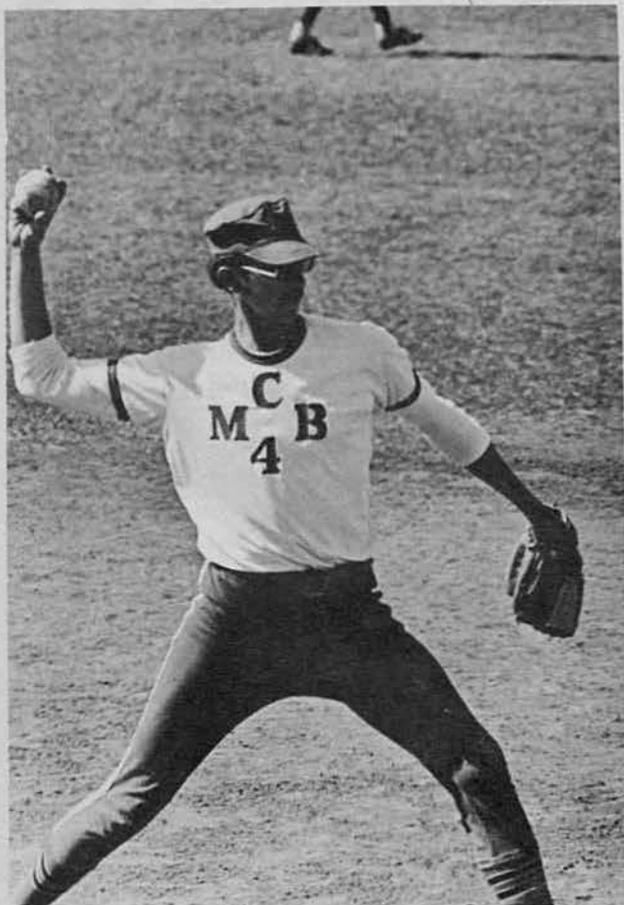
A beautiful welcome to the island of Guam.



The participants in the greased pole climb during the Seabee birthday.



Men of the Finegayan Det engage in some informal barracks competition.



John Gomez fields a throw during softball pre-game practice.



Like the main body, Det Finegayan also had a successful softball team.



Welcome to the NFL son!



Some of FOUR's football players relax on the bench.



The christening and grand opening of the first class club.



A friendly greeting from the club. Do they mean 'peace' or 'victory'?



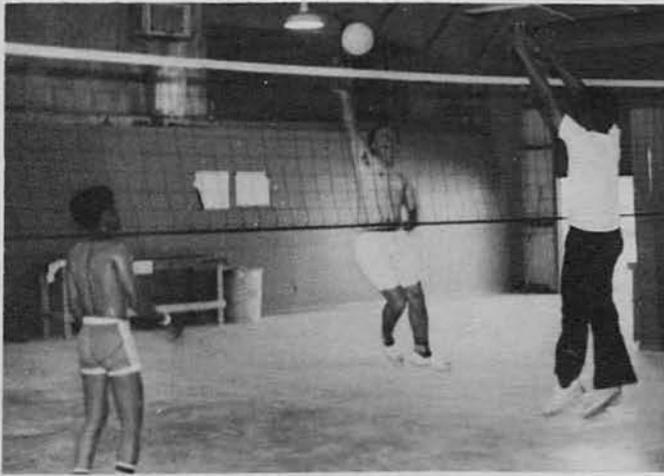
Bob Zeppelin talks with Carl Eller of the Minnesota Vikings during a visit to camp by NFL stars.



Runner Dale Moore was one of many Seabees who did a lot of jogging on Guam.



The "D'Magdalena Sisters" kept us entertained at the club many times.



Volleyball at the gym. A good way to stay in shape.



Anxiously awaiting the showing of the flick; a nightly ritual at Camp Covington.



The art of "boonie stomping" can be a harrowing (and muddy) business.



The gym provided equipment for many athletic activities.



Jack Parsons demonstrates an efficient but slow means of transportation on Guam.

# Alpha Company



Our deployment to Guam was looked forward to as the word got around that there would be some good EO-type work to do there. And you know where EO's go, CM's are sure to follow. It was with high hopes and great expectations, then, that the men of Alpha Co. began this deployment.

It didn't take long for us to get settled in and begin work. Project goals, established by the previous battalion, were surpassed, and new goals were set.

The Operational Readiness Inspection, conducted by COMCBPAC, proved to be an extraordinary success, with the battalion receiving a grade of EXCELLENT. The many hours of hard work by both CM's and EO's in the preparation for this inspection definitely paid off.

March was full of fun and games (again), as the battalion was ordered to mount out. Under the cool hands of our Embark Chief, EOC McGuire, Alpha Co. became the main component of the exercise. Because of the aid Alpha Co. gave to the rest of the battalion, all of the men in the company earned their fair share of the fine grade given to the whole battalion. Little did we then realize how much had been learned.

With April came major company changes. The Adak Detachment, led by our Company Adjutant, CMCS Randall, departed, and EOCS Robinson assumed those duties. After a little shuffling, everyone finally figured out who was in charge of whom. Things were going well, with EOC Davis in charge at NAVMAG, EOC Jury at Orote Point Mineral Facilities, and a new arrival, EO1 Rippper, in Dispatch. Meanwhile, in the shops, between CMCS Maleport, CMC Kellerman and CMC Medley, mechanics continued to maintain their high level of excellence in their work, regardless of the things the EO's put the equipment through.

On April 23, the battalion was ordered to prepare for 50,000 refugees from war-torn South Vietnam. Operation New Life was off and running.

In a matter of hours, crews were sent to Asan. After this phase was complete, they moved on to Orote Point, where soon a tent city arose. Twelve hour shifts were quickly established and all of the men on the field crews fell into the pattern. Meanwhile, back at WESTPAC, the CM's started working long shifts. To the surprise of many, they put forth maximum effort and kept all the needed equipment out in the field.

As the weeks passed, Alpha Company's role changed gradually, fluctuating with the needs of the people at "Tent City." Slowly, crews returned to their job sites. With the early return of the Japan Det, Alpha Co. was able to return almost completely to the job sites. However, when Tent City closed, Alpha Co. was again on site to finish hauling equipment, tents and SEA huts to other locations.

At the job sites, work resumed, with emphasis now placed on catching up with deadlines and making up for lost time. Before anyone realized it, request chits for the advance party poured into the Alpha Co. office. Our Company Commander, CWO2 Puckett, forwarded them to the Executive Officer. More chits funneled in for things like BAQ and COMRATS.

Early August meant a change in command for Alpha Co. as Mr. Puckett left for Gulfport and gave his job to LT Johnson, just in time for the BEEP.

The BEEP went off well, thanks to the careful planning of not only our Maintenance Supervisor and his aides in Cost Control, but to the spirit of the entire company. Now everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved rest back in Port Hueneme. It was an outstanding deployment.

YNSN James Hoskyn



"Alpha Co. was able to move the battalion to meet the demands of the refugees."



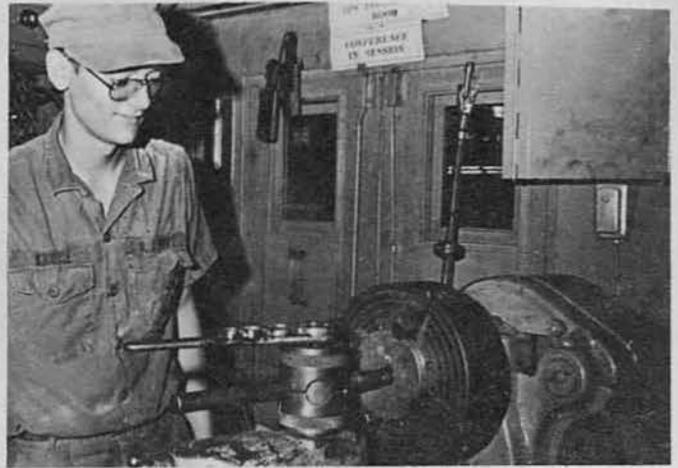
**Back Row:** Company Commander LT M. R. Johnson, EO1 G. Nickell, EOC T. McQuire **Front Row:** CMCS H. Maleport, EOCS H. Robinson and YNSA J. Hoskyn, Company Clerk.



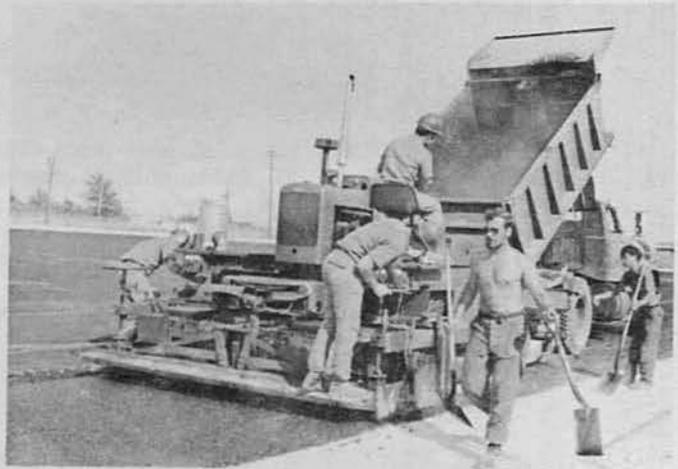
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**E03 Sato does some digging for ditches at the Hospital site.**



**MRFA Tom Kruse checks out his machinery.**



**The crew that laid out the asphalt at the SRF parking lot.**



**E03 Leon Llewellyn gives an earthmover a shove with his dozer at Naval Magazine.**



Alpha Company Commander until August, CWO2 R. D. Puckett



Supervisor of the Polaris Pt. self-help crew; EO1 Walter Green.



EOCN Tom Streeter at work near the Recreation Bldg.



Time to re-tire? CN Dave Schmidt thinks so.



CM3 Gary Harness at his job in the Alpha shops.



CN Paul Lovelace and backhoe hard at work at the hospital.



The updating of the dispatch board; E02 Lester Wallace.



E03 Sato at the Naval Magazine.



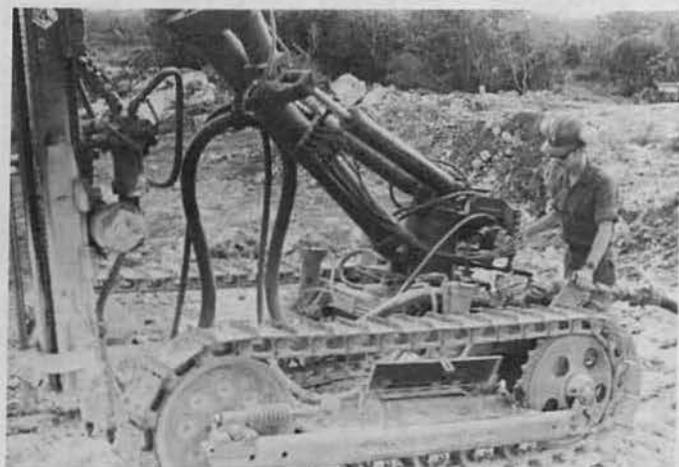
**E03 Ken Kindel approaches the engine of a deuce-and-a-half.**



**At the Orote Pt. quarry, CM3 Tyler North prepares to do some repairing.**



**An EO's view of work at NAVMAG, mud capital of the world.**



**E03 Mike Bowin uses a rock drill to make holes for blasting at Orote Pt.**



CM3 Dale Stoevere in the steel shop does some work on heads.



The front-view of a muddy dozer-earmover push at NAVMAG.



Operating the batch plant crane; BU3 Roland Hardwick.



Brake work; a specialty of CM3 Eldo Bollmeyer.

# Bravo Company



As our deployment draws to a close, Bravo Co. looks with pleasure on a very fulfilling and satisfying deployment, filled with a variety of projects and jobs which kept our company on the go from the very start.

In Camp Maintenance, our supply system was reorganized and is in real good shape—thanks to UT3 Knowlton, HT3 Mindigo and UTCN Hill. Maintenance crews, responsible for the upkeep of Camp Covington and WESTPAC, worked long hours on their own time to make both areas a better place.

There are also unnoticed improvements, such as the laundry and galley boilers. Without these, we'd wear dirty greens and eat cold cuts. Lots of time went into these problem areas. With the assistance of CE2 Rodgers on the Trouble Desk and CEC Vandermeiren, UT1 Holland and CE1 Wilmot as Maintenance Supervisors, our men were able to perform any task assigned to them.

The Line Crew was established as a result of Operation New Life. Led by CE1 Wilmot, tasking has been very precarious—from installing service line drops to routine and emergency service calls. The Line Crew was constantly on the move; as Operation New Life closed out, many new projects came up. The Naval Hospital swimming pool project was built under the combined efforts of Bravo and Delta Companies. The Bravo Co. crews were under the supervision of CE1 Modin and UT1 Jordan.

Looking deeper into Bravo Co., the Builder Shop, under the supervision of BU1 Morin, has recently been a beehive of activity. BU3 Manning and BU3 Hogan completed painting the BEQ's and set up to start painting the EM Club and CPO Mess. BU1 Ciballo, BU3 Hancock and BU3 Madison were busy building cabinets and mount-out boxes, as well as the Builder Shop, rehabbed by all hands in the shop. BU3 Hoese canvassed all BEQ's and replaced everything—from soap dishes to ceramic tile.

In the training corner, we find CE1 Staten and UT2 Schwartz. This pair is responsible for coordinating training for each man in his rating, keeping up to date information on available schools, and answering any questions that may arise.

At the heart of Bravo Co. is ENS De Troye, Company Commander, and UTC Pruitt, Company Chief. Last but not least, is BUCN Binney, Company Clerk (ha ha).

**BUCN Dean Binney**



**The Bravo Company staff; ENS R. P. DeTroye, Company Commander; UTC Murue Pruitt and CEC Maurice Vandermeieren.**



**FIRST PLATOON:** (l. to r.) Back Row; UT1 B. Gosnell, CE2 J. Russell, CE3 P. Callaway, CECN J. Gagnon, UT2 A. Garver, UT3 J. Kafton, UT1 J. Jordan, CE3 R. Buschman, CN H. Bast, HT3 E. Mindigo, HT3 P. Kelley, Middle Row; CE1 I. Esteron, UTCN D. Hicks, UT2 P. Sundermeier, UT3 H. Orellano, UTCN R. Pegg, UTCN R. Hill, UTCN M. Steman, UTCN D. Johnson, UT3 H. Lang, UT3 G. Knowlton, UT1 L. Bringus, Front Row; CE1 D. Modin, CA R. Driscoll, CA E. Larson, CE2 F. Pasion, CA K. Queally, CECN H. Creutz, CE2 L. Anderson, CE1 A. Soliman



**SECOND PLATOON:** (l. to r.) Back Row; UT3 J. Pena, UT3 H. Vreeland, UT3 E. Pruitt, UT2 A. Morrel, UT3 B. Farmer, UT1 A. Eisenlord, UT3 R. Robidoux, UT3 R. Wrght, UT3 E. VanHaarlem, UT2 R. Boettcher Middle Row; CE1 L. Wilmot, BU3 T. Manning, BU3 W. Hoese, BU3 S. Madison, BU3 A. Hogan, BU3 D. Hancock, CE3 J. Stuart, BU1 E. Ciballo, BU1 D. Morin, UT1 B. Holland Front Row; CECN R. Orozco, CN L. Palmer, CE3 K. Lingman, CE3 K. Turner, CA S. Richards, CE3 S. Young, CE2 R. Rodgers, CE2 S. Blom



**CE3 Jim Stewart** checks a motor with a probe.



On Guam, the ice man is always appreciated by the work crews; he is **UTCA Bob Wright**.



**BUS Tom Manning** of the carpenter's shop, installs dry wall at WestPac.



**UT3 Roy Robidoux**, the man unlucky enough to be the first UT on the scene of a broken hydrant at WestPac.



Checking out a fusebox at WestPac is CECN Lester Palmer.



The crew of NavSta's "Stick City," the collection point for Orote Pt.'s used tent poles.



CN Henry Bast at an Orote Pt. concrete pour.



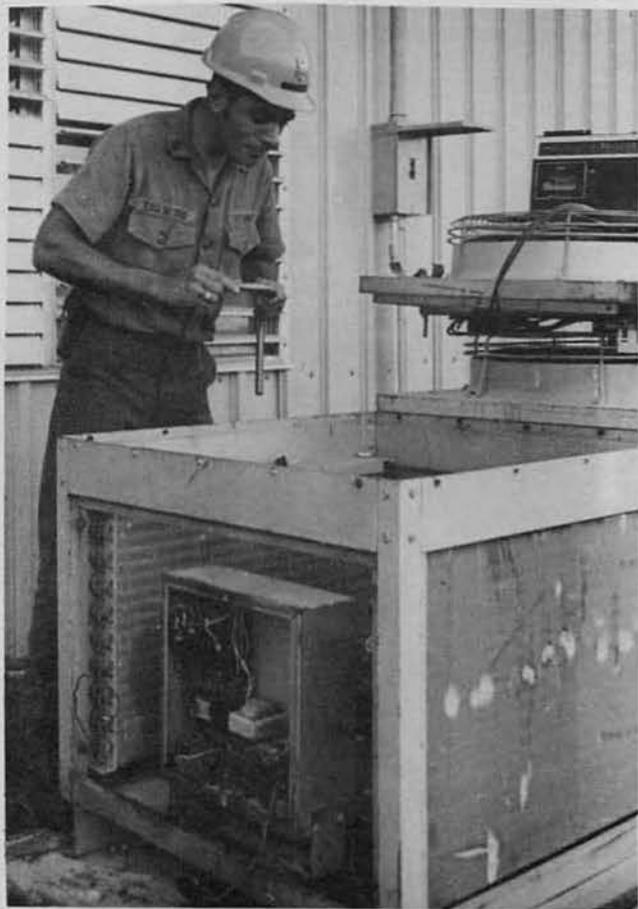
UT3 Bob Wright packs over a water line.



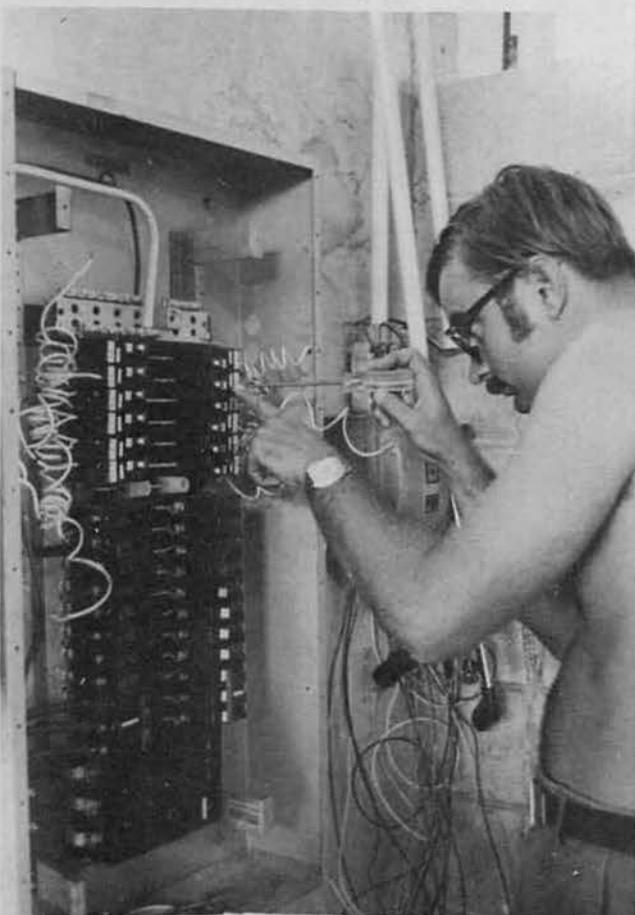
UT3 B. Farmer performs maintenance on a boiler.



Getting the pipe level; UT2 Jess Pena.



Air conditioning work; the occupation of UT1 Adrian Eisenlord.



CE3 Ralph Buschman does some wiring at the Naval Hospital.



Hooking up new power at the Naval Hospital is CECN Dave Driscoll.



Preparing conduit at the Hospital are CECN Driscoll and UTCA Carson.



CE2 John Russel works on streetlights at Tent City during Operation New Life.



"I found it!" CE3 Carey Lafferty has the part he was searching for.



**UT2 Hurl Vreeland of the BEQ air-conditioning crew.**



**The Rec. Bldg. sewer line is back-filled by UT2 Allen Garver.**



**Threading pipe for the Orote Pt. showers; UTCN Dave Hicks and UT3 Roy Robidoux.**



**CN Spencer Madison in the carpentry shop.**

# Det Finegayan



For the Finegayan Det, the Guam deployment was diverse, surprising, enjoyable, frustrating, relaxing, and most of all, it was characterized by work. Seldom did anyone say there was nothing to do.

The work we accomplished shouldn't be taken lightly. FINDET finished the CPO Mess (a project started in 1973 by NMCB-62); started and completed the Teen Center; and started the Community Center and the outdoor recreational facility. At various times, we performed odd jobs for NAVCOMMSTA, and often helped our brother 'BEES at NCS self-help. (All this and Operation New Life, too . . .) When Operation New Life began, FINDET shut down every project and closed up in 90 minutes.

All work and no play makes a 4.0 Seabee a 3.2 Seabee—and there were lots of partying places on Guam. Some of the beautiful places and sights included Talofofo Falls, Umatac Bay and the Inarajan fresh water swimming hole. How about Two Lovers' Point? Hotel Row in Tumon-Ypao? Plaza de Espana in Agana? There were the Sumay Village ruins at the Naval Station, the ever-present latte stones, boonie stomping, fiestas. (Bored? Who said that?)

Then for a change of pace, the people of South Vietnam paid us a visit. Like the rest of the battalion, FINDET worked many long hours, including two hours commuting daily. For the most part, FINDET worked the swing and graveyard shifts. It was better, then, because it was a little cooler. Of course, seeing the sun go down and then come up was weird . . .

Sports were big with the Det. When we first arrived at NCS, we had a baseball game the following night. Though we won by a technicality, the Seabees were No. 1 in the league by the end of the season. Members of our detachment played football, water polo and swam. For awhile, especially after the detachment adopted a physical training policy, it appeared some might die from good health. Quite a few men got into snorkeling and scuba diving. For others, it was the ping pong games in the barracks. Some were ardent card shufflers. There was also the minority who jogged.

Memories include Teddy Szekely, the Seabee Queen; the Bar-B-Q at Andreen Park; the Japanese tourists; the Korean girls; and NCS. We lucked out on facilities: we had private rooms, good chow, good recreational facilities, and a command that loved Seabees. Having Waves close by too didn't hurt any!

Guam was more than we thought it would be. It was, for us, three-quarters of 1975. We left a part of us there, and took part of it with us.



SWC Robert Bowman, Asst. Officer-in-Charge and LT C. H. Royal, Officer-in-Charge of Det Finegayan.

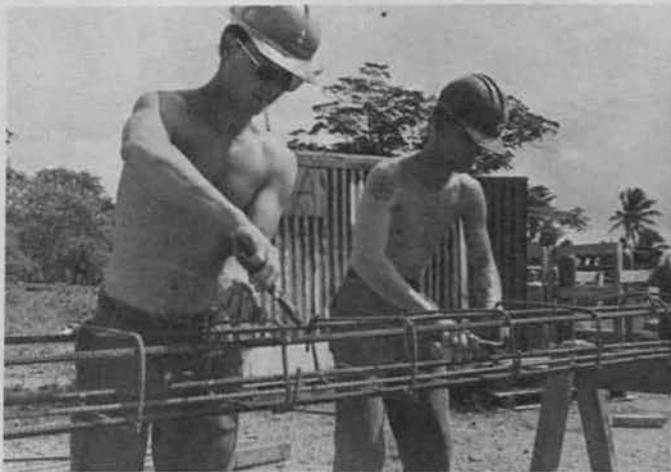
BUCA Ken Mallory



**FIRST PLATOON:** (l. to r.) Back Row; BU2 K. Ha, CN D. Robinson, BU3 K. McBain, BU3 D. Hammon, BU3 W. Lusby, BUCA K. Mallory, Middle Row; BU2 R. Kruger, BU3 G. Billingsley, BUCN J. DeFrates, BUCN K. Searl, BUCN H. Ernst, BU3 L. Fish, BU3 D. Lawrence, Front Row; BU2 D. Kleiner, BU3 R. Beard, BU3 D. Caldwell, BU3 J. Haas, BUCA M. Shirey, CA R. Lofing, BUI H. Marriott



**SECOND PLATOON:** (l. to r.) Back Row; EA2 A. Bautista, EA3 R. Haley, EA3 J. Satter, CN N. Okeson, UTCA C. Smith, UTI P. Ruiz, Middle Row; CE2 O. Dana, CE3 D. Fong, CA B. Wimmers, CE3 D. Garland, UT3 S. Davis, UT3 J. Erdman, UT3 C. Stuhldryer, Front Row; SWI G. Rodriguez, SW2 D. Bishop, SW3 M. Farrar, SW3 P. McLain, SW3 J. Baker, SWCN S. Walther, SW3 J. Diaz, SWCN C. Hemenway



Tying rebar; the job of SW3 Phil McLain and CN Jackie Childress.



Laying block for the planter around the old tree in front of the CPO Club; BUCA Loffing, BUCN Defrates and BU3 Fish.



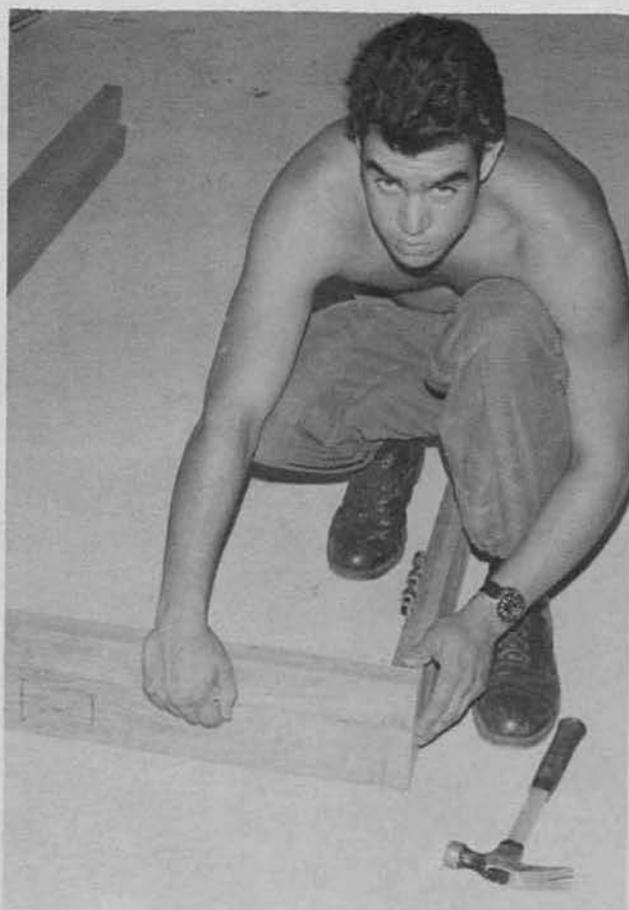
At the CPO Club, UT3 Jesse Erdman prepares conduit.



CN Jackie Childress drills into the concrete at the NCS Chow Hall.



BU3 Jeff Haas sets his level at the Teen Club.



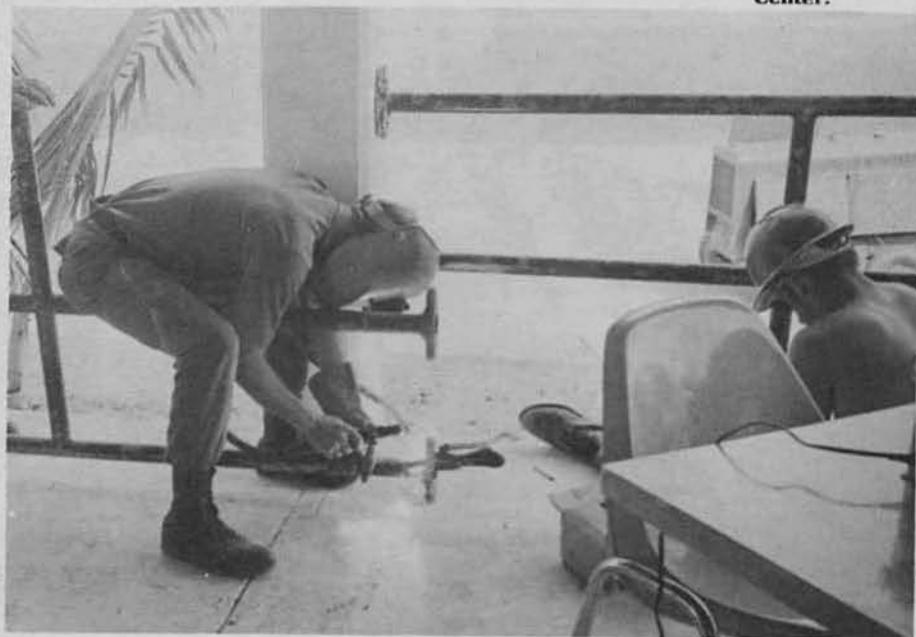
**BU3 Richard Beard finishes up a door frame.**



**One of Finegayan's EAs, EACN Jose Tan sets the sights**



**E03 Gary Pennington moves the earth near the Community Center.**



**Installing the railing at the NCS galley; SW3 Bob Hawkins and SWCN Leonard Harbacek.**



**BUCN Kevin Searl smooths out the new kitchen floor at the CPO Club.**



Operating this front-end loader is EOCN Steve Valentine.



Stripping wire; CECA Bernie Wimmers.

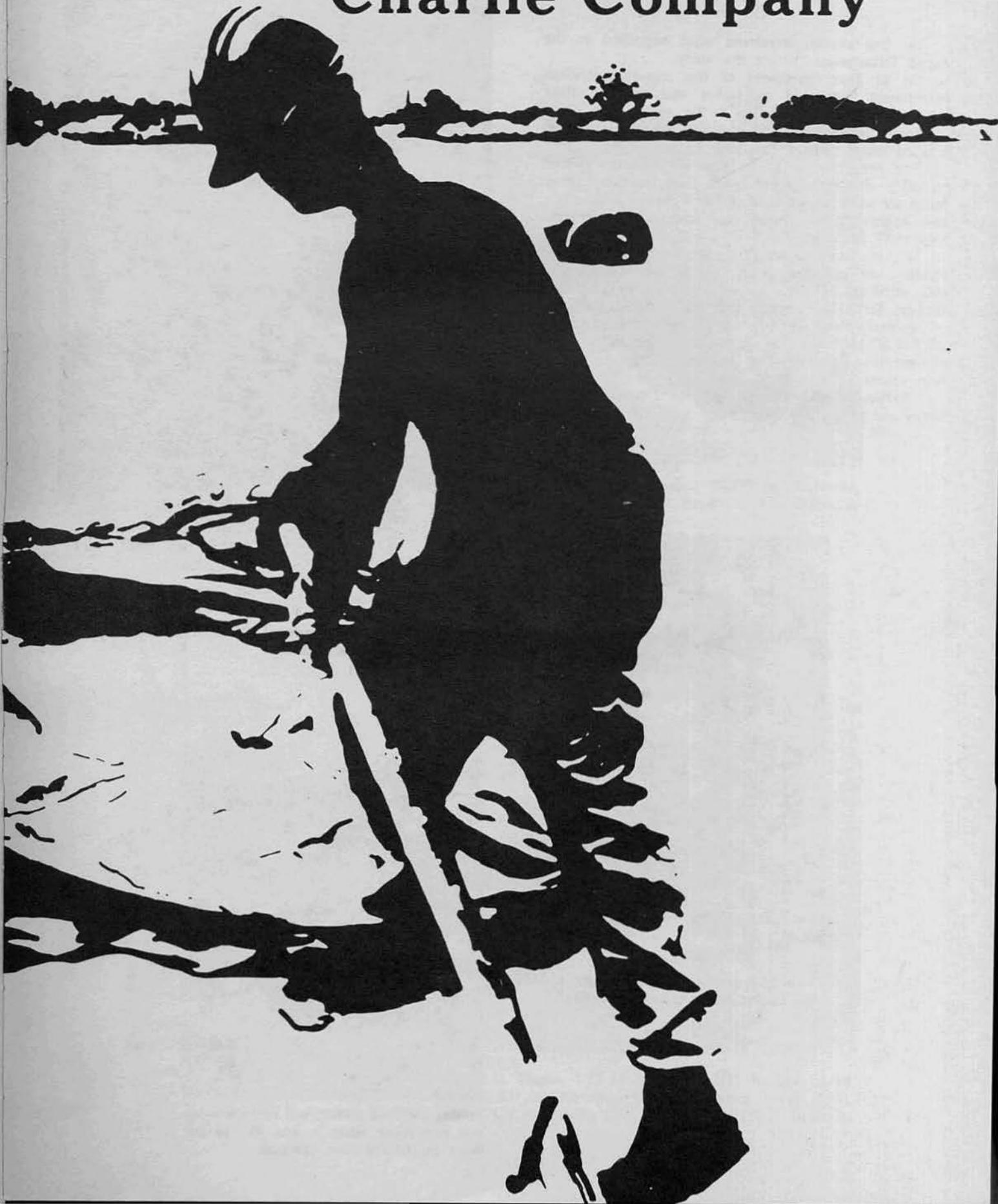


The Teen Club footing; BU3 Nerison, BU3 McBain and BUCN Shirey.



UTI Pete Ruiz measures a length of pipe at the Teen Club.

# Charlie Company



In case anyone wondered what happened to the Japan Detachment, here's the story.

On 28 June, members of the now-disestablished detachment regrouped on Guam and changed their name to "Charlie Company." We were then given control of Orote Point and a couple dozen minor taskings at Asan, Tumon Bay and Agana.

The first two weeks as Charlie Company passed smoothly, and suntans improved. Then the rains came. Since all work assigned to us was outdoors, the July and August rains brought the frustrations associated with work stoppage.

Working with constantly changing priorities and sudden new taskings, many nights saw Charlie Co. still working, as they fought time to ready a new facility. Still, the company met its deadlines.

Several small projects in Camp Covington and WESTPAC provided some break from the hectic pace of Operation New Life. The nearness of home in August kept spirits up.

Charlie Co. will return to homeport tired, but also happy and proud. It's been an unforgettable deployment.

**LTJG Richard Dun**



**BU2 Eugene Brown at work on a SEA hut during the post-New Life days.**



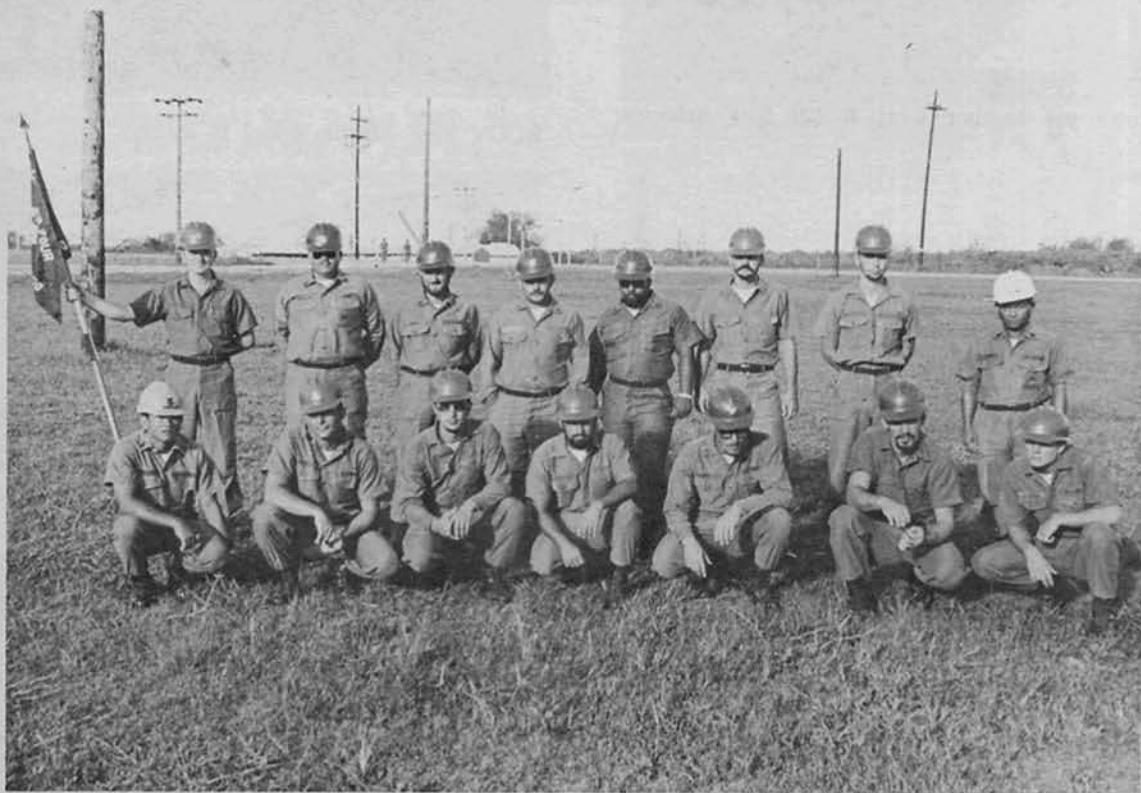
**Charlie Company Commander, LTJG R. A. Dun and Company Chief UTCS Norman Kolbeck.**



**Pulling out tent stakes; not so easy when you remember what it was like to put them in. BUCN Kim Schmidt.**



**FIRST PLATOON: (l. to r.) Back Row; BU2 F. Hall, BUCN M. Brooks, BUCN R. Peterson, BUCN S. Dugnolle, BU3 T. Devens, CN S. Reeves (Front Row; BU2 R. Brown, BU2 W. Williams, BU3 P. Martin, BUCN K. Schmidt, BUCN L. Platt, BUCN A. Litwin**



**SECOND PLATOON: (l. to r.) Back Row; CE3 D. Hogue, UT2 D. McIntosh, UT3 R. Cary, UT3 G. McAdam, UT3 W. Outen, UTCN R. Stillwell, SN M. Novotny, CEC P. Gomez Front Row; UT1 J. Toribio, CE2 C. Rogers, CECN J. Black, CN A. Uvalle, CE3 C. Ennis, CECN J. Driscoll, CA B. Luzader**



Taking down yet another tent; BUCN Kim Schmidt.



BUCN Pete Martin drags it away.



BU2 Williams and former Japan Det now Charlie Co. crew at Orote Pt.



Construction of SEA huts at J&G Co. refugee camp.



UTCS Norman Kolbeck shows SWC Robert Willis, Safety Chief, the lumber his crew is using for SEA huts.



A tired looking BU2 Eugene Brown drags a tent pole.



Near the end of a tent takedown; the folding of the canvas.



BUCN Steve Dugnolle at work at Orote Pt.



It wasn't easy to put it up and Charlie Co. can attest to the fact that it was no easier to take it down.



Seeming to recall the good old days in Japan is CECN Al Uvalle at Orote Pt.



BUCN Joe Peterson and BU3 Bob Butcher take another one down.



BU3 Bob Butcher works on SEA huts for the small refugee camp at J&G Construction Co.



CE3 Cliff Ennis holds his corner as Orote Pt. is slowly abandoned.

# Delta Company



Delta Co. began the deployment eagerly after completing an excellent homeport period. However, an effective damper was put on the company's initial construction efforts due to a combination of material problems and design changes. Things took time to get rolling; but by mid-February, the NAVMAG security facilities, the Naval Hospital swimming pool, the Polaris Point warehouses, and several small jobs all progressed well.

Then came the mount-out exercise.

NMCB-FOUR displayed its ability to "go anywhere, any time" during Exercise Kennel Bear 2-75, and Delta Co. proved its readiness by helping the rest of the battalion earn its overall mark of OUTSTANDING.

When the mount-out exercise passed, things returned to normal. Everyone set his sights on completing projects and ultimately returning to homeport. For a while, it looked as if this would be just "another" deployment. That was not to be, however.

In support of Operation New Life, NMCB-FOUR was called upon to provide berthing and messing spaces for all of the refugees coming to Orote Point. For those who never saw Seabees in action before, it was shocking to see old, deserted rows of buildings at Asan Point transformed into clean, habitable barracks, complete with water and electricity, in less than 48 hours. But Camp Asan could hold only a few thousand evacuees—and it is here where FOUR's real work began, and where others became believers in "Seabee Power."

What had been literally dense jungle was cleared in days by EO's—and then the tent crews started. Delta Co. of course contributed to the tent erection effort, but we will be remembered more for producing over 600 burn-out latrines, plus tent decks and portable showers, from the "prefab" yard. Steelworkers were not idle, either, for over four miles of fence were erected. In

addition, playground equipment was built and installed, and 55-gallon drums cut for use in the burn-out latrines. Delta Company's office staff contributed greatly, too, as it cut thousands of feet of tent stakes from rebar to support tent field crews.

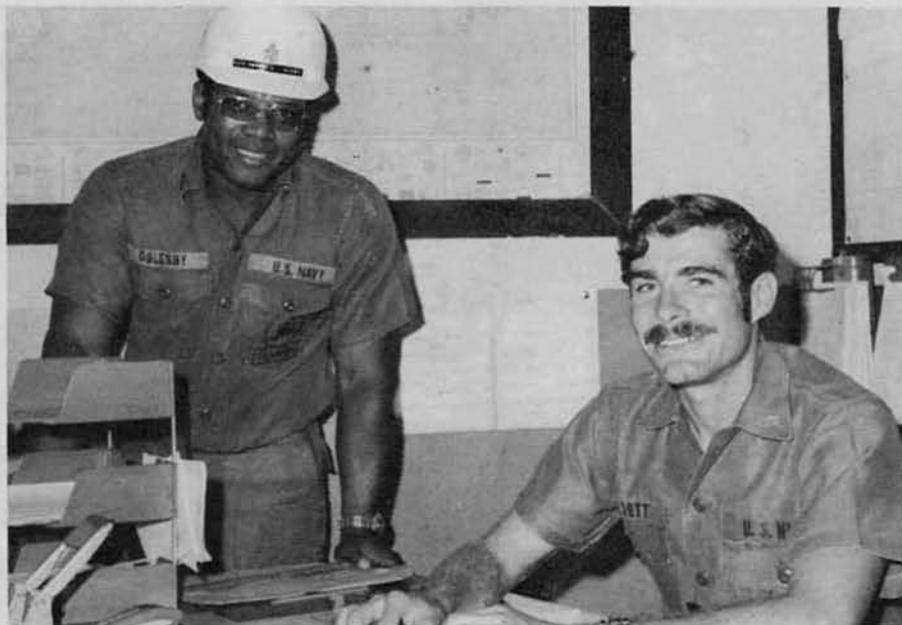
Though its efforts in support of Operation New Life were applauded, Delta Company's work on its regular projects was neither less demanding nor less significant. By completing the warehouse complex at Polaris Point, Delta Co. added much-needed covered storage space to one of the Pacific Fleet's major nuclear submarine support facilities. In performing some high-quality work on curbs at the Naval Dental Clinic parking lot, we left behind a smart-looking job that will bring great credit to the Seabees for years.

Of all its jobs, the most frustrating one was the NAVMAG security facilities. What figured to be the battalion's major effort during homeport planning was significantly reduced in scope by last-minute changes. Despite problems, Delta Co. installed a massive box culvert, several pipe culvert and catch basins, many runs of interim fence, and almost completed a new sentry booth when our deployment came to an end.

Finally came the swimming pool, which moved from "hot" to "sizzling" on the priority scale as the deployment progressed. From a mere plaster shell in January, the pool and bath house were essentially complete by deployment's end.

Guam offered satisfaction to the men of Delta Co. If 0700 found the entire company on the job, it was because we had work to do. As the only major vertical construction agent with the main body, Delta Co. was the focal point and bore the brunt of a great number of man-hours of direct labor that other parts of the battalion never experienced.

†TJG R. A. Elliott



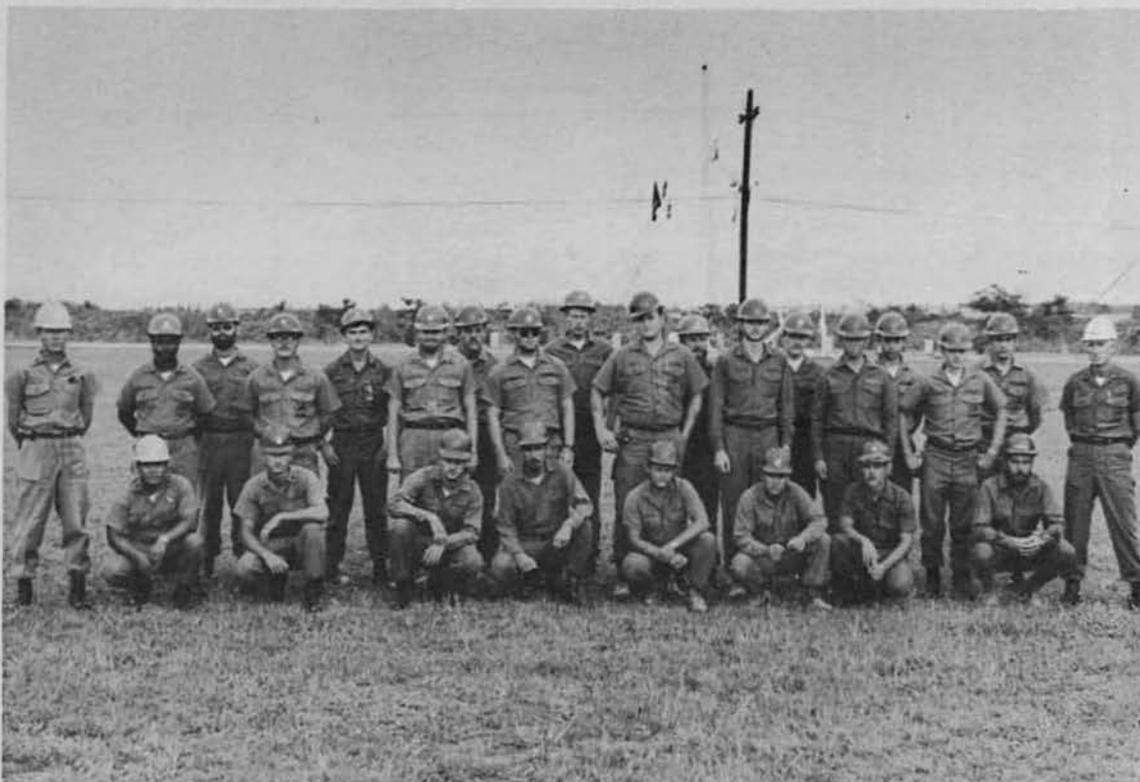
Delta Co. Chief BUCS Edward Oglesby and Company Commander LTJG R. A. Elliott.



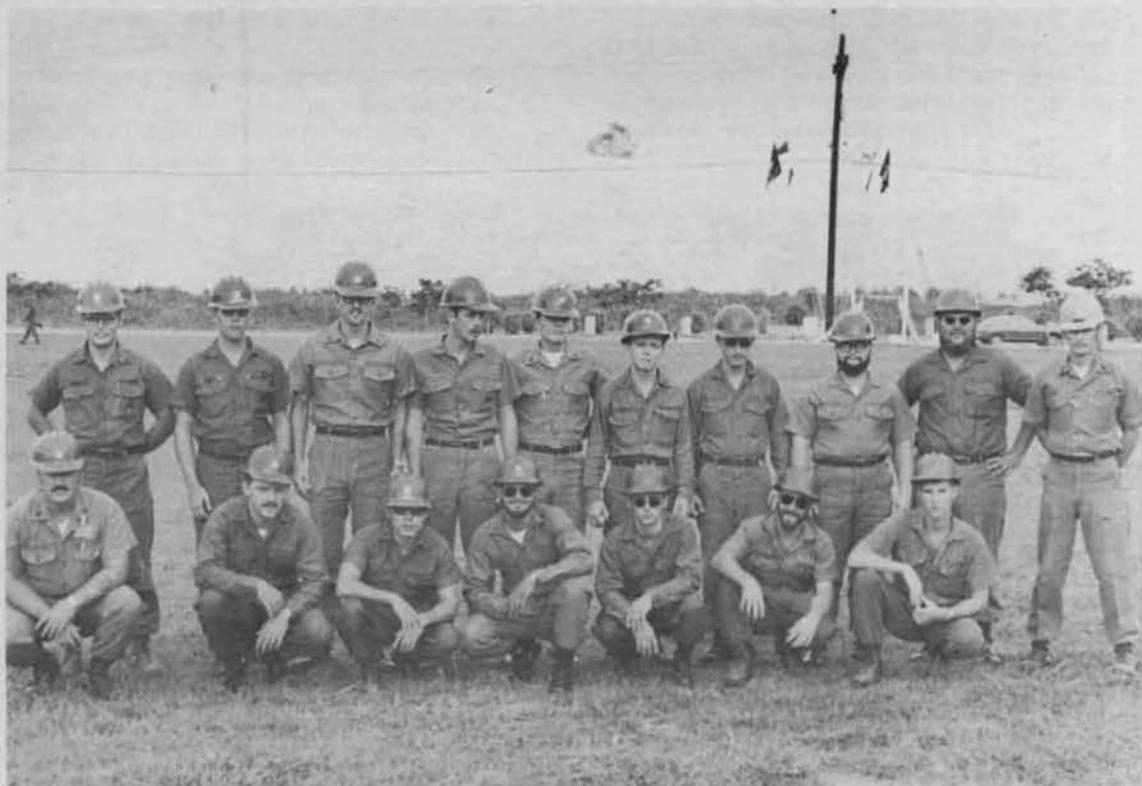
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**SECOND PLATOON:** (l. to r.) Back Row; BU2 C. Mangayayam, BU3 S. Bakos, BU3 T. Anderson Middle Row; BU1 C. McSwain, BU2 E. Brown, BU2 M. Thomas, BU3 F. Gallegos, BUCN R. Cooney, BUCN D. Wynn, CA H. Bougere Front Row; BU1 W. Nivala, BU2 J. Hartley, BU3 C. Ripple, BU3 J. Koss



**THIRD PLATOON:** (l. to r.) Back Row; BU2 T. Oneil, BU3 J. Lawrence, BUCN D. Riddering, BU3 R. Williams, BU3 W. McMorris, BU3 F. Bohnsack, EOCA R. Veazy, EOCA C. Lemmond Middle Row; BU2 W. Blackmon, BU2 R. Coch, BU3 B. Nelson, BU3 G. Moore, BUCN R. Busby, BU3 D. McIntosh, BUCN P. Hightower, EOCN J. Leonhardt Front Row; BUI B. Phillips, BUI B. Mala, BU2 L. Junkers, BUCA M. Crocker, BUCN D. Scott, BUCN J. Morril, BU3 F. Chambers, BU3 R. Sheppard, BUCN J. Rose, BUC W. White



**FOURTH PLATOON:** (l. to r.) Back Row; SW2 G. Koskella, SW2 C. Hemel, SW3 R. Garske, SWCA G. Tuckey, SW3 D. Moore, SW3 T. Rowsey, SWCA D. Horne, SWCN Mundell, SWCN J. Chandler, SW1 H. Swan Front Row; SW2 R. Thorn, SW2 J. Snow Jr., SW2 J. Foss, SW3 H. Trevino, CA W. Czirr, CA R. Freitas, CN W. Nelson



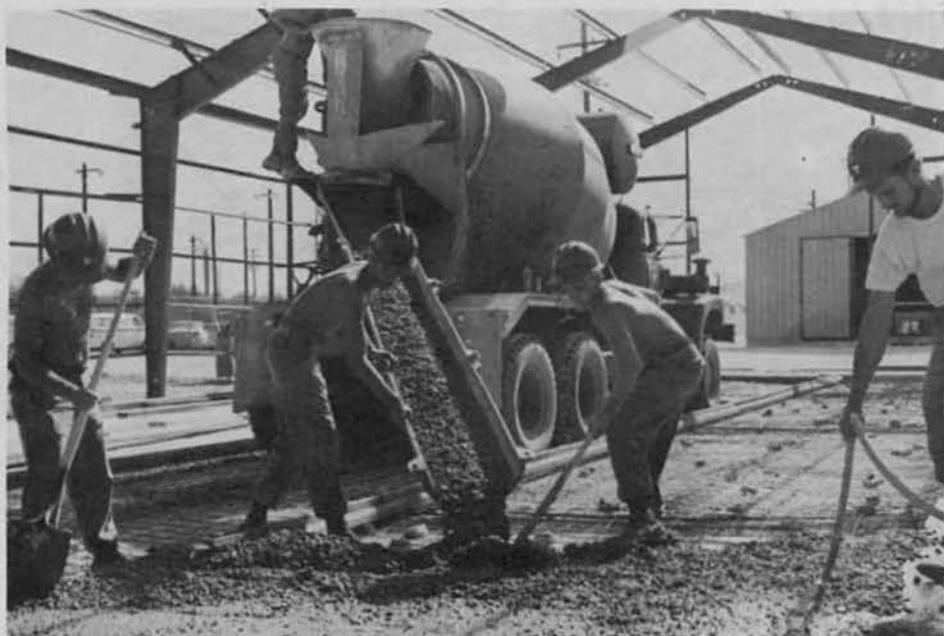
**CN Robert Busby at work at the Naval Hospital.**



**In the D. Co. steel shop, an SW does some sparking, smoky work.**



**The crew for the Radio Barrigada fence job; SW2 Hemel, EOC McQuire, CN Nelson, SW1 Swan and EOCN Perrault.**



**A concrete pour at a Polaris Pt. Butler bldg. BU2 Thomas, BUCA Ozburn, CA Beck and BU3 Karlinsey.**



Smoothing wet concrete for the steps at the Hospital bathhouse is BU3 Bob Sheppard.



One of the pours at the hospital with BU2 Lawrence Junkers and BU3 Dennis McIntosh.



The whole crew pulls together at the NCS Barrigada fence goes up.



Making forms at the hospital; CA Henry Bougere and CA John Domjan.



**BU3 Dennis McIntosh tamps the concrete on the bathroom roof.**



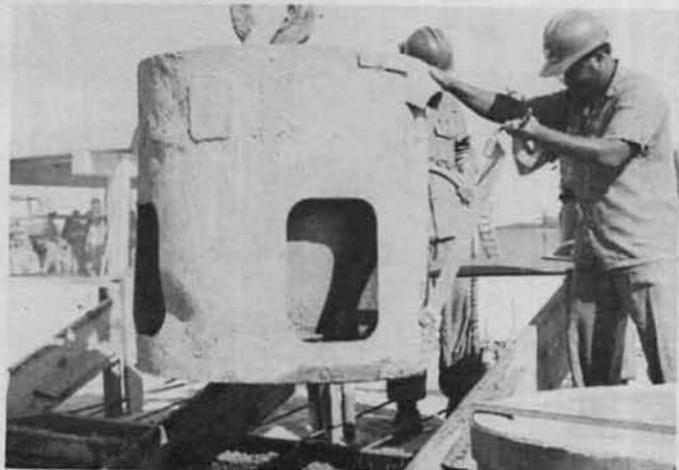
**Under the bucket; BUCN Larry Ward and CA Rod Smith.**



**Making forms are BU3 Joe Lawrence and CN Dave Riddering at the Hospital.**



**BU3 Zachary Johnson and BU3 Joe Lawrence work together on the hospital pavilion floor.**



**And yet another concrete pour at the Naval Hospital.**



**A D. Co. concrete pour at the Naval Hospital.**



**A concrete pour at Polaris Pt.**



**Levelling forms are BUCA Dennis Scott and BU3 Fred Chambers.**



**BUCN Larry Ward, BU3 Roland Hardwick and CA Norman Holtan at a NAVMAG pour.**

# Headquarters Company



NMCB FOUR, obviously, is a construction battalion. Since the Seabee system is not entirely self-supporting, however, it is necessary to maintain an elite group of specialists who make sure the construction machine is constantly rolling.

Headquarters Co. is that group of specialists. It is composed mostly of other fleet ratings, who take care of the multitudinous tasks necessary for an 800-man battalion.

We are the largest of FOUR's companies. Its list of ratings is as long as its list of duties. For organizational purposes, the company is divided into four divisions: S-1, S-2, S-3 and S-4.

S-1 is the Admin/Personnel division. Its YNs and PNs maintain personnel records, take care of all battalion correspondence, and handle legal matters. The Medical and Dental Departments come under S-1, as do the Post Office and the MAA Force.

The S-2 division is a sort of "catch-all," with training as its primary purpose. The Training Office assigns both formal schools and in-command training programs, and is supplemented by the Military Training Department and the Educational Services Office. The Armory and the ET Shop also belong to S-2.

S-3 is the only Headquarters division composed primarily of Group VIII ratings: the EA's of the Operations Department. Surveyors, Draftsmen, Quality Control specialists, and general operations personnel are part of S-3.

That brings us to S-4.

Simply stated, this is the Supply Department of the battalion. S-4 controls the warehouses, CTR, MLO, Greens Issue and Repair Parts. S-4 hosts the Supply Office, which takes all requests for supplies from the battalion and does their best to fill the orders. Supply is H. Company's largest division and often the busiest when it comes to mount-outs or emergency situations like Operation New Life.

The Guam deployment was a fairly normal one for H Company, with its rush of work coming at the beginning and end of the deployment. The exception to this was Operation New Life, in which nearly all of the "desk jockeys" put their pencils aside and headed out to Orote Point to help erect tents.

Whether they are Seabees, fleet types (as most of them claim to be), or something in between, doesn't really matter. What **does** matter is, they are what keeps FOUR going. (Ya gotta admit that!)



Headquarters Co. Commander LT F. C. Klein and Company Chief UTC Burton Kukowski.



A blood pressure test is given by HMI Bob Crawford.



**FIRST PLATOON:** (l. to r.) Back Row; BUI R. Visaya, CE1 C. Casunuran, EA2 J. Arcilla, EA2 A. Mercado, EACN D. Hill, EA2 O. Sibal, EA3 R. Glover, EACN J. Tan, EA2 J. Gomez, EACN J. Leyrer, EACN W. Johnson Front Row; EA1 G. Ramos, SWI C. Lyon, EA2 M. Moore, YN3 S. Baker, EACN D. Diaz, EA3 R. Shaffer, EA3 R. Velander, EACN R. Zeppelin, SWC R. Willis



**SECOND PLATOON:**(l. to r.) Back Row; DT2 J. Porter, PNSN R. Knighton, DTSN J. Pierce, PN2 R. Stahlecker, YN3 R. Smith, ETN2 J. Larribeau, YN2 D. Brown Middle Row; GMG1 N. Davis, PN3 M. Latham, YN2 L. Luna, PN3 L. Floreani, BUCN P. Martin, YN3 P. Kasper, PNSN C. Recasas, SW2 J. Bush, SN M. Rizor, PNI D. Lear Front Row; BUI A. Sisson, CE1 M. Staten, YN2 J. Parsons, EO2 C. Shaw, GMG3 S. Forsell, ETN3 J. Brown, UT2 E. Schwartz, SW2 J. Foss, BU3 B. Nelson, PNSA C. Deckard, PC3 G. Vega, YNC T. Howard



**THIRD PLATOON:** (l. to r.) Back Row; YNSA K. Moberg, CECA F. Hill, BUCA D. Roeker, MS2 L. Bonita, SK3 J. Briggs, SKSN G. Clasby, BUCA F. Gandy, BU2 R. Asistio, CMCN J. Kemple, CN R. Deragon, SK3 A. Heredia, SK3 M. Parise Middle Row; SK2 D. Canonizado, CE3 G. Kauffman, DK3 P. Lagoc, SWCN T. Beaubien, DKSNS S. Sheldon, CE2 A. Serafica, SK3 J. Pohlman, CM2 M. Goode, SK2 R. Memita, CA S. Sisk, BUCA D. Lemberg, BUCN S. Smith, UTCN V. Sandall Front Row; BU1 B. Rollins, BU2 D. Knapp, CM2 R. Harmon, SK1 T. Parsons, DK2 E. Desamparo, SN J. Ruppert, SH2 M. Baiza, SK2 J. Vaught, BU2 J. Karlinsey, EOCA D. Duff, SKSN D. Cortez, DK1 L. Thompson, SKC E. Bautista



**FOURTH PLATOON:** (l. to r.) Back Row; HMI J. Monasmith, HMI W. Tucker, YNSN D. Shea, BUCA R. Cox, EOCA O. Jones, CA M. Lasco, BUCA C. Walker, HM3 D. Hutchinson, EOCN S. Telck, HMI R. Crawford Front Row; MS1 R. Wendt, MS1 G. Idland, MS1 J. Northington, MS2 A. Atienza, MS2 E. Lloyd, MS2 E. Riodique, MSSN R. Delrosario, MSSA R. Erb, MSSN W. Sharkey, MS3 T. Booze, EACN J. Cunningham, MSC A. Ramos



**BUC Robert Valentine and  
EAC Fred James**



**GMGI Vincent Vandersnick**



EA2 Jon Arcilla of Quality Control makes a concrete cylinder test.



A typical morning in S-2 with our training specialists. From left, BUC Clolinger, YN2 Parsons, EO1 Ashcraft, BU1 Sisson and BU3 Nelson.



The Chaplain's yeoman, YNSN Dave Shea is an old-timer of FOUR.



The fearless MAA force; BACK ROW: BUCN Steens, HTC Torbert, BU2 Bennett, BU3 Blink, EOCN Telck FRONT ROW: (sitting) EOCN Shaner, BU2 Miller, UTCN Lascoe, EOCA Jones, BMI Claude and BUCA Cox.



The battalion Career Counselor, NC1 Michael Kaiser, asking "how should I know?"



SK2 Jim Vaught and CA Jesse Morris of the CTR crew.



YN2 Don Brown talks to a customer in ESO.



The forklift, primary tool of the Repair Parts department is operated by CM2 Mike Goode with SK2 Ray Memita.



MS1 James Northington does some paperwork in MLO.



Admin's new yeoman, YNSA Don Courdway.



EACN Joe Leyrer of S-3 finishes up a plaque.



BUCA Phil Miller, one of those who spent a temporary tour in the laundry.



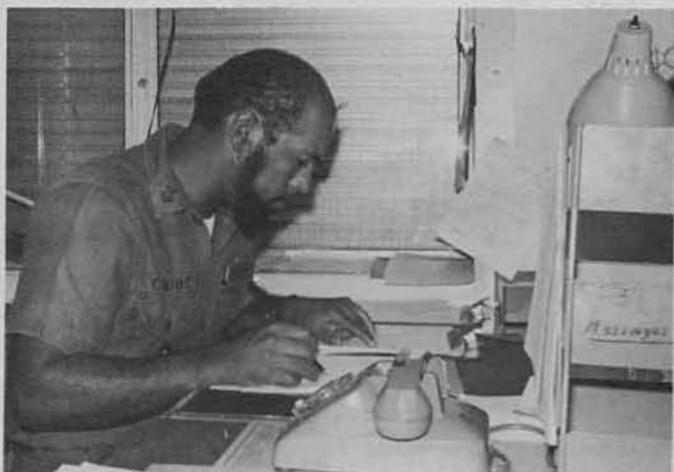
The rifleman, GMG3 Steve Forsell color-codes M-16s in the Armory.



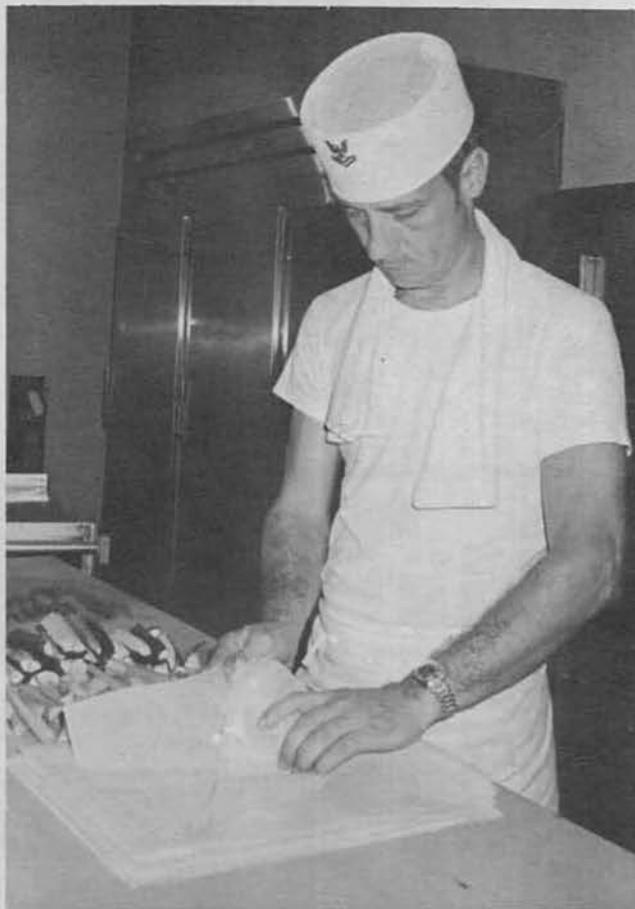
DKI Leonard Thompson handles some of the battalion's greenbacks in Disbursing.



Our radio link to the States; HMC Billy McCain and BUCN Tony Martin in the MARS Station.



FOUR's own boatswain's mate, BMI Amida Claude keeps us squared away.



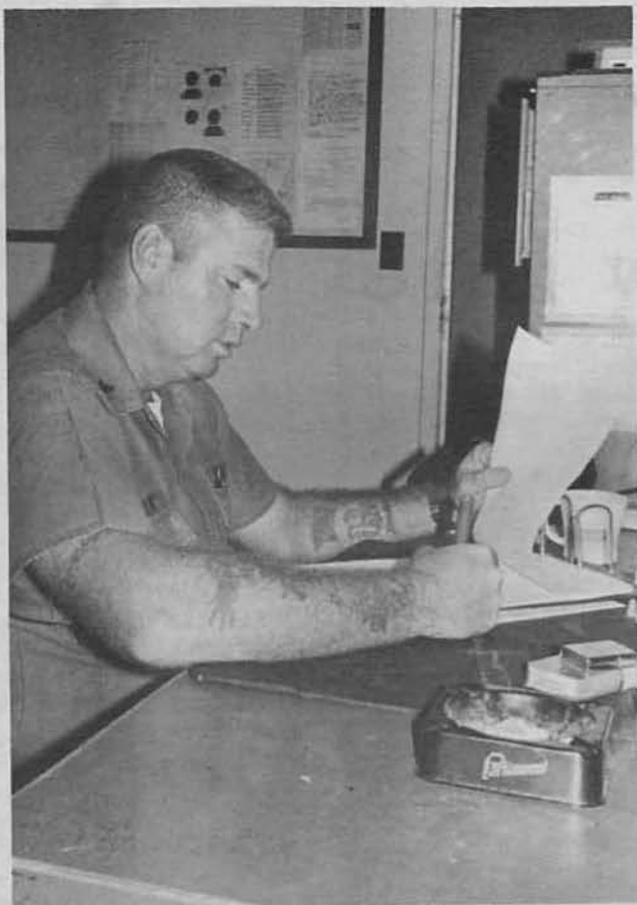
MS2 Ed Lloyd the mid-rats maker.



PCI Al Lewis, the man who efficiently handles our number one morale factor.



Keeping all those tables and figures in order is the task of SK3 Michael Parise.



**BU2 Carl Miller, one of the MAAs, checks a watch bill.**



**"Find me 1000 of these." BU2 Dennis Knapp and CA Mike McCarty discuss supplies in MLO.**



**PN3 Mel Latham and PNSN Ronnie Knighton of the Personnel Office.**



**Draftsman EACN Don Diaz at work on a blueprint.**

# The Story of New Life



Operation New Life was our "trial by fire." The sudden appearance of some 50,000 refugees from South Vietnam struck the battalion unexpectedly. We received word of the gargantuan task on the same day work began.

On 25 April, NMCB-FOUR was ordered to suspend work projects at Finegayan, NAVMAG and the Naval Hospital, and instead devote its energy to Operation New Life.

Our 60-man Japan Detachment was recalled, as were the 60 men working at Finegayan. A battalion work force was readied for the operation.

Officials estimated that 50,000 refugees would arrive on Guam by 27 April, so housing arrangements had to be made quickly.

Andersen AFB, NAS Agana and NCS Finegayan absorbed the first waves of refugees, enabling FOUR to shift into high gear.

The first target was Asan, where the abandoned Naval Hospital Annex was to be cleaned and partially renovated in the two days prior to the refugees' arrival. This camp at one time housed Civil Service workers and Seabees, and was littered with trash and badly in need of plumbing and electrical repairs.

NMCB-FOUR work crews, armed with shovels and brooms, attacked Asan, raising a giant dust cloud around the camp. Crews worked day and night to make Asan clean and usable. Battalion electricians and utilitiesmen worked alongside Public Work Center crews as buildings were readied for life again. When the first of some 10,000 refugees arrived at their temporary home, it was practically a new place.

As Asan was cleaned, equipment operators cleared the dense jungle surrounding the abandoned Orote Point airstrip for a huge tent camp. Surveyors then marked the area for tents and fences.

The Orote Point project called for erection of a tent camp, capable of supporting up to 50,000 people, as fast as possible. Latrines, showers and mess halls were included in this plan. "Tent City," as it was soon to be called would bear the greatest burden of refugee housing on Guam.

When Asan was ready, FOUR moved its work crews to Orote Point. All the battalion's men, save a few essential personnel, worked at Orote

Point on two 12-hour shifts daily, seven days a week.

Tent crews raced along, learning the technique of raising tents as they went, becoming quite proficient as time passed. Day and night they toiled, as refugees settled in around them; they barely kept ahead of the influx of people.

In a large 'prefab' yard, thousands of plywood sheets were nailed together to make portable heads and showers. Then loaded onto forklifts, they quickly appeared at regular intervals beside the ever-growing rows of tents.

Electrical crews strung miles of wire for lights and a public address system, and utilitiesmen cut and installed thousands of feet of water main and pipe for showers.

Fence crews unrolled length after length of chain link fence and quickly put up a perimeter fence to separate the camp from Naval Station housing.

Working with FOUR's men were crews from USS PROTEUS and USS HECTOR, who helped out on tents; NMCB-40's Det Guam, from Okinawa, erected and operated the first galley; and civilian construction workers did various jobs, in addition to erecting SEA huts in the camp administration area. The U. S. Army sent nearly 2600 soldiers from Hawaii and Washington for administration and security.

The airlift subsided eventually—but then came ships with more refugees, and a lot more work for the battalion. These last refugees came by the thousands, and work resumed at a frantic pace.

On the Naval Station's Sierra Pier, Seabees from NMCB-40's detachment and a Seabee team from NMCB-ONE, with FOUR's assistance, erected a small tent camp of 125 tents for initial processing of refugees prior to transporting them to Orote Point.

Berthing space was insufficient for arriving Army personnel, so the 64-tent "Wolfhound Compound" was erected by NMCB-FOUR on Naval Station property for them.

The men of FOUR moved at a breakneck pace, and seemed to be everywhere at once.

Alpha Co. constantly braved Orote Point's hot dust as they cleared acres upon acres of land then graded it.

Keeping the roads cleared and leveled was no easy job.

In the background, the Supply Department, Operations Department, and MLO worked around the clock just to keep the men in the field supplied.

Finally, the tide of refugees subsided, and the initial construction phase ended. Army personnel took over the camp, and out-processing refugees began.

After 17 incredible days, FOUR rested—at last. The men threw a postponed, but eagerly welcomed, mid-deployment party. For the first time in a long time, it was possible to look back and review what had been done.

Camp "FOURUITOUS," as the battalion named it, was transformed from an abandoned, overgrown airstrip into a city of refugees. As many as 40,000 people stayed there at one time.

No less than 3381 tents were erected; 360 heads; 150 showers; nearly 100,000 feet of electrical wiring; 15 miles of PA system wiring; 17,000 feet of fence; and 46,000 feet of water main were installed.

Much more important to the men of FOUR than statistics, however, was the satisfaction and sense of accomplishment felt by everyone. Rear Admiral Fisher, COMCBPAC, gave the Seabees a BRAVO ZULU "well done," and declared the operation "a proud chapter in Seabee history." He also quoted President Ford's statement on the military participation: "Your efforts created order where there was chaos, and restored a sense of security" to the Vietnamese.

And then, the refugees began to leave—in large numbers. The departing pace increased steadily as people were assigned to Camp Pendleton or Fort Chaffee. Before long, there were empty tents to take down.

Striking tents soon became the major job of Bravo Co., which remained at Orote Point, as well as former Japan Det personnel. The camp was officially closed on June 25, and empty tents and SEA huts baked in the sun. NMCB-FOUR, with help from other commands, struck all the tents and restored Orote Point to its pre-April state as a quiet, deserted runway.

It was a complete success for the men of FOUR, as they worked side by side in true Naval and Seabee tradition.



The first of many long nights during Operation New Life; this one at Asan Pt.



After cleanup work, Asan was as neat as a pin.



UT2 Curtis Sundermeier was one of the men who stayed at Asan for repairs.



Loading up the cleared out foliage during the first day of work at Orote Pt.



Newly arrived refugees at Asan wash clothes.



CN Dave Hill and BUCA Richard Peterson on a tent raising job.



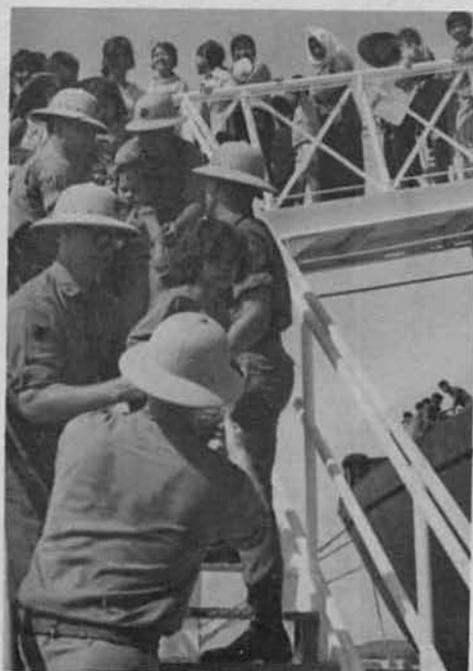
A refugee offers a little assistance in return for instruction from CN Ken Bruins.



EAI Charlie Spain, a determined member of the H. Co. crew.



Reflection. A family soon after arrival at Orote Pt.



Marines assist refugees at Sierra Pier. Many of the later arrivals were from these ships.



Arriving refugees under Orote Pt.'s sun on the first day of arrivals.



BU3 Dean Robinson and BU3 Gary Billingsley of the FINDET crew, drive stakes in the tough soil.



Through the bus window, this young fellow observes his strange, new surroundings.



A. Co. personnel lay down gravel for the Orote Pt. roadways.



E03 Jeff Bowden and EOCN Steve McWhirter struggle with an uncooperative backhoe.



Drilling for fence holes; E03 Mike Bowin.



CE3 Pat Callaway with friend strips some electrical wiring.



Delta Co.'s men put in the anxiously-awaited swingset at Orote Pt.



An NMCB-4 steelworker welds fence gate.



Guam's Governor Ricardo Bordallo confers with CDR Macdonald at Orote Pt. during the early part of the operation.



The Orote Pt. roadway is compacted and graded by FOUR's EOs.



Mother and son at Orote Pt.



The task of taking it all down after things quieted down; EOCN Tom Streeter and EO3 Lawrence Williams.

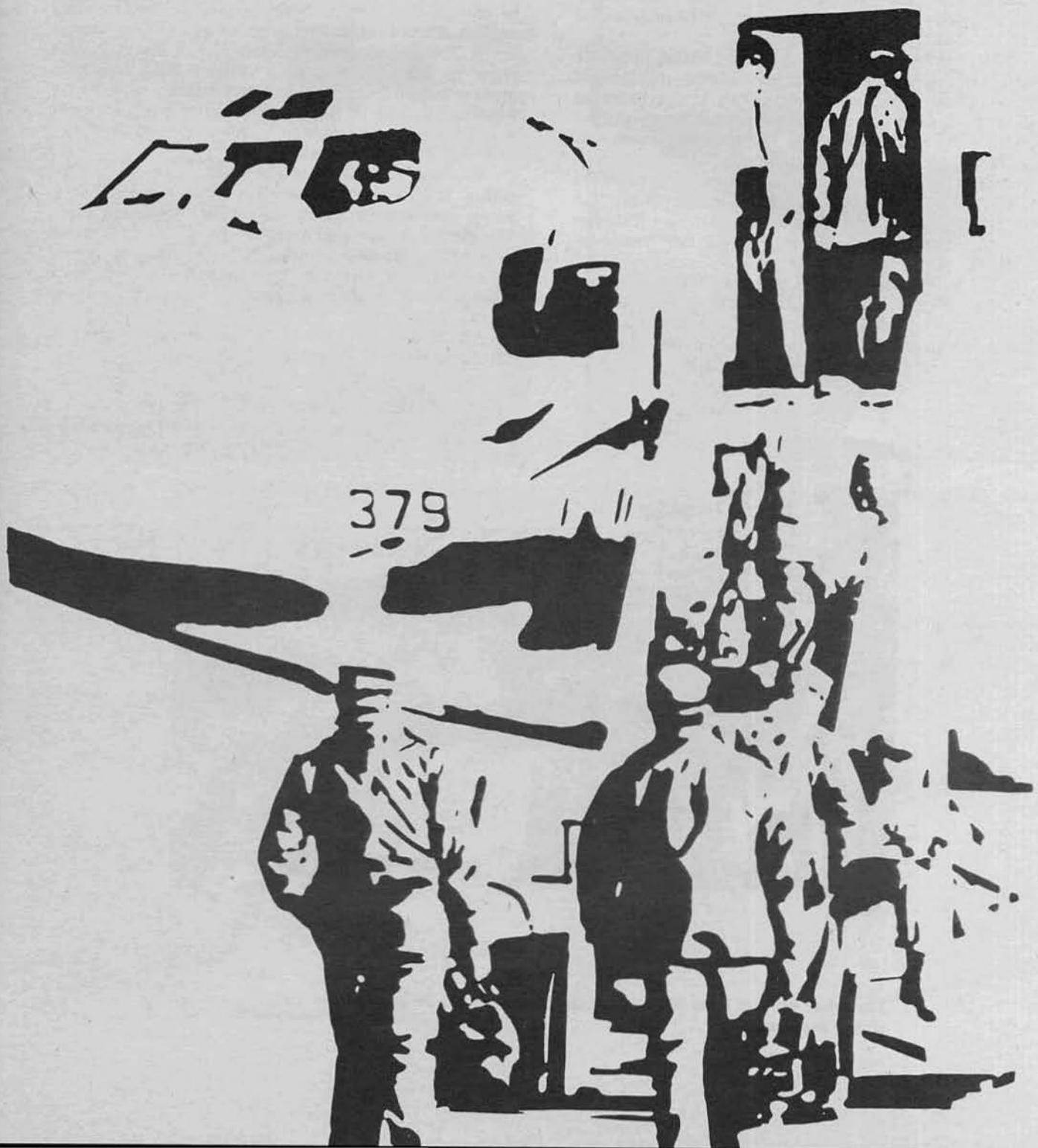


BU3 Zachary Johnson helps to take it down at Orote Pt.



The aftermath. Rows of cots after the closing of the camp.

# The Dets



# Det Japan

The Japan Det left Port Hueneme on 5 January 1975, with 61 stout hearts, and more than its share of eager anticipation. As the detachment arrived, it split into two parts (Atsugi and Yokosuka), and took toll of the project status, the early prognosis of work aplenty was changed—to a diagnosis of an overabundance of work.

The Det turned-to, cleaned and settled into the barracks; located, classified and stored the project material; and then began work. Two major barracks rehab projects and an extensive electrical repair project made up the early workload. The first two months of the deployment saw much progress.

March and early April passed swiftly. Members of the Det grew familiar with their surroundings. The hectic pace of the first months settled down. Progress on all projects was outstanding as the Det firmly established itself.

Then at 0200 (ZULU) on 23 April 1975, a telephone call was placed from Camp Covington to NAF Atsugi. At 1300 (ZULU) the same day, the Det boarded a plane for Guam and involvement in Operation New Life. In the next three weeks, history was made.

When the Tent City was finished, the Det prepared to return, pick up where it left off, and resumed normal operations. Not so. Direction came from COM30THNCR that the Det was to be relieved by NMCB-ONE about 1 July. Some quick figuring indicated there would not be enough time remaining to accomplish a substantial amount of work before that time; so plans were changed again. The Det returned to Japan at half strength, with plans to bring projects to a suitable point and then prepare for turnover. The men who remained on Guam were transferred to Bravo Co. to form the nucleus of a maintenance and demolition force for the tent city that was built so recently.

The last six weeks of the Det's existence passed slowly. It was a difficult time due to the circumstances, yet a time during which an excellent job was done. The electrical repair project was completed and turned over. All remaining projects were brought to logical points for easy turnover, and secured. All paperwork clean-up and personal preparation for turnover were carried out.

On 28 June, NMCB-FOUR Detachment Japan returned to Guam and was disestablished.

LTJG Richard Dun



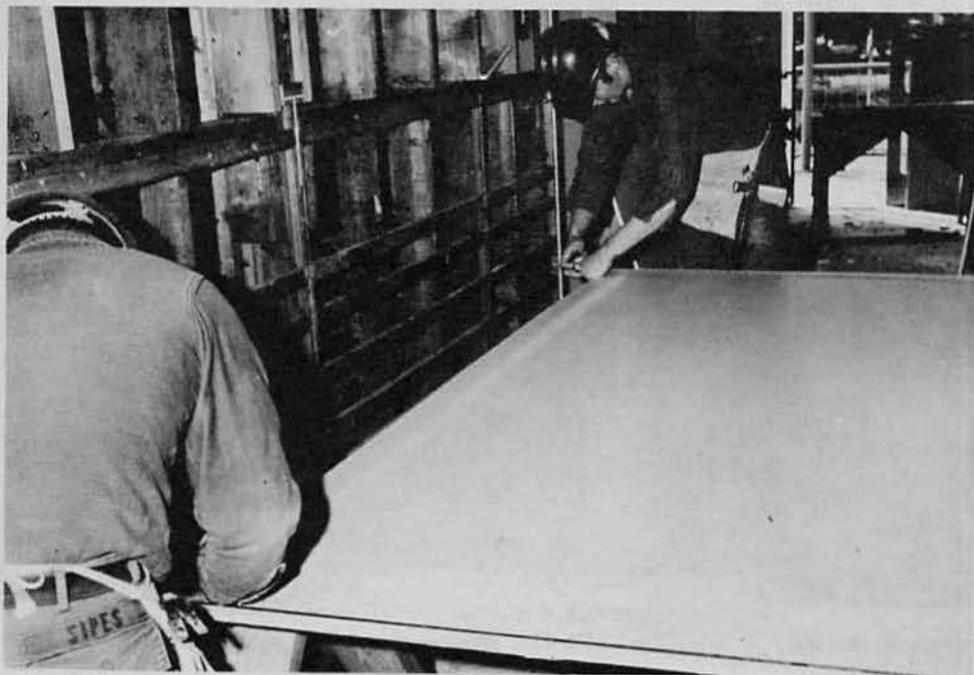
The rehab crew of BOQ 58 at Atsugi during the snowy period of the deployment.



**CE3 Gordon Tesch of Det Atsugi prepares wiring.**



**Painting the corridor at NAF Atsugi; BUCA Charlie Walker.**



**Preparing to cut wallboard for the Atsugi BOQ are BUCN Jerry Pennycuff and CA John Sipes.**



**BUCN Terry Zinn on a caulking job.**



**CN Alfonso Uvalle of Det Yokosuka rewires a service panel for the barracks alteration.**



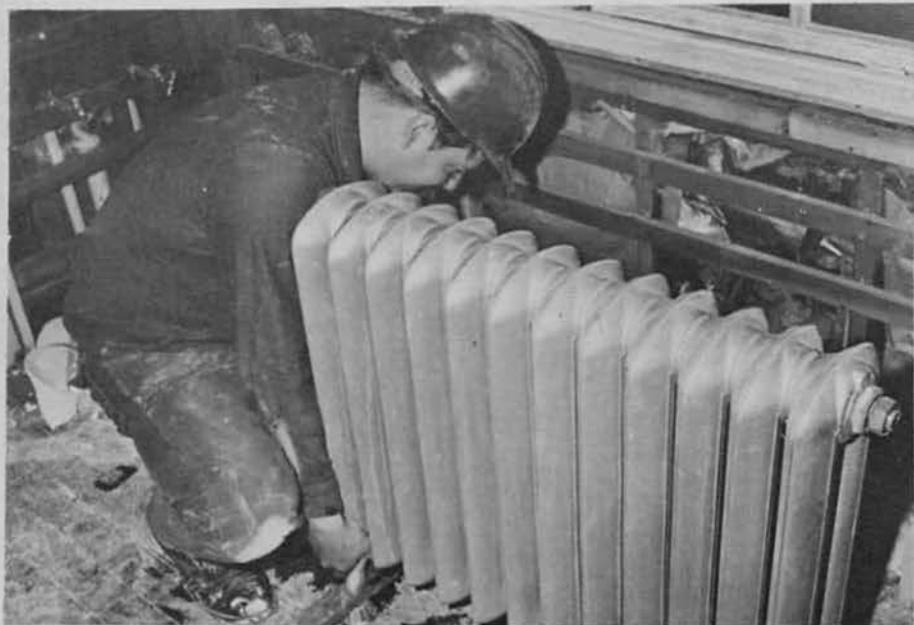
**BU3 Tim Devens rips some lumber for prefabbed door frames at Yokosuka.**



Checking voltage is CE2 Tom Lilya.



CECA Bradley Harden of the Atsugi crew of Det Japan.



At the Atsugi site, SWCN Steve Walther installs a radiator.



Prefabbing a window framing; BU3 Dennis Farrow.

# Det Midway

Well, Paradise it wasn't—but then you shouldn't have to work in Paradise.

Lots of work was done on Midway, despite material delays. Long island days left time for lots of recreation, and it was well-used. Some ended up with BU1 Jurgensen, dodging "gooney birds" at Gooney Dunes Country Club. A handful joined the local diving club, Koral Kings, and received the SCUBA certificates. UTCN Larson went on the air every Wednesday night with a Country & Western show for KMTH radio. And then there was softball. Despite the fact that PN1 Ray refused to transfer any known softball stars to the Det, with CDR Macdonald's assistance, we managed to play ball. Outnumbered 10 to 1 by each of the "big three" departments, we showed them how to play ball; we didn't win all the time, but we showed them. . . .

Even enjoyable things have hidden snags. If a bird wasn't hatching a ball, some "Airdale" was dusting old

JURG off the course. And fielding a team for softball brought an obligation to field a team in the rest of the Captain's Cup competition on Midway; bowling (oh well); tennis (close); golf (sigh); and so on. But we did win the fishing trophy: (UT2 White caught the only fish.) And all of this was during working hours. CM3 Lamecker kept complaining his back hurt so much from hauling in all the lobsters that he needed a day off to get some more. BUCN Wright did such a good job on the ball field, he was dragged off kicking and screaming to Hawaii to play on the island All-Star team in competition there (Boy, it was rough).

But we did work, and most of our high scoring came on the job.

Window frames were prefabbed by CN Perales and installed by SW3 Tarin and BU3 Boydston, with lots of help from BUCN Wright and CN Pacheco. Plumbing put UT3 Price's and UT3 Shur's crews to work. BU Boydston and BU3 Blume rebuilt a fire escape

and replaced some 200 lights in the old CPO barracks. CE3 Annis and CN Duc then installed fluorescents.

We took on a new project, BEQ 578. This close to the end, we really had to LIFT our spirits for that job. You see, it was on the second deck. BU2 Timmer took charge as Project Superintendent, with BU3 Miskit's and BU3 Blume's crews going over first.

Now that it's over, there's a lot to look back on. Many can now say with pride they're "builders," with skills in framing, sheetrock, concrete, block plastering, ceramic tile, vinyl tile, hanging doors, glazing and running a shop. The UT's know the ins and outs of the new plastic pipe and installing fixtures, and have become expert at dodging what comes out of old drain pipes. They have also proved to be the Det's best painters. So much work from so few made us practically a household word on Midway.

ENS Frank Nelson



Midway deserved the best and they got it. The Best of Type that is.



The gooney birds; constant companions of the Midway Det.



UTCN John Mumme applies adhesive to his pipe work as part of the rehab tasking.



Drilling into the concrete; BUCN Don Blume working in a barracks shower room.



The primary function of the Midway Detachment was barracks rehabilitation. Many aspects of rehab work were utilized by the det.



**Making it usable again; a Det Midway crew puts finishing touches on a barracks.**



**BU3 Don Miksit, the man with the paintbrush.**



**Updating the windows is SW3 John Tarin as he installs new louvers.**



**Applying moulding to a room being rehabbed; BUCN Eric Schwartz.**



UTCA Clayton Plank cuts a length of pipe.



No, the det has not mutineed, it's merely an effort to throw an outnumbered BU3 Mike Timmer over the side. Below, the results of this action.



Painting the exterior of a Midway barracks; BUCA Timothy Wright.

# Det Adak

NMCB-FOUR's Adak Detachment was established on 18 March 1975.

In April, we set about to relocate the detachment working area from an old, unheated World War II hangar to a heated building. This operation required moving over 70 tons of cable and transformers for our equipment yard. After our mechanics thawed out (5' 18" Tiny Konen taking the longest), they proceeded to set up shop and start the never-ending task of equipment repair.

EO1 Carlisle was asked what he thought of the problems of working in the Adak tundra. He replied, "Now I know why Texas is so beautiful—all the mud is here." Over 9000 cubic yards of rock was placed on a 250-foot antenna pad and still the tundra kept swelling, asking for more. At times, two TD-20's were hooked together by a 40-foot cable so that when one pushed rock out to form the pad, the other was ready to pull him out.

Hauling rock from the quarry, through snowstorms, rain and, at times, 60-knot winds, was a slow and tiring task. Two of the pads, however, were stabilized and tower erection and concrete forming began.

While the horizontal crew worked, the vertical crews of BU's, SW's and CE's were plenty busy. Steelworkers

worked in the shop, bending, twisting and welding rebar to add strength for 88 anchors and pole bases needed for erection. Builders, hammers in hand and nails between their teeth, sawed and banged lumber around until (Presto!) there were 88 forms of assorted shapes and sizes. The fruits of their labor were soon realized when HTO Antenna Site T-2 was excavated and ready for the back-breaking work of backfilling.

Starting at the bottom of a 20' x 20' x 10' hole, the crew began. Shoveling and compacting 4000 cu. ft. of material was a slow process—but fill it they did until the correct height was reached for placement of forms and rebar. On the day concrete arrived, it snowed, sleeted, and—just to add insult to injury—rained. Within five hours, though, concrete was in place; in another nine days, the antenna was majestically in place with hardware installed.

These achievements would still be nothing but lines on paper were it not for the staff P&E branch. Only the most brutal of winds and miserable rains deterred EA2 Branahl, EA3 Albarado and EACN Jagd from surveying. They were able to wander over hundreds of acres, yet come within inches of the exact center of any antenna.

CMCS John Randall



An MRS earthmover at the site of the Adak cleanup project.



BU2 Ron Jatkwicz "looks to the Almighty for help" as BUCN Bussey and BU3 Lampman work in the hole.



Brrrr! A lone front-end loader rumbles along Alaska's barren tundra.



An MRS earth-mover fuels up at the landfill site.



CECA John Devening loads up rubble during cleanup operations at the contractor area.



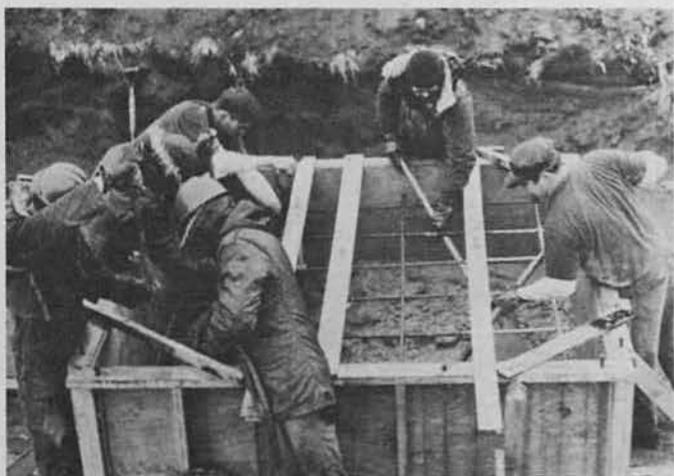
Knee-deep in the sub-arctic tundra, EO2 Dave Wisman looks for the center of the T-5 antenna.



A bundled-up operator works on the dump cleanup job.



A Det Adak crew works at the T-2 antenna site placing concrete on the center pad.



An all hands effort was necessary during the T-2 pour.



Grid-rolling the T-4 pad; EO3 Danny Cowen.



SW3 Jim Campbell and EA3 Albarado wait for a concrete sample in order to take a slump test.



EA3 Jeff Albarado stakes the center point for the T-2 pad.



EO2 Dave Wisman uses a trusty weapons carrier to pull Det OIC, CMCS John Randall out of the mud.

# Seabee Team 0420

Seabee Team 0420 was officially established on 9 August 1974 when 12 enlisted men and one officer reported under TAD orders to the 31st NCR for Seabee Team training. In the months that followed, until the Team's disestablishment in September 1975, Seabee Team 0420 left its mark on many places.

Eighteen weeks of intensive cross-rate and inter-cultural relations training at 31st NCR was only preparation for our main mission: Civic Action in the Ponape District, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. This training period culminated in a two-week field exercise at Camp Pendleton, where the team placed over 2000 concrete blocks for a handball court, completed site work for a golf cart maintenance shed, and provided additional lighting in the base Auto Hobby Shop.

Upon arrival in Ponape on 8 January 1975, the team relieved Seabee Team 0111, and was then officially designated as "Civic Action Team Ponape"—or more informally, "CAT Ponape."

We found the island to be more beautiful than we hoped. The people were friendly and ready to pitch in to help with our Civic Action projects, which were many and varied. At the end of our deployment, we completed

10 major projects, five minor ones, and numerous "odd jobs."

Among the major projects, were the Ohmine School classroom addition; the Nett Point spur road; the Likie, Barau, Enipohs, and Parem Island water systems; the Ngatik Atoll water tanks; the Ngatik Atoll municipal building addition; the PICS ballfield rehab; and the Ponape Museum site work.

There was work enough for everyone, and not always in his own rating. CM's could be found placing concrete, EA's repairing outboard motors, SW's operating our crane and bulldozer, and so on. The BU's and EO's had their work cut out for them; but with help from everyone else, it all got done—one way or the other.

Though we worked hard, we also played hard. There were excursions, like "tubing" down the Naniphil River in a torrential downpour; scaling the 525-foot Sokehs Rock (the Diamond Head of Ponape) at 0100; scuba diving trips to Ant Atoll; jet boats; motorcycles; swimming at the dam or Paradise Beach; numerous spades tournaments; the Seabee Birthday party; etc., etc. This was truly a deployment to an island paradise. Though the rain was frequent, and often heavy, it didn't dampen our spirits or slow down the pace of our work.

Much of the credit for our success must go to the people of Ponape and the many friends of the team. Seabees enjoy a special reputation throughout the TTPI; on Ponape, "Can Do" is about as familiar as "Kaselehlia" (Hello). These were the people whose help, cooperation, spirit and energy made it possible to do as much as we did. Trainees who worked directly with us, all the volunteer laborers, and others, unhesitatingly lent a helping hand.

This is what Civic Action is all about:

To see their faces when they turn on the faucet at their house; instead of carrying water from the stream half a mile away; or when they ride the last mile to their house instead of walking a mile away; or when they ride the last mile to their house instead of walking a jungle trail; or watching children playing on swings, merry-go-rounds, and see-saws. In the end, that is what made the 13 long months of hard work worth every minute of it. It will be a long time before anyone of Seabee Team 0420 forgets about Ponape. We left behind some close friends and some wonderful memories—but did what we came to do.

LTJG Peter Saunders



E02 Dan Dunkel clears the jungle at the Nett Pt. spur road project.



The team's mascot "Kimchee" and her proud litter of six.



Our man in the jungle; Team OIC, LTJG Saunders and several Ponapaen friends.



EOI Cole—"A study in professional concentration."



EOI Cole, SW2 Brimer and CM2 Westmoreland change a drag cable on a crane.



SEABEE TEAM 0420—FRONT ROW: LTJG Saunders (OIC), CE2 Collier, E02 Dunkel, CM2 Westmoreland, E01 Cole, CM2 Tedford, SW1 Brimer, BUC Holland (AOIC). BACK ROW: HMI Pope, UT2 Longpre, BU3 Orr, Mackinnon, EAI Sammond.



Navigating his craft into the depths of the Ponapen jungle is BU3 Tom Orr.



In the team camp, E01 Cole and CE2 Collier rewire the secondary electrical distribution.



EAI John Sammond and a trainee transport coils of wire to the Likie Water System site in Sokehs Municipality.



Recovering a car from the ocean alongside a causeway is not usual Seabee work but then Seabee Team 0420 is no usual Seabee unit.



Seabees from 0420 offer a driver and trailer for transportation of some 50 people on an island tour.

# Accomplishments



The Guam deployment was a fine example of how much a single Seabee battalion can accomplish in eight months. The main body on Guam occupied their time with such jobs as the Naval Hospital swimming pool, complete with bath house and pavilion; several projects at the Naval Magazine; the parking lots at the Dental Clinic and Ship Repair Facility; the Polaris Point Butler buildings; and the Orote Point quarry site, to name just the major ones.

Though the amount of work done on these projects was immense, they were dwarfed by the emergency construction required for Operation New Life, which ranks as the major accomplishment of the deployment.

The detachments had their hands full also. Up north, the Finegayan Det worked on three major jobs: the CPO Club, the Community Center and the Teen Center. Each one progressed rapidly, much to the gratitude of NCS personnel. The Japan Dets at Atsugi and Yokosuka concentrated on barracks rehabilitation and re-wiring jobs. On Midway, our detachment worked long and hard on their long list of rehab jobs. The Adak Det erected a large antenna and spent lots of time on demolition of old World War II buildings. Seabee Team 0420 on Ponape, TTPI, spent a noteworthy deployment on various Civic Action projects, and provided engineering training to many local people.

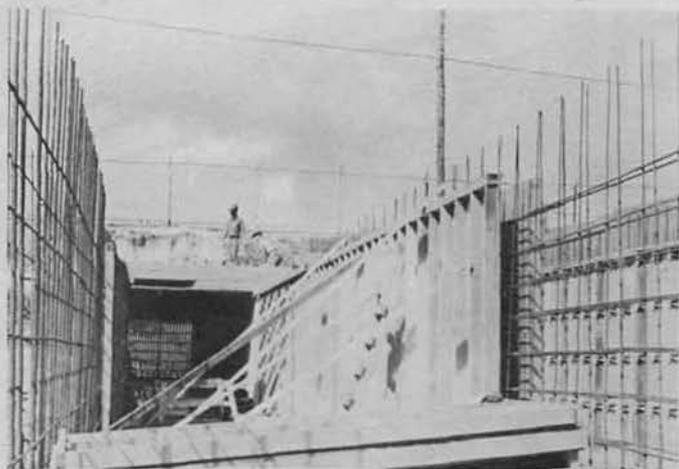
Our accomplishments were many, and were the inevitable result of hard work and personal sacrifice. However, we'd rather not bog down the reader with dry statistics or details. We'll let the photographers tell the story.



**The CPO Club at NCS; the priority job finished by Det Finegayan.**



**Butler buildings at Polaris Pt.**



**The box culvert at the U. S. Naval Magazine.**



**The Dental Clinic parking lot project on the Naval Station.**



**FOUR's concrete batch plant near the Orote Pt. quarry site where the battalion's supply of cement materials came from.**



**The bathhouse for the Naval Hospital swimming pool.**



**Another part of the swimming pool job at the Naval Hospital, the pavilion.**

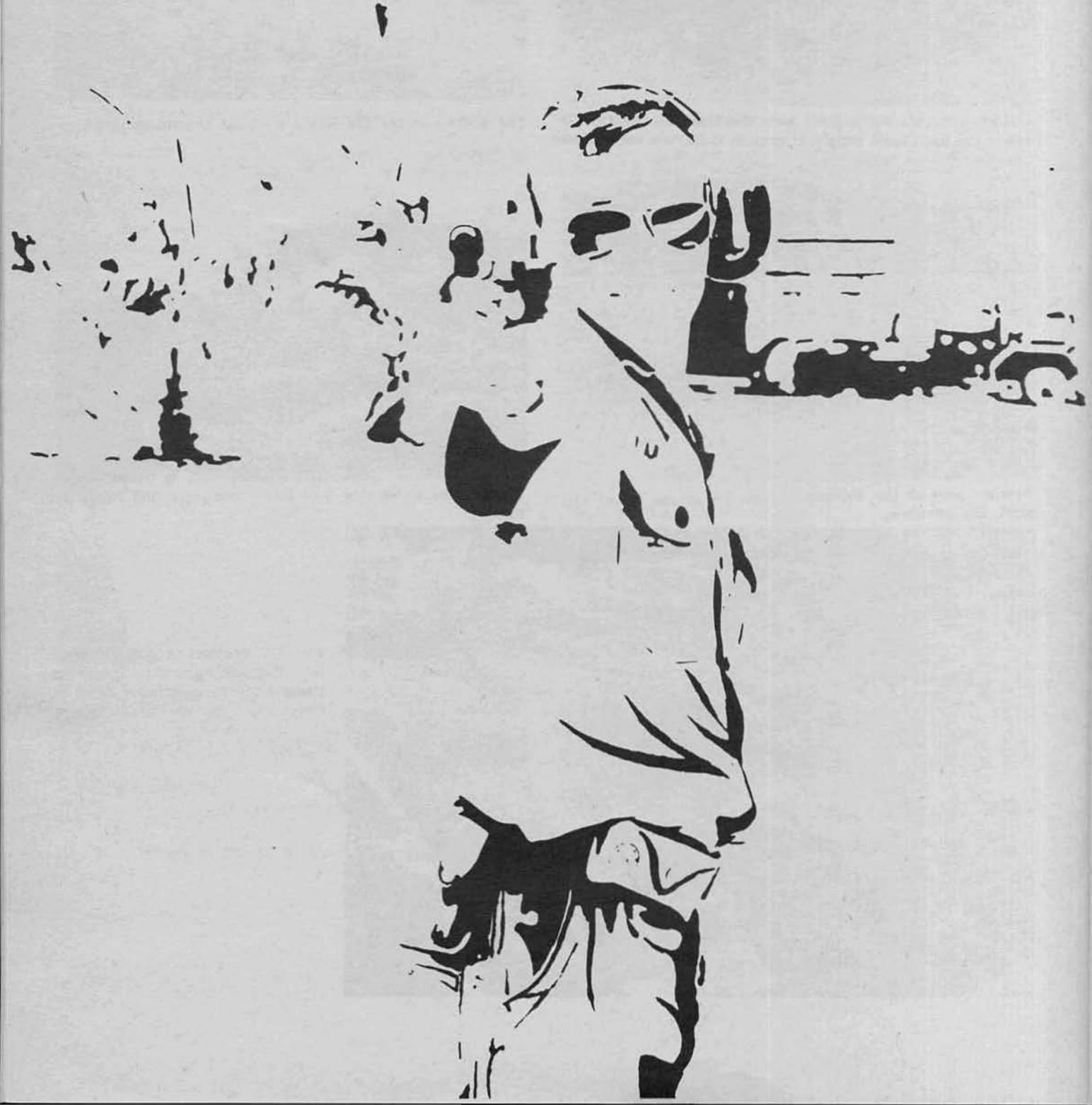


**The famous swimming pool itself; complete and ready for water.**



**FOUR's greatest accomplishment for the deployment; sprawling Camp Fourtuitous refugee camp at Orote Pt.**

# Military Training





**Firing the M-16.**



**GYSGT Sargen gives some hand-to-hand combat training to Reactionary Force members.**



**A firing crew loads up their M-16s prior to an exercise on the range.**



**Reactionary Force classroom training. GYSGT Sargen instructs.**



Firing the M-16 out on the range.



Firing the 45 caliber pistol, a requirement of all officers, chiefs and crew-served weapons personnel.

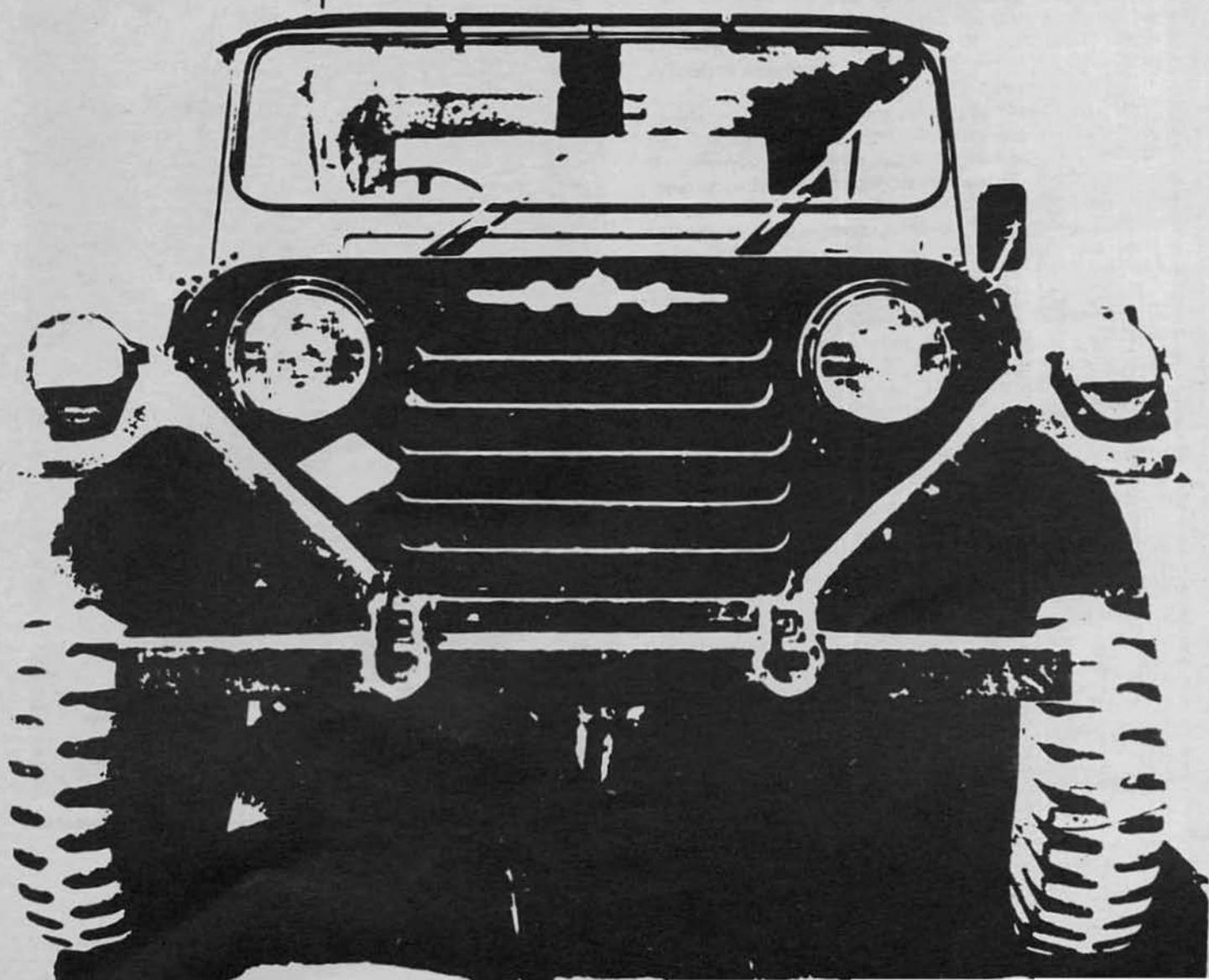


A crew-served weapons crew fires the 3.5 rocket launcher at the Andersen AFB range.



3.5 crews at Andersen AFB.

# The Exercises



# Air Det

As the Pacific Fleet Alert Battalion, NMCB-FOUR was tasked with the major contingency requirement: mobility. A high degree of readiness and military preparation were focal points of the Guam deployment.

A military training program involving all battalion weapons, plus several major inspections, were indirect results of Alert Battalion status. The real test of our readiness for mobility occurred in two mount-out exercises.

First came the Air Det mount-out. Held in January, this exercise called for us to prepare for a simulated embarkation to a disaster-stricken area. The Air Det consisted of 80 men, and was formed in homeport for this deployment and trained during the Bridgeport cold weather exercise in November 1974. The Air Det's mission is to be able to pack up and mount out in less than 48 hours, as they are considered to be an emergency advance party.

The Air Det prepared their vehicles for shipment and stood inspection with 782 gear. A Marine inspection of weapons was also held. It was finished before the 48-hour deadline arrived.

The big test, however, came in mid-March. This was the long-awaited full battalion mount-out. Code named "Operation Kennel Bear 2-75," the exercise commenced on March 18. It was a simulated embarkation to Nam Phong, Thailand.

All hands were now concerned with only one thing: to get ready to go—and quickly. Alpha Co. cleaned and prepared all equipment for the line; S-4 prepared all allowance items from various warehouses. Every company, department and office in FOUR reviewed, inventoried and packed up their gear, which eventually totaled 2314 tons. It was stacked neatly and itemized on a simulated "dock."

Each member of the battalion was issued 782 combat gear and stood several inspections, including one with weapons by Commodore Burns, Commander, 30th Naval Construction Regiment.

The Air Det exceeded their 48-hour deadline and then took over battalion watches for the remainder of the exercise. They were the first ones in 782 gear and underwent an inspection by Vice Admiral G. Steele, Commander, U. S. Seventh Fleet, who was visiting Guam at the time.

It was all over in four days, instead of the expected six. FOUR was ready to go with all its necessary cargo.

The 30th Naval Construction Regiment, which evaluated the exercise, gave us an OUTSTANDING.

Our mount-out exercise was important—not only because it gave us experience in getting ready quickly, a valuable aspect when Operation New Life came up, but also because it prepared us for our Spain deployment, at which time we will be the Atlantic Fleet Alert Battalion . . . .



Supply personnel secure the Air Det cargo for the "airlift."



BU2 Willie Williams checks the pallets of cargo ready to take to the airplane.



During the Air Det exercise, all hands underwent a weapons inspection with 782 gear.

# Mount-Out



CM2 Roger Harmon stencils one of the many mount-out boxes packed up.



The 782 gear issue point at Greens Issue.



EA3 Rex Shaffer of the Mortar Platoon undergoes inspection of his 81mm mortar during the weapons inspection.

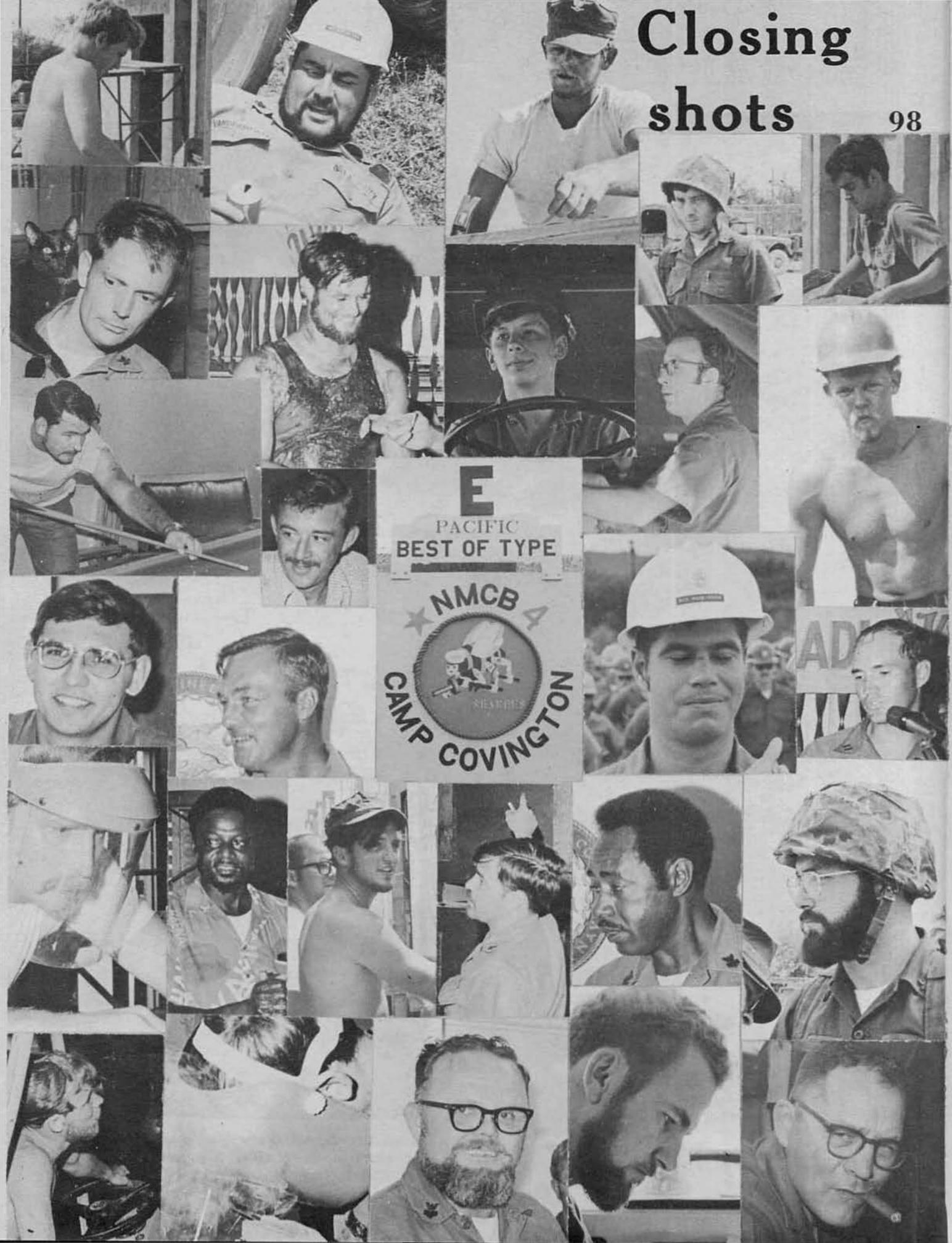


Tugging and pulling; a cooperative effort by S-4 personnel to get a net into place.



Mount Out Control Center; the coordinating point for the entire mount-out. ENS Kopaczewski, BU2 Kruger and ENS DeTroye.

# Closing shots



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REPAIRS



Remember when? The bus ride that took us to Pt. Mugu where we left for Guam. Note the happy expressions.



The second-to-last flight to Guam loads up Seabees at Pt. Mugu.



CDR Macdonald and EQCM Santana are the first of their flight to set foot on Guam.



New Navy? Never heard of it.



Saturday morning inspection at Camp Covington. Bring back memories?



Who can forget Rex the Armory dog? GMGI Davis can't because he brought him back to the States!



VADM Steele, CINCPACFLT, and CDR Macdonald inspect the Air Det during the Mount-Out.



And here is your typical NMCB-FOUR Captain's Mast which . . . whoops! sorry, this information is classified.



Lieutenants Royal and Shelton enjoy the culinary delights of mid-rats during Operation New Life.



Chief Vandermeieren learned the hard way that they don't make cardboard boxes like they used to.



The slide that FOUR built at Orote Pt. is enjoyed by Vietnamese children.



LCDR Maskell utilizes the gentle art of persuasion.



CRACK!!! Oops, sorry about that one!



The day that FOUR got four. Four brand new chiefs that is.



Maybe you'd better start from scratch, Ralph.



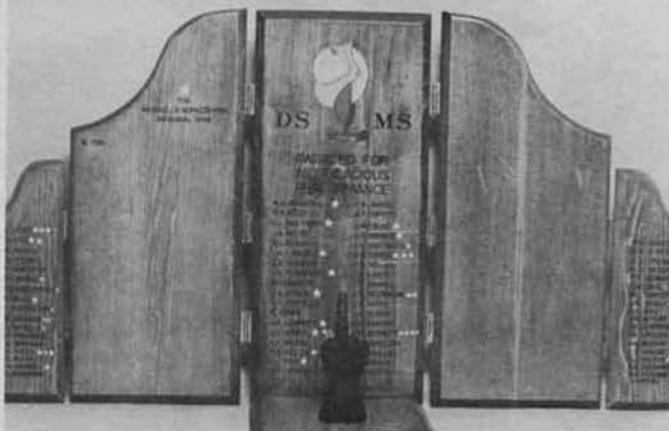
The COMCBPAC visit in July included this tour of the Naval Hospital swimming pool site. From left are, LTJG R. A. Elliott, D. Co. Commander; CAPT William Burns, COM30NCR; LT D. C. Allen, Aide; RADM J. R. Fisher, COMCBPAC; and CDR M.J. Macdonald, Commanding Officer.



This is the last known photograph of SWC Robert Willis, our Safety Chief. Wonder why?



Departure from Port Hueneme. A melancholy scene soon to be reversed. Gettin' short!



The secret dread of all NMCB-FOUR officers; the "DSMS Award" given for inefficacious performance.



It couldn't be the Jolly Green Giant could it? Maybe those Seabees are just getting a little bigger these days! . . . ?

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BRAVO ZULU  
CCM 30 NCR PASS TO SEABEE TEAM 0112

1. THE PROFESSIONALISM, DETERMINATION AND PERSEVERANCE DISPLAYED BY ALL SEABEES IN OPERATION NEW LIFE THIS PAST SEVERAL WEEKS HAVE WRITTEN A NEW PROUD CHAPTER IN SEABEE HISTORY. THE "INSTANT" CAMPS YOU ERECTED NEARLY OVERNIGHT AT OROTE POINT AND GRANDE ISLAND WERE THE KEYSTONES TO THE WHOLE OPERATION. AS THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY KISSINGER HAVE STATED, "YOUR EFFORTS...CREATED ORDER WHERE THERE WAS CHAOS...AND RESTORED A SENSE OF SECURITY" TO OUR VIETNAMESE FRIENDS.

2. YOU BROUGHT OFF AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT IN TRUE SEABEE STYLE, BRINGING GREAT CREDIT TO YOURSELVES, THE NAVY, AND THE UNITED STATES.

3. BRAVO ZULU TO ALL HANDS. RADM FISHER SENDS.  
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NMCB BEST OF TYPE FY75

1. IT IS A PLEASURE TO ANNOUNCE THAT NMCB FOUR HAS BEEN SELECTED AS BEST OF TYPE FOR THE PACIFIC NAVAL CONSTRUCTION FORCE FOR 1975.

2. THIS AWARD RECOGNIZES NMCB FOUR'S OVERALL EXCELLENCE IN ALL PERFORMANCE AREAS AND AN OUTSTANDING RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF PROJECT NEW LIFE. IT CULMINATES A YEAR OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO DUTY ON THE PART OF ALL HANDS. ALL CAN BE JUSTIFIABLY PROUD OF THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

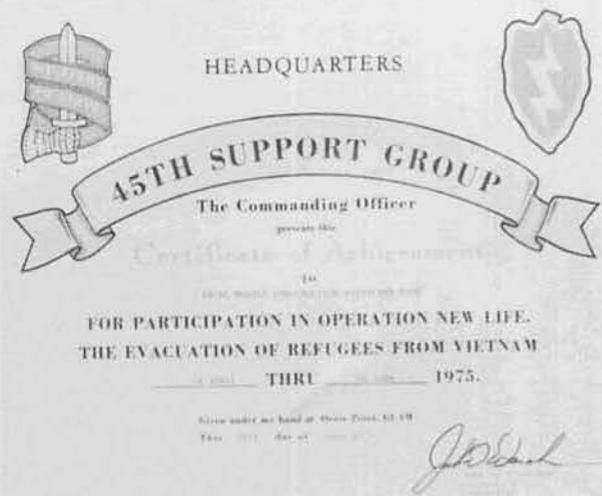
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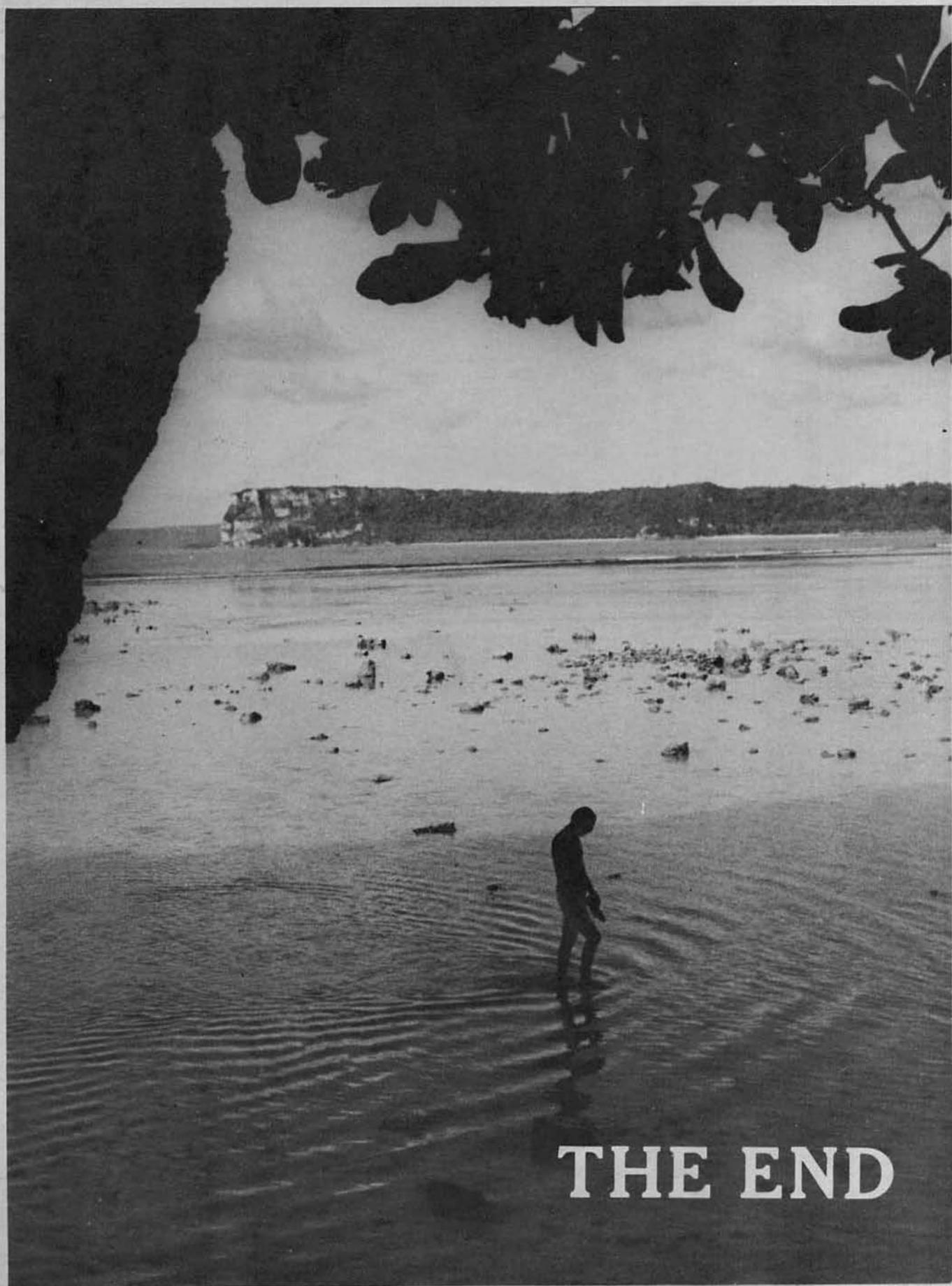
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