



U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FIVE

"I'm glad it's over". PN-2 Hiebsch

"Exasperating!" EO2 York

"I don't think it's worth all the trouble". VN-3 Shaver

"Wouldn't take anything for the experience, but, I wouldn't want to do it again". CMC. Ackerson

"Nam Can again?" EOC. Woodrow

"4 for tea?" Hacker

"I'm three weeks overdue". ENS. Grenz

"They don't appreciate you until you've left". JO-3 F.M. Peacock

"It wasn't worth the effort expended".

EA-3 Vantilburg

"Being my first tour to Vietnam I found it exciting, interesting, unusual and the cooperation as a team effort was outstanding!"

PH-1 Markovich

"It had a dysphoria effect"

SN. D. Bradley

"Nothing could beat the "Can Do" spirit"

A Seabee

"What a fiasco" VN-3 Smalley

"It's done!" UT-3 Pierce

"Great experience!" SWCN Weiser

"Once is enough!" CE-3 Stephens

"Rain Drops Keep Falling on My Head". ET3 Williams

"A very enlightening experience"

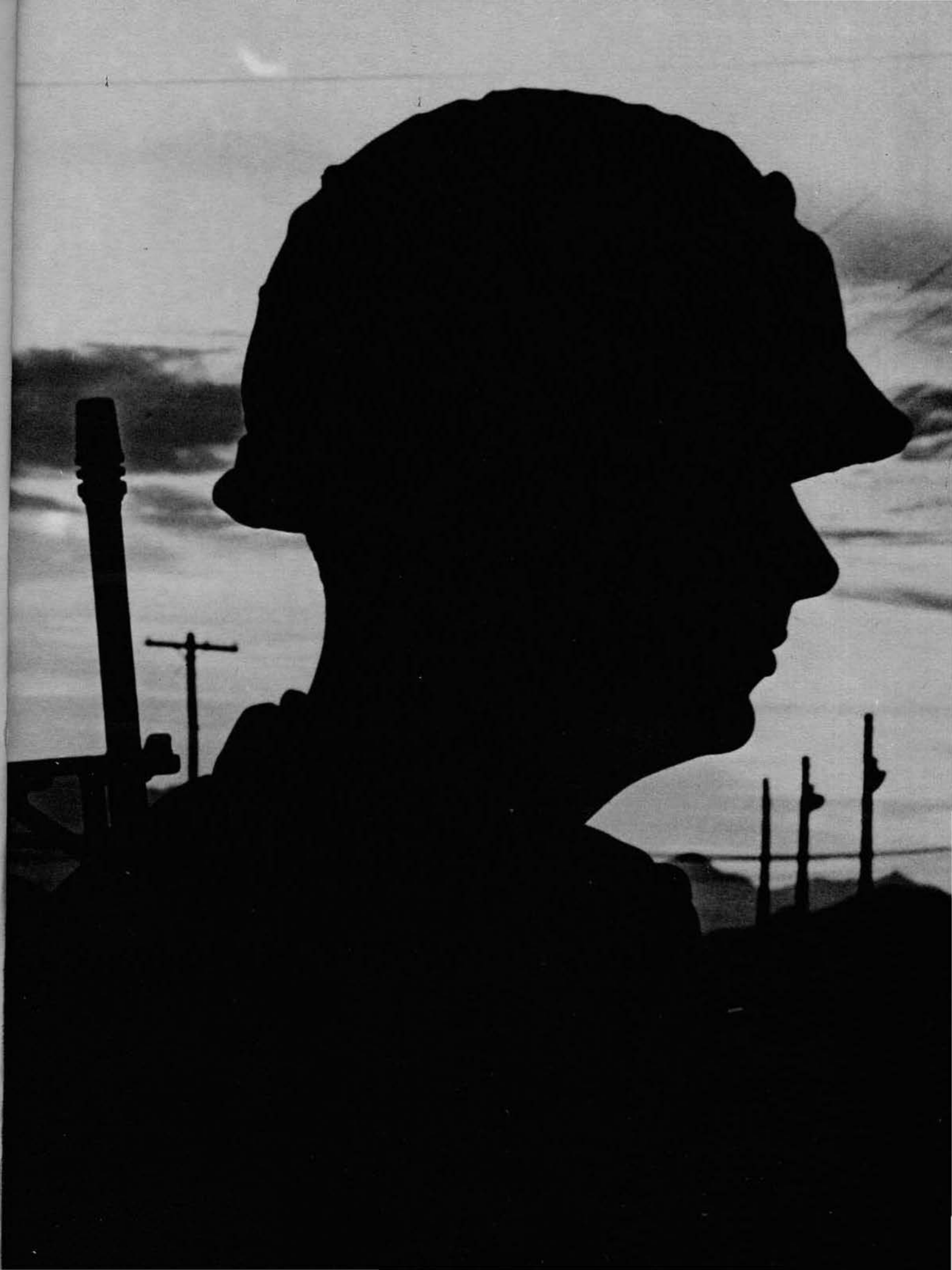
VNC Burroughs

"Very interesting yet frustrating"

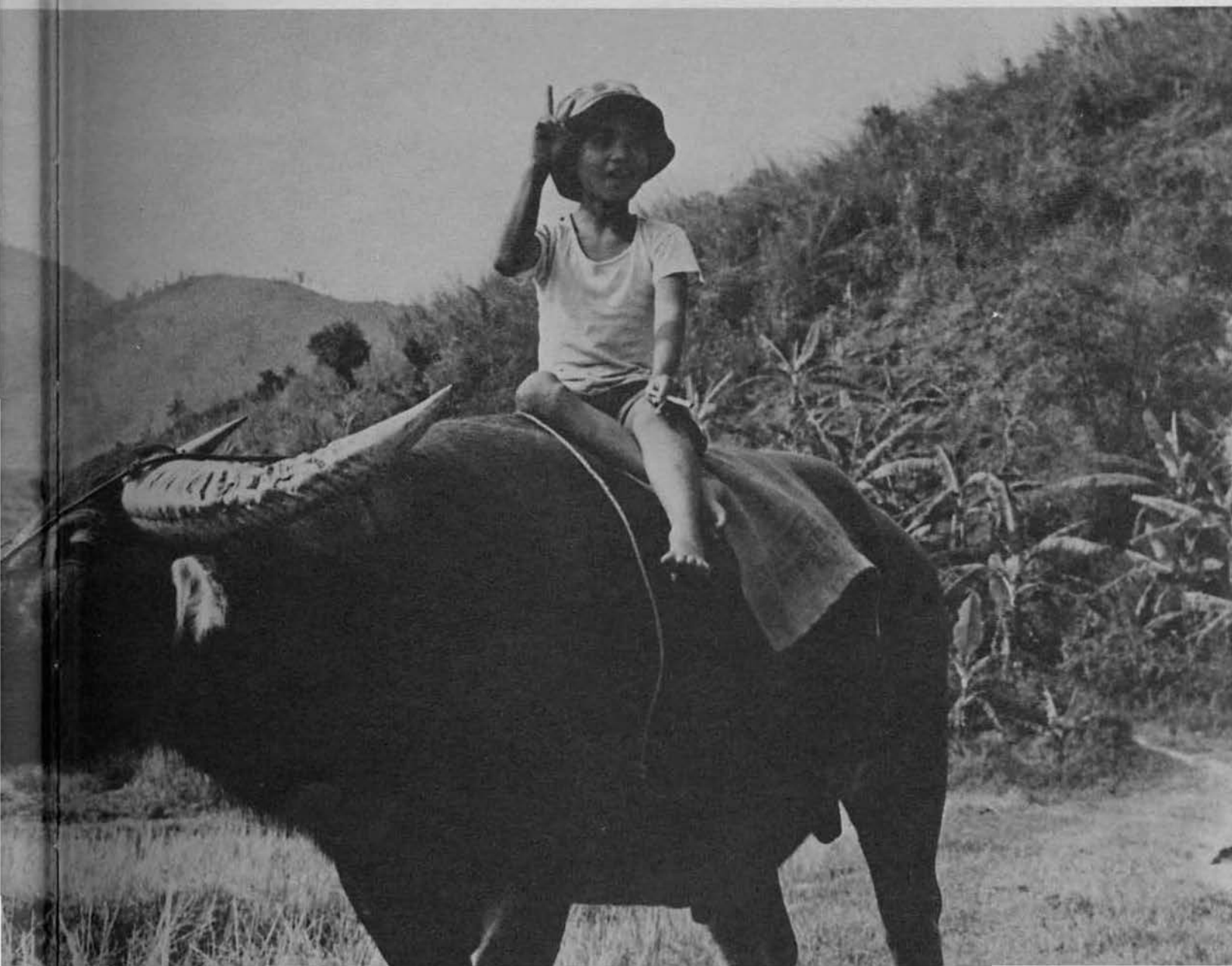
SN. Schumacher

"It was!"

VN3 Wolf

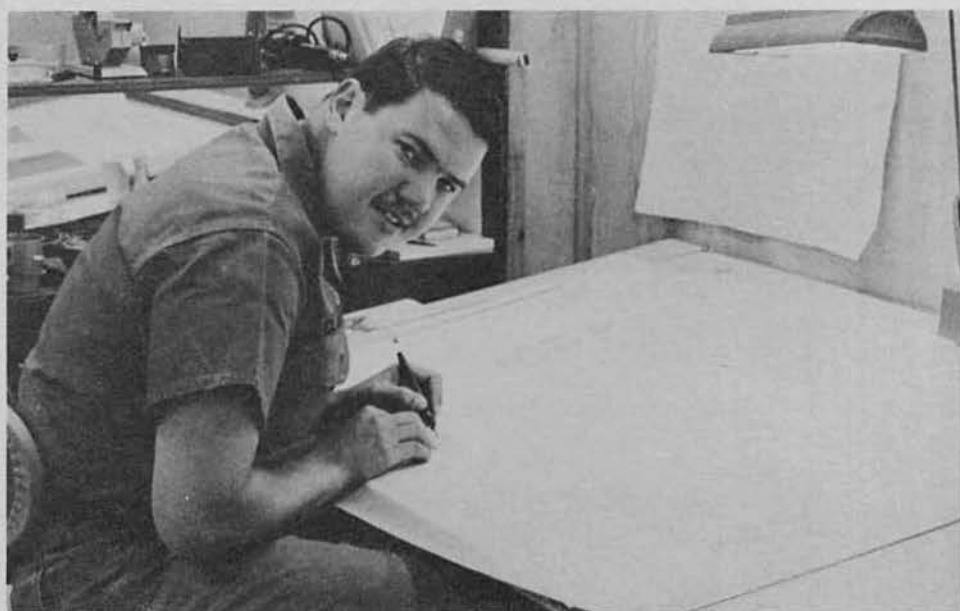
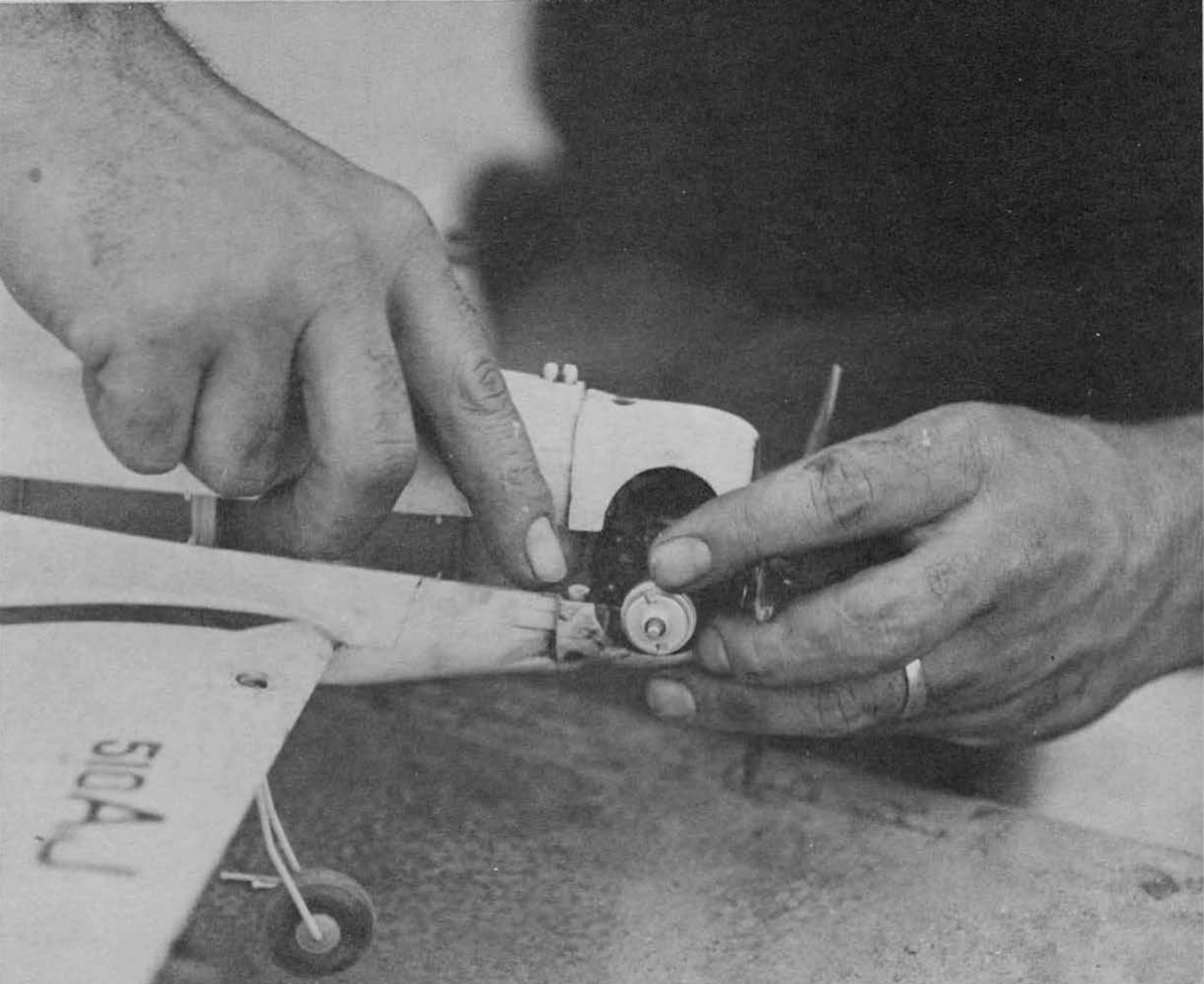






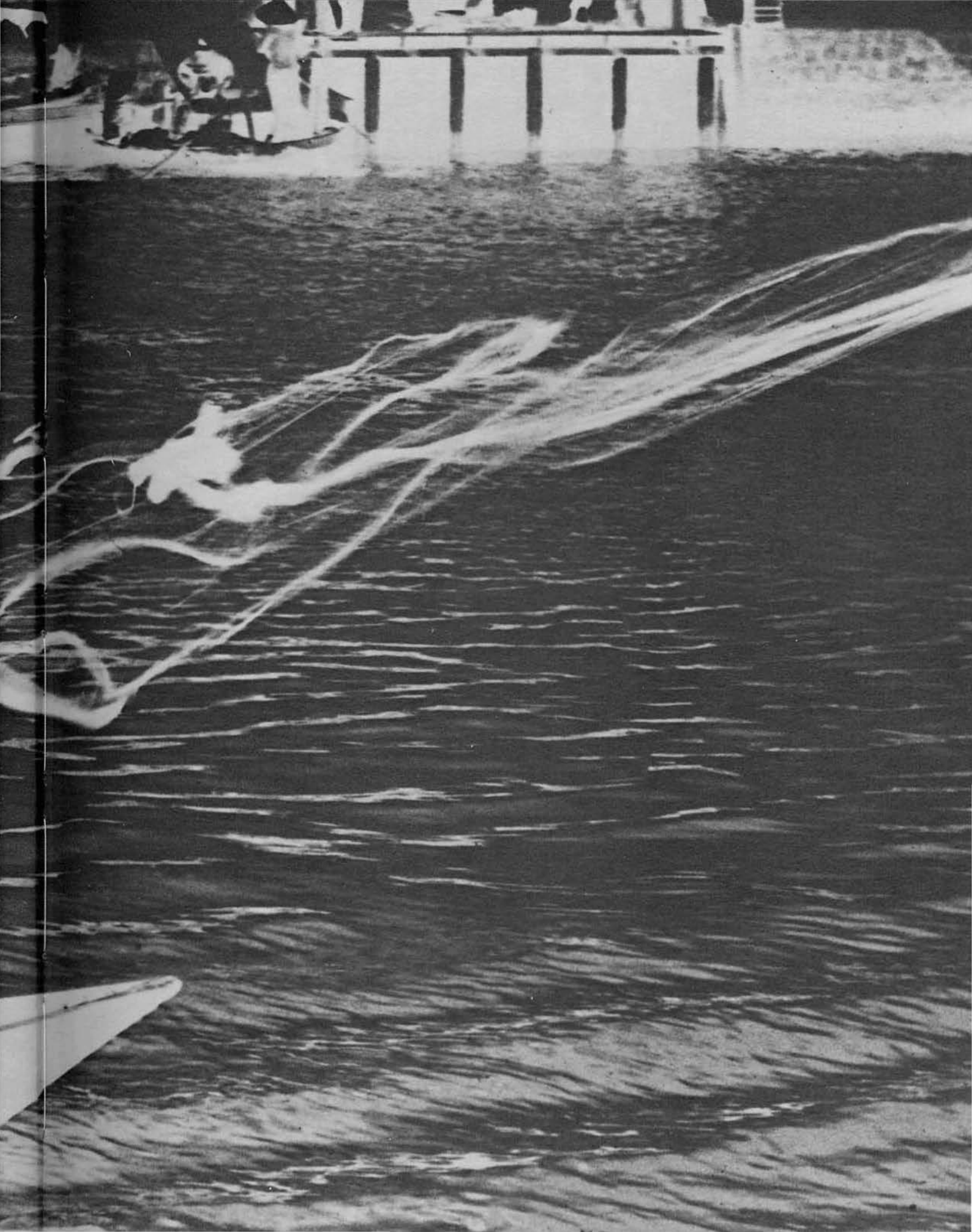


















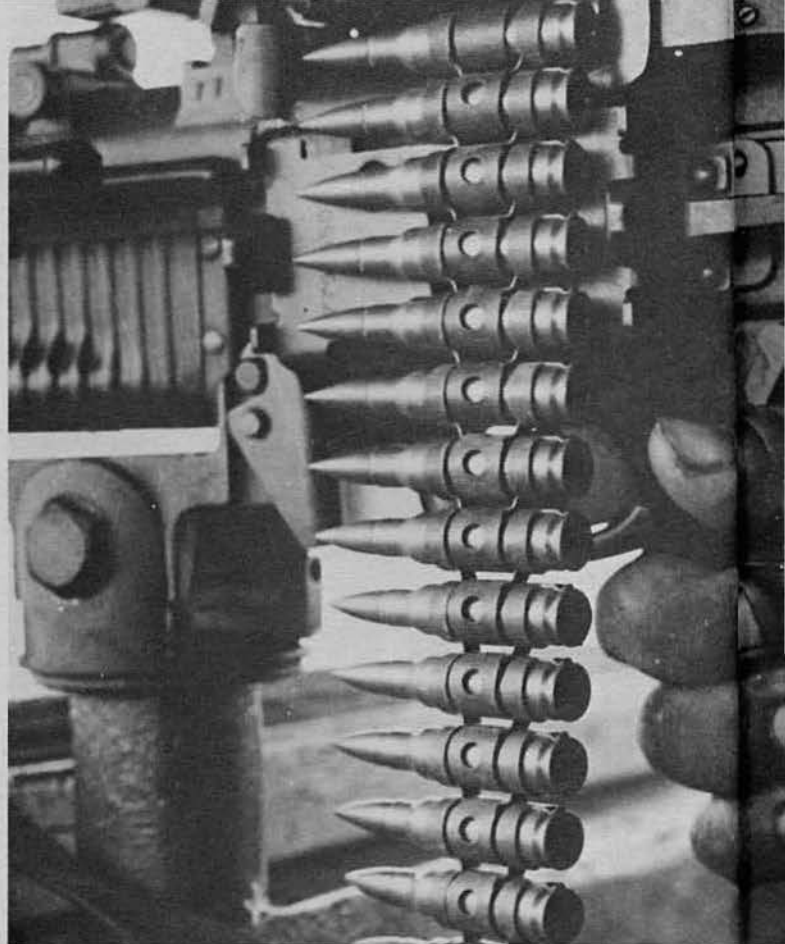


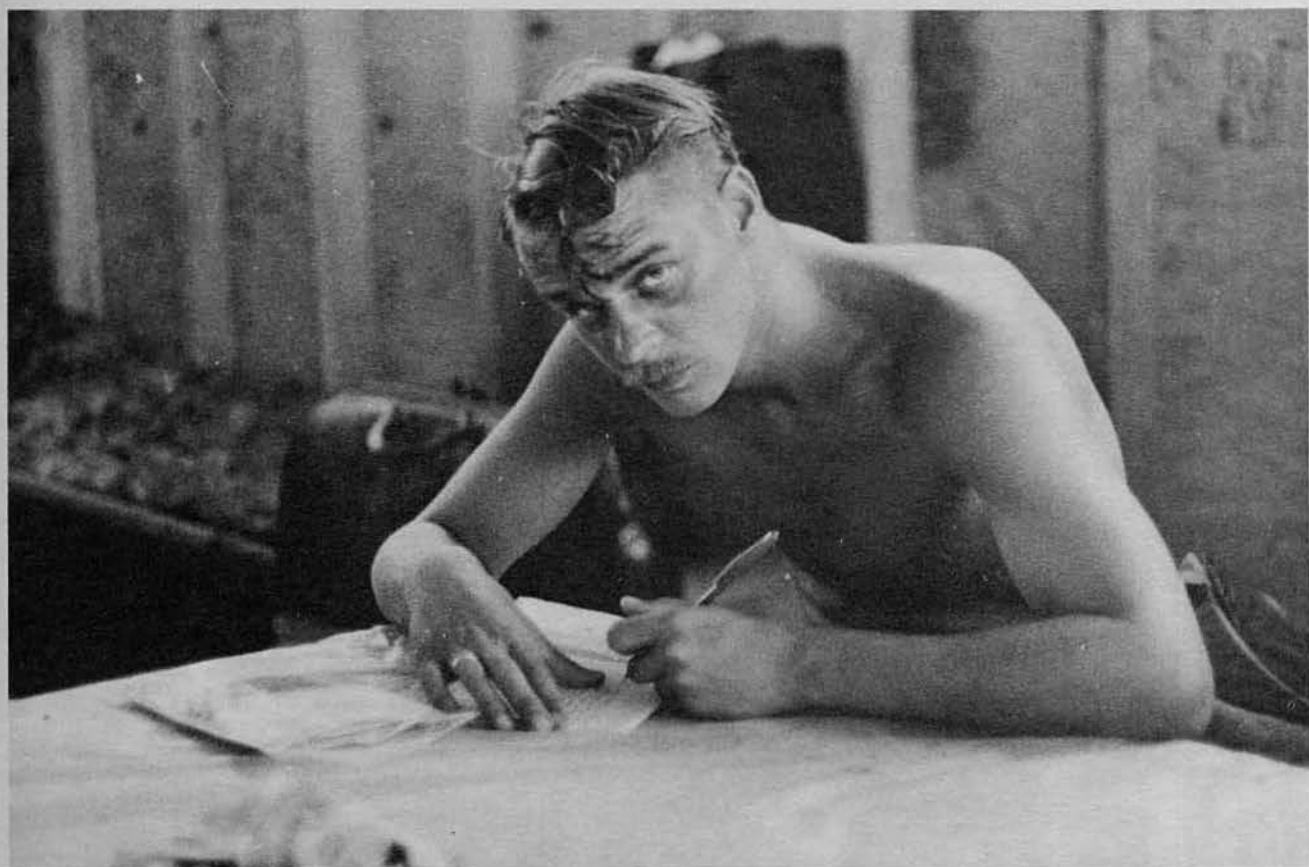


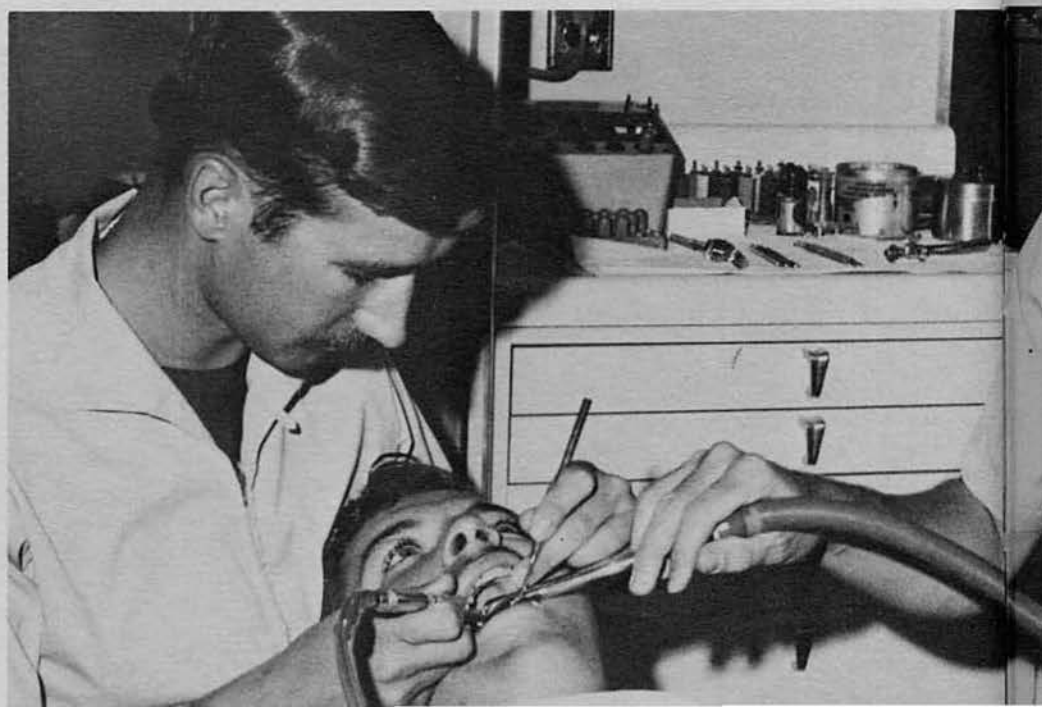


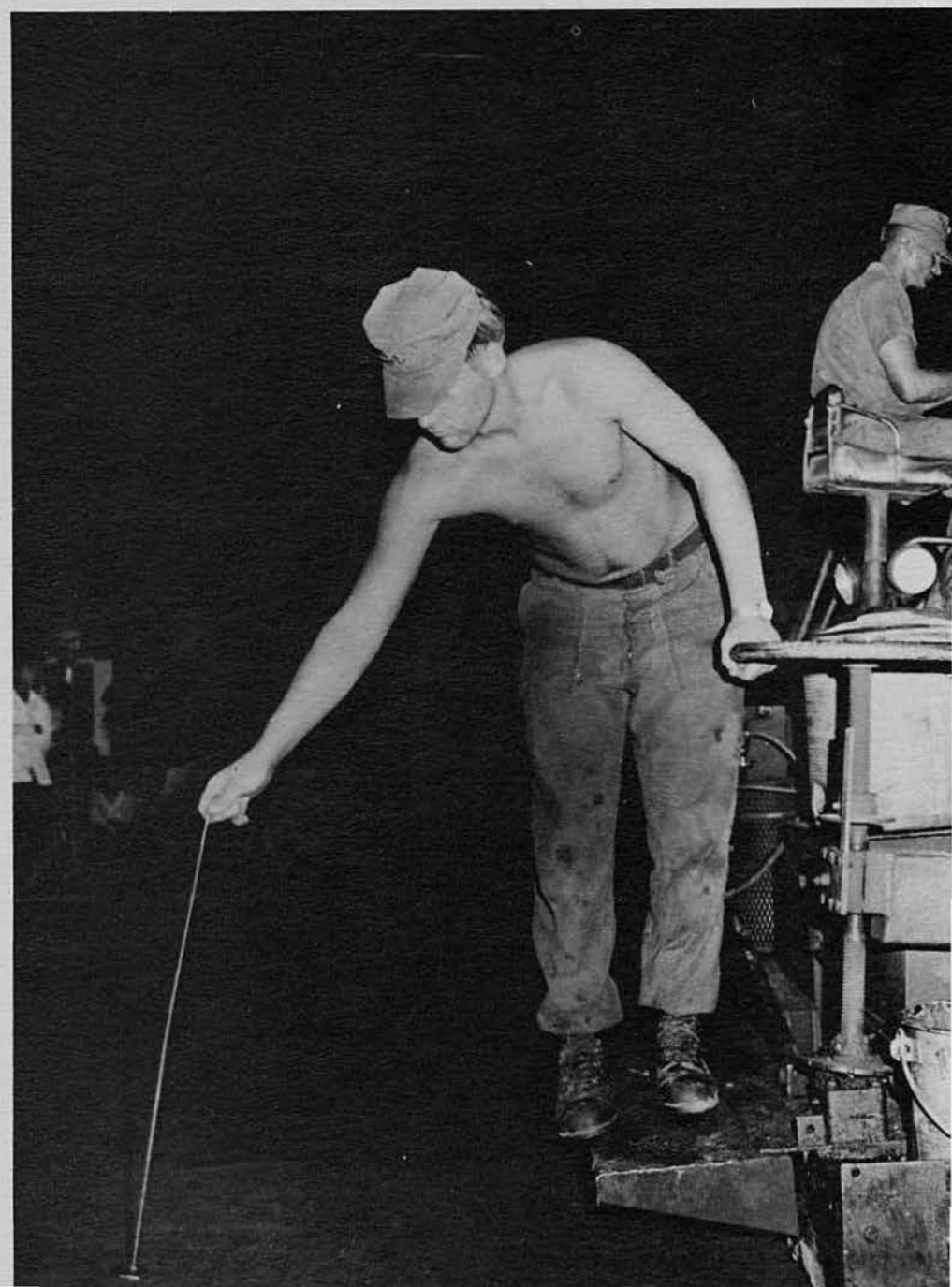












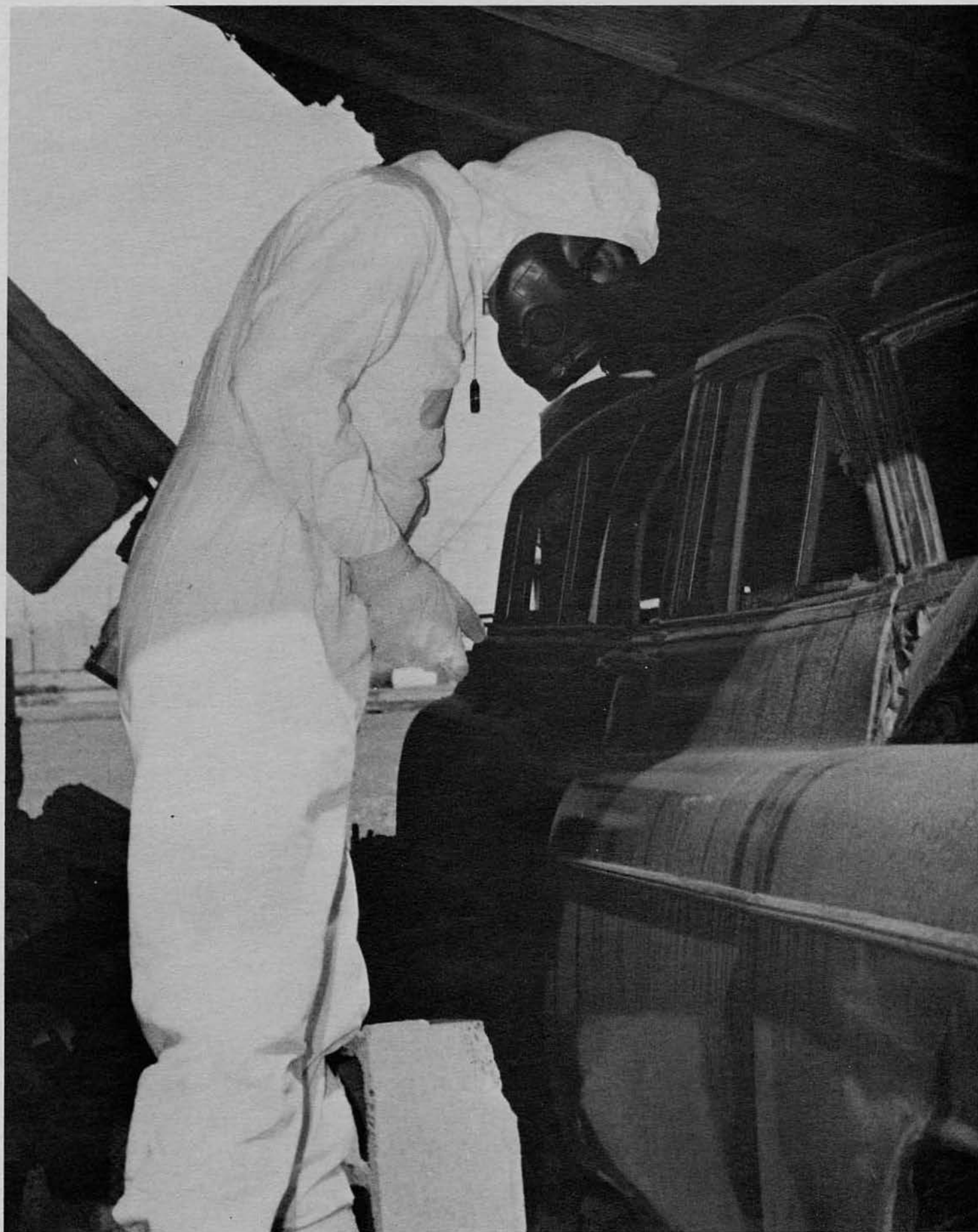




HOMEPORT TRAINING BRINGS SEVERAL THINGS TO MIND . . .

7:50 A.M. MUSTERS, TRAINING SCHOOLS, SHORT WORK DAYS,
INSPECTIONS, BROOME RANCH, COLD MORNINGS, CAMP PENDLETON,
C-RATS, SLEEPING LATE ON WEEKENDS . . .

A TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE FORTHCOMING DEPLOYMENT.





FAR LEFT: Checking for radiation during training exercises at the Disaster Recovery School. LEFT: UT3 Surran and UTCA Silva learn how to repair a boiler during a NAVSCON school. BELOW: RADM E. J. Peltier (Ret.) presents the Peltier Plaque to Cdr. R. A. Schade, Jr., in ceremonies honoring MCB Five's selection by the Society of American Military Engineers as the most outstanding Naval Mobile Construction Battalion for 1968.



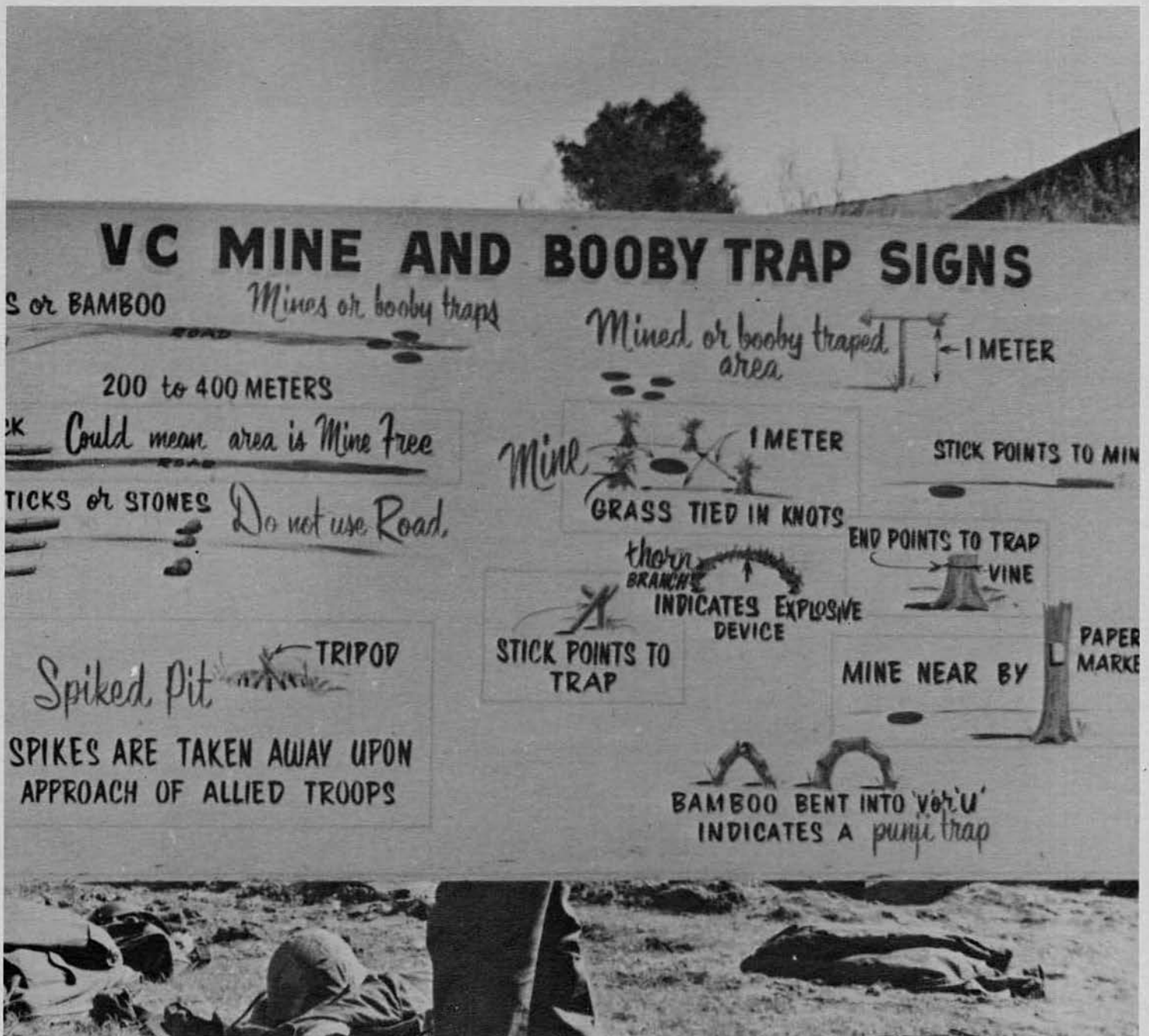


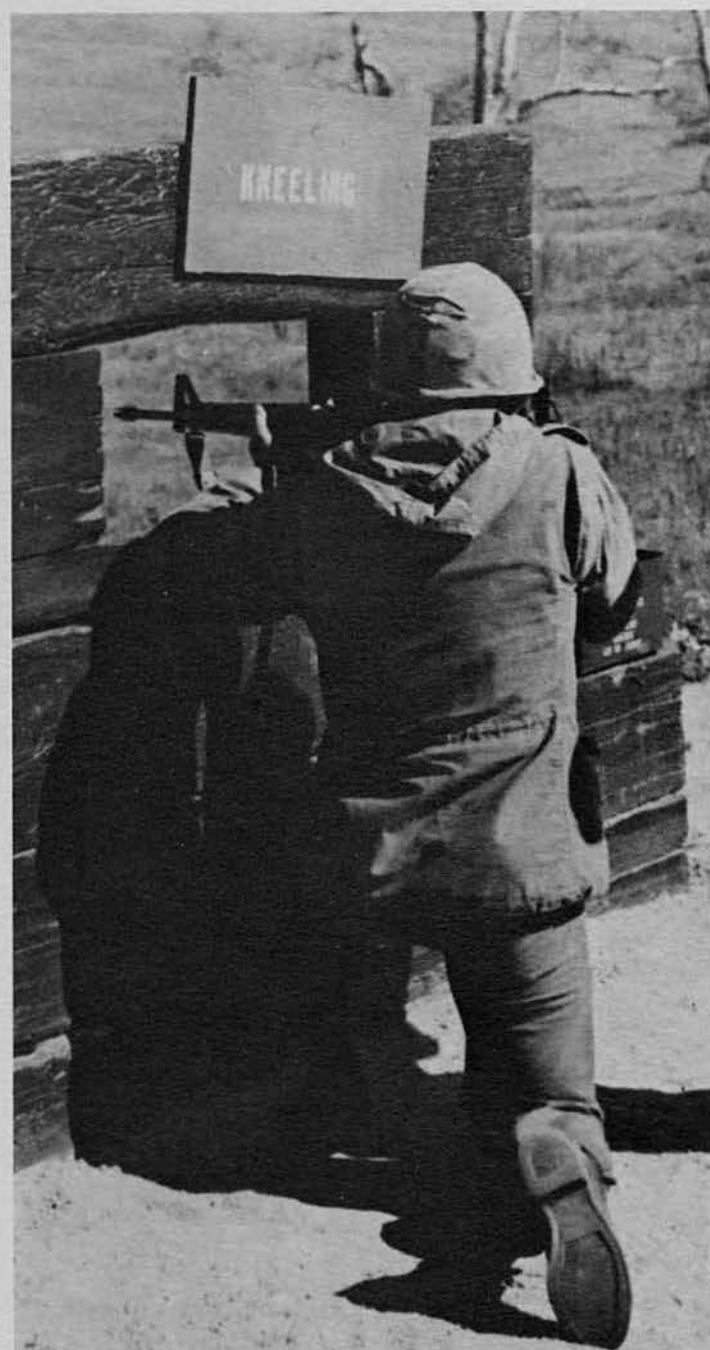
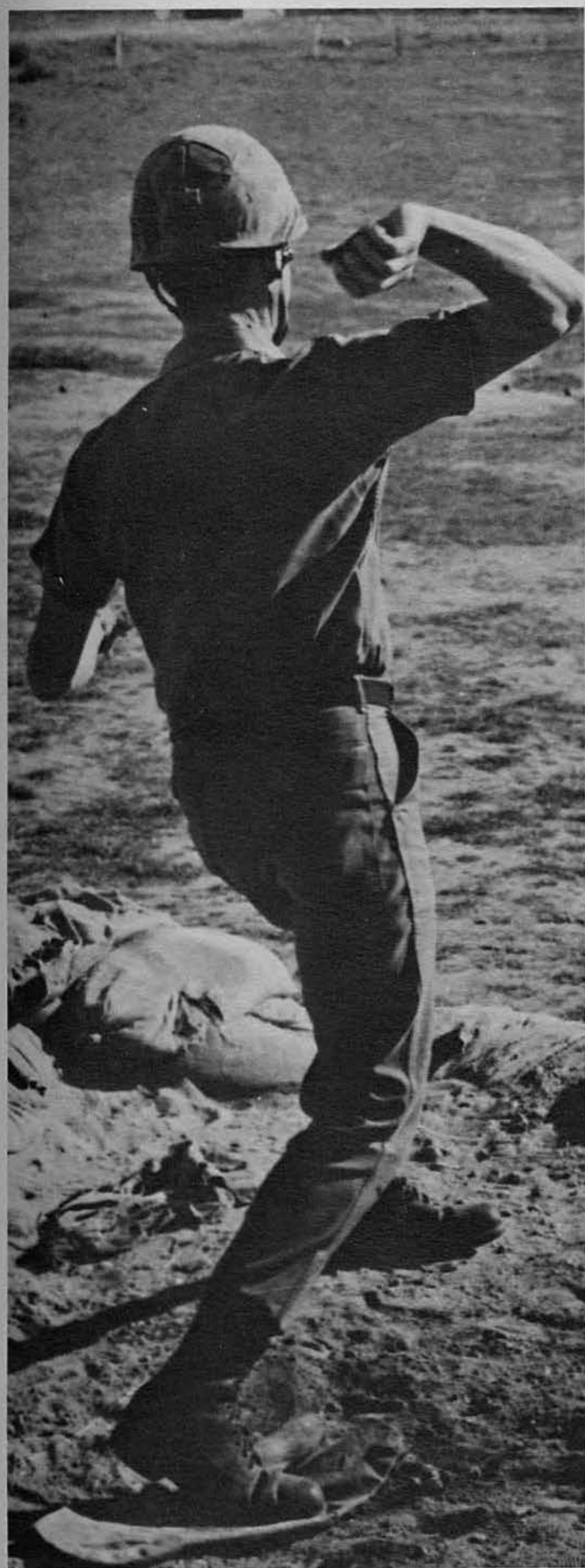
"Ready on the right . . . ready on the left . . . all ready on the firing line"—haunting echoes from the Camp Pendleton firing range.

BELOW: No one missed the comforts of home as hot meals were served daily on the range and in the field while attending classes.



During the exercise there were classes on booby traps, grenade throwing, and various firing positions.







As the homeport period drew to a close, inspections, shots, and award ceremonies were rememberable events.



BELOW: When high tides threatened local homes in the Oxnard Shores area, MCB Five personnel responded with aid with the construction of sand retaining walls.





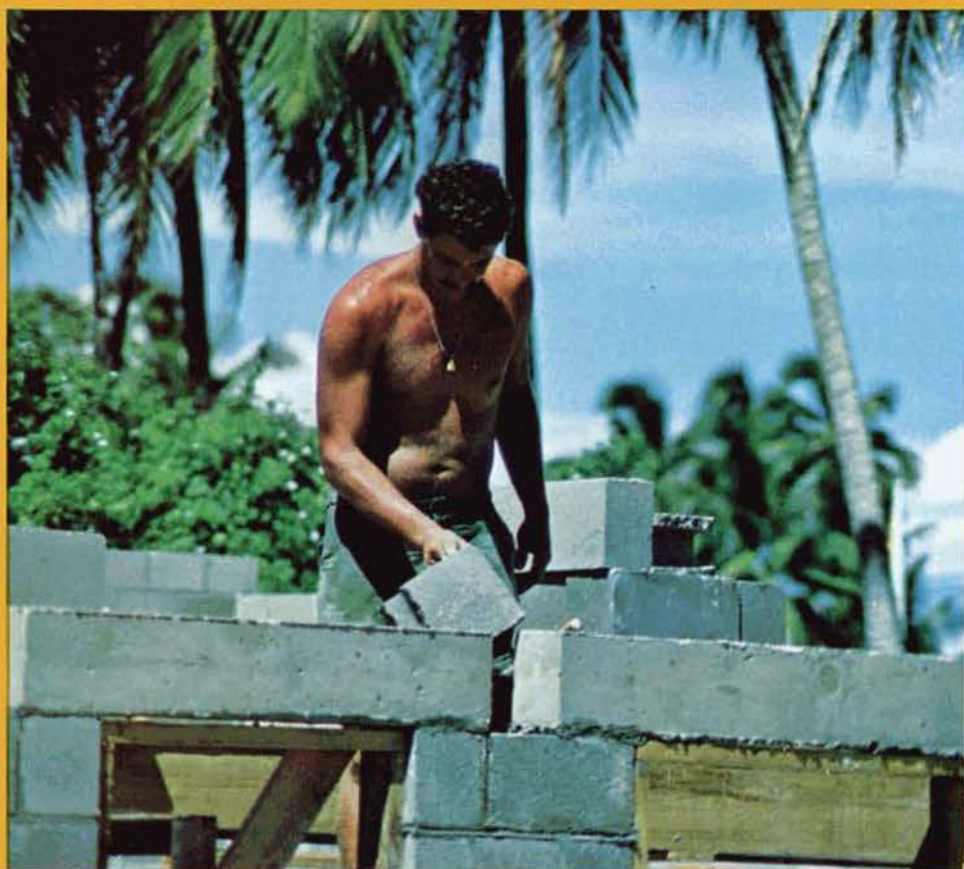
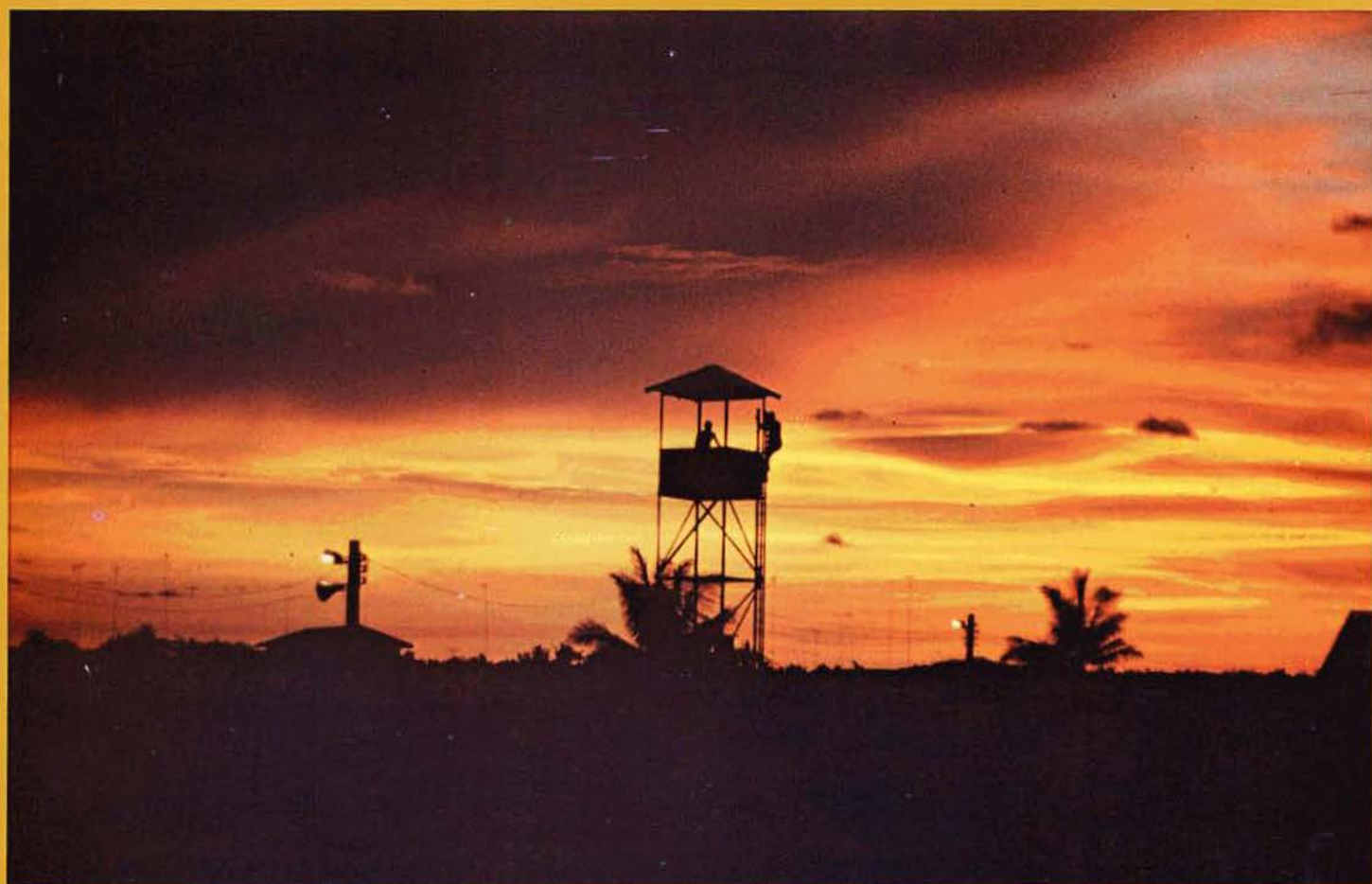
The finality of the closing of the homeport period was realized in last goodbyes.



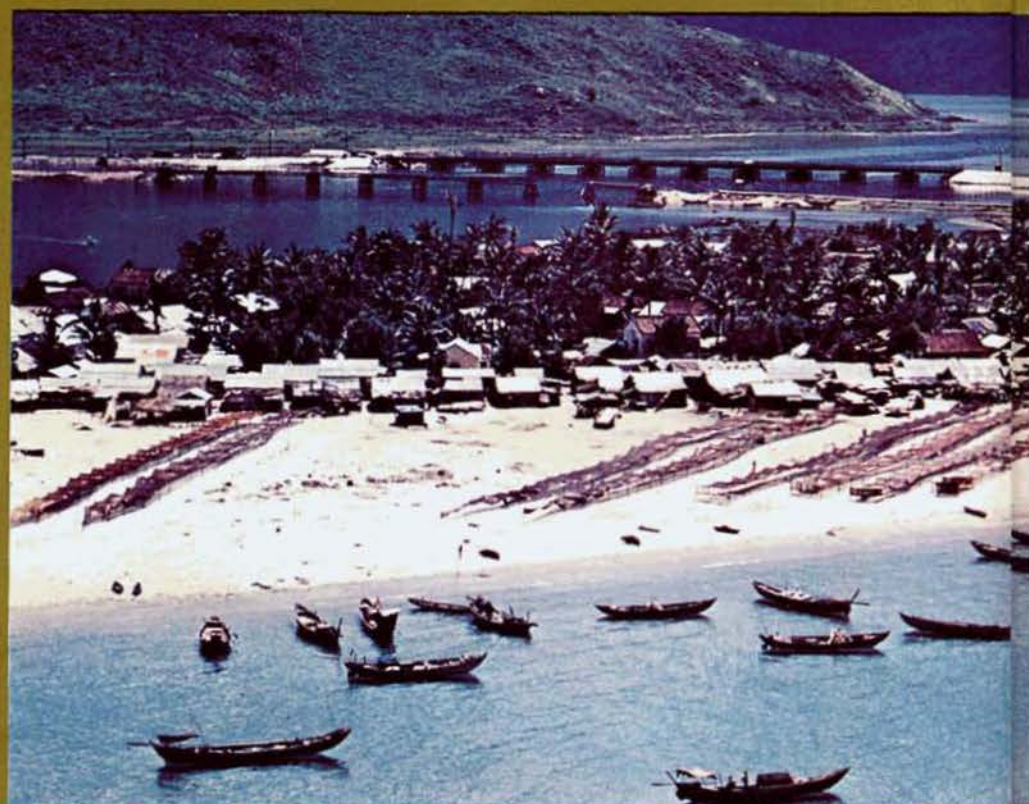
In Memory of John A Gioia
Death is but crossing the world, as friends
do the sea; they live in one another still.

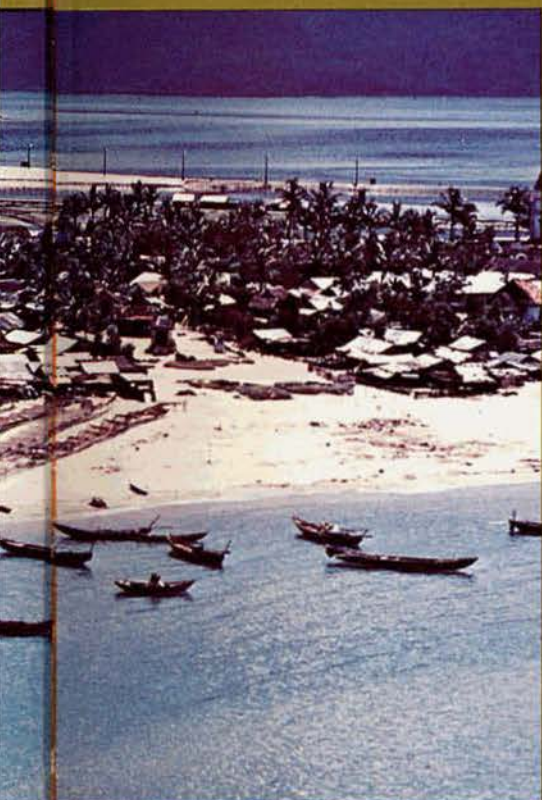
William Penn

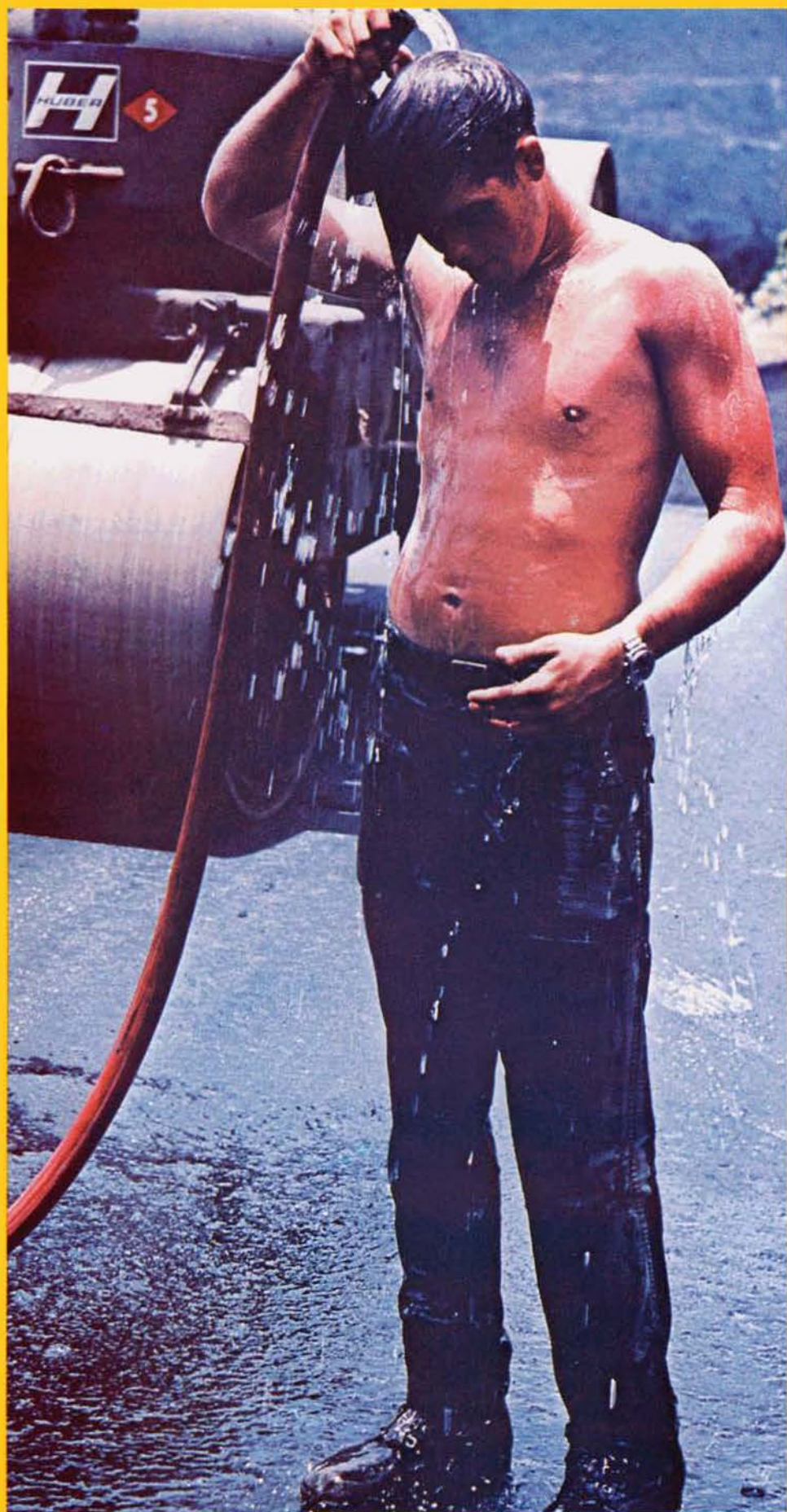








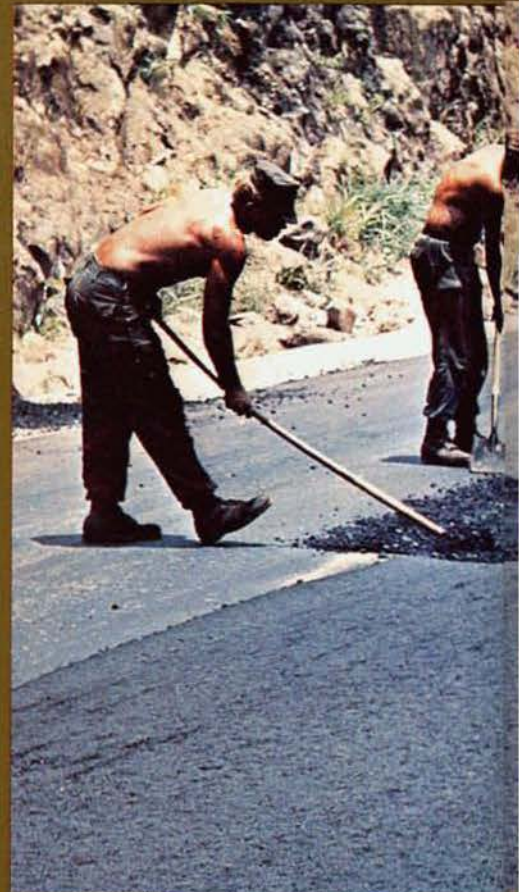








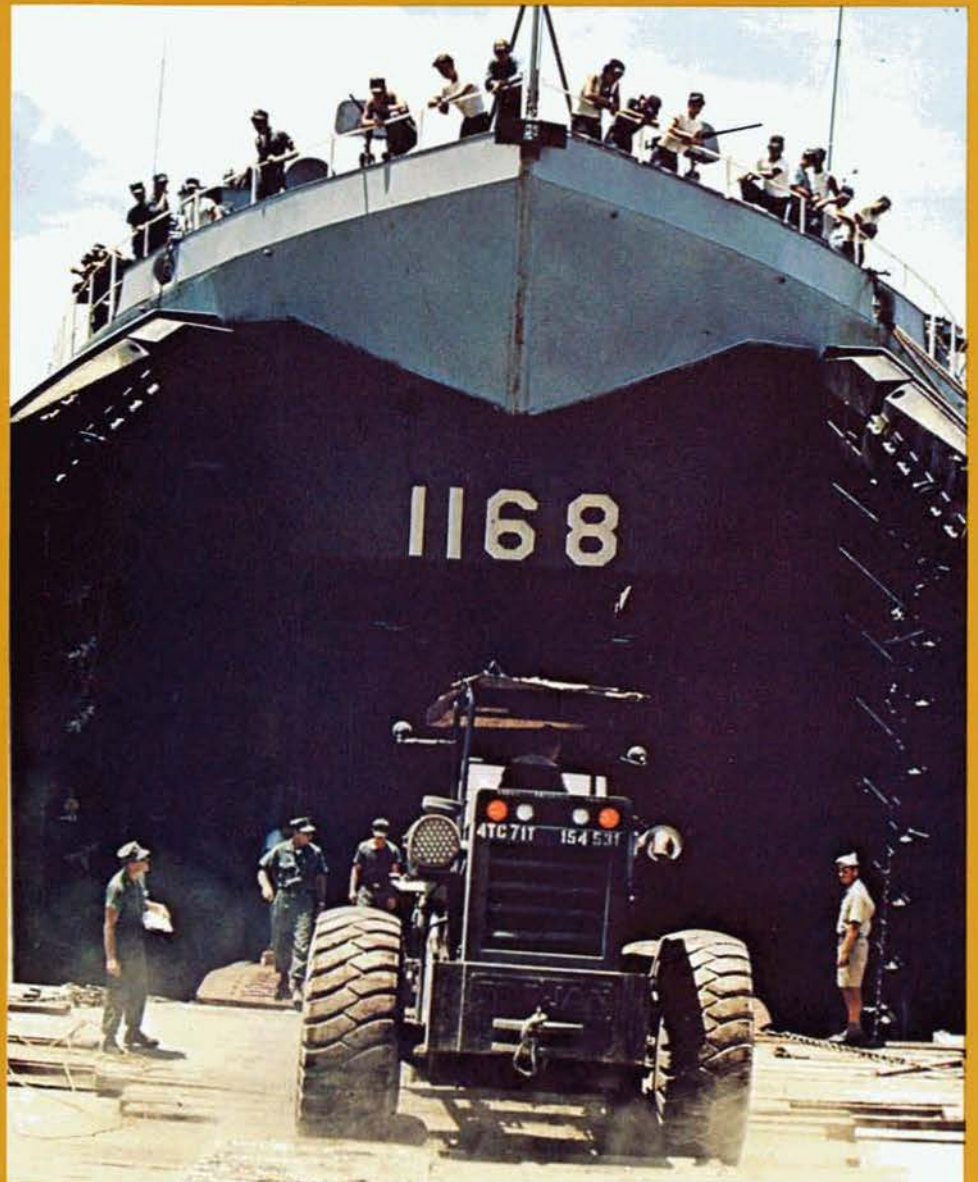


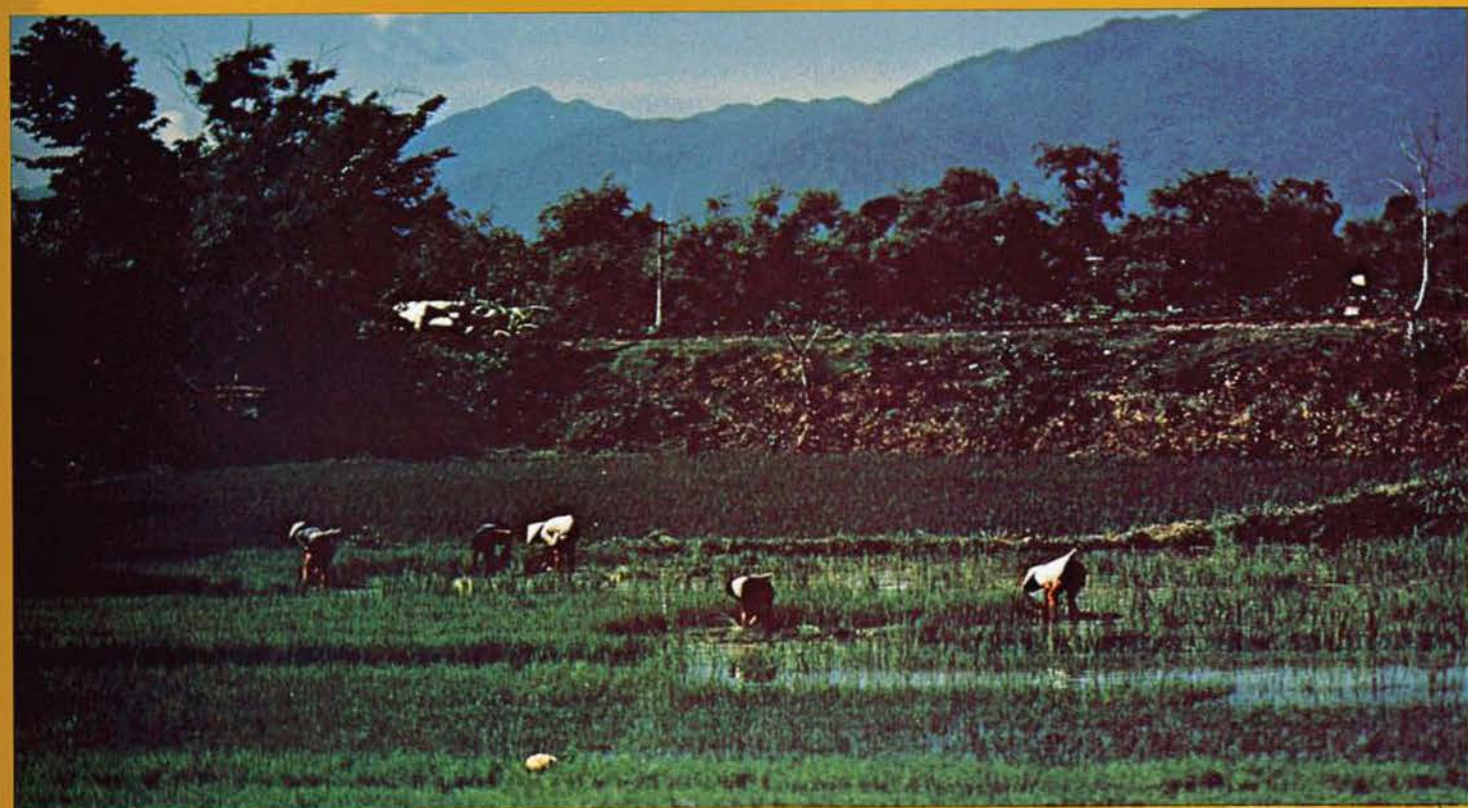
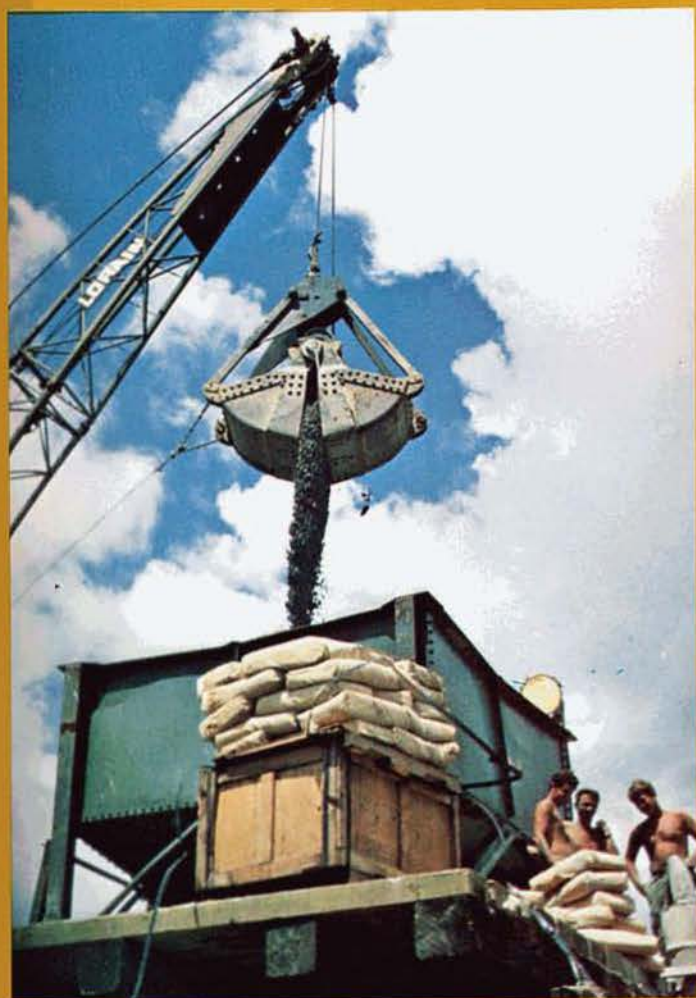














ABOVE: Commander Robert A. Schade, Jr., CEC, USN, assumed command of USNMCB Five on May 23, 1969, following duty in the Navy Facilities Engineering Command Headquarters, Washington, D.C. He received his Master of Science degree from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1964. Cdr. Schade is married to the former Cecelia McShane and they have three daughters. LEFT: Lieutenant Commander Bruce H. Edelson, CEC, USN, assumed duty as MCB Five's executive officer on Nov. 17, 1969. Prior to arriving at MCB Five, LCDR Edelson was the executive officer of USN MCB Nine. He received his Master of Science degree in civil engineering from Stanford in 1961. LCDR Edelson is married to the former Eileen Thompson and they have one son.



COMMANDING OFFICER
CDR. R.A. SCHADE JR., CEC, USN

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

BATTALION MASTER CHIEF
CUCM R.H. DAY

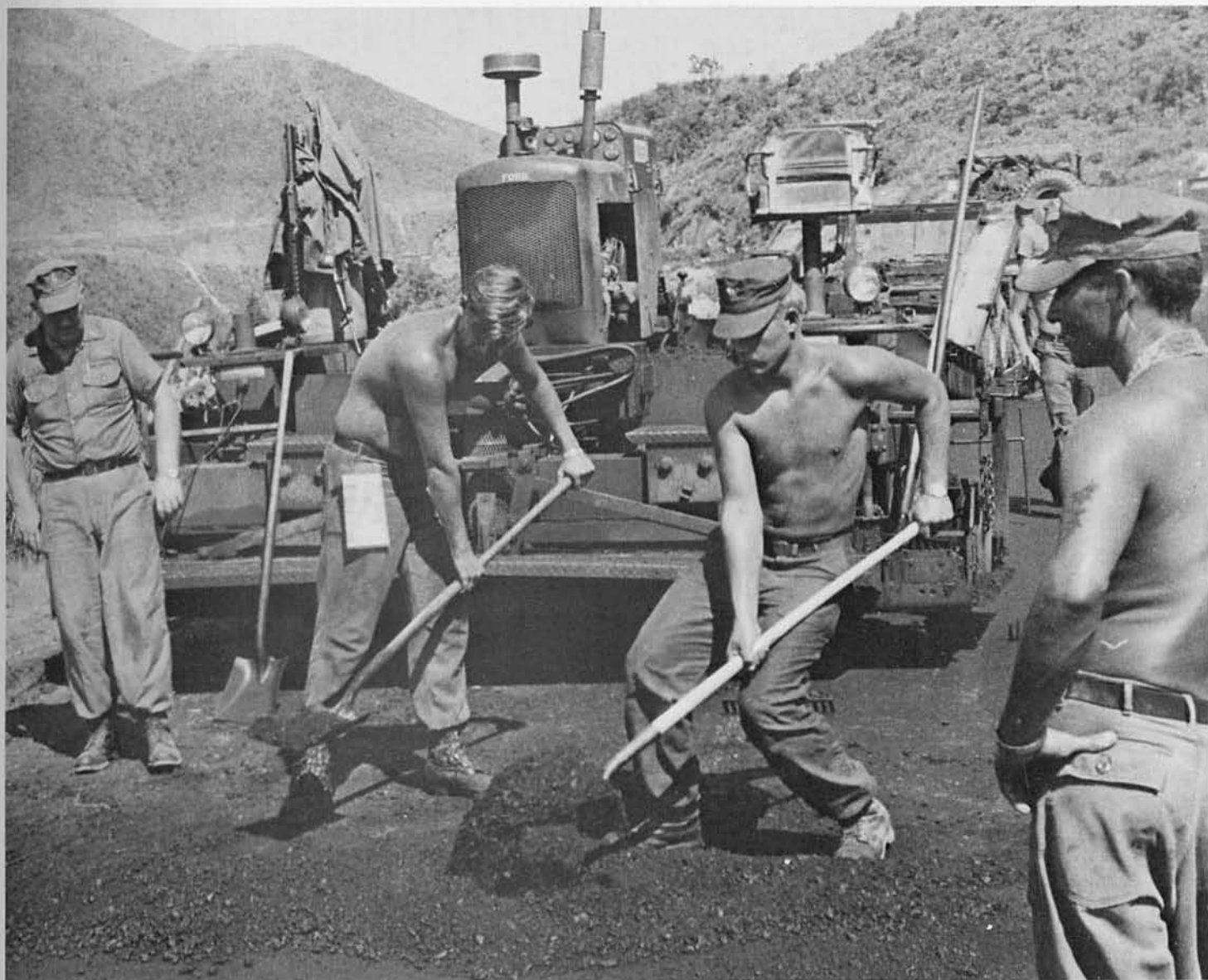
THE WEEKS OF TRAINING AND PREPARATION HAD GONE BY QUICKLY AT PORT HUENEME, AND SUDDENLY THE HOMEPORT DEPLOYMENT WAS OVER. IN LATE MARCH THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF NMCB FIVE EMBARKED UPON WHAT WAS TO BECOME THE MOST CHALLENGING EXPERIENCE IN THE BATTALION'S HISTORY. A VITAL ELEMENT IN ADMIRAL ZUMWALT'S NEW PROGRAM TO ACCELERATE THE TURN-OVER OF NAVY ASSETS TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WAS THE RAPID CONSTRUCTION OF NAVY SUPPORT BASES THROUGHOUT THE NETWORK OF RIVERS AND CANALS IN THE MEKONG DELTA. THE SEABEES OF 'FIVE' TOOK OVER THIS MONUMENTAL TASK AND THE BATTALION WAS SCATTERED OVER EIGHT MAJOR CONSTRUCTION SITES AND THREE SUPPORT DETAILS IN THE DELTA REGION. THE BATTALION FLAG WAS RAISED IN CAMP HASKINS NORTH, DANANG, WHERE ALFA COMPANY QUICKLY BEGAN REPAIRING THE ROAD THROUGH HAI VAN PASS—AND THE MAIN BODY ASSUMED THE STAGGERING JOB OF PROVIDING KEY ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO EACH OF THE DETAILS IN THE SOUTH.

THIS UNIQUE DEPLOYMENT WAS SOON TO CHALLENGE THE SKILL, IMAGINATION AND STAMINA OF THE MOST SEASONED AND INNOVATIVE SEABEE; AND THE SUCCESS OF THE BATTALION'S MISSION WOULD EVENTUALLY DEMAND DEEP CONVICTION AND SUPREME EFFORT AT EVERY LEVEL—FROM THE DESK OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER TO THE CONSTRUCTIONMAN IN THE MOST REMOTE CORNER OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.



RIGHT: CE2 Cole works on an engine in the Alpha Company shop. BELOW LEFT TO RIGHT: BU2 Laing trims up a board in the Bravo Company carpenter shop. CN Pierce and CM3 Plummer unband new tires for the parts dept. CE2 Coder and CE2 Cole busy at work.

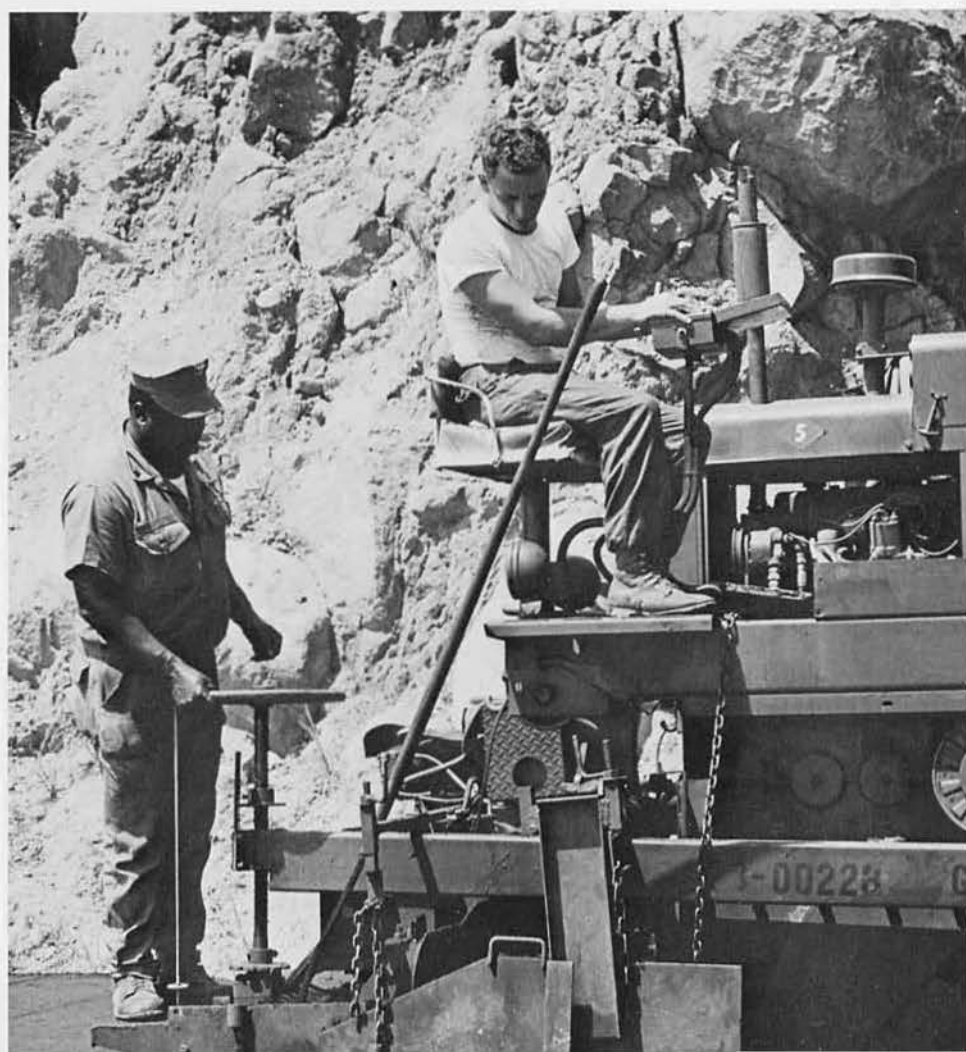




ABOVE: The Alpha Company asphalt crew completed 12 miles of paving operations on the Hai Van Pass, north of Danang. Working on one lane at a time, the crew was often able to exceed one-half mile of paving each day, despite the problem of heavy traffic. LEFT: The Camp Haskins camp area.



RIGHT: EO1 Lawrence takes the wheel during paving operations on the Hai Van Pass. The pass is the major land route north to the demilitarized zone. ABOVE: CE1 Docherty peers through the maze of steel.





LEFT: An important part to any organization is the administrative-personnel department.

Instructing Vietnamese workers in the operation of machinery.

Pouring concrete for a command bunker.

A Sunday barbecue.





RIGHT: Camp Haskins North Security Company.





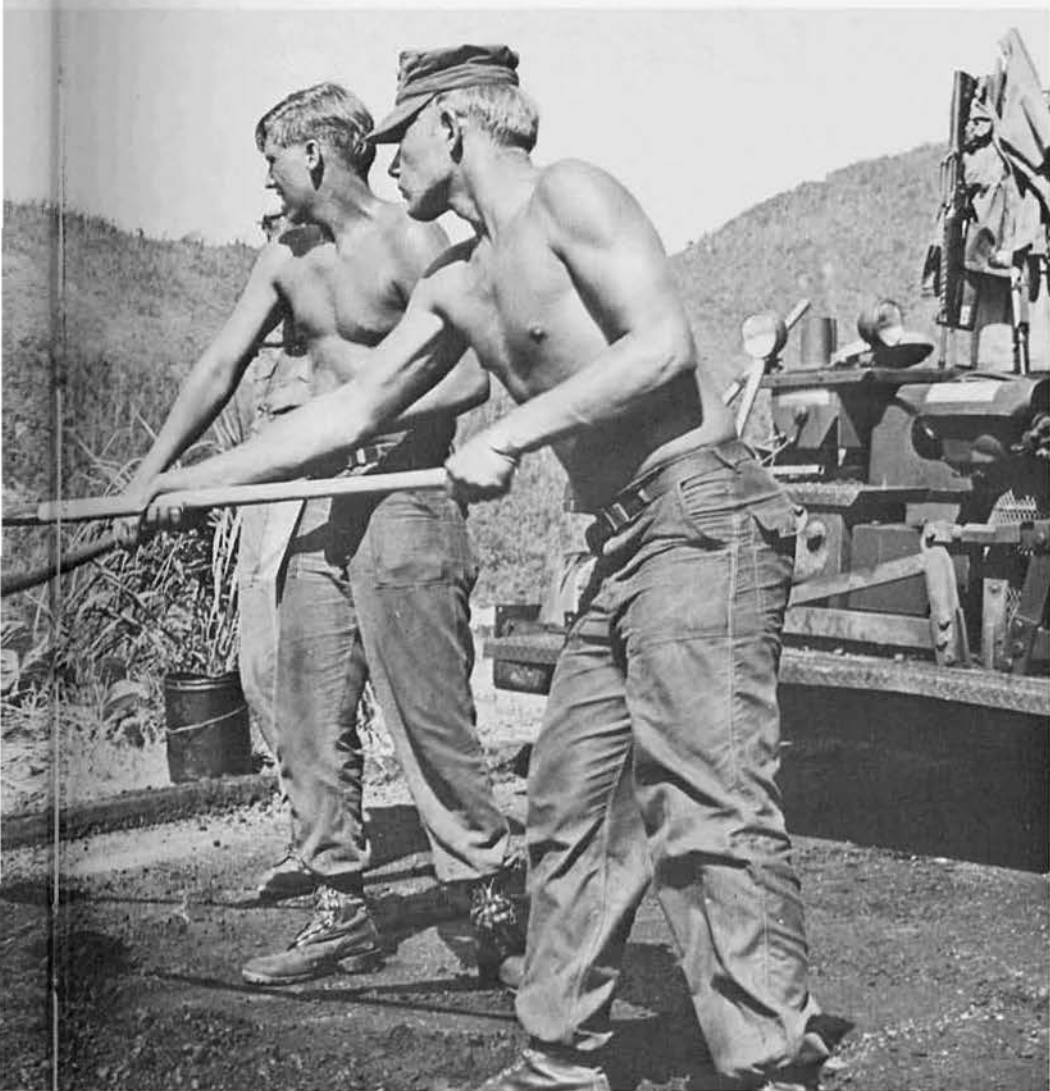
LEFT: LCDR B. H. Edelson catches one of the many gift pacs sent to MCB Five by the Vietnam Gift Pac organization.





CM2 Davis gives SH2 McLean a trim.



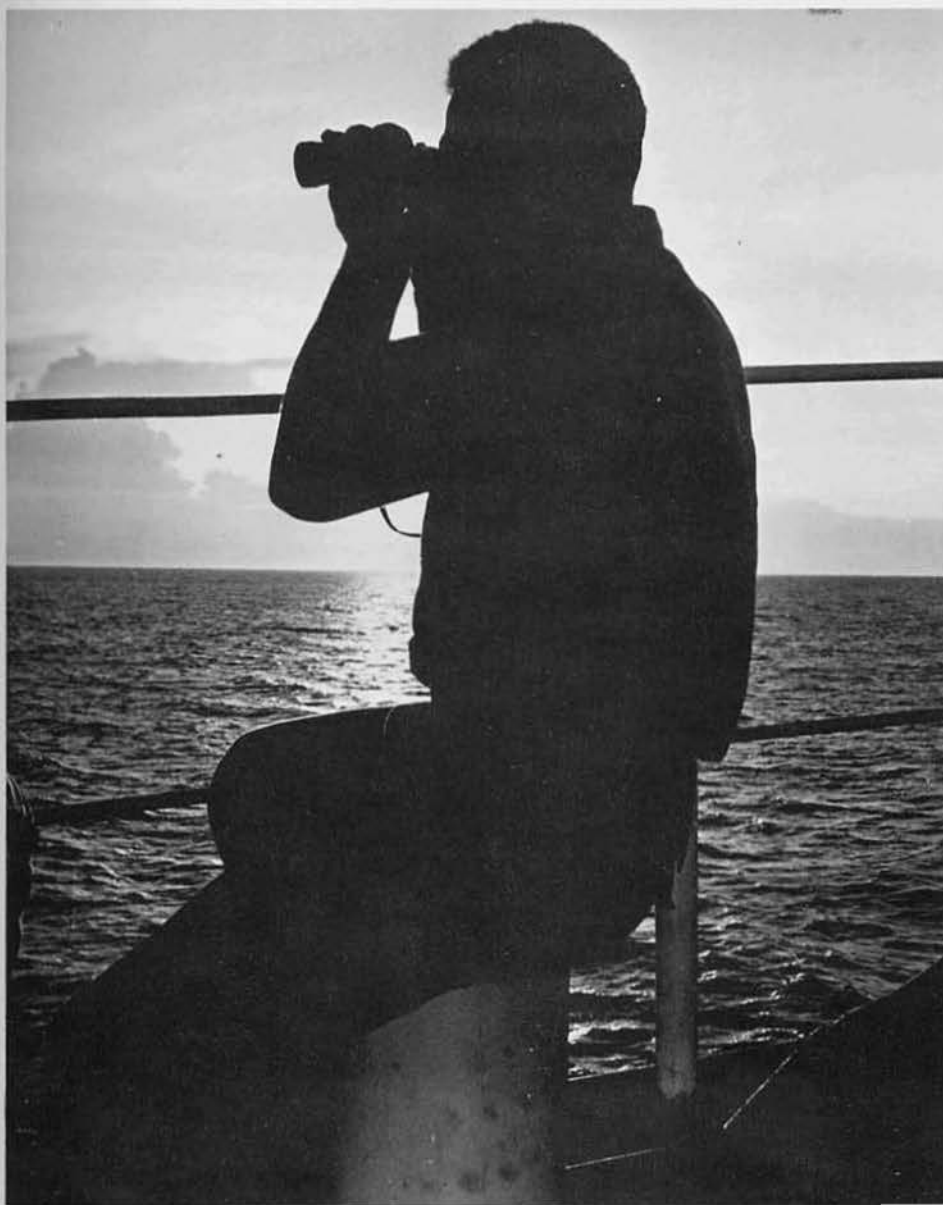


LEFT: Members of the asphalt crew help to add the final touches to roadwork on the Hai Van Pass. BELOW: PC3 Biondini and PC3 Songer sort the daily mail.



Chaplain Zobel and members of the Bo De Primary School. Working through the school Chaplain Zobel was able to provide needed materials and aid to many of the students.





As the details busily erected buildings, piers, towers, paved roads, and placed concrete, the main body had provided materials that were stored at the 32nd Naval Construction Regiment, adjacent to Camp Haskins North, Danang. As the deployment progressed and the supplies and equipment were depleted, it became evident that the main body could provide better logistical support from a main camp in the delta region. Thus, May 16, 1970, the battalion colors were relocated from Camp Haskins North, Danang, to Bien Hoa, 30 miles northeast of Saigon. The move marked the first time a U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion had been headquartered in the delta region.

With the camp near completion, the main body boarded the LST WEXFORD COUNTY on July 20, 1970, for the five day trip to Newport Beach, 25 miles southwest of Hoa. The trip was the first time many of the Seabees had been on a ship and their inaugural cruise was initiated with the sighting of a "sea bat"—an old Navy trick any "salty sailor" knows. Upon arrival at Newport Beach the battalion personnel were transported by bus to the renovated camp.

After the battalion had relocated to Bien Hoa, construction began on several projects including a new boiler room, showers, lavatory facilities, and renovation of existing structures.







ABOVE: One of the many new buildings constructed on the Bien Hoa base.





RIGHT: CECN Kmetz and CE3 Henry help to "bridge" the gap between the administrative offices to the galley and berthing area.





If any one thing stands out as truly rememberable about Bien Hoa, it had to be the rain and its offspring: puddles, ponds, and lakes.





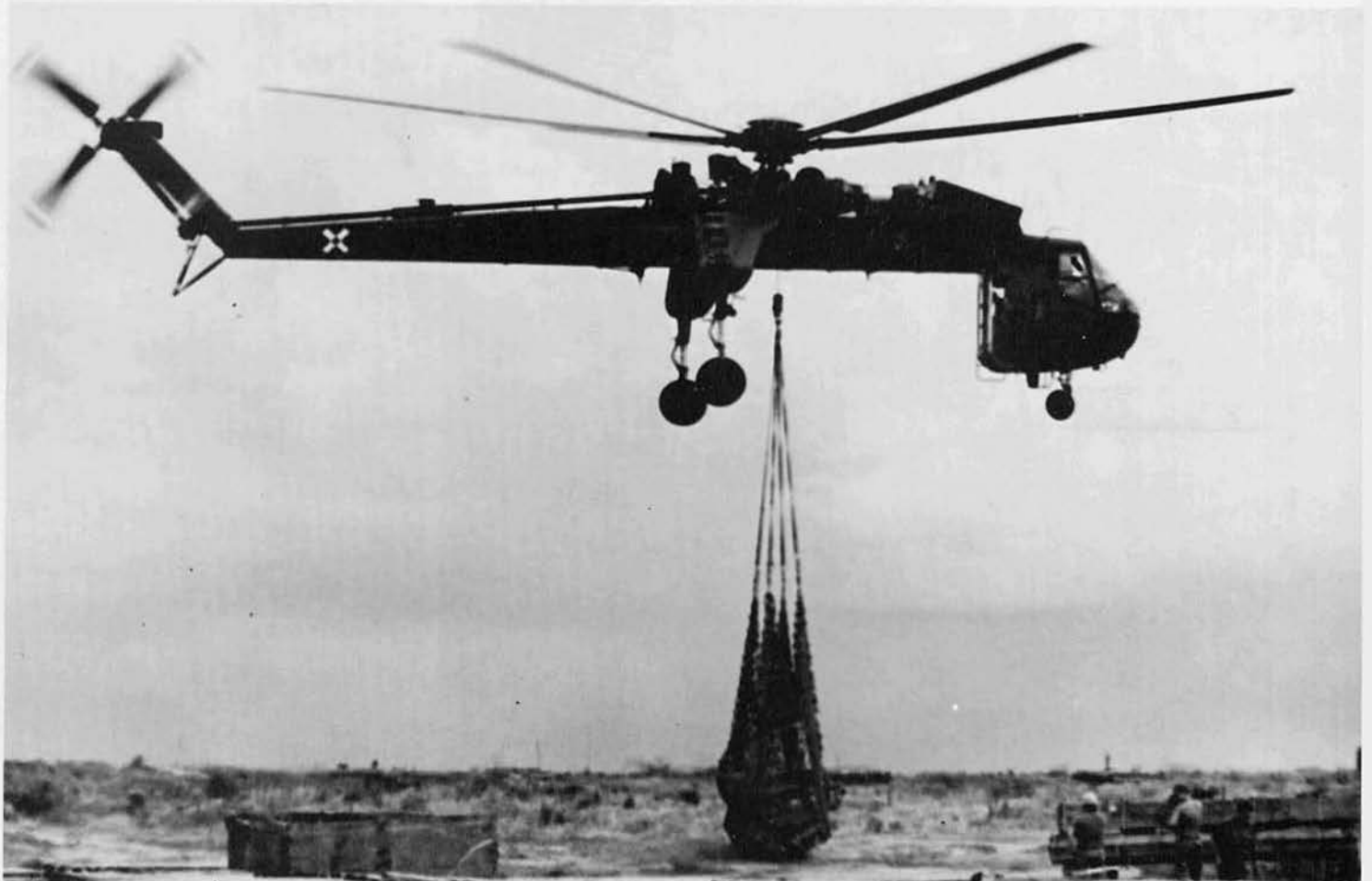
Steelworker practicing his trade on the boiler room.



"What do you mean it still doesn't work?"



Preparing topping for a baked ham dinner.





LEFT: CM2 W. P. Switzer painlessly receives shots midway in the department. ABOVE: CM3 Johnson tries out his water resistant boots in the remnant of an afternoon downpour.



Detail Charlie, located 88 miles west of Saigon, constructed a boat repair and maintenance facility for the Vietnamese navy. Upon arrival at the site a temporary camp was constructed and work began on berthing spaces and a fresh water system. After the erection of a temporary pier, supplies and materials were brought in and construction began in full swing. At the completion of the deployment, advisor's quarters, office spaces, and boat repair shops, including portions of the utilities systems, had been completed. Detail Charlie was under the leadership of Lt. H. W. Walter.



BELOW: BUCA Hooper helps stage the MLO yard.

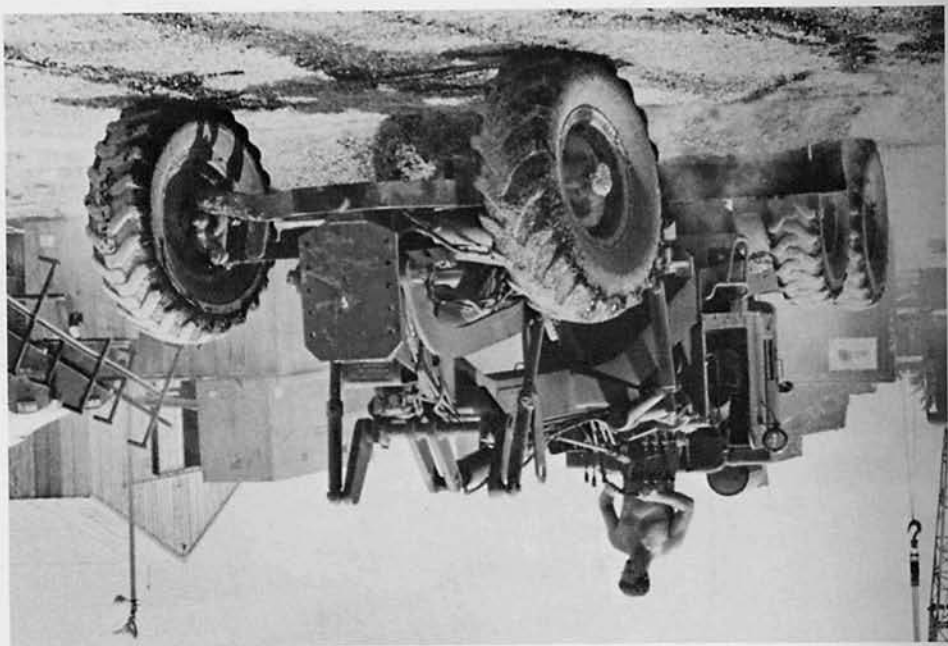


EOCN Newcomer, EO3 Meyer, and EO1 Fanning offloading a material barge.



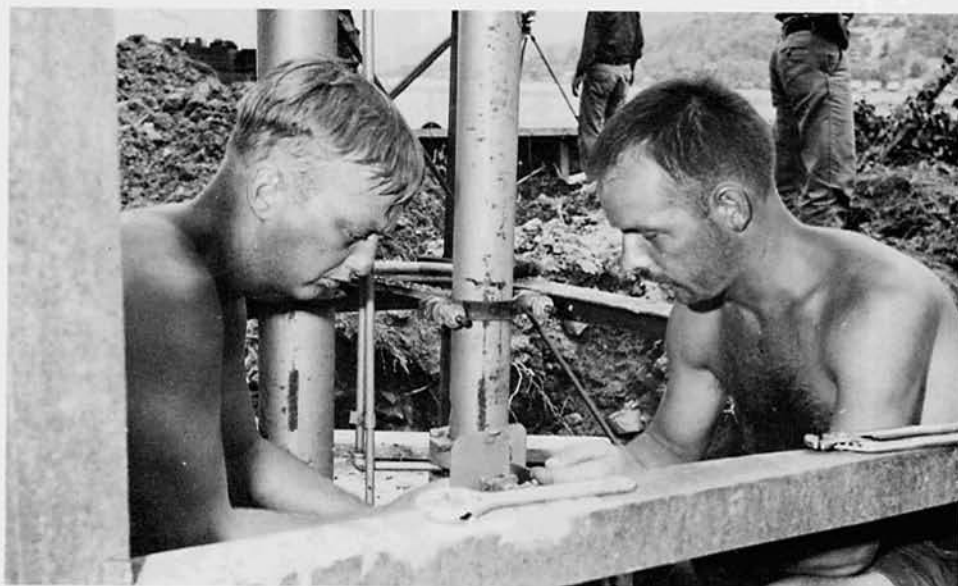
ABOVE: Improvisation made laying asphalt almost fun. RIGHT: Nothing quite makes the day like mail call.







After completing construction of an operating base and repair facility at Ha Tien, the 43 men of Detail Delta, started operations on 30 dependent housing facilities for the Vietnamese navy. Each 6" block unit was constructed for the families of Vietnamese navy men assigned to Vietnamese coastal groups operating out of the base. Each unit had approximately a 10½' x 28' living area, 10½' x 17' rear patio, and lavatory facilities—each unit designed to accommodate one family. The detail, under the leadership of LTJG G. E. Casey, Jr., constructed six 74' concrete ammi piers to help facilitate the large number of junks and river patrol boats operating from the base.

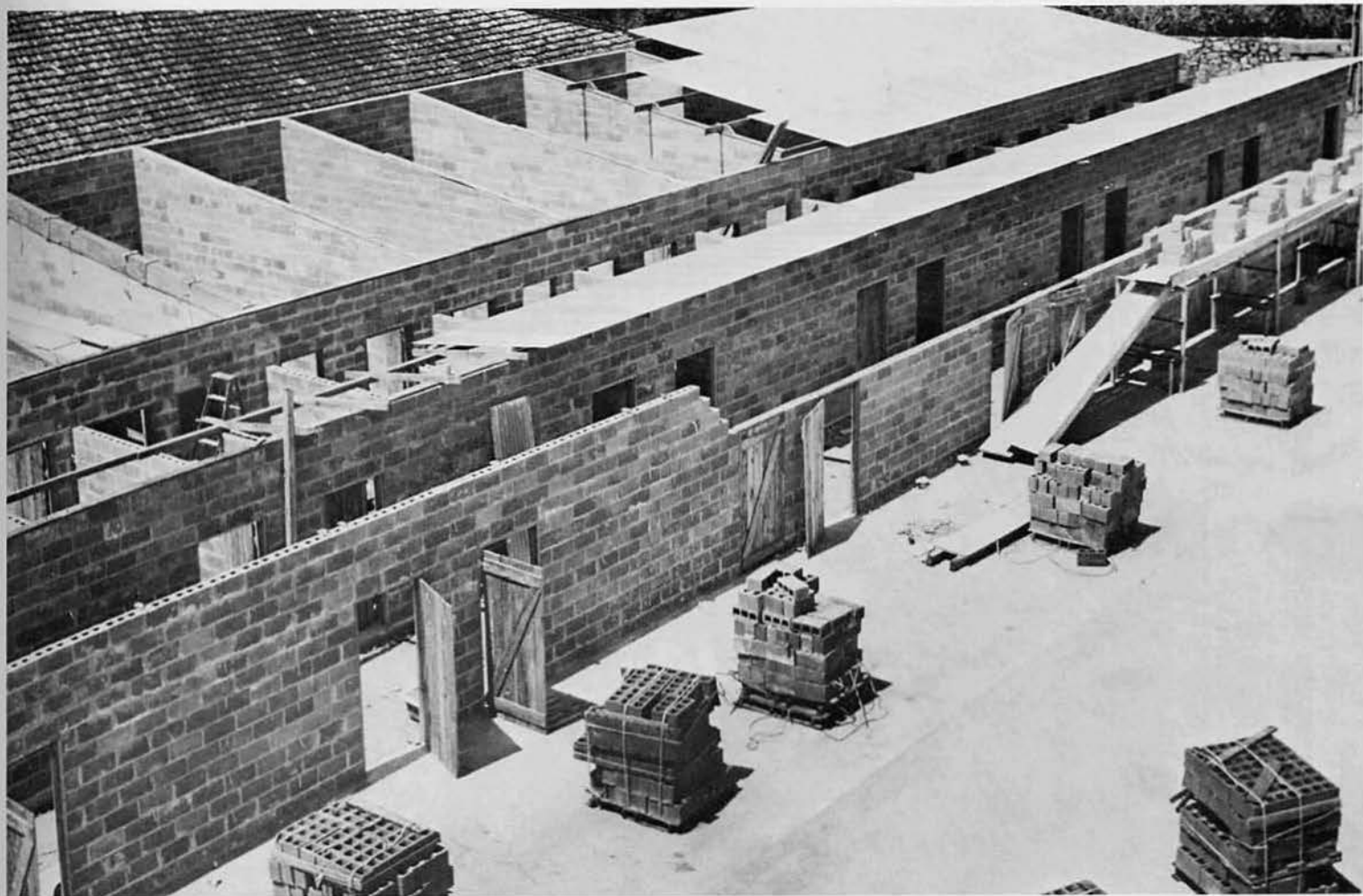




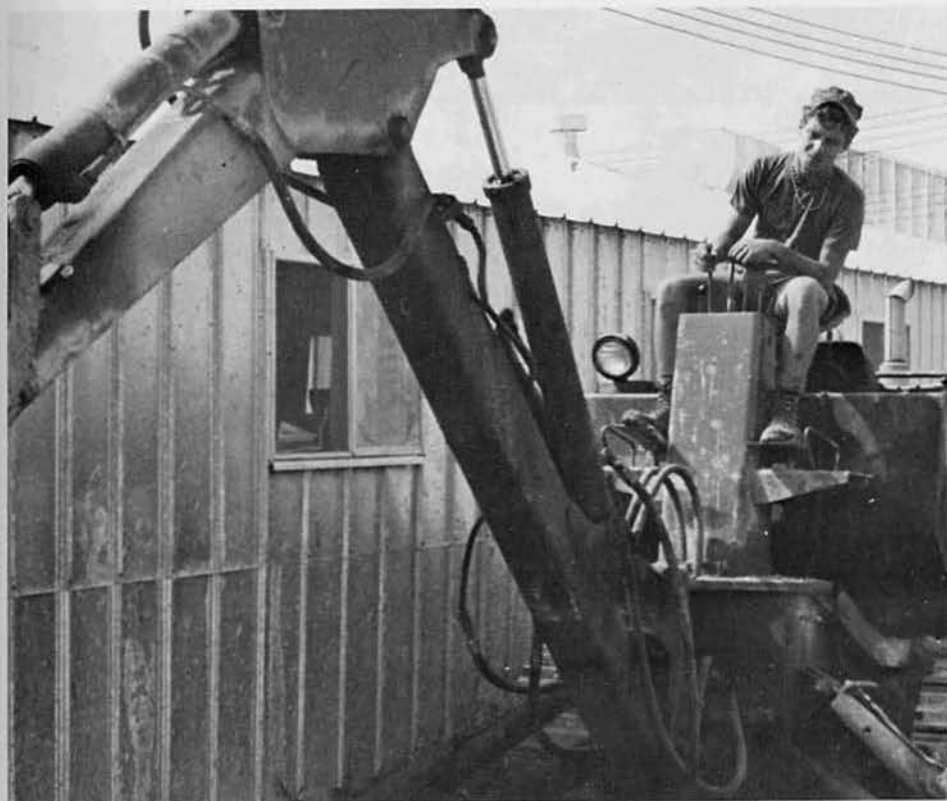
LEFT: Concrete blocks being placed on one of 30 dependent housing facilities at Ha Tien.







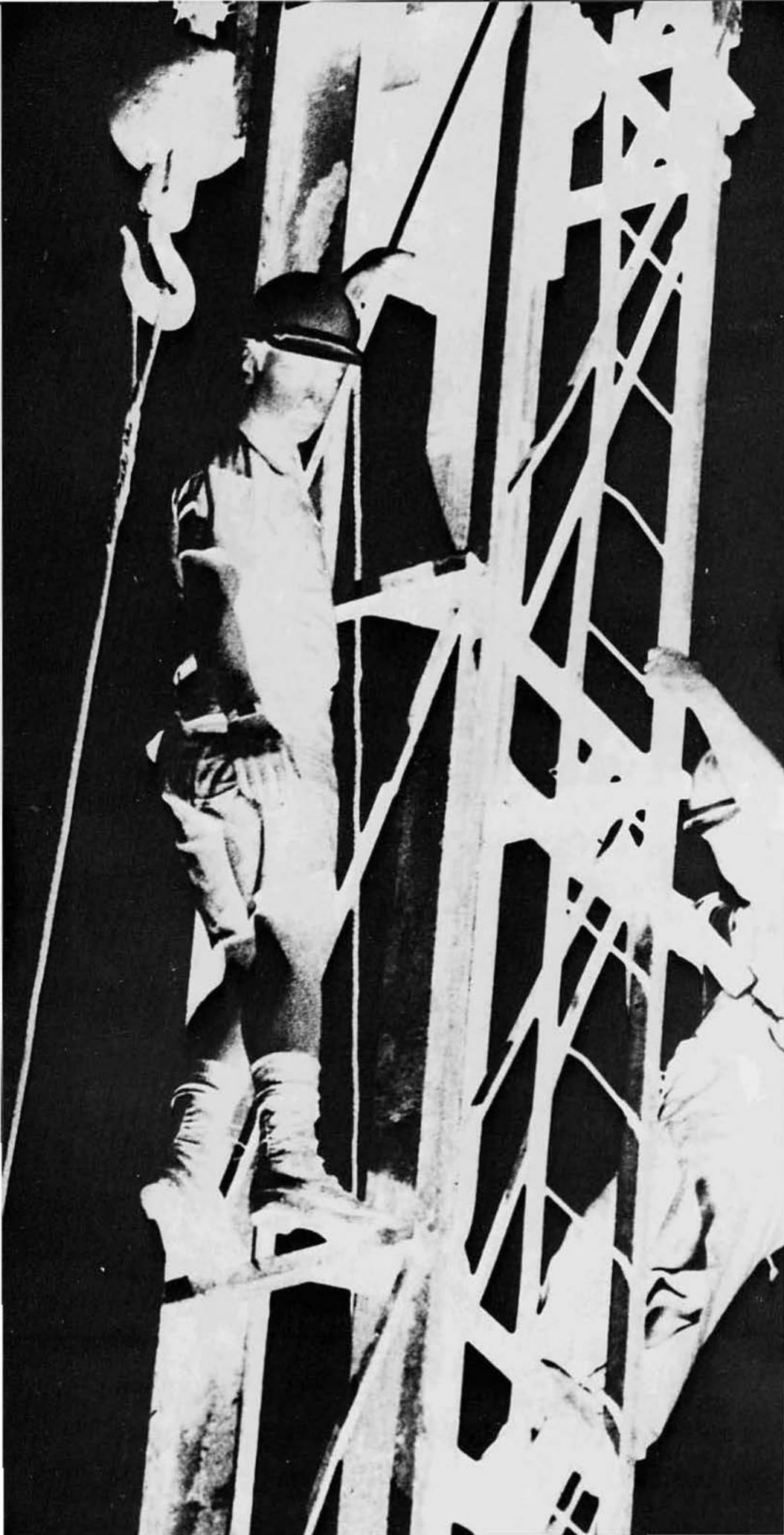
ABOVE: An aerial view of dependent housing facilities units nearing completion.



BELOW: The base being turned over to the Vietnamese navy. RIGHT: Two of the builders work on louvers for the galley.







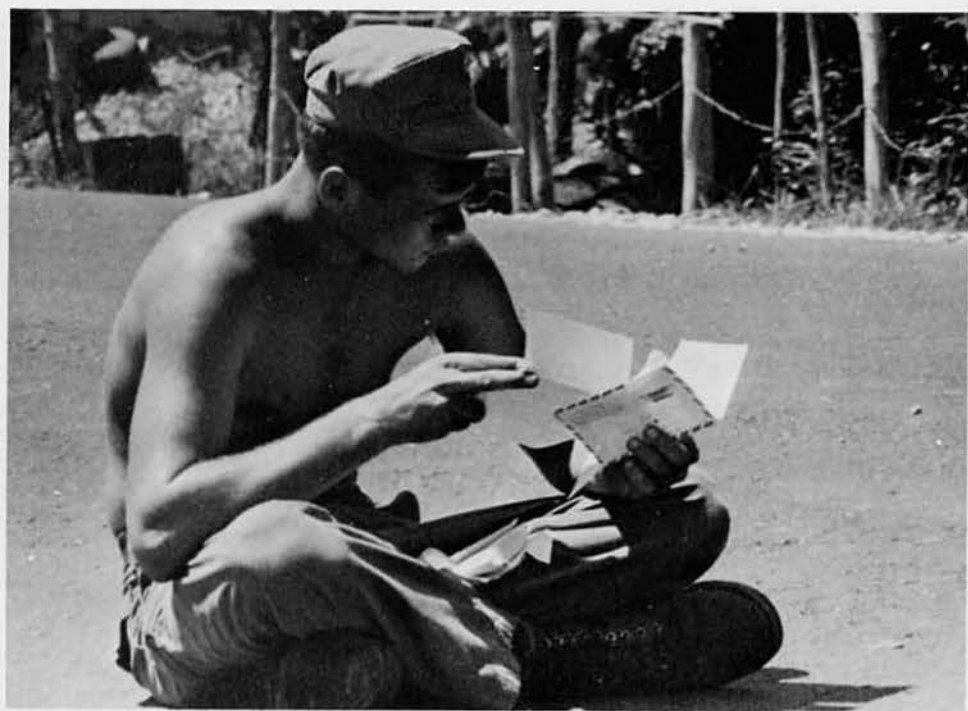


Detail Foxtrot, located at Kien An, constructed a boat repair and maintenance facility. After a sizable amount of sand fill was added, construction lunged forward with the erection of metal, pre-engineered buildings to be used as berthing and working spaces for the Vietnamese navy. A utilities system was installed, and a concrete pontoon pier system and 3,000 barrel fuel facility were completed. WO1 J. W. Lucey and, later, Lt. H. W. Walter were officers-in-charge.





ABOVE: EA1 Rhett and EA3 Malone survey the area for a prospective building site.





CS1 Meadows became famous for his culinary talents.



ABOVE: EA2 Bouska "floats" freshly poured cement.



ABOVE: As MCB Five prepared to depart RVN, Detail Golf continued to construct facilities at the Nam Can site. An aerial view of the site one month before departure. RIGHT: LTJG J. S. McGraw, Detail Golf OIC, tours the detail site with

VADM King, COMNAVFORV, and RADM Chon, Cno, VNN.





LEFT: Home comes a little bit closer with the enjoyment of live entertainment. BELOW: CE2 Jones finds a friendly native.





RIGHT: "How does he sit like that?"

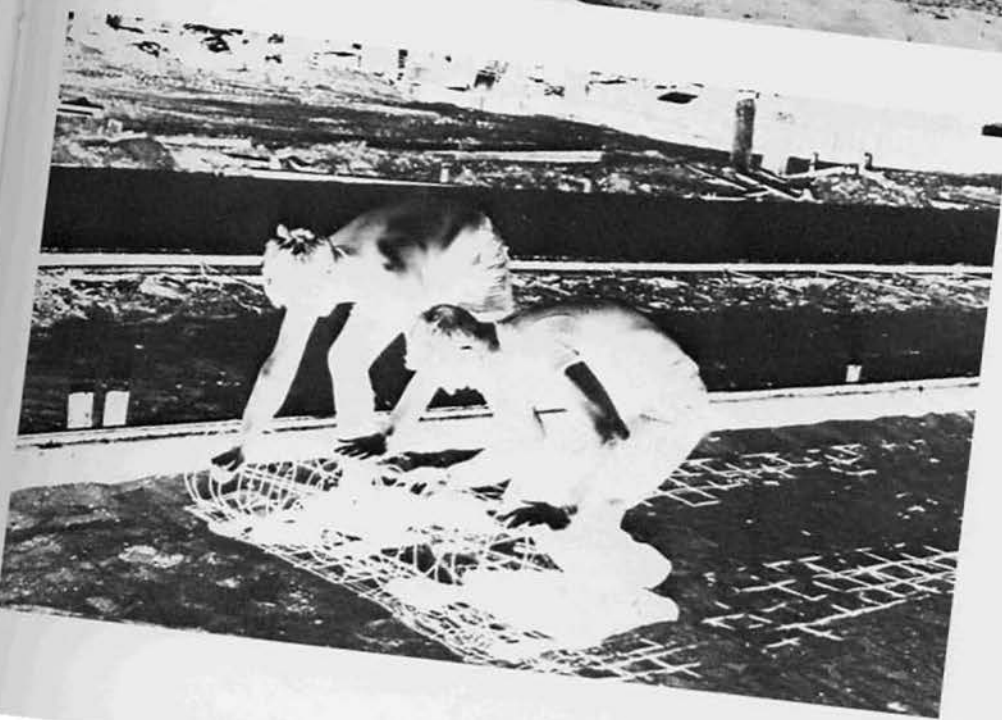


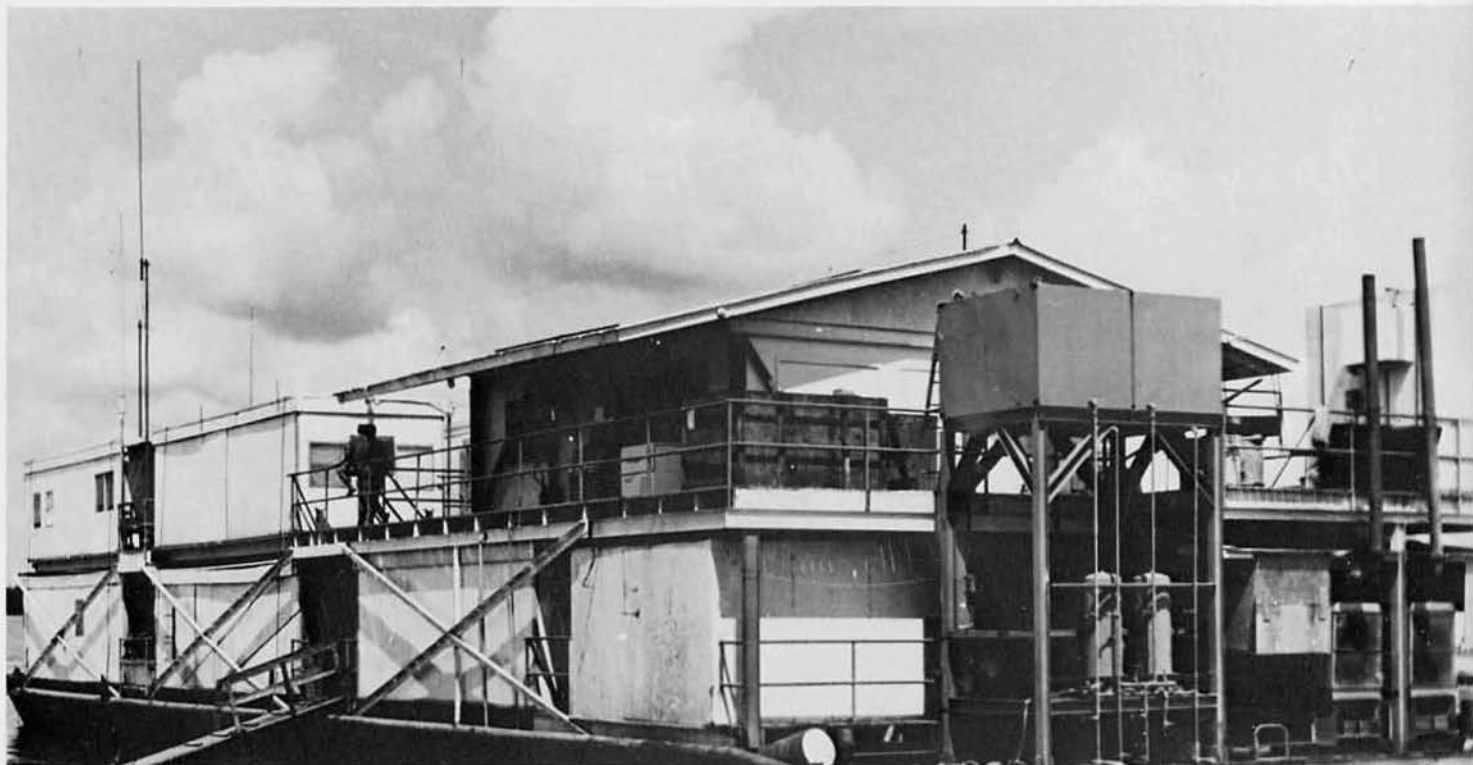
ABOVE: BU3 Smiley cuts forms in the carpenter shop.





ABOVE: Security fencing being placed around the camp at Nam Can.



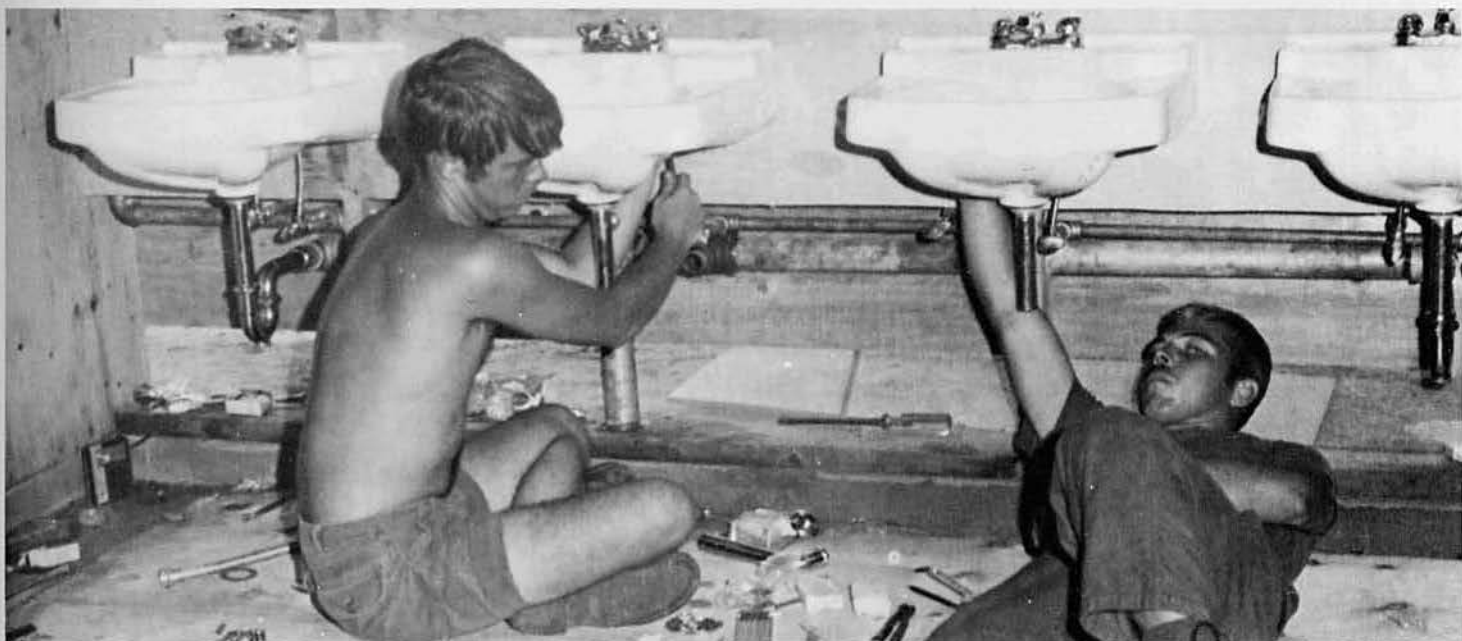


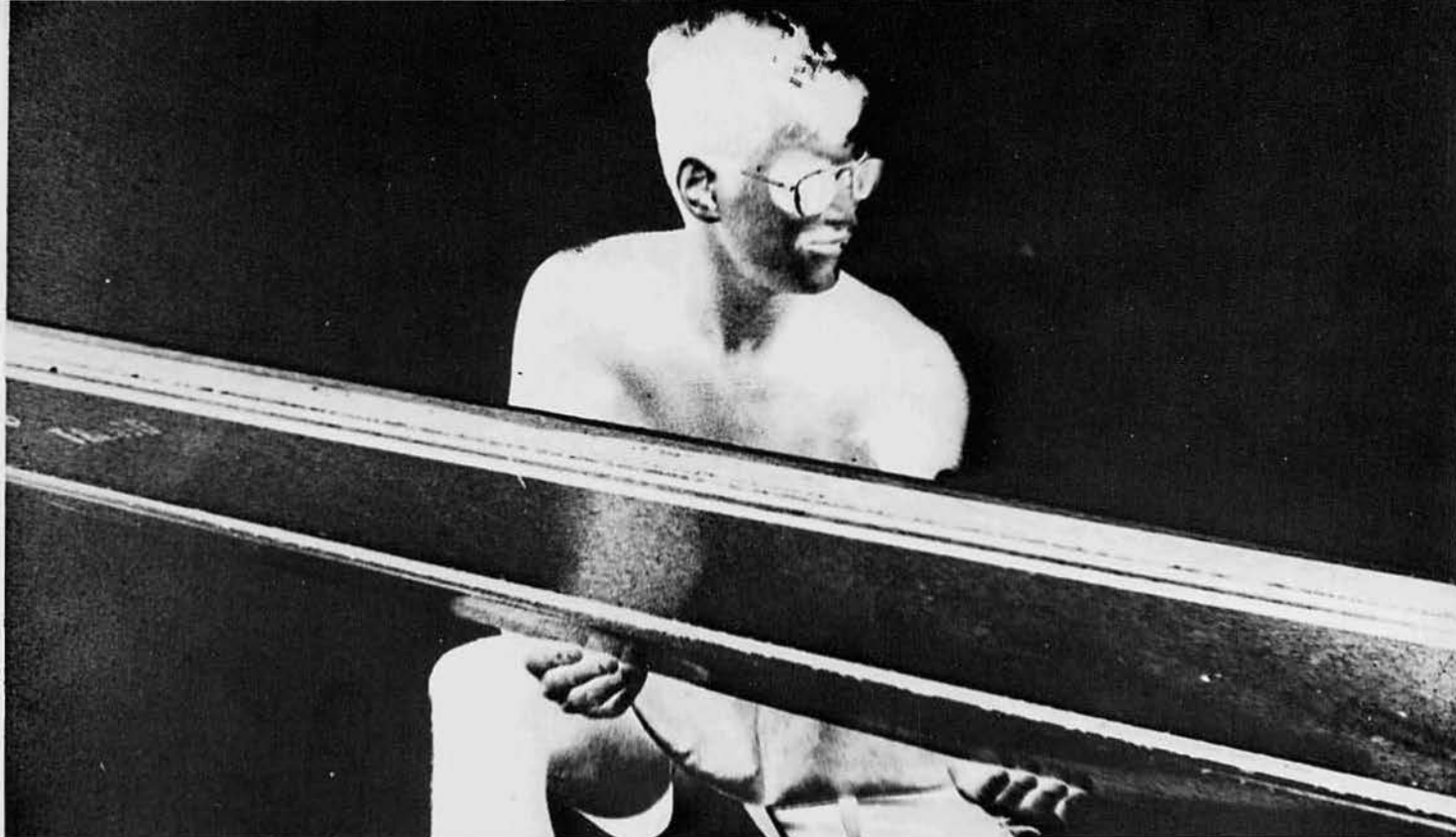
A familiar site was the floating trailer facility occupied by contractor personnel of RMK construction company (Saigon). Detail Golf constructed facilities which enabled the men to move to shore facilities on Sept. 1, 1970.





"Of course, the continental cut."





CE3 Boehme and CE3 Stuart work on the camp siren.



EO3 Spurgeon moves materials from the supply yard.



Due to excessive rains, unstable soil conditions, and material delays, construction of an Actov base at Long Phu, by Detail Hotel, began late in the deployment. Under the direction of LTJG D. S. Kaku the 53 man detail made striking progress after the rainy season tapered off and materials and supplies arrived. Although the base was not completed at the close of the battalion's deployment, berthing facilities, repair shops, warehouses, and a galley had been constructed. U.S. advisor's quarters, both officer and enlisted, were also erected. When complete the base will be self-sufficient with its own power, water, and fueling system.



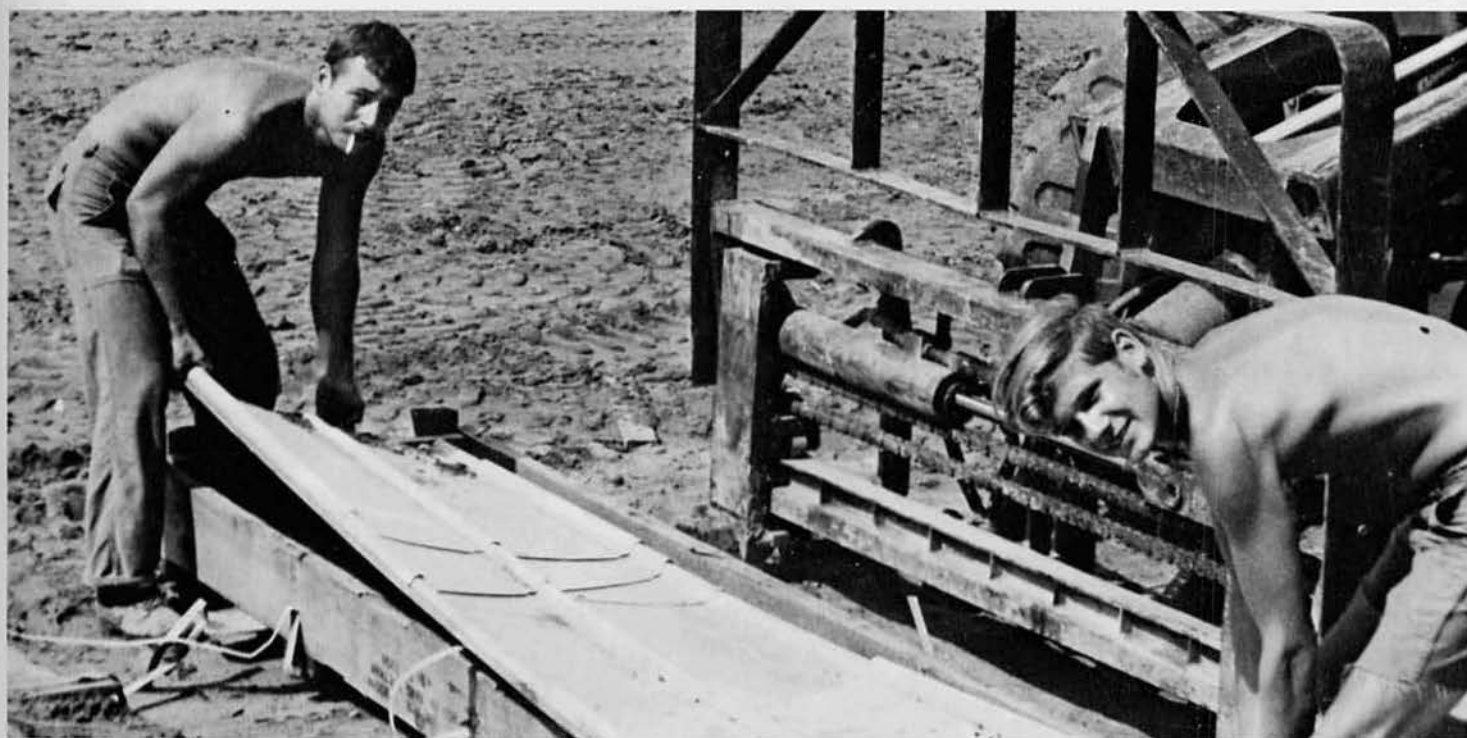


ABOVE: Supplies and equipment being unloaded at Long Phu.





LEFT TO RIGHT: BU3 Hanavin, BU2 Spicka, BUCN Alberts, BU3 Carlson, BUCN Barouska, and BU2 Grief.



RIGHT: Men from Detail Papa unload supplies at Long Phu. BELOW: CM3 Peters applies some tricks to his trade. BELOW RIGHT: CM3 Hughes shows his fitness.





ABOVE: UT3 Cowden takes time out to relax in the native style. BELOW: SW3 Thompson works on TD6 bull dozer.



The height of improvisation: a forklift-bulldozer.



The 13 men of Detail Juliet constructed an advance tactical support base at Vinh Gia. Originally one of MCB Five's seabee teams, the detail, under the leadership of WO2 J. E. Stiller, constructed a helicopter landing pad, ammunition bunker and generator platform, berthing facilities, and a command bunker. Due to low water in the canals, a 40 day material airlift operation, consisting of 130 individual flights, took the men and supplies to the site. Due to extensive flooding during the monsoon season all structures were constructed on timber platforms.

**USNACB-5
DETAIL JULIET
VINH GIA
HOME OF
XINLOI CONSTR.
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CM2 Patrick enjoys a cool drink.



BELOW: Detail home and bunker area.





RIGHT: BU1 Whitney practices his siesta.
BELOW: One of the detail projects included a well fortified mortar pit.





EOCS Smedberg places steel matting for a helo pad.

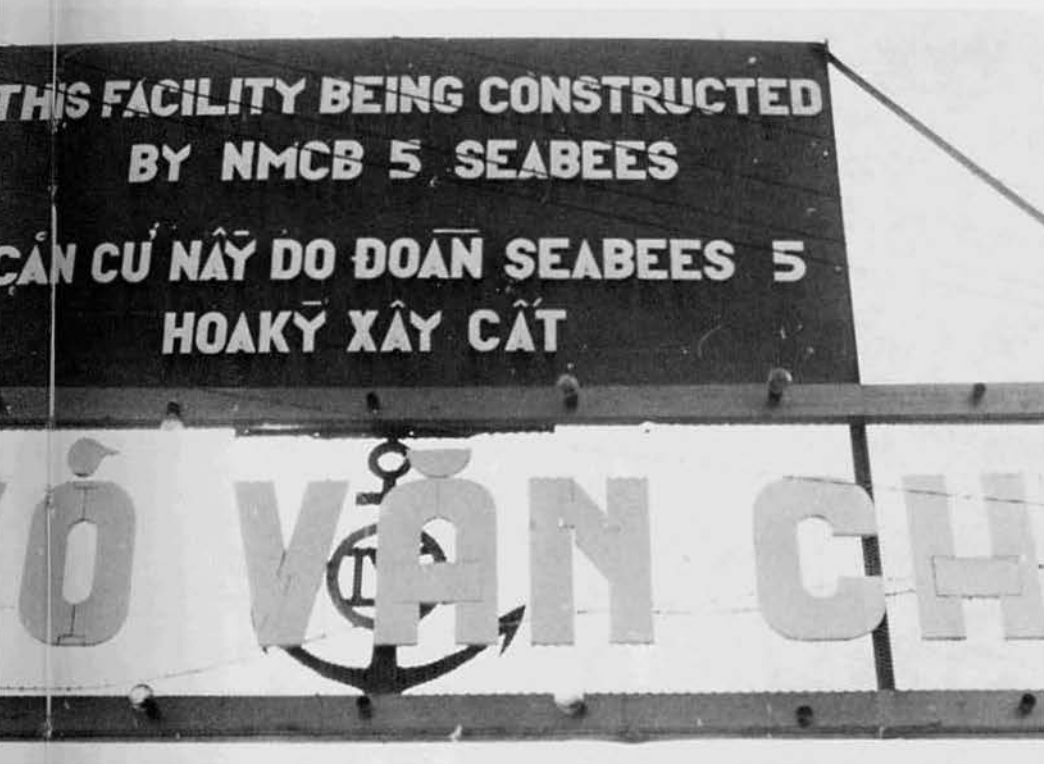






The 65 men of Detail Kilo, located at Rach Soi, were tasked to construct a boat repair and maintenance facility, eliminating reliance on the U.S. Navy's off-shore service repair ships. Five repair maintenance buildings were constructed, 2 two-story wooden barracks and several metal, pre-engineered buildings were erected as berthing spaces. A security system, complete with towers, concrete bunkers, and security lighting, was installed. A 36,000 square foot concrete hardstand was also placed providing a year-round working facility for boat maintenance. Electrical, water, and sewage distribution systems were also installed. Although problems were encountered with site drainage, limited availability of equipment, and monsoon rains, the detail completed its job assignment 3 weeks ahead of schedule. The detail was under the leadership of Lt. H. W. Walter.

LEFT: An aerial view of Rach Soi when finished by Detail Kilo.

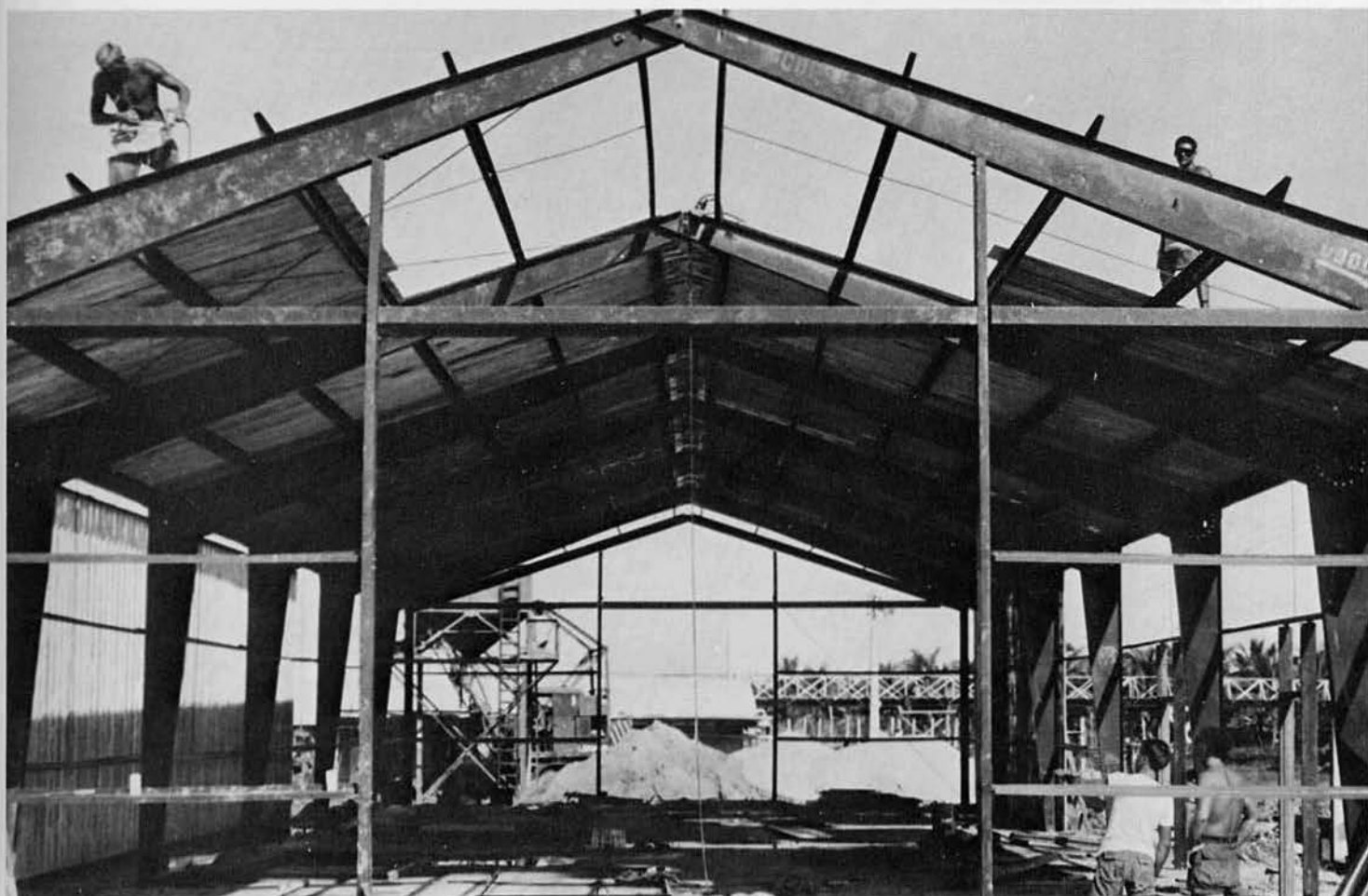


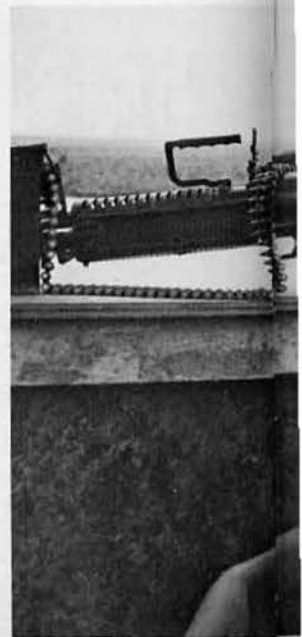
BELOW: UTCN James and UT1 Thiel leveling and caulking soil pipe.





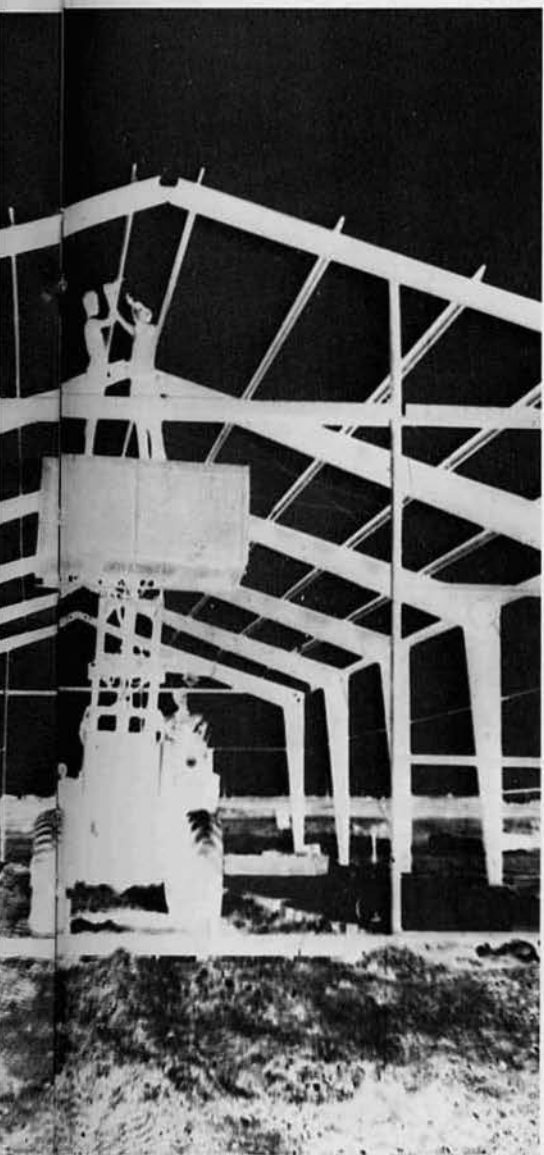
BELOW: BU2 Napier trims a board to be used in building frames.







LEFT: SWCN Kahoiwai on watch. BELOW:
CE3 Grenz installing a switch box for
power distribution.





ABOVE: Local residents of Detail Kilo install plumbing in their hut. BELOW: A Vietnamese ferry unloads his cargo and prepares for another trip across the river.

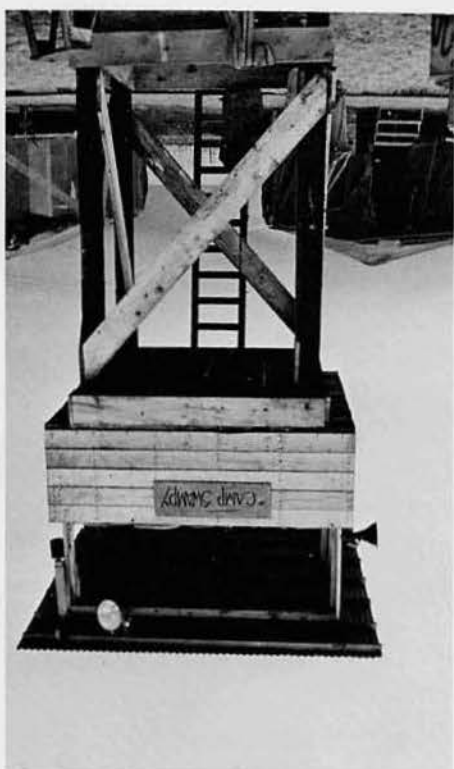




The 40 men of Detail Lima made a substantial contribution to the People to People Program. A nine mile road, originally built by the French in the late 1920's, was paved and hydromulch sprayed on shoulders to help combat the erosion of the soil. The road, the only one in the 400 square mile Rung Sat special zone, was located between Can Gio and Dong Hoa village. Of major significance is that prior to construction of the road the only means of transport between villages in the southern Can Gio district was by boat or by foot along the beach at low tide. The Vietnamese people along the southern boundary of the Rung Sat special zone will long remember the Seabees USN MCB Five who provided a tangible contribution to the pacification and development of this rural area. LTJG R. D. Padrick was the officer-in-charge.



BELOW: A rare sight was this unusual deer killed by a Republic of South Vietnam soldier.



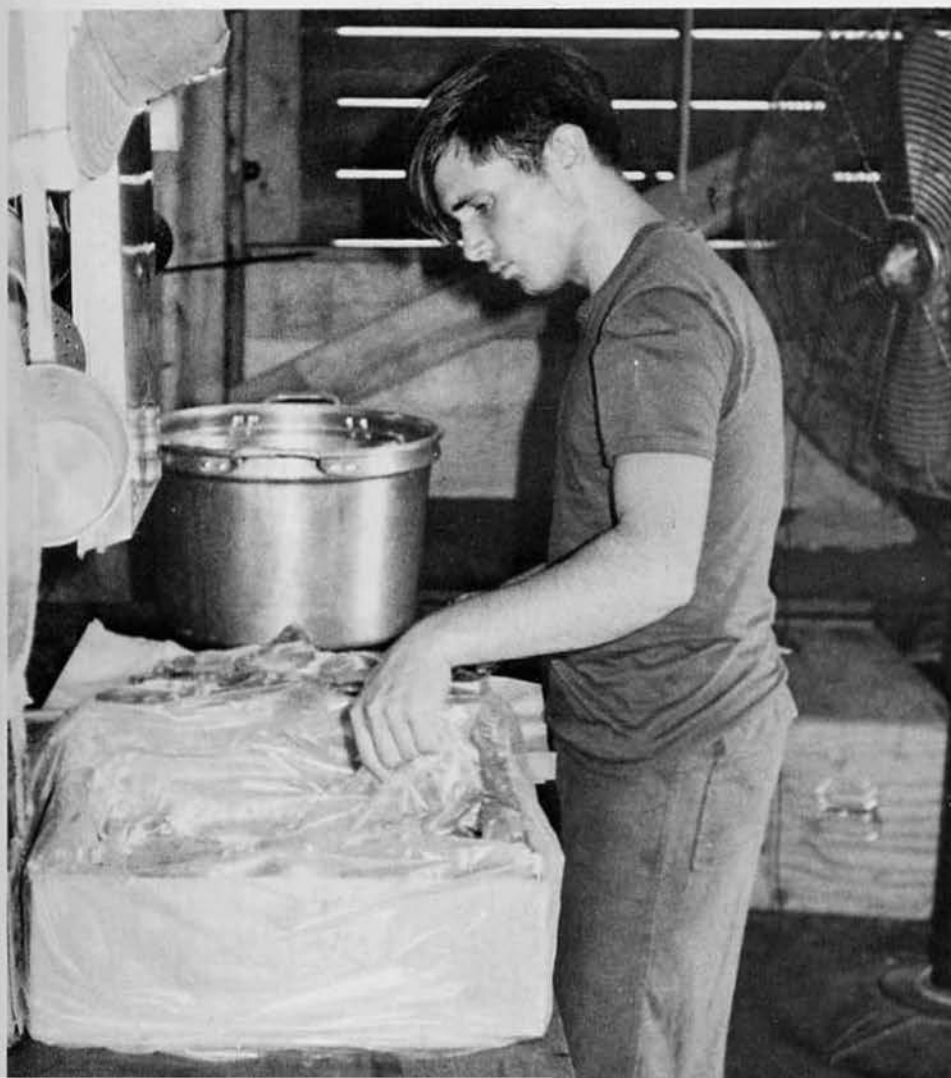


LEFT: "You fellas let me know when you're through."

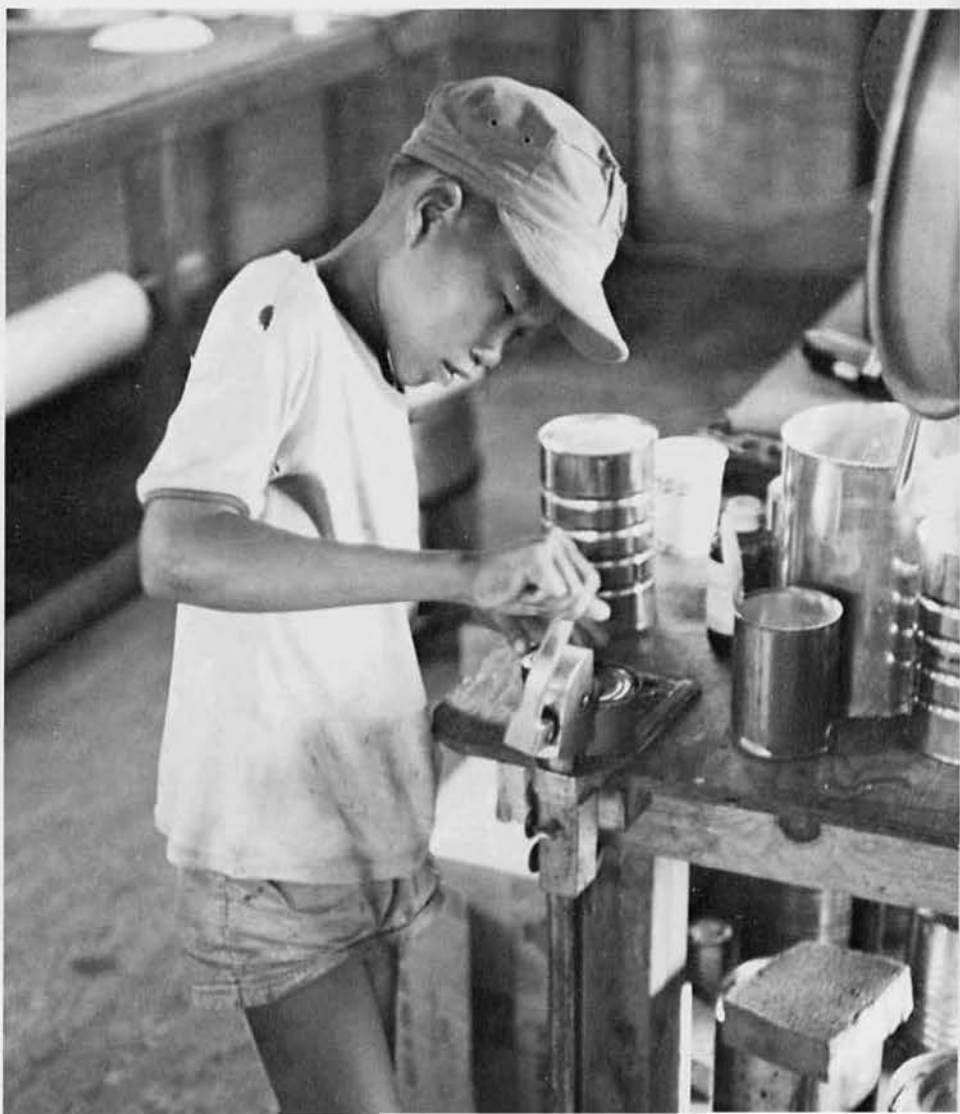


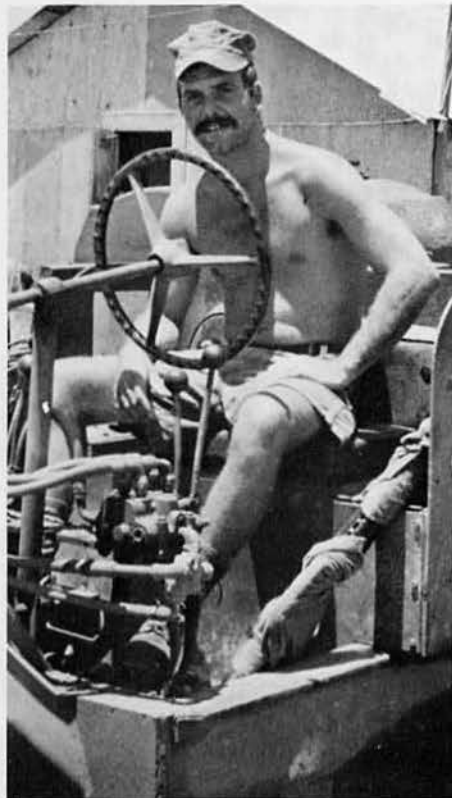
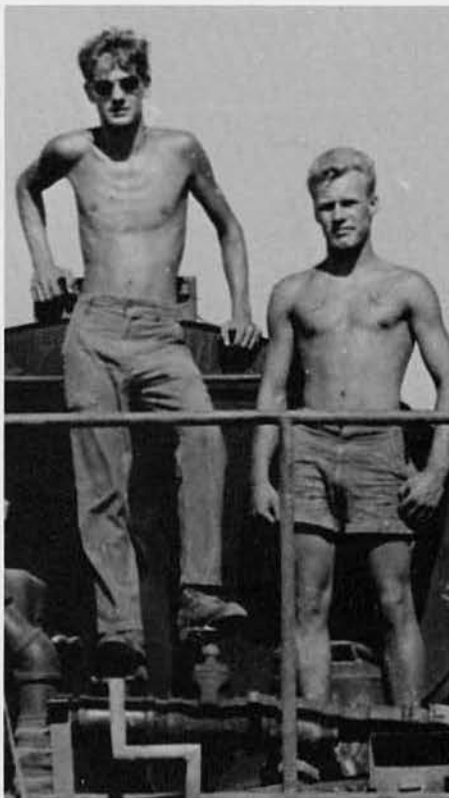
BELOW: Asphalt distributor paving the Can Gio road.





LEFT: There is nothing like a good cook to make eating a pleasure. ABOVE: BU2 Grief constructs revetments.









Centrally located in terms of transportation facilities, Detail Papa, located at Binh Thuy, was responsible for delivery of materials to most of MCB Five's details. The 15 man detail, under the leadership of Ens. J. W. Grenz, moved tons of materials by barge, motor transport, and air during the deployment. Berthing facilities at the site accommodated transient personnel en route to meet R & R billets, act as material couriers, or being re-located to other sites.

ABOVE: Vietnamese sailors help unload a supply ship. BELOW: EO2 Greer was the detail's jack-of-all-trades.





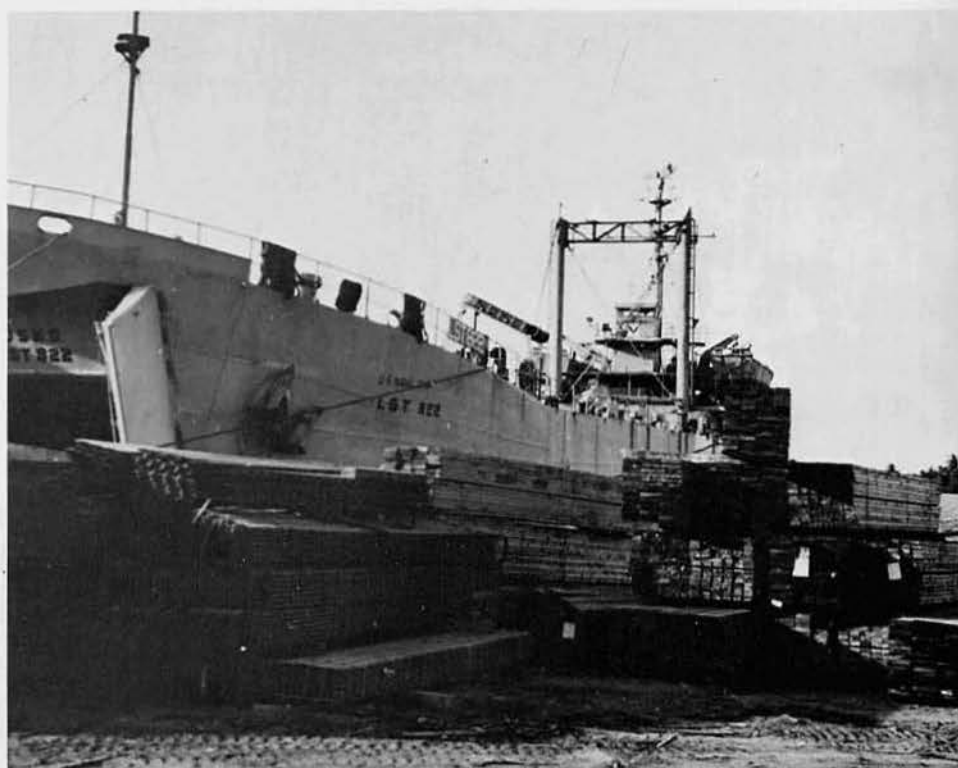
ABOVE: Steel matting being transported to the nearby MCB Five store-yard at Binh Thuy. RIGHT: Four sea huts, including an office area and berthing facilities, were constructed by the detail personnel.

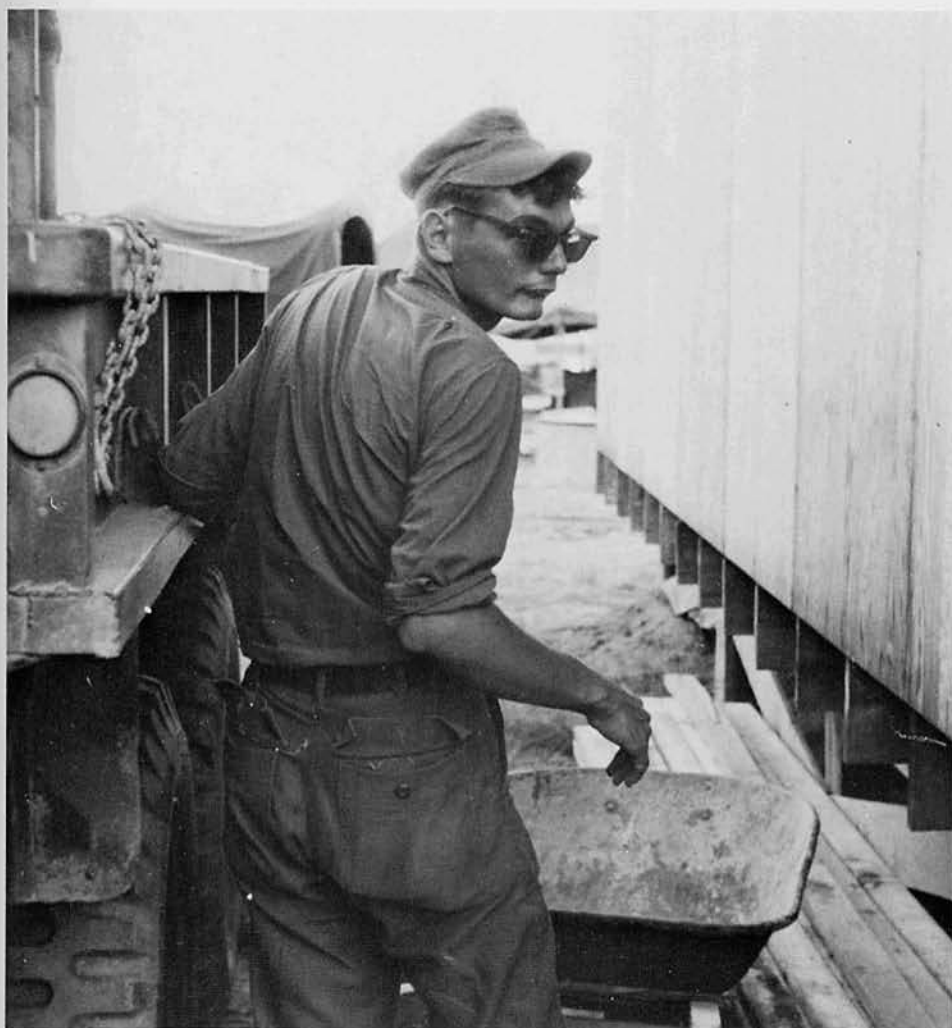


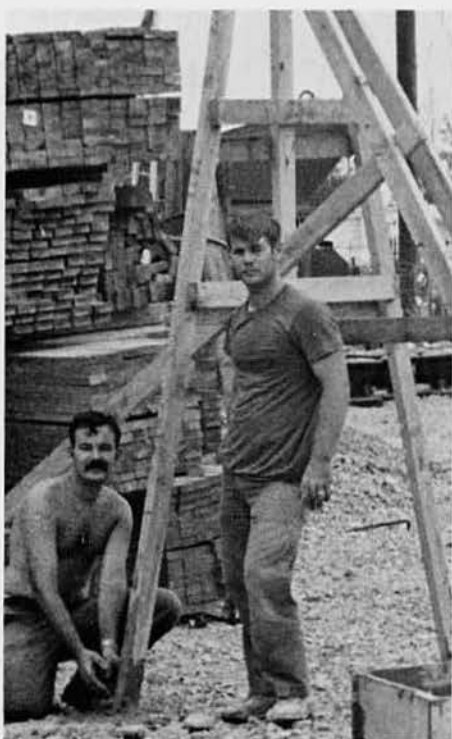


ABOVE: PC3 Songer saw a lot of mail as he coordinated and forwarded mail to the various sites.



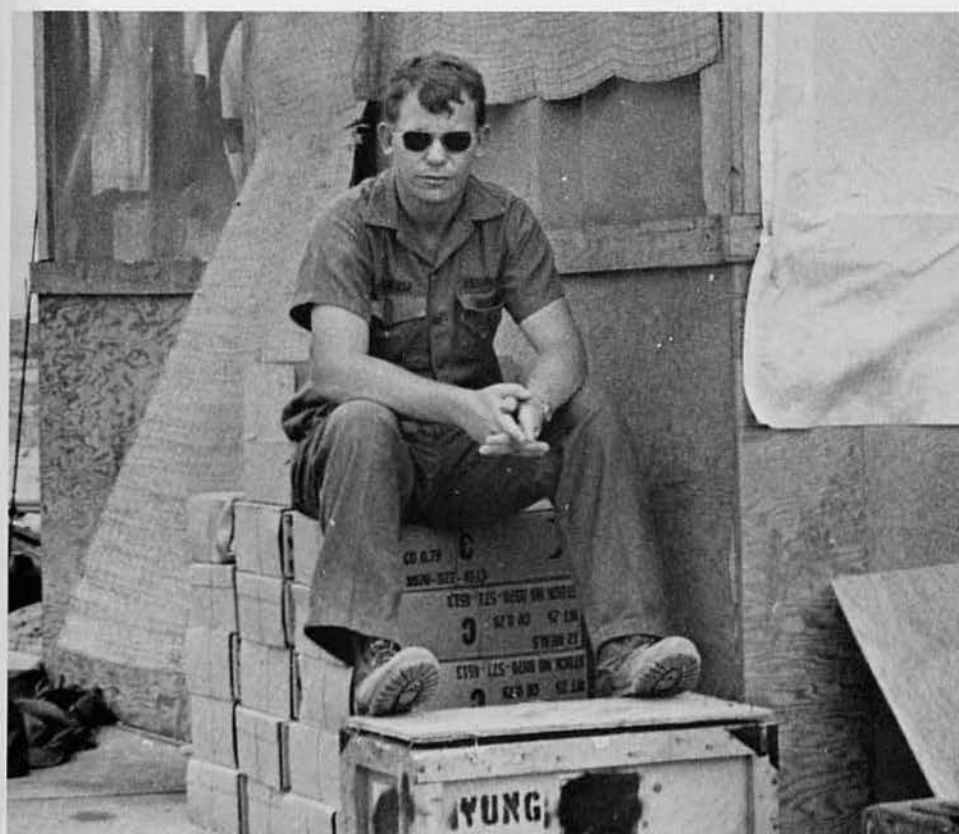


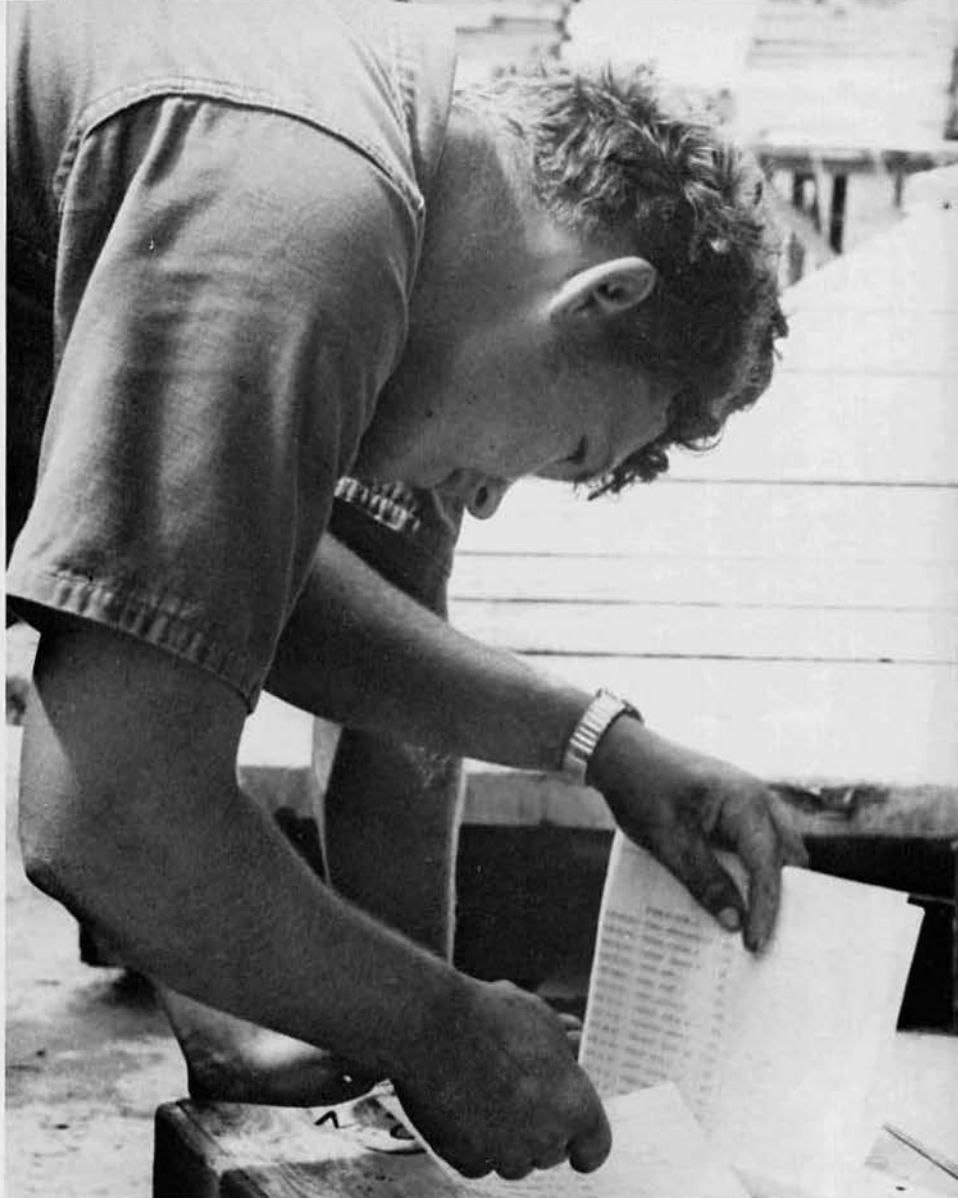




The five men of Detail Quebec were responsible for receiving and forwarding materials shipped to the south to our delta locations to Vung Tau. Located on the eastern coast of the Republic of South Vietnam, the detail shipped over 1500 tons of materials and supplies in one twenty-four hour period.







ABOVE RIGHT: Checking the pay list during the monthly pay run by the disbursing team. RIGHT: An aerial view of the catwalks and berthing spaces anchored to the shore.





The 22 men of Detail Xray constructed an advance tactical support base at Phuoc Xuyen. The base, approximately 150 yards by 225 yards, was inundated with 3' of water during the monsoon season. Thus, it was necessary to construct the entire facility on stilts. A communication facility, helicopter pad, ammunition storage bunker, personnel bunker, perimeter defense systems, and 6' elevated catwalks were constructed at the site. The officer-in-charge of the detail was BUC D. E. Barnes.



RIGHT: Building supports for various facilities and catwalks to be constructed.





ABOVE: CECN Custin secures a brace for catwalks under construction. BELOW: Commander Schade pays a visit to the site.



ABOVE: EA2 Backman helps to measure footage for a building soon to be constructed.



After the main body relocated to Bien Hoa 180 men remained at Camp Haskins North to form Detail Yankee. Two miles on Route 540 (on the outskirts of Danang) were paved in order to reduce the possibility of land mines. When this job was completed, 13 miles of roadway in the city of Danang were paved. The routes, all linking military complexes with piers, warehouses, and airport facilities, are the life arteries for supplies delivered within the city. The detail was under the leadership of Lt. A. C. Valenti.

RIGHT: EA3 McAnich burns off grass on the camp perimeter. BELOW: MR1 Goff and MR2 Egner check equipment part in the Alpha Co. shop. BELOW RIGHT: UT1 Baker and CN Evanuk place wire on the perimeter.





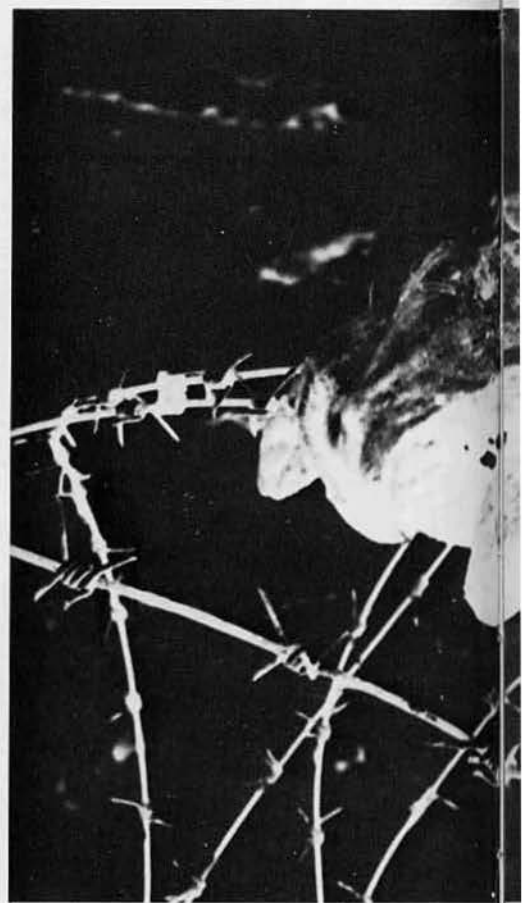
A familiar beach friend.



SH2 Magnotte and SH1 Bennett operated the camp laundry and barbershop.



BELOW: EA3 Macy and EA2 Short review a blueprint.

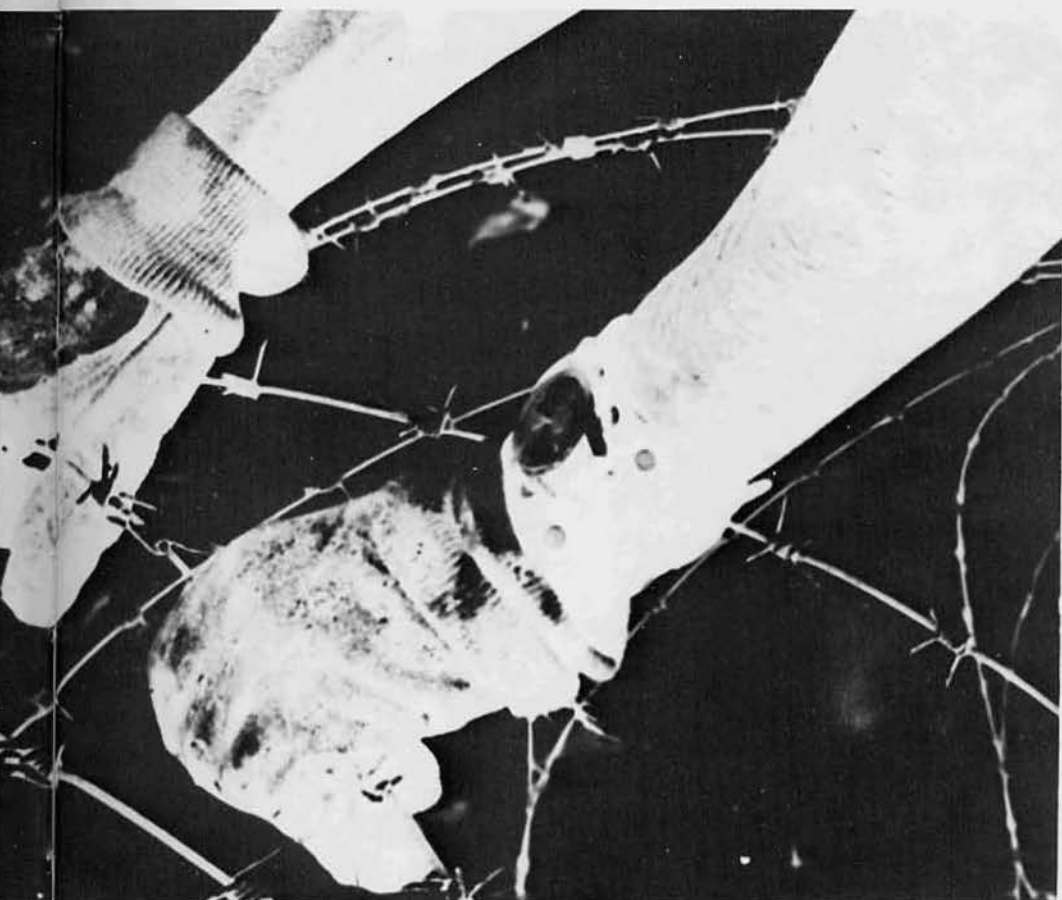




ABOVE: Due to heavy traffic, it was necessary that the men of Detail Yankee pave major supply routes at night.



BELOW: SW3 Cahill warms up the engine on his model plane.





ABOVE: Morning muster. BELOW: A new Buddhist temple being constructed in the Saigon area.



Due to the dispersion of USNMCB Five details in the delta region, a support headquarters was established in Saigon to provide operation, engineering, and planning—as well as to facilitate the transportation of supplies and personnel. Detail Zulu, under the leadership of LCDR E. B. Camden, and later Lt. R. J. Pearson, occupied a warehouse, office building, and material yard adjacent to the Tan Son Nhut Air Base.

The warehouse, which included a vehicle dispatch center and temporary berthing facility, contained everything from scotch tape to bulldozers. As requests from the details were received, the supply personnel packed, labeled, and staged the materials and equipment to be transported by air, barge, or motor transport. If motor transportation was the mode of delivery, members of the motor pool would drive to either Binh Thuy or Vung Tau. Once received, supplies were staged on barges or helicopters to the various details or further transported to the sites by motor transport.



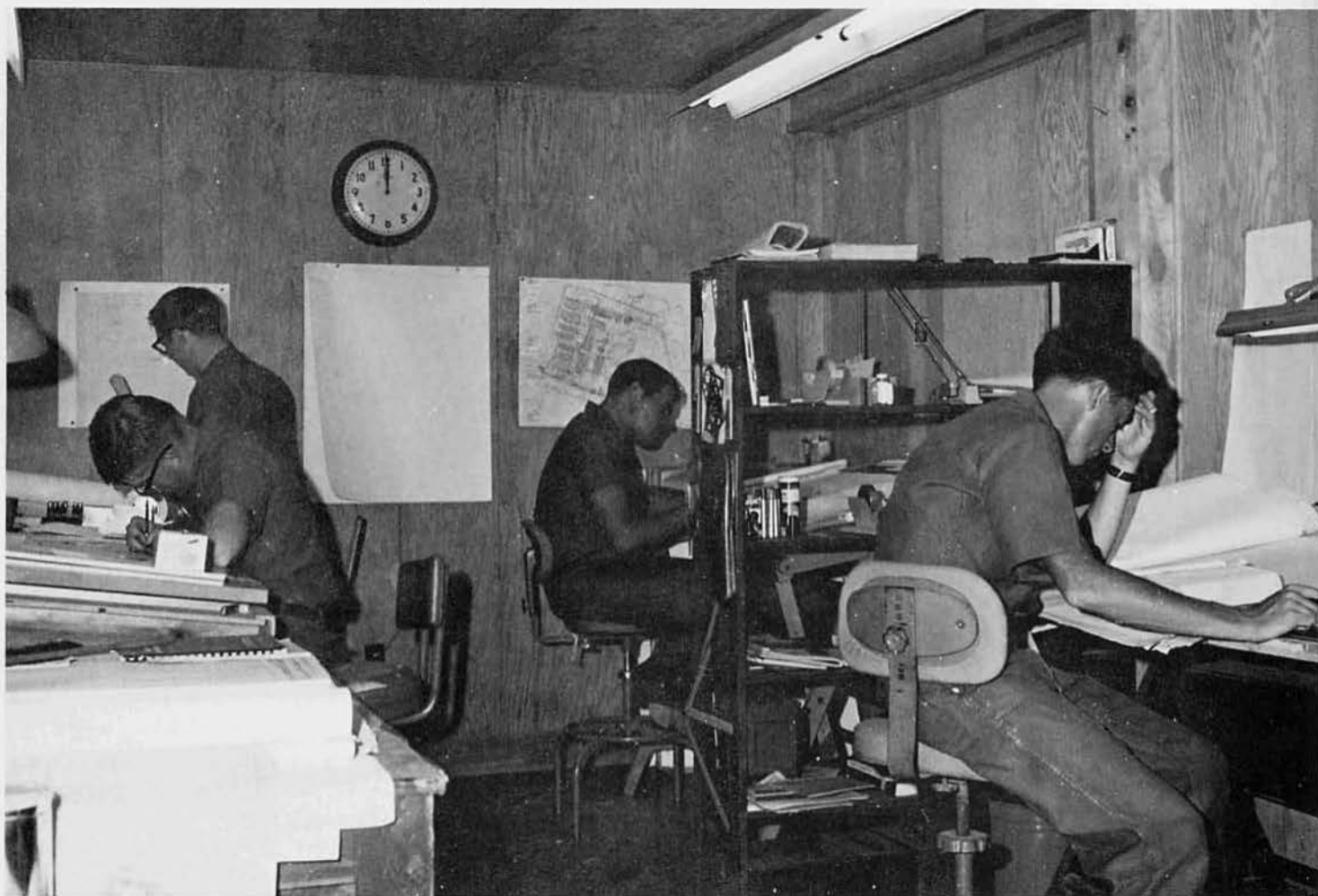
BELOW: Turtle Circle in downtown Saigon.





LEFT: Detail Zulu's new office building under construction by men of Detail Juliet, en route to their site. BELOW: SD2 Arenas whips another fantastic meal.





RIGHT: The engineering aids of Detail Zulu get together for a "candid" snapshot?

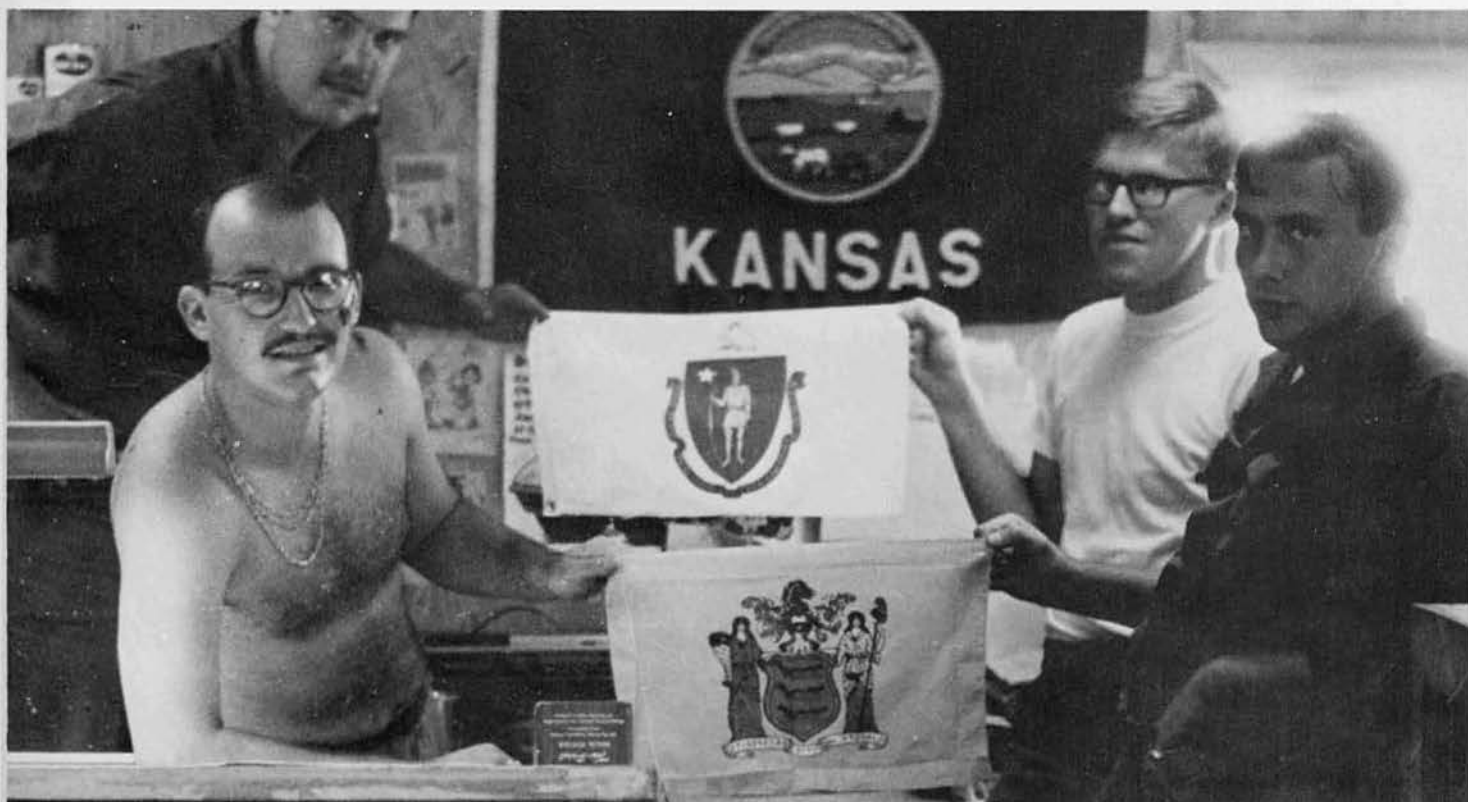




BU2 Chambers relocating materials in the storeyard.



LCDR E. B. Camden, OIC of Detail Zulu.





ABOVE: EA2 Knight works on a drawing for a detail. BELOW: CEC Chapman and his associates were responsible for the speedy dispatch of materials and supplies to the various Delta Details.



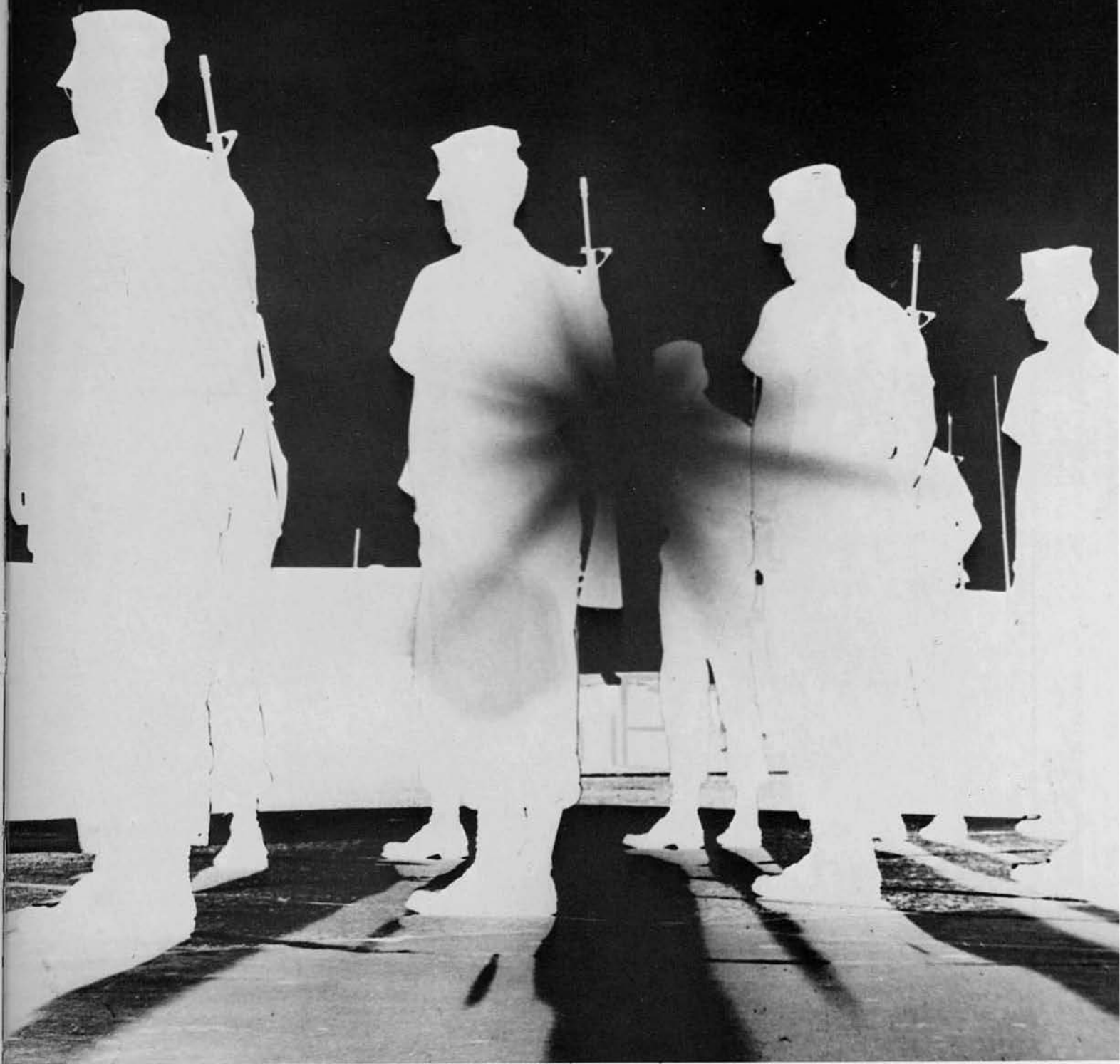


LEFT: EACN Baughman unloads the mail as SN Shaver prepares to attack. BOTTOM LEFT: EO3 Waters places newly received tires in the storage rack. BELOW: EOC Ackerson sizes up the situation.



Detail Kangaroo consisted of 148 members of MCB 133, homeported in Gulfport, Miss. Sharing facilities with MCB Five, the detail was involved with the construction of dependent housing at Thu Duc and several facilities on the MCB Five Bien Hoa base.





I BELIEVE THAT MAN WILL NOT MERELY ENDURE: HE WILL PREVAIL. HE IS IMMORTAL, NOT BECAUSE HE ALONE AMONG CREATURES HAS AN INEXHAUSTIBLE VOICE, BUT BECAUSE HE HAS A SOUL, A SPIRIT CAPABLE OF COMPASSION AND SACRIFICE AND ENDURANCE.

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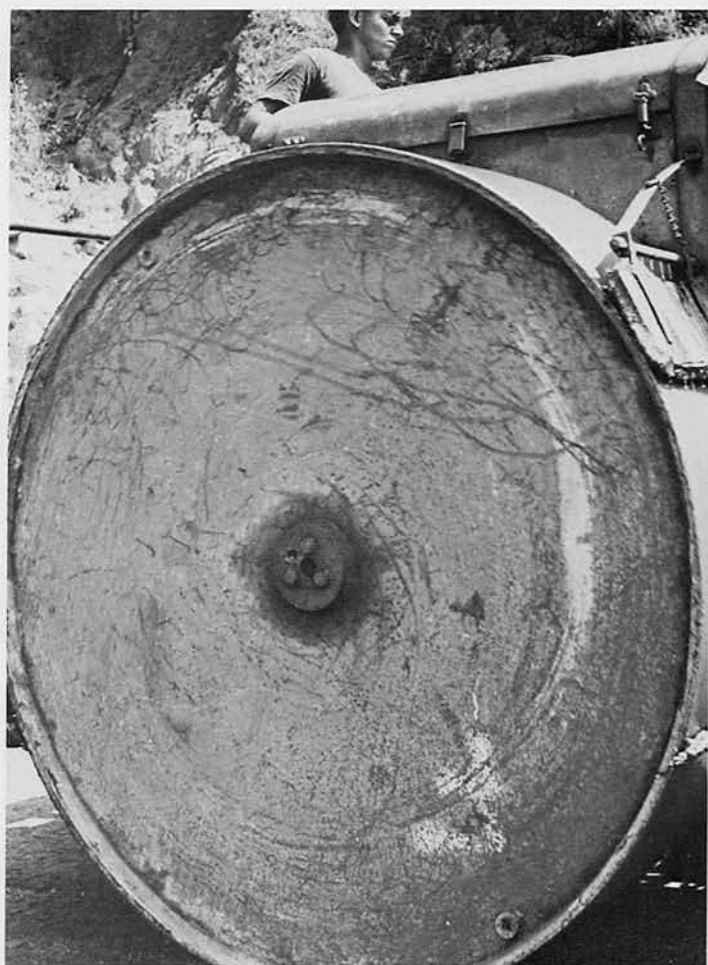
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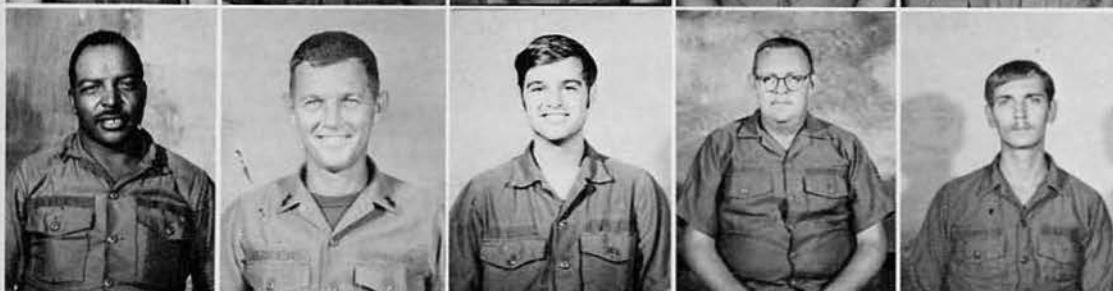
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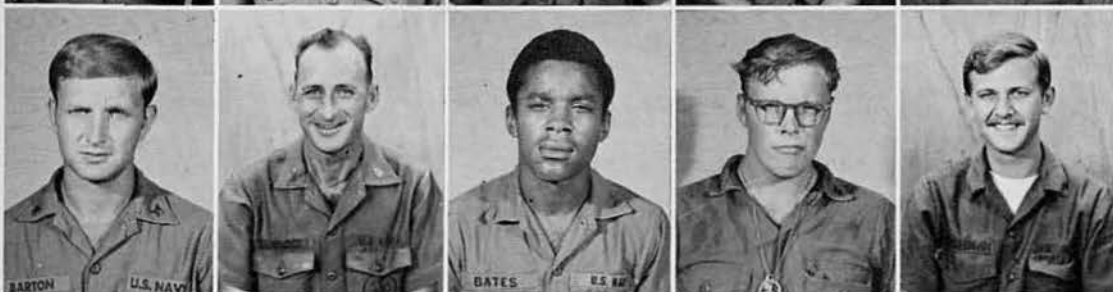
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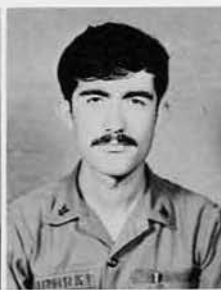


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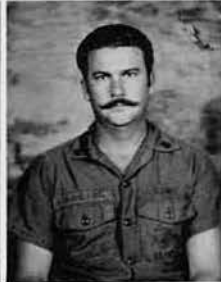


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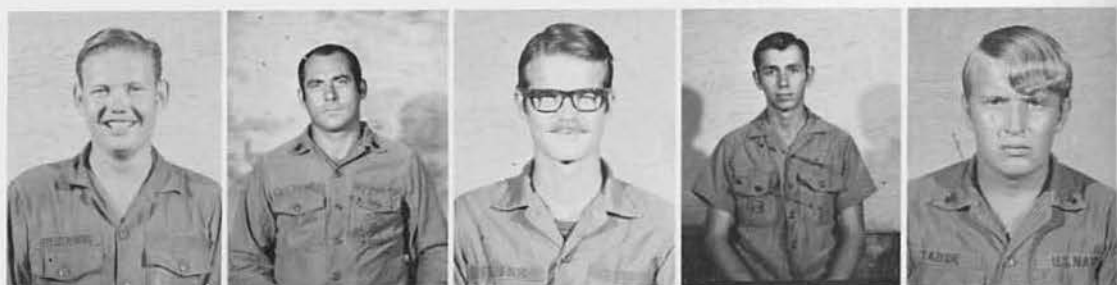


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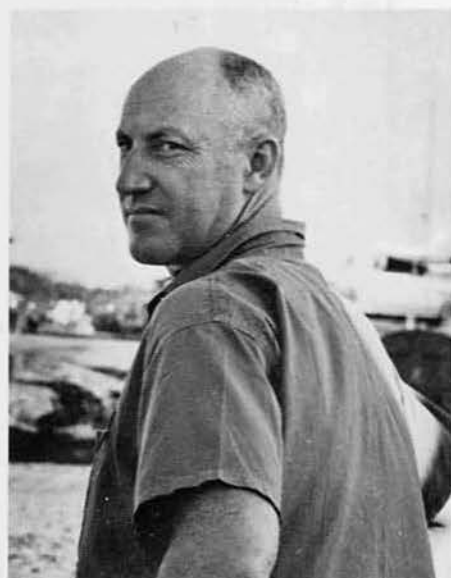


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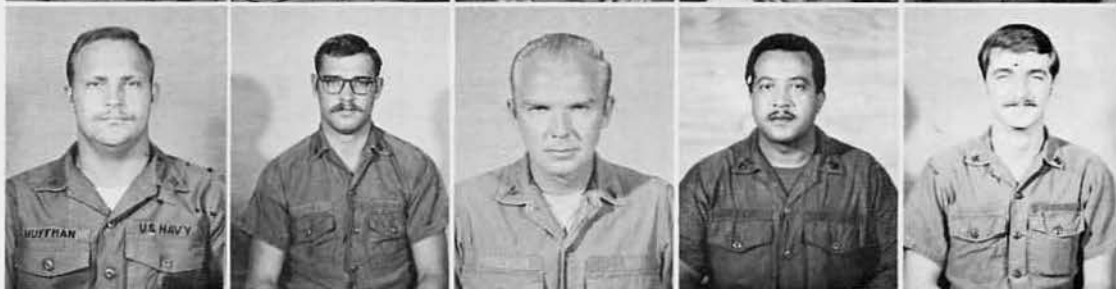




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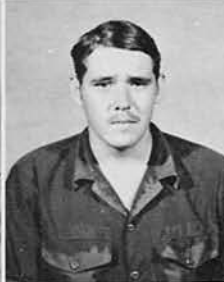


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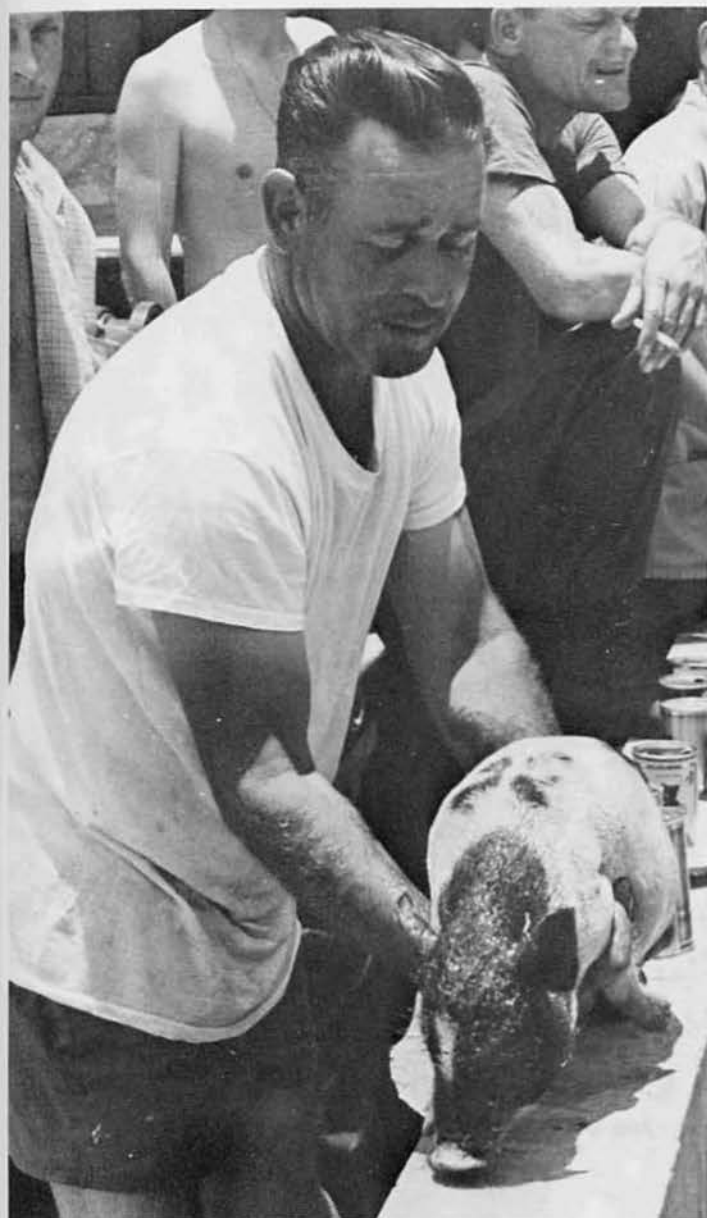


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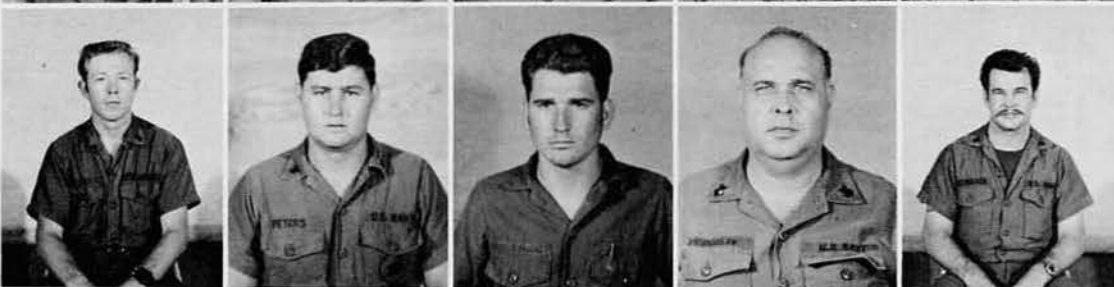
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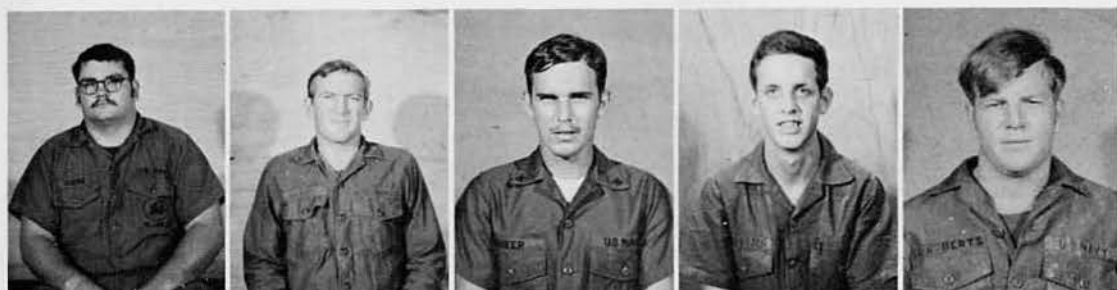


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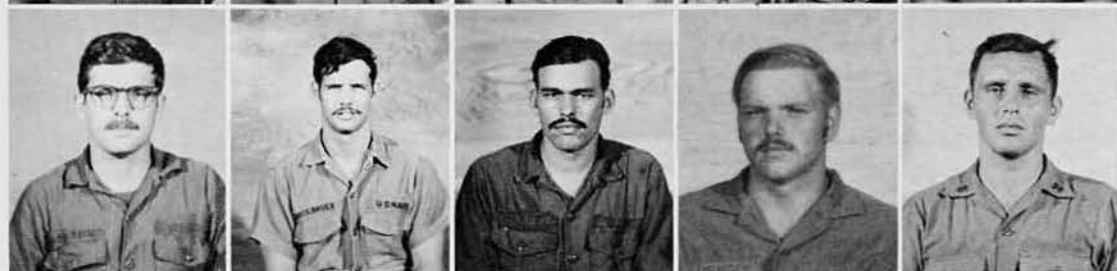
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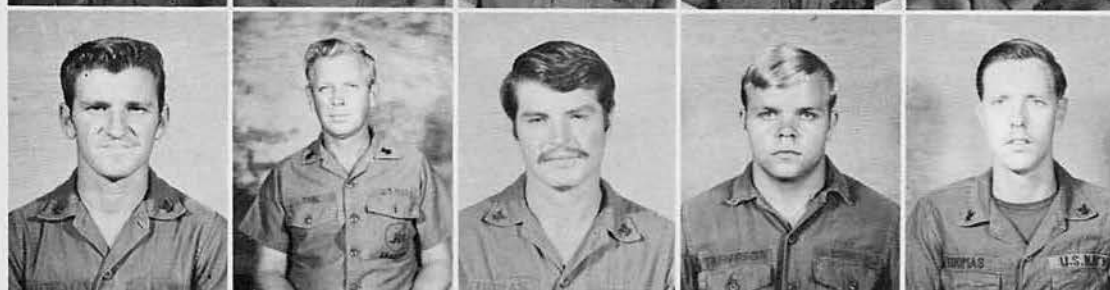




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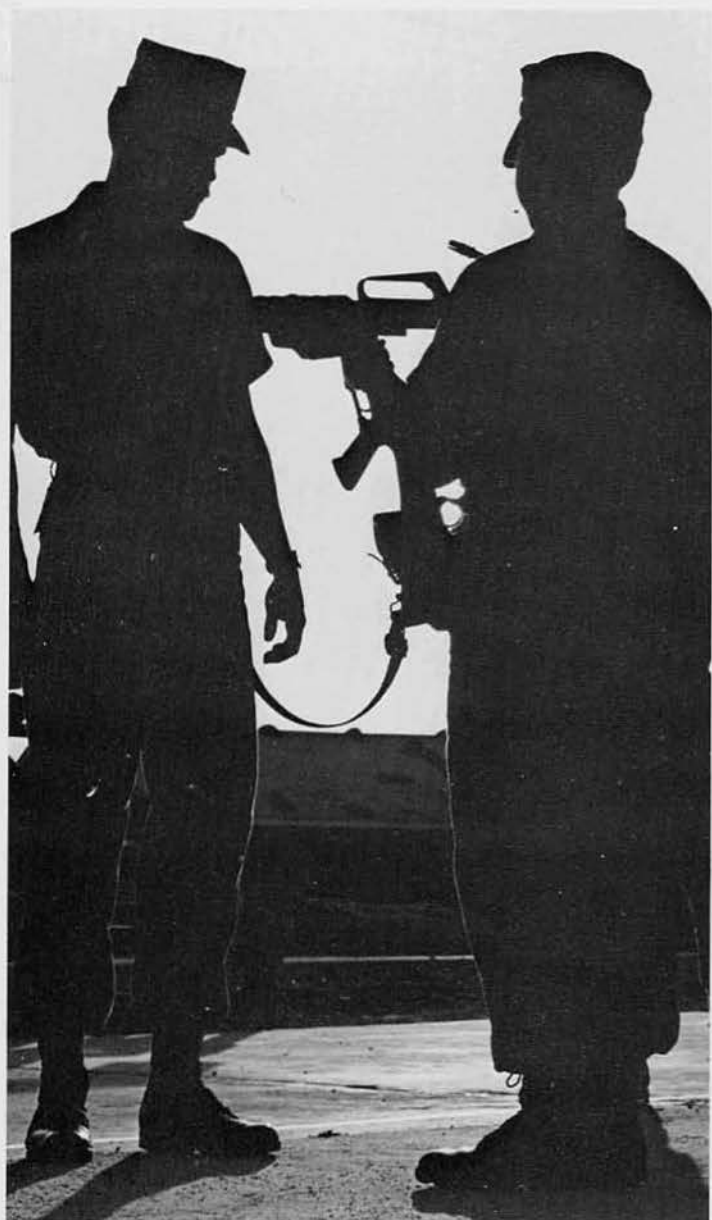
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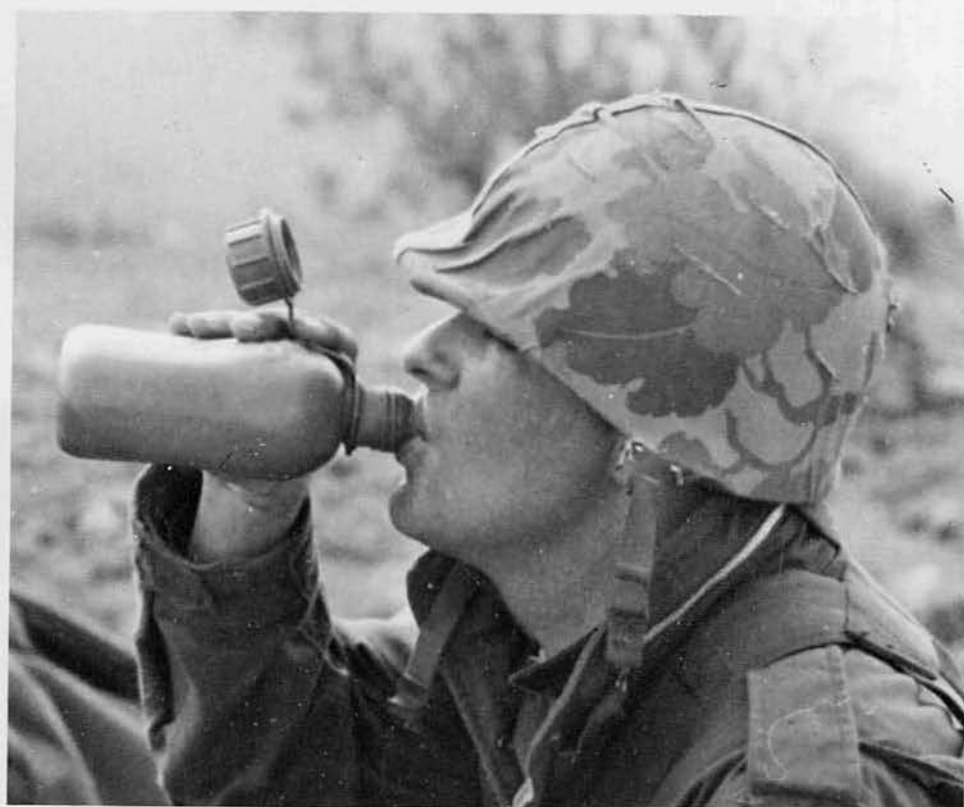
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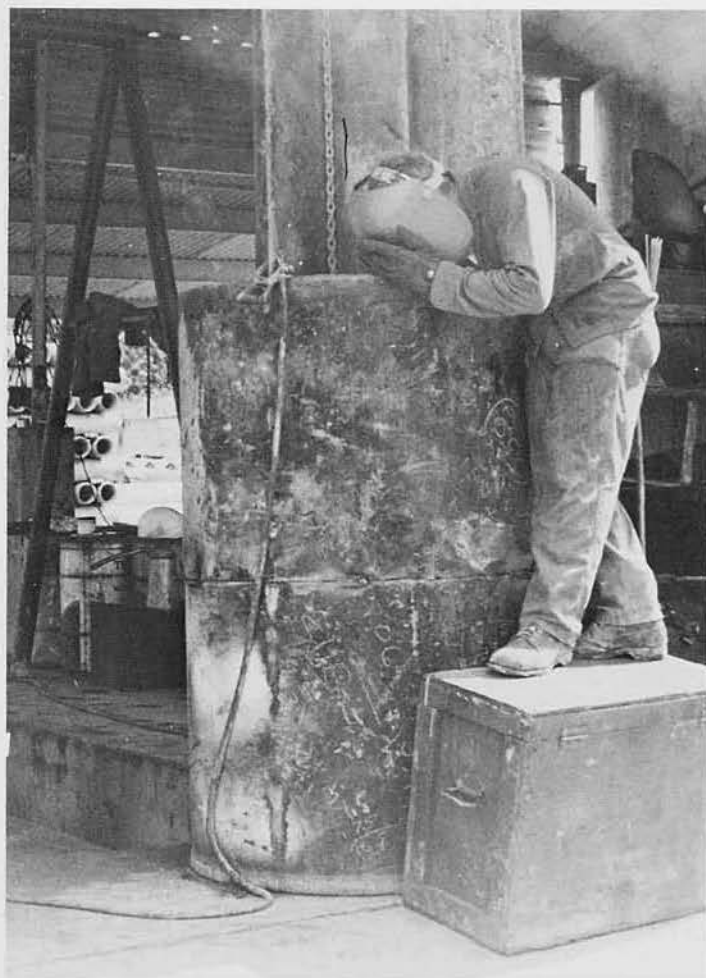
SEABEE TEAM 0517 "BEST OF TYPE"

Seabee Team 0517 has been selected as the number one team in Vietnam for the past quarter. After five months of training, the team deployed to Ben Tre City, Kien Hoa Province, Republic of Vietnam, in April of this year, and in the first six months of their eight month deployment, have completed Civic Action projects valued at over 3½ million plasters.

"Our reception here in Kien Hoa has been outstanding," says LTJG Pat Brenkamp, Team Officer in Charge. "The cooperation and efforts of the province officials, both American and Vietnamese, have made it possible for us to become an important part of the Pacification Effort."

A willingness to work and the "Can Do" attitude have paid off for the people of Kien Hoa Province in the construction of badly needed roads, school buildings, warehouses, and government offices; and has paid off for the men of Seabee Team 0517 in their personal satisfaction for a job well done. The Team AOIC, UTC Jim Brittle of Port Hueneme, California, puts it this way, "The true reward of this type of work is to see the pride the Vietnamese take in a project that you have helped them to have."





SW2 Bayles constructing a 300# Flying Hammer (Y-151).

Seabee Team 0515 deployed to Yap Island, United States Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, located approximately 650 miles southwest from Guam. Their mission was to provide technical and equipment support for the Socio-Econom Civic Assistance Program under the sponsorship of the Department of Defense and Interior.

The team undertook an aggressive horizontal improvement program supported by the local legislature and integrated a highly successful vocational training program of on-the-job and self help projects plus formal high school and adult education. Projects completed during the deployment included 32 miles of new roadway, three secondary bridges, a 60-foot, two-lane, inter-island primary vehicle bridge, two dispensaries, 650,000 gallons of additional water catchment capacity, causeways, recreational and utility improvements to the educational facilities and many miscellaneous physical, planning and medical projects for the indigeous community.

In addition to the tangible civic hardware Team 0515 promoted a constructive interface between Micronesians and Americans while providing meaningful skill training towards the promotion of a progressive, self determinate life style within the existent cultural framework.

Official Team Seal!



REAR, LEFT TO RIGHT: CE1 Tommie Goff, EO3 Davies, EO1 Nielson, EA3 Schaude, UT2 Mugan, BUC Sniff. FRONT ROW L-R: SW2 Bayles, CM2 Loera, HM2 Nakahuchi, BU3 Maxwell, LTJG Miles. ABSENT: BU2 Anderson.





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