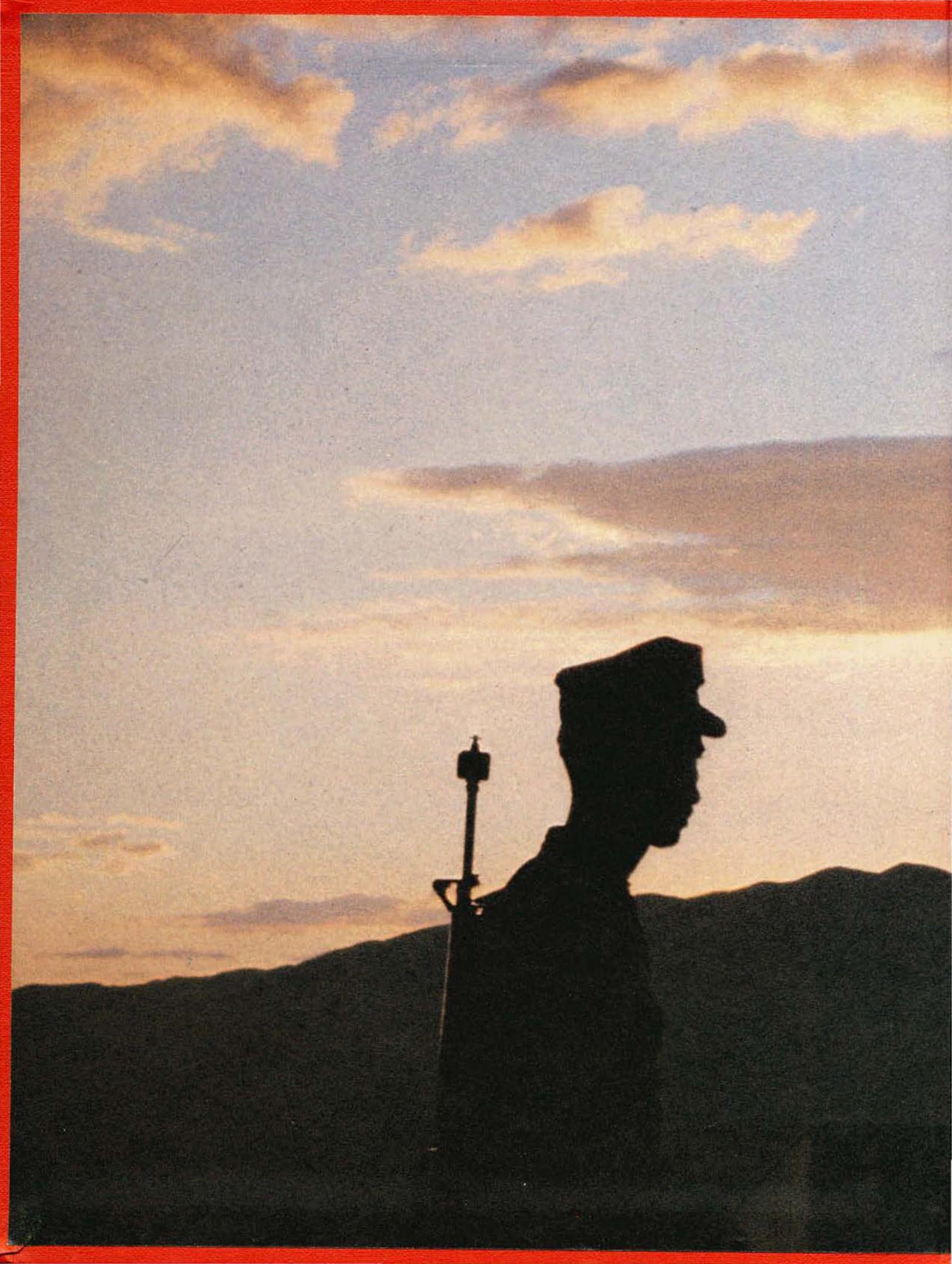
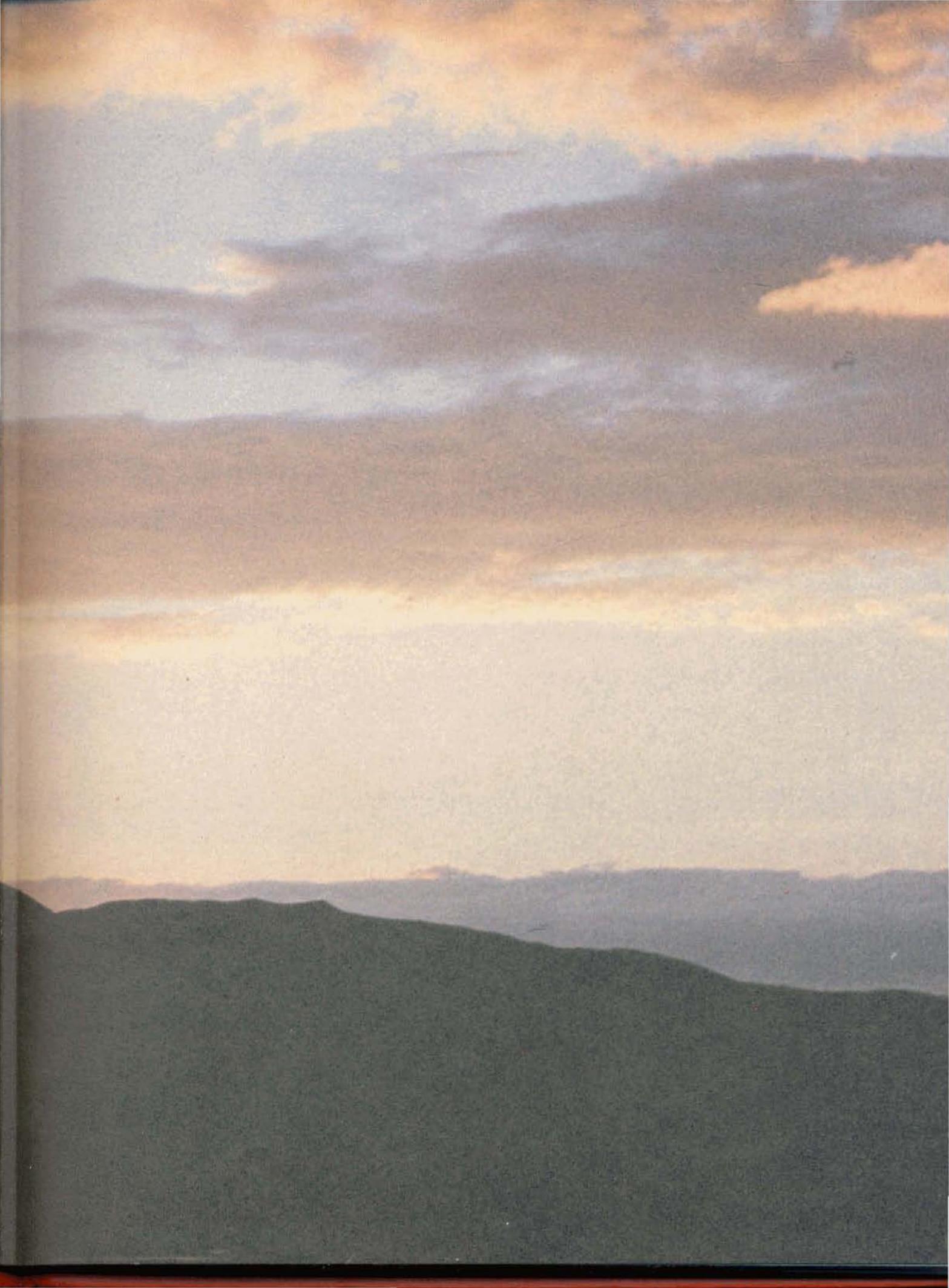




EUROPEAN
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BATTALION
1976-77





COMMANDING OFFICER



It is difficult to sum up a tour as Skipper in one short letter. The high points are clear: seeing young men learn and grow; watching difficult tasks accomplished with skill and safety; observing a journeyman Petty Officer teach, lead and produce both quality work and quality men; working with our leading Chiefs and my fellow Officers whose dedication, initiative and persistence is all too often taken for granted; and, best of all, seeing it all come together when 750 men function as an interdependent, proud and productive Naval Unit. Then too, there are the thrills of promoting a valued shipmate, congratulating a new parent, watching a project superintendent deliver a completed job, presenting a Letter of Commendation, receiving praise for the unit or an individual from a distinguished visitor, watching trained and confident men mount out for a military exercise, a deployment or detachment and, very definitely the greatest thrill, leading a seasoned, successful Battalion home to their wives, families and friends. I most sincerely thank my shipmates for these joys.

D.C. DeVig

MCPOC

The 1976-77 Rota Deployment, with detachments at various sites, gave the entire Battalion the opportunity to enrich themselves, either culturally or on the job, and in some cases, both.

Everyone, except the Diego Garcia Detachment, had the opportunity to mingle with the European cultures and to travel. Many Americans save money all their lives to be able to afford to travel as the men of FIVE do. Of the men who took advantage of this opportunity, many will have life long memories of people and places to look back upon.

On the job, and this includes the entire Battalion, all were exposed to different construction, be it European-style, antenna and pier systems, or concrete paving.

All in all, it was a productive and educational deployment which most everyone enjoyed.

EQCM Donald Metzger,
the Master Chief Petty Officer
of the Command.





HISTORY OF NMCB-FIVE

COMMAND HISTORY

One of the first W W II units to be organized was the Fifth Naval Construction Battalion, the forerunner of NMCB-FIVE. Organized May 25 1942, it deployed for Pearl Harbor on June 21 at a strength of 1,014 men, 24 officers.

The 5th's notable accomplishments during their first deployment were: the repair and expansion of naval air facilities at Midway, Johnston, Palmyra and the French Frigate Shoals, and the construction of Naval Air Station, Honolulu.

After a period of rehabilitation at Port Hueneme, Ca. they were deployed to Guian, Samar in the Philippines, where they built a Naval Supply Depot and the 2.5 mile Calicoan Highway. Detachments were sent to Parang, Mindanao; Balikpapan, Bornea; and to Cebu City, Cebu. The Cebu Det. experienced the only enemy fire, with no casualties.

The 5th NCB was disestablished in the Leyte-Samar region of the Philippines on December 3, 1945.

The Battalion was officially re-established on July 10, 1951 at Port Hueneme. NMCB-FIVE's first mission was as part of the 30th Naval Construction Regiment in the largest peacetime construction effort ever—the carving out of Cubi Point Naval Air Facility from the virgin jungles and formidable mountains in the Philippines.

Second in size only to the digging of the Panama Canal, the project involved FIVE for three full deployments, of 22 months, 13 months, and 10 months duration.

The next two deployments were to Adak and Kodiak, Alaska.

The sixth deployment, to Midway Islands, was FIVE's first "shot-gun" deployment, with details at Pearl Harbor, Kahoolawe, Saipan and Chichijima.

The seventh deployment returned the Battalion to the Philippines where FIVE earned the first Best of Type Awards.

Deployment number eight put the Battalion on Guam, where housing, magazine and ordnance facilities were built. With less than four days notice, the Battalion mounted out for successful participation in a classified training exercise with Marine and Fleet amphibious forces.

Okinawa, Japan, was the site for the following two deployments where FIVE built the following two deployments where FIVE built warehouses and air facilities for the Marines. Mother Nature hurled four typhoons at Okinawa during FIVE's deployments, and each time FIVE proved their disaster recovery capabilities.

Deployments eleven and twelve returned FIVE to Guam, where they played key roles, not in construction, but in disaster recovery and operational readiness. Typhoon Karen smashed into Guam in 1962 leaving 9,000 people homeless and an estimated 200 million dollars in damages from winds of up to 170 miles an hour.

Camp Kinser (now Camp Shields), Okinawa was home the next year, where housing and warehouse work occupied most of the time. The Battalion entered the jet-age, returning from the deployment aboard C-135's.

FIVE deployed for the first of six Vietnam deployments in 1965. It is not within the scope of this history to detail the building

program of the SEABEES in Vietnam. Their value was proven many times over to the fighting forces.

The 1965 Da Nang deployment Civic Action Program was centered around the World Evangelical Crusade Orphanage and the training of Vietnamese in technical skills.

It was Da Nang again in 1966, with the Battalion centering efforts on non-tactical projects such as teaching English and giving inoculations to the Vietnamese.

FIVE's following deployment, to Don Ha, was in support of Marine and Naval forces, with more than 22 detachments sent out to build throughout the northern I Corps region. Five SEABEES were killed during the deployment in two separate actions.

The seventeenth deployment, to Camp Hoover, Da Nang, was highlighted by roadwork, airstrip, and riverfront construction. Ninety percent of Camp Hoover was destroyed when Ammunition Supply Point One exploded. After twelve hours of continuous explosions, the men crawled from their holes shaken, but ready to clean up and rebuild.

Half of the next deployment was spent in Da Nang, and half in Bien Hoa, in the Delta region. Thirteen details were dispatched throughout South Vietnam.

The Battalion swelled to over 1,000 men for its nineteenth deployment, to Bien Hoa and Guam, with details spread from Alaska to South Vietnam.

On May 12, 1972 the Battalion returned to Okinawa and an air det was sent Nam Phong, Thailand where they carved an airstrip out of the countryside for the Marines. Their efforts during fiscal year 1972 earned them the coveted Best of Type Award for the fourth time.

On July 10, 1973 the twenty-first deployment returned them to Okinawa with seven details spread throughout the South Pacific.

On August 18, 1974 the twenty-second deployment began with FIVE serving the Atlantic Fleet from Camp Moscrip, Puerto Rico. Details were also established at Guantanamo Bay, Sebana Seca, Port Borinquen, Grand Turk, and St. Croix.

In April of 1975, FIVE, along with their new C.O., CDR. D. C. de VICQ, found themselves on the small atoll in the British Indian Ocean Territory called Diego Garcia. The island's strategic importance had recently increased and FIVE had to meet the demand of increased construction and fleet support. Because of the importance of construction on Diego Garcia there were no detachments during FIVE's twenty-third deployment.

On November 7, 1976 FIVE again joined the Atlantic Fleet and deployed to the European Theatre. The main body was located in Rota, Spain with detail sites at Nea Makri, Greece; Souda Bay, Crete; La Maddalena, Sardinia; Sigonella, Sicily; Moron, Spain and Thurso, Scotland. FIVE also sent a detail to Diego Garcia to complete concrete runway extension work. FIVE's twenty-fourth deployment was highlighted with an air det sent to La Maddalena to replace the Navy Exchange/Commissary that was destroyed by fire there.

CHINA LAKE

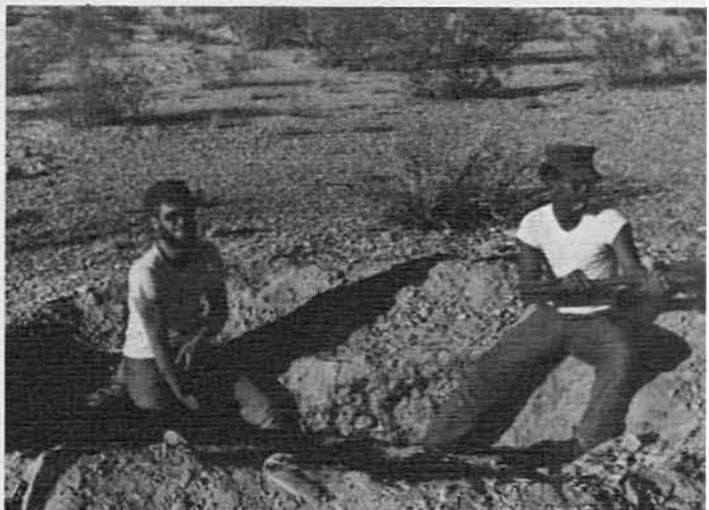
The men of FIVE endured one of the toils that comes with every Homeport period—Military Training. Prior to FIVE'S European Deployment, the men found themselves baking in the heat of China Lake in the Mojave Desert, for a dose of Desert Warfare Training.



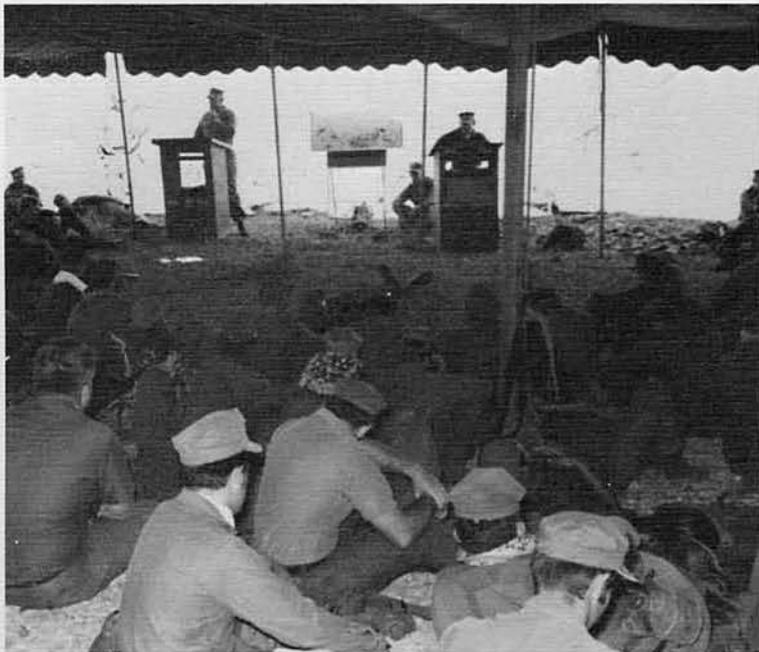
"Don't fire till you see the white of their eyes!"



Good Morning!



LEFT: "One for you, one for me." ABOVE: Some of the men who dug China Lake!



O.K., who wants to be the bad guys?



Take me to your leader!!



ABOVE: Over the hill. . . BELOW: Home, Sweat, Home



ABOVE: ...and through the valley, to Grandmother's house we go! BELOW: Homeward bound, I know!



"Saying Good bye is very hard to do!"



"I'm leavin', on a jet plane . . ."



Aerial View of SEABEE Camp



Ah yes, Physical Training in the morning at Silver City. Notice how the men of FIVE express themselves in doing push-ups! Exercising each workday morning is just part of being the European Alert

Battalion in Rota.



"That's it skipper, nice and easy with those egg yokes", MASN Miller seems to say to Commander DeVicq, as the C.O. does his share for the Navy Relief Fund Drive.



The Light Reaction Force goes into action! Through many drills, FIVE was ready, when called upon, to assist the Marines in defending Rota Naval Base from aggressors.

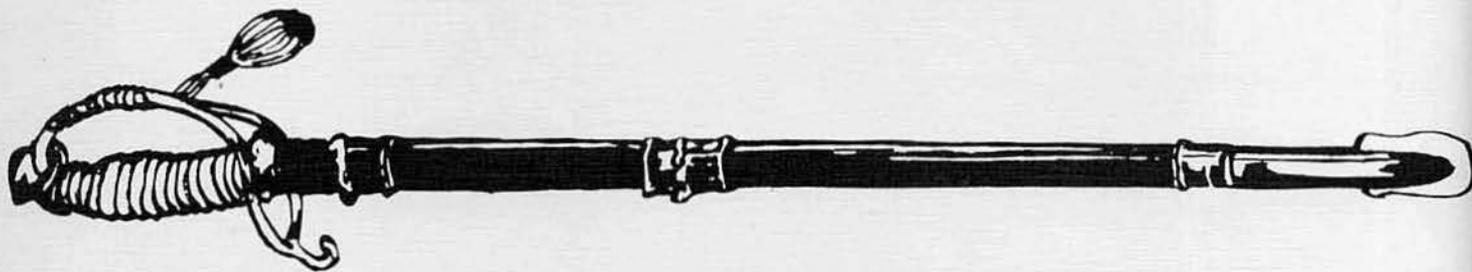
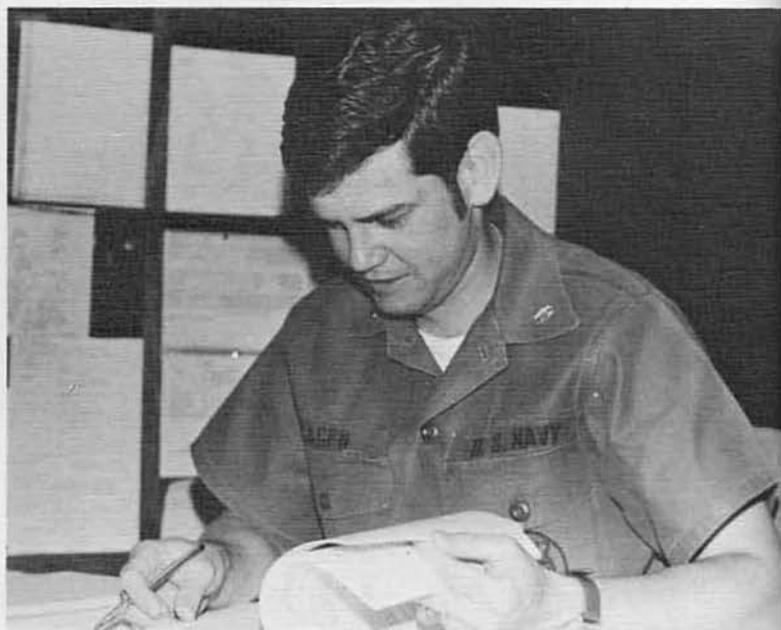


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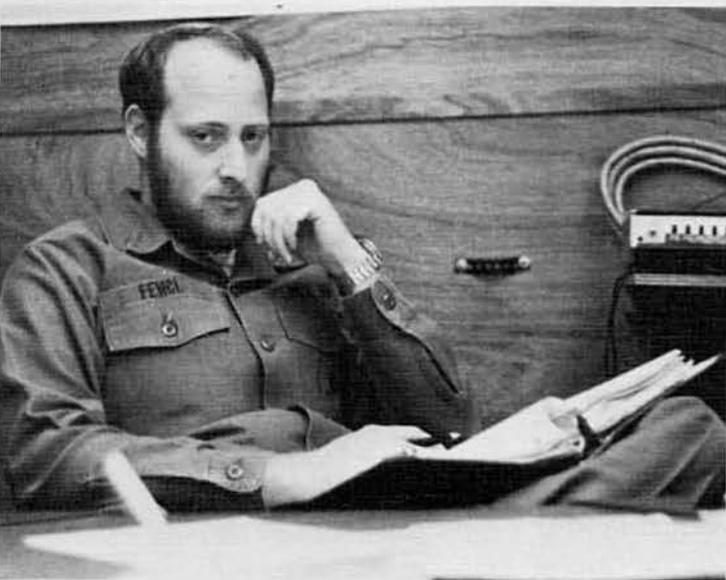


EXECUTIVE OFFICER

LCDR. Robert E. Gagen, from Thiensville, WI, expresses his thoughts of this deployment: "NMCB-FIVE's European Deployment has been long and arduous as are all deployment. It has been filled with moments of humor, sadness, joy, and a continuing sense of accomplishment, as vital Naval construction projects have been completed. The last project to be completed on deployment is the Cruise Book which records those memorable moments for the men of FIVE and their loved one. SEABEES "Can Do!" and always will. It's their nature!"



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER



ABOVE: LT. Dave Fencl, from Aurora, CO, was acting S-1 Officer until his separation from the Navy in May. When he wasn't busying himself with Admin. duties, he found time to become very actively involved with Rota Little Theatre, where he held two leading roles and directed one play.

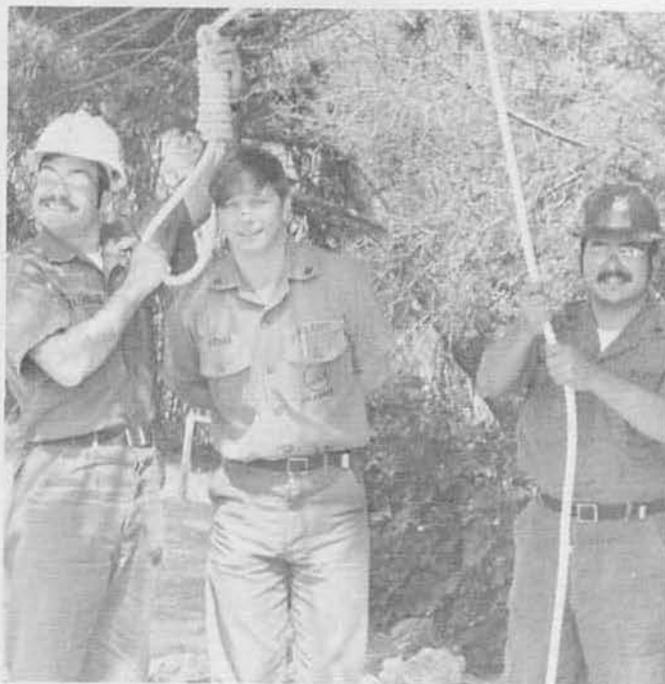
BELOW: LT(JG) Tom Beck assumed the duties of Administrative Officer (S-1) upon his arrival to the Battalion in May. Mister Beck's responsibilities include Administration, Personnel, Postal, Legal/Education Service Office and Public Affairs Office.

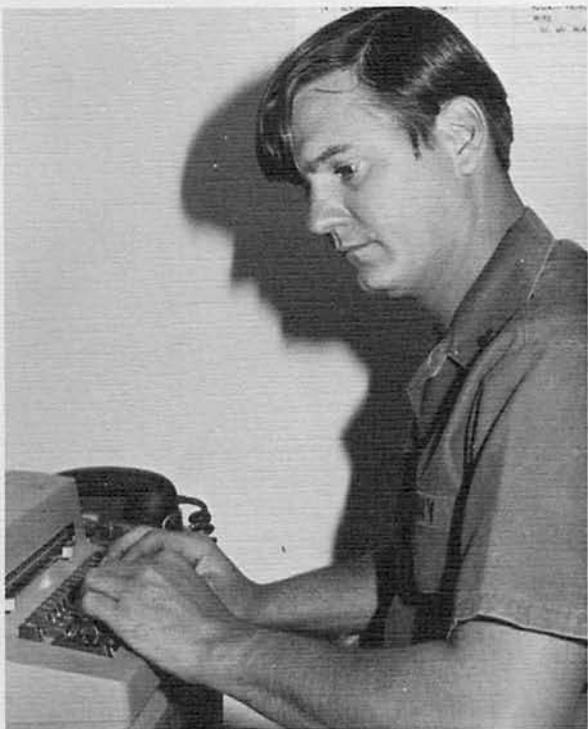


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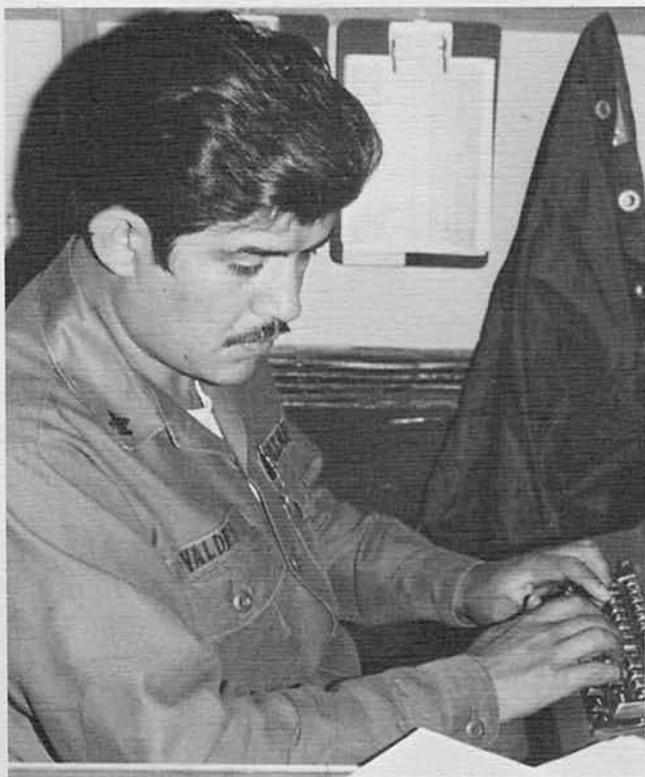
A wide variety of rates are in Headquarters Company. Each man's speciality enables the company to work as a unit. All the rates, except the ones in Engineering, Quality Control, a few in Operations and the Laundry, are from the Fleet, doing a hitch of sea-duty with FIVE. The main purpose of Headquarters is Fleet Support for the line companies. Whether it be logistics, planning, operations, or personal comfort, Headquarters Company provides a home for the men in green, wherever the Battalion goes.

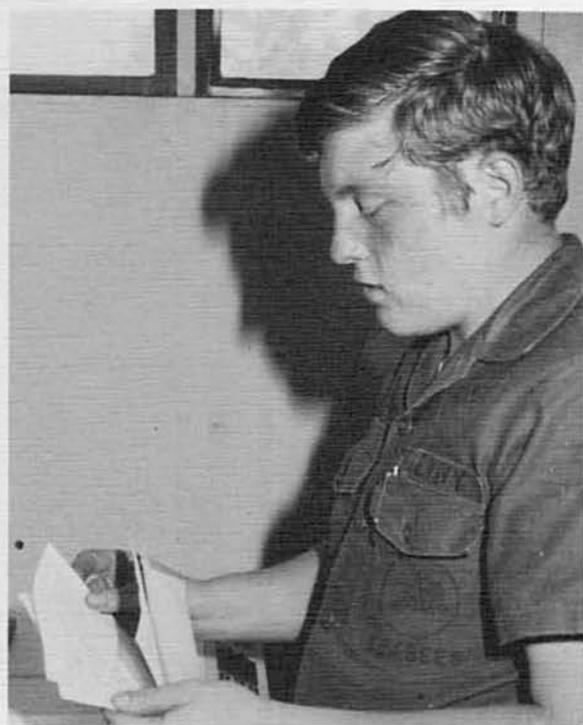
RIGHT: YN3 Bruce Stone, from Minnesota, tries to convince LT(JG) Ed Gallagher, from West L.A., CA, and PN1 Mike Sanchez, from Merced, CA, that "my name is NOT STANLEY!" BELOW LEFT: YNC Chuck Duncan, left during deployment to work for Construction Battalion Center, Pt. Hueneme, CA. BELOW RIGHT: YNC Dave Hurd, from Castorville, AC, thinks to himself "old skippers go, new skippers come, but a Yeoman's work is never done."





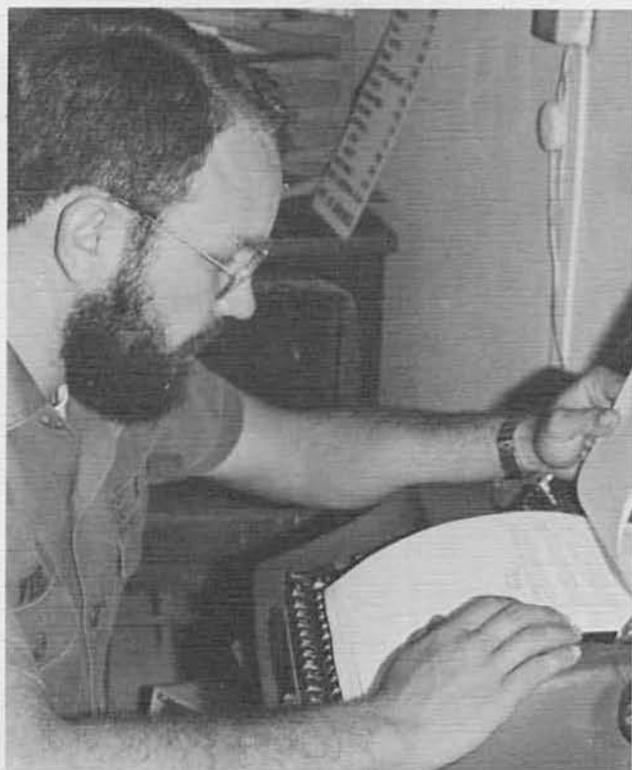
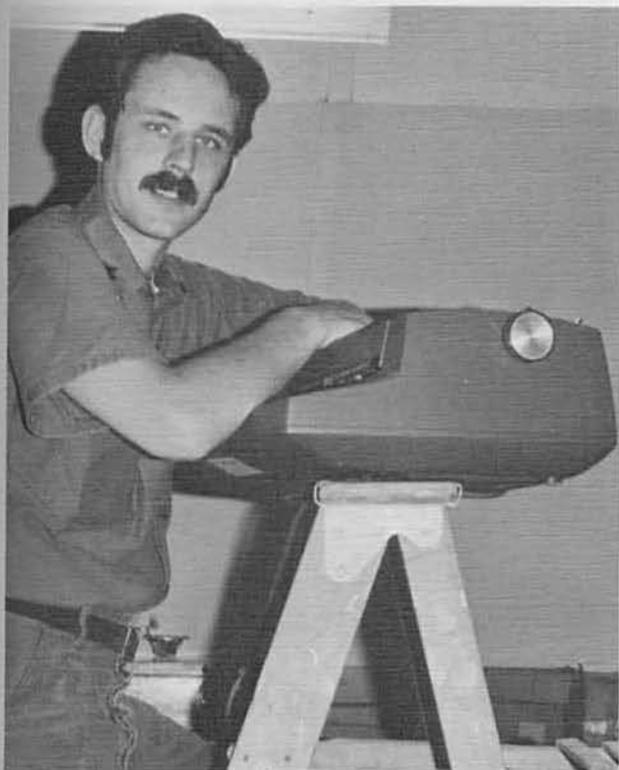
ABOVE: YN1 "Chris" Christoph, from Houston, TX, types up a nasty gram. BELOW: YN1 Joe Callagen, from Tuguegarao, Cagayan, Philippines, reads "Report directly to Sigonella, do not pass Go, do not collect \$200." BELOW RIGHT: YN2 Joe Valdez, from San Antonio, TX, was the Skipper's Yeoman for the first half of the deployment.





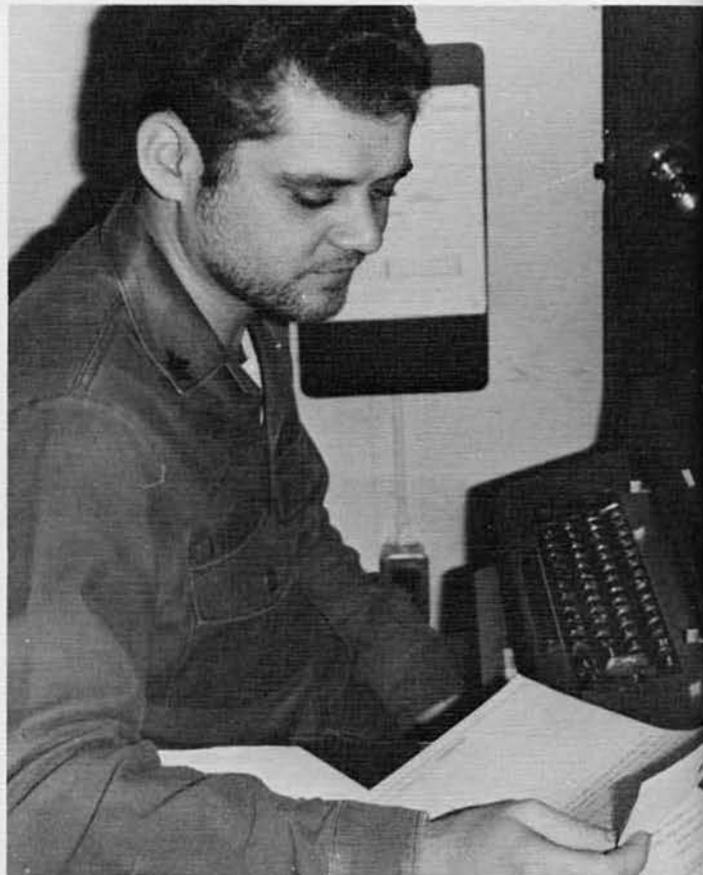
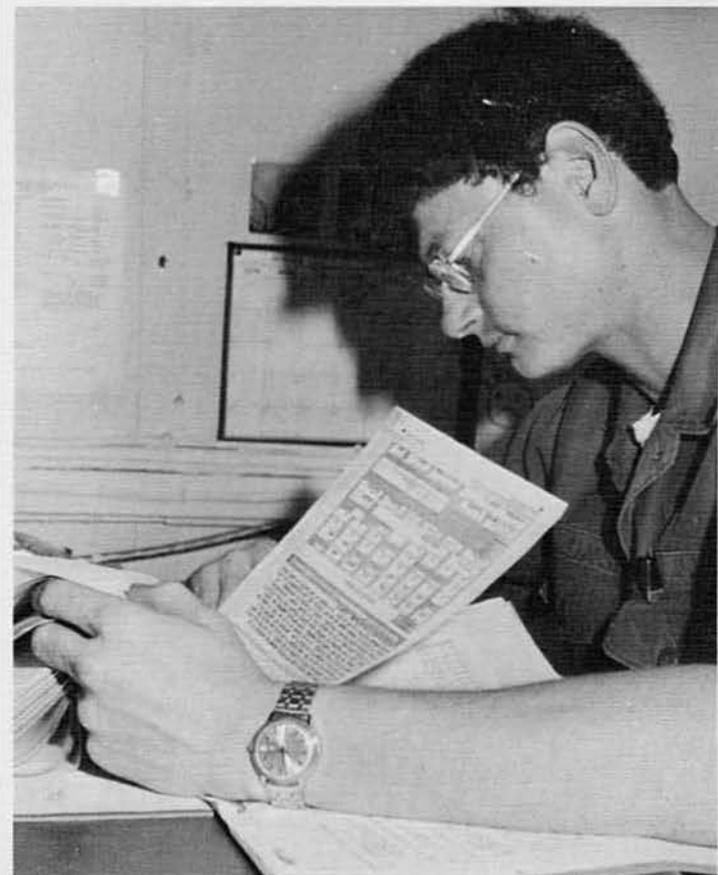
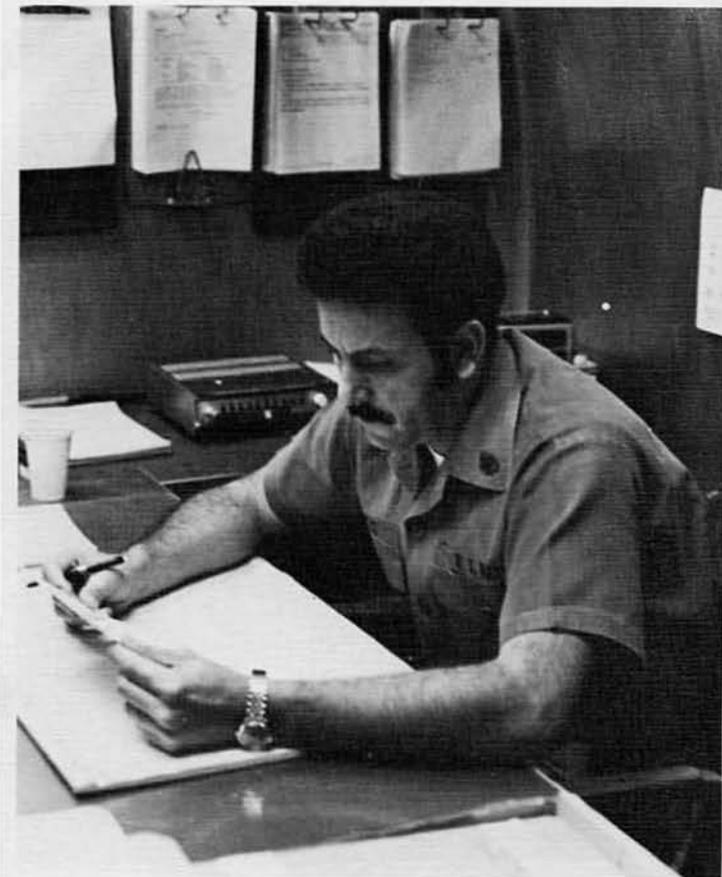
ABOVE: SA Time Lle, from Monaca, PA, performed the duties of Guard Mail Runner. BELOW LEFT: YN3 Jim Veres, from Oak Run, CA, ("Virile") picks up where Joe Valdez left off as Skipper's Yeoman. BELOW: YN2 John McKinney, from Cincinnati, OH, strives for a higher position in the Admin. office.

OUT DAYTIME SAVIORS / READY FOR ACTION!!!



PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT

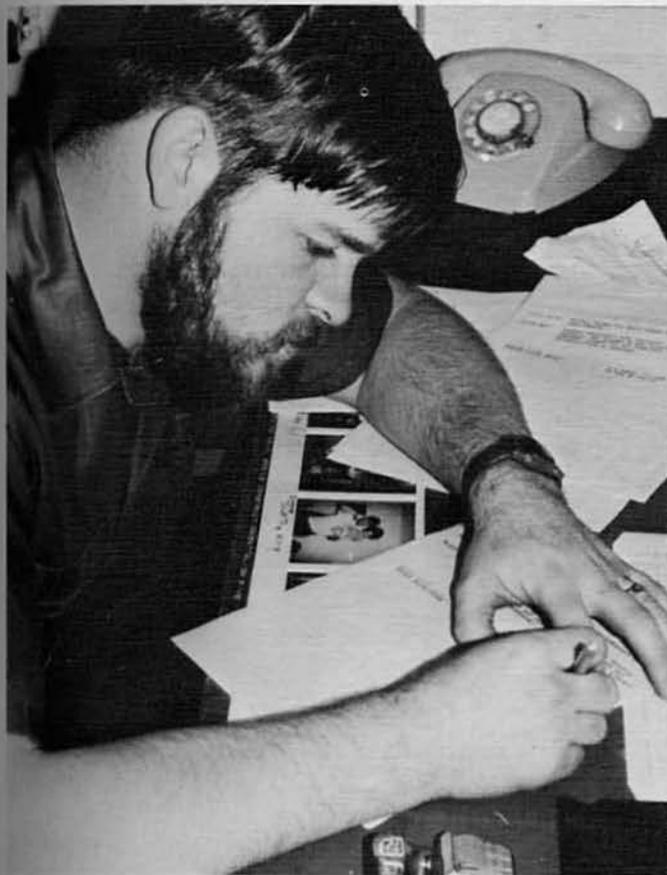
LEFT: PNC Reggie Ortiz, from Pueblo, CO, performs the duties of Personnel Chief. BELOW LEFT: PN2 "Ski" Yablonski, from Collegeville, PA, goes over some records. BELOW: PN2 Wally Bennet, from Oxnard, CA, became a Daddy on deployment.

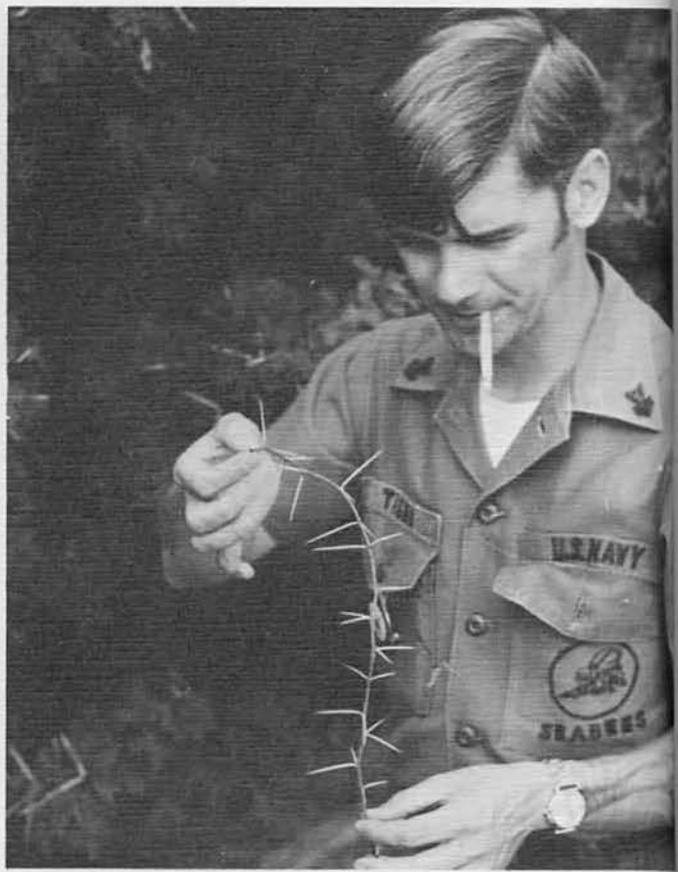
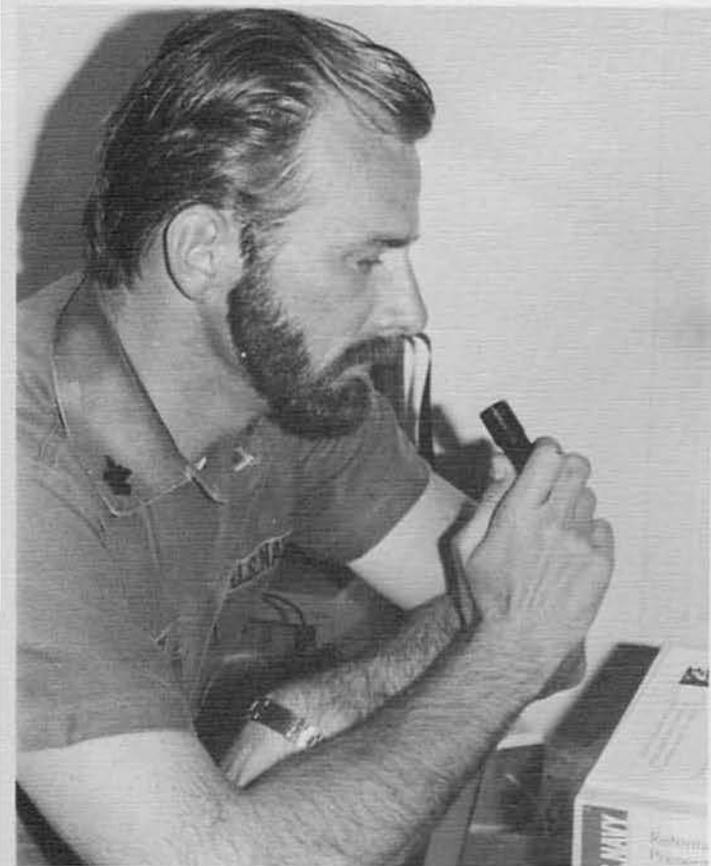




ABOVE: PN1 Ned Quemuel, from Oxnard, CA, asks PN3 Ron Schneider, from "Cold Duck Estates" (Elk Bend, Idaho), "Is that dust on your typewriter?". BELOW: SN Glenn Buck (Rogers), from Temple, TX, seems to say, "Planet Earth, calling Planet Earth, can you read me?"

BELOW: PN3 Rick Drake, from Santa Barbara, CA, does some filing, "M,N,O,P.—Hey Chief, what comes after P?"





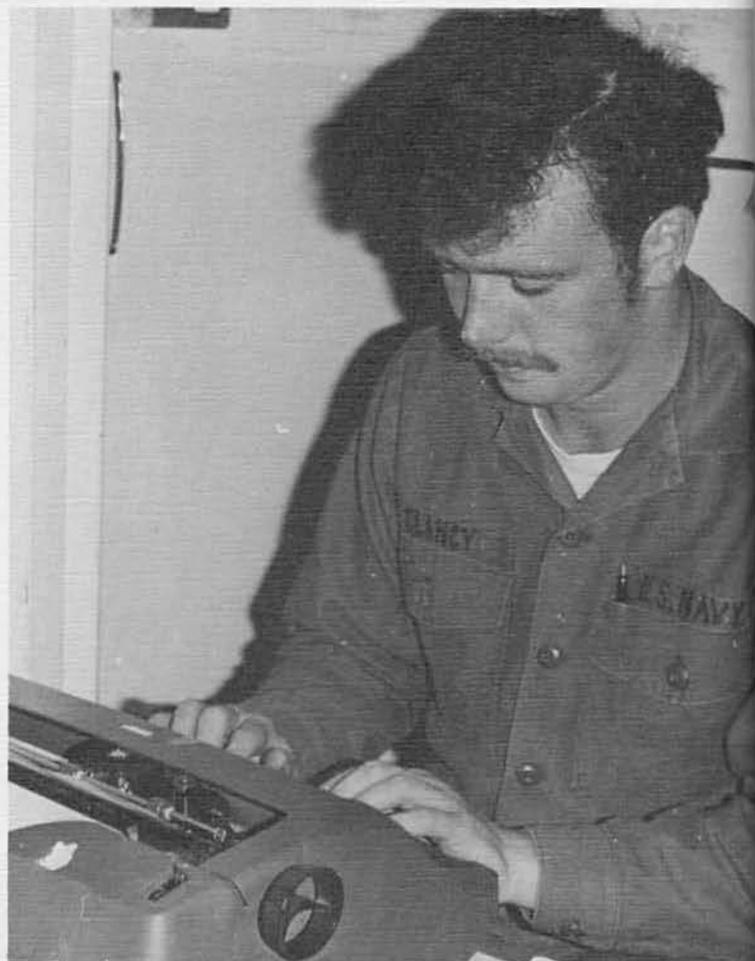
CAREER COUNSELORS

The Career Counselor office is an invaluable aid to everyone in the Battalion. Through us, likes and dislikes for future duty stations and type of work can be made available to those who use our services. Temporary duty can be arranged by a simple visit to our "humble hole!" Coffee and shooting-the-bull are available to one and all!! Y'all come an' see us, y'a hear!

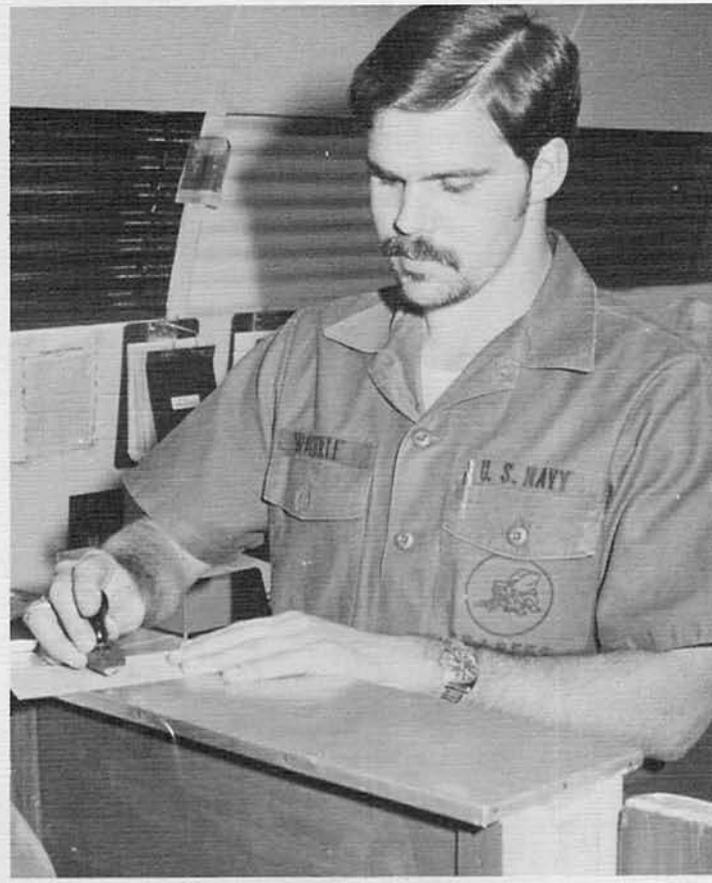
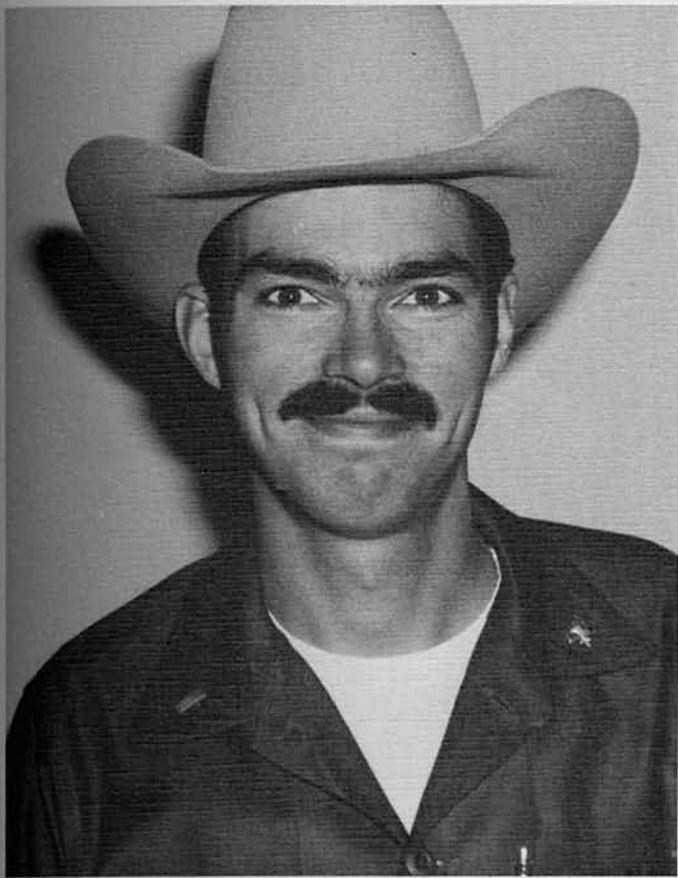
ABOVE: NC-1 Jim Satterly, from St. Petersburg, FL., says "Sorry Sir, I keep getting cut off by someone requesting communication with Planet Earth!" ABOVE RIGHT: MS1 Arnie Tighe, from East Islip, Long Island, NY, says, "I always wondered where they got toothpicks!"

Family Grams, Newspaper articles, and the Cruise Book are just a few of the total work that comes out of the Public Affairs Office. Any news that involves anyone in the Battalion, is news that should be published! So if you haven't seen your mug in da' paper, make some news and you just might make it in the Battalion newspaper, or even the Cruise Book!

JO-3 Tim Clancy, from Ho Chi Minh City, joined the Battalion in home port and was in charge of all affairs, Public and private!



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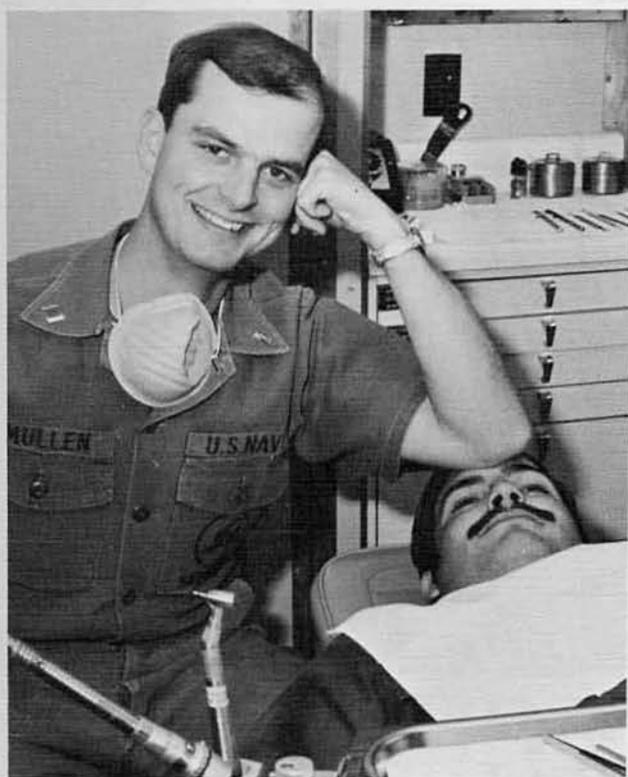
DISBURSING

ABOVE: LT(JG) "Slick" Richmond, from Sweetwater, TX, "Would you buy a used car from this man?" BELOW: DKSN Bob Rustyn, from Baltimore, MD, and DK-1 Solomon Capina, from San Pablo City, Philippines, go over the never ending paperwork.

ABOVE: DK3 Joe Woehrl, from White Bear Lake, Minn., seems to be saying, "Per Diem, Per Diem, that's all anyone ever worries about." BELOW: DK1 Raynor Jain, from Oxnard, CA, breaks the bad news to YN3 Bruce Stone: "No check for you."



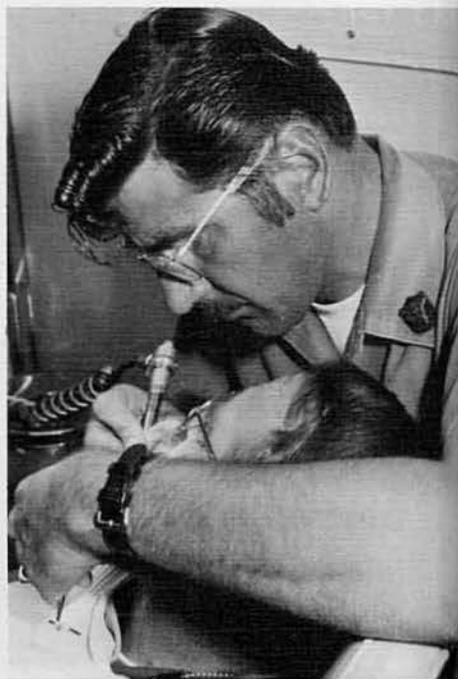
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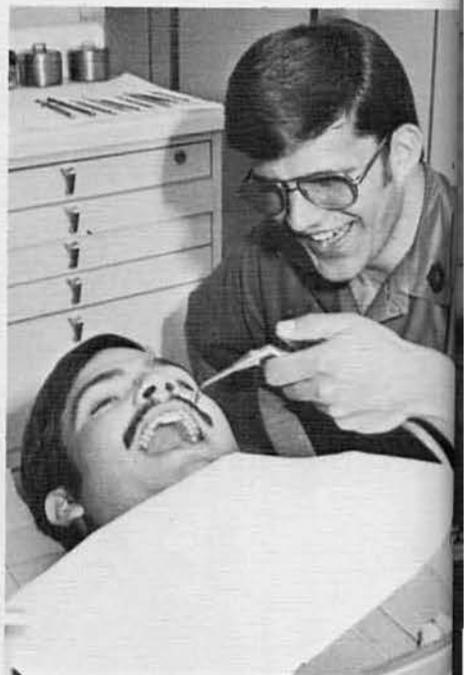
ABOVE: Doc' Mike Mullen, gives his patients the utmost in care and comfort.

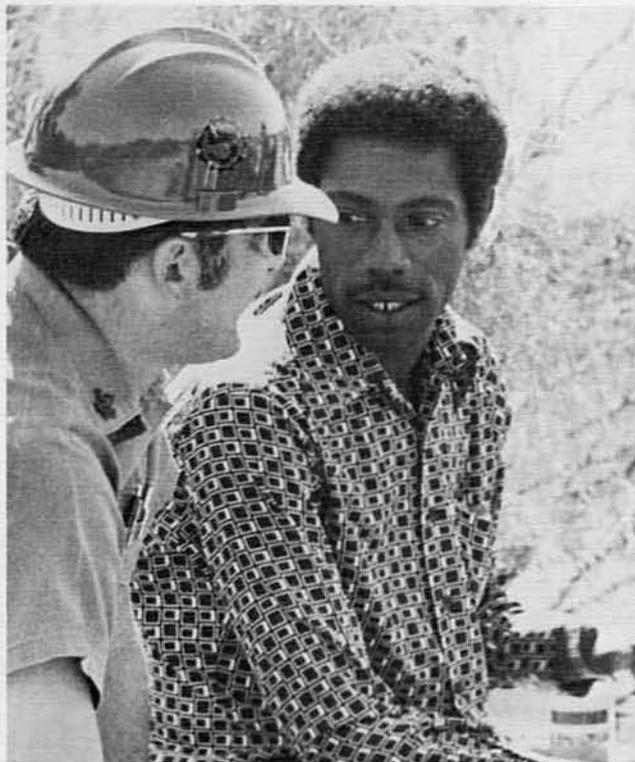


You haven't had your teeth cleaned til DT-1 Steve "Duf" Duffalo, from Trenton, NJ, does it for you!"



ABOVE RIGHT: DT1 P. Crepeau, seems to say to HN Walker, "Hmm, a tough One! Well, if it won't come out, maybe I can push it back in! LEFT: DN Tom Wagner tries to keep his patients in a good mood! RIGHT: DT3 Chris Achleithner, from Klamath Falls, OR, tells Jeff Cole, "This is going to hurt you a lot more than it will me."

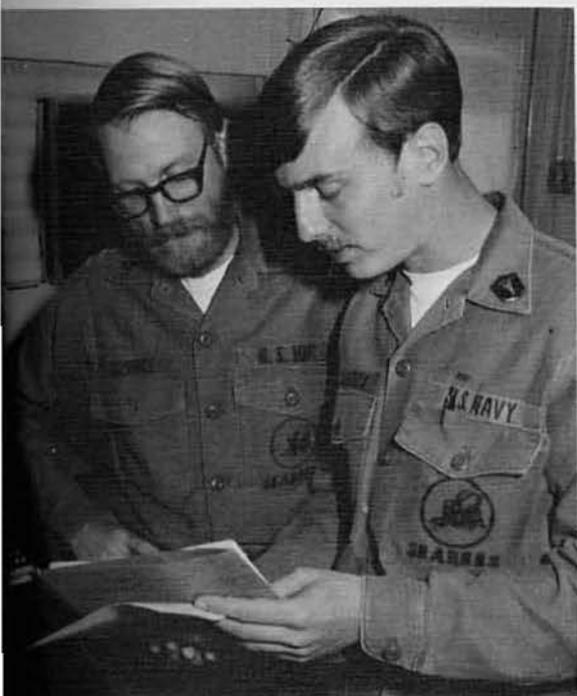




ABOVE: LT. Ted Mettetal, from Monticello, ARK, stitches up a football player only to find out he left his scalpel inside! RIGHT: DT1 Steve Duffalo and HMC "Hawkeye" Hawkins, from New Orleans, LA, shoot the breeze at one of the Battalion picnics.

MEDICAL

RIGHT: HM3 Tony Cadiz, from Niland, CA, is told by HMC Howard Williams, from Fort Worth, TX, "You know the policy on "beaver" shot." BELOW: Hospital Corpmen Second Class Jim Riddle, from Mesquiteville, NY, and Bob Mellendick, from Catonsville, MD, rearrange the wise guy's shot record. BELOW RIGHT: HN Jerry Walker, "Dr. J", from Midland, PA, shows EO3 Bradley how easy it is to saw off a patient—OOOPPS!!!

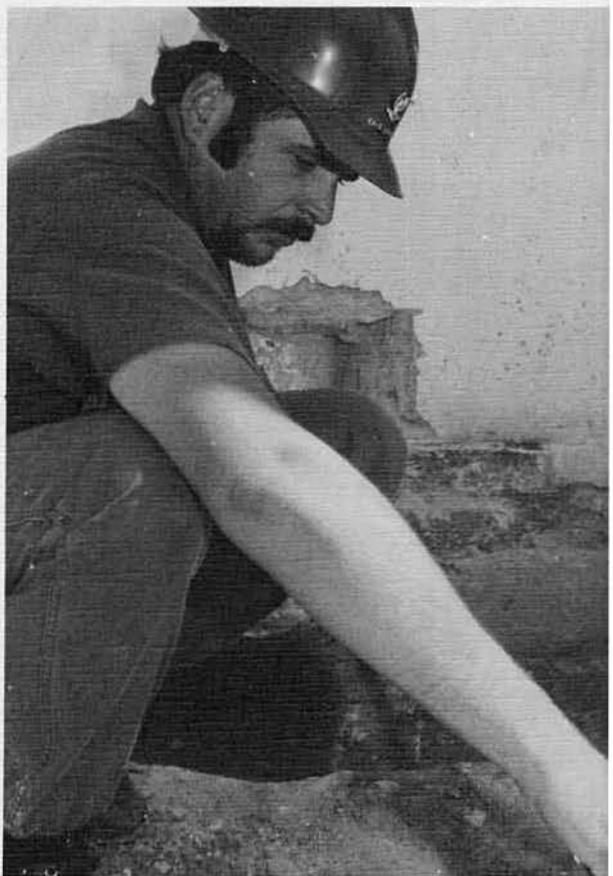


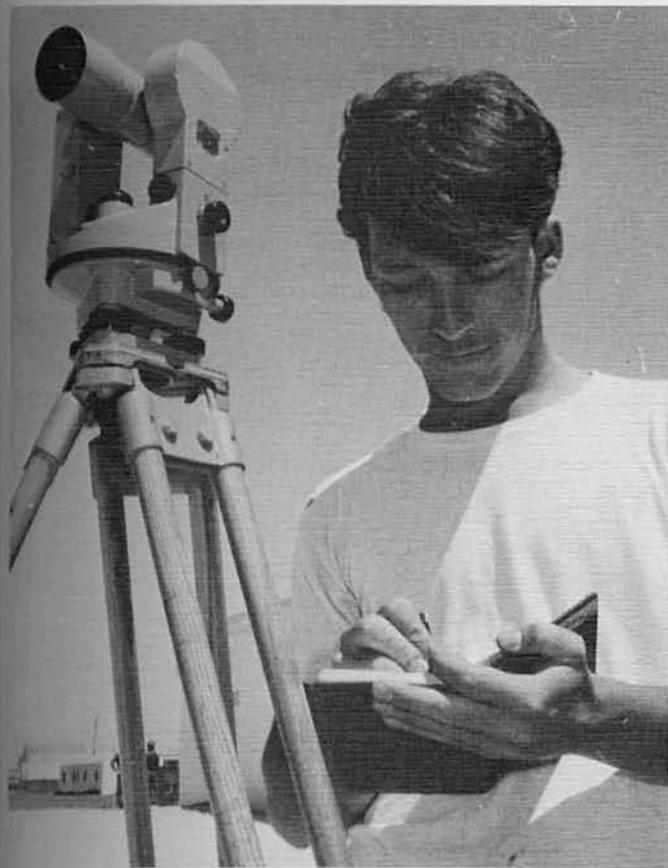
ENGINEERING

BELOW LEFT: EAC Clyde Hood, from Oxnard, now retired, taking care of Engineering's daily paper.
BELOW RIGHT: EA2 "Buddy" Valencerina keeping p up to date.

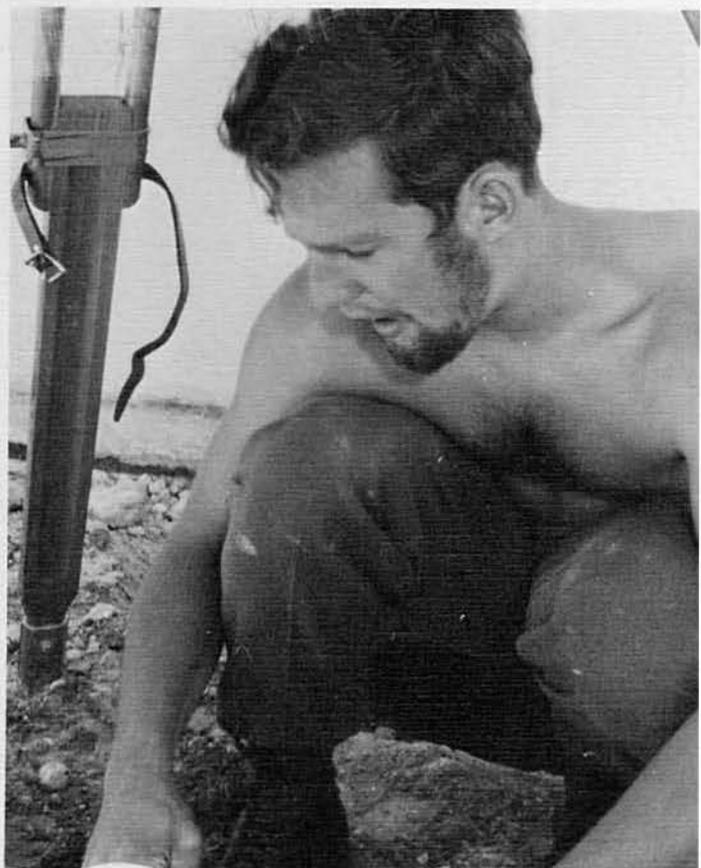


BELOW LEFT:
EA2 Mike Abraham
from Oak Park,
MICH, says, "Wow
look at those legs!"
BELOW RIGHT:
EA3 Jim Backman,
from Sacramento,
CA, setting batter
boards.

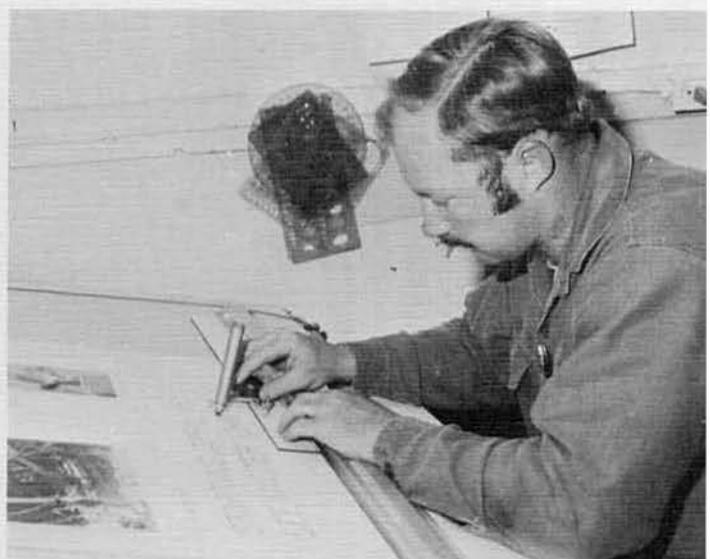




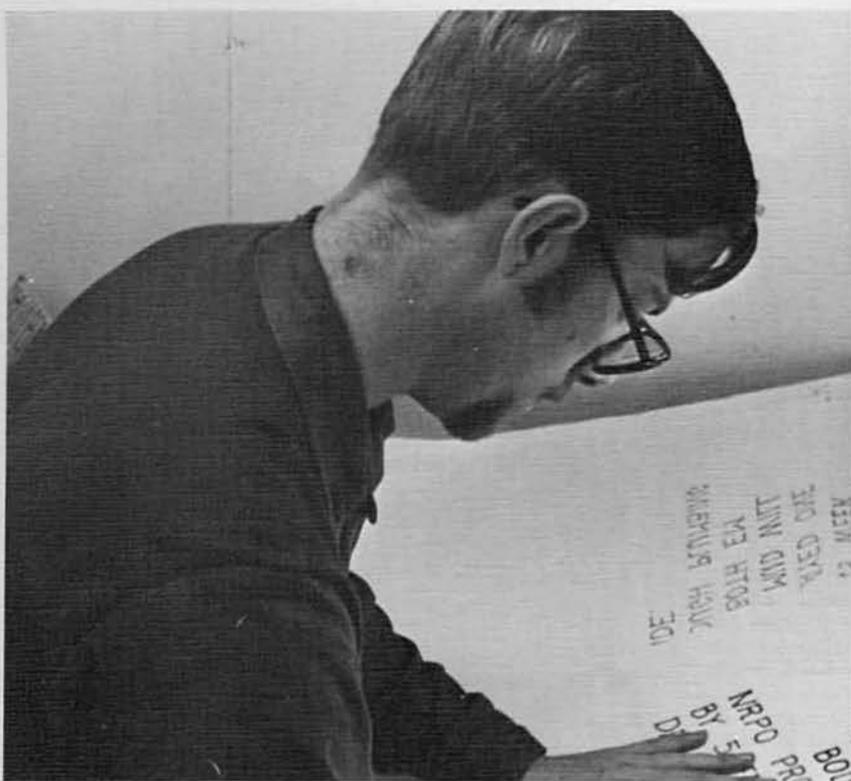
EACN Tom Enkleman, from University City, MO, fills his spare time, "Dear Mom, the weather has been . . ."



EA3 John Schultz, from Billerica, MA, performing duties of rear chainman on a survey crew.



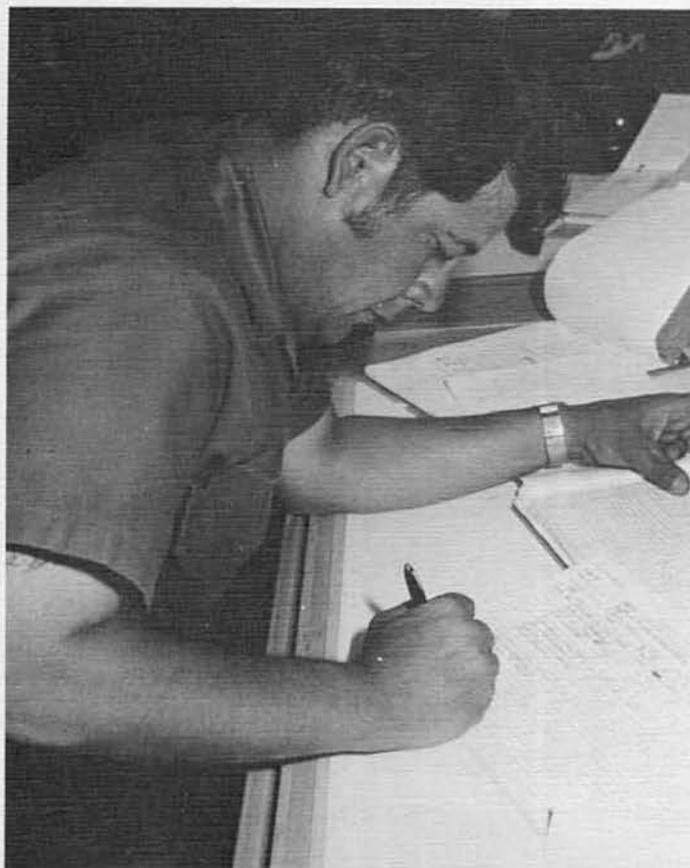
LEFT: EACN Tony Araullo, from Manila, Philippines, working as instrument man on a level run. ABOVE: EA3 Paul Syverson, from Buzzards Breath, WY, works in drafting when he isn't busy adding to his phone collection!



ABOVE: EA3 Dean Namanny, from Antioch, CA, and EACN Ed Treasnak (RIGHT), from Roseville, MICH, hard at work before reporting aboard the good ship "civilian life"! BELOW: FIVE's EA Staff are always on the level with you!



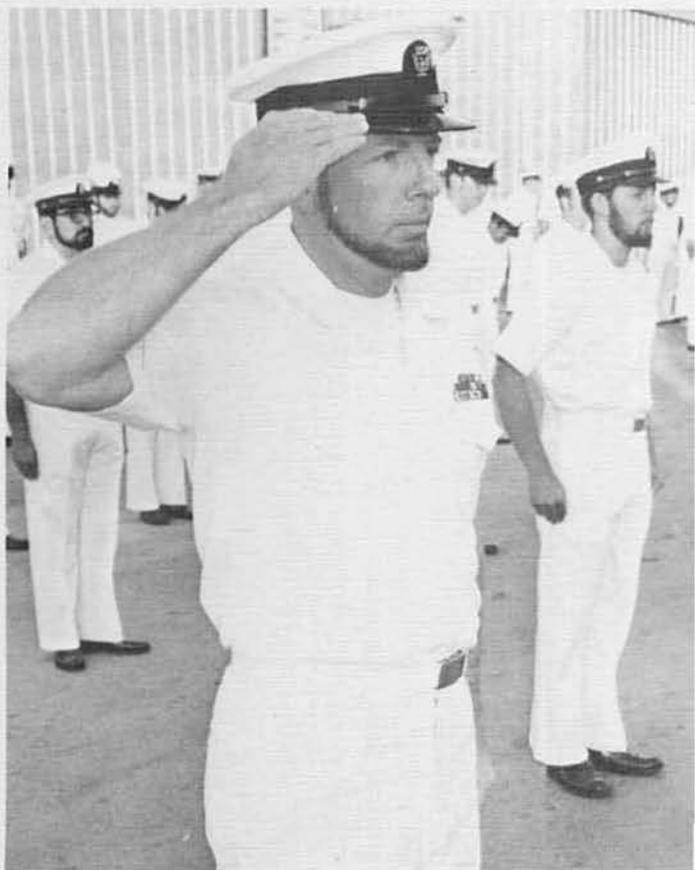
PLANNING AND ESTIMATING; QUALITY CONTROL



ABOVE: E01 Armando Ortis, seen working on the paperwork for the Pier II Fender Repair System, seems to hesitate when he sees 10,000 bolts listed as "miscellaneous parts! BELOW: CE1 Robert Pantekoeck, "... and then I had this strange dream that I was in the Navy."



ABOVE: UT1 Chuck Dvorak, from Oxnard, CA, BU1 Ed Babich, from Shingle Springs, CA, and BUC Bob Kemp, from Oxnard, CA, all agree, "sounds like a NASTYGRAM".



OPERATIONS

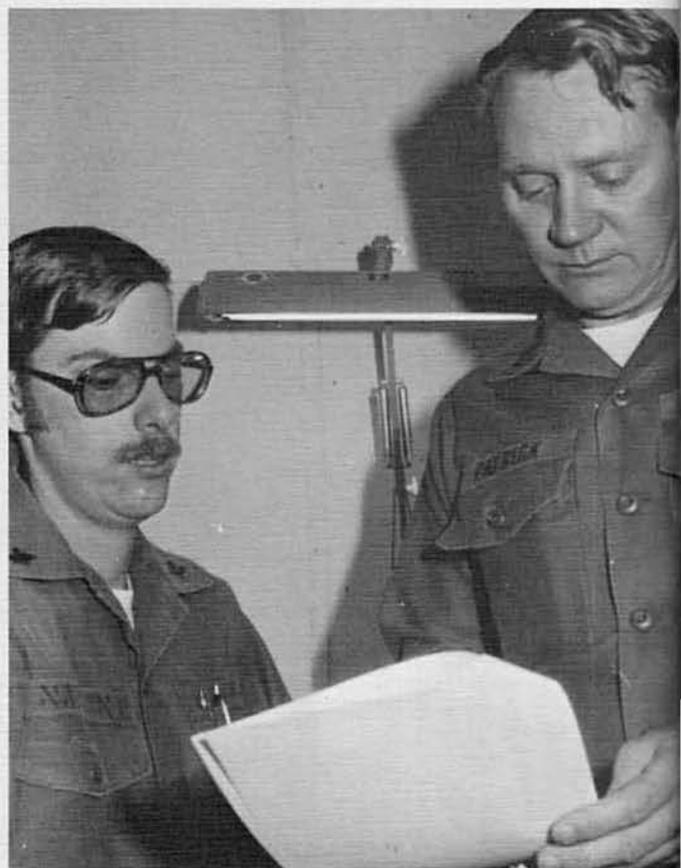
The Operations Department is responsible for the management of the Battalion's construction program and the implementation of an active Quality Control. The Operations Department has a sizeable staff of well-trained individuals from the various OCCFLD 13 ratings, to insure total coordination of all its functions. Primary functions are Safety, Quality Control, Engineering, Timekeeping, Disaster Control, and Monitoring.



ABOVE: Operations Officer, LCDR. Chuck Hamilton, from Green SC, informs Master Chief (CUCM) Clyde "Master" Walker, Jr., from Alton, MO, "see this guy behind me, he's the skipper". BELOW: EA3 Dean Namanny looks on with BUCS Larry (Pat) Patrick, from Cape Girardeau, MO, as the constant paperwork brings the Engineering Staff and Operations office together as coworkers.



ABOVE: LT. John Hsu, from Cleveland, OH, and Operations Yeoman, YN3 Stan "Mr. T" Taylor, from Fort Worth, TX, manage a smile when Mr. Hsu says, "Taylor, here, sign your discharge papers!" (Wish, Wish!)





LEFT: Steelworker Chief Petty Officer Jack Egerton, FIVE's preventative medicine for accidents, the Battalion's Safety Chief. BELOW: CUCM Clyd Walker shows off his new "choppers" (and we don't mean motorcycles!)

Whatever area of ministry happens to dominate any given day, the task of the Seabee Chaplain is always exciting, demanding, and rewarding!

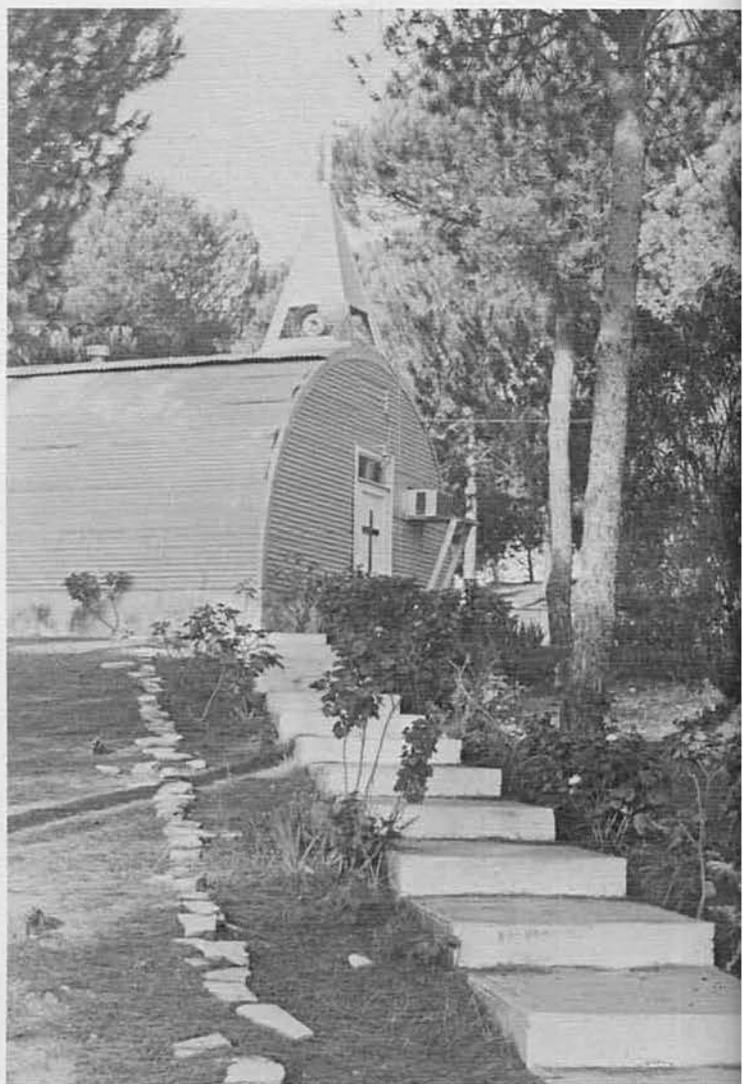
BELOW: CA Rick "Woody" Wood, from Worcester, MA, endures the unpleasant job of time keeping!





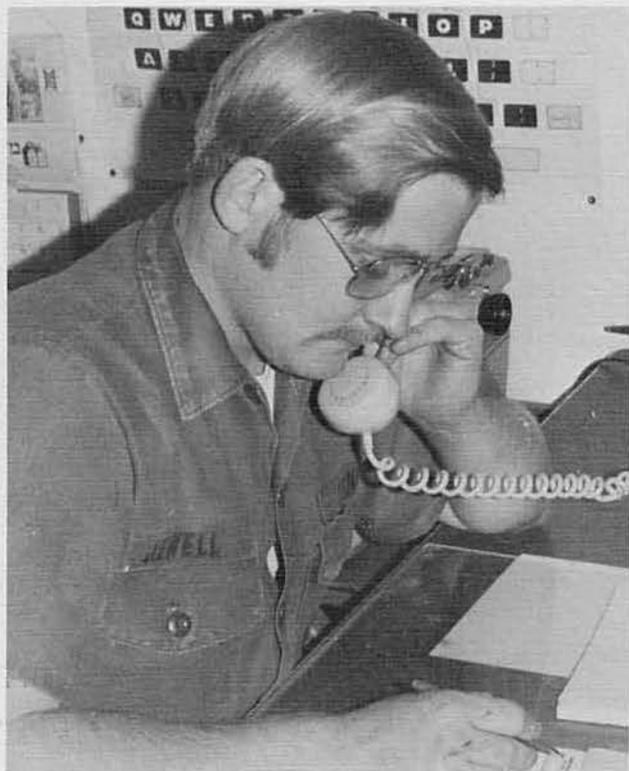
LEFT: LCDR. Allen Latty, from Plainfield, NJ, and BU3 Bill Wiley are the latest in sunglasses.

The mission of the Chaplain's Department in a Seabee Battalion is to provide Pastor Care to every man in the Battalion, regardless of his religious faith. The task of pastoral care involves many aspects of ministry such as assisting men who are experiencing a crisis in life, counseling, conducting worship services, Bible studies, or religious retreats, and visiting men on the job sites. It also involves deployment as the Chaplain's Yeoman. BUCN Gregg Meister, UTCN Stanley Sidney, and BUCN Jon Conard all served a hitch in the Chaplain's Yeoman position during the Rota deployment.



BUCN Ross Jewell, from Minneapolis, MINN, served a short period of duty teaching in areas of human understanding, and on deployment, maintaining the camp library.

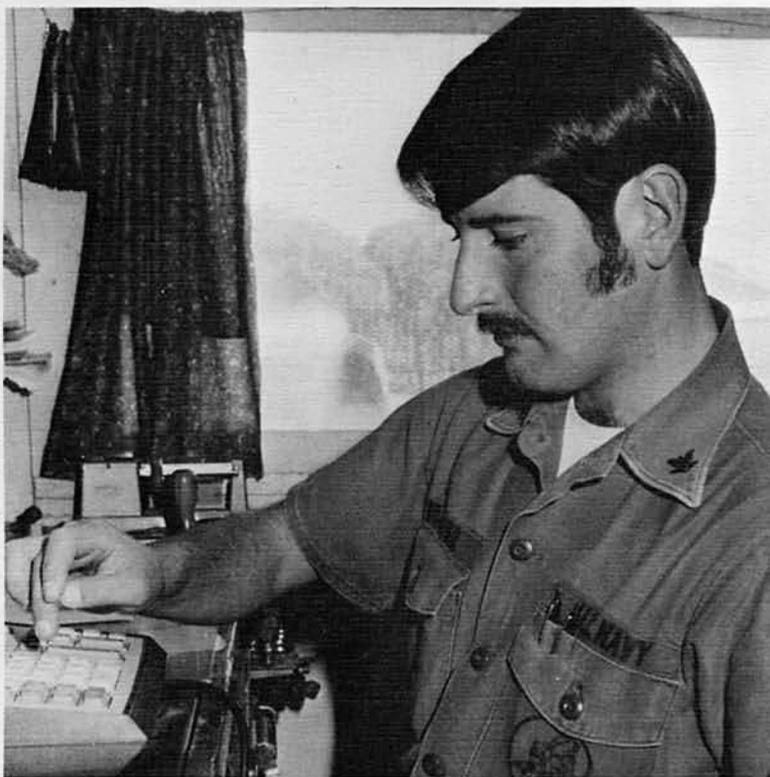
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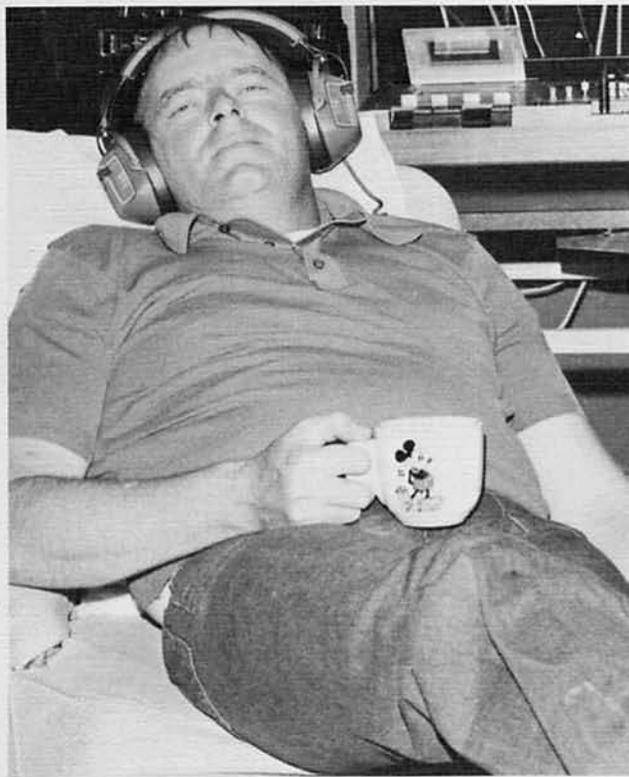


LEFT: PC1 Fred Williams, from Oklahoma City, OK, played Santa Claus by delivering the Battalion's Christmas goodies! BELOW: PC3 Rich Mahrer, from Crosby, ND, thinks to himself, "no matter how many times I do it, it keeps coming up PNA (passed; not advanced)!!!"



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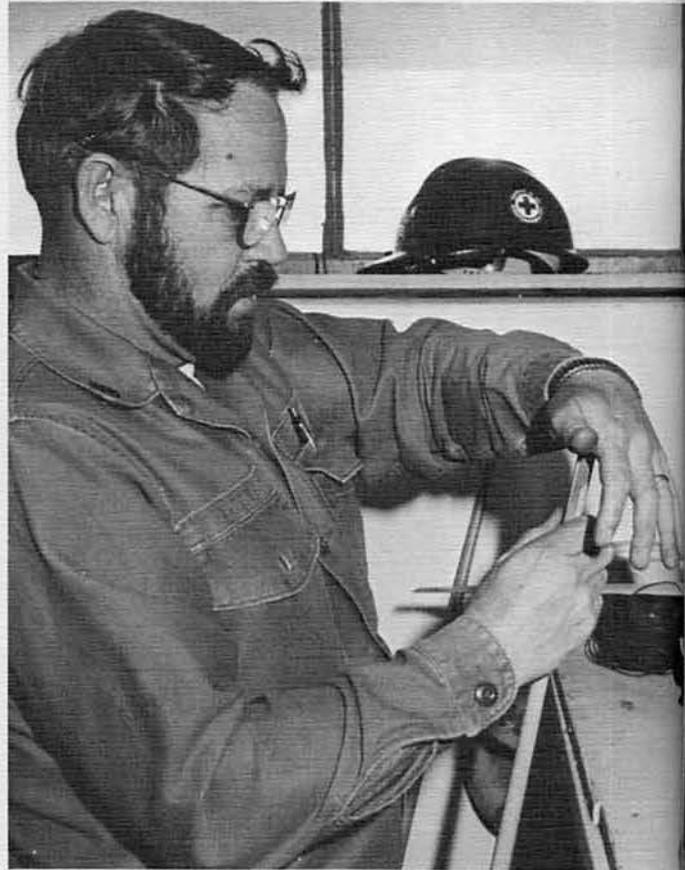
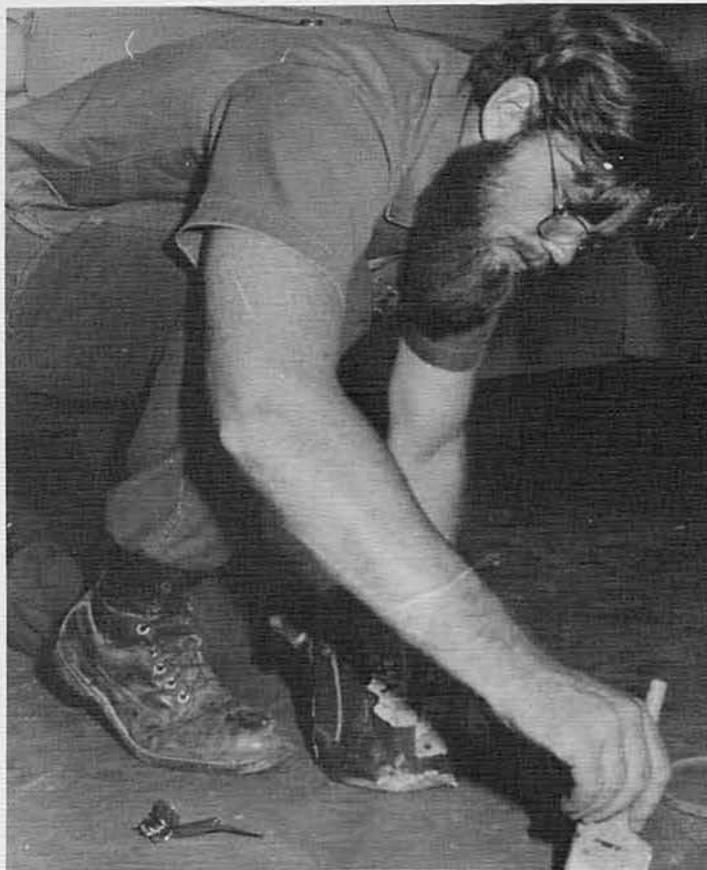
LEFT: CEC Joseph Dorn, from Clarks Hill, SC, and EA1 Tom Kendrick, from Detroit, MICH, discuss potential programs for DMZ. RIGHT: Relaxing at the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone), CE2 Perry Holland hears, "... and now repeat after me: 'Buenas Dias'"



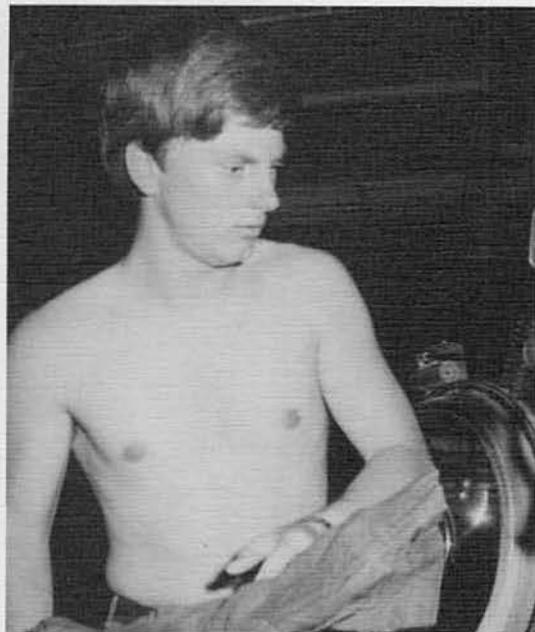


ABOVE: UTCN Mark Flynn explains to SK1 "Bert" Mones that his money fell on the floor, at the Bar in the Special Services Room. BELOW: EOCN John Butrum, from Denver, CO, recently cross-rated to PFC (Private First-Class Citizen)!

BELOW: CM1 Bob Hawley, from Redmond, OR, performs some preventive maintenance to a pool cue. Hawley, retired during the deployment, worked with CMC Terry Green in running the Special Services department.

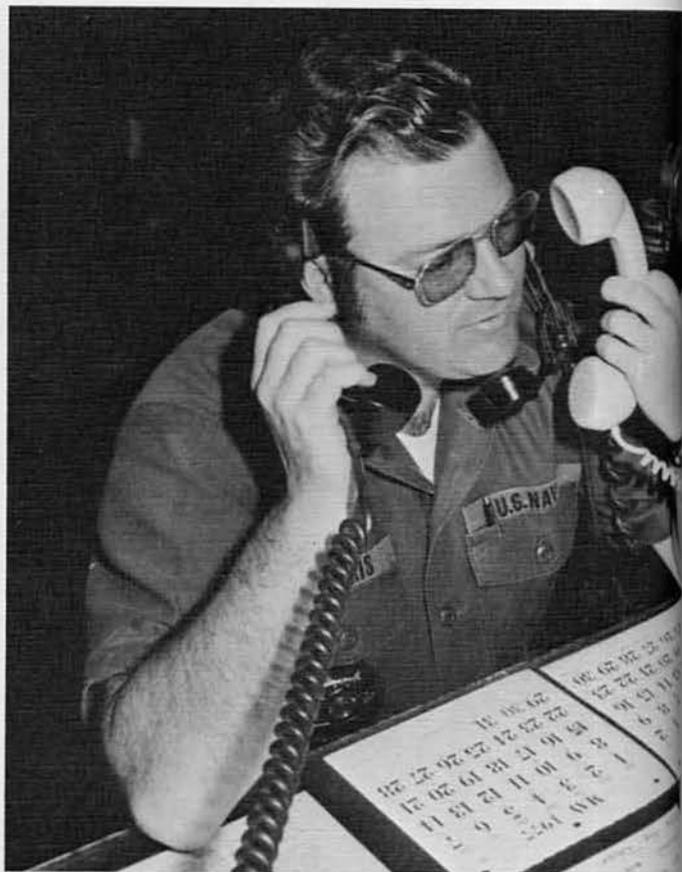


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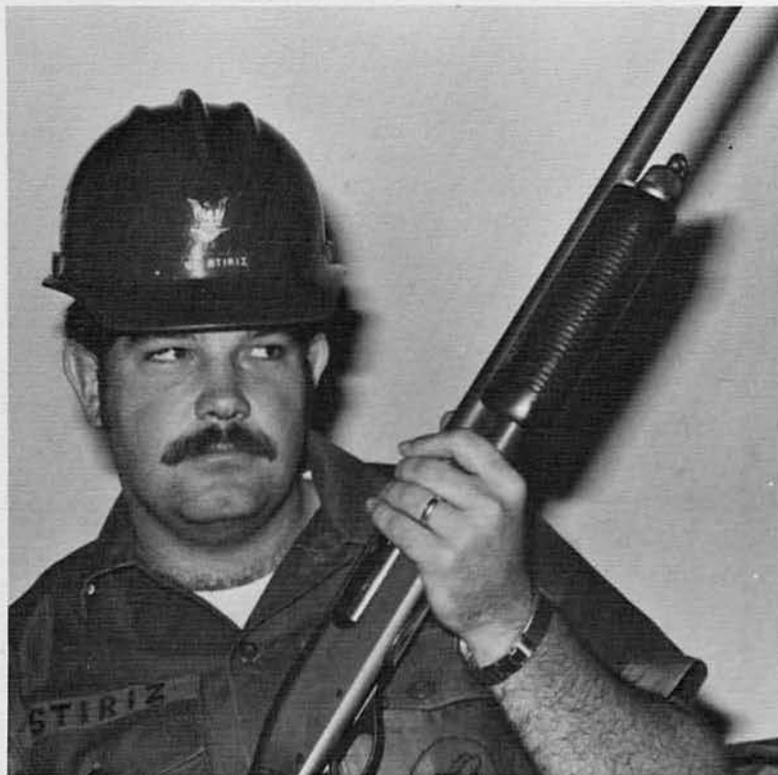
ABOVE: SH1 Jerry "Dix" Dixon, leader of the "Dirty Dozen, commonly known as the Laundry Crew, accepts a receipt from a Spanish National. ABOVE RIGHT: CECN Jeff Cole, from Waterford, CA, does his 'thing', when he worked his temporary duty in the Laundry. RIGHT: BU3 Rick "Bro" Brovitch, from St. Paul, MINN, working on the Body Machine, (which made those green starched shirts stiffer and crisp), seems to be thinking "What's a nice kid like you doin' in a place like this?" BELOW RIGHT: EOCN Jeff Tucker, from Fontana, CA, is seen sweating over the steam press, where he worked his 60-day hitch in the Laundry. BELOW: And of Course, "our Hero", SA Joe Stanley, who now is a civilian. That's why he's smiling!!!





ABOVE: MAC Danny "D.J." Gordon, from Brown Mills, NJ, knows your every move. ABOVE RIGHT: BM2 Robert Doris, from Long Island, NY, says, "Hello, Hello, is anybody there!" BELOW: UT3 Bob Stiriz, from Mayport, NY, guards the Mid-Rats: "Don't come any closer or I'll . . ." BELOW RIGHT: BU2 Earl "E.J." Copeland, from Salinas, CA, counts the days! E.J. did a great deal of work on the Girl Scout camp in the Rota Base area.

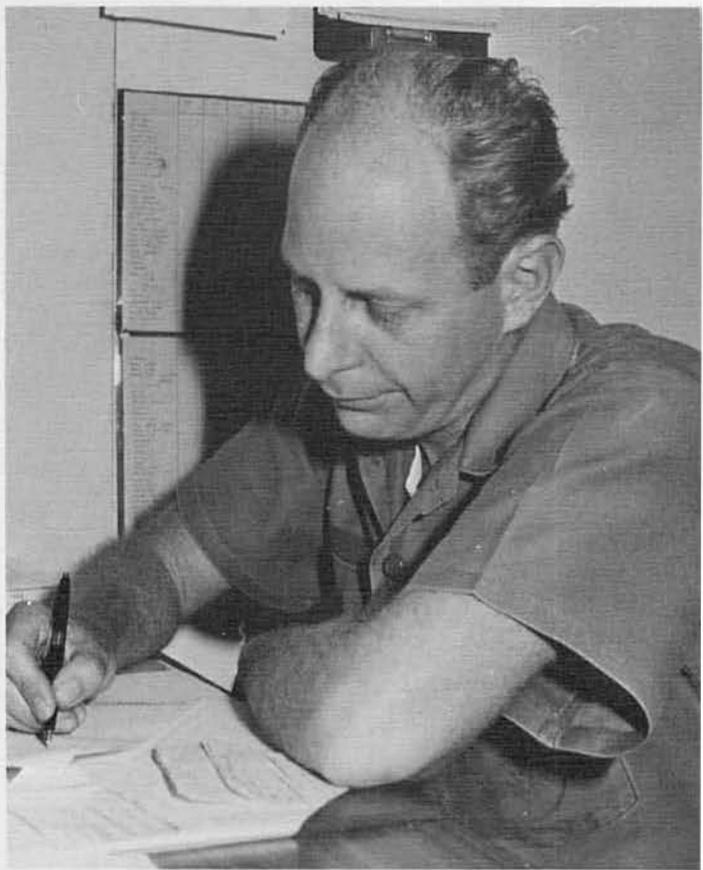
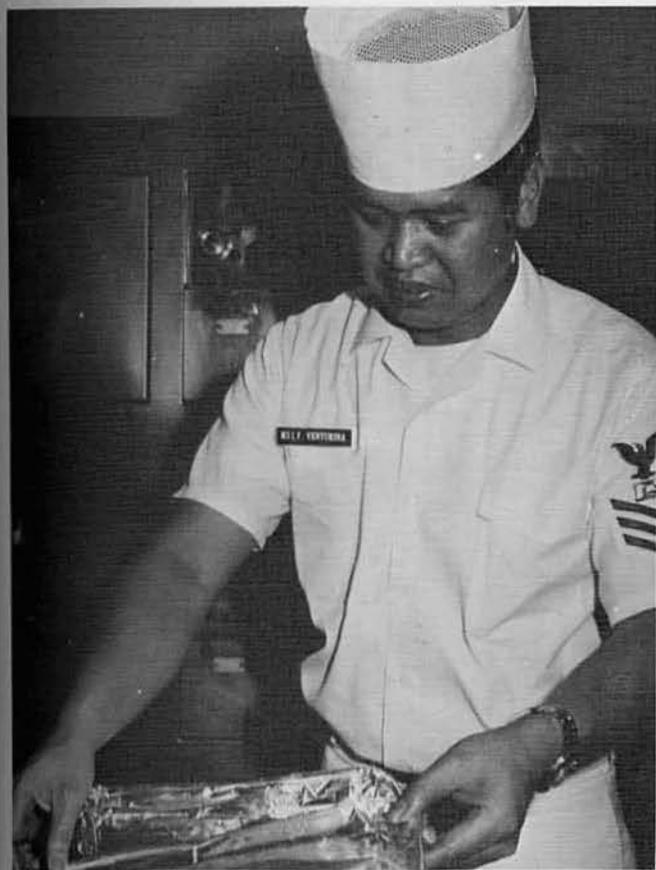
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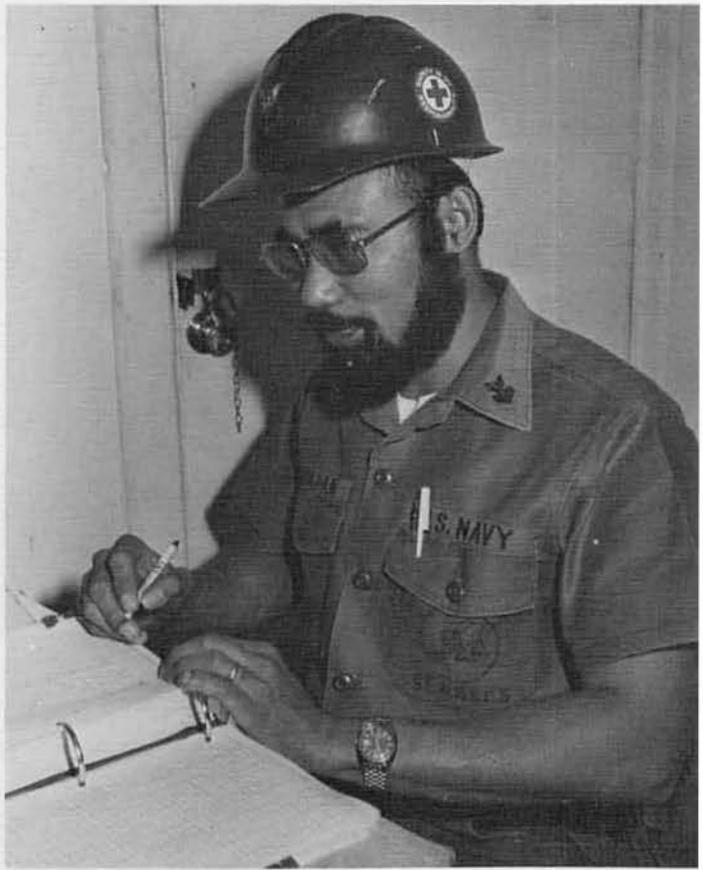
GALLEY



ABOVE: CE1 Mel Ha, from Wahiawa, HI, was held captive in the Galley and sent the following request to BUPERS: ". . . respectfully request a transfer to any ship, any station, any flag, any nation, just get me out of the Galley!!!!" BELOW: MS1 Fidel Venturina, from Nueva Ecija, Philippines, "I never could figure out these T.V. dinners!"



ABOVE: MSCS John Wilken, from Civic Palasides, CA, takes care of the paperwork that puts the food on our tables. BELOW: MS1 Anastolor "Five-A's" Roldan, from Oxnard, CA, says "Hey Chief, what do you want to do with these 100 cases of Ken-L-Ration?"

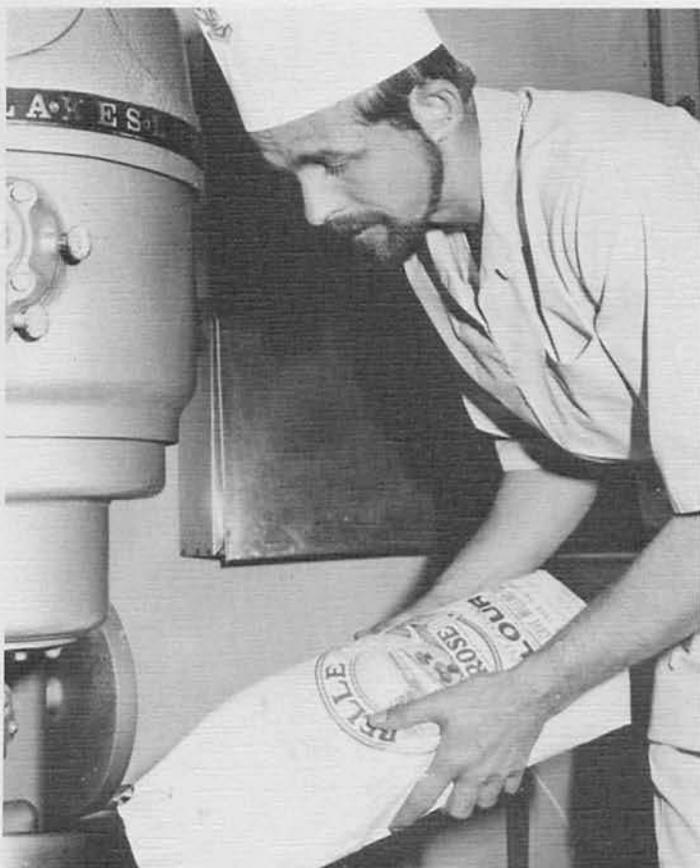


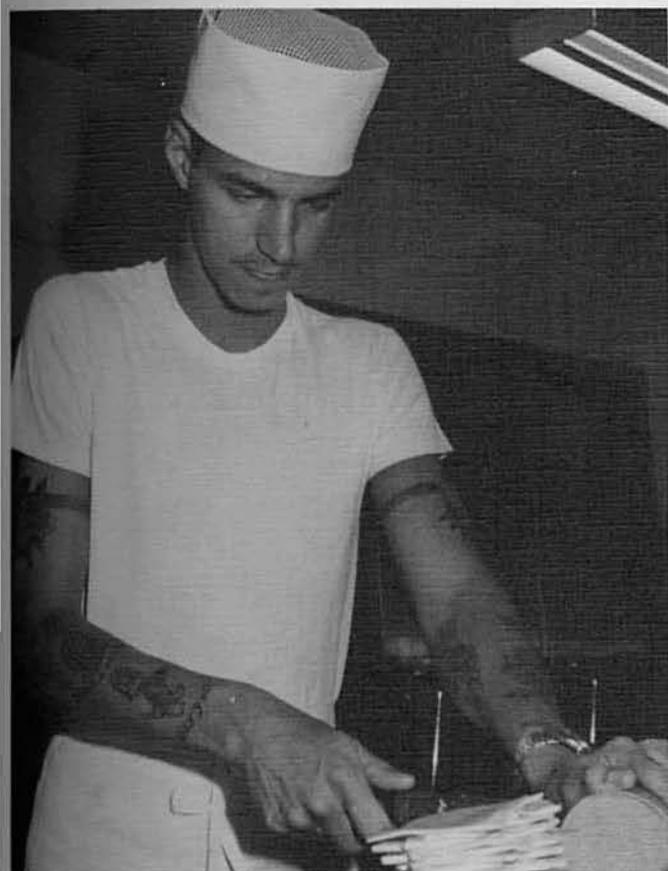


ABOVE: MS1 Ray Ramos, from Cavite, Philippines, with some fresh? hot dog rolls. BELOW: The Battalion's own little Pillsbury doughboy, MS2 "J. T." Davis.

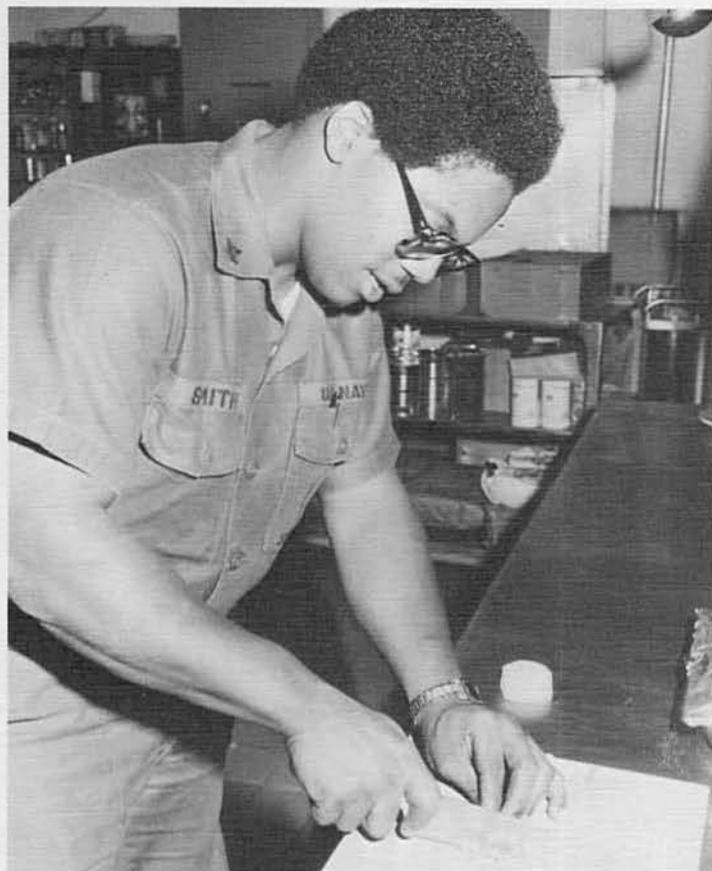


ABOVE: MS1 Vic Devera, from Oxnard, CA, seems to say, "al Miller, what are you doin' in there?!" BELOW: MS2 Romeo Salan from Oxnard, CA, prepares some French Fries.

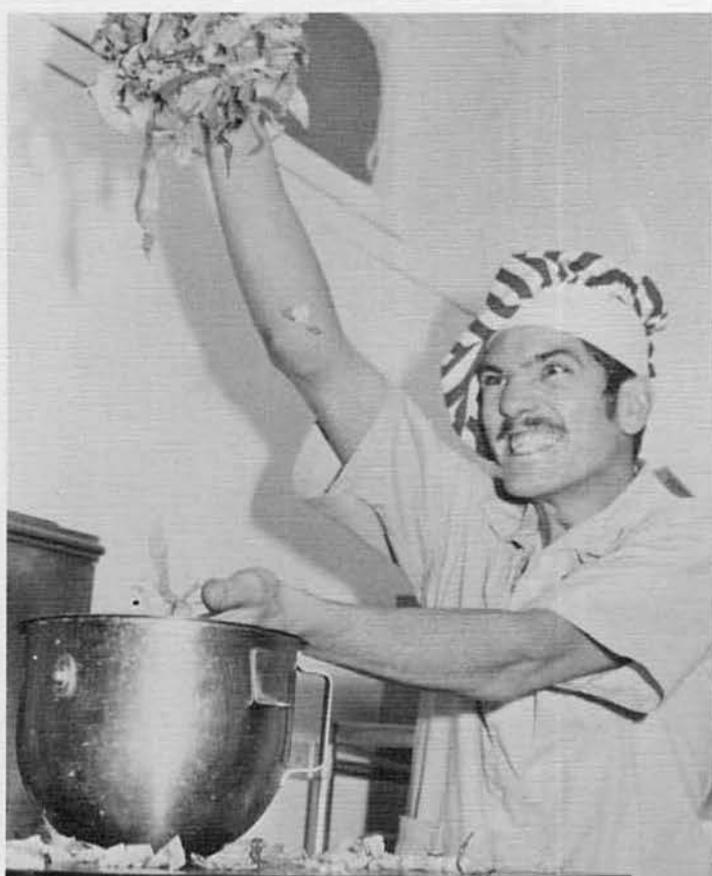
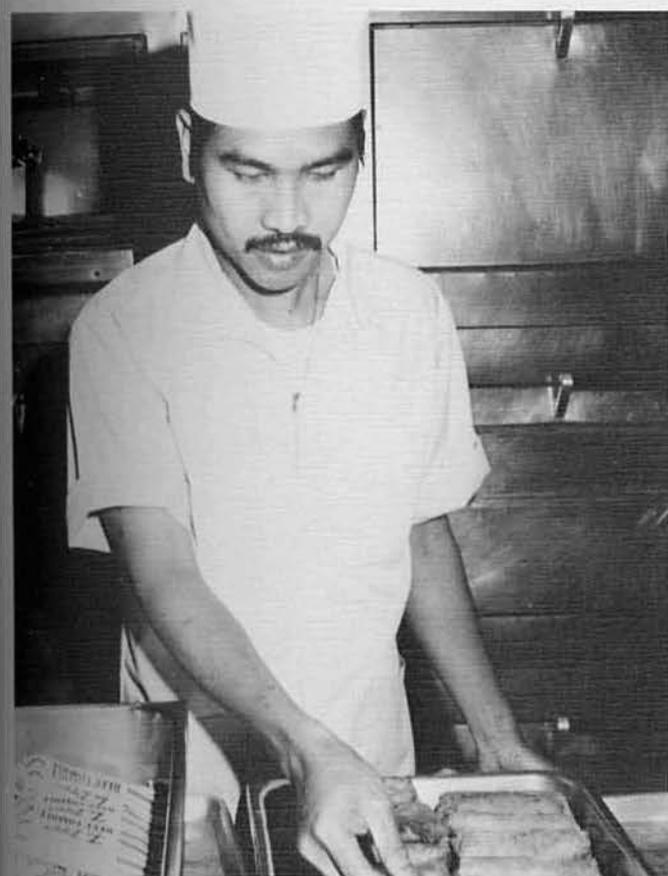


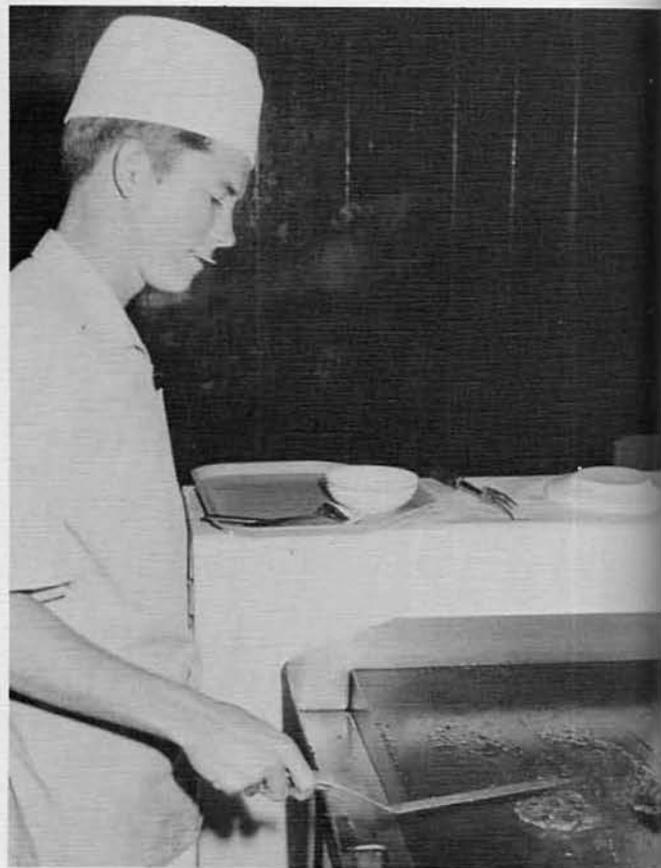
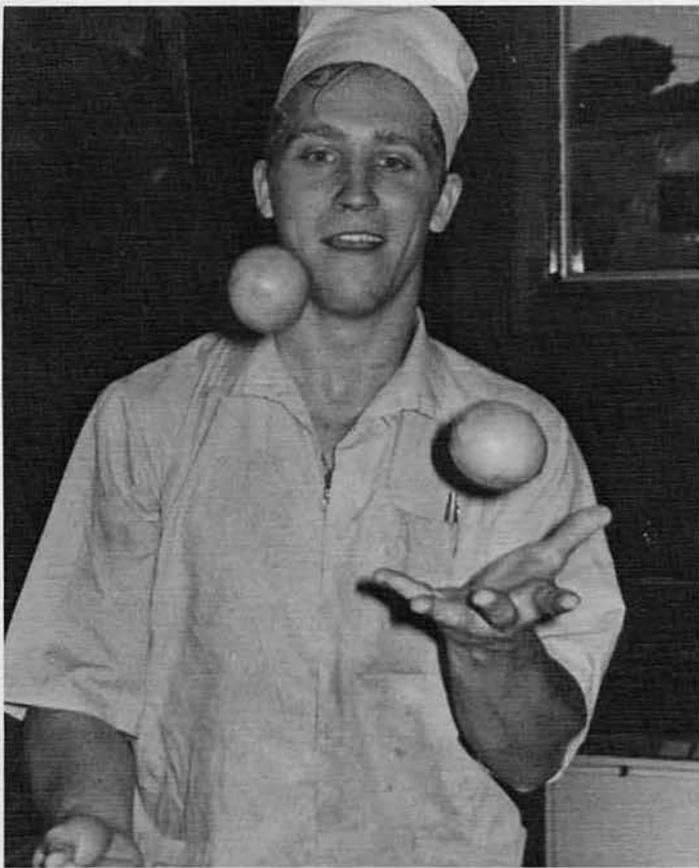


ABOVE: MS3 Rick "Cookie" Biondo, from Annadale, CA, starts the daily chore of making Mid-Rats. BELOW: MS3 Fidel Interior, from Nueva Ecija, Philippines, readies one of the Battalion's Mexicana especial.



ABOVE: MS3 "madDog" Smith isn't the type of guy to cry over spilled milk; onions, maybe! BELOW: MSSN Terry Snyder, from Oxnard, CA, adds finishing touches to one of his famous Chef's Salad.

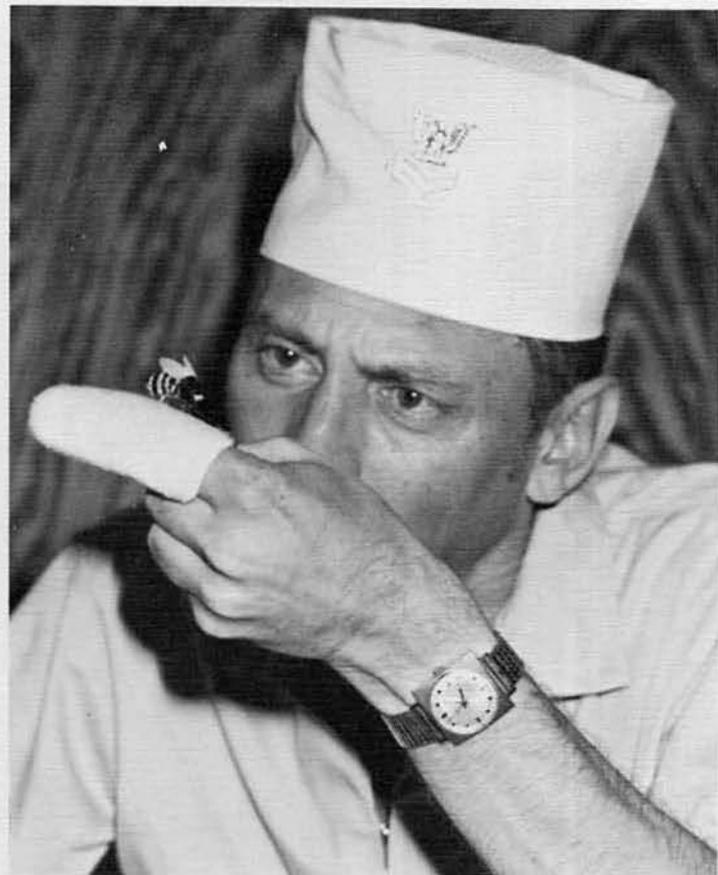


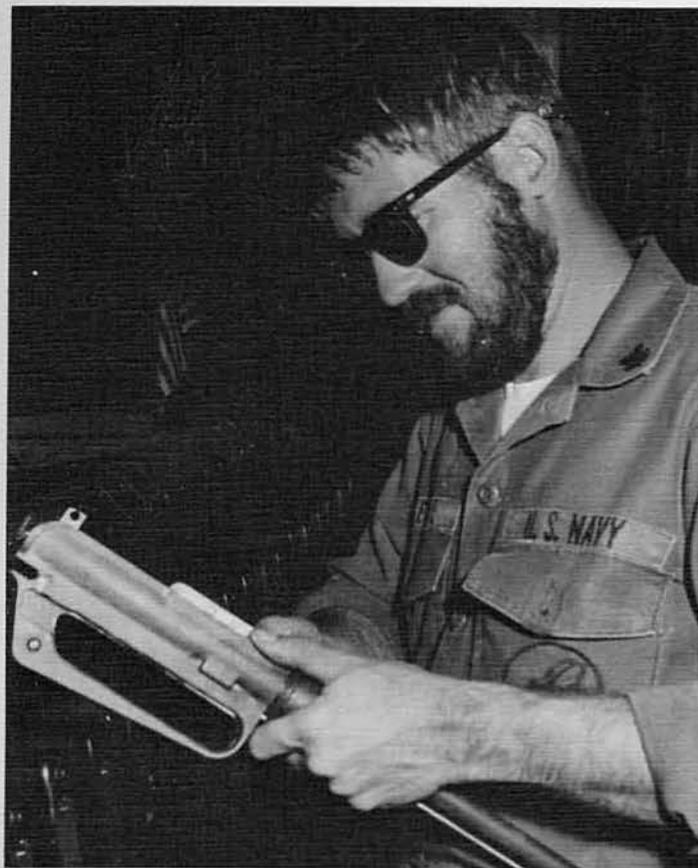


ABOVE LEFT: MSSN Bill Miller says "if you think this is good, should try one of my omelettes! ABOVE: MS3 Mark Bishop prepares Battalion's daily dose of 'burgers!!! LEFT: MS3 Alforja Sonney, from Rizan, Philippines, says "... and do these guys REALLY eat this stuff? RIGHT: MS1 Rodolfo "Fab" Fabriculan, from Oxnard, CA, is seen at his typewriter, "... so because of the reasons stated, I respectfully request COM RATS!". FAR RIGHT: MS1 Mel Chapman, also a part-time Builder, looks at his finger and "bumbling" friend, and says, "Well, BEE darn!"

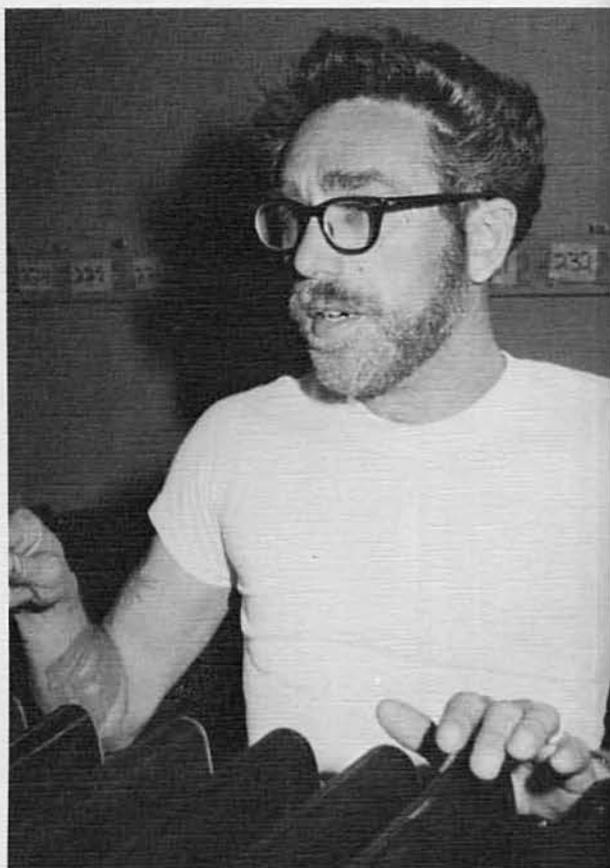


"Our Spanish Compadres"; all together guys . . . "FINITO?"





ABOVE: GMG1 Joe Levine says, "so that's what the inside looks like!!!"



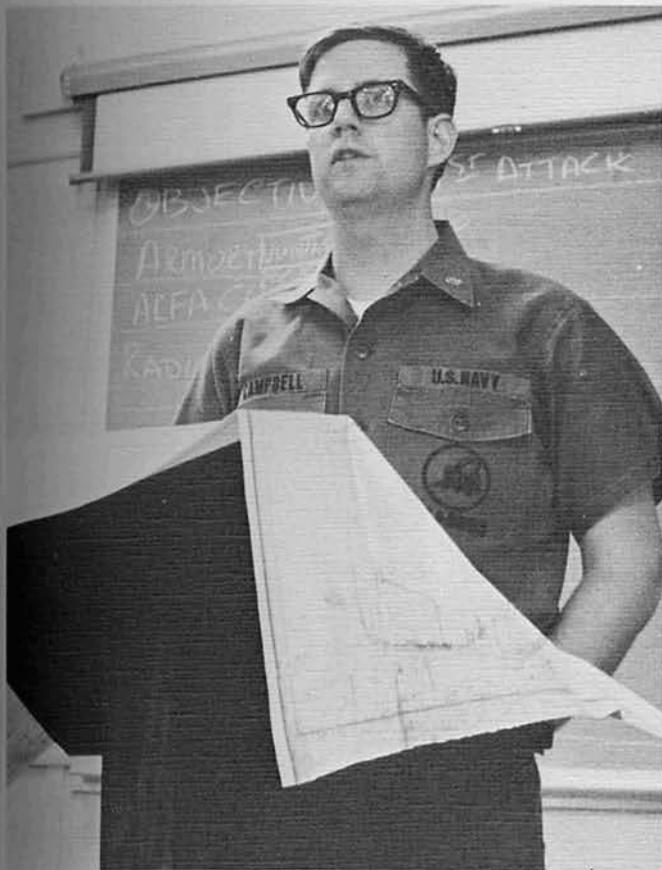
ABOVE: GMG1 Ben "Abdul" Benjamin, from Towanda, PA, says "really everyone has got to clean seven weapons!"

ARMORY



ABOVE: GMG2 Riley "Chief" Garnanez, from Farmington, NM, tells GMG3 Tom Cheatham, from Los Angeles, CA, "Don't tell me it's my sunglasses, this weapon is filthy!" RIGHT: Seaman Stan "Boy" Ginish, from Pawtucket, RI, says "If you want something done right, let a non-rate do it!"





ABOVE LEFT: LT. Gordon Campbell says, "All right, men, you know your mission; now stand back, because me and this podium are going to self-destruct, 10-4!" ABOVE: EOC Phillip "Muggsie" Knowles, from Port Heuneme, CA, takes his rewards with a Florida-lemon grin!"

The Plans and Training Department was composed of five separate divisions during the Rota, Spain deployment:

- Plans and Training
- Ordinance (Armory)
- Embarkation
- Substance Abuse
- Career Counseling (CARCO)

The department is headed by LT. Gordon Campbell, who relieved LT. Bill Scarborough in December, '76. The Assistant Training Officer is EOC Phil Knowles. The Division Officers/L.P.O.'s are LT(JG) Randy Williams, Embark Division Officer; GMG1 Joe Levine, Ordinance LPO; CEC Joe Dorn, Substance Abuse Division Officer; and NC1 Jim Satterly, CARCO LPO.

The S2 department's responsibilities are many and varied. They include Equal Opportunity Training and Program Implementation, Military and Technical Training, Mounting out the Battalion, providing the counseling and assistance required in the operation of the Substance Abuse, and CARCO Divisions.

The most memorable activities originating from the department were the stand-down for Combat Skills and General Military Training, the Coffee House (a place of help and recreation), the Air Det. to La Maddalena, the ship-load exercise, and reenlisting under the "infamous" Seabee statue.

TRAINING

BELOW: First Sergeant Robert Rigdon, from Jacksonville, FL, the Battalion's Marine Advisor, instructs a few of the men on the M60 machine gun during Military Training. BELOW RIGHT: EO3 Ron Heth says, "I leave the Army, join the Navy, and here I am in fatigues AGAIN!!!"



SUPPLY

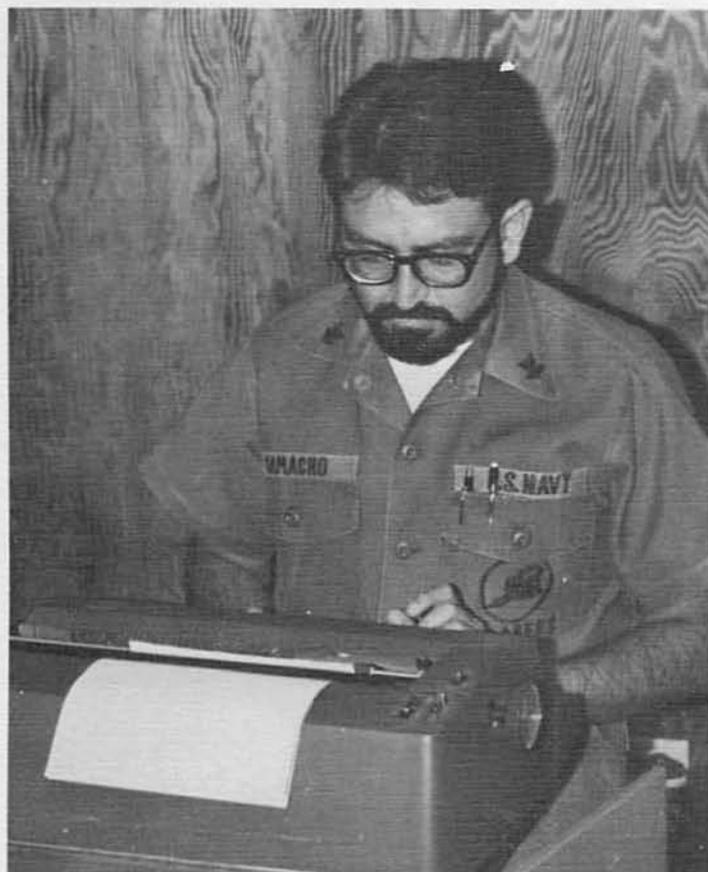


LEFT: LCDR Bill Jones, from Yakima, WASH., informs one of the men. "You don't wear the SEABEE emblem on your whites." ABOVE: SKC Tom Finley tells ENS. Greenwood, "I think they call it a 1250 or something like that." BELOW LEFT: SH1 "Pojo" Harrison, "I think I'll work late today and stay for lunch." BELOW: SK1 Bert Mones, from La Palma, CA, "I only wish it was that easy to find these guys when there's work to be done'."





ABOVE: SK2 John Lacy, from San Angelo, TX, "Wow, now that's a beaver shot!" BELOW: SHSA Kevin Gleason, from Bristol, WI, says "Food, water, tent—let's Mount-Out!!!"



ABOVE: SK2 Mike Camacho, from Ventura, CA, fills out a request for a new reefer! "I wonder who could have punctured that Freon line?" BELOW: SKSN Mike Bigelow, from Burlington, NC, says, "Maybe if I plug it in, it'll work!!!"





CENTRAL TOOL ROOM

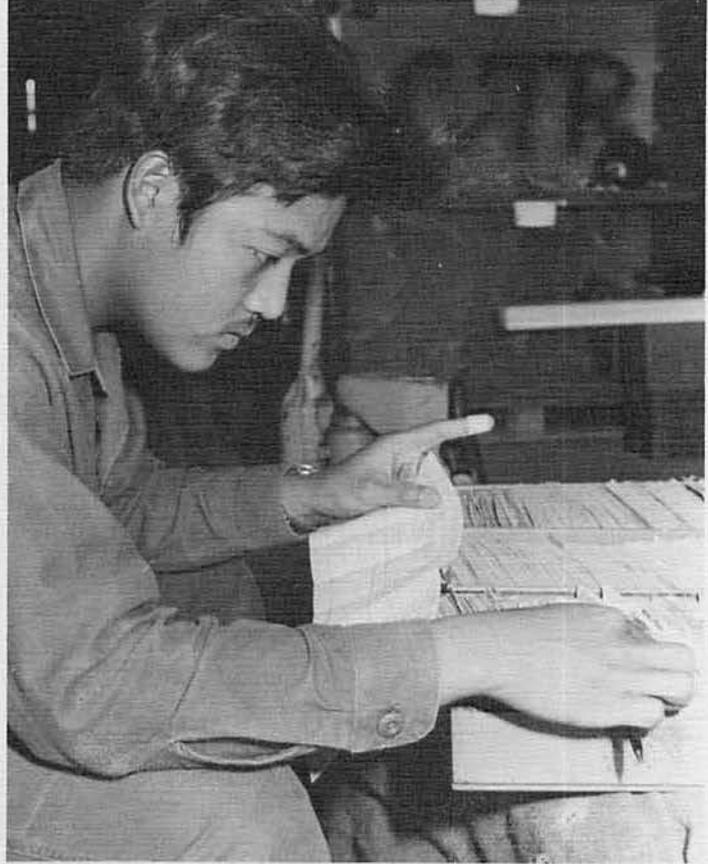
ABOVE: BU1 Herb Bradey, from Landrum, SC, takes inventory in CTR. ABOVE RIGHT: BU2 Ed Tait, from Mikado, MICH, repairs some of the equipment in CTR. BU3 BELOW: Chris Dallas tells BU3 Gregg Zellers "I found it in the filing cabinet under "C" for chainsaw!" RIGHT: CE3 Ernesto Apilado "Ernie", from La Union, Philippines, assembles some of the equipment.





ABOVE: SK3 "Bernie" Hernandez, from San Antonio, TX, "Uh-oh, I better look busy; here comes the photographer!" BELOW: CMCN Bob Davis was CTR's VERY OWN Construction Mechanic!

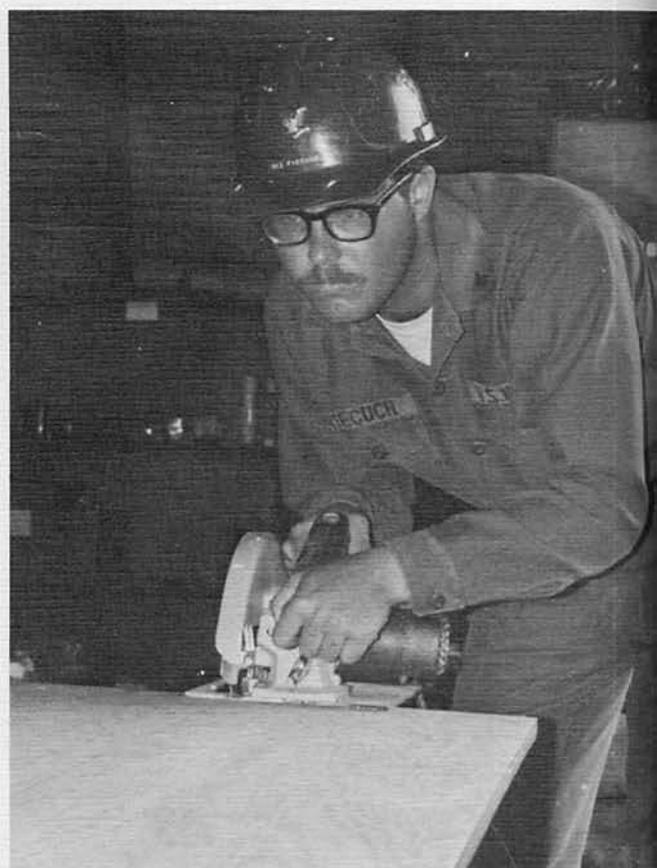
ABOVE: BUCN Mark Curtis, from Augusta, MN, in action, working happily(?) away, just "screwing" around! BELOW: SKSA Oscar Menosaba, from Oakland, CA, busies himself with CTR's paperwork.





CENTRAL SUPPLY ROOM

ABOVE: SK1 "Ponc" Tolentino, from Pampanga, Philippines, looks up some index numbers. BELOW: SK3 Steve Chasse, from Lewiston, MN, takes care of some 1250's, which are forms for "purchasing" material from one department (MLO, CSR, SUPPLY) to any other in the Battalion.



ABOVE: SK3 Andy "Maddog" Piecuch, from Oak Forest, ILL, takes aim before making a cut, "Did you see what I saw?" BELOW: SKSN Bill Shoemake, from Denton, MO, wonders what he will find in this crate. "Maybe my "mummy" sent me something from Egypt!"

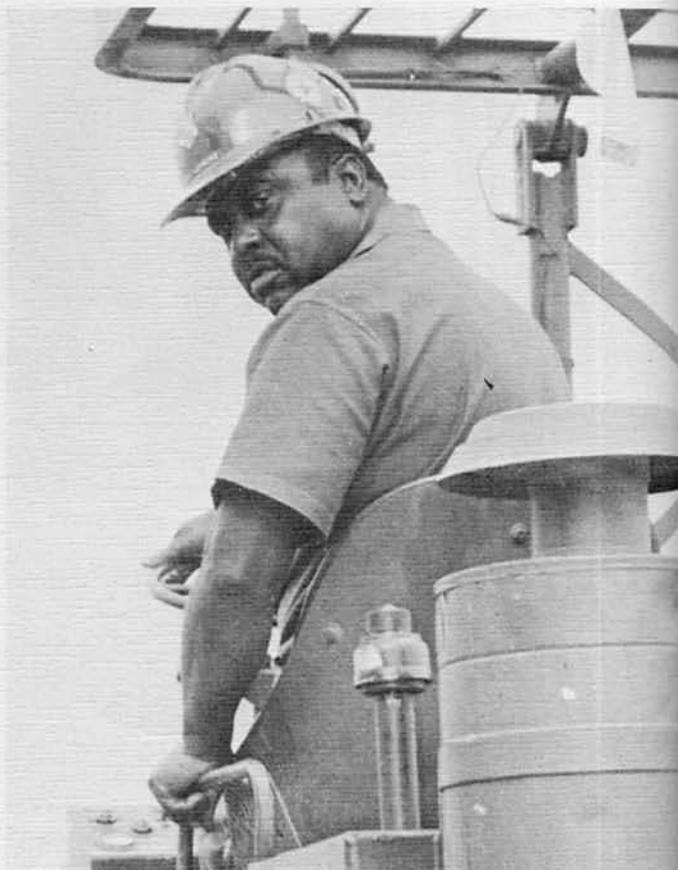




ABOVE: LT(JG) John Smithey left Embark to fulfill the duties of O.I.C. to Detachment Thurso, Scotland. ABOVE RIGHT: EOCN Glenn Bruce, from Whittier, CA, watches as EO1 Mike Cook, from Hondo, TX, points out, "This is the WAVES

Barracks!!!" BELOW: Though it looks like EO1 Cook is playing John Wayne in Silver City, (seen attacking the Armory during Military Training), someone should tell Cook the Pony Express went out of business a LONG time ago.

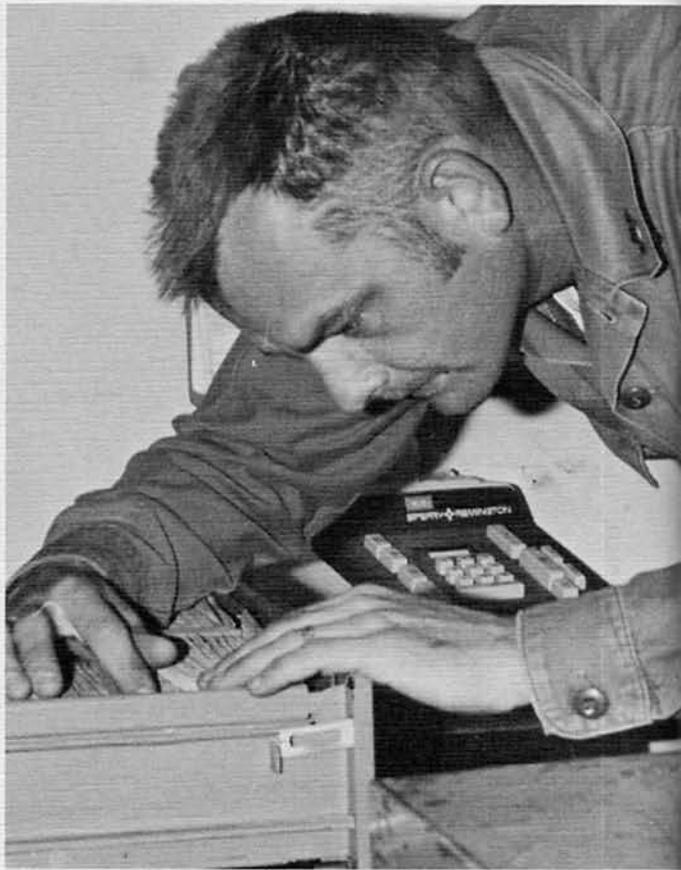




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ABOVE: BUC John Guiher, from White Cloud, MICH, was coach for the Battalion's very successful basketball team, and also was the LPO of the MLO Department. BELOW: UT2 Marion Hill, from Heber Springs, AR, thinks "Aplace for everything and everything in its place!"

ABOVE: EO1 Willie Lawrence, from Los Angeles, CA, falls victim to the Battalion's "Candid Camera"! BELOW: CE2 John Weaver takes care of some filing, which is the constant pain of all supply functions!

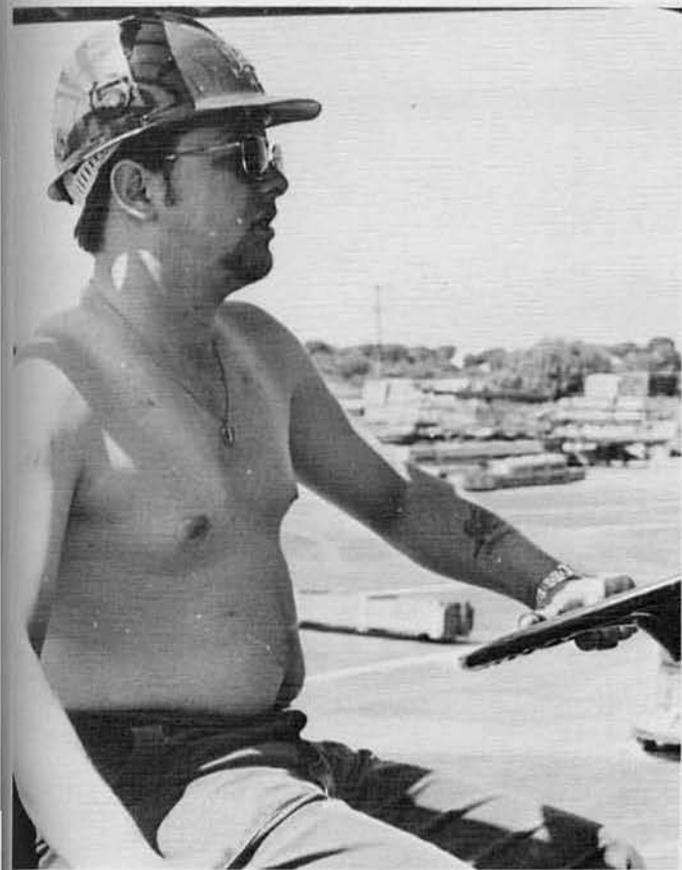


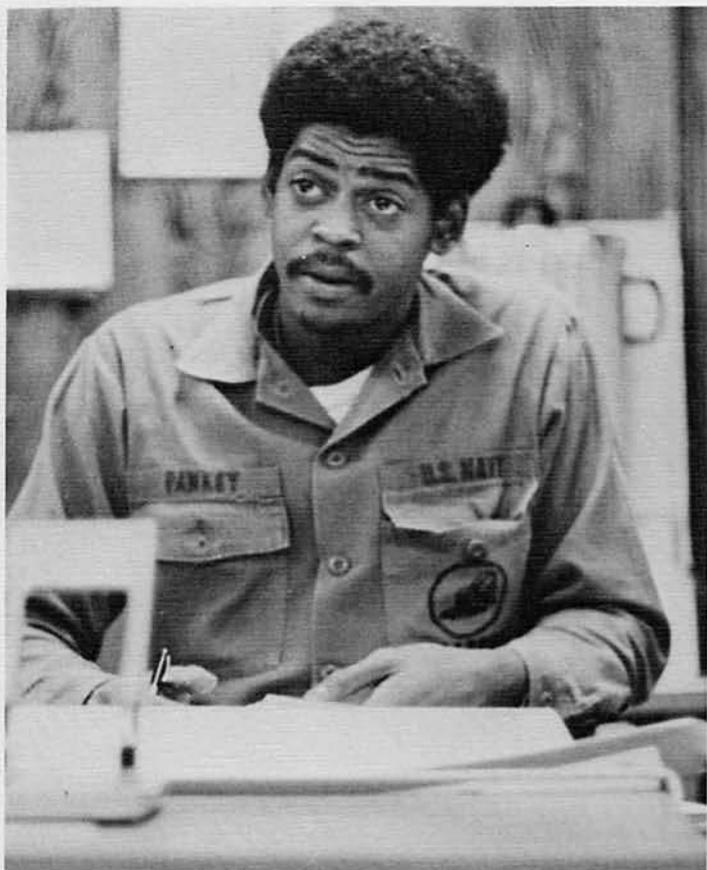


ABOVE: EOCN Ken Ruzicka, from Bemidji, MINN, takes a break from his usual duties as an Equipment Operator. BELOW: UT2 Rickie Brown "Oh Mama, can this really be the end, to be stuck in side of Rota with the Seabee blues again!!"

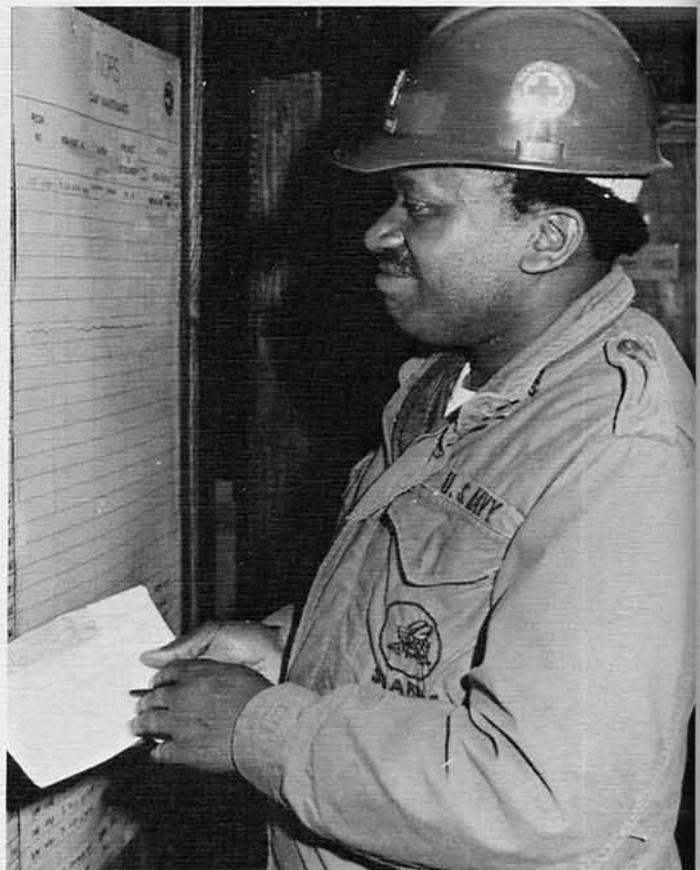


ABOVE: EO3 Bill Gibb, from Mauk, GA, worked in the MLO Yard in the day and drove the liberty bus at night. BELOW: SK2 Angel Luna, from Phoenix, CA, was promoted to Storekeeper Second Class during the deployment, but his job was working in the MLO Office and standing the duty Storekeeper on his duty days.

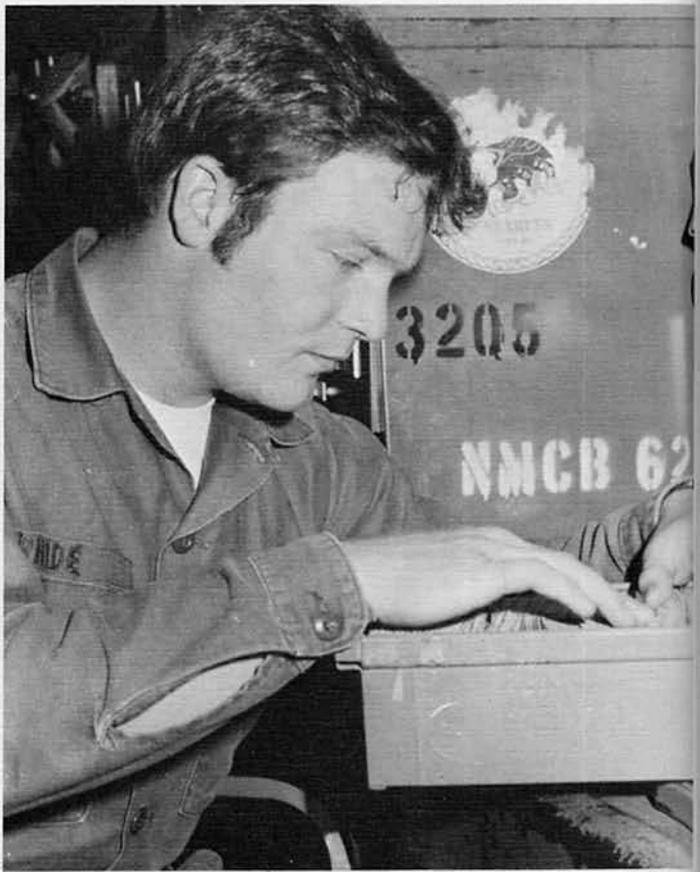




ABOVE: SKSN Keith "Bread" Pankey, from Brooklyn, NY, says, "What, me worry?!" BELOW: SKSN Mark McCaslin, from Cheyenne, WY, pinned on Third Class Petty Officer during the deployment, and his job was with Supply, where he worked in Repair Parts most of the deployment.



ABOVE: SK1 Leroy "Jonesy" Jones left for Sigonella late in the deployment. (Rumor has it that NIS planted him in FIVE as Kojack's brother!) BELOW: SKSN Todd "Mongo" Rhode, from St. Paul, MINN, in one of his more tranquil moments.

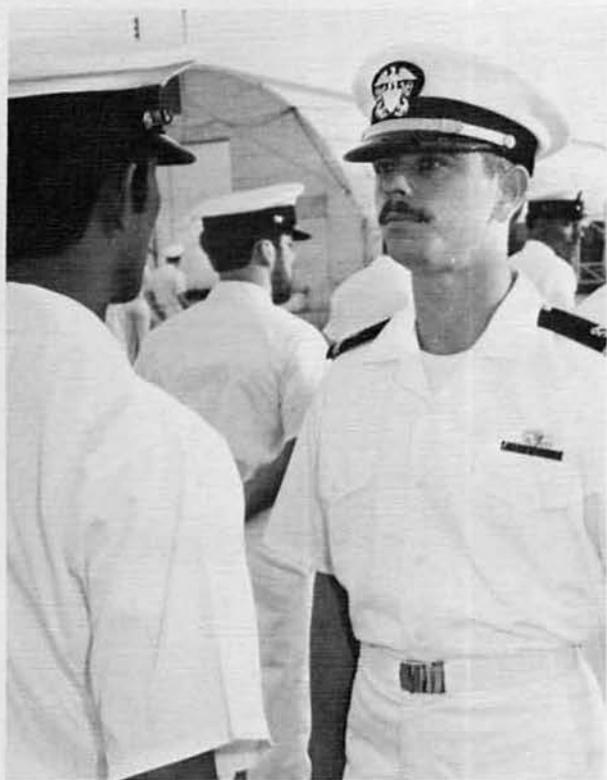




ABOVE: This is as close to the Fleet BU2 Breaux cares to get!
 BELOW: ENS Nelson Sipin wonders, "Does this guy know where my boot is?" Mr. Sipin is our present time "Boot" Ensign!



ABOVE: HM2 Bob Oliver, from Lake Hughes, CA, left FIVE while it was in homeport), at his going-away party. "Hey, I'm old but do I really need this bottle of 'liquid energy'?" BELOW: ENS Bill Dos Santos, from Bridgeport, CT, "How are they gonna' keep us down on the farm after we've seen Rota?"



RIGHT: BU2 Dom Mantout wonders if he's going to get payed as BM3 John Irwin and BU1 Charley Crowder give him the "redneck routine".



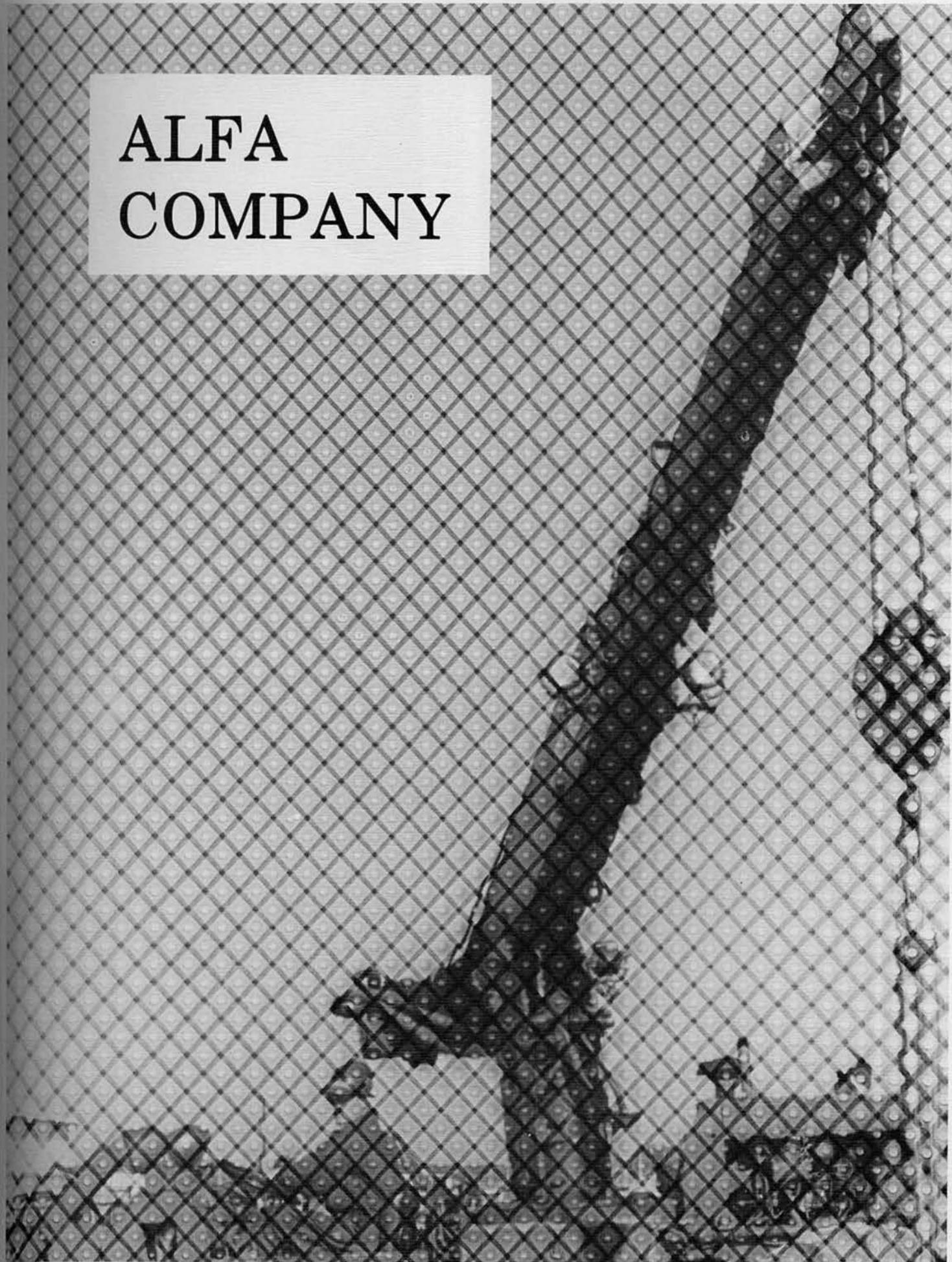
LEFT: LT.(JG) Jim Williams, the "new kid in town", is the charge of Embarkation, replacing LT(JG) John Smithey; "I didn't know five-ton's can swim!"



BELOW LEFT: SWCN Mike O'Neil, from Hillsdale, NJ, "There must be a better way to make a living!" BELOW: LT (JG) Gil Dalit performs his duties as the Photo Officer, "It's so hard to concentrate around here!"



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COMPANY**





ABOVE: CMCS Joe Harris, from Oxnard, CA, says, "I can tell by your outfit that you are a Seabee!!"



ABOVE: CMC Tom Ackerson, from Mahwah, NJ, calmly says "Two F-111's and a What! What are we gonna do with . . . , with AIRPLANES!"



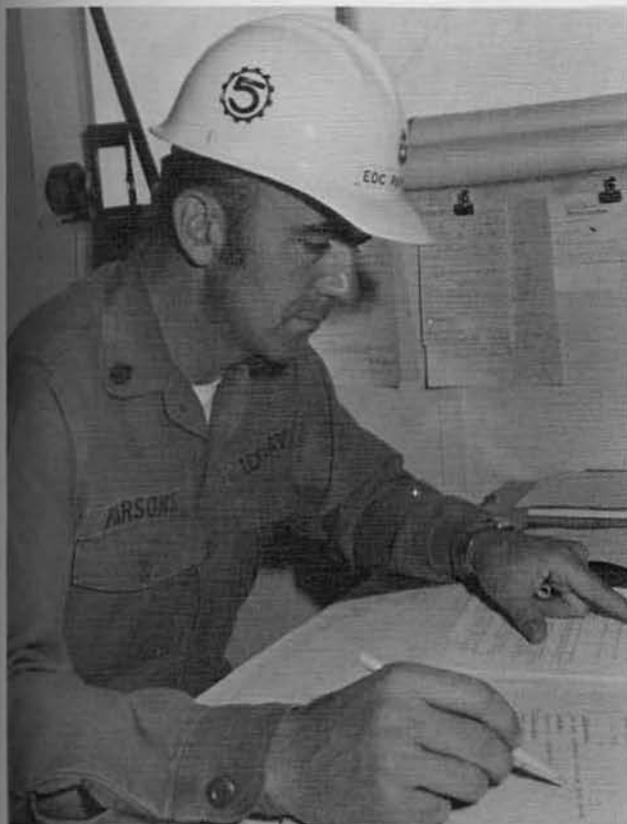
Part of FIVE's contribution to the static display at Rota's Armed Services' Day celebration.



ABOVE: E01 John Pope, from San Diefo, CA, says, "25 dollars on Black Jack to win, and 5 on Smokin' Joe to show."



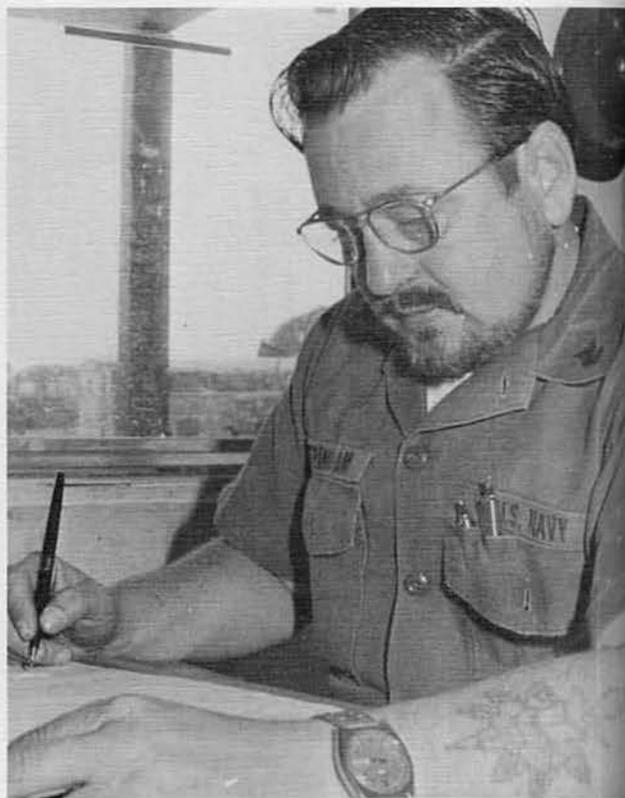
ABOVE: CMC Jerry Matsumoto, caught in a moment of "spare" time, "Dear MOM, am having a wonderful . . ."



LEFT: EOC Gail "Doc" Parsons, from Ventura, CA, thinks "What's a four letter word for Seabee?" ABOVE: EOC Burriss Mooney, "Sorry Chief, but NAVY TIMES doesn't need a center-fold."



EO1 Al Briski, from Chisholm, MINN, "Says here, PERMIT Sorry Son, you can't operate that wheelbarrow without a qualified Petty Officer supervising."



EO2 Don Stringham says, "So, they wanna replace me with Xerox Machine! We'll see about that!"



EO1 Ralph Bunch, from Simi Valley, CA, "Oh! What a night!"



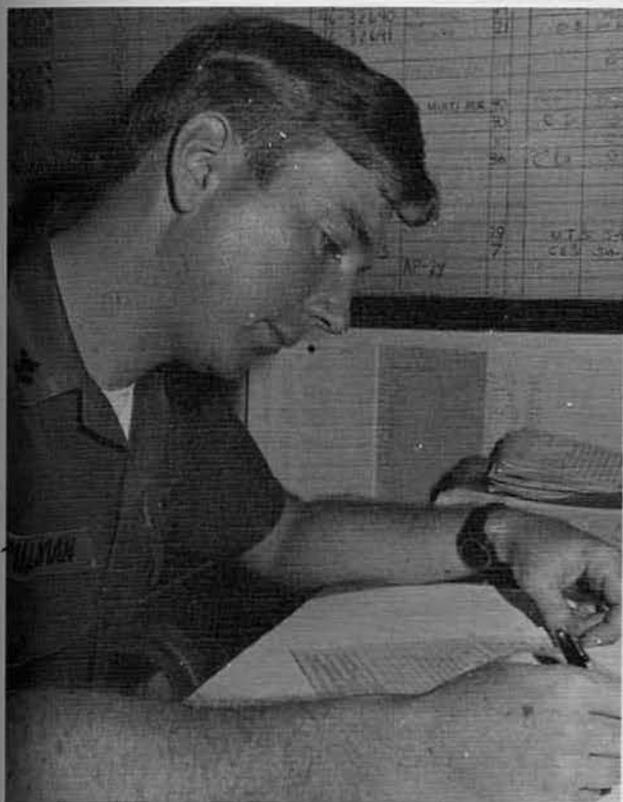
EO1 Dennis Wooley, from Spokane, WA, says "Hey!! Wh ripped all the pin ups out?"



EO2 Craig Graybeal, complains "But it couldn't be out of fuel, Chief! I put 59c worth in it last week!"



EO2 Jim Branch, from St. Louis, MO, "I wonder if the Captain would mind a 'duece and a half'."



CM2 Jim Spillman, from Fayetteville, NC, grumbles, "I take dictation too! A good body isn't everything. they hired me for my mind!"



EO2 Mark Kenneoy, from Chesterton, IND, "Oh how I hate to push pencils, since I found it's easier to pull 'em!!!"

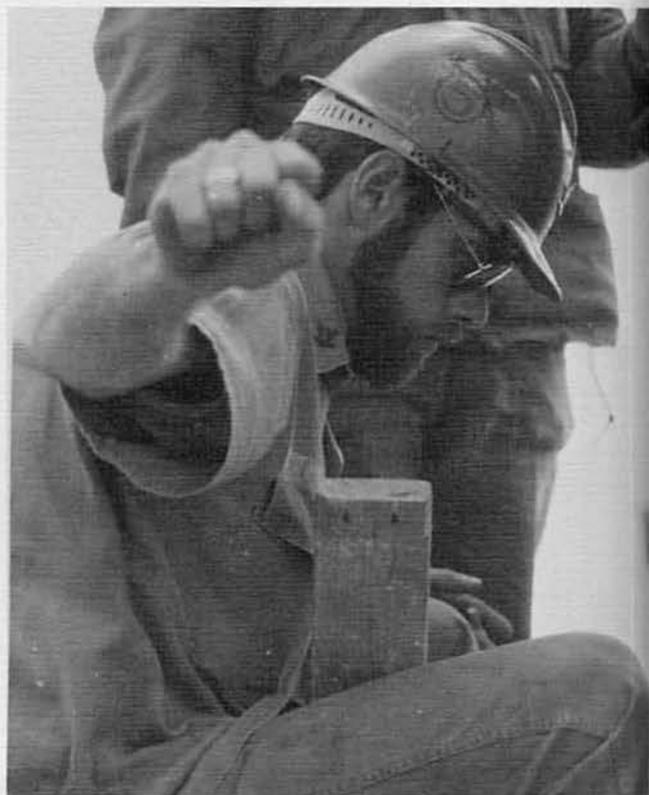
PIER II FENDER REPAIR CREW



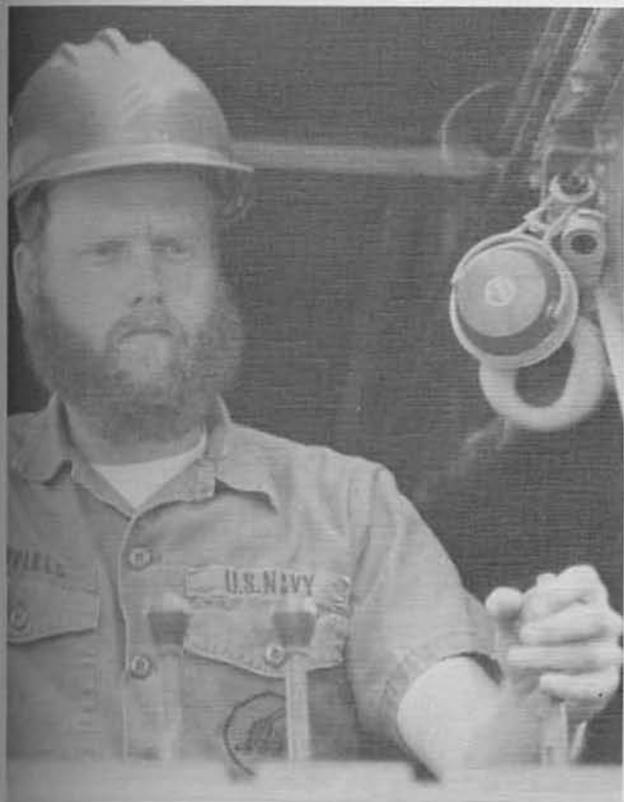
The EO crew at work removing old piles, with the job nearing completion.



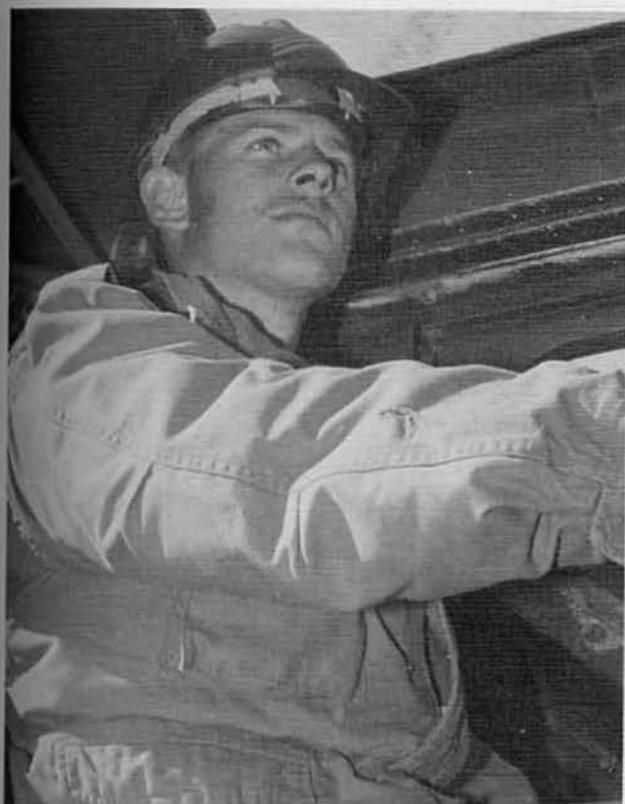
EOCN Craig Graybar, from Milwaukee, WI, with all his attention focused on his work thinks "Easy does it!".



EO3 Rick Cole, from Avondale, PA, signals "Hold it right there."



EOCN Ron Hatfield, from Bakersfield, CA, "This lever has to be the one!"



EO3 Scott Magley, from Phoenix, AZ, moans, "How come the photographer always comes around when I'm not doing anything!"

EO1 Jim Plowden, from Darlington, SC, snickers, "All right! Everybody, out of the pool!"



Group Shot: "All right you guys, look mean; here comes the photographer."

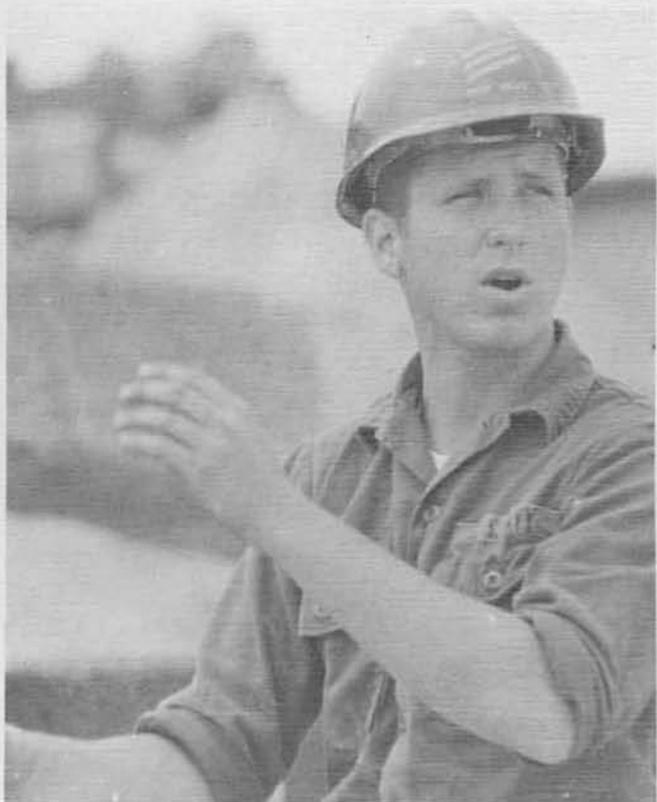




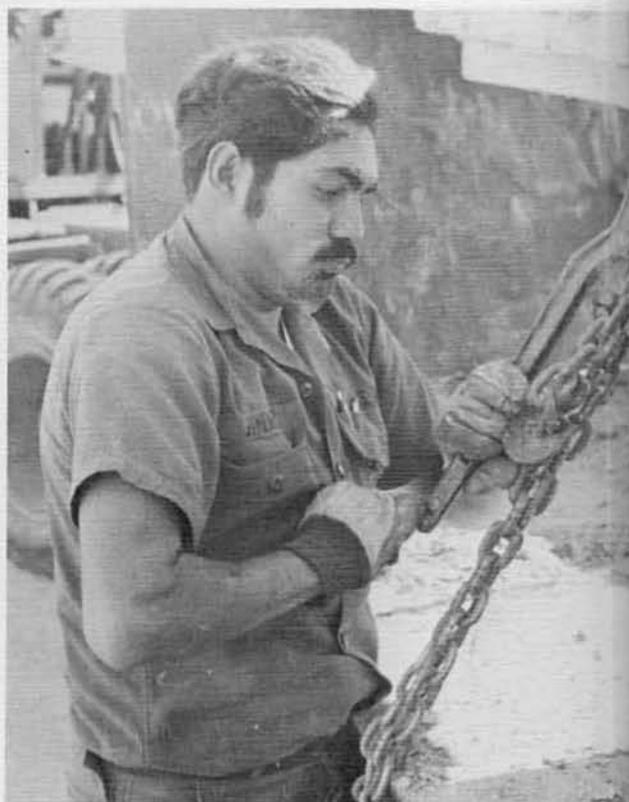
EOCN Joseph Kirby, from Shrewsbury, MA, "This is what I get for telling them I could run a chainsaw!"



EO3 Al Traverse, from Castleton, VT, asks "Put it where?"



EOCN Randy Bruff, from Belding, MICH, caught with his foot in his mouth, ". . . then, I told that Chief, 'If you think I'm gonna take that kinda . . . ' ER, Hi, Chief!"



EOCN Ray Jimenez, from Hobbs, NM, wonders, "Now, how do I get my fingers out!"



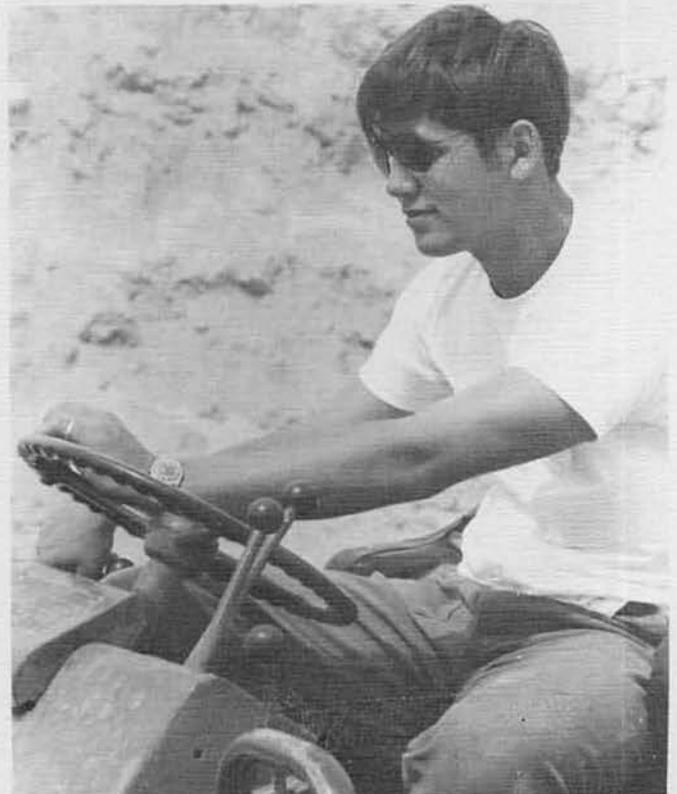
EOCN Ron Galbraith, from La Crescenta, CA, sees a friend in need, (in the mixer!), "Here, give me your hand."



EO3 Ervin Bradley, from Oakland, CA, grins at his concrete "souffle", ". . . and the old family recipe is still used today!"



EOCA Jamie Perez, from Kingsburg, CA, complains, "Bradley got too much salt in it again!"



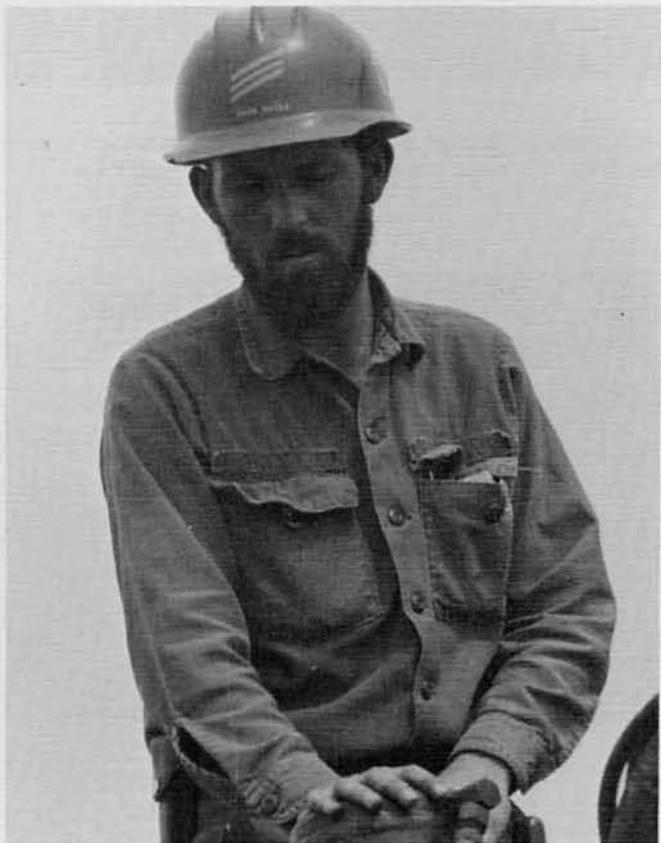
EOCA Rob Whiting, from Elma, WASH, "I just love bumper cars!"



EO2 Danny Villescas, from Albuquerque, NM, and EOCA Bob Compton, from East Palestine, OH, in conference: "I want you and Elbel to heat up the springs on the Captain's Chevy; we're gonna make a low rider out of it!"



EOCA Ben Elbel, from Pittsburgh, PA, grinning, "O.K. Danny, one low rider coming up!"



EOCN Tom Hayes, from Castoville, CA, "I can catch 40 winks anywhere."



EO2 Ken Young, from Los Vegas, NV, and EO3 Bill Ranberg, from Red Bruff, CA, seen banding a crate, "If I was you, Young, I'd go ahead and buy her a ticket home. She's not gonna like it in here when she wakes up!"



EOCN Bob Sanford, "jammin' gears and then waiting for the green light."



EO2 Gene Morrow, from Taft, CA, "But it doesn't look like a toothpick? . . .oh well, if you say so Chief."



EOCA Ron Parsons, singing away, ". . . and I'm back in the saddle again!"



EOCA Tony Harris, from Chester, PA, while working on an R.T., thinks to himself, "and to think my daddies a Senior Chief!"



EOCA Fred Reynold, from Chillicothe, OH, "let's see now, push in clutch, engage brain?"



EOCA Don Petachi, from Erie, PA, "here pig-pig-piggy!"



A group shot of EOCN Galbraith, EOCN Tucker, and EOCN Mcqueen: wanted the Jeff Tucker Gang!



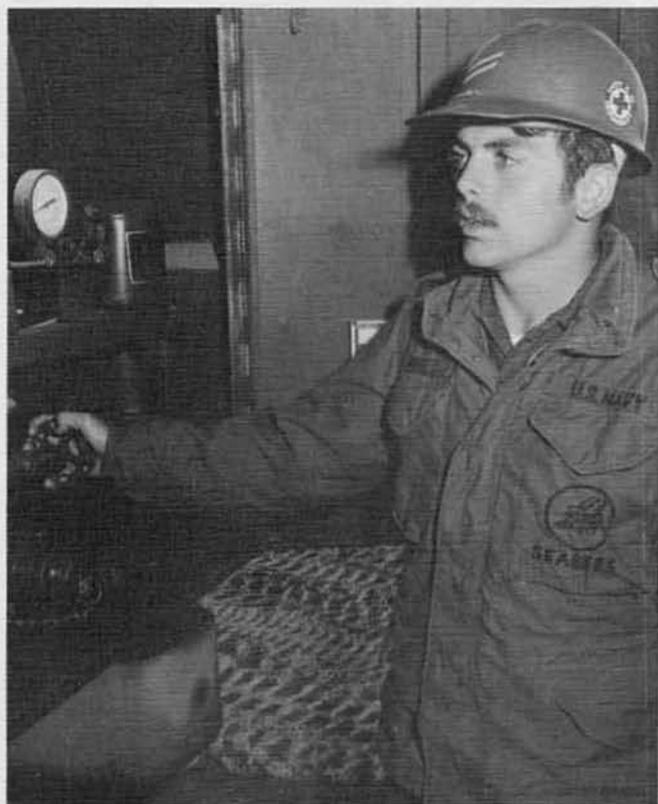
EOCA Ken Bark, from Clinton, IA, says "I sure hope the drag chute works!!"



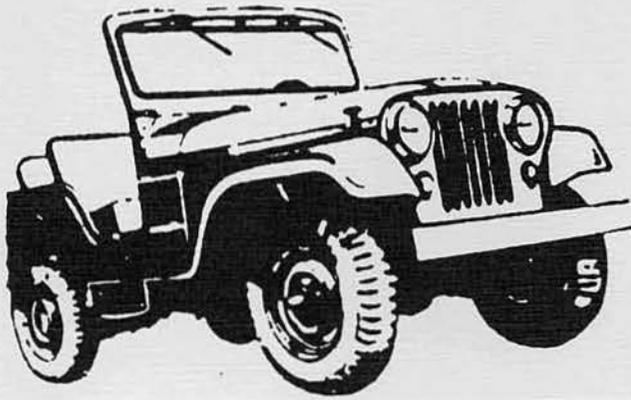
EOCN Rich Bannen, seen working with the small back-hoe, is "Momma's Little Trucker"!



EOCA Tim Bracey, says "But Chief, I do EVERYTHING with my eyes closed!"



EOCN Tom Beil, from Abbotsford, WI, seen pumping the 'half-fast' gas.



CM1 Tony Baylon, from San Miguel Cabua Camarines Sur, Philippines, says "I gotta get out of this office; the Doc' says it's hazardous."



CM1 Jim Ray, from Oak Harbor, WASH, "What's a cheep, Tony?"



CM2 Jesse Cisneros, from Corpus Christi, TX, seen operating a 10-ton hydraulic jack.



CM3 Frank Baker, from Winston-Salem, NC, is "dat lettle ol' watch maker . . . Me!"



CM3 Larry Lauderdale, from South Haven, MICH, grumbles, "Either lower the steering wheel or raise the roof!"



CMCN Don Durall, from Vine Grove, KY, says, "All right, I'll hold the wrench, you turn the engine."



CM3 Alex Wiczorek, says, "These muffler bearings are a PAIN!"



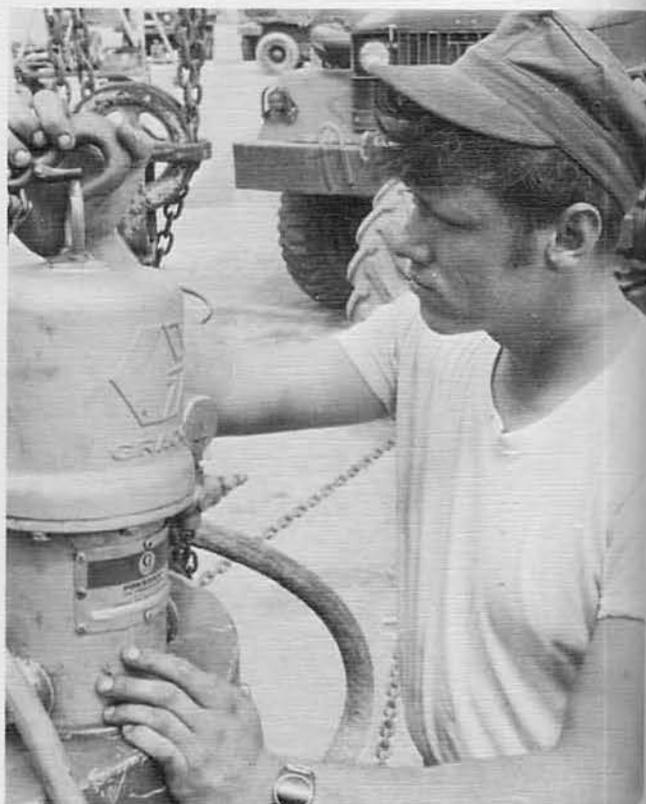
CMCN Bruce Haine, seen working on an emergency brake, "I think I'll take a break after I'm finished with this brake!"



CMCN Will Smith, from Niagara Falls, NY, "Hmm, let's see; 32 to the right, 14 to the left, 12 to the right, or was that . . ."



CMCN Marcus Showers, from Lititz, PA, finds a cleverly concealed one-armed bandit in the Light Ship.



CMCN Charley Lipka greets one of his spare parts, "Say, you're cute!"



EOCN Nathan Thompson, from Hartstown, PA, showing the impact of arm power!



CMCA Shirley, "I got it from the Pep Boys (a parts store)."



CM3 John Sickler, from Newberry Springs, CA, grins and reads, "Dear John . . ." That's the way they all start!



CMCN Roger Brooten, from Chetek, WI, looks confused and says, "But they're all the same color!"



CM3 John Blum and CM3 Harold Parker, "See it says it right here, rotate mud-flaps."



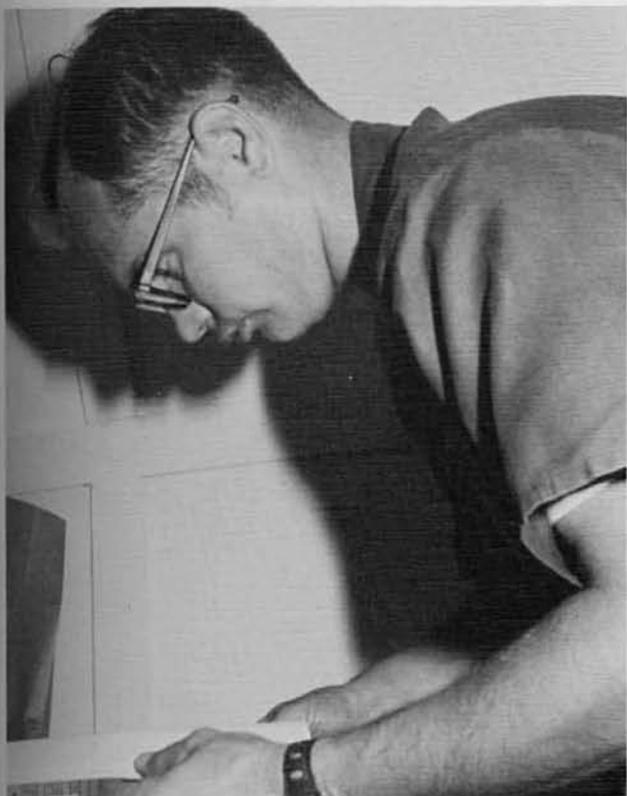
CMCA Cook, "Hmmm . . . wonder what's in here?"



CM3 Al Wiczorek road tests the SEABBEES newest Secret Weapon, the deadly EO3 Chris Potter.



CM2 Daniel Hitchings, "How come it's always harder to put it together than it is to take it apart?"



CM1 Richard Marendt, "Someone got all the pin-ups out of this one too!"



CMCN John Popowich, Colonia, N.J. "Hey, I'll bet this would work on my van."



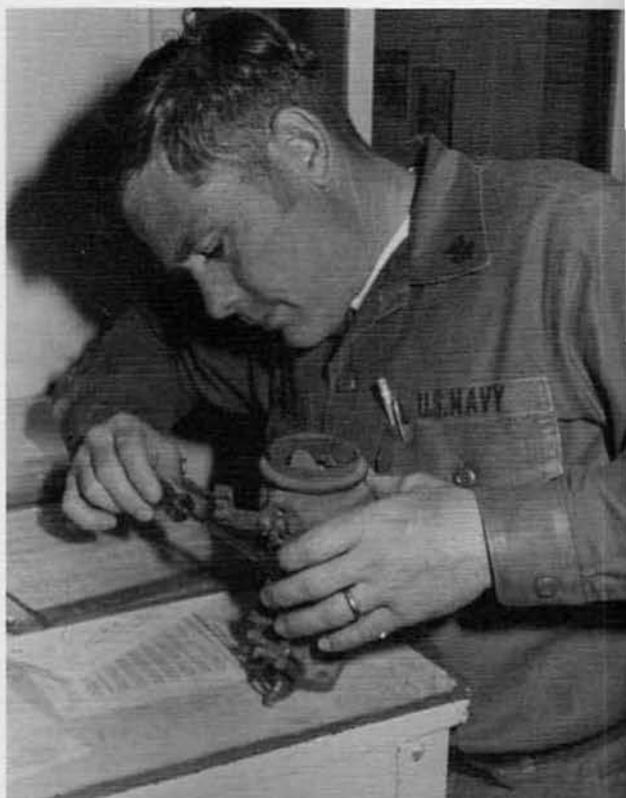
CM3 John Merry, "I wanted to be a mechanic not an antique collector."



CMCN Larry Bibles, the greatest thing that almost happened to soul music.



CM1 Robert McKenzie, "My vocational aptitude test said that I only have an aptitude for taking vocational aptitude tests."



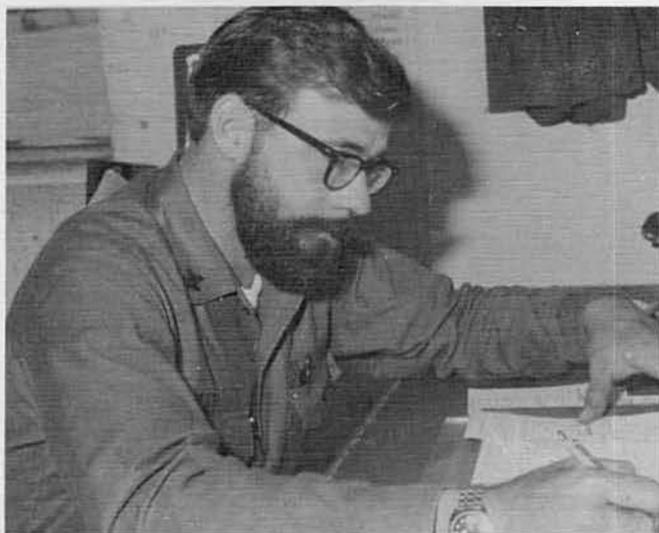
CM1 John Robinson, "Hey, there's a hole in here big enough get a screwdriver through."



CM2 Frank Ballesteros, "I always find that if you look busy no one bothers you."



CM2 Richard Erickson, "We can't go on meeting like this, people are getting suspicious."



EO2 Richard Crank, "Lets see now, that was two Big Macs, one Quarter Pounder, two large fries, and four chocolate shakes, is that all Senior Chief?"



CM1 Cecil Hinson, "So your Lauderdale . . . heh . . . no relation to Fort Lauderdale I suppose."



CM2 Rolando Camilon, "I just love a warm engine."



Cm3 Barney Engel, "Here's the dipstick, now where are the spark plugs."



Cm3 "Brillo" Thomas, "I can't find them either, Barney."



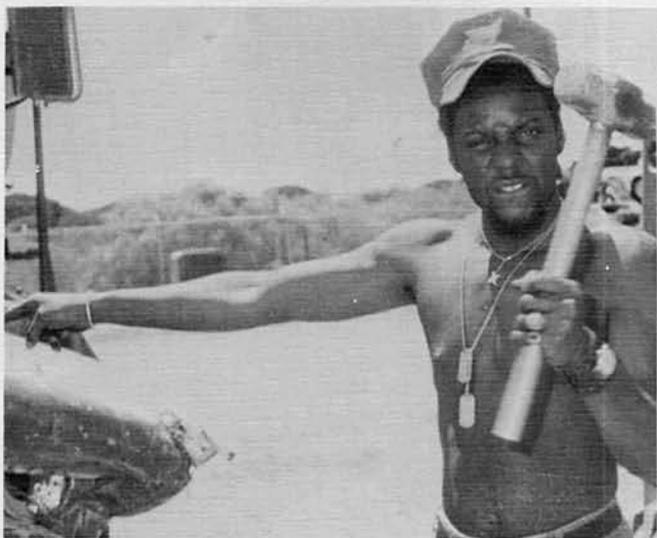
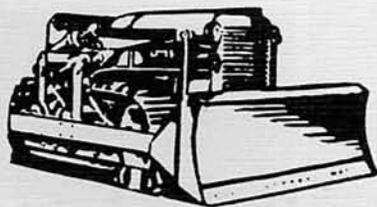
CMCN Mike Babcock, still thinks the 'Greaser Look' is in.



CMCN Enrique Barrios, "Sure here's the wrench, but how ya plannin' on gettin' out of there?"



CMCA Ricky Guerrero, “. . . and I told my recruiter that I always wanted to be just like the DUKE.”



CMCN Mason Lucas III, “Wait till I get my hands on the EO who did this!!”



EOCA Chris Lemely, “First I was with the CM’s then the EO’s and now back to the CM’s, maybe that’s why they call me YO YO.”



CMCN Dave Alderman, “Let’s see now, I can’t type, can’t answer phones, and I know it’s not my legs . . . must be my sex appeal.”



CMCN Jim Carsel, (TOP LEFT) "Have you seen my Timex?" CMCN Dave Gorsuch (TOP RIGHT), "I think I'm going color blind, everything is green!" CMCN Peary Thompson, (UPPER

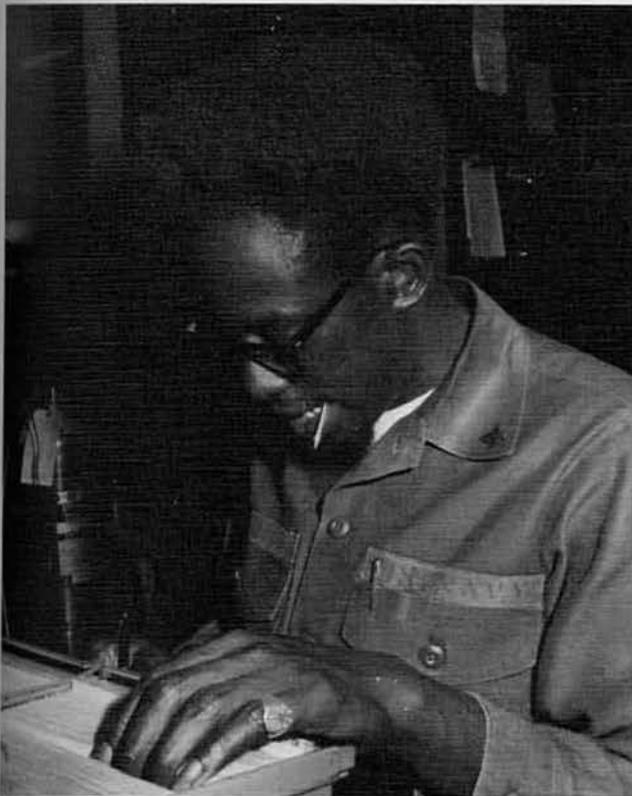
LEFT) "If you don't let go of my hand I'm going to kick you in the Ball bearing!" EOCN Jim French (UPPER RIGHT), "I never did like these port holes." (ABOVE) Rota Civic Action Project.



CMCN Larry Bollinger, "They'll never find it in here."



CM3 Dave Glover, "I hate 1250's ARRRRRRRRRRAGH!!!"



CM3 Larry McCuin, "Oh for the love of Jazz."



CMCN Tom Ray, "Who keeps ordering Hurst shifters for the jeeps?"



EO2 James Cloyd, "That's disgusting!"



EOCN Alan Fortin, "Now that's good goop."



EOCN John Shaffer, "Actually if I tell myself it's fun, I can almost believe, but not quite."



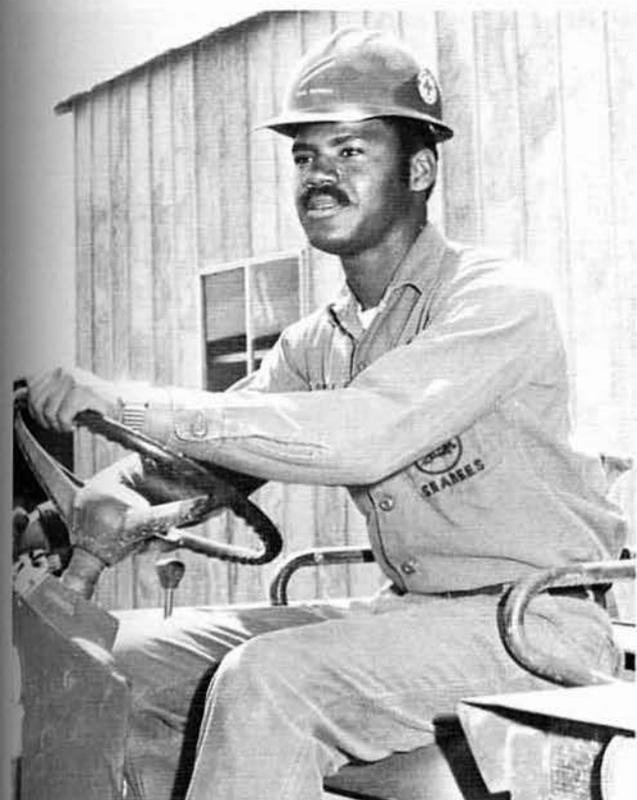
EOCA Gerald Chudzik, ". . . tower to Chudzik, begin approach on runway #1."



EOCN Corbett Rasnake, "... flip the switch, spin the wheel and the number is . . ."



EOCN Ramon Benavidez, "Look out world here I come."



EOCA Howard Pernell, "Did you see the legs on the chick?!!!!"



When asked EOCA "Flip" Culbreath and EOCA Ben Bodoh both thought they knew the answer, but couldn't agree on who was the best lover in the battalion.



EO2 Carl Berkley, "Just give me the flag and I'm gone."



EOCN Daniel Keene, "This race is in the bag."



EO2 Joe Maestas, "Alright you guys I want a fair race and a good start."



EO3 Mike Carson, "Hey Joe, can I go to the bathroom before we start the race?"



EOCA Joe Beers, "Come on you guys, start the ride, I put my quarter in just like everyone else."

EOCA Gordon Oberg, "I never thought that I'd get Beers off this, he's like that everytime we go to the amusement park."



CM2 Carl Graeber, "Sure I know what's wrong with it, it's broke dummy!"

CM3 Dewayne Pechia, "I'm sure I left my keys around here somewhere."



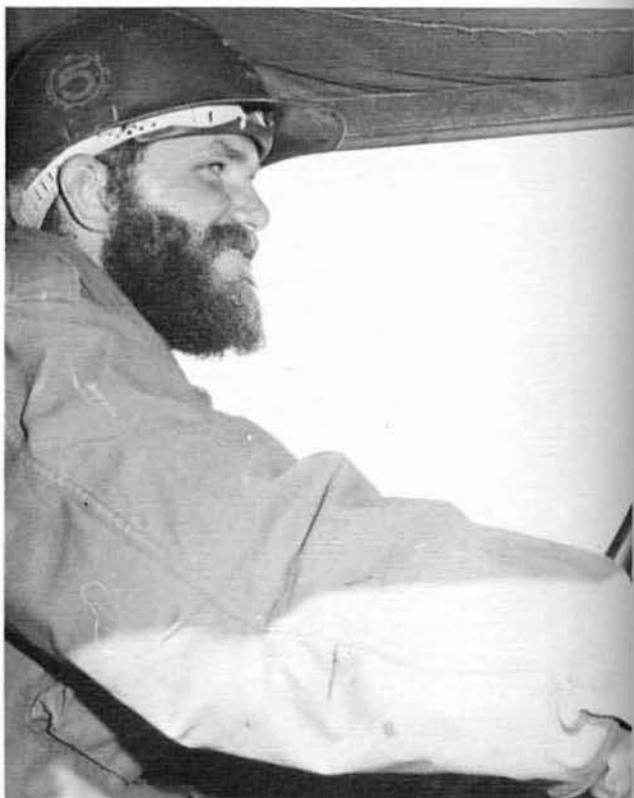
E02 Odean Johnson, doing the Hokey Pokey on the job.



EOCN Steve Bomgardener, "I wonder if John Wayne started this way?"



EOCN Randy Granger, "Going up, 2nd floor, childrens toys, ladies apparel . . ."



EOCN Mike Ruggles, "Keep smiling it makes them wonder what you've been up to."



"pssstt . . . hey up here . . . is Senior Chief still looking for me?"



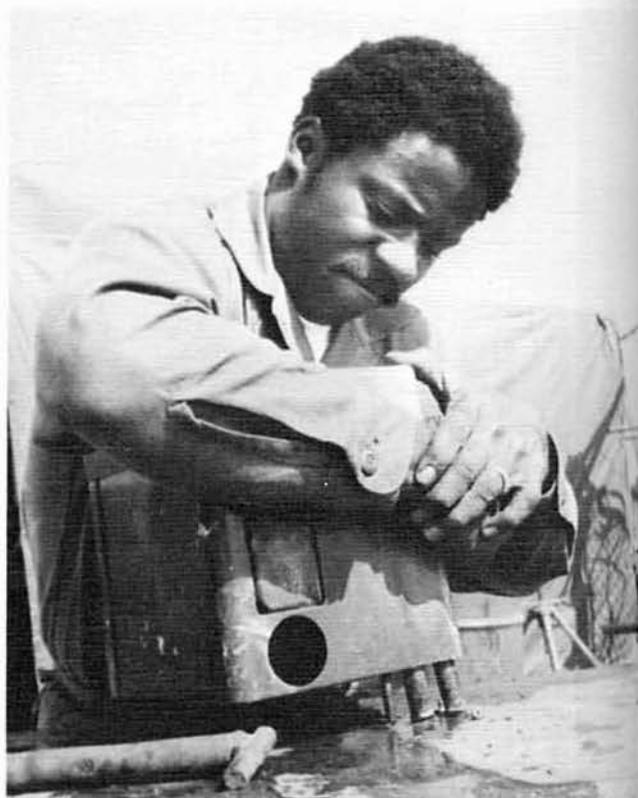
EOCN Billie McQueen, "Got stuck with another \$*?#!e@ ar-mory watch again!"



EOCN Donald Bruss, "Hey Billie, that's cool, I got my third super in a row."



MR1 Denny Brown, from San Diego, CA, mumbles, "I make it, they break it!"



SWCN Larry Butler, from Ashtabula, OH, "One more leak outa you, and I'll break you in little bitty pieces."

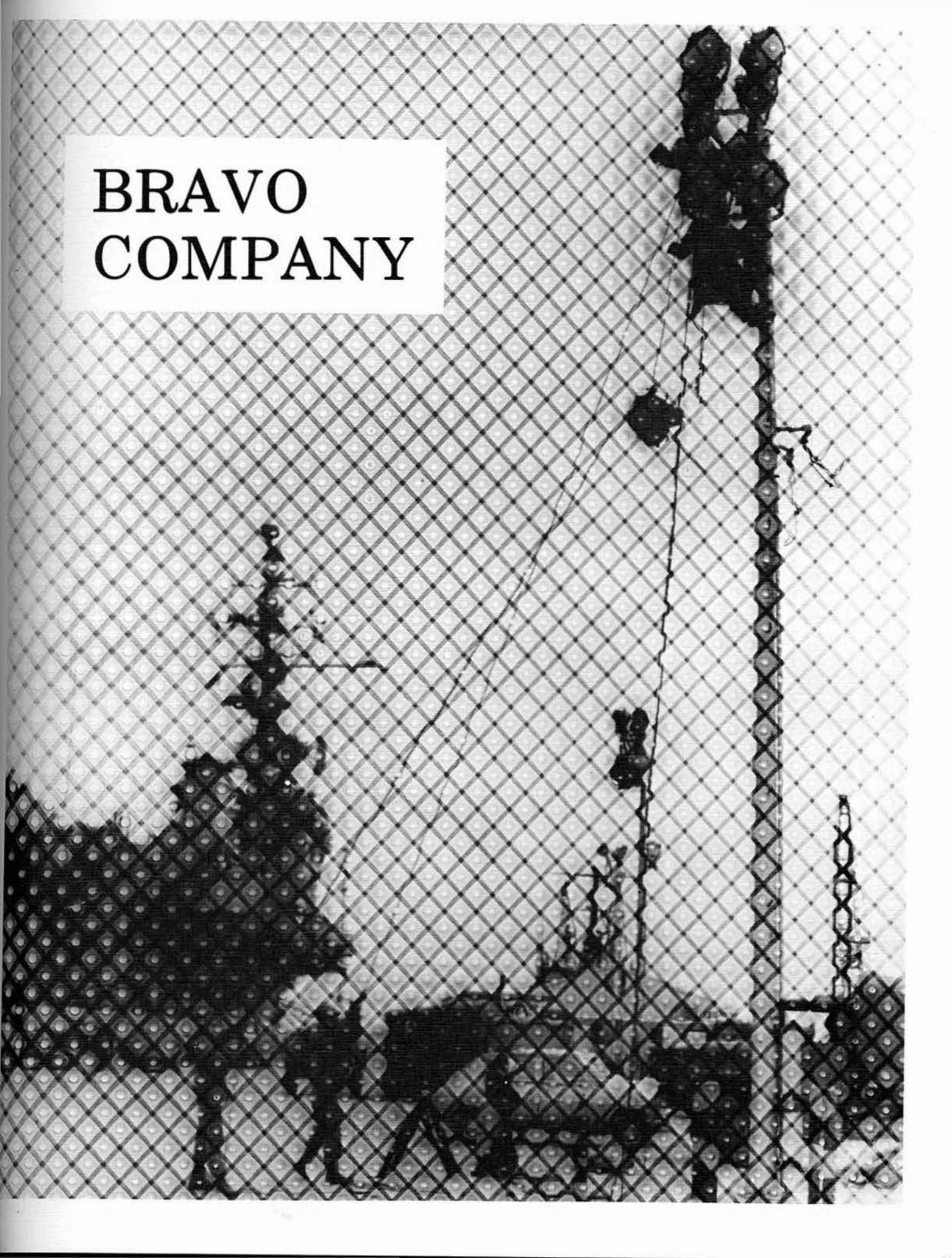


MR2 Frand Hayes, from Flint, MICH, says, "Now I'll do it with my eyes closed!"

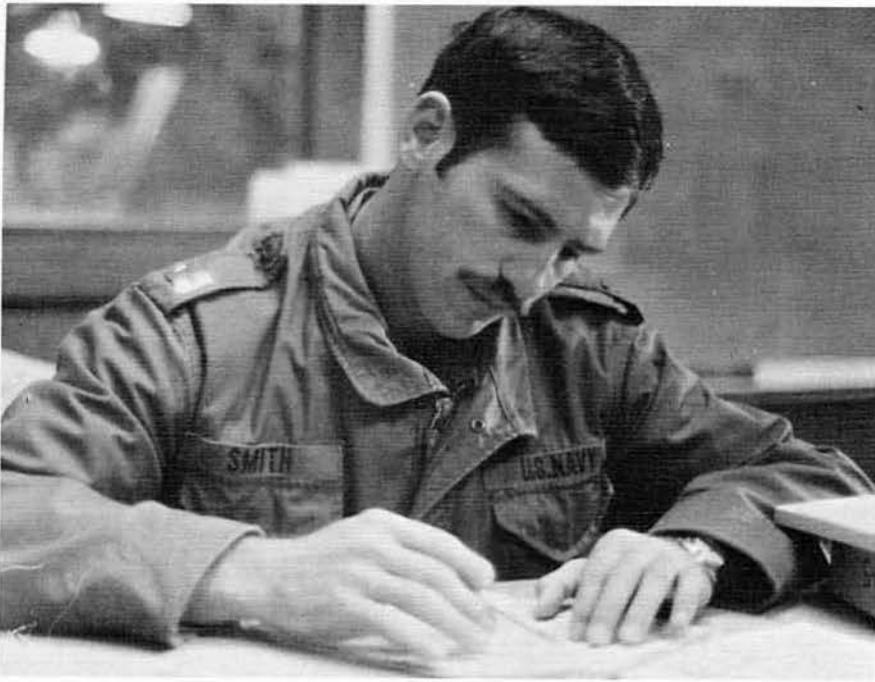


MRFA Bob Pingel, from Egan, ILL, sighs "What a way to make a living!"

**BRAVO
COMPANY**



LEFT: LT. Larry Smith, sighs, "Boy, they really did it this time." Mr. Smith replaced Lt. Mello early in the deployment, as the Company Commander.



Bravo Company is referred to as the Utility Company. The reason being the men of the Company are trained and tasked with the installation of Water, Steam, Electrical, Fuel, Sanitation, and Telephone Systems, and maintaining these systems when required.

The First Platoon UT's and the Second Platoon CE's spent the majority of the deployment working on various projects such as the Muse Cold Iron, Camp Hot Water heating system, Galley water lines, Calibration Laboratory, Pier II Lighting, addition the Mainside Library, MLO lighting, and the Bowling Alley extension, installing new equipment and electrical, steam, and water distribution systems.

The maintenance Platoon, CE's, UT's, Bu's, SW's, and ET's, kept pace with the camp maintenance by repairing and maintaining the camp communication gear, plumbing, heating, and electrical distribution systems and equipment. In addition, repairs to washers, dryers, air conditioners, and refrigerators were accomplished. The ET's kept the field phone communication system in operation and maintained the communication switch board and Field Radios. The Builders and Steelworkers lent support to the Project crews in wood and metal fabrication and repaired many of the camp's buildings, berthing huts, and office spaces, besides building mount-out boxes, endlessly.

With the completion of the Camp hot water, and the Galley hot and cold water line projects, future Battalion's will find the berthing spaces and Galley warmer during the winter months and with the necessary hot water, year round, to respectively carry out their functions of hot showers and food preparation.



ABOVE: UTCS Herb Jessen, from Wyandotte, MICH, the Company Chief, says, "I sure am glad I'm short!" LEFT: BUG Gerdau, from Port Hueneme, CA, says "Chief Hines, what kind of crew did you leave me with?"





ABOVE: CEC Alvin Schuchhardt, from Dupres, SD, the Second Platoon Chief says, "I just don't believe it!" BELOW: UT1 Bill "Baby Huey" Wurtz, from Monrovia, CA, the Battalion Fire Chief, seems to be thinking "find the fire hydrant, Spot!"

ABOVE: UTC Jim Pearson, from Baltimore, MD, the first Platoon Chief says, "You don't know how to fill out a 1250?" BELOW: CE1 Francis Miller, from Shadyside, OH, smirks "If it wasn't for me, I'd be lost!"





ABOVE: SW2 Fred Palmer, from Cuba, MO, the Steeworker Shop Supervisor, seen filling out a work order.
BELOW: CE2 John "Sandy" Sanderson, from Montrose, CO, the Company Expeditor, acting like he's looking for something.

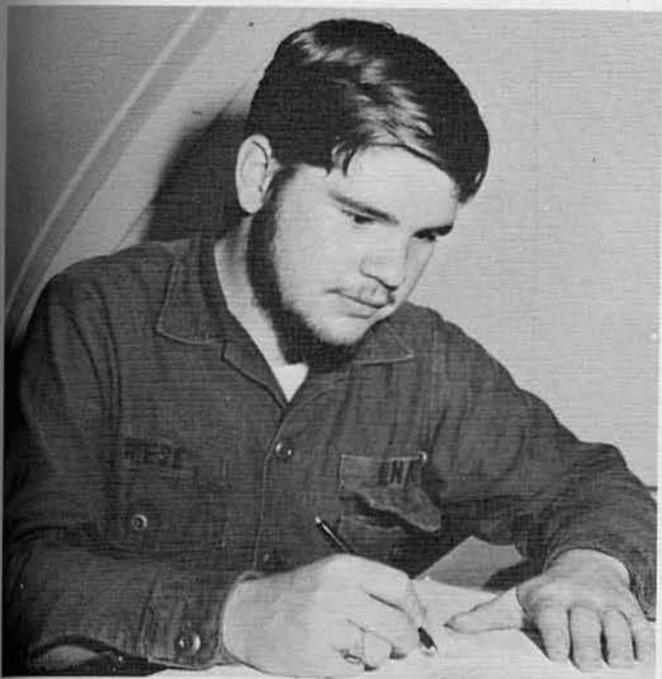


ABOVE: UT2 Ben "Skoobie" Frataccia, from Fulton, NY, say surprisingly, "so that's where it is!!!"
BELOW: CE2 Jim "Steak" Salisbury, from Oneonta, NY, "Very interesting!!!"





ABOVE: CE2 Jerry Ingle, from Anaheim, CA and CE3 Bob, "Andy" Anderson, from Buffalo, NY, looking at blue prints. BELOW: CECA Jim Wiese, who is the most recent B.Co. Yeoman seen at work.



ABOVE: BU2 Mike Owens, from Crogham, NY, and BUCN Ross Jewell seen here working on interior trim. BELOW: CECN Leslie Accola, from Madison, WI, operates the auger for drilling holes for the telephone poles.





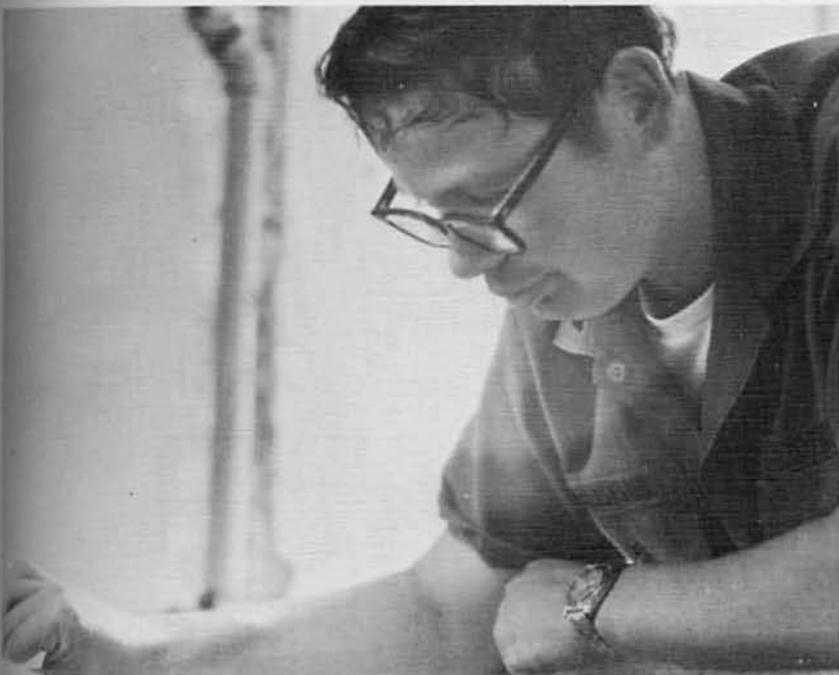
ABOVE: UT1 Phil Horner, from Camarillo, CA, shows UT1 Walt "Taz" Henderson, from Resburge, ID, UT3 Allen "Pineapple" Perry, from Waipahu, HI, UT3 "Ozy" Osborne, and UT3 Larry "Dad" Evans, from Coon Rapids, MI, how to put the new dishwasher together for the Galley. BELOW: LEFT: UT3 Bruce Heritage, from McMinnville, OR, seen working on boilers for hot water in Silver City. BELOW RIGHT: UTCN Paul Bombard, working on getting the Galley connected to hot water lines.





LEFT: UT1 Gil Briones, from Albuquerque, NM, looks over the Human Resources Management questionnaire during Military Training.

RIGHT: UT1 Warden, UT1 Cal Bolton, from Atlanta, GA, and UTC Jim Pearson do what here in the Battalion they call "P&E" (Planning and Estimating).



RIGHT: UT2 John "Bozo" Malspino, from Martell, CA, trying to figure how to spell "honorable" in Japanese!



ABOVE: CE1 Jesse "JS" Benson, from Lexington, KY, "... when I get home, we're going to boogie down!!" BELOW: ETN3 Rick Hoffman, from Los Angeles, CA, working for the Communication Shop, says, "I sure wish these Seabees would learn how to use these radios!"



ABOVE: ETN2 Lloyd Greenway, from Crestwood, MO, wonders "Why can't I get Radio Moscow with this thing?" BELOW: CECN John "Cookie" Cook and CECN Earl "The Ear" Griffith, from Marion, ILL, proudly say, "We have our own "Fan" club!!"



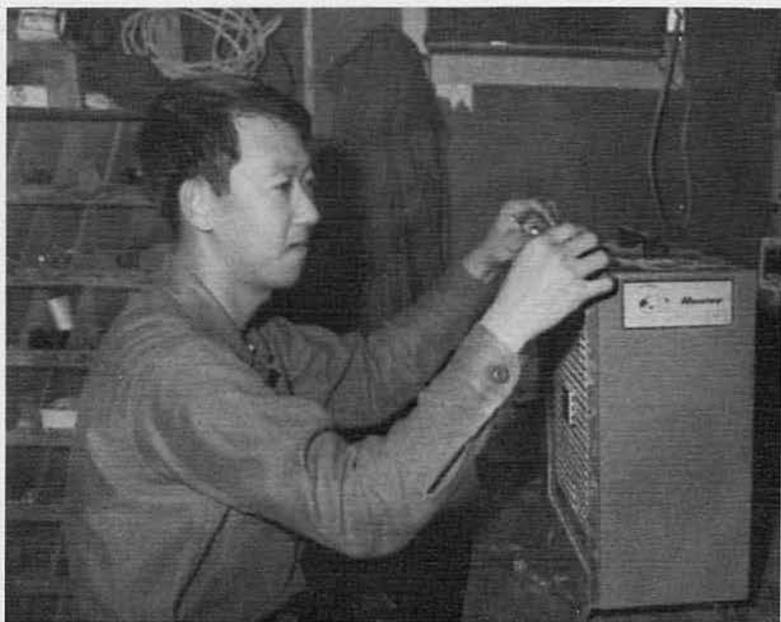


ABOVE: SN Mike Thomas, from El Rio, CA, seen working on a speaker in the Communication Shop. BELOW: CECN Tony "Cass" Casalvieri, from St. Petersburg, FL, trying to drive his hand into the wall and notice how good a job he's doing!



ABOVE: CE3 Ed Delos Reyes, from Tacoma, WASH, seen working on an electric motor. BELOW: CECN McCollow working on an extension cord.

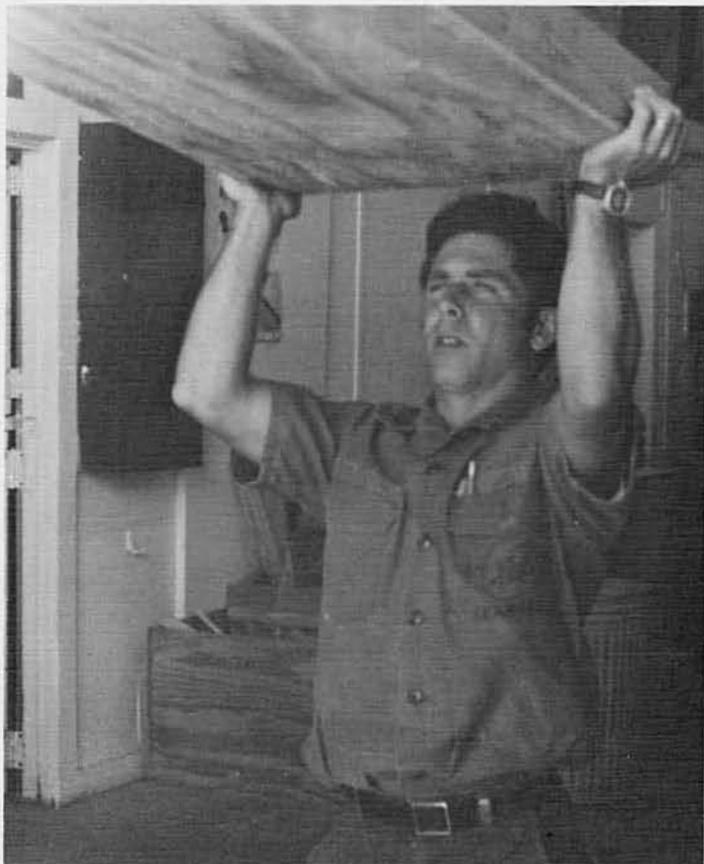




ABOVE: CE2 Dom "DJ" Caluya, from Oxnard, CA, seen working on a heater, "I bet this will get those guys hot!"
BELOW: BU2 Mike Owens, from Crogham, NY, seen stacking another completed project.



ABOVE: CECN Chuck Atcheson, from Philadelphia, PA, seen operating the power auger, seems to say, "Hmmm, must have hit a waterline!"
BELOW: BU2 Sergio Lavilla, from PHILADELPHIA, PA, seen checking the level on a saw table.



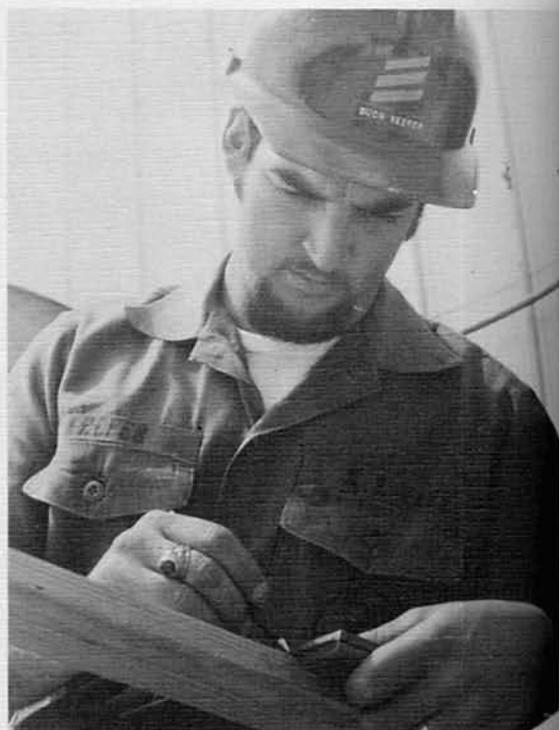


ABOVE LEFT: BUCN Rick "Beaner" Yrigollen, from Madera, CA, asks, "How did the manual say this tool worked?" ABOVE: BU2 Bob Alvarez, Jr., from San Jose, CA, ripping some plywood the SAFE way. BELOW LEFT: BUCN Jon Conard, from Wilmington, OH, the local "sand man" for the tough spots! BELOW: BU2 Mike Marrier, from Berlington, VT, seen measuring an angle for the work he did in the Special Service building.



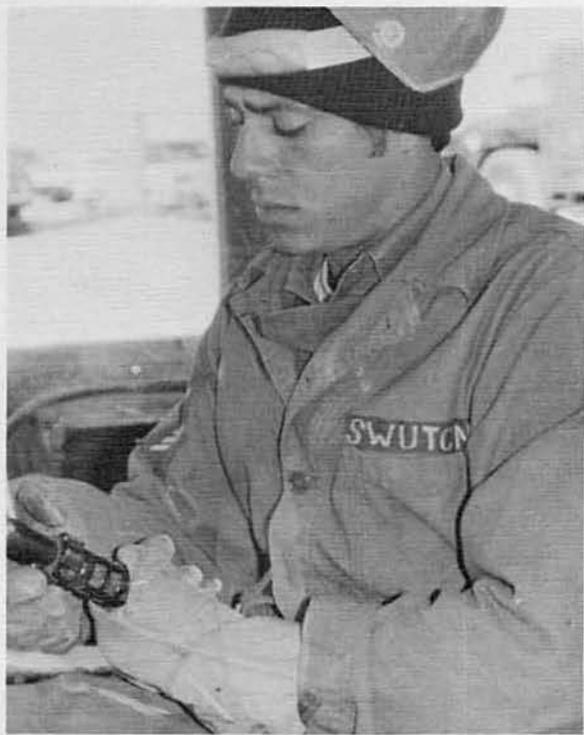
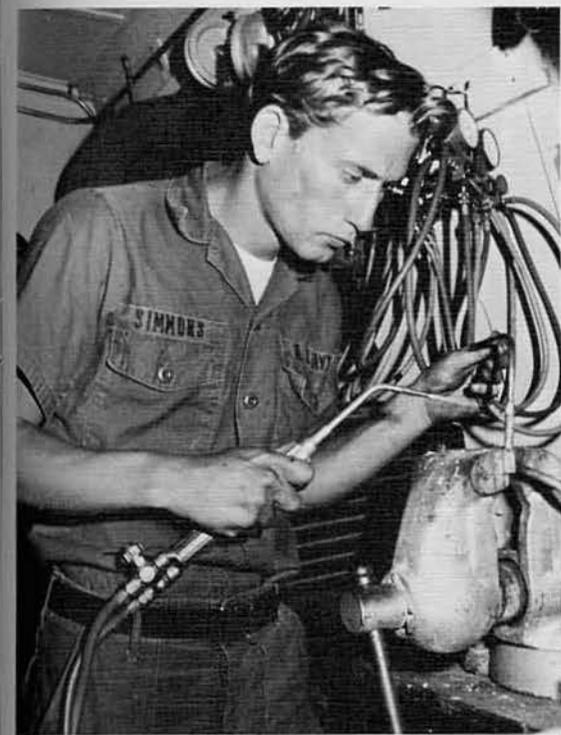


ABOVE: BUCN Tony "Chic" Ciccarella, from Altoona, PA, painting the many screen doors for Silver City. RIGHT: SW2 Dan Kavanaugh, from Butte, MT, keeps trying to get a patent on his Steelworker-style Seabee! BELOW: BUCN Gregg Meister, from Pearson, WI, shown painting one of the many doors made by B-Co. for Silver City.



ABOVE: BU3 Al Keffer, from Mt. Pleasant, PA, seen working on part of the Boiler Sheds in camp. BELOW: SW2 Frank Burns, from Northfork, CA, seen making benches for camp, that are comfortable and cool to sit upon, outside the "hootches".

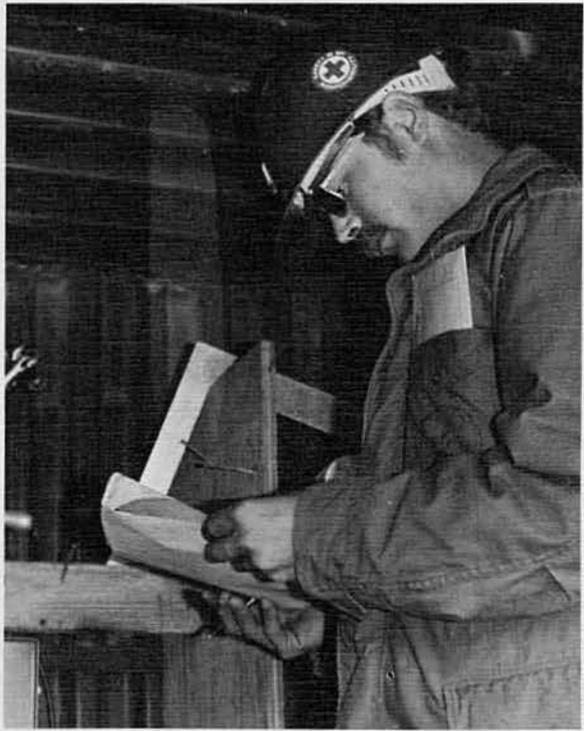
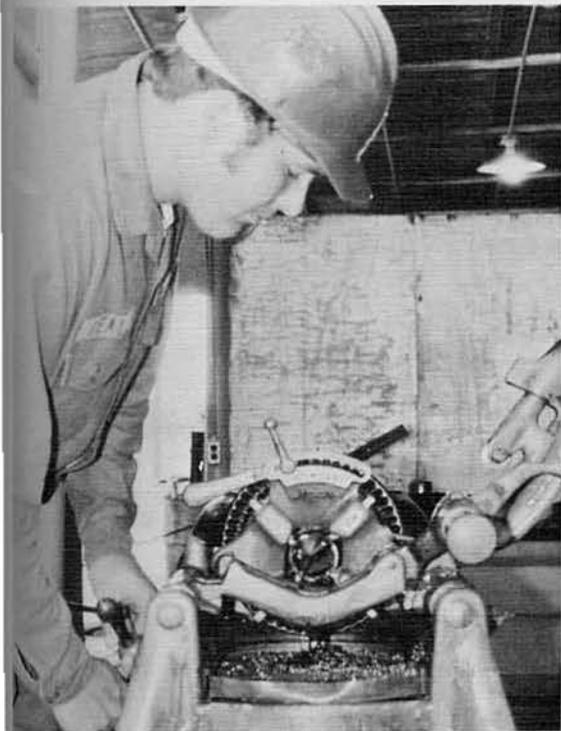


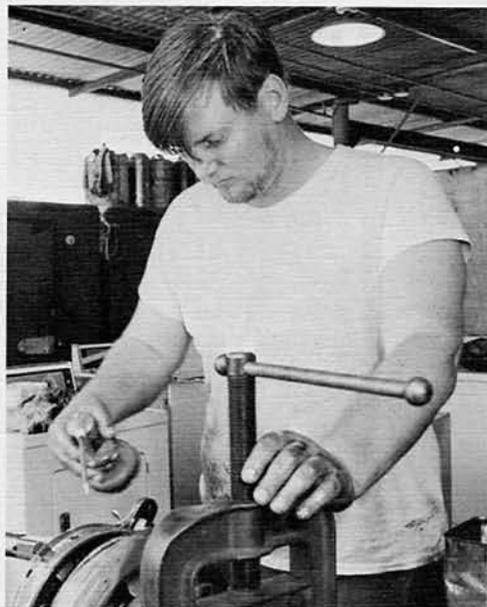
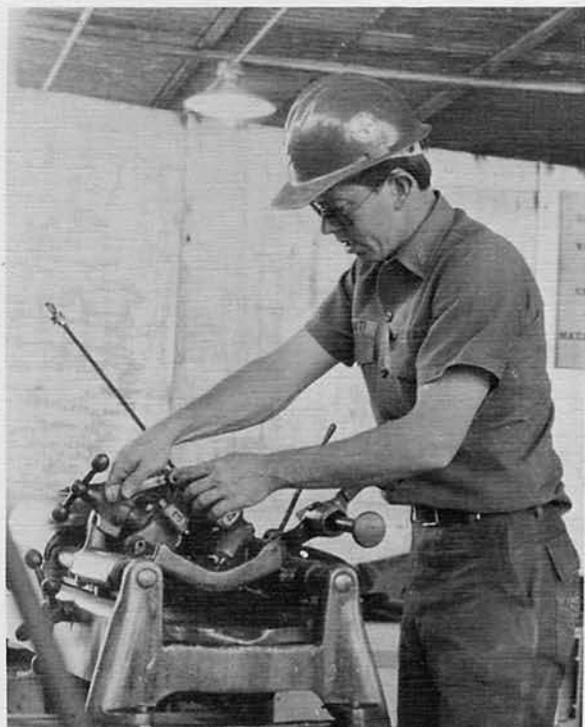


ABOVE: UTCN Steve Simmons, brazing a piece of pipe. RIGHT: UT2 "Robbie" John Robinson, from Oxford, NY, the Battalion's favorite sky-diver, marathon-runner; and all-around-good-Joe, seen working at his speciality, working air on conditioners and refrigeration units. BELOW: UTCA John Beal, from Imperial, CA, seen threading pipe for the Camp Boiler system lines.



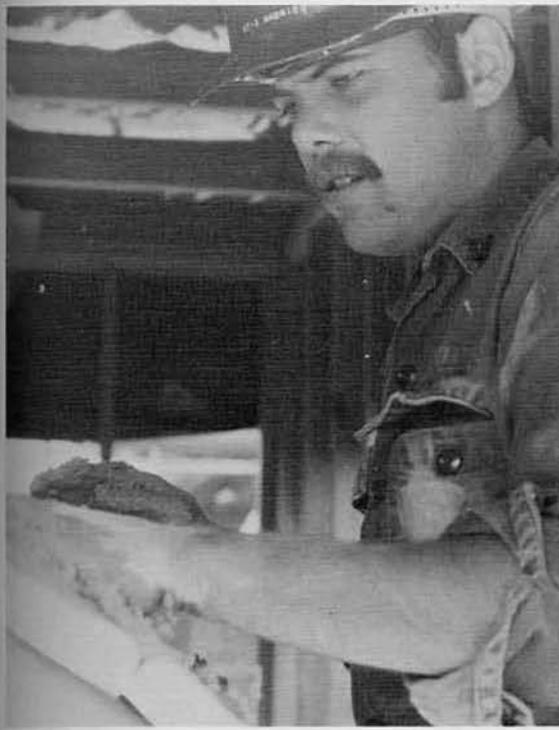
ABOVE: SW/UTCN Larry Ahlheim, from Bellflower, CA, trying to figure out WHAT he has in his hand!!! BELOW: UT3 Gus Knudson, from Mandare, ND, seen trying to look professional by reading some nearby papers!



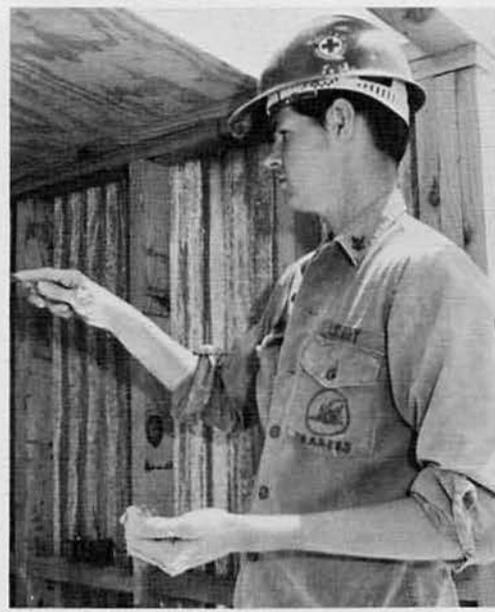


ABOVE: CE2 Art Violanti, from Riverside, CA, the Calibration Laboratory Supervisor is shown threading conduit. ABOVE RIGHT: CECN Dick Pelt, from Los Angeles, CA, commonly known as the "world's largest non-rate". RIGHT: UTCR Mark "Red" Malan, from San Lorenzo, CA, seen threading pipe. BELOW: UT2 Bill Doctor, from Mabina, Pangasinan, Philippines, seen making sure the water line is level. BELOW RIGHT: UTCN Tom "Bird" Cilles from Belmont, OH, grinningly says, "I love it here!!!"





ABOVE: UT3 Kerry Andrist, from Dayton, OH, seen working on the water storage tanks, known as "Heat Exchangers". ABOVE RIGHT: UT3 Mike Mezaros, from Alton, ILL, seen getting his hands thick with the plaster covering for the Heat Exchanger, "Gosh, I love playing with Play-Dough!" RIGHT: UTCN Ron Moreno, from Sahuarita, AZ, saying "Whata pipe this will be!" BELOW: CE2 Reynaldo "Obie" Obenza, from Cebu City, Philippines, seems to ask, "How did I do that?" BELOW RIGHT: UT3 Ian "Slim" Barrett, from Lindenhurst, NY, seen working on the Heat Exchanger tanks.



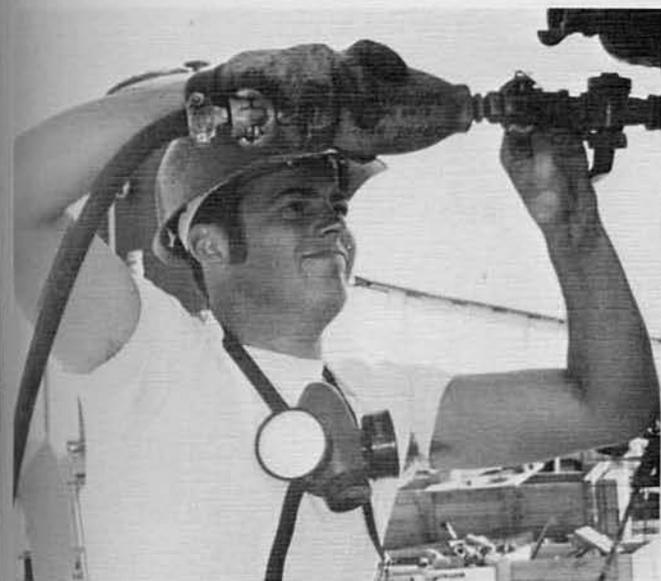


ABOVE: UT3 Dave "Ty" Tyler seen tightening down the pipes. BELOW: UTCN John "John Boy" Walton, from San Bernadino, CA, seen working on the acid tanks when he worked at the MUSE Cold Iron project.



ABOVE: UTCN Mark Flynn, from Thousand Oaks, CA, says "Why don't this thing ever work right?!" BELOW: UT3 Jody Lance, from McMinnville, OR, seen gruntingly working away at the Muse Cold Iron, removing one of the plugs from the acid tanks.





ABOVE: UTCN Bill "Nap" Nappi, from Matawan, NJ, working at the Muse Cold Iron project seems to say "That looks fine". BELOW: CE2 Paul Zenker, from Wiley, CO, working at the Pier II project, says, "I think it goes here!"



ABOVE: CECN Denny Post, from Anaheim, CA, while working under the Pier II, installing steel pipe to encase electric cables, seems to say, "Now why did he do that?" BELOW: CE2 Perry Holland, from Topeka, KS and CE3 Tom Nisbet, from Whittier, CA, confer, "We could do it this way, or that way, but we'll do it the other way!!"





ABOVE: CECN Wayne Hooper and CECN Joe Cherenyock, from Hazeltown, PA, doing the compass course during the Military training period. BELOW LEFT: CECN "Gilligan" Alluise, from Bethpage, NY, seen putting conduit together for the cable that went under Pier II for the Muse Cold Iron project. BELOW RIGHT: CECN Brent Shock seen taping the end of electrical cable, to prevent water getting into it, when it's placed into the conduit under the Pier II area.



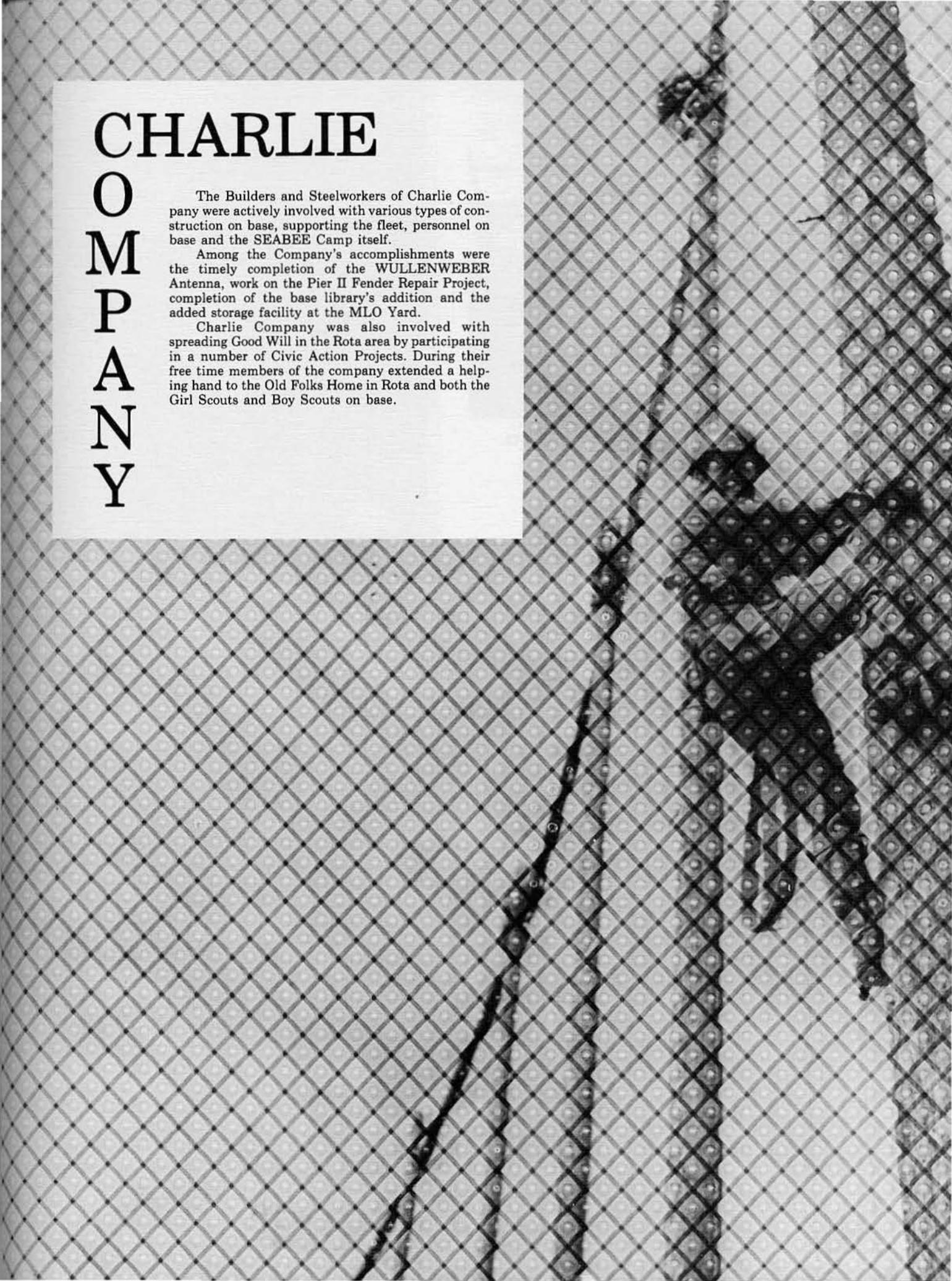
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The Builders and Steelworkers of Charlie Company were actively involved with various types of construction on base, supporting the fleet, personnel on base and the SEABEE Camp itself.

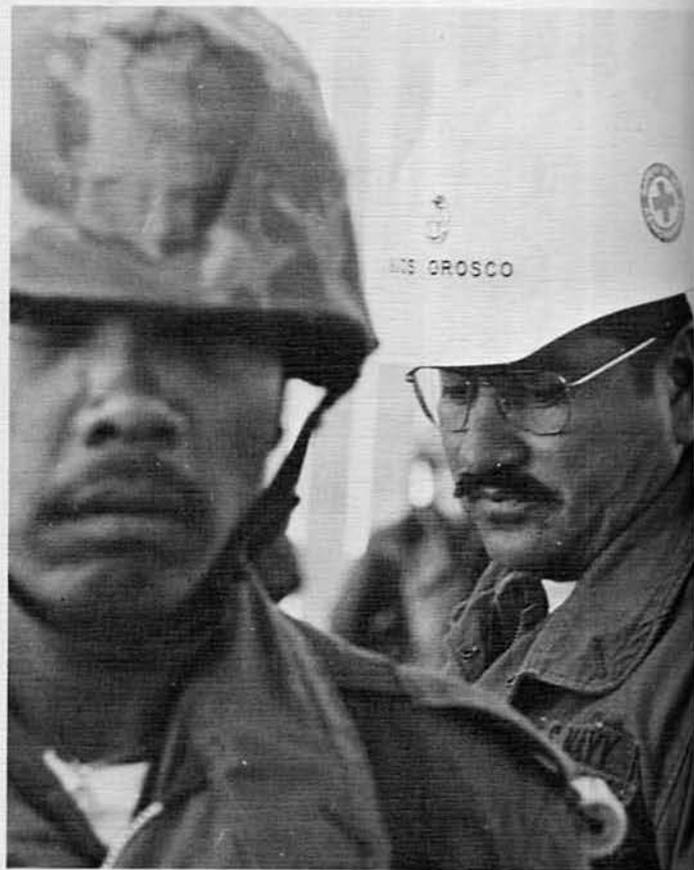
Among the Company's accomplishments were the timely completion of the WULLENWEBER Antenna, work on the Pier II Fender Repair Project, completion of the base library's addition and the added storage facility at the MLO Yard.

Charlie Company was also involved with spreading Good Will in the Rota area by participating in a number of Civic Action Projects. During their free time members of the company extended a helping hand to the Old Folks Home in Rota and both the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts on base.

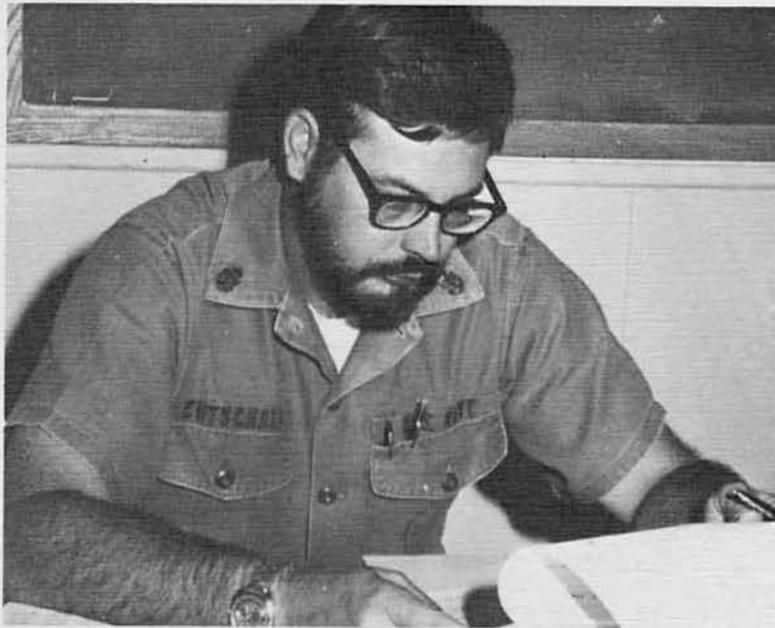




Prior to assuming the duties of Charlie Company Commander, Lt. Michael F. Casey was Officer In Charge of DET Sigonella.



BUCS Julio Orosco, Oxnard, Ca., keeps an watchful eye out for any inconsistencies at an early morning inspection of the troops.



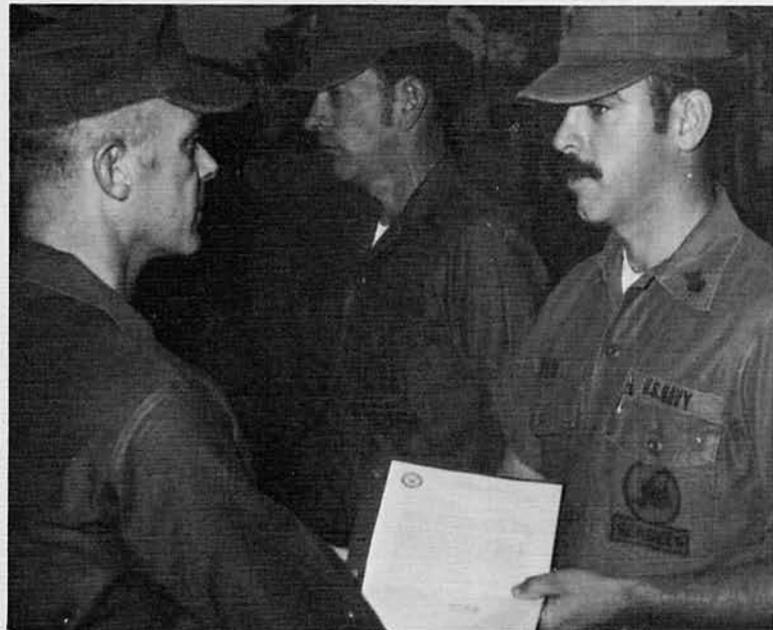
BUC Dennis R. Cutschall keeps himself busy with some Charlie Company paperwork.



One-time Charlie Company Chief, SWC Richard M. Smith presently works in the Training Department.



Steelworkers First Class Paul Criswell and Bobby Hamlett (UPPER LEFT) inspect the welding on one of the Pier II piles. Prior to joining the Special Services Staff BU1 James Morehouse (ABOVE) was in charge of the PIER II Fender Repair Project. Before taking charge of the MLO Steel Erection SW1 Steve Cisco (LEFT) served on the Shore Patrol. SW1 Mark Reid (BELOW) finished his military career while serving on the Moron DET.

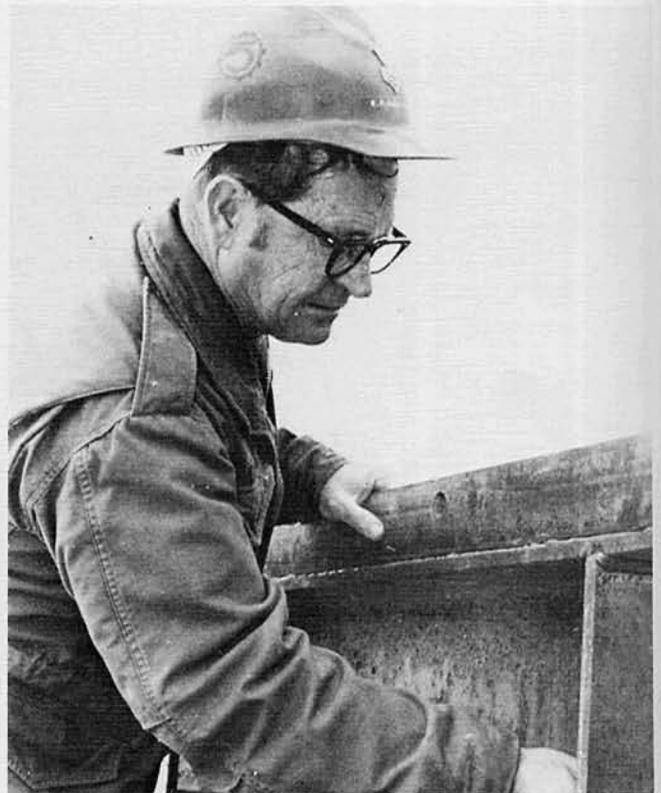




SW1 Mike Endecott, SW2 Wayne Hubbard and CECN Norman Emrick add finishing touches to the last boom board before hoisting it atop the WULLENWEBER Antenna.



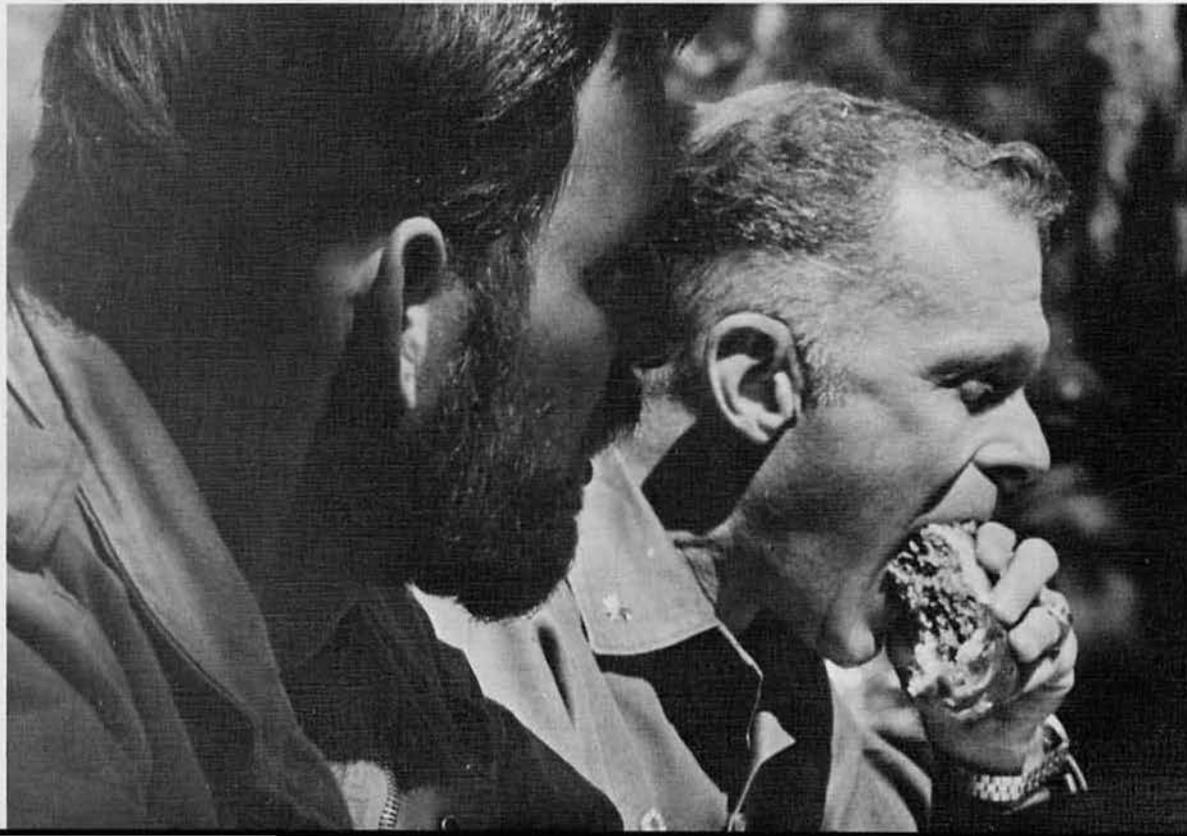
BU1 Rick Amposta, San Diego, supervised the construction of the library's new addition.

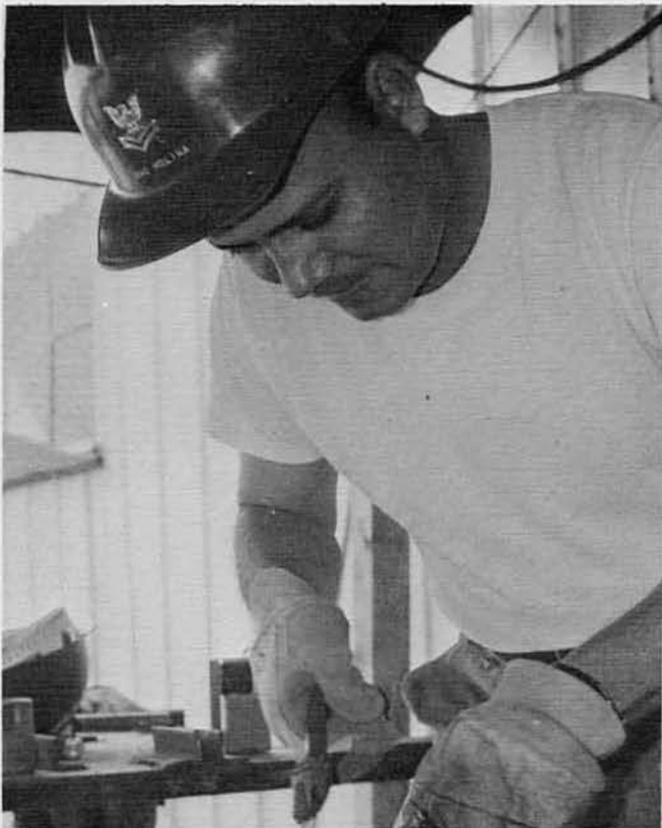


SW1 Bobby Hamlett, Clovis, N.M., inspects work at one of the job sites.



BU1 "Wolf" Woltenholme (UPPER LEFT) shows BUCR Bob Reardon the ropes of construction work. Expeditor for Charlie Company was BU1 Charles Smith (UPPER RIGHT). BU1 Ron Wilson (BELOW) wonders, "Where does he put it all?"





SW2 Rafael Molina, Yoro, Honduras, Central America, ran the Charlie Company steel yard.



SW3 Lance Carver, Craig, Colo., double checks his work.



SWCN Tom Bowler, Kalamazoo, Mich., diligently at work on the MLO Covered storage.



SWCA Randy Raber comes down with a case of them "Steel Yard Blues".



SWCA Terry Balz (LEFT) ties rebar. BUCN Gary Hatfield (BOTTOM LEFT) works with time cards as part of his duties as Charlie Company Yeoman. SWCA Steve Witt, Portsmouth, Va., (ABOVE) bends rebar. BU3 Carlos Cuison, Portland, Ore., finished up the deployment as Charlie Company Yeoman.





BU2 Dom Mantout, Memphis, Tenn., "Did you see my book?"



BU2 Victor Eagan, Newport, Ore., caught skating by the candid camera.



BU3 "Stan The Man" Neville, Pleasantville, Ca., (LEFT) was an exchange student with the fleet for awhile. BU3 Mike "Dunny" Dunn, Medford, Mass., tightens a bumper plate on the pier.





BUCN Timmy Stewart, Roseville, Ca., does his share of work on the pier.

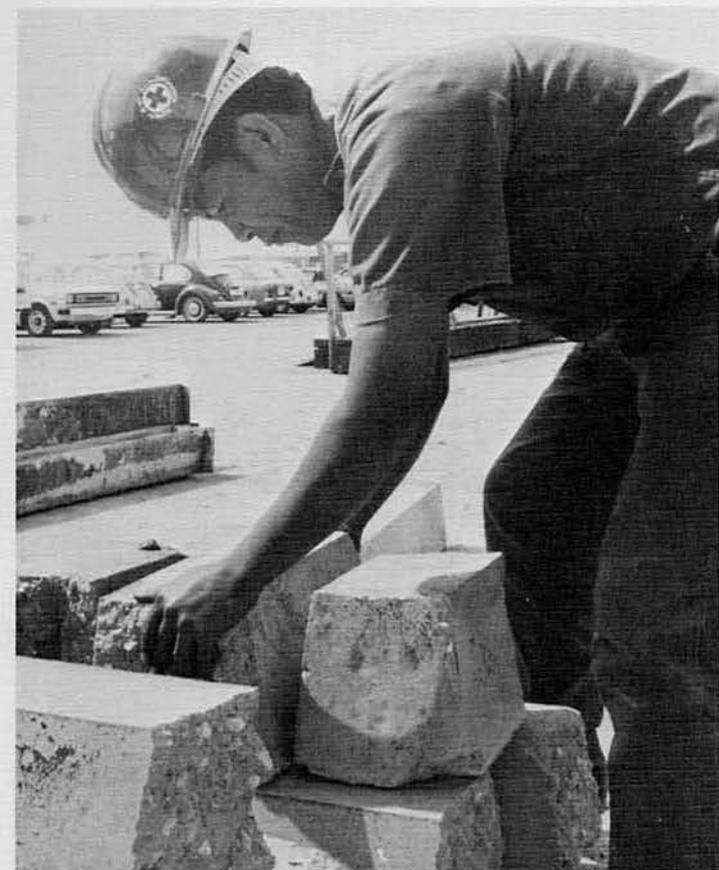


BU3 Bill Wiley, Valley Park, Mo., "Stan what are you guys doin' down there?"



BUCA Ken Richardson, Portsmouth, Va., (LEFT) fills countersink holes with tar while BUCA John Scharff, Clayton, Montana positions a cap on the pier.





BU2 Ray Mirador, San Jose, Ca., (ABOVE) inspects some damaged construction blocks. BUCA Brad Beusch, Rapid City, S.D., (BELOW) puts a ceiling tile in place.

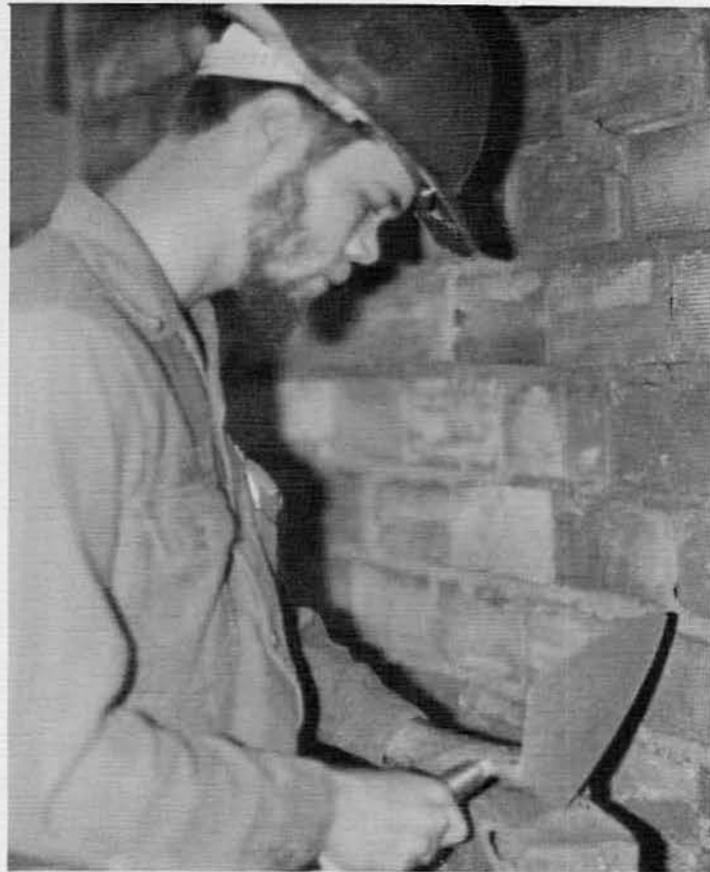


MBU3 Jeff Weikel (ABOVE) apparently has a lot of faith in BUCA Keith Leete as the two pound a stake in the ground. BUCA Jeff Wilmot (BELOW) better have another bowl of Wheaties.



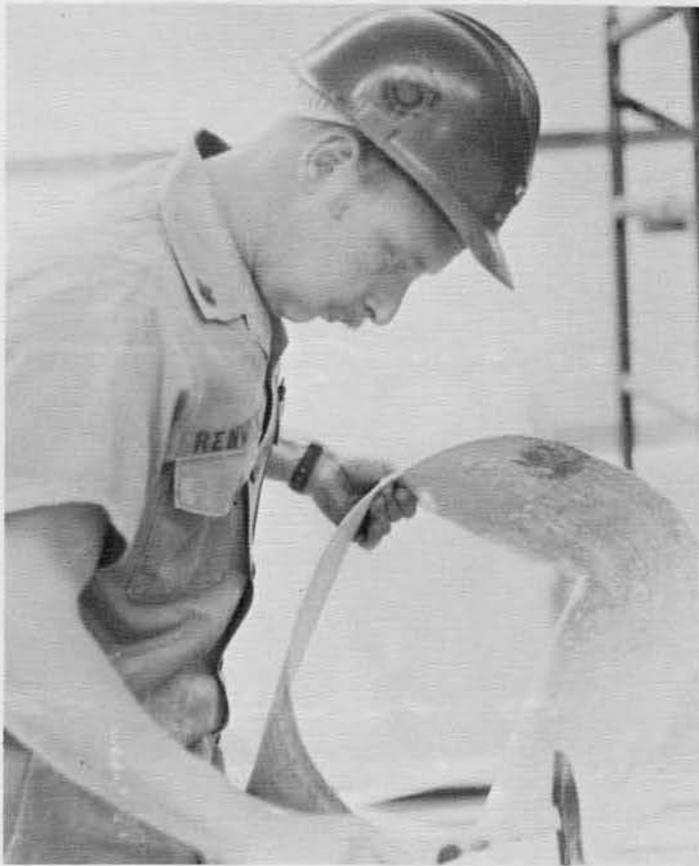


BU2 Mike Walter, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, (ABOVE) tries his hand at some paperwork. BUCA Mark "Boot" Buder, Los Angeles, (BELOW) lays tile at the Calibration Lab.



BUCN "Swampy" Farr lays some bricks at the library while BUCA Tony Knowles, Atchison, Kansas, (BELOW) endures the miserable task of cleaning weapons "echh!!".

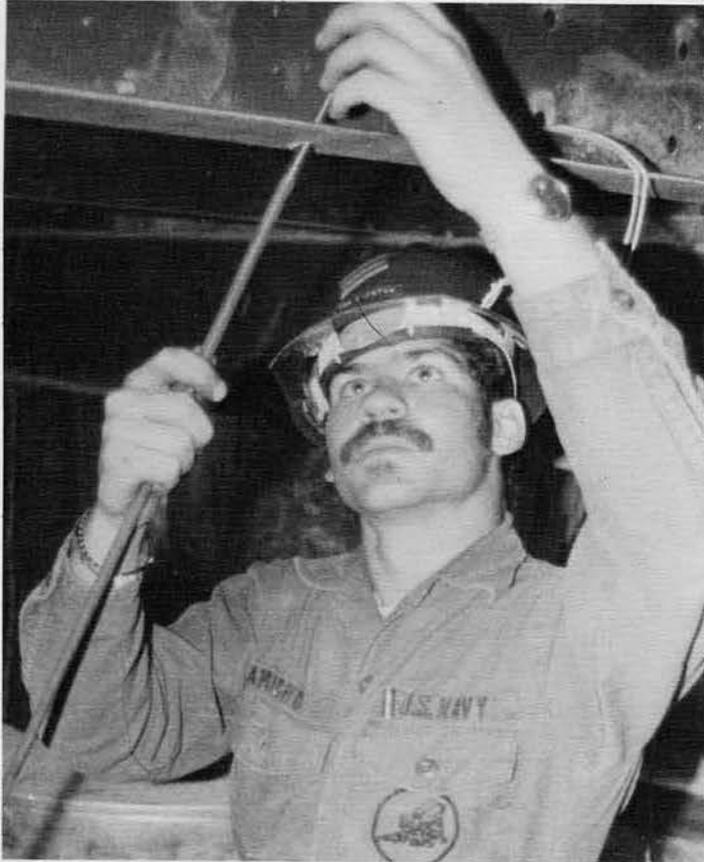




SW2 Andy Renwick, Flushing, N.Y., (ABOVE) works on the ventilation system in the Cal Lab. SWCR Chris "CHE" Camacho, Miami, (BELOW) places hangers for cleaning filters at the Cal Lab.



SW3 Jack Reilly scribes metal prior to making the actual cut. SWCA Steve Frame, Louisville, Ky., (BELOW) tries some reber.

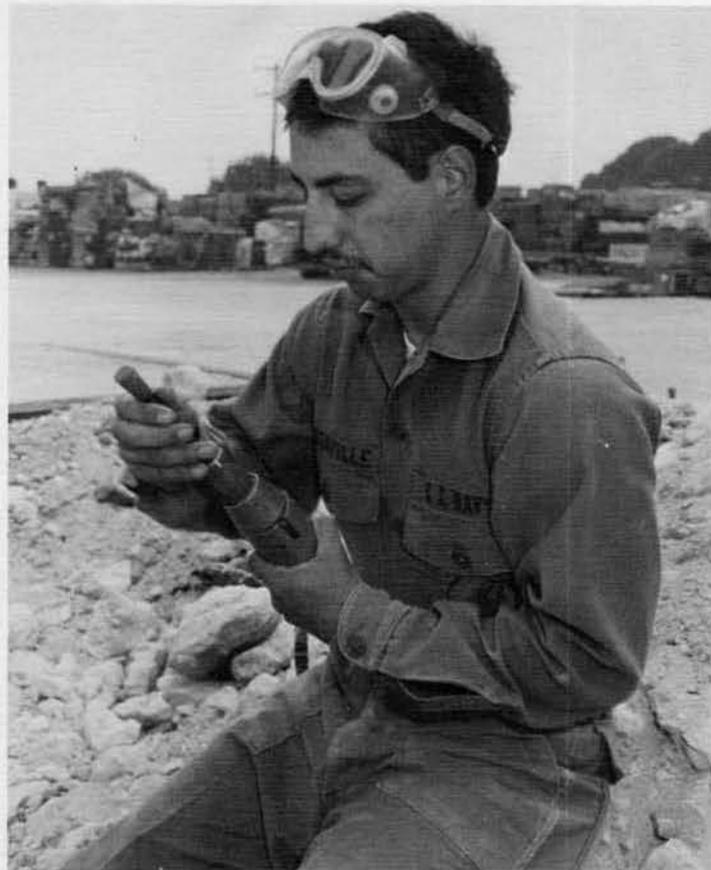


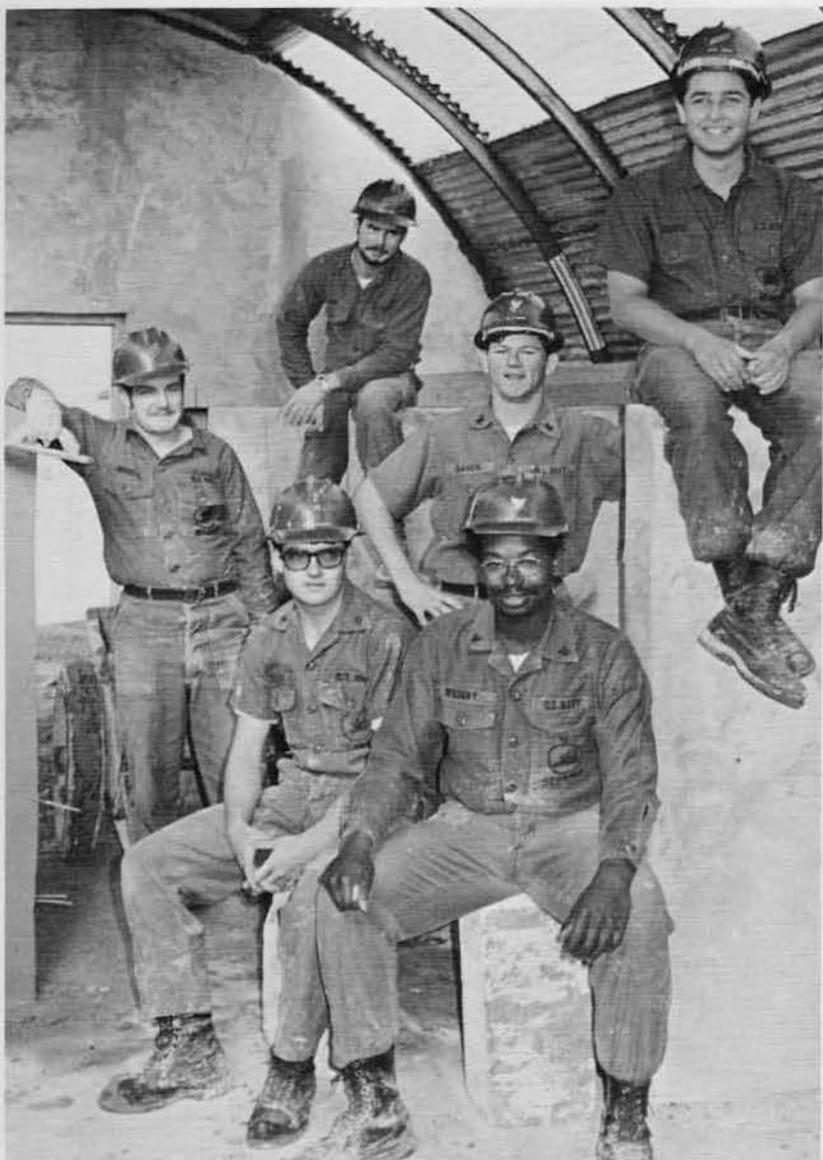


BU1 Don Hall, San Diego, (ABOVE) shows BUCN Charlie Gordon, Ballston Lake, N. Y., his way of setting the field radial arm saw. BU2 Dave Maez, Albuquerque, N. M., (BELOW) checks his work for accuracy on the MLO Project.



One of the many job-sites that BU2 Abe Callanta, (ABOVE) worked on was the MLO Project. BU3 Jerry Lunderville, Corpus Christi, Tx., (BELOW) loads the ram set for another shot.





Members of the Base Kennel Project Crew (UPPER LEFT) were BU3 Steve Quealy, BU3 Al Daub, BU2 Dave Minkler, BU2 Chris Rauch, BU3 Tony Wright and BUCN Bob Adams. Most of the men thought the work was for the dogs. BU3 Walt Mistler (BOTTOM LEFT) and BU2 Al Krieger finish-up the Destruct Room Job. BU3 Dave Norman (BELOW) works in the Destruct Room. BU2 Robert Jack (ABOVE) cuts a length of 2x4 for forming on the Library Project.





BU3 Bob Williams, Philadelphia, Pa., in a futile attempt to escape Silver City.

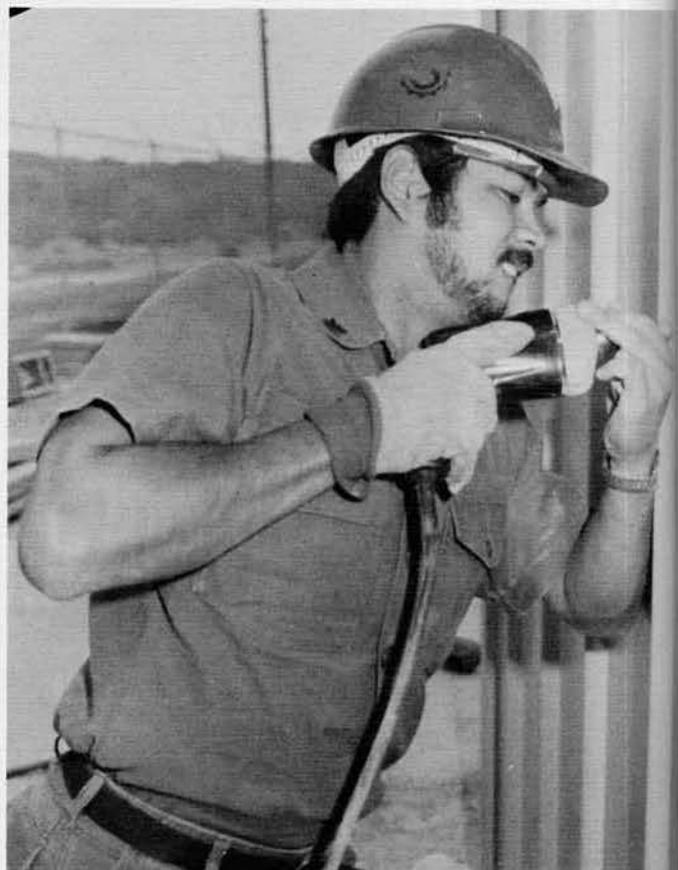


BU3 Rick Brovitch, St. Paul, Minn., takes some measurements at the base Boy Scout Camp.



BU2 Ken Reber, Lt. Ron Keene and BU2 Joel Cram (LEFT) spent many an hour refurbishing the Old Folks Home in Rota. (ABOVE) BUCN Ed Marple does some plastering in the kennel.





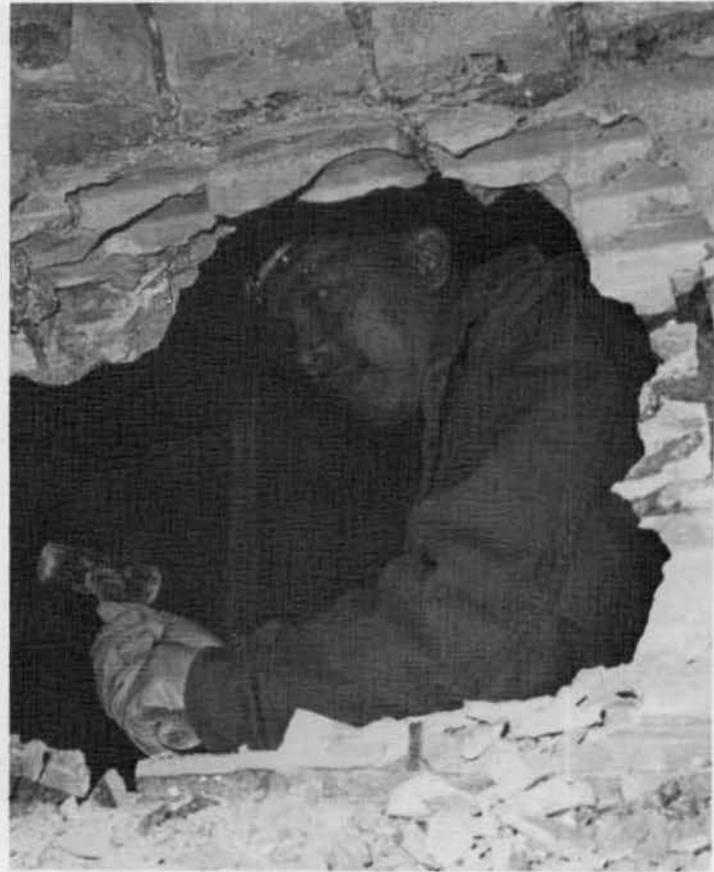
SW2 Lawrence Leonguerrero, Sina Jana, Guam, (ABOVE) puts metal siding in place at the MLO covered storage while SWCA Terry Gary (BELOW) does some painting on the tire storage rack.

SW2 Mike Sancrant (ABOVE) worked on the TCS Antenna site before leaving for Thurso, Scotland to erect antennas. SW3 Steve Stancer (BELOW) sings "Lord knows that I love my music" while working in the Prefab Yard.





LEFT: BU2 Manuel P. Rivera, from Oxnard, Ca. the crew leader at the Library addition, is shown here placing concrete forms. RIGHT: BU2 Alfredo M. Padua, from Marysville, Ca. (who seems to be trying to escape), is really just breaking down a wall while he worked on the Library Addition. "Fred" worked with the Shore Patrol in Rota, for awhile.



LEFT: BUCA W. A. Hart, from Wright, Minn. does some accurate chiseling, putting in windows of the Library. RIGHT: BUCN James O. Slade from Cleveland, OH is sifting sand for the plaster at the Library.





ABOVE: CDR. DeVicq stands by, while BU1 Scoville, BU1 Amposta, and CAPT. Roe (C.O. NAVACTS, ROTA) lend a hand in the ceremony for the Bowling Alley Addition. BELOW: BU3 Ronald J. Williams from Firebaugh, Ca. knows that's mud in his eye, when plastering overhead as Ron is doing, here on the Library.

BELOW: BUCA Lee A. Halverson from Madison, WI is seen here working on the windows at the New Library Addition.



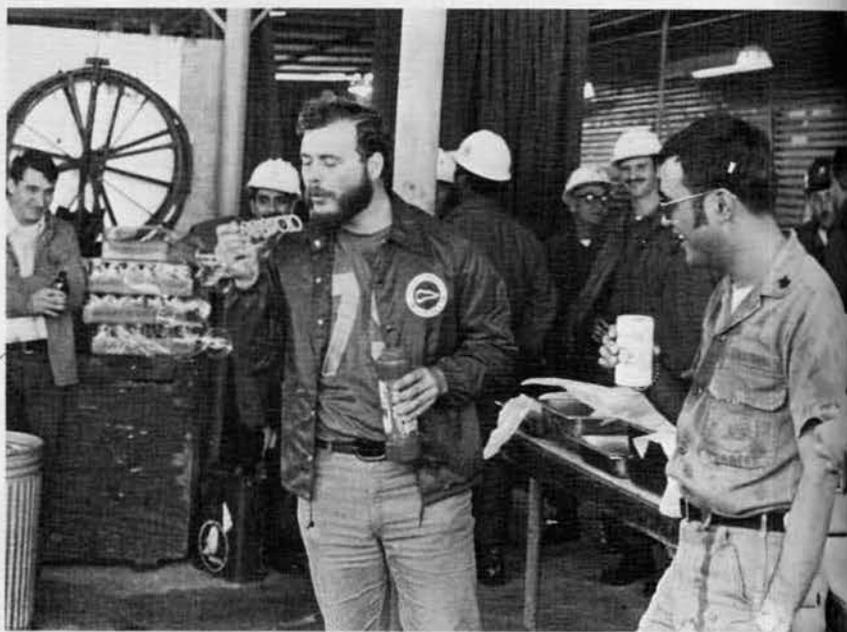
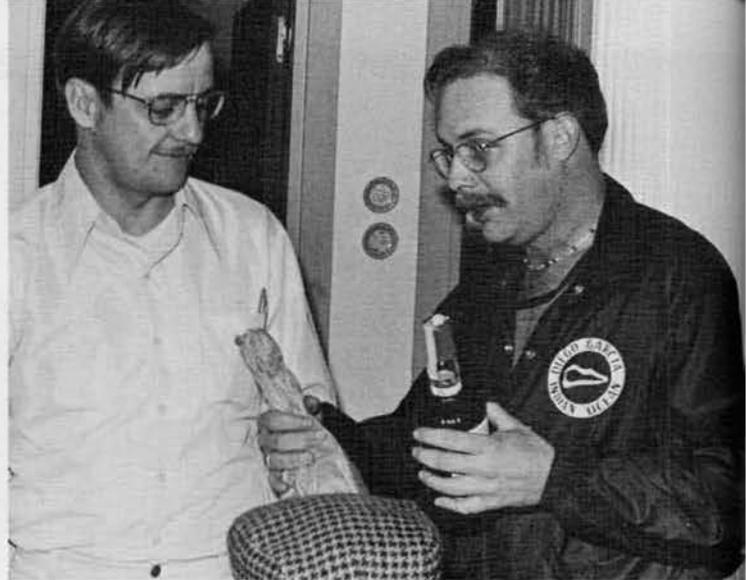
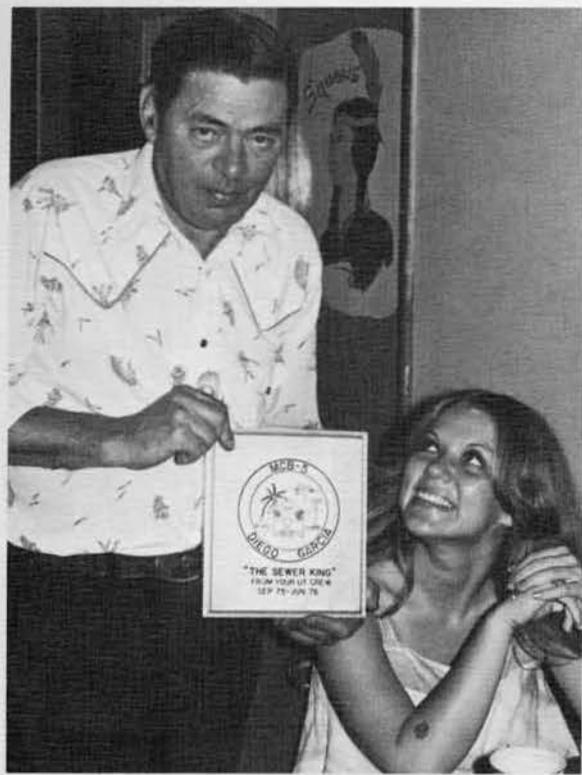


ABOVE: BU3 Robert M. Thomas from Coshocton, OH, is seen concentrating while cutting wood on the radial arm saw. BELOW: BU3 David A. Teixeira takes a break to cool "da' tootsies!" during an exercise of Military Training.

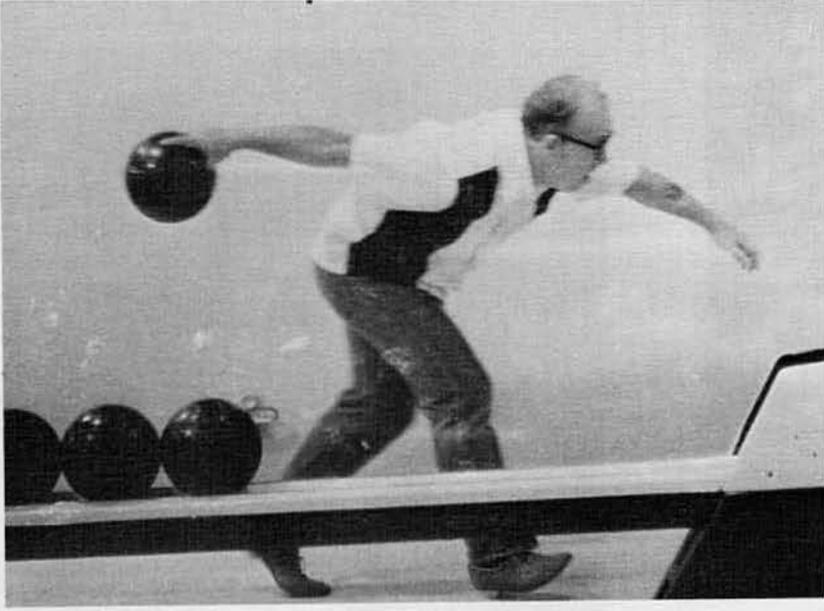


ABOVE: BU3 Harold "Buzz" Smyth from Fort Pierce, FL, grimly saws away at creosoted timber at the Fender System Repair job site. BELOW: BUCN James L. Shook from Hudson, NY, is seen tying rebar for concrete placement.



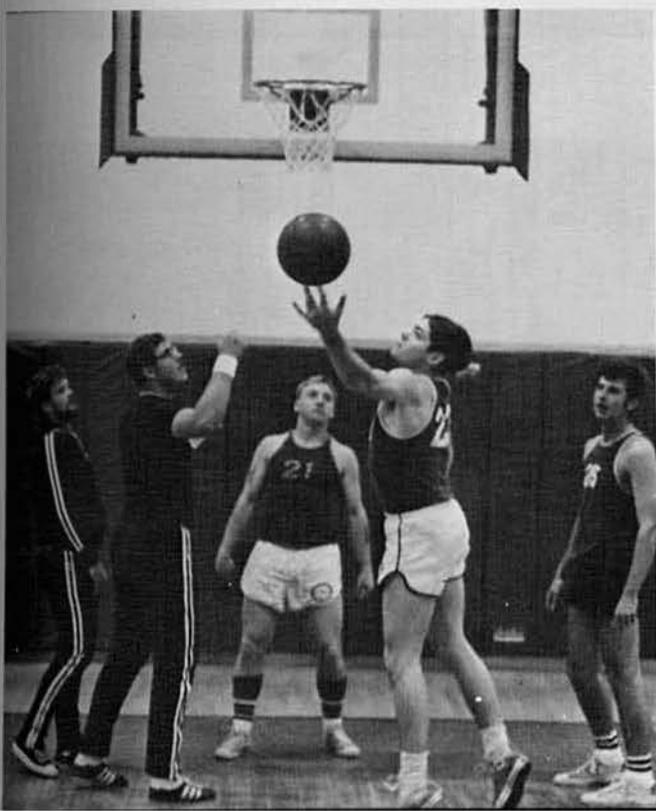








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THAT IT SINGS VERY SOFTLY

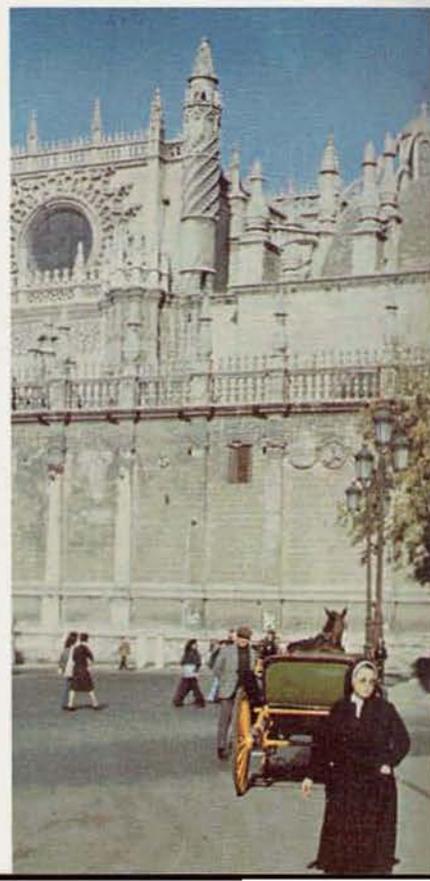
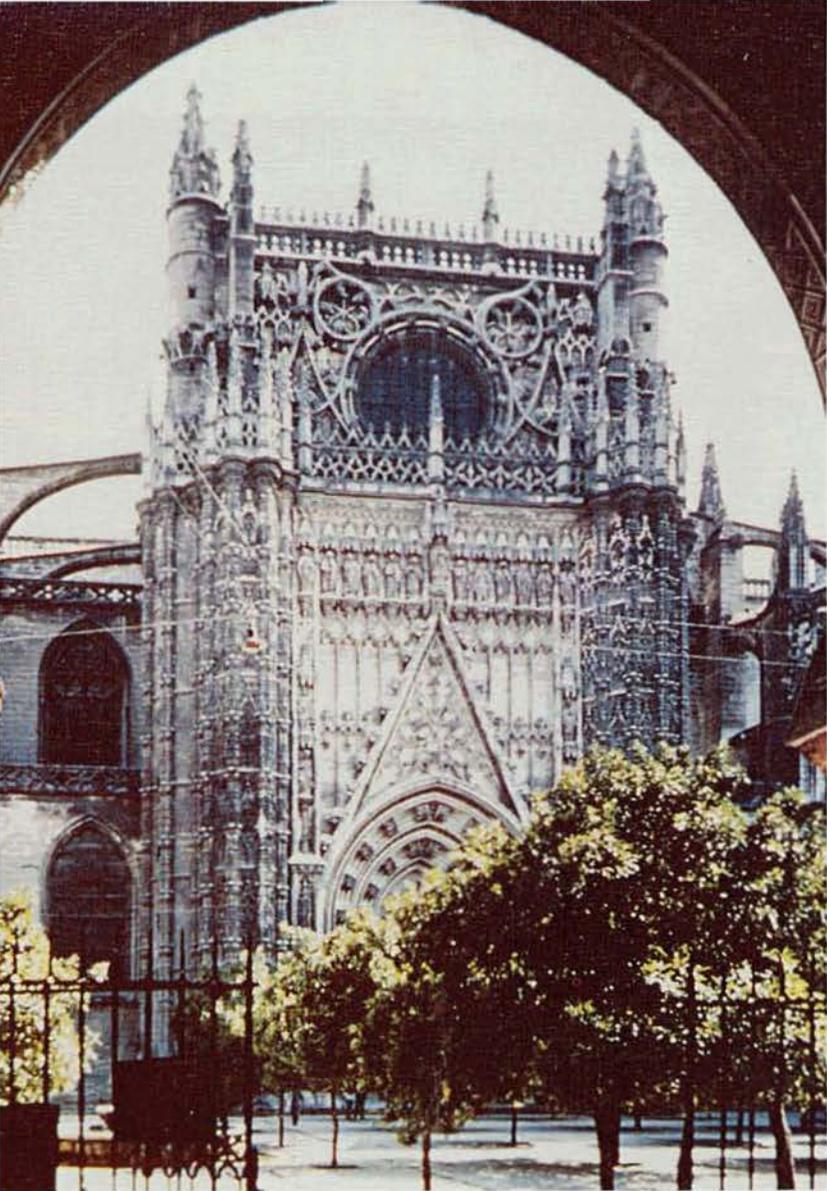


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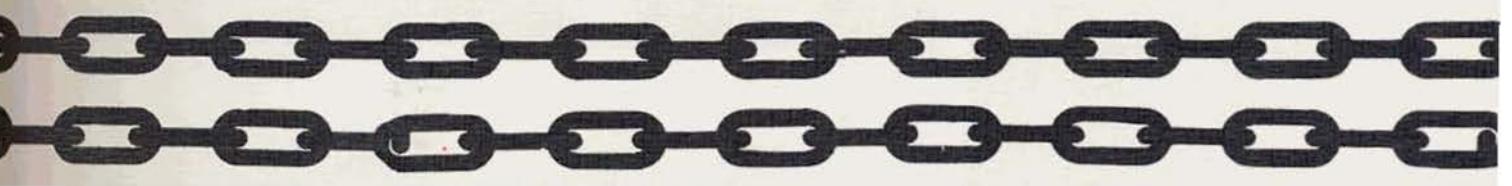
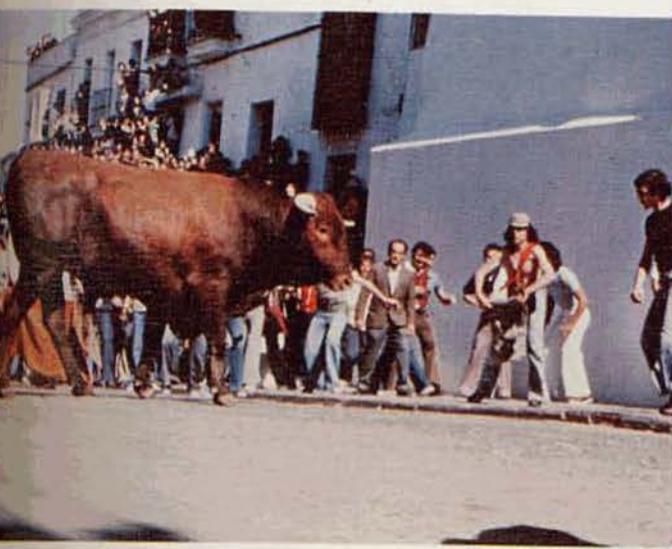
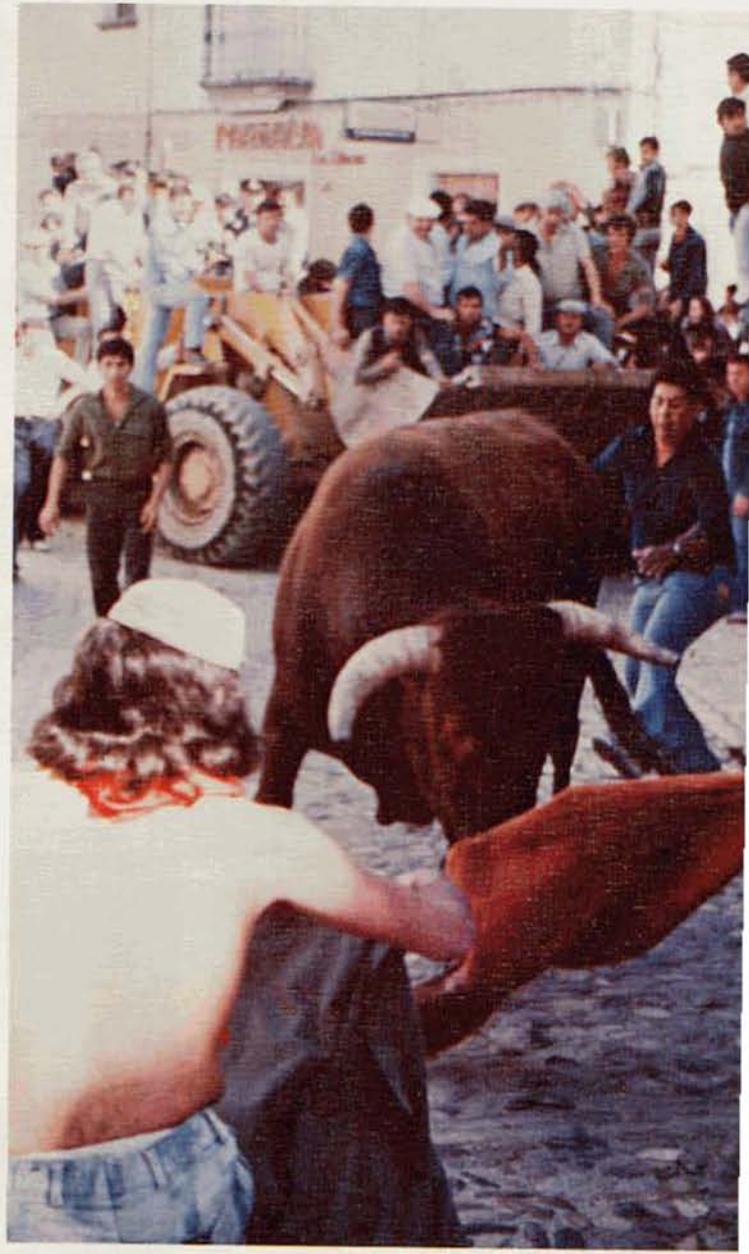
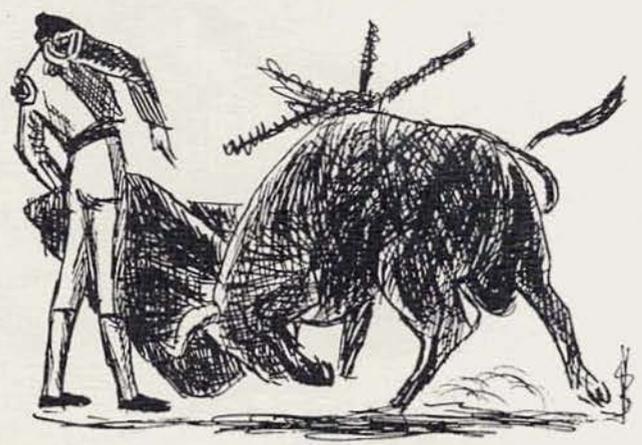
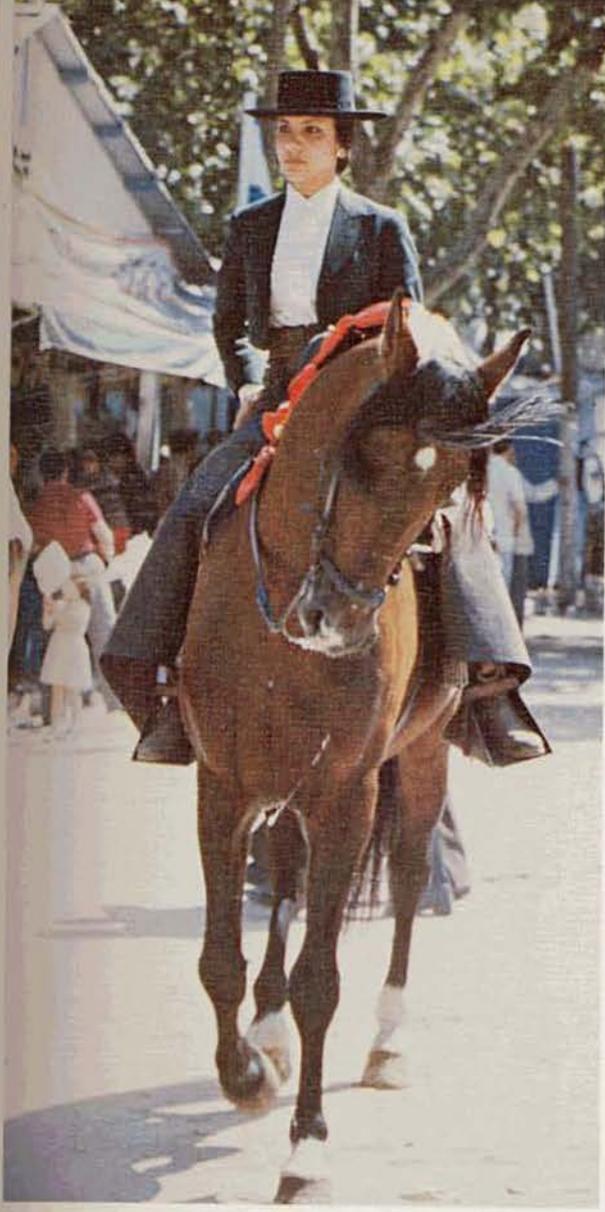
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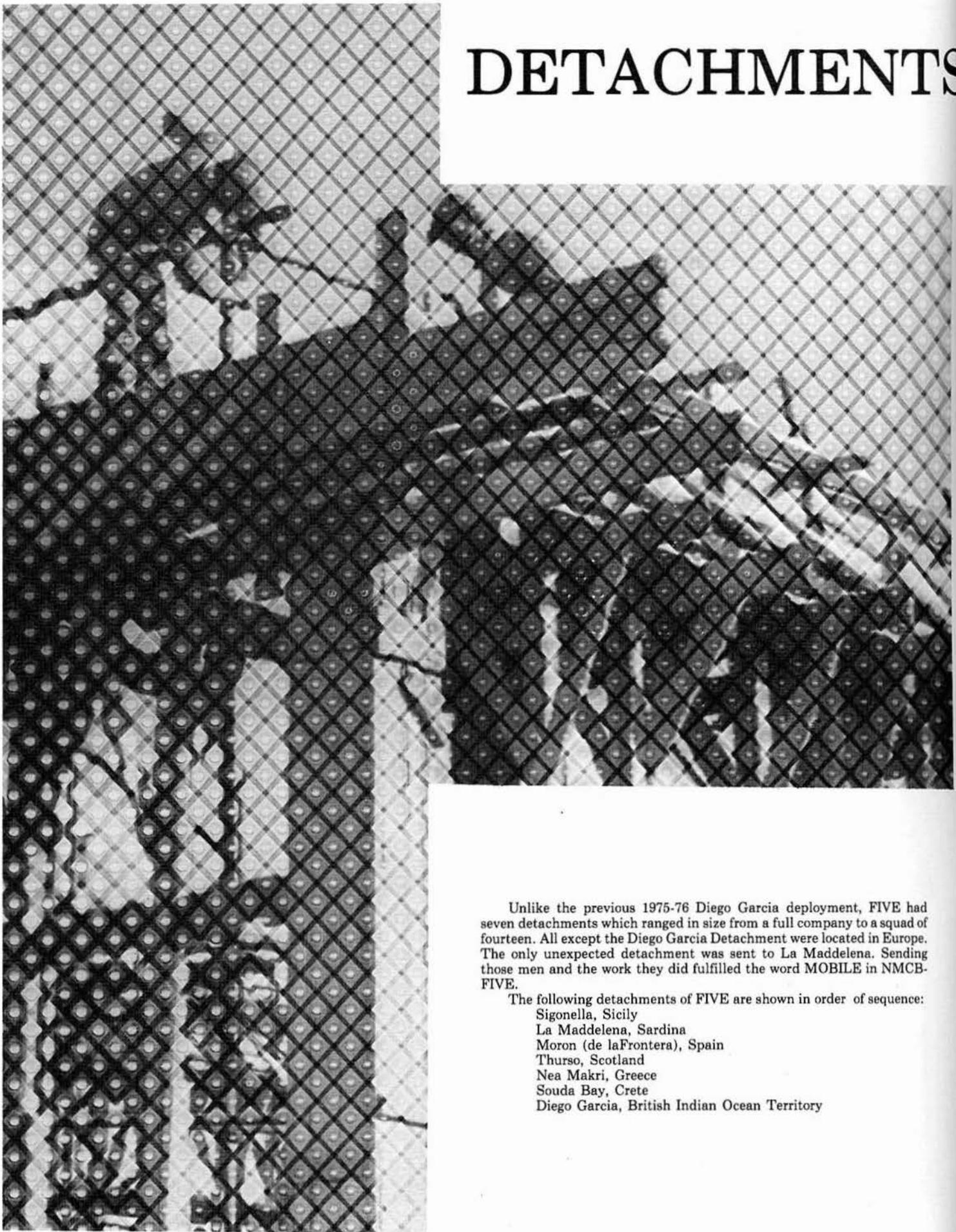








DETACHMENTS



Unlike the previous 1975-76 Diego Garcia deployment, FIVE had seven detachments which ranged in size from a full company to a squad of fourteen. All except the Diego Garcia Detachment were located in Europe. The only unexpected detachment was sent to La Maddelena. Sending those men and the work they did fulfilled the word MOBILE in NMCFIVE.

The following detachments of FIVE are shown in order of sequence:

- Signonella, Sicily
- La Maddelena, Sardina
- Moron (de la Frontera), Spain
- Thurso, Scotland
- Nea Makri, Greece
- Souda Bay, Crete
- Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory

SIGONELLA

About 50-miles southwest of the active volcano, Mt. Etna, on the island of Sicily is a region called Sigonella. It is in this area composed mainly of farms, orange groves, grassy plains, and a Navy base known as Naval Air Facility, Sigonella (NAFSIG) that FIVE's largest DET was located.

The DET trudged through the early months of the deployment overcoming the obstacles presented by 10-miles of winding Italian roads between job-sites and the berthing area and the torrential rains that turned "Sunny Sig" into a muddy mess.

As mid-deployment approached the sun began to shine more often and the ground began to solidify. Slowly things began to happen. The EM/CPO Club Project climbed upward from its watery, but temporary, grave. The Compressed Air Bldg., the Fleet Mail Center, the Reactionary Force Facility and the numerous paving projects began to take shape.

Suddenly the eyes of Sigonella were closely watching us. They could finally see the fruits of months of SEABEE labor, as buildings began popping out of the ground and the paving sped up. Thanks to the SEABEES, NAFSIG is on its way to becoming a modern expanding facility.

During their free time many of the men participated in various sports with FIVE's football team capturing a first place trophy.

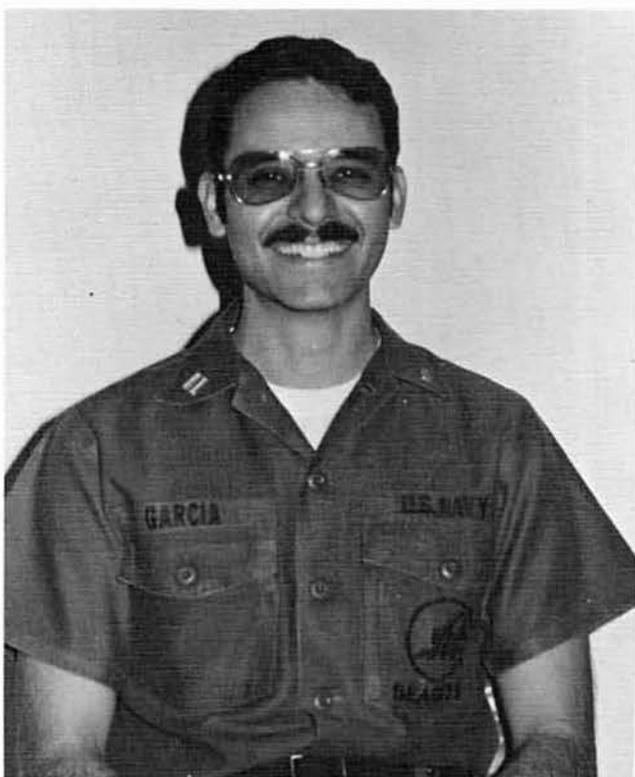
Some men participated in base-wide college courses and most experienced the Italian culture by visiting the nearby city of Catania. Between bus tours, Special Services and individual initiative, men from the DET traveled everywhere from Israel to Copenhagen. The European Deployment was truly a well rounded learning experience for the men of DET Sigonella.



Officer In Charge of Det Sigonella, Lt. Ron Keene.



The O.I.C.'s right hand man Ens. Jeff Tubello.



Operations Officer for the DET, Lt. Paul Garcia.



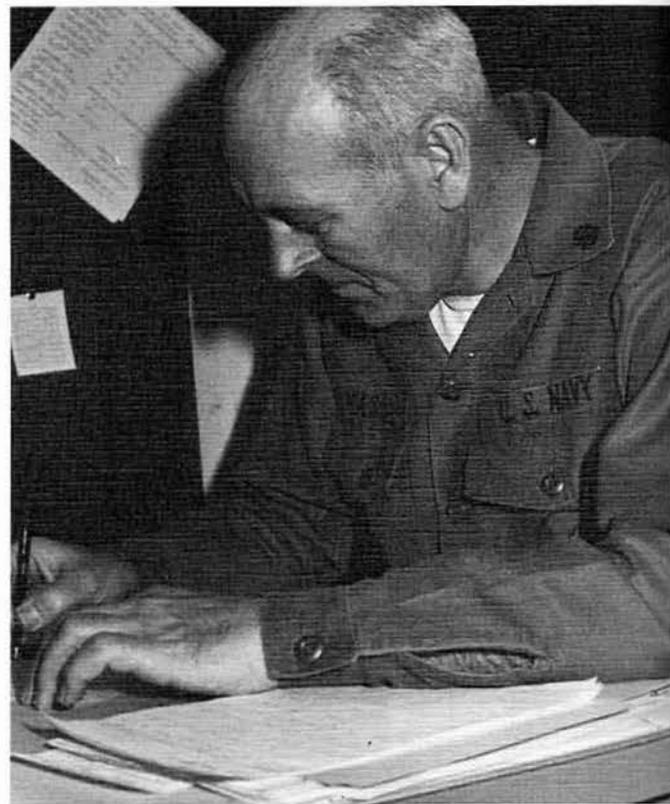
Bravo Company Commander, BUC Bob Hines



Operations Chief UTCM Ed Garside



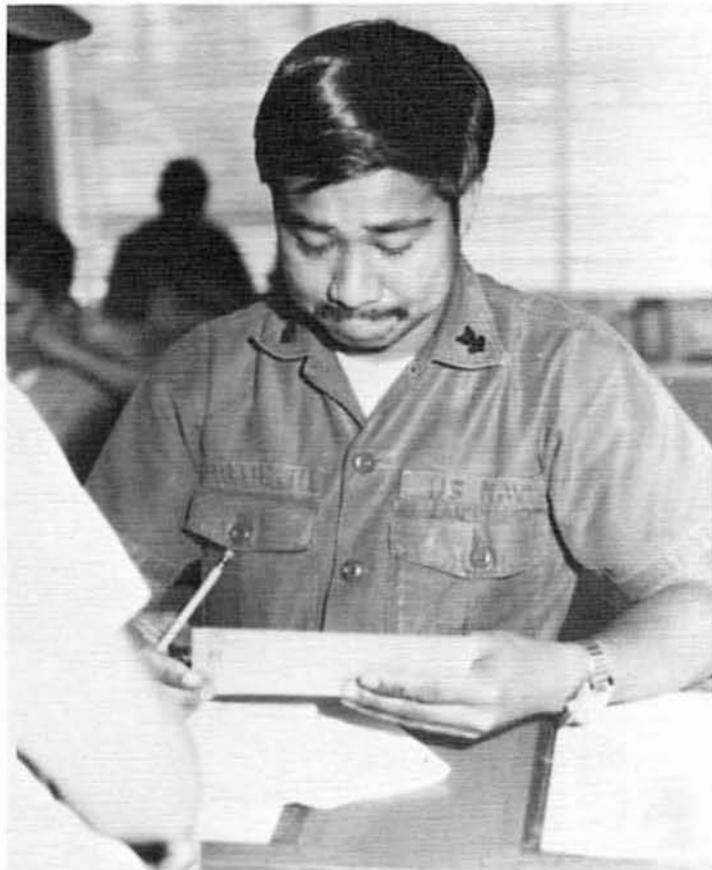
Delta Company Commander BUC Jim Williams



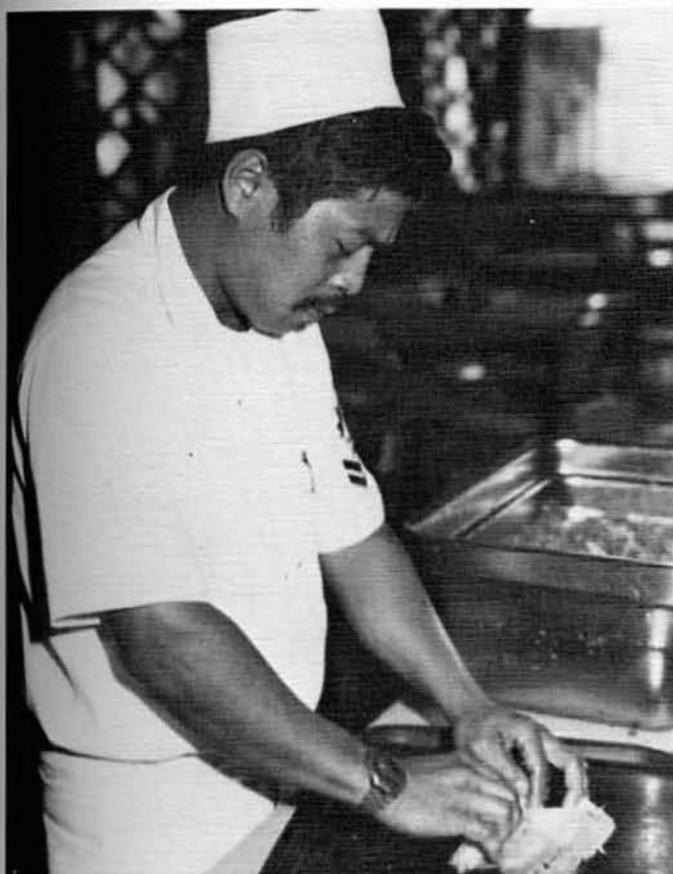
Headquarters Company Commander SWC Tom Massy



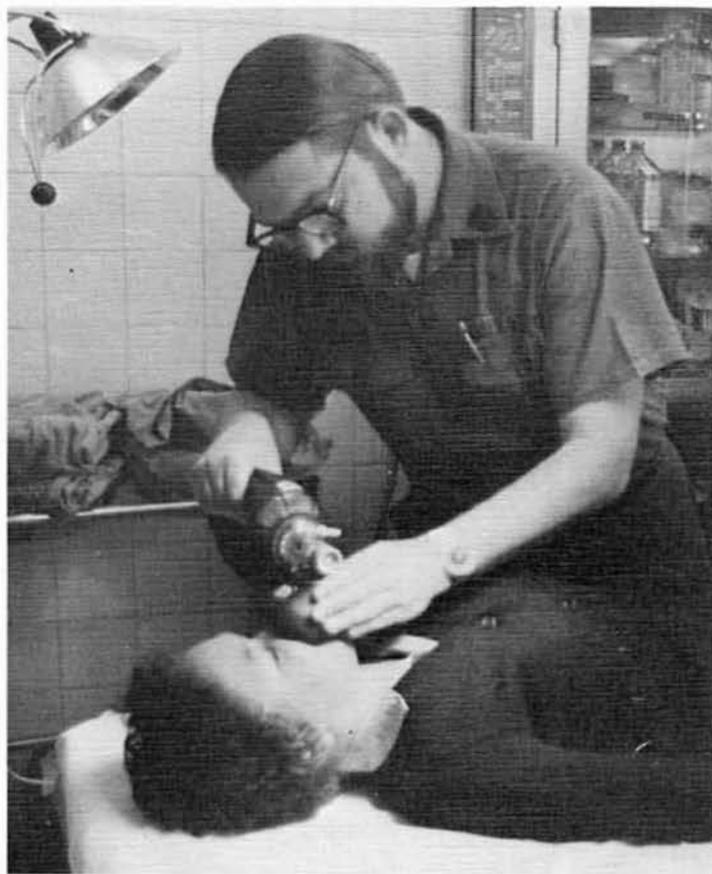
SK1 Felix Samson "the supply boss".



DK2 Rodolfo Arruejo, makes sure his check is correct.



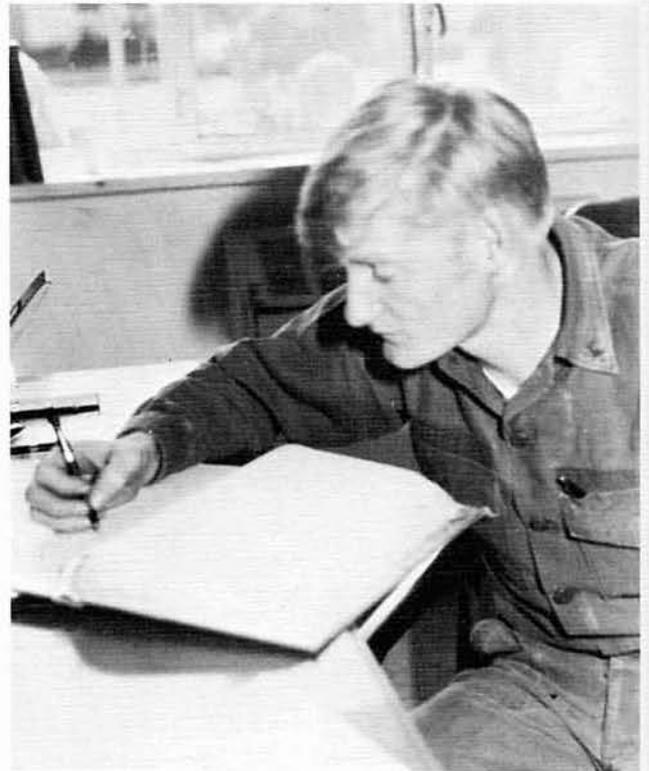
MS2 Jaime Fernandez, cooks up a storm.



HM1 Mike Rigsby, "Ya wanna play doctor?"



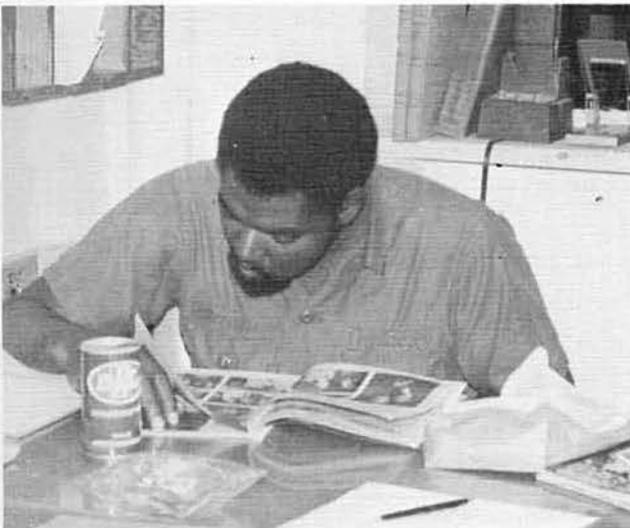
YN3 Al Massa and PN3 Erle Futbeyre



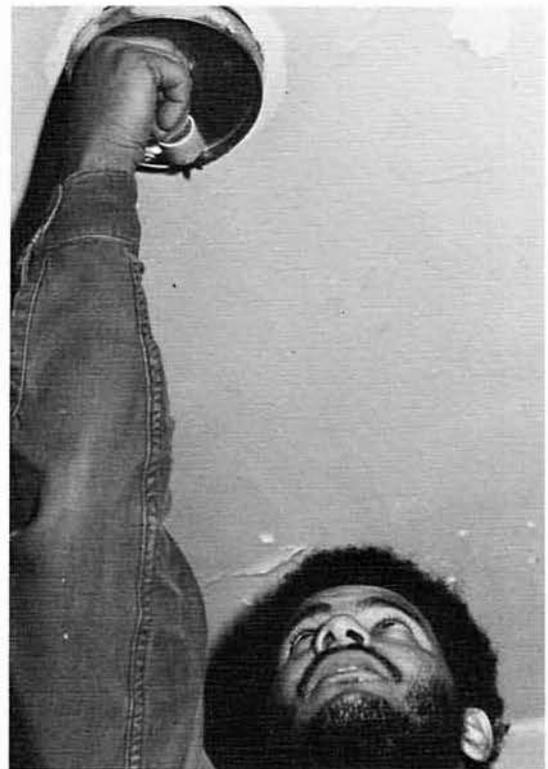
BM2 John Irwin BEQ manager.



EO1 John Kinnin worked for Shore Patrol.



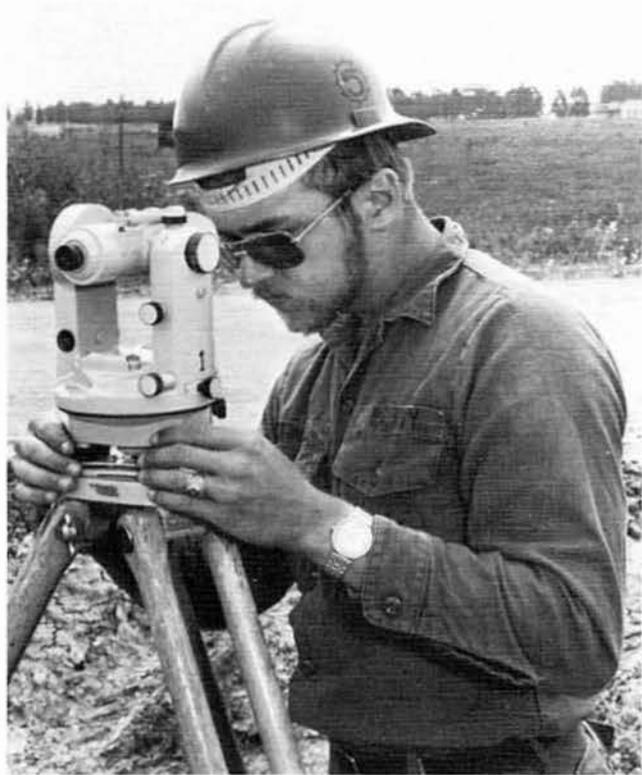
EO3 Lynwood Brown standing duty.



CECN Orlando Nieves, replacing bulbs.



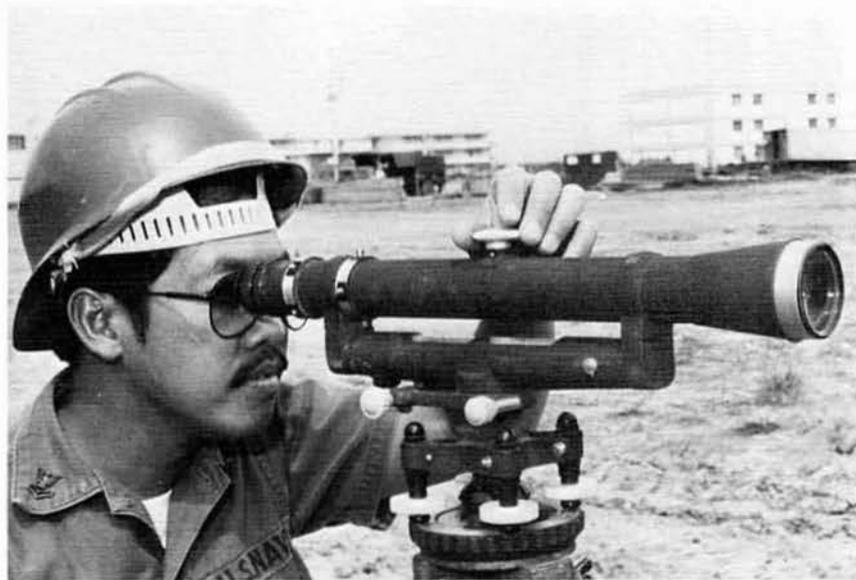
EACN Karl Johnson and EA1 Tom Kendrick



EACN Pat Crowell



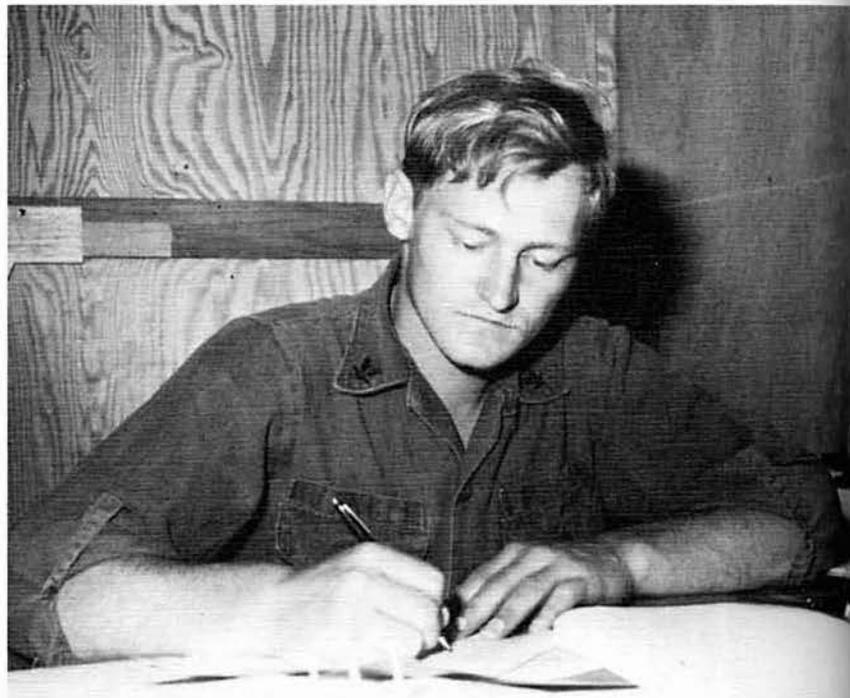
EACN Vladimir Maraata



EA2 Ludovi Galamgam



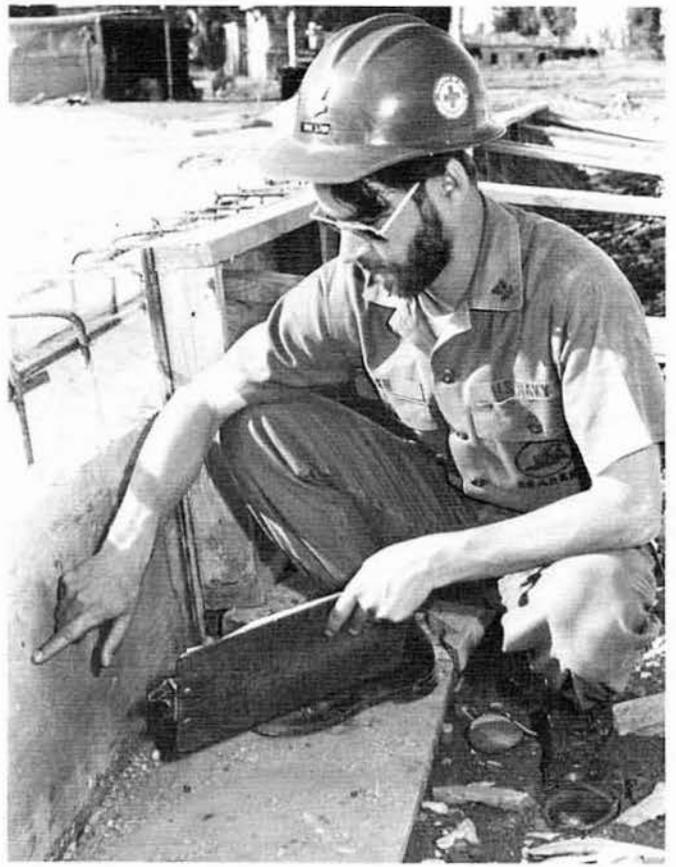
BU1 John Buza (ABOVE) was in charge of MLO while BU3 Joe Lawing (UPPER RIGHT) was DET expediter and local purchaser. EO3 Larry Taylor (RIGHT) "Man this ain't nothin' like my Harley!"



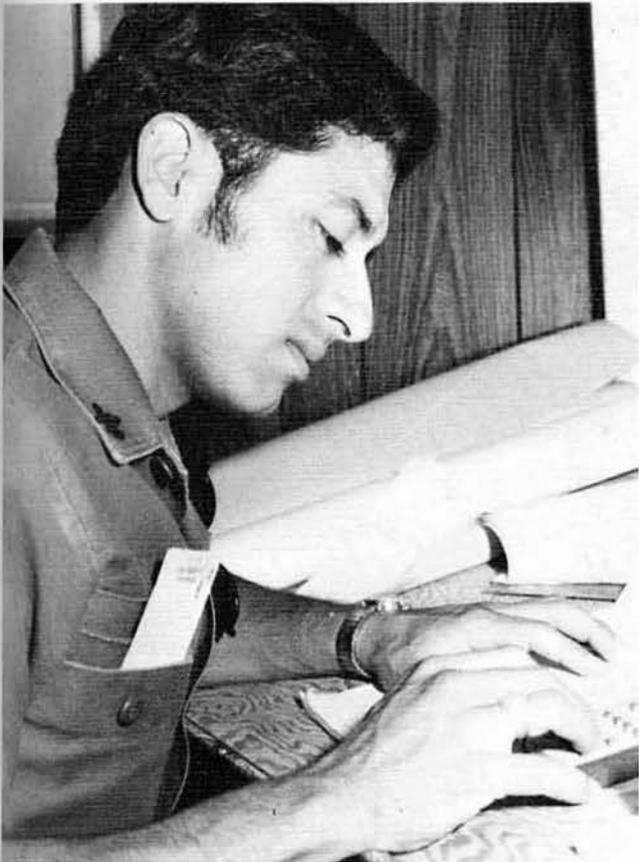
BU3 Dave Ketler (LEFT) signs out a pair of boots from BU1 Dennis Mildbrandt. BU3 Charlie Pringle (ABOVE) works on CTR's inventory.



BU1 Endrino Parra (ABOVE) worked with Quality Control and UT1 Ron Lopez (BELOW) was part of the Planning & Estimating Department.



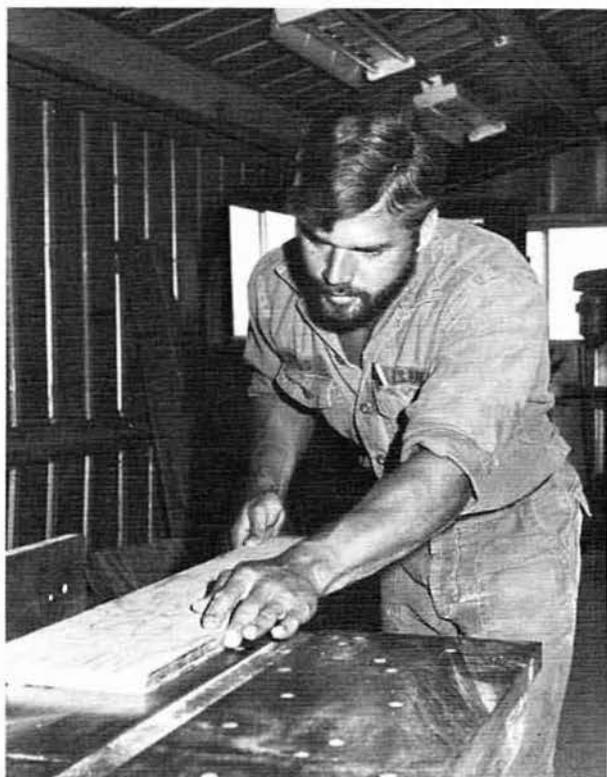
BU2 John Lien (ABOVE) checks concrete textures as part of his Quality Control duties. EACN Bob Byers (BELOW) worked as DET time keeper.



BUILDER SHOP



BU3 George Larko makes sure that BU3 Bob Siuda's hard hat meets the battalion's safety standards.



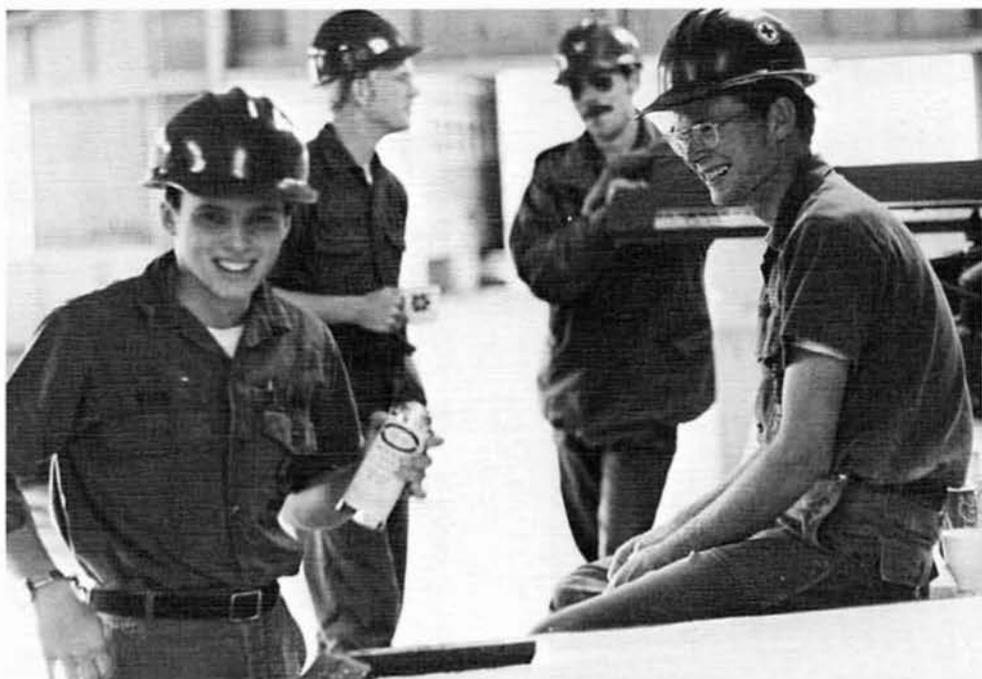
BUCN Rock Girard cuts forms in the Carpenter Shop.



BUCN Gary Hyatte arrived at Sig near the mid-deployment mark.



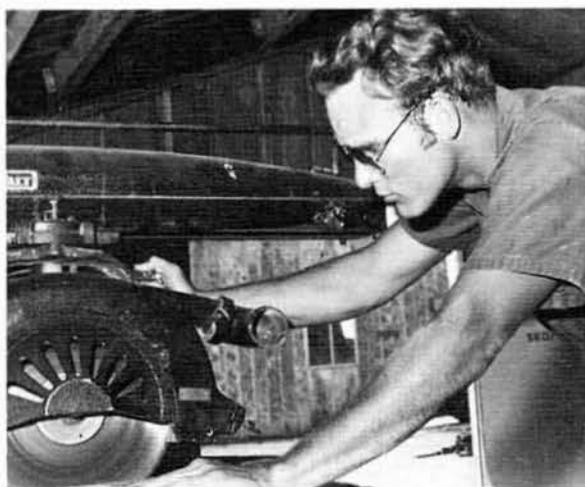
BUCN Delmas Hines busies himself in the Builder Shop.



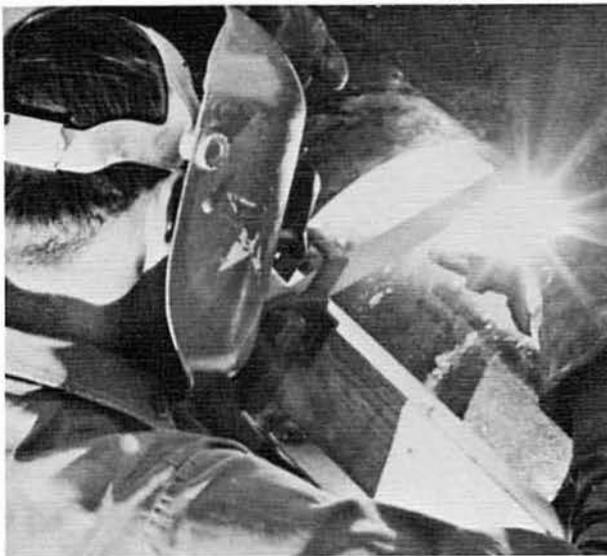
BUCN Perry Fish, BUCN Gary Watsabaugh, BU3 Mike McCabe and BUCN Bill McKibben, (ABOVE) potential members of next year's U.S. Olympic Skating Team. BUCA George Reuter (RIGHT) makes a clean cut with the radial arm saw.



BUCN Dave Shaw (ABOVE) kicks back in his favorite easy chair, while BU3 Walt Henderson (RIGHT) completes a cut on a piece of plywood.



STEEL SHOP



A typical day in the life of a steel worker.



SW3 Ken Aligata and BU3 Stan Rhodes tie rebar in the Steel Yard.



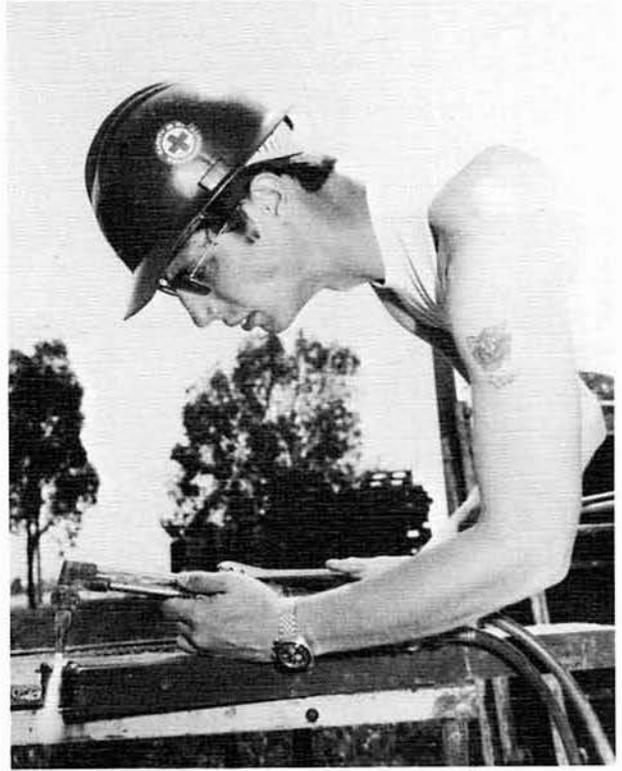
SW1 Vince Barnes checks the specifications on a job.



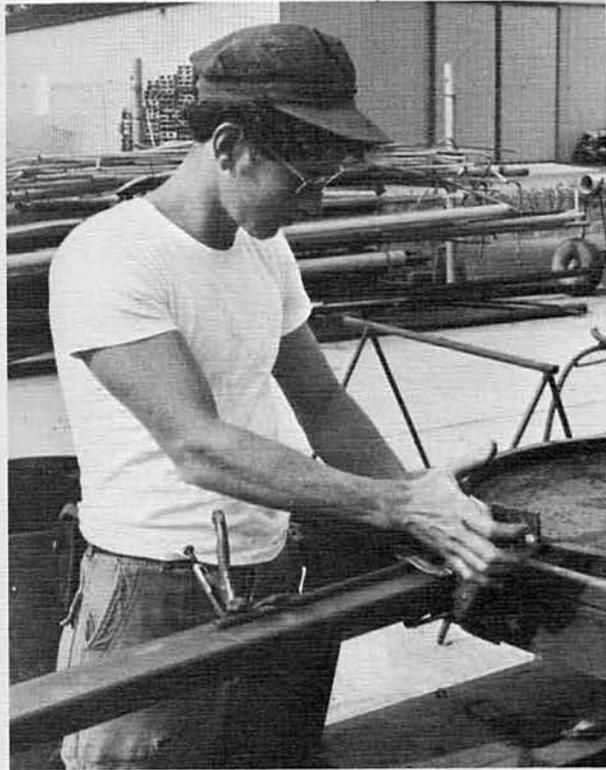
SWCA Dave Molano with "ISIS" thinks the Steel Shop has gone to the dogs.



BUCN Bill Ransom shows SWCR "ISIS" how to measure rebar.



SWCN Rick Garrett seeking political asylum from Rota while at Sigonella.



SWCN Ray Herbine secures a piece of steel prior to welding.



SWCN Steve Latronica without his camera? Steve did an excellent job of supplying the battalion with photos from the largest DET, Sigonella.

CONSTRUCTION ELECTRICIANS



CE2 Angelo Barone double checks the circuitry.



CE3 Joe Anzilotti oiling his favorite tool.



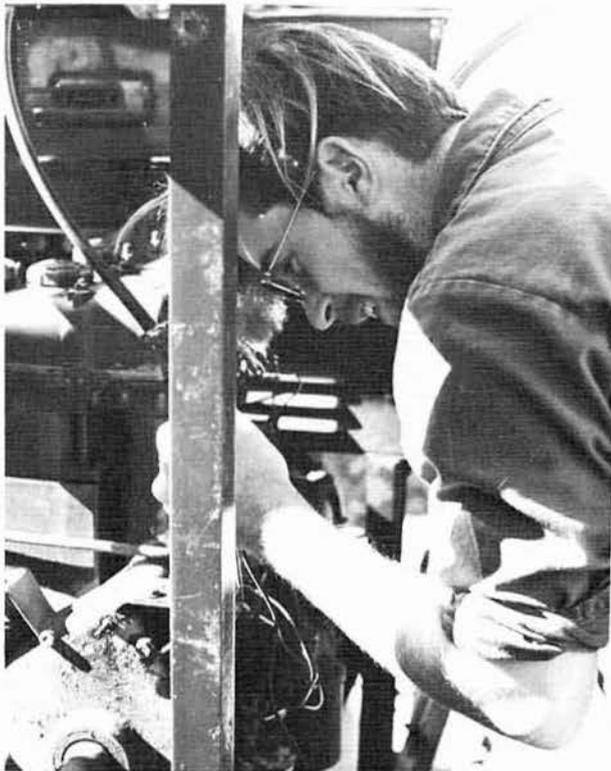
CECN Stewart Burhenn, trying to find a short cut to Hueneme?



CE2 Joe Pittman and CE1 Bill Bridges repair some faulty equipment.



CECN Pat Kremer with Sigonella's answer to the slot machine.



CE3 Bob Newton, "Oh well green and yellow are pretty close".



EO2 Charlie Hughes with the DET's fuel truck.



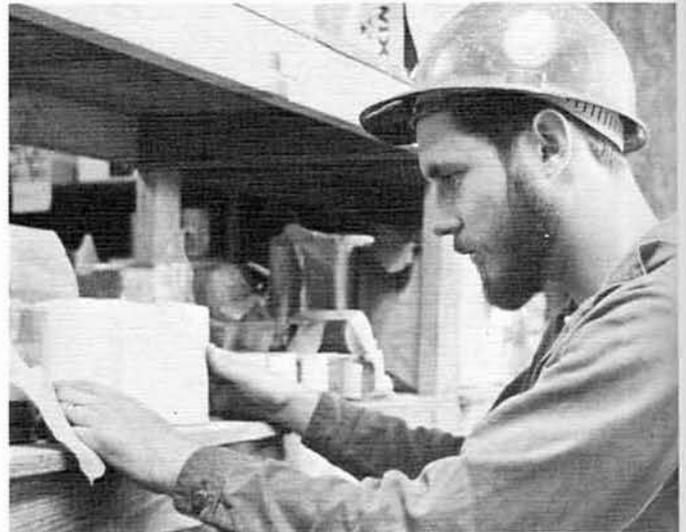
EOCN Jim Bell gave up his stocks in an American Telephone company to start this Tire Shop.



EO1 Ed Pacula (ABOVE) Assistant Alfa Company Commander and CM1 Clarence Parr (BELOW) Petty Officer in Charge of the CM Shop.



CM2 Paul Barcena (ABOVE) was Alfa Company CM Inspector, while CM3 Steve Kleinjan ensured that Repair Parts was well stocked.





CM3 Greg Eklund (ABOVE), "she'll be ready for the INDY 500 in no time Chief." CM3 Dave Richardson (UPPER RIGHT) "I could always get a job advertising hand cleansers." CM3 Bill Sandoval (RIGHT) "I orginally wanted to become an eye surgeon but my friends talked me out of it, I wonder why?"



CM3 Mark Andrews (ABOVE) "grease and grime, it's all part of a CM's work". CM3 Bill Sandoval (RIGHT) thinks, "WOW this guy can fall asleep anywhere." as visions of sugar plums dance through CM3 Garry Flickinger's head.

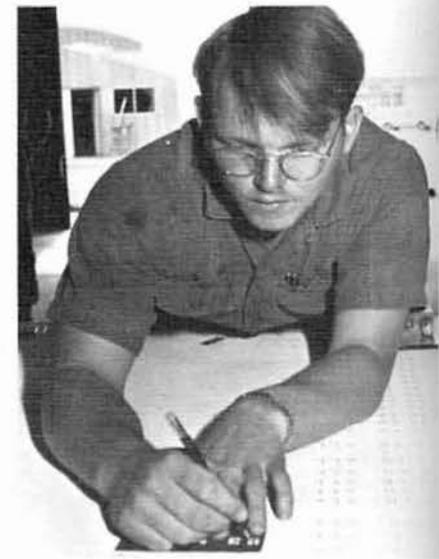




TOP ROW: EO3 Jim Baust, EO3 Kenny White, EO3 Gary Toro, EO3 Al Corey, EOCN Bob Windrick and EOCN Anthony Speak.

MIDDLE ROW: Equipment Operators Second Class Charlie Fuller and Roman Ramos; "The Paving Crew"; Equipment Operators Constructionmen Mike Flynn, Jim Kelly, Paul Leurs and Steve Brandt.

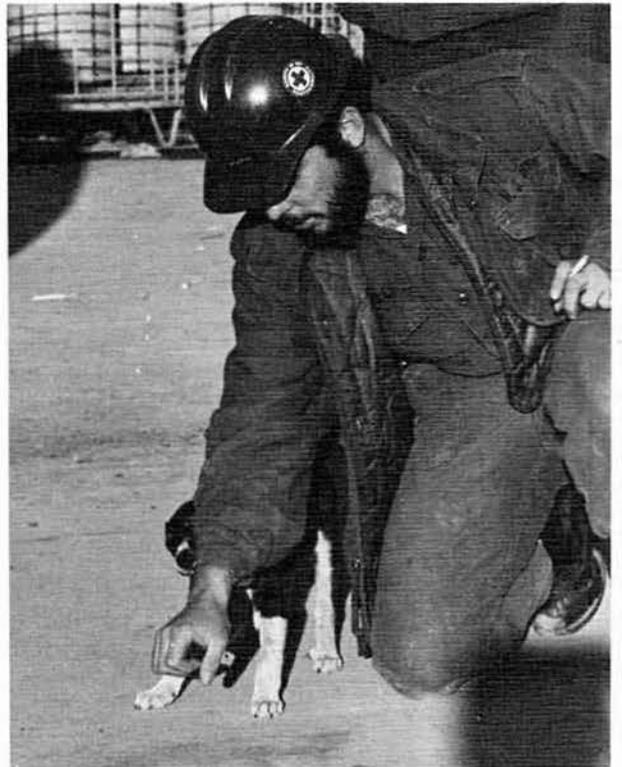
BOTTOM ROW: EOCN Johnny Sanders, EOCN Steve Brandt, EOCN Randy Weiman, EOCA Mike Adkins, EOCN Clint Arrowwood and CM3 Charlie Brenden.





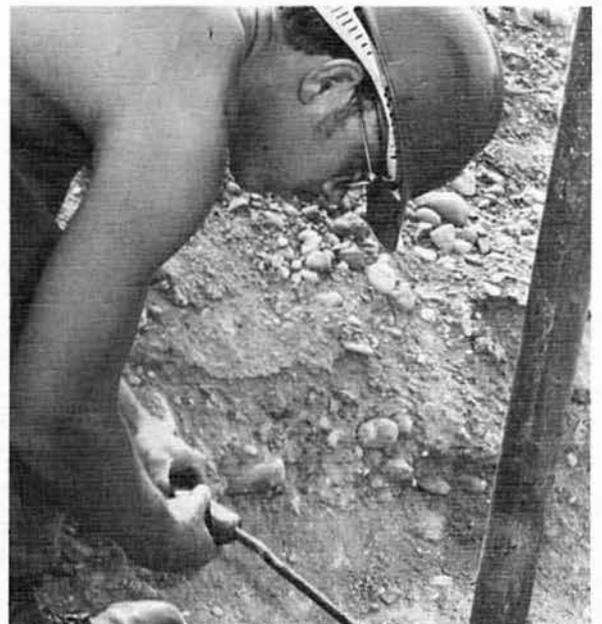


UT2 Billy Haley (LEFT) taking a few notes. UT1 Jim Ahearn gives BUCN Mike Zellers (ABOVE) a little advise on the art of ditch digging. UT3 Ed Tatro (BOTTOM LEFT) dumps the last load for the day. Ever since UTCN Jim Carafelli (BELOW) trained "ISIS" to kill mountain lions there hasn't been one confirmed sighting of a mountain lion in Sigonella.





UT2 Danny Guffey (ABOVE) getting feedback from UTCA Dennis Folla. UTCN Darrel Godwin checking pipe level (UPPER RIGHT). UTCN Tim McMains really gets into his work (RIGHT). UT3 Charlie Stone (BOTTOM RIGHT) "forgot my calculator again". UT3 Gerry Williams (BELOW) pours some hot stuff for a quick seal.





BUCN Joe Lampo and BUCN Jim Anderson, "No sign of Ens. Tubello yet Sir."

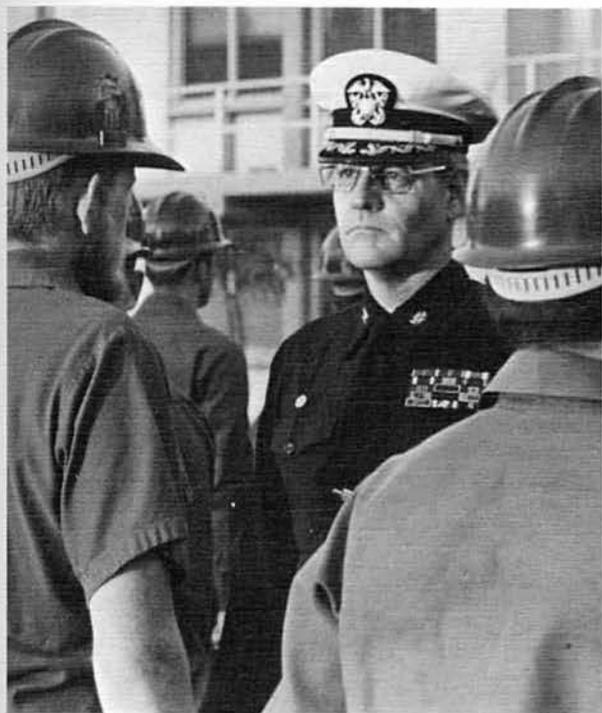


BU3 Bob Williams (ABOVE) at the compressed air facility, "We gotta get out of this place, it it's the last thing we ever do." BU1 Nick Molina (BELOW) hard at work at Sigonella.



BUCN Joe Lampo (CENTER) asks BUCN Scott Long and BU3 George Monroe, "That work isn't hard is it?"





COMCBLANT, Capt. John Paul Jones inspects troops during his visit to the DET.



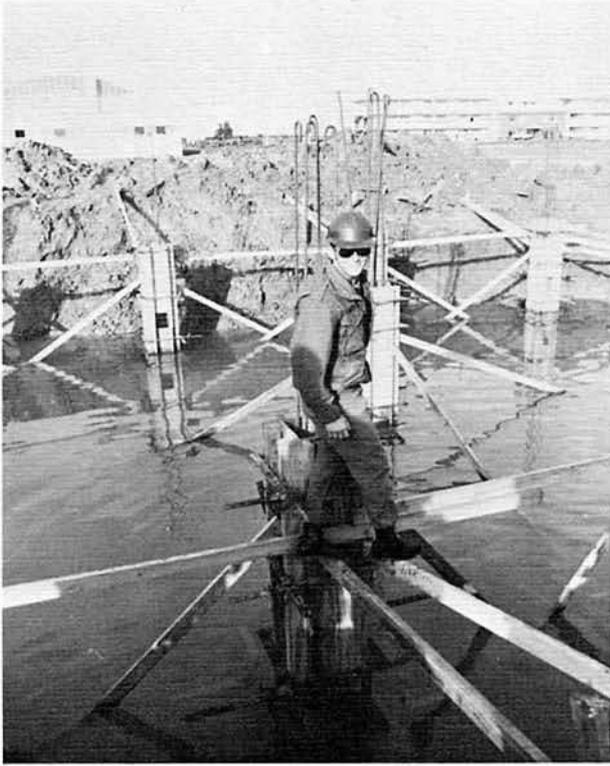
Work continues at the EM/CPO Club.



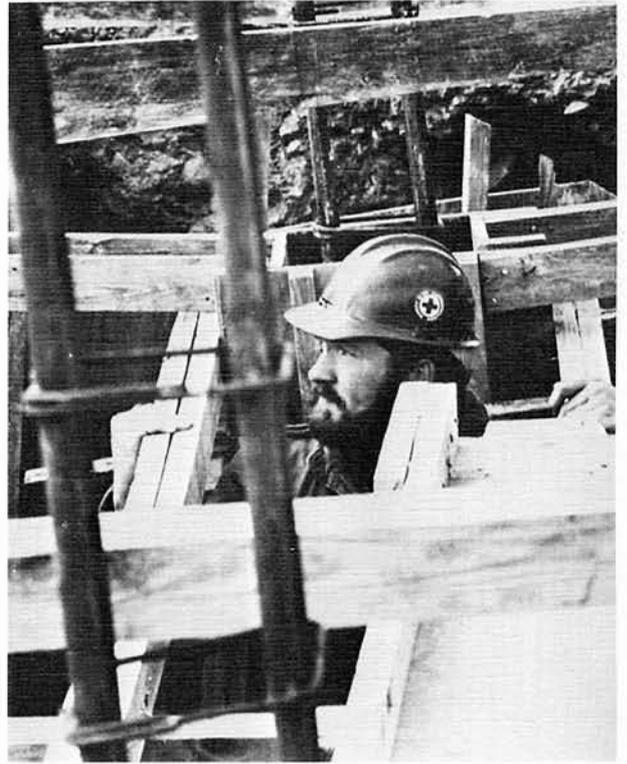
BU1 Charles Crowder, EM/CPO Project Supervisor.



BU2 Glenn Dailey offers a helping hand.



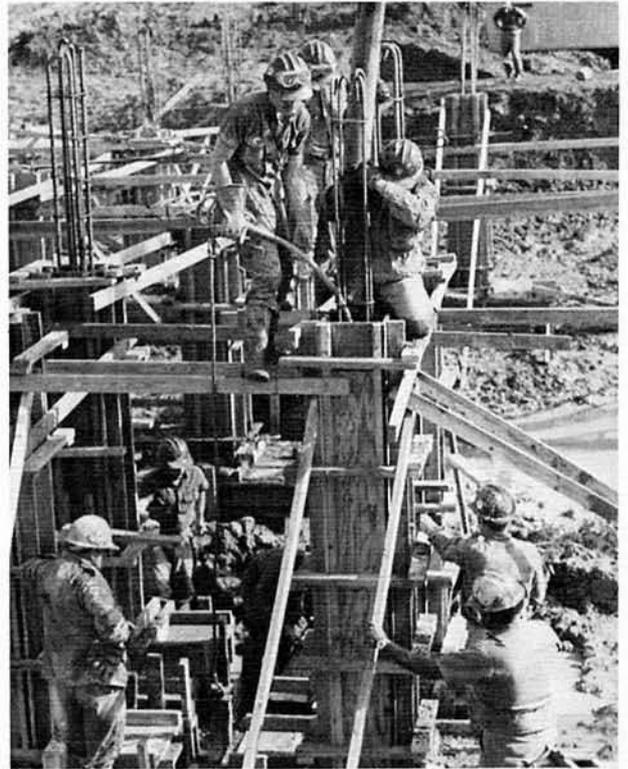
BU3 George Larks, "The fishing was great at the EM/CPO Club."



BUCN Jeff Millington, "Hey guys, don't leave, how am I gonna get out of here."



BUCN Jeff Millington tells a wide-eyed BUCN Bryan McCarthy, "Well I remember back in the big one, WW II . . ."



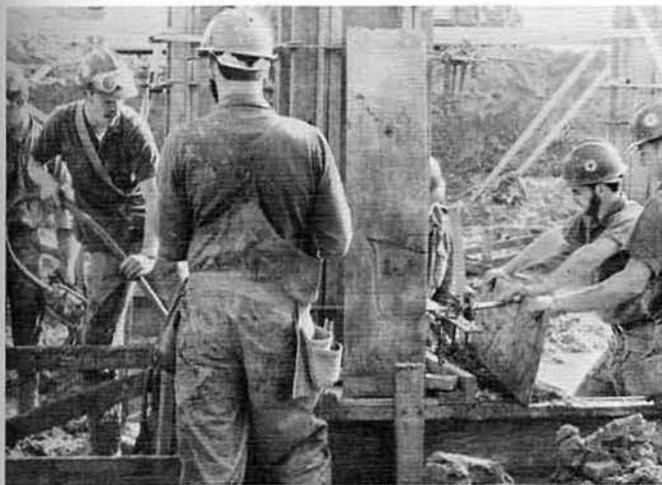
The EM/CPO Club begins to emerge from its muddy beginnings.



BUCN Neal Camp, BUCN Dave Ketler and BU1 Charles Crowder working at the EM/CPO Club Project.



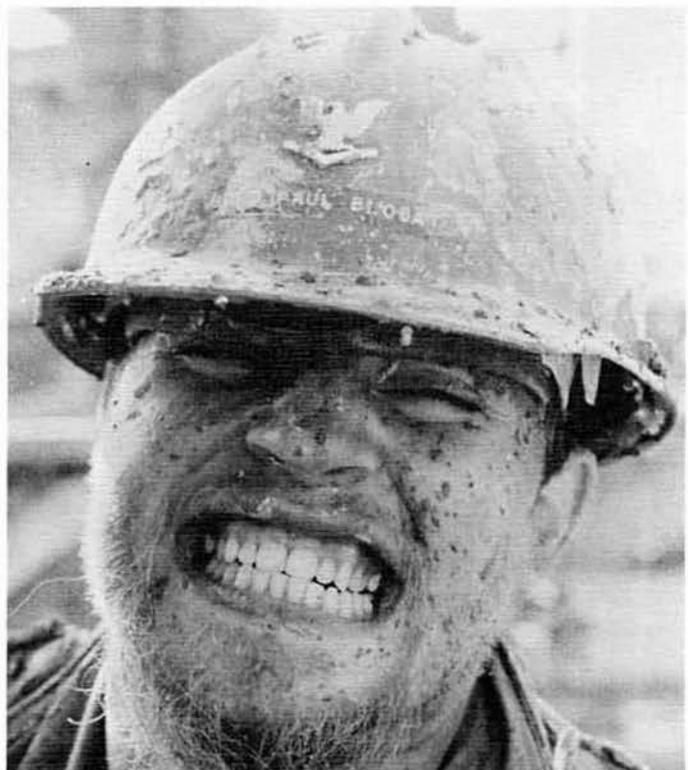
BUCN Gary Watsabaugh and BUCN Bill McKibben ankle deep in the muddy EM/CPO Club.



BUCN Bill McKibben, BU3 Mike McCabe, BUCN Dave Ketler, BUCN Paul Carroll and BUCN Tom Overturf.



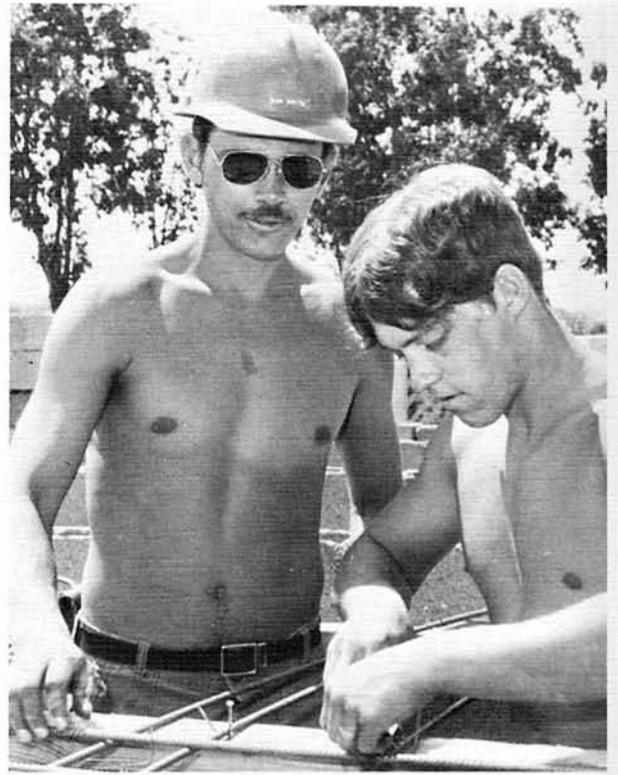
BU1 Crowder's crew at work on the EM/CPO Project.



BU3 Paul Blosat, "Who said it was muddy at Sig?"



BU1 Charles Rutherford, Fleet Mail Center Project Supervisor. BUCN Tom Macht (BELOW) cuts a piece of rebar.



BU3 Ronnie Smith watching BU3 Mike Temperly's rebar tying technique. BUCN Gary Hatfield (BELOW) cuts a beam at the Fleet Mail Center Project.





BU1 Richard Hamm applying his carpentry skills.



BUCN Overturf (ABOVE) using his skills as a painter.
BUCN Bill Schultz (BELOW) cutting tile for the theatre's head.

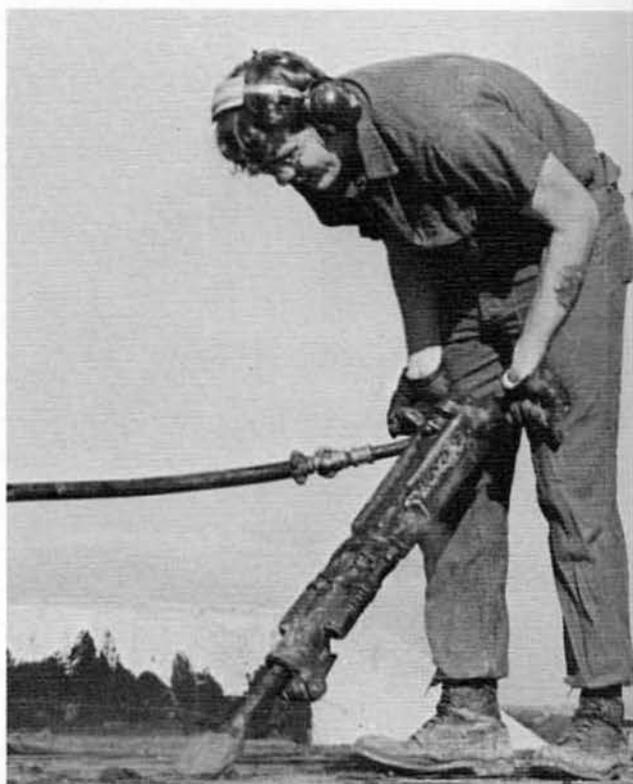


BU2 Carl McKenney (ABOVE) on his way to work. BU3
Carver Gepford (BELOW) constructing forms for concrete
sidewalks on the Public Works parking lot.





ABOVE: BU2 Robert LeBlanc, from Leominster, MA, seen finishing part of the mountain he just moved from a molehill, also worked at Souda Bay. BELOW: BU3 Bob Lawrence, from San Jose, CA, empties another shovel of earth.



BUCN Tom Macht jack hammers at the Ordnance Magazine.



BUCN "Ginzo" Lampo, from Brooklyn, NY, getting directions from BU2 Larry Franklin on where the nearest head is: "You see that tree over there?"



The men from DET La Maddalena are from Left to Right, CE3 Bob Sheppard, BU2 Joel Cram, BU3 Perry Mace, SW2 Wayne Hubbard, EOCN John March, CECN Earl Griffith, BUCN Bob Adams, SW3 Ricky Barnes, SWCA Terry Balz, CE3 Larry Pival, BUÇN Danny Jimenez and Officer in Charge of the DET SWCS Laron Leedy.



THERE'S A FIRE AT LA MADDALENA—Early in January a fire struck the Navy Exchange/Commissary at La Maddalena, Sardinia, destroying the existing structure. FIVE was tasked to send a 14-man detachment to that island in the Mediterranean by COMBLANT to replace the structure.

Within four months the personnel of NAVSTA La Maddalena had a new Exchange/Commissary supplied by the men of FIVE. This action was significant because it tested the battalion's ability to Mount-Out in an emergency. FIVE was handed a task and rose to the occasion in a timely and efficient manner that has become a SEABEE tradition.





SW1 Jim Affeldt, MCPOC, the Skipper, SW1 Mark Reid and UTC Gary Widener discuss antenna work at Moron.



Mrs. Affeldt and her son Raymond enjoy a moment with some of the men who presented her with the coveted "MOTHER MORON AWARD."

MORON, SPAIN



The men of DET Moron are EOCN John Schaffer, EO3 John Stolz, BU2 Barry Waklee, BU3 Dennis Hebert, SW1 Jim Affeldt, EOCA Randy Granger, EACN Bob Etteldorf, CECN Joe Cherenyock, SWCN Dave Aherns, UTC Gary Widener, CE3 John

Tunis, SW1 Mark Reid, SW3 Bob Peterson, SW2 Mike Sancrant, BU3 Fred Walker, CE3 Wayne Hooper, BU3 Jeff Zalac, SW3 Billy Cook and BU3 Bob Thomas.

THURSO, SCOTLAND

NMCB-FIVE DET Thurso was tasked to erect two Granger RLPA Antennas at the U. S. Naval Communications Unit, Thurso, Scotland U. K.

The work involved assembly of a new RLPA and the relocation of an existing one, with the associated reinforced concrete anchor block foundation work.

The DET departed Rota for Thurso April 15th and despite poor weather and material shipment delays, the project was completed as scheduled and the DET returned to Rota on June 27th.

The DET berthed in the Weigh Inn Motel at Thurso which was about seven miles from the Naval base and relations with the local population were good. Liberty was enjoyable and DET personnel had the unique opportunity to tour Northern Scotland.

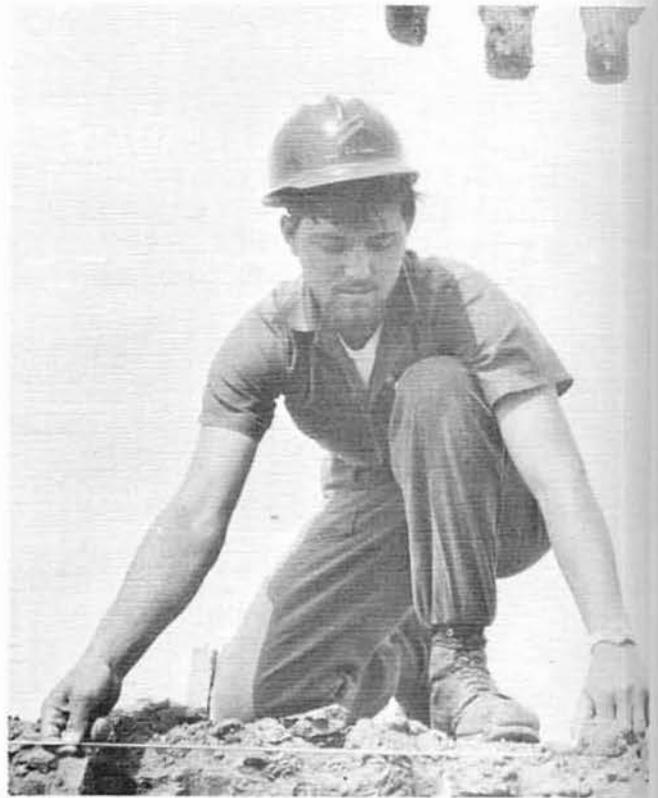


Ens. Smithey receives the DET Thurso Guidon from the Skipper at morning quarters in Silver City.





BUCN Bill Cook



BUCA Craig Hebert



BU3 Jeff Zalac

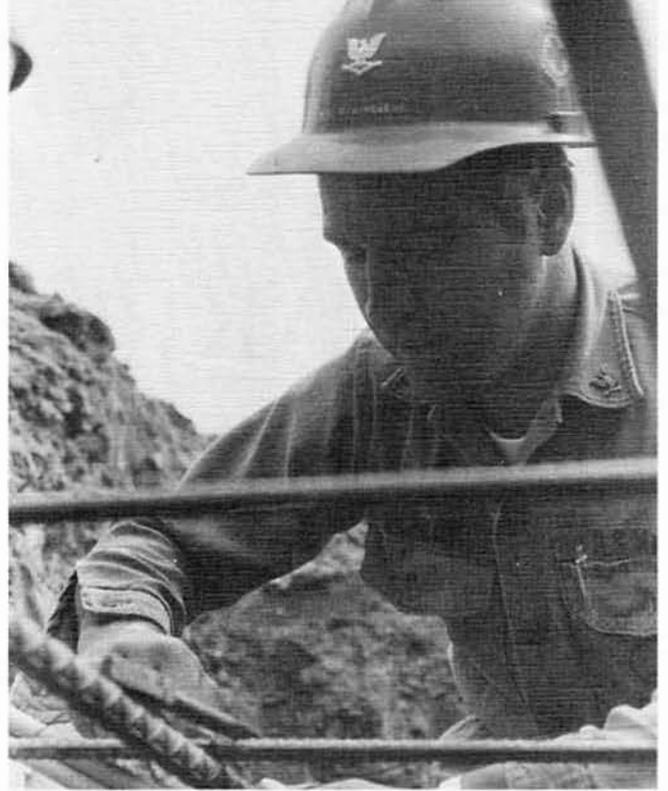


SWCN Dave Ahrens





EACN Bob Etteldorf



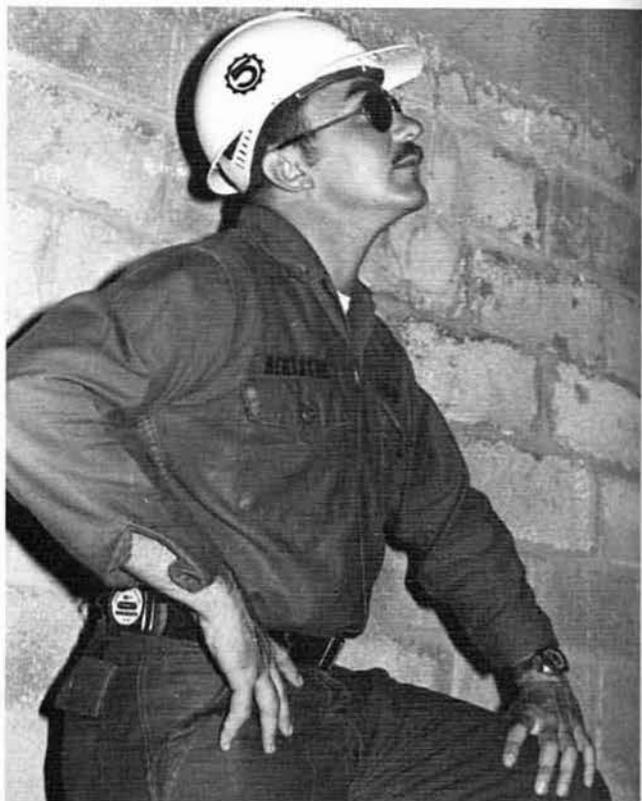
BU3 Dennis Hebert



BU3 Fred Walker



Going after the Loch Ness Monster?



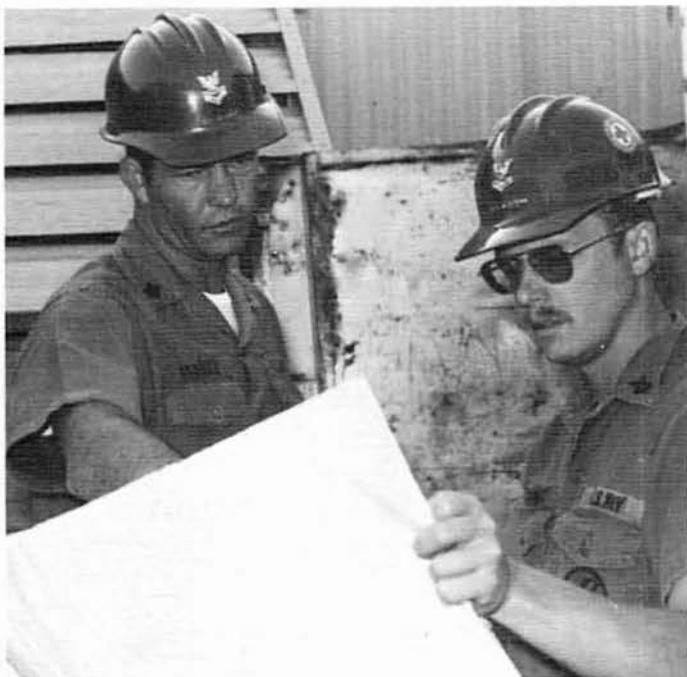
NEA MAKRI

Creek guards (ABOVE), O.I.C. for both Nea Makri and Souda Bay, Ltjg. Arnie Bertsche (RIGHT) and men departing Rota for Nea Makri.

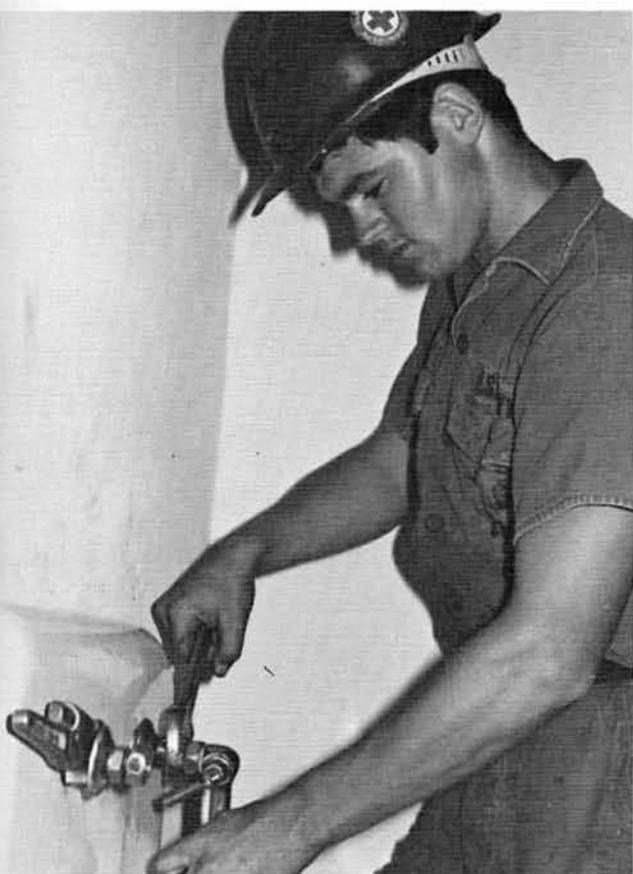




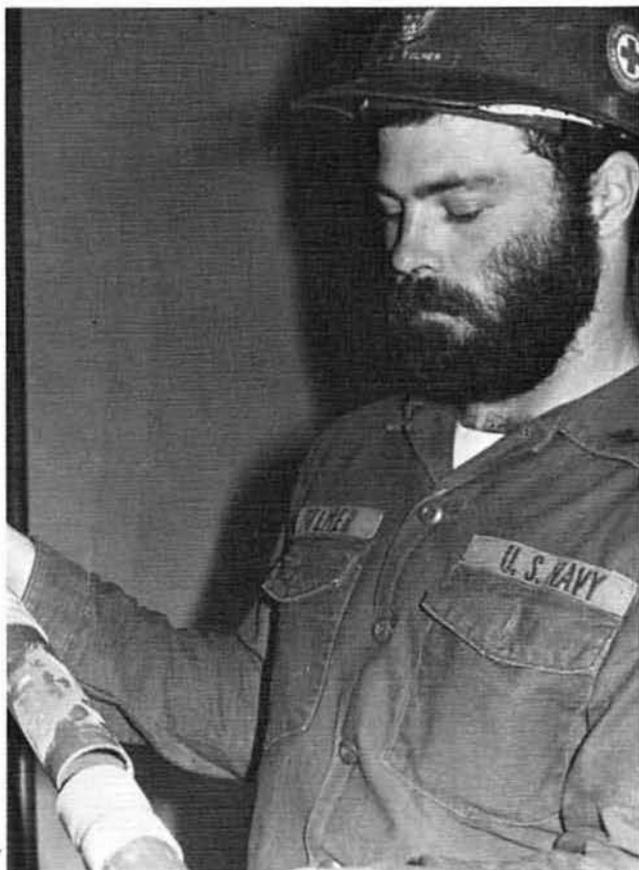
Outranked YN3 Andy Rohde taking dictation from YN2 Judy Edge.



Checking out designs are EO1 Jim Widner and UT2 Marv Winters.



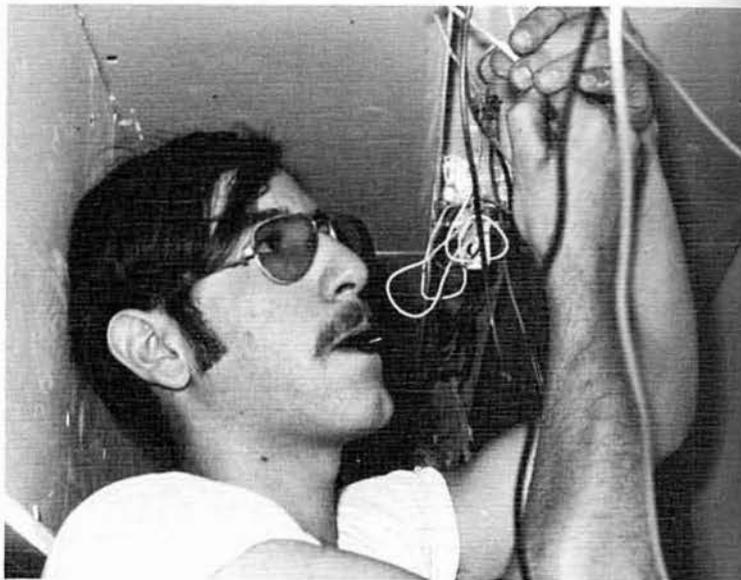
UTCN Tom Gray, "I'm sure it goes something like this."



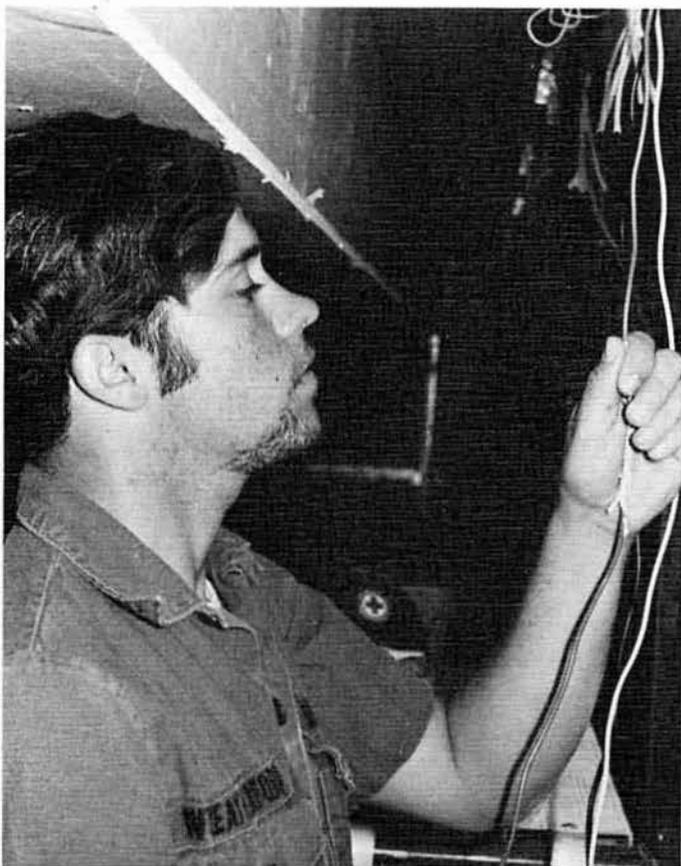
UT3 Bruce Fulmer, wonders where the urinals are as he works in the ladies room.



CE1 Lloyd Bigford ready to go to work.



CECN Bob Pironti, this type of work takes either an electrician or a magician.



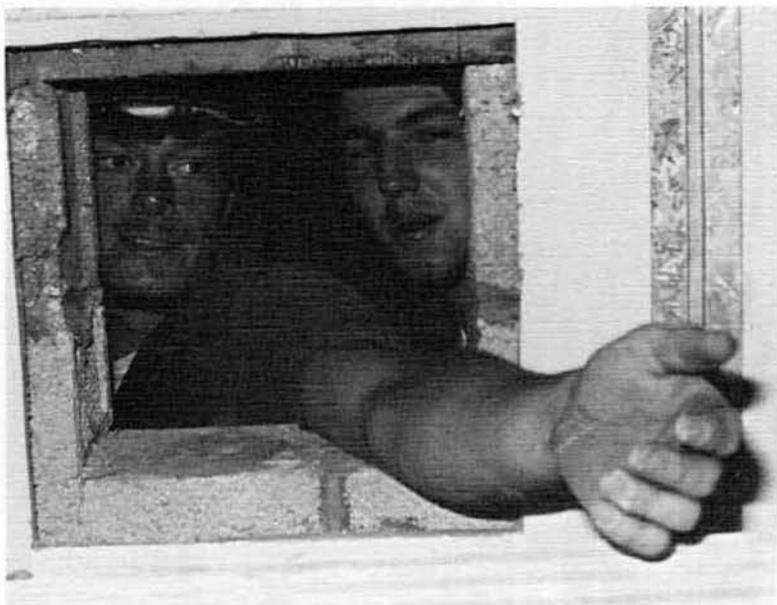
CECN George Weatherford, "This is the right one, I think?"



UTCA Al Hill, with an old family recipe.



BUCA Bob Taylor figures he can use this ladder to get a higher position.



Ladies and Gentlemen Nea Makri's Public Television is proud to present "The BU3 Frank Sanker and BUCN John Winkler Show".



CM2 Delos Reyes and SW3 Clarence Love work on the nursery playground fence.



SW3 "Wimp" Wimberly doing his thing.



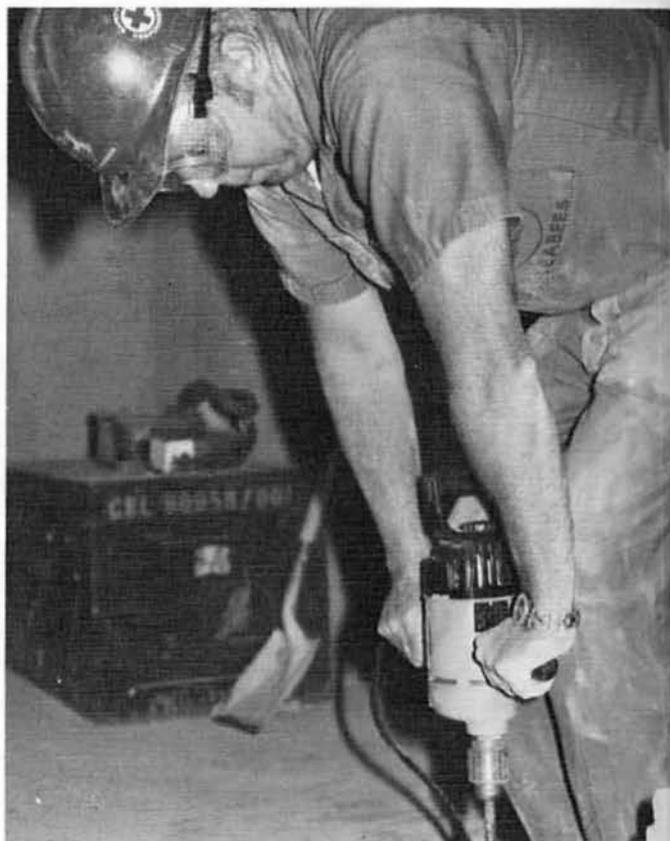
BUCN Kevin Merring and BU3 Dave Potts install a ceiling in the Multi-Purpose Building.



BU3 Dennis Robillard laying bricks in the girl's head.



BUCN Jim Hunter makes a few last minute adjustments to the sign.



BU1 Keith Richardson puts some muscle behind his drill.

PAY, PRIDE & PROMOTIONS...



OPENING DAY CEREMONY—Ltjg. Bertsche presents NAVCOMMSTA Nea Makri's Skipper with a key to the bowling alley addition.



Five-year old Sean Winkler cuts the ribbon on the playground fence near the bowling alley addition as project supervisor BU2 Danny Foster looks on.

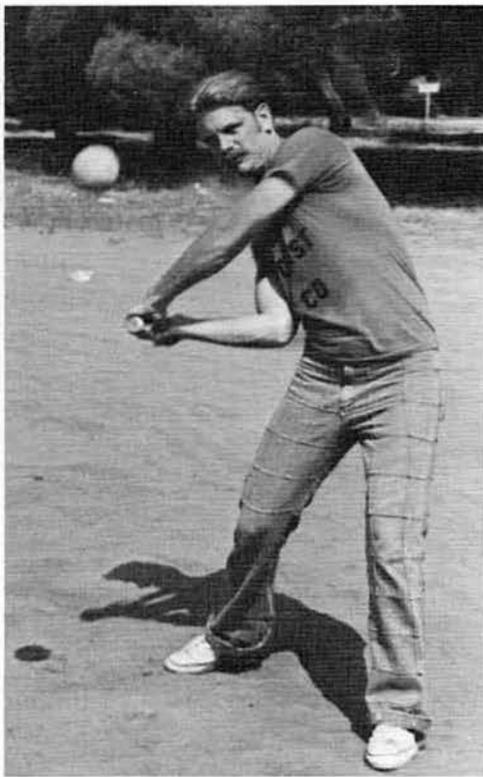


"Ziggy" Zimmerman was promoted to Equipment Operator Constructionman.



An overjoyed UT3 Kevin McHale with his re-enlistment incentive\$\$\$\$\$.

PLAY . . .



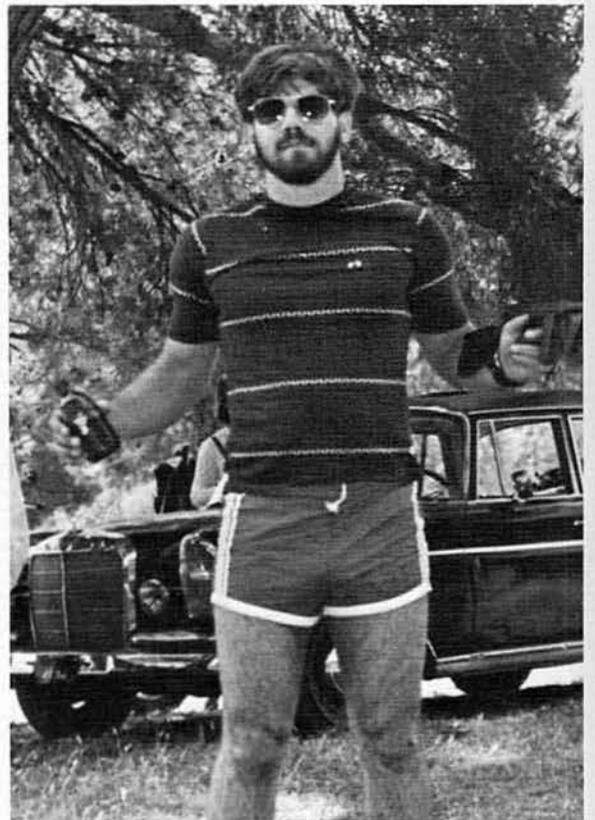
Nea Makri's answer to Babe Ruth EO3,
Dennis Holtzinger.



YN3 Andy Rohde, UT3 Kevin McHale and EO3 Dennis
Holtzinger shout "I Got it!"



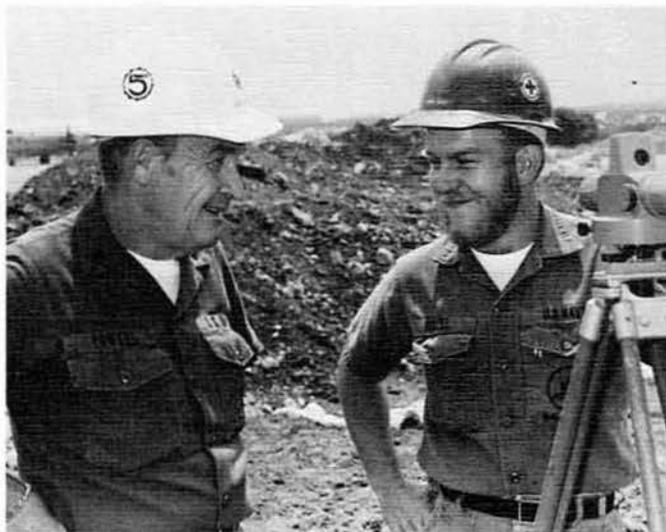
BU3 Dave Potts dowses SW3 Clarence Love's fire.



EOCA Bruce Trombley with some military training a'la
Nea Makri.



Chania, Crete's scenic waterfront.



EOC Deane Powell tells EOCN Randy Hazel "You sly dog, I know your using that thing to look in the waves' barracks."

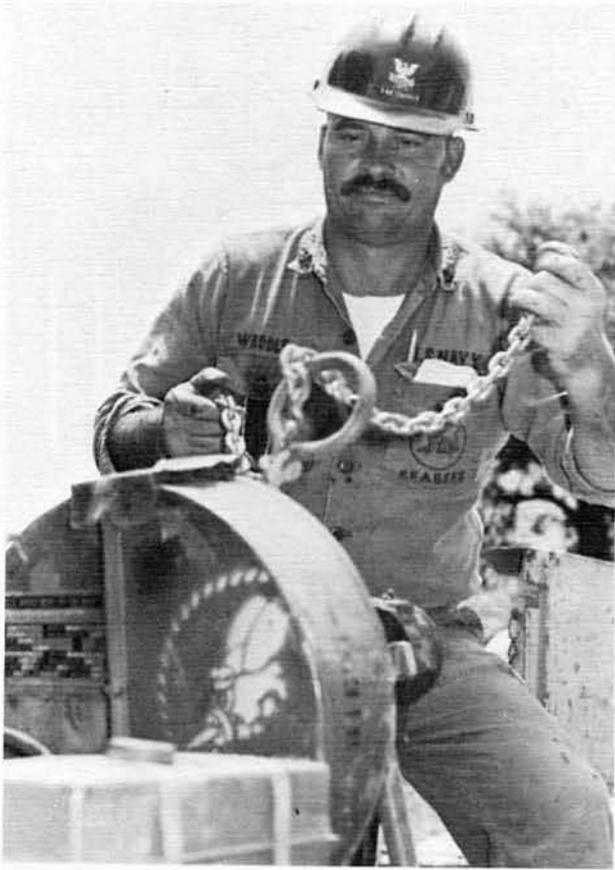
SOUDA BAY



DET Souda Bay departing Rota.



EOCN Bob Auxier, reflections of days gone by.



EO2 Earl Waddle, rigging it up.



The blasting crew.



EO1 Sam Suomela and CM1 Ed Pittman talking shop.

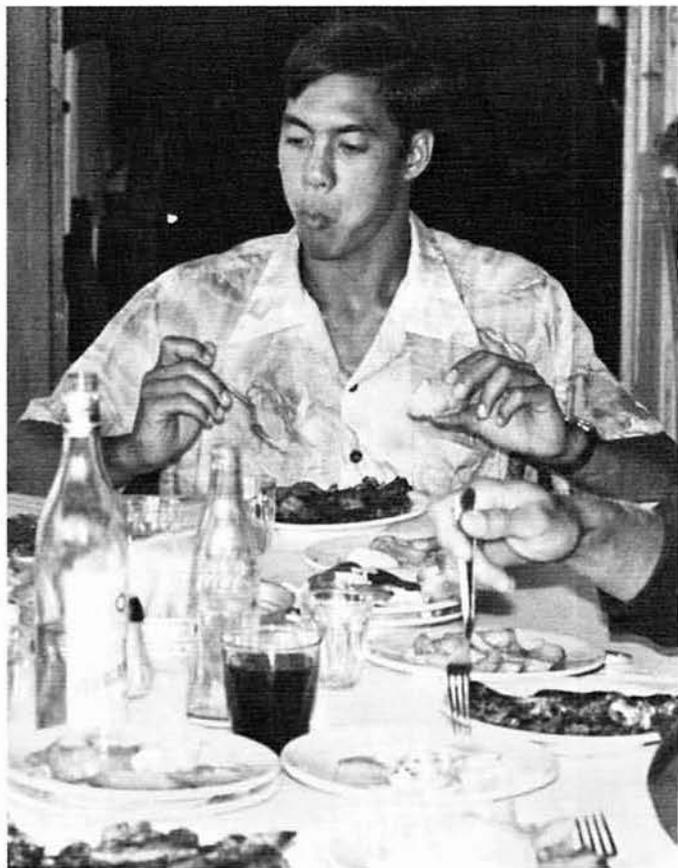


EOCM Bruce Sawyer at the leach field rock pile.



Supervising a gourmet meal.

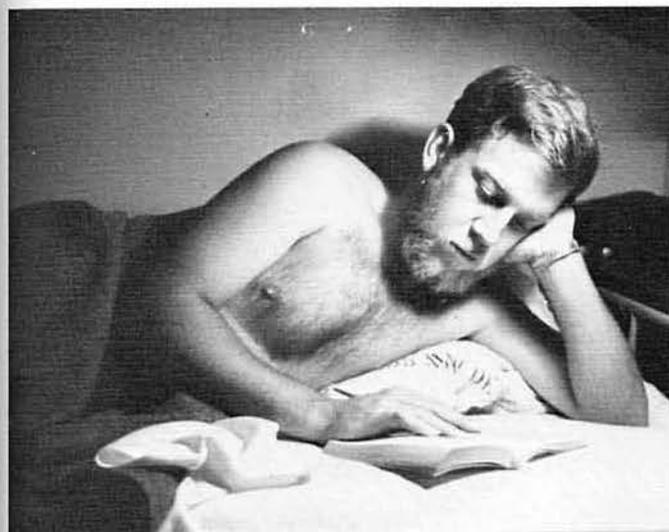
OFF DUTY



EO3 Clay Cavalho, "Sure beats the chow hall."



Kicking back in Souda Bay.



EOCN Randy Hazel, passing time with a book.



EO3 Dwight Mahaffy, preparing for a weekend jaunt.

DIEGO GARCIA

Diego Garcia, a familiar name to the men in the battalion who spent their last nine month deployment on that tiny atoll in the Indian Ocean, has more recently gained world recognition for the role it is playing in international politics. As the importance of Diego becomes more evident, half of the world's oil in transport is in the Indian Ocean at any given time, construction on "The Rock" has become the SEABEES number one priority. So important is the construction on Diego that FIVE was tasked to send a 60-man detachment from half way around the world, while the rest of the battalion remained in the European Theater.

The Diego Detachment, led by Lt Ed Kaniecki, had one project, to slipform-pave the parking apron expansion and the runway extension. The entire project consisted of making and placing over 70,000 cubic yards of concrete and finishing over 203,130 square yards of surface area. It is only the second time in SEABEE history that this type of runway work has been undertaken.

The rigors and hardships experienced on isolated duty such as Diego, can only be compensated with what entertainment the men can find for themselves. There are no Special Services tours on the "Rock". Fortunately Diego Garcia is as beautiful an island as can be found anywhere in the world and a virtual haven for snorkeling, fishing and shell-collecting.

In addition the men passed their time reading, writing letters and playing every sport imaginable. The men could also take advantage of the new Chapel Library which was completed by FIVE on its last deployment.

Due to communication problems the Cruise Book Staff was unable to furnish adequate names and captions for all of the photos.



Officer in Charge of DET Diego (ABOVE) Lt. Edward Kaniecki. BUC George Despres (BELOW) was in charge of MLO.



Assistant Officer in Charge EOCS Clyde Marion.





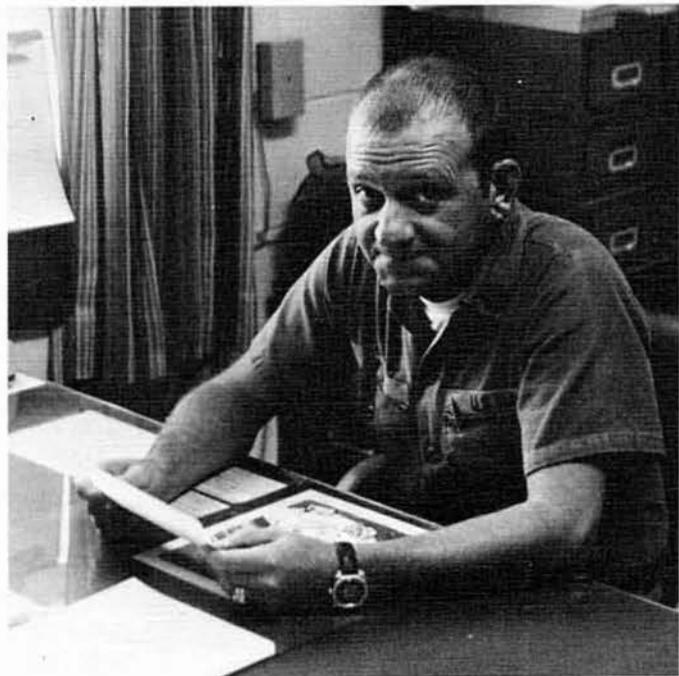
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CM2 Art Mitra



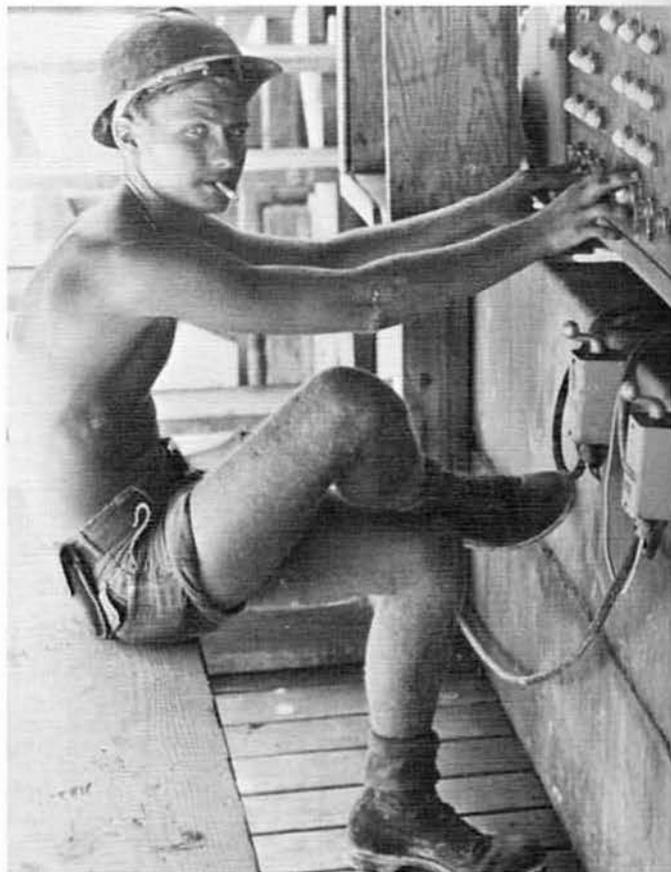
SK3 Maingat Sevilla



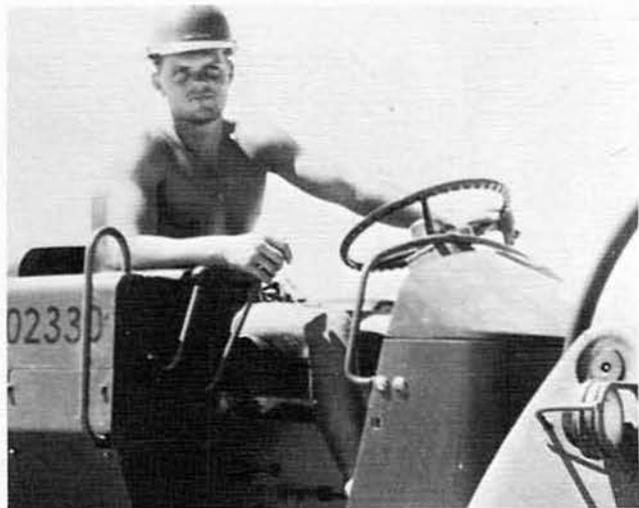
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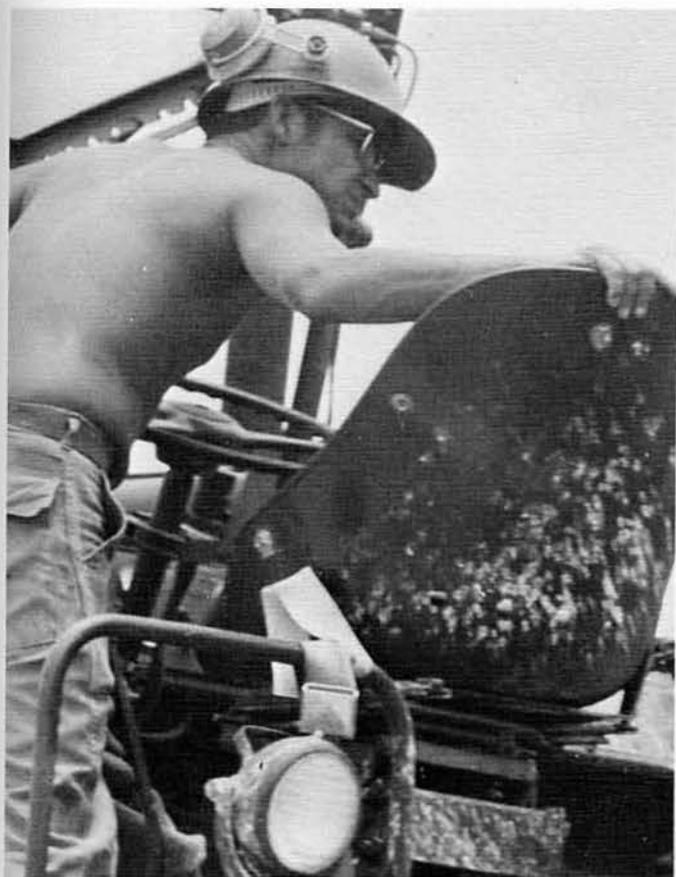
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EOCN Ron Polcyn



E03 Steve Culbertson (BELOW)



EO1 Vidal Baca (ABOVE)
EACN Dave Dalton (BELOW)

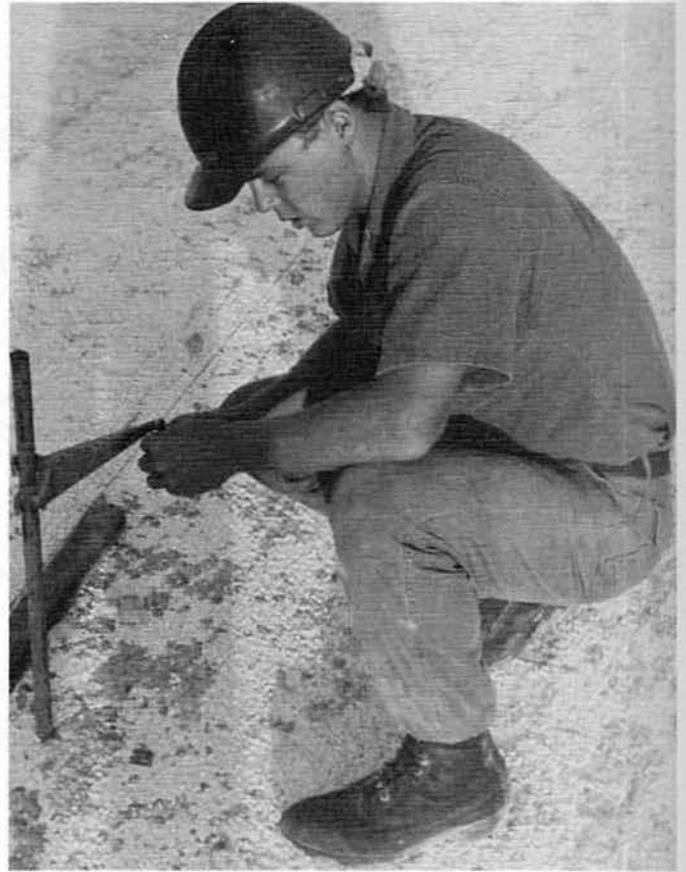


EOCN Jim Adams (ABOVE)
EA2 Dennis Smith (BELOW)

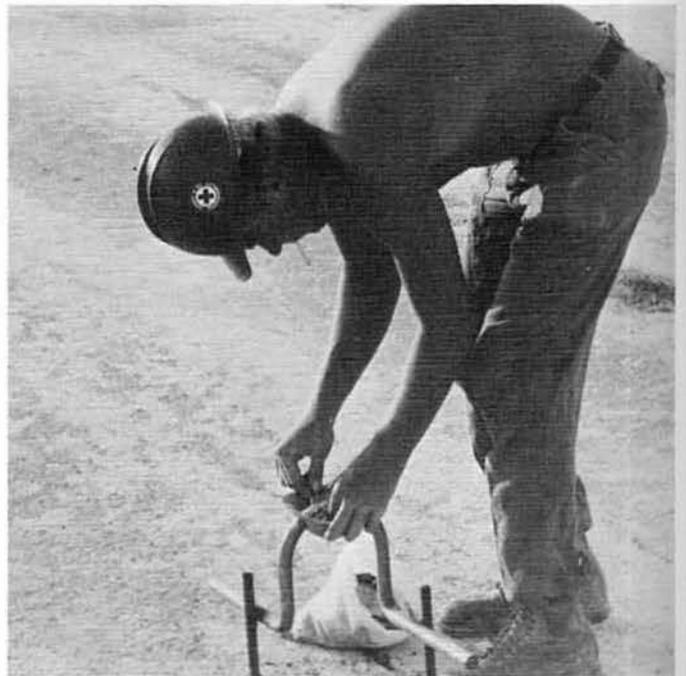




EO2 Joe Shelby (ABOVE)
EOCA Brad Steffen (BELOW)



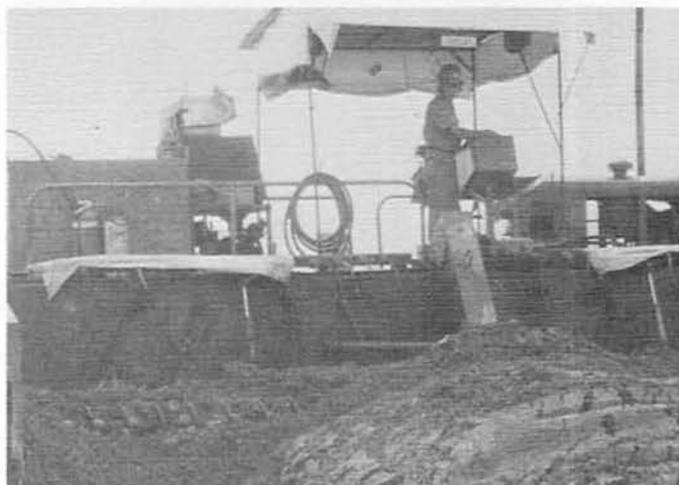
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BUCA Tom Drey



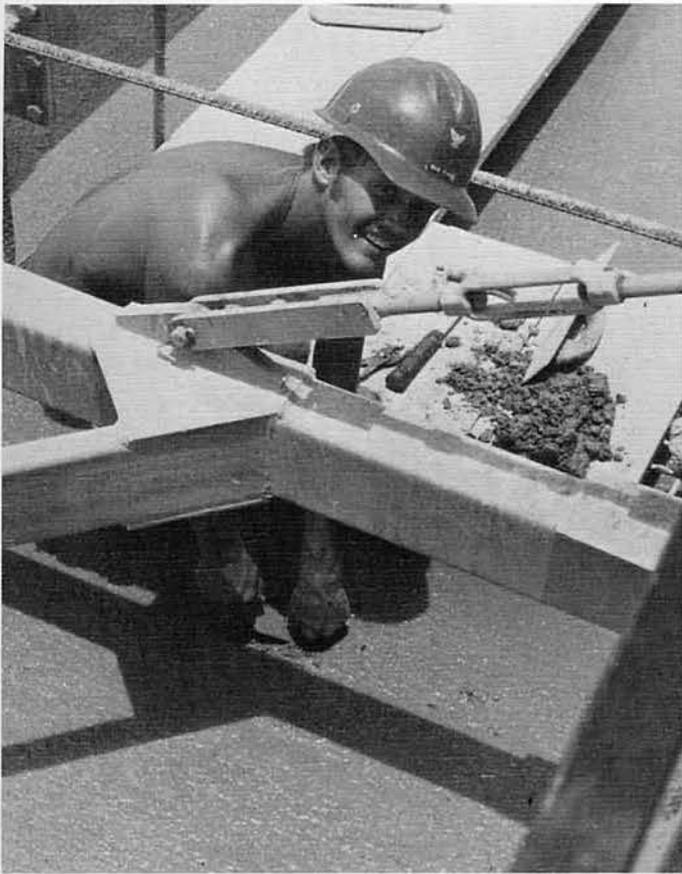
EO3 Richard Rider (ABOVE)
SW3 Len Gaskins (Below)



EO2 Shelby on the Paver

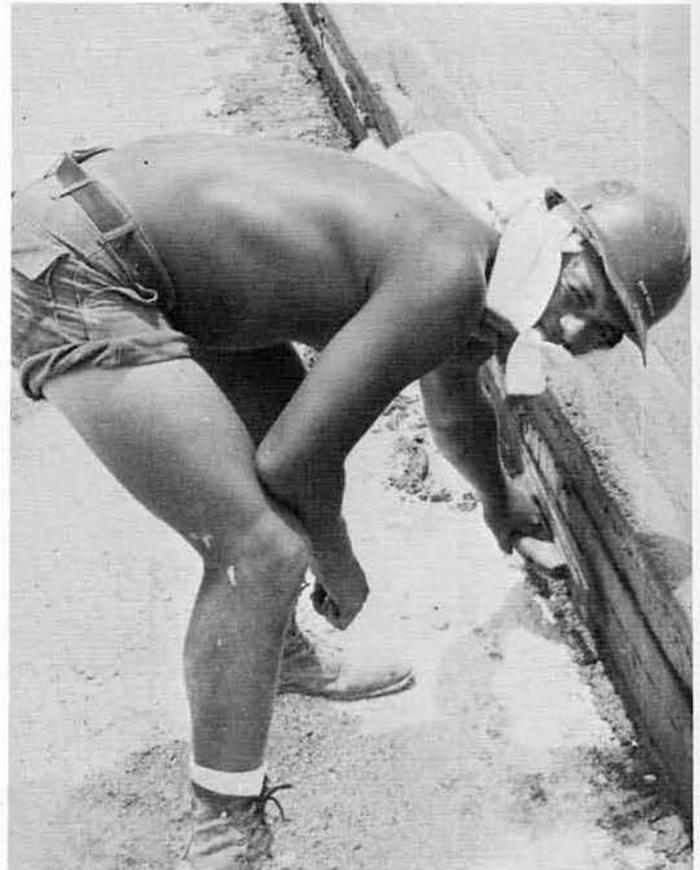
CMCA Bob Nelson





BU2 Don Underwood (ABOVE)
BUCN Bob Westover (BELOW)

BU3 Jim Ping (ABOVE)
BUCN Bob Taylor (BELOW)





BU2 Jimmie Vaughn (ABOVE)
BU3 Ron Weatherlow (BELOW)



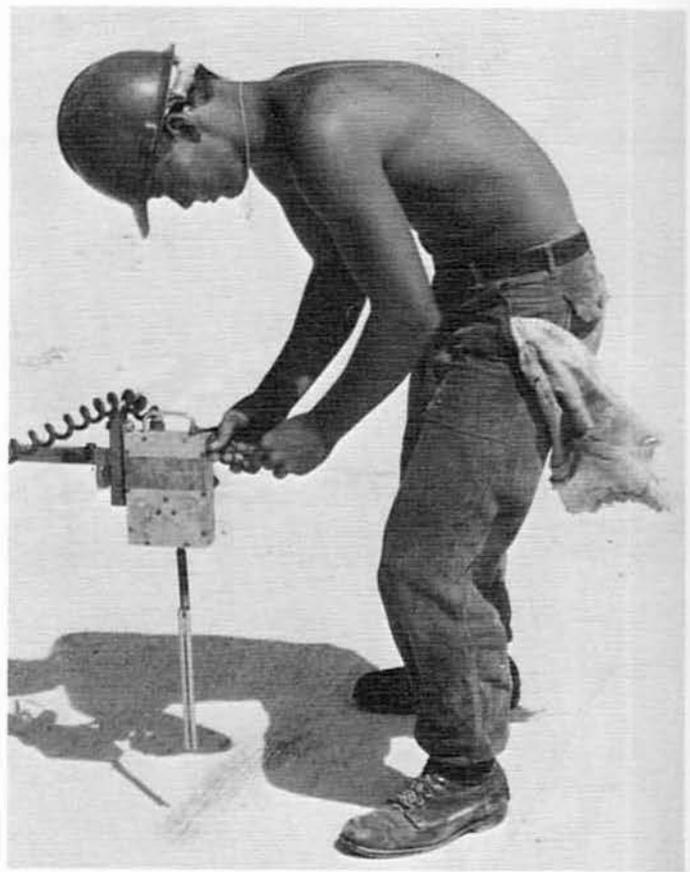
BUCN Rich Rowe



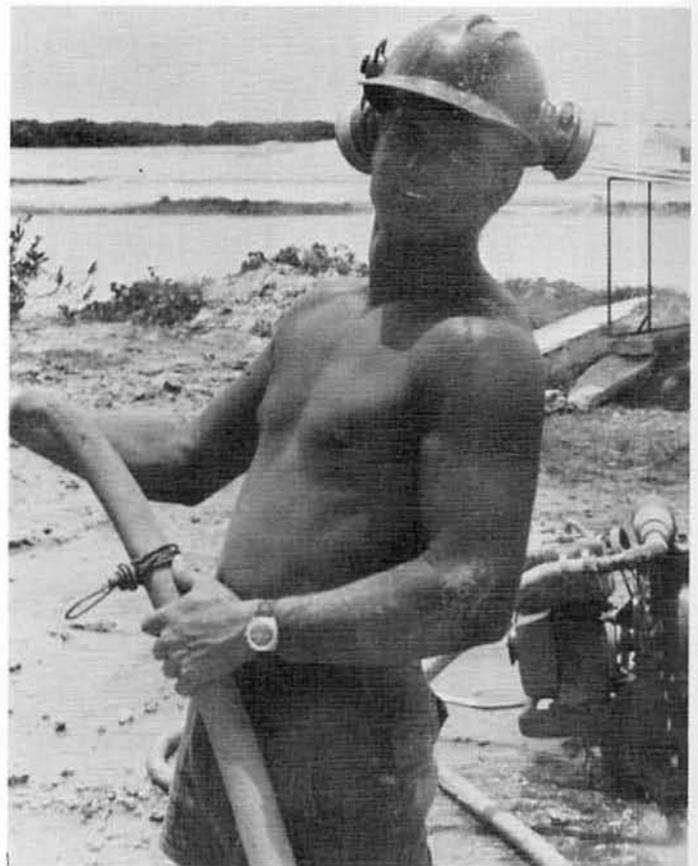
BU1 Bill Shores supervising



EO1 James Smith (ABOVE)
EOCN Danny Looman (BELOW)

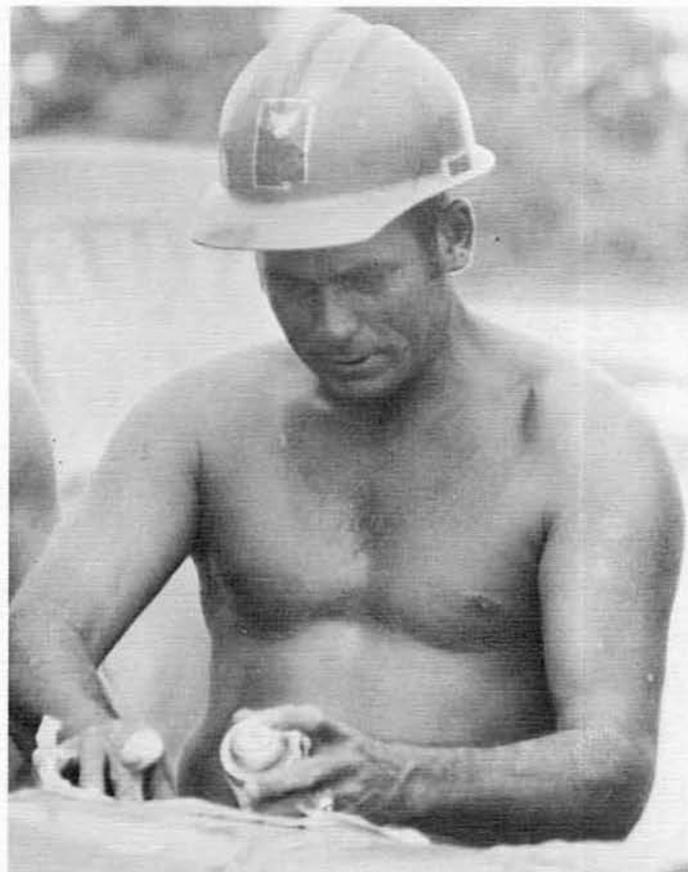


EOCN Al Teneyck (ABOVE)
EOCN Dwight Stone (BELOW)





CM2 Jim Bradley (ABOVE)
EOCN Mickey White (BELOW)



EO2 Bob Fletcher (ABOVE)
CM3 Brian Walz (BELOW)





EOCN Mark Austad (UPPER LEFT) and EOCA Bob Coffin (UPPER RIGHT), other names not available.



TOP TO BOTTOM: EOCA Jonathan Wood, EOCA Larry Beldock and EOCA Jim Amidon.

TOP TO BOTTOM: EOCA Bill Dudash, EO3 John Spofford and EOCN Sam Hall.



BUCA Charles Miller



BUCN Greg Kuehner



EOCA Dominic Bisacca



CMCA Fred Carlson



SWCA Jerry Woods



BU3 Bill Kellerman



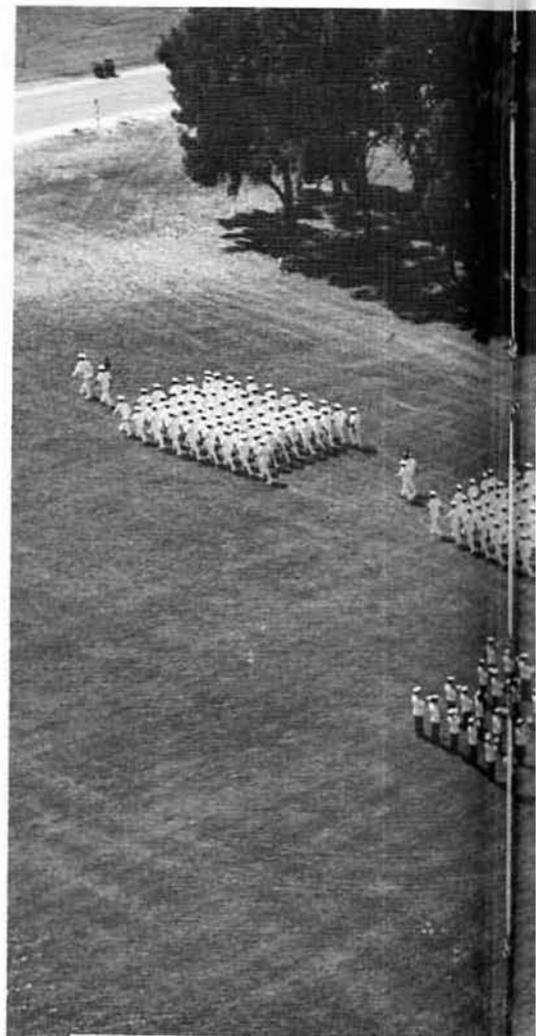
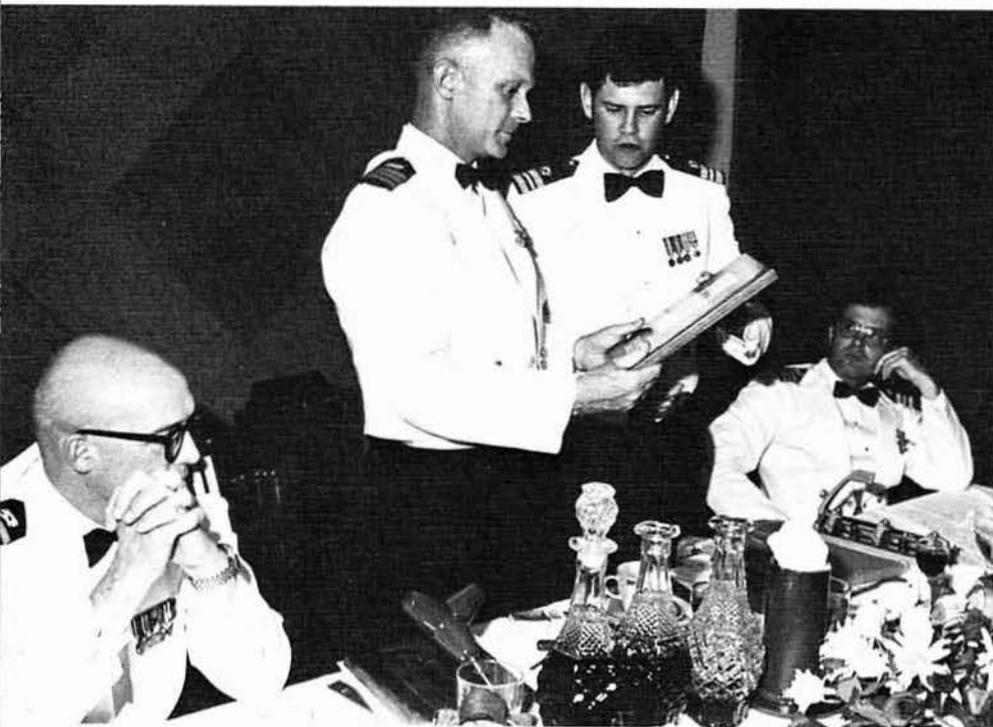
BU3R Bill Bailey



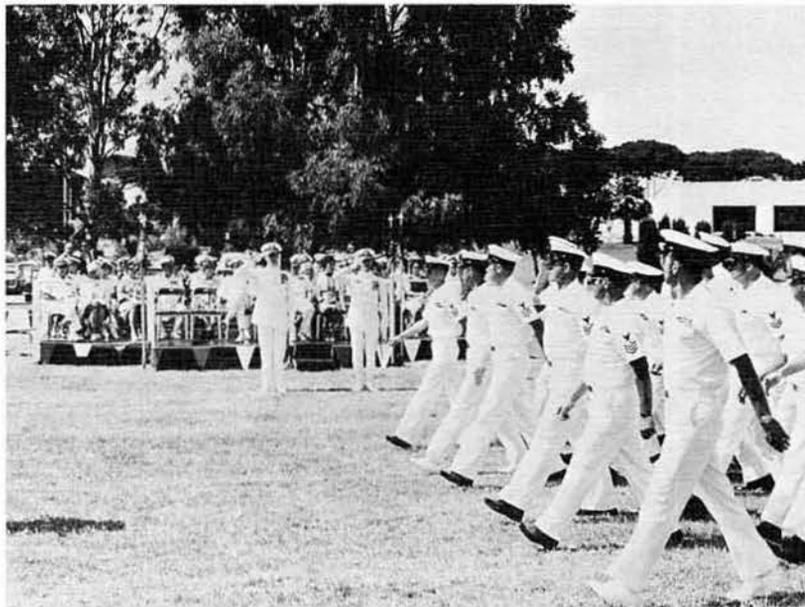
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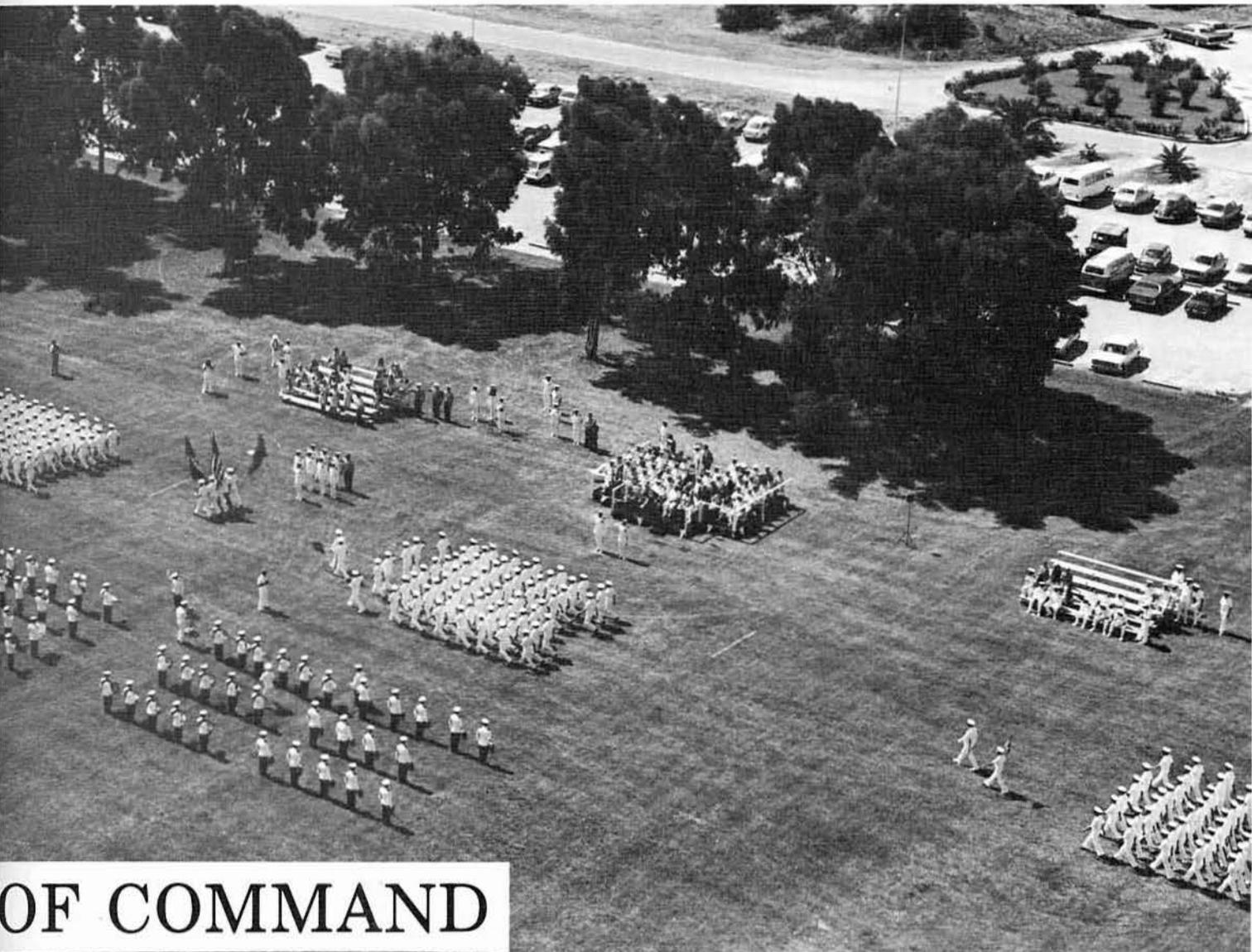
In a colorful Change of Command Ceremony on June 17th CDR David C. de Vicq was relieved by CRD Donald R. Austin. (ABOVE) "Bring forth the colors." (UPPER RIGHT) Exchanging the Guidon. (BELOW) CDR de Vicq receives a plaque from LCDR Gagen at the formal 'Dining In', two days prior.



CHANGE



After relieving CDR de Vicq, CDR Austin (LEFT) addresses the battalion and requests. Alfa Company (ABOVE) Passing in Review. A panoramic view (BELOW) shows the entire battalion and the Spanish Marine Band at the close of the ceremony.



OF COMMAND



From left to right; PH1 Dave Wilkerson, BU3 Wally Webster, JO3 Tim Clancy, CMCA Ken Trent, LT. Mike Mullen, BUCN Phil Richardson. Not shown: CMCN Jim Zampieri, UTCN "Brew" Overton, DN Tom Wagner.

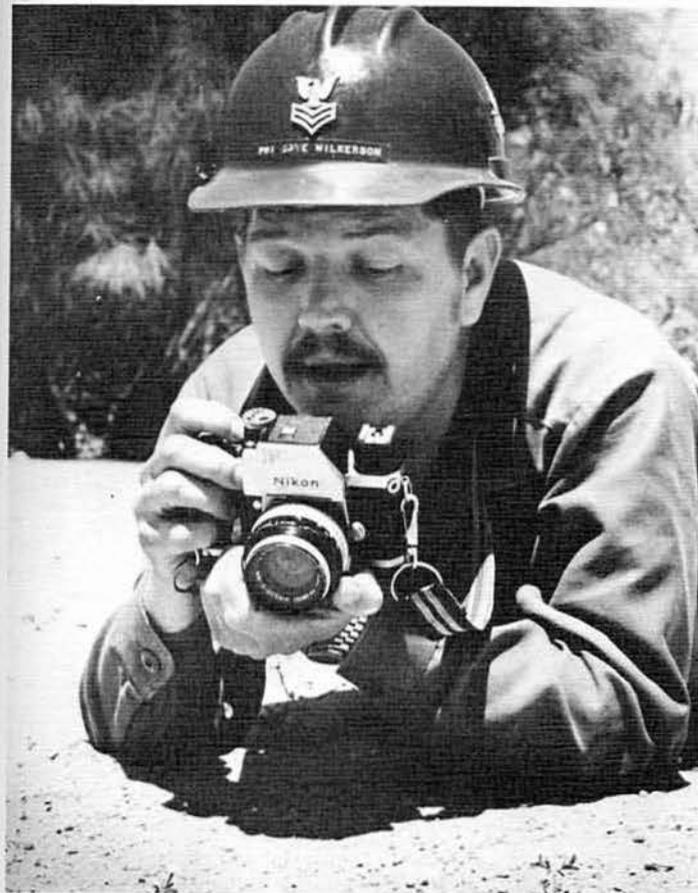
CRUISEBOOK STAFF



LEFT: "This Military Training is a pain in the 782 gear!" says BUCN Phil "Rich" Richardson, from Savannah, GA. "Rich" was the Layout Editor, 'Gopher', and the "Chief Cook and Bottle-Washer" for the Cruisebook. RIGHT: "Ah yes, a few soments of rest with my favorite magazine!" JO3 Tim Clancy believes in being prepared for an LRF, while he works. Tim worked on the color section, layouts (both rough and final) and did much copywork for the book.

Thank you to the following people: CECN Griffith, BU3 Smyth, EO3 Potter, CM3 Clover, PN3 Furbeyre, UTCS Jessen for writing captions and copy; EO1 Pope, CECA Wiese, LT. Casey, ENS Tubello for sorting the thousands of photos; SWCN Latronica for his help with the Sig. Det.; all the O.I.C.s of det.s. for all their help; and for all the people who bought this book in faith, not knowing what they might get in return.





PHI Dave Wilkerson, from San Antonio, TX, the Photo Lab Supervisor, seen in a moment of concentration: "Now little flower, I want to tilt your leaves a little to the left!"

PHOTO STAFF



CMCA Ken Trent, from Tarpon Springs, FL, a photographer and print processor for the Lab, seen looking at a print or two. "I like her but this one has great legs! Oh decision, decisions!!" (Notice part of the Photo Lab's work on the wall.)



UTCN Bruce "Brew" Overton, from Holbrook, Long Island, NY, who worked as a photographer and print processor for several months, seems undecided: "If I take a picture of her, I be a b-a-a-a-d boy!"



Able to leap Quonset huts with a running start, a little faster than a tricycle, and an undercover reporter for the UPI, FIVE's own BU3 Wally Webster, from North Bend, OR. Working as one of the photographers, Wally got some OJT and found some assignments can split a person in two!!



CMCN Jim "Zamp" Zampieri, from Barre VT, caught by the roving Candid Camera, "Gee maybe this picture will make the — NAVY TIMES or even ALL HANDS!" Jim has now been transferred to the good ship, "U.S.S. Civilian Life!"



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