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U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION
BATTALION SIXTY-TWO
DIEGO GARCIA DEPLOYMENT
JULY 1972—MARCH 1973



Leaving is always the hardest part





And arriving
a little traumatic



We started to work immediately





And the hours were long



We rose with the
Sun



with a little help

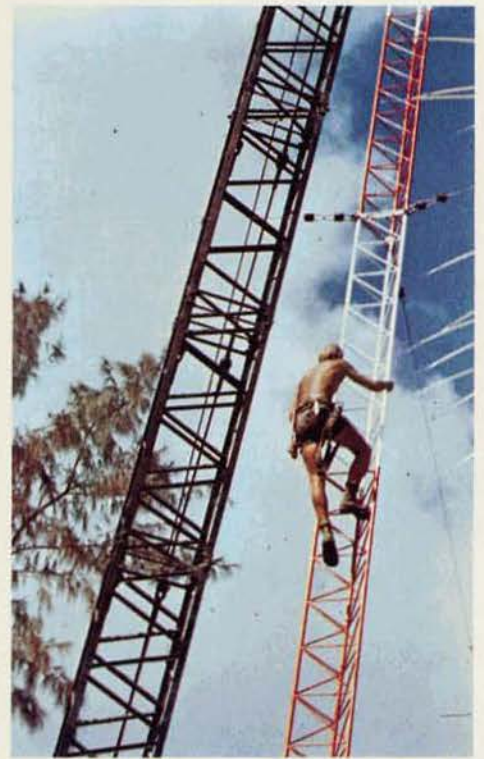
There was a myriad of projects....





And sweat was the order of the day





We had satisfactions



First C-141 on the new runway



Aerial view of the runway built by NMCB-62



Standby Power #1 — placed on line by Sixty-Two



Standby Power #2 — another critical project

while we were there



And a few
confrontations



There were good times too





It certainly wasn't all work





The island had some
pretty sights





Scenes from R and R
were worth remembering
too



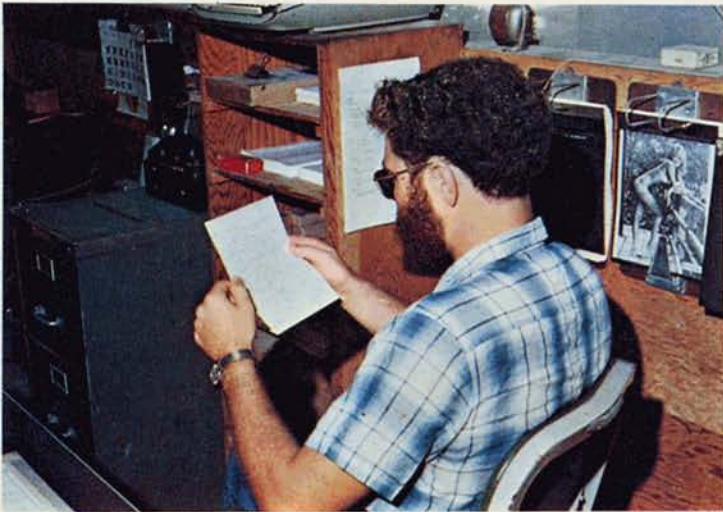
We made some new acquaintances while we were there







Keeping in touch
with home was an
important part of our lives





The MARS
station certainly
helped





We went through a few holidays....



Had a change of command....



And eight months were gone



THE MINUTEMAN

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STAFF



CE3 Jay D. Nichols



BU3 J. Richard Rose



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Cruisebook Officer



LTJG Bill Buchanan



BU3 Tony R. Matarese



PN1 Jon M. Freeman

USNMCB SIXTY-TWO HISTORY

U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Sixty-Two was originally established at Davisville, Rhode Island on December 20, 1942. Their first job was at Pearl Harbor where they were the first military construction unit to take over from civilian builders. There they built repair and service facilities until September of 1944 at which time they began three months of military training to ready them for the big job ahead – Iwo Jima. The battalion landed on Iwo Jima on D-Day plus seven and started continuous work despite mortar attacks and sniper fire. The Seabees moved inland with other American forces and began to repair captured enemy airstrips as soon as they were taken. The battalion went to Japan soon after V-J Day and was disestablished there leaving behind them a reputation for achievement.

Twenty-one years later, on July 2, 1966, NMCB Sixty-two was re-established in Gulfport, Mississippi under the command of Commander William J. Richeson. After military and technical training in Gulfport and four weeks of combat instruction at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, the battalion deployed to Phu Bai in the northern I Corps of South Vietnam. This deployment saw the completion of numerous important combat related projects. A second deployment began in January of 1968 at Danang, South Vietnam. Ammunition dumps, living huts, mess halls, towers, tanks, roads and bridges were some of the projects carried on during this deployment. Dong Ha was the site of Sixty-Two's third deployment which began in the spring of 1969. Jobs accomplished by Sixty-Two during this deployment included an electrical distribution system, hospitals, wells, loading ramps, bunkers, gunpads, observation towers, a fuel station, water distribution systems and living and working quarters for Combat forces in northern I Corps camps. It was announced in August that Sixty-Two had won the Best of Type "E" for Atlantic Fleet Seabee Battalions for fiscal year 1969. After another round of homeport military and technical training Sixty-Two started its fourth Vietnam deployment at Danang in April of 1970. Battalion assignments for this deployment included highway improvements, barracks, aircraft revetments, the Ban Nit cofferdam, reconstruction of a bridge on National Route QL1, two river patrol boat bases, facilities for the Marines' 1st Medical Battalion and the repair of Cao Do Bridge. During the deployment the battalion was presented the Peltier Award for fiscal year 1969 and the Best of Type "E" for fiscal year 1970. The battalion also received the Army Meritorious Unit Commendation for their work during the previous deployment at Dong Ha.

The next deployment was a change of pace for Sixty-Two. Roosevelt Roads Naval Station, Puerto Rico was the deployment site and the primary mission was to be the Atlantic Fleet Alert Battalion. The battalion had to be ready to mount out their full allowance of equipment, supplies, and personnel within 48 hours in the event of the Atlantic Fleet being tasked with supplying a construction capability in an emergency. The main body also carried on construction projects at Roosevelt Roads in support of the Atlantic Fleet Weapons Range and other commands. Details were maintained at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and Thurmont and Solomons, Maryland throughout the deployment. Details were also sent to Culebra and Vieques off the coast of Puerto Rico, Fort Allen Naval Communications Station in Puerto Rico, Andros Island, New London, Connecticut and Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. One of the high points of the deployment was the presentation to the battalion of the Peltier Award for fiscal year 1970 signifying once again that Sixty-Two had surpassed her sister battalions in achievements.

In July of 1972 Sixty-Two deployed to the British owned island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean tasked with the building of a Naval Communications Station. The battalion joined forces with a detail from NMCB Ten which was later relieved by a detail from NMCB One Thirty-Three. The deployment to Diego Garcia was a unique one in that Sixty-Two was assigned to work on the construction of an entire perma-

ment facility rather than advanced base components or isolated permanent structures as was the case in the past deployments to Vietnam and Puerto Rico. The projects included an 8,000 foot runway, transmitter and receiver buildings, and other buildings necessary to carry on the functions of a complete communications station. In addition to the permanent projects Sixty-Two carried out a blasting and quarrying operation on the coral reefs of the island to obtain aggregate and fill material. They also operated four rock crushers, an aggregate dryer, two concrete batch plants, a precasting yard, and a concrete block plant. A new method of project and personnel management designed to increase the efficiency of the battalion's work also made the deployment unique. The basis of the management method was the creation of specialized crews and the sequencing of the crews from job to job depending on where their specialties were needed. The tropical weather made the work on Diego Garcia exhausting but the men of Sixty-Two showed the same determination and spirit they had shown in the past and chalked up an impressive record of accomplishments. During the course of the deployment they moved 230,000 cubic yards of fill material, placed 65,000 cubic yards of concrete, and produced 125,000 concrete blocks. The two projects on which Sixty-Two expended the most labor were the runway and the Bachelor Enlisted Quarters # 1. Approximately 4900 and 4800 mandays were used on these two projects, respectively. Sixty-Two started with only a graded area and a 4000 foot soil-cement strip and completed the paving, shoulder grading, light installation and other work necessary to have the runway approved for regular Military Airlift Command flights. They completed all the structured work and a large part of the interior work on BEQ # 1. Other projects which Sixty-Two took over from NMCB One and brought to completion were the transmitter and receiver buildings, two standby power plants, a cold storage/general warehouse building, a public works shop, and an administration building. The achievements of the Battalion on Diego Garcia allowed the Naval Communications Station to begin operations on schedule and made another proud chapter in the history of NMCB Sixty-Two.

COMMANDING OFFICERS OF SIXTY-TWO

CDR William J. Richeson	2 July 1966-30 July 1968
CDR John P. Jones, Jr.	30 July 1968-15 July 1970
CDR Frank M. Newcomb	15 July 1970-15 December 1972
CDR Jack M. Toliver	15 December 1972-

DIEGO GARCIA

Diego Garcia, an island inhabited once only by plantation workers and now owned by the United Kingdom, is the site of the newest communications station on the U. S. Navy's log books with construction having been scheduled for completion in 1974.

Diego Garcia is one of 52 islands which make up the Chagos Archipelago. Spread out over an area of 120 miles, the Chagos is located in the heart of the Indian Ocean, south of India and between the African continent and Indonesia. The island is a narrow coral atoll nearly enclosing a lagoon. Its configuration approximates that of a horseshoe opening to the North and Northwest. Three small islands dot the mouth of the lagoon.

The island is named after a Portuguese mariner who discovered the atoll around 1532. Nothing apparently was done with the island for about 200 years after its discovery until the French established a plantation for the manufacture of copra, a dried coconut oil. Owned by private families, the coconut plantations were strung out around the entire island, and they flourished under the French rule which lasted until the late 1700's. The French lost the area to the English and the plantations were later sold to companies based in Mauritius, the Seychelles islands and England.

The earliest recorded visit of a ship to the atoll was the Dutch ship Admiral Evertsen, a part of Admiral Huyskes' squadron which had sailed out in the fall of 1815 to take over the East Indies colonies from the British. On March 30, 1819, soon after leaving the Straits of Sunda, the ship was leaking heavily and it was decided to change the original course around the Cape of Good Hope to the Chagos Islands to try to get the ship into an emergency port. The passengers, 340 in all, did manage to save the ship until they reached port on April 11, but the ship sank that night. At that time the island was inhabited by nine whites and some 150 black slaves.

During the early part of World War I, the island had an unexpected, unwelcome German visitor. A German raider, the cruiser Emden, made what was to be her last port call at Diego Garcia. Her crew forced plantation workers to cut wood for her at gun point. She was sunk a short time later off the reefs of the Cocos Islands.

An Indian garrison of British troops was stationed on the island during World War II. They manned huge guns which can still be seen on the North side of the

Island near the base camp. In addition, there was a seaplane base at East Point, but there was very little, if any activity in the area.

The island has a history of ship wrecks, including one in the early 1920's in which a vessel known as the St. Mark went down off the southern coast of the island. Several people survived the sinking and some went to work on the plantation. Two of the survivors worked there until it closed. Another recently departed plantation worker was a member of the crew forced to help load the German vessel Emden with wood. Remnants of the St. Mark wreck include one of the ship's spars which was put to use as the flag pole at the main plantation house and the main plantation bell.

Until the early 1950's the island was used as a coaling station for ships traveling from Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, the Seychelles and Mauritius. Also, lime fruits of high quality were exported until 1969.

Private yachts still stop off at the island on their way from Australia or Indonesia to the Seychelles or Mauritius. An average of eight yachts a year make a port call at Diego Garcia. They belong to yachtsmen who use the island as a natural stopping point about midway in their journey on the South East Trade Winds.

In 1966 the United States and the United Kingdom signed a treaty granting the U. S. joint use of islands in the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) for defense purposes for a 50 year period. Project Reindeer Station, the building of a Naval Communications Station on Diego Garcia, started in earnest in January 1971 when a nine man reconnaissance party from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 40 came ashore to confirm engineering intelligence prior to landing the full battalion. They were followed in March by 200 more members of NMCB 40. An interim 3,500 foot airstrip was completed in July and attention was then turned to construction of the permanent communications facility.

NMCB One was the next battalion to work on the island. They were followed in July 1972 by NMCB 62. Sixty-Two completed the facilities necessary to put the station on the air before being relieved in March of 1973 by NMCB 74.

Operation of the Diego Garcia Naval Communications Station has filled the last significant gap in the Navy's worldwide communications network, and has strengthened the United States' military position in the Indian Ocean.



MARION I. (S.A.)
 PR. EDWARD I. (S.A.)
 I. DES PORCS (S.A.)
 ILES DU CROZET (FR.)
 I. DE LA POSSESSION (FR.)

KERQUELEN (FR.)

* ILE AMSTERDAM (FR.)
 * ST. PAUL



HOMEPORT



USNMCB 62 MEMORIAL



IN MEMORY OF

SP4	WALTER E. BROWN	JANUARY 28, 1967
SP4	FRANK J. CLARK	JANUARY 28, 1967
SP4	ARON J. HUBERT JR.	FEBRUARY 17, 1968
SP4	GEORGE J. ALBANI JR.	APRIL 28, 1968
SP4	THOMAS J. BIRNBAUM	MAY 23, 1968
SP4	DAVID A. FISHER	APRIL 23, 1968
SP4	GLEN C. LUDMAN	JULY 4, 1968
SP4	MELVIN B. WYER	JULY 5, 1970
SP4	CHARLES A. KOBBERLEIN	OCTOBER 9, 1970

WE HONORED OUR PLATOON TO THEIR MEMORY
 WITH A PRAYER AND PRIDE THAT THEIR
 SACRIFICE WAS NOT IN VAIN

THE HEAVEN... A WALKING OF HEAVEN AND HOME... A MAN OF LOFTY SPIRITS, VALY
 COURAGE AND PHYSICAL PARTISAN, NO OTHER BEING CAN... ENJOY
 THE HEAVEN... YOUR "TODAY" THE FEEL THAT HAPPILY FLOWS FROM THE
 HEART IN KNOWING THAT WE HAS DONE THE DISTANCE AND BEEN IT"
 NCB - 13 CROSS BOLD 1971

NMCB 62 was re-established in July of 1966 for the purpose of supporting the U.S. military effort in Southeast Asia. The Battalion made four deployments to Vietnam before making its first peacetime deployment to Puerto Rico in 1971. After returning from Puerto Rico and anticipating that the wartime deployments had come to an end, it was felt that it would be very fitting to recognize those men who had made the ultimate sacrifice in helping to fulfill the battalion's missions.

A bronze plaque was cast containing the names of all those men killed in action in Vietnam and a concrete and brick monument was built to hold the plaque. The monument was erected by Delta Company next to the

northeast corner of the quarterdeck of Barracks 316 at the Gulfport Construction Battalion Center. A memorial ceremony was held on July 11, 1972, to unveil the monument and dedicate it to the men whose names are engraved on it. The mother of one of the men, Mrs. Ernest Koberlein of Sullivan, New York, was able to attend the ceremony and her presence was greatly appreciated by the command.

The monument is a permanent reminder to us of what some have given to preserve our freedom and the obligation that we have to see that their sacrifice was not in vain.

AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS



Posing for a news release picture after receiving awards at morning quarters are, standing: CS1 David Stewart, CE2 Raymond Combs, EO1 Eldon Graves. Kneeling: SD1 Diosdado Sabal, SD2 Alberto Leyson.



First place in the battalion bowling league went to Headquarters Company. Members of the winning team are SD3 Leonard Bautista, DK1 Jerry Bird, EO1 David Wise, DT1 Arcin Mere, EA3 Murray Oxman, HM2 John Huff.



The Executive Officer and Senior Enlisted Advisor make presentations at quarters.

CAMP LEJEUNE



EOCN John Bryan prepares to fire the M-79 under the watchful eye of EAC Ray Cormier.



Teams prepare to load their 3.5mm rocket launcher.



Practice makes perfect as a crew fires a mortar.

DISASTER RECOVERY TRAINING



RM2 Tom Mendenhall fakes an injury during a DRT drill.



So, that's what's in a survival kit!

Men come through a mock decontamination center.



MILITARY TRAINING



Seabees get their taste of convoy training.



EACN Joel Randolph takes his turn with the mine detector.



Ready on the left? Ready on the right?



LCDR John Ster and LTJG Bob Steimer conduct a weapons inspection.



HM2 John Huff, YN3 Bob Roberts, EA3 Murray Oxman and YN3 Larry Henry work on compass and map reading.



"Students" receive instruction before going into the field at Camp Swampy.

FEX



UT's connect a pipe as part of their plumbing project at Camp Swampy.



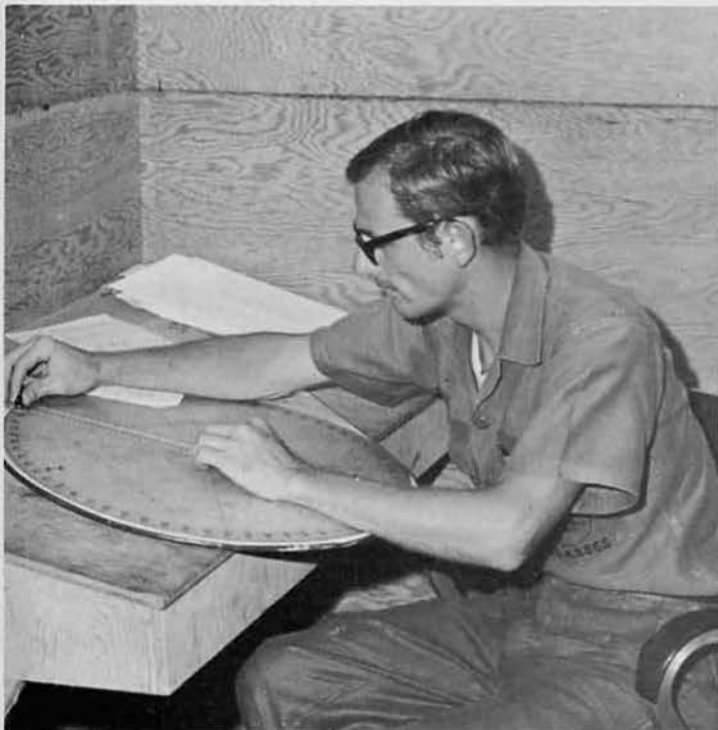
Camp Swampy Morning Colors



Road building in the field.



CS1 Eddie Sutton oversees a meal in the field.



BU3 (DM) John Blank works at a plotting board.



SA John Delso mans the switchboard.



They won't get through us!



Now, here's what we do.



Shoot at the tanks only!

MANNING THE LINES

THE TACTICAL MARCH

My favorite food —
C-Rats.



OK men, let's
spread out.



The tactical march begins.

ADMIN INSPECTION



Commodore Zobel of the 20th NCR inspects EA2 Skip Borgman and EOCN Mike Troglen.



Headquarters Co. stands by for crew served weapons inspection.



Military Training Department staff member inspects an 81 mm mortar.



Checking out a 3.5 inch rocket launcher.

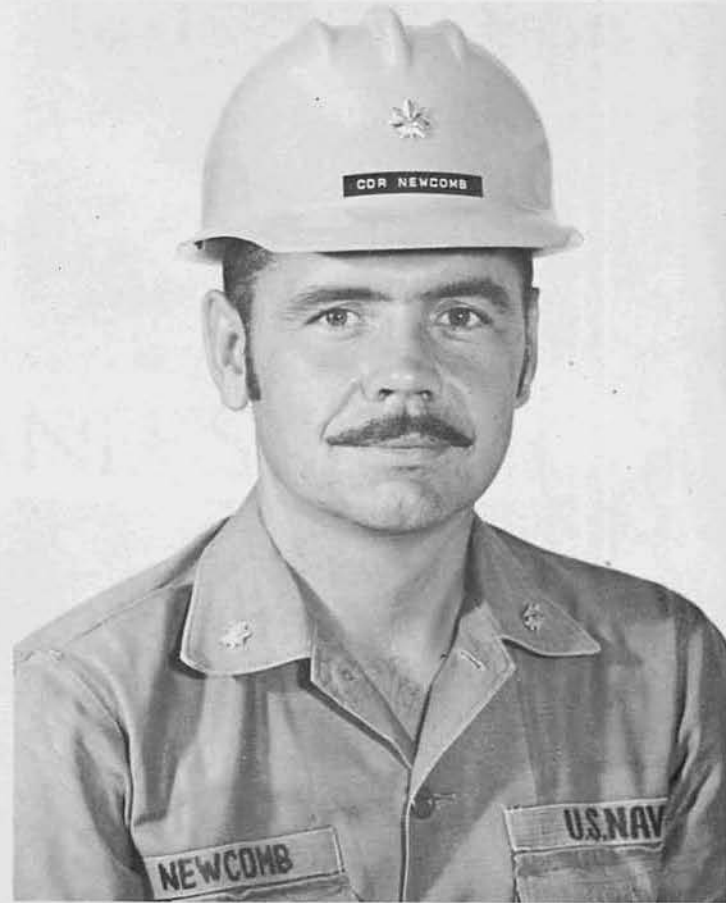
OFFICERS AND STAFF



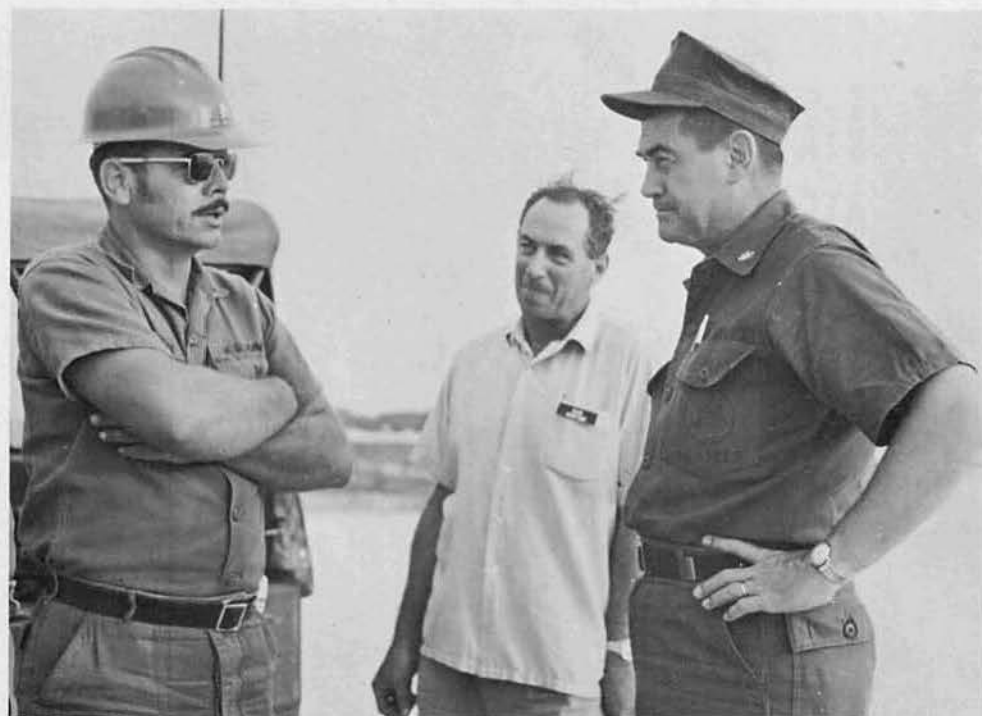
My tour of duty with Sixty-Two has undoubtedly been one of the best of my Naval career. I have been on three deployments with the battalion and have covered a lot of interesting territory during these past 29 months.

My time with the battalion has been a period of numerous perplexities and frustrations on occasion, but the satisfactions and fulfillments have been much more numerous. It has been an opportunity to learn more about construction and the supervision of construction and it has been a great opportunity to learn more about the most complex and the most valuable resource the Navy has — people. In years to come I'll probably forget about the individual construction projects the battalion tackled, but I'll remember the men that made the battalion. I'll remember the men who went the extra mile to see that a job was done right, the men who placed emphasis on good results, the men who overcame many obstacles to carry out the battalion's mission. And there have been many such men who have continued in duty — honor — country.

My thanks go to those who have supported the battalion so well. I urge you to continue to maintain your own high standards of performance and the worthy traditions of the U. S. Navy. Good luck to you all.



Commander Frank M. Newcomb
Commanding Officer
USNMCB 62
July 15, 1970-December 15, 1972





Commander Jack M. Toliver
Commanding Officer
USNMCB 62
December 15, 1972-

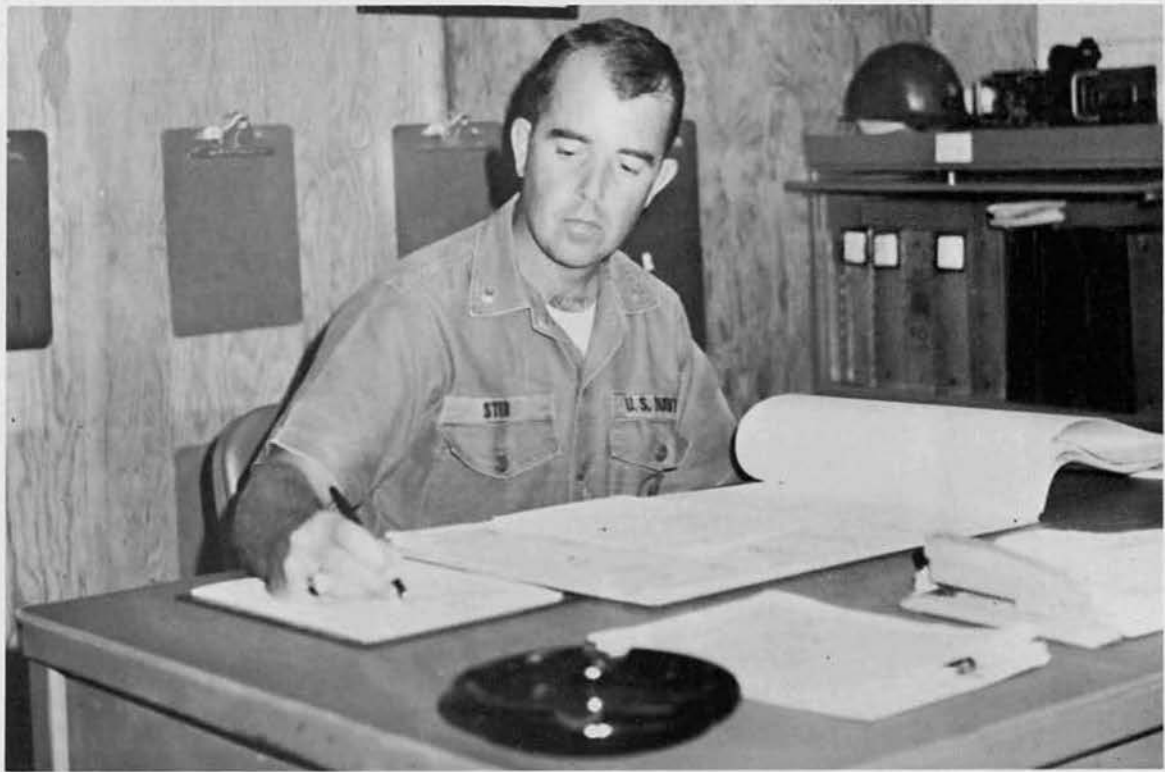
The completion of this deployment to Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory, marks yet another significant chapter in the achievements of Sixty Two. The diversity of projects, all consisting of high quality permanent construction coupled with the logistics problems inherent in the middle of the Indian Ocean, has tasked every element of the battalion. Without failure you have responded in a traditional manner — either CAN DO or HAVE DONE.

It has been a deployment in which each of you has been put to the test. The hours have been long, the temperatures hot and the rains bothersome. Nevertheless, through your efforts the United States Navy has now obtained a Communications capability in the Indian Ocean, a capability which is essential to our national defense. Every man in the battalion can take personal pride in a job WELL DONE and on time.

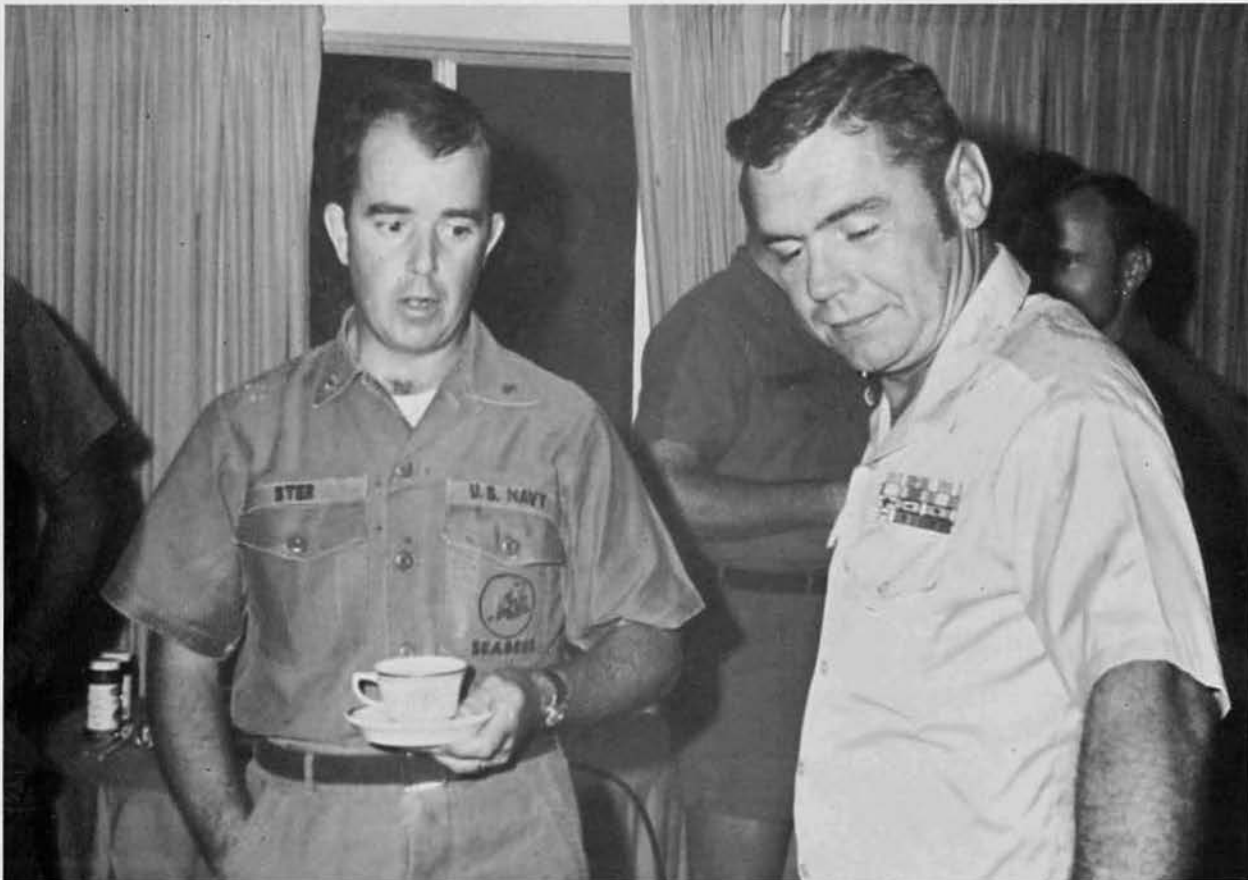
Now that the deployment is over the men of Sixty Two will scatter. Some will be going to other commands, while others will be commencing a new career in civilian life. To those of you leaving, you have my personal admiration and wishes for "Fair Winds and Following Seas." Those of us remaining will strive in every way to maintain the unit reputation and pride which we have collectively attained.

I am privileged to command Sixty Two and pleased to have served with you on this challenging deployment. You have my utmost admiration and respect as men with constructive capabilities — constructive in every way.





LCDR John W. Ster, NMCB 62 Executive Officer, prepares a weekly staff projects report as one of his many duties as the Chief of Staff for the battalion. He joined the battalion in the early part of 1971. LCDR Ster often acts as the battalion's official host.



LCDR Ster talks with CDR Frank Newcomb on the morning of CDR Newcomb's change of command.



Battalion Senior Enlisted Advisor UTCM Herbert W. Pollock, prepares for another day as the senior enlisted man of the battalion.



Master Chief Utilitiesman Herbert W. Pollock, right, and Master Chief Constructionman Norman G. Johnson, center, listen as CDR Newcomb reads Master Chief Johnson's retirement orders at morning quarters.



CUCM Norman G. Johnson receives the traditional "Piping Over the Side" ceremonies as he retires with 30 years naval service.



The Operations Staff; Left to Right: LCDR Gerald H. Ross, Operations Officer; BUCS Ronald L. De Bock, Operations Chief; CEC Glenn T. Crummey, Safety Chief; ENS Junius D. Allen, Quality Control; ENS James F. George, Engineering Officer; LTJG Robert B. Steimer, Assistant Operations Officer.



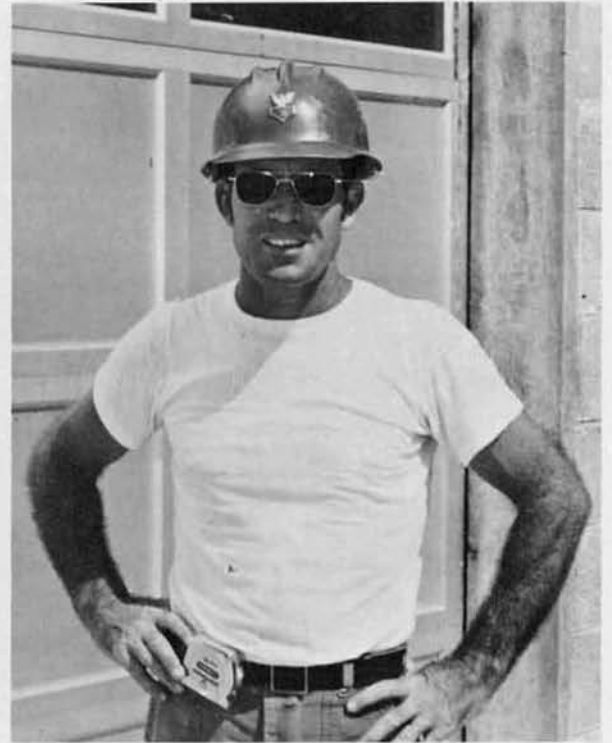
UTC Lawrence Hanson, Project Supervisor



LT Stanley R. Holm, Jr., Project Manager.



The Industrial Site.



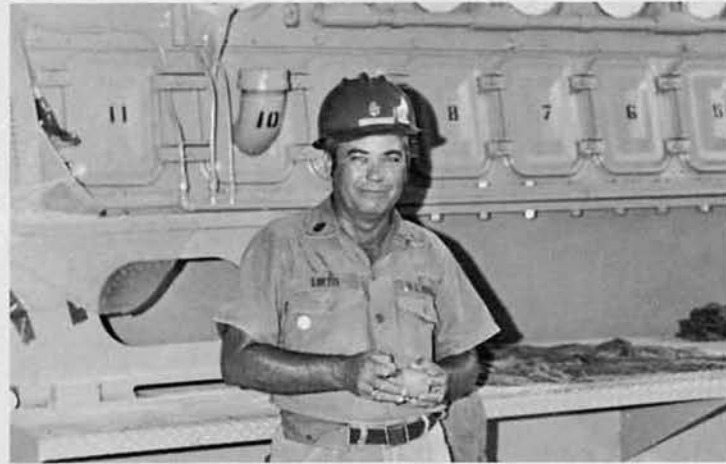
BU1 Jack B. Feagins, Project Supervisor.



LT Erno M. Hanz, Project Manager.



CEC John E. Zitko, Project Supervisor.



BUC Bobby F. Loftis, Project Supervisor.



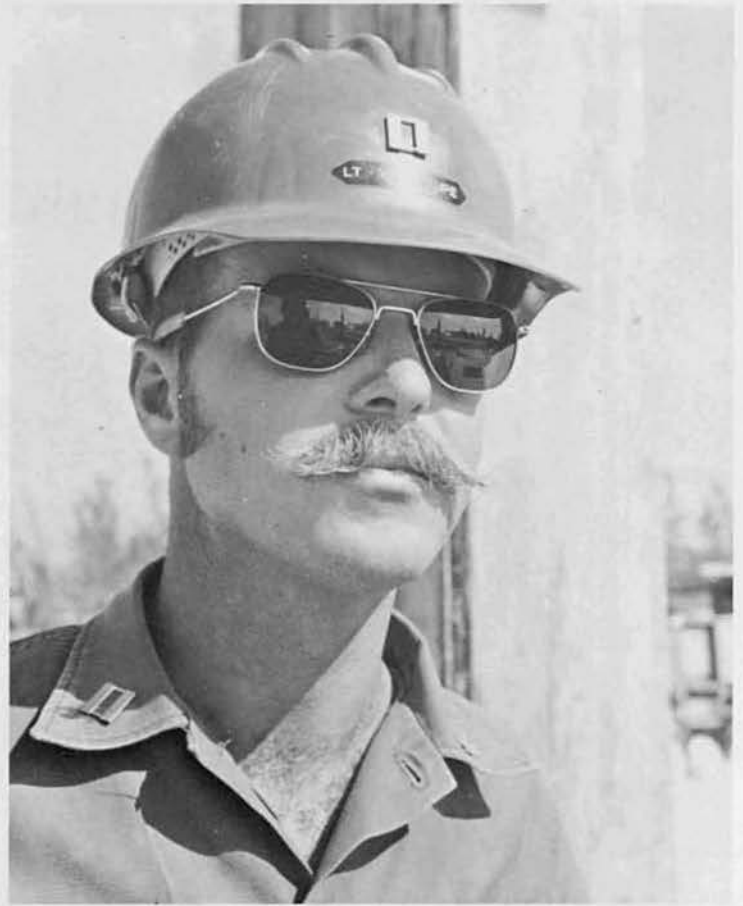
SWCS William B. Coath, Project Supervisor.



The Transmitter Site.



BUC George M. Gipson, Project Supervisor.



LT George W. Yankoupe, Project Manager.



BUC Ernest E. Rhoads
Project Supervisor



The Cantonment Area



Homeport Training for Slip-Form Paver



EOC Earl J. Rooker, Project Supervisor



CEC William J. Spreitler, Project Supervisor

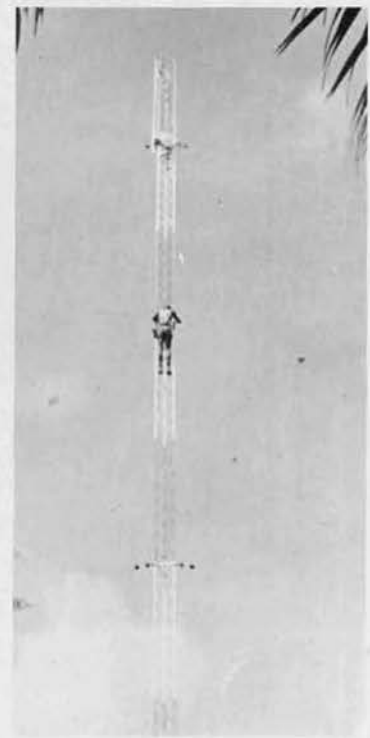


LT Gerald L. Green, Project Manager





LTJG Donald W. Buchanan Jr., Project Manager



AFRS Tower Erection



EOC Charles Maunez
Project Manager



The partially completed temporary POL Facility



The Receiver Site



Left to Right: LTJG Richard A. Howell, MLO; LTJG Stephen P. Mack, Disbursing Officer; LCDR Charles M. Hines, Supply Officer.



ENS Charles W. Brasfeild, Training Officer; LT Gerald L. Green, Plans and Training Officer.



MSGT Louis Lambert
Battalion Military Advisor



CWO2 William C. Woolnough, Administrative Officer.



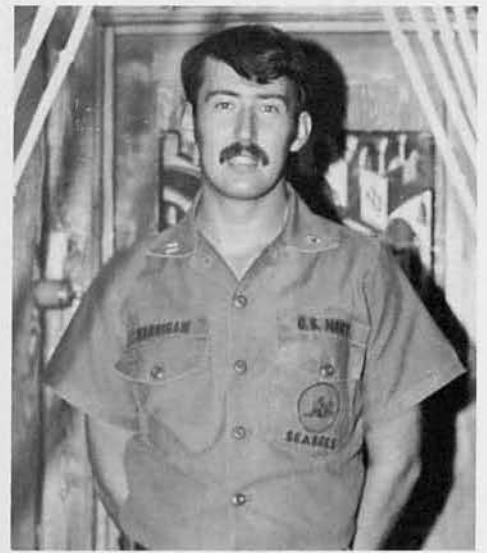
BU1 Clements G. Moyers, Career Counselor



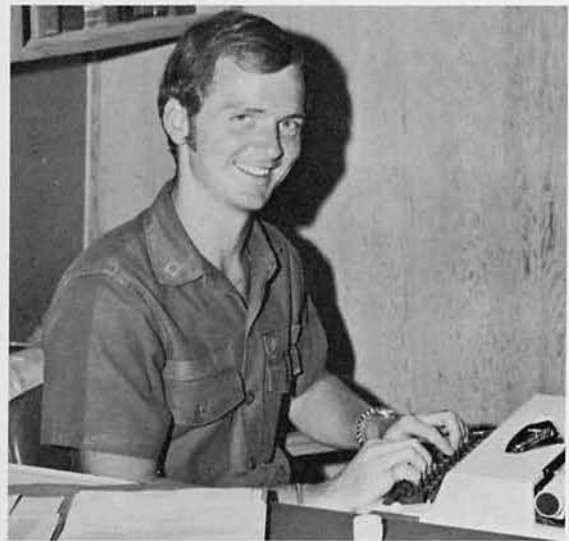
LCDR Hugh H. O'Regan, Catholic Chaplain



LT. Philo Willetts, Medical Officer.



LT Dan Harrigan, Dental Officer.



LT Brian P. Murray, Medical Officer

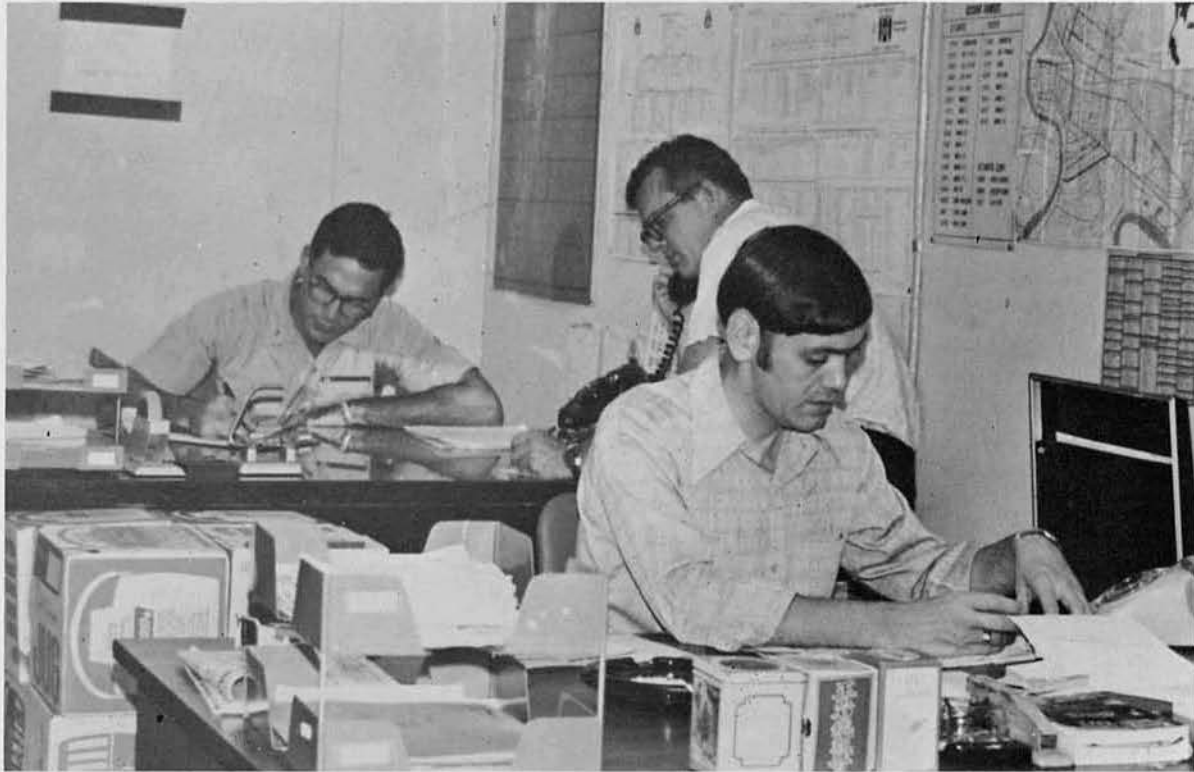


A Versatile Tooth Fairy



LT Jack Roberts, Protestant Chaplain.

DETAIL BANGKOK



ENS Joe Parsons of NMCB 62, EO1 Jim Hite of NMCB 62 and SK1 Rick Center of the Logistic Support Component are pictured here in their Bangkok office. These three men assisted the battalion by buying materials in Thailand, coordinating transportation between Diego Garcia, Thailand, and the States, helping personnel on R & R from the island, and maintaining liaison between Sixty-Two and other commands. Not pictured is EO1 Charles Long.



Coordination of troop movements through Bangkok made scenes like this familiar to EO1 Jim Hite.



ENS Parsons attempted to always maintain friendly relations with the Thai people during his stay there.

DETAIL DAVISVILLE

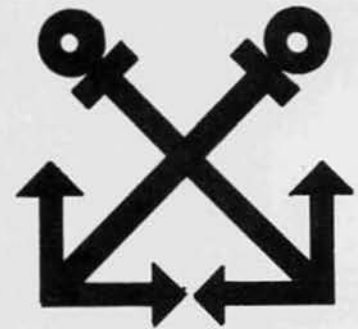
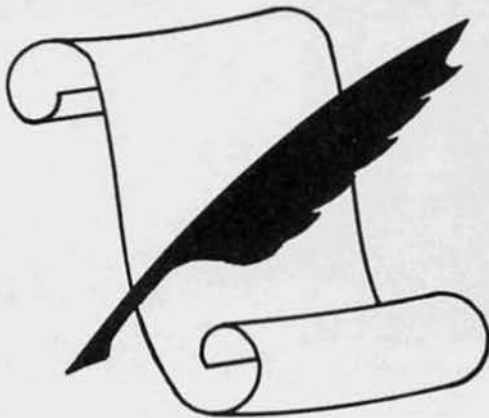
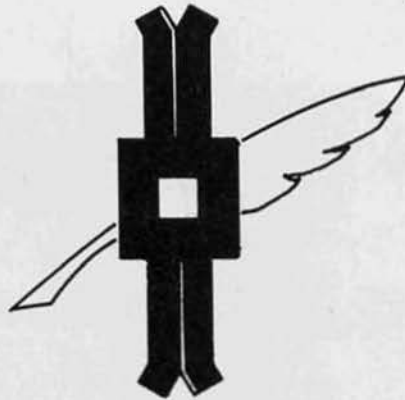
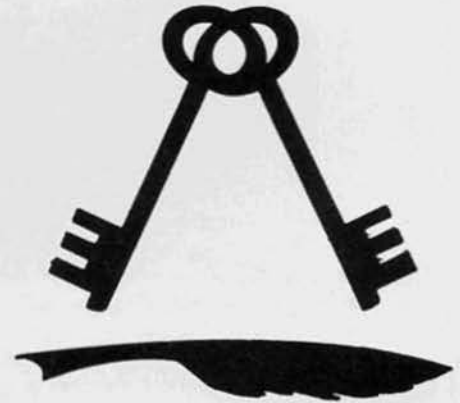
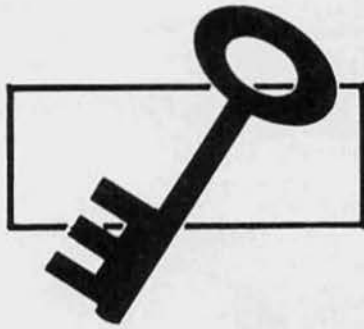
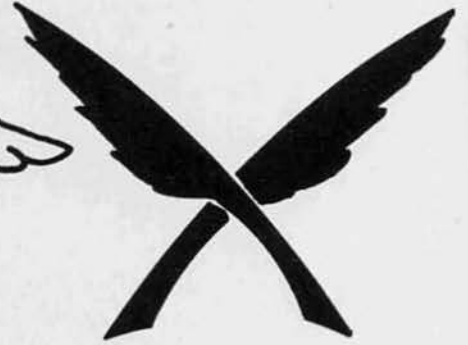


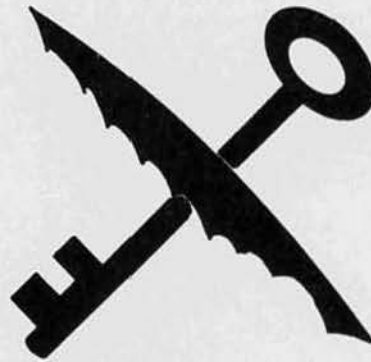
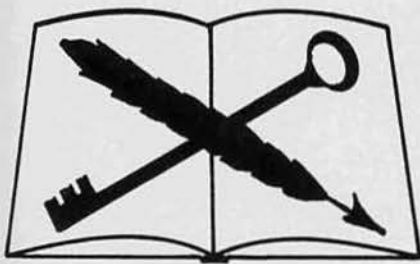
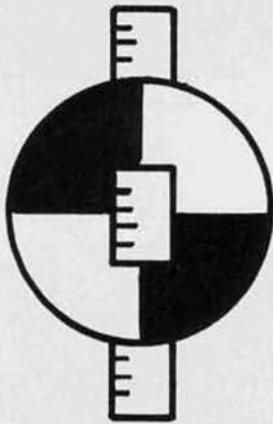
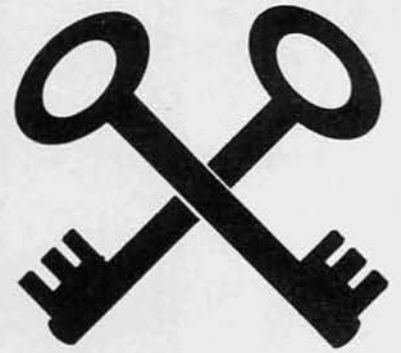
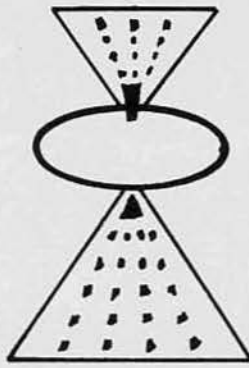
UT1 Ronald Collins of NMCB 40, ENS Jerald L. Whitford, Officer-in-Charge, and E01 Wayne C. Everest of NMCB 1 were three members of Detail Davisville. Their job was to expedite and monitor materials shipments from Davisville to the island.



BU3 Donald L. Tousignant, CE2 Raymond Combs, and CM1 Clyde Burkett take a break from their busy day to chat with another staff member at CBC Davisville.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY





The Supporters

S-1



PN3 Rick Carico, CWO2 Bill Woolnough, SA Danny Murtagh, PN2 Tony Plummer, PN2 Jack Cooper, PN3 Mike Hetzel and PN1 Jon Freeman.



YNC Bill Wagner



YN1 Patrick McEwen and YN3 Larry Henry



YN3 Larry Henry, LN1 Bill Van Deren, SN Rod Tingle



YN3 Bob Roberts



PN3 Nick Taboga

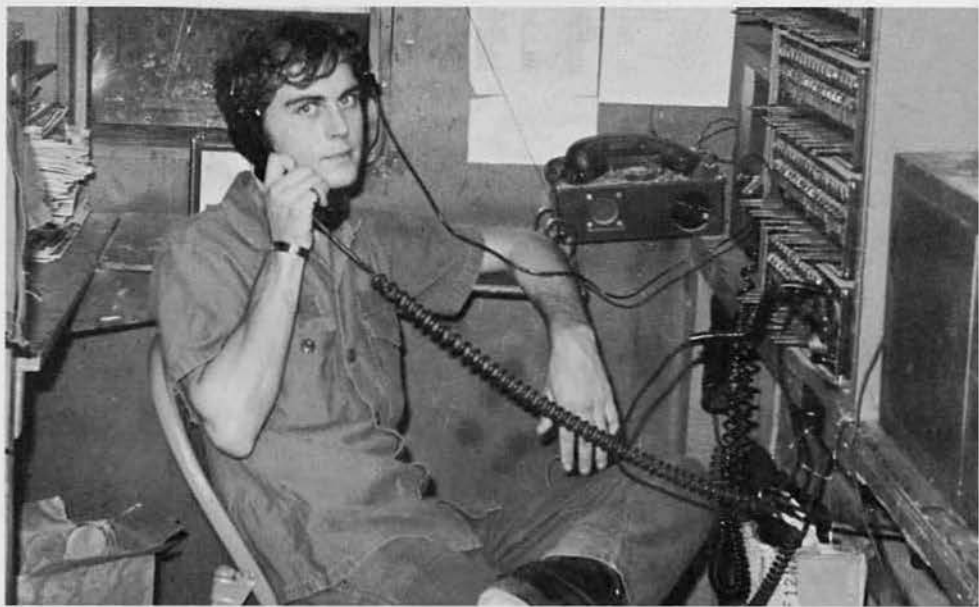


PC3 Larry Grisham and YN3 John Barton



PC1 Phil Reddy

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CN J. T. Lawrence



SA John Delso



ETNSN Dick Yox



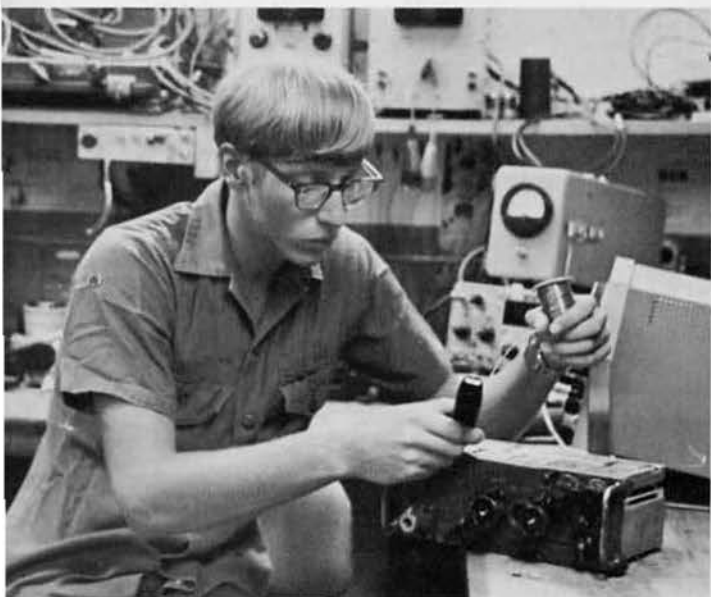
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GMG1 Don McGuinness, SA Dave Wise, and GMGSN Larry Bruen



EO1 Leon Helton



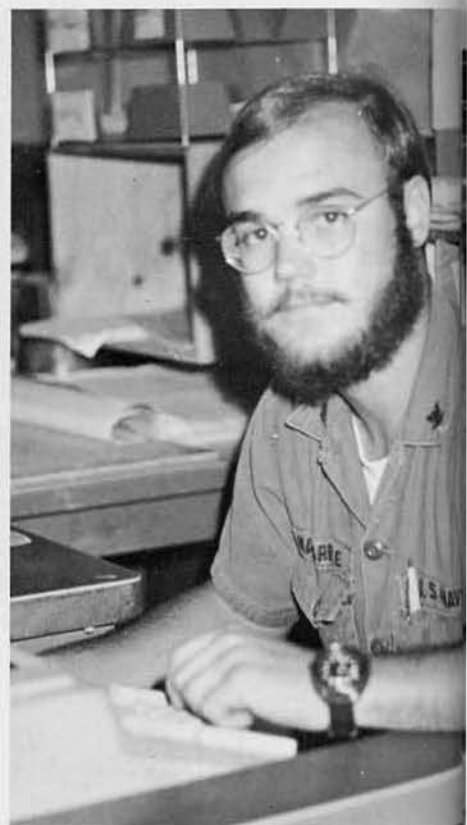
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SW1 Dave Griffith

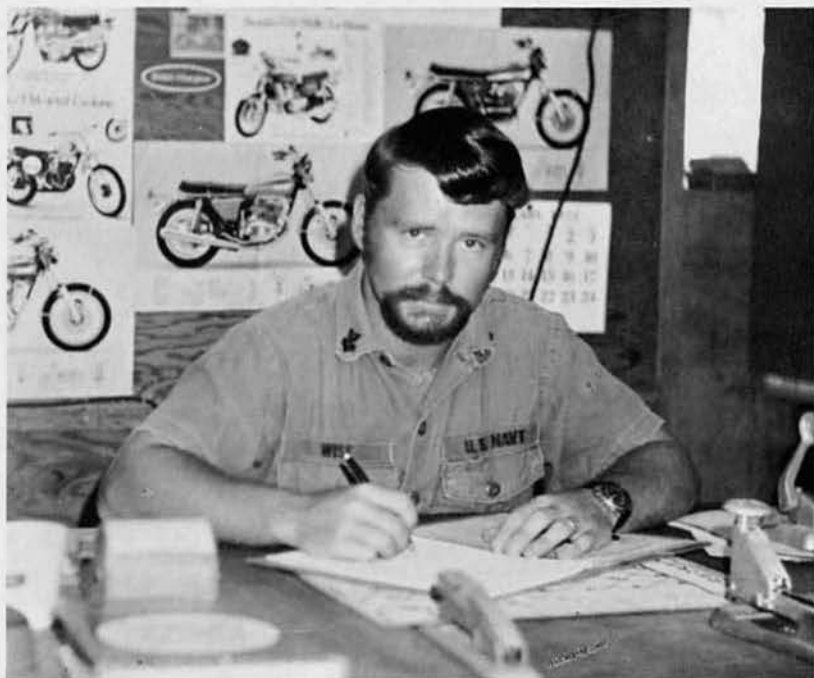


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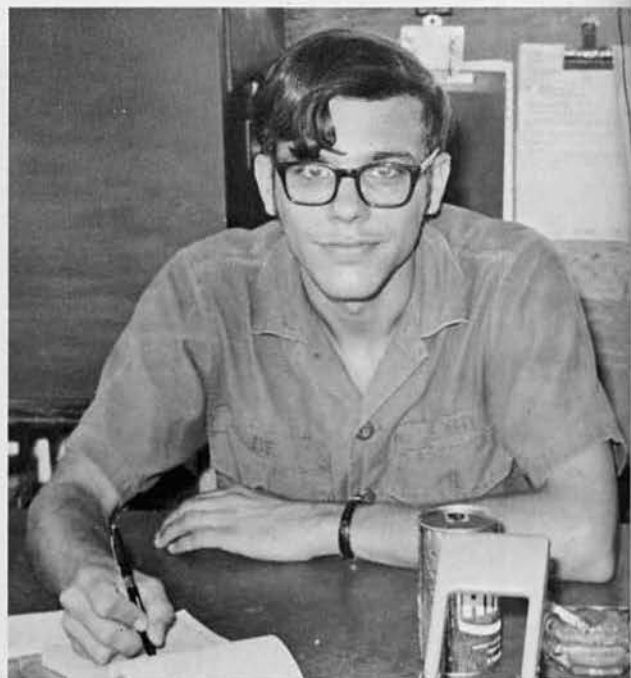


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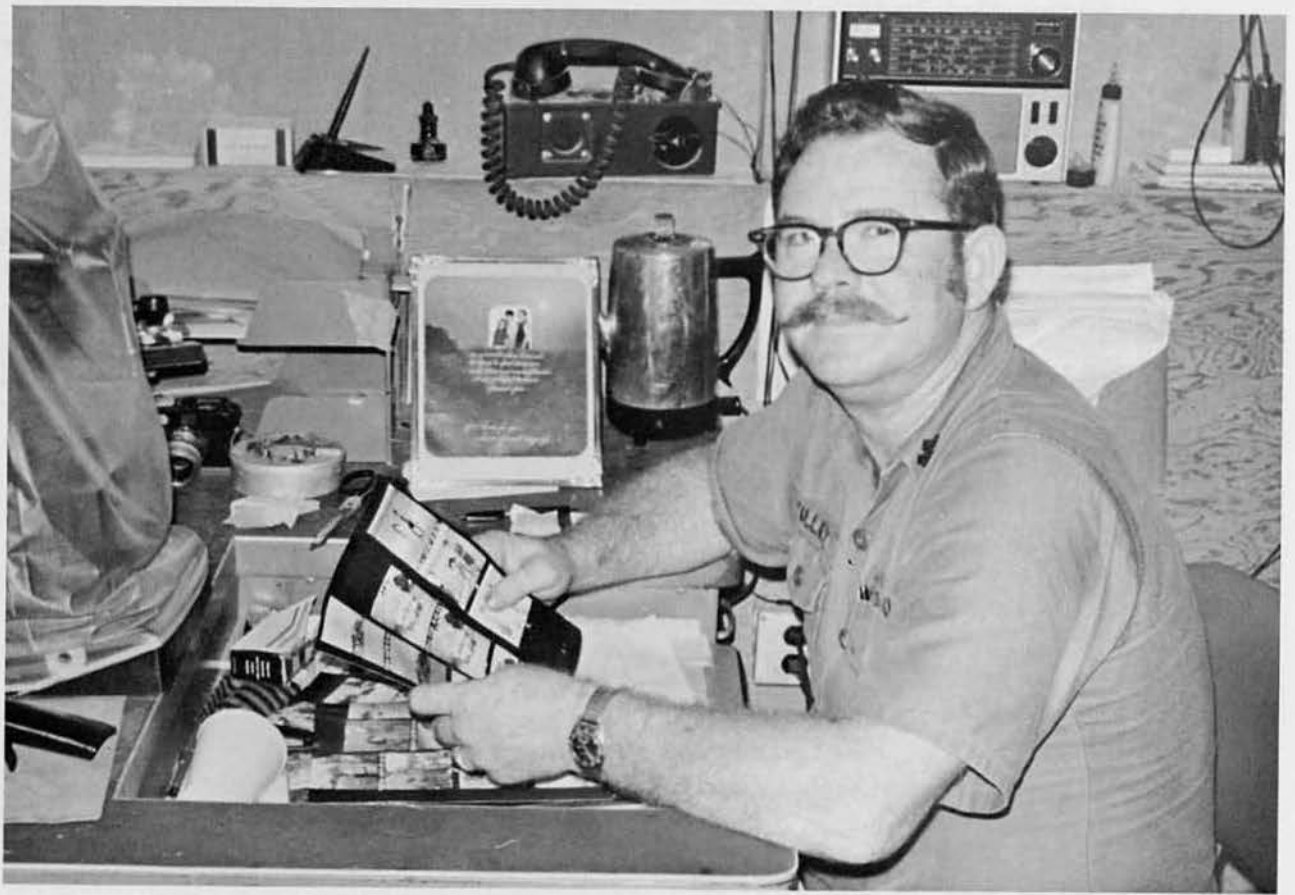
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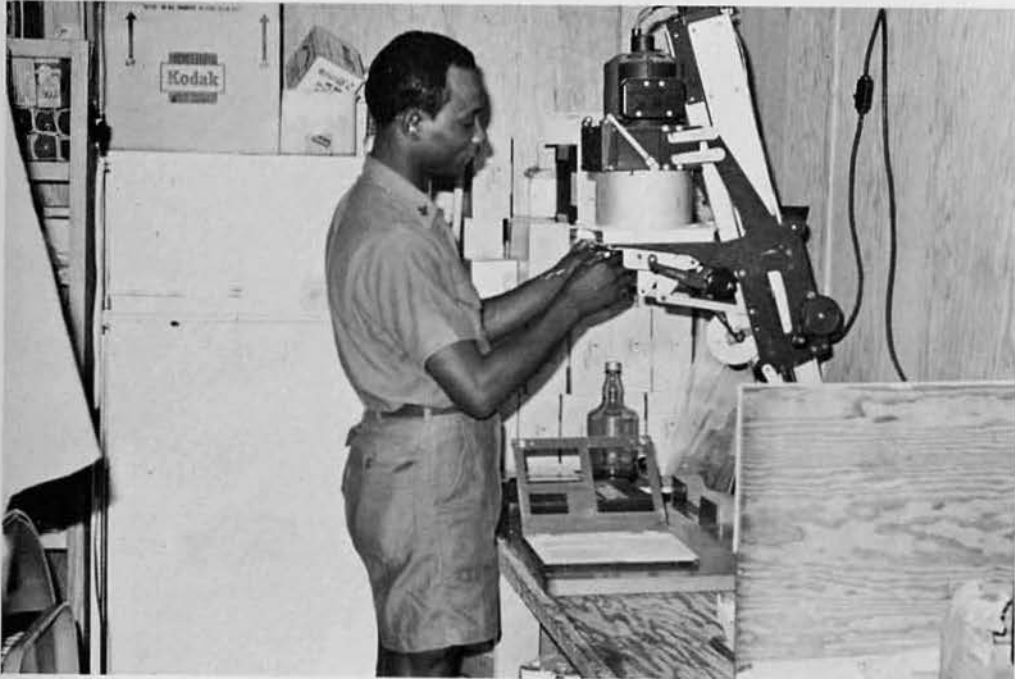
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YNSN John Eye



PH1 Bob Tilley



PH3 Cornell Coe



EAC Ray Cormier



EA1 Joe Tack, EACN Joe Randolph, EACN Les Martin, BU3(DM) Bob Blank and EA3 Dave Carlson

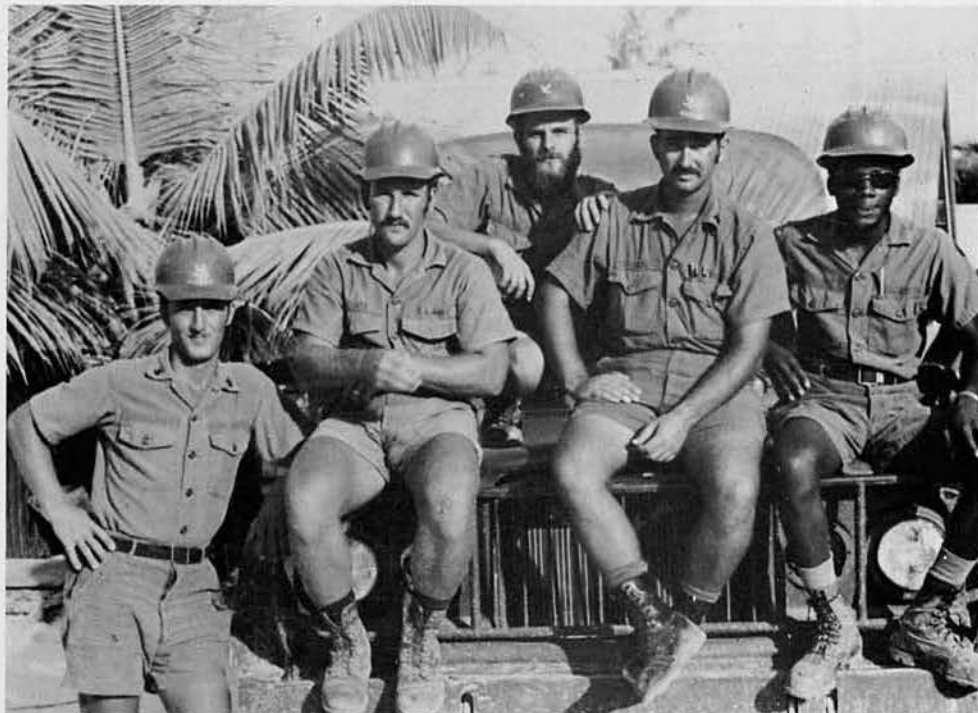


EACN Glen Wondergem

ENGINEERING AIDS



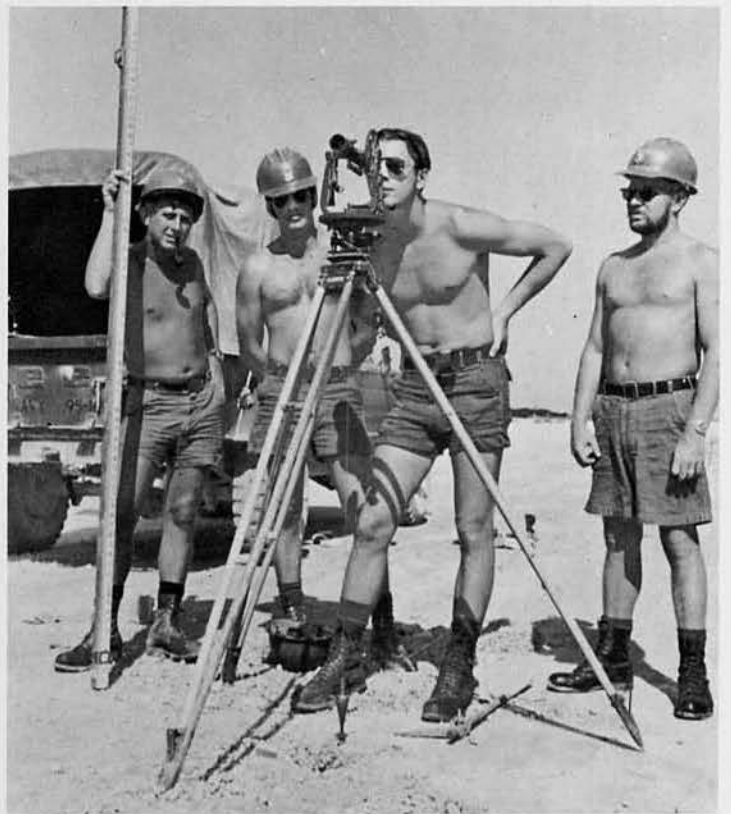
CA Tim Halligan and EA2 Skip Borgman



EA3 Gary Leonhardt, EACN Bob James, EA3 Chris Lempesis, EA2 Ron Riley and CA Reginald Fitzpatrick



EA2 Leon Hunning, EA3 Rodolfo Pulumbarit and EACN Doug Wills (MCB 40)



EA3 Bob Pullan, EA3 Dave Fox (both MCB 40), EA3 Dave McCallister and EA2 Lynn Strickland.



CN Bob Stoddard



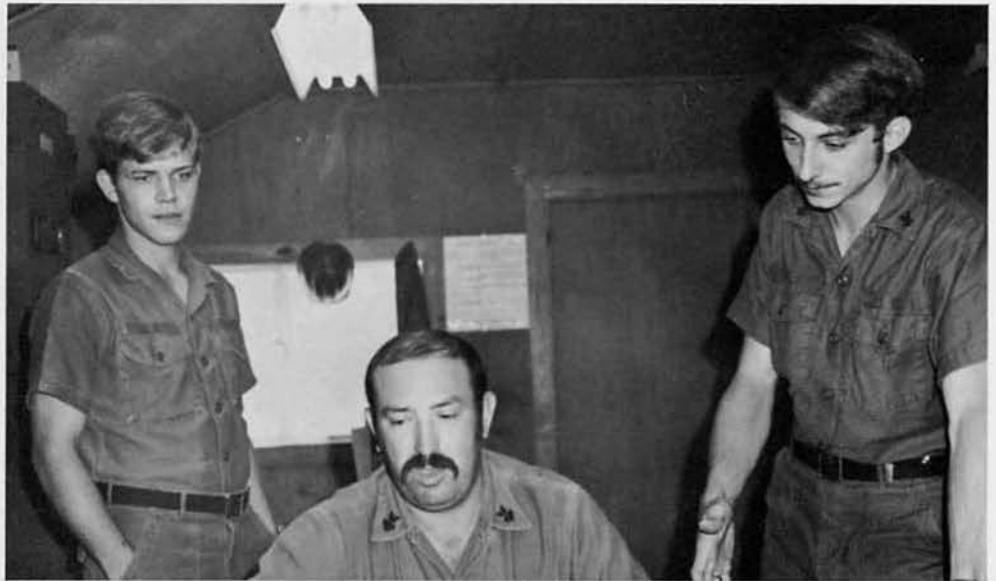
EACN Les Martin, SDC(EA) Carlos Jaro and EA1 Joe Frager.

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DKSN John DeWitt, LTJG Steve Mack, DKSJN Chuck Hawkins, DK2 Leigh Kimbrough and DK1 Jerry Bird.

DISBURSING
SUPPLY
6101



SKSN Bernard Green, SK1 Joe Madrid and SK3 Paul Dygert.



CMCN Bernard Miller



SKSN Jim Young, EOCN Charlie Shackett and SK1 Doris Shemwell.

BARBER SHOP LAUNDRY



SH1 Bill Thomas, SHSA Don Lewis, a customer, and SHSA John Cacciamani.



SH3 Larry Feister



UTCA Al Balvin and UTCA Morris Rommel.

WARDROOM AND GALLEY



Standing: SD3 Magno Quismondo, SD1 Diosdado C. Sabal, SD3 Demetrio Tuzon, Jr. Kneeling: SD3 Manuel Abundo, TN Cliff Fernando, SD3 Ernesto Fabay.



CSC Charles Waldheim



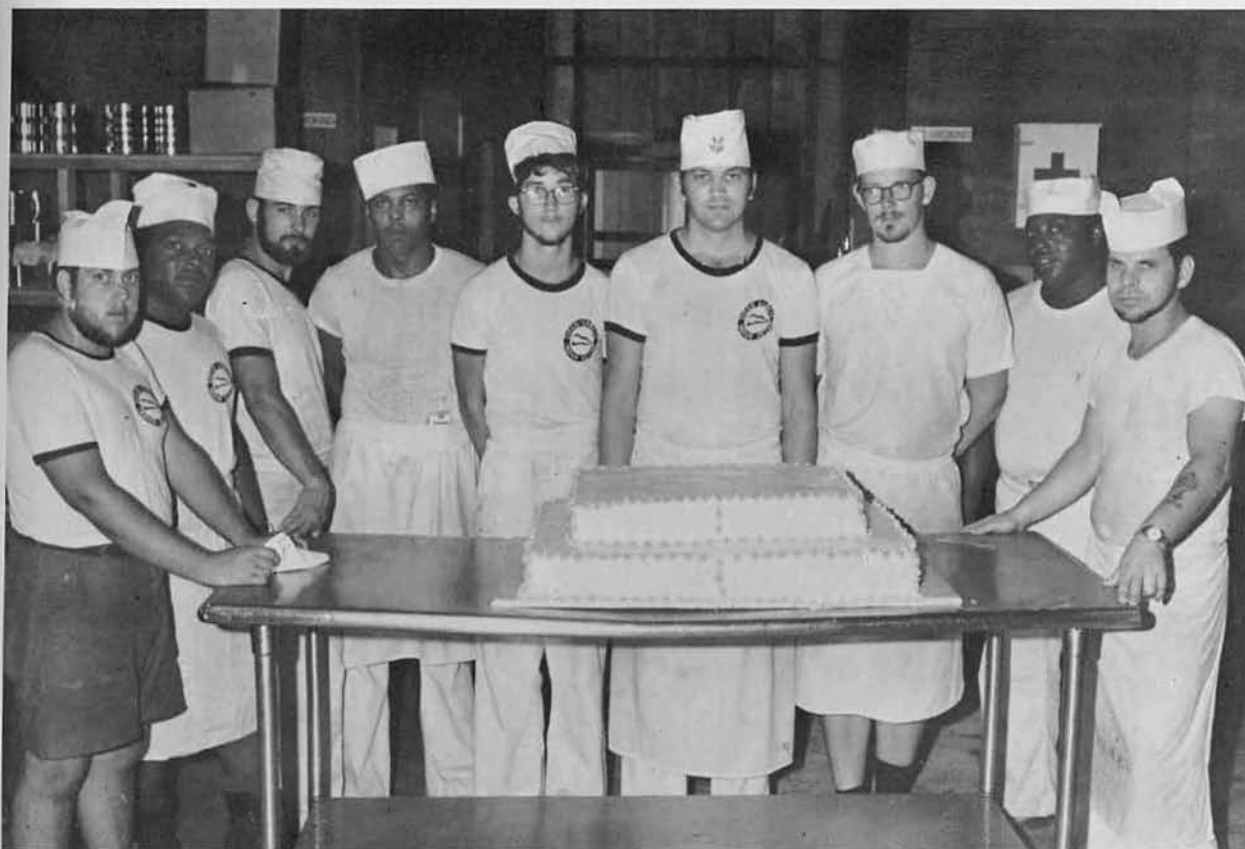
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CS2 Angelito Hebron



CS2 Wendell Smith and CS1 Art Prince



CS3 Ernie Bastarache, CS2 Levi Gladney, CS2 Mac McGilvery, CS3 Willie Freeman (NMCB 10), CSSN Mike Perrin, CS1 Art Prince, CS3 Jack Stump, CS2 Bob Cress and CS1 Eddie Sutton



CS1 Eddie Sutton, CS2 Levi Gladney, and CSSN Lloyd Crabtree



CS2 George Craycraft and CA Bob Degg (NMCB 133)



SK1 Mel Armstrong

CTR
CSR



CECA Paul Bialobrzski



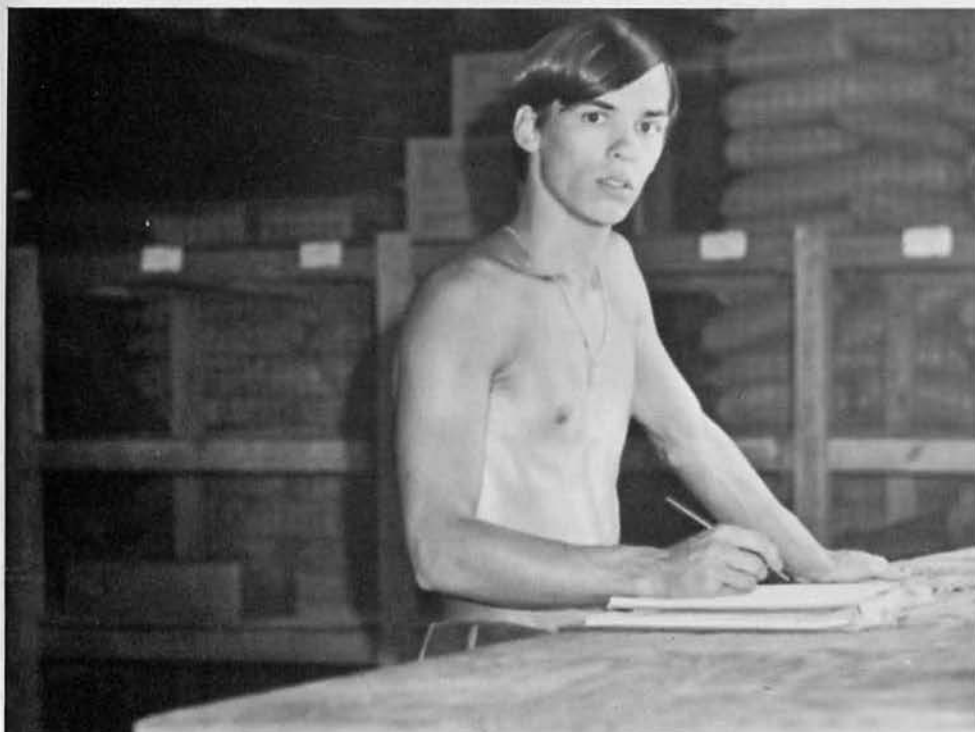
BU2 "Gramps" Whitehouse



CN Art Thomas (MCB 133) CE3 Lance Blanchette, UT3 John Aho, CE3 John Cambern, BUCN Al Langmaid, SK2 Larry Skillet and SWC James Revis.

MLO GREENS ISSUE EMBARK

SN Glen Rairden



EOC Harper Duelly



HMC James Edmondson



HN Jerry Ziegler

MEDICAL



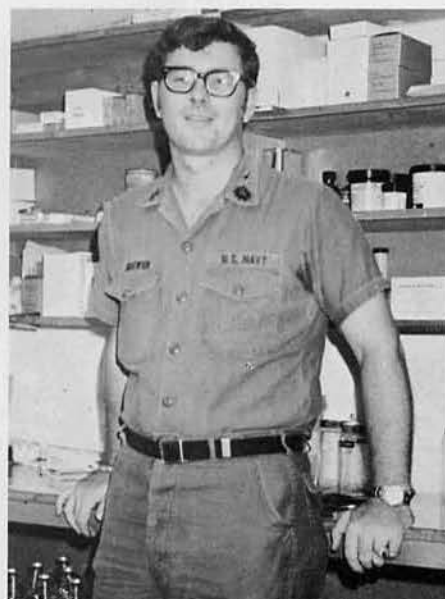
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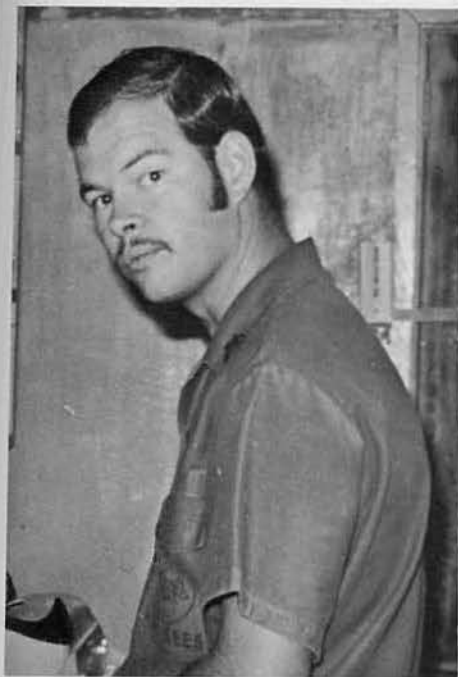
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HM1 Pablo Stamaris



HM1 Lew Brewer



HM3 Dave Todd



HA Jonathan Hardesty



HN James Craig



HM2 Mark Fontaine

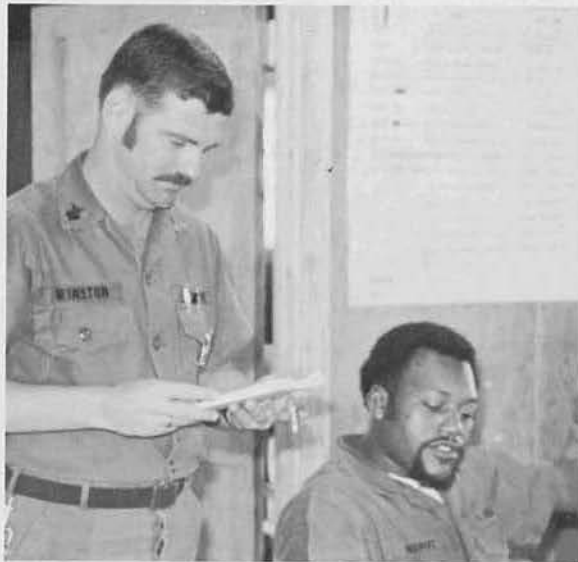


HM3 Bob Gore treats BU3 Pat Kelly, D. Co.

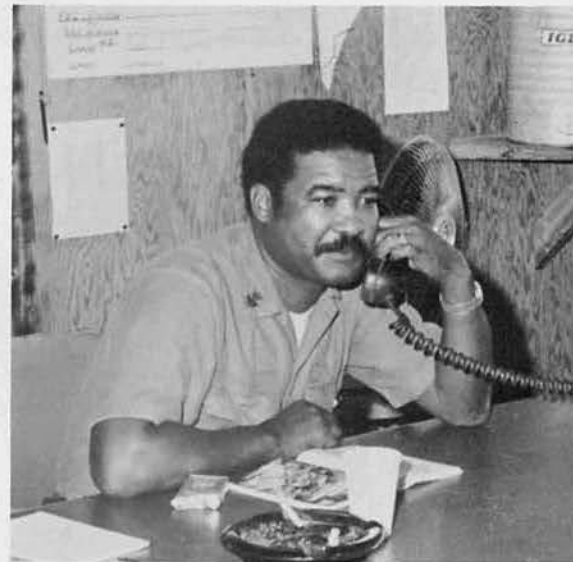
MASTERS-AT-ARMS DENTAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS



BMC Phil Keane



BM1 Henry Winston and EO2 Charles Murphy



BM1 Jimmie Edwards



DT3 Charles Edson



DT1 Don Bagley and friend.



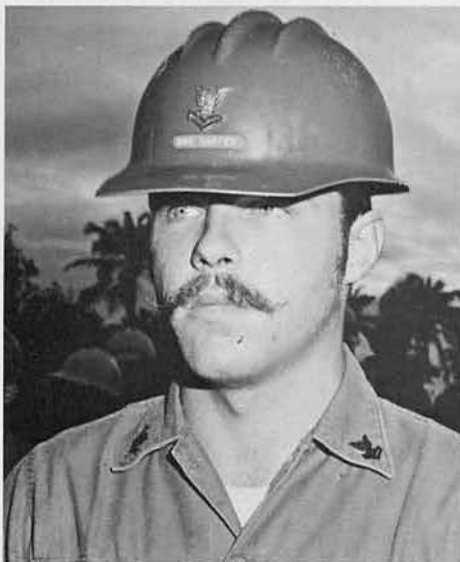
YN3 Dom DiRusso



CA Mike McGuire



BUCN Mark Champagne



BM2 Bill Carter



DT3 Bill Frasier



SA Jerry Holmes

ALFA COMPANY



ALFA ACTIVITIES



Cement silos — 58,000 cubic feet of storage space



Placing the



The slipform paver — maintained and operated by Alfa Co.



Alfa Co. light



course at the runway



Ivey, Grajewski and Duke drill holes for dynamite charges at the wet well



Ship offload, another Alfa Co. responsibility



The crusher site marker



EOCS Benjamin Wray



Alfa Company Commander
WO1 Paul Donado



EOCS Travis Quesenberry



EOC William Waggoner



EO1 Larry Lawrence

EOC J. S. Sadler



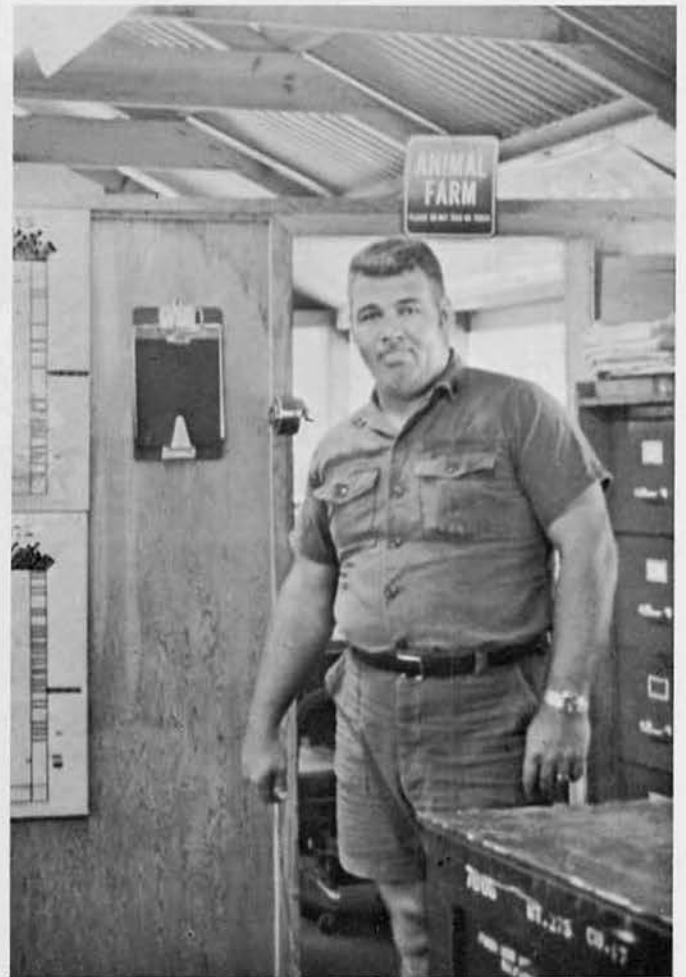
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EO3 D. J. McClain



EOCN P. W. Hansen



EO1 W. G. Faust



EO1 W. F. Green



EO1 D. W. Carlson



EO1 J. R. Sanders



EO1 J. T. Kubik



EO1 E. F. Schreck



Back Row: EO3 T.P. Alley, EO2 H.I. Murphy, EO3 B.G. Autry.
 Front: CA G. W. Robison, EO2 H. Sandt, EO1 H. T. Palmer and
 EOC W. L. Williams.



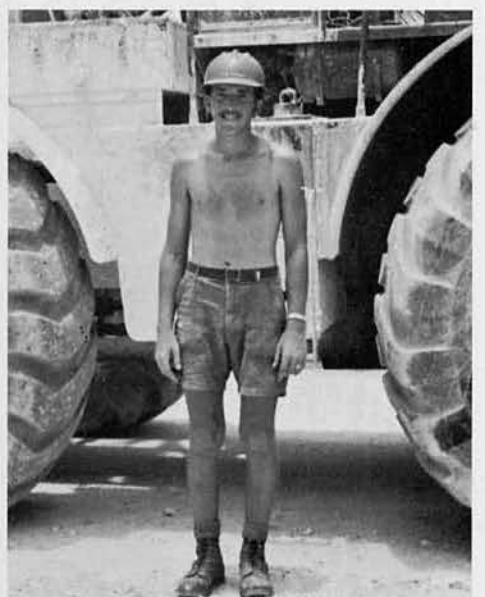
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EO3 T. P. Alley



EO1 D. L. Coniff, EO2 J. S. Fitch, EO2 C. R. Forston



EOCA E. G. McFalls



EO2 W. Barnes, EO1 C. L. Wilson, CM2 R. L. Conley



EOCN J. L. Beckner



EO2 R. R. Connolly, EOCN B. E. Dean, EO1 E. C. Hall, EO3 J. F. Dana



EOCN R. S. Skaar



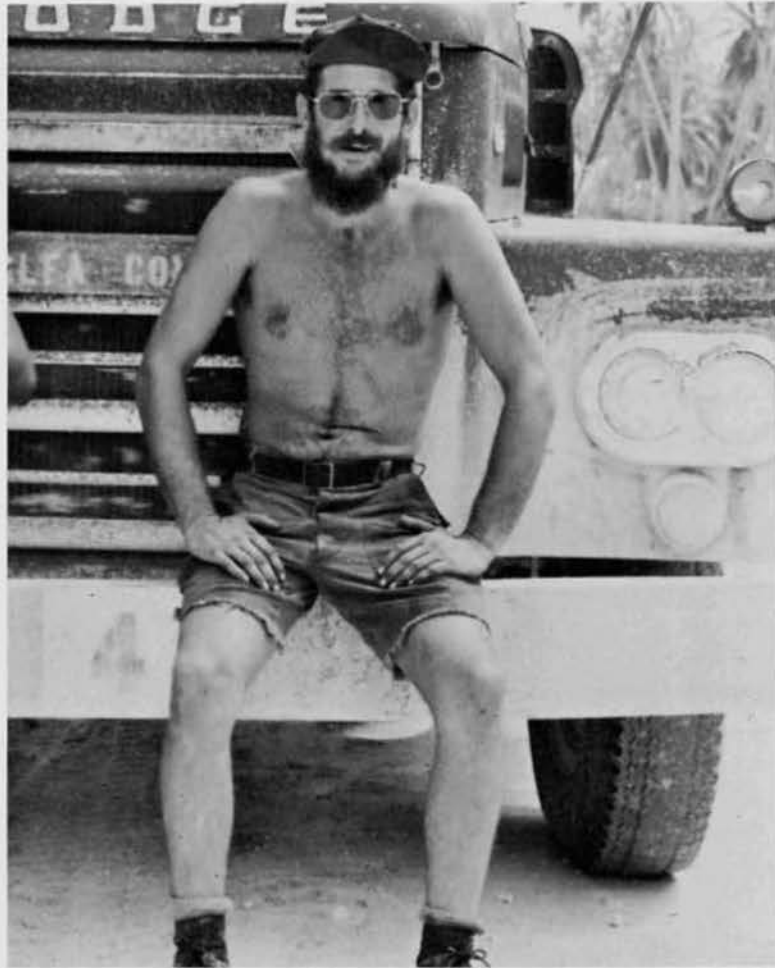
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EOCN P. E. Owens and CMCR M. J. Patrola



EOCA M. T. Lambert



CMCN H. E. Webster



CA W. L. Kinney



EO1 P. E. Hall



EO3 R. W. Ousley

EO2 P. Delos Reyes



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EO2 G. M. Doughty, EO1 J. R. Parmeter, EO1 L. H. Blackmer



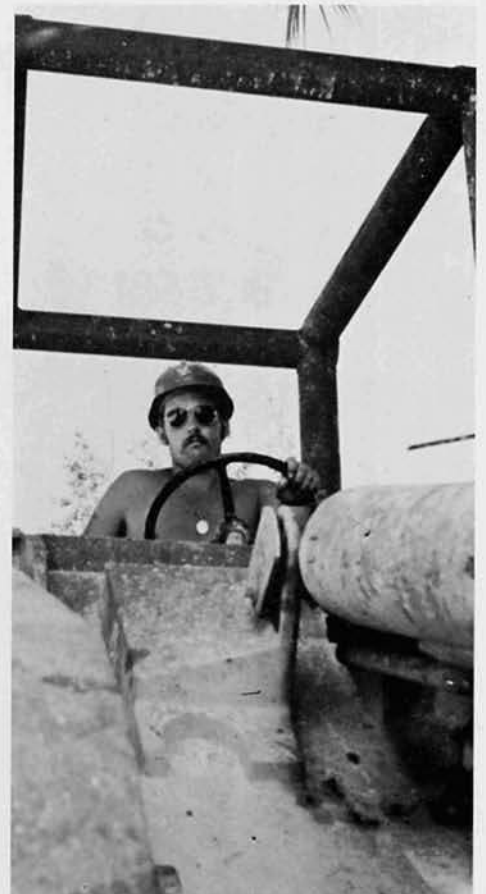
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EOCN J. M. Bowen



EOCN D. M. Pustay



EO3 M. J. Cupell



EO3 J. V. Washer



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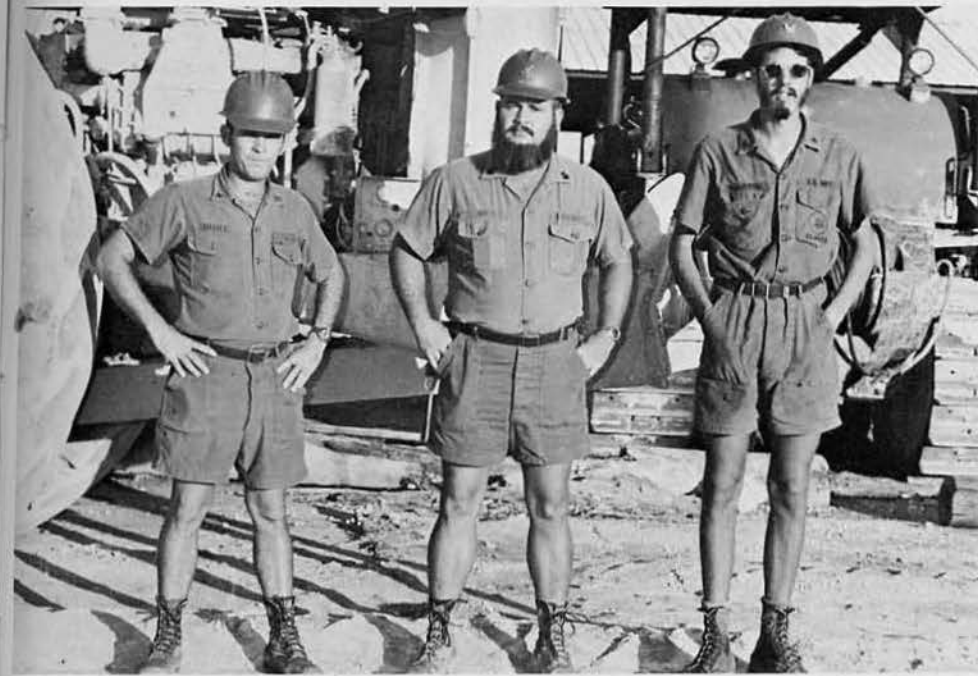
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EOCN J. H. Bryan



CA R. J. Pizzi, EOCN J. J. Edwards, EO3 H. J. Munford, EO3 K.J. Cortell, EO2 D. W. Wagner



EO3 B. L. Duke, EO1 A. C. Ivey, EO3 D. R. Grajewski



EOCN M. J. Littlejohn
EOCN D. A. Steckler
EOCN A. R. Cole
EOCN D. L. Krause
CM2 F. L. Burns



EOCA D. W. Smith



EO3 R. W. Clark



EO1 M. B. Webb



BU2 R. Parent



EOCS T. B. Quesenberry, EO1 G. D. Marks



CN D. A. Brown, EOCA D. A. Moore, EOCN D. L. Miller



EO2 J. F. Eskow



CN R. A. Lloyd



CN P. J. Liebert



BU3 R. Way



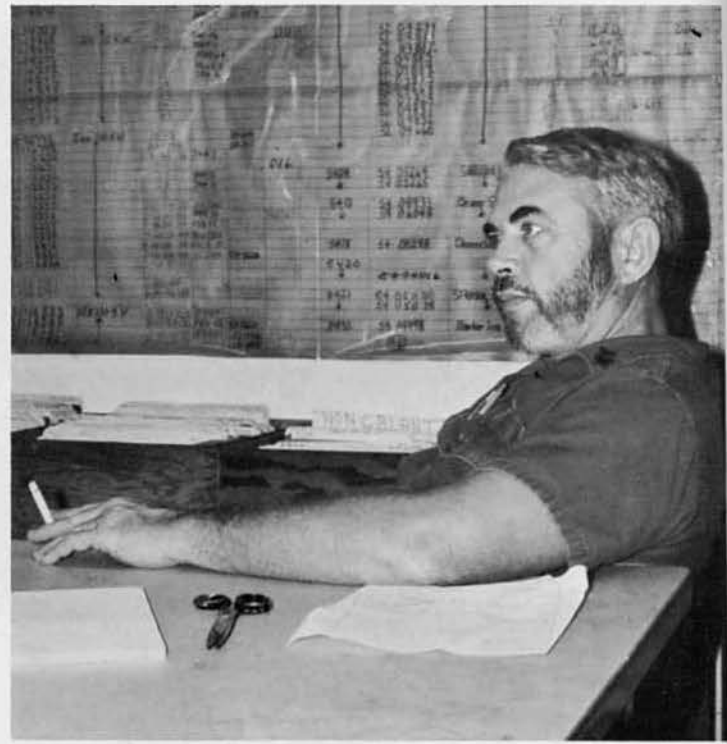
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EOCN J. D. Williams



CMC H. Williams



CM1 G. R. Prentiss

CM1 J. Vacula



CMCS C. G. Thurman





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CM3 T. D. Cannon, CM3 G. A. Robinson



CMCN L. D. Perkins and CMC F. W. Malone



CM3 G. W. Bonner



CMCA A. Bailey



CM3 A. L. Stillwell



CN L. D. Wizeorek
CM2 E. G. Pingul
CMCN R. T. Wishum
CMCA S. J. DeMao
CMCA R. D. Graves
CN A. F. Halcomb
CMCA M. H. Thurlow



CMCN B. W. Shaw, CM3 L. W. Roberts



EOCN T. J. Tolbert CR J. P. Bond



CM1 L. W. King, CMCN C. G. Forrest (NMCB 133)



CM3G. Reickert and CM3 J. Anderson



CM1 H. R. Quattlebaum



CM2 W.C. Robinson, CMCA G.W. Harrison, CM2 D.A. Davenport, CMCN R.F. Litch



CM2 T. Jefferson



CN F. D. Fromal and CM1 N. L. Falkenstein



SW2 G. Mistretta and CMCA M. G. Geno



CM2 H. L. Denton



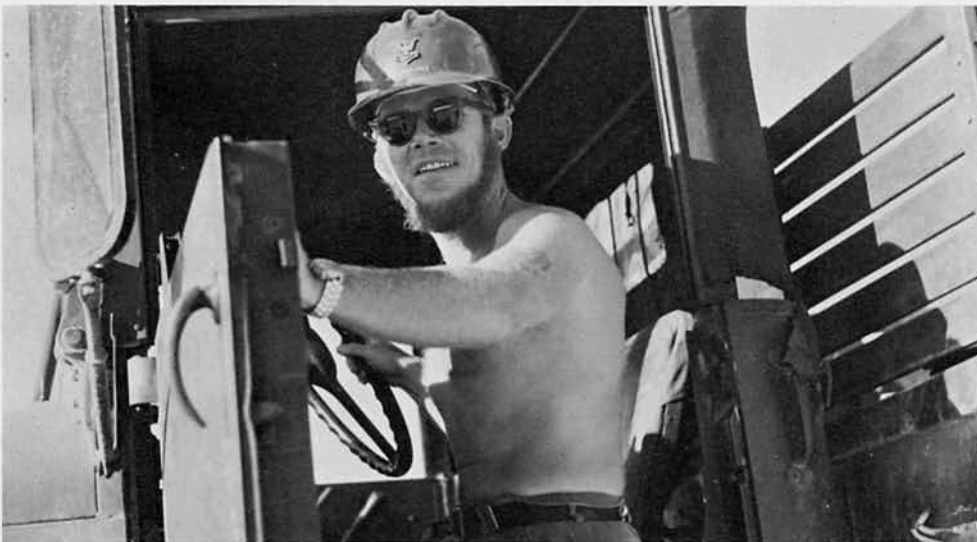
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CM1 E. Hahn, CE3 A.C. Maras, CM3 J.K. Hunter, CM2 J.L. Batts



EOCA R. M. Rice



EO2 R. G. Holmes



CMCA V. D. Howe



CA J. A. Houk



CE2 R. D. Gosch



EOCN R. A. Harding



CMCN J. W. Winger



CMCA R. A. Grogan



EOCN A. D. Twitchell



CM1 J.L. Purvis, CA M.H. Visnaw, CM1 F.J. Patrick



CMCA D. R. Johnson, CMCA A.W. Guffey, CMCA E. Harris



Back Row: MR1 F. H. Mosher and MRFN M. A. Harrigan.

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CM3 J. R. Yanconish



CR D. D. Hervieux



MRFN S. D. Sponsler

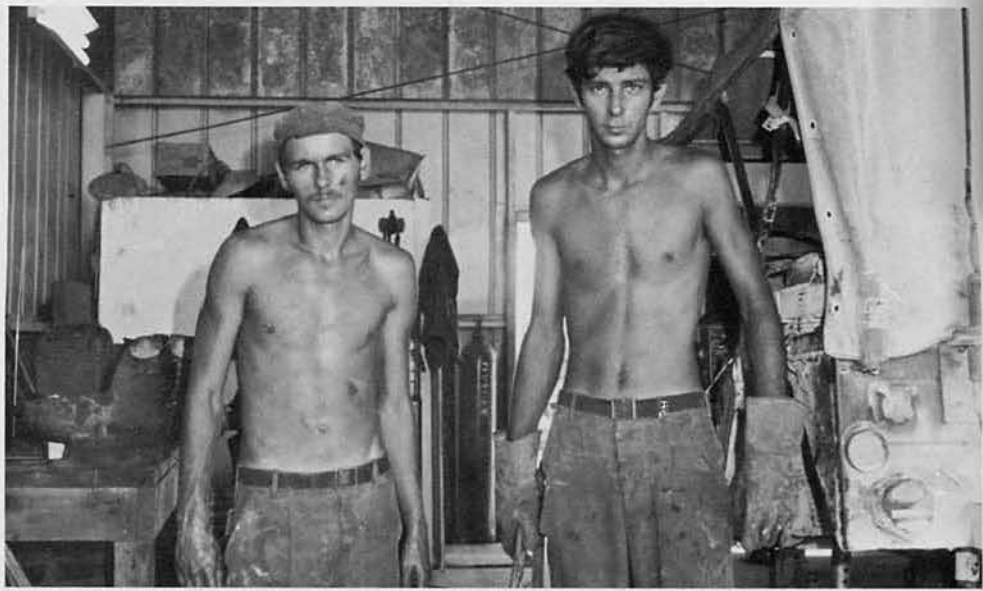


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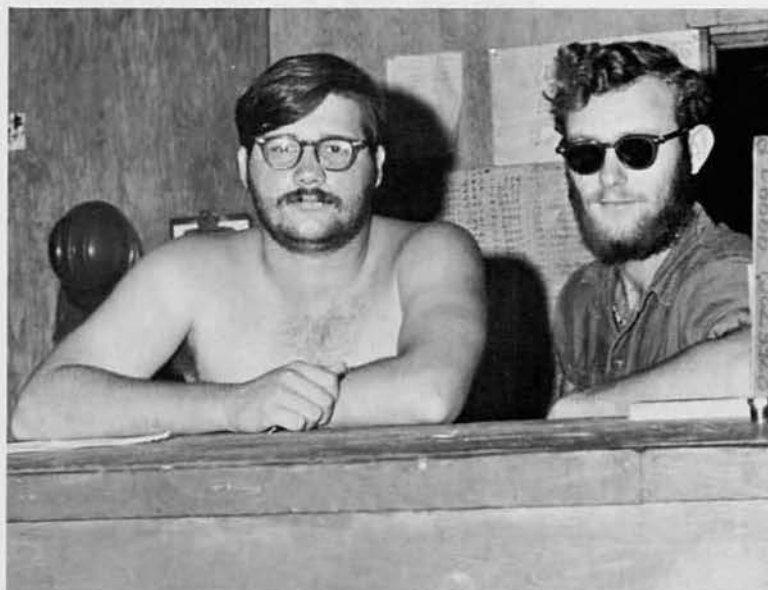


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CAD.R. Nyberg, CMCA J.W. Bailey, CA E.F. Piekarz and CA P.S. Fidler



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EOCA D. L. Scott



CE3 T. M. Fiebig



CM1 R. Smelley

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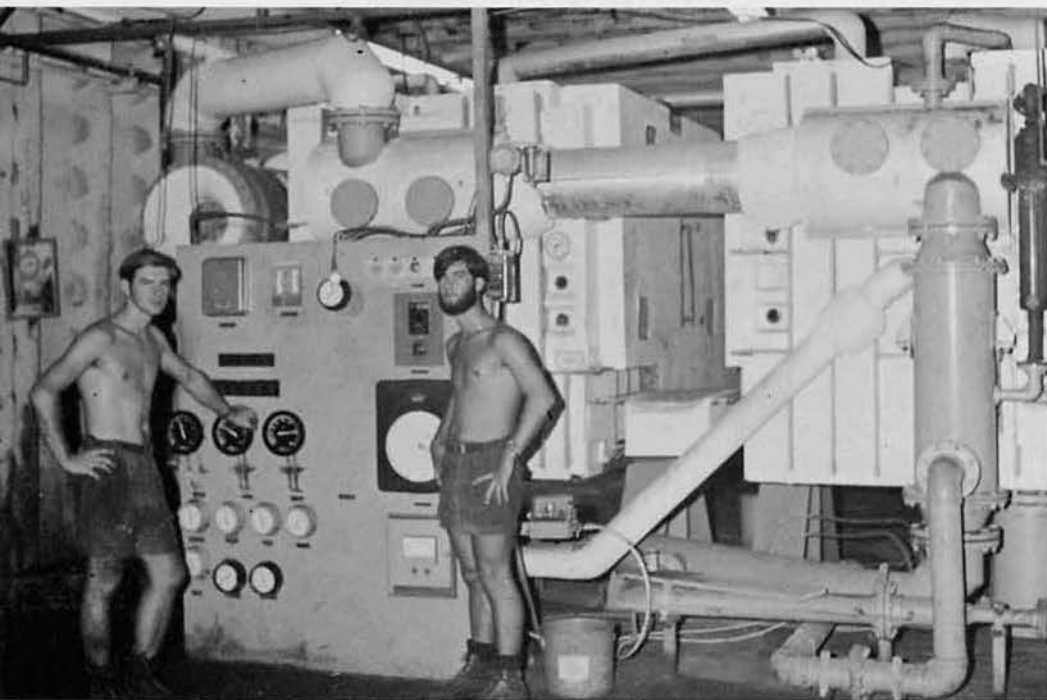
Business with Bravo bees



CE2 Albritton checks out the Admin A/C.



Setting power poles down south.



The water makers and their machine



Miles of cable



Plumbing work at BEQ 2.



Standby Power 1 — a challenge successfully met by Bravo Co.



ilk through



Setting light bases at the taxiway



CECS Jerry Jarrell



CEC Wayne M. Zulick



UTC George Stanphill



HT1 Bobby Croucher and UTCN Adam Boudreaux, Jr.



UTC Charles Gartman and CE3 Ray Hawkinberry



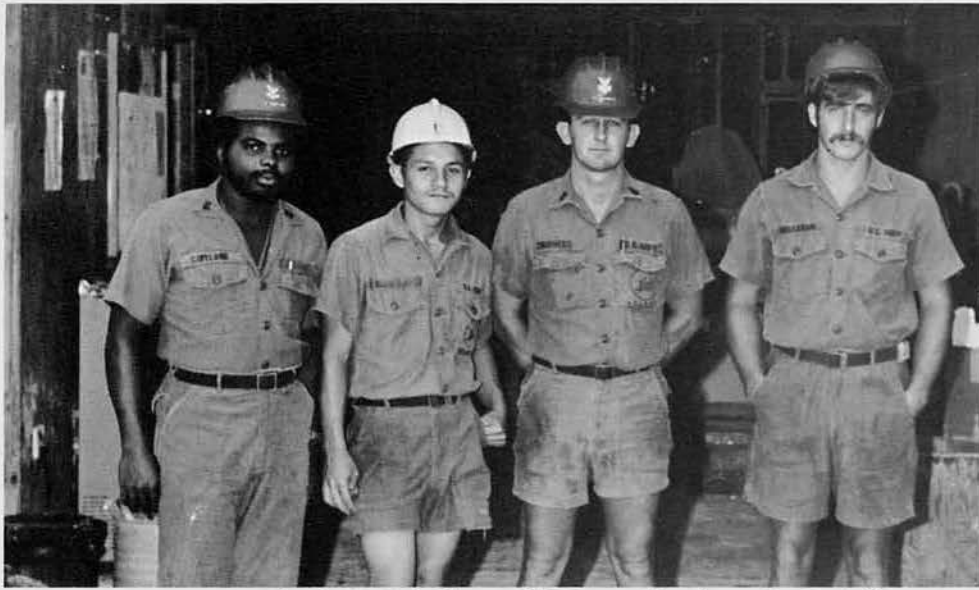
Back Row: UTCN Dick Sweeney, UTCA Tom Morris, UTCN Dale Dursteler, UTCN King Smith and UT2 Charles Lyon, Kneeling: UTCN Thom Glynn and UT1 Jay Chew



UT3 Danny Fountain



Back Row: CE2 Lee Issendof, CE3 Ron Kluender, UT3 John Irish, UTCA Steve Bendas, CE3 Randy Martinson and UT1 Olyois Murphy. Front Row: CECA Mark Gardner, UT3 Ray Cruz, UTCN Henry Edwards, CE3 Al Graham, CE3 Bill Thompson and UT2 Al Self.



UT2 Ralph Copeland, CA Luis Rivera, UT1 Dave Chambers, CN Ed Holleran



SW3 Wally Pardo



UT2 Angel Calubaquib

UT3 Jim Telles



HT2 Ben Shirley



CA Willie Bennett



UT3 Don Bost

UT3 Carl Lewis



CN Ken MacDonald



UT3 Gary Peterson

UT2 Cris Sagun



UTCA Fred Hayden, UT2 Dennis Holland and UT1 Rogelio Santos



CN Walt Strickler

CECN Ron Ronning



CE1 Tom Lowe, UT1 Dave Coker, CE3 Gerald Brehm, and CE3 Bob Dyer



CE3 Homer Clark and CE3 Gary Kersten



CECN John D. Helton



CA Bob Lavoie and CA Rene Candelaria



CE3 Jay Nichols and CECA Leon Laughman



CECN John Drake



CE3 Bob Anderson



CR Mike Bentrup



CE3 Dave Spangler and CE3
Mike Anderson



CE1 Jack Blackwell and CECA Rick Hilbert



CE2 Hugh Albritton



CECA Dick Hibert and CE2 John Elliffe



Back Row: CE2 Henry Espinoza and CE2 Adolf O'Blapias Front Row: CE2 Pete "Toi" Puntingam and UT2 Ralph Copeland



CE3 Frank Beal



CECN A. Stamps and CECN Terry Herzog



CE3 Jim Wilson, CE2 Jim Racer,



CE2 Ralph Tiffany



CECN Mike Chandler and CE2 Craig Flanagan



CE3 Doug Hamilton



CN Clyde Powers and CA Mike Durban.



CECA Bill Allen, CE3 Gerald Brehm, CE1 Murl Savage and CE3 Bob McDermott.

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PRE-CAST YARD , RE-BAR YARD &

SERVING ALL OF DOWNTOWN DIEGO

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**COMPANY
PROVIDERS**



CONCRETE BLOCK PLANT

GARCIA WITH QUALITY PRODUCTS

SAFETY



Setting the generators at Standby Power #1



The Cha



A steelworker welds a lifting eye on a power pole in the C Co. yard.



BUCN Roger A. Hamel



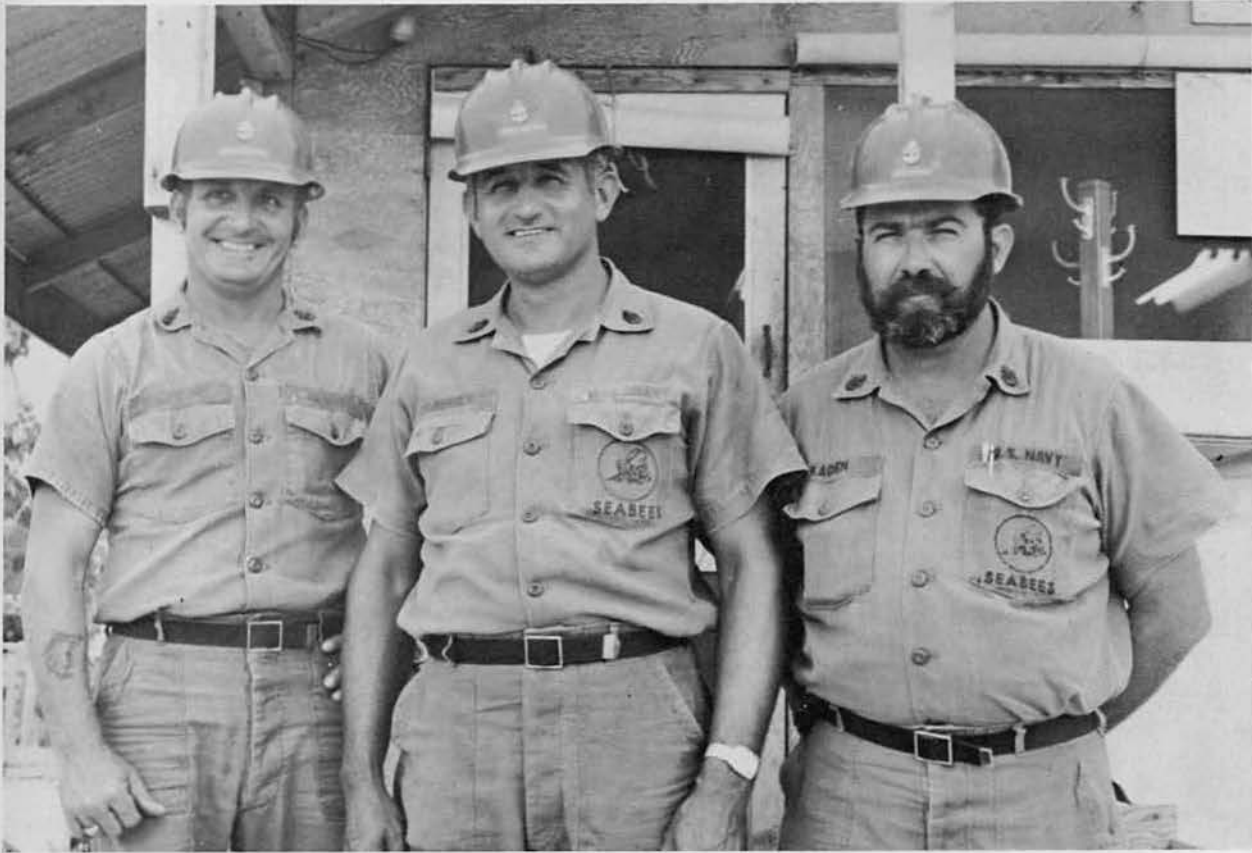
Loading the cement bin at the block plant.



Company Yard



BU3 Louis L. Ochoa



SWC Donald T. Laflamme, SWCS Burkeman Manuel, Charlie Company Commander,
BUC William C. Kaden



BU3 Michael B. Mader



BU3 Thomas A. Sessions



CA David E. Ballinger



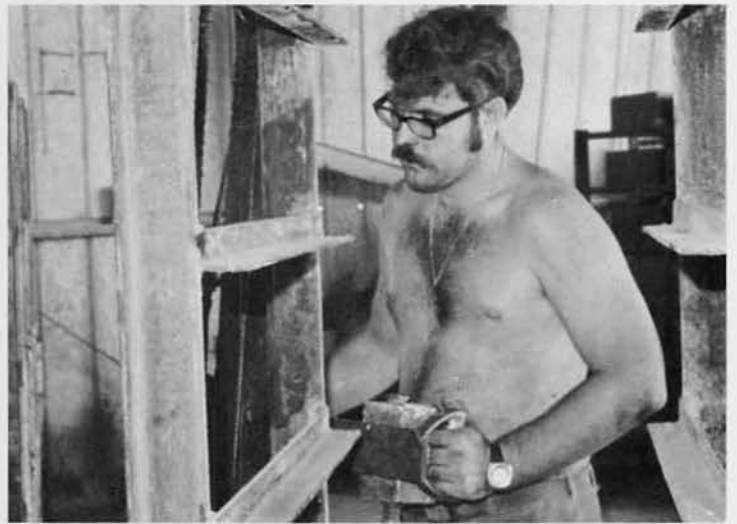
BU3N Barry S. Petty



BU2 Ambrose B. Schrom



BU1 Otto M. Pursifull



BUCN Richard A. Moody



BU3 Roger C. Hamel



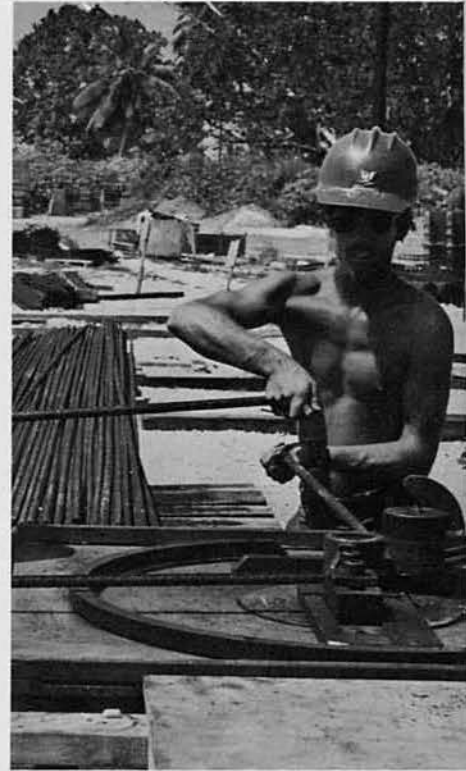
BU3 Thomas A. Finnen and
BUCN Don P. Rolls



BU3 Victor M. Stimach



SW1 Robert E. Potts



SW3 Thomas Selway



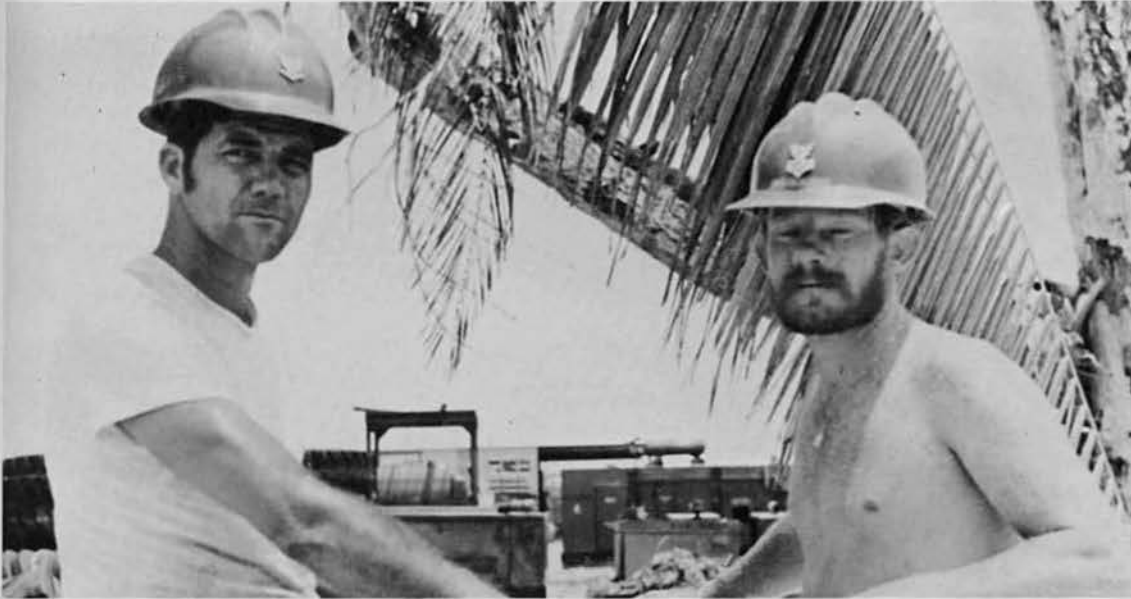
CN Dennis W. Terry and SW2 H.A. Sarao



SWCN Charles B. Wegener



BU CN Gregory L. Meacham and SW2 Marlow L. Draper



SW3 Albert A. Hinton and SW1 Richard D. Willis



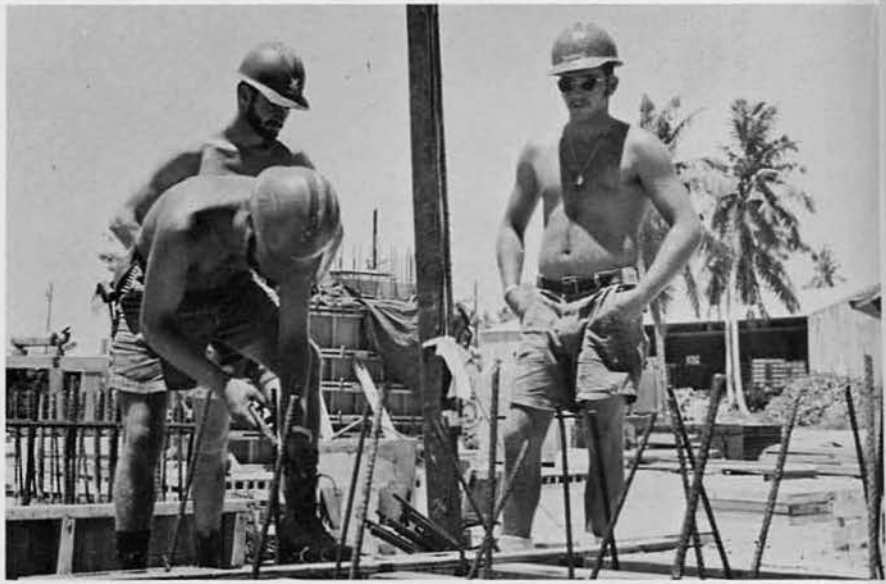
SWCN Michael D. Pfiester and SW3 Harold W. Bolton



SW2 Charles H. Rusk and SW3 Kenneth L. Larson



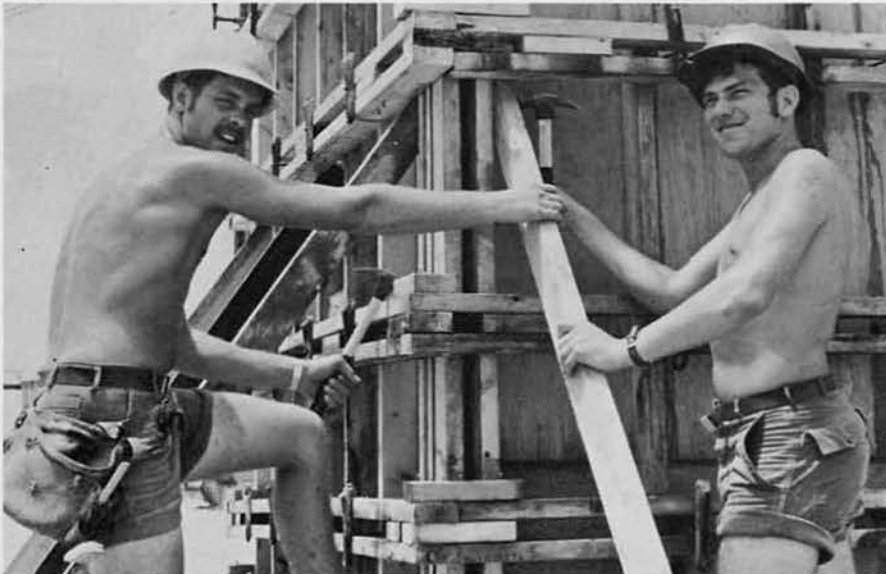
BUCN Leon Luft and BUCN James Welch, Jr.



BU2 Johnny L. Gill and BUCN Richard R. Dyce



BUCN Bill Dyce, BU1 Bill Hall and BUCN Jim Perry



BUCA Dana L. Kinerd and BUCA Timothy J. Coghlan



BU3 Roy D. Waller



BU3 Robert F. Mcpherson



BU3 Charles M. Robinson

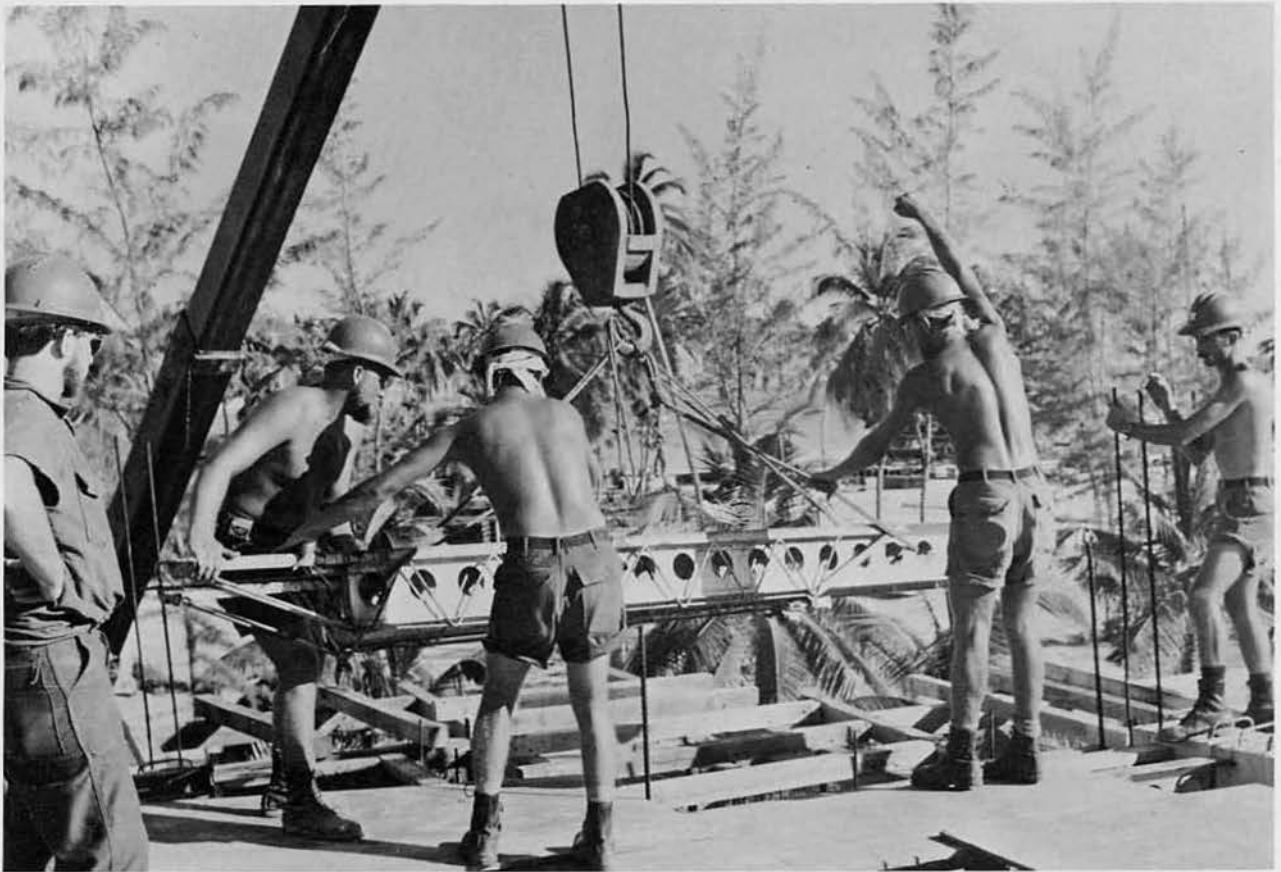


CA Anthony E Sams and CA Lawrence L. Why



BU2 George B. Rioux and CN Larry J. Schmoyer

DELTA COMPANY



Delta Doings



Cutting a piece of 1 x 6 for a job site.



Welding Pipes at the Pub



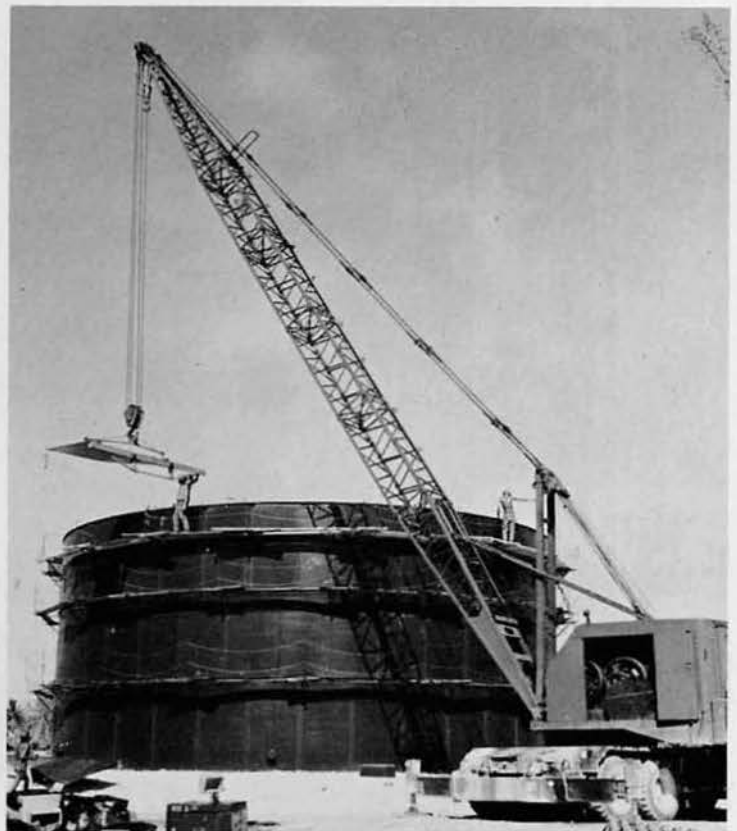
Placing concrete at BEQ #1



Jointing blocks at BEQ #2



Works Building



Constructing a 10,000 barrel Steel Bolted Tank



Building forms for a Concrete Roof Pour



Sealing Joints on the Runway

OFFICE STAFF



BUCS D. K. Robinson, Delta
Company Commander



BU3 Richard Rose



SW1 Kevin Gifford and CA Rick Loszewski

FORM CREWS



Standing: BU3 Stanley Novak, BUCN Jim Bolding, BU3 Russ Ganser, BUCN Tom Findley, BU3 James Johansen, and BU2 Walter Burnor. Kneeling: CA Domonic Piccola, and BU1 Jack Hutson.



Standing: BU1 Anthony Hoesche, BU3 Neil Murray, CA Mike Fosselman, and BUCN Don Bishop. Kneeling: BUCN Larry Duran and CN Tom Hogan



BU2 Al Carlson, BUCN Tom Williams, and BU2 John Neal

PLAICE'S MASONS



Top Row: CA Charles Stoll, BUCN Ken McCartney, CA Bradley Deprater, and BU3 David Zahller. Bottom Row: BU2 Al Oostdyk, CA Tom Mims, BU1 Frank Plaice, and CA Mike O'Donnell



BU3 Melvin Green and CA Asa Johnson



BU2 Harlan Ehlers and BU2 Robert Moore.

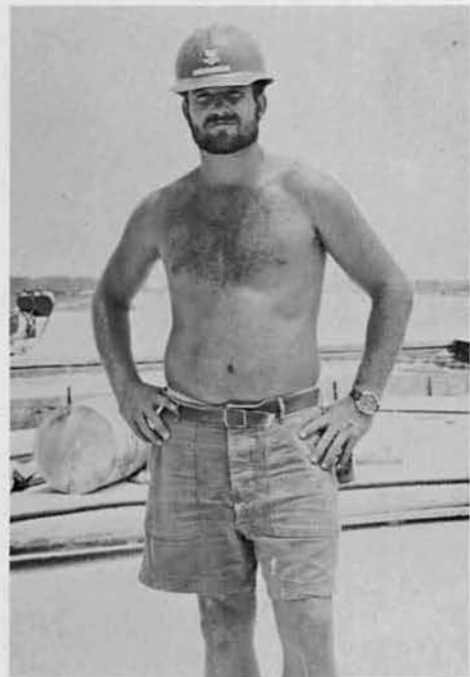


Top Row: BU3 Wilbur Watson and BU3 Gordon Gray. Bottom Row: BU2 Harlan Ehlers, BU3 Kim Jones, and BUCN Mike Kisvardai.

CONCRETE CREW



CA Larry McCollum, BU3 Ken Johnson, BUCN Joe Valente, and CN Rick Bush



BU2 Archie Caudill



BU3 Edward Jackson



BU2 Richard Ferguson and CA Steve Freeman



BU3 Tom Davidson

ROOFING CREW



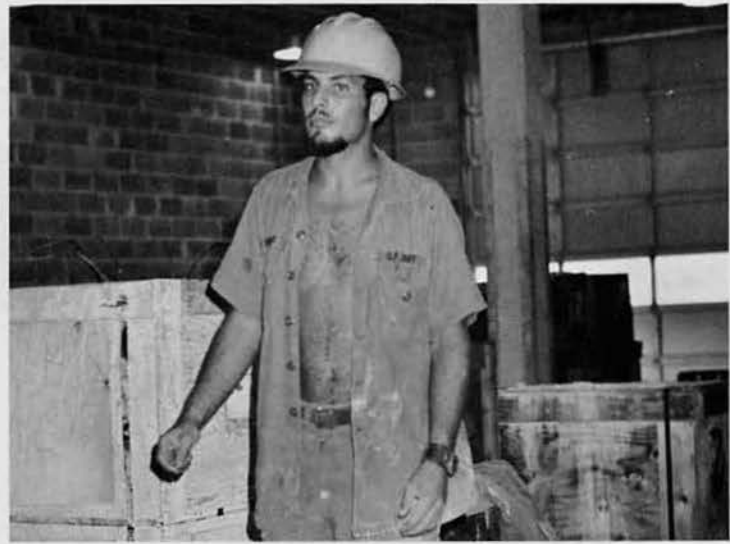
BUCA Robert Wierzbicki, CA Jeff King, and BU1 Thomas Dingli



CA Larry McCollum and CA Kevin O'Connor



SWC M. L. Coons



BUCA Joe Cavalieri

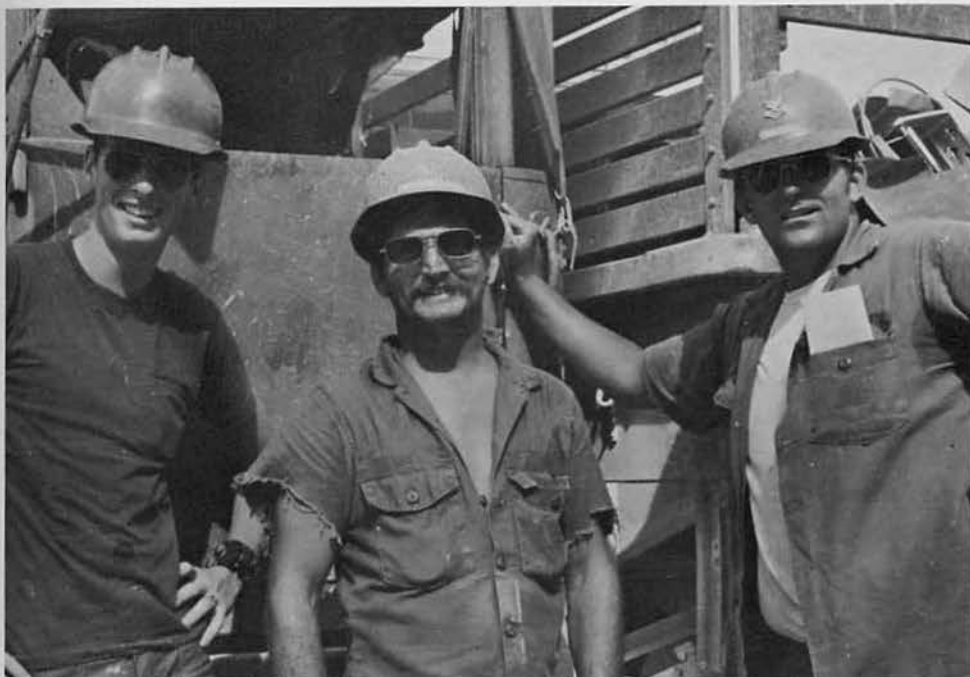


BU3 Ellis Little



BU2 Robert Anderson and Doug Sheldahl, Project Engineer

PAINT CREW



BUCA Kraig Wells, BU3 Tommy Tull, and BU2 Garfield Vail



BUCA Richard Flowers

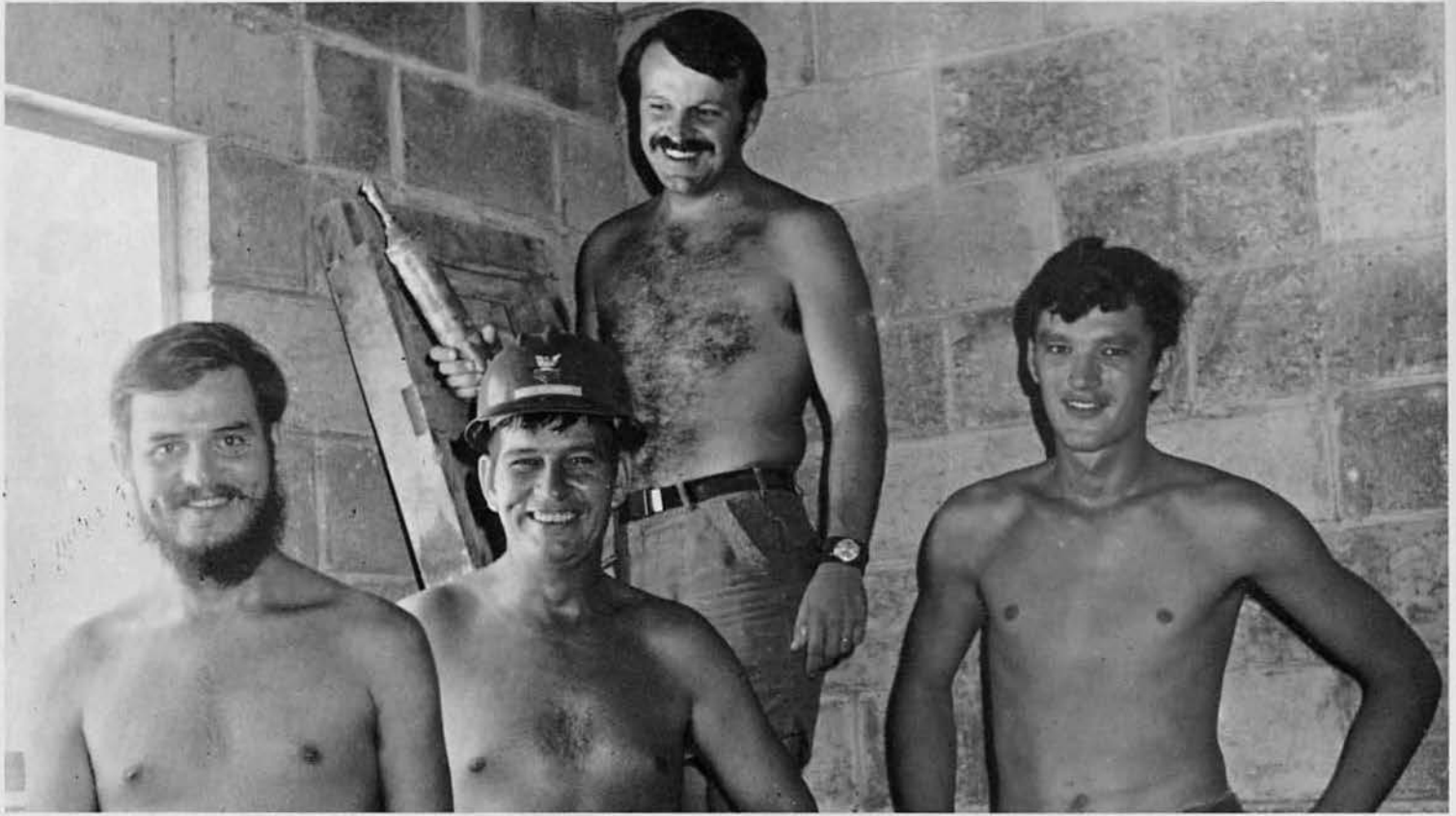


BU3 A1 Medina and BUCA A1 Stapf



CA Roberto Sella, CA Joe Depinto, and BUCA Tom Bierma

FINISH TRIM AND TILE CREWS



BUCN Randy Jones, BU1 Tom Gilmore, CN Harold Hill, and BU2 Steve Burch



BU2 Wayne Lopresti, CA Frank Bendas, CA Bill Mattis, and BU3 Pat Kelly

SHOP AND CAMP MAINTENANCE



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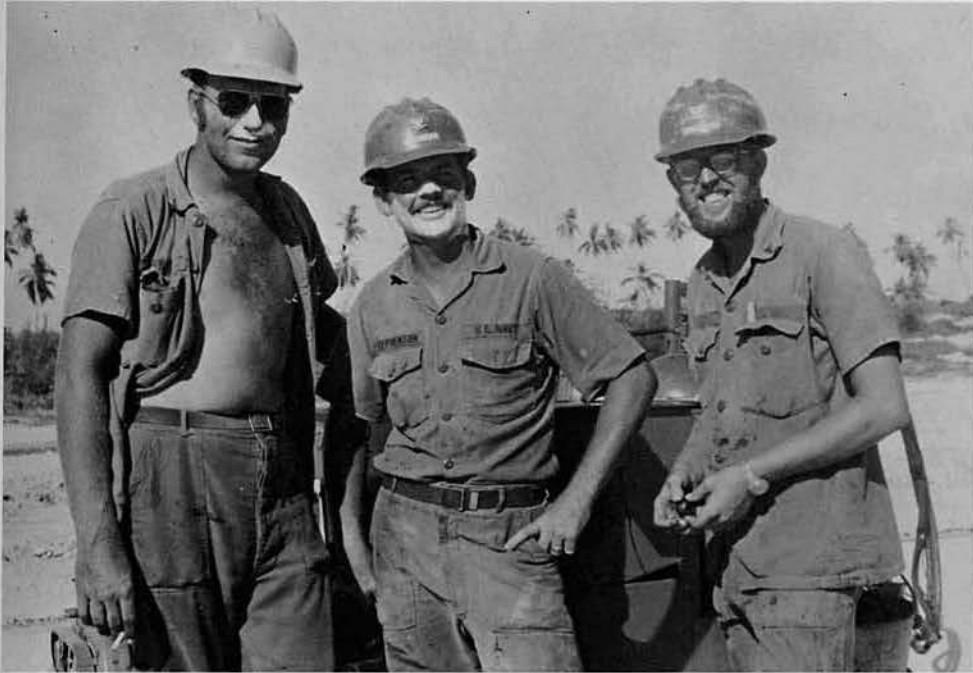
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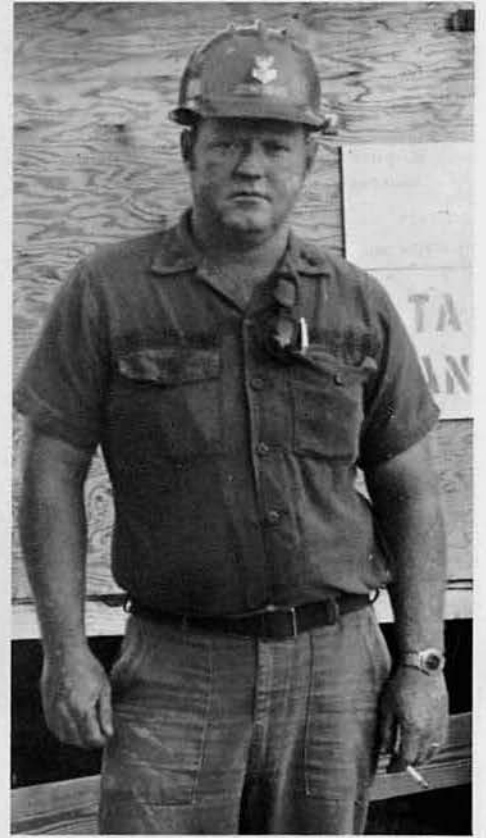
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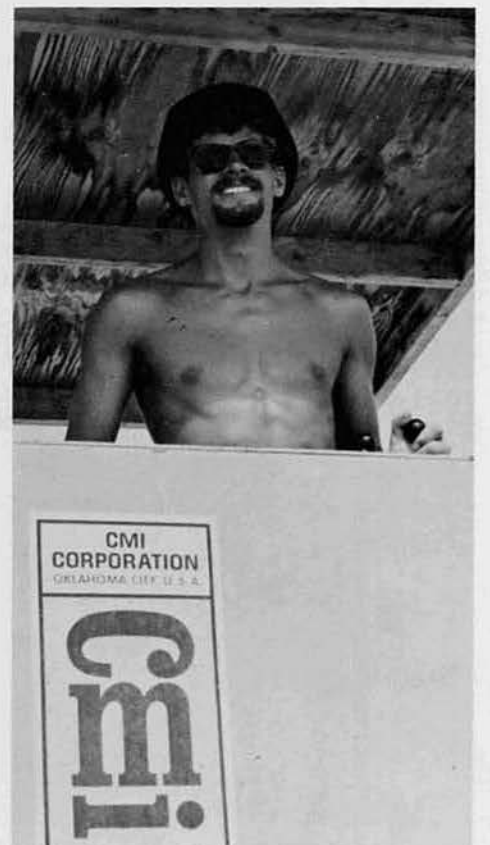
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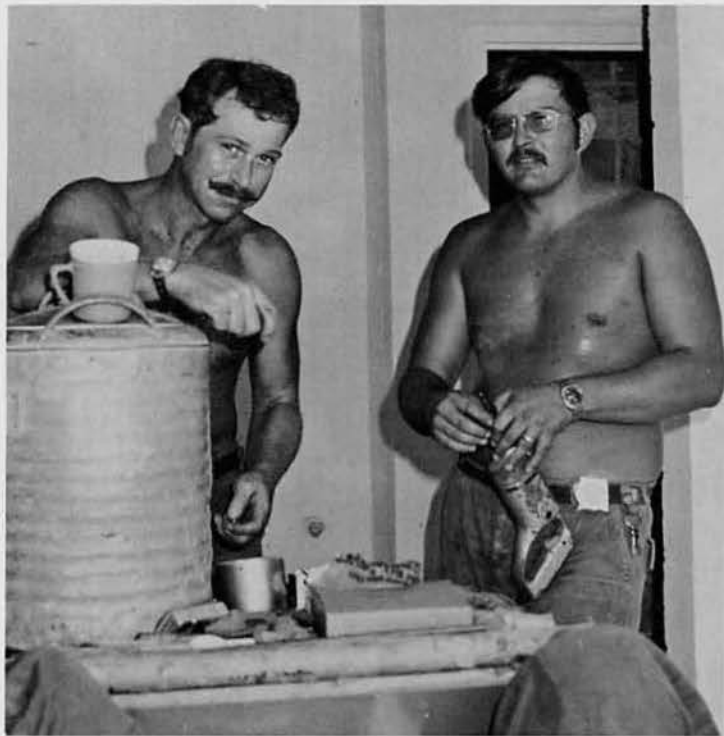


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IN CLOSING

Looking back on the time we spent on Diego Garcia, our experiences there seem unique in many ways. Many of us have never worked in a location so isolated with few of the comforts of home under such trying conditions of extreme weather. The sameness of the environment and the difficulty maintaining communications with home were often extremely frustrating. The projects were more complex and interdependent than are the usual projects encountered by Seabees. The logistics problems which arose seemed almost insurmountable at times. The deployment was definitely unique but in certain ways it was like all other deployments and like a million other episodes in the history of human experience. There was the opportunity to keep in mind the overall objectives of why we were there, to work hard to contribute to those objectives, and to draw satisfaction from the contributions. And there was the opportunity to neglect one's work and let the burden rest on another's shoulders. There was the opportunity to learn more about working with people and why they react in the ways they do. And there was the opportunity to close one's mind and condemn others for their lack of understanding. There was the opportunity to increase one's education and the opportunity to bury one's self in trivial diversions. There was the opportunity to act like a patriot and the opportunity to forget one's country. All of the opportunities mentioned here were used to varying degrees by most of us. But one thing is certain. As a group the battalion met its obligations and did its job. The men of the battalion can be proud of what was achieved on Diego Garcia. And it is left to each man to remember to what extent he contributed to those achievements.



