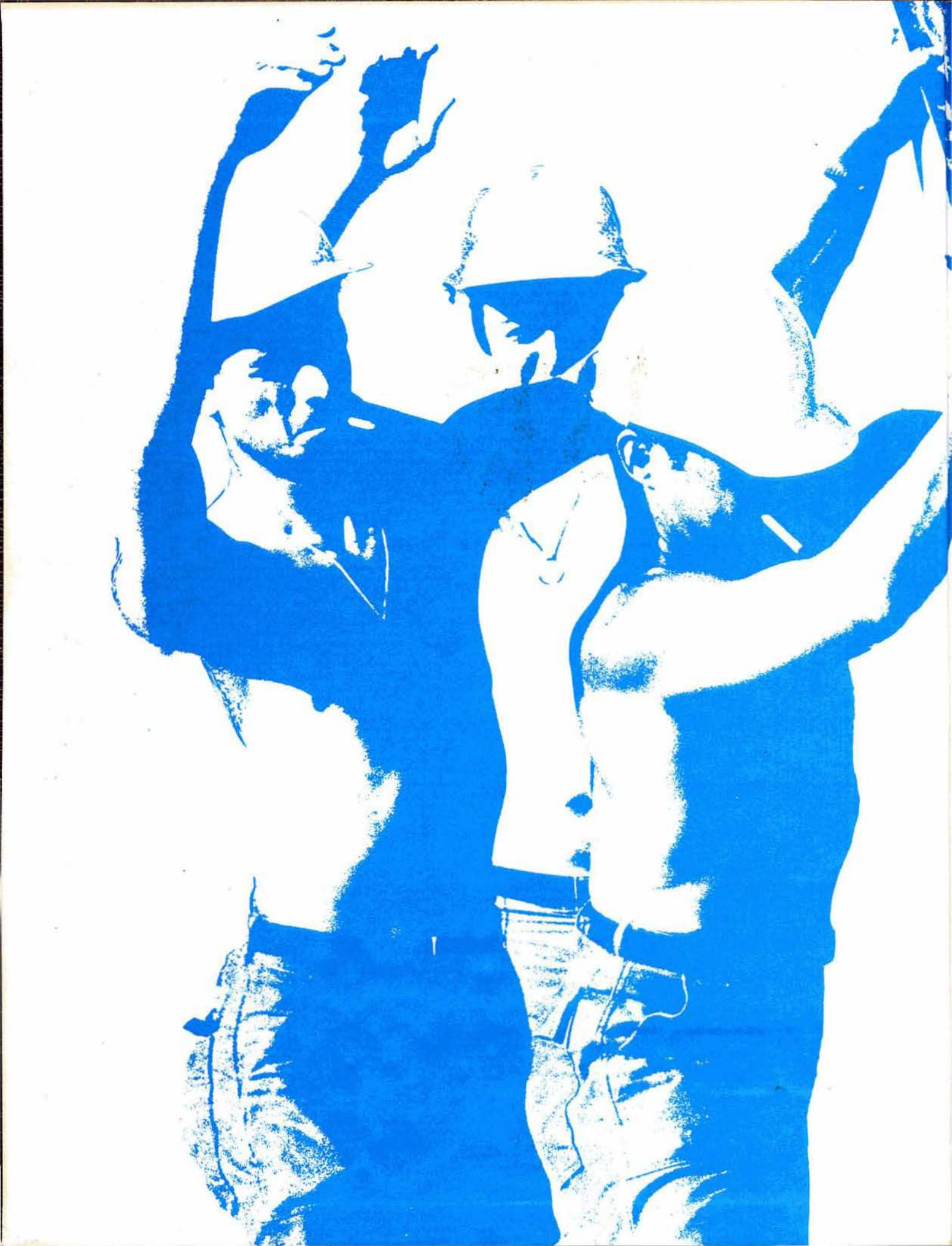


MCB-6
PUERTO RICO
'68-'69







**U.S.
NAVAL
MOBILE
CONSTRUCTION
BATTALION SIX**

**1968-69
CRUISEBOOK**

**THE STORY OF AN
ALERT AND READY
BATTALION**

IN MEMORIAM



CM2 Peter L. Stith



E03 Robert B. Decker

This book is dedicated to CM2 Peter L. Stith and E03 Robert B. Decker who lost their lives during our deployment period. CM2 Stith, a member of Seabee Team 0604, was ambushed by enemy troops in Vietnam and E03 Decker died in a vehicle accident in Puerto Rico. We knew them as good workers, good Seabees, good friends; their loss saddens us and yet we can take some small measure of consolation from knowing that MCB-6 is a better battalion for their having served with us.

WE WERE READY!

MCB-6 IN 1968-69:

This book tells the story of MCB-6 in 1968-69 — a “different” year in many ways. For instance, our homeport was longer than usual and our deployment was shorter. We were the Atlantic Alert Battalion for nearly 14 months, ready to move ourselves and all our equipment wherever in the world we were needed on 48 hours notice. And our deployment site was not Vietnam; it was Puerto Rico, where we were the first Seabee battalion in the Caribbean since 1965.

The story begins in April, 1968, when we returned from a successful deployment at Chu Lai, Republic of Vietnam. After a well-earned leave period, the battalion assumed the role of Atlantic Alert Battalion — a job we were to keep longer than we expected. In the early months of our homeport period we were scheduled to return to Vietnam, so we took in new personnel to replace men leaving the battalion and keep our strength up. Our military and technical training were geared for another RVN deployment. There were the usual rumors of different deployment sites, but it was not until late August that changes in work requirements, combined with a desire to return a battalion to work in the Atlantic, made the rumors fact and made MCB-6 the new pioneers in the Caribbean. Changes were made to bring the battalion's size down to peacetime level and to prepare the men for our continuing Alert status in Puerto Rico.

When we deployed in mid-December we had spent more than eight months in homeport, at least two months longer than usual. But the extra time had been spent preparing for a task different than that faced by any other re-deploying battalion. We were to construct, from the ground up, a modern Alert camp for future battalions deploying to Roosevelt Roads.

Our home in Puerto Rico was Camp Stinger, a collection of 105 Marine field tents assembled by our advance party, where we lived while building the Alert camp near Roosevelt Roads' Public Works Department.

Most of our energies were devoted to building the new Camp Stinger but we had time for many other jobs as well. At Roosevelt Roads we worked

to improve the station's rifle range, construct two high-explosive magazines, install a power line, speed work on a Fleet Recreation Area, repair roads and do other work on a “fill-in” basis. On the coast at Salinas we repaired an airstrip.

On nearby islands, our details did weapons range work and improved pier and airfield facilities. At Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, SIX's detail of about 40 men constructed sidewalks and roads, repaired piers and expanded sewer and electrical systems. On the island of Andros in the Bahamas, one of our details resurfaced an airstrip.

But construction was not our sole purpose in Puerto Rico. An active military training program kept us ready for anything required of the Alert Battalion. Every man in SIX fired for qualification with the M-14 rifle and familiarization firing was held with all the other weapons Seabees use. In addition, we received regular lectures (with practical application) on combat techniques.

In off-duty hours, many SIXers volunteered to help with Civic Action projects. We provided a Santa for a Christmas parade in the nearby village of Ceiba; we helped paint a church in San Juan; we repaired a church and added rooms to a Sunday School in Ceiba; we improved a village plaza in Dagauo and renovated an old building to provide a kindergarten in Fajardo. Wherever we went, there was work to be done — and we did it.

Work continued smoothly when Cdr. Hugh A. Crisp relieved Cdr. Robert D. Keegan as Commanding Officer in mid-deployment. Proof of our overall readiness came near deployment's end when we received a score of “high excellent” on our deployment admin inspection. Two practice mount-outs were held during the inspection to see if we were ready to move on 48 hours notice as required. We were.

MCB-6 returned to Davisville in late May, 1969, after a six-month deployment. Though our deployment was shorter than usual we left substantial proof of our abilities throughout the Caribbean. The Seabees of MCB-6, first in the Caribbean in three years, re-established the Alert Battalion system and returned the “Can Do” spirit to the Atlantic.



Lieutenant Commander John A. Gunther
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander John A. Gunther joined MCB-6 as our Executive Officer during the battalion's 1967-68 deployment to Chu Lai, South Vietnam. Since that time he has performed the difficult and sometimes frustrating job of acting as the Commanding Officer's right hand in running a modern, highly mobile Seabee battalion. A native of Pittsburgh, Pa., Lcdr. Gunther entered the Navy through the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis in June, 1955. After graduating from the Academy in 1959, Lcdr. Gunther served aboard the aircraft carrier USS Hornet. In 1961 he took steps to switch to the Civil Engineer Corps as he attended the CEC Officers' qualification course at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N. Y., and earned his Civil Engineering Degree. After attending the Civil Engineer Corps Officers' School at Port Hueneme, Calif., Lcdr. Gunther served at Yokosuka, Japan, and 29 Palms, Calif., before coming to SIX. Lcdr. Gunther is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and Society of Military Engineers. He is married to the former Miss Nancy Hubbell of Pittsburgh and they have two children.



Commander Robert D. Keegan

COMMANDING OFFICER, MARCH 1967 TO FEBRUARY 1969

Commander Robert D. Keegan served as SIX's Commanding Officer for two years, through two homeport deployments, one Vietnam deployment and the early part of our Puerto Rico deployment. A native of Dedham, Mass., and a 1948 graduate of Northeastern University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, Cdr. Keegan entered the Navy in 1952 through the Officer Candidate Program. After graduation from OCS, Cdr. Keegan attended Civil Engineer Corps Officers' School at Port Hueneme, Calif., before reporting to his first duty station, Charleston, S. C. He later served as Assistant Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at the Marine Corps Air Station, Miami, Fla.; as Resident Officer in Charge of Construction at Ascension Island on the Atlantic Missile Range; as Public Works Officer at the U. S. Naval Air Turbine Test Station in Trenton, N. J. and as staff Civil Engineer at the Naval Air Station, Guam. In 1963, after duty as Director of Professional and Technical Information at the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Washington, D. C., Cdr. Keegan attended the Armed Forces Staff College, Norfolk, Va. He then returned to Washington, D. C., for duty as Director of the Fleet and Marine Support Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command and Officer in Charge of Construction of the Seawater Conversion Plant at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. For his successful direction of this project Cdr. Keegan was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal. In 1965 he reported to the U. S. Naval Construction Battalion Center, Davisville, for duty as Project Manager for Southeast Asia Support until his assignment as MCB-6's CO. Cdr. Keegan's direction of the battalion during its deployment to Chu Lai earned him the Bronze Medal with Combat "V" Cdr. Keegan's new duty station on leaving MCB-6 was the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Washington, D. C. Cdr. Keegan is married to the former Miss Nancy Halton of East Providence, R. I.



Commander Hugh A. Crisp

COMMANDING OFFICER, FEBRUARY 1969 TO PRESENT

Commander Hugh A. Crisp became the Commanding Officer of MCB-6 on Feb. 28, 1969. A native of Dallas, Tex., Cdr. Crisp was graduated from Washington State University in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering. He was commissioned as an Ensign in the Civil Engineer Corps, U. S. Naval Reserve, in 1956 and reported for duty with the Public Works Department, U. S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif. He subsequently served as Public Works Officer, U. S. Naval Communications Station, Adak, Alaska, and Assistant Shops Engineer at the Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, Calif. Selected for graduate school in 1962, Cdr. Crisp attended the University of Texas where he was graduated with a Master of Science degree in Petroleum Engineering. After training with a civilian firm, he was assigned to the Office of Naval Petroleum Reserves, Bakersfield, Calif., in 1964. In 1965 Cdr. Crisp was assigned duty at the Headquarters Military Assistance Command, Saigon, where he served for a year. This was followed by a tour at the Office of Naval Petroleum and Oil Shale Reserves, Washington, D. C., in 1966. While in Washington, Cdr. Crisp attended George Washington University at night and earned a Master of Science degree in Engineering and Applied Science. Immediately prior to assuming command of MCB-6, he attended the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Va., from which he graduated in January of 1969. Cdr. Crisp is a Registered Professional Engineer licensed in the state of California. His service decorations include the Bronze Star Medal and the usual campaign and service medals. He is married to the former Miss Grace Van Woudenberg of Ferndale, Wash., and has three children.

CAMP FOGARTY

As the Atlantic Alert Battalion, we were liable to deploy to any area — hostile or friendly — on short notice. Thus, the Seabee tradition of defending what we build was doubly important in our case. Our military training in homeport began at Camp Fogarty near Davisville. There, members of the battalion received instruction from Marine and Seabee veterans in combat and defensive techniques. The classroom work was followed by ample chances for practical application during field exercises.





After classes on the M-60 . . . the men got some first-hand experience.



AWARDS AND PROMOTIONS

Many SIXers received awards or promotions during our long homeport period. Most of the awards were for service with the battalion in Chu Lai and many of these were listed in last year's Cruisebook. Several officers were promoted in homeport ceremonies like the one shown below for Ltjg Gracey and Ltjg Kratzer. Those receiving awards or promotions all deserve a "Well Done" from MCB-6.



CDR. KEEGAN RECEIVES THE BRONZE STAR





BM1 Johnson is "piped over the side"



Above: More award winners . . . Below: CE1 Stickels is congratulated.





PARTIES

All work and no play makes Jack a dull Seabee . . . so we had parties. During our homeport, SIX's Special Services sponsored a dinner-dance at Rocky Point and a battalion picnic at the Builders' Club on base. Both parties provided a refreshing change from the routine of training.

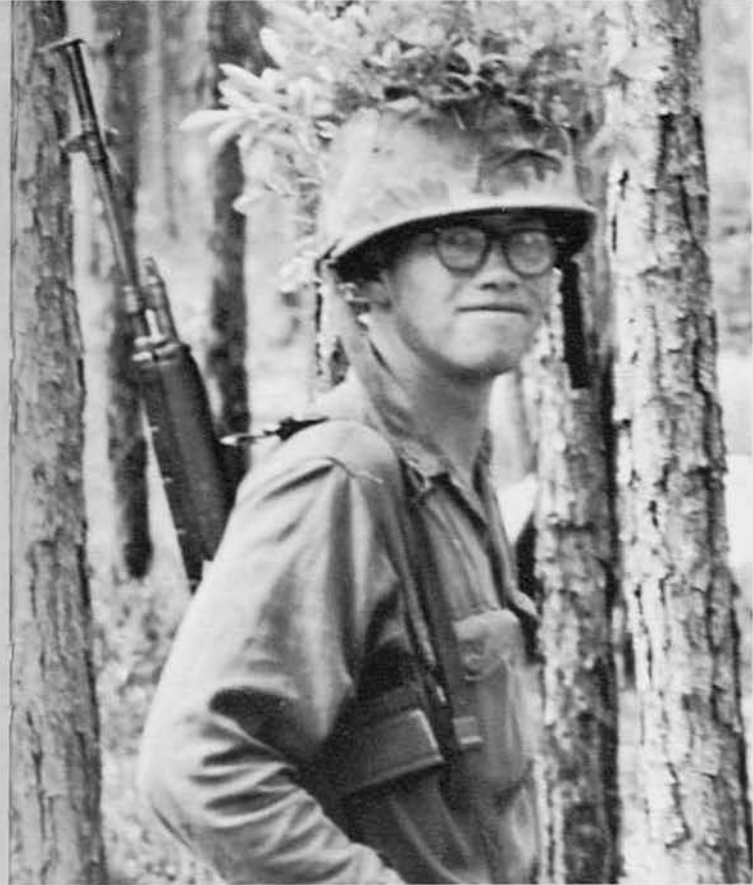




CAMP LEJEUNE

In early June the battalion moved en masse to the Marine Corps Training Center at Camp Lejeune, N. C. For the next three weeks the Seabees of SIX received intensive military training from the Marines. They learned skills and techniques that might save their life or someone else's in the field. Subjects covered included field defense and offense tactics, familiarization with the weapons used by Seabee battalions and operations in hostile areas. This was designed as the "last step" in polishing the basic military training already received at Camp Fogarty. In addition to weapons training, the men learned compass and map reading, radio communication and the care and operation of radios. They practiced techniques such as patrolling and reacting to combat situations. The climax of training at both Camp Fogarty and Camp Lejeune was a field exercise in which the Seabees traveled to an isolated area where they set up a camp and defended it for a day or several days against "hostile" forces. At Camp Lejeune, groups of Seabees attended special schools in Mine Warfare and Counter-Guerilla Warfare. In addition, during the homeport period every man in the battalion was given the chance to fire the M-16 rifle for qualification and to fire the M-14 rifle for familiarization. By the time we deployed we were trained and ready to handle our responsibility as the Atlantic Alert Battalion: To go wherever we were needed and do whatever was required, no matter what the circumstances.





Guarding captured "VC" at Camp Lejeune







The Seabees of SIX at Mine Warfare School





Mine Warfare at work









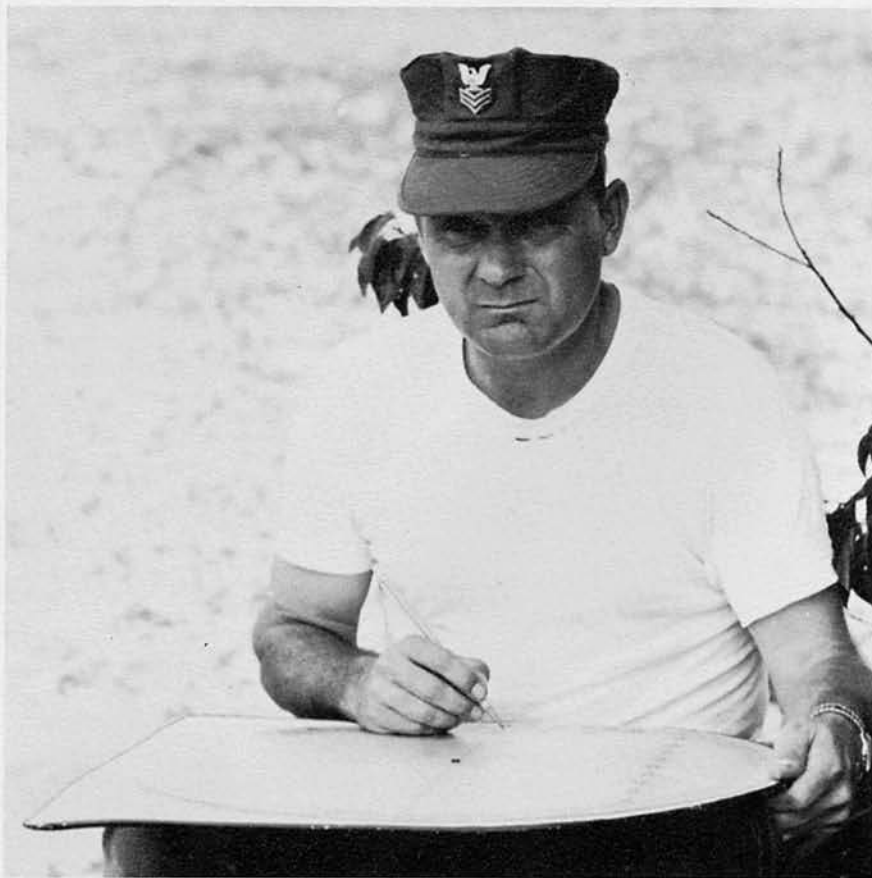
All the comforts of home (almost)



"Don't move or we'll plug ya!"



Your friendly Gunner's Mates at work



"Let's see . . . if we're firing short, then . . ."





"Why am I out here getting shot at . . .

. . . when I could be safe in camp?"





Lt. Gruhn receives the Navy Achievement Medal

PASS IN REVIEW

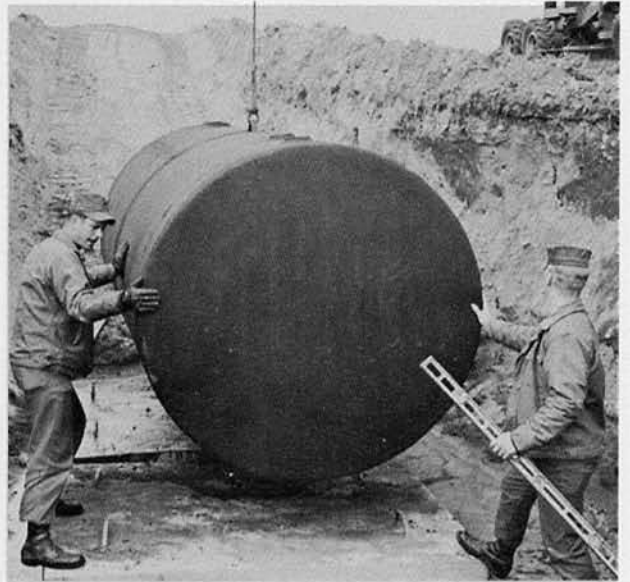
The completion of our training at Camp Lejeune was marked by a pass-in-review. For the second year in a row, Seabees of SIX were praised by Major General J. O. Butcher, Commanding Officer of the Camp Lejeune Marine Corps Base, for "looking as good or better than any other military unit I have ever seen." After the pass-in-review and awards ceremony, in which Lt. Gordon Gruhn received a Navy Achievement Medal, MCB-6 returned to Davisville.





HOMEPORT PROJECTS

Just as military training sharpened our military skills during homeport, so our homeport projects increased our technical ability. Vital on-the-job experience gained through actual construction added to the training already received by many SIXers in construction schools. From Davisville, where we began work on Seabee Team training buildings, to Patuxent River, Md., where we installed airfield runway matting, and at other sites throughout New England, the Seabees of SIX learned by doing and gained the skills needed by the Atlantic Alert Battalion.

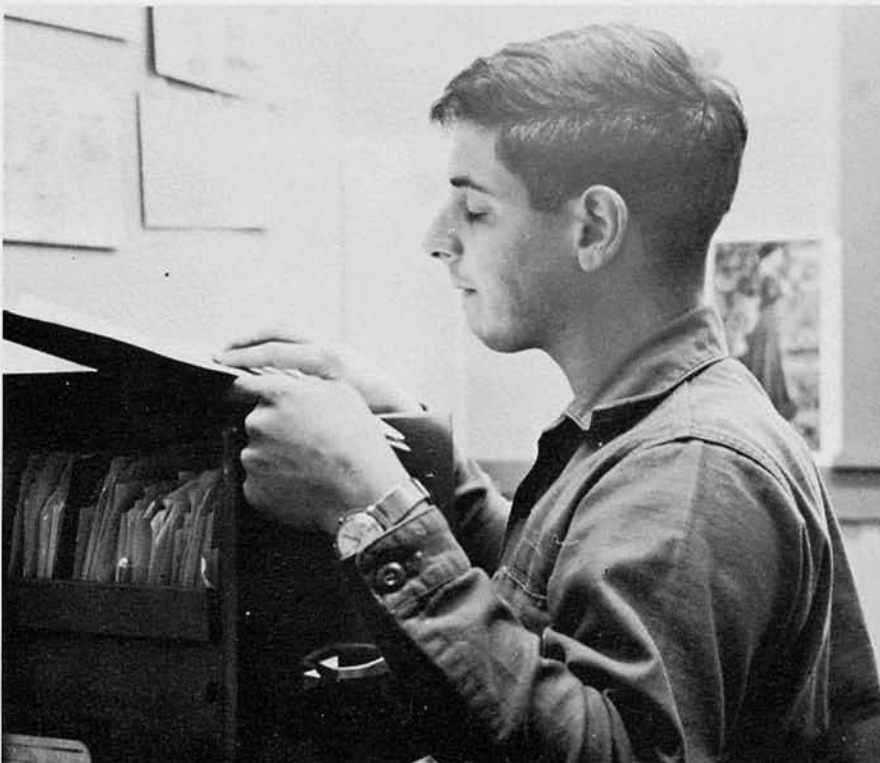






HOMEPORT-WORK FOR

"H" CO.



Some Seabees consider homeport a vacation; a time to "muster and make it" unless you're attending a school or military training. For the "fleet-Bees" of Headquarters Company, homeport means just as much work as deployment. During the last homeport, for instance, Engineering had the massive job of designing (to the smallest detail) a complete Alert camp to be built in Puerto Rico. Others in "H" Company were equally busy. Mail had to be delivered; paychecks had to be ready on time; the large turnover in personnel during homeport required much extra work organizing and re-organizing service records; training was scheduled. Everyone had a job to do - - and the jobs got done.

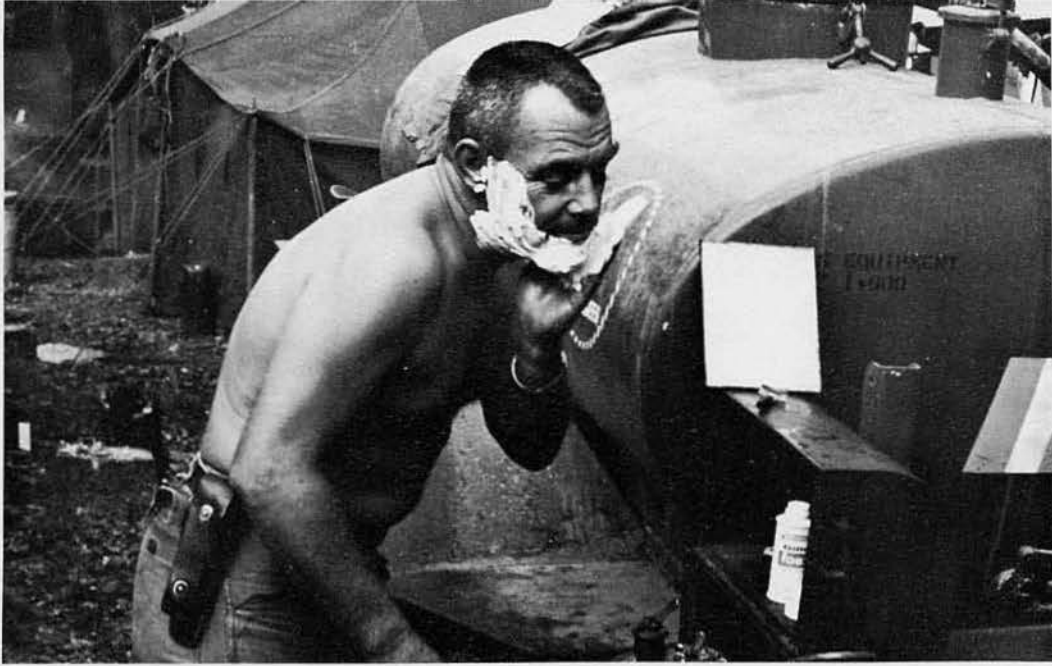




SEABEE TEAMS

For members of Seabee Teams 0603 and 0604, homeport was a time of intensive training. Unlike the rest of the battalion, these two 13-man teams were to deploy to Vietnam, thus becoming the second pair of SIX's Seabee Teams to serve in Southeast Asia. Because Seabee Teams are designed to work closely with the people of Vietnam, teaching them to better their own lives, they require special training. Team members, all volunteers, are selected for their ability, maturity and self-reliance. Before deploying, they study Vietnam in depth - - history, geography, language, religion and customs. Much of their training is aimed at increasing and broadening their construction skills, so they can teach the Vietnamese to build for themselves. There is training in field medicine so the team members can assist the team's Hospital Corpsman in providing medical aid for the people. Aware of their often isolated position the team members receive thorough training in defending their construction and themselves. In late fall, 1968, their training finished, our teams left for Vietnam to do their part in the "other war" - - the one for the minds and hearts of the Vietnamese people.





HOMEPORT SPORTS

SIXers played as hard as they worked in Davisville. As the homeport period progressed, our teams continually did well in intramural competition. Our softball team took the league championship, as did our touch football team. Other sports, such as golf and bowling, added to our point total. Concrete proof of our athletic dominance came as the deployment ended and we were awarded the McGinn Trophy, symbolizing athletic superiority over all other battalions competing that year.





Our touch football champions receive their trophies

Ltjg Jim Peterson is off and running.





SIX's league softball champs at the NORLANT tourney



Cdr. Keegan accepts the McGinn Trophy from Capt. Iselin



DRT

Disaster Recovery Training (DRT) enables Seabees to cope with natural or man-made disasters. Since one of the main jobs of a construction battallion is to aid with disaster recovery operations, many SIXers received training in this field during homeport. The SIXers shown on this page are conducting a field exercise under simulated nuclear, chemical and biological warfare conditions.



ADMIN INSPECTION

As our homeport period neared its end we underwent our semi-annual Administrative and Military Readiness Inspection. The inspection, administered by Capt. Donald Iselin, COMCBLANT, and his inspection staff, proved that we were ready to fill our mission as Atlantic Alert Battalion: Our final score was the highest ever given an Atlantic Fleet Battalion in the recent history of the Seabees. We rated a numerical score of 94 per cent and an overall grade of "excellent".

As Seabees, the men of SIX are expected to maintain a high state of readiness at all times. The "admin inspection" is but one final check on our construction and military abilities.

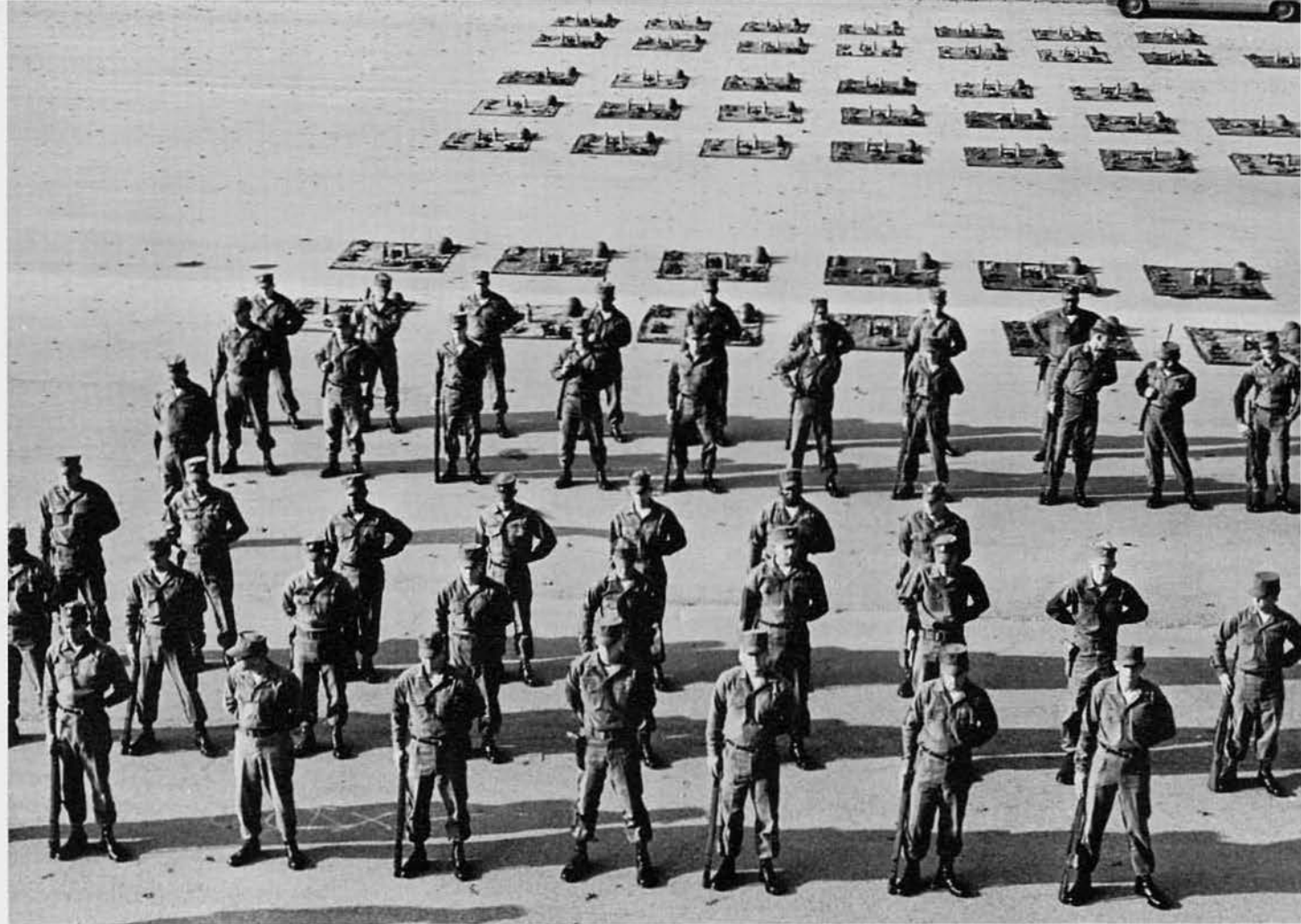
In the weeks before the inspection we worked to hone the edge of battalion readiness to razor sharpness. For our line companies that meant assuring that the men would get all construction training possible. The military side also was emphasized as the men familiarized themselves with their weapons and cleaned their personal combat gear.

In the administrative departments and company offices, records and files were brought up to date and completed. The appearance of battalion offices and berthing spaces also came under close scrutiny as the Chief Master at Arms had working parties scrubbing, cleaning and polishing to prepare for even the toughest inspection.

The inspection began on Oct. 15 with a briefing for the inspection staff. Early the next morning the battalion stood a weapons, personnel and combat gear inspection on the 21st NCR parade deck. That afternoon, inspection of offices and records began. The process was completed the next morning with an inspection of the barracks.

And the result was our score of "Excellent" - - a record-breaking score to prove that Super SIX was ready for any job the Alert Battalion might have to do.







READY TO GO

Our homeport in 1968 was longer than usual as our proposed deployment site was changed from Vietnam to Puerto Rico. Eventually, however, the time came to move out. In less time than we thought it would take, all our equipment and gear was loaded on the ship and planes and we were off for the sunny Caribbean.







OUR CARIBBEAN HOME

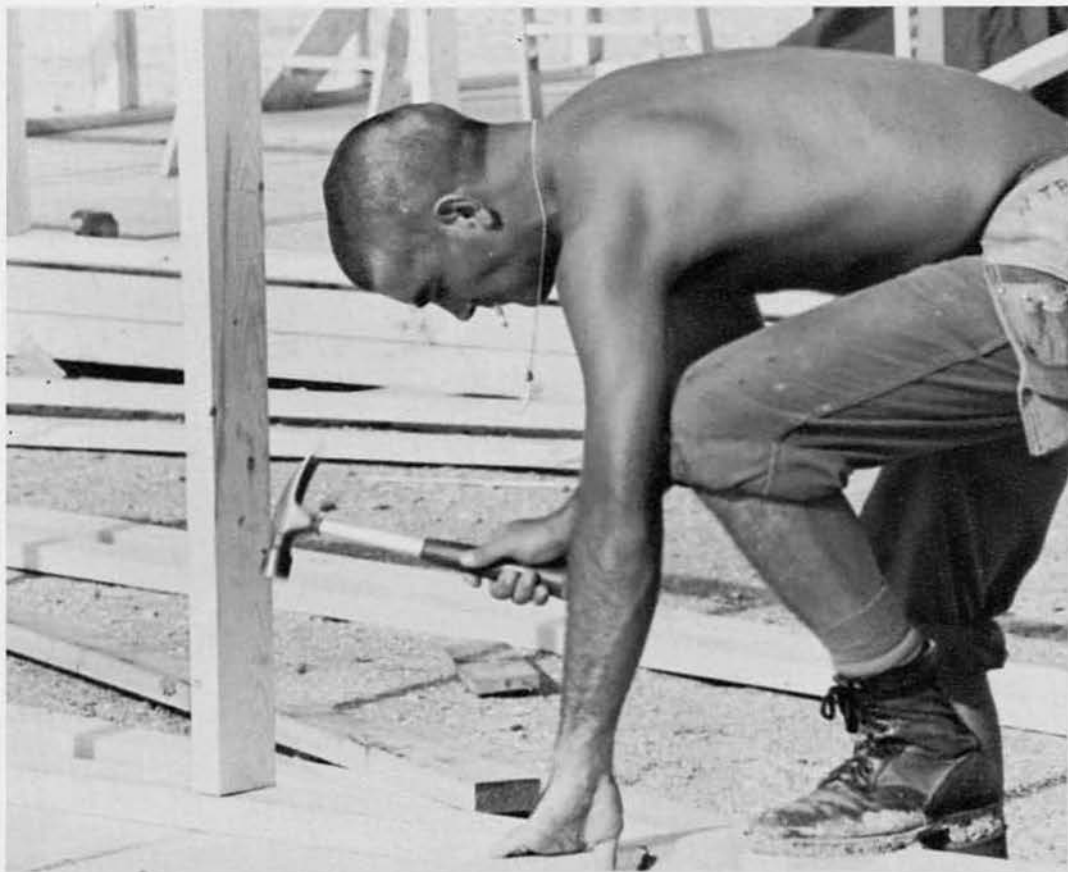


When we arrived in Puerto Rico our new "home" was Camp Stinger, a collection of 105 Marine field tents set up by our Advance Party.





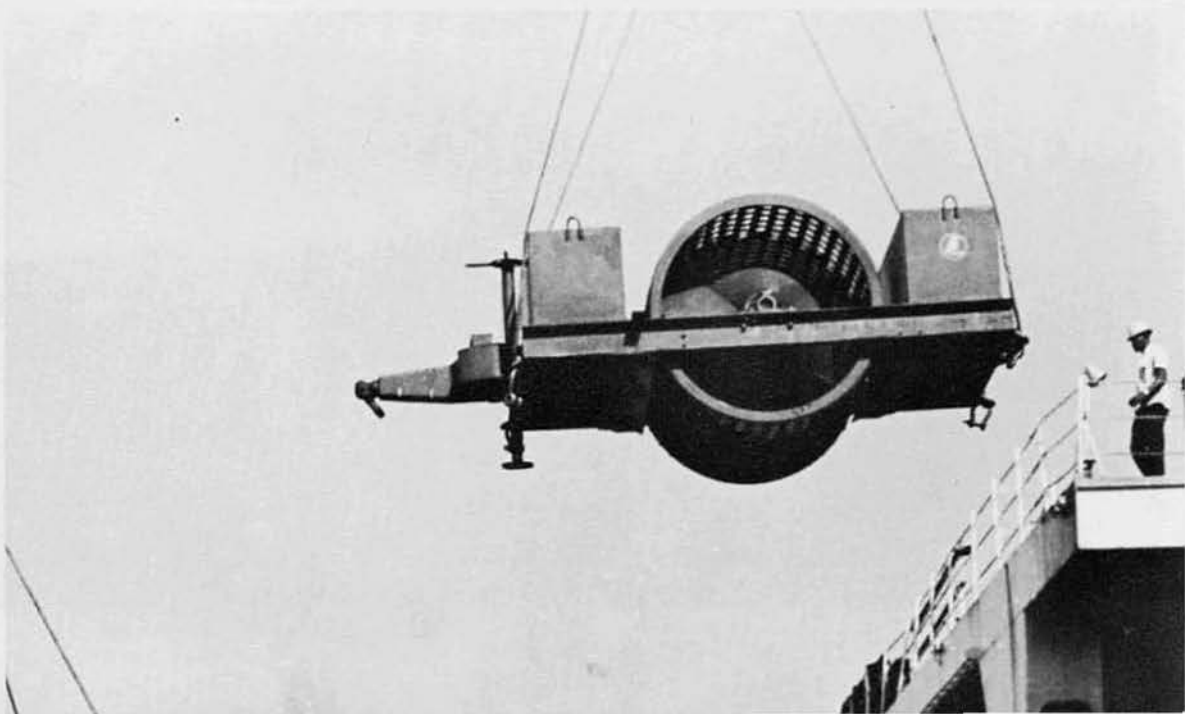
Planning was followed by swift execution.

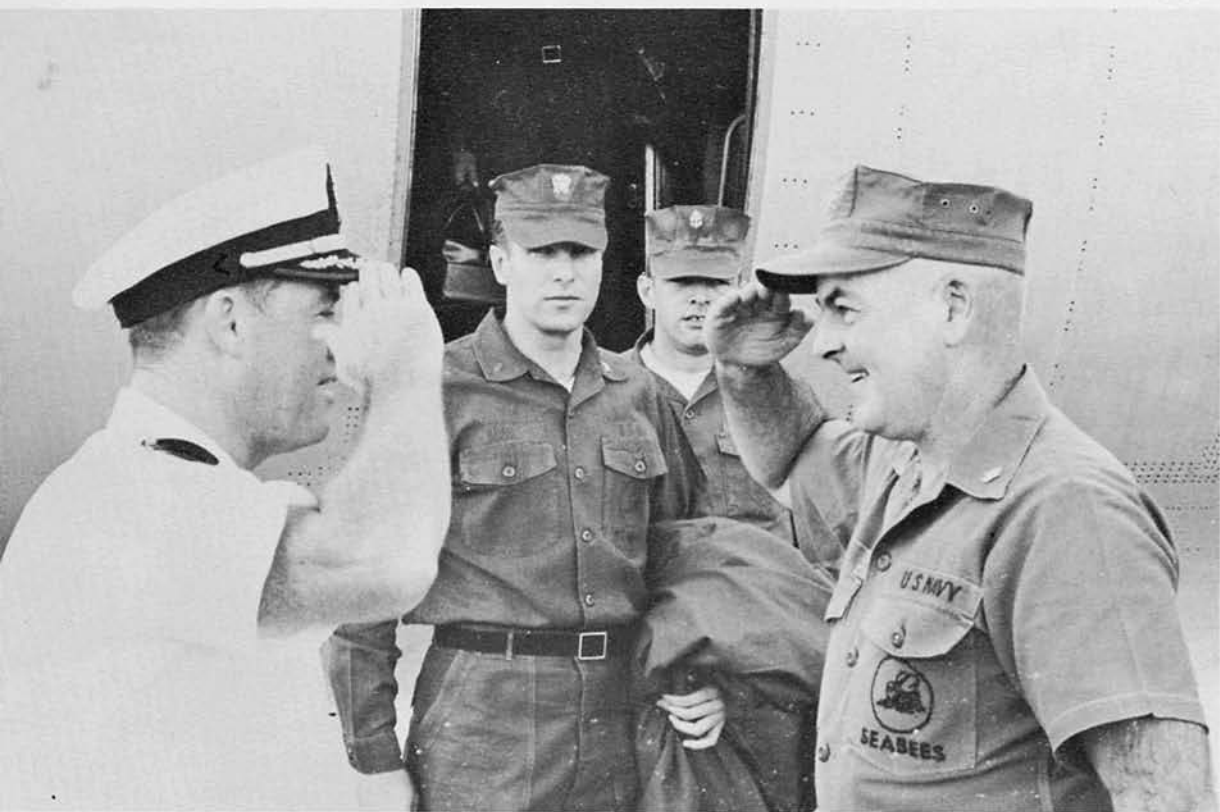






We arrived by airplane but all our equipment was sent by ship. Waiting at the pier when it arrived was our Operations Officer, Lt. Martinelli, and our Supply Officer, LCDR Leeson.



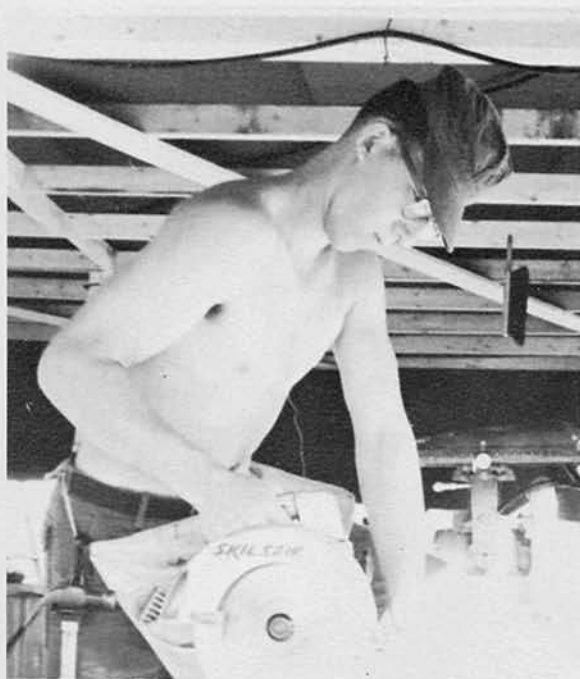


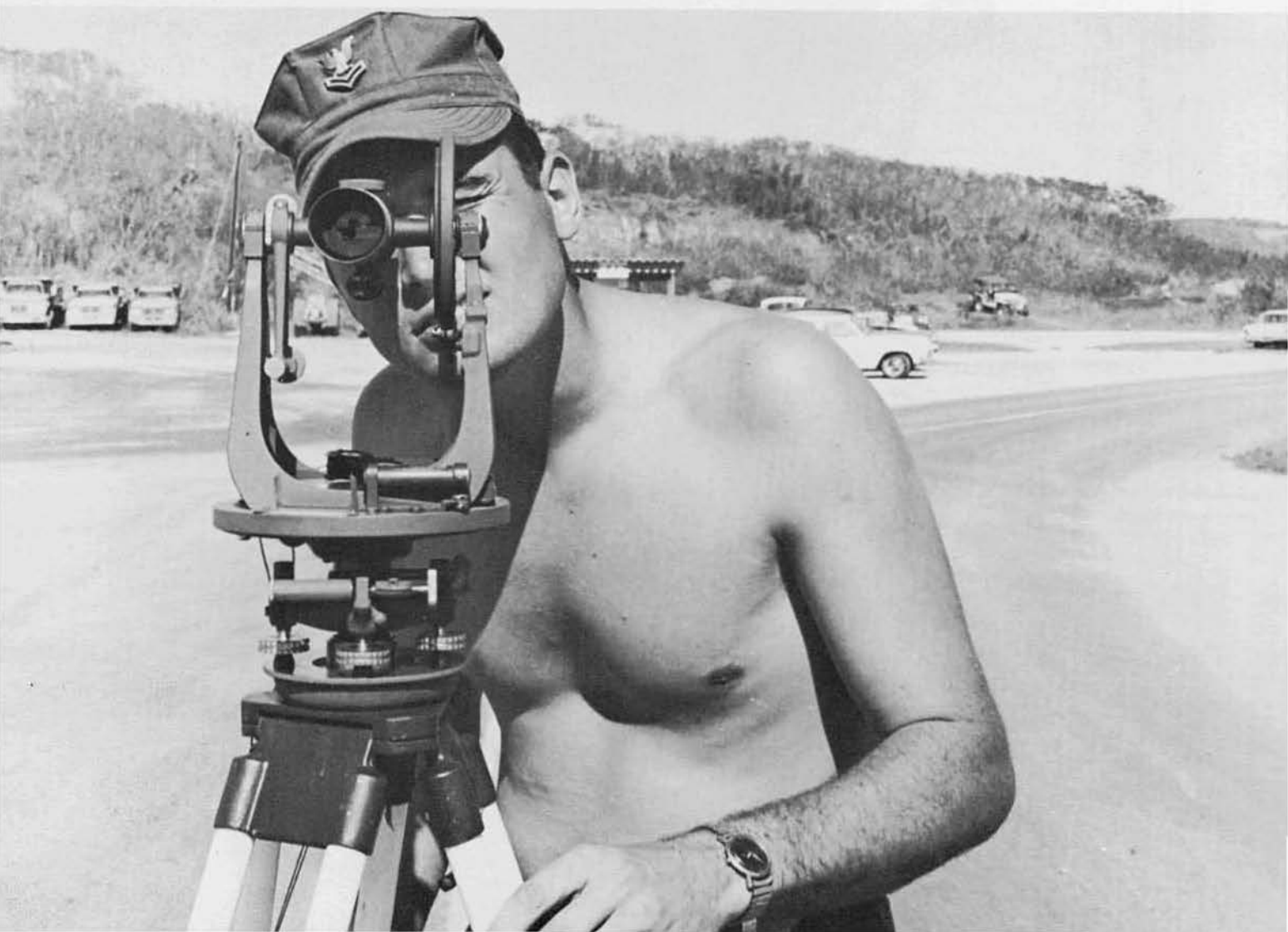
We were welcomed to Roosevelt Roads by Capt. T. H. Moore, Commanding Officer of the Naval Station, who greeted Cdr. Keegan (above) and helped dedicate our tent camp in a special flag-raising ceremony (below).

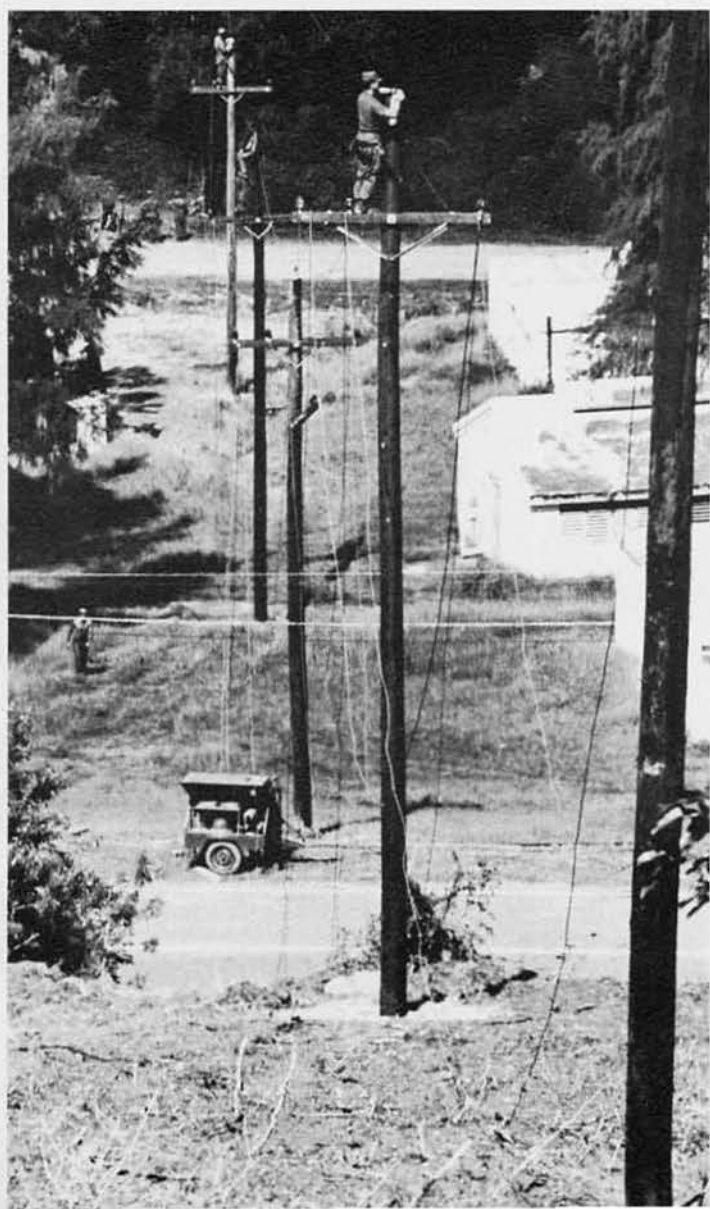


WE WENT TO WORK

There was a lot of work to be done in Puerto Rico, so we wasted no time getting started. There were roads to be repaired, electrical systems to improve, a new camp to build - - we had plenty to keep us busy.













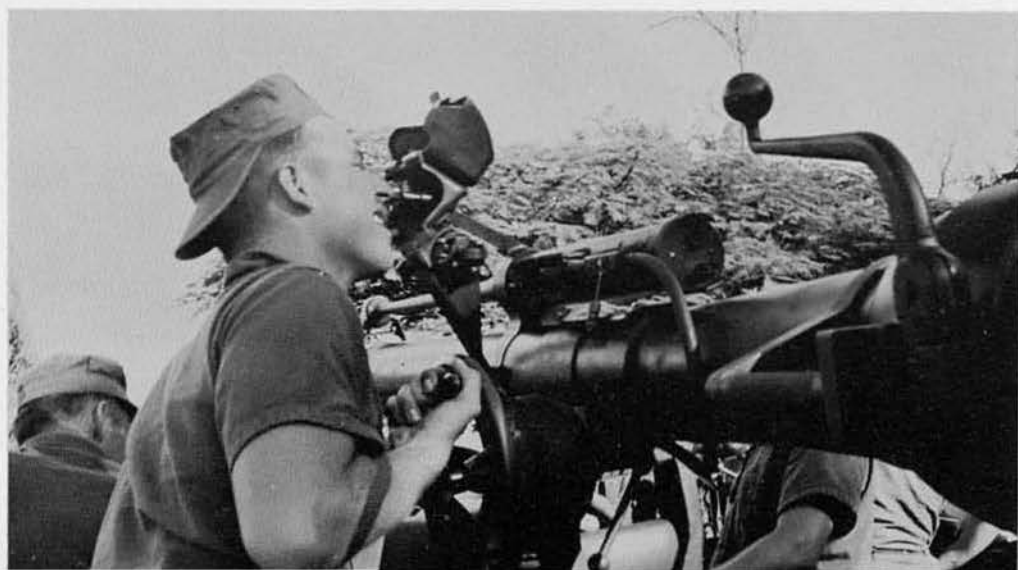
"Smokestack" Cousins and his "diesel-powered" jeep.



MILITARY TRAINING

As the Atlantic Alert Battalion it was our responsibility to be ready for re-deployment on 48 hours notice. Aware of the possibility that such a move might be to a hostile area, we conducted an active military training program in Puerto Rico. A half-day every week was devoted to lectures on military techniques and practical application drills. Training was held with all the weapons used by Seabees and every man in the battalion went to the Roosevelt Roads rifle range to qualify firing the M-14 rifle. Whatever the contingency, we knew we would be ready.





We trained with all our weapons - - M-79 grenade launchers, 106 mm recoilless rifles, 81 mm mortars, 3.5 rocket launchers, M-60 machine guns, M-14 rifles and rifle grenades, .45 caliber pistols - - and the training was thorough.

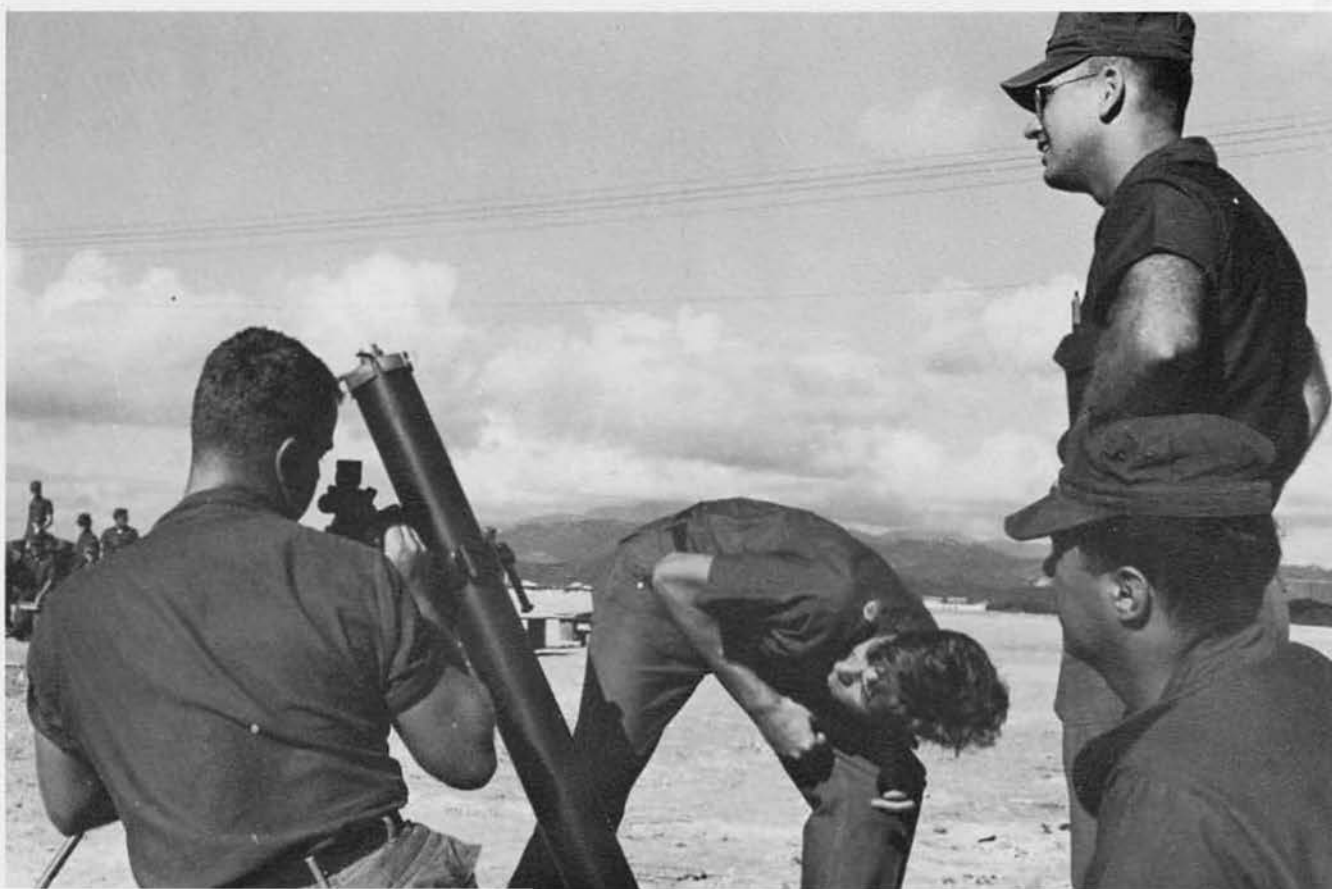


Firing the M-79 grenade launcher from the prone position.





Firing the M-60 machine gun (above) and the 81 mm mortar (below).

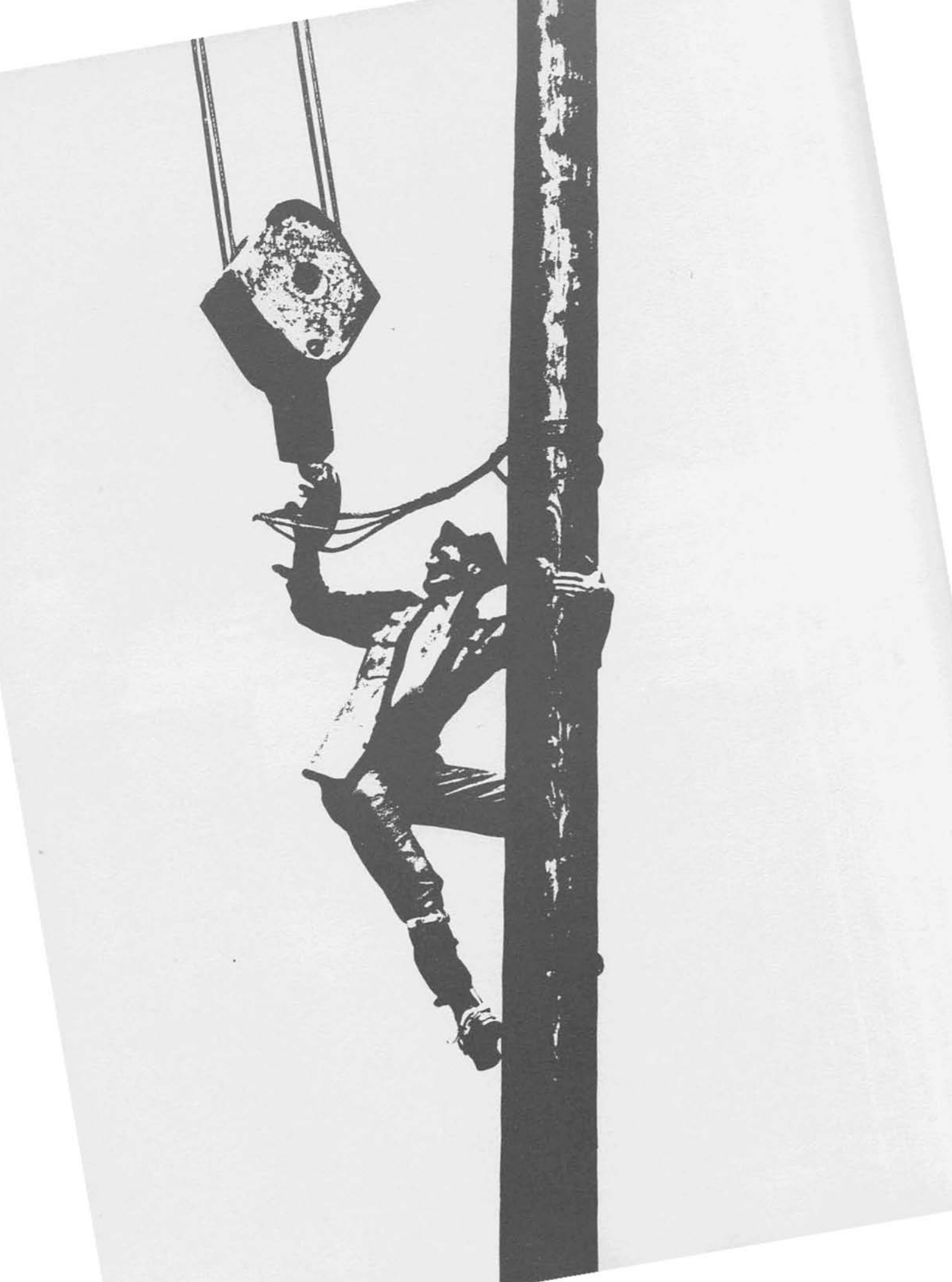


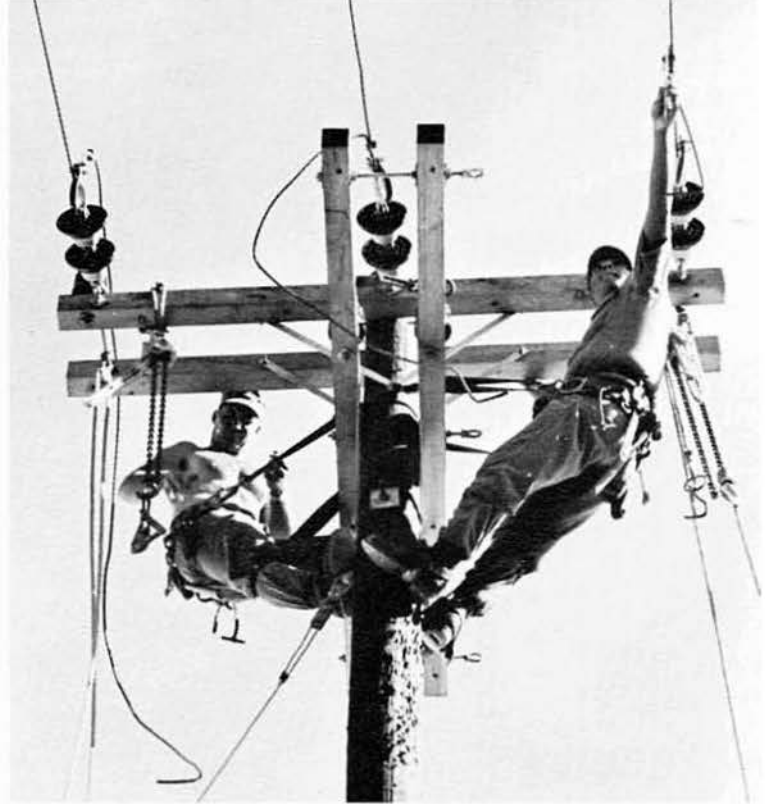


Weapons training was supplemented by field exercises such as convoy ambush drills. We learned to react quickly in combat situations, knowing that the training exercise might become a real situation within 48 hours.



"So what did you expect when you joined the Navy?"



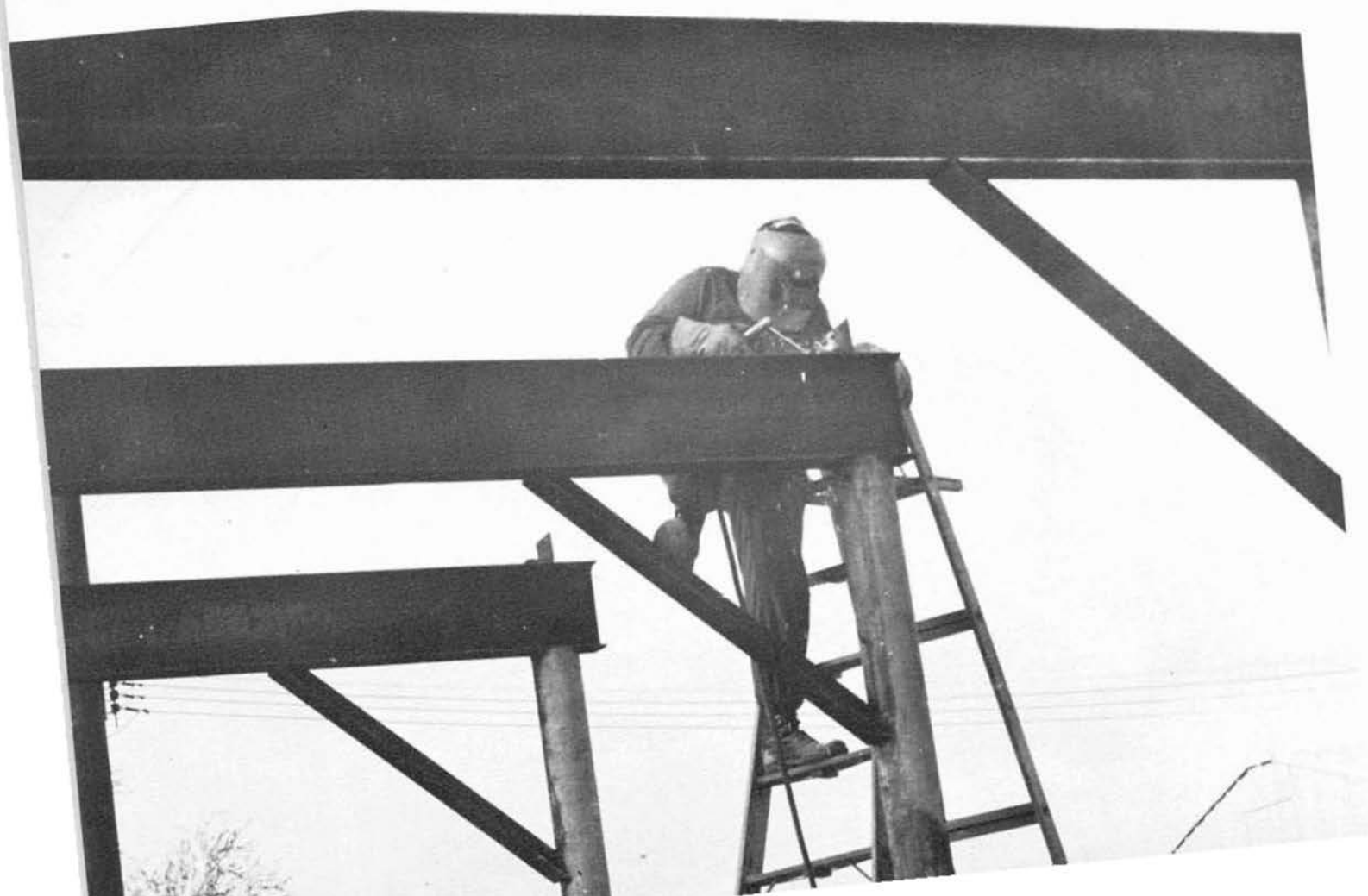
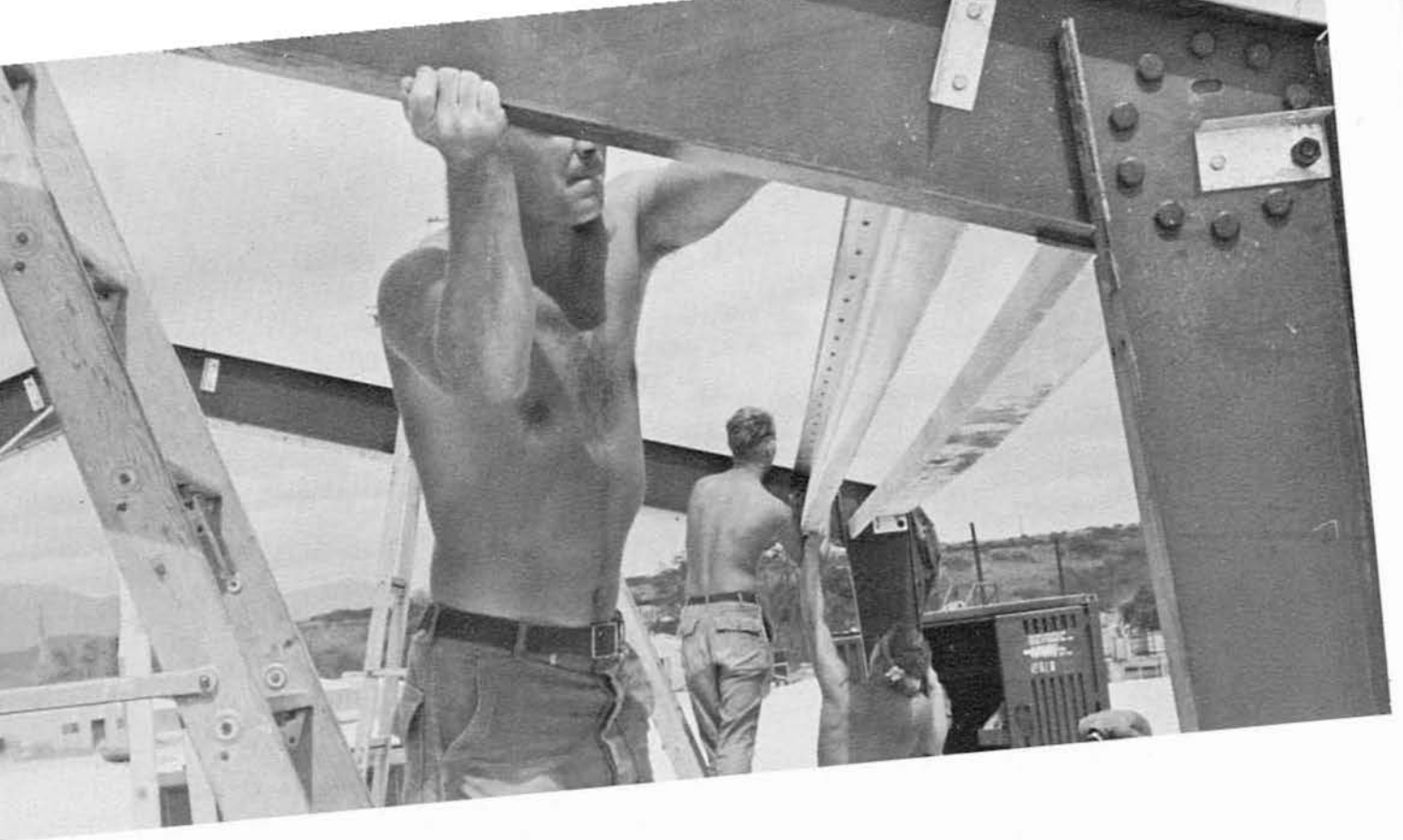


BRAVO COMPANY AT WORK











CAMP BUILDERS LOCAL 303



SEABEE BIRTHDAY

We celebrated the Seabee Birthday on the weekend of March 7-9 with a Special Services show, sports at the beach, a special birthday meal and extra time off. For many SIXers, the high point of the weekend was the Special Services show. We were entertained by the famous Kim Sisters who took time off from a hotel engagement in San Juan to perform for us in Camp Stinger.



SEABEE QUEEN

SIX's Seabee Queen was Mrs. Irene Weitzel, wife of EO2 William Weitzel of Alpha Company. She was flown down from the States to preside over SIX's birthday festivities and to attend the island's Seabee Ball at the Hotel El Conquistador near Fajardo. The Seabee Princess was Miss Denise Jobe from Roosevelt Roads.



Mrs. Weitzel (left) and Miss Jobe at the Seabee Ball.





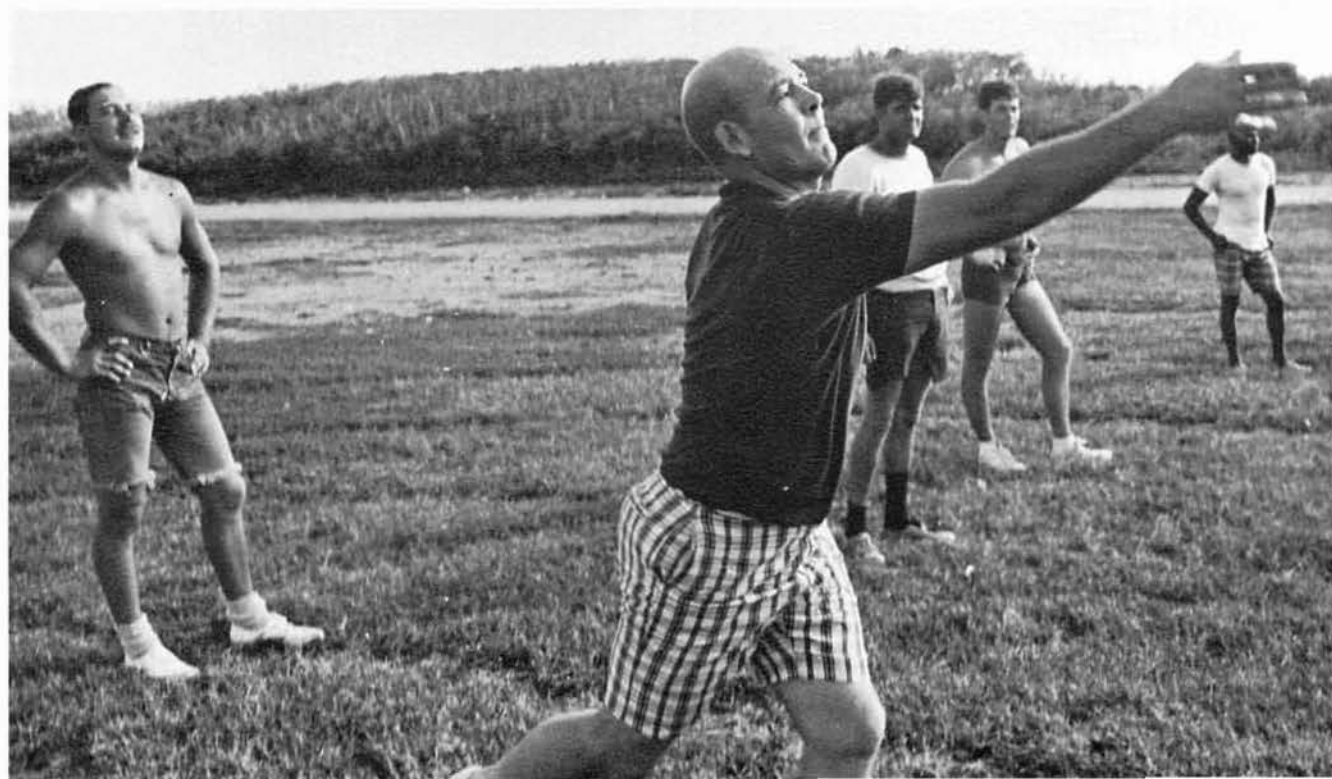
SIXers celebrating at the Seabee Ball . . .



. . . and at the beach.



Eggs or softballs . . .
the style's the same.





Our off-duty hours offered us chances to see Puerto Rico's many scenic beauties. SIXers took advantage of the opportunities to visit memorable spots such as the tropical rain forest at El Yunque (left), or the historic El Morro Fort in San Juan (below). From the history of old buildings to the green-and-blue mosaic of lush forests, Puerto Rico is an island worth exploring.



WHEN WE WEREN'T WORKING...



... we had a pretty good time around camp. Seabees are ingenious (so we're told) and the things we found to occupy our off-duty hours seem to bear out that theory. Some found their main relaxation on the beautiful beach near at hand. For others, organized intramural sports participation was the "thing o do." Our Special Services did its part by providing several high-quality shows - - live and lively entertainment - that the men enjoyed. Whether playing cards in the tent or taking off for a weekend in San Juan, we all found something to occupy our time.



You have to put out
100 per cent effort
in any sport. If
you don't, why compete?





Ceiba's children are engrossed . . .



. . . by the Seabee Santa Claus



The Kim Sisters entertain us.

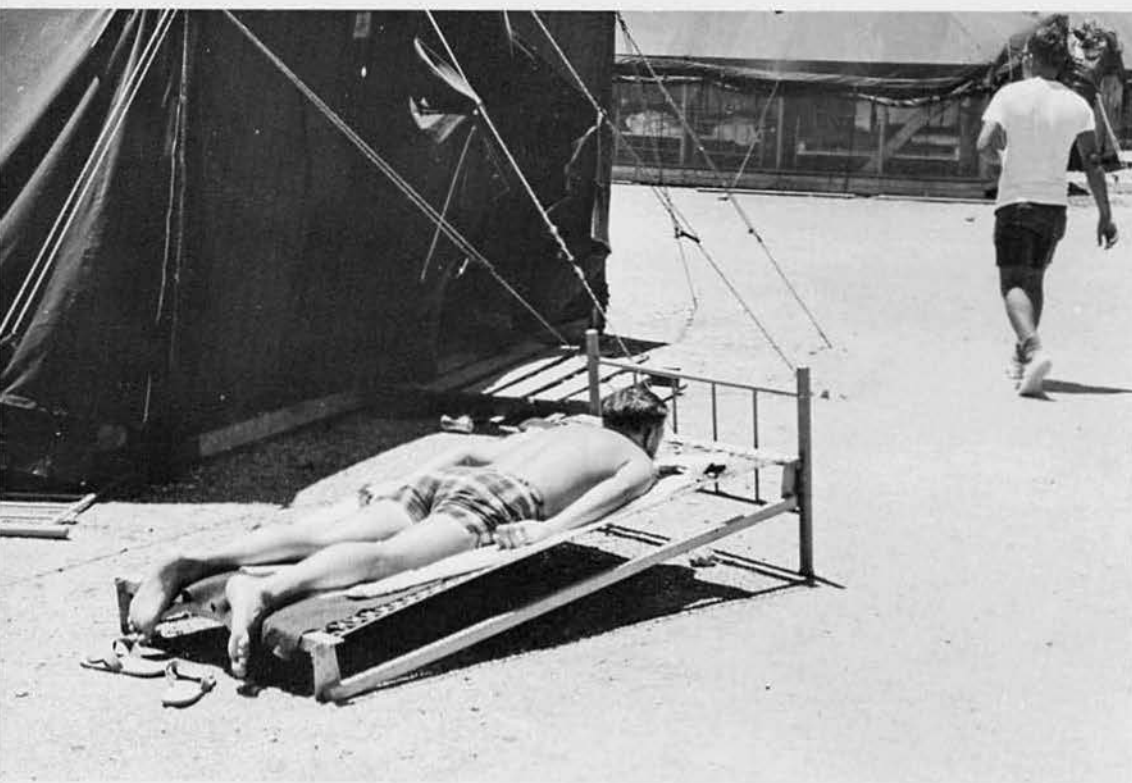




Some relaxed with weight-lifting. . .

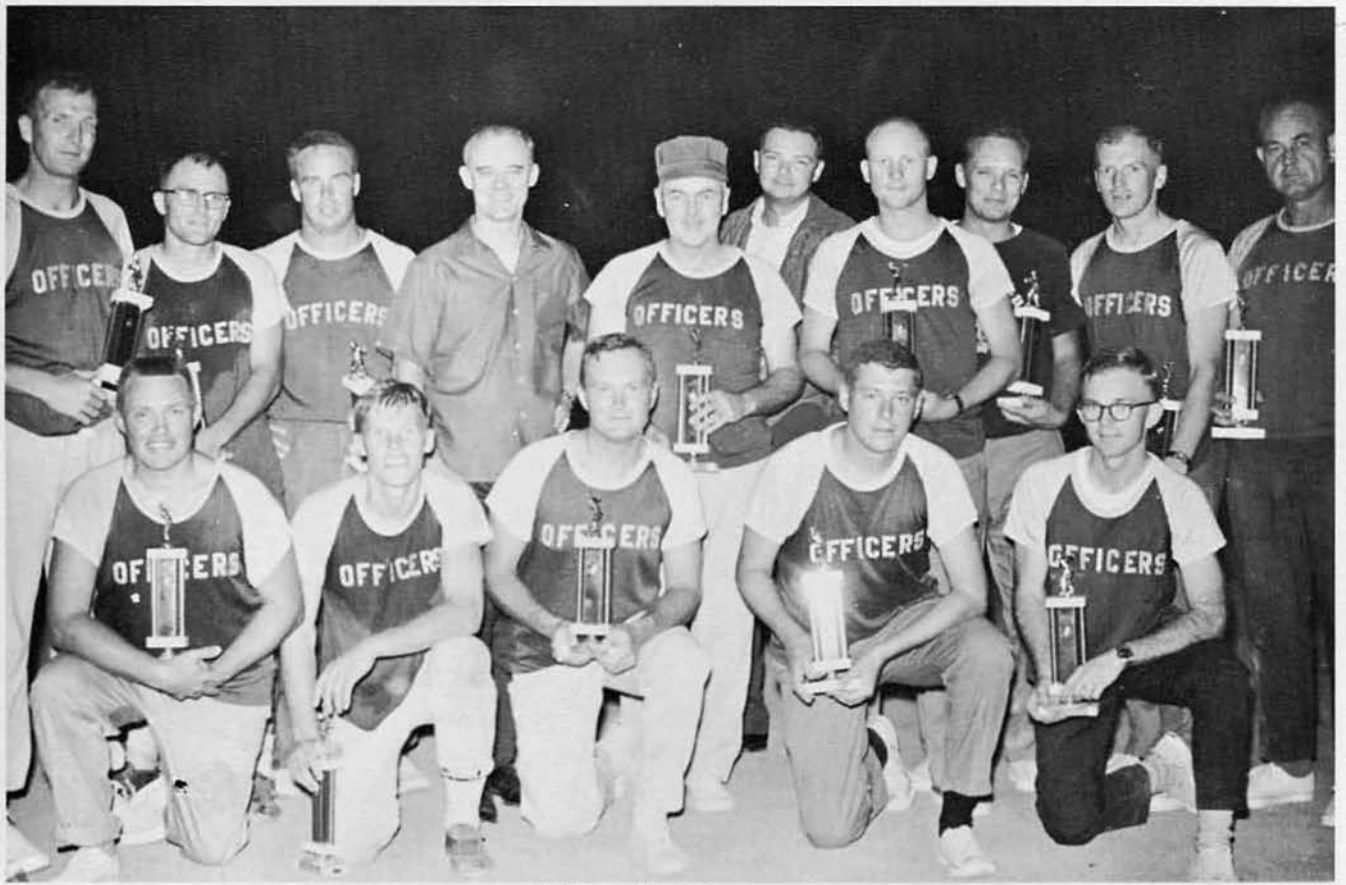


. . . others with punching bags . . .



. . . while others sought relaxation elsewhere



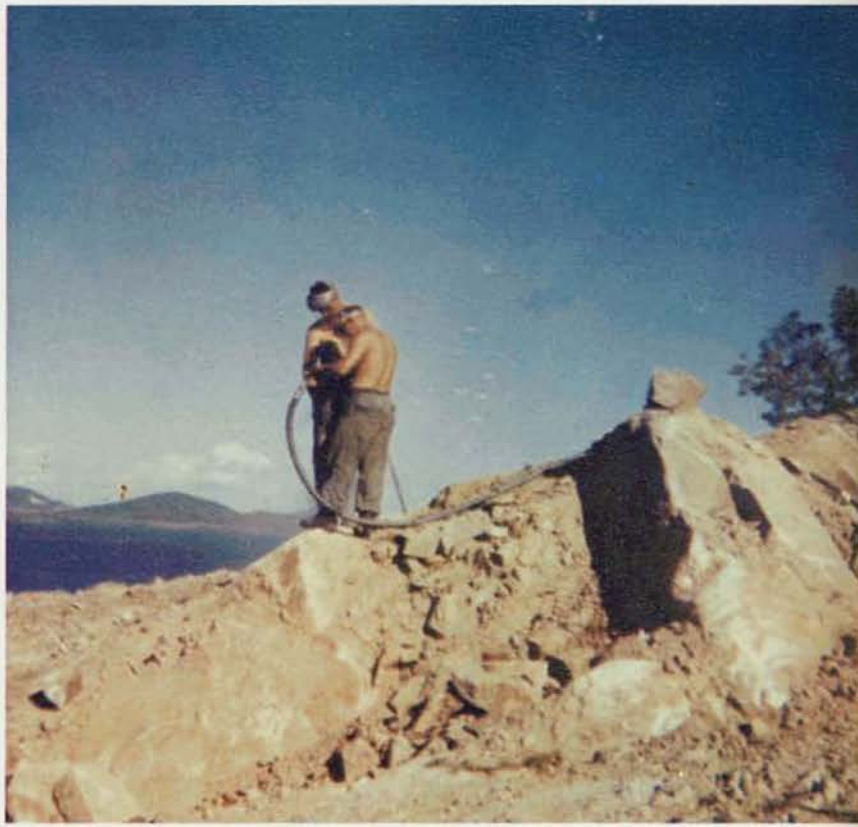


High-ranking Champs



"May I have this dance?"







For most of the deployment a short-wave radio set-up in camp enabled SIXers to call home inexpensively. Calls were placed to "ham" radio operators in the States and they would put through a phone patch to the Seabee's home. Whenever the radio was in operation you could always find a group of Seabees around the radio shack, waiting to make a call. One "ham" operator in the States, Miss Lynn Leahy of Middletown, R. I., became quite a favorite with the Seabees as she helped put through many calls.



Miss Lynn Leahy



In sack-racing or the station basketball league, SIXers excelled.







"How I learned a useful trade in the Navy"



A Seabee can relax anywhere.



Muster - -
our favorite
form of
relaxation.



SHOWS

Our Special Services Officer, Ltjg Andrews, brought live entertainment to break the monotony of the nightly movie. The shows he brought ranged from a Catholic University singing group to Minsky's Burlesque. Between these extremes were: The Axcents, an instrumental combo; the Notables, an all-girl singing group from Cornell University; the famous Kim Sisters; and a variety show composed of acts from several hotels in San Juan. Whatever their differences, all the shows had one thing in common: they brought welcome entertainment to the Seabees of SIX.



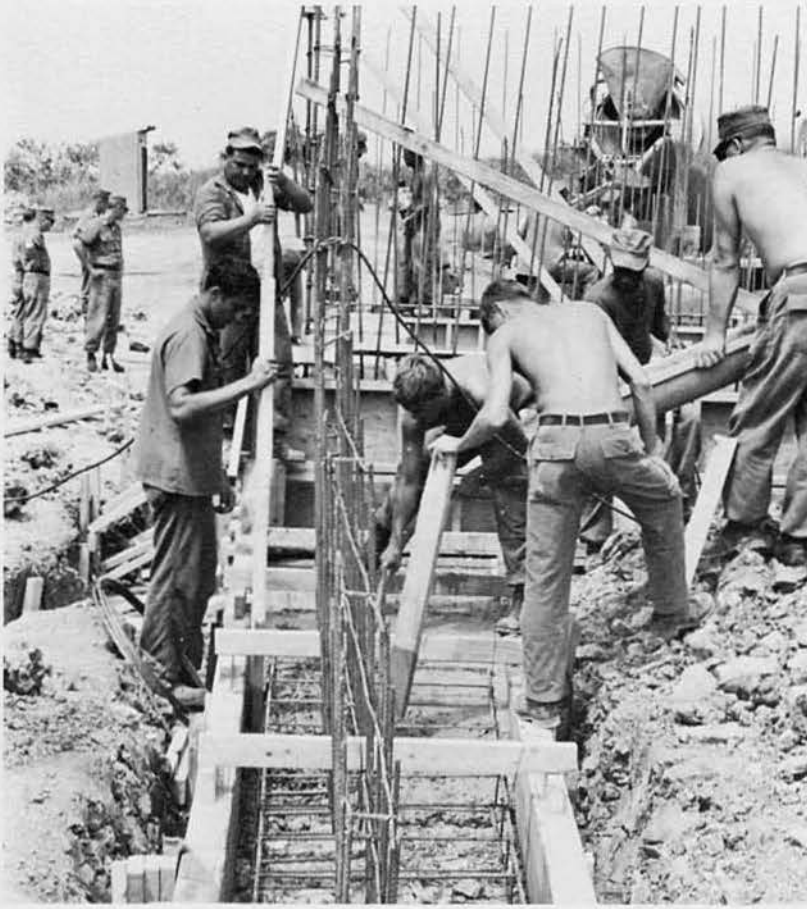






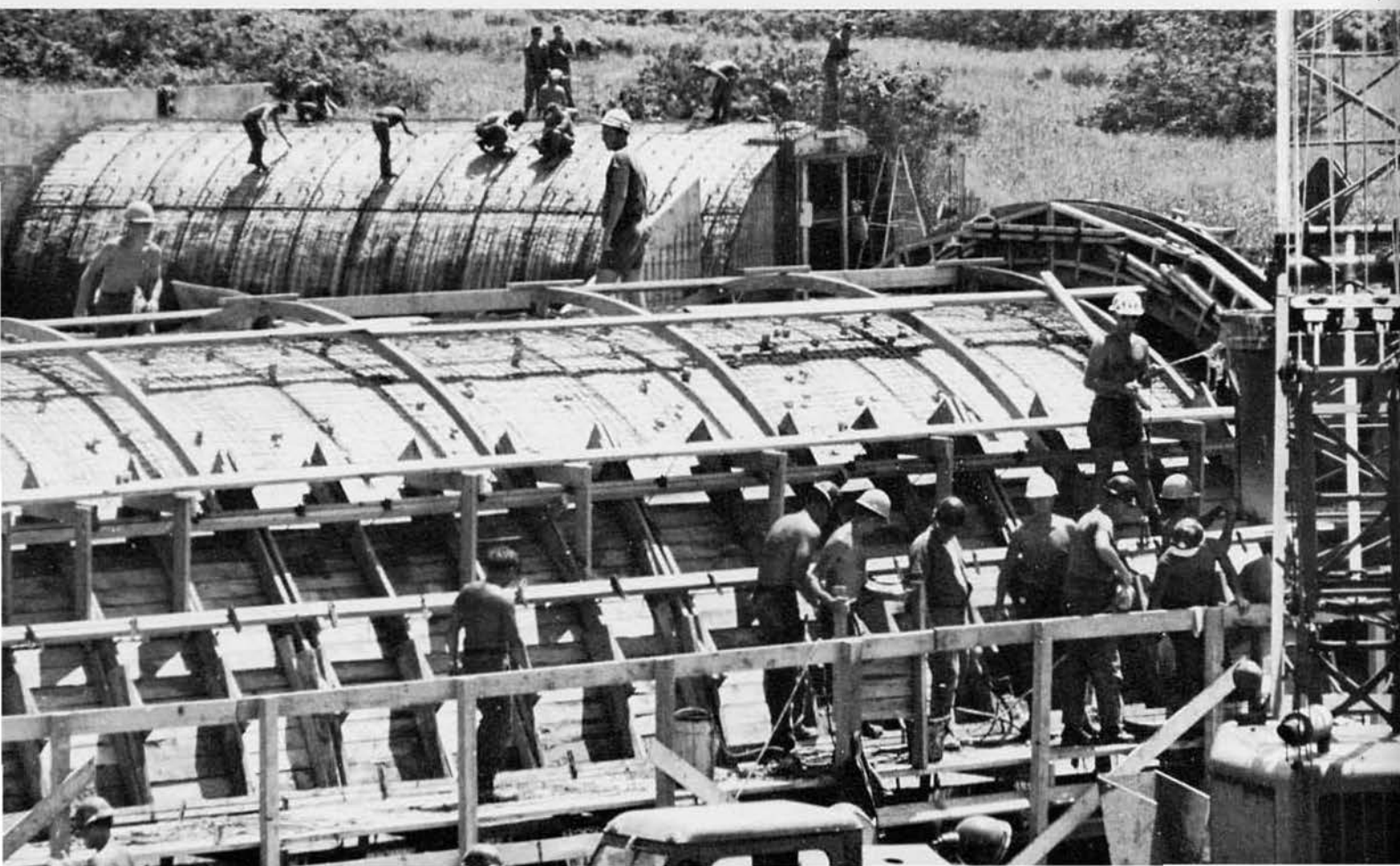






***WORK
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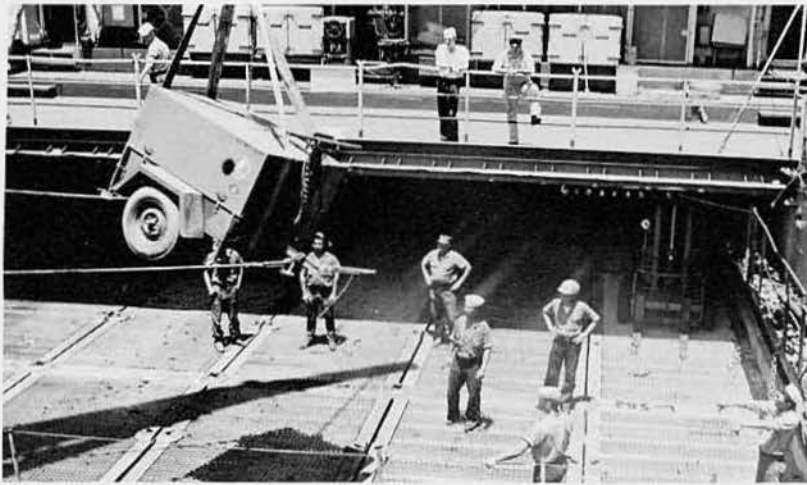






"What else can I find for them to do?"







MLO supplied the materials.

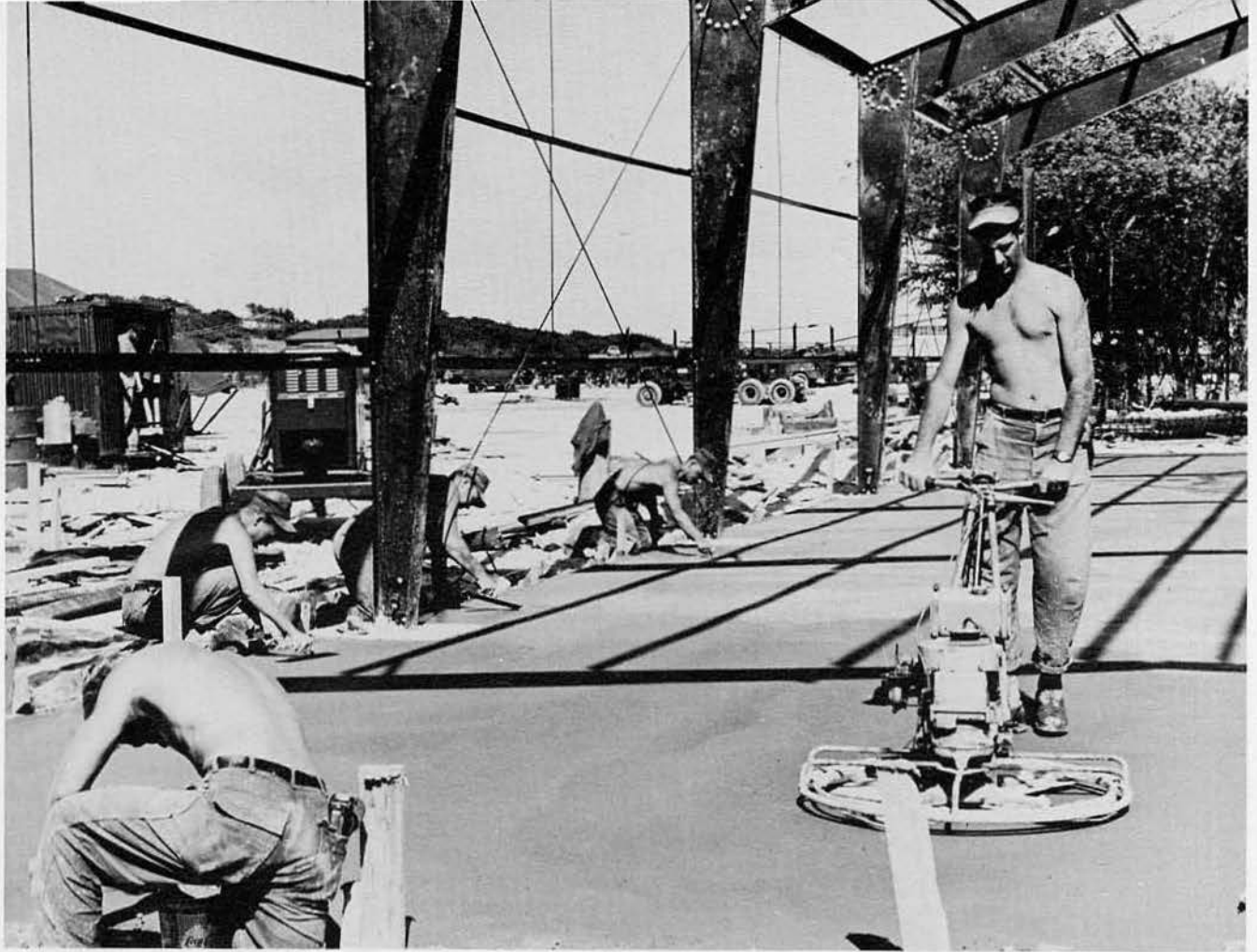


"Caesar's Dog" - - Our Mascot



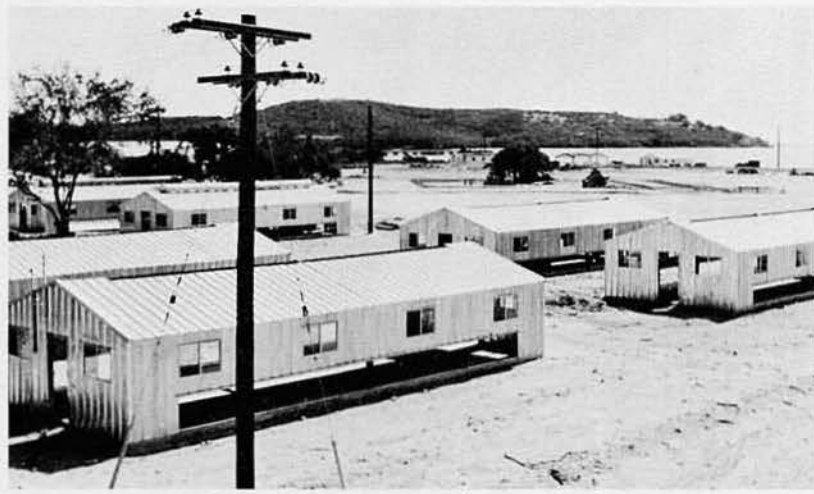
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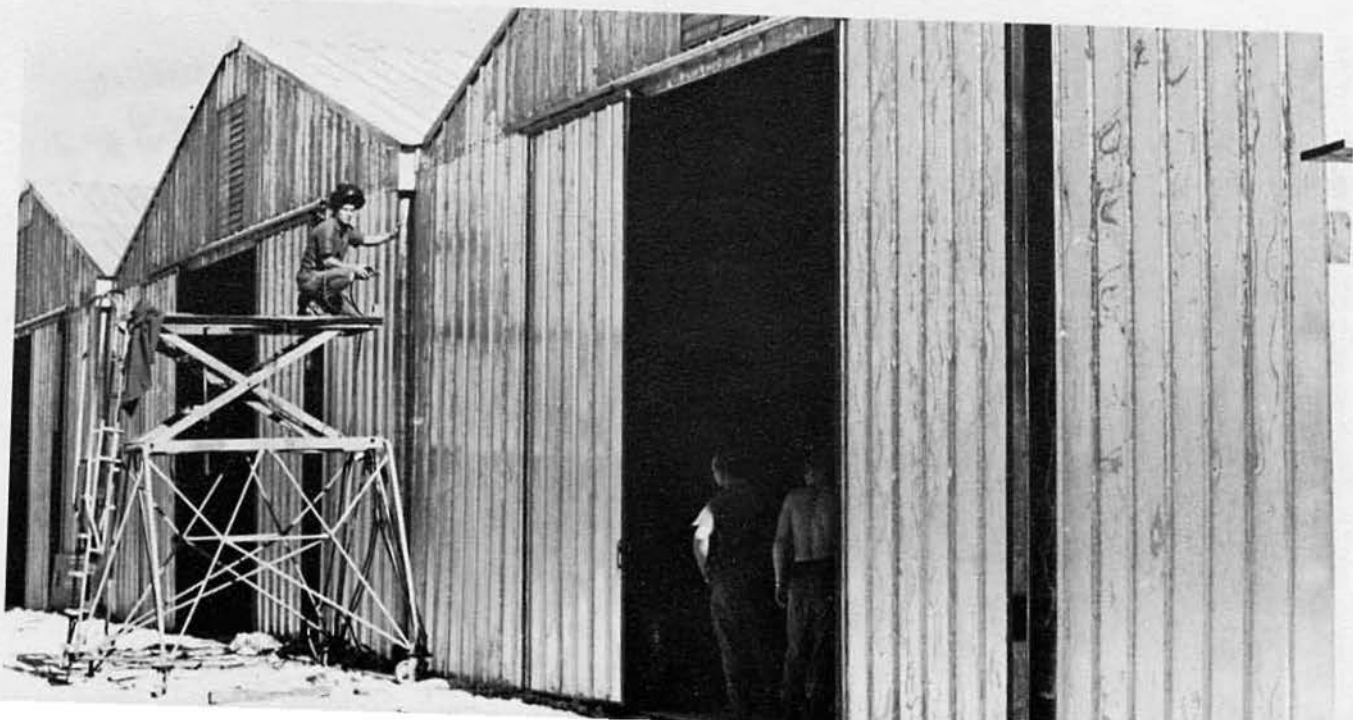
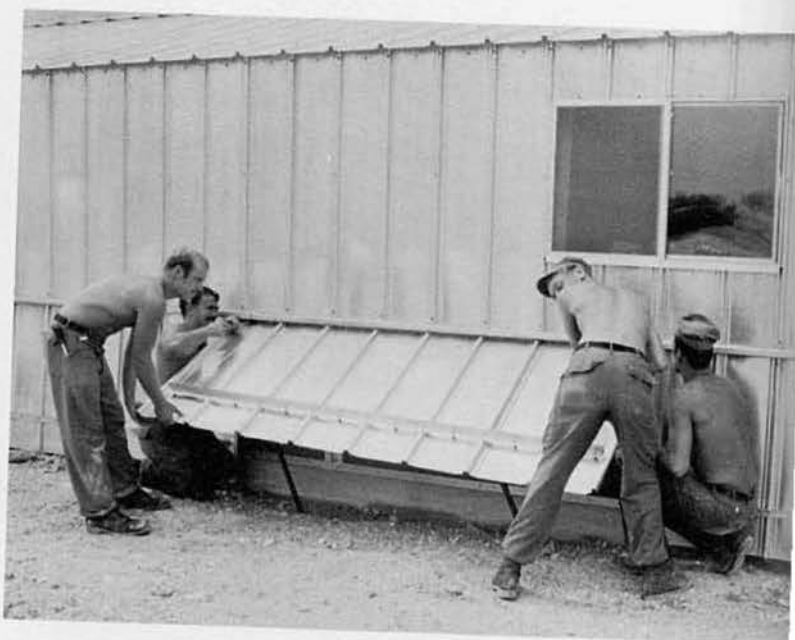
IN THE NEW CAMP



A berthing area, partially completed.



The Administration area.





CIVIC ACTION



We conducted an active Civic Action Program in Puerto Rico. Chaplain Bobby C. Carson worked with the Puerto Ricans to help them improve their facilities while also improving relations between the military and civilian communities. Our work, performed by volunteers in off-duty hours, ranged from providing a Santa Claus for a local parade to helping paint a church in San Juan. Wherever their help was needed, SIX's Seabees unselfishly gave their liberty time to help others.

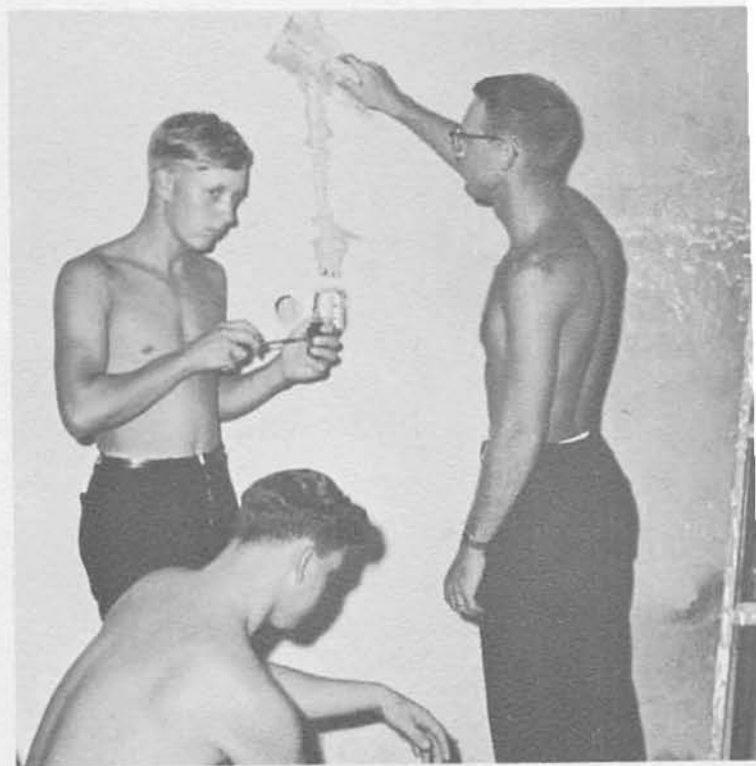


Santa cools off after a hot Puerto Rican Christmas.



Seabee volunteers hauled 36 loads of coral fill to the village of Dagauo for their village plaza. When the Seabees had finished smoothing the new surface, the villagers had a plaza less susceptible to rain damage than the open field they had used previously for their Spring Festivals.





SEABEE TEAMS 0603 AND 0604



0603 builds a bridge in Phang Rang City.

While the rest of MCB-6 deployed to Puerto Rico, Seabee Teams 0603 and 0604 deployed to Vietnam. The two 13-man teams, composed of one officer, one hospital corpsman and 11 construction specialists, lived with the Vietnamese people, teaching them to build for their own future. The teams, called the Navy's "Peace Corps," are vital in winning the "other war" for the hearts and minds of the Vietnamese people. Realizing this, the Viet Cong harass the teams often; one member of team 0604 was killed by enemy sniper fire. But the team members realize the danger before they volunteer for the duty and enemy harassment only makes them more determined to do their job and help the Vietnamese people.



Seabee Team 0603 (standing, l. to r.) UT2 David Morrison, EO2 Timothy Nolan, BU2 Jessie King, Ltjg William Hanley, BUC Albert Cole, CM3 Jack Reagin, (kneeling, l. to r.) HM2 Gary Davis, CE1 James Stickles, EO2 Paul Faler, CM3 Jerry Kinnison, BU2 William Chapin, SW2 Jack Repass, EACN Paul Braun.





Seabee Team 0604 (standing, l. to r.) SW2 Michael Simmons, CE2 Thomas Loguidice, BUC Arthur Dalton, Ltjg Mark Garber, HM1 Wiley Booth, EO2 David Pimentel, UT2 Allen Bricker, (kneeling, l. to r.) EACN Robert Rositano, CM3 Peter Stith, EO3 James Crusan, BU2 Donald Sandberg, BU3 Phillip Hammer, and CM3 Stéphen Shorma.

EO3 James Crusan of 0604 prepares a steel tower for placement.

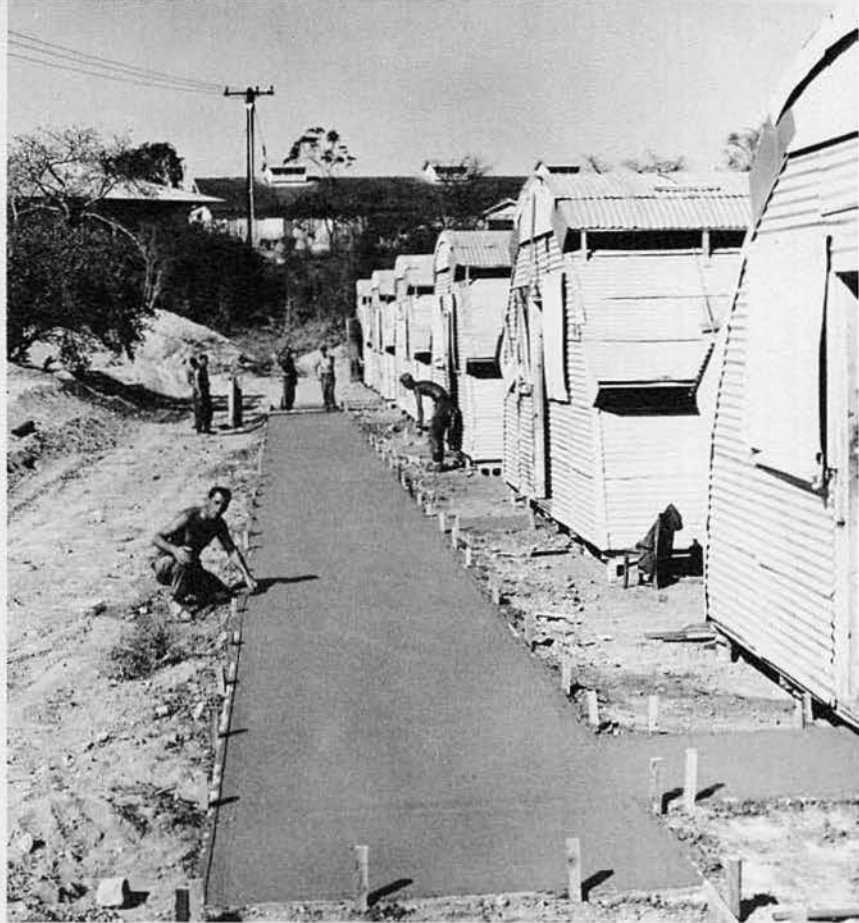


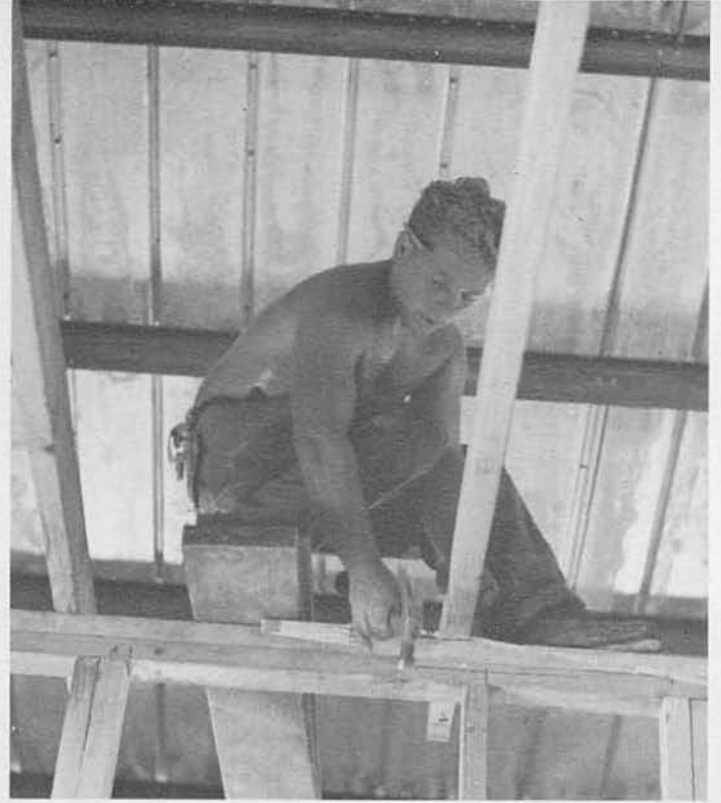
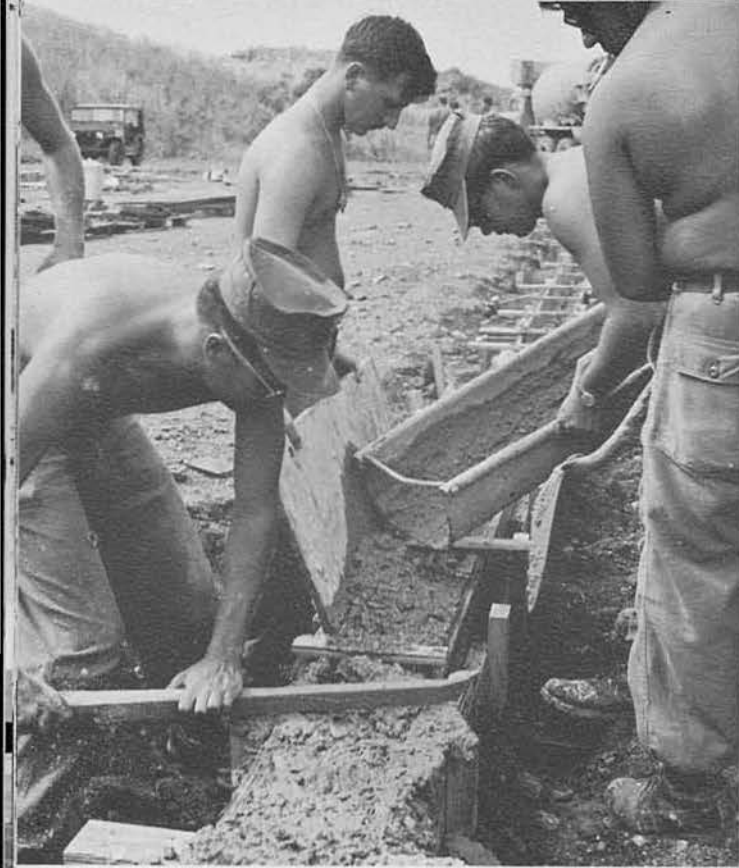


GITMO DETAIL



Our men at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, had plenty of work to do. They did pier repairs, added to the station's school system, constructed a sewer outfall system, did weapons range work and many other jobs to support the Navy activities in Cuba. In their off-duty hours they had plenty of chances for relaxation and a favorite Seabee occupation - - civic action. Although limited in their opportunities for civic action, our 50-man detail under Ltjg DeFranco did considerable work with the station's Teen Club to upgrade recreation facilities.



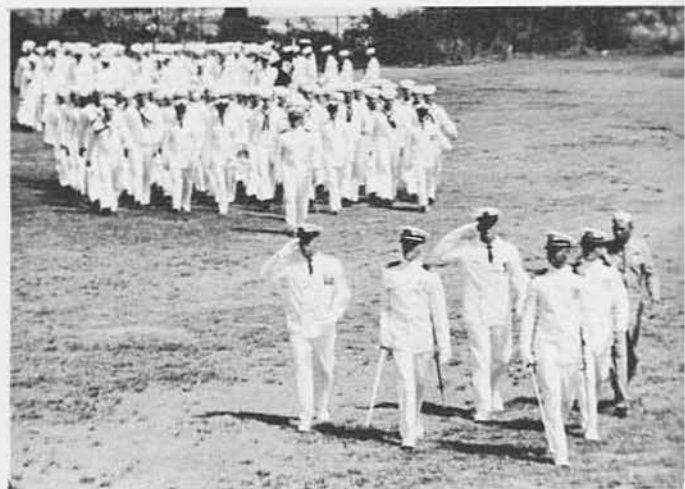
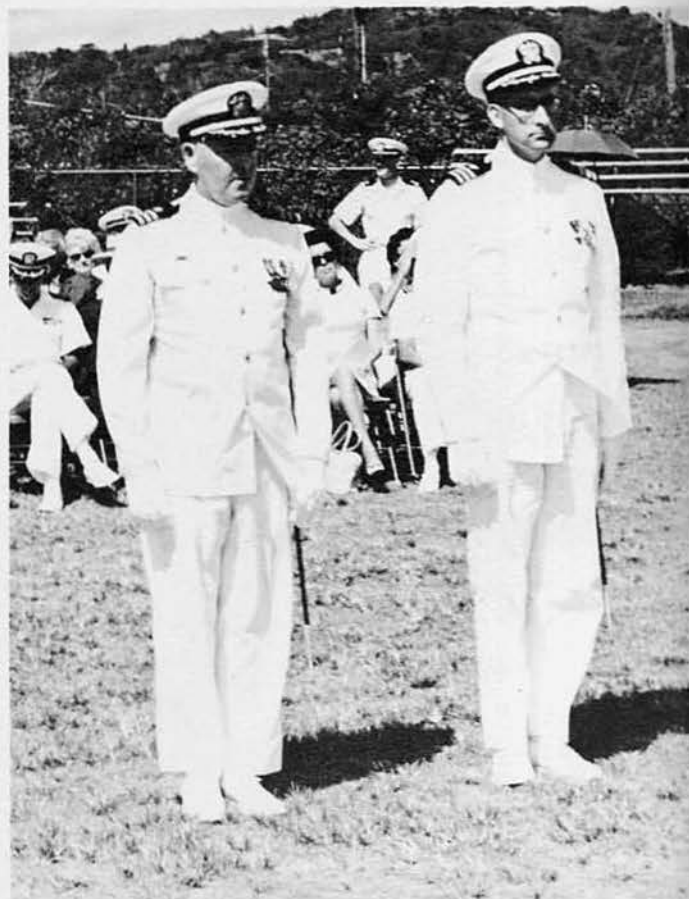


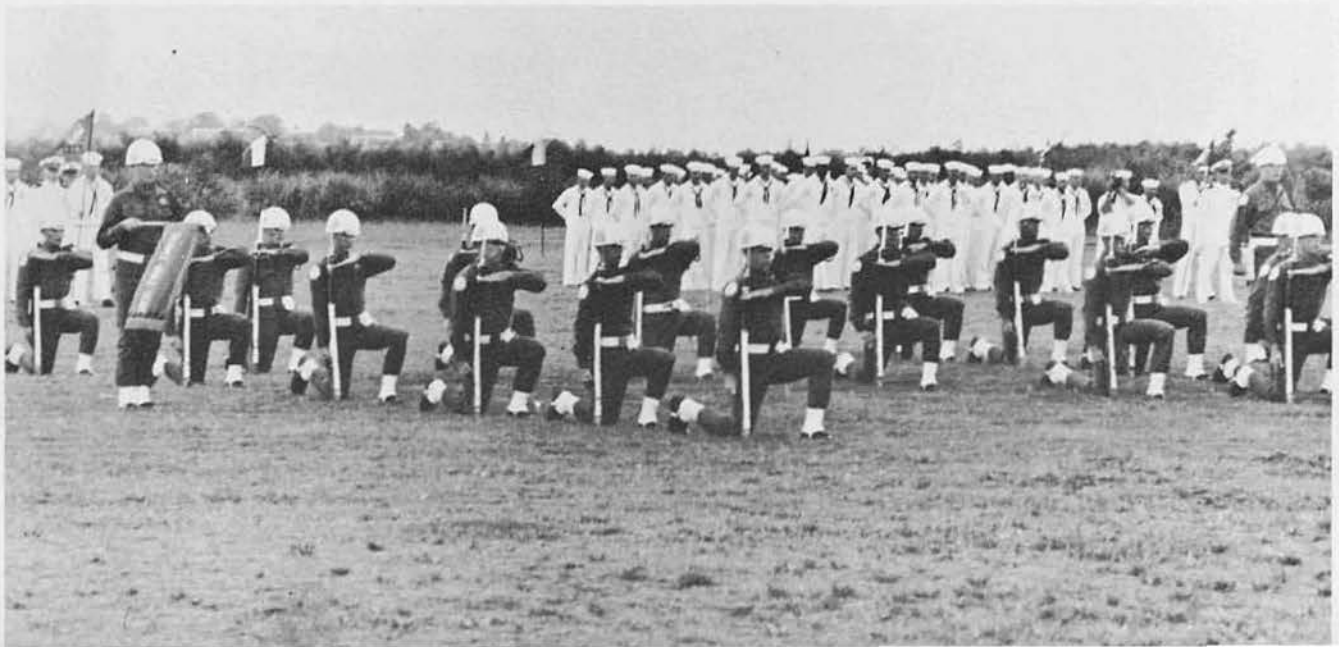


It wasn't all work

CHANGE OF COMMAND

On Feb. 28, Cdr. Hugh A. Crisp relieved Cdr. Robert D. Keegan as our Commanding Officer. The Seabee Band and Seabee Drill Team came down from Davisville to perform at the ceremony which included a pass-in-review by the Seabees of SIX.





AROUND CAMP

-- THE OFFICES



Embarkation



Personnel



SK3 Fricia: "Now what?"



Lt. Marohn - Supply Officer



Our Chaplain



Dental at work



YN1 Atkins in Admin



Safety Committee



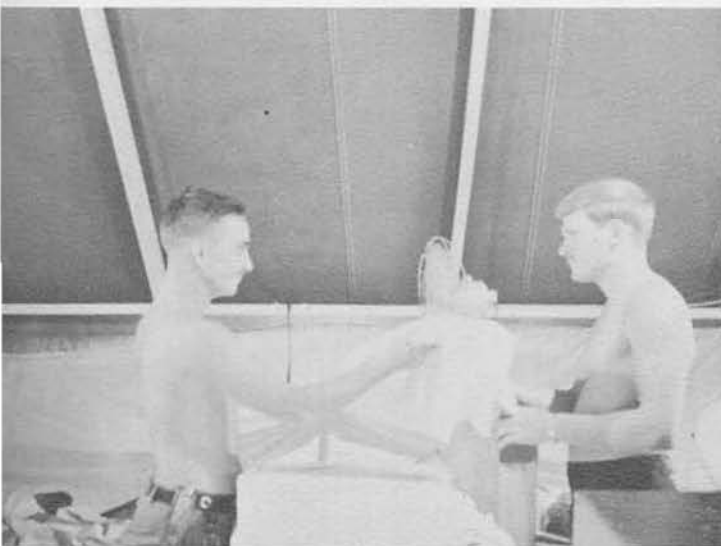
The Medical-Dental Team



SH2 Hiles - a real cut-up



SH2 Mackeben - barber No. 1



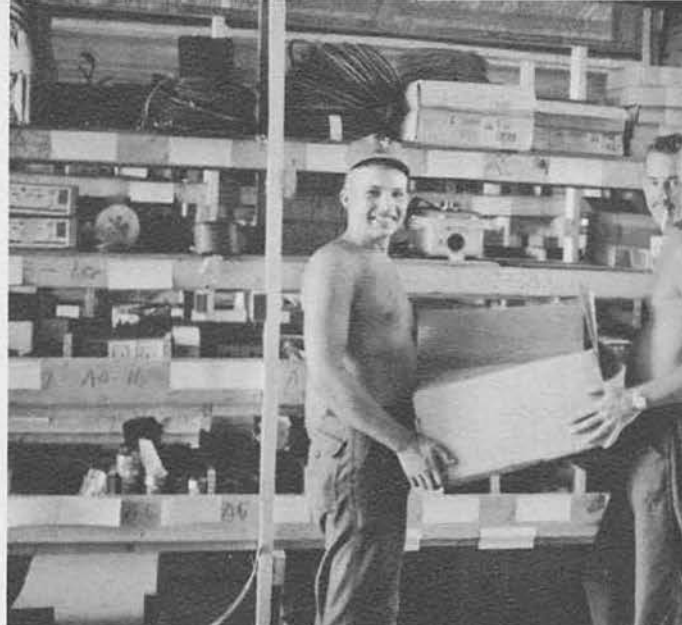
Ah, clean sheets!



Post Office



"And for our next move . . ."



Supplies for all

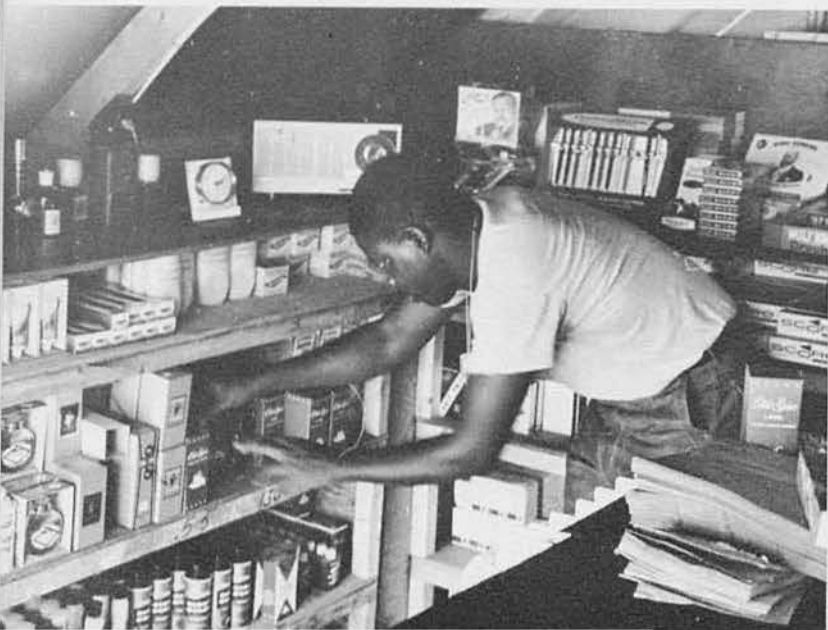


King of the Spud Locker

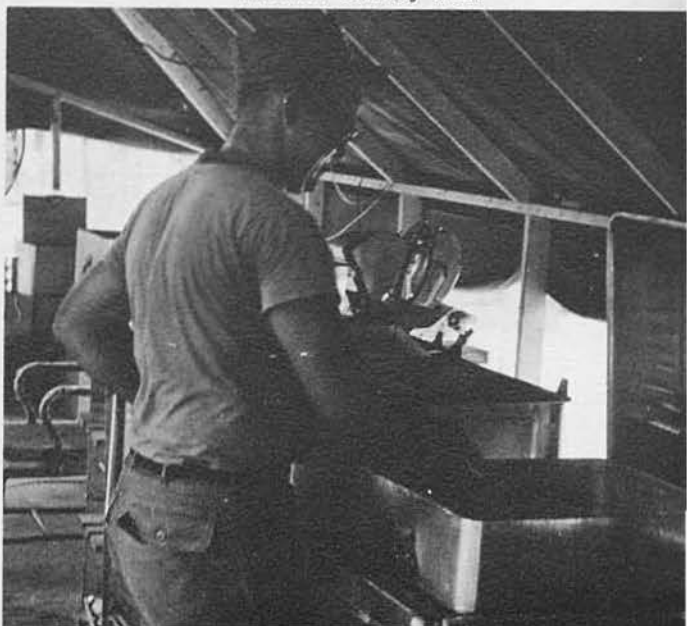


Payday!

SH1 Bullock in our luxurious Exchange.



Another culinary treat





YN3 Goff - Chaplain's Yeoman



EA3 Martin - Engineering



Brains Behind the Bravo Brutes



EA3 Slenker - Engineering



Dennis gets a rise out of Fulp



“. . . and you'll get off-base Shore Patrol."



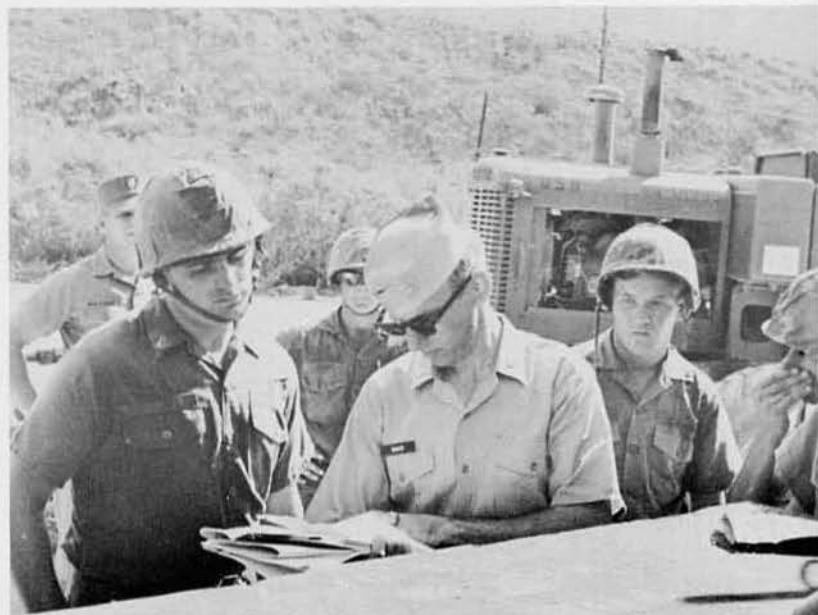
EA3 Cooper - Engineering

ADMIN INSPECTION

In April we were given a deployment administrative and military readiness inspection by Capt. Donald Iselin, COMCBLANT, and his staff. All facets of battalion administration were inspected, but special attention was given to our readiness as the Atlantic Alert Battalion. Two practice mount-outs were held to see if we could, indeed, move out on 48 hours notice. Under the watchful eye of the inspectors, the SIXers proved their ability and the battalion received an overall score of "High Excellent."







MISCELLANY



Congratulations to the "Gunny" on a job well done.



The Boy Scouts tour Camp Stinger.



A friendly rivalry between MCB-6 and the USS Boxer reached its climax when a painted wooden "Boxer" seal mysteriously disappeared. SIX's officers "found" it and returned it to the ship - - safely set in concrete.



Waiting in line at the galley was always fun . . .

. . . and so was eating in our luxurious dining hall.



The bus will be here any minute.



"Need a shine?" asks brand-new Chief Zimlich.



It was easy to get wet at the beach . . .



. . . and in camp.



Who's dunking who?
Sometimes it's hard to tell.



MCB-71 ARRIVED...

FINALLY



"For Sale - - Cheap!"

Opening the new Camp Stinger



...AND WE CAME HOME





LCDR Donald Leeson

MCB-6'S



Lt. Gordon Gruhn



Lt. S. A. Martinelli



Lt. Richard Rohrbach



Lt. Louis Marohn

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Lt. Donald DelManzo



Lt. Harvey Myers



Lt. Richard Ochwat



Lt. Bobby C. Carson



Ltjg. Mark Garber



Ltjg. Brian Gracey



Ltjg. Carl DeFranco



Ltjg. James Peterson



Ltjg. George Neumann



Ltjg. William Hanley



Ltjg. Dale Kratzer



Ltjg. Frederick Jones



Ltjg. Karl Pettit



Ltjg. Robert Gainer



Ltjg. Alex Andrews



Ltjg. Alan Varney

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Constructionman



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Chief Steelworker



Marvin Ballard
Chief Equipment Operator



Leroy R. Bickford
Chief Equipment Operator



Murry H. Burton
Chief Steelworker



Robert F. Carr
Chief Builder



Marcial G. Castro
Senior Chief
Engineering Aide



Melvin O. Chase
Chief Construction Mechanic



Carmine M. Chiaradonna
Chief Construction Mechanic



Fred A. Chiaradonna
Chief Utilitiesman



Donald Cochrane
Senior Chief
Construction Electrician



Albert L. Cole
Chief Builder



Willard V. Cousins
Senior Chief
Equipment Operator



Joseph R. Cudmore
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Philip P. Curran
Chief Steelworker



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Chief Construction
Electrician



Joseph W. Dubis
Chief Builder



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Electrician



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Construction Electrician



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Chief Steelworker



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Gunnery Sergeant

ALPHA COMPANY



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E01 Smith Brackeen



E02 Allen Bradshaw



E03 Kenneth Brazee



E02 Douglas Bresser



E02 Alois Briski



E02 Peter Bruckman



E03 Donald Bruno



E03 Thomas Budden



EOCN Alvin Burrell



CM3 Ronald Burris



E02 John Butera



CM1 Donald Butler



CM3 Sheridan Camp



E02 Carl Chapman



E02 John Charest



E01 Gerald Checksfield



E03 Herman Clear



E03 Robert Cochran



E01 Eugene Cole



E03 Thomas Cook



E03 Charles Cristi



E02 Gerald Deal



CM2 Henry Denton



E02 Walter Denton



E02 Joseph Dupont



E0CN Franklin Eagles



CM3 Michael Eckert



E02 Randall Ecklund



E03 Larry Ellsworth



E02 Lawrence Engstrom



CM3 George Erickson



CM3 Bobby Farnacci



E03 Rene Field



E02 David Foringer



CMCN William Fromm



E03 Carl Fuchs



E03 Isiah Gadsden



EOCN Thomas Gernert



EOCN Ronald Gerue



E02 Robert Going



E03 James Gorman



E02 James Green



CM2 Thomas Griffin



E03 Orville Grunmeir



E01 Theodore Haney



EOCN Delmar Hanks



CM2 Havard Harris



CM3 Daniel Hicks



CM2 George Hogan



E03 Willie Hollins



E03 Bobby Hughes



CM3 Edward Imhoff



CMCN Floyd Jacobs



E02 Franklin James



EOCN Rodney Jenkins



CM2 Glen Jonas



EOCN William Keesee



CM3 Freddie Kennedy



CM3 John Knudsen



CN Martin Knuth



CM1 Alan Kolbe



E03 Lawrence Krencicki



CN David LaMay



CM2 Bert Leppert



CM3 Robert Lewis



E02 Dannie Looney



CM2 Robert Lowder



CN Robert Lowe



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E01 Alfred McFarland



SF1 Harry McFarland



CM2 Wendel McKenzie



CM3 Patrick McKinney



E01 Wesley Meehan



E02 Eugene Mergendahl



E03 Joseph Miedona



E02 Larry Miernicki



CMCN Ronald Miller



CM2 Robert Minckler



CN Schirl Morgan



CM1 Robert Mossige



E02 Frederick Moulder



E01 James Navy



E02 Hugh O'Neal



CM1 Glen Owens



CM2 Ernest Peltz



E02 Richard Pintabona



CM3 George Platt



CM3 Jerold Quinn



E03 Phil Randall



E03 Larry Ray



CMCN Joseph Raposo



E02 Robert Reese



E01 Bobby Reeves



E03 James Rizick



E02 Richard Rodgers



E02 John Rothrock



CM2 Danny Rude



CM2 Clarence Sackett



E03 George Sawyer



CM2 Robert Schmidt



CM2 Wayne Schwanke



E01 John Sexon



E01 Barry Shomo



MR3 Gary Silvers



CM3 David Smith



E02 Carl Spring



E02 Theodore Staples



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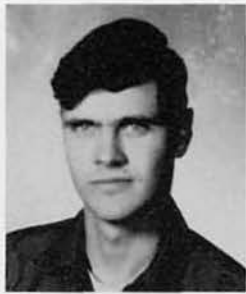
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CN Thomas Jerman



UT3 Dennis Johnston



CN Tony Jones



CM3 John Krenz



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CECN William Murray



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CN Wayne Patch



UT3 William Pitts



CE2 Glen Raab



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SW3 Roger Robertson



CE3 Jose Salas



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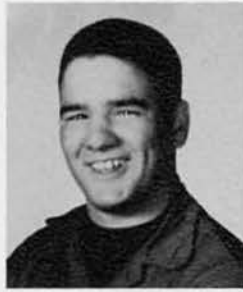
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SWCN Alan Sims



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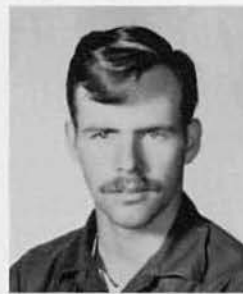
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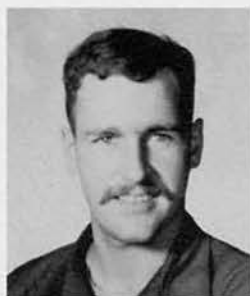
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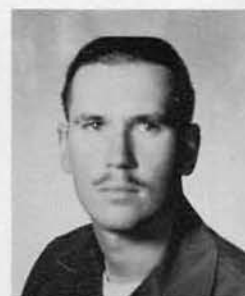
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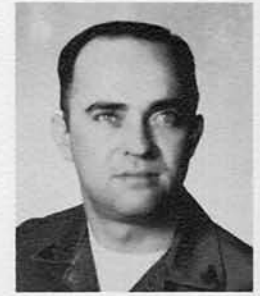
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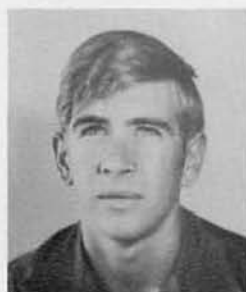
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