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# U.S. NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALION SIX



*with best wishes  
from MCB 6  
V.M. Higgins*

ROOSEVELT ROADS  
PUERTO RICO



# Dedication

This book is dedicated to the wives, parents, sweethearts, and loved ones of the men of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIX, so that they may better understand the purpose for being at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico. The men have worked hard at their duties and it is hoped that everyone will be reunited with a heart warming feeling.

## "Can Do"

# BATTALION HISTORY



U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion No. SIX was formally commissioned on May 3, 1951, at Norfolk, Va. Following completion of the commissioning ceremony, MCB SIX welcomed aboard CDR R.D. Pinkerton, CEC, USN, its new Commanding Officer.

The first assignment given SIX was the reconstruction of the baseball field at the Naval Station in Bermuda, where it relieved MCB FOUR.

Upon finishing two months of intensive training and scheduled construction in Bermuda, THE BEST sailed for its next deployment site at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, on July 6, 1951.

While deployed in Cuba various construction projects were undertaken at the Naval Station. In addition a complete seabee camp was erected at Leeward Point

After a very successful deployment in Cuba, SIX embarked for the return trip home. The battalion returned to Davisville in December of 1951 and remained there until March, 1952.

SIX debarked for Argentia, Newfoundland where the battalion remained until August, 1952.

The battalion arrived at Davisville in August and stayed there until October 10, when it set sail for its second deployment in

Cuba. The men of SIX occupied the barracks at Leeward Point this time and carried out the

task of constructing the officer and enlisted barracks at the Naval Air Station.

SIX remained in Cuba until April 3, 1953, and returned to the States shortly after Easter.

On May 23, SIX was ready to deploy to French Morocco. They arrived June 2 to relieve MCB FOUR and immediately commence work at the Naval Base.

With another deployment finished in November, 1953, the battalion sailed homeward.

On February 8, 1954, SIX commissioned its first detachment. Detachment DOG as it was called received orders on April 16, 1954 and arrived in San Juan, Puerto Rico on April 18, 1954, while the main body was on its third deployment in Cuba.

Detachment EASY was the next to be commissioned on May 7, 1954 which departed on May 21, 1954, for its deployment site in San Salvador.

Following its two predecessors, detachment FOX was commissioned on June 5, 1954 and sailed for Grand Turks on June 14, 1954.

In July, 1954 SIX arrived in Davisville to commission its fourth detachment, GEORGE, on July 9, 1954, who departed for Nova Scotia.

Detachment HOW became the fifth to be commissioned on September 3, 1954, at Davisville. Detachment HOW was deployed to Bermuda on September 14, 1954.

October 27, 1954, brought SIX a new commanding officer when CDR R.C. Jaquess, CEC, USN, relieved the ailing CDR F.J. Simmons.

Many months passed before the battalion commissioned detachment ITEE on January 21, 1955, which became the sixth. Following its commission the detachment left for Nantucket, Mass.





# HISTORY (cont'd)



On April 20, 1955, detachment JIG became number seven and was sent to Cape Hatteras, N.C.

Only three detachments of the original seven were still in operation by September, 1955.

MCB SIX's next deployment site was Antigua where they remained from October 1955 to July 1956. Detachment KILO was commissioned in July before the battalion left for the States.

Upon the battalion's return to Davisville from Antigua, detachment LIMA was commissioned and departed for Puerto Rico in September, 1956.

MCB SIX moved out from Davisville in September bound for its fourth cruise to Cuba and arrived there on October 3, 1956. On October 27, 1956, SIX received its fourth commanding officer; CDR V.M. Tregonis, CEC, USN, relieved CDR R.C. Jaquess.

Before the battalion left Cuba, detachment MIKE was commissioned and remained behind.

When SIX returned to Davisville, LCDR L.E. Stiffler, CEC, USN, relieved LCDR R. D. Mitchell, as Executive Officer. While the battalion was in Davisville, detachment NOVEMBER was commissioned and sent to Bermuda.

MCB SIX departed for Git'Mo Bay, Cuba again in June, 1957, commencing its fifth deployment there. Upon the arrival of SIX, detachment MIKE was decommissioned.

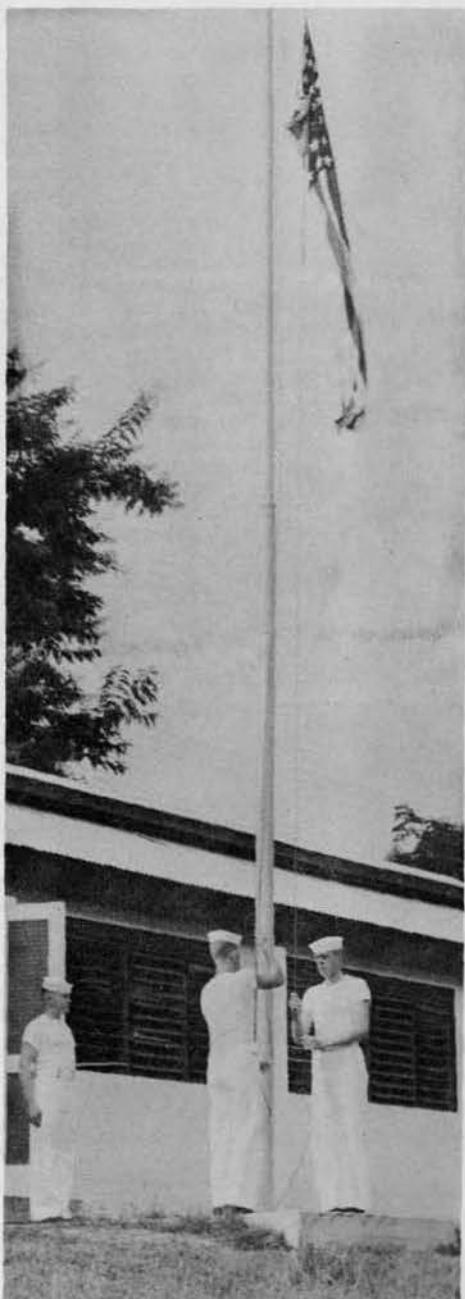
While deployed in Cuba, SIX was awarded the "THE BEST of the Atlantic Fleet Seabees." This was a title well earned through the cooperation and hard work of all the officers and men of MCB-6.

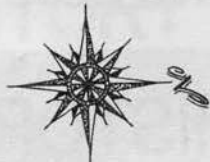
January 13, 1958, found the BEST on their way back to the States again. Before the Battalion left Cuba, detachment OSCAR was commissioned and remained behind.

MCB SIX arrived in Davisville on January 17, 1958, and on April 25, 1958 detachment Quebec was commissioned and was sent to Argentina, Newfoundland on April 30. Detachment Quebec became the seventeenth detachment to be commissioned.

Before MCB SIX left on May 15, 1958, for its present deployment at Roosevelt Roads, P. R., detachment PAPA was commissioned and sent to Barbados, B.W.I. Following completion of their work PAPA returned to the main body.

MCB SIX left Roosevelt Roads for the States on November 16, 1958, thus closing out seven years of successful and prosperous cruises.





## QUE PASA

A job well done set off the climax of U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion No. SIX'S completion of operations at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico upon their departure for Davisville, R.I. on November 16, 1958.

It all started back on May 15, 1958 when MCB SIX departed from Davisville on the USNS Gibbins.

The main projects while at Roosevelt Roads were the construction of the AUNW building, erection of the base security fence, and laying a fuel oil pipe line. Other jobs were construction of a pump house and rehab work on the existing buildings.

The third platoon of "D" Company was detached to Vieques to conduct rehab work on the barracks, messhall, and heads of the Marine camp. This 40 man platoon rebuilt a water storage tank there.

The Battalion also commissioned its 18th detachment, PAPA. It was detached in early June to Barbados Island in the B.W.I. The 40 men completed work on the U.S. Facility. The detachment's main project was laying ceramic and Cuban tile and construction of an 800-foot asphalt road.

At the ComCBLant inspection held during the week of August 25-29 the Battalion recieved the Presidential Unit Citation for heroic duty while known as the Sixth Naval Construction Battalion.

The Battalion was awarded the FUC for service with the First Marine Division at Guadalcanal during the period of August 7 to December 9, 1945, under the command of LCDR J.P. Elundon, CEC, USN.

MCB SIX is now authorized to display the appropriate insignia, including streamer, plaque and replicas of ribbon and pennant for this award.

The deployment did not entirely include all hard work. There will remain many memories of recreation and liberty in Puerto Rico.

The men will never forget that 4:30 beer call in the MCB SIX DEN, or the EM Club beer hall. There was much fun had at the Harbor Lights Club which included bingo, drinks, and dancing.

Other base recreation included bingo in the Battalion galley, beach trips and sports.

The Seabees won't forget those "publico" runs to Cieba, Fajardo, Liquillo, and San Juan. Many other runs were made to Puerto Rico's highest mountain El Yunque.

PONCE

SAN JUAN

MCB SIX

FAJARRO



# COMMANDING OFFICER

Commander Verne Milton Tregonis, CEC, USN, a veteran of WWII and the Korean Conflict is now U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion No. SIX's Commanding Officer.

He relieved CDR R.C. Jaquess, CEC, USNR, on October 19, 1956 when the Battalion was on deployment at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. He has been C.O. of SIX for 25 months.

Leading the Battalion on three deployments during his tour, CDR Tregonis is expecting orders soon after arrival at Davisville, R.I.

Receiving his commission in the U.S. Navy on August 1, 1944, he went to his first duty station at U.S. Naval Shipyard, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in September, 1944 where he held duties as an Assistant Public Works Officer from 1941 to 1944.

The commander's next duties led him to Navy Operating Base, Newport, R.I. Here he was assigned duties again as an Assistant Public Works Officer from 1944 until 1946.

From this time until 1948, MCB-6's Captain was Public Works Officer and Resident Officer in Charge of Construction of U.S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Earle, N.J.

His next duty took him away from the United States to Adak, Alaska where he was Resident Officer in Charge of Construction of Contract NO y-13913 from 1948 until 1950.

At this time the skipper attended the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas for the regular 10 month course.

CDR Tregonis was the Navy Secretary of the Committee on Equipment and Supplies in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (R&D), Washington, D.C., from 1951 to 1954.

His last duty station before reporting to MCB SIX was U.S. Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California where he was Public Works Officer and Resident Officer in Charge of Construction.

Before entering the Navy, CDR Tregonis graduated from Sacramento High School and Sacramento Junior College in Sacramento, Calif. He received his BS degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California in 1938.

After graduating from the University, he did structural drafting and design for all types of buildings for the Division of Architecture in Sacramento, Calif.

From 1939 until 1940, the CDR was employed with the U.S. Engineer Department in San Francisco and from late 1940 until his reporting to active duty in the Navy, he was a Junior Engineer with the Civil Aeronautics Administration in Washington, D.C.

CDR Tregonis and his wife Barbara Jean have two daughters, Diane, nine and Nancy, six. His family now resides at 3428 N Callisch, Fresno, Calif



**V. M. TREGONIS**  
**CDR, CEC, USN**



"He claims he found it, Sir!"





LLOYD E. STIFFLER,  
LCDR, CEC, USN

## OPERATIONS OFFICER

Lieutenant Donald R. Trueblood, CEC, USN, Operations Officer, reported to USN MCB SIX on March 1, 1958 as the relief for LT G.A. Anderson, CEC, USN.

His previous duty stations before reporting to SIX were Assistant Public Works Officer of Naval School Command, Oakland, Calif.; Public Works Officer, U. S. Naval Minecraft Base, Charleston, S.C.; Resident Officer in Charge of Construction, Naval Industrial Reserve Shipyard, Tampa, Fla.; Project Officer, Public Works Center, Guam; and Assistant Public Works Officer for Outlying Fields, Naval Air Station, Alameda, Calif.

He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree and from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree.

Prior to entering the Naval Academy, LT Trueblood attended Indiana University in his home town of Bloomington, Indiana.

He is authorized to wear the World War II Victory and the National Defense Medals.

LT Trueblood is married to the former Miss Cecile E. O'Connor of Alameda, Calif. Mrs. Trueblood and the two children, David, five, and Michael, three, are living in Hoskins Park, Quonset Point, R.I.

LT Trueblood includes music, bridge, golf, and camping among his hobbies. He used to be a fisherman but gave it up when going two years without a catch.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Lieutenant Commander Lloyd E. Stiffler, CEC, USN, is U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion No. SIX's Executive Officer. He relieved LCDR R.D. Mitchell, CEC, USN, on May 20, 1957.

Mr. Stiffler's service career shows that he was in the Army from Oct., 1941 to Nov., 1945 and held the rank of sergeant.

During this time in the Army while on Tinian, LCDR Stiffler participated in a concentrated B-29 attack on the Japs for three weeks. He was subsequently awarded a bronze star medal for his meritorious service. He then returned to school and received his BS degree in Civil Engineering from Carnegie Institute of Technology.

Mr. Stiffler was commissioned a LTJG in the Civil Engineering Corps on Nov. 8, 1948. Later he was assigned by the Navy to Princeton University where he earned a MS degree in Engineering in 1955.

In his Navy career he has seen duty in Philadelphia, Pa.; Princeton, N.J.; Kodiak, Alaska; NAS, Key West, Fla.; Bethesda, Md.; Little Creek, Va.; and Port Huon, Calif.

LCDR Stiffler was born on Dec. 17, 1922 in Altoona, Pa., where his father is now residing.

The Exec, being an active sportsman, likes swimming and golf. In the hobby category he spends his time on hi-fl construction and photography.



DONALD R. TRUEBLOOD,  
LT, CEC, USN

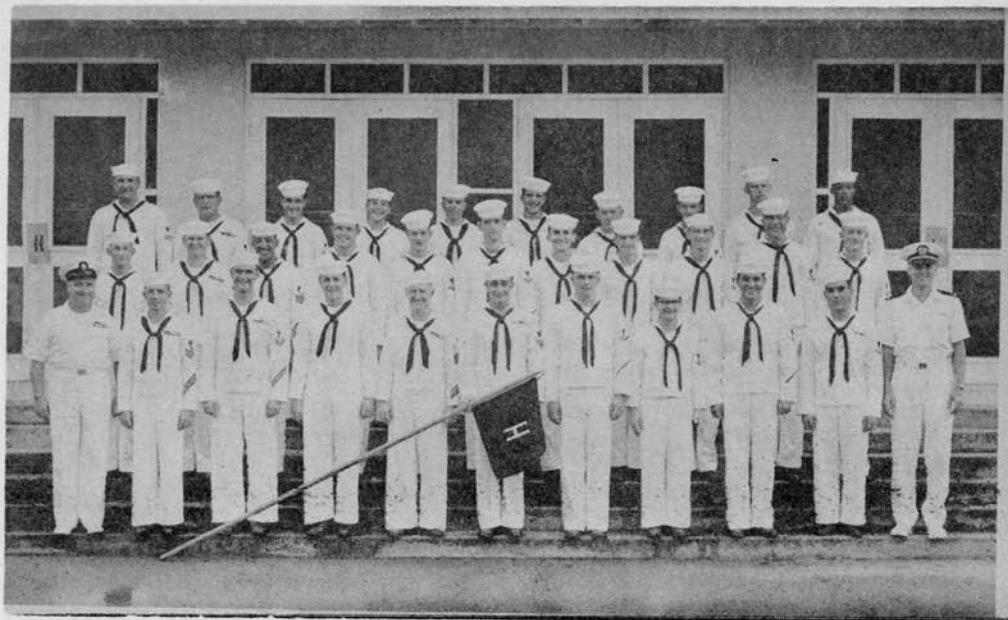




MCB SIX BEE HIVE - The barracks area of the seabees at Roosevelt Roads includes: 1. Barracks #620, "D" Company berthing; 2. Eks. #619, "D" Co. berthing; 3. Eldg. #621, "D" Co. head; 4. Eks. #618, First class petty officers quarters; 5. Eks. #622, "C" Co. berthing; 6. Eks. #625, "B" Co. berthing; 7. Eldg. #626, "B" Co. head; 8. Seabee laundry; 9. Eldg. #623, Mess hall; 10. Eldg. #624, Baker shop and cooks quarters;

11. Eks. #628, "B" Co. berthing; 12. Eks. #627, cooks and mess cooks berthing; 13. Eks. #617, "A" Co. berthing; 14. Eks. #616, "A" Co. berthing; 15. Eldg. #615, Chaplain's Office, Supply Issue Room and Beer Hall; 16. Eldg. #614, "H" Co. and "C" Co. head; 17. Eks. #613, "C" Co. berthing; 18. Eldg. #610, Rec Hut and MAA berthing; 19. Eks. #612, "H" Co. berthing; and 20. Eks. #611, CPO quarters;

# "H" COMPANY



**FLEET "MEN"** - These are the men who accomplished the important administrative, supply, medical and dental support for the Battalion while deployed at Roosevelt Roads, P.R.

In addition to fielding a championship softball team, supplying some fine bowlers for the Battalion bowling team and furnishing ten rough and ready men for the Emergency Ground Defense Force, the personnel of Headquarters Company furnish the necessary and vital administrative, supply, medical and dental support for the Battalion.

Functioning smooth as a team not only on the athletic field but also in their day to day work in support of the Battalion the "men" of Headquarters Company find their work, interesting, challenging and varied.

Numbering approximately 85 men, 22 of which are loaned from the field companies to perform mess-cooking and camp clean-up, "H" Company is composed mostly of general service ratings, commonly referred to as the Fleet Rates in the seabees.

From boatswain's mate to steward every man has a vital task to perform in support of the Battalion.

The personnel team, captained by Earl Genton, PNL, receipts and transfers men arriving and departing the

Battalion, maintains the all important service records of the men serving with SIX and writes and maintains the all important TAD orders.

Admin under the supervision of M.Y. Lipsey, YNC, maintains the Battalion and Navy directives, publishes Battalion notices and instructions, compiles the required weekly and monthly reports, processes the Battalion mail.

I&E operated by Ken Koopman, YN3, with valuable assistance from his striker Bob Bower, PN3, disseminates information to Battalion personnel on the many educational opportunities available to Navy men. I&E also is responsible for the setting up and orderly functioning of the service wide exams for advancement in rate, a huge task in itself.

Legal, a one man team made up of the Sea Lawyer from West Virginia, Wally J. Crews, YN3, is a graduate of the Navy's School of Justice at Newport, R.I. His task is to process report chits, draw up charge sheets, make up bill of sales, power of attorney forms, and make all service record entries con-

nected with disciplinary matters.

Supply supervised by the smiling storekeeper reserve, R.B. Russell, SK1, has the important task of ordering, receipting and issuing, tools and materials for SIX's use. The SK's deal with everything from pencils to pipe.

Twice a month, and when the money is available for per diem payment, three times a month, everyone in the Battalion comes into direct contact with the disbursing team. They're the people who stand behind the green louvers with the slit at the bottom and hand out that nice green money. Led by J. O. Rogers, DK1, the disbursing clerks probably perform the most important job in the Battalion.

J.B. Haley, CSC, major-domo of the general mess, supervises the cooks, bakers, and mess-cooks in the preparation of nourishing and well balanced meals. If you don't think it's a job, just ask the Chief what it's like to feed 4,000 seabees, the biggest eaters in the Navy.

When the laundry is run-  
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# "H" Co. (con't)



**ADMINISTRATION** - The clerical men of Admin include J.R. Rogan, YN3; W. J. Crews, YN3; ENS E. J. Ladewski, CEC; M. Y. Lipsey, YNC; R. S. Bower, FN3; L.J. Leisch, YN3 and R.W. Gilman, YN2.



**PERSONNEL TEAM** - Doing routine Personnel Office work is K.E. Koopman, YN3; E.R. Gention, HNL, Office Supervisor; R. W. Warmoth, FN3; E.L. Vandergrift, FN3 and ENS H.P. Semmelhack, CEC, Assistant Personnel Officer.

ning, G.W. Stringer, SH2, and his crew attempt to knock the mud and concrete out of the greens, and remove the beer stains from the whites. Contrary to popular belief the laundry does not have a machine that tears off buttons and shoots them through the socks, however, it's on order.

C. E. Bussey, SHL, the barber and his striker see to it that the men of SIX look sharp. They say you really haven't been shaved until J.J. Riggs, SN, barber striker, takes the razor to you. Unlike most shops the increased cost of operation has not forced an increase in price. The price remains the same, a cheery, thank you.

The Master at Arms force makes up the watch bills that give you that 0000-0200 watch everytime you have the duty. H.W. Feldthouse, GMC, is our acting chief of police and is responsible for the internal, security of the Battalion.

The chaplain, LTJG N.J. Brewer, CHC, gives spiritual guidance, religious ceremonies, personal assistance and correspondence to MCB-6 personnel.

The journalist of PIO put out the best battalion newspaper, called THE MCB SIX LOG, in the seabees. They also inform the outside world by way of press releases.



Did you miss that nail and hit your thumb, well then, come over to the sick-bay and get some professional and sympathetic treatment from our experienced corpsmen. Also willing to lend a helping hand you'll never find our HNL or HL2 too busy to take care of your needs.

You say that tooth's been bothering you, why suffer, pay a visit to the only painless dental office in the seabees.

B. M. Adams, YNL, has the all important task of delivering and dispatching personal and business mail for the Battalion. Probably the greatest single morale factor is the prompt delivering of the stateside "sugar reports".

Every man assigned a task, every man doing his best to accomplish his job, with one objective in mind, to support the field companies, the hardest working, greatest group of men in the Navy.



AT THE WARDROOM - P. Libao, SD1; J. R. Stinson, SD2 and C. A. Berrera, TN, commence preparing a meal in the officers mess.



"an' Chief, how come they have 'taters spelled with a 'P'..?"



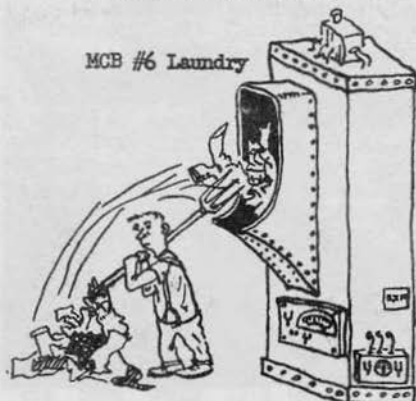
"Well, This is a fine time to think of that!"



DOUGH BENDER - L.W. Morgan, CSSN, "H" Company, prepares a cake in the Battalion Baker Shop.

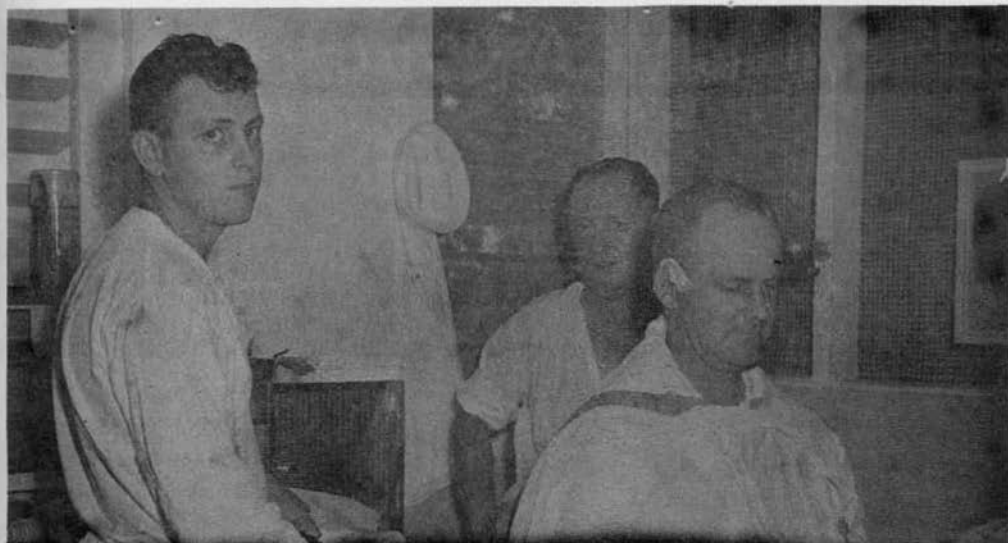


BUT WE DIDN'T SMASH YOUR BUTTONS - R.R. Brown, TN; G.W. Stringer, SH2 and R.C. Burch, SH3, finish up a hot day in the seabee laundry.

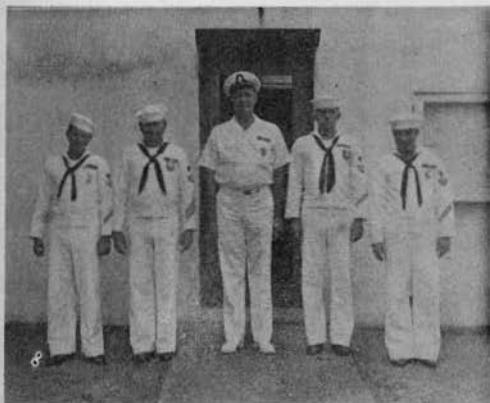


SORTING MACHINE- bundles white shirts with dyed clothing. Purpose to give all clothing a pink or baby-blue hue when washed.





**A FLAT-TOP PLEASE** - J.J. Regits, SN, barber Navy haircut as C. E. Bussey, SH1, barber striker, gives LCDR L. E. Stiffler, XO, a shop supervisor looks on.



**MCB-6 POLICE** - The MAA force is J.P. Wells, EM2; W. C. Gardner, EM1; H. W. Feldthouse, CM1; W.E. Hall, EM1 and J.R. Goodson, EM2.



**WHERE'S OUR PER DIEM** - Everybody's friend on pay day is W. E. Quackenboss, DK2; J.C. Rogers, DK1 and G.R. Walter of disbursing.



**GET A 1150 FORM** - These are familiar words Russell, SK1; C. W. Sharpe, Jr., SA, and of J. D. Sweet, SK2; D. A. Holt, SK3; R. B. Jake Zigmund, SK2, of the Supply Office.



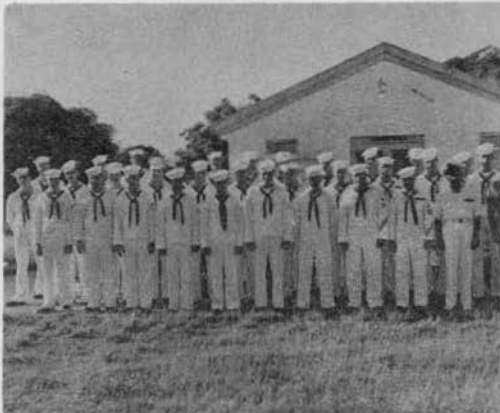
**SUPPLY OFFICER -** LCDR R.W. Simpson, SC, USN, spends a large amount of his time behind his desk taking care of supply, disbursing, and galley duties.



**RECORDS -** ENS H.P. Semmelhack, CEC, USN, Assistant Admin-Personnel Officer, signs personnel record page as one of his many duties in the Battalion.



**WHAT! MORE BEEF STEW -** J.B. Haley, CSC and Ed Cestaro, CS3, pause from their daily routine of preparing food for the seabees.



**STEW BURNERS -** LCDR R.W. Simpson and his cooks, bakers, butchers and mess cooks, who keep the men of MCB SIX well fed.

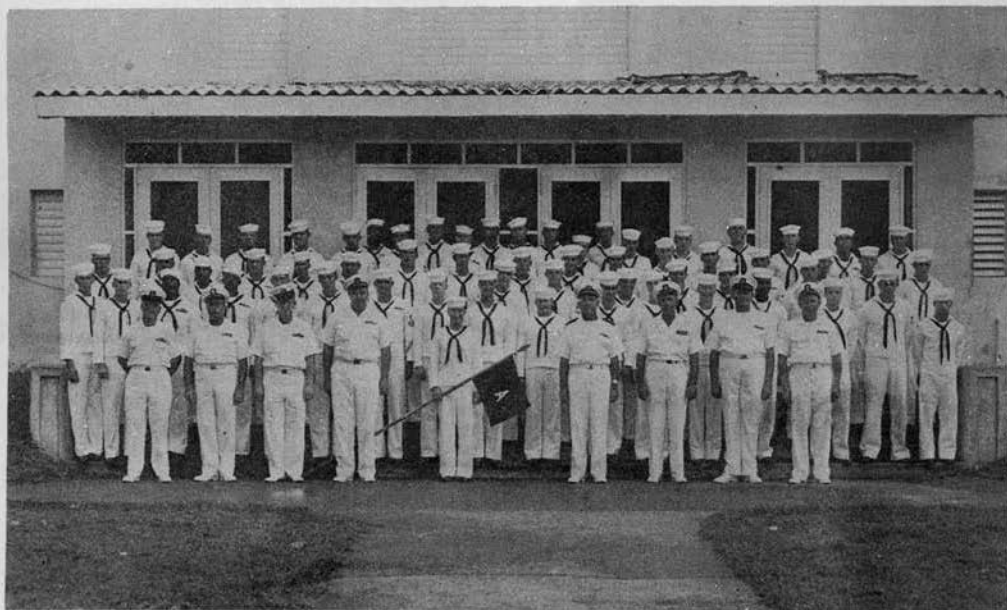


**GREENS ISSUE -** J.G. Ruiz, SK3 and B. Thompson, SK2, check inventory on the boon-dockers on stock in the issue room.



**THE DOC'S -** W.F. Rollo, HMC; D. E. Wagoner, HM2 and D. G. Cakes, HML, look on as Doctor J.H. SALMON, LT, MC, comment on Mod practices.

# "A" COMPANY



DOUBLE CLUTCHERS - "A" Company personnel who gave support transportation for all the job sites. This company is composed mostly of CD's and CM's.

The mission of "A" Company is to provide automotive and construction equipment support for the Battalion while on deployment. This may involve anything from the assignments of a pick-up to moving thousands of yards of dirt.

"A" Company is set up in two major divisions: operations and maintenance. The operations section is made up of drivers and the maintenance section is made up of mechanics.

Operations is again divided into two sections: automotive and heavy equipment; automotive operations provides services involving the transporting of men and material also bus service and hauling with dump trucks.

Heavy equipment operation provides for crane service, earthwork, clearing, ditching operation of earth augers, transit mixers, and pile drivers.

The maintenance section is responsible for the upkeep and repair of all automotive and construction equipment assigned to the Battalion, which in the case of the present deployment numbers about one hundred and fifty

pieces.

The maintenance section is made up of several components which are as follows: automotive repair, construction equipment repair, lubrication, spare parts, tire repair, and battery shop, all being equally important in carrying out a successful maintenance and repair program.

Spare parts, or 6101 as it is called by the men, rates particular mention. This section has over five thousand and different repair items which must be accurately, accounted for and dispensed as needed; no small task in itself. Parts which are required but are not available in the 6101 assembly are procured through supply departments from either local or stateside. One extremely important task within "A" Company is that of keeping the required records. Each gallon of fuel issued to a piece of equipment each quart of oil, each lubrication that it receives, each repair part including tires and batteries must be logged against that particular vehicle. The scheduling of

vehicles for the required preventive maintenance, compiling data for reports required by YDSO Office of Industrial Relations, ComCB-Lant and others are additional responsibilities of the records office.

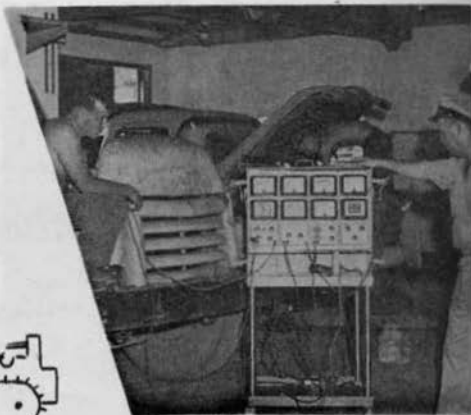
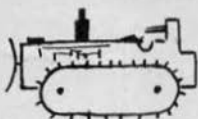
The current deployment has presented many challenges to the men of "A" Company. From the operations standpoint such things as weather, terrain, and soil characteristics have made some tasks almost unsurmountable but which in the end have been conquered.

From the maintenance standpoint a shortage of the necessary repair parts has caused considerable delay but in many cases has brought to light the capabilities of the mechanics for making emergency repairs that are ingenious in themselves.

Support of the POL project, the security fence project, and the AUV project has required the majority of the productive effort of "A" Company during this deployment, thus making it impossible to pursue the road projects assigned to "A" Company to the extent which they should have been.



**REPORTS** - N.E. Wambold, CMCN, goes over records of gas used by company vehicles with W. H. Snapp, CN.



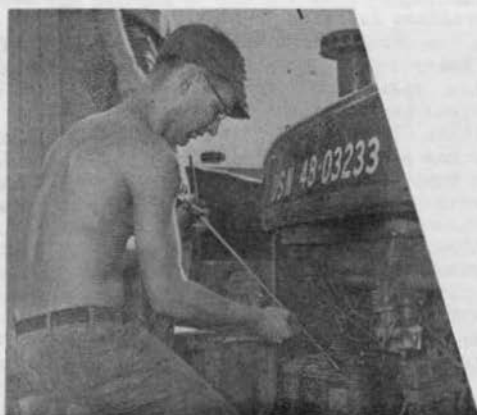
**MECHANICS** - Jim Cassidy, CG2; N.E. Wambold, CMCN and N.D. Hilbert, GMC, make routine checks on company vehicles.



**"A" COMPANY BOSS** - WO C.W. Kuhns, GEC, USN, Company Commander, explains pictures of an accident to R.L. Stuart, CGC, in the company office.



**GEE BAW JOB** - Performing his daily duties alone in the Machine Shop each day is F.H. Foelsch, Jr., "A" Company. He is tightening the dog on a machine lathe.



**HEAVY EQUIPMENT** - Sidney Smith, CMCN, "A" Co., checks the oil on a company bulldozer which just pulled into the compound with a squak.

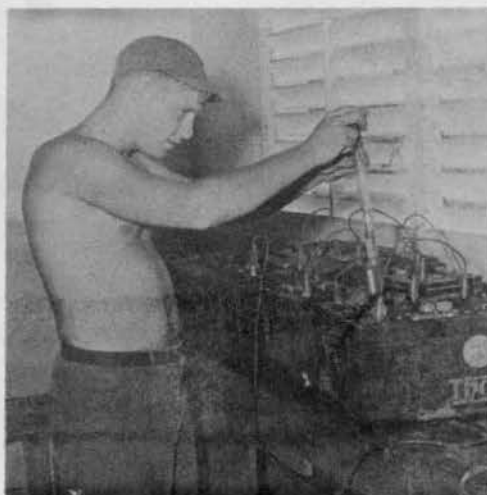




**GREASE RACK** - Using the grease gun to oil the drive shaft on an "A" Company vehicle on the grease rack at the compound area is R.B. Cox, CM3.



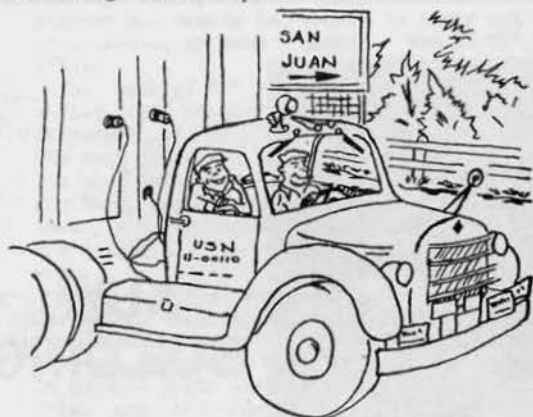
"You're missing a few screws sir!"



**LOW JUICE** - E.R. Hutchinson, CM3, adds fluid to battery that has gone low. He also has the charger hooked up.



**MORE NAILS** - L.P. Williams, CM3, performs his daily duties in "A" Company tire shop. Mucho nails, Uh?



"Shift through the gears again, here comes another motel!"



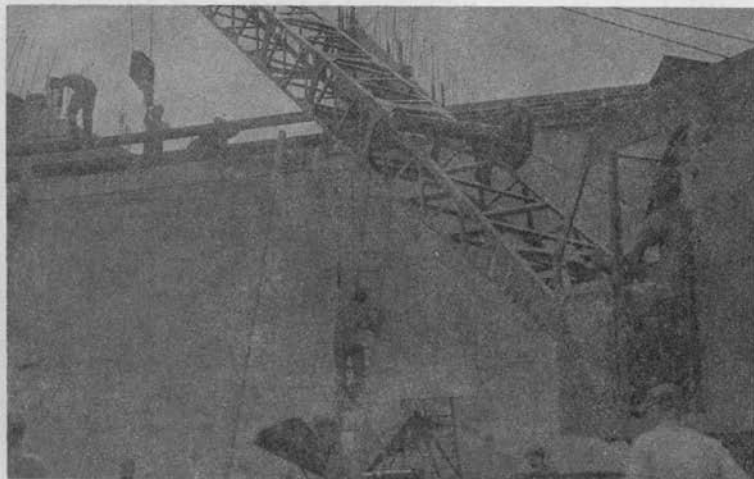
**PARTS HOUSE** - C.A. Riddle, CN, checks out a vehicle CO2 bottle from C.P. Themes, Col, and W.A. Lane, CN, who work in the 6101 bldg.

# "A" COMPANY SUPPORT



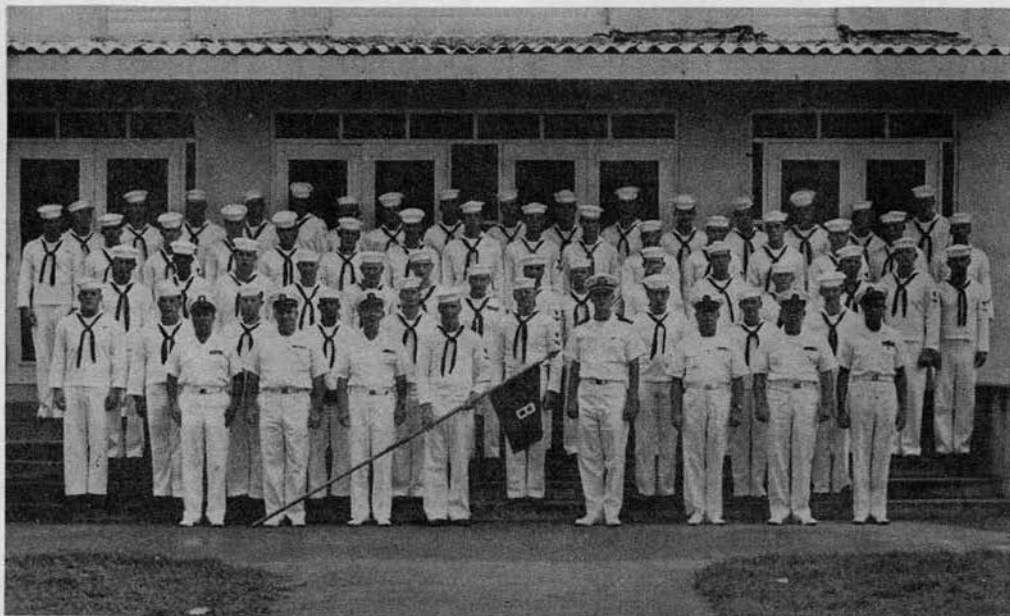
**FENCE  
PROJECT**

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**AUW  
BUILDING**

# "B" COMPANY



THE BEESY MEN - The support work of these UT's, CE's, DM's, BU's, and SV's will be remembered by all for the work they accomplished on deployment at Roosevelt Roads, P.R.

The work accomplished by the men of "B" Company often goes unnoticed. If a job is running smoothly then affairs are as they should be; but, when misfires occur the cause is usually credited to the support work of "B" Company.

Such is the life of a support company, for each day is filled with crucial moments where the abundance of the talent located in "B" Company is called upon to meet the crisis. The byword of this company has come to be there when needed, or soon there after.

The work of "B" Company varied and requires a wide dispersal of Navy Ratings. The shop compound, which is the hive of the "B" Company Bees, contains the men, tools, and equipment that are essential to support work.

Every day the men of the Carpenter, Welding, Electric and UT Shops, and the tool room are ready and willing, to provide their services. These are the people who seldom leave their area for the field and Utilitiesmen contribute their efforts towards designated projects, camp maintenance and after

working hour calls when emergencies arise.

Where it not for the work of the Surveyors many a job would never start and few would be completed.

The shop personnel take on a great number of jobs with an eagerness that blossoms into fruitful results.

In addition to the aforementioned, "B" Company operates the Material Compound, which is involved in affording the material for the field crews to carry out their work.

Men of "B" Company supply all the personnel for the Operations Department, Engineering and Drafting, Camp Maintenance, and the operation of the Batch Plant.

Thus it is easily seen that the efforts of "B" Company can go unrecognized during a deployment due to the nature of their work. Yet it is the nature of this company to see that work does not meet snags and continues to progress.

These men of "B" Company are only cogs of a vast Battalion wheel but the men expend their utmost abilities in order to make this important wheel function properly.



"Me.... With a college education,  
5 USAFI courses, and look what  
I'm doing.



NO HOT WATER - J.W. Smith, UT2; J.A. Falas-  
ca, UT3, and D.G. Myers, "B" Company men,  
perform construction of pipe outlet on the  
AUW Building.



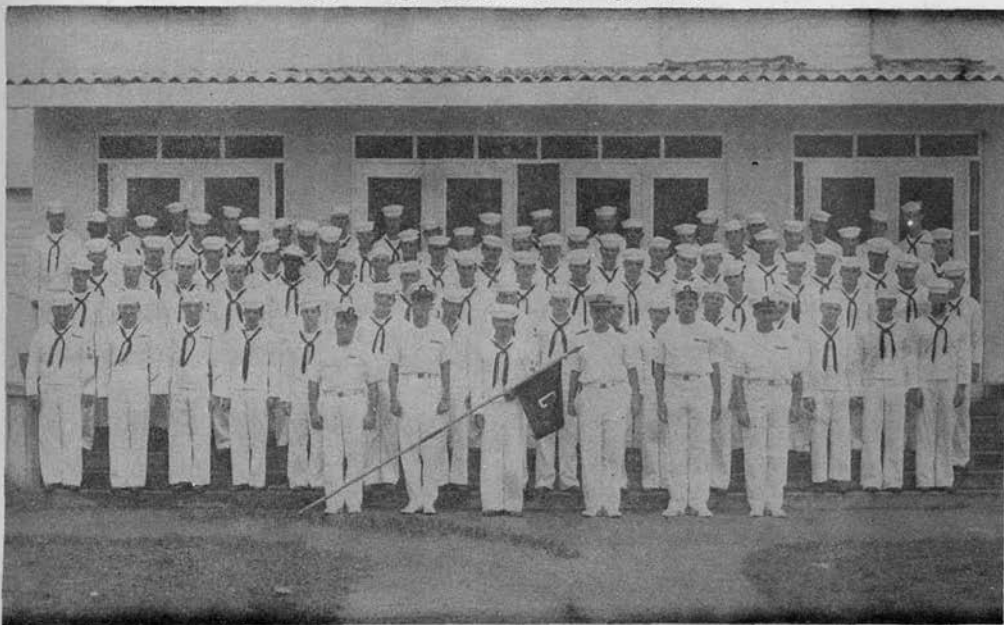
CE'S AT WORK? - Known to be some of the  
hardest working seabees in the Battalion  
are the construction electricians.



"The UT's will never believe this!"



# "C" COMPANY



**THE FENCERS** - Whether it be stretching fence, digging holes, patching and laying pipe, constructing beam structures or support to the AUW shop, these men had their hands in it.

This work involved very difficult pipe patching with bitumastic enamel as well as difficult pipe placing due to the many facilities already in place.

The Battalion was only expected to finish 60% of this job. Included in this job was also the construction of seventeen valve pits.

"C" Company also had its finger in the road building by the Seabees, as all the road structure had been built by "C" Company personnel. In the most or many cases placement was difficult due to the inaccessibility and poor ground conditions encountered.

Another of "C" Company's projects was the Steelworkers support to the classified project. These men supplied all reinforcement mats in walls as well as all structural steel.

All in all, "C" Company had a taste of everything during this deployment. All of the personnel had a chance to learn something they had not known before. Some of the jobs at times got monotonous, but this gave the crews a chance to improve on each time they

repeated the same operation and in that way to continually keep on their toes.

During the Roosevelt Roads deployment, "C" Company had many varied jobs assigned to it.

First, and highest in priority, was the installation of a security fence completely around the perimeter of the base. This length, somewhat over eight miles, traversed mountain and river bed as well as trees, bushes and swamps.

Along with the fence went culvert structures, which carried the fence over small streams, and beam structures which carried it over the larger streams and ditches. In all there were over forty of these structures on the fence.

Many of the areas needed to be filled as they were swampy and impossible to support the construction equipment.

Another of "C" Company's project was the installation of approximately 13,000 feet of 12 inch POL lines. Some of this distance was replacement of existing damaged lines and some of it was for new facilities.





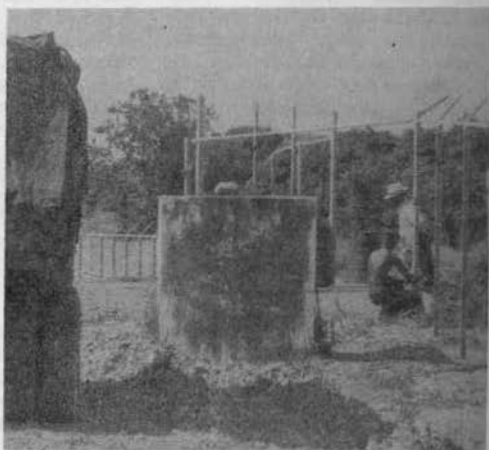
**ROOSEVELT ROADS  
SECURITY FENCE**



**YEAH, REPORT!**



**"And if I refuse?!!!"**

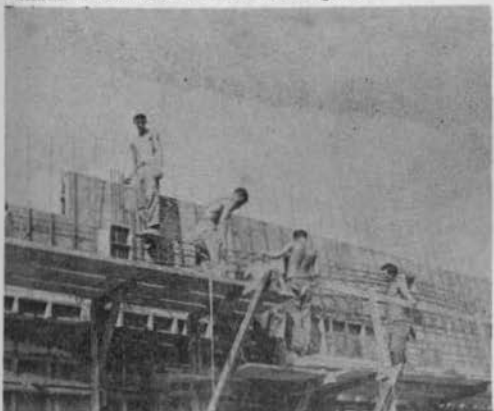




**REFILL** - W. I. Schaeffer, CP, refills the ditch as F. H-K. Chun, SW2 and LCDR L.E. Stiffler converse about the job.



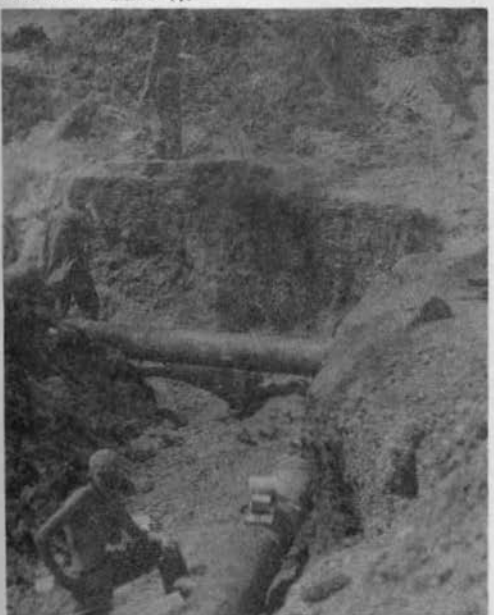
**POL LINE CHECKS** - Two "C" Company seabees check the pipe on the POL line for breaks and defections.



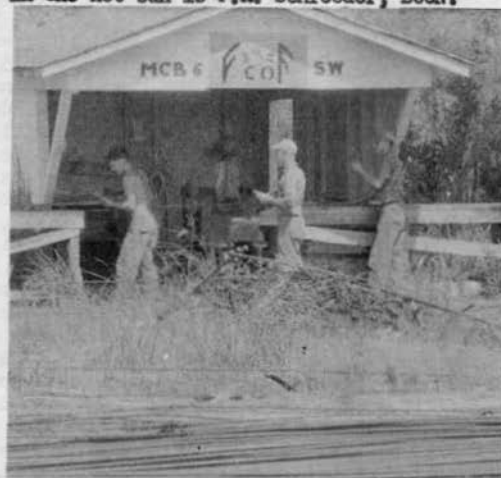
**SW SUPPORT THE AWW SHOP** - A group of steelworkers tie rebar for a foundation wall at the AWW building.



**PIPE PATCHING** - Taking a break on the POL line site after long hours of pipe patching in the hot sun is P.R. Schroeder, BUCN.

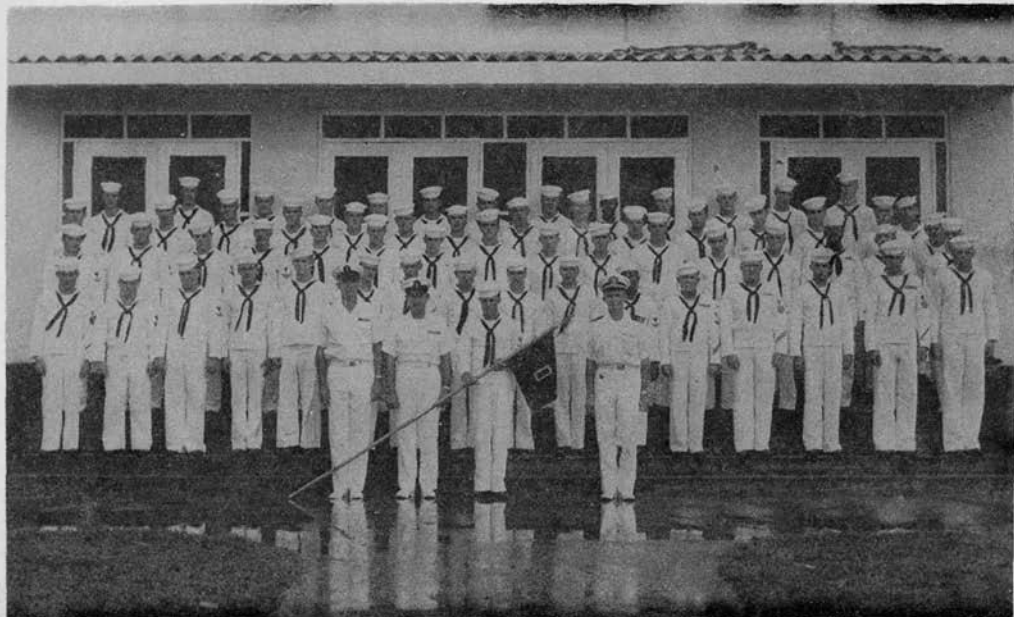


**PIPE LINE CREW** - Three "C" Company men perform duties on the pipe line which accounted for many man hours on this deployment.



**STEELWORKERS SHOP** - These men operate the shop and keep the different crews on the jobs supplied with rebar.

# "D" COMPANY



**"D" COMPANY BLOCK BUILDERS** - These men are responsible for work on the AWW shop, rehab, and the Vieques construction projects.

The mission of "D" Company is completion of construction projects assigned to SIX by the Battalion's construction plan.

During our Roosevelt Roads deployment "D" Company was engaged in construction of an AWW shop, rehabilitation of 14 station buildings, and rehabilitation of Marine Facilities at Vieques Island, P.R.

Company personnel included LT R.B. Reeves, CEC, USN, Company Commander; E.J. Borinski, BUCA, Company Chief and Project Chief of the AWW shop; H.C. Hilderbrand, EUC, Project Chief for the Vieques project and A.P. Prince, EUC, Project Chief for the station rehab job and Assistant Chief for the AWW shop.

"D" Company's big job at Roosevelt Roads was the AWW shop. This structure was started immediately upon the Battalion's arrival at P.R. A month and one half in the mud and water and finally this structure came out of the ground.

Not desiring to be too boastful of company accomplishments, work was immediately covered up. What

the pictures show represents about 75% of sweat and 2% of company muddy clothes and wet feet.

The AWW project was not all "D" Company's doing. "A", "B" and "C" Companies have supplied drivers, electricians, UT's and steelworkers and without their assistance the area would still be a quagmire.

Chief Prince drew first blood for the Battalion so to speak on the rehab job. The day after SIX's arrival Building 515, Navy Exchange Garage had no roof and the job proceeded like a house on fire until the Battalion's construction requirements dictated assignment of most of the rehab crew elsewhere.

P.M. Hale, BUL, was placed in charge at this time. With his crew of 12 to 14 men the job progressed to a fine completion. Unfortunately the glamor and spectacle of new construction is lost here, but the good job done reflects good planning and hard work on the part of Hale and his crew.

Chief Hilderbrand spent most of the deployment at Vieques and returned Sept.

19, a real short timer. The Vieques work was accomplished with an average crew of 32 men and consisted of rehabilitation or rebuilding of 90 advance bon type structures.

Three things were notable about the Vieques work, a joint venture project with the Marine Engineers, the erection of a 10,000 BBL fuel oil tank, and the realization by the Marines at Vieques that seabees are the best especially if they belong to SIX.

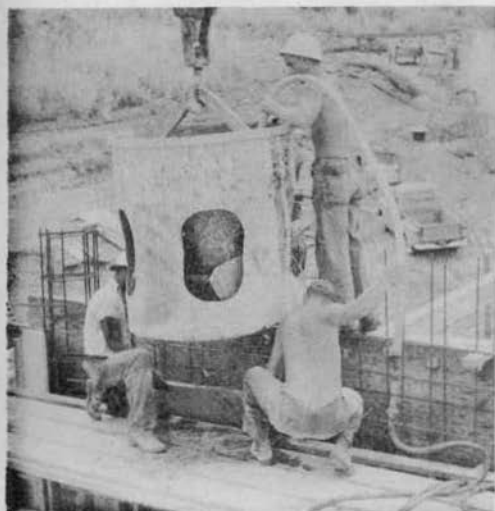
All work and no play makes working types real dull. While at Roos Roads "D" Company had two parties.

"D" Company personnel also enjoyed the Battalion party at EM Beach.

Give the men some beach, something to eat, a lot to drink, and a chance to exercise their Can Do and no one will have a better time.

That's Delta Company at the end of another deployment. Their projects complete or as complete as possible and in many ways the men feeling real proud of themselves - 'cause they did a good job and belong to SIX.

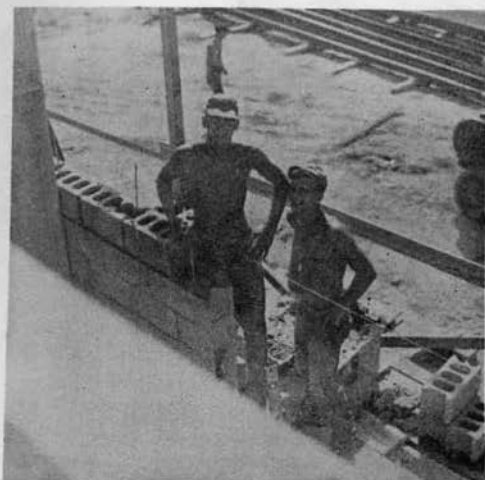




## AUW BUILDING

ON TOP THE AUW SHOP - 1. "D" Company personnel empty a concrete bucket to pour a wall .....2. Pouring of deck begins.....3. Cement bucket empty, take it away .....4. Two vibrators are used to settle the cement down under the rebar wire.....5. Another job well done after screeding of the deck was complete.





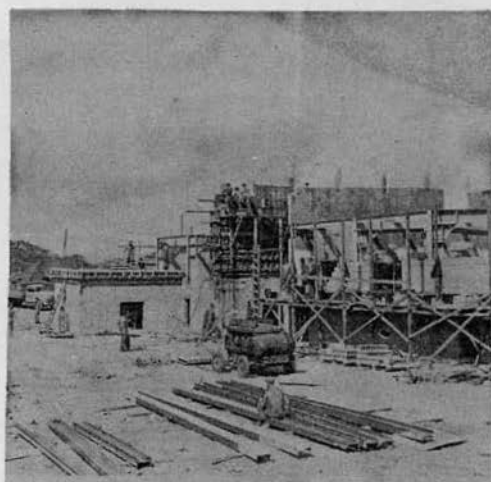
SURVEYORS

UTILITIESMEN

BUILDERS

STEELWORKERS

DRIVERS



ELECTRICIANS

# AUW BUILDING



# DETACHMENT QUEBEC



LTJG J. B. GROFF, CEC, USNR  
Officer-in-Charge  
Detachment Quebec



L.E. OLIVER, BUC, USN  
Chief-in-Charge  
Detachment Quebec

MCB SIX Detachment Quebec, deployed to Argentina, Newfoundland, consisting of 120 men and two officers was commissioned with LTJG J.B. Groff, CEC, USNR, as OinC on April 25, 1958 at Davisville, R.I. Embarking on the USS SHADWELL (LSD-15) on April 30, the Detachment arrived in Argentina on May 3.

R.D. Dill, CDC, in charge of a six man advance party which had arrived in Argentina two weeks previously was at dockside with transportation to escort the incoming Detachment to Barracks 102-M, our base of operations for the next seven months.

The first weekend was spent unloading the ship and getting settled in our new barracks. All hands turned to cheerfully, disregarding the cold rainy weather which is normal in Argentina for that time of year.

Monday morning Project Chief Petty Officers and Project Petty Officers, with their crews began the search for materials for their respective projects. In a few short days it became evident that blue-prints, material take-offs and estimates which had been made available to the Detachment in Davisville for planning purposes were outdated and had not given us a clear insight to the many problems that began to plague the OinC and his Operations Chief, L.E. Oliver, BUC.

As there was only material and working areas available to start three of the 10 assigned projects, Davisville plans were discarded, and the majority of the Detachment were put to work on rehabilitating five 184 man two story wood frame barracks. This rehabilitation work consisted of installing new ceramic tiled showers and heads, altera-

tion of full ceiling height partitions to dwarf partitions, installation of new scrub and dry rooms in the basements, new wiring and light fixtures, replacements of damaged asphalt floor tile, removing of obsolete galley spaces and a huge amount of painting of interior spaces.

A small crew of electricians were set to work on the landing strip, completing the installation of three high intensity runway lights. A crew of builders with C.V. Dube, BUL, in charge as Project Petty Officer, began work on Project No. 3, which consisted of rehabilitation work on four temporary warehouse buildings, (40' X 200'), as soon as the areas were cleared of stored material, some two weeks later. Rotted loading-docks, doors, under-pinning, floor joists and flooring were replaced with new material. The heating system for the four warehouses was renewed, together with interior and exterior lighting.

A complete new magneto phone system for the stations fuel facility was started and placed in operation by an electrical crew under the leadership of C.R. Kebler, CE2, Project Petty Officer, for Project No. 5, as soon as material became available.

Building #30, the Station Boat House, had been a project placed on the deferred list due to the nature of work involved and the prevailing unfavorable weather. J.A. Stein SWRC and his crew of steelworkers were soon busy removing deteriorated corrugated siding, chipping and red-leading the metal frame work, and installing new aluminum

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# DETACHMENT QUEBEC (con't)

siding. New windows were installed as the crew progressed, renewing wall by wall, old purlins were replaced, and the interior metal frame work and exposed wood trim were given a fresh coat of grey paint.

Project No. 4 required approximately four acres in the Station DOD Housing Area to be graded, covered with a mixture of peat and gravel, hand-raked, fertilized and seeded. Due to intermittent rainy weather, this project could be worked only after a day of clement weather, as rain turned the soil into an un-workable gluey mixture.

The process of running aggregate through a grizzly, hauling peat and gravel to the areas to be covered, wind-rowing the mixture, removing large stones by hand-raking and reworking areas previously leveled and seeded proved to be time consuming. It was not uncommon to find an area left the night before readied for seeding rutted with automobile tracks. However, with the passing of Spring into Summer new green grass blanketed the lawns in the Housing Area.

The top priority project, Project No. 6, which called for replacement of 190 existing street light standards and underground cable, was started on June 5, with R.D. Dill, CDC, Project Chief Petty Officer and R.M. Kinzer, CEL, Project Petty Officer coordinating the work of the electricians, builders and drivers. Work consisted of removing deteriorated light standards, ex-



cavating trenches for the installation of new parkway cable, forming, pouring and setting of new concrete foundations, fabrication and erection of steel light standards, splicing, etc., and was hampered by lack of essential material.

The surveyors were assigned the task of staking out all known under-ground obstructions, and watching the progress of the two ditchers inching their way through rocky glacial terrain. A Northwest 25 Backhoe was repaired and pressed into service to make up for the many hours of "down time" suffered by the two ditching machines due to parts for the two ditching machines. "Down Time" on the ditchers was kept to a minimum by utilizing the services of the duty mechanic and the enthusiastic "Can Do" spirit of the mechanics under the supervision of the presence of large boulders beneath the surface of the ground which resulted in broken bucket teeth, buckets and drive chains.

Many anxious days were spent awaiting the arrival of parkway cable and replacements

the Transportation and Heavy Equipment Maintenance Chief, R. VanWagner, CMC. The mechanics "turned to" willingly evenings, Saturdays and Sundays to keep vital equipment busy on the job.

Personnel not busy in the garage on week-ends volunteered several weekends at the Northeast Arms Camp clearing land for a new ball field, and "sidewalk" superintending" electricians, plumbers and builders of the Detachment, who were working on a new lodge to provide additional recreation facilities for base personnel.

Upon completion of Project #9, conversion of one former barracks to a school building, a crew of builders, electricians and steelworkers moved into Building #593 (Miami Hangar) to convert a locker space into office and training spaces, Project No. 2. The conversion of locker spaces to offices and class rooms consisted of the installation of asphalt tile floor covering, pre-fabricated metal partitions and doors, lighting circuits, and extension of heating duct lines.

Ping pong and horseshoe tournaments, participation in the Station's Softball, Bowling and Basketball Leagues, bi-monthly detachment picnics and outings at Northeast Arms Recreation Area relieved the monotony of long days on the projects.

In addition, movies were obtained for viewing in the Barracks Day Room on several evenings weekly and occasional trips to the city of St. Johns, some 61 miles distant, were sponsored.

A "Pass-in-Review" was held on August 2, on the Southside Softball Field with CDR R. Wagner, USN, Executive Officer, Naval Station, Argentia, present as reviewing official. The "Well Done" from CDR Wagner more than compensated for the hours of practice spent on previous Saturday mornings.

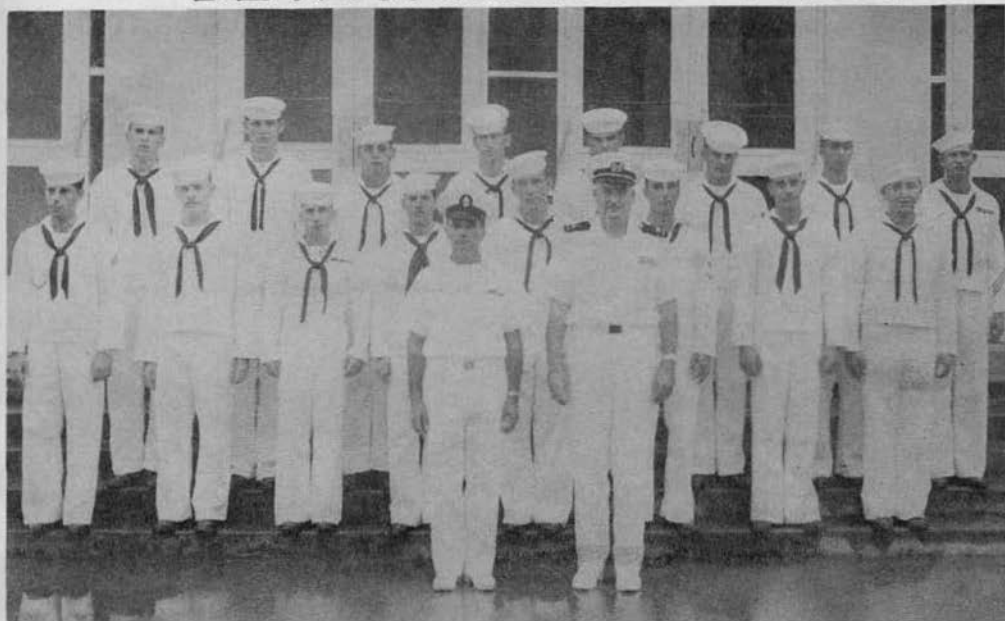
With National Ensign and Detachment Colors rippling from the ever-present Argentia wind, the Detachment marched proudly off the Parade Ground and returned to the barracks area for a weekend of relaxation. Military training dominated most Saturday mornings until the Detachment turned to a six day work week to utilize prevailing good weather in an effort to complete their construction plan.

A change in Naval Station liberty regulations permitted the men to remain away over night from the Station, a privilege previously denied. "Out-of-Vacinity Passes", requiring the signature of Project Petty Officers, Project Chief Petty Officers and Assistant Officer-in-Charge were abolished.

Bus service to and from St. Johns was inaugurated this summer and those making the trips report that liberty there is the BEST. The neighboring towns of Placentia, Dunville, Jersey Side and Fresh Water do not have the bright light attractions of St. Johns.



# DETACHMENT PAPA



BARBADOS DETACHMENT - Detachment PAPA, commanded by WO R.K. Jones, CEC, consists of approximately 37 men who were deployed to Barbados, B.W.I., for four months construction.

Detachment PAPA of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion SIX was commissioned on 28 May 1958, at Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico with WO R. K. Jones, CEC, USN as Officer in Charge. J.E. Reilly, BUC Operations Chief and thirty-seven men.

The Detachment departed for Barbados, B.W.I. on 4 June by air. Material, tools, and equipment were transported via LSM 373, and met the Detachment there.

Projects assigned to the Detachment included the construction of approximately 750 feet of paved road on the Naval Facility, to connect the Terminal Equipment Building to the main part of the Facility. This was accomplished by D.L. Strickland, CDL, and his crew of drivers.

All of the exterior surfaces of the buildings there were ground smooth, cleaned and painted by a twenty-one man crew of B.W.I. laborers, under the supervision of D. L. Cogdill, BU2.

A new antenna ground radial was installed, sectionalizing switches and a grounding system installed on the power distribution system by the Detachment Electricians, supervised by V.M. Cabrera, CEC.

Most of the floor tile and structural facing tile in the heads in the Recrea-

tion Building and Barracks Buildings was removed and replaced by the tile crews, headed by J.H. Deverner, BUC.

W. S. Wilcox, UTC, and his crew installed two new condensers on the air conditioning system at the Terminal Equipment Building, and re-piped the entire system.

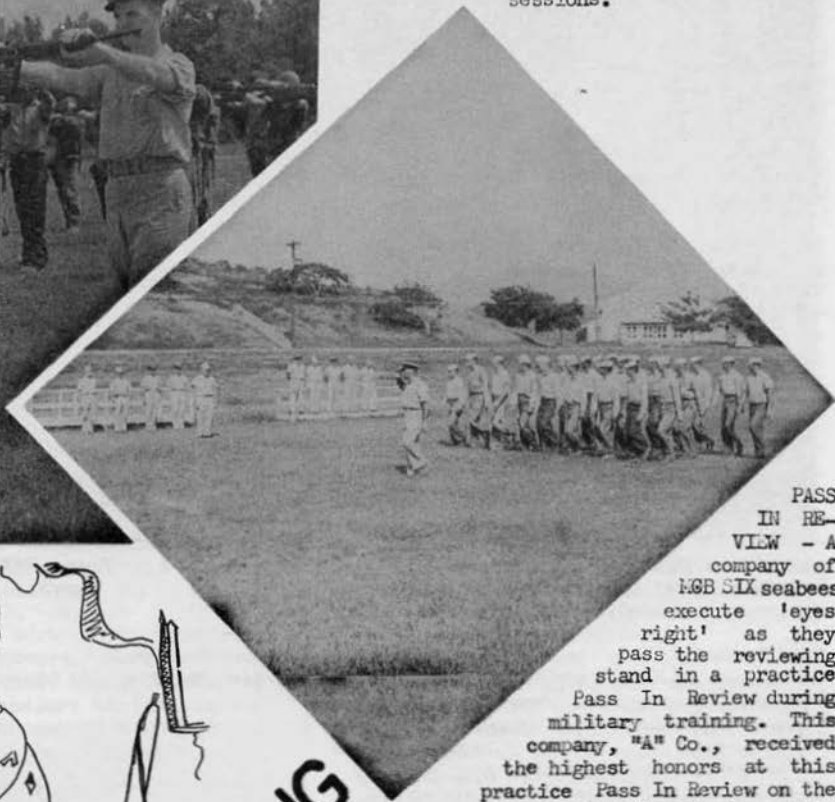
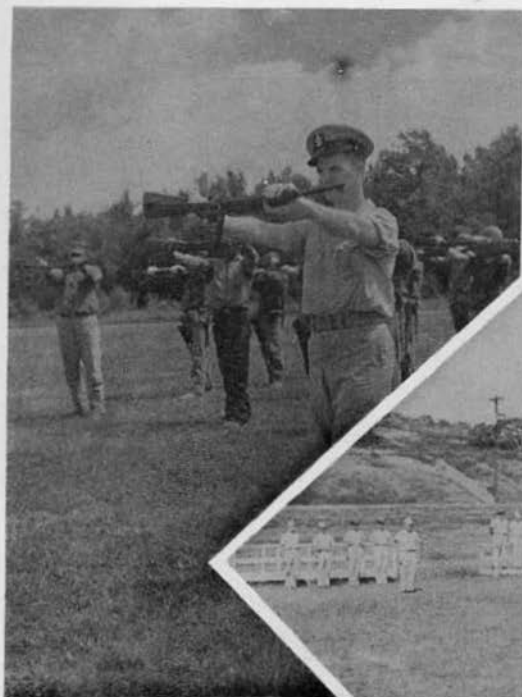
These projects and many more were accomplished by the Detachment during its four month deployment in Barbados. Excellent workmanship was the standard, and quality, and many a "Well Done" was received by this group. In spite of shortages and long delays in delivery of construction materials, and the necessity of many substitutions, all projects were completed to the satisfaction of all concerned.

Many lasting friendships were established between the men and the residents of Barbados, and liberty on this interesting old island was enjoyed by all hands.

Cooperation and coordination with the Naval Facility was excellent, both at work and off duty. The Detachment was included in all the Facility's Recreation activities, beach parties, dances, etc. All in all, it was a very satisfying deployment, and one these men are sure to remember for a long time.

"Another job well done."

PHYSICAL DRILL - The late Edwin J. Vangassbeck, D.C., "B" Company, leads the Emergency Ground Defense Force in the physical drill with arms at one of their training sessions.



PASS IN REVIEW - A company of MGB SIX seabees execute 'eyes right' as they pass the reviewing stand in a practice Pass In Review during military training. This company, "A" Co., received the highest honors at this practice Pass In Review on the parade field at Rocs Roads and "B" Company took second honors.



"DEAR JON...."

# MILITARY TRAINING



LECTURES - Personnel of SIX at station theater attending such lectures as safety, biological-chemical warfare, first aid, leadership, military courtesy, etc, etc, etc.



## LADEWSKI'S RANGERS

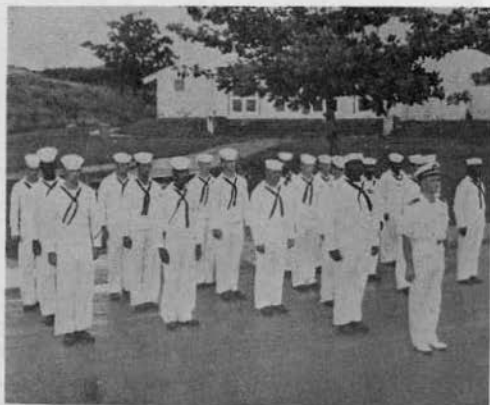
In the spirit of the Fighting Seabees of the past, the Emergency Ground Defense Force was born to make MCB-6 a truly ready organization. The Force, more commonly known as Ladewski's Rangers, is an organizational component of the Battalion's Passive Defense Plan and is an inspired group of action-ready seabees.

Saturday training sessions under the watchful eyes of volunteer Marine instructors include such training as bayonet techniques, rifle firing, squad tactics and calisthenics.

The Rangers, all 60 of whom are volunteers, form an enthusiastic group who through their continuous training will make a force capable of handling local emergencies.

At present the Commanding Officer of the two Ranger Platoons is Ensign E.J. Ladewski.

He helped organize the group and has led it in its initial months of training.



HAP, TUH! THREE, FUH! - Those are familiar words to the MCB-6 Drill Team coming from Neubie Herbert, CD2, Drill Master. LT R.B. Reeves, CMC, is Officer-in-Charge.

# MCB-6 SEABEES DONATE 121 PINTS OF BLOOD



121 PINTS DONATED - Captain V. V. Tregonis, CEC, CO, MCB SIX, receives thanks on behalf of the Battalion from M/Sgt. Mervyn L. Screeton, blood bank representative, RUSAH, P.R., for the Battalion's donation of 121 pints of blood during the deployment.



FOUR OF 121 - Four MCB SIX seabees donate blood to Rodrigues Army Hospital, P.R., in the Battalion Recreation Hut. These men represent only 3.25% of the donations.



# REENLISTMENTS



**HAPPY SEABEE** - H.D. Dugger, UTC, has a most happy smile on his face as he receives a free case of beer from ENS E.J. Ladewski, CEC, Admin Officer. This is courtesy of the MCB SIX recreation for his six year reenlistment.



**MORE SMILE** - H.J. Holmes, CS1, "H" Company, takes the oath from CDR V.M. Tregonis, CEC, CO, for his reenlistment for another six years in the naval service.

*Charley Noble*

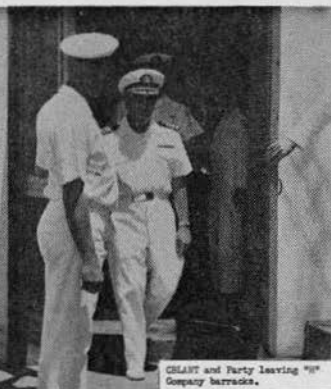
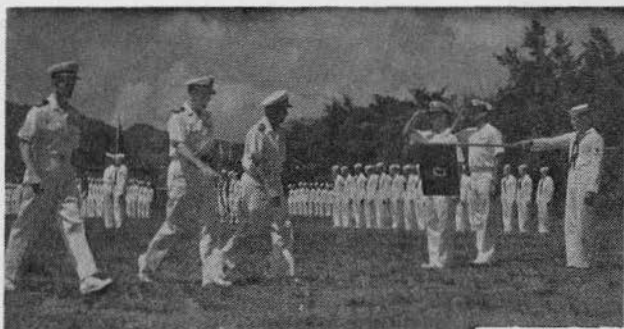


**SHIPS' FOR SIX** - MCB SIX seabee, T.M. McLellan, CN, "H" Company, reenlists for another six years as CDR V.M. Tregonis, gives him the oath.



**MOST HAPPY** - These two men have most happy smiles on their faces after receiving a free case of beer each for their reenlistment.

# CBLANT-ADMIN INSPECTION

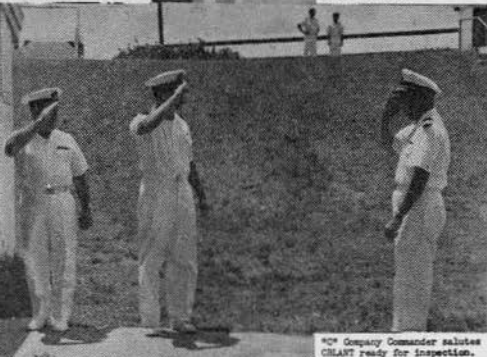


LCDR L.S. Shiffler, CMC, USN, XO; CDR V.M. Treppella, CMC, USN, CO and Capt H.O. Clark, CMC, USN, CBLANT, inspect the installation at Pass In Review.

CBLANT and Party leaving "B" Company barracks.



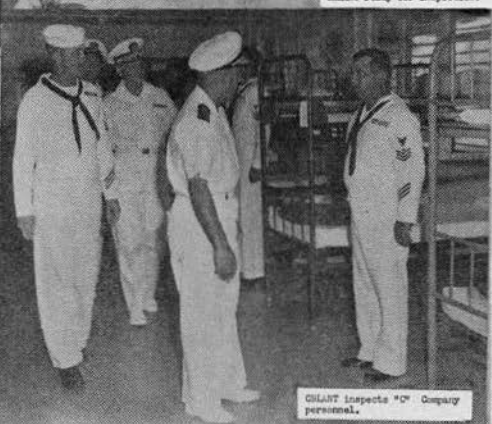
CBLANT and Party inspect "A" Company personnel.



"B" Company Commander salutes CBLANT ready for inspection.



CBLANT on his way to First Class IO's barracks.



CBLANT inspects "C" Company personnel.



CBLANT inspects "D" Company personnel.



CBLANT inspects "E" Company personnel.

## CBLANT PARTY

### THE SEABEES

We work like hell, we fight like hell,  
and always come back for more;  
The Navy's advance base engineers  
On many a foreign shore.  
On half the lousy islands  
from here to Timbuctu,  
You'll find a hive of Seabees—  
One hell of a fighting crew.  
The admiral just dropped around  
to chat the other night,  
He said, "Now boys, I know you work  
but you've also been trained to fight.  
"So if there's any trouble, don't stop  
to put on your greens;  
Just drop your tools, grab up your guns  
and protect those poor marines."



CAKE ANYONE



HAVE ANOTHER DRINK

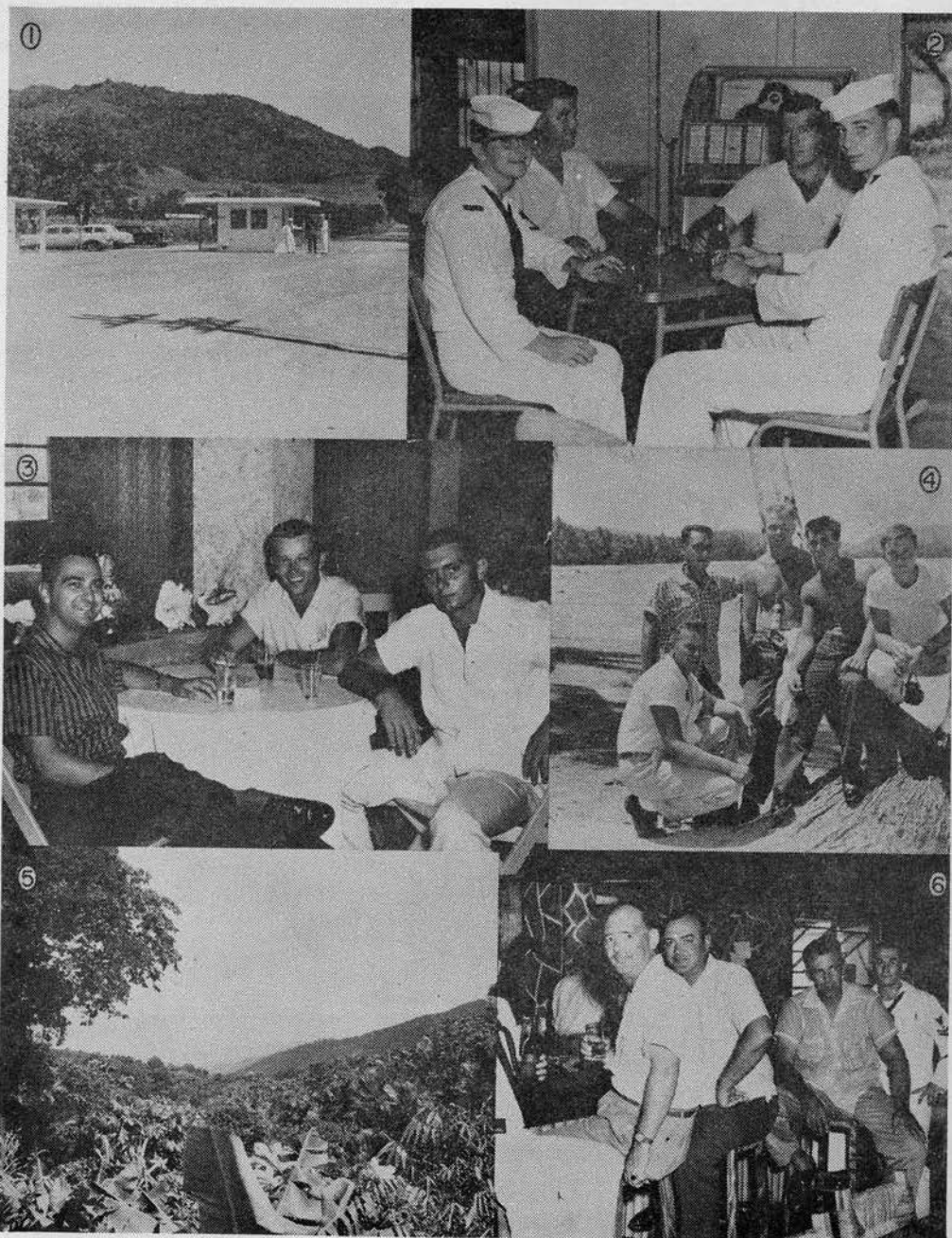


WHO ME !



OH! HAPPY TIME !!

# "...LIBERTY TO COMMENCE..."



SEABEES ON LIBERTY - 1. Two men stop at Bundy's Gate as the base Marine checks their liberty cards. 2. Bob Bower, FN3; Chuck Knight, CD3; Jim Cassidy, CM2 and Dave Watt, BUCN enjoy drinks and refreshments at BUNDY'S BAR. 3. Refreshing with Don Q at the Ocean View Club in Luquillo is C.P. Themes, CMI; Frank Halbert, BU3 and Tom Davis, CN. 4. Out at Luquillo Beach for a

day in the sun is Frank Halbert, BU3; J.C. Martin, BU3; D. W. Ulrich, BU3; Joe Di Guglielmo, Jr., CN; and E.L. Noll, CN. 5. A coastal view of Puerto Rico taken from 'on top of El Yunque'. 6. Philip DuBois, SVC; James Stretch, CDC; D. Rosenbalim, CMGC and Bill Locklar, JO2, relax in the El Yunque Restaurant. Those were just a few of the spots that MCB-6 men visited in P.R.



# HISTORY of PUERTO RICO

EL MORRO—One of the historical landmarks of Puerto Rico located in Old San Juan.



Area: 3,435 sq. mi.  
Capital: San Juan  
Largest City: San Juan  
Population: 2,240,000  
Monetary Unit: U.S. Dollar  
Form of Gov't: Commonwealth



Puerto Rico is an island territory of the United States. The Caribbean commonwealth consists of the roughly rectangular main island (100 miles long, 35 miles wide), the offshore dependent islands of Mona (west), Vieques and Culebra (east), and many small, mostly uninhabited, islets near its coast. Forming part of a submarine mountain range, the island is crossed in its entire length by mountain ranges such as the Cordillera Central (highest peak 4,400 ft.), Sierra de Luquillo (northeast), and Sierra de Cayey (southeast). The coastal plain is about 10 miles wide in the north, but narrower in the south where mountains rise abruptly from the plain. The numerous coastal lagoons are noted for their wild fowl. The small unnavigable rivers are widely used for hydroelectric power and irrigation (especially in the south). Little-exploited mineral deposits include some gold (mined in early colonial era), magnetic iron ore, and manganese.

Puerto Rico has been weighed down by one of the highest population densities (650 persons per sq. mi.) in the world; and has long suffered from the inflexibility of a one-crop (sugar) economy. Progress has been made in diversification with the addition of coffee, tobacco, citrus fruit, pineapples, a variety of vegetables, cotton and others to the commercial crops produced. A large reforestation program of the Caribbean National Forest is under way in the interior, where mahogany and other tropical timber trees thrive. As sugar processing is still the main industry, there are many sugar mills, called centrals, refineries, and distilleries. Next rank the tobacco industry, the island's renowned needlework, and the production of fruit juices, vegetable oil, straw hats, cotton and leather goods. Most exports are to the United States.

Main cities include San Juan, Ponce, Mayaguez, Arecibo, Guayama, Caguas, Rio Piedras, Humacao, and Aguadilla. Industrialization has made great strides since the 1930s, due especially to large hydroelectric projects, such as Carite, Rio Blanco, Toro Negro, Garzas, Dos Bocas, Caonillas. San Juan, with airport and naval base, is the leading port. Puerto Rico is becoming increasingly a winter resort.

Puerto Rico was inhabited in pre-Columbian days by Arawakan Indians. Columbus landed here on November 19, 1493, on his second voyage, but it was settled by one of his companions, Juan Ponce de Leon, who returned 15 years later, landing at San Juan harbor and naming it Porto Rico. As the island's first governor, he founded Caparra (four miles inland), which was abandoned for San Juan in 1521. An Indian uprising was quelled in 1511 and Negro labor was introduced shortly thereafter since the native population was practically wiped out. San Juan soon emerged as one of the most formidable Spanish strongholds in the New World. Puerto Rico was, in the early colonial era, frequently subjected to attacks by the British, Dutch, and French. Movements for independence were started in the 1820s. Slavery continued to exist until 1873. In February, 1898, Puerto Rico was finally granted autonomy. A few months later the Spanish-American War broke out, and American troops were landed. A treaty ceding Puerto Rico to the United States was signed on December 10, 1898. Through the Jones Act (1917), United States citizenship was extended to Puerto Ricans, and greater self-government was granted. Since 1948 the governor has been elected by insular vote, and in July, 1952, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico was established as a virtually autonomous unit. Though English is an official language, Spanish is predominant.

# SCENES of PUERTO RICO



Personnel of MCN 211 enjoyed many hours of recreation at this 20 beach.



A scene of a 25 foot water fall on the mountain road to El Yunque.



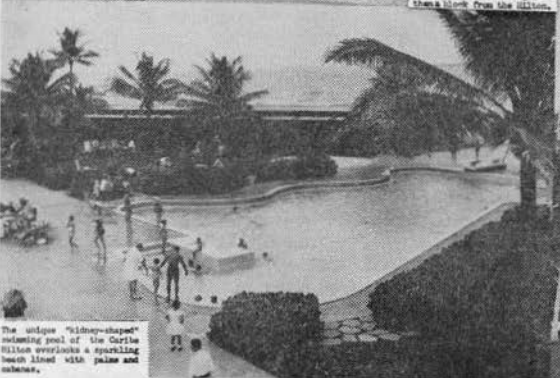
1000 soldiers relax after a hard day's work.



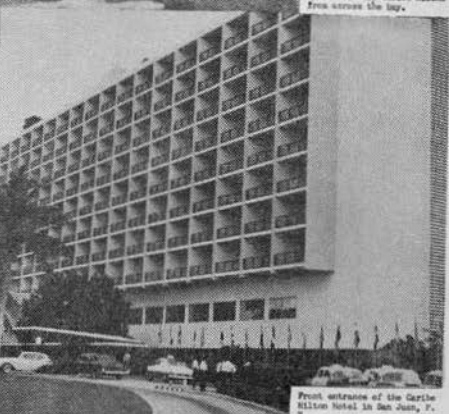
Front view of the Borinquen Hotel centrally located in Park Area of San Juan, less than a block from the Hilton.



A view of the Caribe Hilton from across the bay.



The unique "kidney-shaped" swimming pool of the Caribe Hilton overlooks a sparkling beach lined with palms and cabanas.



Front entrance of the Caribe Hilton hotel in San Juan, P. R.

# Wedding Bells



The wedding bells rang for Thomas Miller McLellan, CN, and Janice Eileen Williams during the deployment at the Base Chapel when they were united in Holy Matrimony by Chaplain N.J. Brewer, Battalion Chaplain.

Standing up for the bride and groom was Mrs. Robert Throckmorton, the Maid of Honor and Wayne Morgan, CSSN, Best Man.

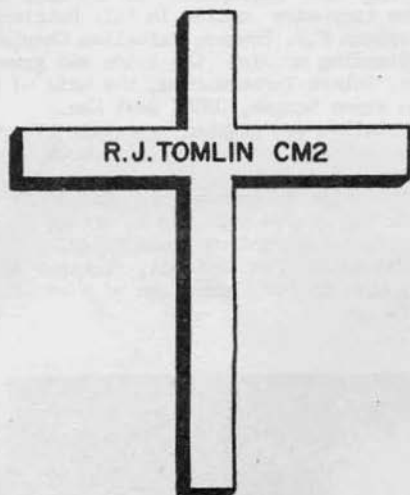
McLellan was granted special liberty by the command for a short honeymoon in sunny Puerto Rico.

The bride's grandmother made the trip from the States with her to attend the wedding and returned one week later.

Thomas is from Detroit, Michigan and met his wife in her home town of West Warwick, R.I.



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