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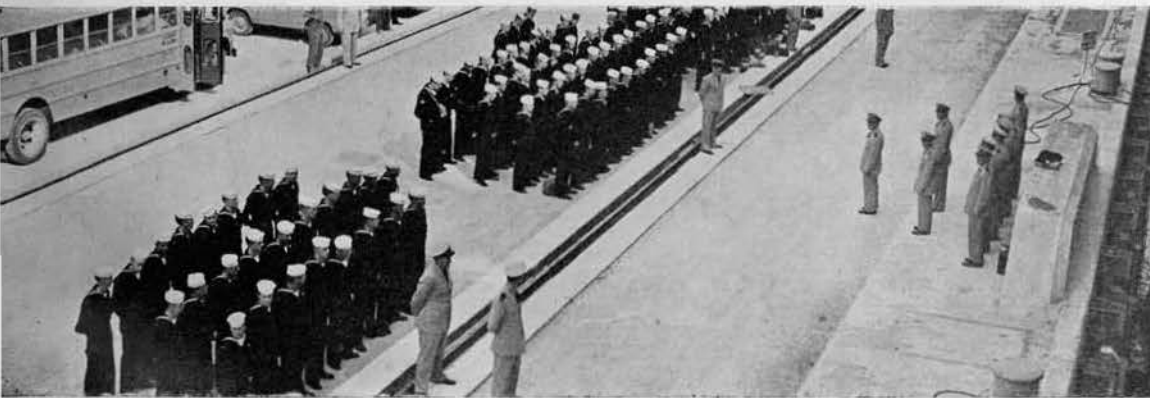
**FIRST MAN to leave USNS Geiger
and step on Spanish soil was
"Snuffy" Burch, SH3.**





LAND, AHOY...We arrived aboard the USNS Geiger on May 18, 1959...

DOCKED...We anxiously await the order to disembark.



FORMED...The Battalion prepares to be transported to its new camp site...

SILVER CITY... This was to be our home for the next nine months.





COMMANDER LENSON W. GRAVES, CEC, USN

Commanding Officer

Commander Graves has been Commanding Officer of U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Six since December 15, 1958. He holds

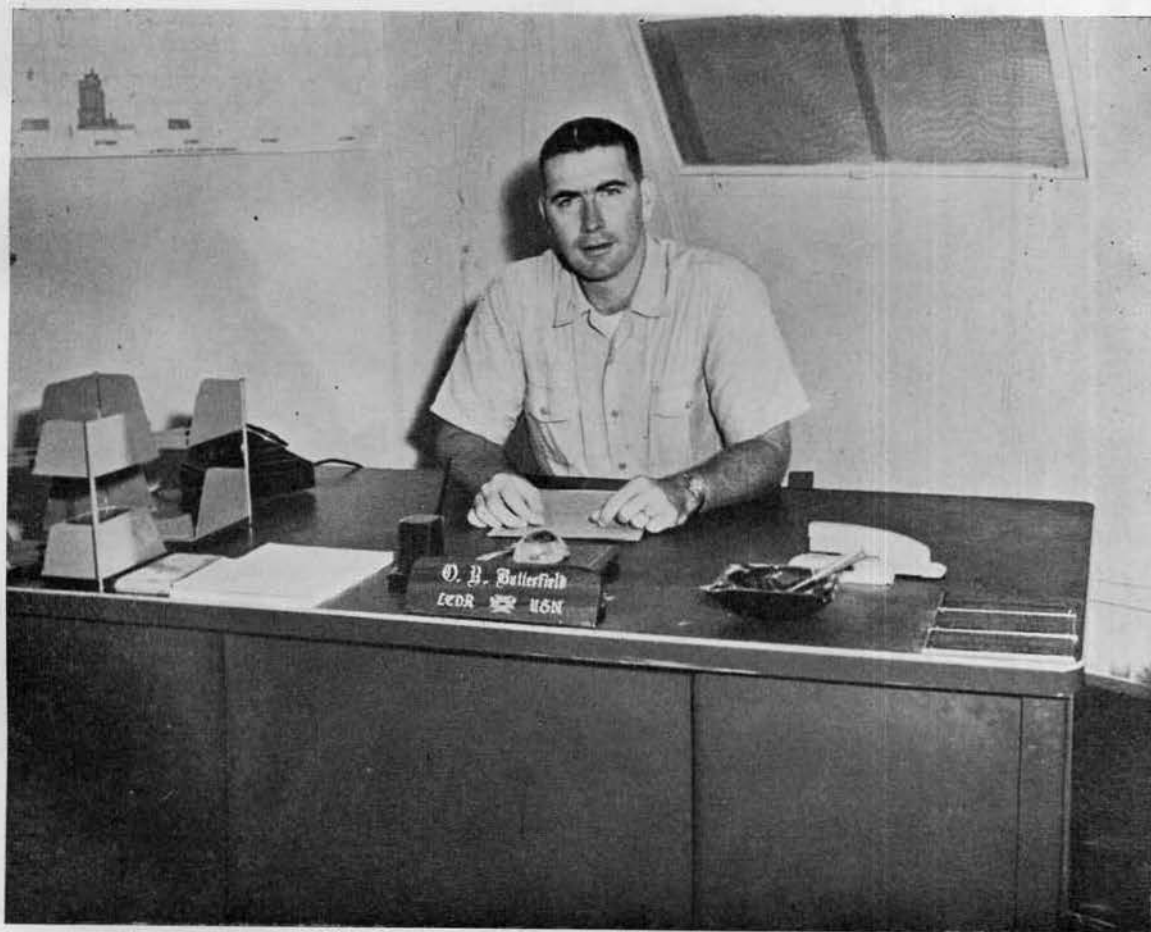
a Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Master of Civil Engineering degrees from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

LCDR. OSSIAN R. BUTTERFIELD, CEC, USN

Executive Officer

Lieutenant Commander Butterfield has been Executive Officer since April 17, 1959. He is a

Bachelor of Engineering graduate of Brown University in Providence, R. I.



BATTALION OFFICERS...



LCDR. THOMAS F. MURPHY, JR.
Supply and Fiscal Officer



LCDR. DONALD R. TRUEBLOOD
Operations Officer



LT. SALVATORE FALBO
Medical Officer



LT. KENNETH D. VAN BELKUM
«D» Company Commander

BATTALION OFFICERS

LT. J. L. BLAFER
Dental Officer



LT. NICK J. BREWER, JR.
Battalion Chaplain



LTJG. FRANK A. LATELL
A Company Commander



LTJG. JOHN J. SHANLEY
C Company Commander



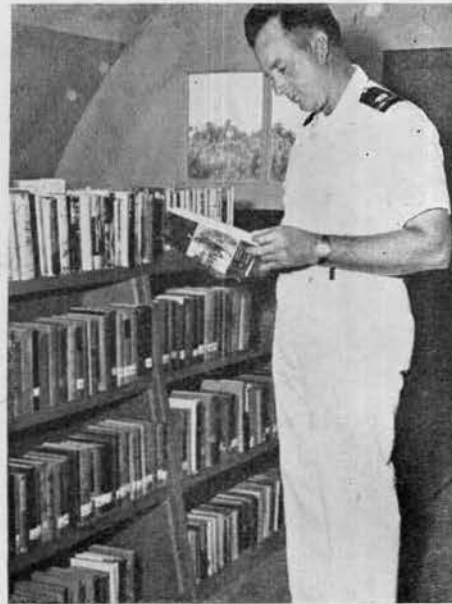
LTJG. H. P. SEMMELHACK
Personnel Officer

ENS. RALPH C. WEISS
«B» Company Commander



BATTALION OFFICERS

CWO. NEWTON U. CRAWFORD
Asst. «C» Company Commander



WO. T. S. MYERS
Asst. «D» Company Commander

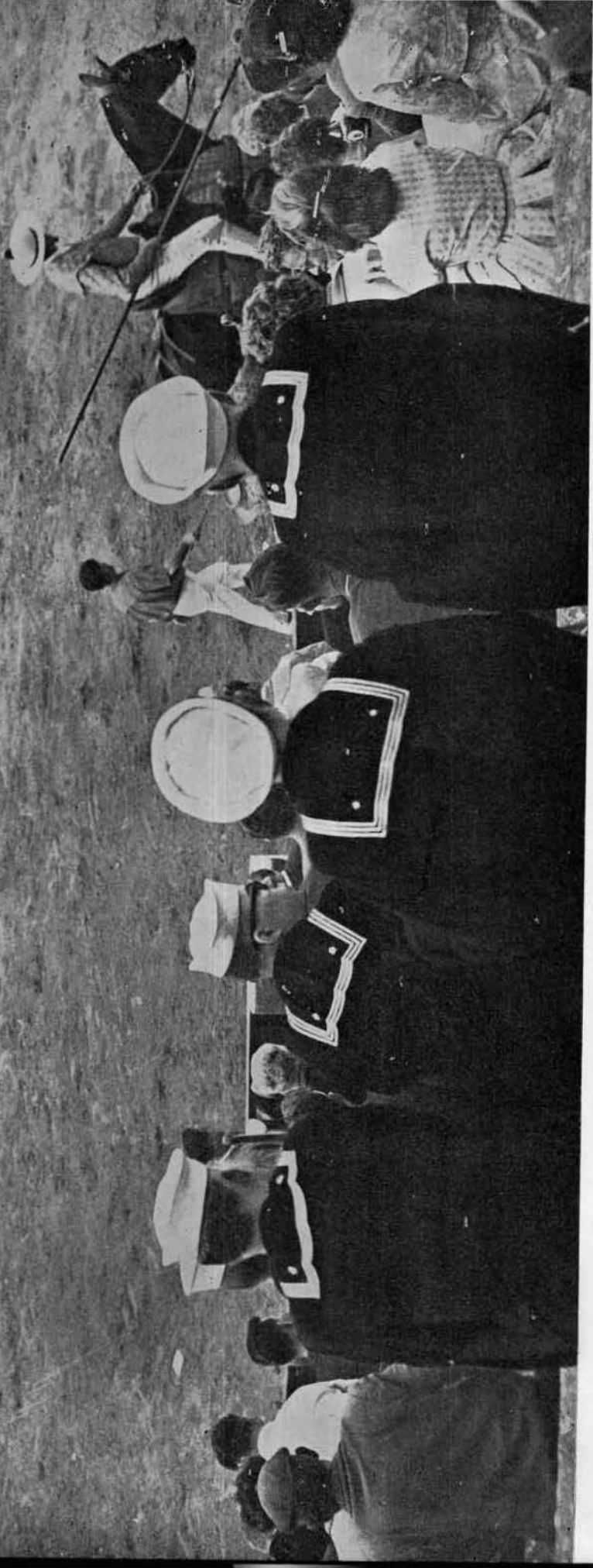


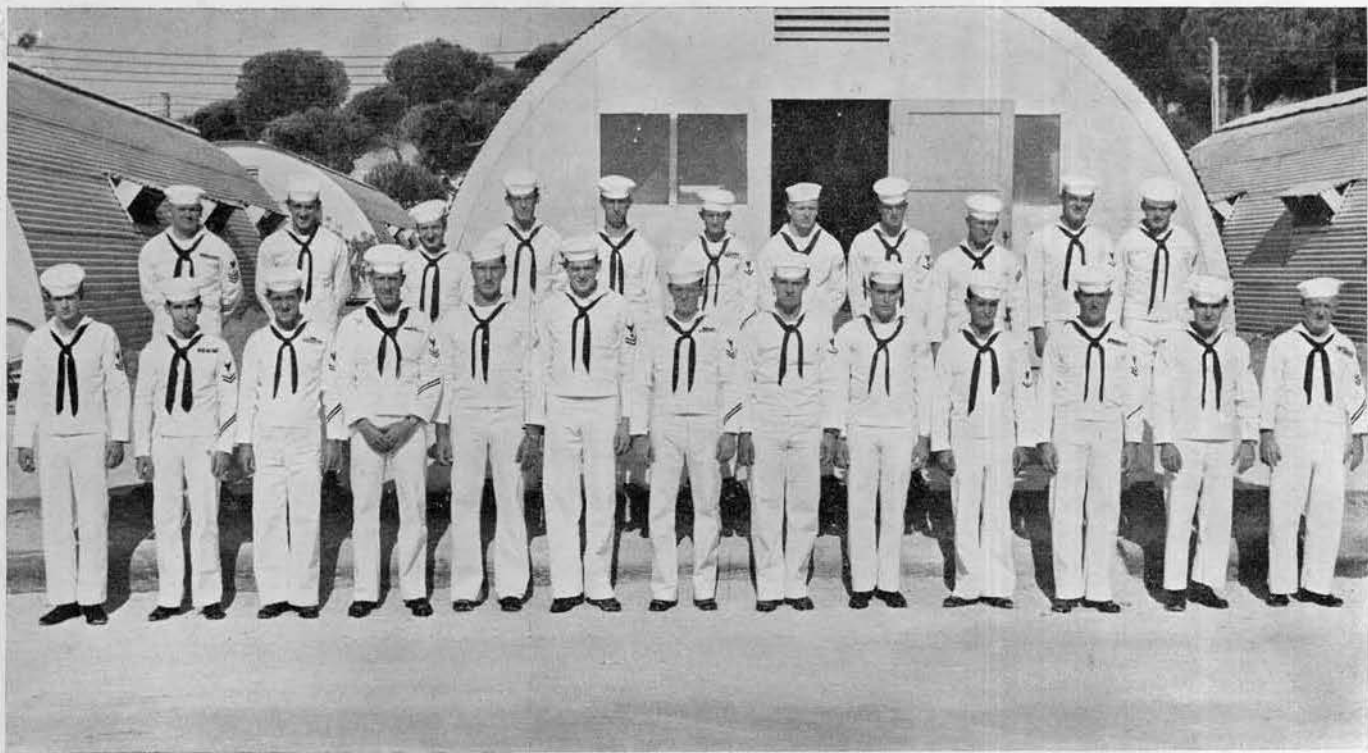
ENS. GEORGE D. FRAUNCES
Asst. Operations Officer



LTJG. JOSEPH A. RUSCYK
«A» Company Commander

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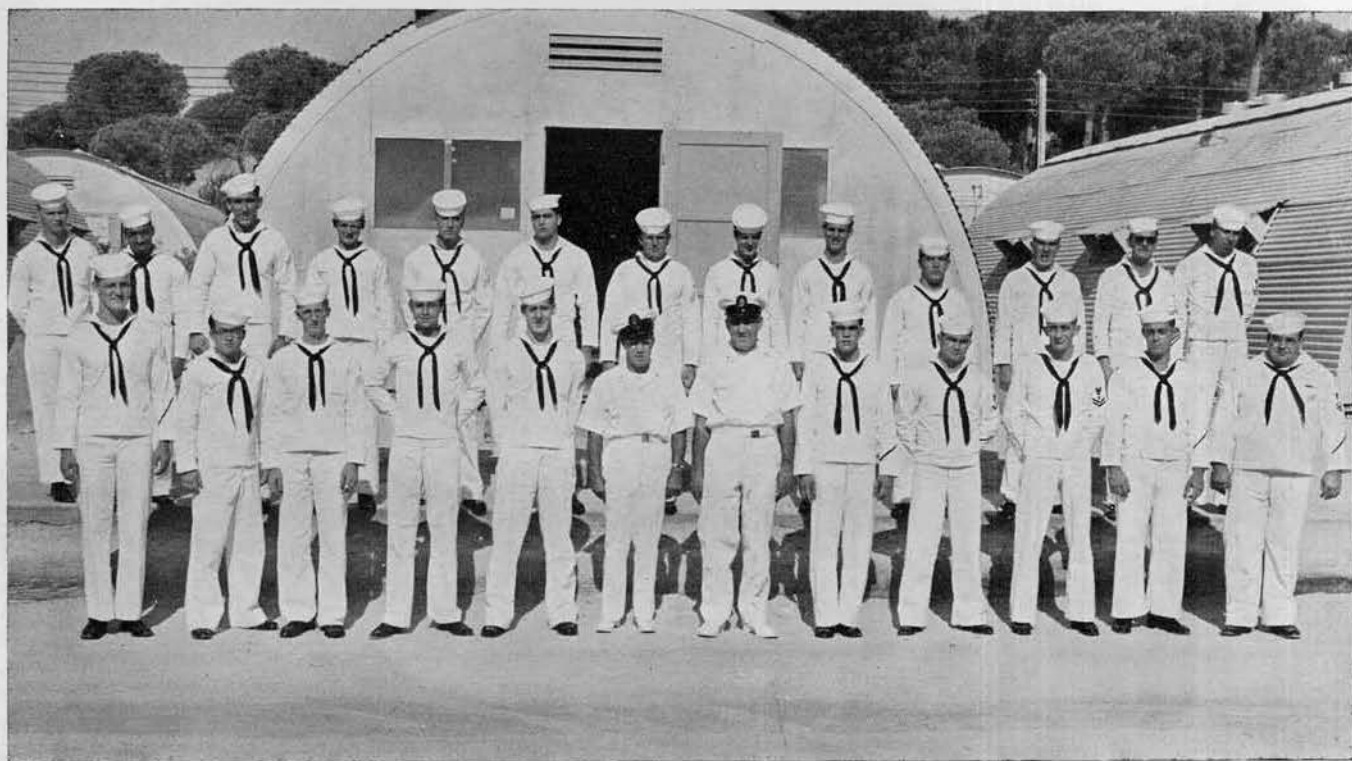


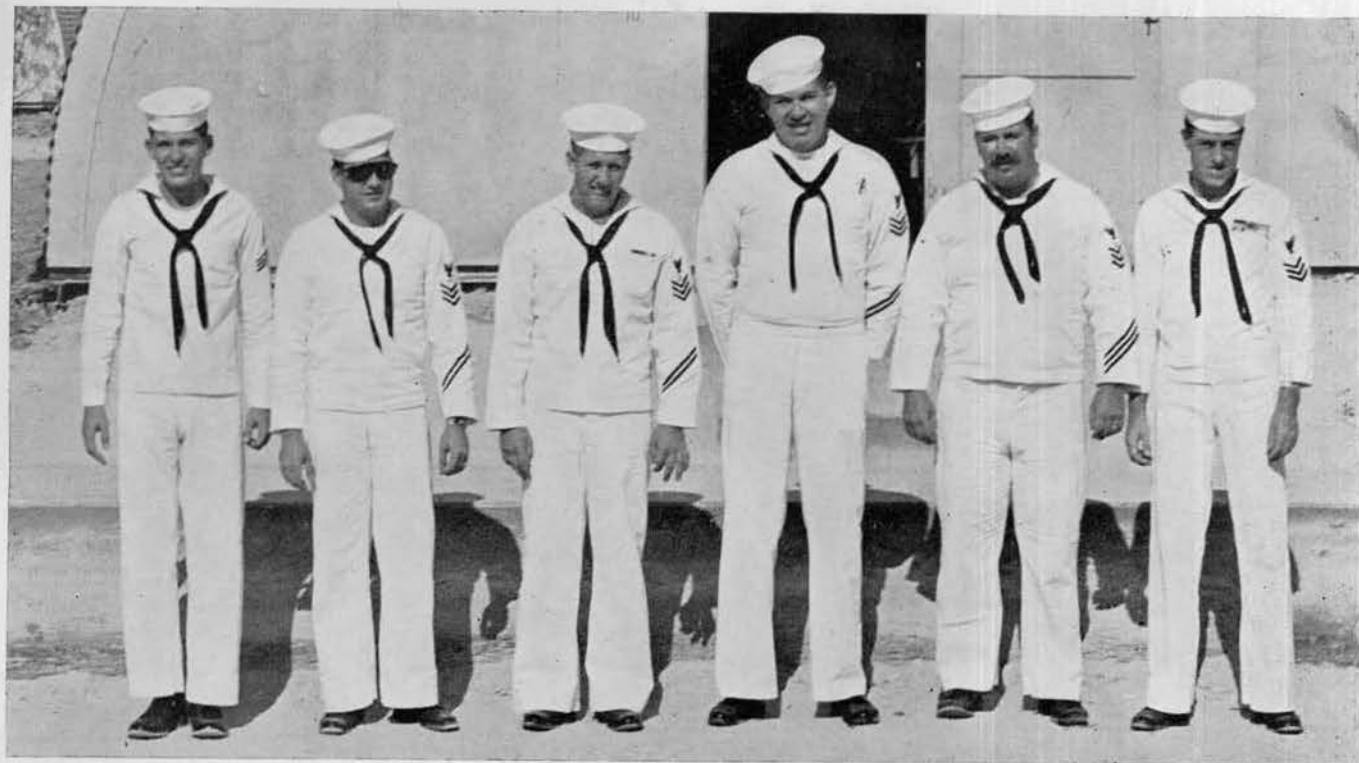
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Front row — (left to right) H. J. Anderson, L. Grindstaff, E. A. Loebach, C. R. Martin, L. W. Morgan, J. V. Antico, G. A. Hunlock, C. W. Sharp, R. L. Kelly, W. H. Johnson, C. S. Fricks, R. H. McGill, and C. E. Bussey. Second row — (left to right) J. O. Rogers, T. M. McLellan, H. J. Holmes, K. E. Koopman, G. G. Mundt, R. W. Warmoth, R. S. Hawn, E. F. Vandergrift, G. Pierzchanowski, J. P. Gowarty and K. F. Kreidler.

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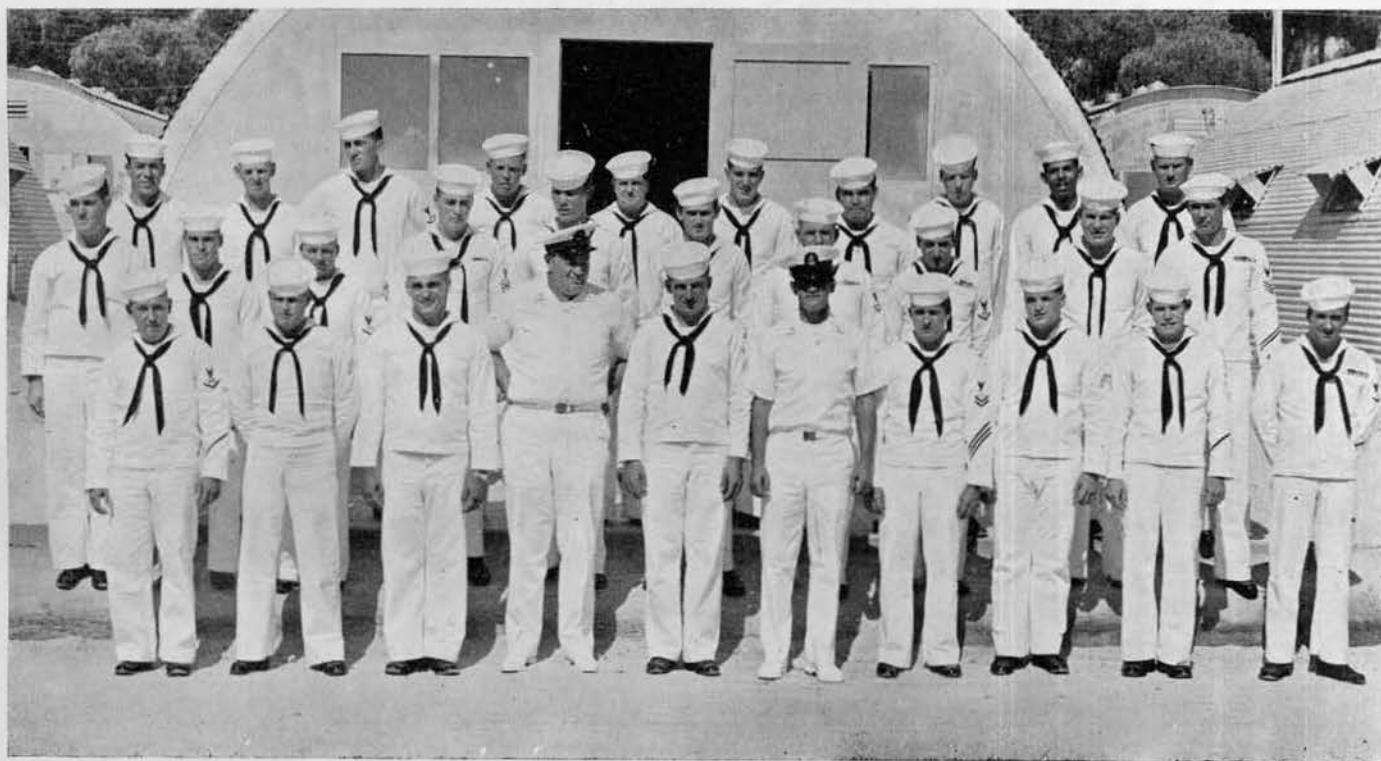
Front row — (left to right) E. D. Doten, J. C. Perdicaris, C. P. Cramer, J. F. Peek, B. R. Morvick, J. B. Haley, W. F. Rollo, J. W. Bolley, W. R. Bolton, J. D. Galbreath, E. E. Doane and H. H. Duncan. Second row — (left to right) S. D. Lindemann, D. W. Griffin, H. Silverman, P. A. Rehler, C. J. Vreeland, C. E. Pino, T. C. Tost, R. C. Manley, R. M. Simpson, D. R. Miller, R. A. Burkett, D. G. Oakes, and G. T. Jepson.

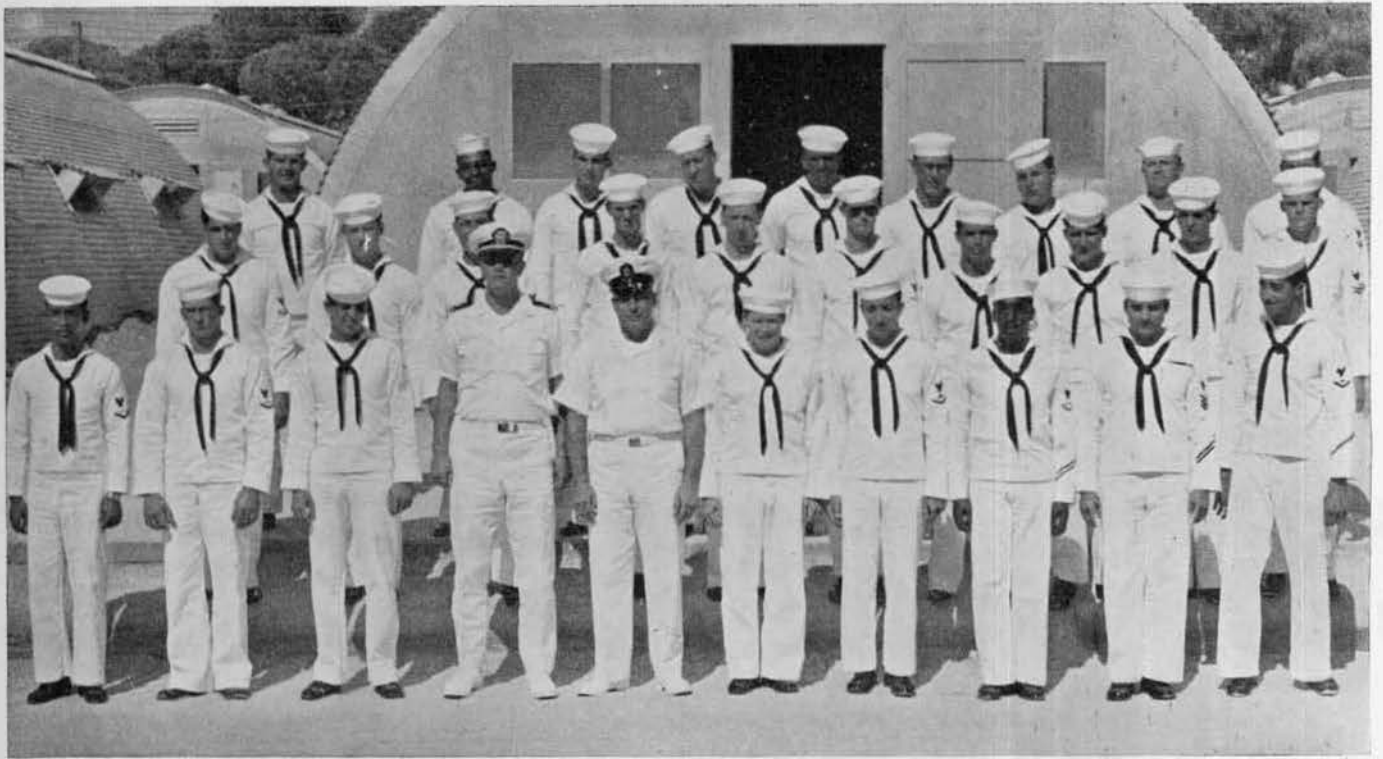




"H" (Left to right) T. L. Drummond, H. H. Hinson, J. O. Mullenhour, C. G. Smith, K. E. Laughlin and E. B. Shirey.

"A" Front row — (left to right) W. Gorney, R. Campbell, C. Jones, J. H. Stretch, J. N. Neuman, E. C. Dana, D. I. Jones, M. L. Ridall, R. L. Hyde and T. A. James. Second row — (left to right) R. H. Springston, W. T. Covington, W. Bradford, J. L. Willis, A. W. Miller, J. E. Reaves, B. E. MacWha, C. E. Haight, H. D. McKinnon, A. V. Gunn. Third row — (left to right) C. W. Durham, A. R. Halstead, J. P. Shellum, R. R. Mickler, P. J. Ertel, N. P. Fisch, A. Garcia, R. R. McNall, J. A. Sears and E. C. McCormick.



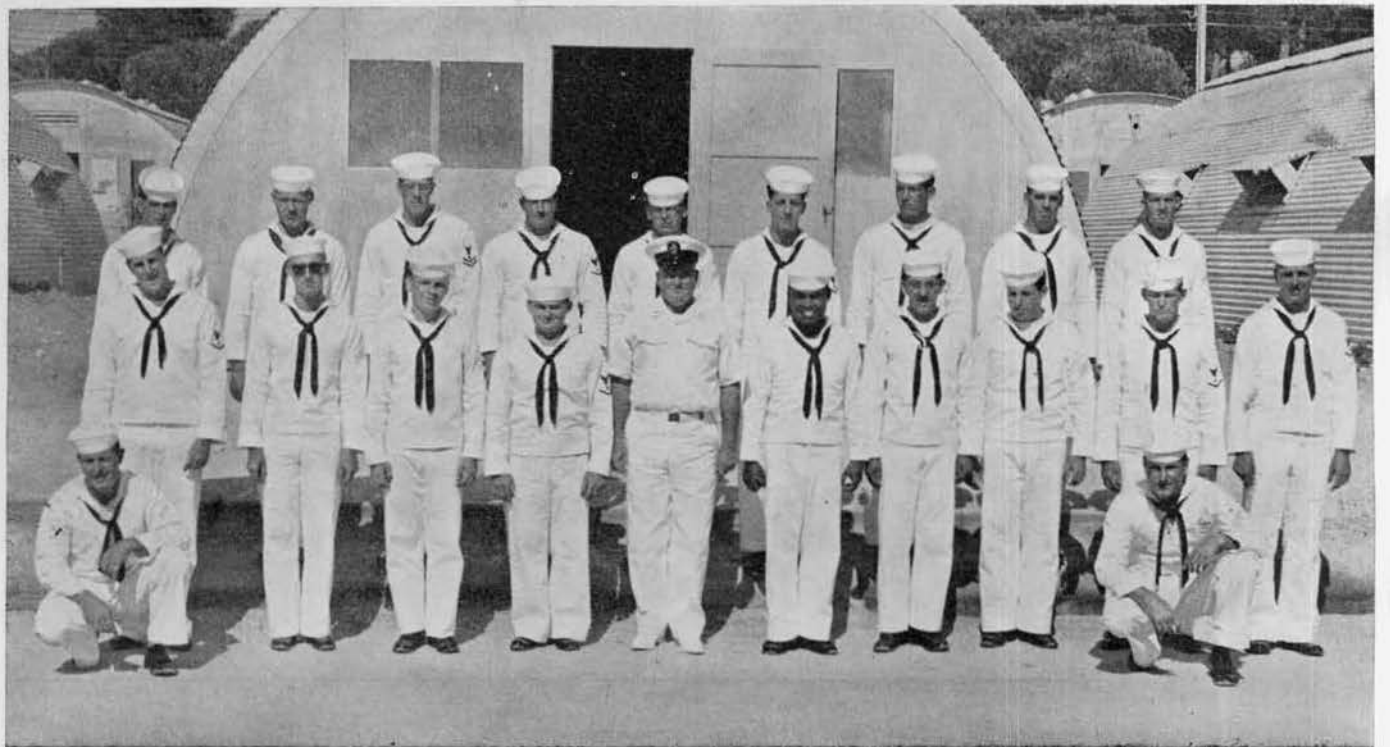


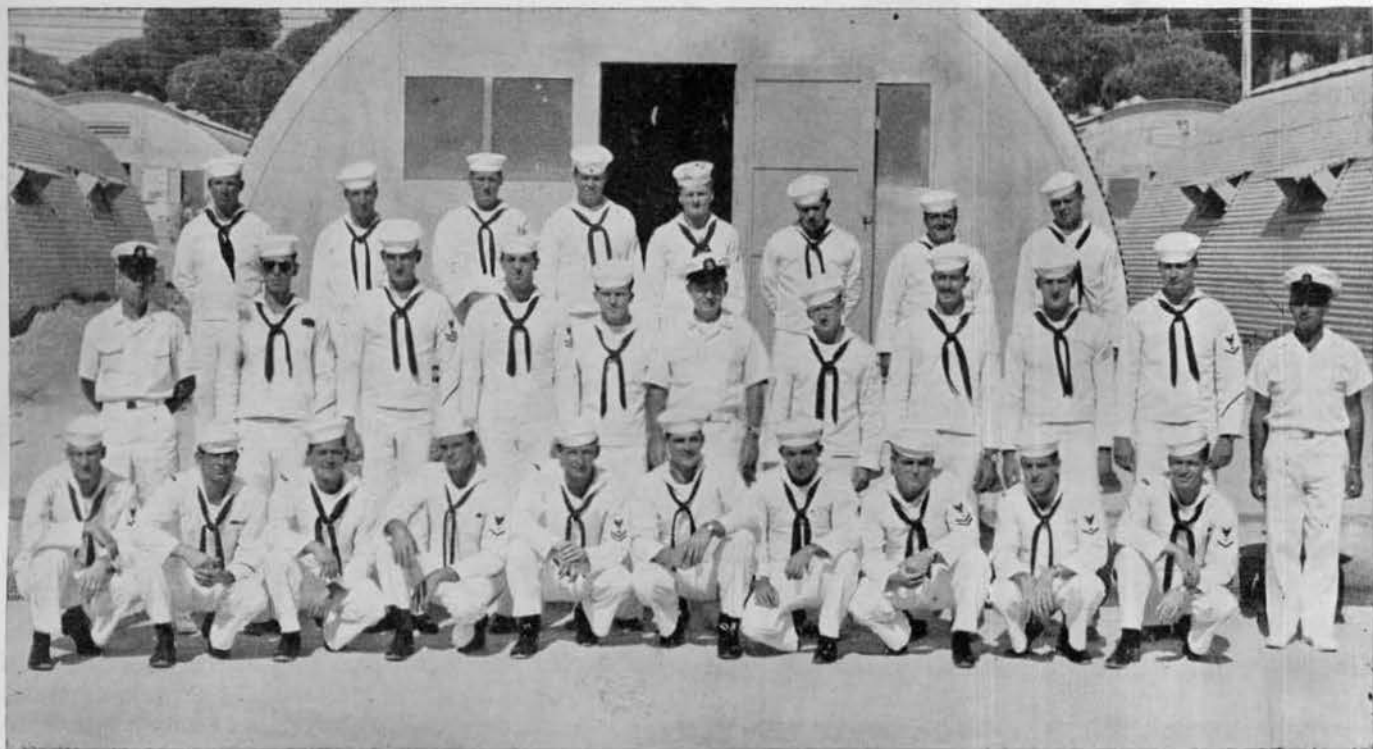
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Front row — (left to right) M. G. Deyro, J. V. Goodman, J. H. Dudding, LTjg. J. A. Ruscyk, A. W. Decicco, J. W. Donophan, N. E. Wambold, H. E. Cabey, R. R. Dunten and W. C. Fisher. Second row — (left to right) H. D. Smith, H. C. Fredrickson, F. R. Micalle, R. D. Rupp, R. C. Reinhold, D. T. Wilson, G. E. Butler, W. M. Ziklo, D. J. Hannon, and D. D. Dunn. Third row — (left to right) A. E. Kudron, L. Page, J. W. Winger, J. A. Jewell, R. C. Hammond, C. W. James, R. S. Fodor, H. R. Lux and C. E. Castonguay.

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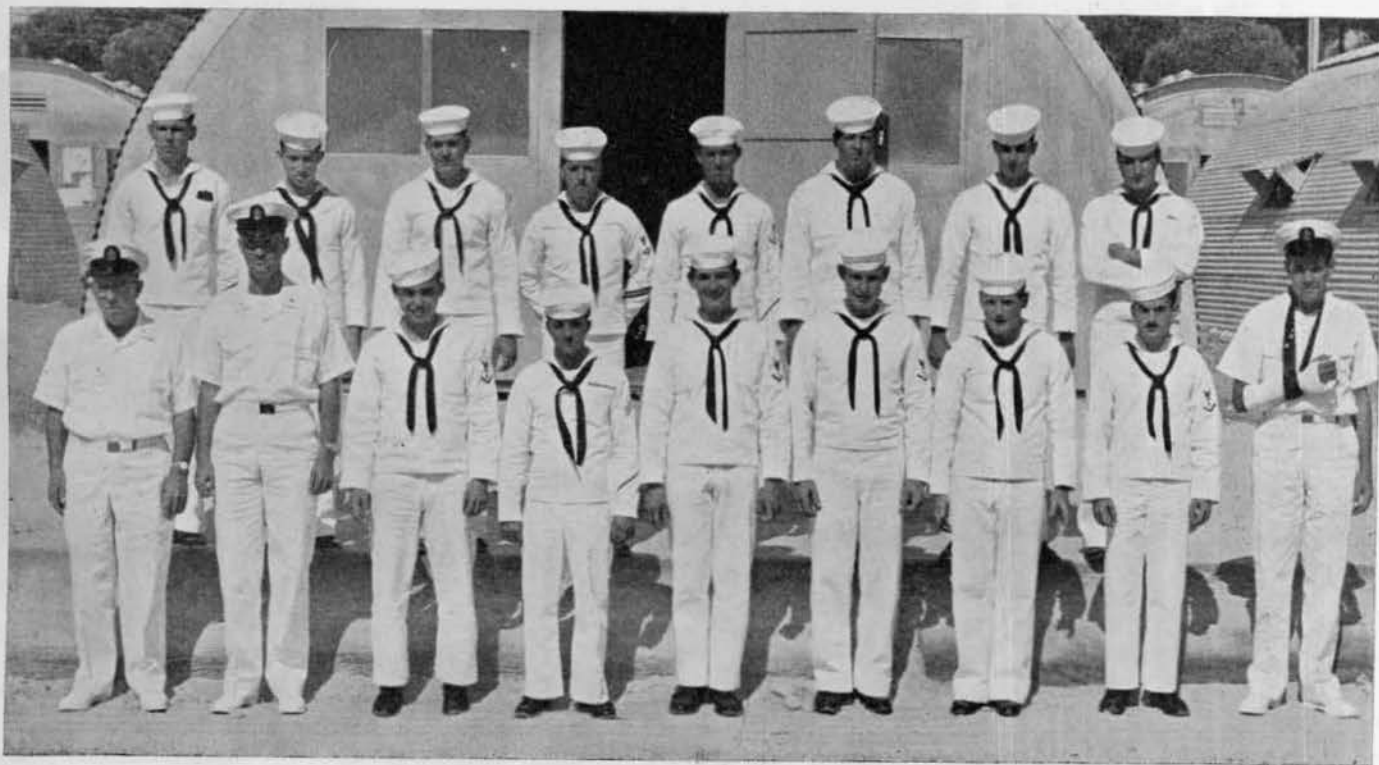
Kneeling: G. R. Coyle, and L. MacDonald. Front row — (left to right) S. Altschul, D. A. Fogg, T. C. Alvarez, G. Hiltl, G. W. Booth, A. R. Pardines, G. B. Morris, K. L. Moore, R. W. Rackley and R. K. Barthelomew. Third row — (left to right) M. L. Lapp, F. G. Jerred, A. H. Rumsey, D. F. Womack, D. P. Graver, T. H. Diethert, T. L. Dormandy, J. M. Winter and J. W. Holycross.

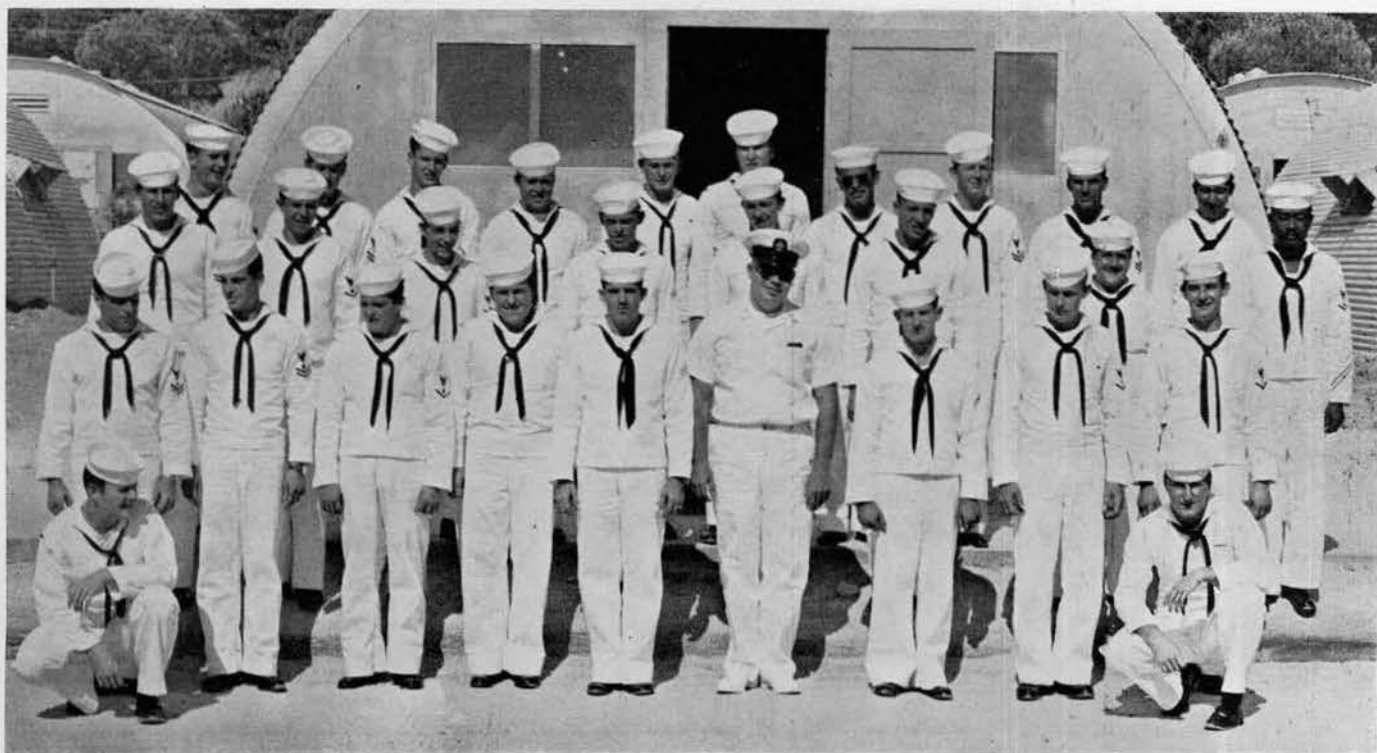




"B" Front row — (left to right) M. J. Seaman, J. P. Kutger, R. B. Bouet, F. W. Converse, W. R. Golien, R. S. Wicker, R. C. Rosher, J. M. Jackson, R. S. Lockmiller and T. A. Peacock. Second row — (left to right) L. G. Giggy, H. N. Rasmussen, J. H. Darnell, G. O'Rourke, M. A. Tamblingson, P. Dubois, W. R. Mangrum, R. L. Hartman, G. N. Moseley, B. J. Taylor and J. E. Reilly. Third row — (left to right) H. S. McPherson, R. M. Kinzer, R. R. Reimel, R. E. Long, C. E. Hargreaves, L. K. Compton, F. J. Riccardi and J. P. Kearney.

"B" Front row — (left to right) W. H. Butler, T. M. Comer, H. E. Scharp, J. J. Mattos, M. F. Wicker, E. L. Williams, J. M. Black, P. E. Barker and A. E. Albin. Second row — (left to right) H. N. Rasmussen, J. A. Jordan, F. R. May, H. L. McLaughlin, G. E. Stanphill, R. F. Divis, L. F. Dow and L. MacDonald.



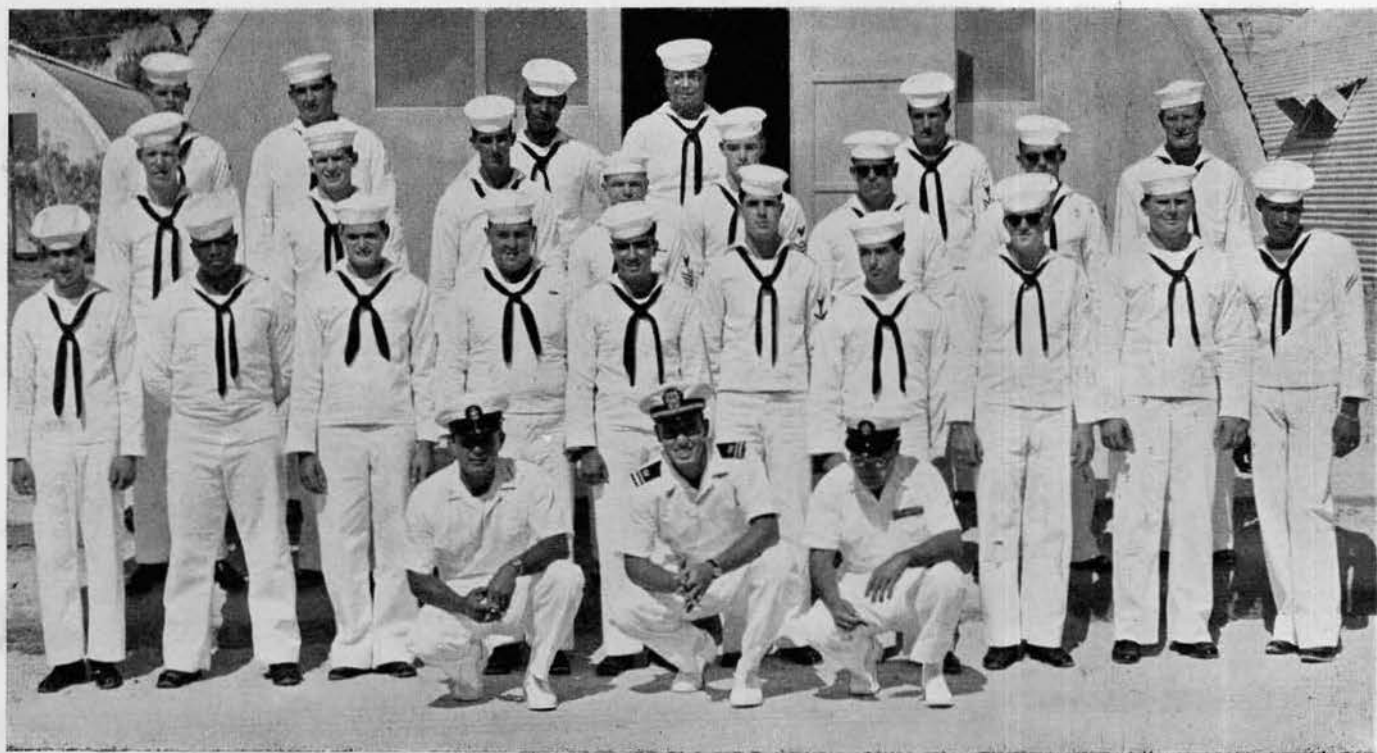


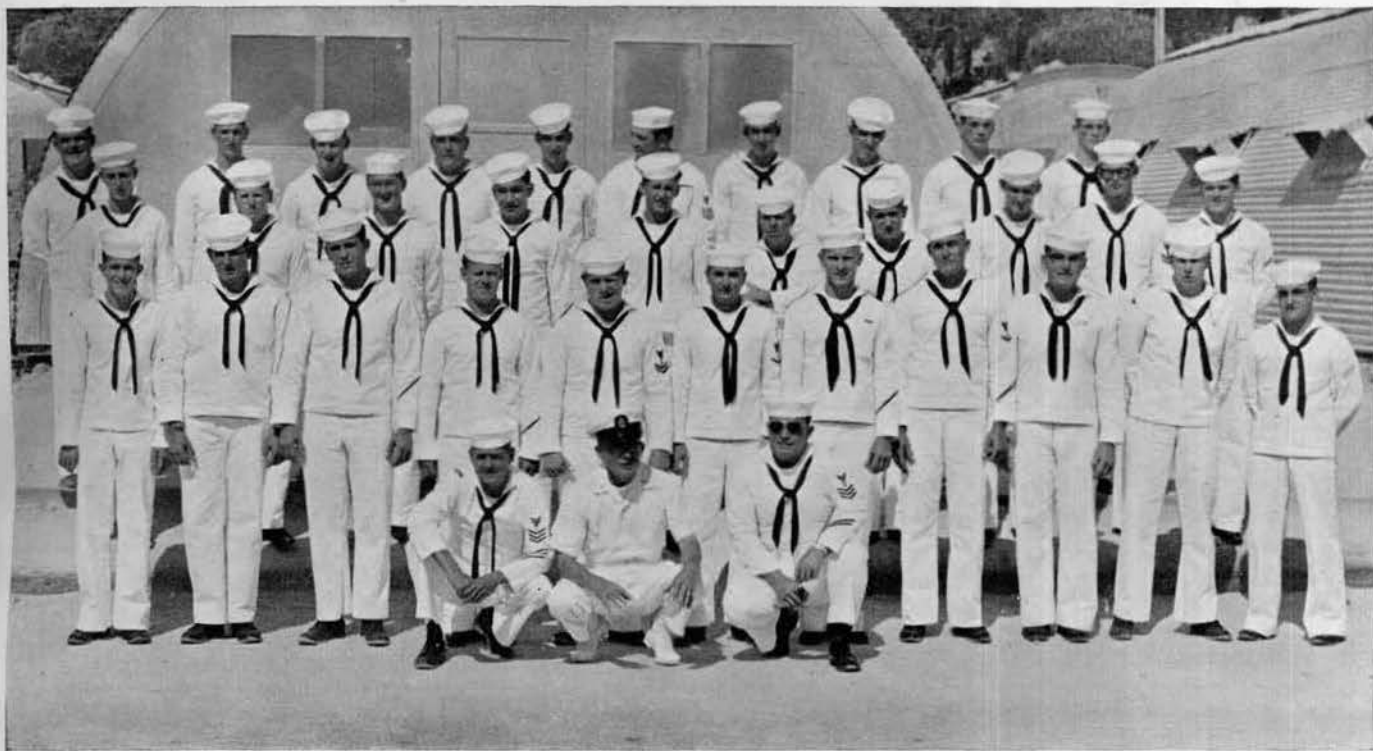
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Front, kneeling: G. R. Coyle, and L. MacDonald. Front row — (left to right) J. Therrien, B. Carlisle, R. R. Pfeifer, J. J. Asher, D. C. Dalziel, W. S. Wilcox, J. M. Roberts, E. L. Williams and M. F. Wicker. Second row — (left to right) L. G. Marr, J. A. Altman, E. C. Lightkep, R. A. Hand, R. E. Lockwood, E. H. Braasch, F. J. Riccardi and J. A. Anderson. Third row — (left to right) K. D. Johnson, J. W. Wilmot, S. E. Marque, J. P. Kearney, F. W. Converse, J. W. Rabold, R. A. Hines, I. E. Cantrell, F. W. Clements and H. Guerra-Suarez.

"C"

Kneeling, front: C. L. Lentz, LTjg. J. J. Shanley and W. G. Clayton. Front row — (left to right) R. E. Brower, S. Johnson, G. E. Mann, D. E. Wood, M. Nocera, C. F. Adkins, J. W. Demaria, D. J. Carpency, W. E. Parker and C. Agnew. Second row — (left to right) N. H. Whitehouse, J. R. Figley, D. B. Johnson, R. J. Guere, R. E. Calder, G. L. Bennett, R. G. Lund and J. H. McCullough. Third row — (left to right) W. D. Johnson, F. J. Iacovangelo, R. J. Jackson, G. D. Cooper and L. E. Anderson.



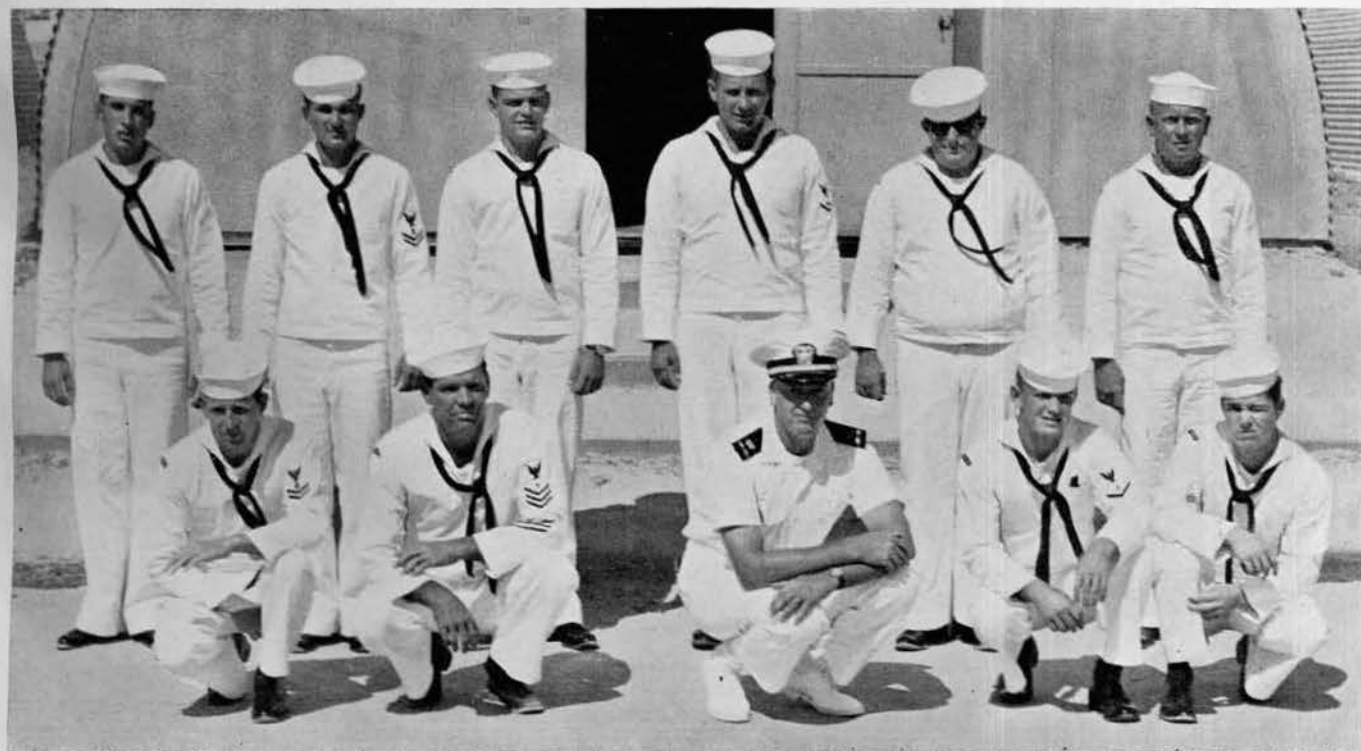


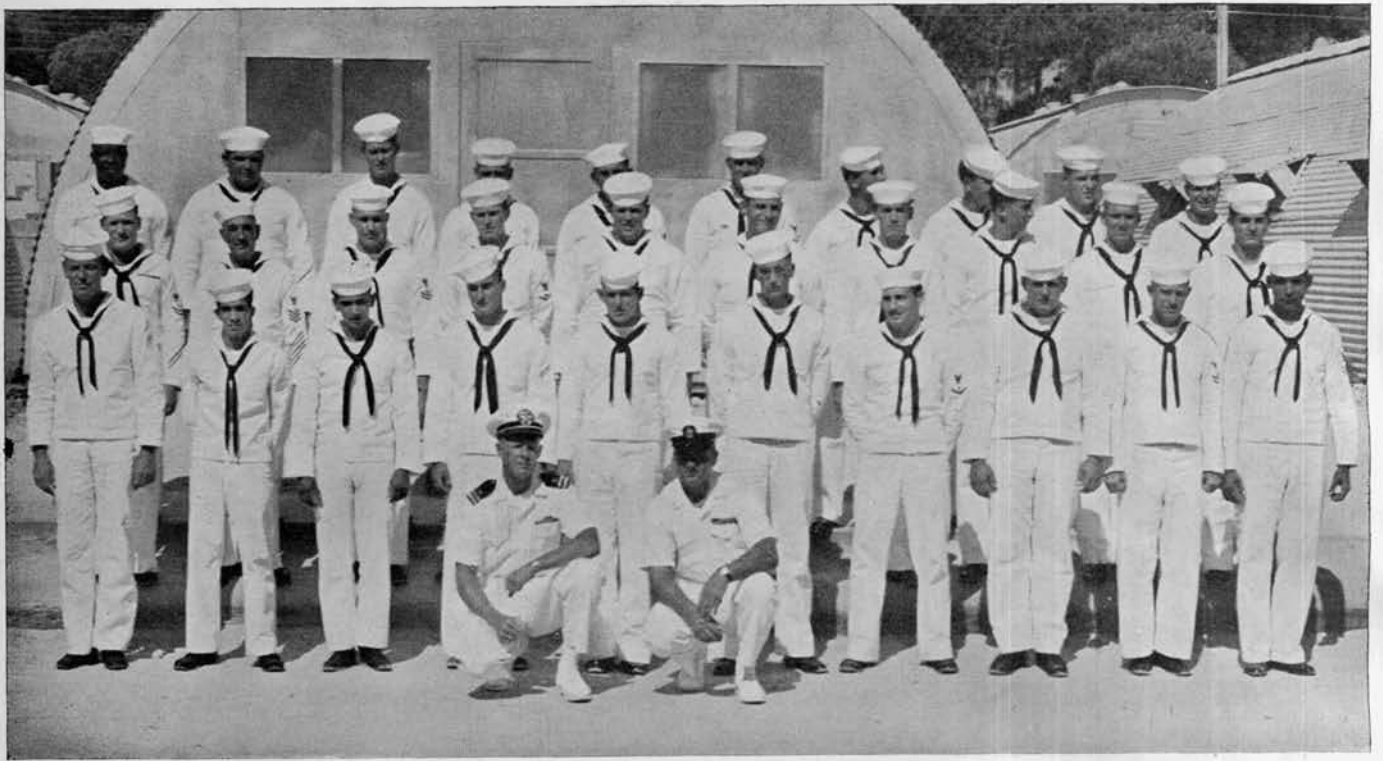
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Kneeling, front: D. E. Young, I. F. Copp and S. Rozenweig. Front row — (left to right) F. R. Cornelius, H. A. Baronas, S. J. Boros, R. W. Short, W. E. Faulkner, S. F. Morel, R. R. Lang, J. H. Williams, P. R. Schroeder, P. F. Sjostedt and J. L. Benefeito. Second row — (left to right) F. T. Turner, P. B. Skolsky, D. M. Symans, W. P. Opalka, C. F. Schneider, S. F. Morel, B. L. Bullock, C. W. Aussieker, G. O. Thomas and J. P. Gott. Third row — (left to right) R. B. Palm, W. D. Mobley, A. J. Lindsey, B. A. Kelderman, C. Moreland, C. Bridges, D. A. Walker, R. E. Smith, J. A. Carr and W. C. Carr.

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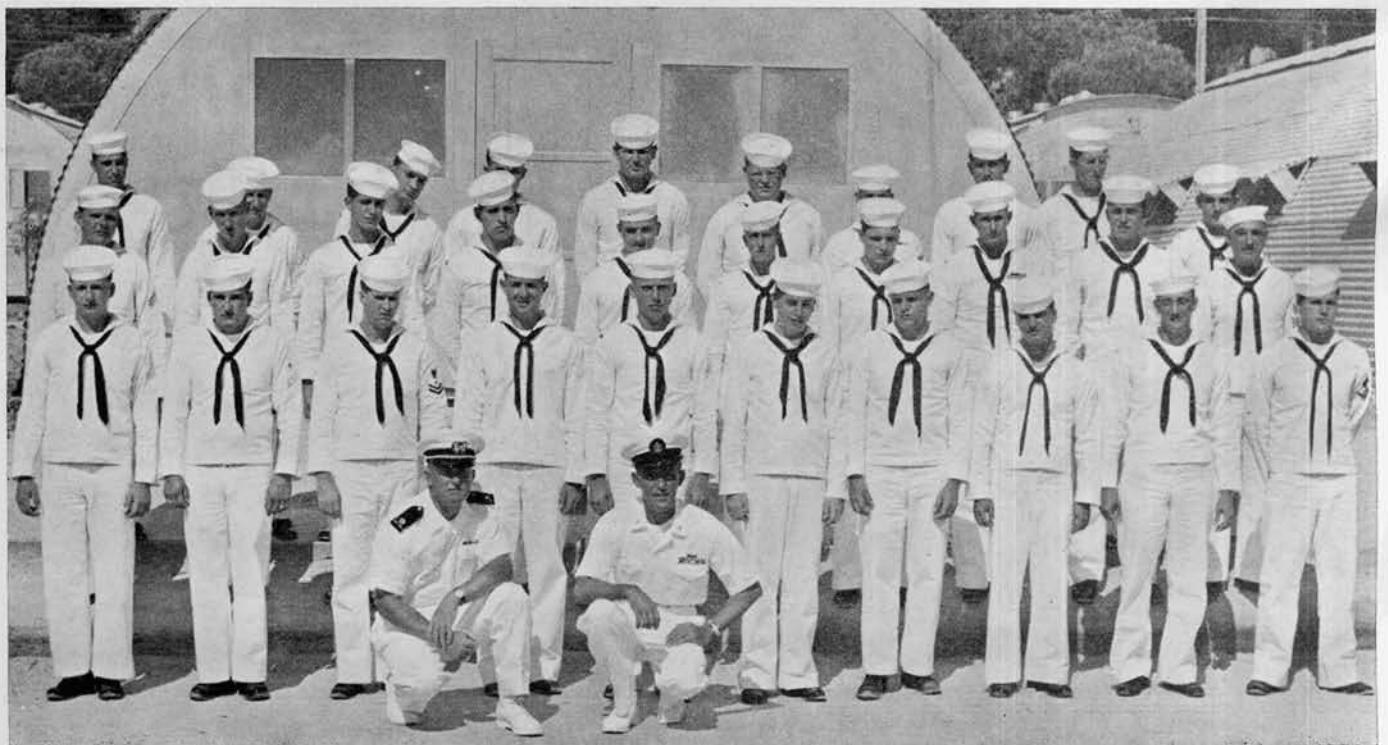
Kneeling, left to right: T. O'Brien, A. H. Wilson, CWO N. U. Crawford, W. R. Ferguson and M. L. Hoover. Second row — (left to right) G. G. Schave, S. M. Larus, G. G. Bold, J. W. Lay, R. L. Bell and P. F. Horner.



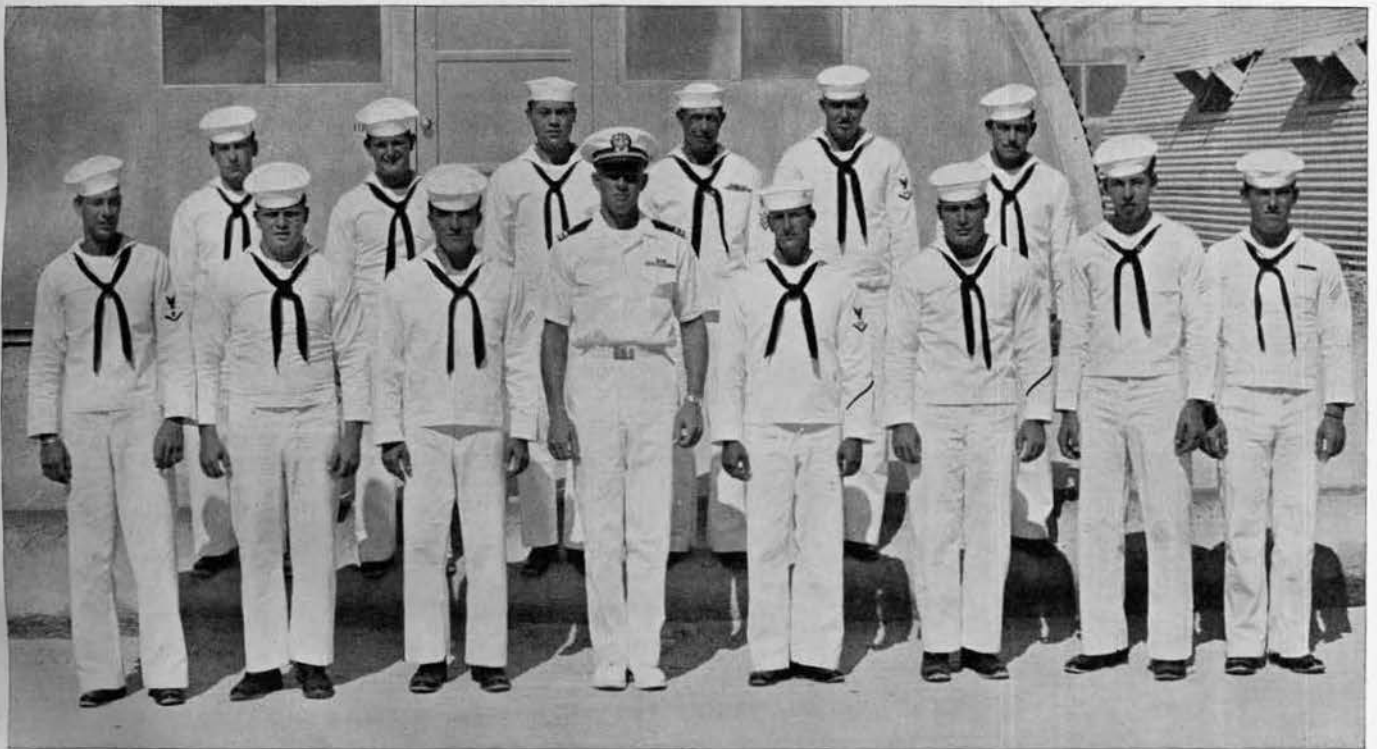


"D" Kneeling: LT. K. D. Van Belkum and R. M. Hammer. Front row — (left to right) T. A. Greenleaf, A. Saess, J. Villares, A. W. Keddy, A. A. Martin, T. G. Lawless, L. B. Farley, J. W. Brown, B. J. Dees and L. Ortiz-Pardo. Second row — (left to right) P. M. Hale, J. C. Quillin, B. E. Lane, J. H. Ford, D. W. Griffin, W. M. Weidemann, M. R. Surrette, W. Matuszak, J. O'Neill and D. G. Bouchard. Third row — (left to right) L. L. Moncrief, M. J. Brown, W. C. Williams, D. A. Grey, L. Pividori, T. L. Campbell, R. E. Frazier, D. J. Bullock, L. H. Kubricky and C. R. Wasdo.

"D" Kneeling: CWO T. S. Myers and A. E. Johnson. Front row — (left to right) R. D. Krause, G. R. Holbrook, L. M. Walsh, R. F. Zansler, G. R. DeLong, W. J. Montgomery, P. H. Pompeo, R. A. Pauls and C. L. Evans. Second row — (left to right) T. J. Podlas, J. R. Fries, D. R. Glendening, J. E. Swedo, R. J. Hagin, G. R. Hixon, G. B. McAvinue, A. Loudermilk, P. A. Storms and J. C. Quillin. Third row — (left to right) D. A. Gray, G. L. Whitworth, K. R. Theobald, F. H. Delano, A. T. Hollatz, R. A. Cage, T. R. Gschwind, J. R. Vick and G. A. Foster.



D COMPANY



Front row — (left to right) D. A. Watt, L. E. Gamble, J. A. Bax, LT K. D. VanBelkum, W. H. Young, C. J. Lozier, E. H. Braasch and D. F. Etter. Second row — (left to right) W. D. Riley, J. W. Brown, J. A. Kirk, D. Pearson, T. L. Campbell and R. A. Taylor.

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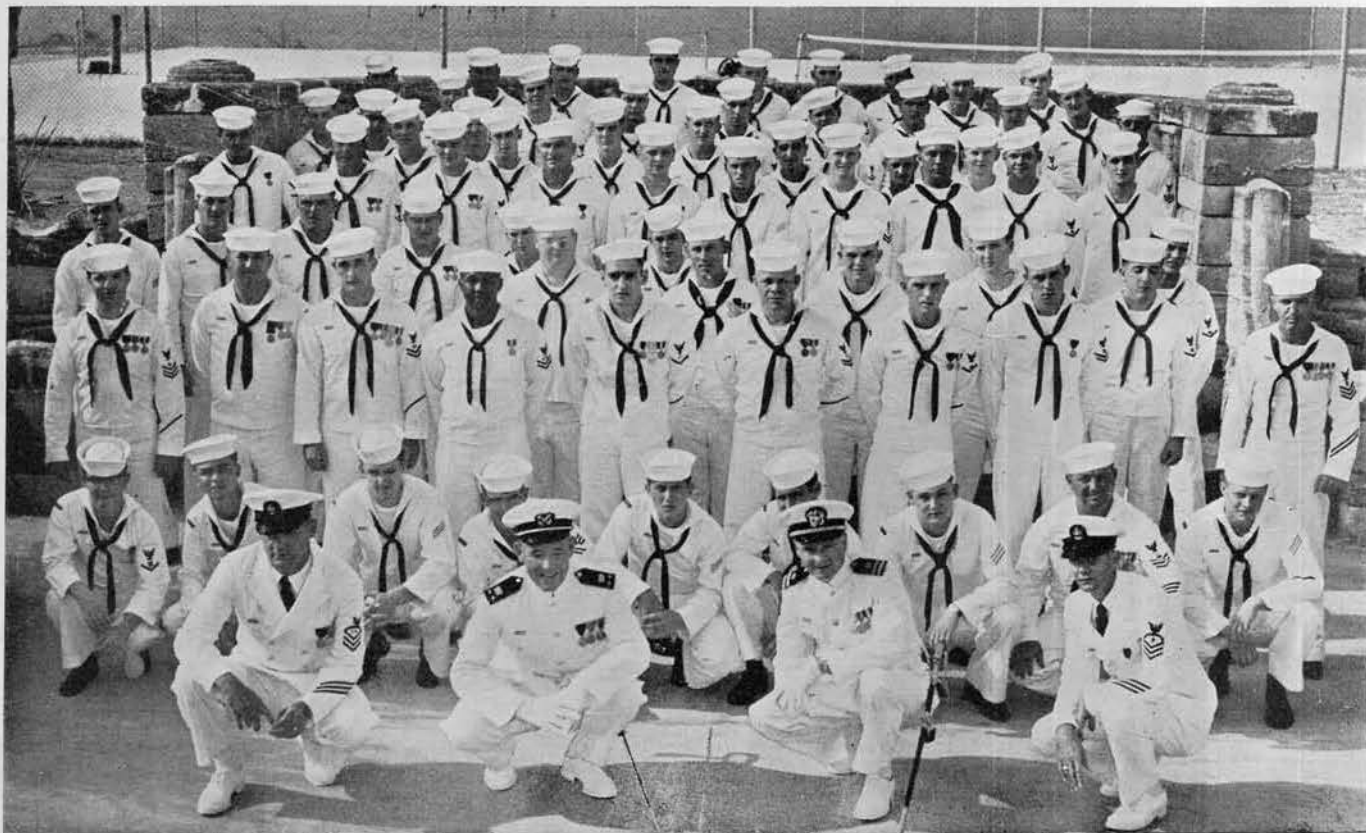


LT. J. F. HALL
Officer in Charge

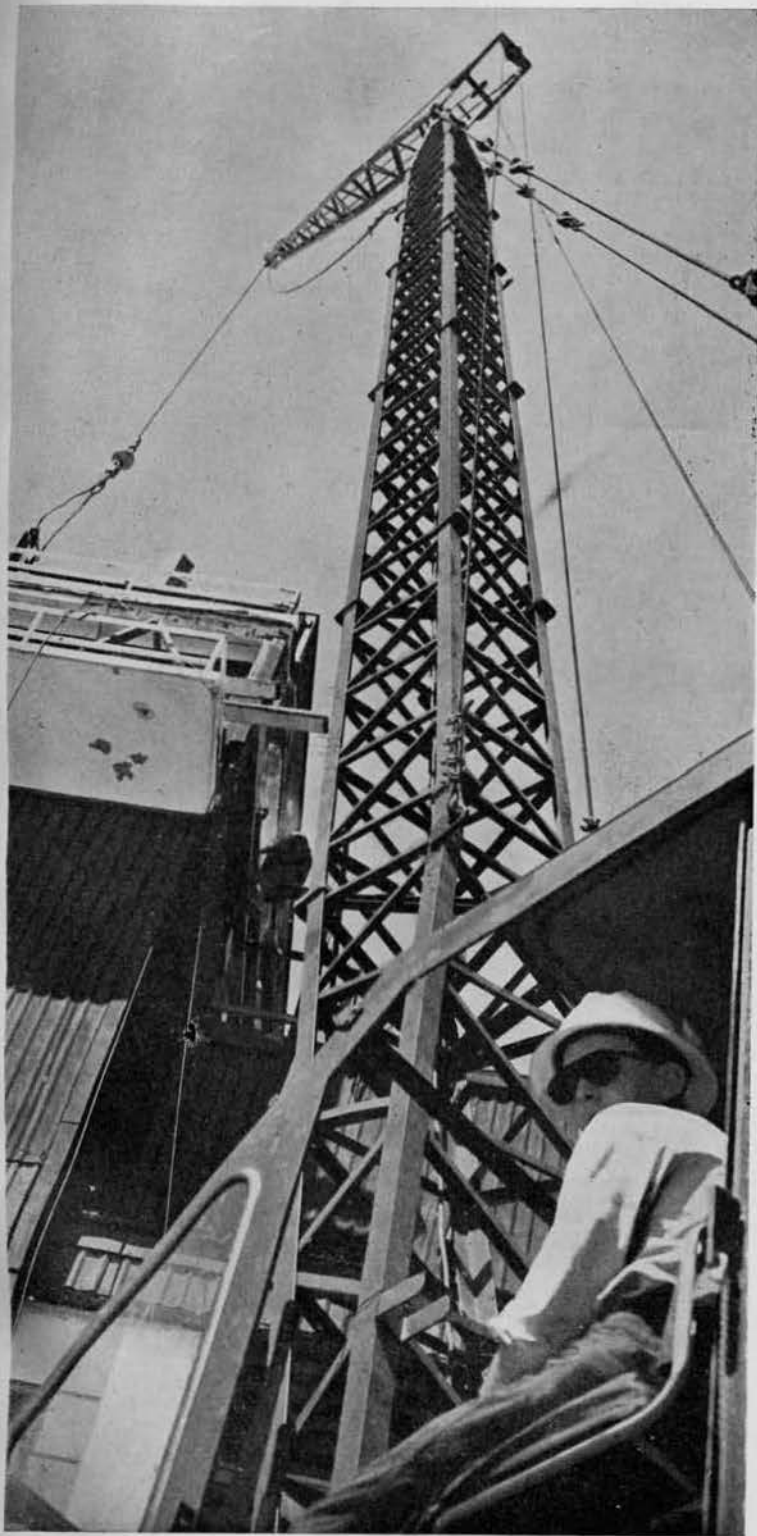
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WO. C. W. KUHNS
Asst. Officer in Charge



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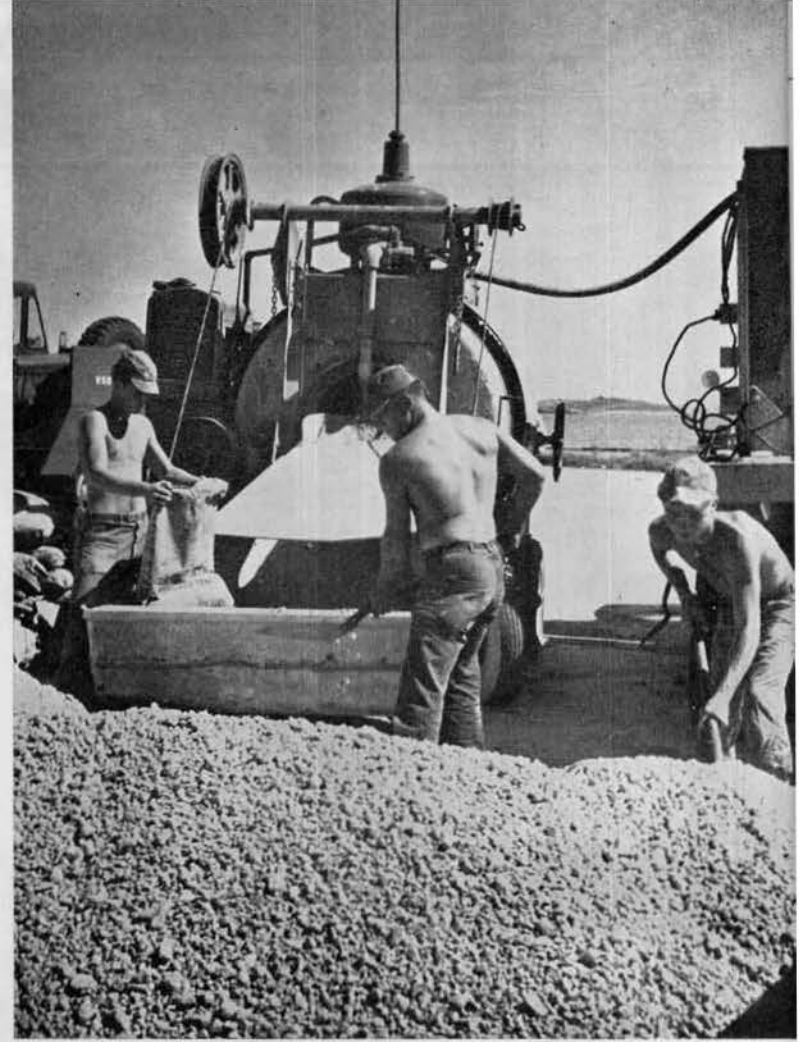


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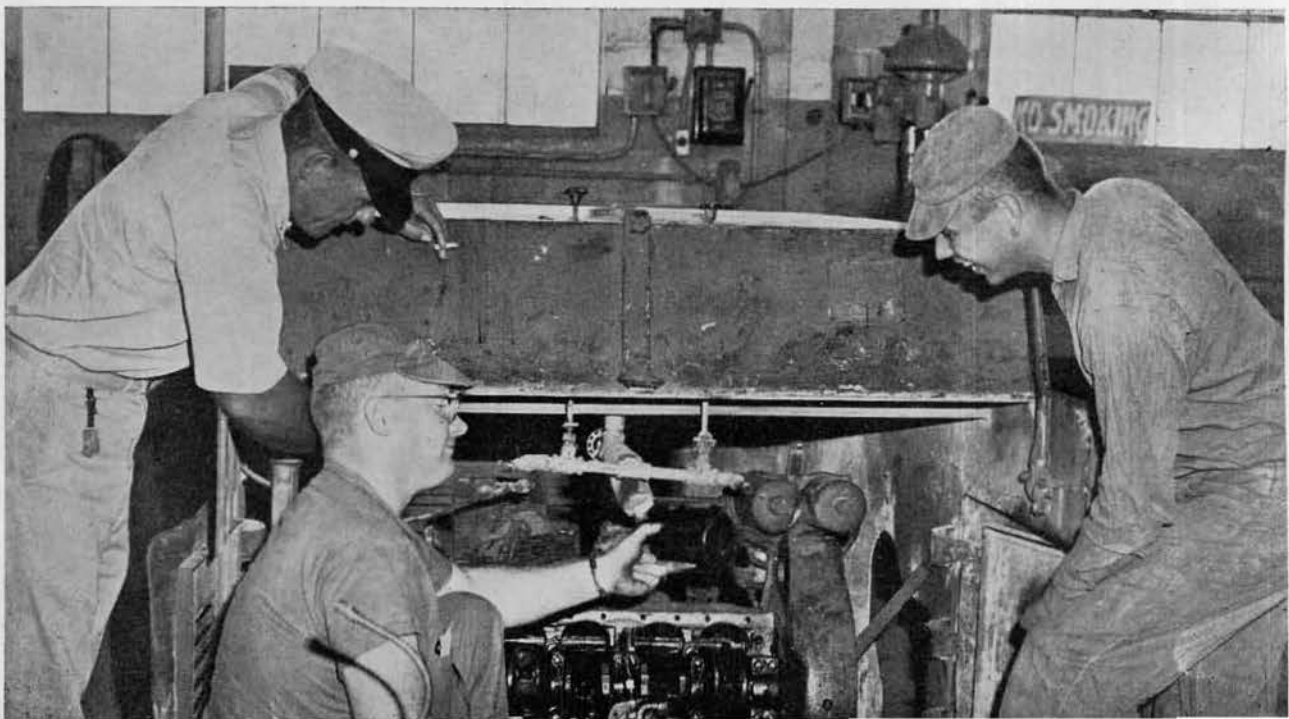




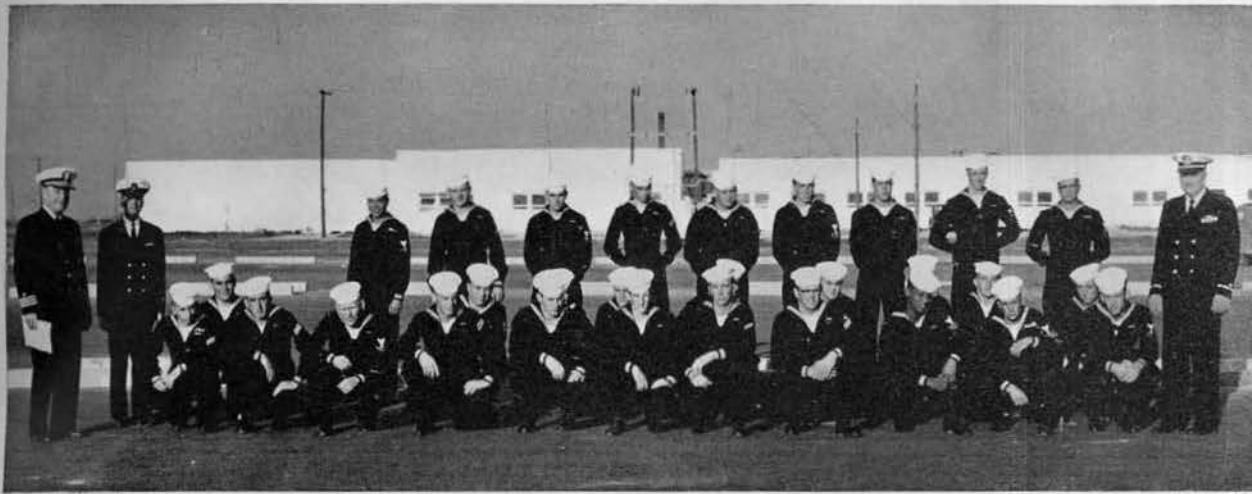
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DETACHMENT SIERRA
"BEES" AT WORK



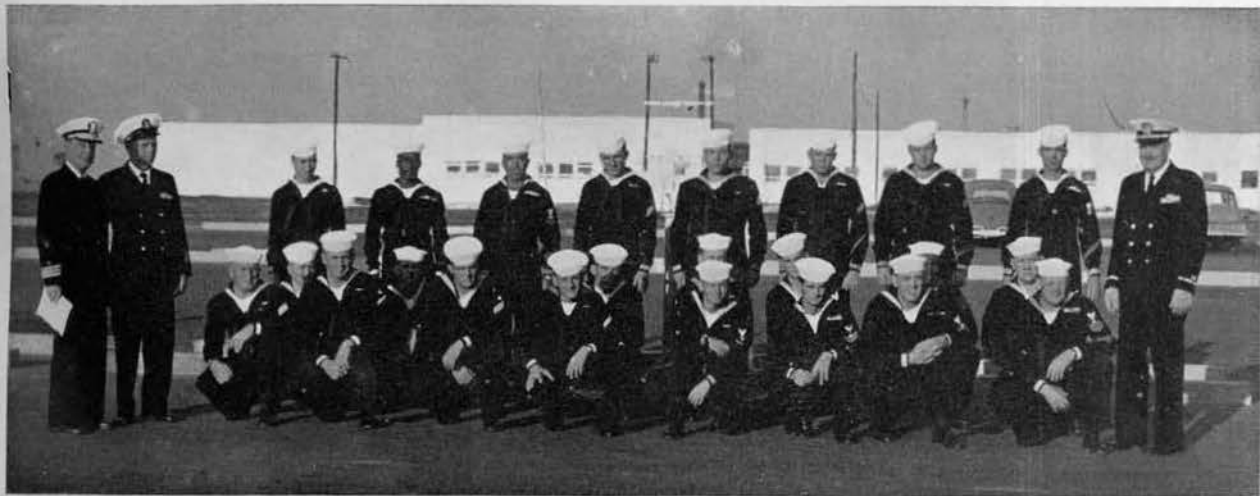
The hardworking Advance Detachment



That Made the Main Body



Deployment a Great Success

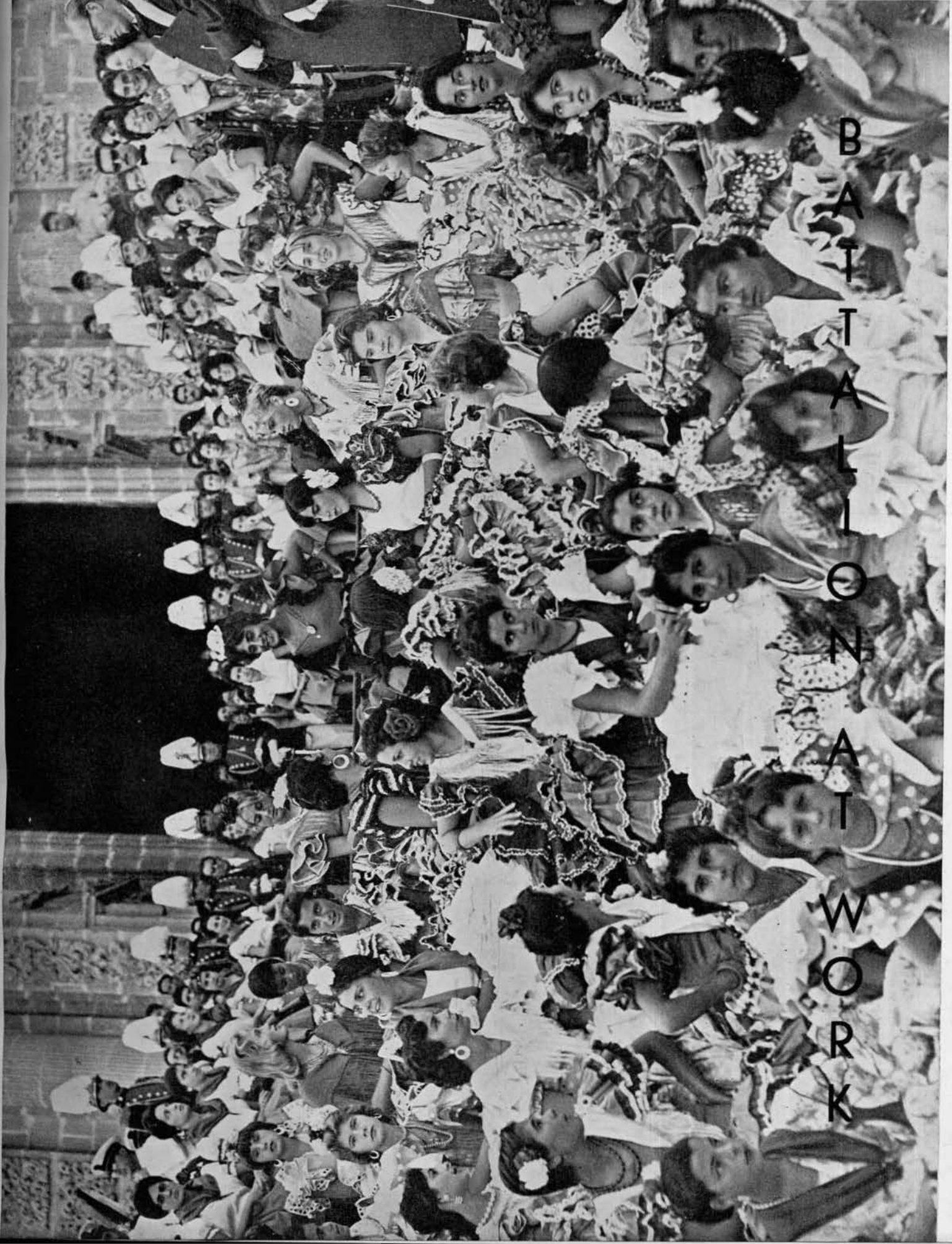


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THEIR JOB... MAINTAIN HIGH



The men of the Galley, with Senior Commissary Chief J. B. Haley at the helm, fulfilled a key role in the Battalion's deployment. Their outstanding food service and good-natured personality was never more prominent than during the Christmas season. In addition to the truly fine Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners they served a dinner which was instrumental in making the Christmas Party for 70 Jerez children an extraordinary success.

COMMISSARYMEN



CHIEF J. B. HALEY

ERVIN E. WEEKS, CS1

MORALE THROUGH GOOD FOOD!



ON THE JOB

(Left to right) G. W. Williamson, CS3, T. M. McLellan, SN, and J. J. Kurz, CP.

(Left to right) C. R. Martin, CS2, and L. W. Morgan, CSSN.

C. H. Woodbury, CS1.

C. H. Woodbury, CS1, and D. L. Frazier, CS1.
(Lower left photo)

Below: J. P. Kutger, CN, and P. J. Ertel, CN.





STEWARDS

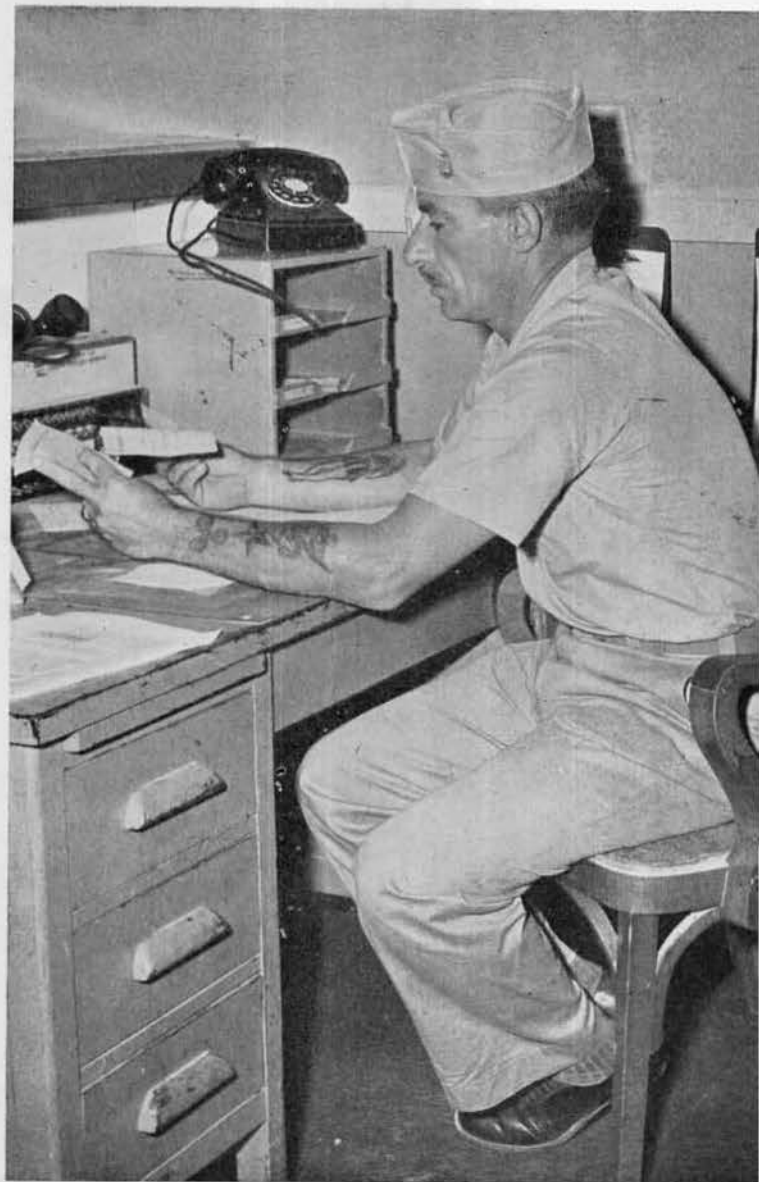
The stewards group composed of R. H. FULLER, SD1, N. H. SPENCER, SD2, R. R. BROWN, TN, C. A. BARRERA, TN, and A. O. DAVID, TN, ran the best wardroom mess on the Naval Station, Rota. None of the officers complained about losing weight.



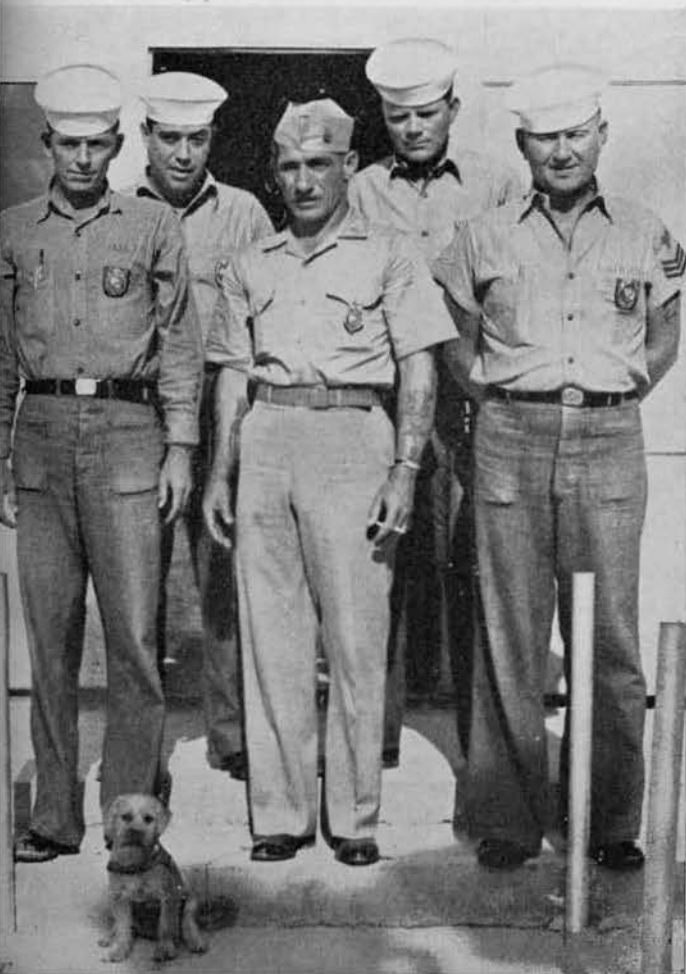
Reveille! Reveille!

THE MAA PIPE OUT THE START OF ANOTHER DAY

Now the following named men - - -



Robert VanWagner, CMC, Chief Master at Arms.

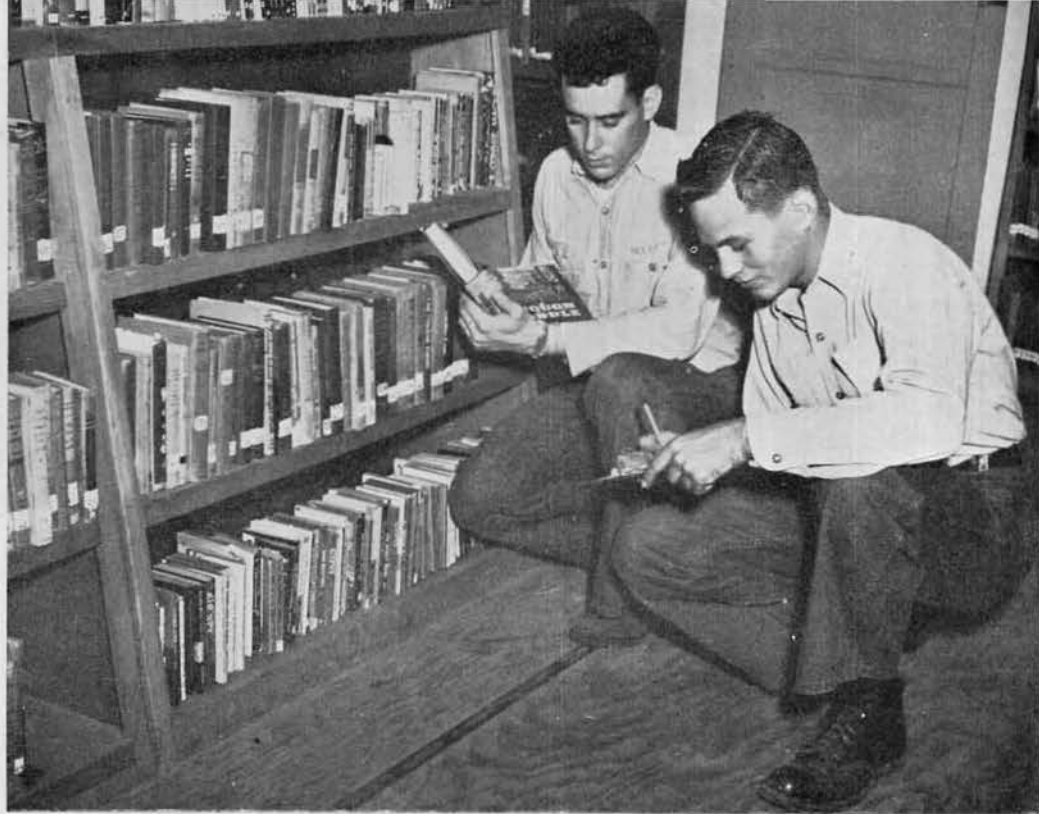


Standing tall are the MAA Force of W. E. Hall, BM1,
R. Van Wagner, CMC, W. C. Gardner, BM2, J. R.
Goodson, BM2 and C. L. Brock, GM1.

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R. L. Kelly, CN and T. L. Drummond, JO₃, scan the shelves of the Chaplain's library.



The Administrative Section, C. S. Fricks, YN₂, E. F. Vandergrift, PN₂ and K. E. Kreidler, YNSN hard at work.

The personnel and administrative staff — K. E. Kreidler, YNSN, R. S. Johnson, PNA₃, E. F. Vandergrift, PN₂, R. D. Hilton, PN₃, R. W. Warmoth, PN₃, G. A. Hunlock, YN₂, G. McIntyre, YN₃, H. L. Wyss, YNC and C. S. Fricks, YN₂.





H. J. Anderson, SK2, R. B. Russell, SK1, C. W. Sharp, SKG3 and K. Laughlin, SK1.

SUPPLY AND DISBURSING

The Chow, the Cash, the Materials and the second consecutive outstanding in CBLANT's inspections



J. O. Rogers, DK1 and C. «G» Smith, DK1, check over the money situation.

Greens worn out? See C. W. Sharp in the Supply Greens Issue Room.



MEDICAL - DENTAL

Open Wide!! Jerry Galbreath DTG2 cleans
some Seabee choppers.



Corpsmen — George Jepson, HM2, Wiley Bolton, HM3, Walter Rollo, HMC and Donald Oakes, HM1 line up during a respite in keeping the Battalion healthy.



Donald Oakes, HM1, giving some medical assistance to C. E. Pino, BUHCN.

Drummond, T. L., JO3, has blood pressure checked by Wiley Bolton, HM3.

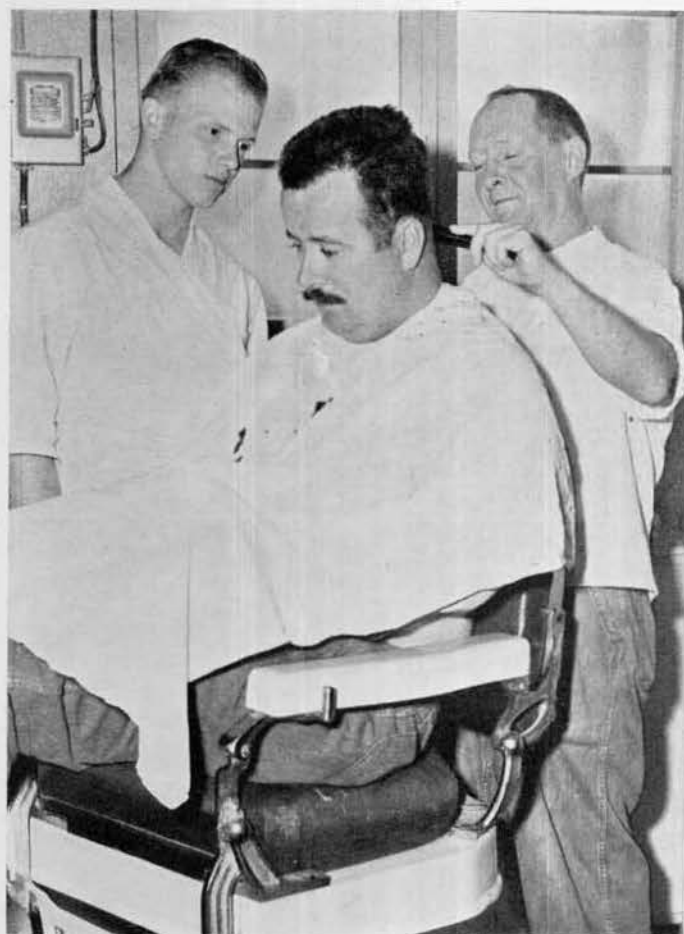


LAUNDRY - MAILMAN - BARBER...



The laundry services of the Battalion were placed in the capable hands of (left to right) «Seabee» Stringer, SHL2, «Bingo» Shirey, SH1, and «Hoss» Hinson, SH1. The fourth member of the laundry team, «Snuffy» Burch, SH3, was absent for this photograph.

Mailman Gary Mundt, CN, sorts incoming mail into company boxes.



Clyde (Buzzy) Bussey, SH1, gives Ken Laughlin, SK1, a trim while barber striker Richard Hawn picks up some pointers.

MECHANICS---

A C O M P A N Y



H. D. Smith, CMA3, W. E. Robinson, CMH2 and H. T. Harris, CM1 keeping the Battalion on the road.

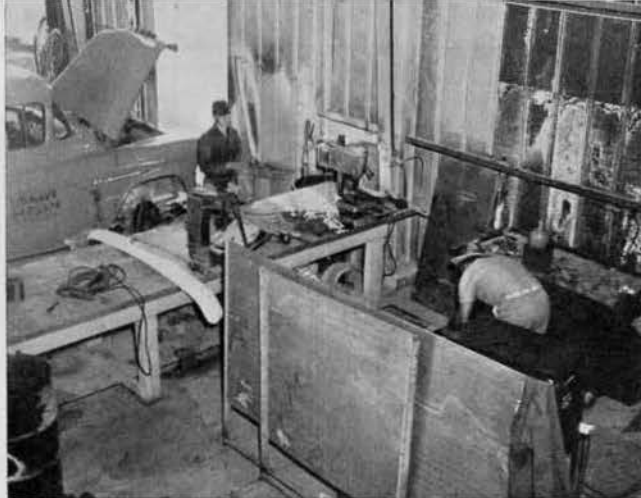
Chief Hilbert and «A» Company Commander LTJG J. A. Ruscyk, check over the Mechanic's work.



The «Sun» machine helping George Goodman, CMA3, to locate the trouble.



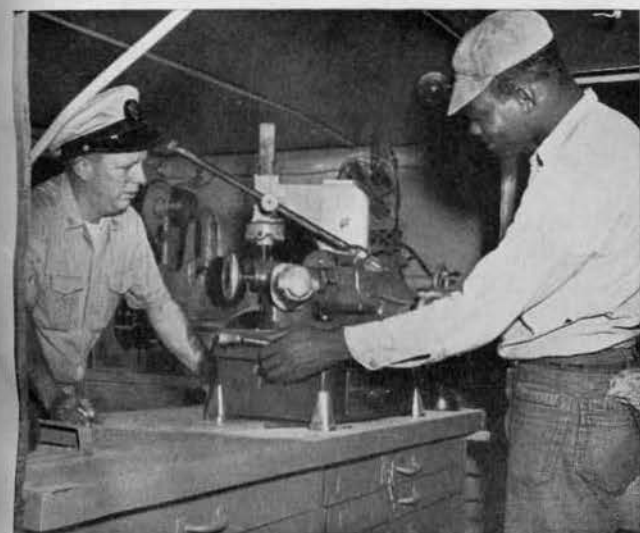
Heavy or light, all equipment was kept running smoothly by the Mechanics.



The shop was always busy servicing equipment.

MECHANICS

Chief Hilbert checking over Alonzo Page's work in the «A» Company mobile shop.



The mobile shop proved its worth with on the job repairs.

A regular PMC by J. H. DUDDING is checked by J. «A» JEWELL.

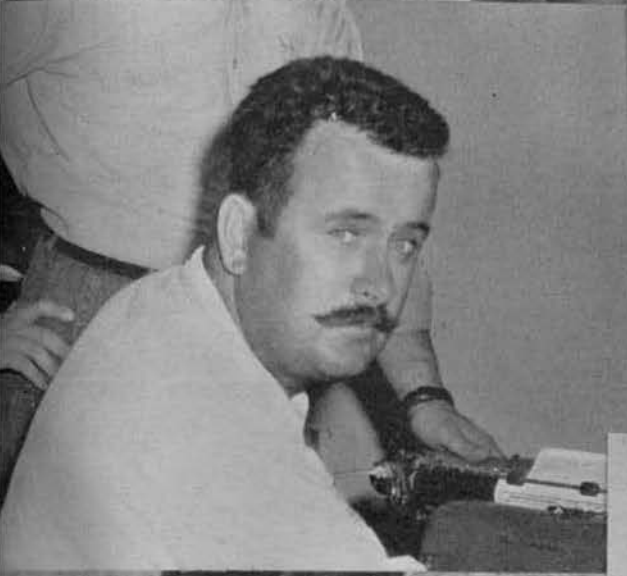


DRIVERS ...



Stock piling, hauling and spreading top soil for the golf course were just a few of the duties assumed by the Drivers of the Battalion. Their work on the golf course expanded the Naval Station course to 18 holes.





OPERATIONS ENGINEERING



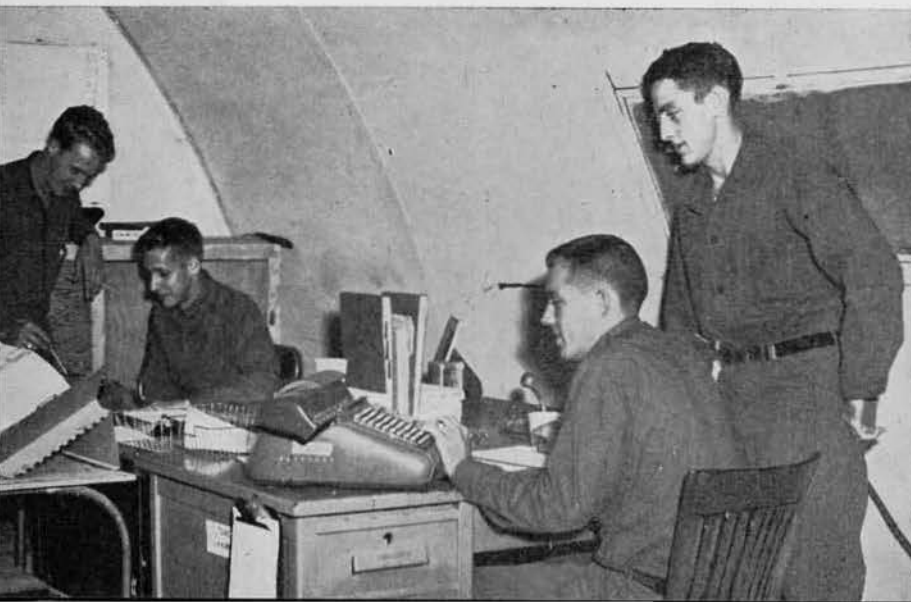
The Operations and Engineering staff of ENS G. D. FRAUNCES, B. R. MORVICK, R. S. LOCKMILLER, LCDR. D. R. TRUEBLOOD, Chief COMER, B. J. TAYLOR, Chief BOOTH, R. W. RACKLEY, Chief GIGGY, B. L. CONNORS, D. F. WOMACK, and J. WINTERS. F. MOSELEY and C. KUBRICKY, were missing at the time the picture was taken.



Surveyors kept things straight.

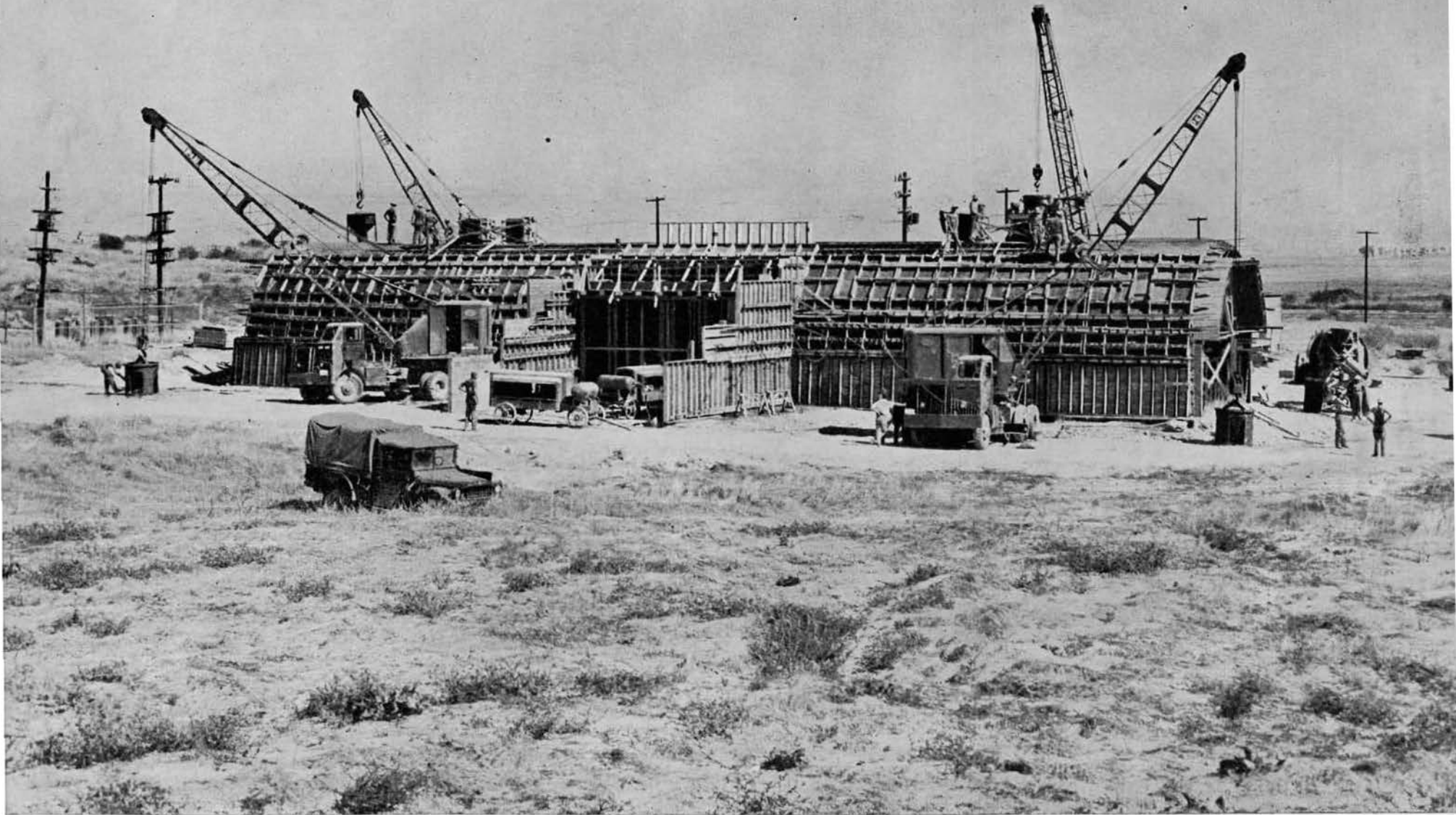
Reports and material expediting kept the office force busy full time.

Need a drawing — Call Chief Giggy and B. J. Taylor in Engineering.



Planning and Engineering

The power plant concrete pour of 150 cubic meters in 10 hours was the result of the supervision of the Project Officer LT. K. D. VAN BELKUM, the planning and engineering of the operations department and most important the hard, competent work by the "Bees" of MCB6

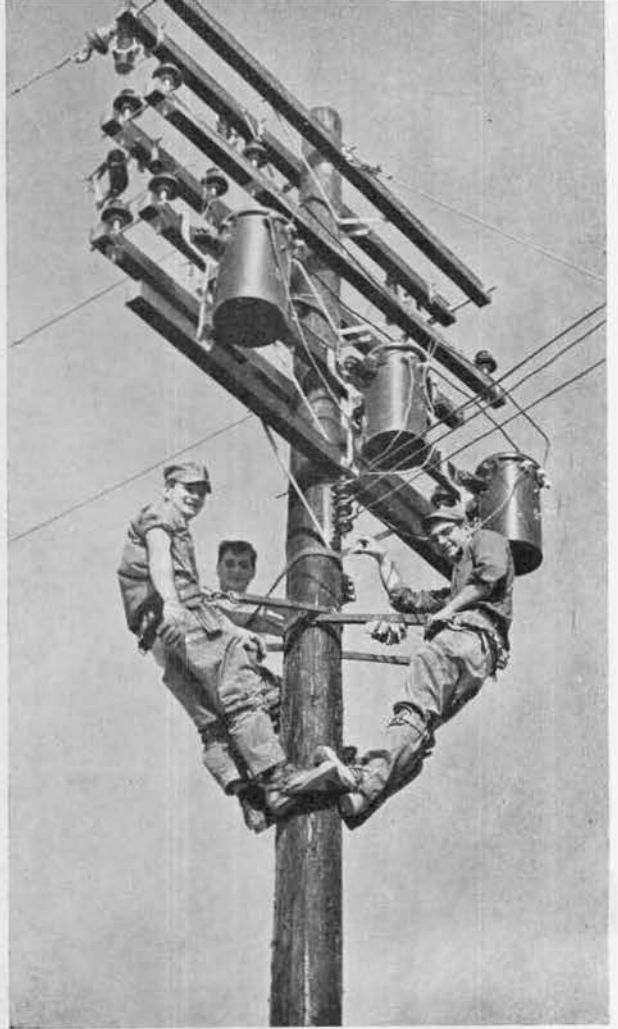


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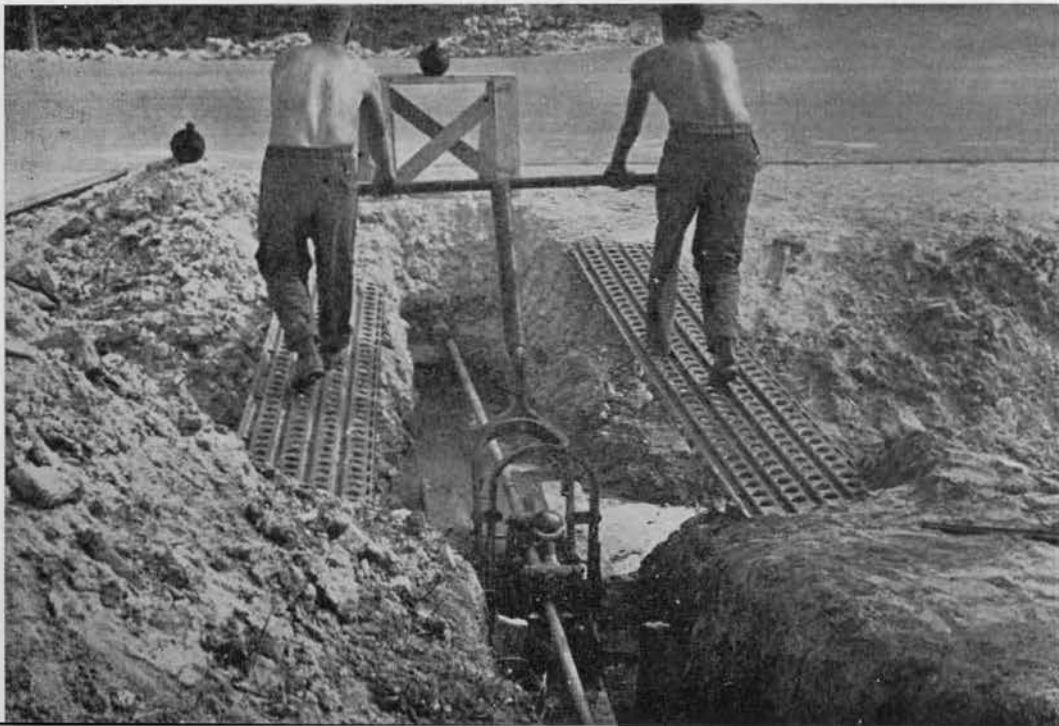


L. F. DOW does some interior wiring at the Library Project.



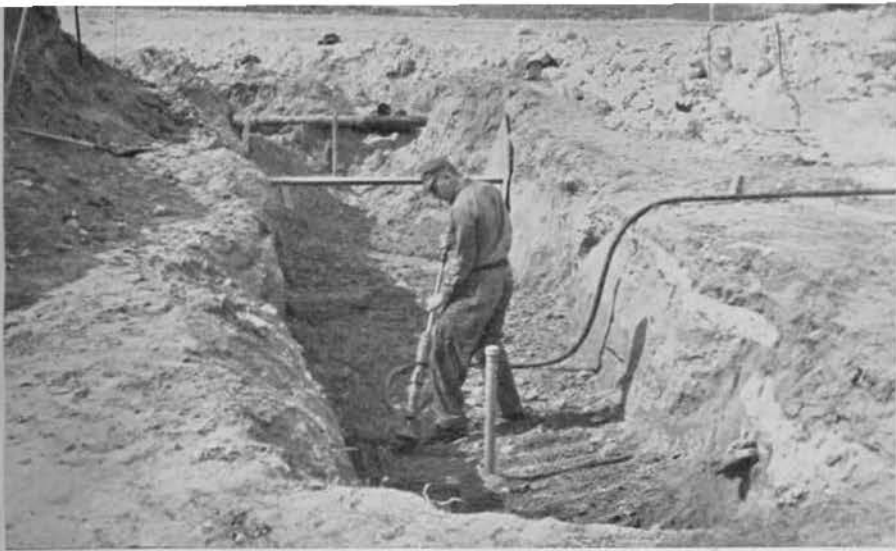
Keeping the wires «hot» are MC DONALD and the two WICKERS.

Utilitiesmen jacking pipe under the road at the Library.



Support - Production

«B» Company, composed of the shop's and utilities personnel was primarily charged with the support of the construction companies. However, when the Battalion was given the extra projects of the Dry Cleaning Plant and the Service Station the company pitched in and took over the jobs.



Backfilling underground tank.



Surveying



Plumbing at the Gym.

S U P P O R T

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Digging in utilities at the Service Station.

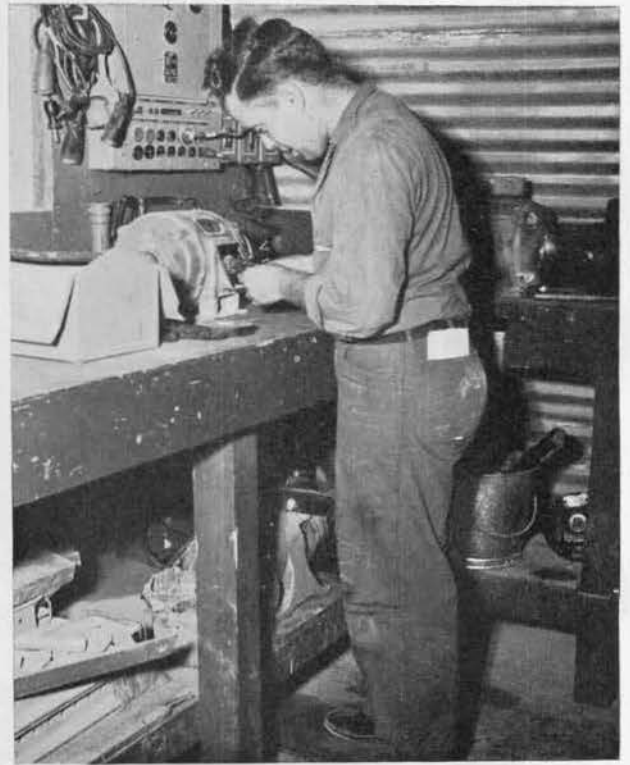


Installing the interior heating system at the Hobby Shop.

SHOPS



Handling the Battalions carpentry problems are. GORDON and JORDON.



Kearney checking over a motor at the electrical shop.



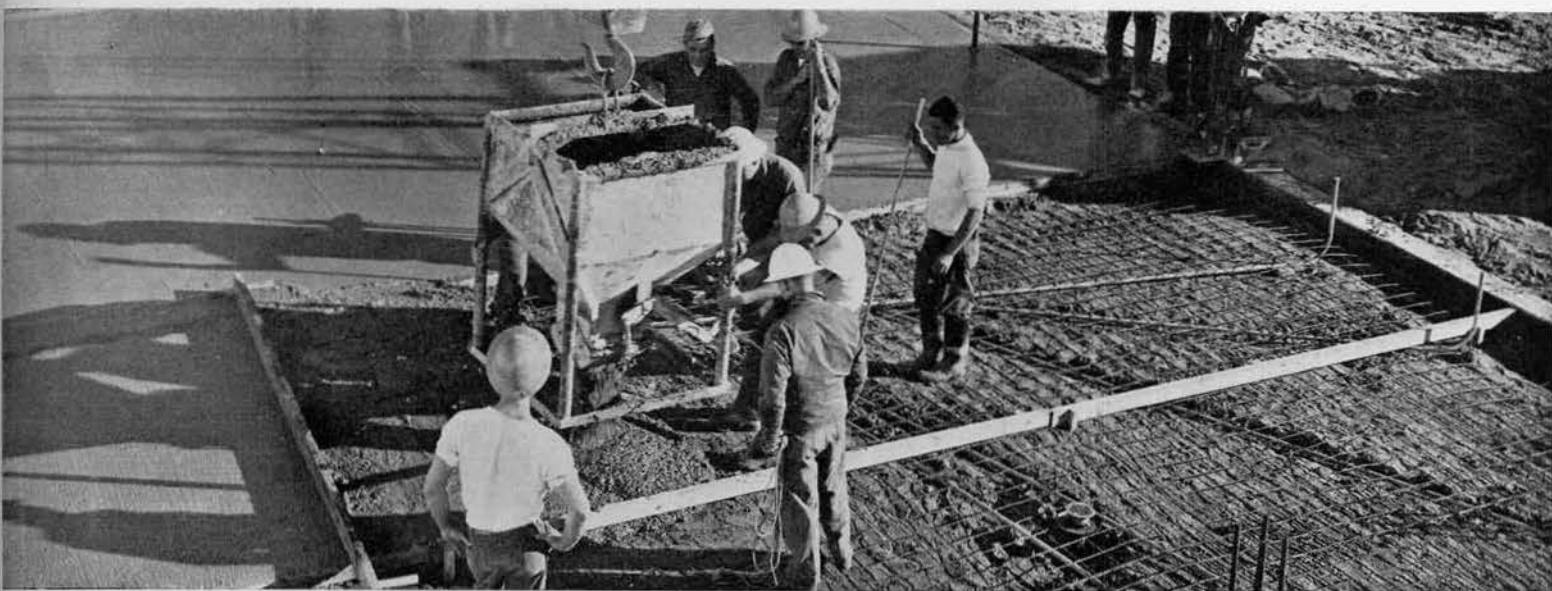
M. J. Seaman cuts that steel neat and clean.



Looking for some parts at the Metal Smith Shop is T. A. Peacock.



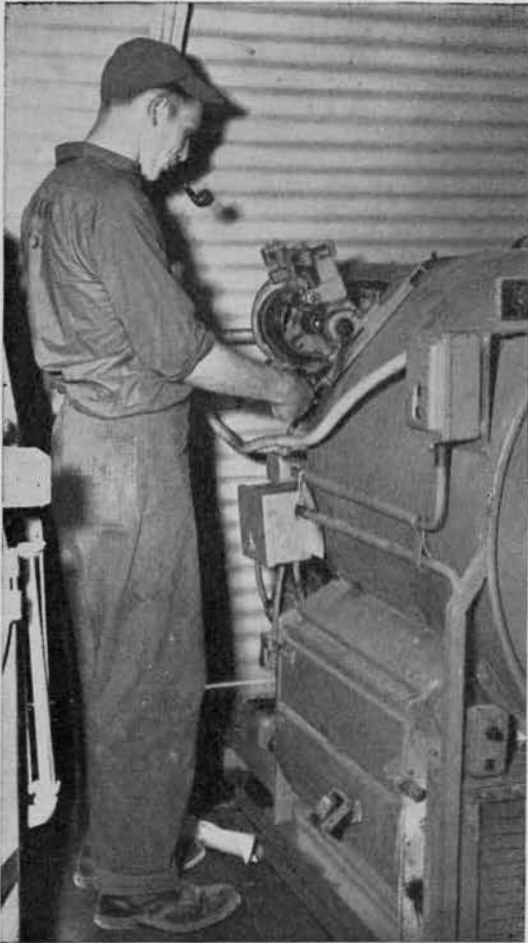
PRODUCTION - "B" COMPANY PROJECT



THE DRY CLEANING PLANT



CAMP MAINTENANCE



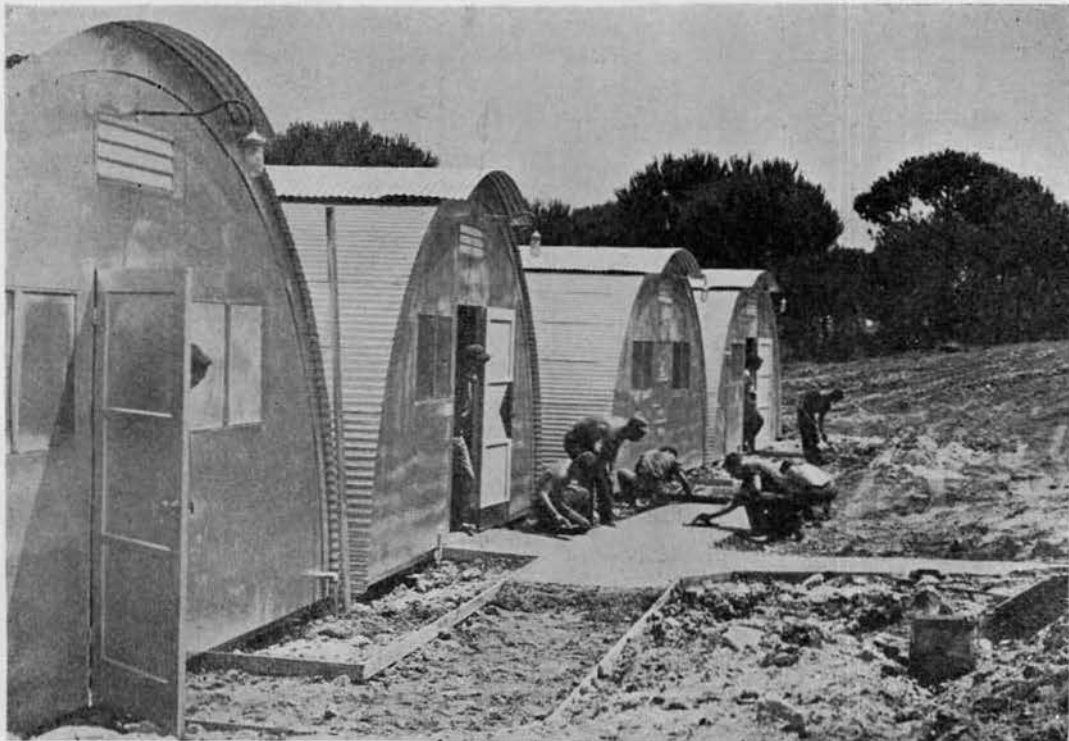
Adjusting the washing machine in the laundry.

A Quonset Hut camp for 400 CB's has more than its share of maintenance problems and it was up to the Maintenance crew to take care of them. Keeping the plumbing, heating and electricity services in operating order was a full scale project.



Fixing the Galley steam boiler.

In addition to project work ordinary maintenance the Utilities Crew helped set up the camp by painting and laying sidewalks.





The Material Compound Crew of A. H. RUMSEY, T. L. DORMADY, J. HOLYCROSS, C. W. DURHAM, K. E. LAUGHLIN, and L. K. COMPTON.



Stocking pallets in the compound.



Above: A. H. RUMSEY turns over some plywood to B. R. GORDON.

Below: The Compound Crew.



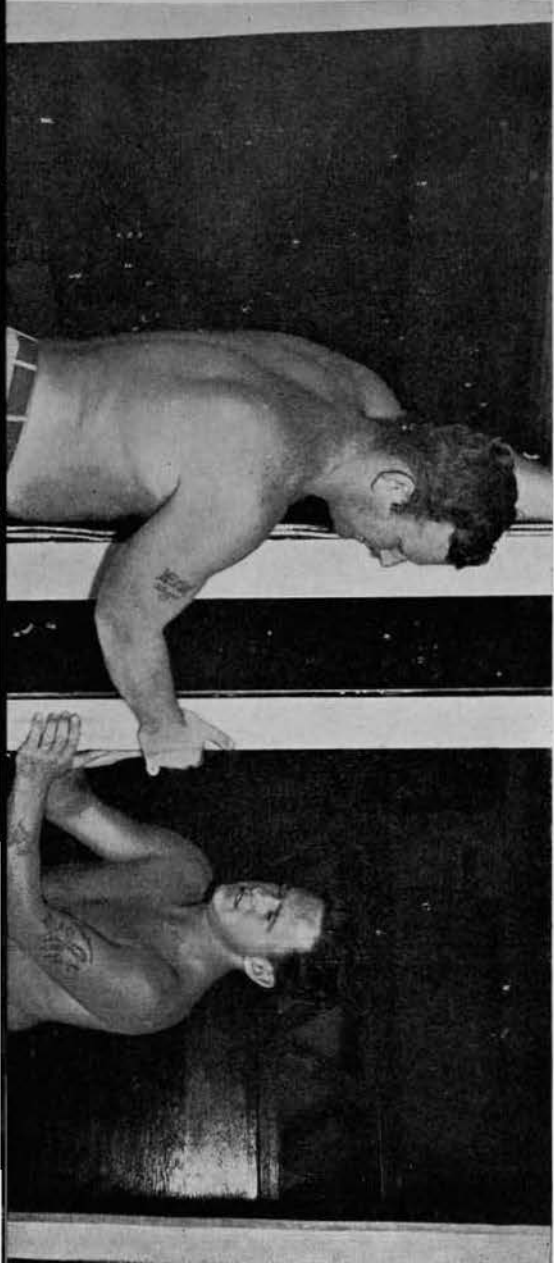
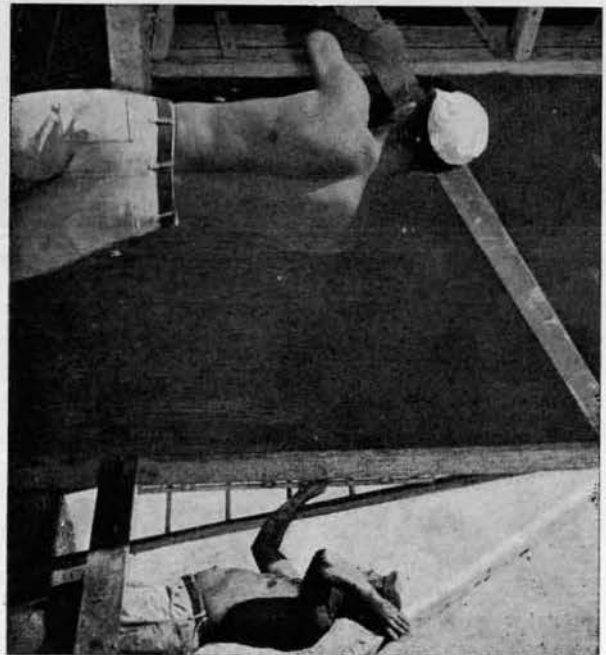
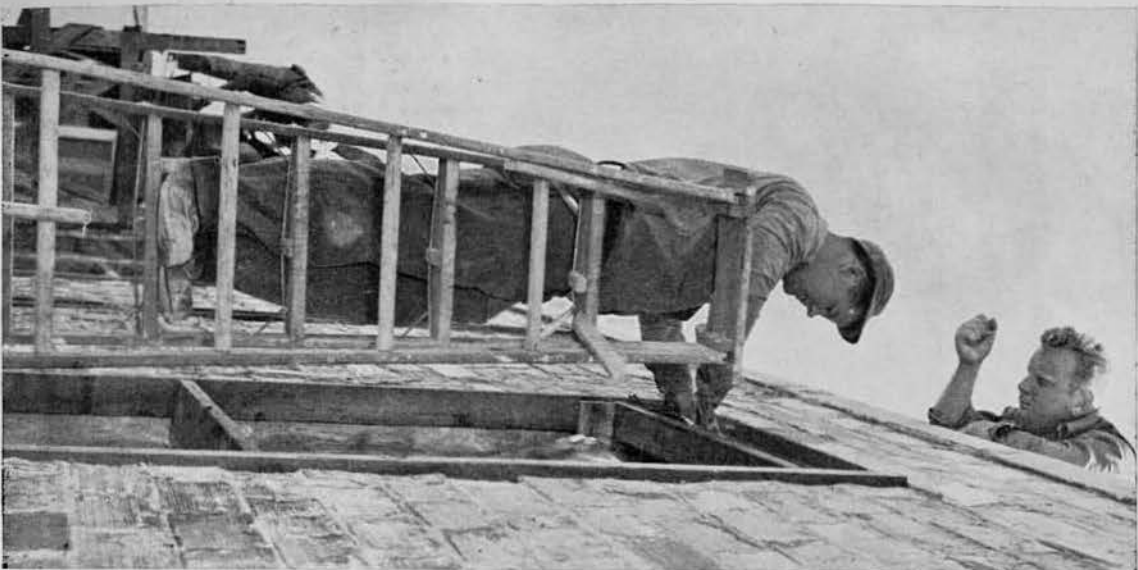
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— "C" COMPANY —

EM CLUB EXTENSION

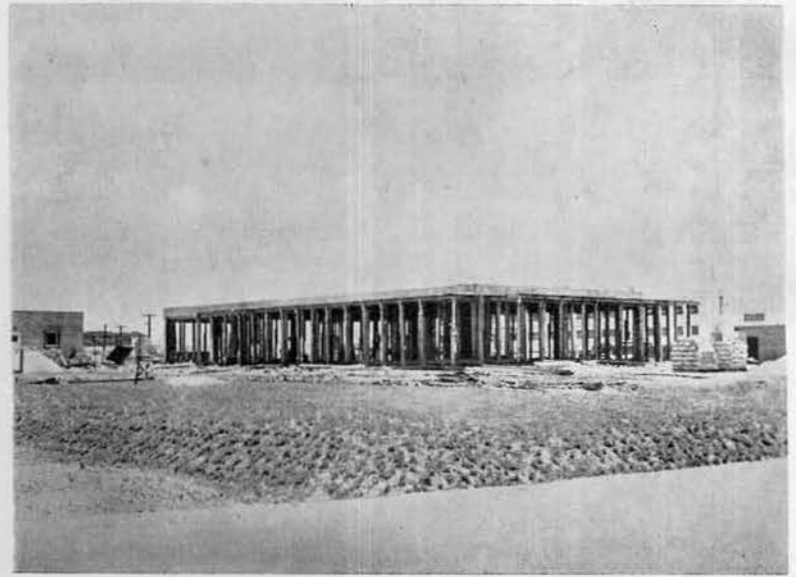


LIBRARY

The first mainside building to be turned over to the Naval Station was the Library. It was another welcome addition to Rota's changing scene.

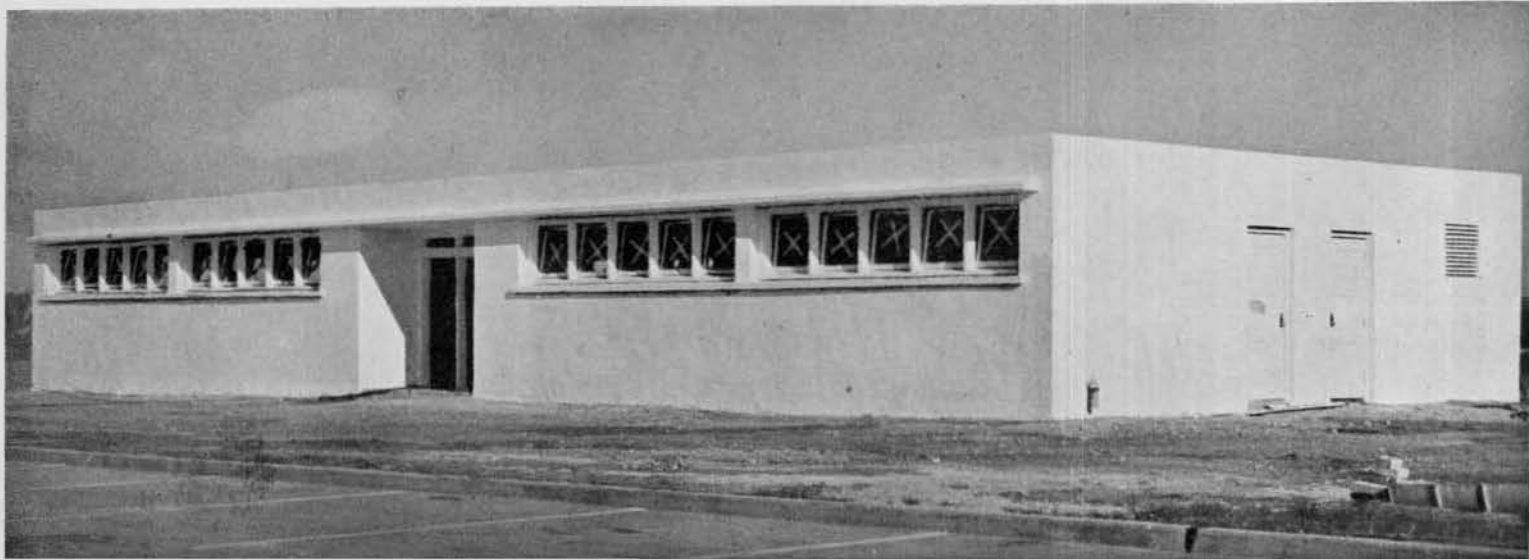


Doing the finish work at the Library.



The library as it looked after the roof was poured.

«C.» Company's library project nears completion.



PROJECT



Above - After the turning-over ceremony, the Library Crew poses for its picture.

Right - Painting some finishing touches at the Project.

Below - Chief Clayton helps Captain Robinson, Naval Station Skipper to cut the ribbon officially opening the library.



— HOBBY SHOP —



Above — Chief Lentz and his crew install windows while below LTJG J. J. SHANLEY helps unload brick to keep his masons busy.

Another one of «C» Company's projects was the Hobby Shop which was turned over to the Naval Station on 31 Dec 1960. Rota - ites welcomed the building and the services that it was soon to provide.

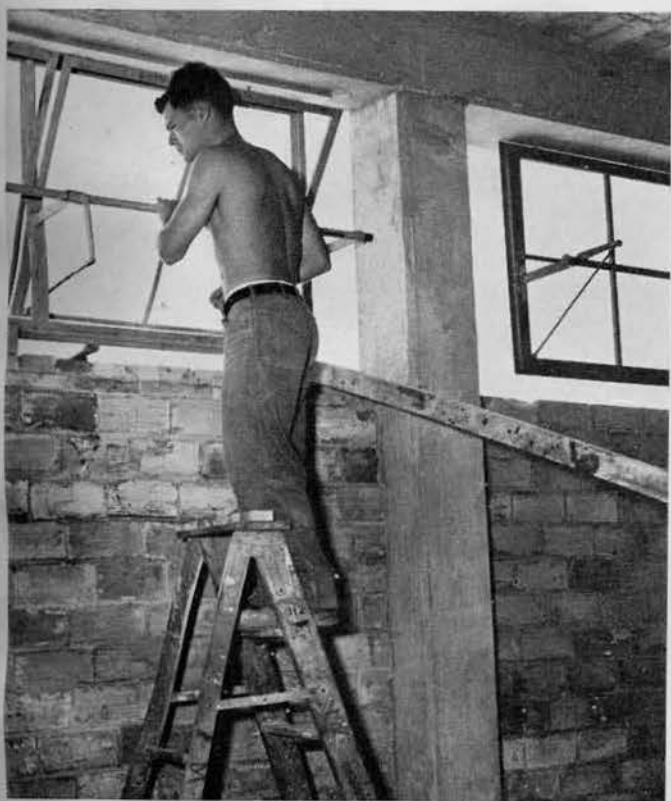


LTJG SHANLEY
— «C» Company Commander.





The brick laying crew keeping the mortar flying.



R. J. GUERE, setting windows.

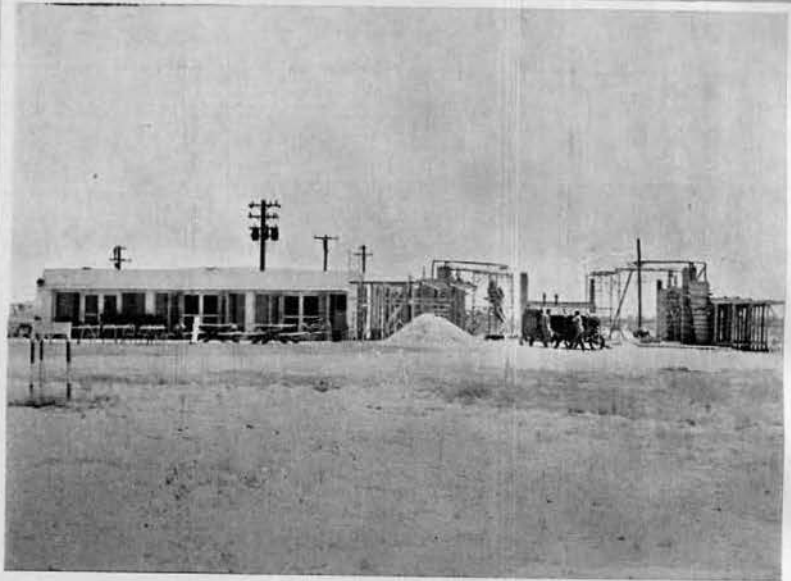
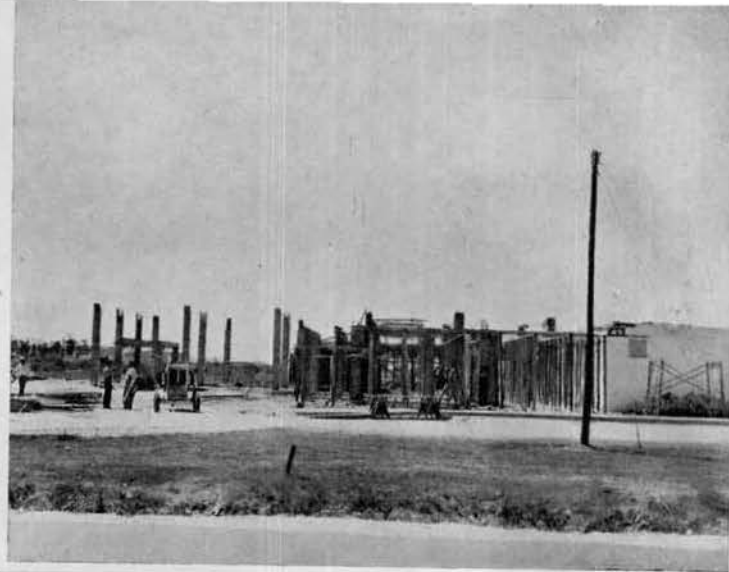


Captain Robinson cuts a ribbon and opens another Rota addition.

CPO CLUB



Expanding the Naval Station's CPO Club was a job that fell to MCB-6. The completed club was to be nearly three times larger than the original building.



Above the CPO Club stands nearly complete. Right - Wilson, A., and a helper smoothing on a coat of plaster.





"D" COMPANY

R E B A R S H O P



The rebar crew consisted of D. W. Griffin, P. H. Pompeo, Pappy Quillin, A. W. Keddy and T. R. GSCHWIND.

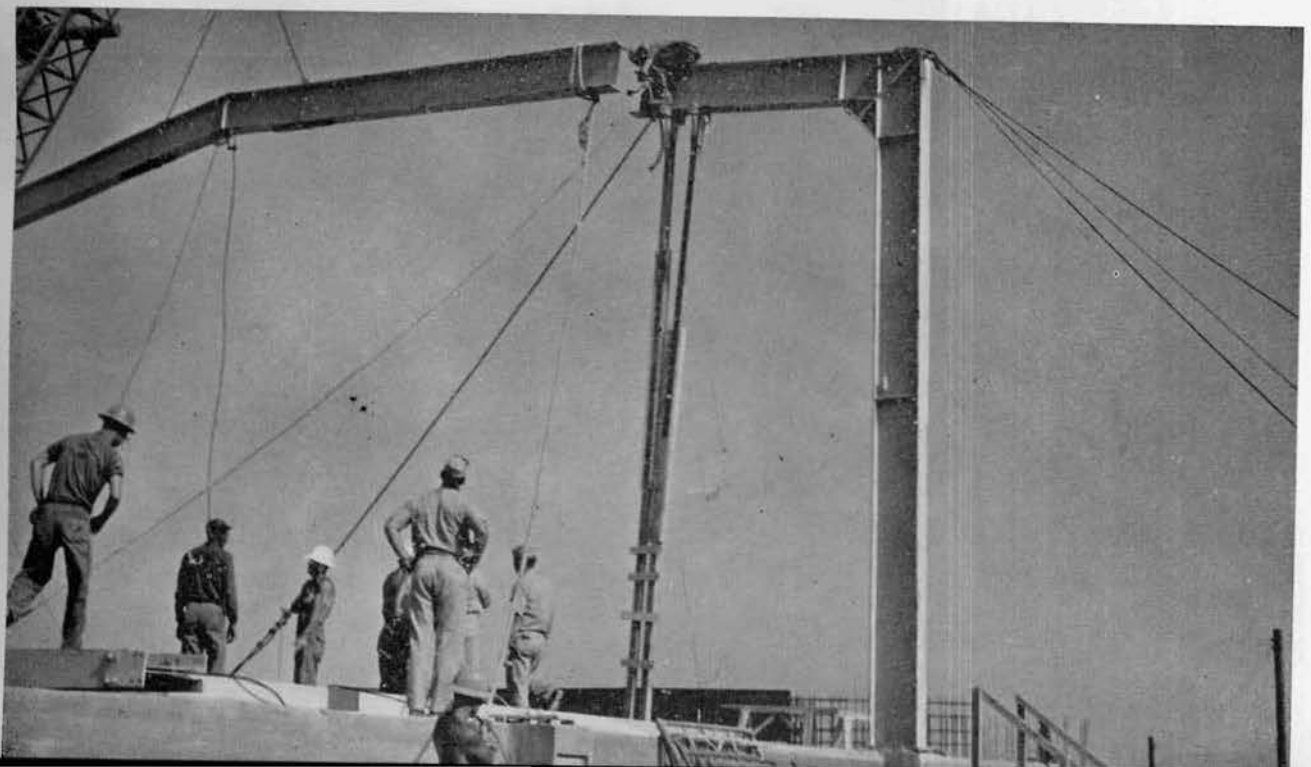
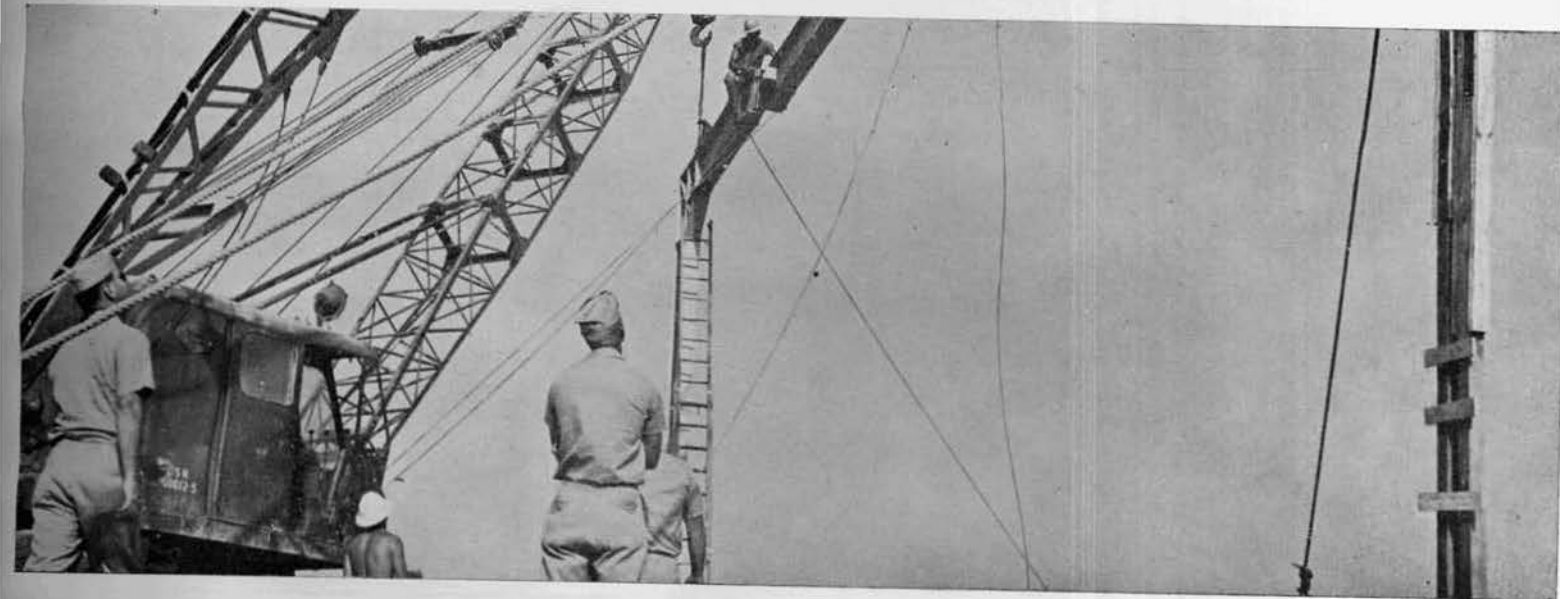
Cutting, bending and tying rebar for the Gym and School Addition was the responsibility of the crew.



Using the products put out by the shop the foundations of the Gym and School Addition were laid.

GYMNASIUM

The biggest «D» Company project was the gymnasium. It was a good project for battalion experience in that all rates were needed and used to the fullest extent.





Gymnasium and School Addition

Forming up for beam pour.

Bricklayers high up on the Gymnasium walls.

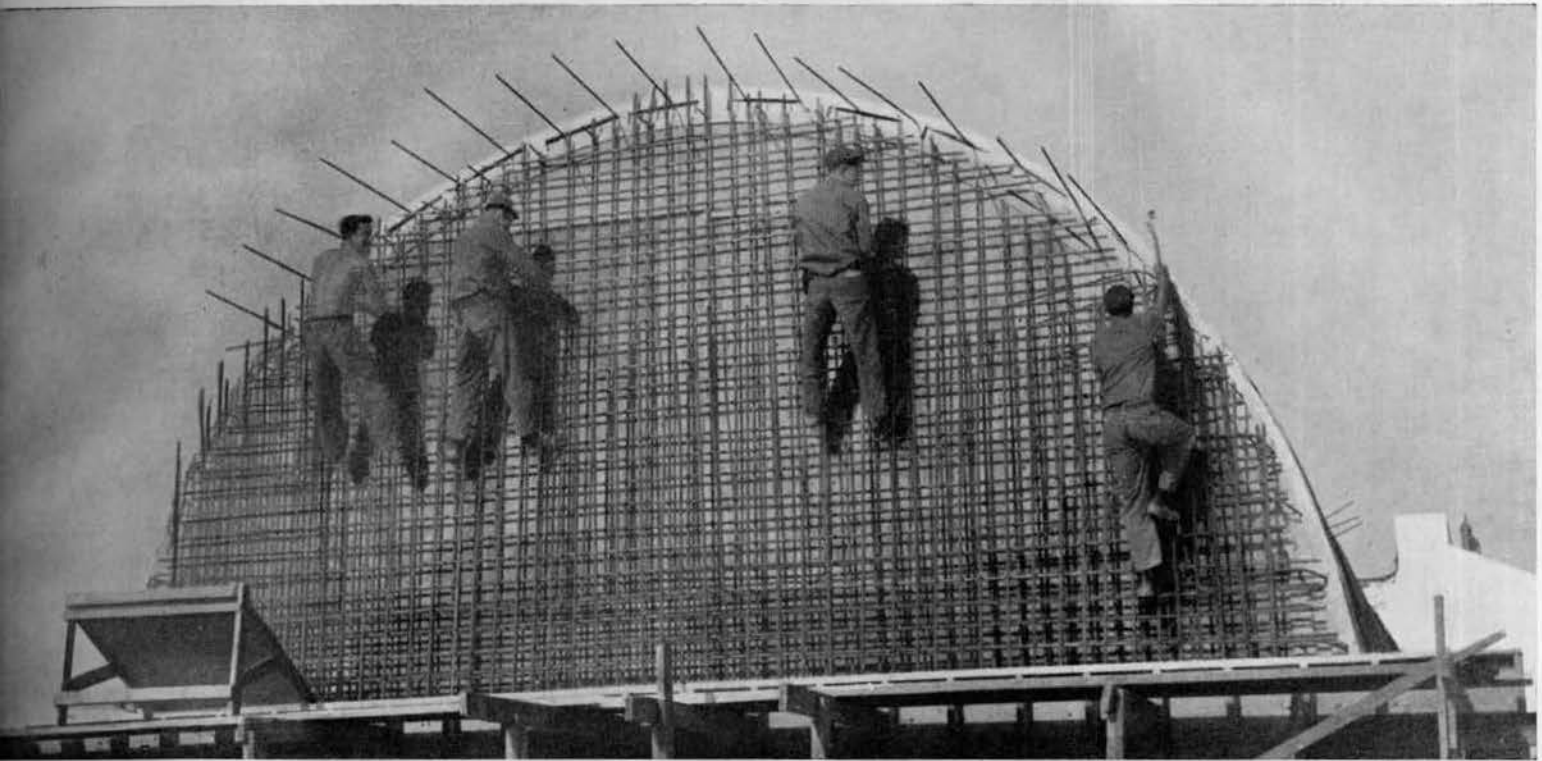
Working inside the School Addition.

The gym walls approach completion.

As the walls go up electricians and utilitiesmen put in their facilities.



POWER PLANT



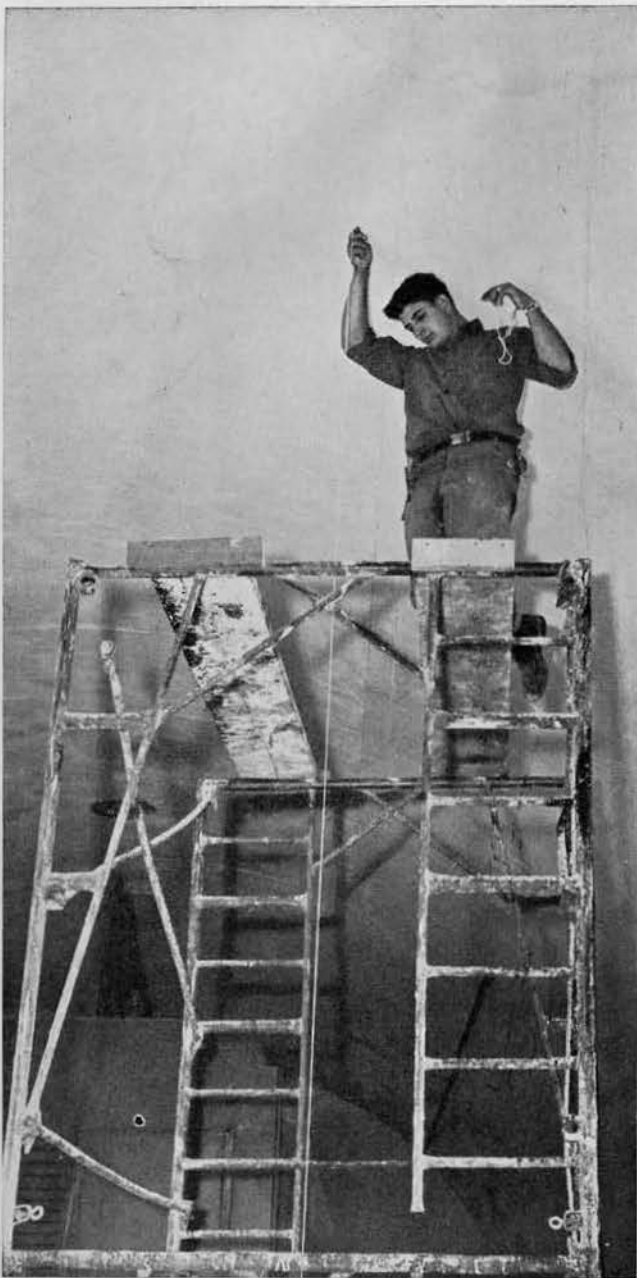
Tying Rebar on the end wall of the Power Plant.



Right — After months of exterior and interior work, the Emergency Power Plant Project looks like this while being tarred.



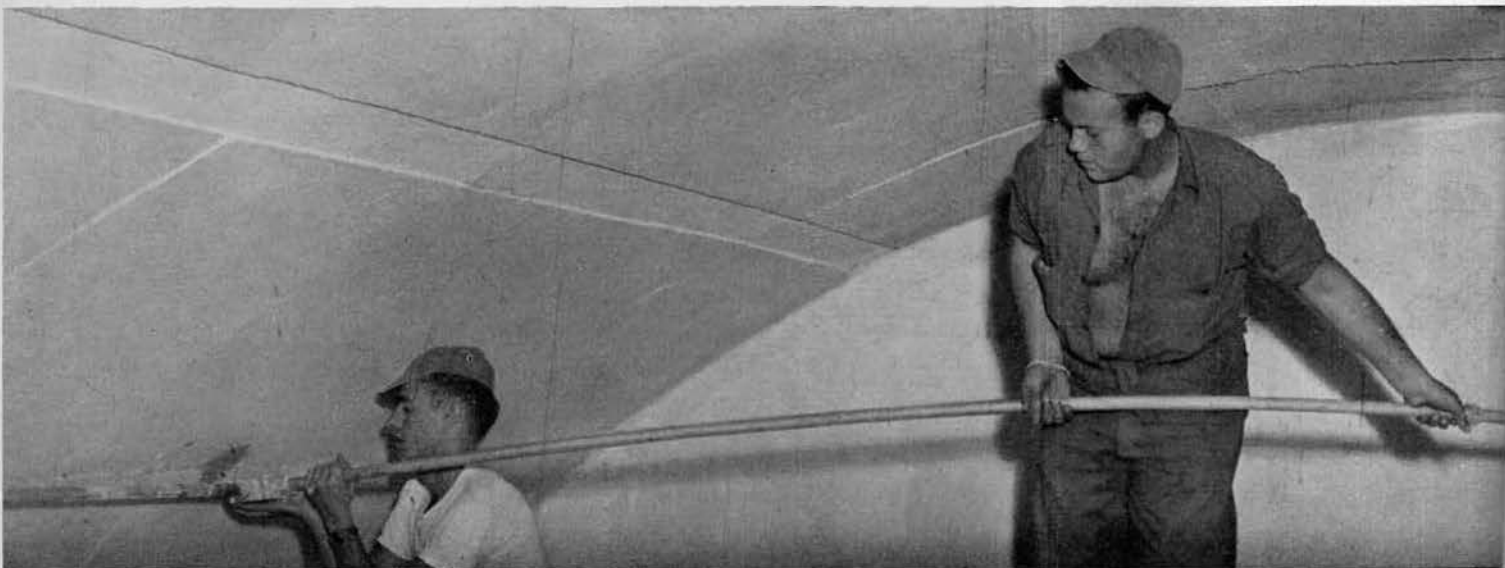
"D" Company Power Plant



Above: Installing exhaust ports.

Left: Checking with the plumb bob.

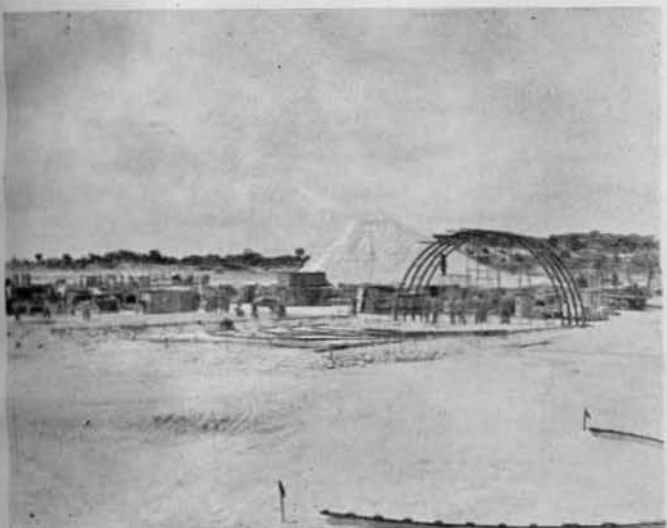
Below: Electricians put in interior wiring.





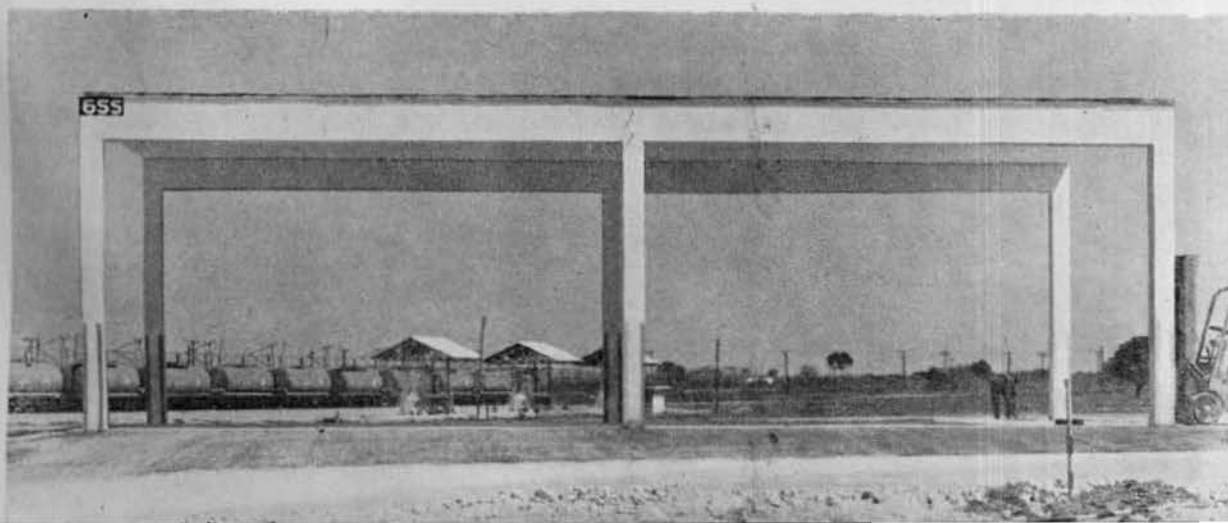
VEHICLE SHED

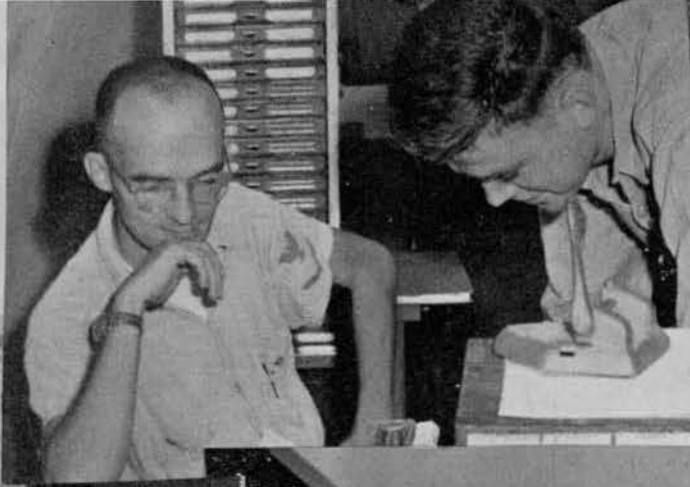
Weather protection for the Fuel Depot's equipment was provided by the Vehicle Shed which was quickly constructed during the first months of the Rota Deployment.

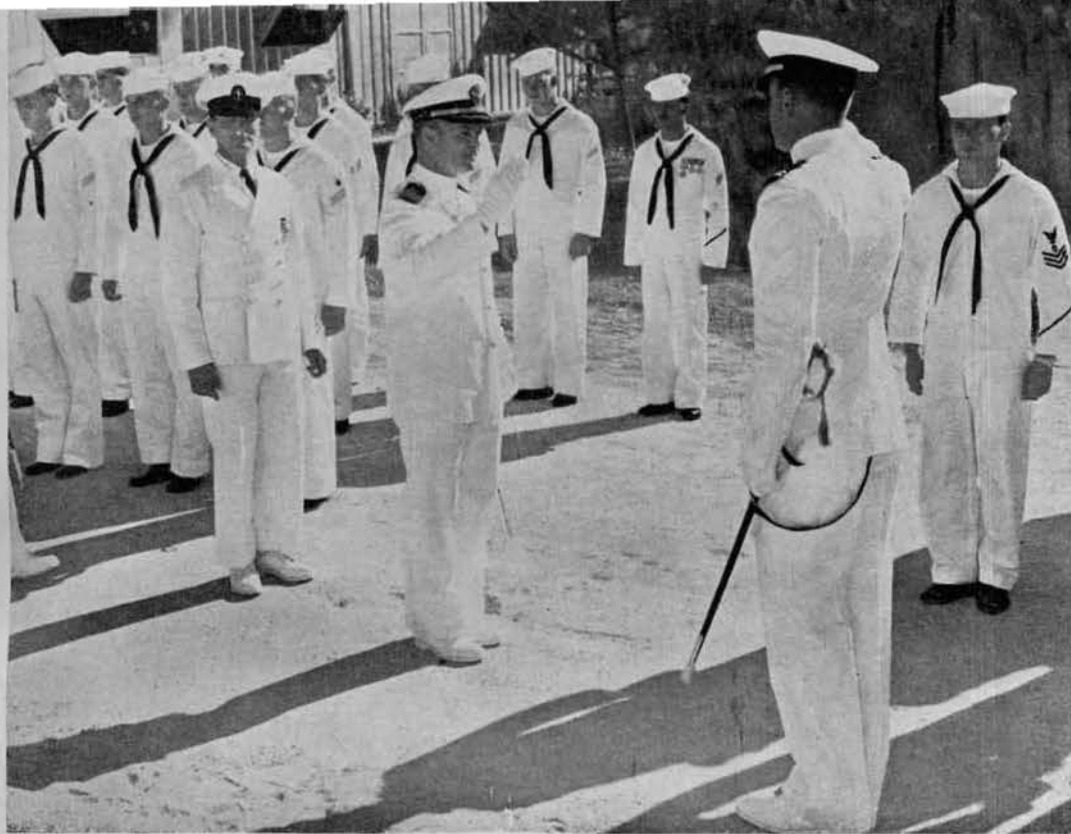


"ELEPHANT HUTS"

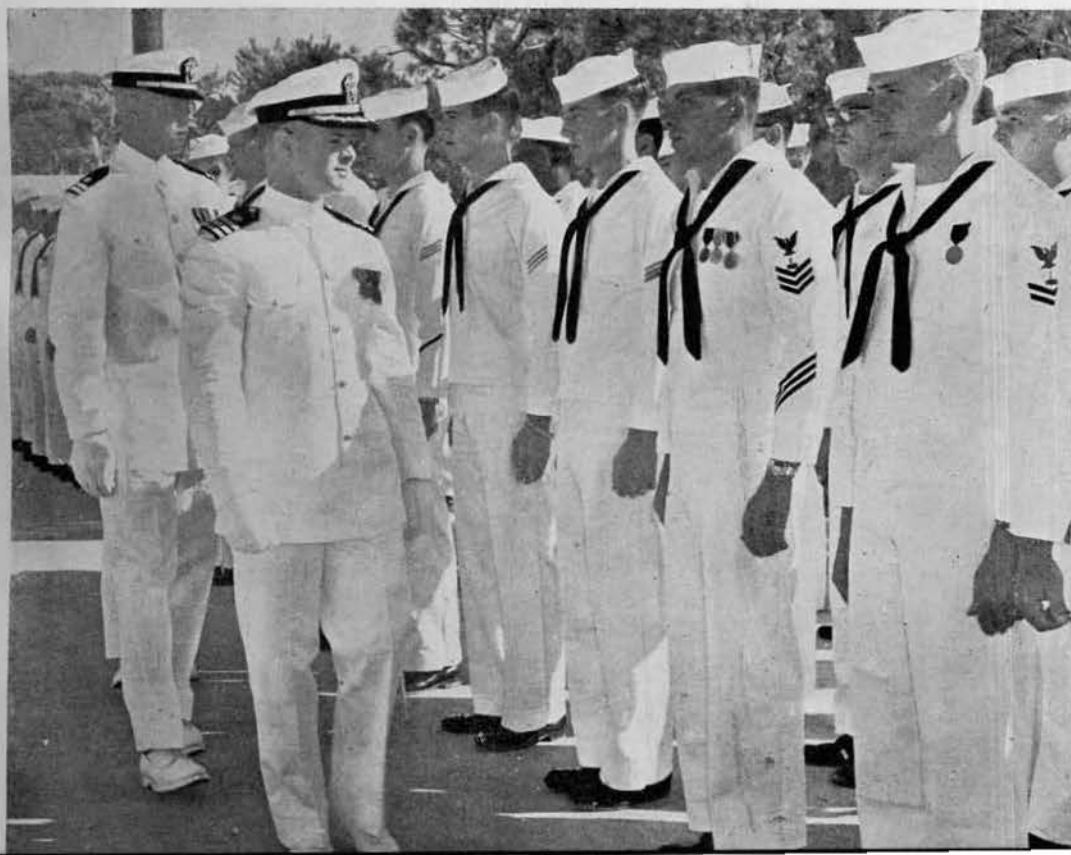
The large Quonset Huts in the Material compound were constructed in the first weeks of the deployment. They were required for material storage, and field offices spaces.







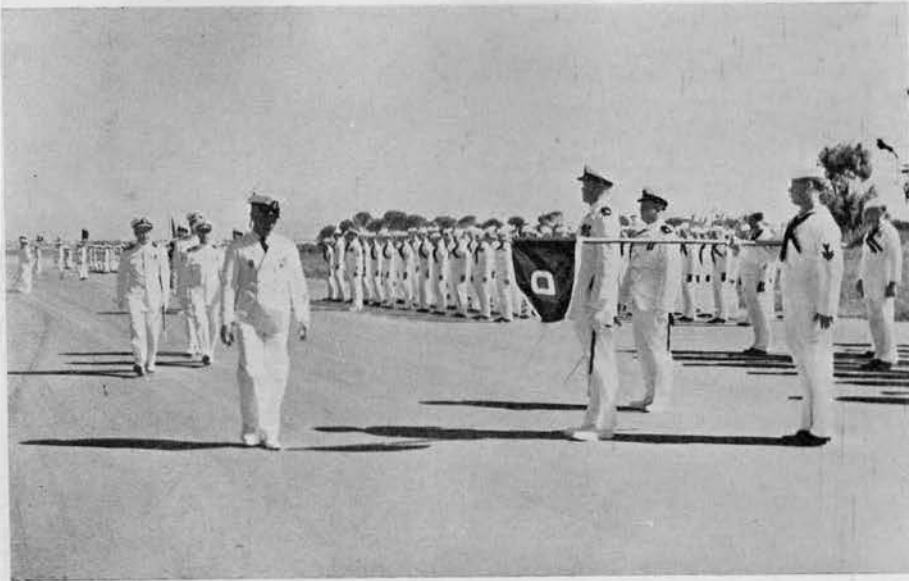
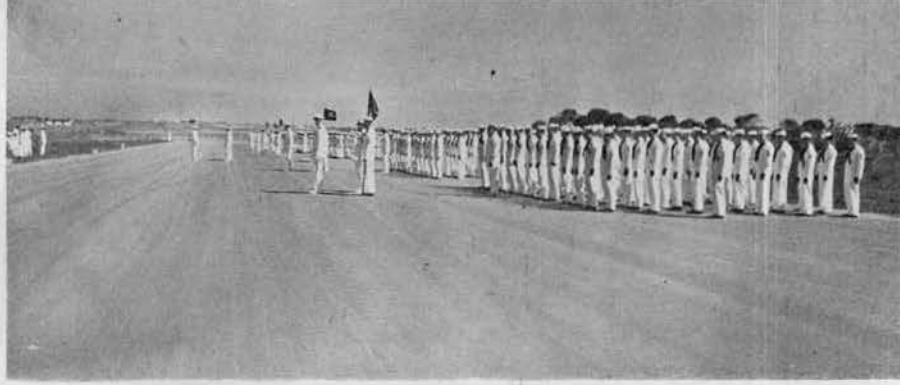
Several times during the Rota Deployment the Battalion held personnel inspection. In every case, immediately after being inspected by the commanding officer, the battalion moved to the parade ground to pass in review for some local official. In this manner the battalion passed in review for captain Smith, ComNavActs, Rota and Captain Robinson Naval Station Commanding Officer.



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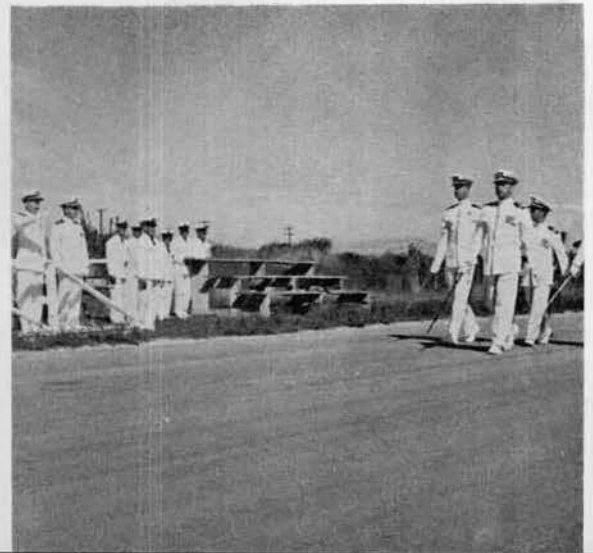
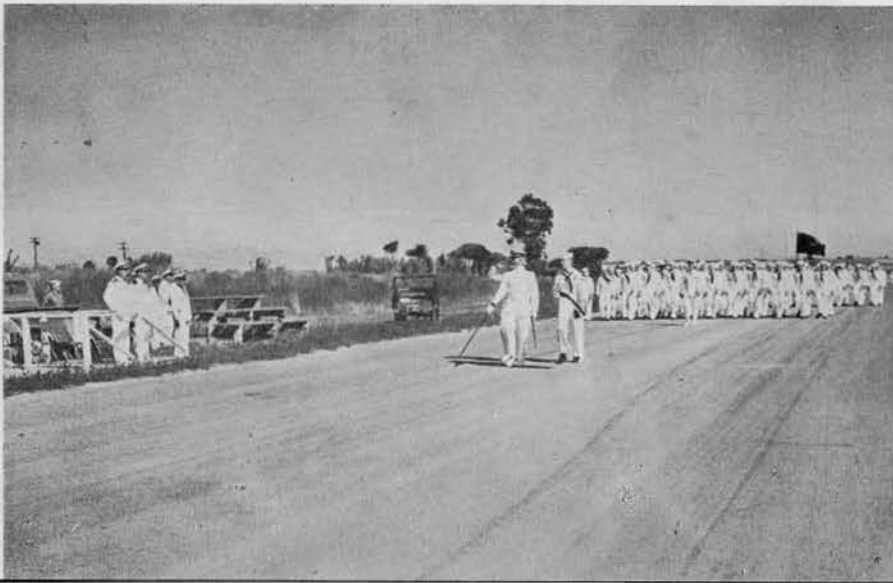
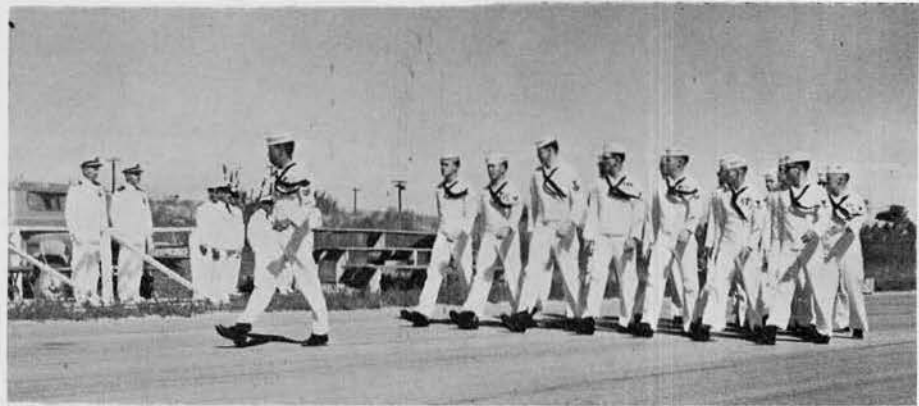
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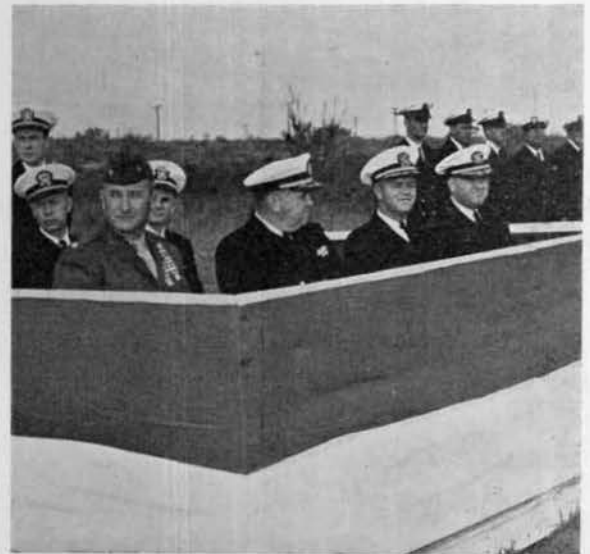


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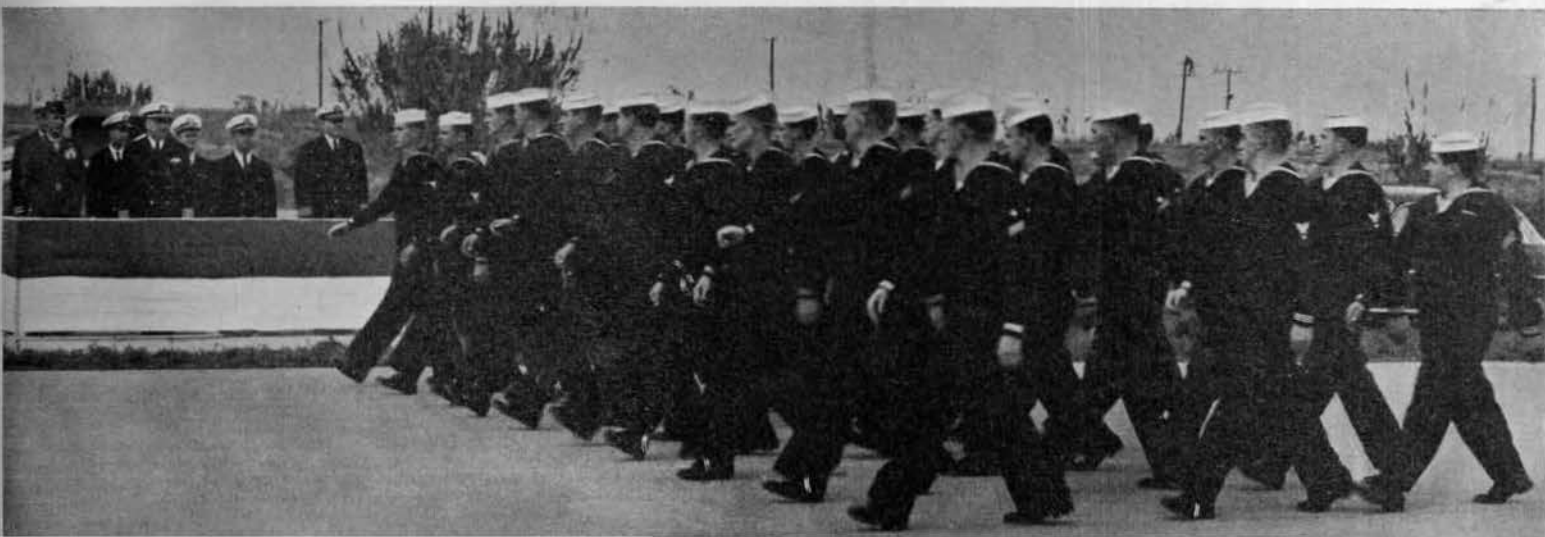


CBLANT INSPECTION



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On December 2, 1959, Captain W. C. G. CHURCH, arrived at Rota to inspect the Battalion. Soon after he touched down he witnessed an MCB-6 Pass in Review and inspected the Battalion's Personnel.





COMMODORE CHURCH INSPECTS.

BATTALION RECREATION



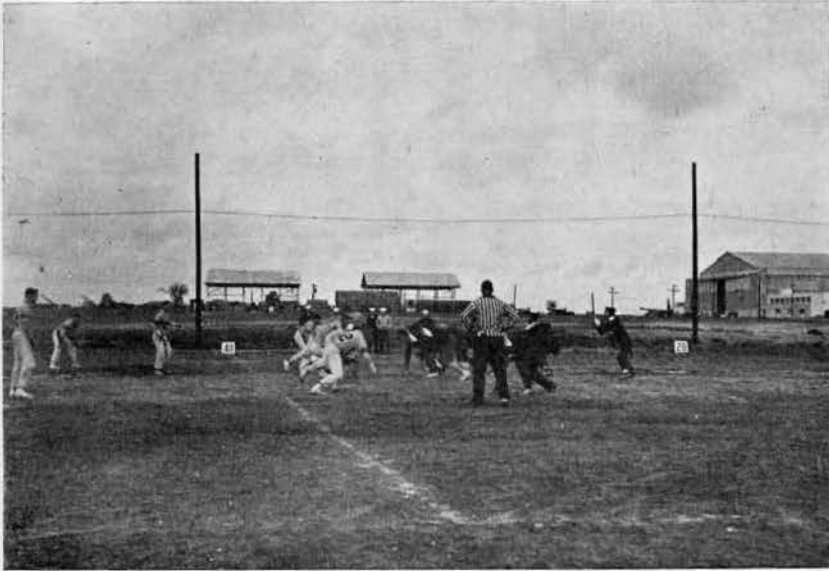


SPORTS

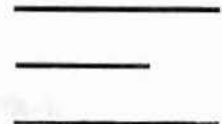
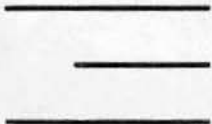
The many facilities of Naval Station, Rota allowed sports of all kinds to be played. Men of the Battalion participated in Naval Station Basketball and Softball and in addition had teams of their own. Football was well supported by the Seabees

and the battalion would have taken the Station trophy except for the limited practice they could have. Horseshoes, volleyball and swimming were all a part of the athletic programs both organized and spontaneous.





SPORTS





SUNNY

Nowhere except in Sunny Spain can anyone find such diverse activities and picturesque landscapes as the Battalion found during its deployment at Rota. Hardly a day passed that didn't reveal some new aspect of Spanish culture and background.

Fiestas, exciting bullfights, lazy siestas and sightseeing became second nature to all the Seabees.

The well known towns of Seville, Cadiz, Jerez de la Frontera and Gibraltar all became the «liberty ports» for the Battalion.





SPAIN

After spending several months in Spain many men made lasting friendships, met some of Spain's beautiful women and almost all had a working knowledge of the language. Being stationed in Southern Spain meant of course witnessing time and again the well known flamenco dances, and sampling the finest of Spanish wines.

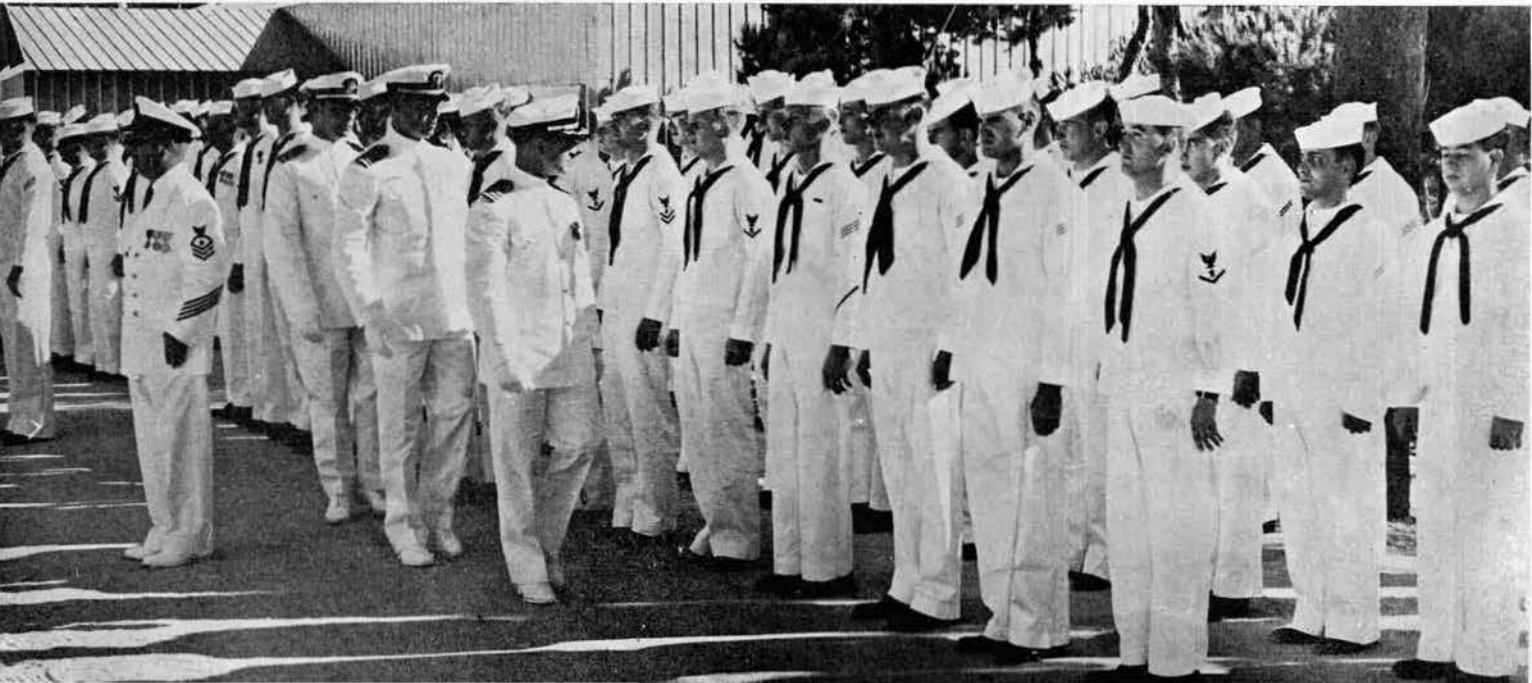
It will no doubt be said that the men of Six were glad to return to their homes in the United States but Sunny Spain, its people customs and good times, will never be forgotten.





THE BATTALION

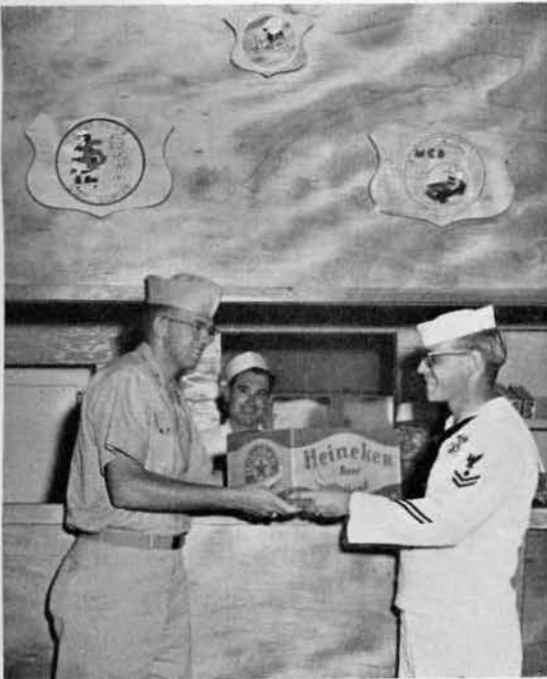
U. S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Six in its deployment to Rota, Spain had in all respects one of its most successful tours. Projects assigned were a challenge and the Spanish atmosphere was such that after hours activity was always a treat.





ITS MEN

During the past year the men of the Battalion by their endeavors have made the Battalion's operations a resounding success. The deployment to Camp Lejeune and Rota, the high advancement rate and the high shipping over rate were indicative of the men's actions.





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ORPHAN CHRISTMAS

MCB-6 played host to two groups of orphan children from Jerez on December 24th much to the delight of the orphans as well as the Battalion's personnel. Santa Claus paid his traditional visit to both groups while Chief Haley and his cooks put out a fine dinner to suit the occasion.





THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

IN MEMORIAM

This book is dedicated to the memory of two of our Shipmates, Norman Spencer Lewis, BUL3 and James (Pappy) Quillin, SW1, victims of automobile accidents in Spain.

