



**WATER WORKS**—MCB Six distillation plant made fresh water from the sea.

## The Greeks Have a Word for Them

**S**OMETIMES SEABEES CARRY out their base-building activities in strange, fascinating lands—such as Greece. At any rate, that's where the men of Mobile Construction Battalion Six have just built a naval communications station.

The station will become a link in our worldwide communications system. Much of the work involved procedures with which the talented Seabees are well familiar, but the project was not without its peculiarities.

The work included erection of over 100 major antennas and 11 support buildings—a challenge in itself. Added to this were the complexities and toil involved in establishing and maintaining a camp site to serve as "home" during the deployment.

An advance party arrived at the construction site on the plains near Marathon, Greece, in late 1962, and began on-site preparations for the arrival of the main body of MCB-6.

They set up a camp site, using the eight-man, 16-feet by 32-feet tents which are familiar equipment to Seabees. Power was supplied to the camp by diesel generators, and distillation units commenced their endless task of supplying water. The Bees experienced the full dimension of advanced base living for which they are trained.

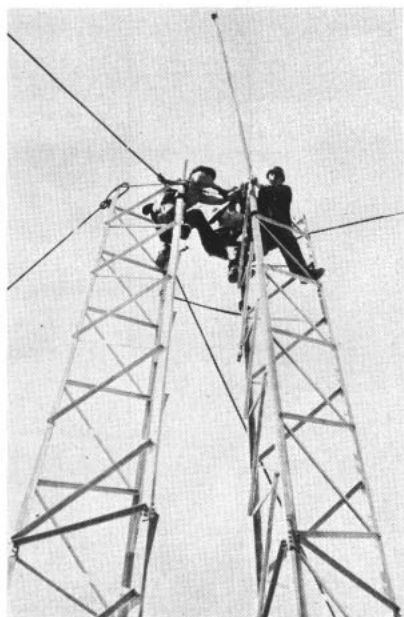
When the main body of the battalion arrived in February, Greece welcomed the 333 officers and men with one of its worst winters in years. Sleeping bags and foul weather gear were the Bees' only defense

against the icy winds and snow that followed.

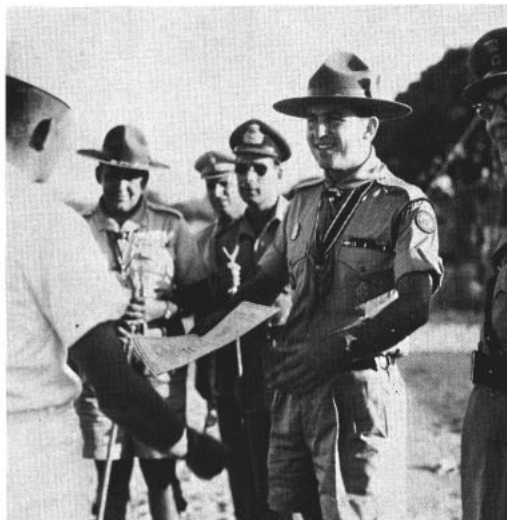
It takes more than that to divert Seabees, however. They sorted out the 18,214 tons of materials, put their 186 pieces of construction equipment to work, and *Presto*, up went the new station.

Meanwhile, small comforts were added to the campsite. An improvised Exchange began operations, a laundry went into operation, and a retreat was built. Soon they even enjoyed the luxury of running hot water.

The men of Six fulfilled another mission during this deployment. Because of their exemplary conduct and the friendliness they extended to the Greek people in surrounding communities, they were labeled "Ambassadors of Good Will" by the people of this ancient democracy.



**ON HIGH** — Seabees construct antenna for a naval communications station built at Marathon, Greece.



**RECRUITING**—Crown Prince Constantine of Greece is made honorary CB during visit. Below: Bulldozer challenges mud during construction work.

