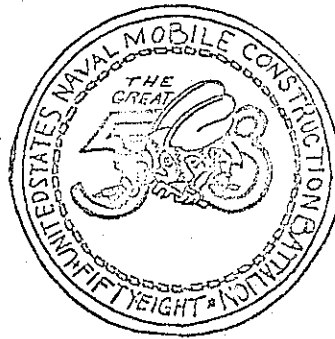


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FAMILY-GRAM

21 April, 1966
Davisville, Rhode Island

Greetings:

I trust you found our last Family-Gram interesting and informative. I included the pre-commissioning issue of our base newspaper "The Yardarm" so that you would have a personal copy. The latest issue of the "The Yardarm" has further information about the commissioning which I know will be of interest to you, so I've included a copy with this Family-Gram.

Since the last writing, our training has progressed as planned. Our men are learning skills such as structural steel fabrication and erection, interior wiring, communications, diesel repairs, water purification, concrete placing, well drilling, pile driving, operation, maintenance, and repair of cranes, graders, etc.

In closing, let me say that in addition to our extensive training, we are also finding time to relax. Liberty trips to Boston, New York, Newport, or Providence are possible on week-ends without going out-of-bounds. Many of our men are taking advantage of this opportunity to see the various sights on the East Coast. With the approach of Spring, I expect we will avail ourselves even more of these opportunities.

Sincerely,

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