

# RECALL TO ACTIVE DUTY

In April 1968, Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion Twelve was recalled to active duty by the President of the United States for a period not to exceed two years.

The Seabees recall was the first time in Naval Reserve history that a recall was effected on a complete Battalion basis. For some members of the Battalion the recall meant dissolving a privately-owned business, and for others it was not so drastic. In all cases, the men of RMCB 12 adjusted their lives for what is so often called "the defense of our country's freedom."

Dignitaries, bands, and radio and television announcers were on hand to bid farewell and best wishes to the "Yankee Battalion." It was noisy and confusing, but for the individual man and his loved ones it was a time for reassuring each of their faith, devotion and love.



We bid you farewell!

FACES IN THE CROWD are those of Seabees of Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 12, their families and friends. The Seabees prepare to board a plane for Gulfport, Miss. *Photo by Gerald R. Boling, JOC.*



THE PRESENTATION—A Massachusetts state flag is presented to Commander James J. Lee (left), commanding officer of Reserve Mobile Construction Battalion 12, by Governor John A. Volpe (right) at Logan International Airport. Other people (left to right) Captain Greer A. Busbee (second from left) Commander Naval Construction Battalions, U. S. Atlantic Fleet and his prospective relief (center) Captain Donald G. Iselin; and Rear Admiral Roy S. Benson (second from right) Commandant of the First Naval District. *Photo by Jerry Means, PHC.*



WEIGH IN—Reserve Seabees of Mobile Construction Battalion 12 weigh in at Boston's Logan International Airport. *Photo by Jerry Means, PHC.*

THE FINAL MOMENTS—Equipment Operator Seaman George Remington and wife atop pile of seabags look out window and observe activity around the aircraft that will carry him to Gulfport, Miss., and two years of active duty with the Seabees. *Photo by Gerald R. Boling, JOC.*

