

A Work-in-Progress

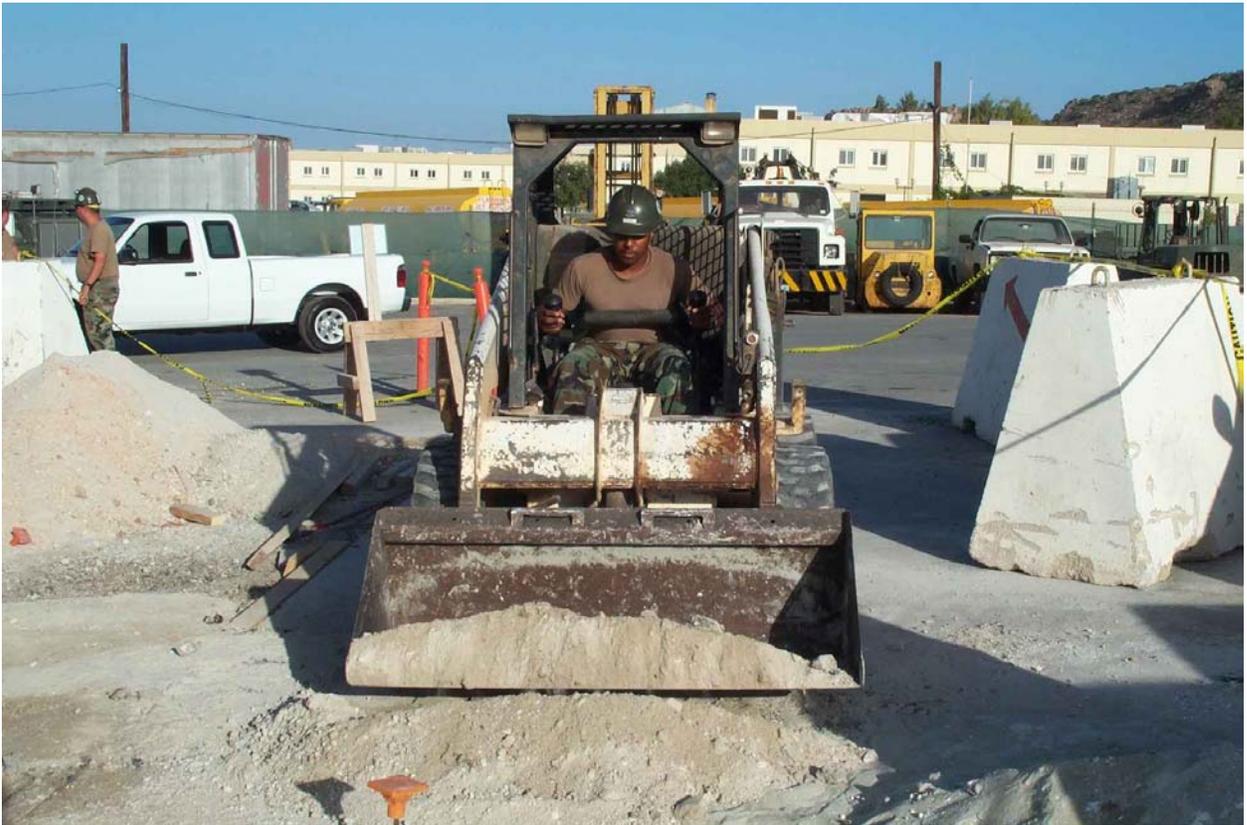
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Just over a month has passed since the turn over from NMCB-26, and troops assigned to the “MOGAS Fueling Station” project located at NSA Souda Bay, Crete, are optimistic about the task at hand. There is much to be accomplished; yet it is almost safe to say, ‘it’s all down hill from here’. Just a few obstacles need to be cleared before this five-man crew can coast downhill on the momentum of their hard work.

“It’s still a work-in-progress,” says Project Supervisor/ Crew Leader BU3 Jason Maxwell, who has assumed this tremendous responsibility. When asked how this project benefited him personally, Maxwell replied; “As a first year builder, assuming full responsibility for the MOGAS Fuel Station is a challenging project that is definitely helping to hone my building skills.” The confident BU3 went on to add, “We received a condensed turnover, but we are making a real effort to achieve our set goals and complete this project on time.”

UT2 Howey has been tasked with a unique challenge; that is the placement of an underground fuel line piping system, a very technical and sensitive procedure. “It’s nice to be working in the utilitiesman rate again,” said UT2, as he carefully tapers the end of some fiberglass tubing; this fifteen foot long piece will be connected to a complex network of pipe lines and fittings in order to direct the fuel flow between the underground storage tanks and the pumping mechanisms. Precise attention to detail is keen when performing this task; attributes that come easy to this very capable Seabee.

These Seabees are fully dedicated to their mission accomplishment. The five-man construction crew of project MOGAS will soon turn ‘pumping sweat’ into pumping automotive fuel, a money maker for Souda Bay. All this is courtesy of *The First and The Finest*.



BU3 operating Bobcat



UT2 tapering fiberglass pipe