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# **WORK AND WEAPONS**

***The Story of the  
One Hundred Sixteenth  
Naval Construction Battalion***

PORTLAND, OREGON  
1946



## DEDICATION

*We move the earth, lay down the landing floor,  
String out the wires, stretch the asphalt band  
Across the trackless waste: these things and more  
We do. And always there behind the hand  
That swings the axe and hammer, moves the saw,  
Behind the hollow sound of pleasure, run  
The memories — the tender thoughts that gnaw  
The heart, and speed the work still to be done.*

*And is the task the easier at home —  
The lonely days and nights, the emptiness  
Of heart? For all of this must also come  
A marshalling of strength which is no less  
Than ours. These, too, we would commemorate:  
'They also serve who only stand and wait'.*

— Fred G. Smith

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— NEHEMIAH 4:17

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*Commander,*  
**ROBERT S. STEWART**  
CEC, USNR

OFFICER IN CHARGE

In this, your book, is the story of your work and play from the time the 116th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion was formed at Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, on 12 August, 1943. It will have served its purpose if, in later years, the pictures and stories recall pleasant memories of friends you have made and pride in jobs you have completed.

It is fitting that this book serve as a farewell gift to each of you.

Your efforts contributed to the final defeat of the enemy, and you have more than earned a "Well Done!" I am, indeed, grateful to have been your commanding officer.

*Robert S. Stewart*





*We first appear as a battalion, polished and spotless in blues, when on September 23, 1943, we were reviewed and commissioned by Commodore (than Commander) C. C. Seabury, Executive Officer of Camp Endicott.*

## BATTALION LOG

**11 July 1943** — A momentous day for over 800 men of the original battalion complement of 1072. These men report to Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia, for Boot Training. They are assigned to Area D-8 for training, which area is under the direction of Lieutenant Commander R. S. Stewart.

**8 August 1943** — A memorable day — the men break boot.

**12 August 1943** — The 116th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion is formed in the B-6 Drill Hall, Camp Peary, Virginia. Sleeping and living in a drill hall is like living at a convention.



**15 August 1943** — We shove off for NCTC, Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island.

**16 August 1943** — No rest for the weary — we begin our advanced training.

**12 September 1943** — The day many of us were anxiously awaiting — approximately 800 men log out for a ten-day embarkation leave.

**23 September 1943** — The battalion is commissioned and is reviewed by Commander C. C. Seabury, Executive Officer of Camp Endicott. The colors are presented to the battalion.

**24 September 1943** — We board our second troop train and bid farewell to Camp Endicott. We are proud of our records for high grades and the best class attendance. We established a record at Sun Valley Rifle Range — 85.15% of our men qualified as marksmen and 63 became expert riflemen. Scuttlebutt has it that we are going either to California or Mississippi. The odds are in favor of California but what about these day coaches?

**26 September 1943** — We disembark at Camp Hollyday, Gulfport, Mississippi, for further advanced training and construction work.

**6 December 1943** — We are inspected and reviewed by Rear Admiral J. T. Matthews, Superintending Civil Engineer for Area No. 4, Eighth Naval District, and are complimented by him on being the best drilled battalion he has seen.

**25 December 1943** — Those who did not get leaves previously are home for Christmas. Our new boots replacing the men we lost in drafts are also on leave. For most of us — our first Christmas away from home, and our first in the service. Here's hoping it is our last. Our battalion parties helped brighten the Christmas Season and the turkey dinner won the hearty approval of all.

**17 January 1944** — "California Here We Come" — For some of us, "right back where we started from." Thank you, Mississippi, for your "Southern Hospitality." We received an official commendation from Colonel Harold G. Peterson, Commanding Officer, Headquarters Army Air Base, Meridian, Mississippi, for work done at the Bombing Range, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi. We'll never forget the march to and from the Rifle Range, 70 miles round trip — (I think I'll walk up to see my grandmother when I get home; she lives only 100 miles away). Our invasion of Cat Island in the Gulf of Mexico is another episode we can tell our grandchildren. This is the time the men in B Company all swore off eating pork sandwiches.

**22 January 1944** — We pull into ABD, Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, California, for additional training and construction work.

**28 February 1944** — We sail from "Sunny California" on the Dutch ship Bloem-fontein. Scuttlebutt flies thick and fast.

**5 March 1944** — We arrive on the Island of Oahu (Hawaiian Islands); and after several days living aboard ship we move on to our camp, which we promptly nicknamed "The Dust Bowl."



**15 April 1944** — Good news. We have moved from "The Dust Bowl," where we constructed an entire new area, to a Naval Air Station on this island and are proceeding with our first big construction program.

**12 August 1944** — We celebrate the first anniversary of the formation of our battalion. Prior to throwing in the first ball at the baseball game between our battalion and the star-studded Seventh A.A.F., our Commander opens the festivities with a short speech. Although our team was defeated by the visitors, the game was enjoyed by all. Our hats are off to the Marine Band and the



NAS Hellcat Orchestra for the grand job they did between the innings. A buffet supper followed the game, and in the evening the crowd enjoyed the dance and the outdoor Hula and Boxing Show.

**10 October 1944** — We are inspected and reviewed by Captain Gould of the Naval Air Station and Commander Seabury, Officer in Charge of our Brigade.

**25 December 1944** — Our second Christmas away from home, and our first one overseas. Here's hoping it's our last! Considering the fact that we are away from home, it's a pleasant Christmas. Church Services in the morning and a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings at noon chow. Movies in the evening.

**15 January 1945** — We are reviewed by Captain Seabury, Officer in Charge of our Brigade.

**28 February 1945** — Our first year overseas and our record in construction speaks for itself. Some of the outstanding completed projects which will stand as a monument to the abilities of the 116th are the Engine Overhaul and Engine Test Facil-

ities, the Paint Mix and Air Conditioning Buildings, the Enlisted Men's Barracks, the 5000-man Mess Hall, the Moving Target Range, and last but not least, the Waves Barracks. In addition, we look back with pride on the splendid management and output of the Batching Plant, the various shops, and the work of all who participated in such installations as electrical, plumbing, etc.

**5 March 1945** — We begin Jungle Training. No Dorothy Lamour so we return to camp immediately after our training.

**20 March 1945** — The Waves have caught up with us. We are on the move again. We look forward to our next assignment and begin the movement to our next camp. We look back with satisfaction on the fine records that were established by our athletic teams while we were at the Naval Air Station. Our Baseball Team was successful in taking second place in the Island Seabee League and our Softball Team copped second place in the Station League. Our Basketball Team furnished excellent competition and in the first season was the runner-up in the Island Seabee League. The Boxing Team delighted the battalion by putting on exciting shows which gave us plenty to cheer about. The Bowling Team, although in its infancy, deserves considerable credit for the fine showing it made. Our Officers' Bowling Team ran off with the championship in the Station Officers' Bowling League.



At this writing, we are in the midst of training and completing preparations for our big job — the job we have always anticipated. We realize that our abilities will be put to a severe test, but are certain that our log will record a job well done.

— E. H. MELHORN



Company C presents rifles for inspection as an aide to Commodore C. C. Seabury passes through the ranks. At left, Lt. (jg) Reed, then Company C commander.



*The battalion is inspected preliminary to commissioning. TOP: The inspecting officer greets Lt. (jg) (then Ensign) George V. Karran, Jr. BOTTOM: Commodore Seabury leads the inspecting party past the front rank of Company B.*



*The battalion activation ceremonies culminate in presentation of the colors and the battalion flag. LEFT: Mrs. R. S. Stewart presents the colors to her husband. RIGHT: Mrs. Vaile, wife of Lieut. H. J. Vaile, former commander of Company B, presents the battalion flag to Commander Stewart.*

At Barbers Point, Oahu, there were more reviews like that above. TOP: Lieut. William H. Edwards leads Headquarters Company past the reviewing stand. BOTTOM: Commodore C. C. Seabury, officer in charge of the Eighth Naval Construction Brigade, leads the inspection party.



At a staging area, somewhere in the Pacific, we had our latest review. TOP: Lieut. R. E. Moylan leads D Company. CENTER: Headquarters Company passes. BOTTOM: The band of a Marine Division moves by.







*We came to Camp Peary as civilians (LEFT), but it didn't take long to be transformed into boots. We drilled until we moved like a precision team (ABOVE), and we toughened our bodies and learned the rudiments of combat on extended order hikes and on the obstacle course (BELOW).*





*We left the good old U.S.A. from the Advance Base Depot at Port Hueneme, Calif., with sad but necessary good-byes. But first (RIGHT) there had been quiet, sunny afternoons; dances in the theater, and liberty to Oxnard, Ventura, Los Angeles and Santa Monica.*



## BAYONET DRILL, JUDO AND HIKES PREPARE BATTALION FOR COMBAT

FROM THE FAR-FLUNG battlefields of the European Theater to the jungles of the South Pacific, Seabees have earned the admiration and respect of other branches of the Services not only for their ingenuity in Construction but also for their ability to defend what they build. The theme, **WE CAN BUILD AND WE CAN FIGHT**, is no idle axiom as was demonstrated by campaigns as recent as Iwo Jima, where Seabees were called upon and performed admirably as front-line troops.

Throughout our tour of duty in the States, the 116th had an extensive military training program which included bayonet drill, judo, conditioning hikes, trips to the rifle range and many other phases of combat procedure. Our first real military problem was the practice invasion of Cat Island, a tiny little island lying in the Gulf of Mexico, some twelve miles off Gulfport. Storming ashore on a brisk November day, the 116th quickly captured the island and successfully set up a beachhead, thus concluding the initial phase of the problem; for the next week the 116th Beehive swarmed with activity as bridges were erected, a landing strip laid out and miscellaneous other construction projects that would have to be tackled on an actual Island X were performed.

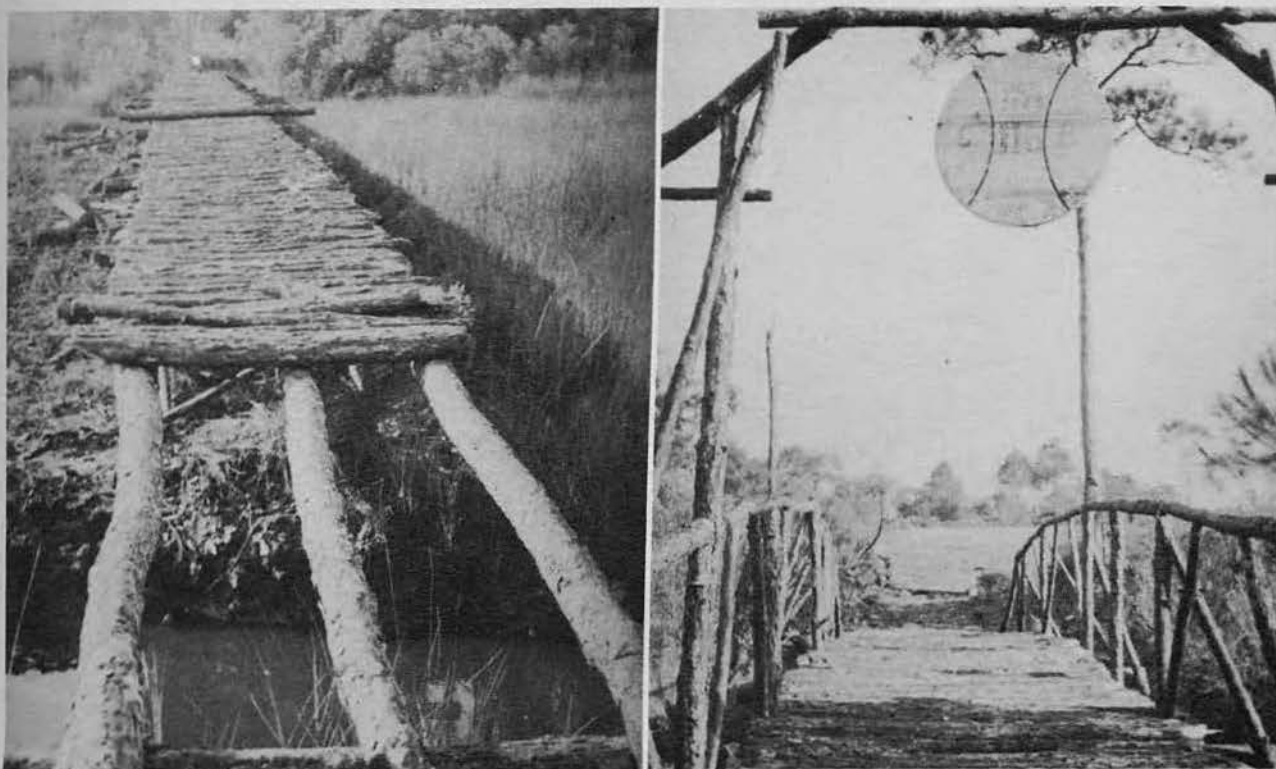
Landing on Oahu, scene of the infamous Japanese sneak attack of December 7, we immediately went to work on construction projects which left very little time for any serious military training. However, just before leaving Oahu the Battalion reported to the Unit Combat Training Center where some of the most interesting and profitable training was experienced by all. The Center, which is run in a very efficient manner by the Army, has an excellent staff of officers as instructors, all of whom, practically without exception, have seen action in forward areas. Military censorship forbids detailed description of the training there, but it can be said that enlisted men and officers alike were unanimous in their approval of the course.

There's not much to be said about our training here on the Big Island of Hawaii; much of it has been of the conditioning variety, close-order drills, hikes and bivouacs, that reduce waistlines and harden muscles. The pictures that follow will give you a general idea of what our training has been like.

— R. G. WESTERVELT







*Among the things we did at Cat Island were to learn to build a rustic bridge (ABOVE); to jockey Marston matting; and to live (comfortably?) in the open, sleeping on the cold hard ground.*

*We also learned how to "hit the beach" from a pontoon barge. We hit that one with our trousers rolled up; it was a far cry from the real thing to come.*





*Jungle training on Oahu was more realistic. There were smoke bombs, build-'em-right-or-sink boats and precarious trips across toggle-rope bridges while explosive charges went off under our feet.*



*Everyone learned hip-firing on the automatic weapons range. We crawled through barbed wire entanglements and used a bayonet on dummies propped up along the course.*





*The final polishing to our training came at a staging area. We hiked across endless miles of prairies, covered with stubble grass and boulders, hiked farther and faster than we had ever believed possible with full packs. TOP LEFT: We ate the famed K-rations, with their wax-wrapped Breakfast, Dinner, and Supper Units. TOP RIGHT: We sampled C-rations of beans and stew beside our shelter-half tents. RIGHT: For those whose feet protested, there were the medical corpsmen on hand.*





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11 Nov. 1945.

Subject: Commendation.

To : Commanding Officer, 116th Construction Battalion, A.E.D.,  
Gulfport, Mississippi.

1. The undersigned wishes to extend sincere thanks and appreciation for the help rendered by your organization in both men and equipment in the construction of the revetments for the Strafing Range at Hancock County Bombing and Gunnery Range from 5 November 1943 to 7 November 1943.

2. The response to the request for aid in this construction work was immediate. The work was accomplished in a speedy and efficient manner, resulting in a considerable saving of time and money to this branch of the U. S. Army.

3. The impression made by the detachment of Seabees under the command of Warrant Officer Gilbert Schultz by their fine character, spirit, efficiency, and excellent conduct while at Hancock County Bombing and Gunnery Range was most favorable.

*Harold G. Peterson*  
HAROLD G. PETERSON,  
Colonel, Air Corps, (3719)  
Commanding.

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From: Commanding Officer.  
To: Officer-in-Charge, 116th Construction Battalion.

Subj: Aloha.

1. As the time approaches for your Battalion to secure in order to carry out the orders which will take it to the forward area, this opportunity is taken both to bid you, your officers and your men, a hearty Aloha and to express sincere appreciation for the work which has been accomplished by the 116th Construction Battalion at this station.

2. Your Battalion has been stationed here for many months, most of which was during the largest expansion program in the history of this station. Looking from the window of this office in the direction of most any compass point it is possible to see a structure of some sort which was erected by your Battalion. These buildings will always be lasting monuments to your Battalion and remind those of us here of your many accomplishments, at the same time we are wishing you great success in your work wherever you may be.

*Erl C. B. Gould*  
ERL C. B. GOULD.

"This battalion has presented one of the finest reviews I have ever seen."

"These officers and men comprise an excellent Seabee organization. I wish you God-speed on your future assignments."  
— REAR ADMIRAL J. T. MATHEWS

"Your Unit is a credit to this station, and your officers and men are to be commended upon the excellence of their performance."  
— CAPT. ERL C. B. GOULD,  
USN CO, Naval Air Station

# OCCUPATION



## THE 116TH PARTICIPATES IN OCCUPATION OF JAPAN

August 1945 was a memorable month! On the twelfth, our battalion celebrated its second anniversary—but our local news was virtually eclipsed by the world events which occurred in shattering succession. First, the atomic bomb; then, Russia entered the war against Japan; finally, Japan offered to surrender, and after several anxious days her actual capitulation was announced.

We were an excited bunch of men! Home looked closer to us than it had for eighteen months!

Meanwhile, we had sent several men home for discharge on the 42-year old policy; the rotation system was beginning to operate; and after peace was in the air, we had men go Stateside on the point-discharge system. It certainly looked as if we were headed for home!

Then came the news which shot down our soaring spirits: instead of sailing eastward we were scheduled to participate in the occupation of Japan! Naturally, this hit most of us pretty hard—especially men with high points. However, the hurried confusion and sheer hard work of the few days before we shoved off left only a little time for our feelings. Thus it wasn't long before our good humor had reasserted itself and we were singing "Let's Take the Long Way Home."

Saturday, 22 September, was D Day; it dawned cloudy and murky. Our first glimpse of Japan was of dull grey rocks and low hills jutting abruptly out of the water. Then our convoy began to thread its way through the narrow entrance to the bay. Every last one of us was mighty thankful that the Japanese defenses had been dismantled (we hoped); but there was still that "feathery stomach" feeling of uncertain anticipation.

We lined the rails so as to see as much of the harbor as possible. Admittedly, it is a beautiful body of water: sharp hills rising from the water's edge; the bay reaching its fingers deep into the land; and wherever there was any possible room, terraced rice paddies extending down the hills almost to the waterline. But the Naval establishments, extensive as they were, were dead and deserted.

Then came the time to clamber down the landing nets into the small boats and make for the docks. "Junkyard" was our name for this long-abandoned area. However, if the Japs had moved out, the rats, fleas, lice and other such relatives had not; nor did we enjoy bedding down with them. And what can we print of our reaction to the Japanese "plumbing"? Eloquent comment is found in the fact that our first construction project in our area was a good, old-fashioned American privy!

Immediately upon landing we fell to work: several days of feverish, back-breaking unloading of PA's and KA's at the main docking area; meanwhile, others were unloading the LST's at our own area. We had been assigned to what was once an airplane factory. Before we landed, the cagey Japs had dismantled the machinery and left only

spare parts, wrecked planes, and all sorts of debris around the place. We don't mind admitting that we weren't exactly happy about the whole business: if it wasn't unbelievably muddy, it was incredibly dusty; before we could bunk ourselves comfortably there were endless piles of stuff to be removed—and we were sick of moving stuff. However, in a couple of days things looked better. The galley crew worked like beavers to give us the best possible chow; and in a very short time a regular chow line was set up. Carpenters and plumbers built ahead, and in a few days, to the envy of our less inventive neighbors, we actually had warm water showers. At the same time, men cleared a space for a compound, set up a supply warehouse, and established a transportation compound. In no time at all, our men were being called on for maintenance and repair of other camps and were hard at work on the Jap roads so that American equipment could move.

Thus the 116th had landed as a part of the occupation forces in Japan; and the situation was well in hand.

How can we summarize our varied reactions to Japan? The city—well, the following pictures reveal more eloquently than we can tell what we saw: the destruction, the squalor and poverty. If Sasebo had ever been the proud site of a major naval establishment, it gave little or no evidence of it when we entered.

The people had fled to the hills—perhaps they had been frightened into believing that these Americans were cruel beasts. Only a few wide-eyed, stolid citizens, a few uncertain, fumbling workers, a few silent native policemen (sword and all!)—these were all who greeted those of us who were able to get into town the first day ashore. But evidently the word got around quickly that these Yanks were not going to play cock-o'-the-walk with the people whom they had conquered. On the second day, people were seen coming back from the hills with their household goods piled high on their backs, their carts—and a fortunate few even had horse-drawn wagons. They continued to return in a steady stream until the city was crowded with shuffling humanity. We Americans never could resist children—and the Japs quickly learned that. In a couple of days, those Sasebo kids had eaten more candy than most of them had ever seen in their lives before. The poor people, who lived in mere shacks, were swarming over our dumps for scraps of lumber worth more than they had been able to afford for many years. In the city, shops opened, busses and trains began to operate, and people went to work (for the Americans now). Everywhere were curious American servicemen ready to spend their yen for souvenirs. And on almost every corner could be seen a Yank and a Jap, with their heads bent over a phrase book.

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*Photos on this page show the utter devastation of the once-proud business section of Sasebo. With their city thus ruined, the Japanese were unable to carry on the important operations of this naval base.*





*A few gaunt skeletons of buildings gutted by fire were left standing above the bomb-swept area. What was once a comfortable movie theater, where the Japs watched their famous screen actors; an office building, where they went about their daily work; and walls reduced to an anonymous rubble—these are typical of the few structures which somehow remained standing after the devastating raid.*





*These general views of central Sasebo show how completely our bombers disrupted the life of the city. Here and there a building or dwelling is usable. In the (CENTER) picture it can be noted that the outlying residential areas were untouched. Notice in the (LOWER) picture that an American supply dump has already been set up in the ruins.*





*It was soon evident to our curious Yankee eyes that Sasebo was an oriental city; tiny, "paper" houses, with their top-heavy roofs, huddled along the edges of the narrow, twisting streets, and clinging precariously to the hillsides; the frequent contrast between old and new, as seen through the archway shown in the (LOWER) picture.*





*Thus the people lived in their sprawling, crowded city. And from almost any place along the heights of Sasebo, the inadequately-housed, ill-fed populace could look down on the military establishments into which their government was pouring all its money. The (LOWER) picture shows some of the fishing boats which the people used to supplement their meager diet.*





*The Japs received the strange Westerners, who had conquered them, with respect and courtesy. When we came into the Navy Yard we found workers and liason personnel who had been previously selected by reconnaissance groups to help us get communications, power, etc., functioning again. A group of these men posed for the photographer in the (TOP) picture. The two (LOWER) pictures are typical oriental scenes which met us at every turn throughout the city.*





*East is East and West is West—and the two have met. As soon as the people learned that the Americans had not come to loot and rape and murder, they returned to their normal pursuits, always pausing long enough to watch us curiously, and smile or wave—or ask for "Cigarettes" or candy. Fraternization was no problem—we simply became friendly over a phrase book or by signs and smiles. These are scenes of the meeting in Sasebo between East and West.*



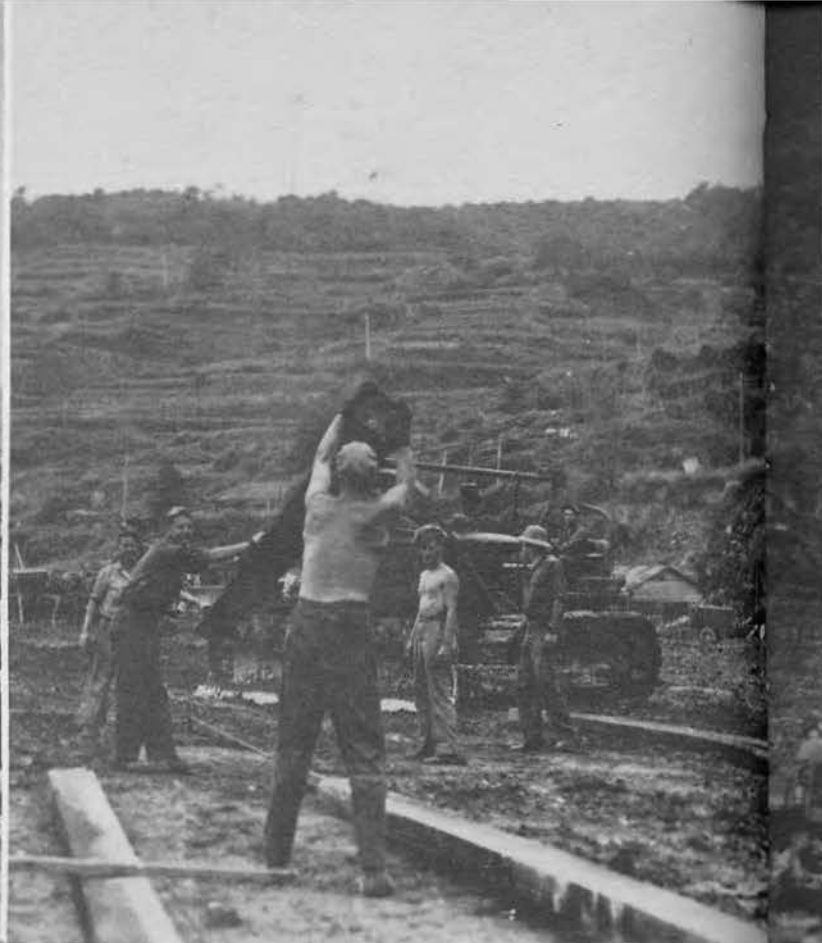
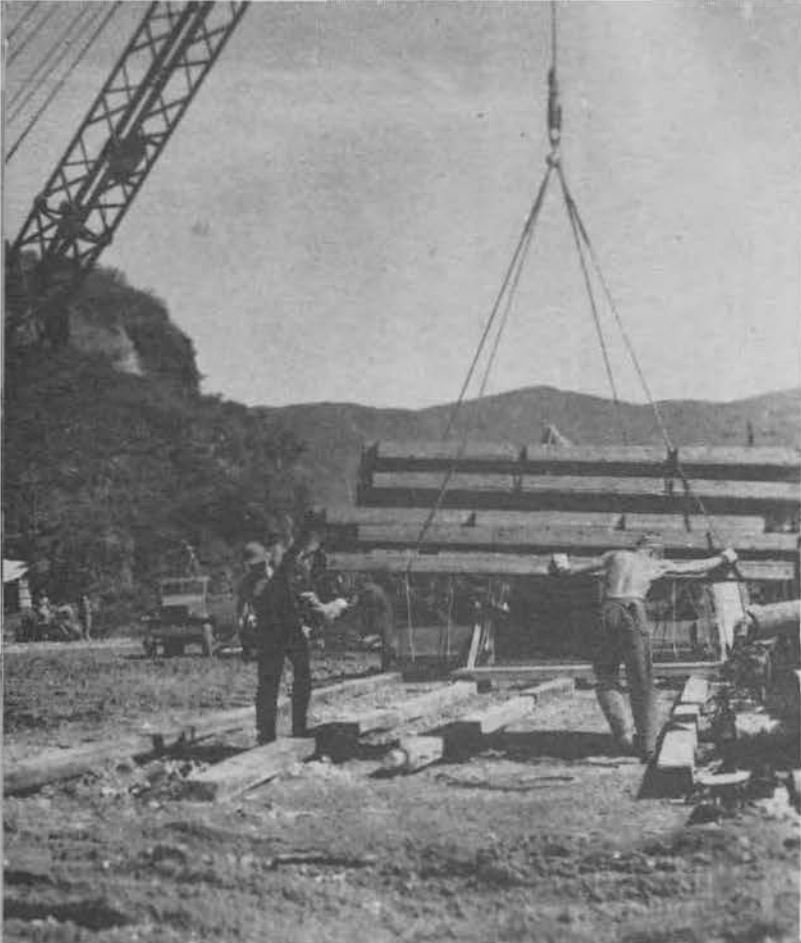
*Not all the city was reduced to rubble. The (TOP) photo shows how even ramshackle buildings were left standing along the edge of the bombed-out area. In the (LOWER) picture, American troops are seen marching through one of the more solid and unharmed sections of the city. (Note that the streets are deserted; the populace had not yet come back from the hills where they had fled).*





*Our battalion was billeted in the Airplane Factory Area; and we admit that we were hardly what one would call eager prospective tenants. Here is the area just as we found it, littered with spare parts and junk, which we attacked with 'dozers, cranes—and our own hands. The building in the foreground was one of our barracks. LST's hover in the background, having been unloaded and waiting for orders to shove off again.*





*An area had to be cleared to serve as a compound for our gear. 'Dozers cleared out debris and levelled the ground: heavy timbers were laid to keep supplies off the ground and out of the wet. Meanwhile in the hills above, the natives looked up briefly at these strange new machines and men, and returned to farm their rice paddies in the methods used by their ancestors.*





*A construction battalion moves on its transportation facilities and does much of its important work with heavy equipment—so one of our first jobs was to clear an area for storage and maintenance.*





*Be it Sasebo or Camp Peary—good Navy rations (!) or "C's" from a can—chow line is always the same!*



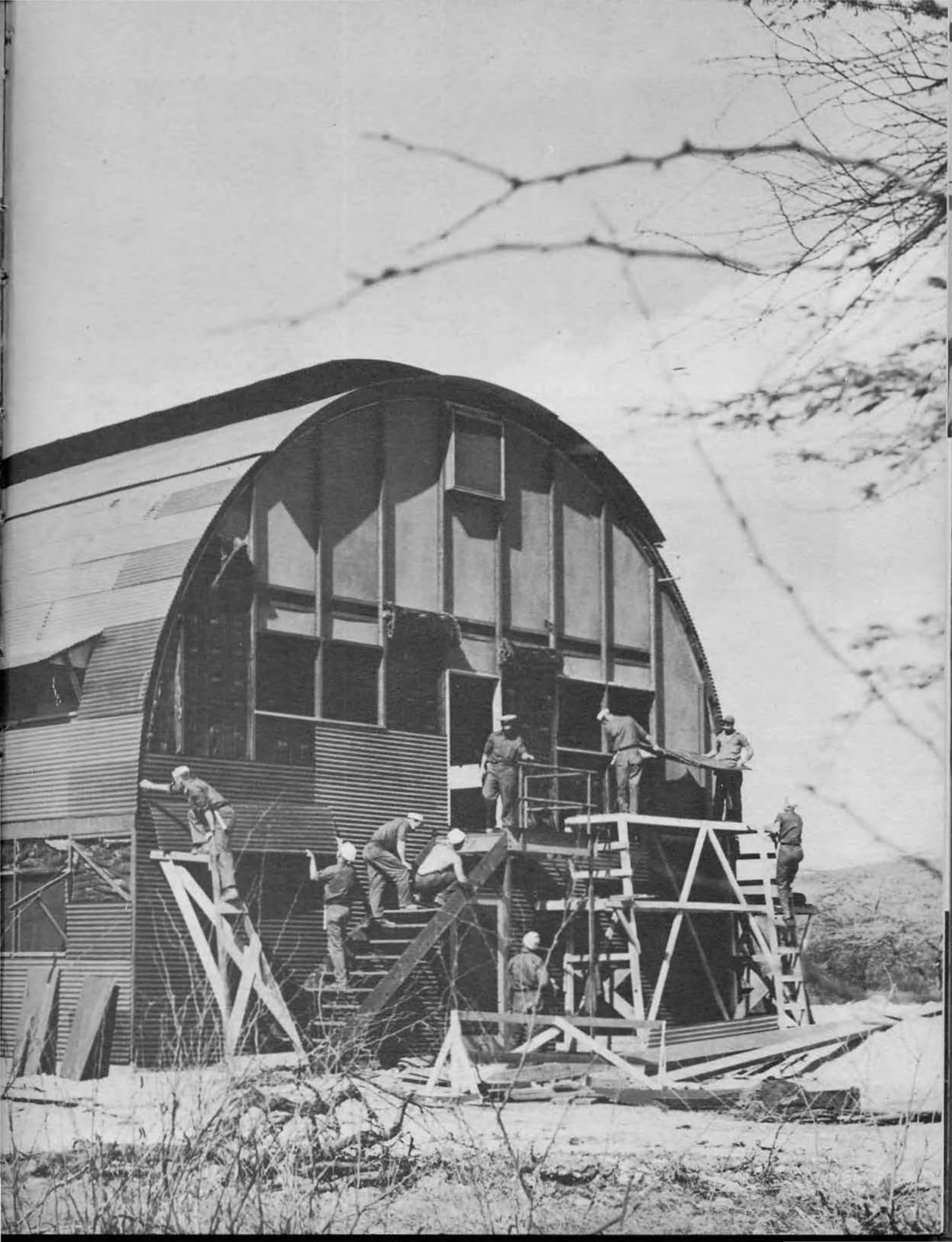
*But we should complain! From these ancient paddies the Japanese have taken their principal food for generations.*

#### A POSTSCRIPT

At the time of editing this section on our occupational duty, the prospects of our battalion's future are changing rapidly. The Navy discharge plan is in full-scale operation; at this moment we have sent home one group of men and are just waiting to send more. It looks as if the old 116th is changing; and whether it will be disbanded or continued is a question still unanswered.

In any case, we are reaching the end of a long road together; and we have had a part in the climaxing purpose at which our whole national war effort was aimed. We have had our gripes, yes. But at the bottom of our hearts, we are proud and glad to have had a part in this vast project.







*One of the largest and most important projects built by the battalion is the aircraft engine overhaul plant at a Naval Air Station, where battle-weary engines are renewed and returned to active duty. ABOVE: Quonset huts housing the plant were built on an assembly line basis, from laying the concrete slabs to putting the metal "skins" on the huts. BELOW RIGHT: As an adjunct to the overhaul plant, engine test cells for getting all "Bugs" out of the aircraft engines were built in record time.*

## CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS BOLSTER FLEET AIRMEN IN BATTLE

PERHAPS THE BEST WAY to indicate briefly the sort of construction which we have accomplished up to the time of this writing (we may have more to tell about later) is to quote from a Beachhead editorial written by our Executive Officer some time ago. The contrast is drawn between the more widely known work carried on under battlefront conditions and "the sort of work we have fallen heir to — i.e., the permanent concrete structures, the complicated machinery installations, etc. . . . Without listing the projects we have tackled and completed, we can look around us and see the monuments which will be left behind: monuments to years of training with the builder's tools, and to downright hard work. The enemy will never see what we have built here; but he will surely feel the effects of our efforts reflected in the ever-increasing weight of our fleet air arm. No man need feel that this work, so remote from the war fronts, is unimportant; for the operations in the western fringe of the ocean are absolutely dependent on the smooth functioning of engines

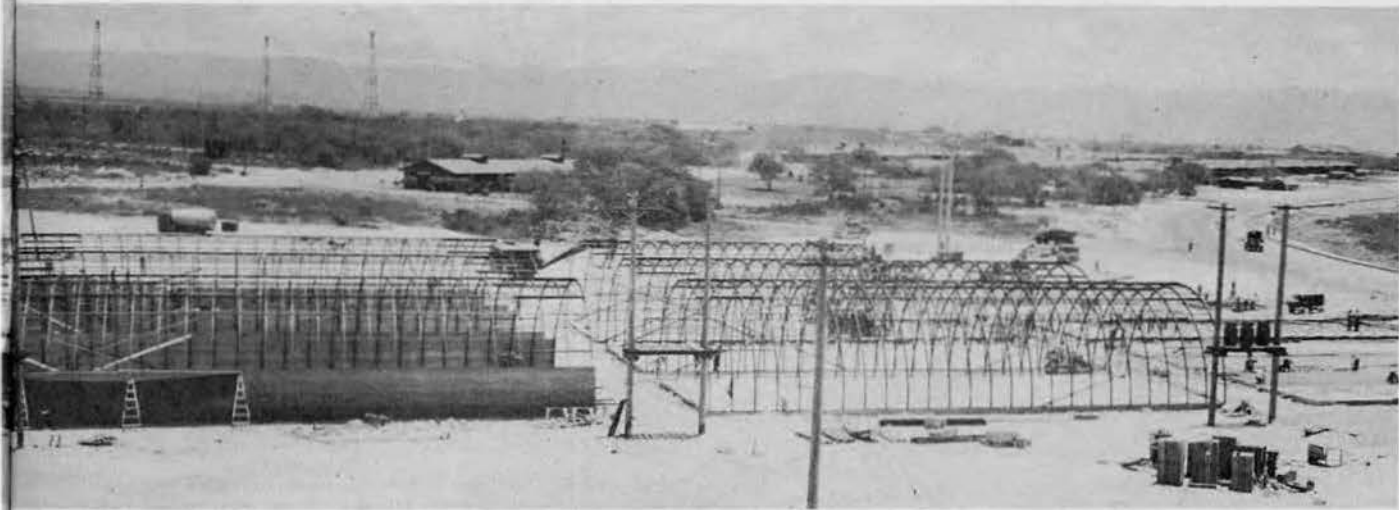
repaired here, the pilots trained here (at the expense of our sleep), and many other rear echelon activities made possible by our efforts."

The results of this general construction are easily seen. Not so obvious to the eye, but essential to the finished project, is the work of our permanent shops. Here are made the thousand and one things that go into a building: furniture and fixtures, pipes and paint, the hidden necessities without which a building is a mere shell and the homey niceties which make it a pleasant place in which to live or work.

Then there are the ubiquitous transportation and the powerful heavy equipment, both of which are an integral part of the battalion work.

It is impossible, of course, to give a complete pictorial record of all these activities. We can only hope to offer a set of pictures which will be representative of the work our battalion has done and of which we are justifiably proud.

— R. G. WESTERVELT







*There were a variety of construction jobs, including a new U.S.O. recreation hut at a Seabee-Marine staging camp.*



*On a naval air station, we built nose hangars for the big skyliners which link the far-flung fronts of the Pacific.*



*Gunners' mate powdermen had plenty of opportunity to work at their trade in the big stone quarry and in the coral pit.*



*The old standby job was putting up big, pre-fabricated Quonset huts — B.O.Q.'s, WAVE barracks, shops and camp areas.*



*The stone taken from the quarry was crushed into usable sizes in the busy crusher operated by members of the battalion.*



*The concrete crew and the boys at the batching plant combined to turn out foundations and slabs in quantity.*

Heavy equipment was the key to jig-time construction, and the workhorse was the bulldozer — symbol of the Seabees. Chief Stanley Kovite jockeys a heavy Cat, with two others visible under the bar.



It takes trucks and more trucks to keep a construction project moving, and the transportation crew kept track of the fleet of heavy vehicles. Chief Albert Tully logs out a truck as H. W. Dryer hands the key to "Red" James, a driver.

"Keep 'em on the road," was the motto of the motor maintenance shop, which could put a spark plug in a jeep or a new rear end in a trailer truck. A snub-nose cargo carrier gets a face lifting in a garage housed in a tent.





*In the electric shop, permanent crews installed and kept operating vital electric facilities, power and communications. I. F. Dorman (rear) and John Berish check electrical equipment in the shop.*

*It takes riggers to keep supplies moving via heavy cranes. In the rigging loft, Chief John K. Baxter splices a steel cable. Looking on, left to right, are Lawrence Elmore, Paul F. Barker and Harry R. Gregory, all boatswains mates.*



*"For want of a nail the shoe was lost . . ." And in the blacksmith shop necessary metal parts were fabricated to keep construction projects moving at a high-ball pace. The shop was in charge of Ellis O. McCluskey, at left.*



*In the well-equipped sheet metal shop, metalsmiths turned out hundreds of items, many of them for use on the Naval Air Station to which the battalion was attached. Power tools made possible production records.*



*Besides the many carpenters mates working on jobs, there were rough and finish carpenters turning out cabinets, furniture and cases and fabricating items for jobs in the field. In charge of the shop was Chief Stanley Hosking.*

*The plumbing shop, too, was home base for crews of construction plumbers and trouble shooters. If it was made of pipe and fittings, these shipfitters could make it. Like most shops, the plumbing shop was "open air."*





The Maintenance Crew includes a wide variety of talents necessary to perform their many and varied jobs, ranging from refrigeration to landscaping. LEFT TO RIGHT: Front row—H. Beach, W. F. Bauch, A. R. Myers, D. R. Yacobian, E. N. Cox, R. R. Hopper. Back row—L. A. Tardiff, J. P. Bearden, E. W. Etheridge, Chief R. D. Williams, G. R. Rash, A. G. Pierson, W. L. Miller. Absent were M. Gregory, L. H. Saxton, C. L. Brokaw.

Before the first shovelful of dirt can be turned, the construction must be located by the survey party. LEFT TO RIGHT: Front row—Ralph Christiansen, Charles Obert, Edgar Koch and Eldon Seebart; back row—Glenn Hunter, Chief W.O. John Berry, Chief Stuart Thomson and George Evans.



The final touch to construction was the painting, and these men did the job. LEFT TO RIGHT: Front row—Martin Haller, T. L. Fulton, D. L. Brown; R. G. Brooks, Chief W. O. Emory Duff; back row—S. B. Astley, D. B. Marlett, Carl Anderson, Cirilo Ramos and C. E. Chapman.







**COMMANDER ROBERT S. STEWART**

*The man who directs the over-all operation of the battalion is Officer-in-Charge, Comdr. R. S. Stewart, USNR, once an enlisted man in the Naval Reserve, and before returning to service, the owner of a shipbuilding firm at Pasco, Wash.*

**LIEUTENANT COMMANDER A. W. T. FREAKES**  
*A former mining engineer in Africa and Alaska as well as the United States, Lt. Comdr. A. W. T. Freakes, Executive Officer, carries some of the burden of administrative direction. Chief Joe Butler directs the routine work of the executive offices.*





*It takes voluminous records to keep a battalion operating and the personnel yeomen do the job. LEFT TO RIGHT: Ellis W. Buchman, Harold F. Shelton, Leroy F. Peterson, H. E. Riley, E. A. Seebart, Lt. (jg) Dallas Spencer (Personnel Officer), F. V. Robichaud, and James A. Wales (foreground).*

## ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS DIRECT, SUSTAIN AND SUPPLY BUILDERS

A SMOOTHLY FUNCTIONING organization requires not simply the usual complement of artisans and helpers, but also a capable administration working to organize, direct, sustain and supply the builders.

The Personnel Department is a good example of the efficient manner in which Battalion policies are handled. Personnel's primary function is the maintenance of a service record for each man in the battalion in which re-rates, correct addresses of next of kin, mast actions, etc., are recorded. Other of their more obscure tasks include the preparation of monthly and quarterly reports, writing official letters and computing longevity.

An ever-popular section of the 116th Battalion administrative system is the Disbursing Department. In the two years since the Battalion's formation, this department has paid cash totaling more than a million and a quarter dollars to its personnel. (This does not include allotments for insurance, dependents, savings, and family allowance.) During this time, sums in excess of three-quarters of a million dollars have been allotted to dependents or for savings, while approximately ten thousand War Savings Bonds with a value of a quarter of a million dollars have been purchased through allotments. The total amount of pay earned by personnel of the 116th is in excess of \$100,000 a month or more than \$1,200,000 per year, which is a lot of money in any man's language.

Handling the gigantic job of keeping the Battalion clothed and supplied with working materials is the Supply Department, whose set-up is very similar to a large general merchandise store. This department must either carry or be able to procure innumerable items needed daily for the care and general upkeep of the battalion as well as securing material for construction. The clothing section itself is a full-fledged business, carrying over 250 different items and sizes. Each month the value of clothing issued amounts to over \$4,000.

One of the most important departments in the battalion is the Galley, for food is second in priority to no other project. Some idea of the job can be gathered from the following facts and figures: the average cost of food runs from \$500 to \$750 a day, or about \$20,000 a month; some 18,000 pounds of potatoes are consumed a month; a 650-pound beef carcasse is used in one meal; and 180 gallons of coffee is a daily average.

It is impossible to tell about the work of the other departments: the Medics' constant and capable watch over our health; the religious ministrations of the Chaplain's department, plus other Welfare activities; the Post Office — most praised and cursed of all departments; the varied activities of Ship's Service; the Recreation department (about which there is more later); and other operations essential to battalion life. We will have to let the pictures speak for themselves.

— R. G. WESTERVELT



The thousands of items in varying quantities which keep a battalion functioning are procured and inventoried by the Supply Department. LEFT TO RIGHT: John E. Boyle, E. Z. Pharr, W. McKendry, G. W. Noblin, Chief R. C. Rambo, A. T. Worley, Lieut. W. M. Cavaney (Supply Officer), C. C. Garrett, A. D. Skidmore, C. A. Johnson, W. B. Worley, John A. Jegelewicz.



In charge of the "pay-off" are the men of the Disbursing Office. LEFT TO RIGHT: J. B. Gilligan, W. S. Woolley, M. L. Davis, W. C. Murchison, Ens. John M. Singer (Disbursing Officer), Chief Tom L. Schmidt, and William Crayton (standing at left).





*Directing the service of food at the chow hall is the MAA force. LEFT TO RIGHT, KNEELING: H. A. Dillard, Henry R. Landuit, Andrew Bain, standing: George Barr, Herbert Barton, Leslie Canham, Harry D. Latham, and Chief J. S. McGlade.*

*It was no beans and canned beef war with the men of the battalion galley, who turned out steak and eggs sunnyside and biscuits. Roasting pork in a field oven are J. J. Bartosh and Chester Kwiatkowski; breaking eggs by the case, Bernard Gennarino, E. P. Zupan and G. V. Hamilton; sampling their own biscuits, B. F. Grotto, J. J. Walsh, A. C. Jackson and J. E. Grams; checking fresh meat, C. L. Licht and Chief John Wood.*





*The well-equipped battalion sick bay and the able staff provide medical and dental care. LEFT: A patient is treated for burns by William A. Strahan and John R. Carroll as Chief T. R. Tibbetts supervises. RIGHT: Dr. G. D. Siewert fills a cavity for a patient, using a dental unit built by members of the battalion.*

*MEDICAL STAFF: Left to right—B. N. Hanson, W. A. Strahan, A. D. Bitterman, Dr. G. D. Siewert, W. H. Berends, Dr. R. A. Garman, Chief T. R. Tibbetts, Dr. J. J. Price, Jr., John M. Lanctot, J. R. Carroll, J. R. Haley and R. C. Williams.*





At rear area bases and in the field, religious services are held for men of all faiths. ABOVE: Chaplain Chester A. Pennington holds Protestant services. RIGHT: A Catholic chaplain from a nearby military organization says Mass. BELOW, LEFT: The library staff includes Fred Smith, P. J. Macchio and Marvin Smith. BELOW, RIGHT: The staff of the battalion newspaper, "The Beach-head," left to right, kneeling, William Goldberg, R. G. Brooks, Glenn Hunter, R. W. Dearth; second row, P. J. Macchio, F. G. Smith, William Jaeger, Richard G. Westervelt, Edwin H. Melhorn, William Crayton, Clayton A. Betz and R. S. Carroll.







*Mail means a lot to a bunch of guys a long way from home and the post office gets it through. Left to right are Tom J. Dunkel, Jay B. Hammond and Richard L. Noel.*



*Outgoing mail must be censored for security reasons, and that's the job of these men: top to bottom, Eugene E. Avery, E. V. Russo, Albert W. Capriola, Hugh T. Bagley, and C. J. Foster; top Ralph H. Gill and Chief Voyle J. Petri.*



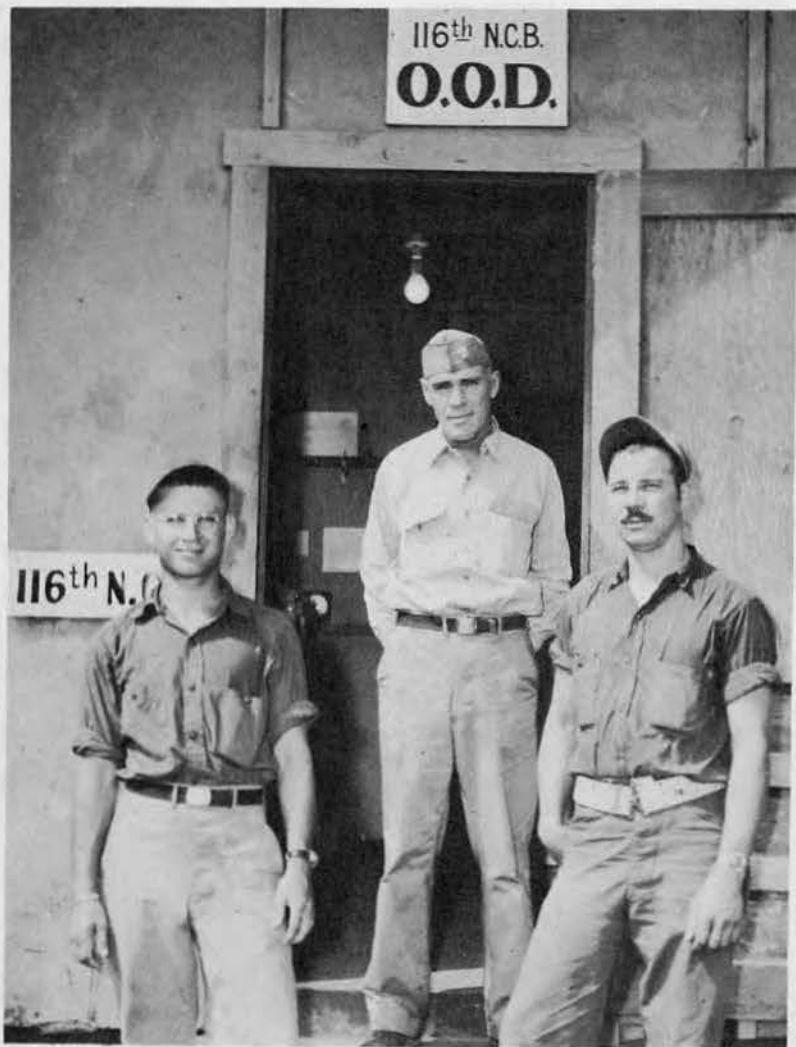
At the ship's store, you can buy anything from a tube of shaving cream to a Ronson lighter (sometimes). ABOVE, LEFT: At Christmas, 1944, the battalion was operating its own store. ABOVE, RIGHT: The Army may travel on its stomach, but the Seabees travel afoot, and it takes shoe repairs to keep them going.



Dedicated to the comfort of the battalion are the ship's service men. Left to right, front row: T. W. Enright, Lt. (jg) George V. Karran, Jr., P. B. Simon, A. L. Cole; back row, Vivian Edwards, William G. Dombi, L. P. Valenti, D. R. Rough and Gilbert Newell.



LEFT: To keep well groomed, a man must visit his barber often. That goes in the Seabees as well as in civilian life, and there were good barbers in the battalion. RIGHT: G. I. clothes may fit the average man, but many men aren't according to specifications; the tailor fixes that.



*The Officer of the Day and his Junior O.O.D. are the representatives of the battalion in most day-to-day matters. Here are Chief William M. De St. Aubin, Jr. O.O.D., and Fred J. Deutschman and William W. Burlison. BELOW: Security is vital in camp as well as in the combat areas, and it is preserved by the guards who patrol, to spot fires, keep order and prevent pilfering of stores.*





**RIGHT:** *The police force in the Navy is the Master at Arms Force, which supervises the upkeep of the battalion area, acts as shore patrol and direct extra duty personnel. Left to right: Chief H. F. Schaldenbrand, Ellis Hartz, John J. Deminsky, Carl F. Fey, Melvin I. Leitzel and Joseph H. Chavez.*



**BELOW:** *Guns, guns, guns. Carbines, 03's, BAR's. They're kept in the armory, under the supervision of these men: Left to right, Chief W.O. Charles S. Thaxton, Worley T. Alford, J. E. Kirkpatrick, Chief John P. Hannah, Harry E. Londy, and (kneeling) Harold A. Conner.*

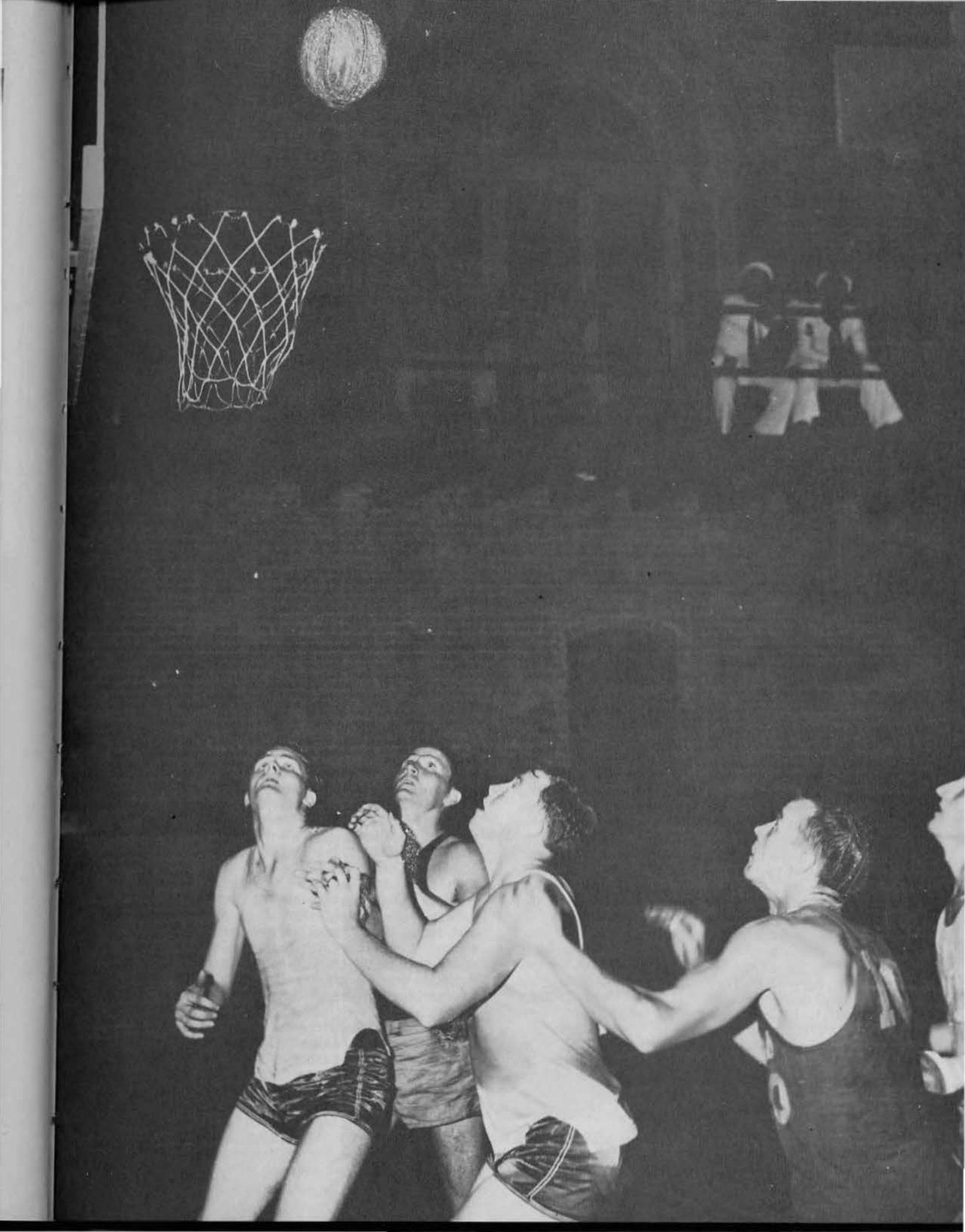




*Legal problems of the men of the battalion are brought to the legal officer, and his assistant. At left, Lt. (jg) Robert E. Moylan, Legal Officer, checks a point, while Teece L. Lewis, Y2c, writes a letter. Lewis is a member of the Bar in Oklahoma.*

*Sports competition and parties are arranged by the Recreation Department, which also operates the Recreation Hall. Left to right, kneeling: Frank G. Hain, Everett W. Fay, C. C. Chambers, Obie Harmon; standing: Richard S. Carroll, Orson P. Goodrich, Gordon Engstrom and Chief W.O. Burt D. Hanish.*









Runners-up in the Seabee Basketball League on Oahu, T. H., were the 116th NCB Colonials. Left to right, kneeling: Roy Frei, Lt. George Siewert, Hank Landuit, Red Stevenson (holding Sportsmanship Award), Dick Westervelt, Hal Darrow, and Jack Singer. Standing: Coach George "Lug" Verdun, Dick Parlet, Lt. (jg) Harry Bashore, Joe Lehnus, Jack Darrow, Charlie Jovanovich and Clayt Betz. (Johnny Dawson and Bob Gorzney were absent when picture was taken.)

## ATHLETIC TEAMS PILE UP GOOD RECORDS AS 'COLONIALS'

IN REVIEWING the sports activities of the battalion since its formation, we find that a very enviable record has been compiled by the athletes. All of the teams were identified as the "Colonials" with the exception of one of the two bowling teams, which was known as the "Pennants."

The basketball team, with 25 wins as against 8 losses, was holder of the best record among the battalion sports aggregations. They won two runners-up trophies: one in the Seabee Summer Basketball League, and the other in the Seabee Winter Basketball League, on the island of Oahu. Three of Coach Verdun's boys made the all-star team on Oahu. They were Robert "Red" Stevenson, who incidentally was also named the "Best Sportsman," Joe Lehnus and Richard Westervelt. Other regulars of the team were: Hank Landuit playing opposite "Westy" at the guard position; Lt. George Siewert, who paired with Stevenson at forward; and Lt. (jg) Harry Bashore, who held down a regular spot before Lt. Siewert joined the battalion. Heading the list of subs were "Charley" Jovanovich and Bob Gorzney. The rest of the squad included the following: Harold Darrow, Dick Parlet, Jack Darrow, Johnny Dawson, Art Peterson, Warren Hogan, Bob Greenfield, Vic D'Elia, Bob Pletch, Jim Heffner, Jack Singer, Dick Burt, and George Hall. Roy Frei served the team faithfully, acting as trainer and manager. Clayt Betz was assistant to Coach Verdun as well as being the "chief" scorekeeper.

The Colonials' baseball team has probably seen more activity than any of the other sports squads in the battalion. They, like the basketball team,

ran into "hard luck" in their quest to cop a title, losing to the 117th Bulldogs in the finals of the Seabee League by a score of 5-4. The baseball nine did not keep any accurate record, but it can be stated that their victories outnumbered their losses very easily. Dominick "Dick" Carrazola of B Company was named manager of the team when they were first organized, and has served excellently in that capacity ever since. The highlight of the baseball campaign was when they played the star-studded 7th A.A.F. team, losing by a score of 14-2. The thrill of playing against big timers like Joe Gordon and Walt Judnich more than offset the beating the boys took. Probably the Colonials' most notable win was against a very strong Coast Guard Sea-Lion team which they defeated 6-2. Manager Carrazola used a total of 31 players on his team, but a few have always been classified as regulars. Obie Harmon played both at the initial sack and in the outfield. C. J. Foster was the first-string catcher and he received very able assistance from Henry Rikard. Joe Moro spent most of his time in the outfield. Chet Lemanski played both at the hot corner and at first base. Jack Moten handled the shortstop position, and Chet Zercher held down second base. Frank Keating started as an outfielder and later helped out the moundsmen with his southpaw slants. Ned Pretel roamed the outfield and also saw plenty of service in the infield. Pitchers were: W. T. Alford, Tommy Enright, Hal Darrow, Jack Darrow, and George Mager. C. C. "Pop" Chambers was the team's most ardent rooter and head coach. The other coaches were Bill Elliott and Jerry Finley. Wilson Haas took the verbal beating from irate fans (Da robbuh) in his role as umpire. The rest

of the squad is as follows: Alexander Callahan, Ed Jackson, Bob Timmerman, Chuck Carbone, Art Skidmore, Van Montague, Russ Irving, Elmer Baker, Clyde Crowe, Red Kopp, Ronald Frame, Mort Garfinkel, Jim Howard and Tom Fay.

Next in the list of battalion sports are the two bowling teams. The Colonials were leading the Oahu Seabee Bowling League when we left there with 10 wins and 2 losses. The Pennants were in fourth place with 6 wins and 6 losses. The highlight of the bowlers' campaign occurred when they combined forces to play the officers of the battalion. They won by a score of 2589 pins to 2527. Rosters of the two teams are as follows: The Colonials—Elis Hartz, B. R. Breslin, Ollie Enstad, Ed DeWispelaera, Lee Hayne, Bob Timmerman and Clayt Betz (captain). The Pennants—Edgar Koch, Stan Kovite, Bert Arnesen, Cal Williams, Carl Graeser, J. J. Hopp and Charley Obert (captain). When the season ended Clayt Betz held the top average with 183. He was followed closely by Elis Hartz with 180. Other averages were: Bob Timmerman 170, Lee Hayne 170, Ed DeWispelaere 169, Charley Obert 165, B. R. Breslin 164, Ollie Enstad 161, and Stan Kovite 160.

Tennis activity in the battalion was rather limited. While on the island of Oahu there was a Seabee-Civilian tournament that created quite a bit of interest. Eldon Seebart of Headquarters Company was manager of the tournament. Don Lynch of C Company won the Singles title in this tourney, and then he paired up with Seebart to win the Doubles crown. Bobby Riggs, former National Amateur champ, was on hand to referee the finals as well as give an exhibition.

The battalion boxers were fairly active while in the States but after coming overseas their activities seemed to recede a little. Joe LaGuardia of C Company has been instructor and coach of the pugilists since their organization in Camp Hollyday, Miss. Carl Peetz of D Company acted as assistant to LaGuardia. Outstanding sluggers on the team are as follows: Johnny Price, Joe O'Rourke, Johnny Dawson, George Barr, Rodney Elg, George Hall, and Bill Blankenship.

The Softball Team was entered in a base league on Oahu and suffered the same fate as the basketball and baseball teams, in that they were the runners-up for the title. They lost in the finals by the heartbreaking score of 1-0. George Bacca was the team's star hurler and Jim Fasick the catcher. The rest of the squad was as follows: Phil Merriam, Hank Landuit, Lt. John Clark, Warren Hogan, Lt. Dallas Spencer, Bob Casey, Johnny Long, John Grams, M. T. Dudley, Dick Parlet, Fred Robichaud, Chet Lemanski, Ned Pretel, Joe Miller, Ollie Enstad and Bernard Meltzer.

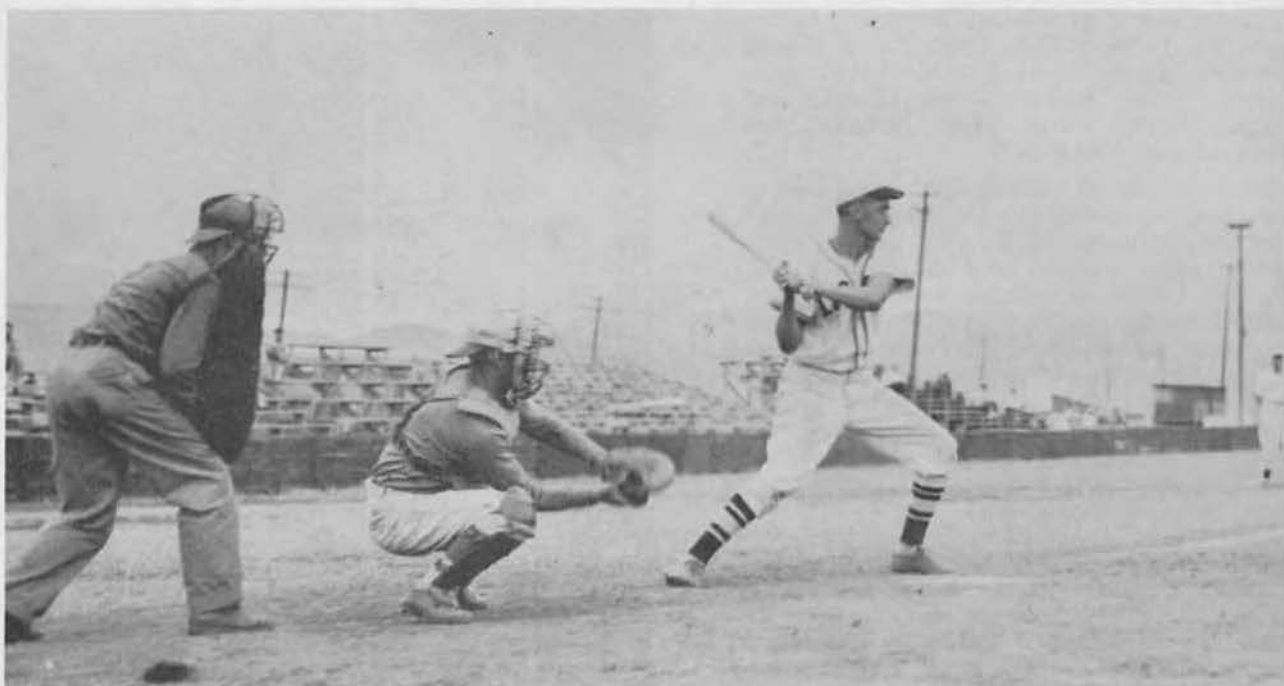
— C. A. BETZ



*Winning 41-38 over the Centenarians of another NCB, the 116th became runners-up in the Seabee Oahu Basketball League. Bob Gorzney and Charlie Jovanovich wait for the rebound which drops short into the hands of a Centenarian player.*

*In a fast bit of action, a Marine runner is safe at 1st by scant inches, as the ball is still a few inches from the reaching fingers of Chet Lemanski.*





*Apparently determined to win his own ball game, a pitcher, Ward Rockey, steps up to the plate. Rockey was a member of a detachment from another battalion, attached to the 116th at a naval air station.*

**BASEBALL TEAM.** *Left to right, front row, George Mager, Jack Moten, A. D. Skidmore, E. G. Jackson, C. Carbone, N. E. Pretel, C. B. Zercher, D. Carrozola (manager), and H. O. Rikard. Back row, Chief WO Burt D. Hanish, C. J. Foster, J. Moro, O. L. Darrow, C. J. Lemanski, F. S. Keating, Ward Rockey, O. Harmon, and V. B. Montague.*







Doubles winners in a 116th NCB vs CHA tennis meet were Don Lynch and Don Seebart, second and third from left, of the 116th NCB. Runners-up were Bill Basking and Bob McClellan of CHA. Bobby Riggs, National Tennis Champion, second from right, presented the awards. Lynch also won the Singles play.

Battalion bowlers held both first and fourth places in the Seabee League at the time they left Oahu, T. H. Left to right, kneeling, O. A. Enstad, Edgar Koch, Chief Stanley Kovite, Clayton Betz, Chief Lee Hayne, Chief Edmund DeWispelaere, Charles Obert; standing, Arthur Bradbrook, Ray Austin, Calvin Williams, Ellis E. Hartz, Robert E. Timmerman, B. T. Arnesen, James J. Hopp and B. R. Breslin.





*Movies are our best entertainment overseas, and it was projectionists Orson P. Goodrich, Ray H. Roolf and Richard Arvedson who provided them.*



*Card games and letter-writing occupy spare time, while recreation parties to scenic parts of the island pass other idle off-duty hours.*





*Ruth and Sunny Gleason of Honolulu turned in solid tap routines when USO Camp Shows played at the 116th Battalion theater.*

## POPULAR RECREATION PROGRAMS BEGUILE THE IDLE HOURS

WITH THE ARRIVAL of the battalion on the station long known as "The Country Club," the official entertainment program got under way. There we had our own theatre, with a small but well-equipped stage. Movies were shown thrice daily, the afternoon screening being for the benefit of night-workers and KPs. Projectionists Dick Arvedson, O. P. Goodrich, and Ray Roof inform us that during our some twelve months at that station more than 8,564,500 feet of film were shown in the Rec Hall Theatre — enough, in fact, to reach from New York City to Cleveland, Ohio (and by way of Chicago, at that!).

The theatre was easily transformed into a ballroom by the simple expedient of removing the some five hundred seats, and here were held the first three of the many dances given by the 116th. So popular did the battalion dances prove, that after the first three such fiestas it was necessary to hold them in the auditorium of the hale kula in the small village adjacent to the camp.

There were numerous attractions off the base, too, to which Mr. Hanish, the Recreation Officer, arranged tickets and transportation for the personnel of the 116th Seabees: the Maurice Evans "Hamlet," Boris Karloff's "Arsenic and Old Lace," the Bob Hope-Frances Langford show, et al. Picnics, sightseeing trips and swimming parties were too numerous to mention, and were among the most popular of the various entertainment projects.

Just how many hula shows played the Rec Hall theatre, it would be difficult to estimate; but in

the music and dances of the islands we found much, much pleasure. Outstanding among the various hula troupes appearing for us were Lena Guerrero and Her Waikiki Maidens (twelve of Oahu's loveliest little lassies).

USO Camp Shows brought many stage attractions to us, most noteworthy of which were "Hotel Hokum," "Take It Easy," "Street Scene," "4.0 Revue," and — by no means the least of these — the dynamic Betty Hutton presentation. Vocalist Natalie Alesna, already well known as a radio star (and she will be even more sensational in television!) was the most consistent show-stopper of them all.

After a highly successful debut last Thanksgiving, our own band, the Colonials, has shown steady improvement, and has played numerous shows and dances for the battalion and for other outfits. The Colonials provided the first *divertissement* for the battalion after leaving Oahu, having been the first band to play on the stage of a new theatre on Hawaii. Enjoying steadily mounting popularity, the band is at present one of the most popular on this island, with heavily skedded engagements demanding full time devotion to their job.

Summarily, HIBISCI AND MAHALO to the Recreation Department, and to all those who have worked untiringly to bring to us that without which this life would doubtless prove much, much more monotonous — Entertainment.

—W. CRAYTON





*Jackie Tatum (left) and Mary Swain (right) added a bit of comedy and a bit of authentic hula to shows presented by the USO.*

*The Christmas story of "The Other Wise Man" was presented before their mates in 1944 by O. P. Goodrich, M. L. Crippin, F. G. Smith, W. Crayton, E. W. Etheridge and E. W. Anderson.*





*Music, hot and sweet, was provided 116th dances by the Colonials band. Left to right, first row, A. M. Dowling, pianist; F. B. Hyde, L. W. Pascoe, S. J. Flagner, J. C. Sutherland, R. C. Sansenbaugher, H. A. Suminski. Second row, T. A. Nichols, bass; C. Lubkay, E. P. Flaherty, M. D. Bayless, R. M. Dickey, F. J. Hapenny, G. C. Dagle, W. Crayton.*

*Buffet dances were a highlight of the recreation program with WAVES and Marine Women Reserves and local girls. Heading the line in the photo are Franklin R. Cox, A. T. Nugent, Jay B. Gooch, William Harmon, Bob Gilbert and Phil Grabinski.*



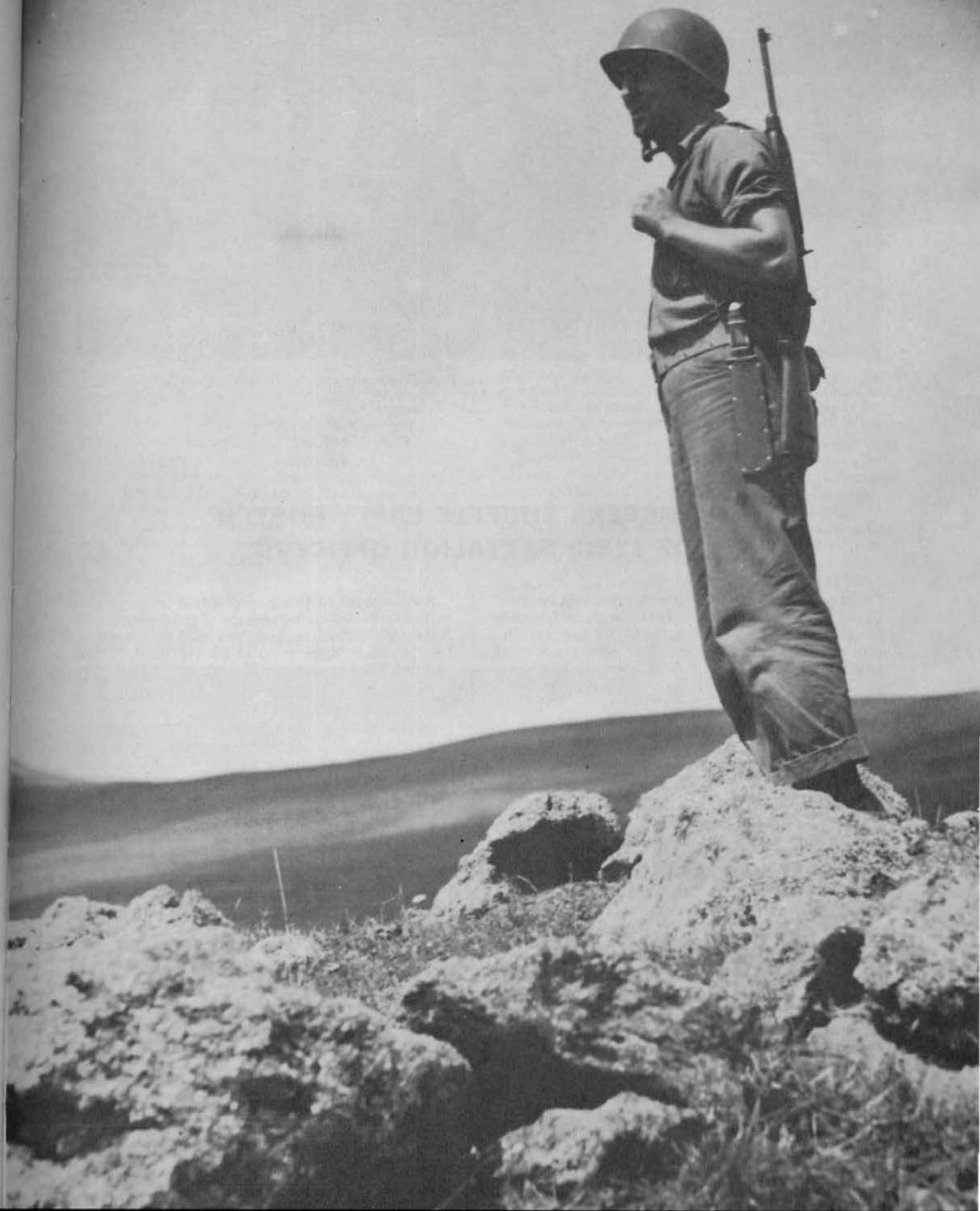


*Ping pong and pool tables were popular in the recreation hall at a naval air station. The ping pong tables went along to the forward area.*

*The spacious wet canteen built by the 116th Battalion was an afternoon favorite of all hands. Probably never before did so much scuttlebutt flow so fast in so little time.*









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STAFF OFFICERS. *Left to right, front row, Dr. J. J. Price, Dr. F. E. Brown, Lt. Comdr. A. W. T. Freakes, Dr. R. A. Garman, Dr. G. D. Siewert, Jr. Back row, Chaplain C. A. Pennington, Lt. (jg) H. W. Bashore, Lt. (jg) D. F. Spencer, Lt. W. M. Cavaney, Ens. J. M. Singer.*

## TRANSFERS SHUFFLE EARLY ROSTER OF 116th BATTALION OFFICERS

OF THE THIRTY-ONE OFFICERS originally assigned to our battalion, seventeen are still with us. Changes in officer personnel began early in our history. Before we left Camp Endicott, four were transferred to duty elsewhere: Lts. J. T. Tucker, E. L. Ewing, R. B. Walters, and Lt. (jg) C. R. Leap. At Gulfport, Lt. (jg) M. E. Reed and Carp. W. E. Ford left for duty with other units; and Carp. A. J. Shuford joined the battalion. While we were at Port Hueneme, four new officers came aboard: Lts. (jg) O. V. Van Wagenen, W. M. Harlan, Carps. B. D. Hanish and A. A. Scott.

During our tour of duty on Oahu there were rather extensive changes in personnel. The death of Carp. G. J. Schultz took from us one of our most capable and popular officers. Two men were transferred to other activities: Lt. (jg) L. G. Holleran and Ch. Carp. A. A. Scott. Two were detached and returned to the States: Lts. H. J. Vaile and W. P. Myers. Two new officers reported for duty: Lt. D. E. Smith and Ens. D. L. Houghton. There was a complete turnover in the medical and dental departments. First, Dr. D. J. Marino was summoned for sea duty. Then Dr. A. L. Gibbins went to sea, followed shortly by Dr. I. M. Bilsky. Dr. J. H. Wallace came aboard as Senior Medical Officer; and after three months, was replaced by Dr. F. E. Brown. Dr. G. D. Siewert was assigned to us as Dental Officer; and Dr. J. J. Price took up his duties as Junior Medical Officer.

Any account of this period would be incomplete without mentioning two events of great importance. A daughter, Patricia Ann, was born to the wife of Lt. (jg) D. F. Spencer. And Lt. (jg) J. R. DeClue married Miss Lornahope Kuhlman.

After our next move, to the Island of Hawaii, several more changes took place. Two new officers reported for duty: Ens. R. B. Rosecrance and G. S. Weaver. Lt. R. J. Majoros, Supply Officer, was transferred to other duty; Lt. W. M. Cavaney moved into the position thus left vacant; and Ens. J. M. Singer came aboard as Disbursing Officer. Dr. F. E. Brown was relieved by Dr. R. A. Garman.

Our work on Oahu was important enough for us to record the way in which we were organized and the assignments given to the various officers.

Commander Stewart and Executive Officer Freakes were, of course, in over-all command of all battalion activities. Assisting them in their various capacities were the staff officers. Mr. Spencer was Personnel Officer. The Supply and Commissary Departments were under the direction of Mr. Majoros (replaced by Mr. Cavaney); and Mr. Shuford was Material Officer. Mr. Cavaney was Disbursing Officer (replaced by Mr. Singer). The Sick Bay and Station Dispensary were the scene of operations for our Medical Officers — each in his turn: Drs. Gibbins, Marino, and Bilsky; Drs. Wallace, Price, and Siewert; and more re-

cently, Drs. Brown and Garman. Chaplain Pennington set up his office and library in the barracks area. And Mr. Hanish, as Recreation Officer, was in charge of all entertainment and athletics.

Our construction work was organized according to the following plan. The Planning Office was under the direction of Mr. Vaile, until he left; the following officers were also in this office: Mr. Karran, Mr. DeClue, Mr. Houghton, and Mr. Berry. General Construction was in the hands of Mr. Van Wagenen, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Proehl; they were in charge of such projects as the Engine Overhaul Plant, Engine Test Cells, and Barracks. Then there were many other assignments, each of which contributed to the various projects. After Mr. Myers left, Mr. Smith was in charge of heavy equipment. Plumbing was under Mr. Harlan. Mr. Davis directed the electrical work. The concrete gangs were under Mr. Bashore. Mr. Moylan supervised the quarry and rock crusher. Mr. Cowart was in charge of the batching plant. The work of the underground department was directed by Mr. Thaxton. All these operations were tied together and kept mobile by the transportation and equipment department, under Mr. Clark.

In addition to these regular duties, collateral duties have been assigned. Mr. Smith is Security and Intelligence Officer. Mr. Spencer is Communications Officer. Chaplain Pennington is Welfare Officer. Mr. Harlan is Treasurer of the Welfare Fund. Mr. Bashore is Military Training Officer and Provost Marshal. Mr. Karran is Ships' Service Officer. Mr. Moylan is Legal Officer. Mr. Hanish is War Bond Officer. Mr. Thaxton is Ordnance Officer.

An important part of our life revolves around our Officers' Mess, which has to do not only with our three squares a day but with our recreation. The Treasurer of our Mess Fund has an important, and sometimes thankless, job. This position has been capably handled by three men, each in his turn: Mr. Duff relieved Dr. Bilsky and served for several months; more recently, Dr. Price has taken over and is currently in office.

We were fairly active in athletics during these two years. Volleyball was popular back in the States, and we had many a rousing set. On Oahu, perhaps the best record was made by our bowling team, who, although forced to bow to an aggregation of stars from among the enlisted men, copped the station trophy with the greatest of ease. This team was made up of Mr. Clark, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Davis, Mr. Thaxton, and Mr. Hanish. We had a softball team that looked like a million dollars, but lost most of its games in the battalion league. However, we contributed two stars to the all-star battalion team: Mr. Clark and Mr. Spencer. Most of us are getting too old (?) to play basketball; but several played on their company teams in the battalion league; and Mr. Bashore and Dr. Siewert filled regular berths on the battalion team. Mr. Bashore also distinguished himself in tennis by taking a respectable beating from Bobby Riggs; he was defeated — as have been many other great players — but on him it looked good. Mr. Cavaney reached the finals in the battalion handball tournament. Most of us, however, were anonymous athletes, indulging fairly regularly in tennis, handball, ping-pong — and then there was always pinochle and cribbage, not to mention "sack duty."

— C. A. PENNINGTON

HEADQUARTERS OFFICERS. *Left to right*, CWO J. R. Cowart, Lt. W. H. Edwards, CWO D. O. Proehl.

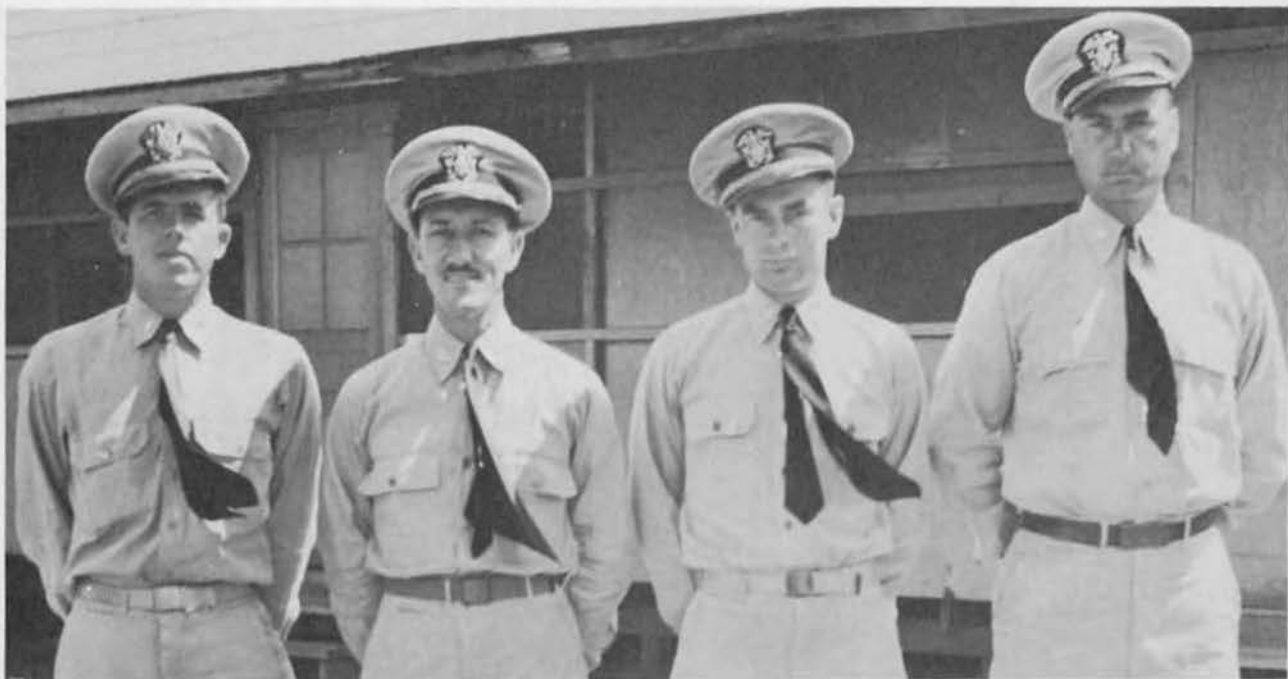






COMPANY A OFFICERS. *Left to right*, Lt. D. E. Smith, Lt. (jg) J. W. Clark, Jr., CWO C. S. Thaxton, Jr., CWO C. A. Davis.

COMPANY B OFFICERS. *Left to right*, Lt. (jg) J. R. DeClue, Jr., Lt. W. M. Harlan, Ens. D. L. Houghton, CWO A. J. Shuford.





COMPANY C OFFICERS. *Left to right*, Lt. (jg) G. V. Karran, Jr., Lt. O. V. Van Wagenen, CWO J. F. Berry, Ens. G. S. Weaver.

COMPANY D OFFICERS. *Left to right*, CWO B. D. Hanish, CWO E. Duff, Lt. (jg) R. E. Moylan, Ens. R. Rosecrance.





HEADQUARTERS COMPANY CHIEFS. *Left to right, front row, J. P. Hannah, T. L. Schmidt, S. W. Thomson, W. V. Ratcliff, J. B. Butler. Second row, H. F. Schaldenbrand, V. J. Petri, J. S. Wood, T. R. Tibbetts, J. S. McGlade, H. A. Schendorf. Absent, G. V. Hamilton.*

## CPO's BUSY WITH SCHOOLS, SUPPLY, SHOWERS AND SHOPS

HEADQUARTER'S COMPANY — The militarist, Pat Ratcliff, spent the greater part of the past year going to various training schools besides working on the moving target range. The one person who successfully evaded all forms of exercise, drilling and otherwise, was Joe (the Bird) Butler, though he did well at the indoor sports. Stu Thomson kept busy surveying with his staff and peeper, while Voyle Petri shifted from the coral quarry operations at the Air Station to the ungrateful job of Censor. Tom Schmidt's duties, both past and present, can be easily described by the few well chosen words "When's Pay Day?". Hank Schaldenbrand carried along with his Master-at-Arms troubles and "Bo" Rambo had his in the Supply Department. Correspondent Hilliard Schendorf moved in at our first tent camp to report on the battalion activities. "Doc" Tibbetts and Johnny Hannah joined our Chief's circle during the year, though the former kept doling out his APCs (all purpose capsules) and John kept shining our rifles in the Armory. In the Commissary group, Hugh Grammer ably procured the good food that John Wood and George Hamilton prepared, after which Joe McGlade's cohorts did the serving. (You should have seen the three weighty ones taking a "shower" when the water shortage only allowed us one pail full.)

COMPANY A—To Joe Mannion should go a Hibiscus for the good job of rebuilding the broken down rolling stock we acquired and another posse to Al Tully, the Transportation man, who kept the battalion moving on wheels. "Pappy" Barrett was responsible for the Rock Crusher that broke the big ones into little ones so "Moose" Cisler could have enough to mix the concrete so vitally needed. Al King's biggest contribution was his setting up of the Hobby Lobby Shop from which so many beautiful wood creations emerged. Johnny Pullin has been the mainstay of the Chief's Mess Club, besides his carpenter work on the various projects. Honors should go to Al Rickelman and Howard Beck for the job they did of supplying us with hot water (when there was any) in our mountain abode. The Heavy Equipment man, Stan Kovite, kept everything from the small bulldozers to the big carryalls working on the jobs, while Maintenance man, Bob Williams, looked after the refrigeration equipment. New arrivals in April were Meyer Parker, Art Anderson, and John Kramer; the last two, old timers having served one stretch "down below."

COMPANY B — Recreationist "Chick" Massey shifted to the plumbing shop and then had a tour on the hiking field (he's being called Haba-Haba



now). The real plumber, Ed DeWispelaere claims to have handled more metal nipples than any one man; and Painter Sam Astley says he has painted more than one town (red). Will Dickason remodeled his car with airplane wheels — riding high! After Ralph Fair blew holes with his Dynamite gang, "Doc" Hardesty would come along to do the grading work and then Hal Mabbitt would Blacktop the whole thing — and so a new road was born. Johnny Baxter of the Supply Yard had to rearrange the Compound so many times he can now tell the size and contents of each box, and Berkley Lawrence made a daily trip to Honolulu to procure the materials needed on the jobs. Warren James of the Electrical gang had his troubles finding leaking insulators and stringing wire all over the place. In May of this year William Mulvaney of Pontoon experience joined our outfit, as did Maurice Estes and Hyman Rothstein, both fresh from the States.

COMPANY C — Tom Bates no sooner finished putting up rows of Quonset Huts than he and his group started on the big Engine Overhaul job. John Gehron and "Pop" Reyner (recently made Chief) spent most of their time, together with Stan Hough, on warehouses and the Engine Test Cells. As the work progressed, Harold Brown and his crew would come in to do the electrical installations. Abe Dryden's gang built the foundations for the Engine Overhaul structures and "Buddy" Hyde

took over the erecting part of the work. Then Hyde's gang went to work on the Wave's Barracks (Blue Heaven) while Ivar Ramstead built the Waves a Dispensary. The gals reciprocated with a party in their new home. Lee Hayne was in charge of the distribution of the Heavy Equipment and Henry Irving ran the Machine Shop that kept the Maintenance Department supplied with tools (and a lot of us with metal wristbands and other Hobby products). Warren Moody, Byron Spiess and Al Alexander made this their first stop after leaving the States, so they'll be on hand wherever we go.

COMPANY D — "Bill" Bowers and crew did all the pole climbing for the electrical line work, while Emil Michalek did the inside wire installations and "Bill" Craig furnished the parts and did repair work in the Shop. "Butch" Raner and "Bull" Bullard spent most of their time building warehouses, and "Barnie" Ryan blacktopped roads and the additional landing strip at our "Country Club." Harry Bennett's gang did much of the needed underground work, while Stan Hosking in the Carpenter Shop built forms of all shapes and sizes. Will De St. Aubin worked as Censor and later changed to Junior Officer-of-the-Day. The new arrivals added to the roster included William Dwyer, Roland Rea and Oliver Racine.

—TOM SCHMIDT

COMPANY A CHIEFS. *Left to right, front row, J. P. Mannion, A. E. Anderson, A. G. Tully, G. H. Cisler. Second row, M. Parker, A. A. Rickelman, H. C. Beck, R. D. Williams, A. L. King. Absent, J. E. Pullin.*





COMPANY B. CHIEFS. *Left to right, front row, H. W. Mabbitt, S. B. Astley, R. O. Hardesty, C. W. Massey. Second row, W. E. Mulvaney, B. L. Lawrence, W. C. James, H. Rothstein.*

CPV'S BUSY WITH SCHOOL  
SUPPLY, SHOWERS AND...

COMPANY C CHIEFS. *Left to right, front row, W. G. Moody, I. B. Ramstead, H. H. Irving, J. J. Gehron, A. Dryden. Second row, H. W. Reyner, A. M. Alexander, H. W. Brown, T. G. Bates, T. R. Hyde, S. D. Hough. Absent, B. W. Spiess.*





COMPANY D CHIEFS. *Left to right, front row, B. W. Ryan, W. J. Dwyer, S. Hosking, W. G. Bowers, H. F. Bennett, O. L. Racine. Second row, C. R. Raner, C. B. Bullard, R. Rea, W. D. Craig, W. P. Bruce, E. J. Michalek. Absent, W. M. de St. Aubin.*

CHIEFS. *Left to right, front row, R. Fair, Co. B; J. K. Baxter, Co. B; M. J. Estes, Co. B; W. M. Dickason, Co. B. Second row, R. C. Rambo, Hq. Co.; H. C. Grammer, Hq. Co.; H. M. Barrett, Co. A; S. G. Kovite, Co. A; J. P. Kramer, Co. A; L. W. Hayne, Co. C.*







**COOKS AND BAKERS.** *Left to right, front row,* I. Broderson, R. H. Snyder, A. C. Johnson, J. E. Grams, R. E. Casey, J. S. Wood, R. L. Gradilone, K. F. DeKenipp, F. S. Zajac, G. M. Johansson, D. F. Grotto, A. G. Pierson. *Second row,* J. J. Walsh, G. E. Hamilton, D. J. Bowen, J. E. Ahern, J. B. Cox, R. C. Hurlburt, M. G. Altman, P. M. Welch, J. R. Guarena, P. J. Eschuk, L. V. Kilpatrick, A. E. Love. *Third row,* H. O. Rikard, R. A. Lucas, E. P. Zupan, A. C. Jackson, C. C. Willard, C. D. King, W. Jaeger, L. G. Jim, C. H. Licht, C. L. Williams, R. C. Clark. *Absent,* G. Bacca, V. F. DiGangi, L. F. Krug, A. A. Peterson, T. S. Rudolph, H. P. Waddle.

## EARLY STATISTICAL DUTY LOOKS GOOD IN RETROSPECT

**CAMP PEARY:** We still don't talk about it. Who would ever believe it anyway?

**ENDICOTT NOTES:** At this point, it seems rather like one of those particularly pleasant dreams. . . . Liberty in Providence was four-oh in every respect. . . . Bill Bunt, Fred Robichaud, *et al*, fairly glowed — and justifiably so — with pride in their native New England. . . . A 36-hour liberty meant a trip to Gotham, an earthly paradise located on the Hudson River (near Brooklyn, so Leon Arkin will tell you). . . . The list of stage-door Johnnies found at the Providence Metropolitan might make good copy, but will — for reasons of security — be omitted. . . . Here "Sheriff" Claude Alphin used to lend a kindly ear to the youngsters who brought back tall tales from every liberty.

**HOLLYDAY AT RANDOM:** The Old South at its best, Gulfport, Mississippi. . . . Ask Chet Johnson and a few others to tell about the Cat Island training period. . . . From the Embassy Club, well known for its one-armed bandits and well stocked bar, Clayton Betz, Beachhead columnist with *some* package on. . . . Jim Wales and Martin Roth bickered daily in the personnel office. . . . Wild Bill Odom was transferred to another activity. . . . The Community House in Gulfport did an amazingly fine job of morale boosting. . . . Bill Woolley, having been in the sick bay at the time of our departure from Hollyday, missed the battalion, joining it later in California. . . . N'Orleans was found to be another big-league liberty town by Grady Miner, Charley Butler, and practically everybody else in Hdqtrs. . . . The farewell to Gulfpo't was a genuinely reluctant one, and that's for sure.

**ROUSSEAU INCIDENTALS:** Bill Van Zant wide-eyed at Hollywood sights. . . . (Who wasn't?) . . . L. V. Elmore calling a certain wise character's bluff. . . . Tom Dunkel getting the bird whenever no mail came. . . . Wasn't it in Hollywood that Bob Lee dropped the ball? . . . All the hoof and horn fans digging the Palladium, where Harry James held forth nightly. . . . John Price chumming

with Phil Harris at Slapsie Maxie's. . . . Bill Murchison, whose L. A. home was within easy liberty reach, unruffled at being heckled about the California weather. . . . Dave Rough getting the view from the Top Deck — one of the more groovy bistros, incidentally. . . . And the corner of Hollywood at Vine is still one of the sights that we shall be most glad to see again!

**OVER THE BOUNDING MAIN:** The trip over was a dilly for many of the dry land sailors of Hdqtrs. Marvin Smith managed to assume a pale green complexion for most of the crossing, while A. D. Skidmore began vehemently wishing that it were possible to make the voyage by prairie schooner. . . . Stan Carr, who was later transferred to another activity, remained in his bunk until at last we docked. . . . Upon entering the harbor at Honolulu, our good ship ripped up a water main, whereupon many of the comments by the crew were comically eloquent (but quite unprintable).

**OAHU:** After a short stay at "The Dust Bowl," the outfit moved to "The Country Club," a beautiful station so called because of the many conveniences and comforts to be found there. Here it was that: . . . Although hopelessly outnumbered, Mike Hoffman stuck closely to his political guns. . . . Dick Westervelt took many honors in basketball. . . . Merle Leroy Davis met THE girl, who seems to be a good influence. He's quieter now.

**HAWAII:** The Country Club deal had to end, and our next stop, Hawaii, is proving much better than expected. . . . Ray Austin is socializing, whenever possible, in Hilo. . . . StM2c A. W. Chestnut is devoting his spare time to his scrap-book. . . . Frank Carty is still the scuttlebutt champion, with seventeen mates tied for second place. . . . Slim Worley is being daily asked, "When do we get Marine Issue?"; and the rumors are coming more quickly than BuPers Wales can debunk them. . . . What comes next, we don't know; but we are hopeful that it will be Victory and, God willing, Home.

—W. CRAYTON



HEADQUARTERS COMPANY. *Left to right, front row,* S. J. Kaiser, F. V. Robichaud, P. Cohen, R. G. Westervelt, R. D. Shuman, T. L. Lewis, R. D. Lee, L. E. Peterson, C. V. Obert, M. L. Davis. *Second row,* R. L. Barone, G. E. Davis, J. A. Jegelewicz, D. R. Rough, W. A. Bunt, J. R. Angle, O. A. Enstad, M. J. Lehnus, R. E. Austin, W. E. Broadwell, L. V. Elmore, W. S. Woolley. *Third row,* H. A. Suminski, A. W. Paulson, R. H. Malone, A. E. Brower, W. L. Van Zandt, W. J. Elliott, E. A. Seebart, M. A. Hoffmann, W. A. Swain, C. E. Butler, G. H. Anderson, W. J. McKendry, R. E. Bowker. *Absent,* T. J. Dunkel, J. A. Fasick, V. J. McNerney, R. L. Noel.

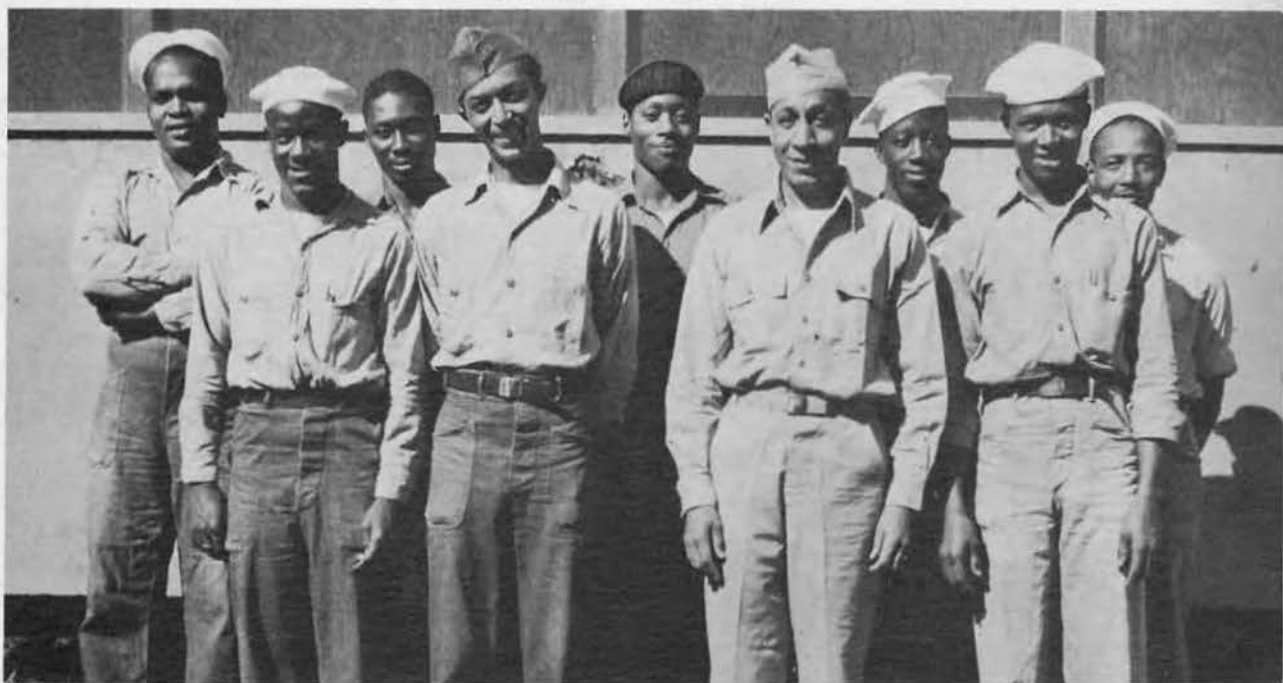
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HEADQUARTERS COMPANY. *Left to right, front row, E. Satterlee, A. D. Skidmore, J. J. Bartosh, B. Gennarino, J. H. Miller. Second row, R. J. Holekamp, C. H. Kenney, G. W. Miner, J. E. Boyle, C. Kwiatkowski. Third row, W. W. Rike, W. J. Appel, E. Z. Pharr, J. T. W. Price, P. J. Merriam.*

OFFICERS' MESS ATTENDANTS. *Left to right, front row, G. S. Hall, A. W. Chestnut, R. B. Bartlett, T. C. Taylor. Second row, R. L. Moore, O. Liggins, C. Hicks, G. Miller, M. Johnson.*







COMPANY A, PLATOON 1. *Left to right, front row, J. A. Motter, L. D. Durrett, O. E. Harmon, R. F. Harris, M. I. Leitzel, W. A. Kennedy. Second row, N. Levine, H. P. Stiely, J. R. Pacovsky, F. C. Curry, W. P. Harrison, W. S. Bynum, T. E. Anderson, W. T. Alford, A. L. Scott. Third row, R. C. Girod, H. L. Thatcher, D. A. James, W. J. Wooddell, H. A. Conner, R. L. Soto, B. P. Cheek, R. C. Butler, H. I. Stewart, C. C. Binns. Absent, J. W. Billingsley, A. G. Pierson, A. A. Hamel, H. C. Horan.*

## CLOSE FRIENDSHIPS ARE MADE AMID DISCOMFORTS OF WAR

"MEMORIES MEMORIES that Old Gang of Mine." In years to come, the "old gang" from A Company will perhaps refer to this album and recall their pleasant associations. Some great man once said that closer friendships are made among men experiencing discomforts.

We have had many happy times during our tour of duty but Hueneme particularly brings back pleasant memories, of Hollywood, Los Angeles, Ventura. (By the way, did anybody ever find where Hueneme was?) . . . Do you guys remember "Red" Schroeder's dancing? What a technique! . . . And even Frankie Flood was a gay Lothario. That was before he was nicknamed "Fast and Furious." . . . We all began to visit our newly-found relatives.

Freddie Altman and Jimmy Howard almost became blood fathers. . . . "Becky," Sweet, and "Lue" Tardiff were a threesome then. . . . Do you recall that last bus from L. A.? It was then I discovered that the luggage racks could accommodate a man. . . . A backache after every liberty.

When Bernie Laugen bought his wife a size 42 dress at a Honolulu store, and his wife received it and wrote him back asking what to do with an odd-colored tent she had just received, it made the battalion paper. . . . Joe Dennis had by this time stopped singing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" and now sang "Sweet Leilani." . . . Carl Hollanitsch disgraced Minnesota by admitting to being cold in Hawaii. . . . "Pud" Harrison must have read Kipling's Barrack Room Ballads and decided to

take up the flute. Many a night Harrison was told where to place his flute. . . . The Levine, Butler, "Bucky" Harris pinochle trio made Beach-head headlines, too. . . . And "Cappy" Carver—he showed me what beer was made for. . . . Remember Bynum, Stiely and "Red" James being chased by Thatcher?

Mrs. Joe "Boo Hoo" Bodoh writing her husband to stay away from Al Boltin 'cause Al was teaching "Boo Hoo" new things. . . . Lierly asked Miss Fixit to help him find his false teeth. . . . Umpire Haas almost gave us a championship baseball team. He turned honest and we lost the series. . . . Woodrow and Chalfant, the inseparable twins. . . . Ah, those wonderful dog stories of "Hans" Werner, thanks to his wife! . . . Raymond Berry, the man whose long letters helped the post office show a profit. Young love (they're newlyweds) must be grand. . . .

Who can forget "Asmuth" Rickelman and his tree climbing jungle tactics? . . . Callahan and Hagan, the inseparable Irishmen. If they're mentioned, Ciambotti must be close by.

Well, mates, our A Company memories are everlasting and never ending. Each of us has his own experiences, his innumerable memories. We must end somewhere, and perhaps some day when the war is over and we have what we've been fighting for, we'll refer to this album and recall memories.

—W. GOLDBERG



COMPANY A, PLATOON 2. *Left to right, front row, J. E. Decker, H. T. Cartin, N. Naples, E. F. Bardon, J. Chometa, C. F. Werner, E. L. Barker, A. F. Capoferri, T. F. Sullins. Second row, M. D. Bayless, R. R. Hopper, R. J. Chromizky, R. S. Gorzney, F. C. Ball, F. N. Cox, N. DiSimile, G. D. Landmann, J. Berish. Third row, T. B. Fay, J. W. Miller, B. B. Gilbert, I. G. Wheeler, W. E. Mitchell, N. W. Andreasen, P. J. Byrd, W. T. Herring, A. R. McCarter, T. A. Nichols. Absent, J. L. Archer, H. R. Ayers, C. G. Langhurst.*

COMPANY A, PLATOON 3. *Left to right, front row, R. D. Descalzo, A. A. Boltin, M. Feigelson, G. Frye, A. C. Carver, M. R. Aronson. Second row, L. A. Tardiff, R. P. Andrew, E. E. Avery, B. L. Laugen, C. L. Sweet, E. H. Kraemer, W. Goldberg, B. P. Churas. Third row, C. C. Anderson, M. R. Schroeder, F. C. Altman, S. C. Arroyo, J. E. Howard, R. A. Berry, R. E. Isble, L. P. Canham, C. J. Hollanitsch, J. L. Bodoh. Absent, B. T. Arnesen, O. L. Darrow.*





COMPANY A, PLATOON 4. *Left to right, front row, J. D. Scroggins, E. C. Baranowski, R. F. Baker, E. I. Craft, W. W. Roberts. Second row, J. R. Borrelli, G. Mehalcko, W. Castel, A. Bain, O. M. Hunt, J. L. Filipovich, J. S. Dennis, P. B. Fiscaro. Third row, G. C. Dagle, L. R. Tarver, J. C. Lowe, A. Lehman, C. E. Lierly, G. D. Cassel, S. N. Anton, F. G. Hain. Absent, P. E. Carol, C. R. Clanton, R. R. Emerson, F. E. Paruolo.*

COMPANY A, PLATOON 5. *Left to right, front row, V. S. Davis, P. F. Barker, J. J. Ahern, S. J. Flagner, O. A. Jones. Second row, O. H. Granmo, U. A. Zimmerman, C. H. Throtyear, A. G. Callahan, W. S. Crafton, C. W. Diver, M. Ciambotti. Third row, C. Carbone, M. P. Pacheco, H. G. Barton, G. J. Barr, M. B. Adams, M. H. Tanner, P. J. Hart. Absent, T. E. Angell, W. R. Bassett, R. P. Doran, H. R. Gregory.*







COMPANY A, PLATOON 6. *Left to right, front row, A. W. King, D. R. Lee, W. F. Bauch, F. Gericke, E. J. Berardino, F. N. Stanley, A. H. Ripka. Second row, W. M. Beaston, P. B. Gunderson, C. J. Lemanski, L. D. Cole, C. O. Allen, B. M. Latora, R. K. Kingston, M. J. Allen, O. A. French, B. F. Puckett. Third row, S. J. Coffee, E. E. Baker, R. E. Belton, W. F. Haas, E. L. Berry, M. J. Thielemier, R. W. Woodrow, G. D. Chalfant. Absent, H. J. Benes, H. H. Bragg, J. L. Daubney, O. E. Johnston, J. W. Moro.*

COMPANY A. *Left to right, front row, W. W. Kauffman, J. Chometa, W. G. Wilson, E. L. Aurand, J. Kalata, J. T. Rozny, J. P. Clark, C. H. Martin, J. G. Boresh, A. T. Nugent, F. H. Flood, M. W. Gregory. Second row, R. A. Wilson, J. T. Delk, L. A. Meece, J. H. Hayden, C. S. Kopperud, R. J. Hazel, W. J. Zarych, A. W. Roberts, H. E. Riley, D. J. Currier, J. Boyacheck, L. H. Saxton, C. M. Anderson. Third row, J. M. Collins, J. W. Heffner, C. J. Houghton, G. J. Barr, E. P. Foley, R. F. Brummond, R. E. Doyle, G. H. Chamberlain, C. MacRae, A. L. Parker, L. E. Wood, L. H. Alft, E. E. Bates, J. R. Hagan.*





COMPANY B, PLATOON 1. *Left to right, front row, A. F. Benedict, R. E. Greenfield, W. R. Corkrin, R. G. Christmas, V. DeElia, G. M. Davis. Second row, J. C. Esola, Jr., R. R. Burt, R. R. Ferguson, M. C. Cochran, R. W. Stevenson, E. G. Jackson, H. Stevenson. Third row, M. W. Ford, J. W. Faust, C. H. Conlon, R. Carlson, R. Q. Calhoun, W. L. Essley, G. W. Gries, O. R. Harding. Absent, P. F. Drum, R. A. Elg, A. L. Ethridge, R. L. Gronning, C. L. Hill, D. M. Kirby, J. L. Moore.*

## DUSTY FILES REVEAL STORY OF COMPANY B

A LONG TIME HAS PASSED since B Company was formed, many things have happened and many changes have taken place. We'll try to remember some of them for you, so let's dig out the dusty old files. We had quite a baseball team during 1944, winning the inter-battalion league championship. And we've got a plaque to prove it.

We had a basketball team, too, and they managed to hold their own. Hats off to "Red" Stevenson who was awarded the basketball sportsmanship award and a berth on the Seabee All-Stars team. And we want to mention our little company mascot, "Lt. (jg) Scuttlebutt," a lively little squirrel. He was captured by Bunn on Cat Island and was with us right along, until our last move, when we left him with some friendly sailors.

Wayne Essley of B1 had the most thrilling experience of anyone in the company, having participated in the Leyte invasion with the Army. He is back with us, safe and sound.

A few fellows have picked up a little added poundage; among the foremost, "Butterball" Aechternacht, "Fat Stuff" Corkrin, and "Tubby" Warren.

For some real scientific explanation on most anything just ask "Double-Talk" Anderson, the Dauber. It's really educational (?).

And we can still see "Shorthand" Melhorn lying on his stomach at our company picnic, furiously jotting down notes on the various activities, such as Chief Massey frying 'burgers, Lt. Vaile getting tossed in the ocean and Jesse Johnson's battle with the coral.

It was an exciting day when "Mother" Cary was at last shorn of his beloved beard. He finally located his lowers which had been missing for several months.

We were very sorry to lose our commander, Lt. Vaile. A name plate was carved for him by "Skip" Fay and sent to him with our best wishes. Lt. Harlan is now our Co. C. and is doing a fine job of it.

There is lots more to tell about the boys of B Co. but space won't allow it. However, we can't leave without telling you about Dan Harding, our Maudlin of the S. Pacific, and "Two-Word" Charsha, (Umph and Why). Then there is Jack Scurlock crying, "When do we eat?"; and Red Robertson, the Barber of Taylorville. There are Carl Conlon's Donald Duck imitations, Curly Beslin's uncanny luck at craps, and Buck Buchanan's ability to get in trouble. All in all, we are a pretty good bunch of Seabees, but we still insist we would make lots better civilians.

—W. G. BROOKS



COMPANY B, PLATOON 2. *Left to right, front row*, R. W. Bolka, H. R. Bertolini, F. H. Burns, M. Beach, H. A. Greunke, H. L. Jewell. *Second row*, W. V. Sullivan, E. S. Currie, H. T. Bagley, A. G. Chamberlain, H. A. Bond, C. R. Bjerken, J. B. Alexander. *Third row*, W. H. Alspaugh, A. R. Hobbs, L. J. Cortwright, B. R. Breslin, W. W. Jordan, E. J. Ressler, H. E. Londy, C. E. Chapman. *Absent*, D. W. Bales, R. G. Borneman, D. Carrazola, R. N. Larmer, G. R. Rash.

COMPANY B, PLATOON 3. *Left to right, front row*, R. A. Garrison, W. E. Carey, R. G. Brooks, B. W. Ham, W. C. Gatewood, J. H. Scurlock, H. H. Flood, E. J. Gardner. *Second row*, F. H. Bauman, A. J. Boroniec, R. J. Daniels, L. L. Corcoran, Jr., W. R. Campbell, H. N. Mattox, C. E. Closson, L. W. Pascoe, E. E. Hartz, F. R. Geller. *Third row*, A. W. Delander, H. D. Aechternacht, Jr., J. O. Kirk, J. A. Bartlett, J. A. Johnson, Jr., D. M. Robertson, T. S. Warren, W. B. Greene, R. Jovanovich, J. M. Larfield. *Absent*, M. L. Crippen.







COMPANY B, PLATOON 4. *Left to right, front row, R. Bunting, T. E. Mitchell, R. E. Brown, A. J. Kamp, S. W. Frank, C. C. Chaney. Second row, M. P. Carpino, D. L. Brown, R. L. Buchanan, S. DeSignore, P. E. Caraway, A. E. Burkhart, R. W. Christopherson, W. N. Blacksten, F. B. Hyde. Third row, A. E. Engler, C. A. Montminy, J. E. Morrow, K. L. Adams, H. H. Casey, E. W. Fay, H. S. Carter, P. C. Geoffrion. Absent, W. W. Burlison, A. W. Capriola, E. P. Gibbons, H. C. Grover, R. E. Timmerman, J. L. Dawson.*

COMPANY B, PLATOON 5. *Left to right, front row, C. L. Anderson, E. W. Day, W. H. Seehusen, H. A. Anderson, I. L. Durning, J. J. Janus. Second row, V. D. Cook, J. B. Upshaw, G. B. Rupel, J. R. Dampier, A. R. Ayala, J. D. Fox, J. W. Fox, H. J. McGreevy. Third row, F. W. Charsha, J. G. Crooks, C. W. Tucker, S. C. Williams, L. R. Collins, G. Engstrom, J. P. Bearden, R. Christiansen, G. E. Gemmell. Absent, J. E. Cashmere, M. A. Chenot, G. L. Crandall, C. S. Dyer, E. P. Flaherty, W. M. O'Brien.*





COMPANY B, PLATOON 6. *Left to right, front row.* R. W. Giblin, J. F. Gibbons, J. K. Loope, P. R. Grabinski, W. D. Harmon, L. P. Valenti, K. O. Becktell. *Second row.* T. W. Enright, R. O. Brubaker, G. R. Boulton, W. R. Soelch, E. Belhumeur, G. L. Verdun, J. G. Acuna, J. J. Brannigan, J. C. Davis. *Third row.* S. T. Prather, E. W. Buchman, J. A. Eismann, Jr., R. A. Morales, M. E. Garrett, R. F. Larson, W. D. Rogers, T. B. Legg, T. L. Fulton. *Absent,* R. R. Dube, R. E. Frei, J. B. Gooch, W. E. Grinestaff, M. M. Price.

COMPANY B. *Left to right, front row,* J. K. Deaton, L. M. Childers, B. H. Chastain, E. V. Brunn, A. Canada, M. G. Binkoff, H. R. Blunck, B. S. Whited, A. Cameron Jr., M. S. Dearborn. *Second row.* F. J. Lang, M. Chorney, S. T. Davidson, F. Galaski, R. M. LaBarre, C. E. Laddy, I. B. Bewley, A. J. Cioppa, C. G. Pressel, G. E. Bainter. *Third row.* B. J. Brown, R. D. Cunningham, J. F. Davidson, E. H. Melhorn, J. L. Felczuk, C. H. Lewis, P. I. Alexander, G. F. Kopp, L. M. Hipsher, O. L. Racer, A. E. Tackett.





COMPANY C, PLATOON 1. *Left to right, front row, I. L. Colbrunn, J. P. Thompson, W. R. McNae, R. W. C. King, W. J. Bowen, E. S. Fellingner, E. M. Farrand, V. W. Passinault. Second row, N. E. Sobeski, R. Caldwell, F. S. Keating, T. W. Compton, H. V. Ball, C. R. Milano, C. F. Fey, H. Legum, H. C. Gray, T. W. Noble, L. M. Duque, J. Hamlinck. Third row, J. E. Ferguson, I. F. Clements, P. J. Kovakovich, L. P. Fosilo, W. R. Christ, H. W. Troxell, D. E. Lynch, R. C. Miller, H. A. Harris, J. Coffendaffer, K. O. Stewart. Absent, E. L. Cole, C. H. Krider, J. P. O'Rourke.*

## COMPANY C BARBERS GIVE FREE EMBARKATION HAIRCUTS

AFTER REACHING Camp Hollyday with colors flying, C Company had a large setback. At one crack, we lost the Company CO, Lt. Merle Meed, and twenty-four enlisted men. When Lt. Reed left, Lt. George Karran (then Ensign) received the CO's post temporarily. We of "C" were sorry to see Mr. Reed leave for he had done a good job.

Three and a half months after we entered Camp Hollyday we were on the move. Just about the time we reached Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, Calif., Vernon Hansen was expecting. He promised cigars to one and all. Don Marlatt also was pacing the floor at this time but Don was a little better off than Hansen, for this was his second child. Both Marlatt and Hansen came through with flying colors, we are proud to say.

After surveying Hueneme on foot (marching, to you, Bub), firing on the range, and in general refreshing ourselves in our work, the battalion was again on the move.

The night before we left Hueneme, "Gabby" Compson, "Bugs" Meltzer and a few others obtained a haircut. That night riot ran rampant and anyone venturing in sight of the C Company barbers received an unsolicited haircut and shave. Cue-ball heads were quite the style.

The trip to Oahu wasn't any too eventful except for a few boys traveling by rail and "Pop" Chambers' only-one-in-captivity Seabat. Who was it that hit the Marine officer with a broom that night? All in all, though, the trip across was very nice.

What happened to "Commando" O'Rourke's Van Dyke?

Did "Walkie-talkie" Knickerbocker ever get to go to the Republican convention? If you didn't

get to go, "Knick," don't worry; for soon you will be able to go to all of them, and maybe some of us might go along.

Has Mirshak got another bull whip after receiving his CM1c rating? Maybe Mathison and Jarousek can answer this question for us.

Mitch and Shaw claim that the Kanake girls are just as beautiful as the girls at home. Are they kidding?

Who says true love means nothing in the service? Well, then, why does "Rebel" Montague spend every night in the head after taps, writing to his Southern belle?

Did someone say checkers? No one can win against "Fast-moving Rulo." Rulo has a special move that calls for moving two checkers at once.

Has "Grease Flunkey" Carter learned which lever to pull when he is fixing a truck loaded with coral? That was a pretty big mess he made in front of the repair shop.

Who gave "Dozer" Hayes a Christmas box containing all the old newspapers in the barracks?

Is Hunter still looking for the fellows that took the springs off his bunk and then tied them up with thread? He didn't fall for the joke, so some of the fellows say.

Did "Duke" Mathison ever get that jack hammer job on the Burma Road? The battalion can give some good references. Do you want to use them, "Duke"?

The night the first siren sounded, did "Pat" Martinetti ever find his shoes? Who hid them on him is the question.

What happened to "Iron Man" Antila's Health Program? He started out with a good many fellows attending his classes.

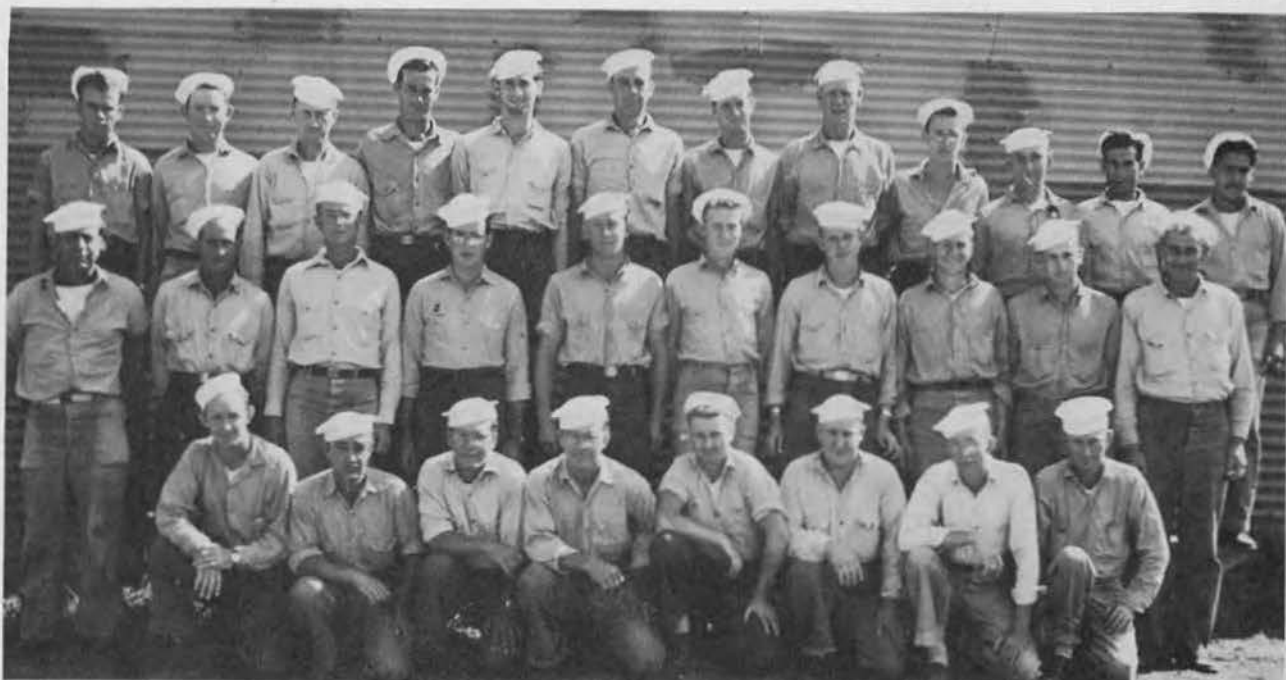
— G. E. HUNTER





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COMPANY C, PLATOON 3. *Left to right, front row*, V. Edwards, S. Anthony, D. T. Davis, G. T. Davis, C. N. Hoyt, W. C. James, M. N. Haller, W. F. McCarthy. *Second row*, J. R. Couch, M. E. Mullins, W. F. Geibel, J. B. Hammond, I. F. Dorman, H. H. Richardson, M. Harris, F. E. Decker, R. W. Ingle, P. R. Schmidt. *Third row*, S. V. Cornstubble, J. E. Johnson, J. T. Colby, R. C. Gilley, J. G. Knapp, H. J. Harrison, R. F. Tate, C. O. Patton, W. M. Keyser, J. Gatto, V. J. Mirshak, A. Jaquez. *Absent*, I. Filler, R. M. Fudge.





COMPANY C, PLATOON 4. *Left to right, front row,* R. C. Sansenbaugher, W. Hogan, B. Irwin, B. R. Owens, H. Windsor, A. W. Coats, A. Mobroten, V. L. Hansen. *Second row,* E. W. Etheridge, A. Enas, J. Shaw, J. Pfaff, P. Cacio, E. J. Parkinson, J. L. Gregg, G. F. Shell, G. Dorman, F. E. Hayes. *Third row,* W. Doss, J. Harris, C. Lubkay, D. Maser, L. M. Chalfant, L. E. Knickerbocker, E. E. Wilson, S. B. Soales. *Absent,* C. Case, J. J. Deminsky, R. D. Hardy, R. R. Luzzi, T. T. Simpson.

COMPANY C, PLATOON 5. *Left to right, front row,* W. C. Hackmack, R. R. Johnson, W. J. Franusiak, B. Meltzer, J. S. Clowser, E. R. McPhee, S. Froiland, E. Rosinski. *Second row,* R. E. Hecker, G. C. Reed, W. A. Jetter, J. Jarousek, W. Jewell, H. R. Landuit, C. W. McVey, P. P. Koslof, A. Fasulo, H. T. Fenton, J. E. Kaser. *Third row,* P. F. Hills, M. J. Forney, G. G. Compson, J. S. Mitchell, W. J. Feathers, P. T. Johnson, C. M. Mathison, W. L. Miller, J. D. Powell, S. G. Lauer. *Absent,* D. A. Camarra, E. J. Hanley.





COMPANY C, PLATOON 6. *Left to right, front row, V. B. Montague, A. R. Myers, G. Palank, D. B. Marlatt, W. J. Bunich, T. Kijek, J. H. Crawford, A. E. Johnson. Second row, J. C. Wilbourn, L. F. Peterson, M. Garfinkel, V. A. Wadle, F. G. Sherwood, E. C. Winter, W. W. Morrison, J. G. Mitch, V. V. Parton, R. C. Jensen, L. T. Todd. Third row, E. P. Rulo, J. L. Crane, R. J. Contri, C. E. Johnson, G. E. Hunter, A. Riccitelli, R. E. Parlet, R. C. Cruikshank, J. D. Moten, A. M. Dowling, F. A. Antila. Absent, A. W. Hotchkiss, J. A. Novotny.*

COMPANY C. *Left to right, front row, S. A. Lampeas, P. W. Martinetti, J. E. Dunne. Second row, V. E. Haws, H. J. Jacoby, J. W. Long. Third row, F. A. Antila, C. E. Farwell, B. A. Fields, M. T. Dudley.*







COMPANY D, PLATOON 1. *Left to right, front row, H. L. Darrow, J. C. Carter, C. W. Shellum, H. J. Evans, C. C. Chambers, F. J. Deutschman, P. R. DeMarco, H. Suttle. Second row, F. M. Darcy, T. A. Sieminski, H. Konelsky, E. J. Sprimont, R. R. Rose, J. I. Graham, R. H. Pletch, J. W. Ewell, R. S. Addy, G. J. Mundt, W. T. Elliott. Third row, G. H. Anderson, W. L. Campbell, R. C. Irving, V. D. Ryan, C. G. Jackson, J. E. Kirkpatrick, R. A. Siewert, W. Cox, G. E. Taylor, C. S. Pettebone, J. H. Chavez. Absent, E. V. Adams, W. T. Blankenship, H. A. Dillard, J. C. Sutherland.*

## 'DOG' COMPANY MARCHES—

WITH OUR HEADS HIGH and tails a-wagging we come along, bringing up the rear—"D" (Dog) Company, foremost in the thoughts of one of the greatest crowds of fellows put together in a Drill Hall so rapidly two years ago.

Literally "riding the rods" to Mississippi via half the country . . . an introduction to rain and soap and water on our arrival in the dead of night . . . wives putting in a timely appearance . . . Home-for-leave for the rest of us . . . liberties extended BY some (could I? should I? will you go along, too?) . . . Bay St. Louis, yet to be beaten for a good deal . . . many a yarn spun over "Aunt Jenn's" . . . things that should be forgotten, like Cat Island and the Rifle Range . . . and then came the Waves . . . SO—

The "Bloem Fontein," the ship that rode the waves like a lily cup . . . all of us with our mouths open and our stomachs empty . . . Finley looking for land, Hyatt for an escalator . . . At the Naval Air Station, we helped the pilots get up over our barracks in the small hours of the morning, one occasionally coming in the front and going out the back door.

"D" men were well represented on the various projects . . . picnics, the source of many a headache and rare snapshot, the company one financed by dimes contributed by some of the men through Lt. Myers' inspections . . . those house-cleanings held out of doors after hours, the source of plenty of ribbing and hard work . . . beer parties held in "Mongoose Patch" on the slightest occasion . . . "Shorty" Rider coming back with many a story

and picture from down below . . . reluctantly losing our old company commander, but throwing our full support to the new one . . . building the combination volleyball, basketball, and tennis court, the men giving their own time and energy to making it a success . . . it being opened officially by "Soupy" and his Five trouncing the officers and making a fine showing later in the battalion league . . . our baseball team in the finals, but losing out . . . our softball team very successful . . . Zagon coming out on top in the ping-pong tournament . . . many a pound lost on the hand-ball court . . . the Sunday night volleyball games, always well-attended, and the players always well-hecked . . . the kennel over at barracks "Z" finally going to the Waves . . . "Pappy" Chambers, the leading voice behind all company and battalion sports, bringing up our company mascot . . . Givens, finally making it by Christmas; many others making it Stateside from below . . . "Pop" Dunn, the human clock, getting them up at Great Lakes . . . Baumgardner doing tricks with Jap material in a shop down under . . . Langston, Meadows, Black, Finneran, Keierleber, Davidson, Baldrige, Zagon, Reynolds, Godfrey, Grove, Cook, Peetz, Winters, "Kappy," all writing their former mates and swapping tales . . . men of World War I strong in our company: Chavez, Henniger, Lathrop, McCluskey, Gill, Hosking, all doing their part again. And once more the Waves, SO . . .

By land, sea and air the trek continues, where and for what we know not, other than our job and duty.

— F. M. DARCY



COMPANY D, PLATOON 2. *Left to right, front row, H. L. Hutchinson, P. J. Pink, J. C. Drury, M. J. Rataic, J. R. DeMeo, R. A. Blizzard, E. A. Livesay, W. J. Bonneville. Second row, R. I. Boyce, R. E. Sattler, J. A. Royston, G. M. Foor, R. E. Wieneke, C. L. Graeser, D. M. Doll, J. T. DeMurcurio, P. J. Rothrauff, C. Ramos, R. J. Johnson, R. C. Kelley. Third row, E. V. Russo, D. C. Richmond, G. B. Hoppe, R. T. DeForest, W. H. Guerrin, B. A. Myers, R. B. Gower, J. L. Cranford, E. R. Salo, G. W. Jackson. Absent, H. Bennett, J. H. Schillfarth, G. J. Stauber.*

COMPANY D, PLATOON 3. *Left to right, front row, M. M. Micklos, F. E. Bergen, G. Doane, C. B. Zercher, F. Squillace, R. F. Blowers. Second row, L. A. Shearer, O. L. Smith, L. R. Jordan, N. L. Mitchell, N. H. Bell, T. E. Smith, G. R. Bortree. Third row, K. B. Stewart, R. J. Spohn, H. H. Juster, C. L. Brokaw, G. B. Finley, C. B. Keener, J. C. Schleicher, C. H. Pfister. Absent, J. E. Davis, P. R. DeMarco, R. L. Frame, L. Gaither, F. J. Hapenny, W. Hathaway, C. J. Hurm, R. J. Larkin, N. G. Pogasic, F. J. Tracyzk.*





COMPANY D, PLATOON 4. *Left to right, front row, E. J. Freitas, N. E. Pretel, R. N. Swallow, R. J. Tierney, L. J. Taylor, W. H. Winn, E. T. Taapa. Second row, G. A. Lains, A. R. Jinks, W. Mierzejewski, A. J. Keller, H. L. DeSimone, R. W. Dearth, L. H. Cloyd, R. A. Burd, E. O. McCluskey. Third row, J. T. Carl, H. D. McEachern, F. C. Frederick, M. B. Lathrop, W. A. Johnson, M. B. Jeffreys, A. J. Dearing, R. E. Kelley, E. C. Johnson. Absent, C. W. Crowe, O. G. Kennedy, L. L. Lewis, S. S. Short, E. W. Taylor.*

COMPANY D, PLATOON 5. *Left to right, front row, J. G. Reynolds, G. J. Volz, T. N. Kluna, R. J. Labidee, J. W. Lamb, J. W. Lane. Second Row, P. C. Ryle, R. H. Wilcox, H. V. Wiltsee, W. E. Denton, T. J. Whyde, A. A. Henneger, F. A. Evenson, F. J. Stahl. Third row, M. Nardozi, S. Berman, A. E. Why-nacht, G. W. Newell, C. J. Foster, N. R. Williams, H. D. Latham, W. J. Turner. Absent, D. W. Bremberg, F. Devine, J. C. Fry, R. H. Gill, E. J. Higgins, D. J. Mathis, L. R. Rider, N. Tucevich, J. F. White, D. W. Gallup.*



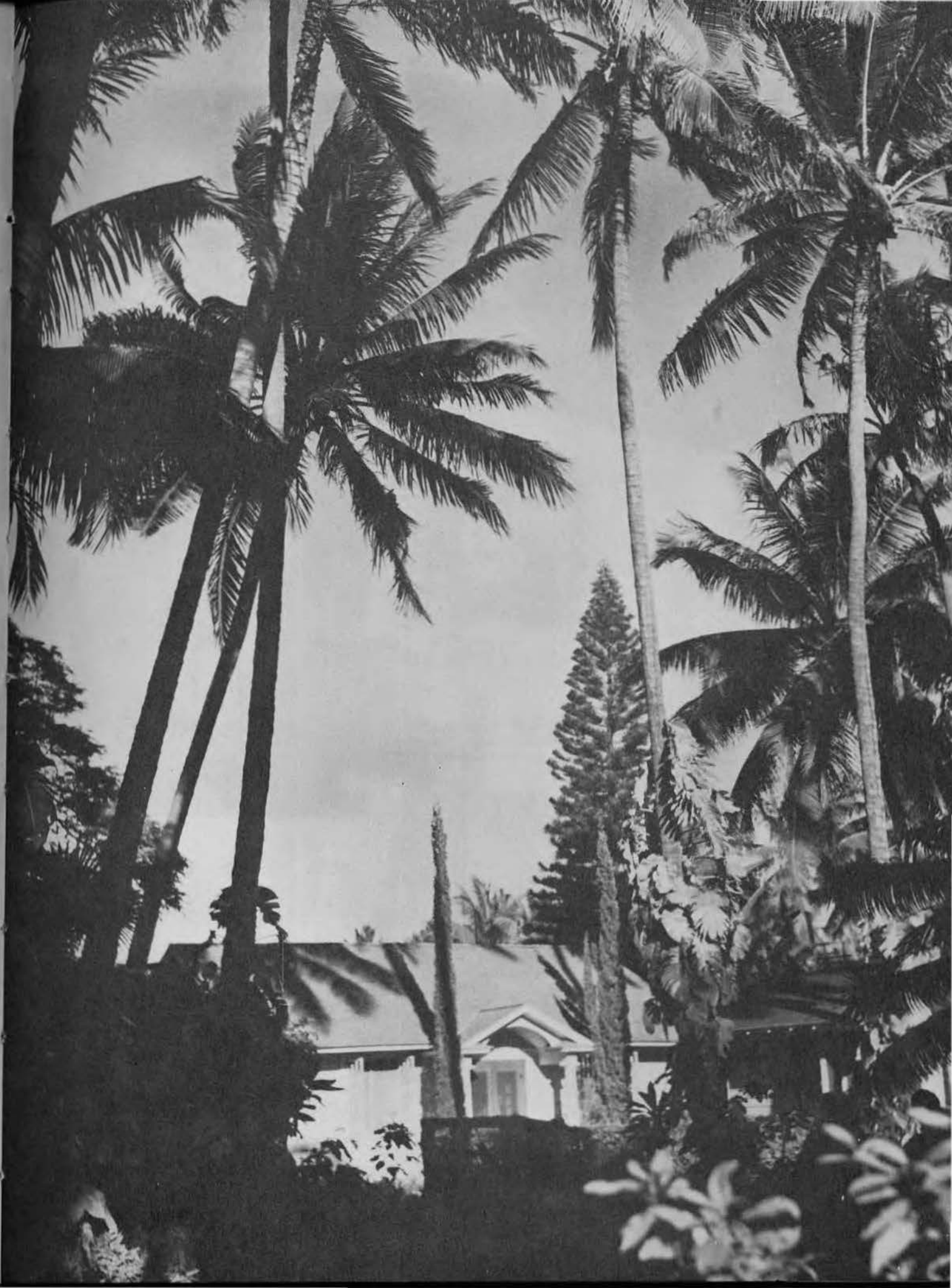


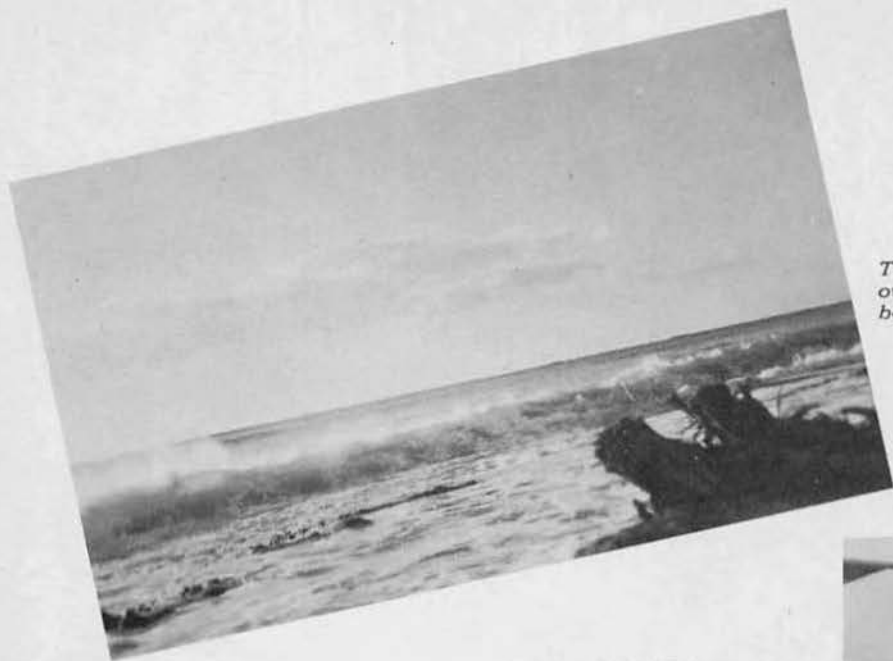


COMPANY D, PLATOON 6. *Left to right, front row, E. A. Wymimko, D. R. Yacobian, H. G. Spinner, P. C. Stolinski, W. A. Sawyer, E. J. Winkler, R. G. Winfree, B. W. Dial, T. B. Mallery, J. E. DiDuca. Second row, R. M. Dickey, G. B. Kidder, C. E. Wysong, H. C. Fletcher, J. F. Donnelly, R. F. Adelmann, D. B. Williamson, J. Wood, W. L. Lowe, J. R. Allen, R. Zakrajsek, L. S. Burton, R. W. Pomeroy. Third row, W. G. Dombi, E. Brush, W. M. Winsor, H. L. Hursh, B. Lake, F. E. Woloski, F. E. Runyon, A. Kendlic, P. A. Doman. Absent, A. J. Kalka.*

COMPANY D. *Left to right, front row, R. O. Mason, D. F. Dempsey, L. W. Kiesig. Second row, L. J. Hyatt, R. H. Heckel, D. H. Butler, P. Archdeacon.*







*The sun rises crisp and cool over a picturesque Hawaiian beach.*

*Beauty at Waikiki — winners of an Outrigger Club contest.*



*Soft clouds float over a beautiful seascape on Oahu, T. H.*





*Michael M. Micklos gets a hula lesson from a Hawaiian belle.*



*At a camp show, a buxom local lass teaches the hula to MAA Shelton.*



*Apparently a hula was too much for Chief Howard "Pappy" Barrett.*



*We spent long hours polishing our shooting on beautiful ranges.*



*Gene Mundt rides the hook of one of the big motor cranes.*

*For every shooter, there had to be somebody working in the butts.*





*"Take me out to the ball game" . . . the place — Iwo Jima Field.*

*Hula guys in G. I. Shoes — Robert E. Wieneke and R. L. Frame.*



*The newest magazines get plenty of attention in the library.*







*Chief Stu Thomson poses proudly in his victory garden of radishes.*

*Joe "Commando" O'Rourke shows the "how" of a tommy-gun.*



*Wash day is every day at a laundry-less staging area camp.*



*Chief Warrant Officer Emory Duff knows what tired feet are.*



*Stateside Donny Baldwin is an ardent Seabee fan, insignia and all.*

*Here's where we lived, tents row on row with the mountains behind.*





*The chief petty officers pose in their recreation club and mess.*

*Winnie Gleason, a luscious island lass, warbles a song of love.*

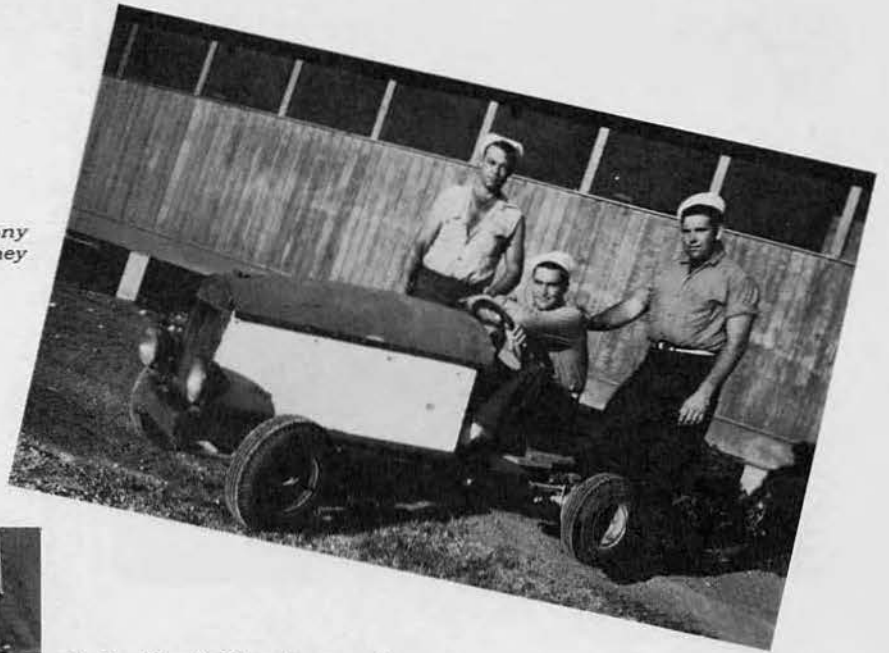


*There is an end to it, somewhere . . . the thrice-daily chow line.*





*Bob Heckel, G. Grove, Tony  
Jeffreys and the car they  
built.*



*C. C. "Pop" Chambers and  
his pig which once was a cute  
piglet.*

*A heavy bulldozer lifts its  
steel snout over a volcanic  
hilltop.*





*The skipper is guest of the  
"Old Men's Platoon."*

*Rainwater isn't rationed.  
Oliver Enstad takes a shower  
in the rain.*



*The smoke-eaters themselves.  
The boys of the Fire Department.*



*Here's the "how" to Quonset hut construction, wiring and finishing.*



*The guardian of our health,  
Chief Pharmacist Mate T. R.  
Tibbetts.*

*Chow — outdoor style.  
Through the galley and  
outside to eat.*





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COLORADO .....	4
CONNECTICUT .....	8
DELAWARE .....	0
FLORIDA .....	12
GEORGIA .....	3
IDAHO .....	2
ILLINOIS .....	69
INDIANA .....	20
IOWA .....	14
KANSAS .....	9
KENTUCKY .....	11
LOUISIANA .....	4
MAINE .....	6
MARYLAND .....	13
MASSACHUSETTS .....	32
MICHIGAN .....	31
MINNESOTA .....	40
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MONTANA .....	6
NEBRASKA .....	2
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NEW JERSEY .....	26
NEW MEXICO .....	1
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NORTH DAKOTA .....	3
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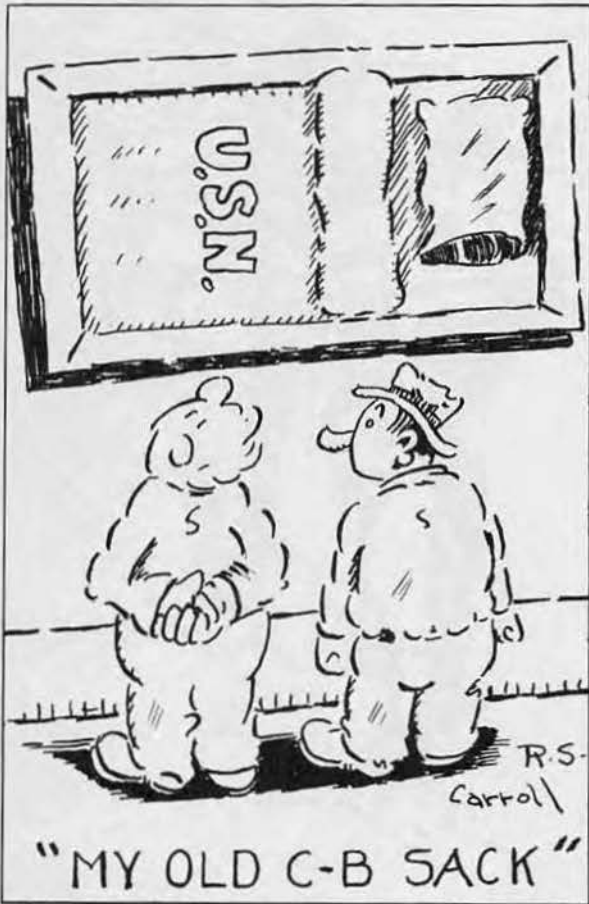
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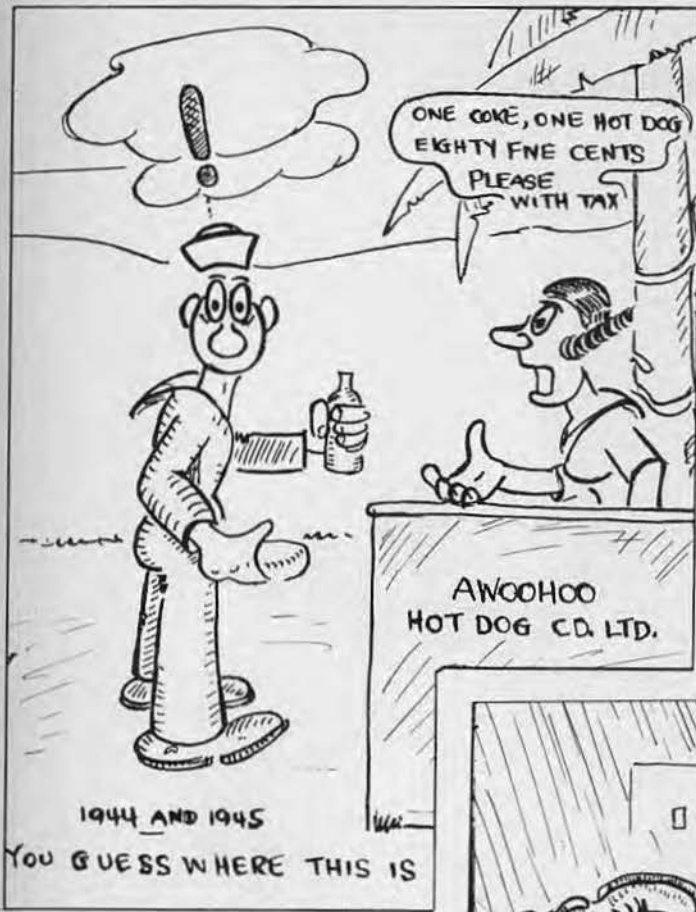


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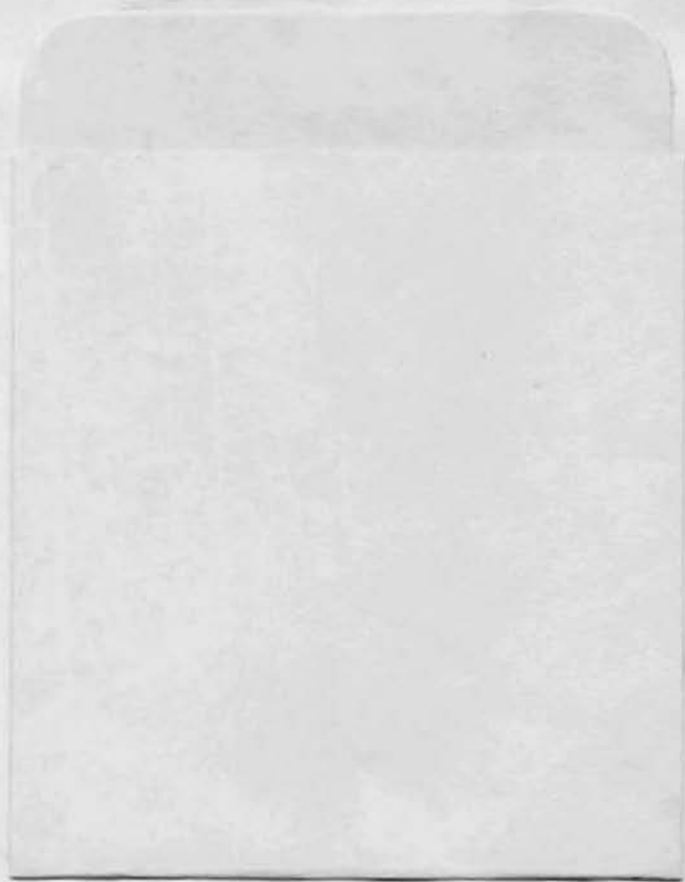






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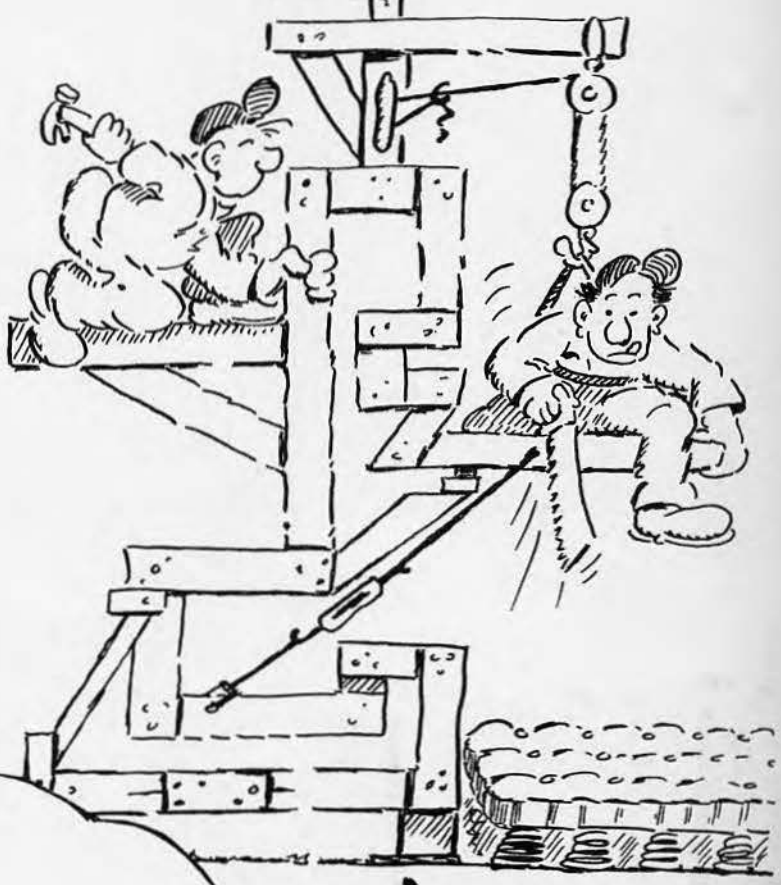
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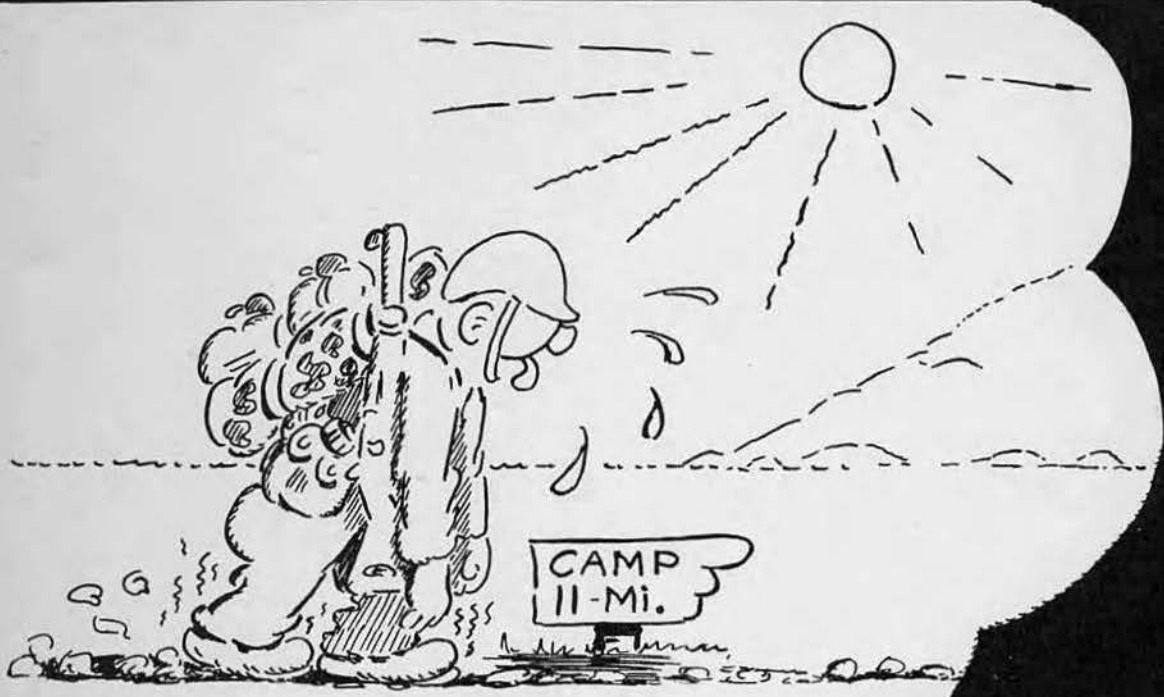
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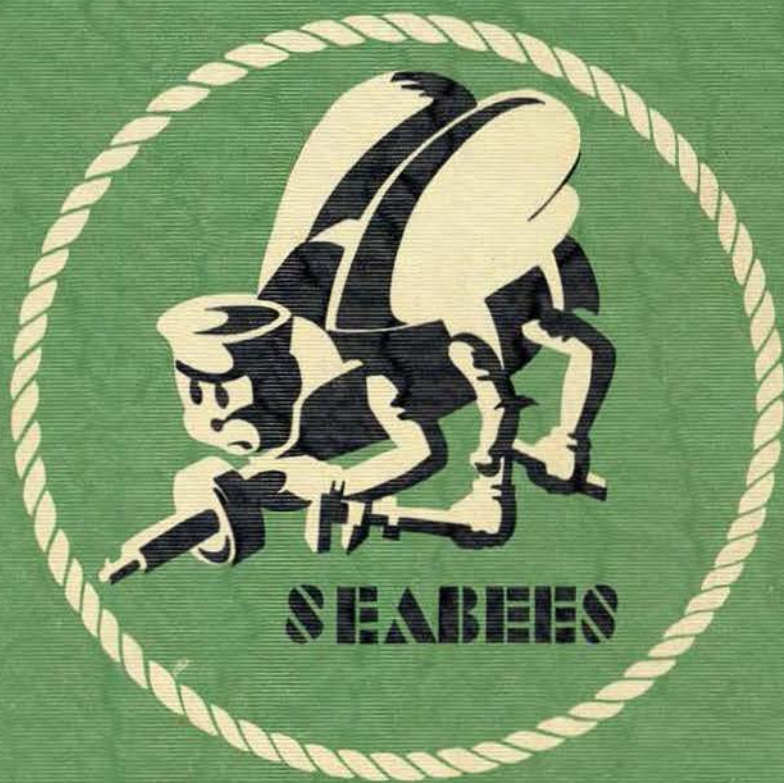
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