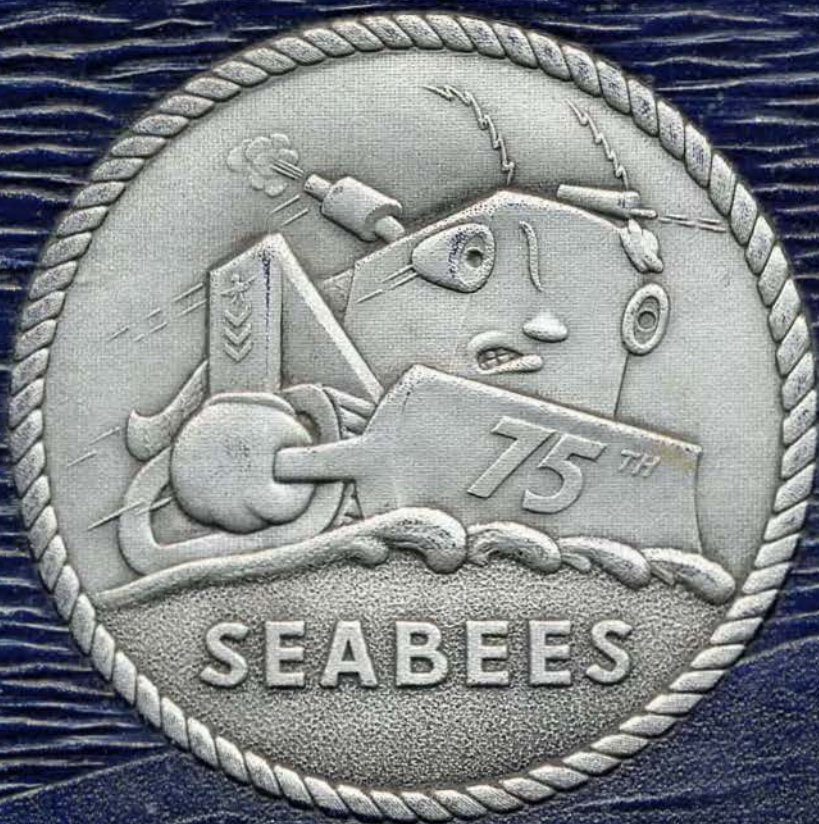
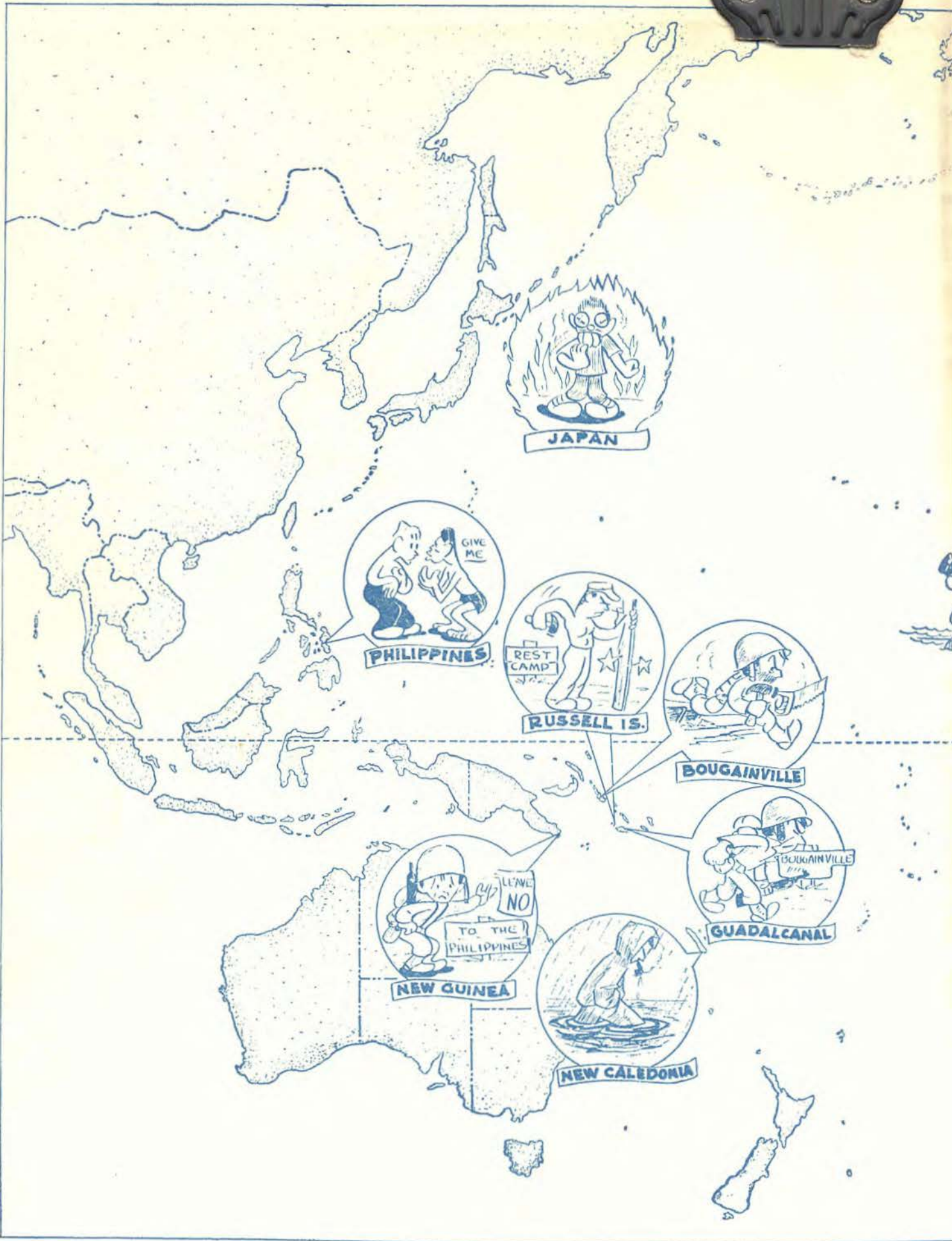


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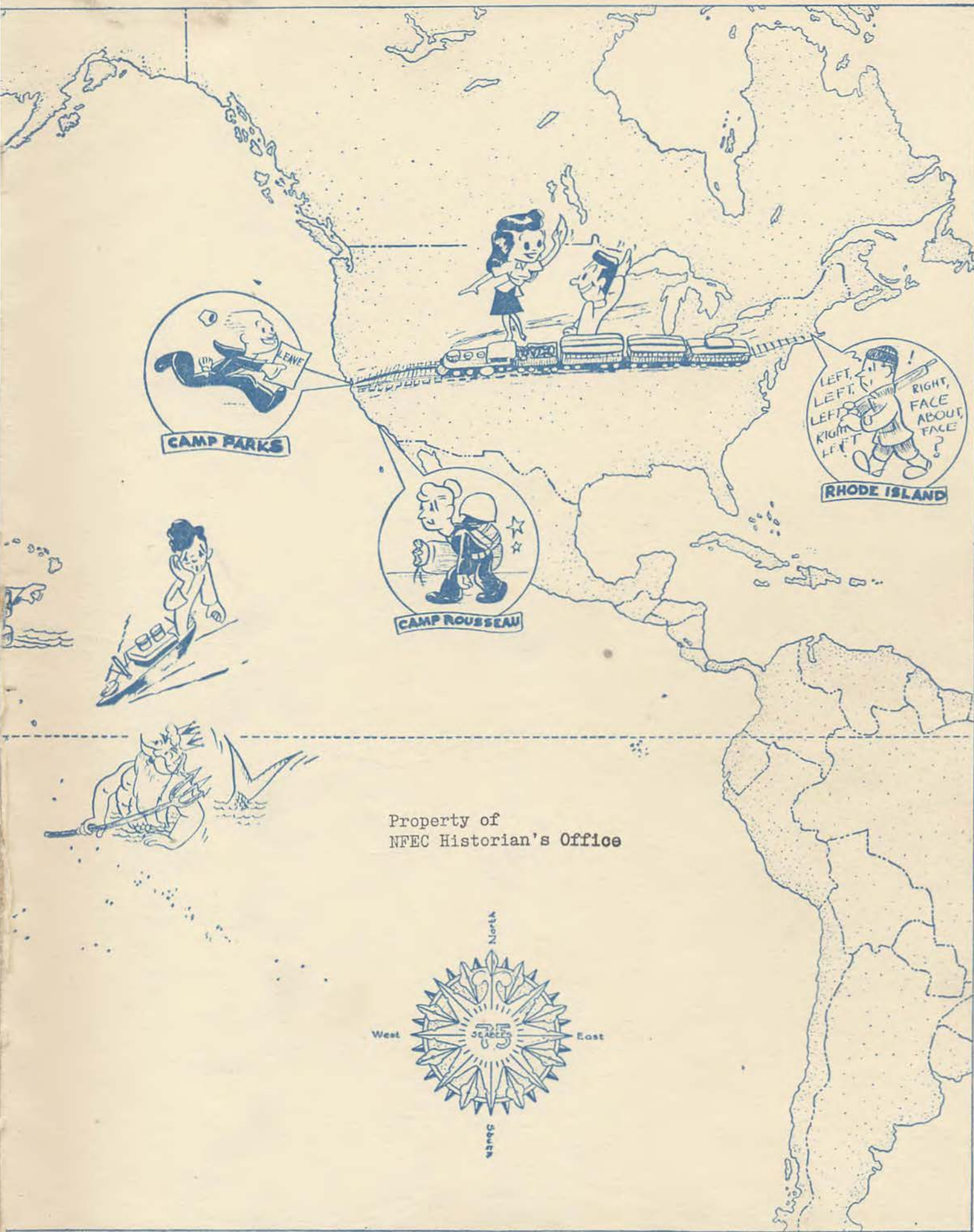
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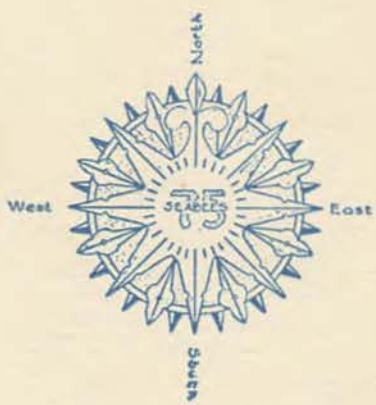
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This book to those who watch and wait;
Who keep the home fires burning bright
A ray of hope in war's black night;
To You, whose love has spurred us on
We pass the signal, "Mate, well done!"*

ANNALS OF THE 75th BATTALION

Camp Endicott, R. I.—“You’ll Be Sorry”

Christmas seasons come and go and are quickly forgotten, but there are not many of us who will soon forget Christmas of 1942. In cities all over the Middle West—Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Detroit, Milwaukee—men who were strangers to each other, but who were later to become “mates,” assembled in groups and entrained for an unheard of place named Davisville, R. I.

There were work-worn veterans of many years in the construction game; there were beardless youths; and there were all ages between. There were farmers and city men, mechanics with calloused hands, and office workers with occupational callousness also. There were salesmen and bartenders and policemen and businessmen. They had all enlisted voluntarily in the Seabees. It must be admitted that the word “voluntary” needs a little stretching to include some of the enlistments; there were men who were still panting from the exertion of their race with the mailman bearing the fateful “greetings.” But they had all enlisted, nevertheless, for a wide variety of personal reasons—and for one big collective reason—to take an active part in the greatest national effort in the history of our country, to do what they could to help win the war.

This strange assortment of men converged on Camp Endicott on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning. While we staggered through cold mud under cumbersome burdens of mattresses and blankets, we were welcomed to the tune of “you’ll be sorry,” sung out by the “veteran” Seabees of three or four weeks of training. We were indeed a sorry assemblage of bewildered boots. We were destined in the next few weeks to graduate from our lovely boot status, but in all the time that we have been the 75th Naval Construction Battalion, we have never quite succeeded in losing our bewilderment.

During the coldest winter within the memory of all but the oldest Rhode Islanders, we passed through the successive stages of our training. We learned about “Port Arms” and “Long thrust” and “By the left flank—harch!” We found out the meanings of such (unrelated) terms as “head” and “M. A.” We learned how to aim a rifle at “six o’clock” and how to put on a gas mask “by the numbers.” We had a lesson in jungle warfare one day when the snow in the “jungle” was two feet deep. We learned many things that were thought necessary for us at the time to know—and we also learned about “cat fever,” after which we looked forward to landing on some distant Island X where there would be nothing more serious to contend with than malaria.

On January 18, 1943, the 75th Battalion was formally commissioned, with Lt. Commander John H. Savoline as Officer in Charge, and on March 18, 1943, we left Camp Endicott.

Camp Parks and Camp Rousseau—“California, Here I Come”

Our departure from Rhode Island was followed by a whirlwind of railroad travel. We rattled across the continent to Camp Parks, near Oakland, California, stayed barely long enough to fill our lungs with California air, doubled back on our trail to spend a few days at our respective homes on leave, and then returned to Camp Parks. Many of us would have been unable to survive this prolonged bout with the day coaches if we had not been physically hardened by our boot training. Nor did this strange incident do anything to lessen that feeling of bewildered confusion that still haunted us—and would continue to haunt us.

The rolling hills of the beautiful and fertile San Joaquin Valley, blanketed in a profusion of grass and flowers and trees, lay basking in the California sun. We enjoyed this mild sunny climate all the more because of the bleak New England winter we had just been through.

Camp Parks favored us with good quarters and savory chow and liberty every other evening. The neighboring towns of Pleasanton, Hayward, and San Jose, and the great cities of Oakland and San Francisco, provided liberty pleasures in abundance. These liberties were so highly prized that even a gruelling twenty-five mile hike, which was the climax of our training program at Camp Parks, did not deter any appreciable number of the mates from going forth in the evening as usual, in search of whatever pleasures could be found.

An overnight train trip took us to Camp Rousseau at Port Hueneme, California, where we arrived on April 19, 1943. We were almost certain that this was to be our port of embarkation. The scuttlebutt thickened accordingly, and there was no end to the speculation and debate concerning the two important questions, “When” and “Where.” The even larger question, “Why,” we made no attempt to answer.

Our dress blues regularly helped to brighten up the streets of Oxnard, Ventura, and Los Angeles, and its sprawling suburbs, in return for which these delightful communities helped to brighten up our liberties.

On June 9, 1943, we climbed the gangplank that separated us from U. S. soil and gratefully deposited our heavy burdens of gear in the troop compartments

of the ship that was to take us (we seriously hoped) to an unknown destination.

S. S. Del Brasil—Passage to the Antipodes

There have been ships in our lives since then, and for a few of us there had been ships before, but none of us is likely ever to forget the Del Brasil, that converted luxury liner in which no visible trace of luxury remained.

There was the nice feeling of lying in our bunks far below and listening to the hostile sea rushing past outside the bulkhead, and wondering tensely how we would react if a torpedo came crashing through that bulkhead. There was equatorial heat and sleeping on the open decks at night to avoid it. There were pale and drawn looking mates whose stomachs refused to adjust to the rolling motion of the ship. There were glimpses of flying fish and whales and porpoises. There was the phosphorescent gleam of the ship's wake, and the breath-taking spell cast by the moonlight on the limitless sea—all of which were novel sights to us then. There was King Neptune's Court, which tried us for the high crime of crossing the Equator for the first time and sentenced us without mercy. There was the strange case of the missing day, which was lost when we crossed the International Date Line. There was the nightly blackout, which was enforced by no one as rigidly as by ourselves.

The Del Brasil performed her job well, and her zigzag course brought her up at last off the coast of New Caledonia, where she dropped anchor on June 25, 1943, in sight of the majestic Mont Dore.

Nouvelle Caledonie—High up on a Hillside

The French island of New Caledonia was formerly used as a penal colony. Its climate is mild but without the intense heat and discomfort of the tropics. It is inhabited by French colonists, and natives who are tame without being civilized.

We built our first camp overseas about twenty miles by road from the principal city of Noumea. The building of this camp presented us with the first of many construction problems, as it was necessary to carve out terraces on a steeply rising hill to provide level spaces for our tents. We also found it necessary to construct our own docking facilities. But all of this was accomplished in a thorough and efficient manner, and there was time left over to explore the interesting beaches of the island, which are protected by outlying coral reefs and teeming with many strange and exotic species of marine life. The skeleton of a large whale which was found on the beach a few days after our arrival had almost completely disappeared a short time later. It was generally assumed, especially by the Battalion Post Office, that the bones were sent piece by piece back to the U. S. by the many souvenir enthusiasts in the battalion.

There was also time to explore the streets of Noumea, to absorb its Old World French Colonial atmosphere, and its meager stores of cognac and anisette.

Life in New Caledonia was not too unpleasant, but we were impatient to be on our way, so when we boarded the U.S.S. Fuller on September 16, 1943, to move closer to the Pacific war, none of us was disappointed.

Solomon Islands—Fox-holes in the Jungle

At Guadalcanal, where we arrived on September 21, 1943, we had our first taste of the tropics, in which we were to spend many long months, but to which we were never to become completely accustomed. Guadalcanal, the scene of the first major set-back which our forces had inflicted on the Japanese, was for us mainly a matter of heat and cocoanut trees and lizards. We were still on our way north to take over a place in the lineup which was then preparing to push the Japs out of the Solomons. Our turn to leave the sidelines and get into the game arrived when we received orders to join the First Marine Amphibious Corps in the invasion of Bougainville, largest and northernmost island of the Solomons Archipelago. This was what we had shipped out for. This, as one of our Chief Petty Officers expressed it, was what would "separate the men from the boys."

A beachhead was established by the Marines at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville on November 1, 1943, and taking active part in this invasion were one hundred officers and men of the 75th Battalion, selected from volunteers. They accompanied the Marines on the initial landings and assisted in the unloading of supplies and equipment in the face of enemy fire. Additional echelons of the battalion arrived at short intervals thereafter. We rapidly pushed construction of roads to the front lines—and sometimes beyond. The thickness of the jungle and the incessant tropical rains provided anything but ideal working conditions, but there was no obstacle too big to be overcome.

Commander Savolaine was replaced as Officer in Charge on November 23, 1943, by Lt. Commander David H. Gottwals.

During our seven months stay on Bougainville there was never any time that we could feel secure from enemy attack. The piercing wail of the air raid sirens in time came to be a familiar sound to us, but never so familiar that we failed to treat it with respect. Our small beachhead was not only bombed from the air, but shelled by Jap artillery concealed in the mountains. Impressed in our minds is the memorable occasion when we were called upon to prepare and man a rear area defense line in anticipation of a Jap break-through, which, however, failed to materialize. But despite our almost constant exposure to these hazards, our casualties were fortunately low.

Our contribution to the Bougainville campaign included the construction of many miles of roads, a fuel tank farm, various dock and other water-front facilities, and many other miscellaneous installations.

It was no simple matter to achieve a comfortable living standard in the Bougainville jungles. We were viciously assaulted by malarial mosquitoes and centipedes, which were greatly feared, and with good reason, but not easily avoidable in the type of fox-hole existence we were compelled to lead. Then there were the periodic earthquakes, the most memorable of which occurred early in the morning of December 24, 1943. We had occasion to be thankful then that we were not in a city of collapsible buildings. We kept a wary eye on our smouldering neighbor, Mt. Bagana, an active volcano, whose lofty summit was perpetually wreathed in smoke. But this volcano turned out to be more an object of beauty than of terror.

Our stay on Bougainville acquainted us intimately with the courage and heroism of our brothers in the Marine Corps. We respected them highly, and enjoyed their respect in return. We also got to know those formidable jungle fighters, the Fiji Islanders, who performed incredible scouting feats as a matter of routine.

We left Bougainville on May 24, 1944, aboard the "Rotanin."

Leave in Australia—Almost

On May 27, 1944, we arrived at the Russell Islands, where we had an uneventful stay, during which we lived in a cocoon grove in the company of a numerous colony of rats.

On August 12, 1944, we boarded the S.S. *Agua Prince* and arrived on August 18, 1944, at Papuan, New Guinea, at a point not far distant from the Australian mainland. Here we were housed in barracks, which was almost luxurious living as compared to the nomadic tent life to which we were accustomed. We did very little in New Guinea except contemplate the pleasures of our scheduled leave in Australia. Dress uniforms were purchased and accumulated pay was withdrawn from the Disbursing Officer, in eager preparation for the long awaited return to civilization. Enthusiasm was running high, when suddenly it was announced that our leave had been cancelled. This change in plans turned our thoughts from Australia to the invasion of the Philippines, in which we strongly suspected that we would take part.

The main body of the battalion began its departure from New Guinea on October 6, 1944.

Philippine Islands—Cities and Civilians

After a long voyage aboard LST's, with a stop-over at Hollandia, in Dutch New Guinea, we arrived in the Philippine area on October 24, 1944, while a major naval battle was being fought. We were unaware of our peril at the time, but later we learned that it was only by a slight margin that we were spared from being the target of Japanese naval guns. The huge convoy of which we were a part successfully delivered its cargo of men and supplies on the beaches of Leyte, and the Philippine campaign was on. Again there were the air raids and the long hours in fox-holes, but the experience was not new to us this time. Bougainville had taught us how to take it—if not to like it.

We were thrilled and pleased by the enthusiastic welcome given us by the Filipino people, who were something different in our experience. We were accustomed to natives whose civilization was rudimentary at best, but in the Philippines we met many people of intelligence, to whom English was not a strange tongue, who lived in cities, dressed in civilized manner, and shared our American allegiance.

The battalion accomplished many vitally important construction jobs in several different locations in the Philippine Islands. Again we demonstrated our reputation for speed and efficiency and ability to overcome obstacles.

Rotation

June 9, 1945, marked our second anniversary overseas. While we observed the occasion by demolishing the huge cake whipped up by our expert bakers, we discussed the topic that was absorbing our attention at the time—rotation. The point had been reached where we had some fairly definite prospects of returning to the "Promised Land." We felt that we were close to the end of the long trail we had traveled together since Christmas Eve in 1942. We had failed to shed the confusion and bewilderment that dogged our footsteps all the way, but we felt that we had not failed to accomplish what we set out to do, and we were experiencing a pardonable feeling of pride.

As this Pacific Album goes to press, some of our mates have left for a well deserved leave in the "Promised Land." In due time we all shall have accomplished that end. We have made many new memories and friendships in our long association with each other that we shall remember for a long time to come. Through our continued correspondence with each other once we part to take our separate ways, and through the medium of our Pacific Album, we will always have and keep a fond recollection of those two and one-half years and more as members of the 75th Battalion.

—Neil E. Murphy

BOOT

The Night

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all thru the train,
A surge of excitement stirred in each brain.
A cargo of Boots, this troop train had brought—
So the Seventy-fifth came to Camp Endicott.

A short week before, we were happy as kings,
Thinking of Christmas, and egg-nogs, and things.
And then came that letter—most awful of shocks—
A nice formal notice from the "Yards and the Docks."

The Night Before Christmas, a thousand brave Boots
Arrived with their baggage and gay civvy suits.
The S.P.'s took over, and ordered us out
With an order, a curse, and an ungodly shout.

"No Cameras! No Whiskey! Hey Mac! Let's don't lag!
Don't loiter! Now hurry! Hey, Open that bag!"
They moved us along thru the slush and the mud,
With a "Hurry up, Sailor! You! Get along Bud!"

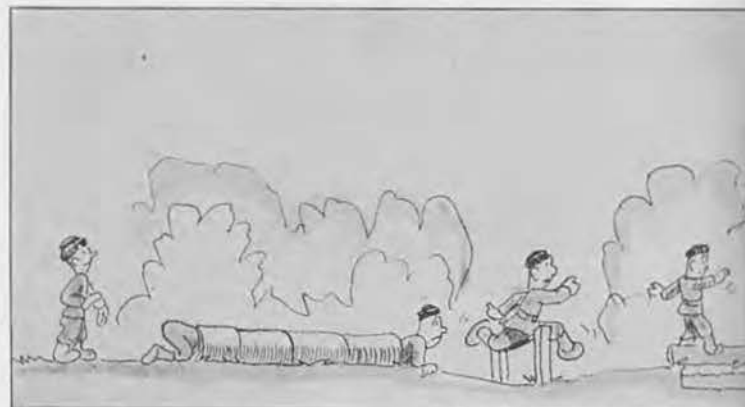
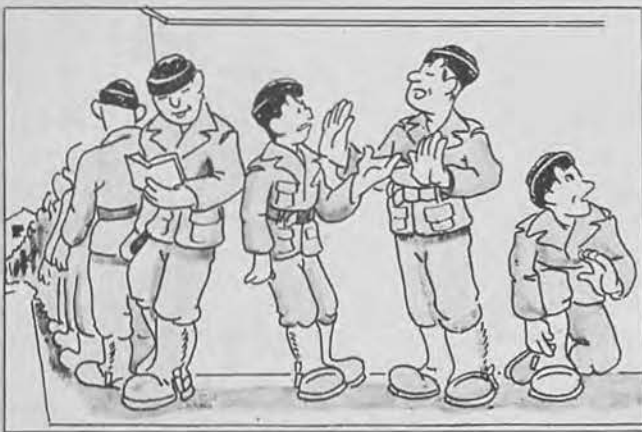
So we marched to a building, 'twas bigger'n a barn,
And Lordy! I wished I was home on the farm!
We each got three armsful of bedding to tote,
And stumbled thru mud that was up to the throat.

We arrived at the barracks after marching an hour,
And climbing in bed took the last of our power,
We had just hit the pillow—Then a horrible shout:
"Hit the deck! Rise and shine! Get up and get out!"

So, Bright Christmas Morning we formed our first line—
'Twas as long as from now to the starting of time.
We made breakfast by noon, and they gave us a tray,
We gobbled some gobbler, and started "Our Day."

Lined up for a muster, we blushed red with shame
As a smart boot instructor mispronounced every name.
We listened in wonder to "Old Salts" who cried:
"You'll be sorry!" Poor Seabees, we thought that they lied!

Then we marched down the road that the devil had made,
And a Big Shot stepped up, and he asked us our trade,
"Lectrician," we told him, and he said that was fine . . .
"These clippers are 'lectric, just step into line."



CAMP

Before Christmas

And so we got haircuts . . . a shingled effect . . .
Not quite the style a man would select.
The hair of each outfit that came to that spot
Made a beautiful mattress for an officer's cot.

The next day we stood in another long line,
And trembled in terror when we read this sign:
"This way to the needles, both dull ones and square."
How we shivered and shook as we stripped our arms bare.

They shot us for typhoid, and smallpox, and mumps;
Our poor arms were spotted with thousands of lumps.
We took off our clothes, and they hid 'em some place.
And we "stooped" for the doctors with a sad, blushing face.

They gave us an issue of clothing next day.
As handy and neat as a forkful of hay.
You complained that your dress hat looked like a rag,
And you got but one answer, "Put that hat in the bag!"

From then on 'twas drill, 'till we nearly fell dead.
"Right Dress!" and "Dress Right! You heard what I said!
Right Flank! To the rear! Double Time Now!"
From bright early mornin' 'till late evenin' chow.

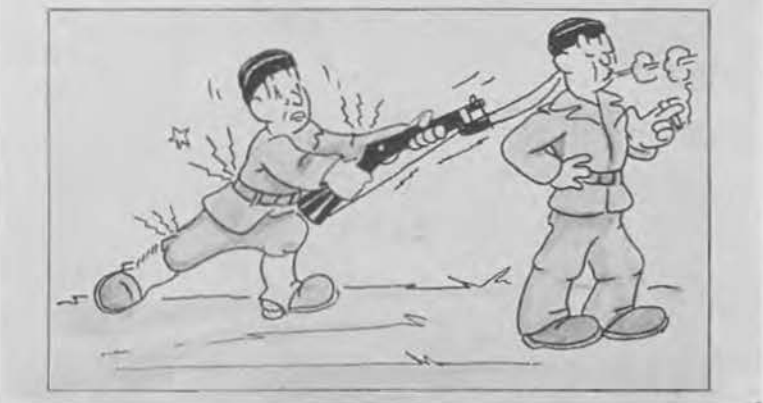
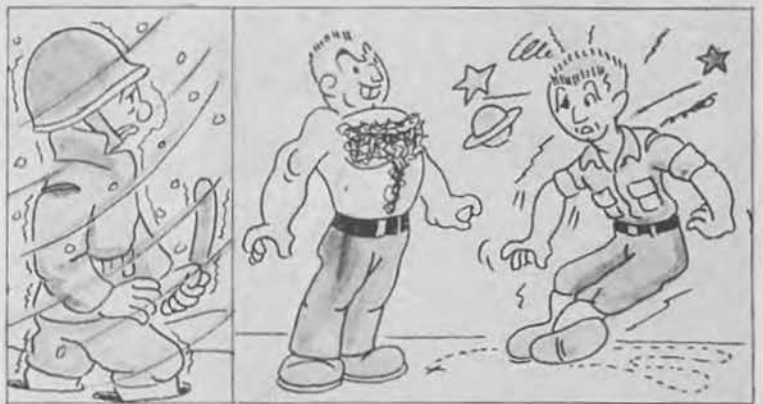
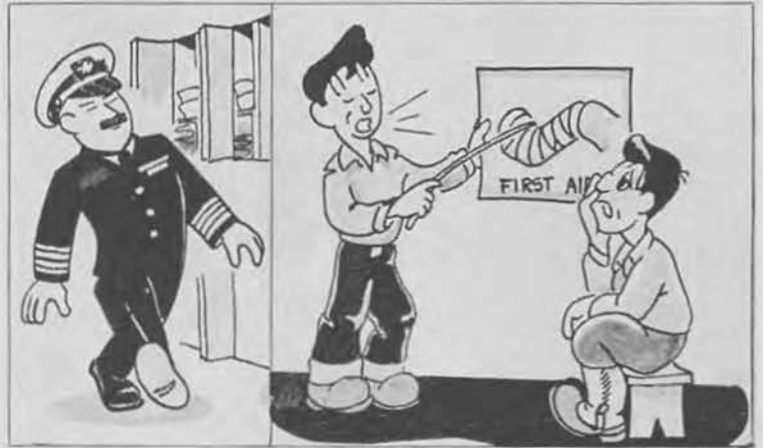
Bay'net and judo and hand-grenade drill,
Bloodthirsty instructors to make your blood chill.
To top it all off, some "backside of a horse"
Went out and constructed a commando-boy course.

So we struggled and staggered thru three weeks of hell!
And instructors got medals 'cuz we did so well!
On a cold Sunday Morning the bugles were played,
And we marched in a flashy Battalion Parade.

With bright wooden rifles we marched down the Drive.
And we were commissioned Number Seventy-five!
We stood at attention while the band played a song . . .
A Battalion of Seabees, a full thousand strong.

Yes, the Night Before Christmas of the year '42,
We arrived in Camp Endicott, doubtful and blue.
They taught us to drill and to work, and to shoot.
We'll never forget those "Old Days of Boot!"

Don Brooks





Battalion Commissioning

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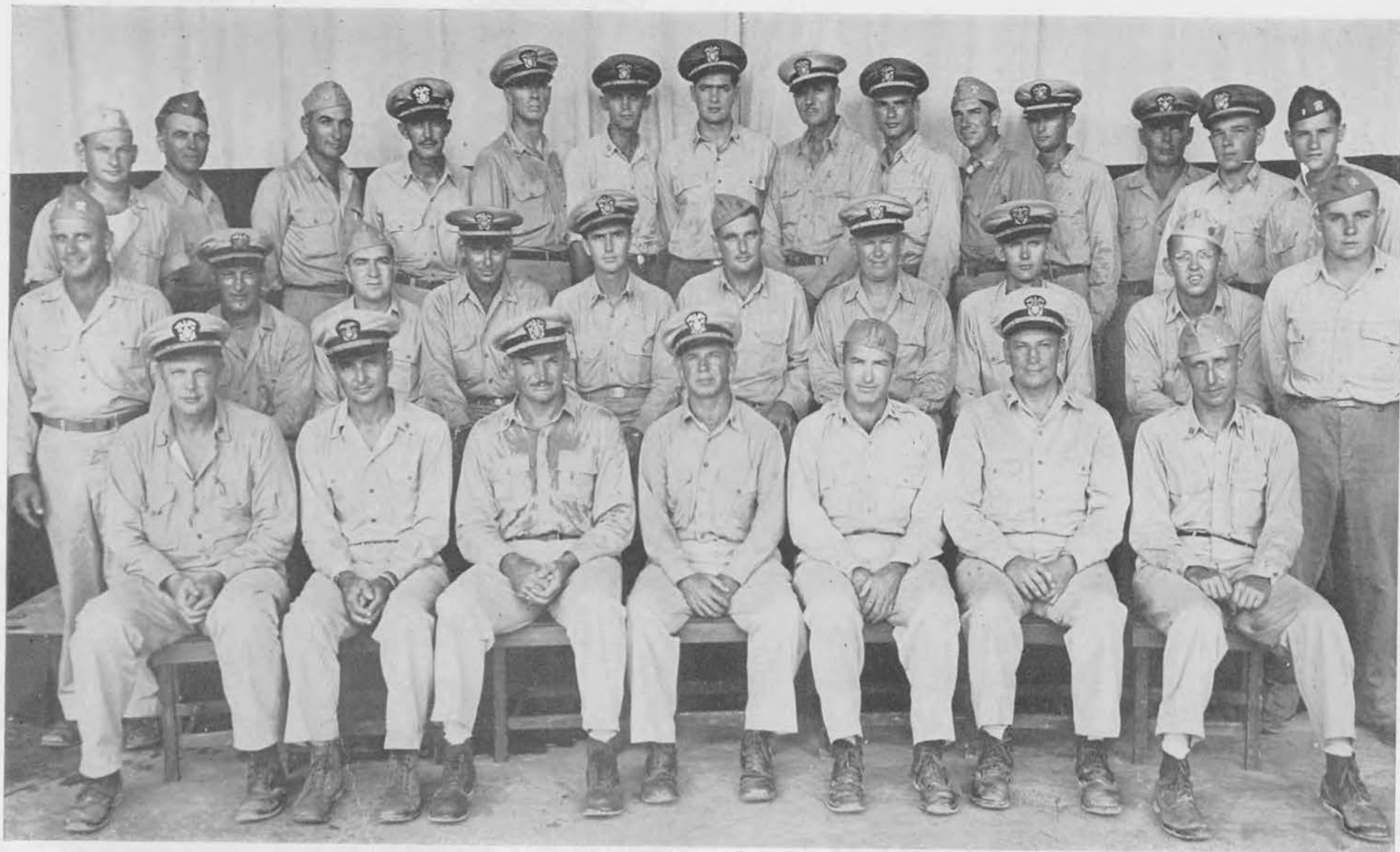
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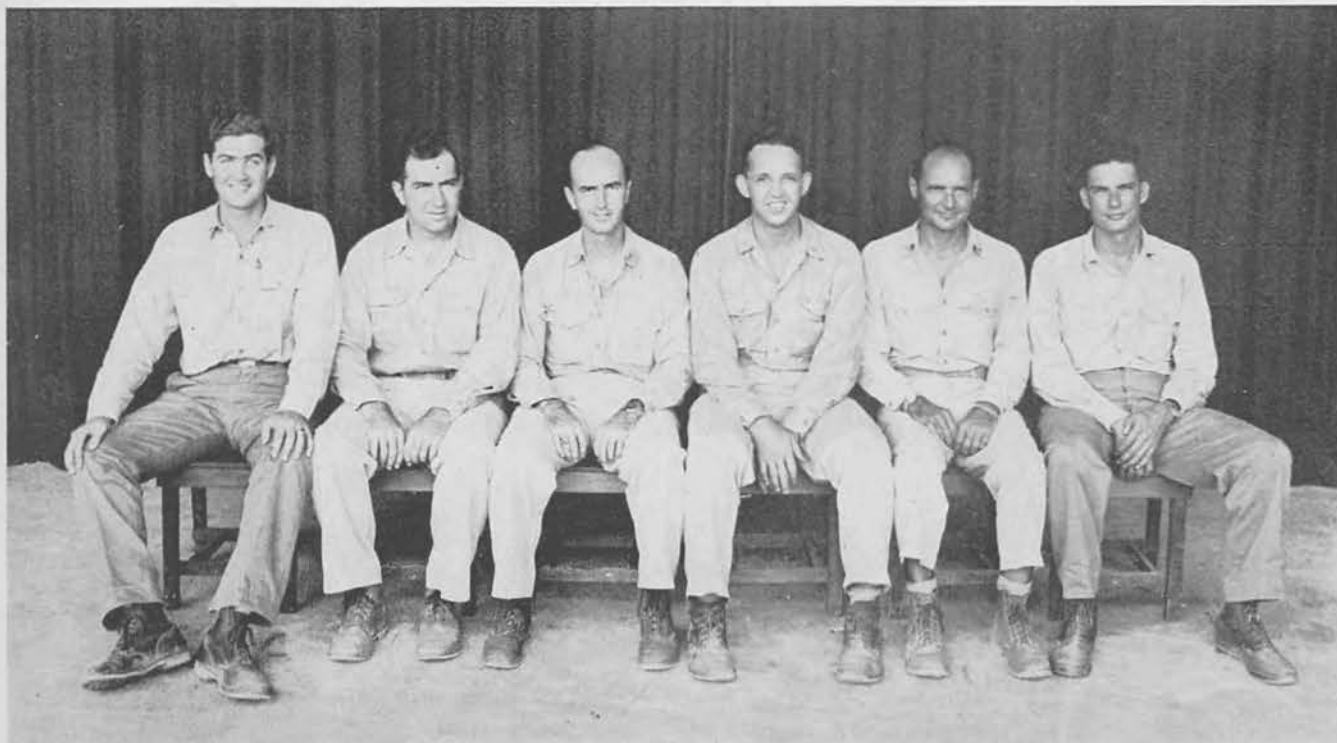


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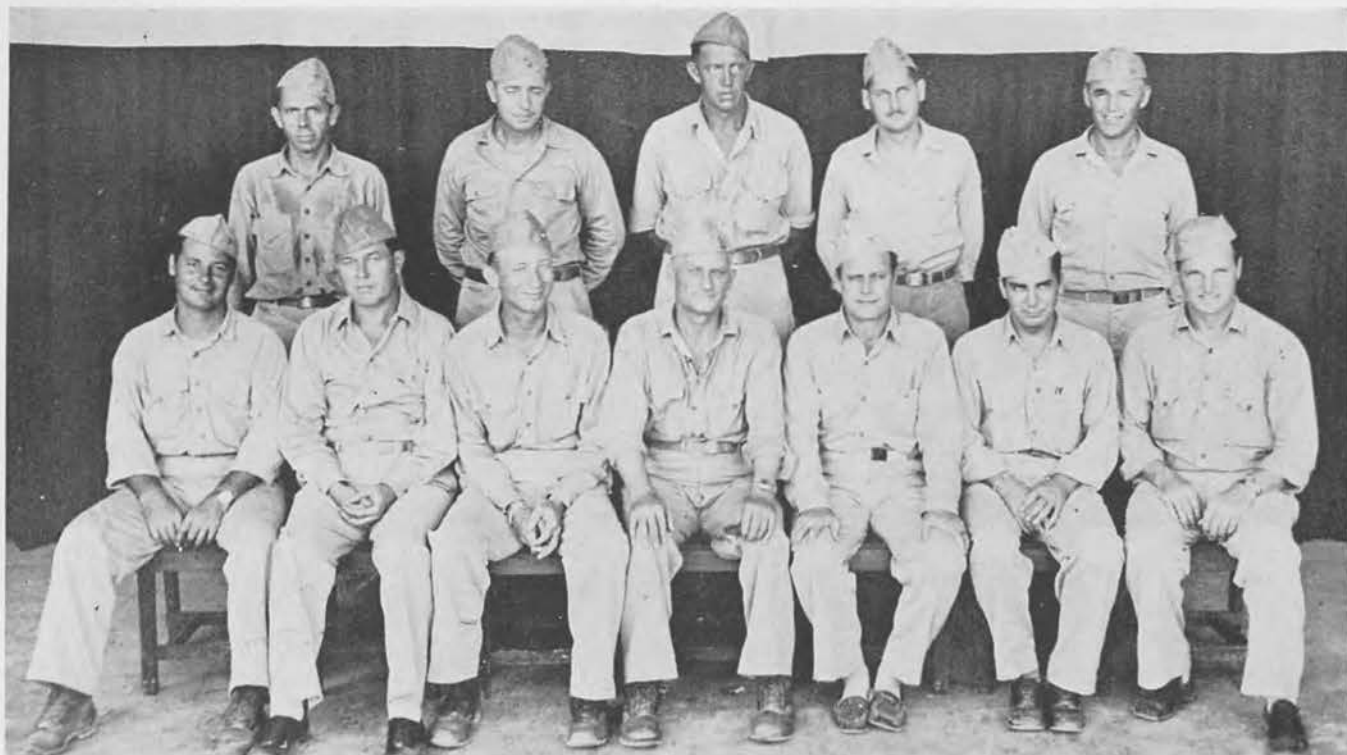


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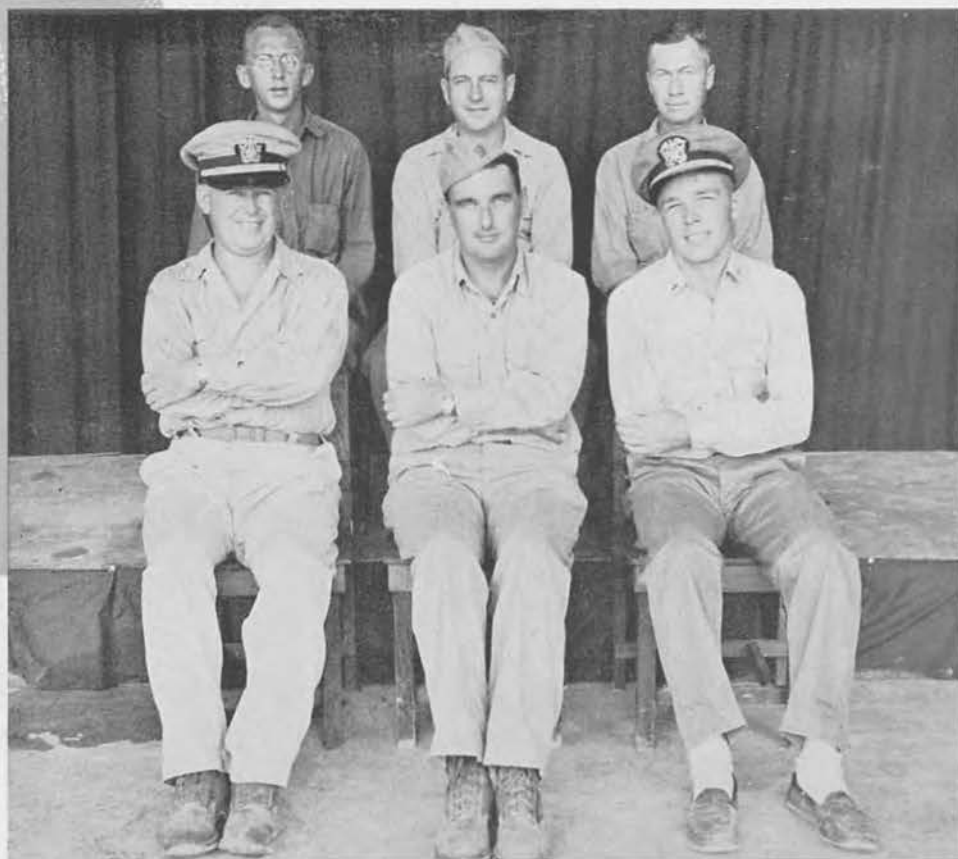
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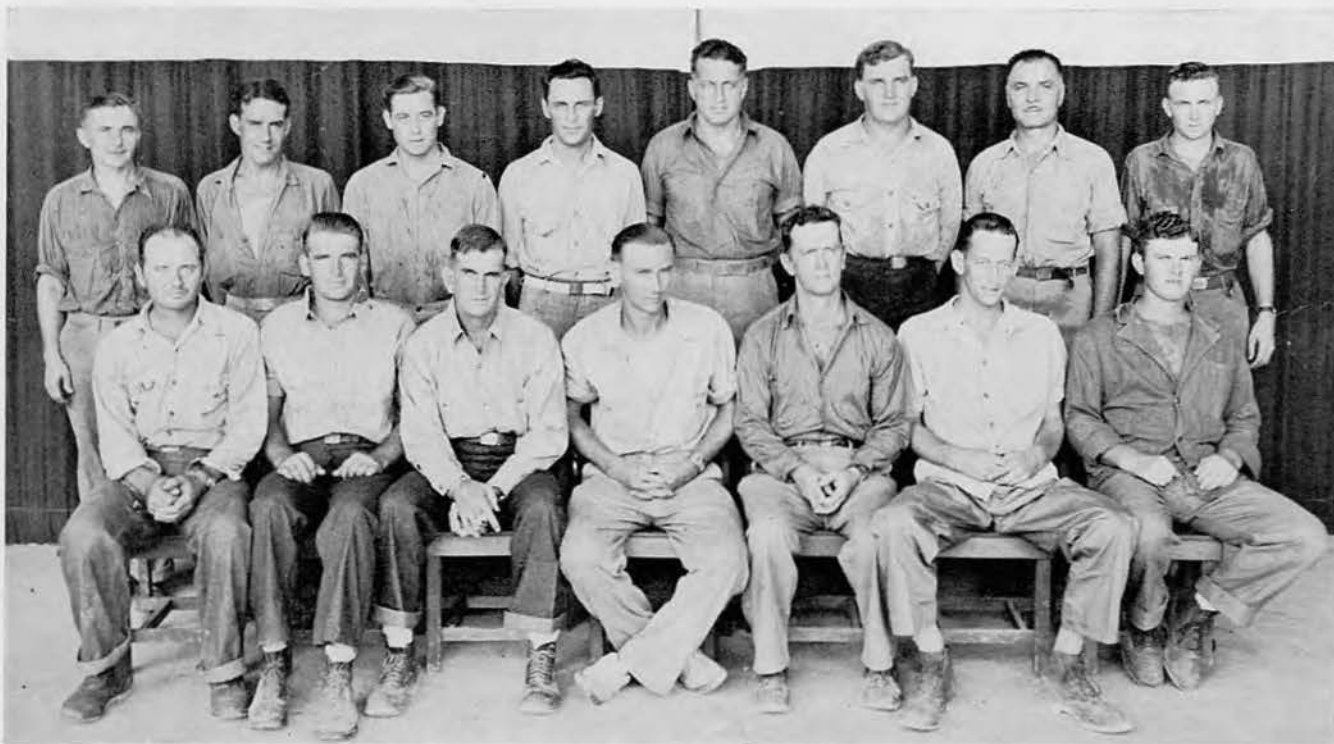
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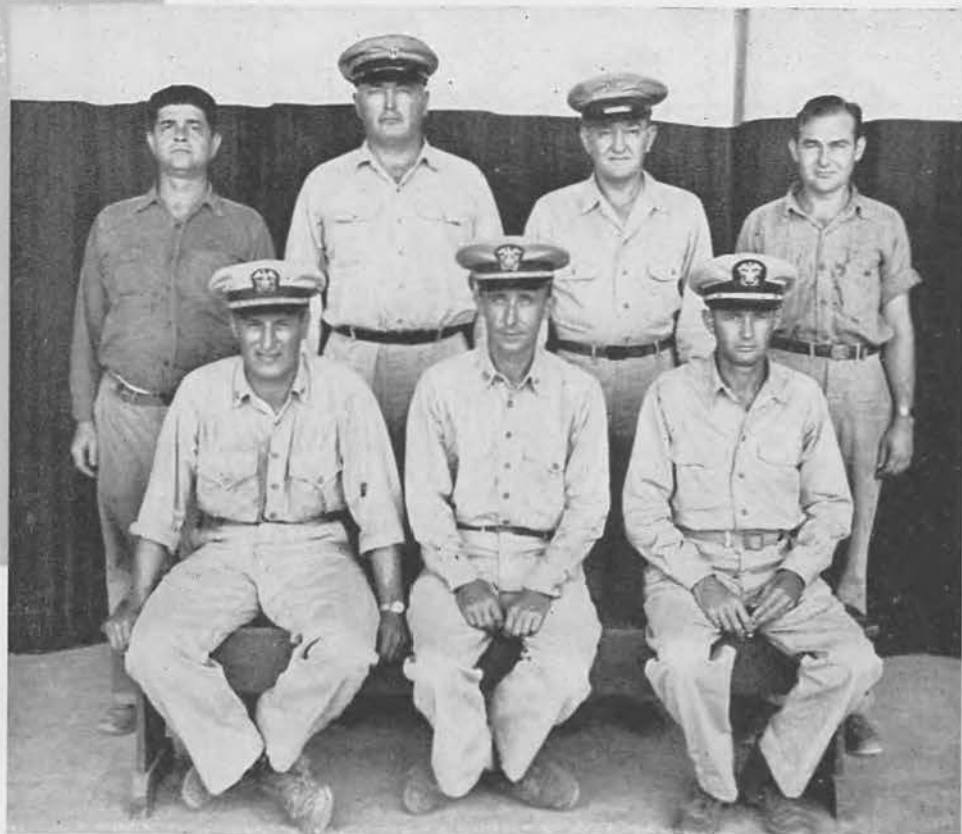


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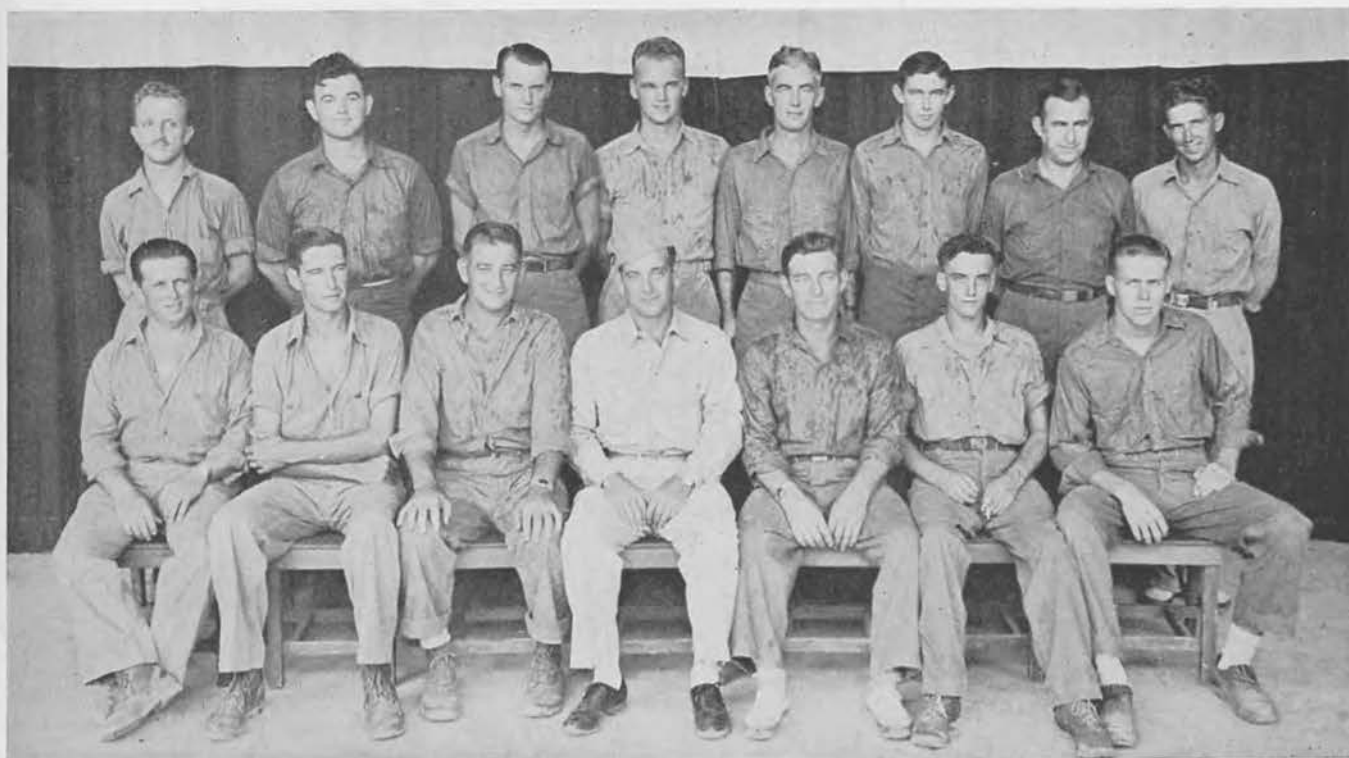
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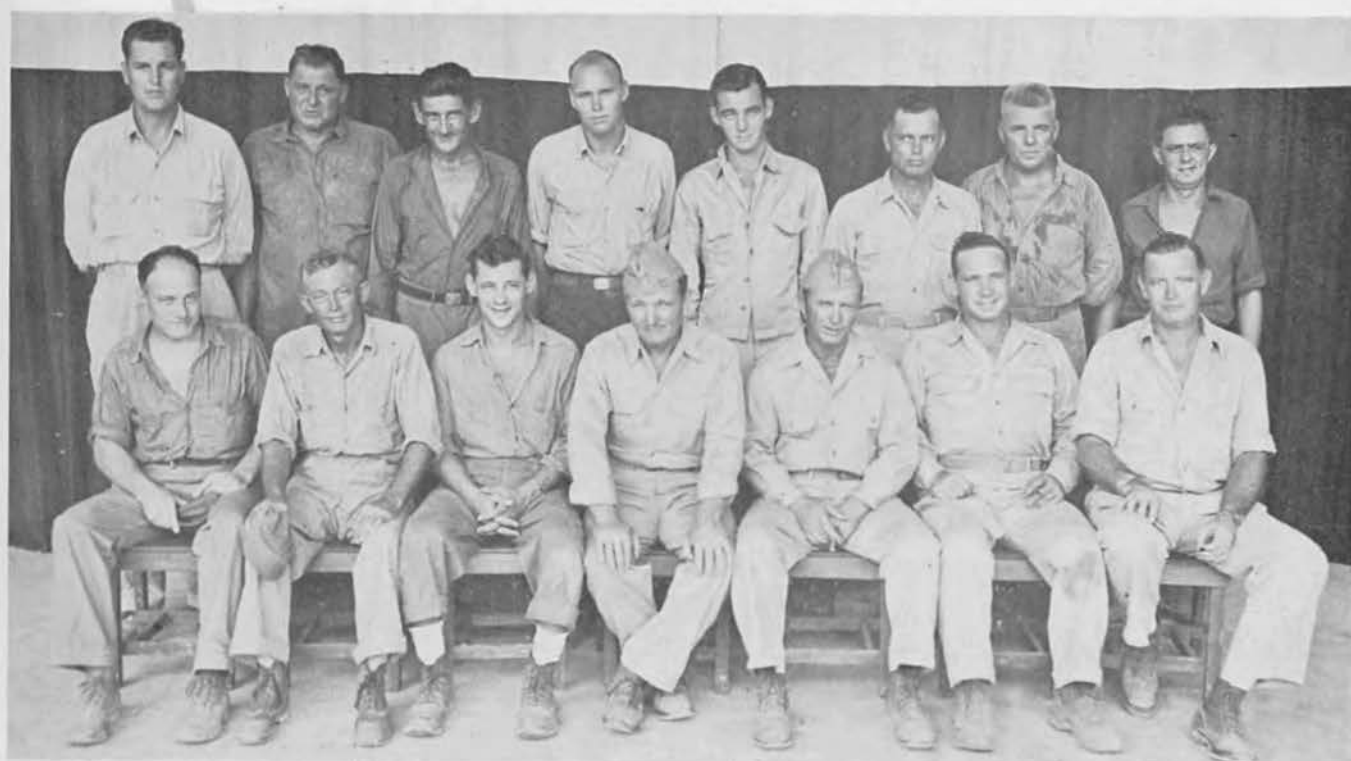
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Via: Commander Construction Troops, Philippine Sea Frontier.
Commander Philippine Sea Frontier.

Subject: Seventy-Fifth Naval Construction Battalion, recommendation
for award of Navy Unit Commendation to.

Reference: (a) ALNAV 272-44.

Enclosure: (A) Recommended Sample Commendation.

1. In accordance with Reference (a) it is recommended that the Navy Unit Commendation be awarded to the Seventy-Fifth Naval Construction Battalion under the Command of Lieutenant Commander R. N. Gottswald, Civil Engineer Corps, U. S. Naval Reserve, for extremely meritorious service in connection with the construction of the Naval Operation Base, Leyte Gulf Area, during the period from October 24, 1944 to August 1, 1945. A recommended form of commendation is forwarded as enclosure (A).

2. The subject Battalion took part in the initial invasion of the Philippine Islands, disembarking at Tacloban, Leyte, on October 24, 1944 (D-day plus four), where it remained for several weeks. During this period the Battalion erected and repaired temporary facilities for the Naval Operation Base Headquarters while under almost constant enemy air attack.

3. Early in November, 1944, this Battalion moved to an area on Samar Island near San Antonio where for a period of approximately two months it was engaged in the construction of dock installations, roads, housing facilities, warehouses, and fleet recreational facilities. This assignment was completed under exceedingly difficult conditions. The Battalion was subjected to frequent enemy bombing and strafing attacks during this period with resultant casualties to personnel. Weather conditions were a serious handicap to the construction program, and the severe typhoons struck the Battalion area. The persistent rains turned graded areas and roads into bogs of mud more rapidly than durable surfacing material could be obtained, and relentless perseverance was required to complete the work assigned.

4. On December 10, 1944 the Seventy-Fifth Battalion commenced moving to Calicoan Island located at the southern tip of Samar Island. This unit was the pioneer Battalion on that island until the latter part of March, 1945. Calicoan, which is now the site of a large percentage of the facilities of the Leyte Gulf Naval Operating Base, was a virtually uncharted wilderness of dense jungle when this Battalion arrived.

5. The Seventy-Fifth Battalion pioneered all the original access roads on Calicoan. These roads were cut through almost impenetrable jungle over rough terrain. As was the case at San Antonio, road construction in particular was handicapped by torrential rains. The first three months the subject Battalion was on Calicoan Island were during the height of the rainy season, and the rainfall ranged from twenty-four to forty-eight inches per month. In addition to the pioneering of access roads the Battalion built the Calicoan Highway, a forty-four feet coral-surfaced road running from the north end of Calicoan Island to the present site of the Calicoan Naval Supply Depot, a distance of 4.7 miles. During its pioneering period this unit cleared and graded an area of approximately 125 acres for the immediate storage of cargo and erected temporary storage sheds of coconut logs covering an acre of ground. Grading operations were particularly difficult on Calicoan. Practically all the excavating for the various projects was in rock or coral in the roughest kind of terrain. An estimated 48,000 cubic yards of coral were moved and 1000 cases of dynamite were used during a period of ten weeks in the construction of the Calicoan Highway alone.

6. Among the major projects of the Seventy-Fifth Battalion was the construction of all waterfront facilities on Calicoan Island. A permanent wharf 3000 feet in length capable of accommodating six liberty ships, was constructed. The construction of this wharf and its seven timber causeway approaches required the driving of 28000 tons of solid coral and a half feet of piling. In many places solid coral was encountered which required blasting before piles could be driven. Other waterfront installations constructed by this unit include two pontoon liberty ship berths for temporary use, a 700 foot dock for small shipping, two LST landing ramps, one 1200 and one 300 feet in length, a 1200 foot LST beach with approaches, and a boat basin.

7. The greater portion of the construction of the Calicoan Naval Supply Depot was the work of the Seventy-Fifth Battalion. Included in this work was the erection of warehouses, refrigeration storage facilities, the clearing and grading of many acres for building construction and open storage, and the installation of all sewers, water systems and electric power facilities.

8. One of the most important and most difficult of the projects assigned to the Seventy-Fifth Battalion was the ship watering facility at Balusan. In one month (January 1945) a detachment of the Battalion constructed a complete ship watering depot with a 2,500,000 gallon per day capacity. This project was of an urgent nature, and it was through untiring efforts under the most difficult conditions that the deadline set for completion was met. As a part of this project it was necessary to run pipe lines from the Balusan river to the ocean for a distance of nearly 3500 feet over uneven terrain covered with dense jungle. The completion of this project in so short a period required the utmost in ingenuity and industry and was the subject of a letter of commendation addressed to the subject Battalion by Commander Construction Troops, Seventy Fleet.

9. Other projects of the Seventy-Fifth Battalion on Calicoan Island included the construction of a sub depot, a port director and cargo offices building 400 feet in length, an anti-aircraft training center complete with all facilities and apparatus, a concrete plant, and a series of ten widely dispersed dynamite storage dumps connected by a network of single lane roads.

10. All the projects assigned to the Seventy-Fifth Battalion were completed by the date set for completion, and many were finished substantially in advance thereof. Much of the work was done on a twenty-four hour a day basis. The personnel assigned by the Battalion to overhead and maintenance was always well under the average for construction Battalions, and it was not until June 1945 that the Battalion completed its own permanent camp in the Philippine Islands. This sacrifice of personal comfort and convenience was undoubtedly responsible in no small measure for the amount and caliber of the work done by this Battalion on its assigned projects and the speed with which they were completed. The work of the Seventy-Fifth Battalion in the Philippine Islands has been of an exceedingly diversified nature. It was performed for the most part under difficult and trying conditions, frequently with a minimum of personnel and equipment. The situation created by the urgent and immediate need for these facilities in the prosecution of the war to an early victory was met by this Battalion with a spirit and willingness typifying the finest traditions of the Naval Service. It is considered that this unit has distinguished itself by extremely meritorious service and has proved outstanding in the performance of duty in comparison with other similar units.

11. Prior to its arrival in the Philippine Islands the Seventy-Fifth Battalion was stationed successively on New Caledonia, Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Saklik Island,

and New Guinea. It is now in its twenty-eighth month of continuous overseas duty and until approximately two months ago the original personnel of the Battalion remained virtually intact. Despite its long tour of overseas duty the morale and efficiency of its men have remained at an exceptionally high level.

COMMENDATION:
W. N. GODDARD
By direction

FOR EXTREMELY MERITORIOUS SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS FROM 24 OCTOBER 1944 TO 1 AUGUST 1945. PARTICIPATING IN THE INITIAL INVASION OF THE PHILIPPINES, THE SEVENTY-FIFTH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION WAS SUBJECTED TO FREQUENT ENEMY BOMBING AND STRAFING ATTACKS FOR NEARLY TWO MONTHS DURING THIS PERIOD IN THE FACE OF ENEMY ACTION AND THE WORST POSSIBLE WEATHER CONDITIONS, INCLUDING TWO TYPHOONS, THE BATTALION LABORED COURAGEOUSLY AND FIERCELY IN THE COMPLETION OF ITS DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENTS. THIS UNIT PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NAVAL OPERATION BASE, LEYTE GULF AREA. THE PIONEER BATTALION ASSIGNED TO CALICOAN ISLAND, A VIRTUALLY UNCHARTED WILDERNESS, HANDICAPPED BY ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS, DENSE JUNGLE AND ROUGH TERRAIN, IT CONSTRUCTED ROADS, DEPOTS, EXTENSIVE DOCK INSTALLATIONS AND MANY OTHER PROJECTS IN RECORD TIME. IN THEIR OUTSTANDING WILLINGNESS, INDUSTRY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY UNDER THE MOST TRYING CONDITIONS THE MEN AND OFFICERS OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION HAVE TYPIFIED THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE CONSTRUCTION FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

25 February 1946

Mr. Edward Ottorsten, Editor
75th Seabee's Pacific Album
1775 Cliffview Road
Cleveland 12, Ohio

Dear Mr. Ottorsten:

In answer to your request, it is a pleasure to address the following message to the men of the 75th Construction Battalion:

Millions of American men and women have received their discharge from the armed services and have once again taken up their peacetime pursuits--living under conditions of their own choosing and enjoying the rights and privileges for which they fought. It is natural that they should wish to forget the hardships of the past few years.

But you who have helped to win the victory on the battle-front will never be able to erase entirely the memory of what you have seen and experienced.

You have learned the meaning of the words, "total warfare". More than a hundred million other Americans must now be guided by your knowledge as they determine our peacetime military strength.

As members of the 75th Construction Battalion, a unit with an impressive war record, you were a highly important part of the United States Navy. It is my earnest hope that, as private citizens, you impart to others your determination that a Navy which was powerful enough to play such a vital part in winning the war shall be maintained at sufficient strength to guarantee the Peace.

Please accept my good wishes for the success of your project.

Sincerely,
James Forrestal

To: All Hands of the Seventy-Fifth U.S. Naval Construction Battalion.

It is with extreme pride that I point out the accomplishments of the Seventy-Fifth during my tour of duty with the Battalion, both in the South and Southwest Pacific Areas. No matter what the assignment was, whether under enemy fire, adverse weather conditions or just another job in a rear area, you always have shown an intrepid and enthusiastic spirit, the traditional "Seabee" resourcefulness at all times, and a tireless energy in the multitude of tasks assigned the Battalion.

Each of you, both officers and men, have done your part well and courageously, and always as a team that served to make your achievements especially notable.

To all hands I wish to extend my deepest appreciation for your magnificent efforts and accomplishments during your service with the Battalion as it advanced progressively, island by island, from New Caledonia to the Philippines.

I also wish to take this opportunity to extend my best wishes for you continued success and well being and to thank personally each man for his sincere contribution to the Seventy-Fifth.

September 1, 1945
David H. Gottswald
Officer in Charge.

(As we go to press, the above recommendation for commendation has not been approved by the Navy Department. We thought you would like to read the recommendation, anyway, as well as the messages from Mr. Forrestal and Commander Gottswald).

FORMER MEMBERS



Quentin Cahill
Ira O. Helton
Alfred W. Wright



John Milton
Frank D. Russell
Kenneth S. Kelly



Robert J. Sammon
James N. Knight
Clifford R. Yardley



Jack J. Wilson
Elmer R. Lundquist
A. R. Anderson



Robert H. Bettes
Champion H. Meteer
Lewis D. Schlarf

IN MEMORIAM



Jack L. Wells



James W. Dragon, Jr.

Sacred to the Memory of

- Jack L. Wells
- James W. Dragon, Jr.
- Harry E. Webb
- Clinton C. Siegel
- Frederick A. Mahoney



- Richard A. Nally
- Oscar A. Fagerlin
- Herbert Lehman
- Delmar L. Hagen
- Arthur E. Granstaff



Harry E. Webb



Clinton C. Siegel

IN MEMORIAM



Lieut. Frederick A. Mahoney



Richard A. Nally

These men, our shipmates and comrades, gave their lives in the service of their country and for the cause of freedom in World War II.

We remember their sacrifice and devotion with pride, with regret and with deep gratitude.



To all who loved them and to those whom they loved, the men of the 75th Naval Construction Battalion send solemn greetings and tender sympathy in the certain hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Oscar A. Fagerlin



Herbert Lehman

AWARDS

BRONZE STAR



... for meritorious or heroic achievement or service in connection with operations of the enemy . . .

Lieut. Comdr. David H. Gottwals
Henry S. Utley

PURPLE HEART



... for wounds received as a result of an action of the enemy . . .

Harry E. Webb (posthumously)
Kenneth S. Kelly
William M. Allan
Joseph C. Clark
George E. Harmon
John D. Norris
Frederick W. Mundt
Anthony J. Gerbic
Peter Ferguson

COMMENDATION RIBBON



... for meritorious and efficient performance of duty, in keeping with the highest traditions of the Navy . . .

Ernest J. Lokia
John W. McGrew
Merrill F. Whippo
Donald M. Esmond
Lawrence E. Lytle



Presentation

PROMISE, AT SEA, SOUTH PACIFIC

*The New Zealand Air Patrol spots us off
New Caledonia.*

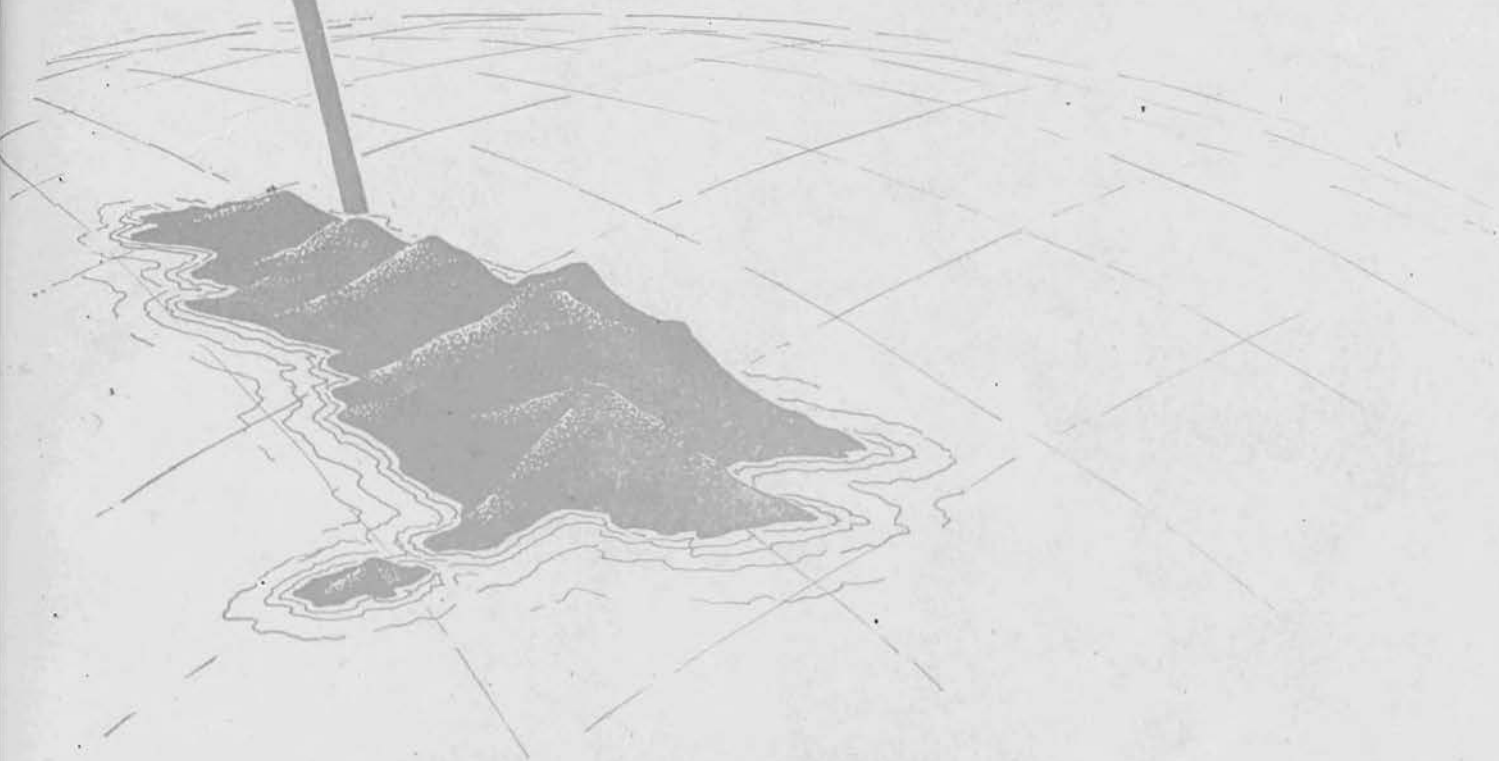
—E. T. REEDER



75th

SEABEES

NEW CALEDONIA





MONT DORE



CAMP AREA

MOTOR POOL AREA





Clearing for camp site



Admiral Halsey on inspection tour



Marking targets



Headquarters



Chow in the open



Cat-eye beach



42nd and Broadway



The Main Drag



Grading for dock



Dock fill-in



Unloading



Motor pool area



Dock area



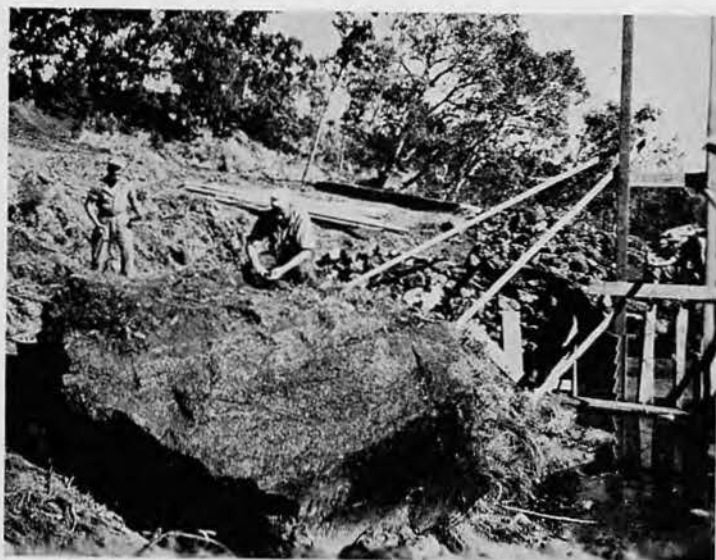
Fuel Dump



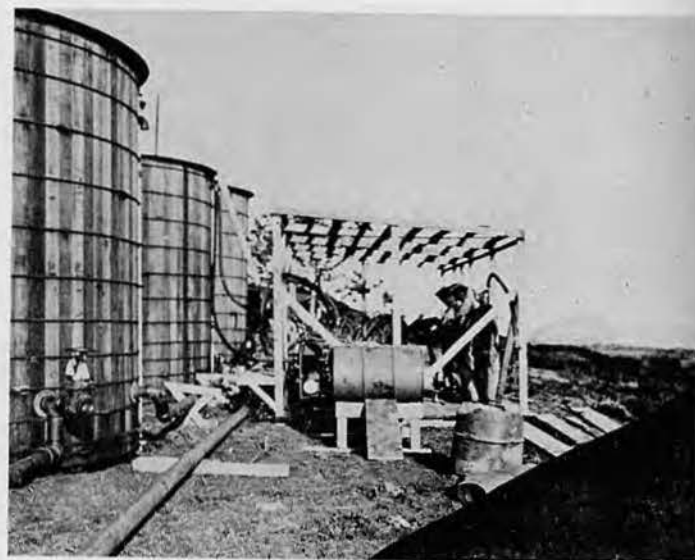
Pontoon Dump



Supply Area



Blasting for water pit



Water supply



Digging drainage ditch



Camp site

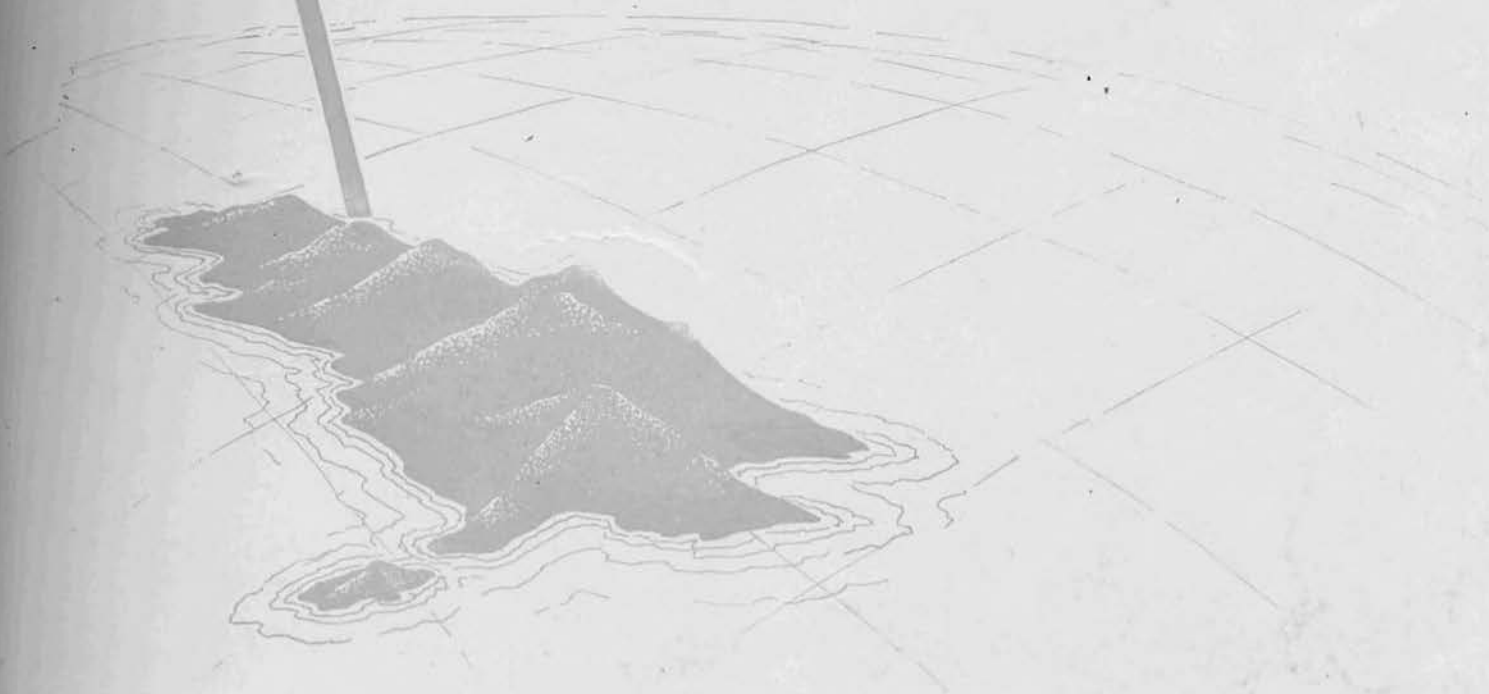


On the firing line



75th
SEABEES

GUADALCANAL





THE GRAVE OF THE KYUSU MARU

*Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. Dozens of
wrecked Jap ships lie close to shore.*

—R. M. ELLIS



ROBERT ELLIS
1942 '43



Beached Jap ship



Guadalcanal Natives



The beach



Souvenir hunters



Native Chapel



Bananas from Savo



The Corpsmen



Commandos



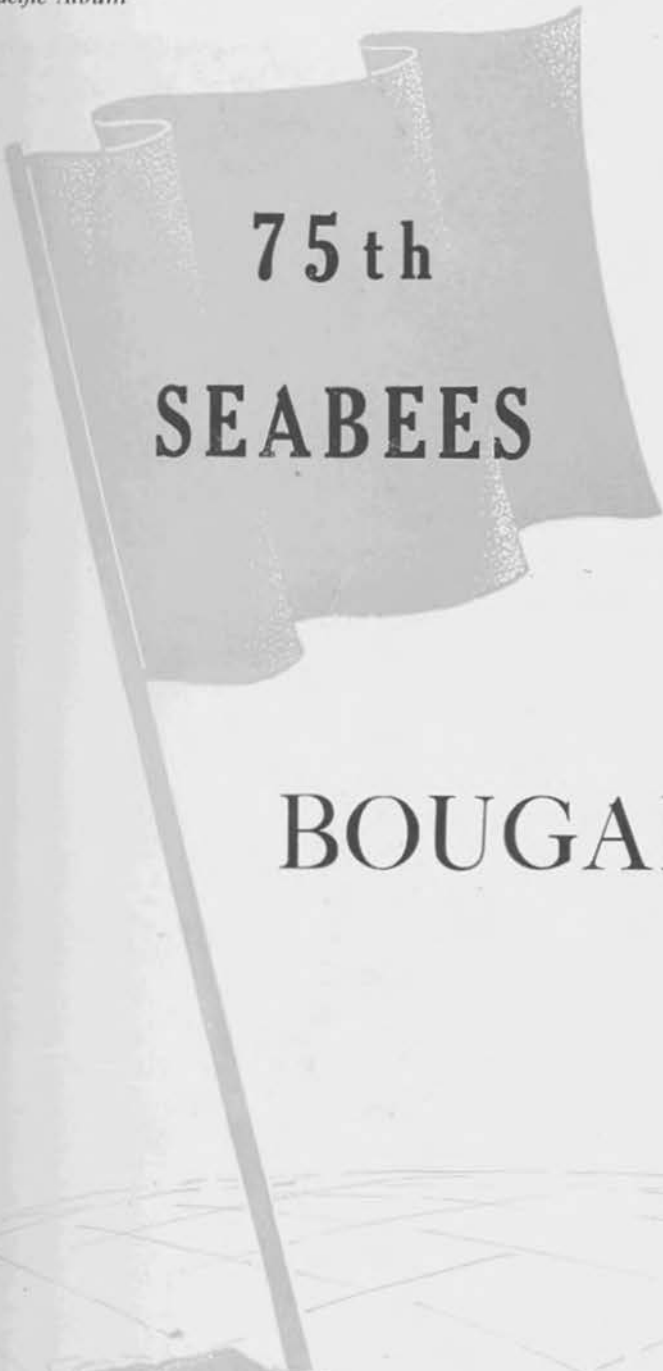
Free beer before leaving



Relaxing



Boarding ship



75th
SEABEES

BOUGAINVILLE



TOROKINA POINT

INVASION BEACH
Bougainville, Solomon Islands

*LCMs, workhorses of the amphibious
Seabees, line the landing beaches.*

—E. T. REEDER



REEDER



TAKE OFF



DIRECT HIT

OUR CAMP AREA

Entrance to camp



Typical camp scenes





Birds-eye view of surrounding area



Motor pool

Colors



One of the finer homes



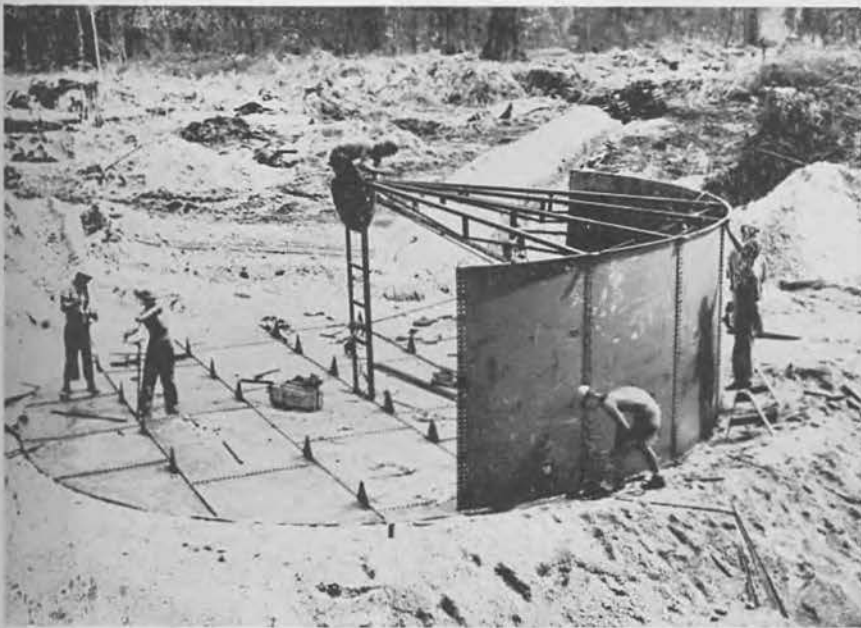
Dick Rece: "I don't want to set the world on fire"



TANK FARM

Construction sequence
of
Large Tank





Construction sequence
of
Small Tank





Ready for crossing



through culvert

TANK FARM



Laying pipe



Floating pipe



Taking a curve



Crossing under road



Tanker



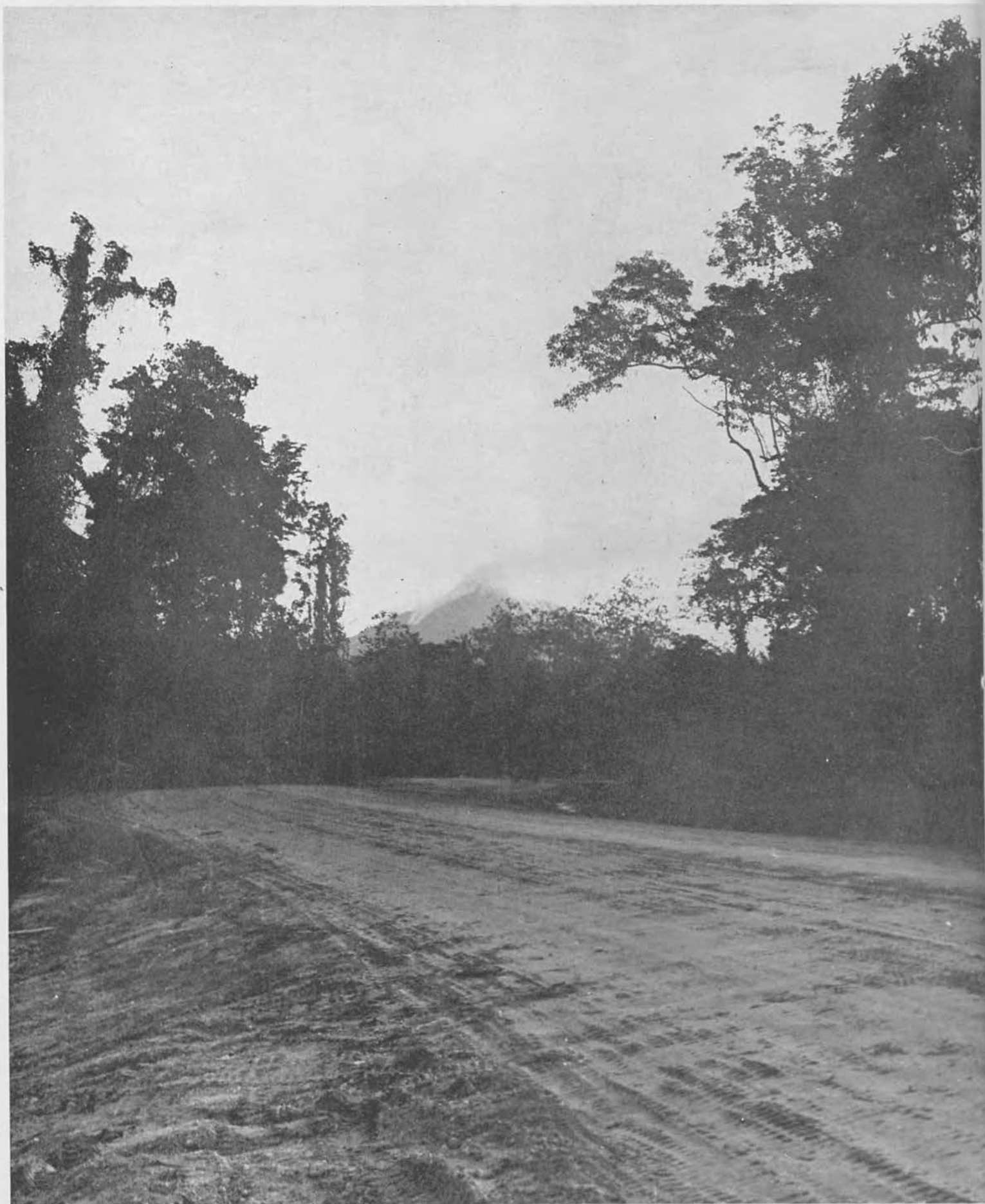
Gas Station



Pipe line hit by bomb



Shrapnel-pierced tank



MOUNT BAGANA—From Marine Drive



EAST—WEST TRAIL
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EAST - WEST TRAIL

When the 75th Battalion was given the job of constructing the East-West Trail, the outlook was none too bright. The dense, teeming jungle with its "wait-a-minute vines," malarial mosquitoes, and impassable swamps presented natural hazards that at first were discouraging.

Yet with the thought in mind that the road was a vital one—for by it alone could the supplies and ammunition be carried to the brave incomparable Marines on the front lines—no obstacle was too great for the completion of the road.

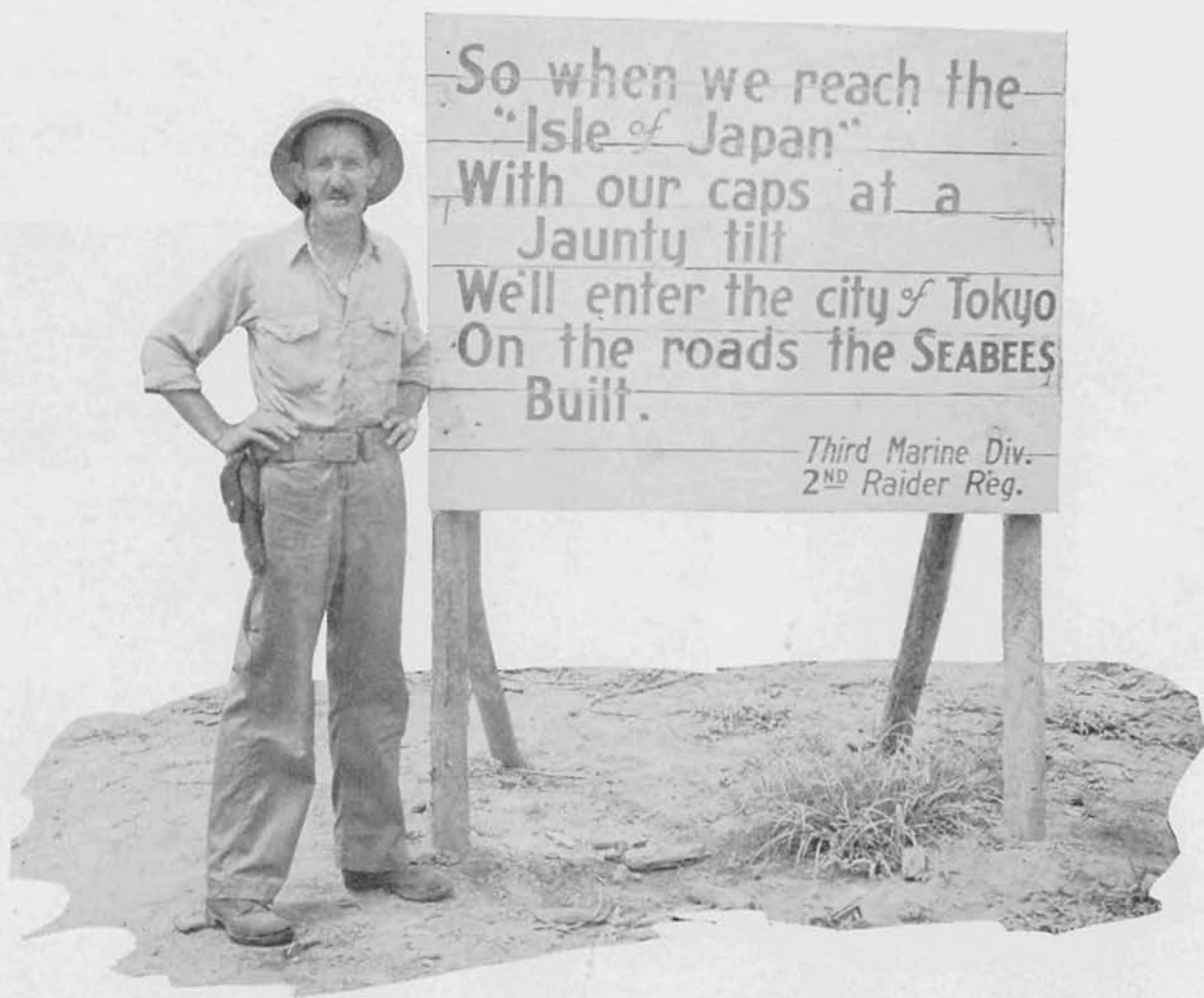


The work carried on day and night, through the thick jungle and over the many swamps and hills. With the help of the Marine Engineers, a "corduroy road" consisting of hurriedly hewn logs thrown into the sogging mud, was first constructed. All this work was done by hand, in every type of weather. Over this corduroy road followed the heavy equipment, building a good, solid road that could withstand any kind of traffic.

So quickly and efficiently was this road constructed that many troops coming in at a later date were astounded with the roads "the Japs left behind."

With the completion of the East-West Trail, its builders proudly cherished the fact that they had contributed another step in the "Steam Rolling of the Pacific."





To: OUR Friends, The C.B.'s
 A VERY MERRY XMAS
 From: 2ND BN. - 028th MARINES

Your Able Protector
 The Marines-Seabee
 Wish You a
 Merry Christmas
 Doggies



IN TRIBUTE TO THE 75th SEABEES
Thanks Mate!
 MBTRY 4th BATTALION 12th MARINES

TO OUR LOYAL BUDDIES

75TH SEABEES

WHO HELPED
 BLAZE AND
 GLORY ON THIS
BOUGAI
 WE, THE U.S.
 BATTERY H
 3RD MARINE
 SALUTE THE
 FOR THEIR
 AND HOS-



US TO FIGHT,
 RAISE 'OLE
 BLOODY ISLE
NVILLE
 MARINES
 3RD BN. 12TH MAR.
 DIVISION,
 75TH N.C.B.
 FINE WORK
 PITALITY

Tributes

FROM THE

MARINES

P. T. BASE TOROKINA POINT



Blasting



Completed dock



Construction





Torokina strip

FIGHTER STRIP TOROKINA POINT



Wrecked Liberator



Repairing strip



NAVAL BASE

Camp Halsey



Cub 9 Chapel



Pouring deck

Enlisted men's mess



ADVANCE
UNIT



Officers' mess



Beach tower



Shower deck

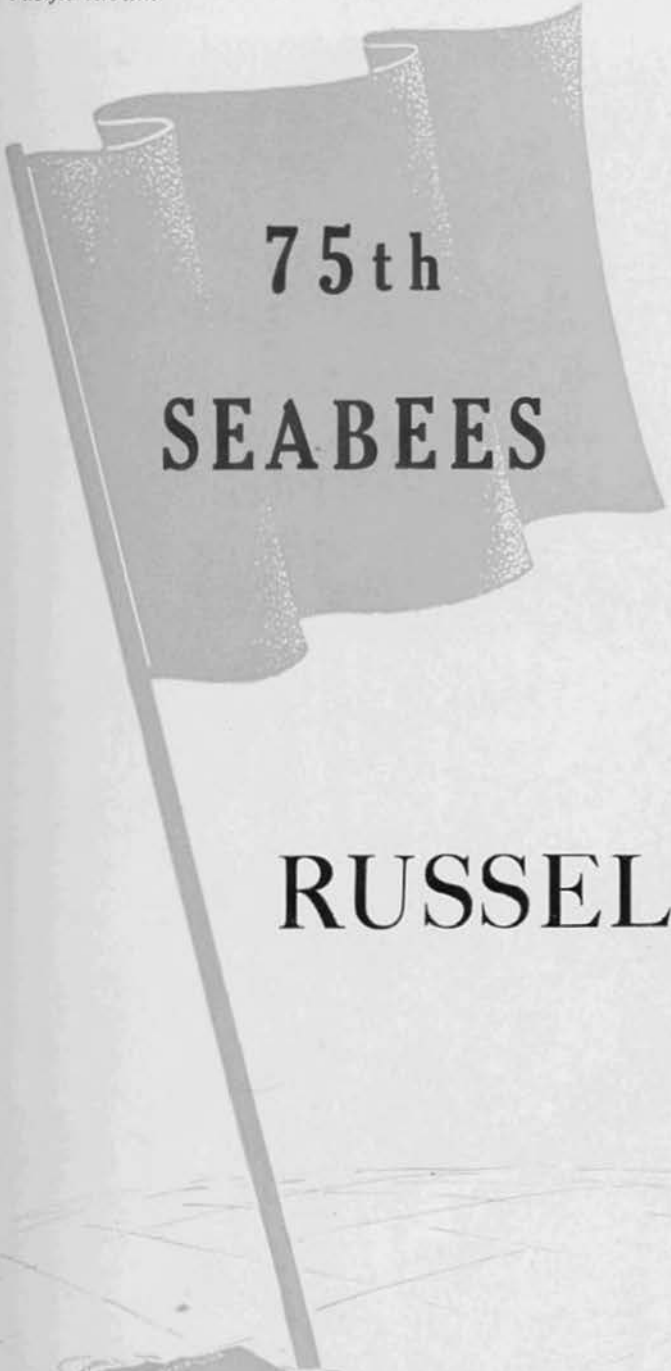


Warehouse



FIJI
CEREMONY





75th
SEABEES

RUSSELL ISLANDS



75th Beach

SEABEE SHIPFITTERS

*The Russells, South Pacific. Men of the
75th assemble pontoon strings for another
invasion.*

—E. T. REEDER





Main Street



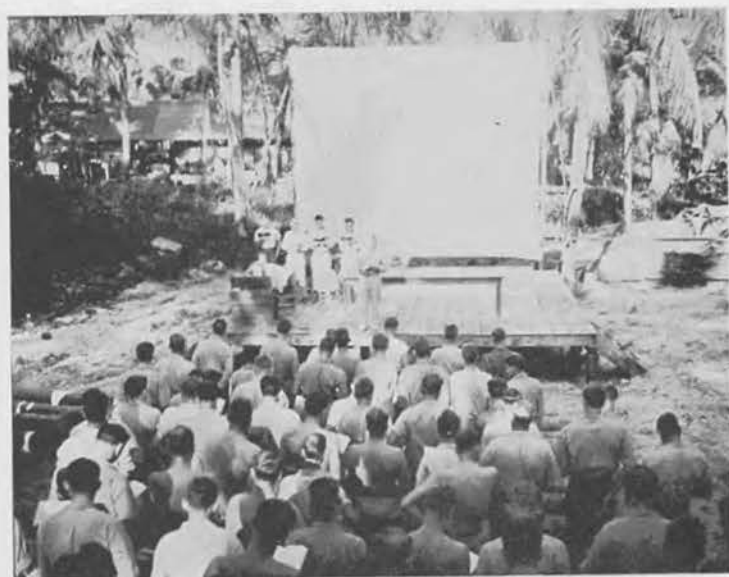
Company Street



Headquarters

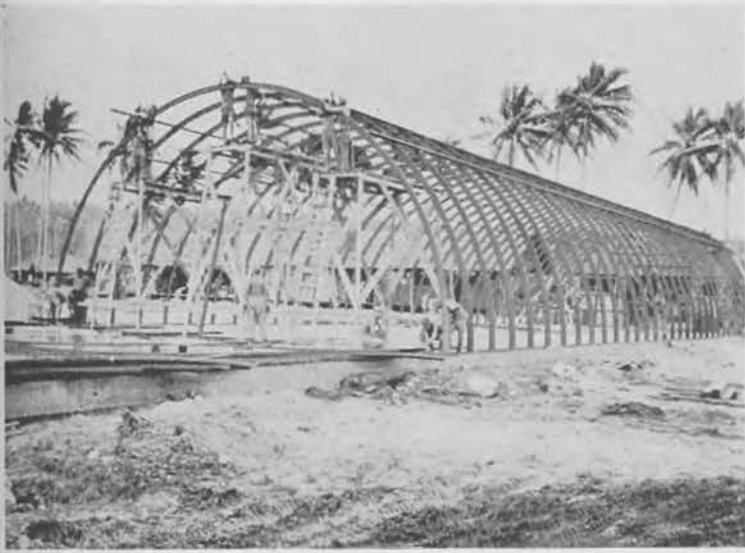


Motor Pool area



Service in movie area





Framing



Concrete crew



Inside view

QUONSET

ERECTION



Fill-in around hut



Completed hut



B-11 angle coming in position



Placing P-7 pontoon



Angle placed and bolts ready



Burning hole for bolts



Pontoon supply

PONTOON



Tight squeeze



Placing jewelry

ASSEMBLY



Burning



Placing T-6 pontoon



Launching



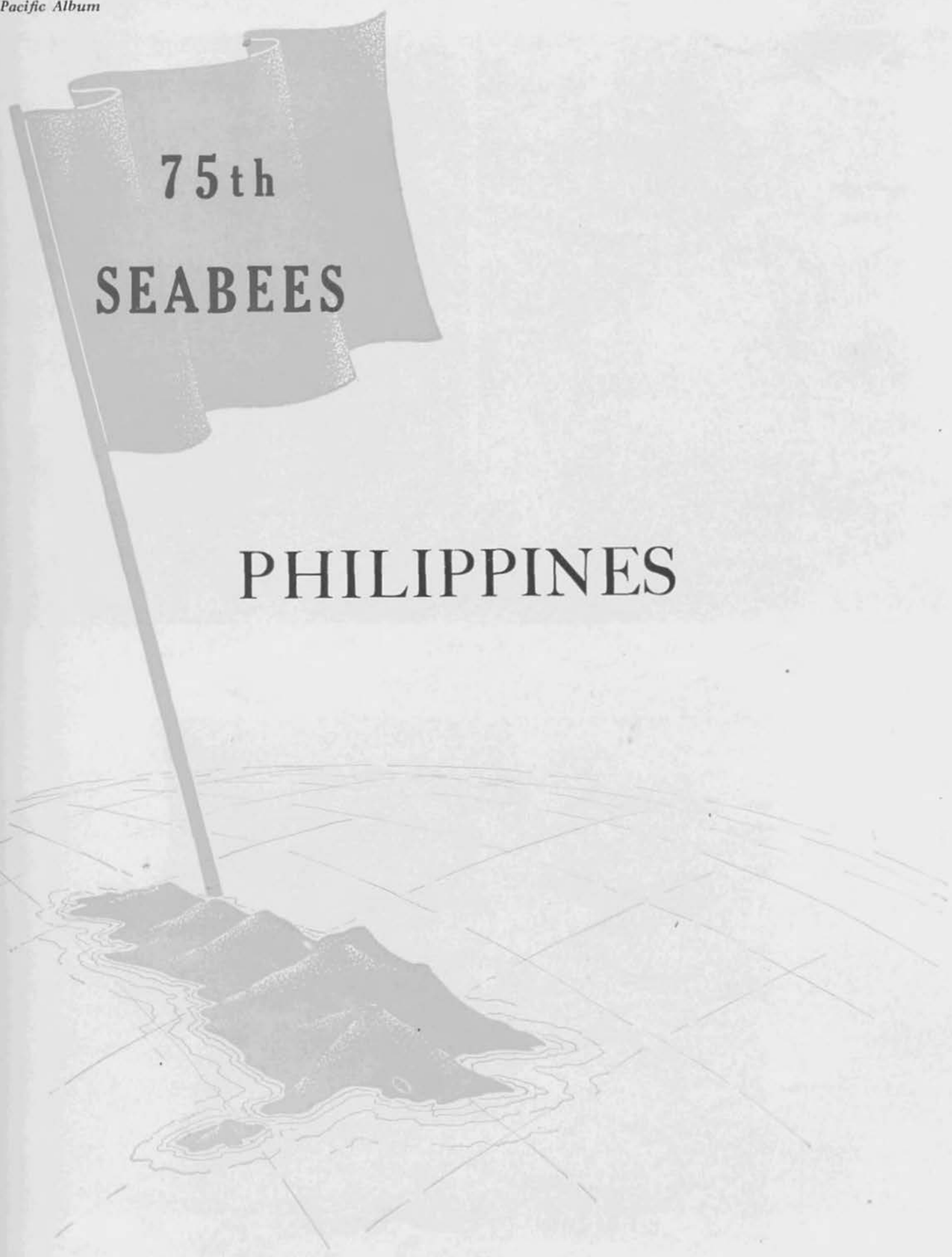
411 lb. cake

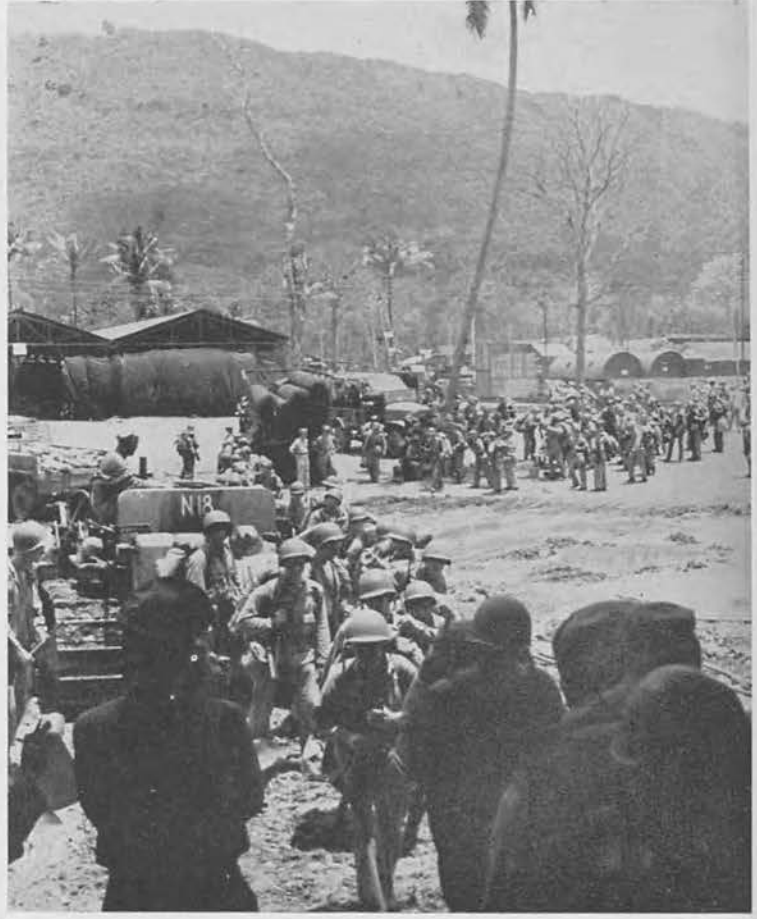
FIRST ANNIVERSARY OVERSEAS



75th
SEABEES

PHILIPPINES





Farewell to New Guinea



Smoke screen



Philippines bound



Beachhead—Tacloban



Ramp building

PHILIPPINE LIBERATION



We go ashore



Temporary camp at Tacloban

Camp after typhoon



Chow line



Camp at Shrapnel Hill

SAMAR CAMP



Bridge over drainage ditch



Fill-in



Drainage ditch



Grading



Culvert laying



Everlasting mud

SAMAR CAMP



First galley



New galley



Landmark



Road behind supply area



Natives policing camp



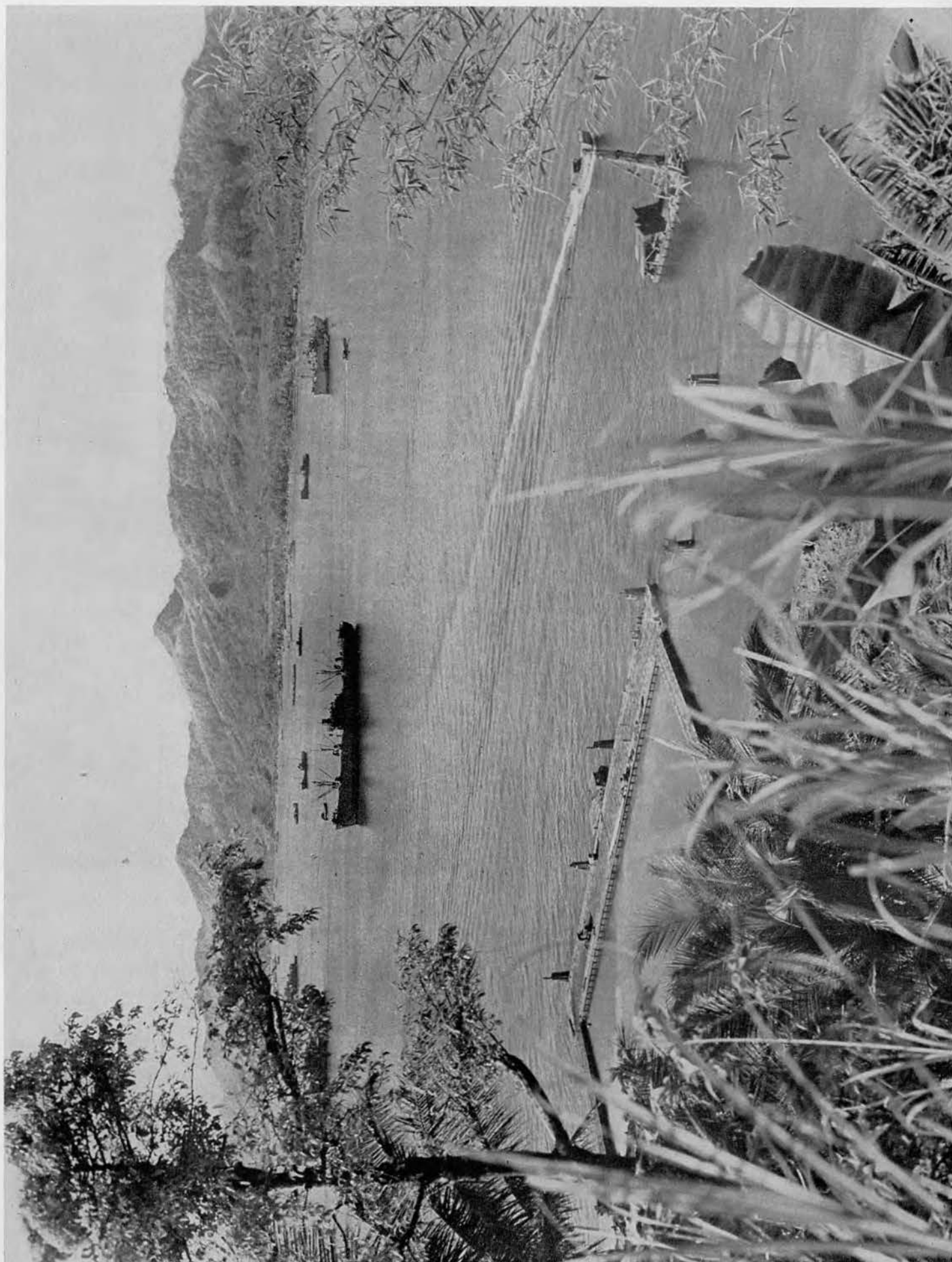
Fill-in galley area



AERIAL VIEW OF



OUR NEWEST CAMP



LIBERTY DOCK

CANVAS CITY ON CALICOAN
Calicoan Island, P. I.

*The final Philippine camp of The 75th
USN Construction Battalion.*

—E. T. REEDER





The Rolling Surf

Water Spout





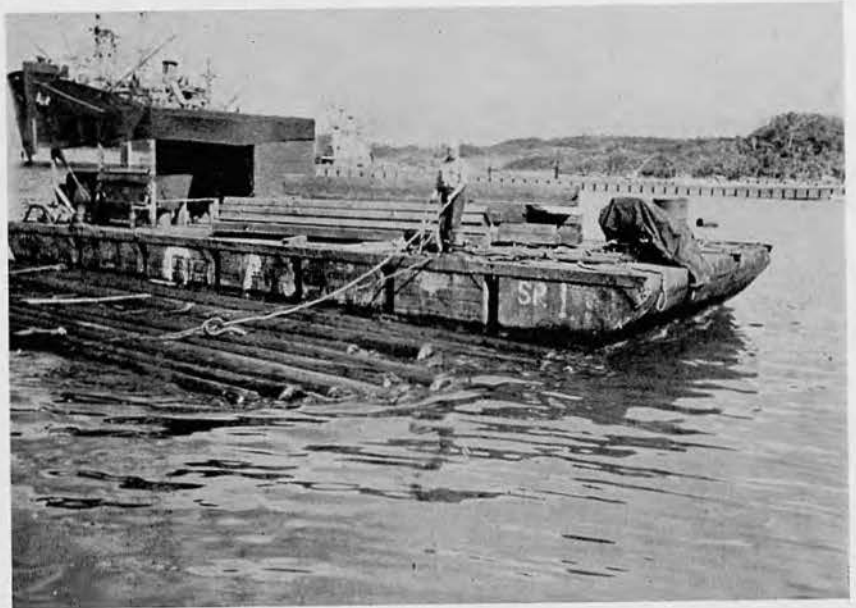
Marginal Wharf

MARGINAL WHARF

THE Dock Job is outstanding for a number of reasons. Foremost is the gigantic amount of construction done to date by a comparatively small number of men (never in excess of 125), with no serious injury sustained by a single workman.

Impressive, too, is the fact that while work on the main berthing facilities was going forward with record-breaking speed, pontoon wharves for small craft and a garbage disposal dock were put into operation, as well as piers and dolphins at the watering station.

Chief Warrant Officer Elzie E. Steele of Missouri, in private life a civil engineer with ample construction experience, is in charge of the wharf job, together with Ensign George E. Dyke, Jr., and Ensign Robert S. Aldom. Working under their direction are Chiefs G. A. Fields, Curtis D. Anderson, Sidney Beldin, John F. Komathy, Charles E. Shannon, Merle Strohmaier and R. E. Flood; SF1c Mason O. Scofield, SF1c Carl K. Radcliff, CM1c Ray H. Morris, CM1c Carl W. Chastain, and their respective details.

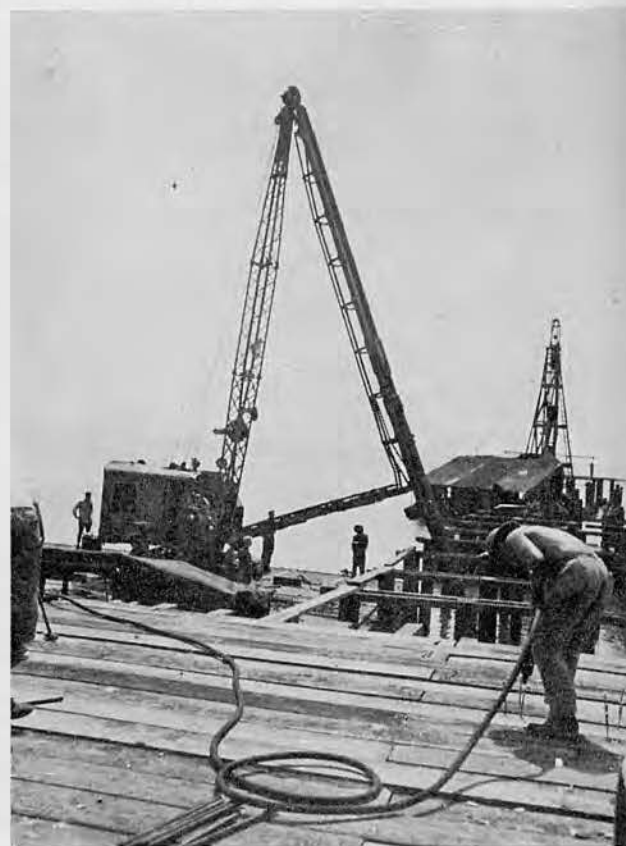


MARGINAL

The first dock pile was driven on January 24, 1945; on March 15th the first berth was completed and a ship already docked. At the present time, three Liberty Ships can be berthed with 104 feet to spare. In 135 days of work (112,029 man hours) 1,075,000 board feet of lumber went into deck, supports and curbing, while an additional million and a half feet of piling was driven. 175,000 pounds of hardware was used. 90,000 cubic yards, the equivalent of 3,600 truck loads of coral rock was hauled for the causeways. The project is an "Around the clock" job.

The complete marginal wharf will berth eight Liberty Ships. The forty foot deck will extend 4,060 feet, served by seven 30-foot and two 60-foot causeways which are each over 700 feet long from ship to shore.

In building a wharf, three types of piling are used: vertical piles on which the structure rests, batter piling driven in at an angle for support and to prevent swaying, and fender piling which acts as a buffer between ship and wharf. United States piling was used for all except the fenders. Australian Ironwood was used for this purpose because of its superior ability to stand abuse. In driving the piles, coral caves were encountered in which the pile would almost sink under the weight of the hammer alone. The men found that overnight the piles would "set" so that fifty blows of a double-acting air hammer would make no appreciable penetration. The explana-



WHARF

tion seems to lie in the fact that waves would fill the caves with sand at night, setting the piles, much as quicksand does. In other places, it was found necessary first to drive down a pipe and set off an explosive charge within it, in order to crack the coral before driving the piles.

The trick of bracing a wharf is timing, according to Chief Komathy. Bracers, working from rafts, can operate only when the tide is receding. Figuring the rise and fall of the waves is important, too, not only to bracers, but the cut-off crews as well. Their job is to saw the piles at the proper height to afford a level surface for capping, stringers and decking. Waves kicked up by a VP barge can raise hob with their work.

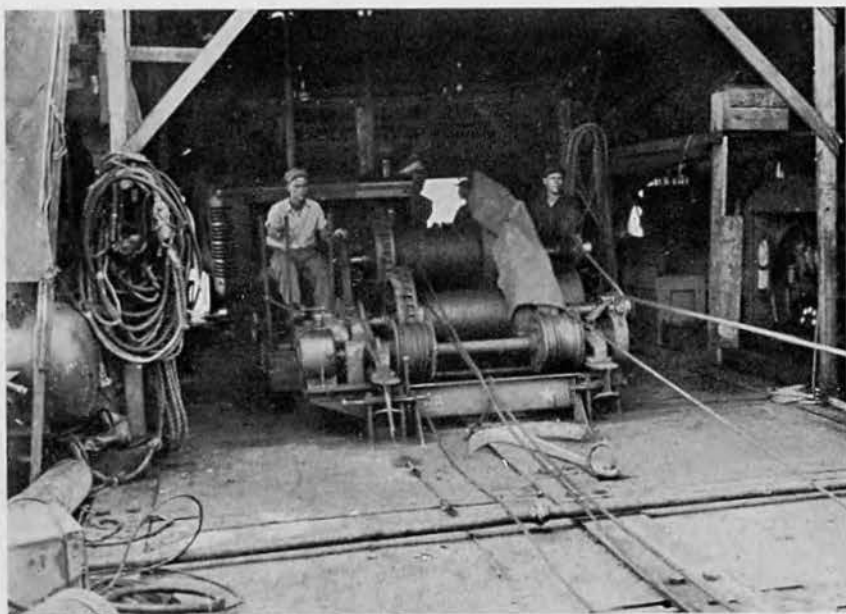
Decking crews under Chiefs Strohmaier and Uschold, and Carpenter's Mates First Class Leslie Dorman and Carl Chastain laid the floor of the wharf. Then Chief R. F. Hampton's men "put the necktie on the job." The bullrail, or curbing, is more than just a protective railing to prevent trucks and dock mules from driving over the side. It dresses up the job as well, and compensates for slight irregularities in deck levels.

The marginal wharf is a project of which we are justly proud. Senior echelons of command speak of it as the best constructed wharf in the Southwest Pacific.



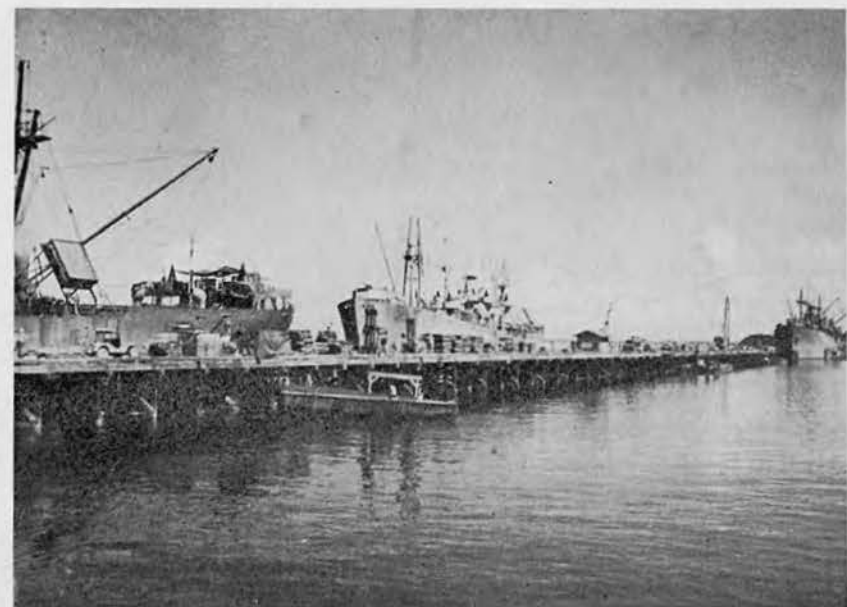


MARGINAL





WHARF



NAVAL
SUPPLY
DEPOT



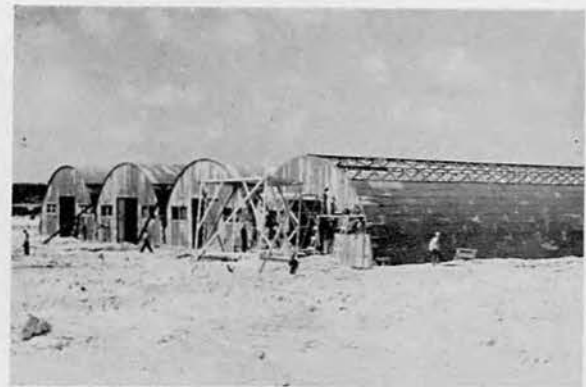
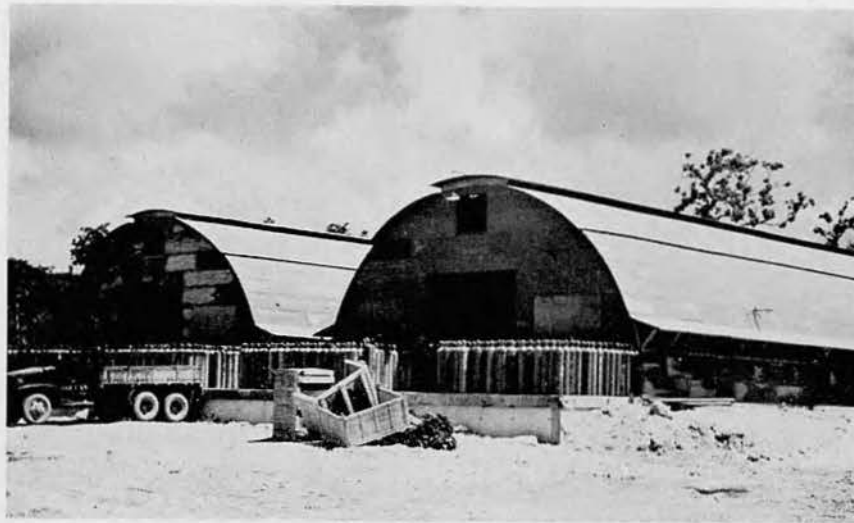
Area in first stages



Temporary Storage



NAVAL
SUPPLY
DEPOT



Quonset Hut Erection

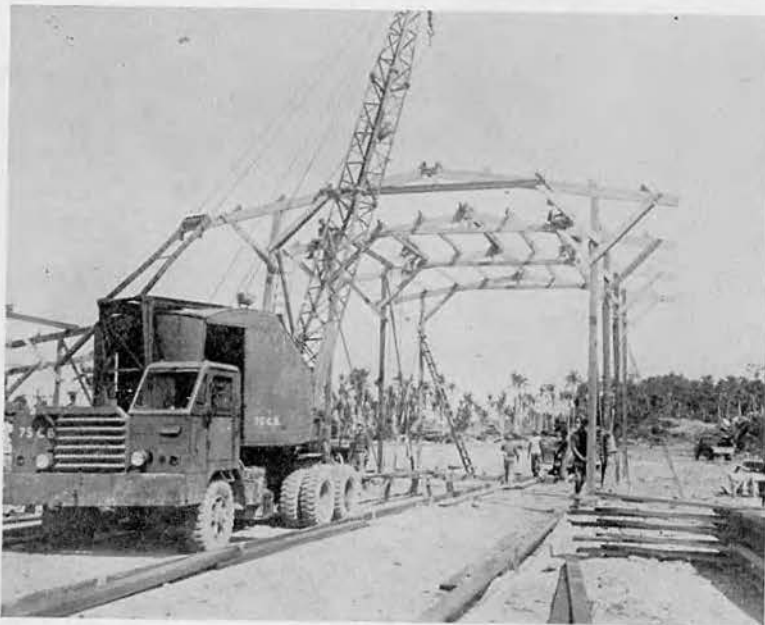




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S.

D.



THE
PIPELINE JOB
WATER SOURCE

Higher than Niagara



The River



The Dam



Shade for the Village



Native Scene



The Village



Our Headquarters



Chow in the old School House

FLEET WATERING

THE proposal to utilize water from two falls, both higher than Niagara, to supply ships some four or five miles away sounds fantastic. We wouldn't blame the reader if he considered it a "pipe dream" rather than a pipe line. The plan, in brief, was to run a 6 inch line from a river, which is fed by the two waterfalls high in the hills, to the ocean. The proposed line would run some 3500 feet through the jungle and snake up and down twin hills 145 feet high, resembling Bactrian humps. Yes, the average man would be skeptical.

But tell a Seabee outfit a thing can't be done and they get that "The Hell it can't" look in their eyes. Lieut. Charles W. Sunday and the men of the 75th Battalion were no exceptions.

The pipeline was no easy job. Nature frowned on the project and used every trick at her disposal to halt the work. Trails had to be cut foot by foot through dense jungle growth; tropical rains beat down mercilessly, making the trail a bog of sticky clay. There was always the threat of typhoons; swarms of insects harassed the workers, but the job went on.

Pipe sections were carried over the first hump on an overhead cable conveyor, with a truck winch furnishing the power. At the end of the cable line, carabao dragged the sections of pipe to the desired location.

Pipe sections were joined by victaulic couplings by able men, many of whom had laid a pipeline at Bougainville a year previous. With



FACILITIES

Chief Walters' detail working from the river, and Chief Alfred Zerm's crew working from the ocean, the two groups met at 2330 on February 1st, making the deadline with a half hour to spare.

A vertebrae of 3600 feet of six-inch pipe now ran from the intake at the river, through a battery of pumps and a chlorinator, over the twin humps, and out into the ocean. Half a million gallons of fresh chlorinated water could be drawn daily by LST's and smaller craft, which lost no time in making use of the watering facilities. It is not uncommon to see half a dozen LST's lined up to take on water and as many more at anchor offshore, waiting their turn.

The project was a success—so successful, in fact, that another and larger pipeline (12 inch diameter) was proposed to go into operation by May 1st. This job was a cinch compared to the earlier one. A cat was used to clear the right-of-way for the line, work that had to be done by back-breaking manual labor on the first line.

The second line was ready for operation within the deadline period set. It delivers 2,800,000 gallons of water in 24 hours. The two lines furnish one of the best, if not the best fresh water facilities this side of Pearl Harbor.

We are proud to have contributed a project which will continue to serve long after the war is ended.





Carabao hauled the pipe

PIPELINE COMMENDATIONS

SEVENTH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE

c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

17 May 1945

From: Officer in Charge
To : Officer in Charge, 75th Naval Construction Battalion.
Via : Officer in Charge, 33rd Naval Construction Regiment.
Subj : Commendation for Expeditious Completion of Fleet Watering Facilities at Samar, Philippine Islands.
1. Forwarded with congratulations.

(s) W. H. Godson, Jr.
W. H. GODSON, JR.
Deputy Officer in Charge

SEVENTY-FIFTH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

7 June 1945

From: Officer in Charge
To : Chief of Naval Personnel.
Subj : Lieutenant Charles W. Sunday, CEC USNR, 238082, and men assigned to Fleet Watering Facilities, Samar, P.I.—Commendation for.
1. Reference (a) particularly commends the Officer in Charge, 75th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion and the Officers and men assigned to the Fleet Watering Facilities project at Samar, P.I., for the expeditious manner in which this project was constructed.
2. The Officer in Charge, 75th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion wishes to add his congratulations to those already extended. Although confronted with very difficult problems of transportation and the procurement of supplies, the battalion not only met the original completion date but finished the project extension to usable completion fifteen (15) days ahead of schedule. Lieutenant Sunday and those men who served with him are to be particularly commended for their exceptional performance.

D. H. GOTTWALS

THIRTY-THIRD NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT

c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

20 May 1945

From: Officer in Charge
To : Officer in Charge, 75th Naval Construction Battalion.
Subj : Commendation for Expeditious Completion of Fleet Watering Facilities at Samar, Philippine Islands.
1. Forwarded with congratulations.

(s) B. L. Phillips
B. L. PHILLIPS

OFFICER IN CHARGE OF CONSTRUCTION

c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

17 May 1945

From: Officer in Charge of Construction
To : Officer in Charge, 75th Naval Construction Battalion.
Via : (1) Officer in Charge, 7th Naval Construction Brigade.
(2) Officer in Charge, 33rd Naval Construction Regiment.
Subj : Commendation for Expeditious Completion of Fleet Watering Facilities at Samar, Philippine Islands.

1. The rapid and efficient manner in which construction of fleet watering facilities was accomplished by the Seventy-fifth Naval Construction Battalion is considered a noteworthy achievement, and has been the subject of highly favorable comment by administrative officials of Seventh Fleet.
2. In meeting the urgent and imperative need for suitable watering facilities for the forces afloat in the Leyte-Samar area, the Officer in Charge, and all officers and men of the Seventy-fifth Naval Construction Battalion involved in this project, may feel justifiably proud of their accomplishment.

(s) J. R. Perry
J. R. PERRY

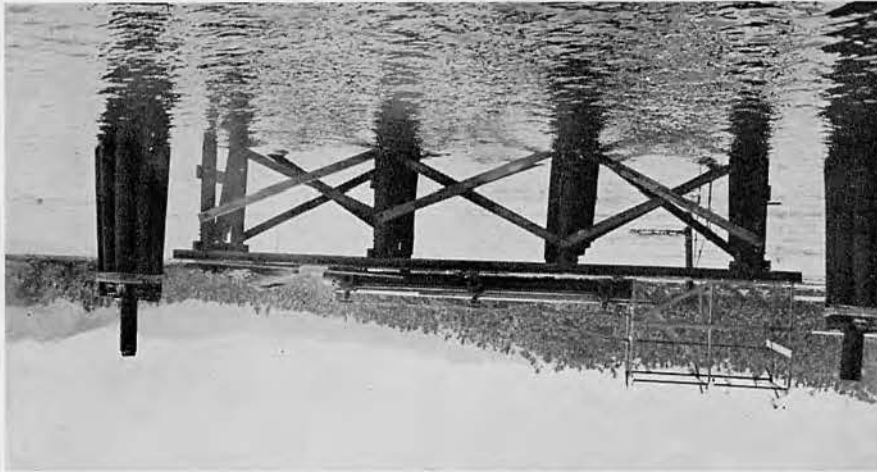
Supply beach



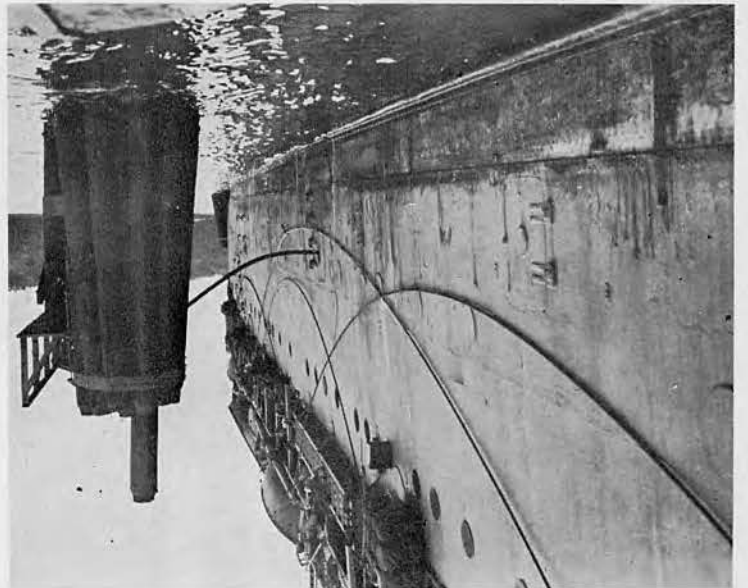
LSTs filling up



Cat walk



Ship taking on water



Water tanker

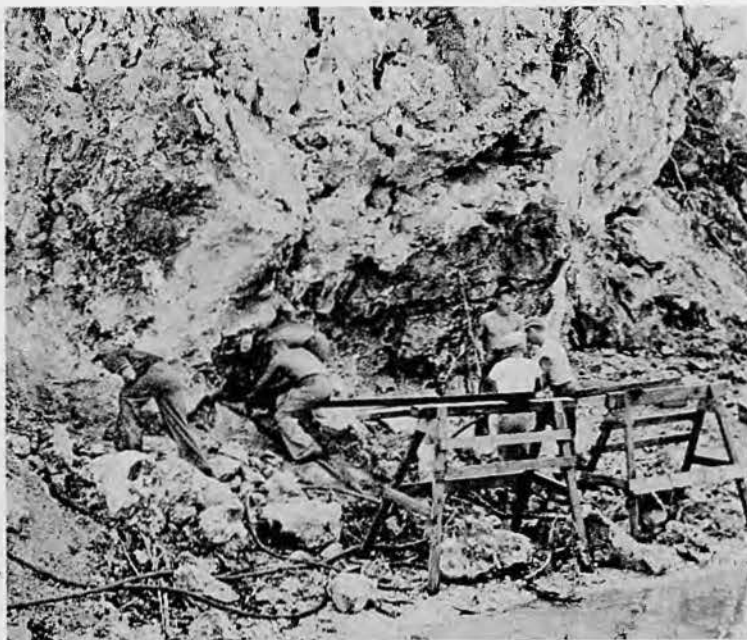




Fire—In-the-hole

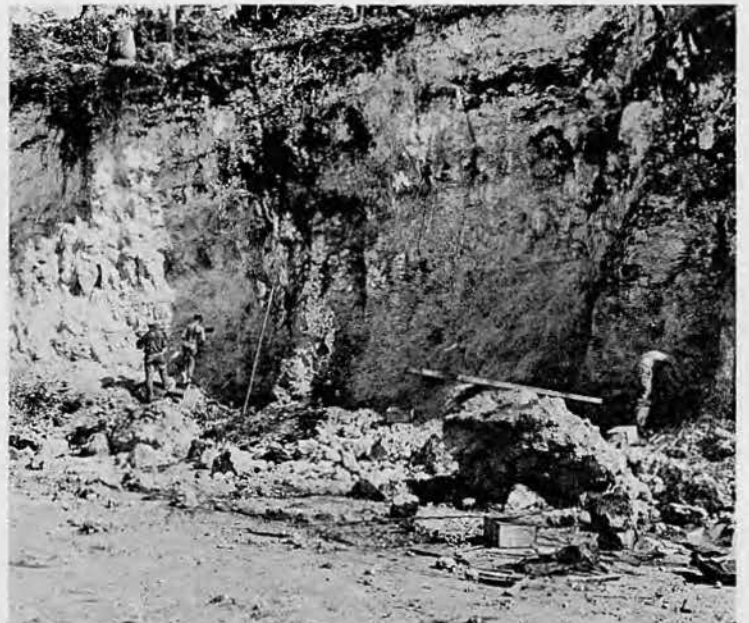
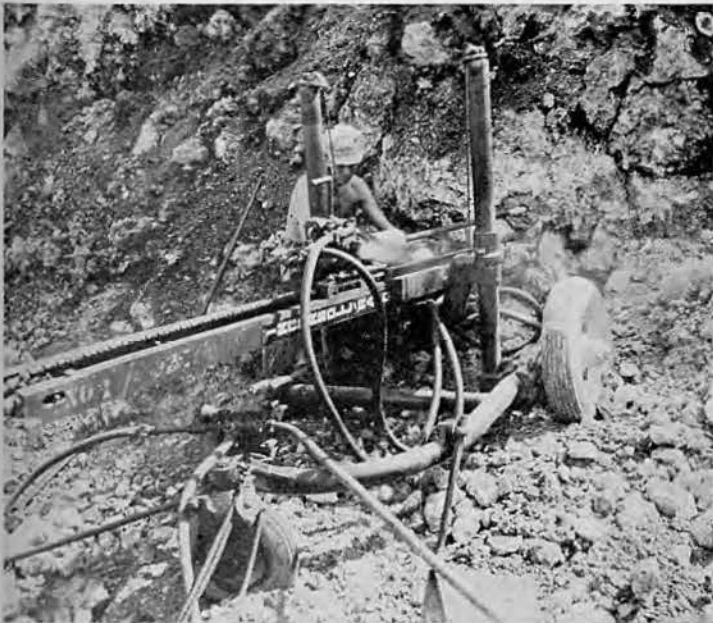


POWDER





MONKEYS





THE NORTH ROAD



North Road



Construction Steps





NORTH



ROAD



NORTH ROAD

IF THE North Road could be moved overseas intact, it would become overnight one of America's most popular highways. Its hard, smooth surface, scenic curves, and easy grades would appeal to any motorist in the States. It links two Philippine islands of major importance to the Navy with a coral causeway which reminds one of the Sandusky Bay Bridge at home.

Officers and men assigned the task of building the North Road must have felt discouraged as they eyed the jagged coral hills to be leveled, or slogged their way through the malarial swamps. But to the Seabees, the impossible just takes a little longer (and not much longer, at that) so on February 1st, we started the job.

Entire hills were leveled during construction of the road. Jack hammer gangs worked around the clock drilling holes for dynamite charges. Two thousand cases of explosives were set off before the job was done.

On April 15th, our gangs met the Army men coming in from the opposite direction, and the road was ready for use. The finished highway is a four-lane job, 60 feet from shoulder to shoulder, with no grade of more than seven degrees. The portion of it done by the 75th Battalion is about 4½ miles long.

It is another "permanent" job done by this Battalion. It will still be serving the Philippines long after the war is over.



OUR NEIGHBORS



Go-getter



Off limits



Bananas



Water boys



Filipino ferry



Rattan weaving



Bartering



FILIPINO PARTY



Menu, please



Filipino chefs



Filipino fox trot



Guerrilla Officers

ISLAND LIFE



Native-built shelter



Caribao cart



Bench-building

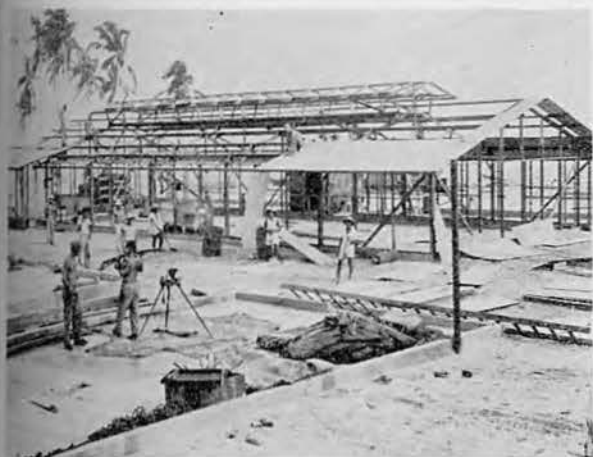


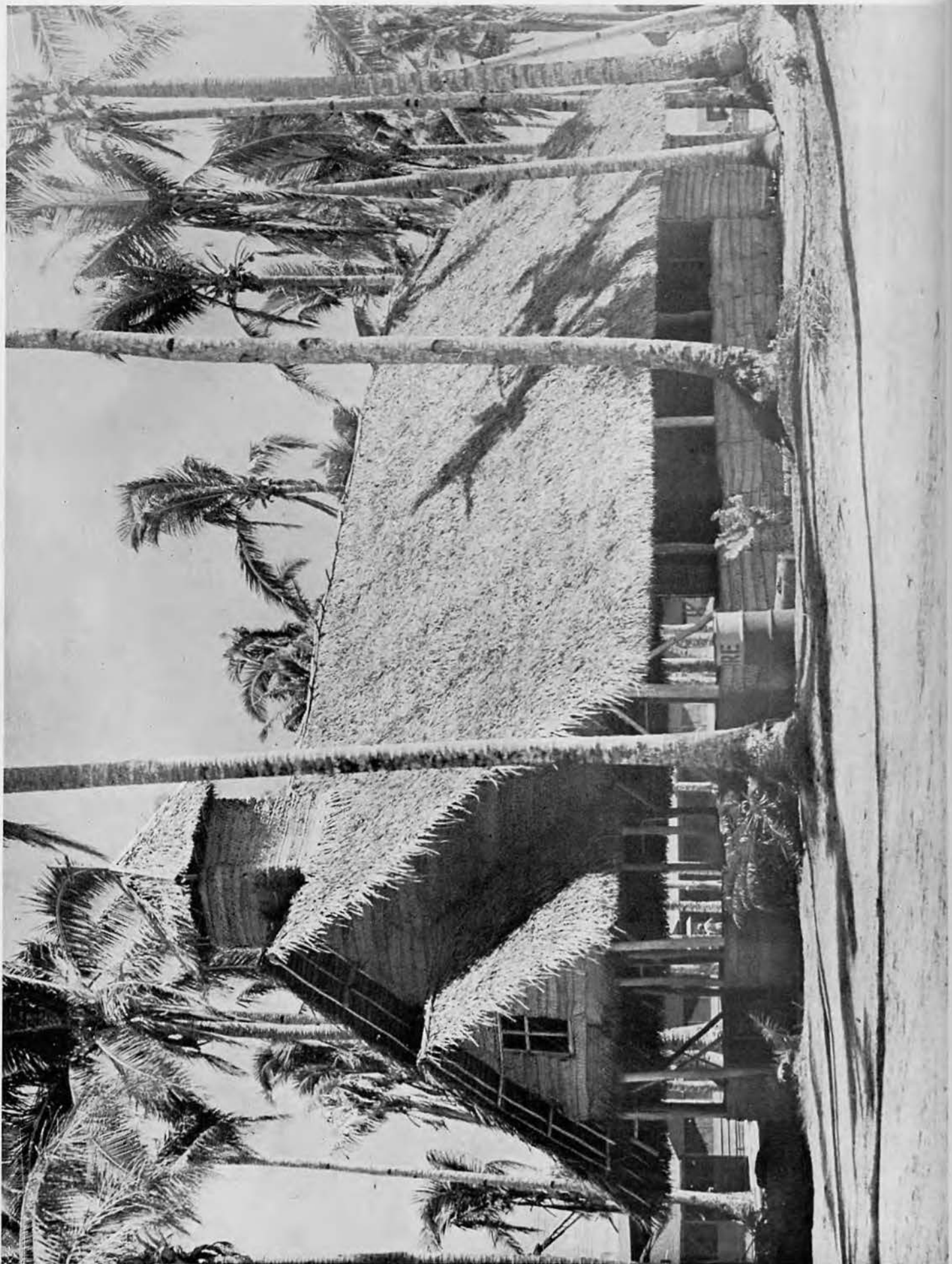
Filipino follies



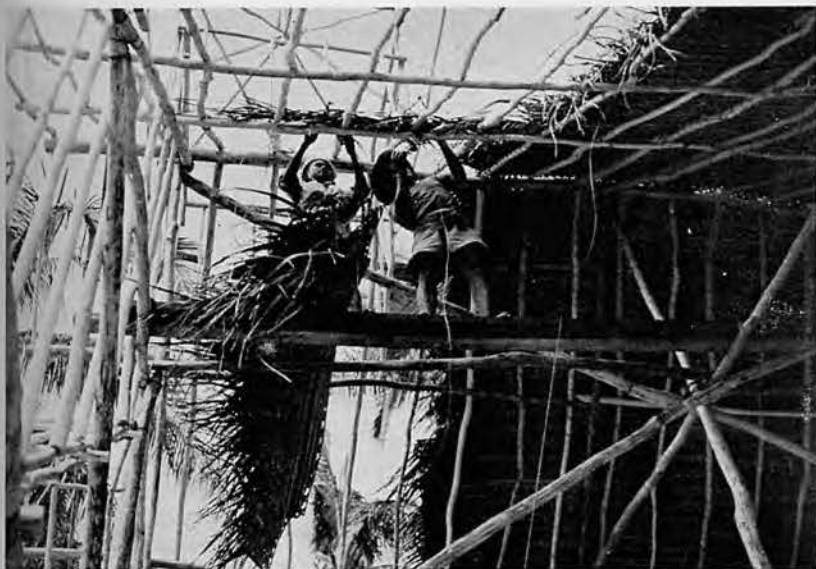
Shingle weaving

CAMP CONSTRUCTION





SPRINGFIELD, CHINA



CONSTRUCTION OF SEASIDE CHAPEL

Thirty Filipinos built Seaside Chapel in a month. Deeply religious themselves, it was a labor of love. With skill they wove the 6000 palm mats needed, cut and stripped 1000 poles, and fabricated three miles of rattan strips. Even the lighting fixtures are cleverly woven palm bowls.

When you step into Seaside from the hot, glaring sun, you are impressed by the same sense of calm and peace that you have experienced in the great high-vaulted churches at home. There is the same feeling of quiet serenity. Who can say whether it is merely the acoustic properties of the palm mats, or indeed the Presence of the Spirit of God?



Men of all faiths worship at Seaside. An estimated 700 men attend services every Sunday. There are five services, beginning at 0900 and ending at 2000. The chapel was built to seat 180 men in comfort, but from 200 to 300 men attend the morning Protestant and afternoon Catholic service. There are also Jewish and Christian Science services.

We feel that Seaside Chapel will still serve God in the Philippines long after the war is ended and we have returned to familiar scenes. It is a living memorial to the world brotherhood we believe in, and to which we probably will never come closer than during this war period spent in the Philippines.

DIVINE WORSHIP OVERSEAS



First services on Samar



Passover



Chaplain Van Winkle



Father Rice

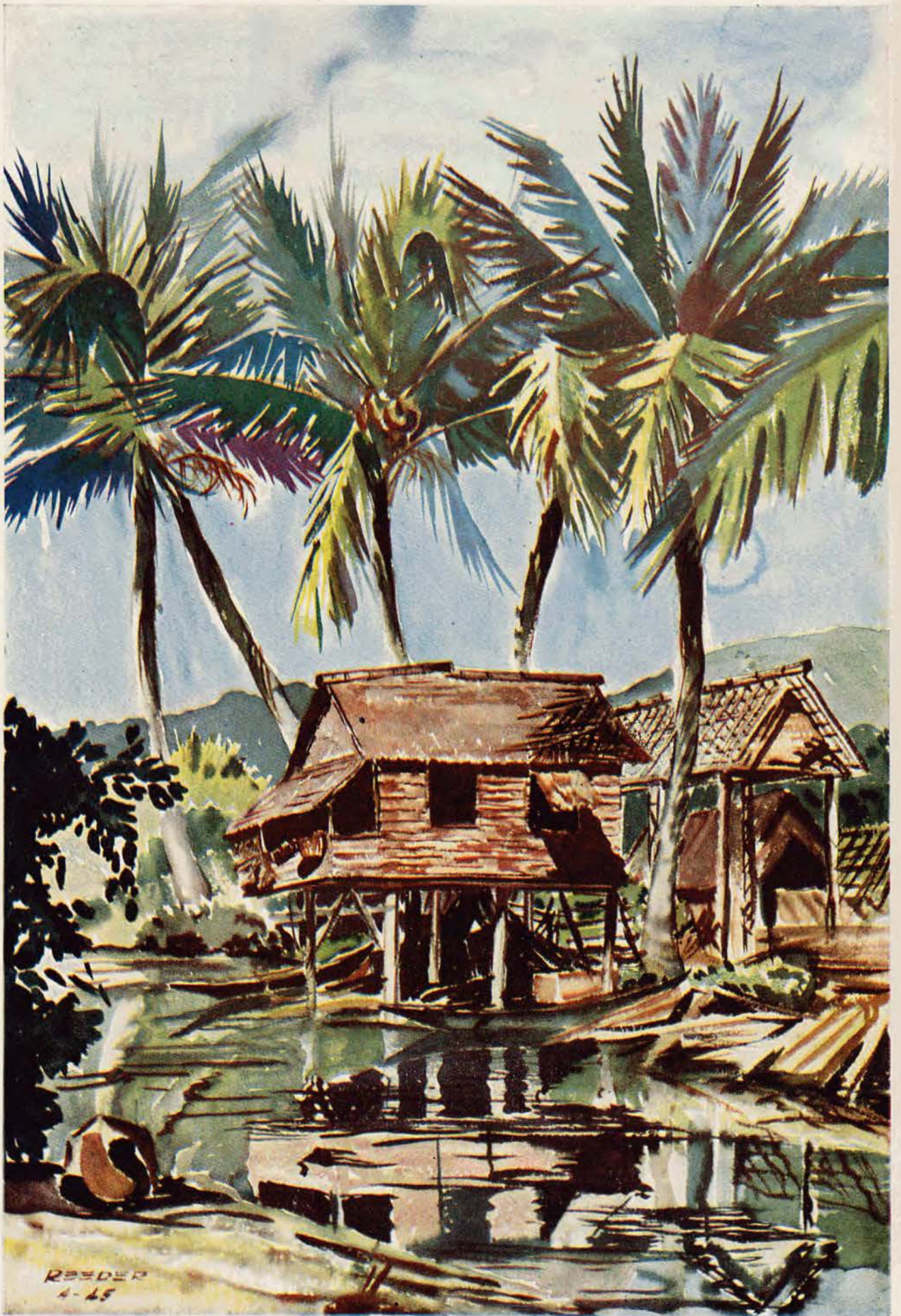


Secretary Knox Memorial Service

REFLECTIONS

Samar, Philippine Islands. The village of Macarata before its removal to make way for the U. S. Naval shore establishment, Leyte Gulf.

—E. T. REEDER



REEDER
4-45

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AROUND THE CAMP



Happy landing



Fire fighters



Souvenir shop



Rising Sun has fallen



Saturday



Victory garden



Rotation sweepstakes???

AROUND THE CAMP



Happy landing



Fire fighters



Souvenir shop



Rising Sun has fallen



Saturday



Victory garden



Rotation sweepstakes???



Street scene, Tacloban

TACLOBAN - LEYTE



The Capitol



(1)



(2)



(3)



(4)

TACLOBAN—LEYTE

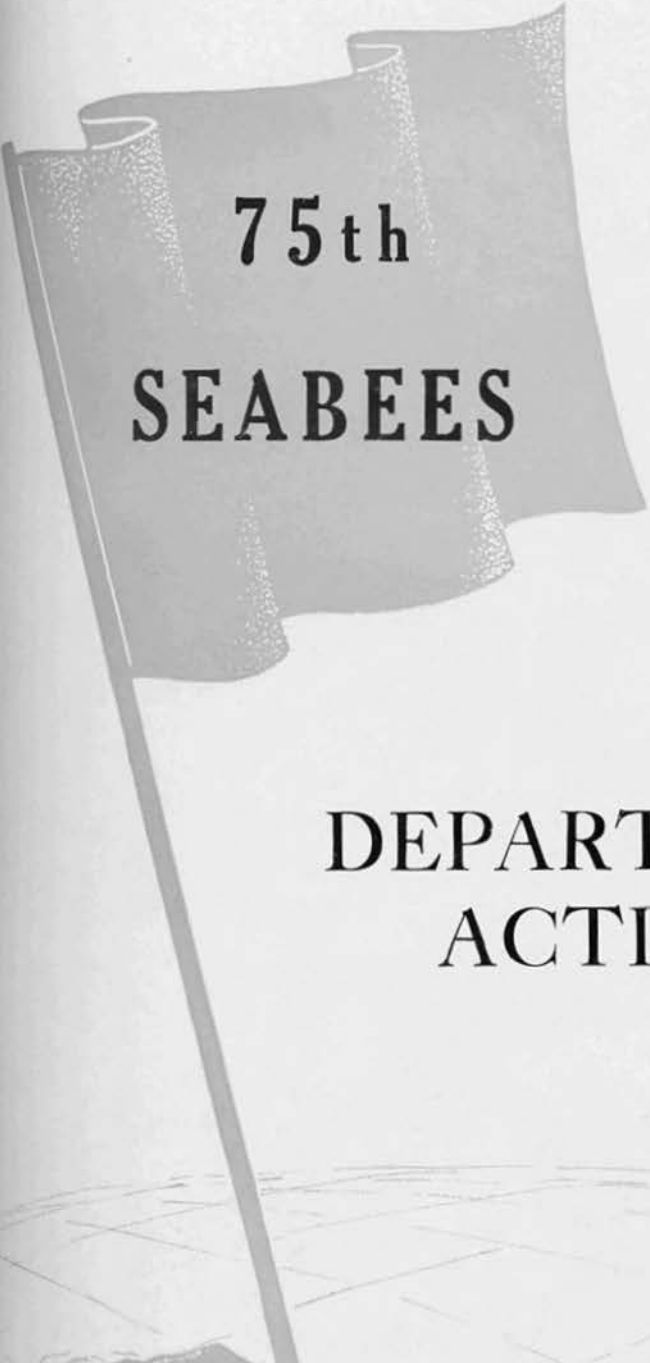
1. Mercedes Theater
2. Tacloban Harbor
3. Downed Jap Seaplane
4. Where Bomb Hit
5. Taxi
6. Street Scene

(6)



(5)

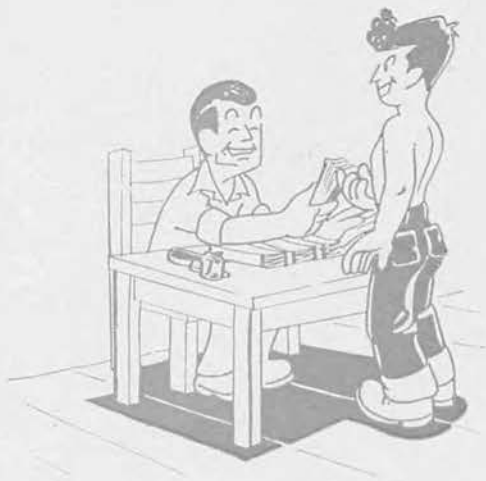




75th
SEABEES

DEPARTMENTAL
ACTIVITIES

DISBURSING



The Pay off, New Caledonia



Peso Pay Day



PERSONNEL



The yeomen at work

LABOR COORDINATOR



Slave market

SUPPLY



Supply office



MASTER-AT-ARMS FORCE



Rowland's Gestapo



Sorting mail

POST OFFICE



Christmas mail call

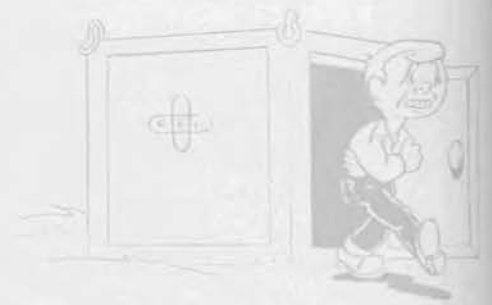


Carrying the mail

SHIP'S SERVICE



Beer line



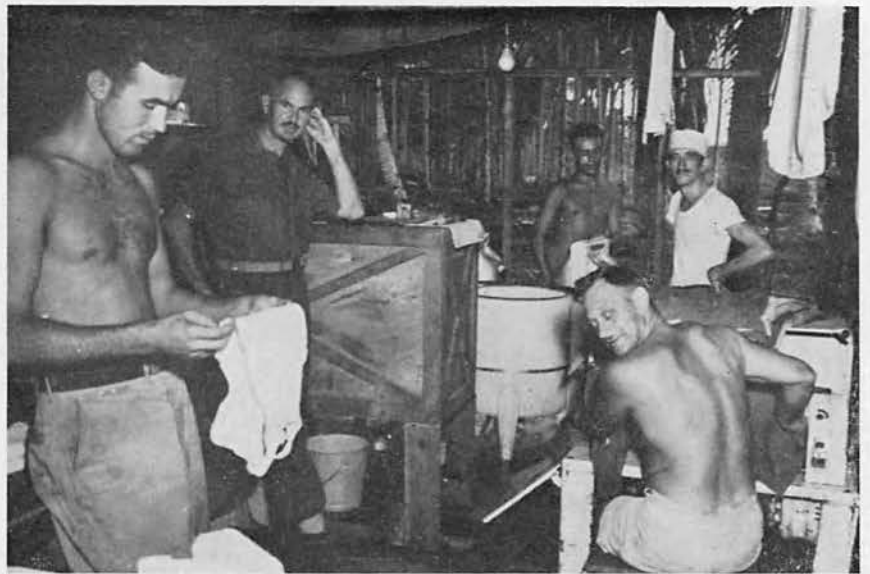
Ships store



Tailor shop



SHIP'S SERVICE



Laundry



Clip joint



Cobbler shop

PHOTO LAB



Brandt and Martinez



Van Rhoden's workshop

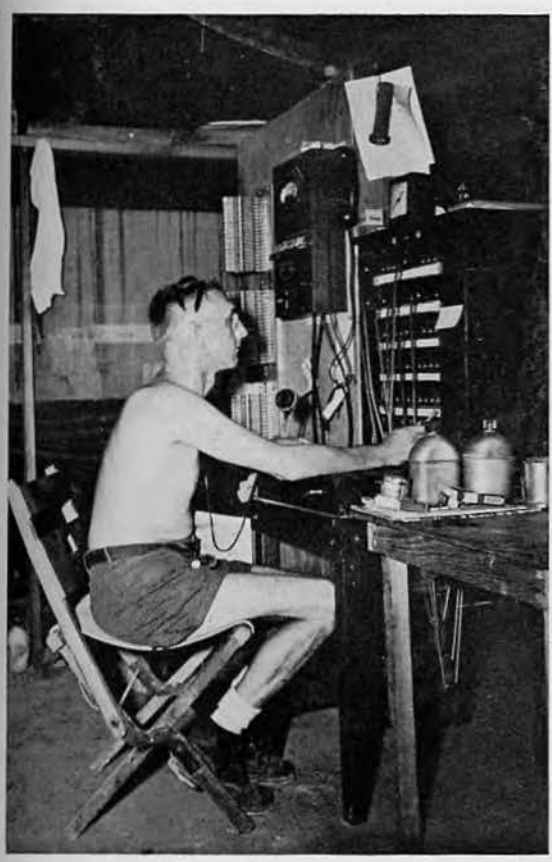


WELFARE AND RECREATION

WATCH REPAIR



Jeweler Gramm

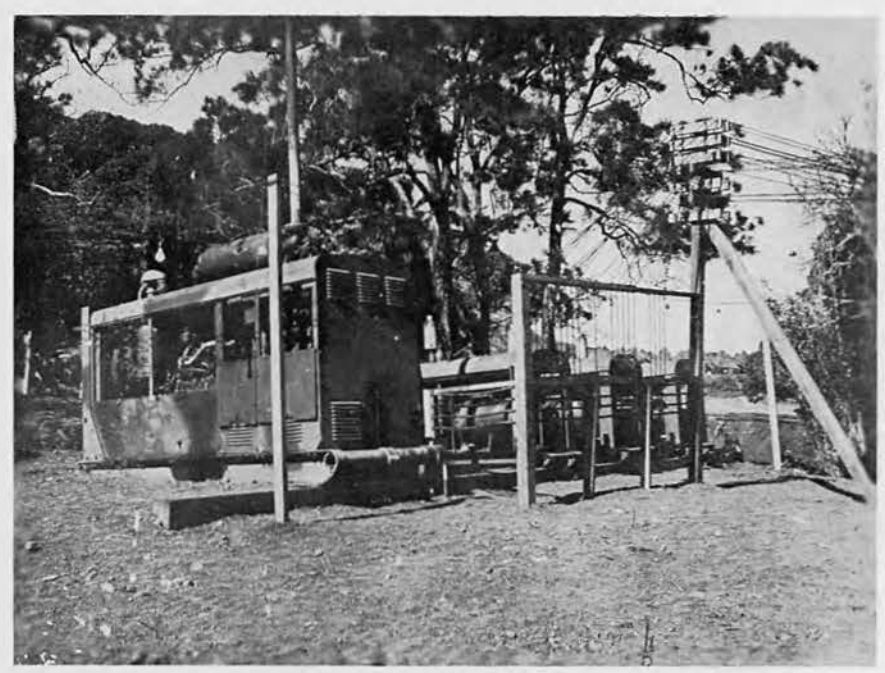


Switchboard



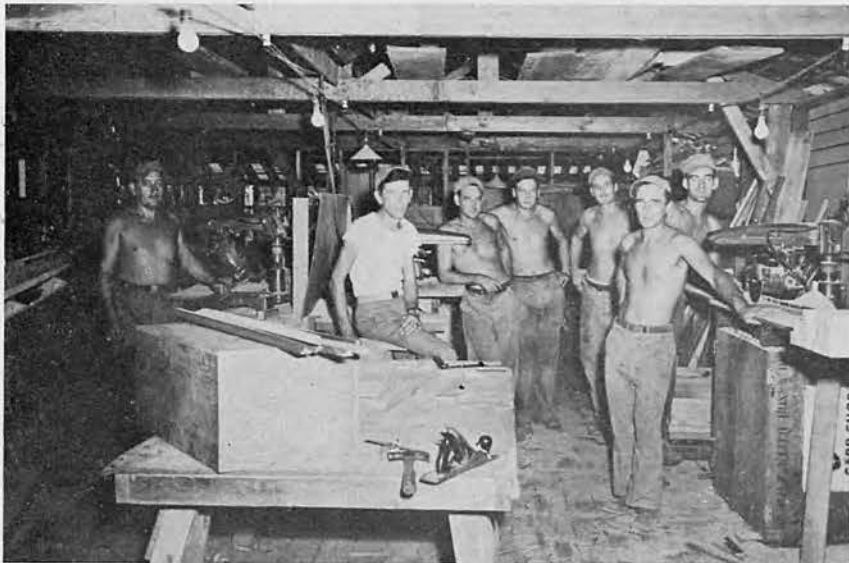
Linemen

ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATION



Generator

SIGN SHOP



CARPENTER SHOP

SURVEYORS



Meyer and Robbins



MALARIA CONTROL



James M. Ray, Benny R. Tisdale, Lieut. J. H. Paulus, W. T. Jones, Jr., W. E. Carlson

RADIO OPERATORS



Jerry Briner (front), Howard L. Dupuis, Charles R. Eierman, Ross G. Dikeman

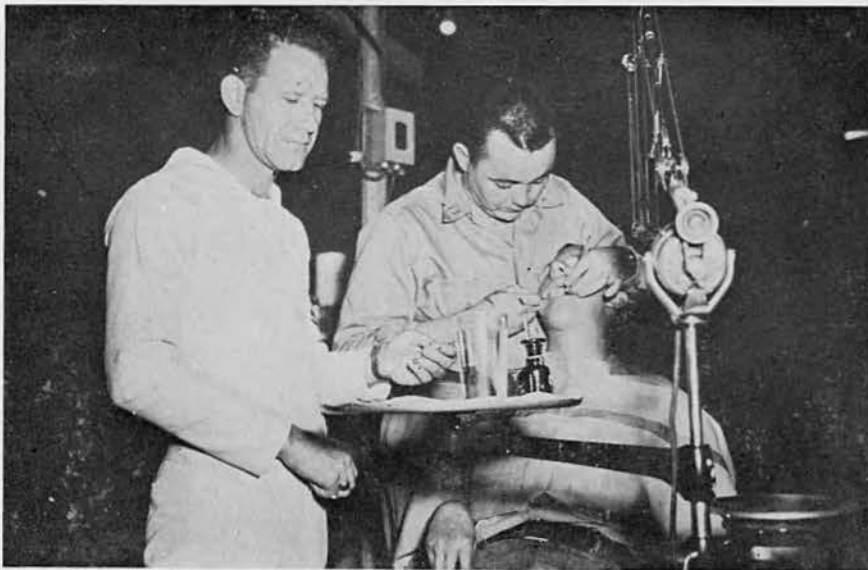
MEDICAL DEPT.



Sick call



Appendectomy



Gabe Langdon — Dr. Dooley



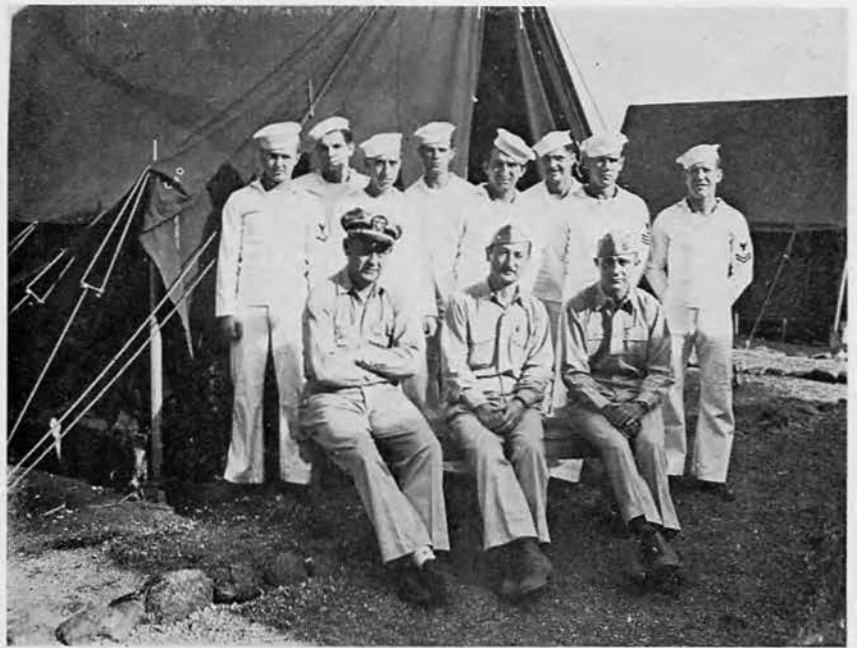
MEDICAL DEPT.

Seated:

Lieut. R. Tidd
Comdr. H. Halprin
C.P.O. J. Tuckish

Standing:

M. Abbot
C. Dudine
W. Aker
R. Furman
M. Spisak
C. Mann
P. Bishop
G. Langdon



Original Complement of Corpsmen and Staff



Dr. Halprin — Clyde Mann



Randy Scott chats with patients



Morning check-up





Schoony's office

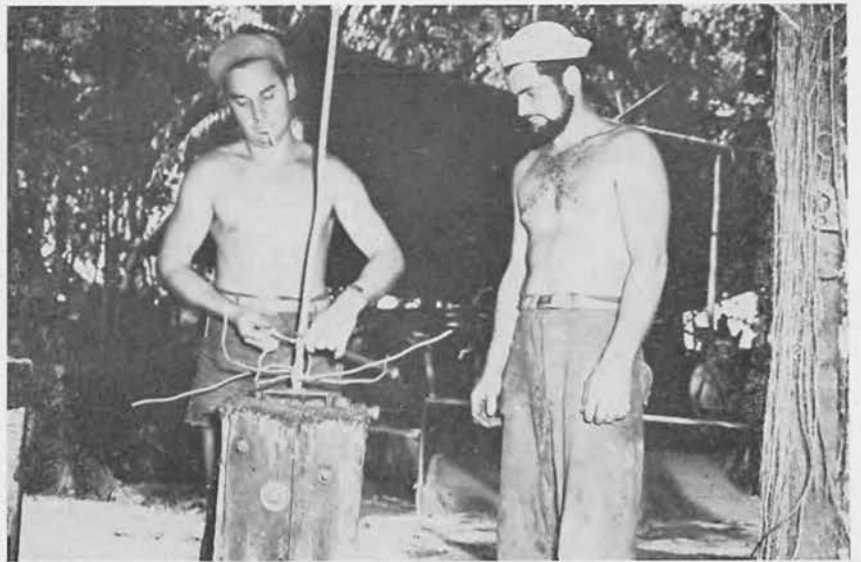


MOTOR POOL



Shops area

SHOPS



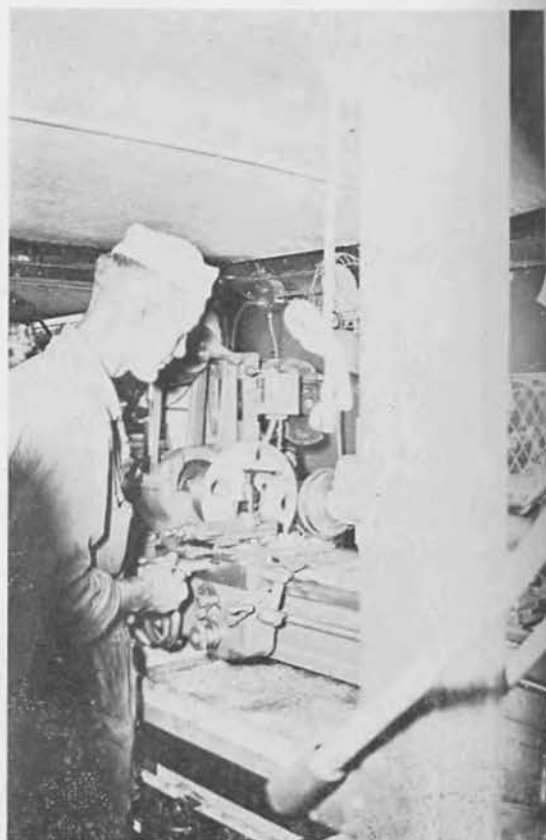
Cable splicers



Rigging loft



Blacksmith shop



Mobile shop

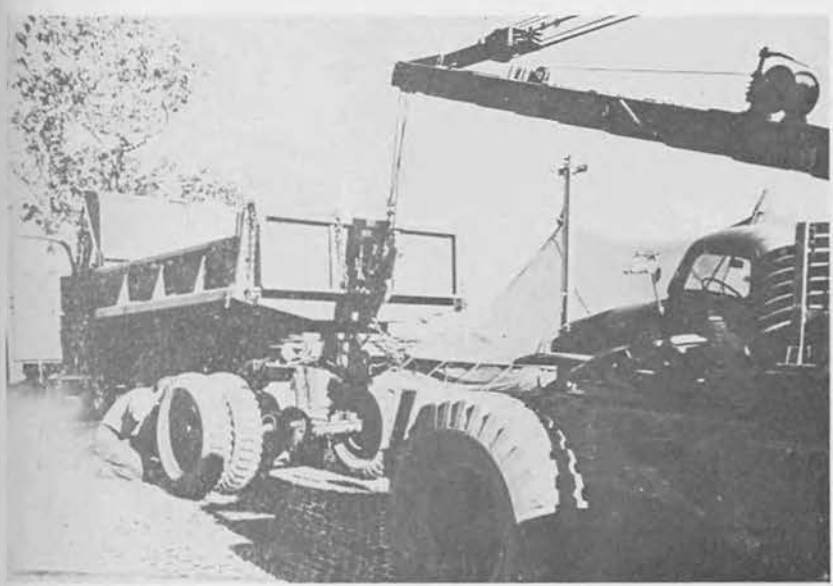
MACHINE SHOP



Steel-forming



Welding



Truck repair



Sheet metal breaker



HEAVY



EQUIPMENT



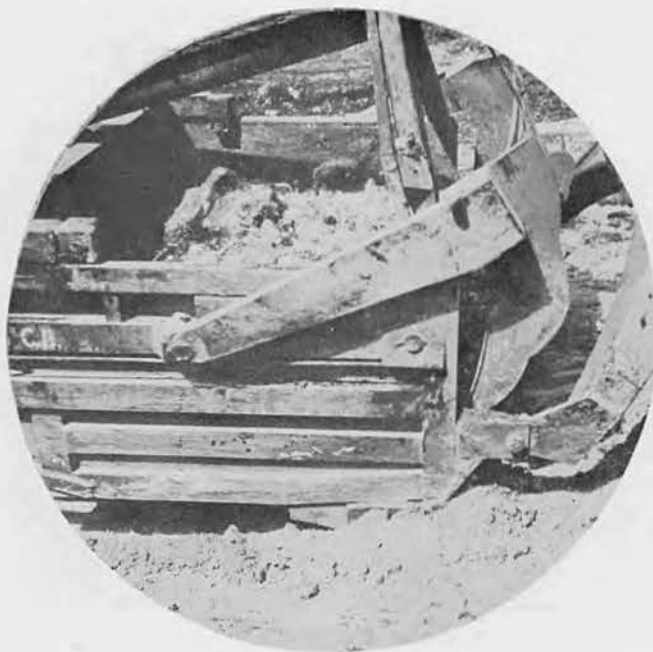


BULLDOZER REPAIR

Keeping the sturdy "cats" rolling was a big job, for Nature joined forces with the Japs, and with corrosive salt spray, treacherous mud, typhoons and abrasive coral sought to halt our march to victory.

—R. M. ELLIS





HEAVY

EQUIPMENT





HEAVY



EQUIPMENT

1000 Hours Without Repair



S P O R T S





"Tiny" Powell



John Fisher



"Dick" Dickerson

BASKETBALL



Our Popular Court



"Dick" Hlavin



"Art" David



"Chuck" Berling

"Nip" Minton



"Max" Frantz

"Dick" Robb





Softball Team

Front, left to right: R. L. Robb; G. Cheatum; P. Krempp; A. Piquette; G. Harmon;
E. W. Sibert; K. E. Winslow; and W. R. Stemple.

Rear, left to right: R. L. Johnson; C. Berling; C. Henson; J. Fisher; D. Aviles;
L. Michelon; L. E. Richardson; G. Hanson; and A. H. Sell.

BASEBALL



"Hank" Fossell



"Doc" Stone



"Jimmy" Cooke



"Shorty" Cheatum



"Art" David



"Joe" Visco



George Fuchs



"Vern" Luedloff

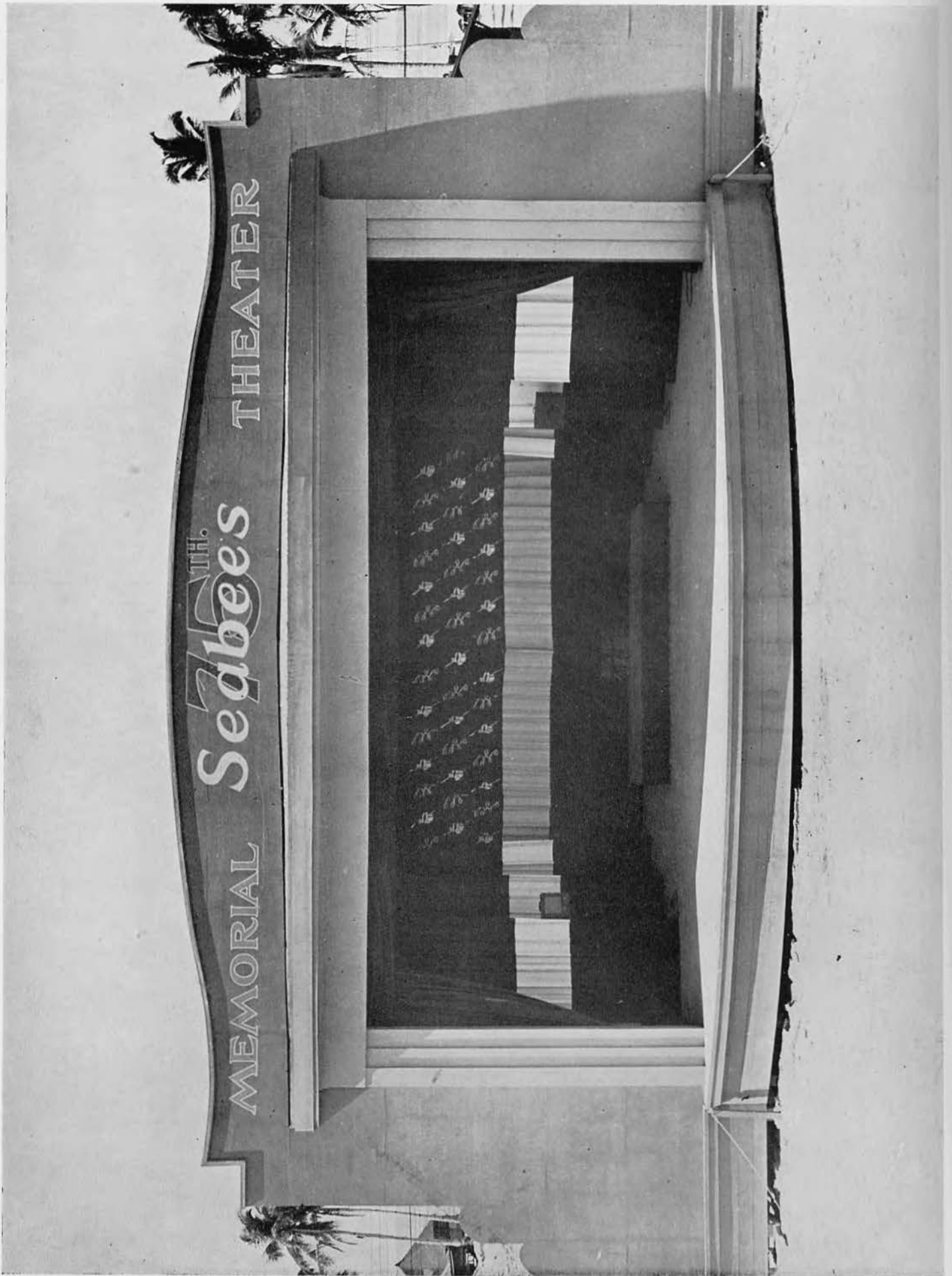


"Joe" Medisch



Standing: "Johnny" Pastor;
"Marv" Sartain and "Joe" Visco.

Kneeling: "Ray" Baum;
"Oscar" Wehmiller and "Rube" Theobald



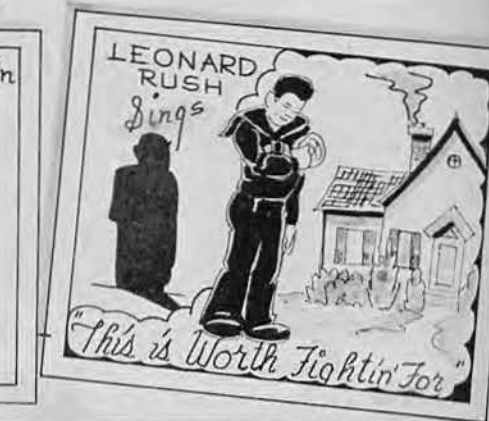
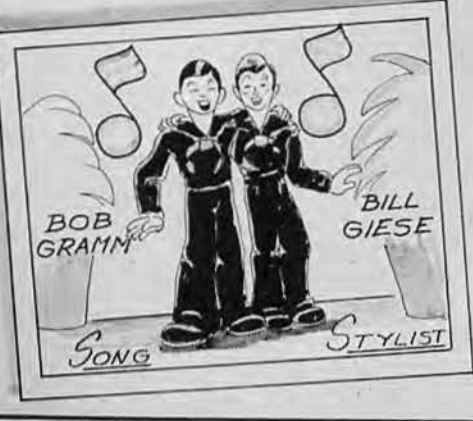
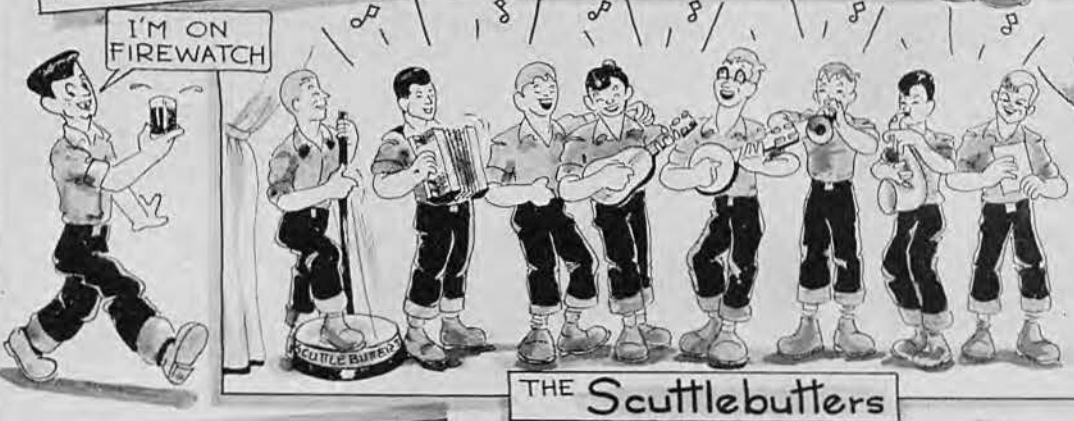
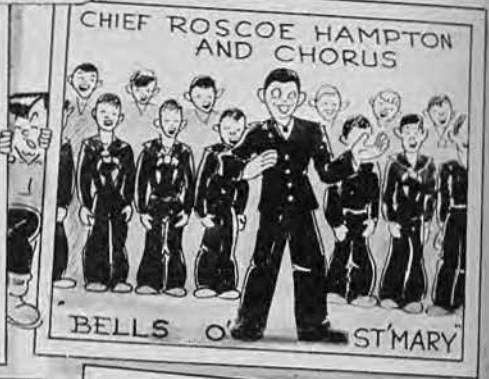
OUR FINEST THEATER

ENTERTAINMENT



THEATRE

GOOD EVENIN' LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, TO NIGHT
 THE 75th NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION TAKES
 GREAT PLEASURE IN WELCOMIN' YOU TO OUR BATTALION SHOW
"THERE'LL BE PIE IN THE SKY"
 FEATURING



HT



"Batch" and Banjo



"MC" Norris and the 75th Choir



"Put it in the bag"



Violinist Joe Kolaczek



Drum and Bugle Corps

CHRISTMAS PARTY



Native Dance



Singer Luc Consolasion



Swing Band



Jack Kenny



450 lb. cake

ENTERTAINMENT



"Personal Appearance"



Randy Scott—Joe De Rita



Hope and Langford



Randy Scott



Hope and Patty Thomas



"Stars and Gripes"



"Stars and Gripes"

2nd YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY



Golden-voiced Stark



Nordstrom's Hill-Billies



75th Orchestra



"The Andrews Sisters"



Ice Cream and Coke



897 lb. cake

SQUARE AND COMPASS CLUB



Membership Card

Many members of the 75th Battalion who were affiliated with the Masonic Lodge in the States were pleasantly surprised to find, upon our arrival to the South West Pacific, an established Masonic club organized in Noumea, New Caledonia. Likewise they found another club organized on Guadalcanal during our tenure there.

The good times, the acquaintances and fellowship developed at these clubs, gave many of our own members a definite determination to develop a club of our own at the first opportunity.

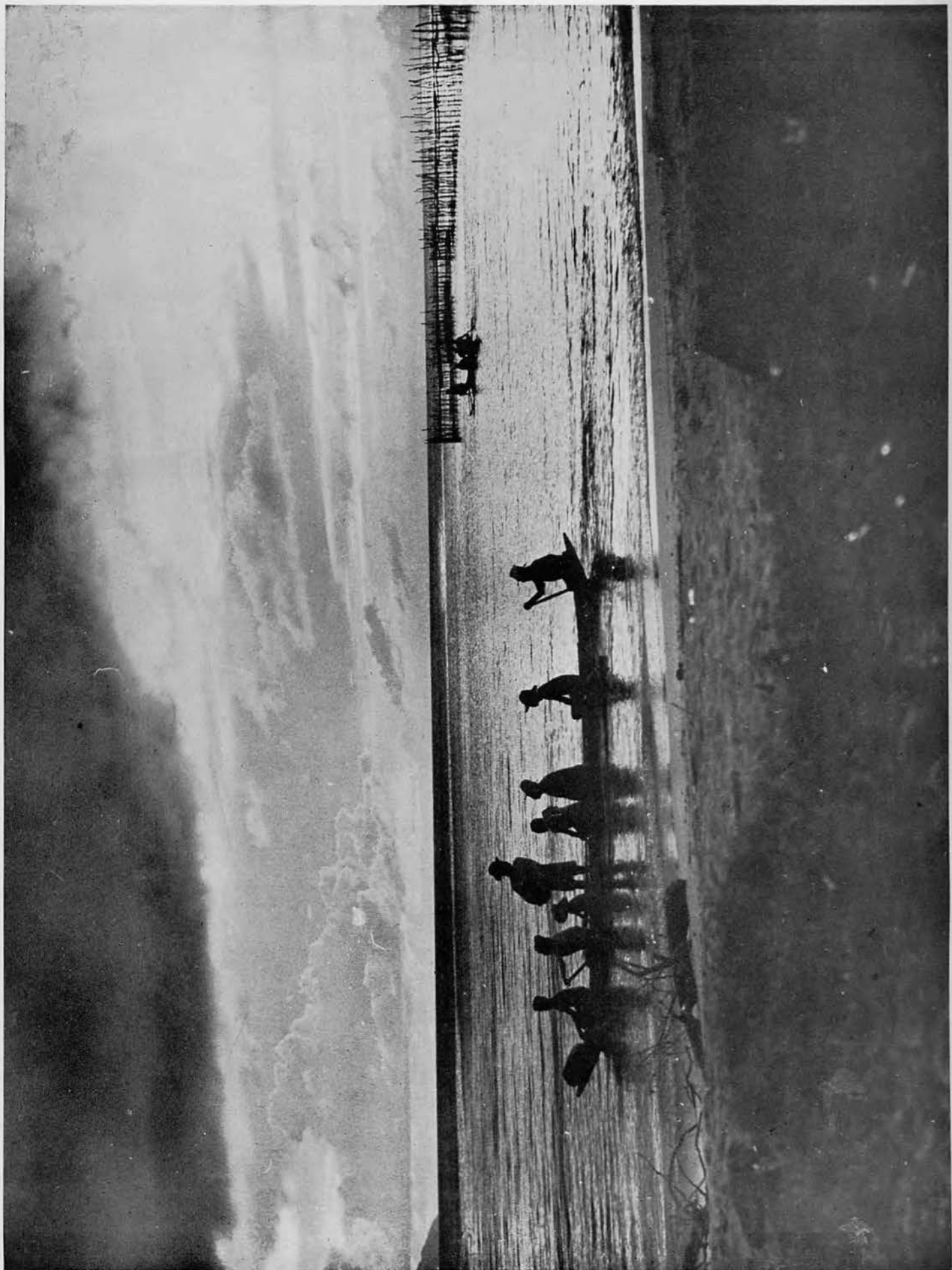
That opportunity materialized when the 75th was called upon to be one of the organizations to take part in the D-Day operations on Bougainville. As soon as our preliminary work projects were underway and we had a temporary camp site established, several of the brothers called together a group meeting with the idea in mind of perfecting a Masonic Club for Bougainville.

On December 22, 1943, the first regular meeting was held and the By-laws of the "FIRST MASONIC CLUB," of Bougainville were read and accepted. At this meeting the following Officers were elected: Sam W. Wright, President; H. G. Brown, Vice Presi-

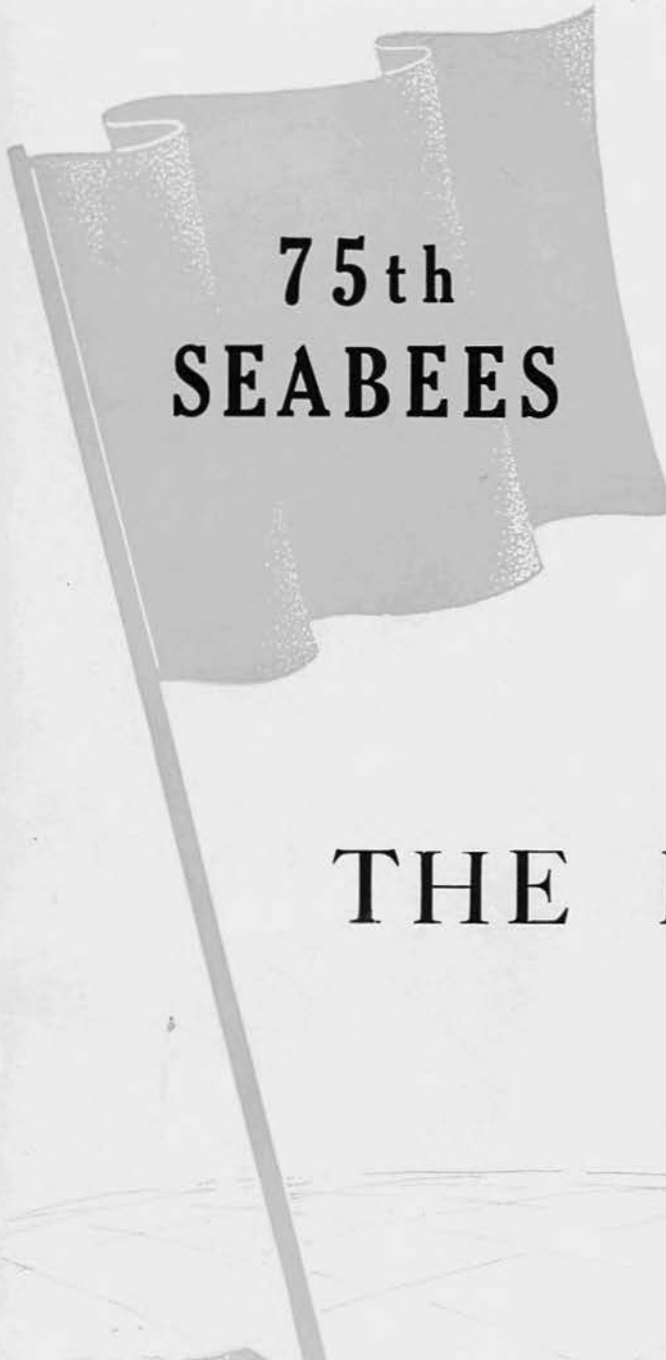
dent; A. R. Rees, Secretary and Treasurer; and Lt. (jg) R. E. Johnson, Chairman of Board of Trustees.

Meetings were held weekly, except for a brief period of time that "Nip" artillery prevented public gatherings. The attendance steadily grew at these meetings as invitations were extended to brothers of other Naval, Marine and Army units on the island as well as brothers from New Zealand and Australia. The paid membership developed until there were 319 registered members representing home lodges from practically every state in the Union as well as New Zealand, Australia, China, Territory of Hawaii and Fiji Island. Of this total membership, 64 are from the 75th C. B.

These meetings were continued until April 26th when it became apparent that the Battalion would be leaving the island. The club then merged with a club sponsored by the 36th CB and therefore became known as "Solomon Island Masonic Club, Bougainville Chapter" which continued to strive in the succeeding months that the Armed Forces were on the Island. However it was a great satisfaction to the members of our battalion to know that it was they who laid the groundwork for such an enterprising club.



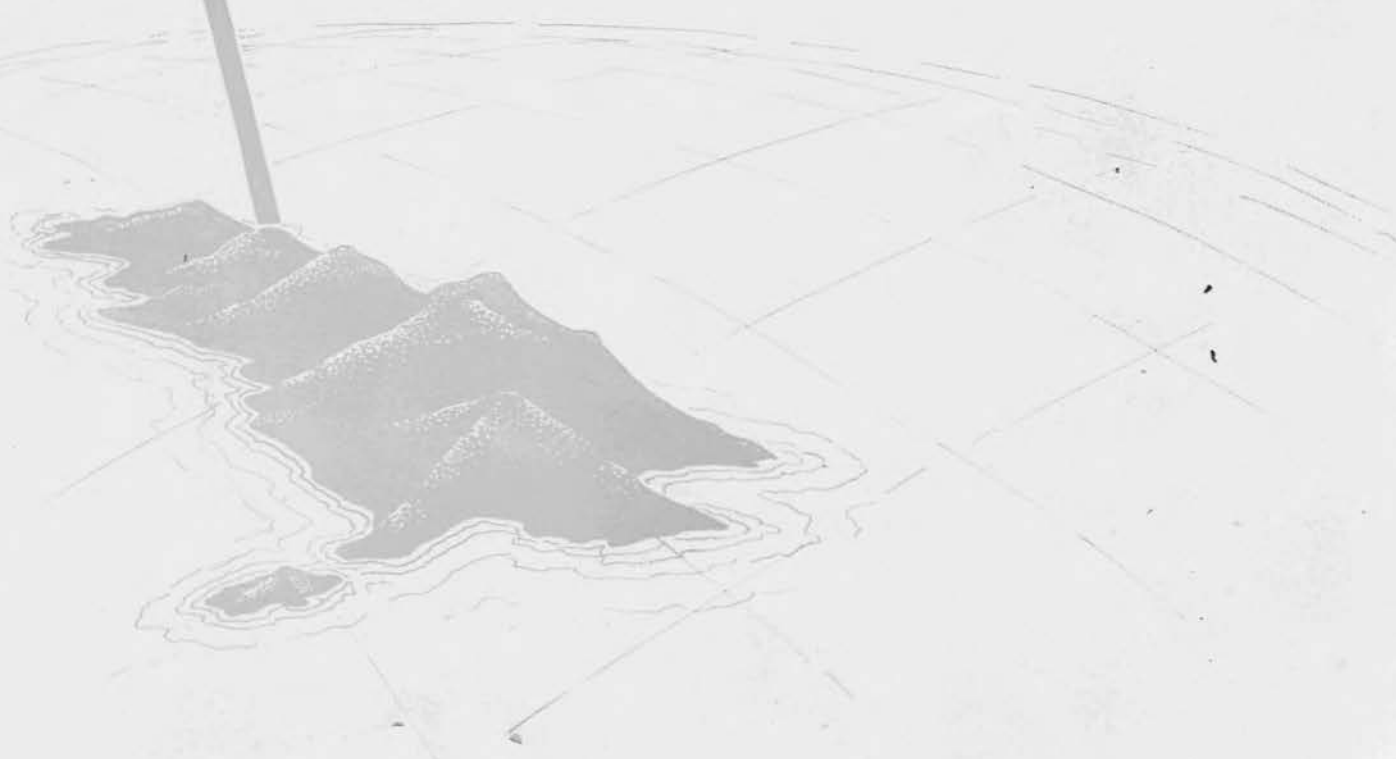
AT DUSK

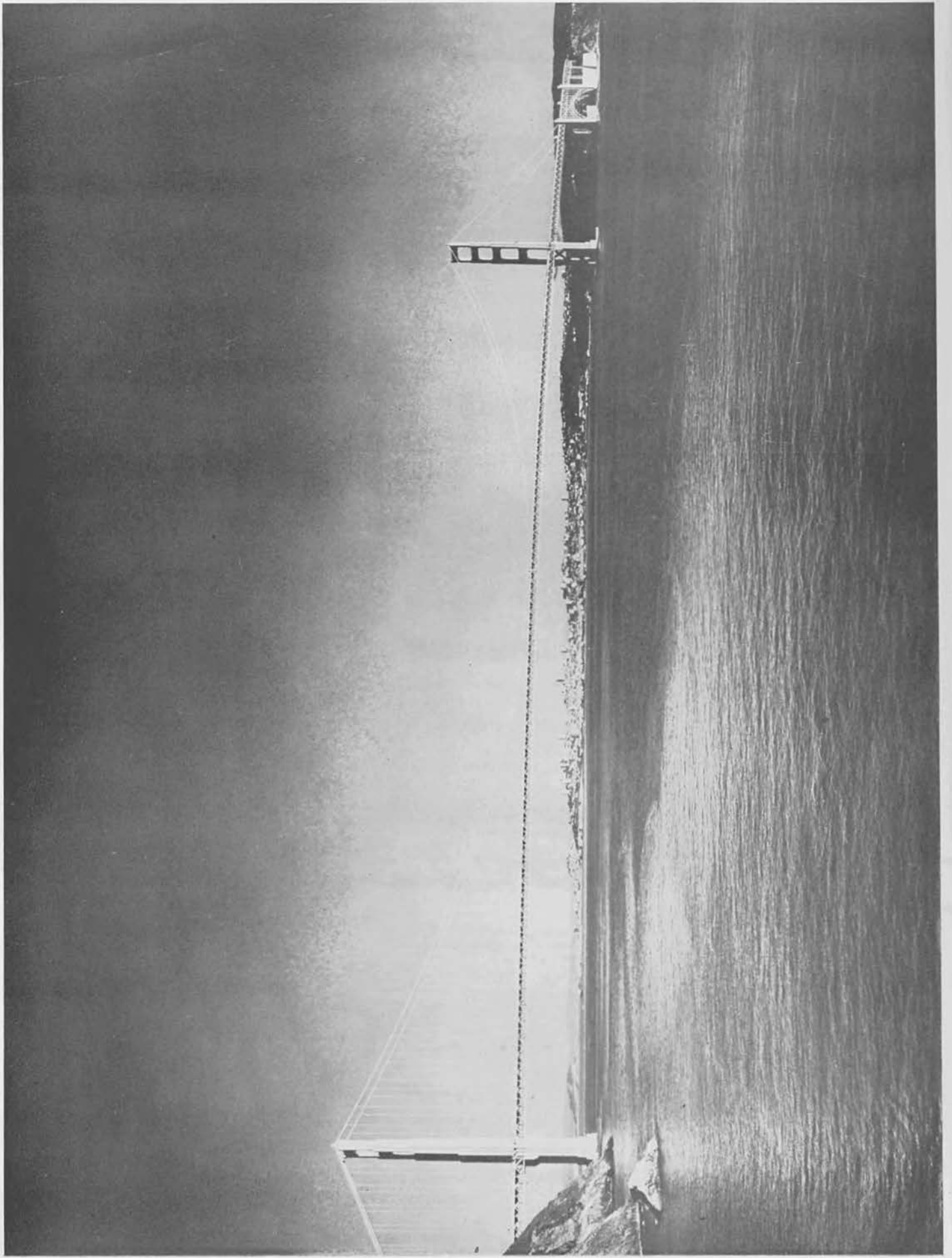


**75th
SEABEES**

THE ROSTER

AT DUSK





The Golden Gate

The Roster

75TH SEABEES



Officers and men attached to the Seventy Fifth Naval Construction Battalion prior to June 9, 1945, the date marking our Second Anniversary Overseas.

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ALEXANDER, Jessie L.
Carbon Hill, Alabama

ALEXANDER, Willis H.
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Bryant, South Dakota

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75th SEABEES ROSTER—Continued

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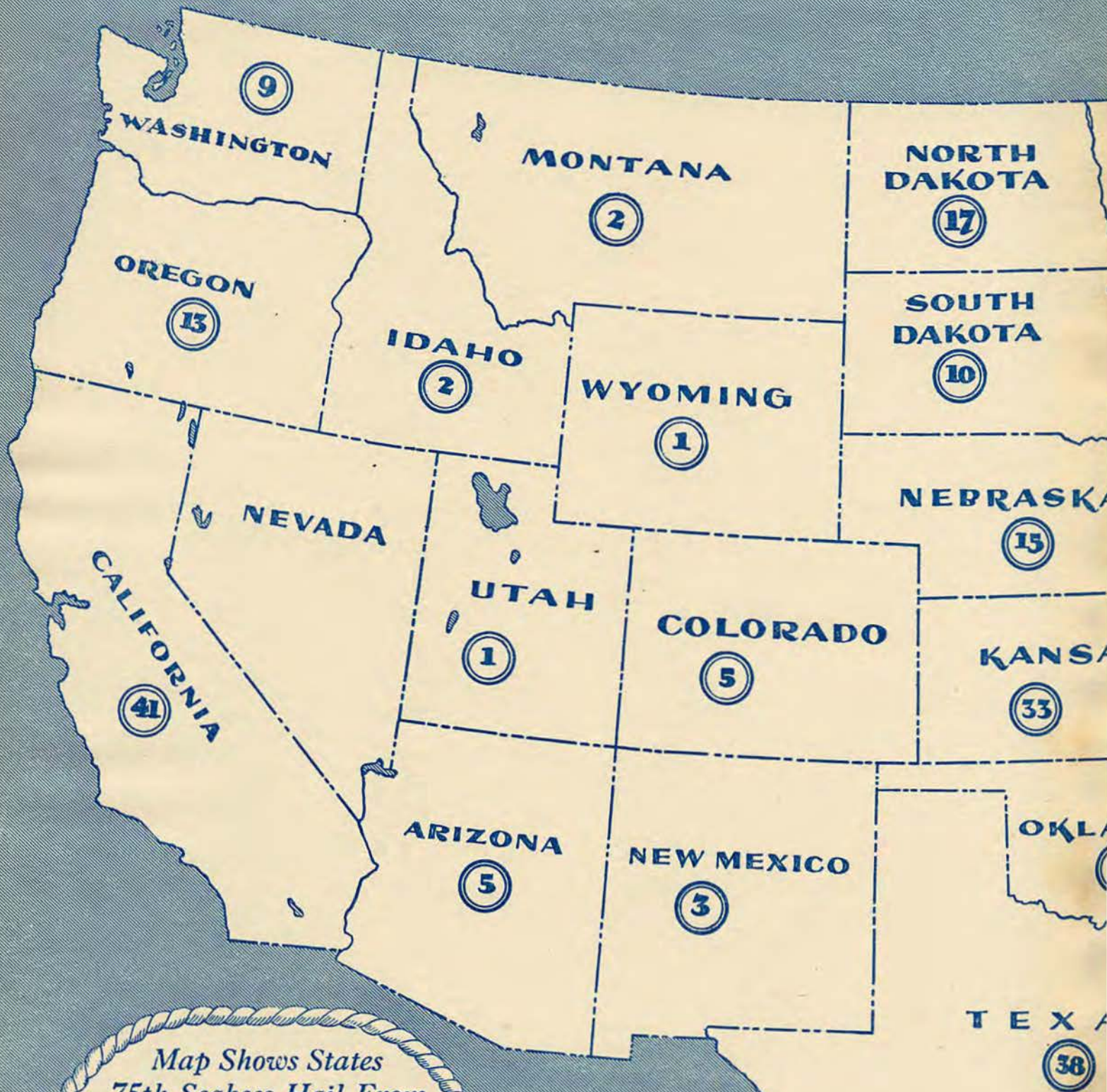
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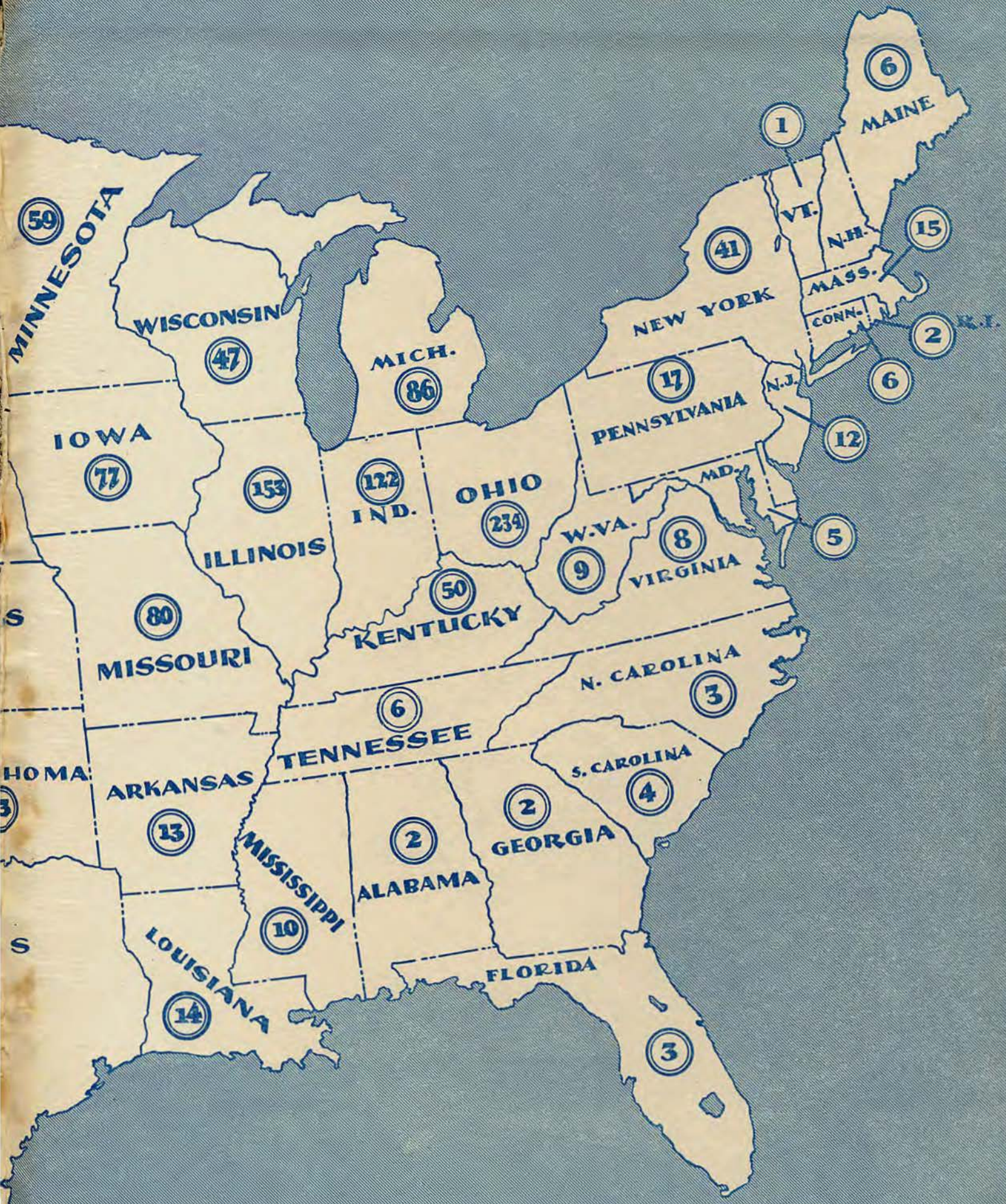
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75th Seabees Hail From**

Forty-five of the 48 states are represented. Ohio leading with 234. Not shown on the map are the District of Columbia with two men, and Quebec, Canada, with one.

The figures include both our original complement of officers and men and subsequent replacements. It is accurate but incomplete—we didn't have everybody's home address available.



MINNESOTA

59

WISCONSIN

47

MICH.

86

NEW YORK

41

VT.

N.H.

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MASS.

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N.J.

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PENNSYLVANIA

17

12

IOWA

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IND.

122

OHIO

234

W.VA.

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VIRGINIA

8

KENTUCKY

50

5

MISSOURI

80

TENNESSEE

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N. CAROLINA

3

OKLAHOMA

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ARKANSAS

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S. CAROLINA

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GEORGIA

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