

Foreword

This annual intends to portray pictorially the work, accomplishments, and activities of Naval Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 599 throughout its first year of existence. It is dedicated to all the officers and men of the unit who have worked hard to make CBMU 599 an outstanding unit. The men who are responsible for the making of this annual have given much of their own time and energy; the result, of which, they may be justly proud.

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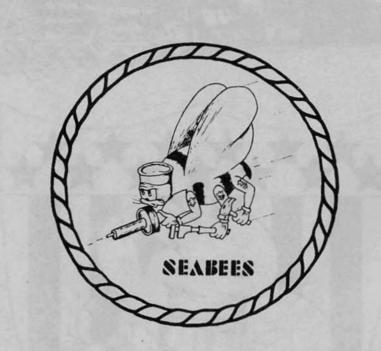
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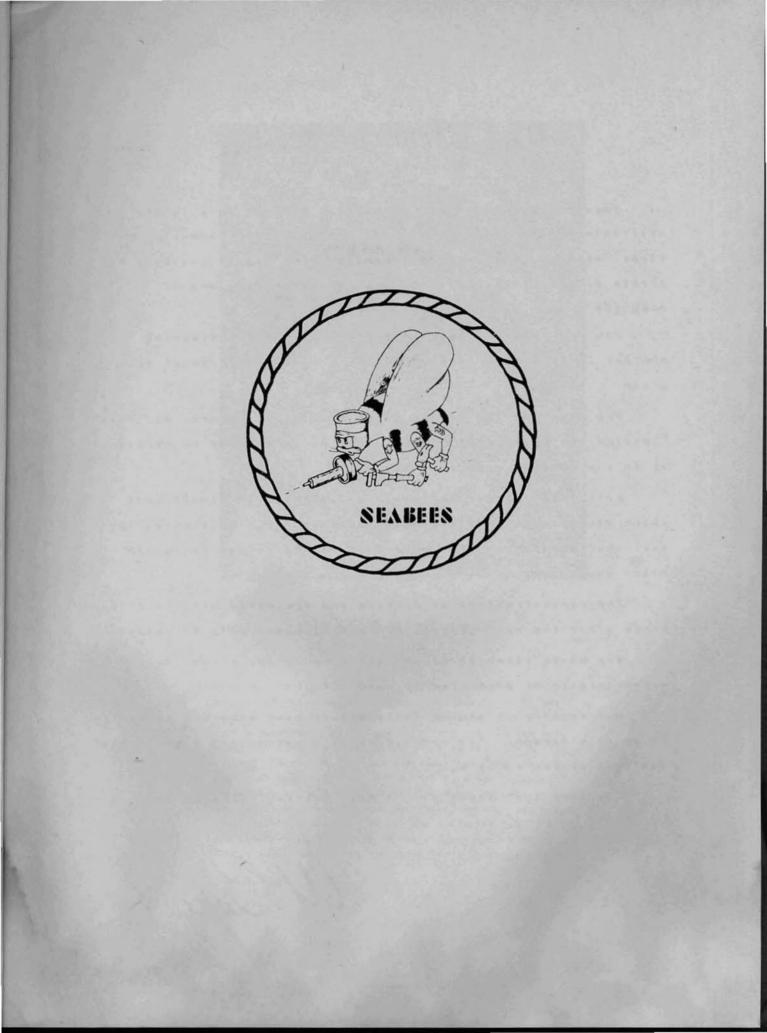
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The Skippers Message

This message is to you....because perhaps this is the best opportunity to let those who are waiting at home.... wives, mothers, fathers, children and sweethearts....know a little of the fine spirit and achievement of you men of CBMU 599.

You are veterans now...experienced in accomplishment whether it be a task carried out by a single individual or a group

You have upheld, in our first year of existance, our motto ^{II}Skilled Men Under Arms^{II}, and I know you are ready to uphold it in the future, come what may.

Your task further is two-fold....First, to finish that which you have so well accomplished thus far, and second, the task that awaits you when peace finally comes and you again reach your homes.

The reconstruction of America and the world will be in your hands after the war. Strong men and wise men will be needed.

Men whose strength of character would not allow their viewpoints to be distorted by war.

Our country is indeed fortunate to have such men as you to carry this burden. The rebuilding of a nation and a world that has been shaken so by war.

The task that faces you is most severe....Carry On

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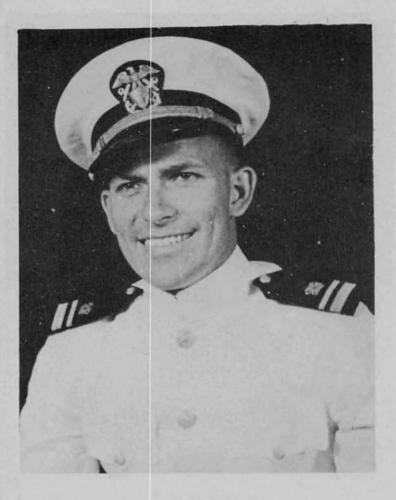
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Lieutenant William K. Bryant, Officer in Charge of C.B.M.U. 599, makes his home in Strasburg, Virginia. He is married and has one son. Mr. Bryant received his education at the University of Illinois. He has been in the construction business since 1926, starting with the Austin Company, Cleveland, the Santa Fe Railroad, then in business for himself: and finally with Wark and Company, Philadelphia. His most interesting hobby is poultry raising, which has been shelved for the duration. Mr. Bryant received his commission in the Naval Reserve July, 1943 and before being assigned to his present duties he served as Company Commander in the 134th Naval Construction Battalion.



LIEUTENANT J. M. GRAHAM CEC, USNR

Lieutenant James M. Graham, Executive Officer of Construction Hattalion Maintenance Unit Number 599, is a resident of Crozet, Virginia. He is married and has two children, a boy and a girl. Mr. Graham is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from that University. In civilian life he was, for twelve years, associated with Ligon and Ligon, General Contractors and Engineers of Baltimore, Maryland, where he served in the capacity of superintendent. Lieutenant Graham enlisted in the Naval Reserve in April, 1943 and has seen duty with other Construction Battalion activities prior to his present assignment in this Unit.



LIEUTENANT (Jg) G. H. AUSTIN CEC, USNR

Lieutenant, junior grade, Garry H. Austin, Engineering Officer of 599, comes from Denver, Colorado. He is married and has one daughter. Mr. Austin is a graduate from the University of Colorado where he received his Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineer Degree. Prior to his entrance in the service, Lieutenant Austin served for six years as engineer with the United States Bureau of Reclamation. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve in April, 1943 as an Ensign and was promoted from rank in September, 1944. Mr. Austin is the Personnel Officer and also acts as Supply Officer for this activity.



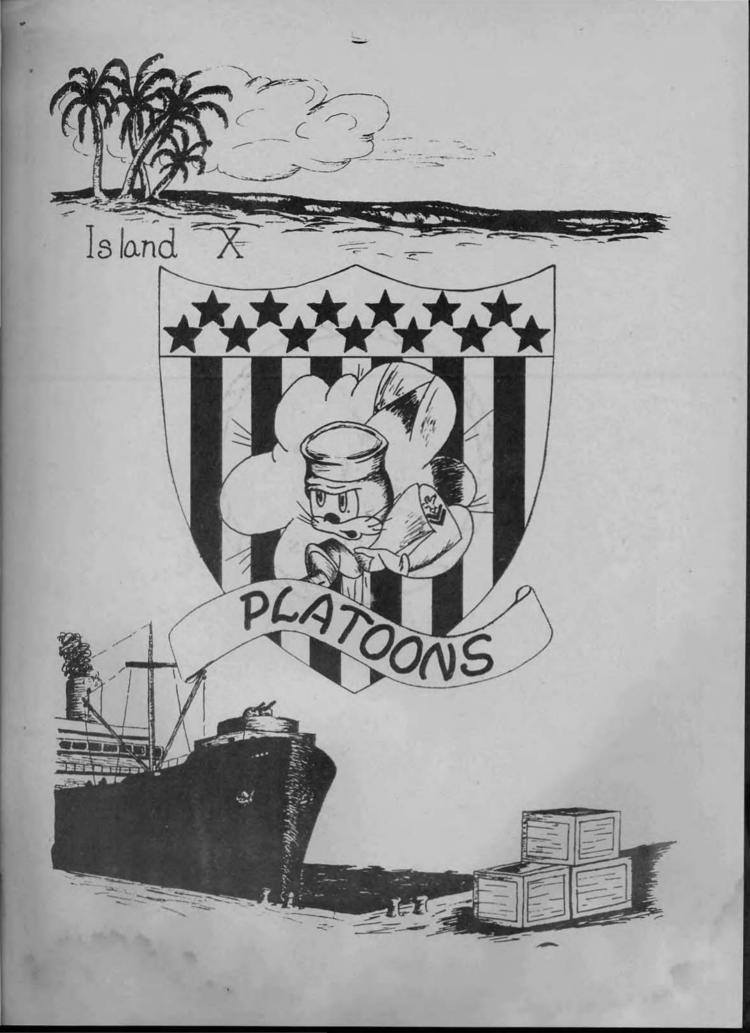
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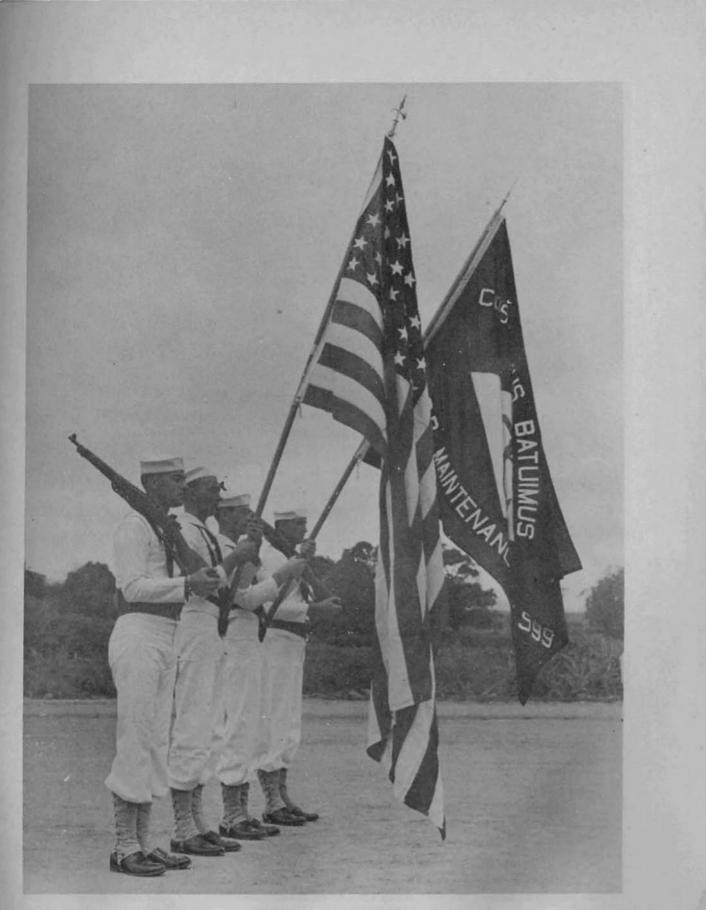


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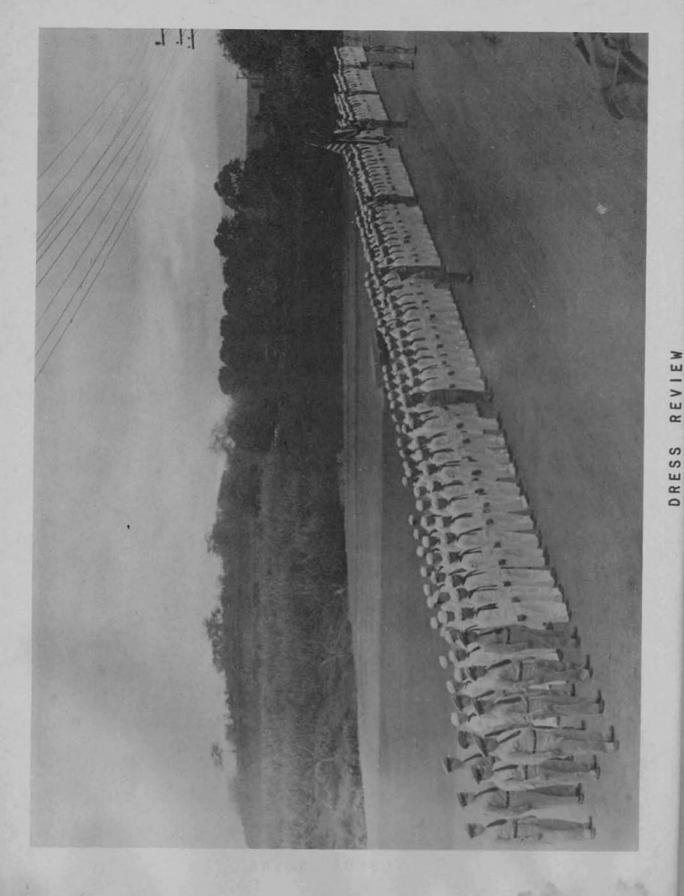
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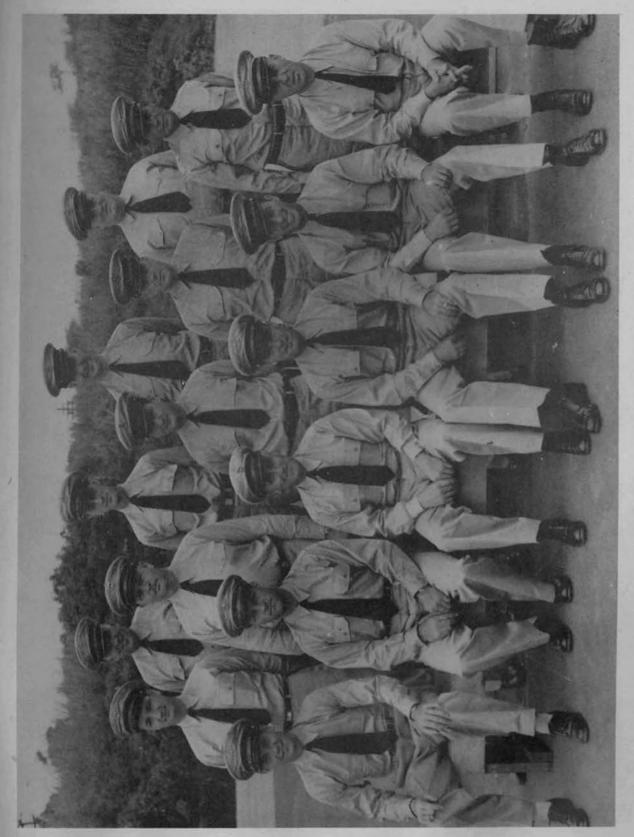




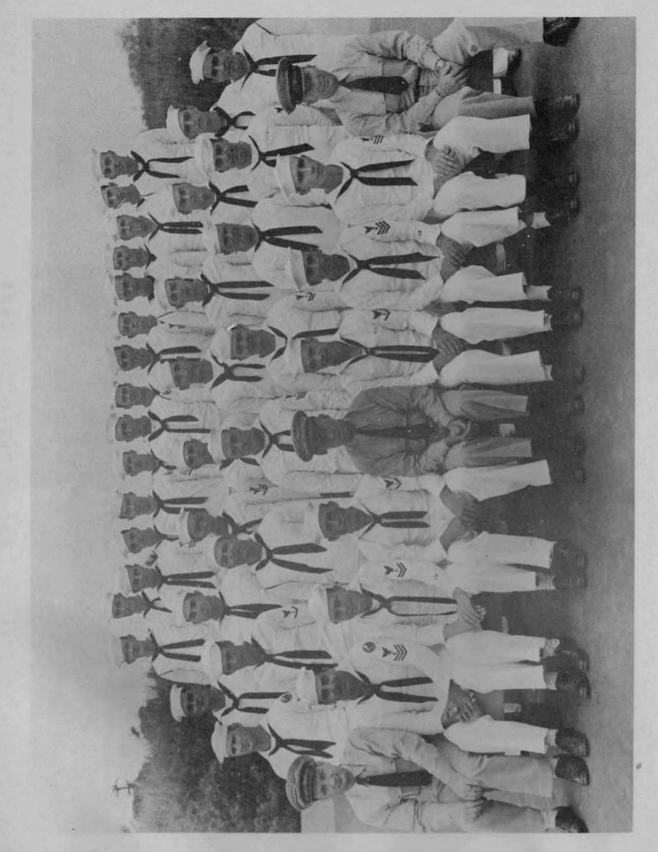


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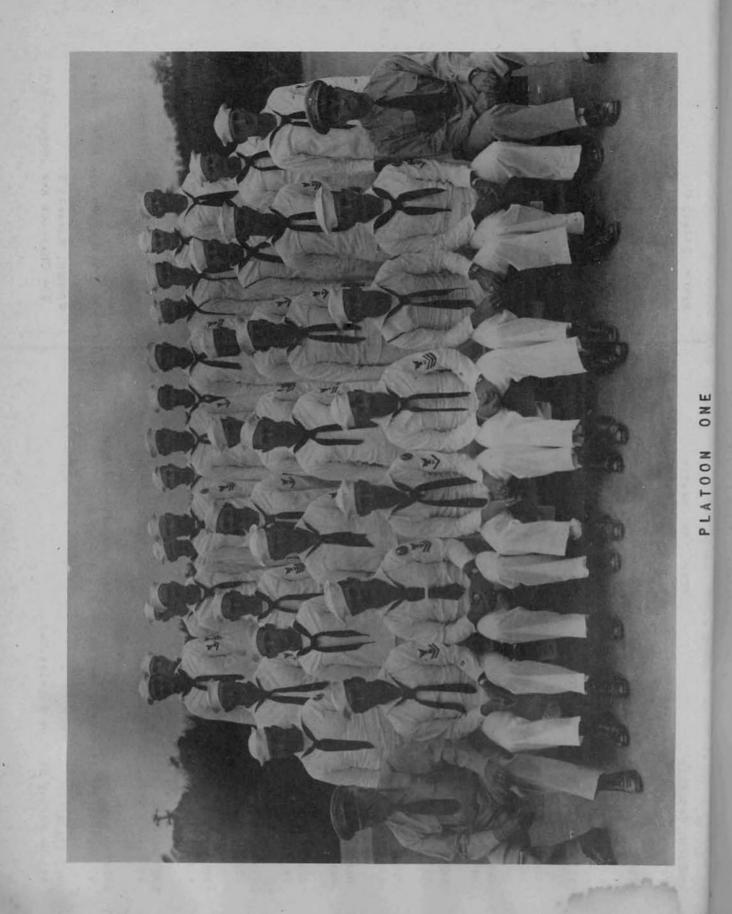
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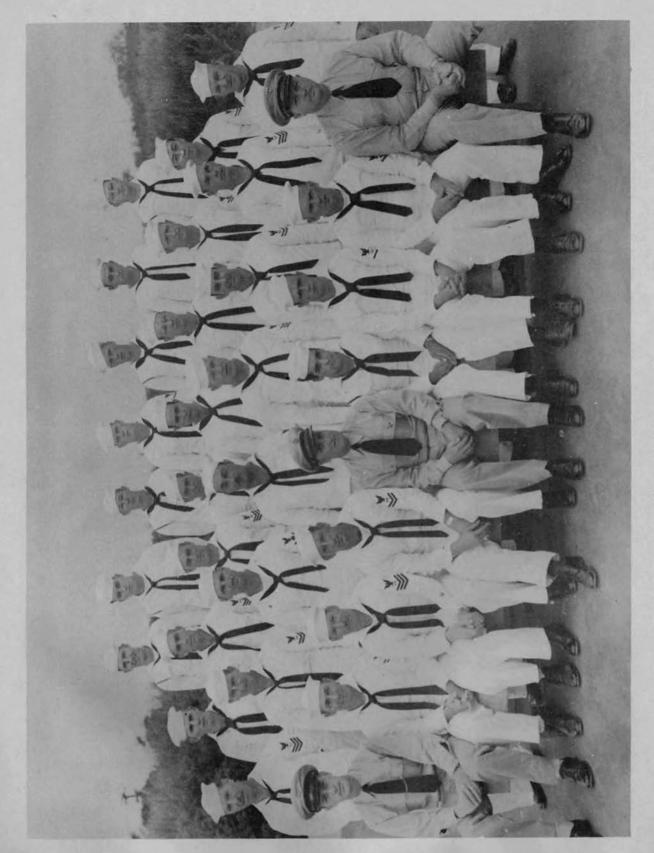
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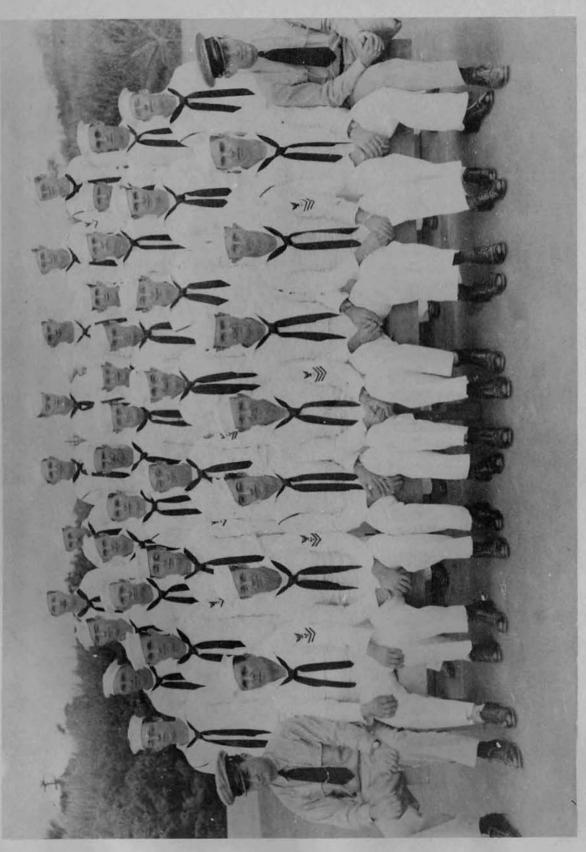
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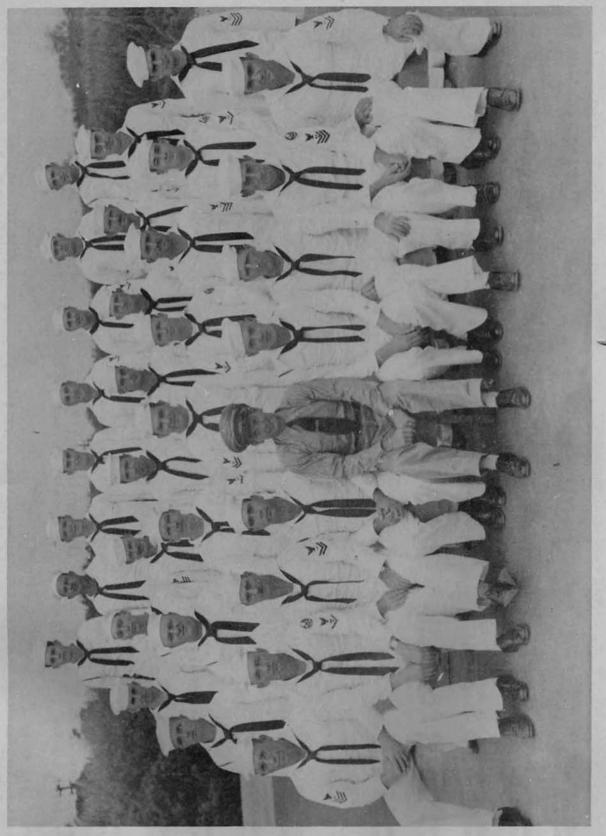
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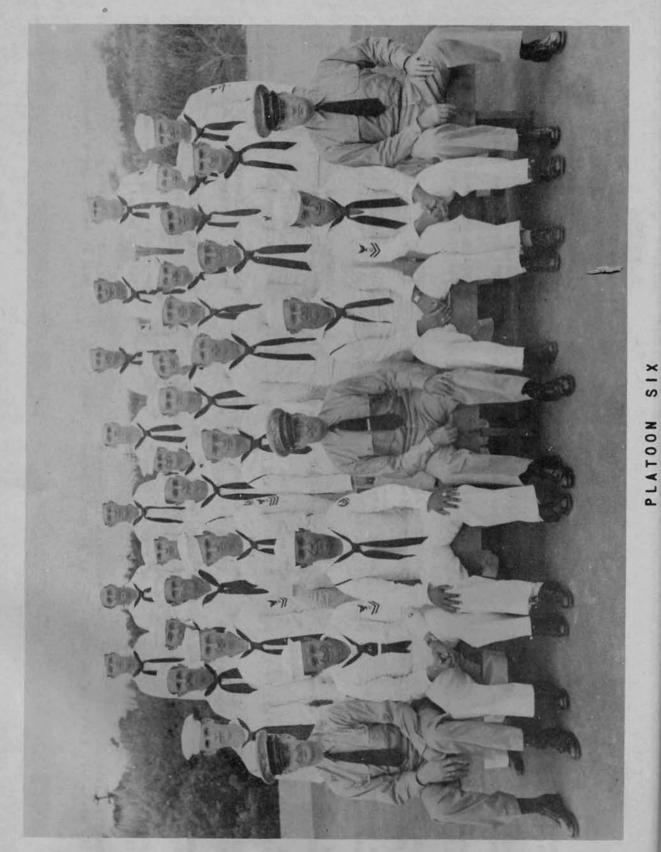
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April 3, 1944, was a day that will go down in the annals of C. B. Maintenance Unit 599, for it was on that day at Gulfport, Mississippi, that the 134th Construction Battalion was decommissioned. The usual gaiety that prevailed on payday was over-shadowed by this disheartening news. It was a certainty that friendships formed during boot camp days would soon be terminated, with the entire personnel dispersed to the four corners of the globe. Speculation was running high, and spirits low until it was announced that a new Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit would be commissioned into the U. S. Navy, officially designated as CBMU 599. The commissioning date was April 10, 1944.

The officer and enlisted personnel were chosen mainly from Company A of the 134th NCB, Lt. William K. Bryant, former Company-A Commander, was assigned as Officer in Charge, Lt. (jg) James M. Graham as Executive Officer, and Ens. Garry H. Austin, Carp. William Christoffersen, and Donalc A. Alworth as junior officers, Carp. Christoffersen was hospitalized shortly after he was received aboard, and his name was deleted from the roster upon notification from the medical authorities that he would be unable to proceed with the unit. The loss of this officer was deeply felt as he was beloved by the entire personnel. Fortunately, however, Carp. Charles A. Shervington was assigned to his billet.

With all preparations made for departure, we showed off for Port Hueneme, California, on the 24th of April. We were a proud outfit marching to the troop train led by our own band. At the siding, we were met by many officers and men of the old 134th who had come to say farewell and wish us God speed. Leaving Gulfport we rode through Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and across the Colorado River into California. In the early hours on the 28th our train pulled into the yards of our new base. The following morning found us in high spirits. Perhaps it was the thoughts of liberty in Hollywood that brightened our outlook. We soon learned that as a liberty town Hollywood was tops, and the treatment afforded us by the people of California was above reproach. For the most of us it was our initial view of the vast Pacific Ocean; it was then that the men from the East Coast realized they were quite a distance from home.

We quickly adapted ourselves to the base regulations, and in short order found ourselves in the midst of an extensive military and technical training program. The military program consisted of rifle, machine gun, mortar, and hand grenade practice; field maneuvers; advance basic and advanced first aid; bayonet and gas mask drills. Special training was given in chemical warfare, field fortifications, and camouflage. The technical program consisted of practical experience in the field of refrigeration, stevedoring, heavy equipment, fire fighting, communications, drafting, and Quonset hut erection. Lectures and motion pictures pertinent to this training was also included as a part of the programs.

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environment. Before the day was over that old devil, mal de mer, had taken his toll, and nightfall found many seasick Seabees aboard. However, within a few days all hands had found their sealegs and the experiences suffered was a matter for chiding and jest.

As the unit had no other duties assigned to them, other than the galley and security watch, the men spent most of their time writing, reading, playing cards, and indulging in general conversation. The serenity amidst a blackout atmosphere provided much food for thought as many of the men contented themselves, sprawled on the forward deck. A silhouette in the moonlight! Yes, we thought about that as we instinctively fingered our life-jackets which were continuously worn during the entire voyage.

Dawn of the day found us nearing our destination and in a few hours we sighted land. A passing plane zoomed across our bow, and fully satisfied as to our identity, went about his duty searching the sea and sky for hostile elements. It was quite a thrill as we rounded Diamond Head, passing Waikiki Beach, the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, and other famous land marks we had so often read about in the past. While we idled outside the harbor waiting for a pilot to guide us through the channel a school of dolphin played lazily off the starboard side of our ship. As the transport steamed its way up the channel and into the harbor, our thoughts raced back to that fateful December 7, 1941.

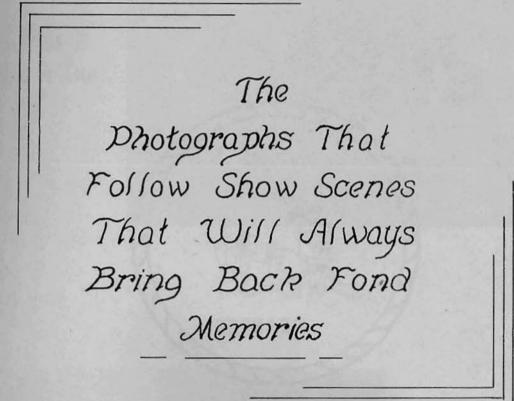
Our transport was finally made fast to the dock assigned her and our skipper went ashore to report to the proper authorities. Shortly, we walked down the gangway and boarded trailer busses to our camp. Tent City! The dust bowl of the Pacific! At first we were unimpressed by the tents that were to be our quarters, but with the CAN DO spirit we set ourselves to the task of making conveniences to offset the bare necessities provided us. Due to the fact that we were assigned to the maintenance of a Naval Aviation Supply Depot which was in its initial stage of construction, we were obliged to remain in Tent City until such time as the barracks of this depot were erected. With projects mapped and work details assigned, CBMU 599 became a beehive of activity with the entire personnel exerting every energy in the execution of their assignment.

In September we vacated our quarters and moved down the road about a quarter of a mile to a Quonset hut area. Although we found these new quarters more adequate than living in tents, many improvements were made and facilities added for our comfort and welfare. During the ensuing three months we continued to travel to the new base until such time as our barracks were ready for occupancy. Finally on December 10, with the establishment of the U. S. Naval Barracks Area, CBMU 599 moved again. We found living conditions in our new quarters to be the most comfortable since our entrance into the service. With steel spring bunks, large individual lockers, excellent chow, and a Quonset hut provided for hobby work, we had matters very much to our satisfaction.

All hands that departed from Gulfport on the first treek of our journey are not with us today. Some we left in Hueneme, and others were transferred to various activities during the past nine months. We have with us four men that joined our unit after we arrived in the islands.

Just how long our assignment will keep us here is something of speculation. However, when the time comes for us to take on another task this unit will be ready with the same spirit and fortitude that will always remain a part of our own CONSTRUCTION BATTALION MAINTENANCE UNIT 599.







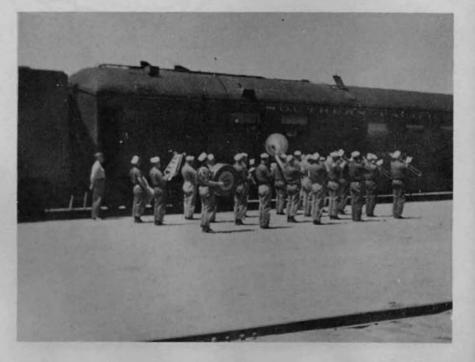
CALIFORNIA, HERE WE COME



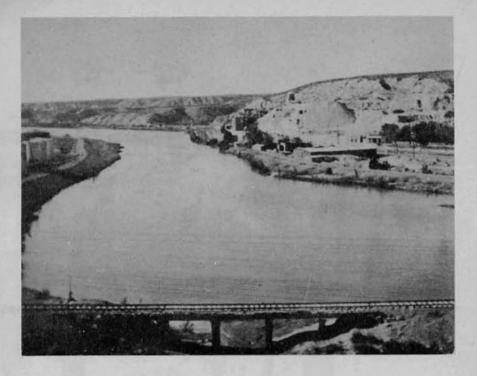
"AT EASE"



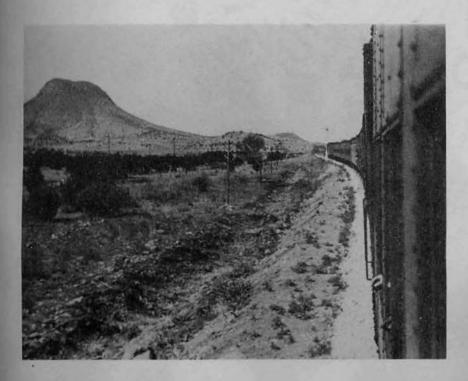
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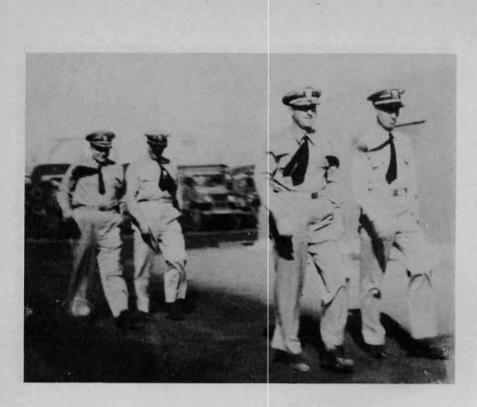
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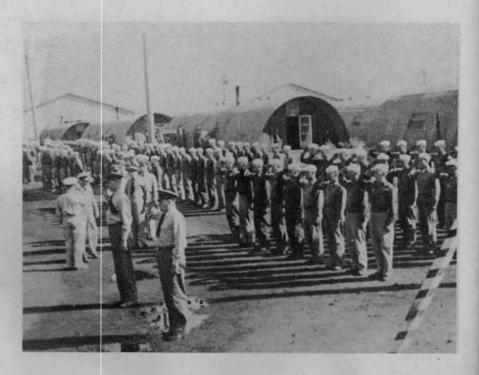
THE RIO GRANDE



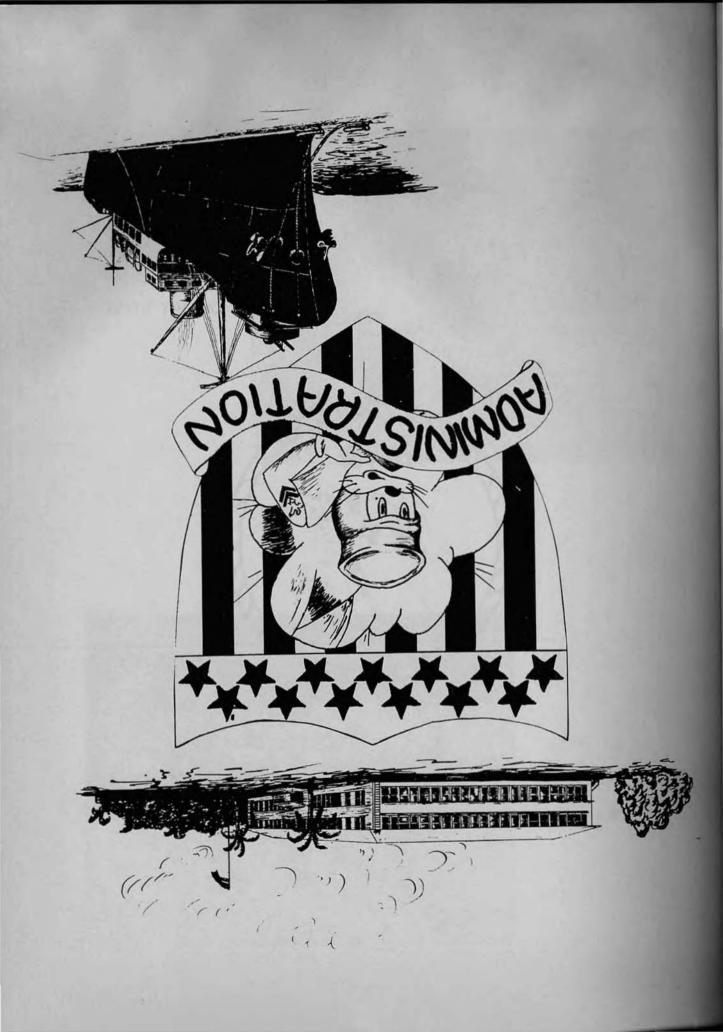
AROUND THE BEND IN NEW MEXICO



INSPECTING PARTY ARRIVES

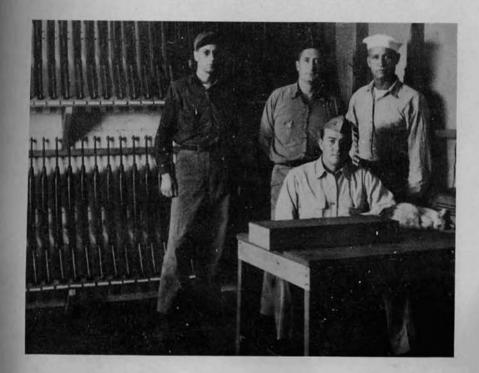


ADMIRAL'S INSPECTION





00D - JOOD MESSENGER CO. CLERK



THE MAA STAFF AND "TOM"



PERSONNEL STAFF



THE STOREKEEPERS



PROCUREMENT CREW



CENSORS



MAIL ARRIVES



PROJECTS OF CBMU #599

To emphasize the Seabees' slogan, "Can Do!", it is imperative that all construction battalions and maintenance units be composed of skilled men in all trades. This unit conforms with this procedure in that the complement consists of the following tradesmen: air-conditioning technicians, automotive maintenance and repair men, blacksmiths, carpenters, canvas workers, concrete workers, divers, draftsmen, equipment operators, general and communication electricians, metalsmiths, painters, quarry workers, riggers, steelworkers, stevedores, surveyors, watertenders, and welders. Although not primarily construction men, the personnel who serve in the administrative, commissary, postal, and ship's service departments are necessary for the self-sufficiency of the unit. Due to the great variety of skilled men employed, practically no situations arise that are not soon well in hand.

Previous to embarking for overseas duty this unit was in a training status and little construction was performed. Since our arrival at "Island X", our assignment has included all types of construction work. As the accomplishments of the unit are too numerous to describe individually, we state here only the "highlights". Ours is the job of maintaining approximately 80 buildings and over 400 pieces of automotive and construction equipment. Also we have alterations and repairs to make in the communication, drainage, highway, lighting, power, and water systems. Most of our work is of a maintenance nature; however, several major construction tasks have been undertaken and partially or entirely completed. Included are: athletic field, dispensary, extension to garage, provision warehouse for galley, refrigerated warehouse, theater, and a number of quonset huts which are being used for many purposes.

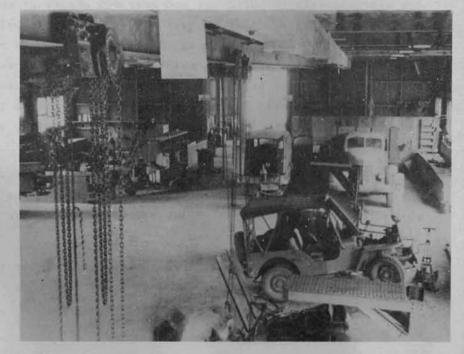
The energy and skill displayed by our men in the performance of their duties have been of such quality to merit commendations from our "Skipper" also the commanding officer of the activity to which we are attached, and from various higher authorities.

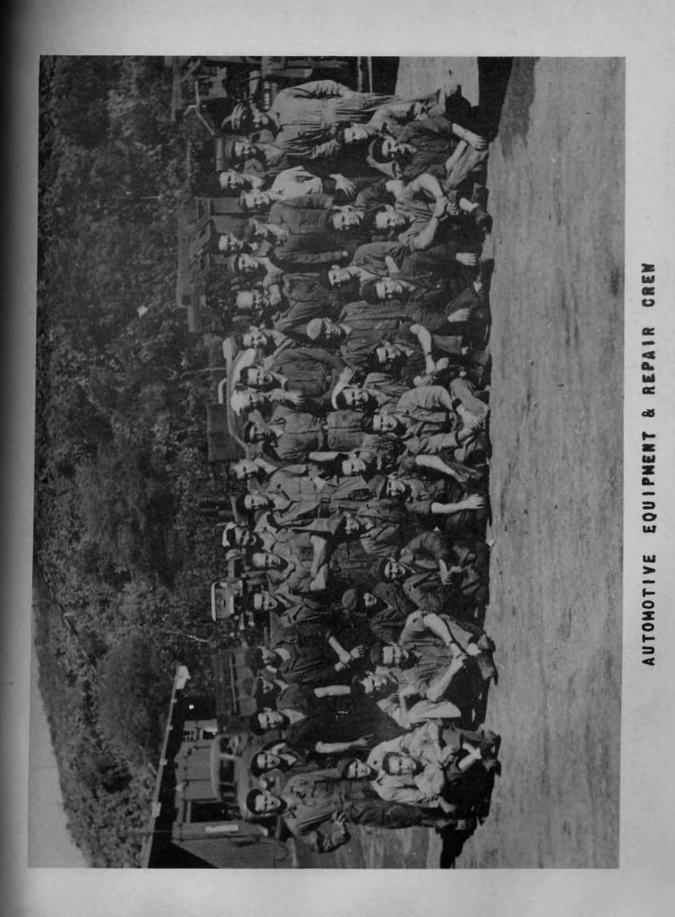
We have every intention of continuing as a highly-efficient unit doing its utmost to further the war effort and hasten the time when peace returns and war will be only an unpleasant memory.



GARAGE ADMINISTRATIVE

AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR SHOP

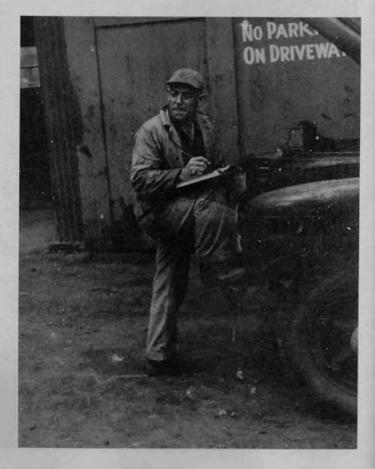






FINGERLIFT CHECK-OVER

MONTHLY INSPECTION





READY FOR SERVICE



A GRIMY DOZER



MISC. EQUIPMENT

FINGERLIFTS ON PARADE

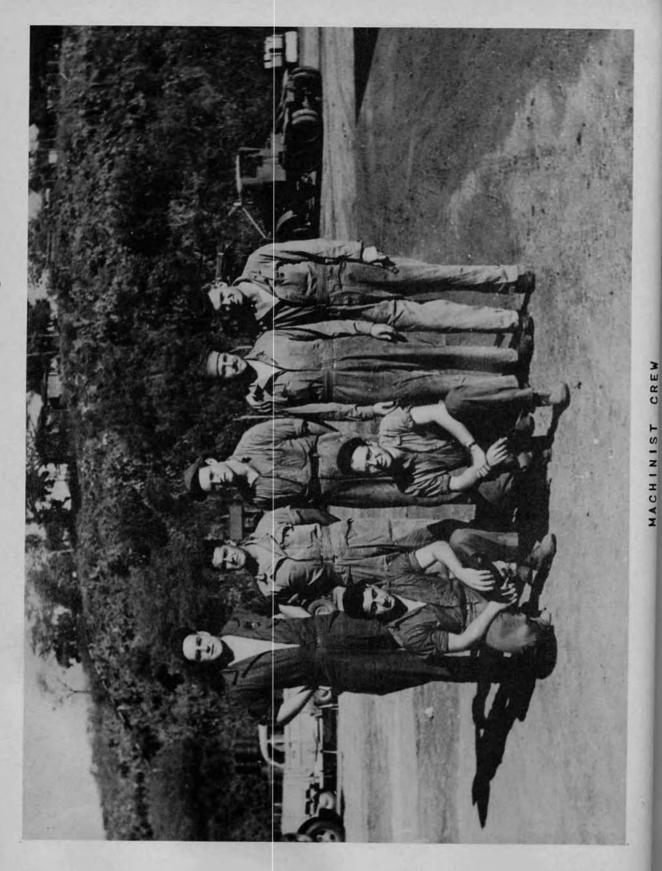


TROUBLE SHOOTING





DUMPS SECURE



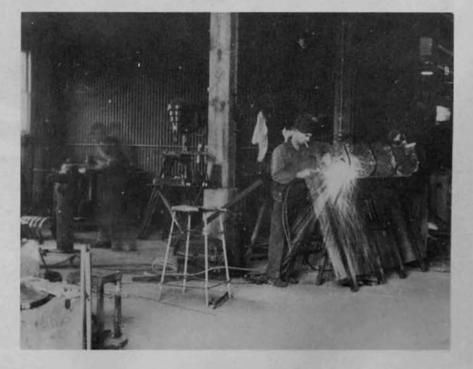


AT THE SHAPER

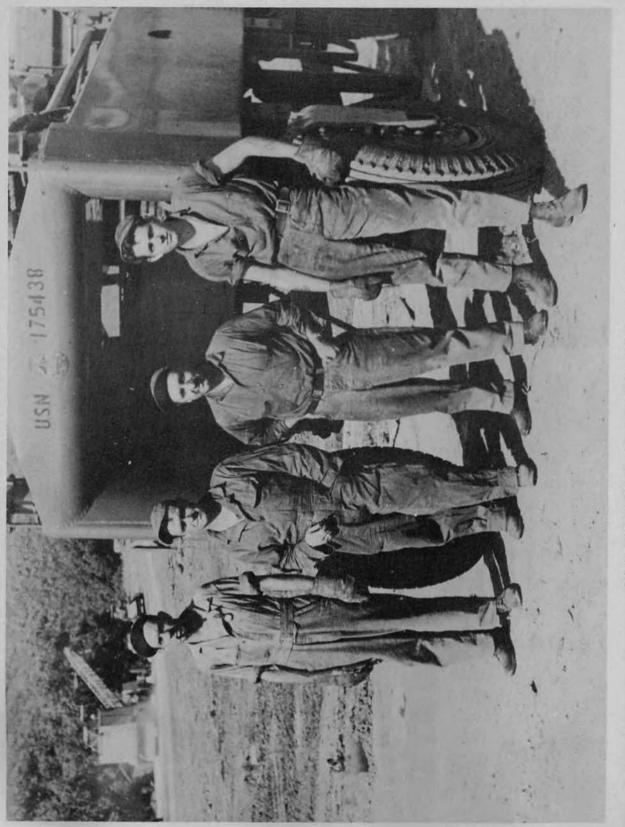




"ARC" SILHOUETTE



WELDING SHOP



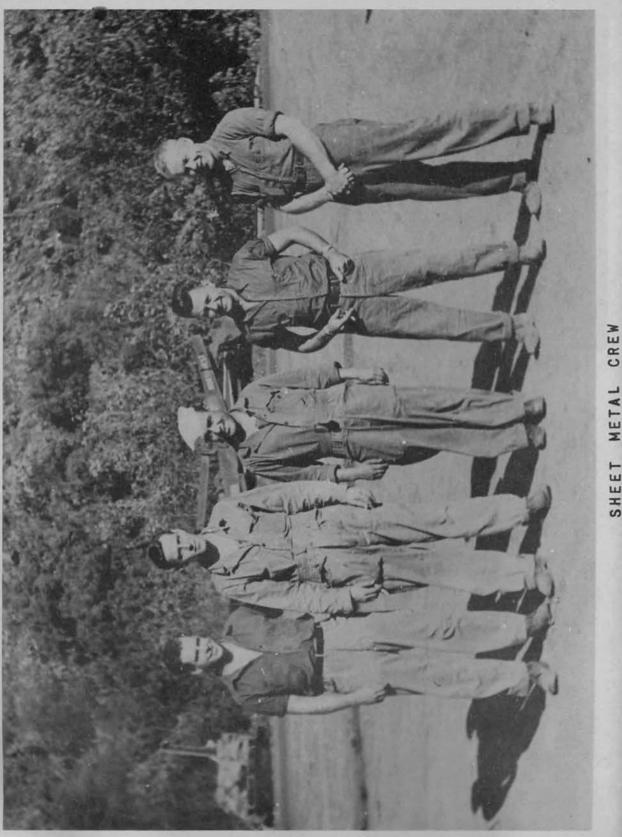
BLACKSMITH AND FOUNDRY CREW



"THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH"



POURING THE HOT STUFF

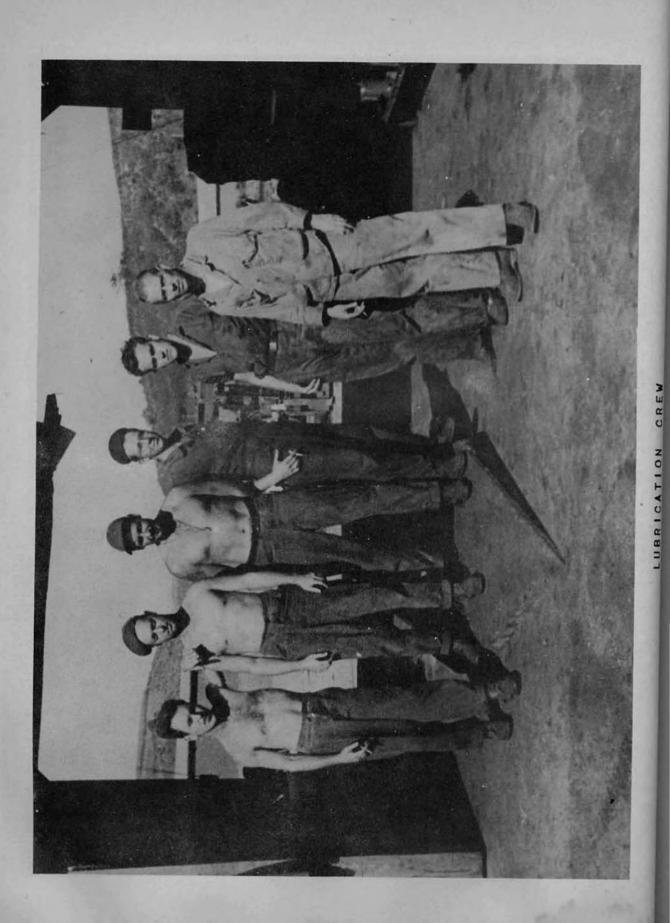


METAL SHEET



SHEET METAL SHOP



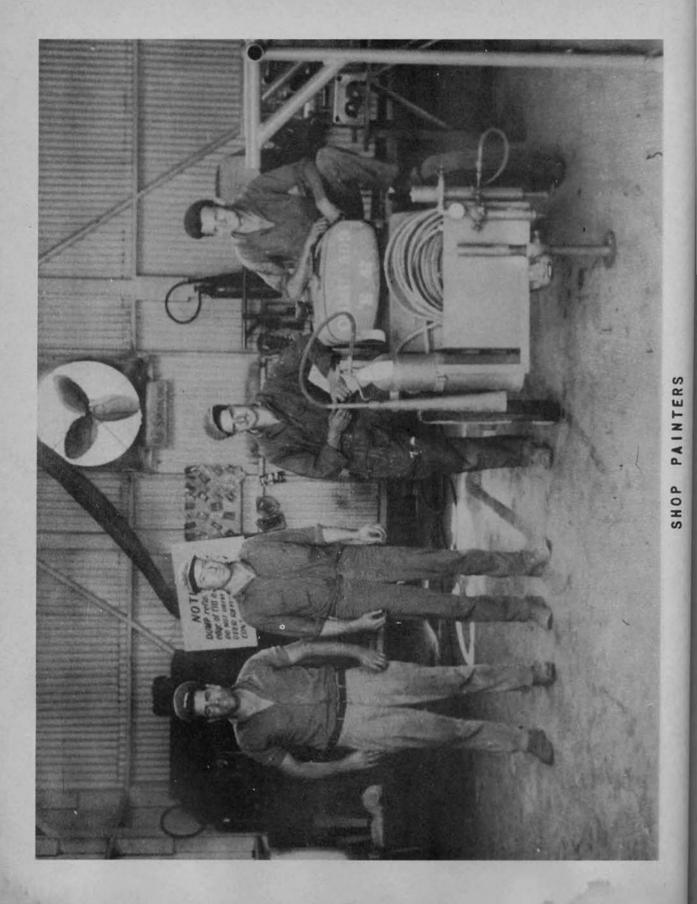




GREASE CHECK



SERVICING THE GENERATOR





PREPARATION



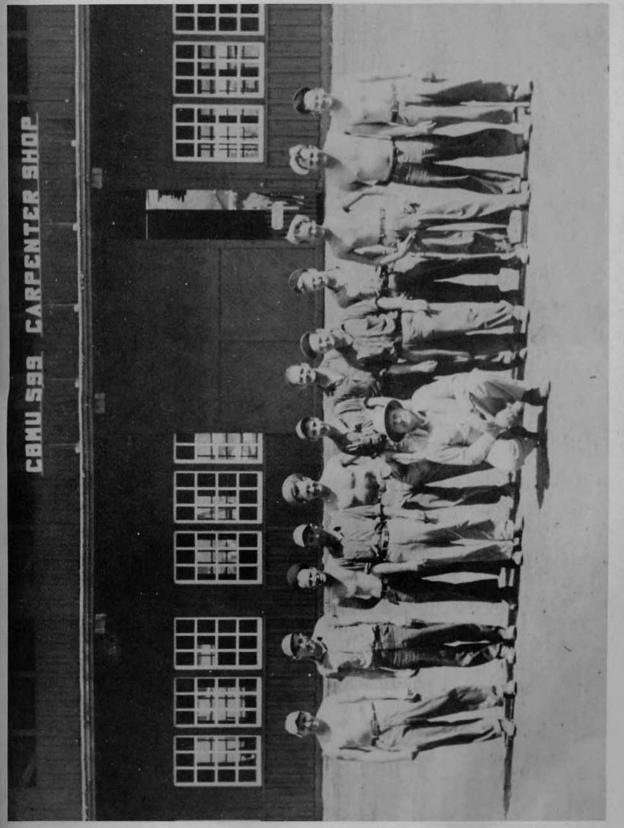
LIKE NEW



TIRE SHOP



BATTERY SHOP



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CARPENTER SHOP

THE FINAL TOUCH

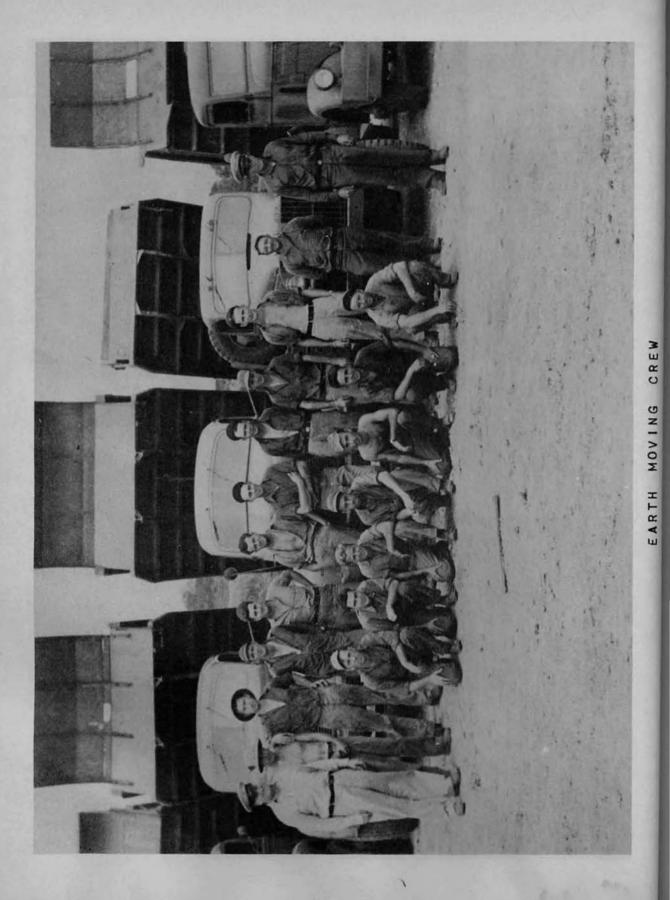


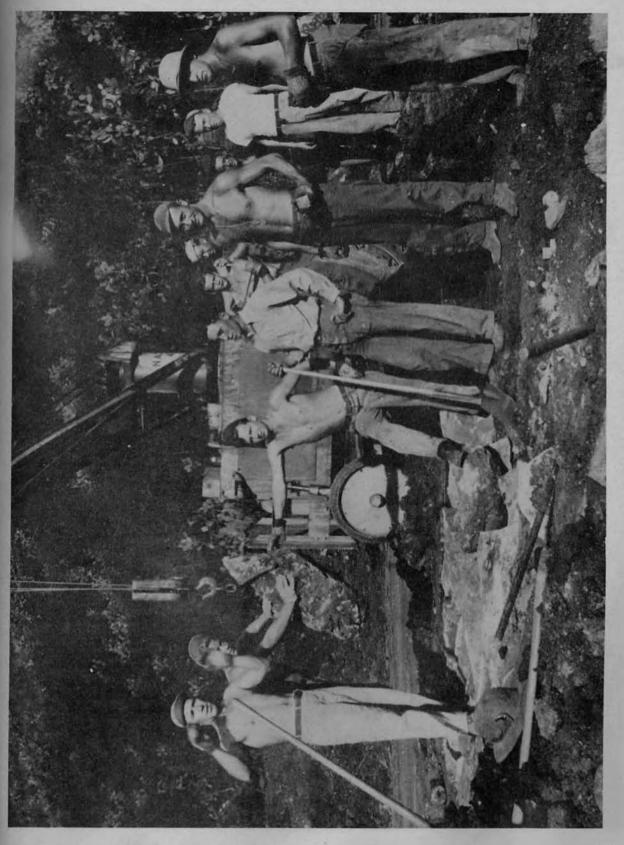


GROOVING



PLANING





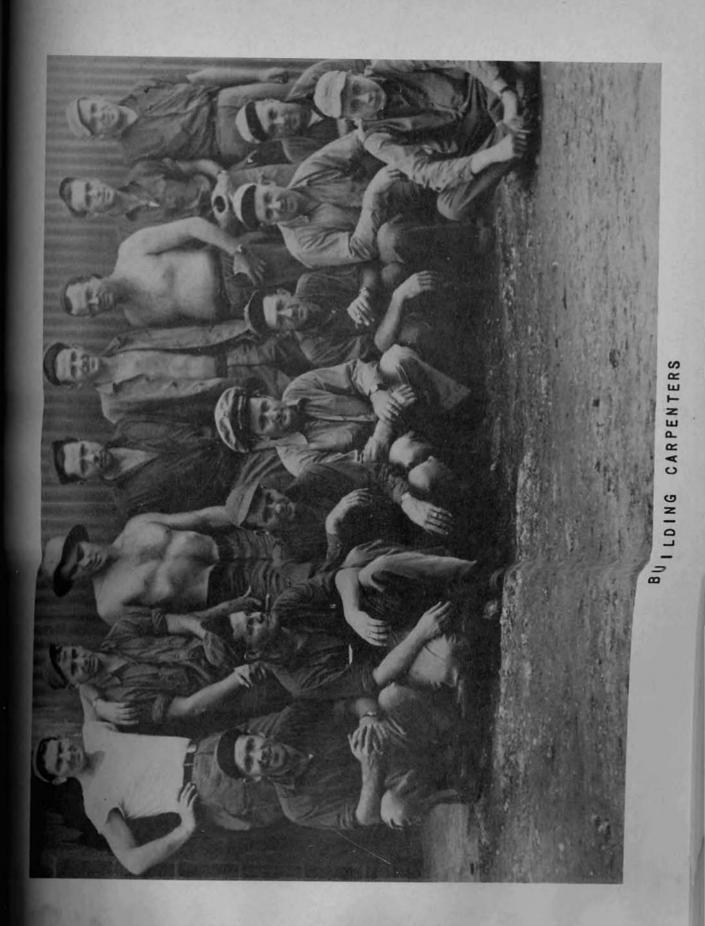
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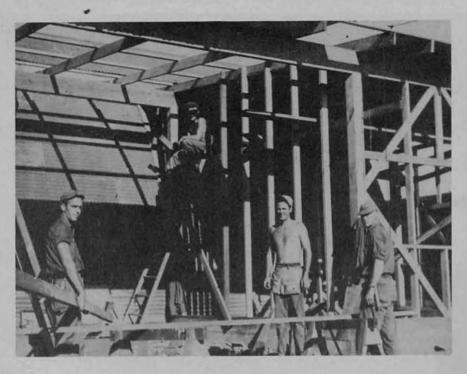


LEVELING OFF

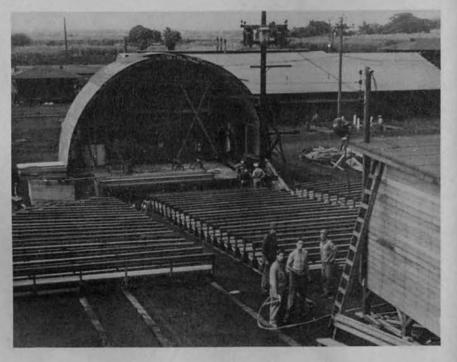


GRADING





WAREHOUSE CONSTRUCTION



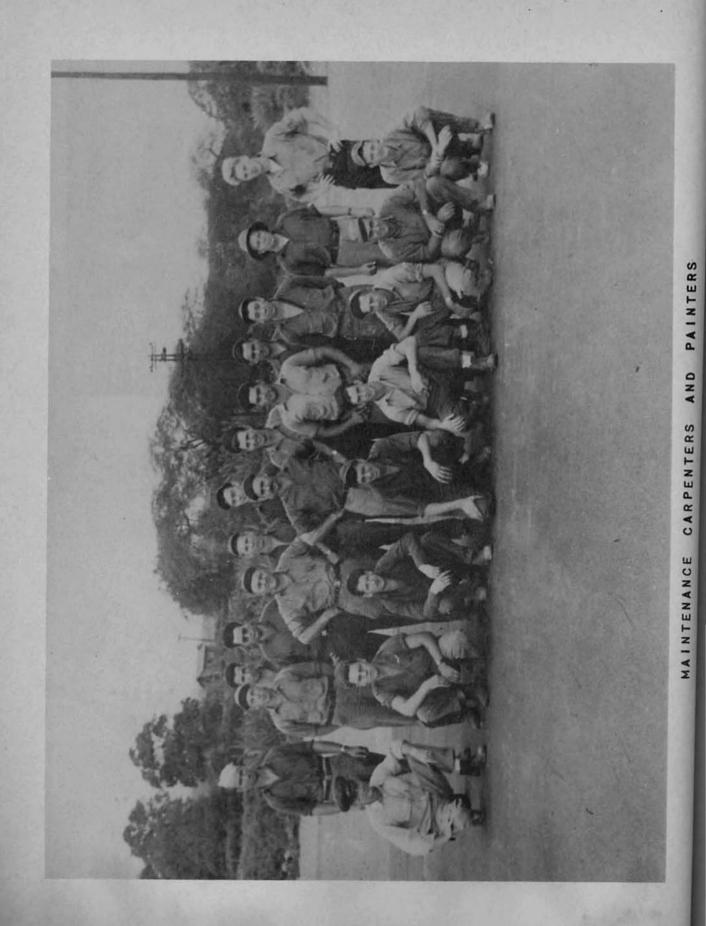
OUR NEW THEATRE



LUMBER YARD CREW



THE "STAR" DRILLER

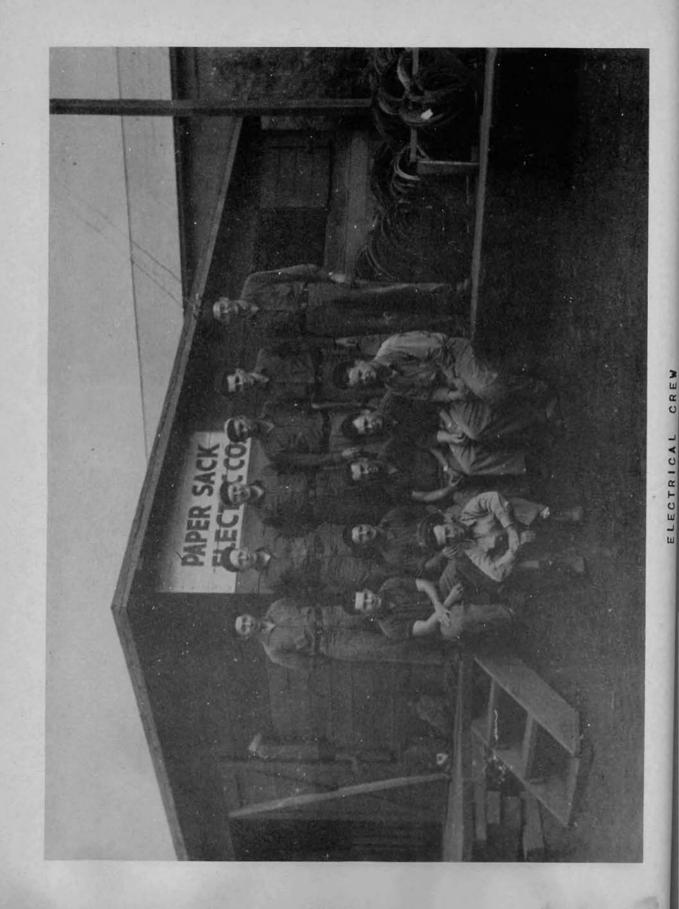


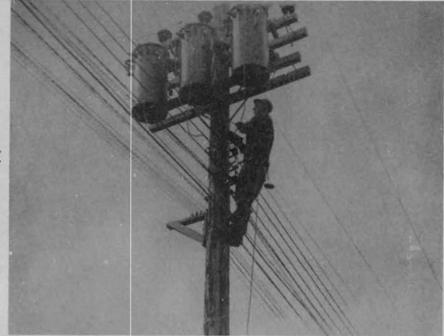


MAKING CAT WALKS



DEFENCE WORKER

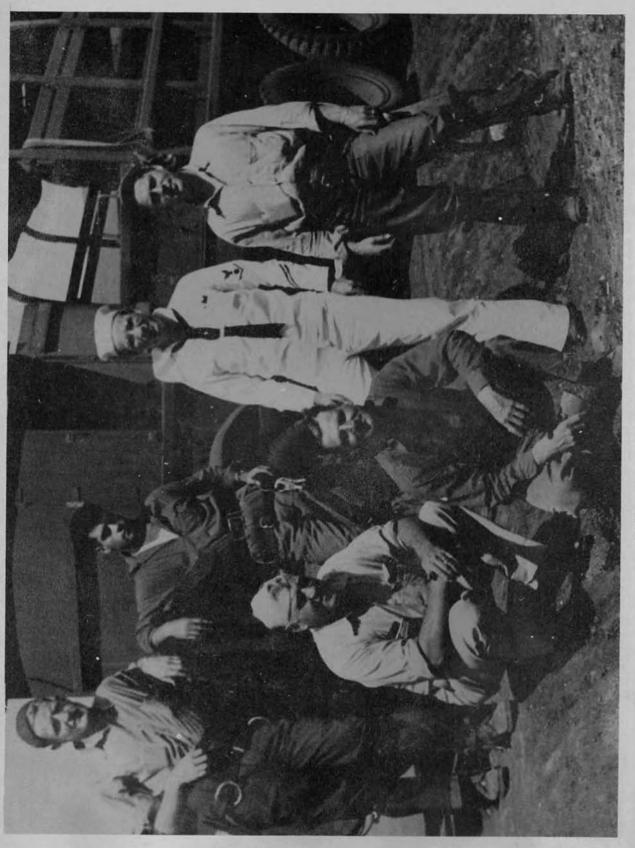




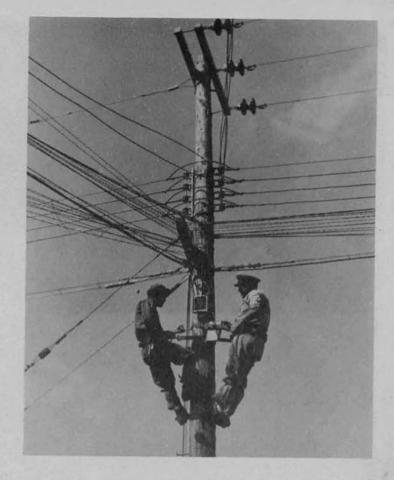
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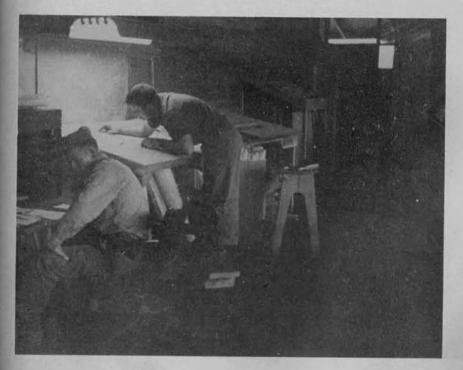
THE OLD GANG



COMMUNICATIONS CREW



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THREADING PIPE



PLUMBING SHOP



SURVEYING-

REFRIGERATION CREW

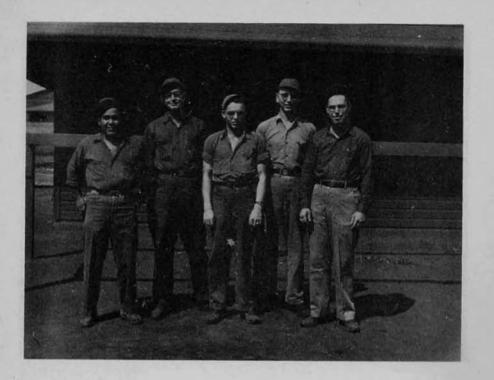




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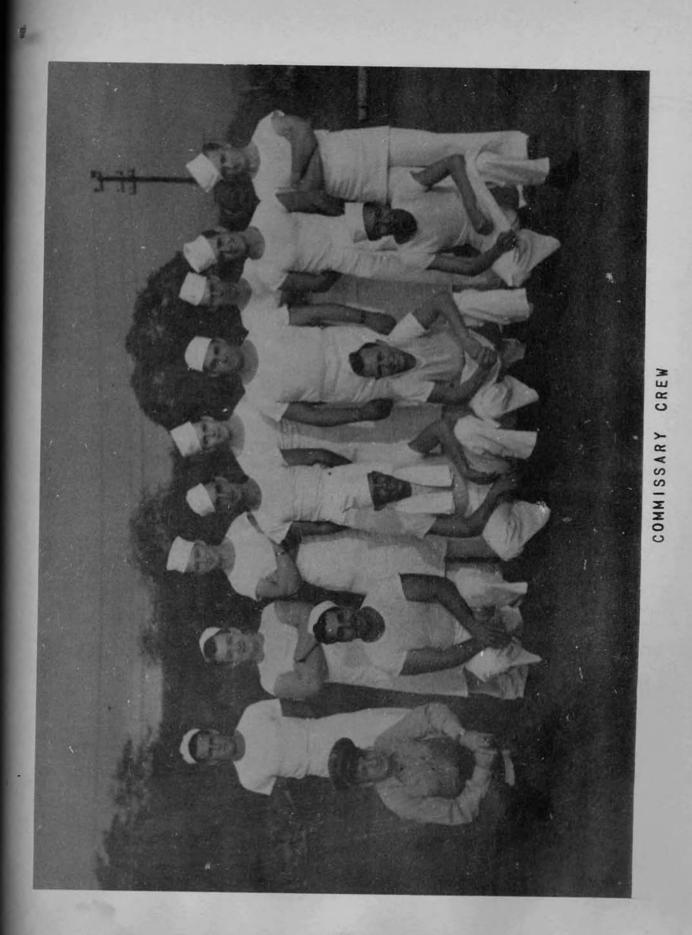
BOILER CREW



LAUNDRY DETAIL

TYPEWRITER REPAIRMEN





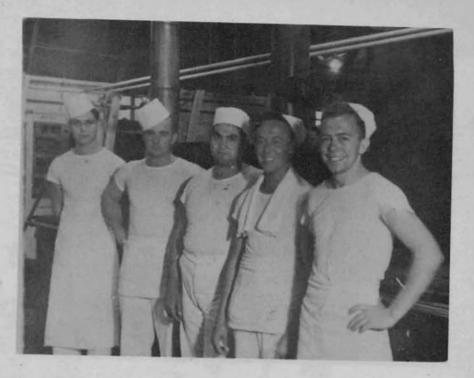


"JUST RIGHT"

BAKERS

AT WORK

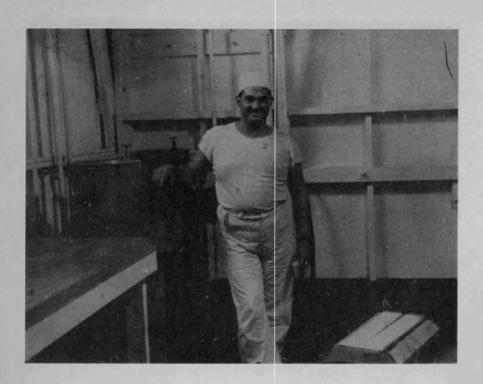




SHIP'S COOKS



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FRY 'EM ON ONE SIDE







CAT ISLAND

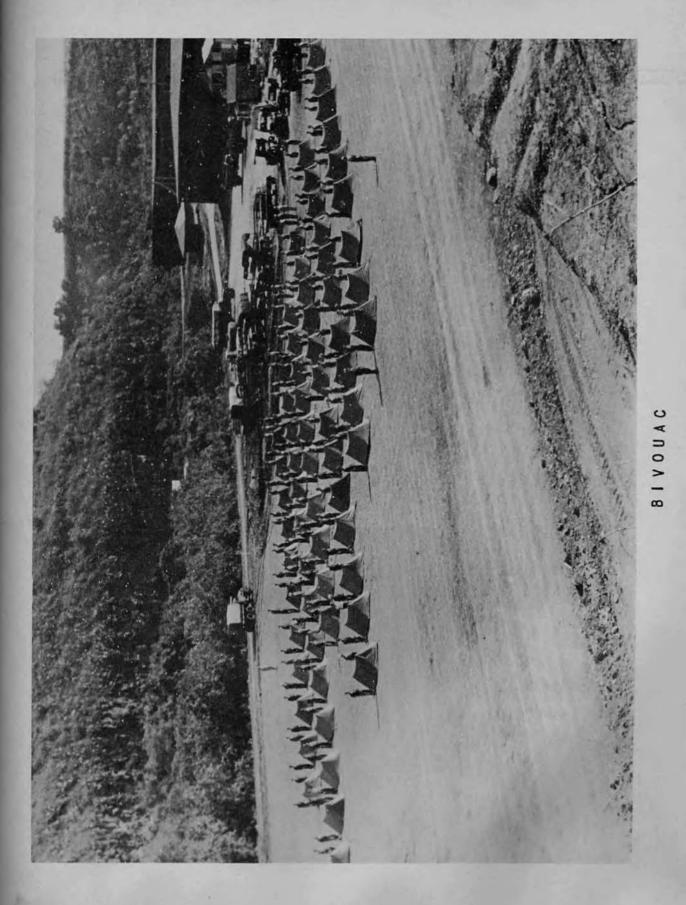


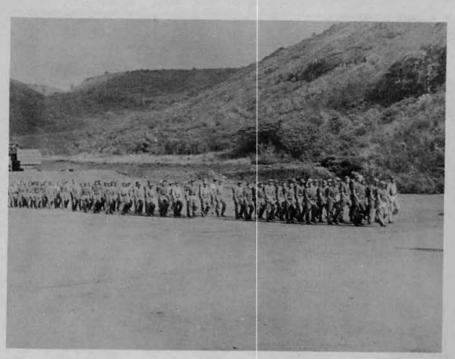




CAT ISLAND (Continued)



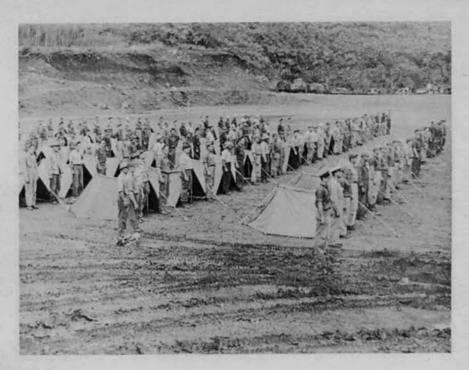




CLOSE ORDER DRILL



READY FOR INSPECTION



BIVOUAC COMPLETE



STANDING BY



ON THE RANGE



LOAD AND LOCK



UNLOCK



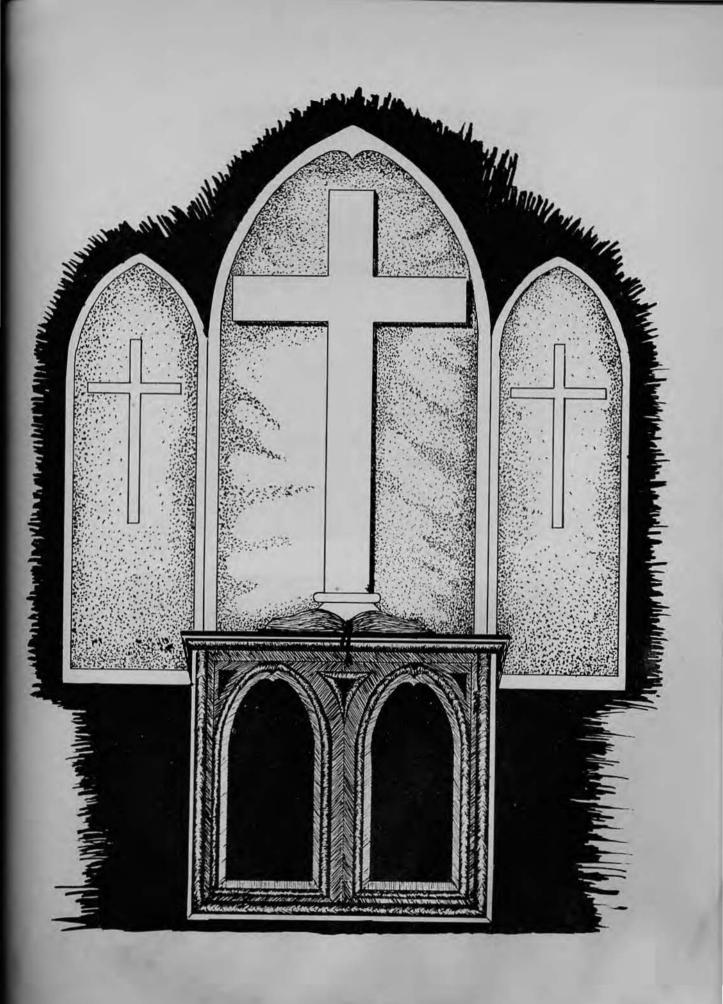
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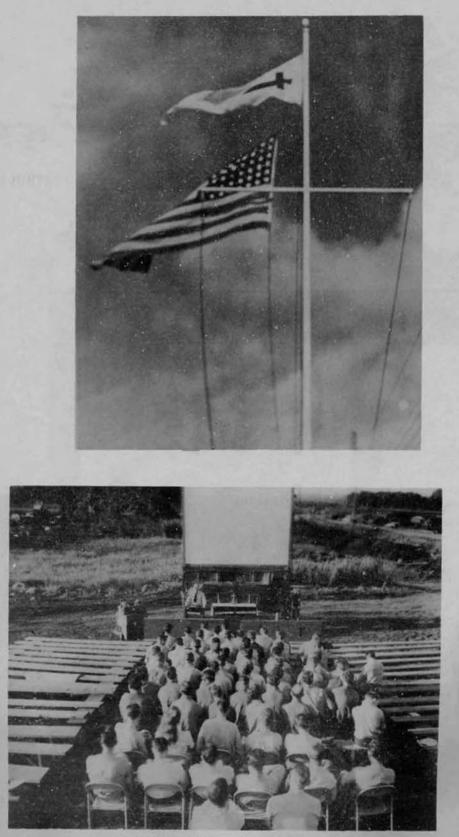


IN THE BUTTS



TARGET REPAIR





PROTESTANT SERVICES

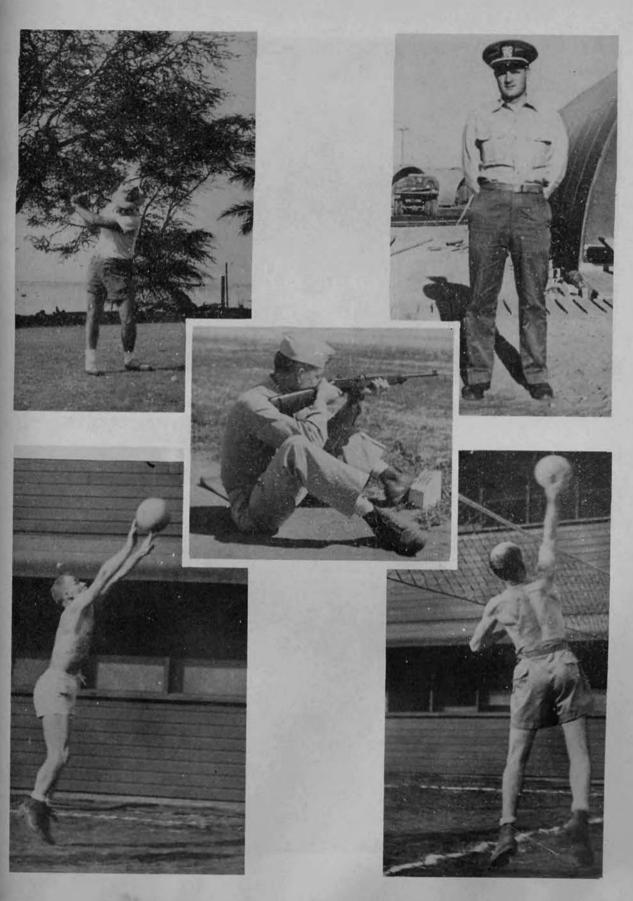


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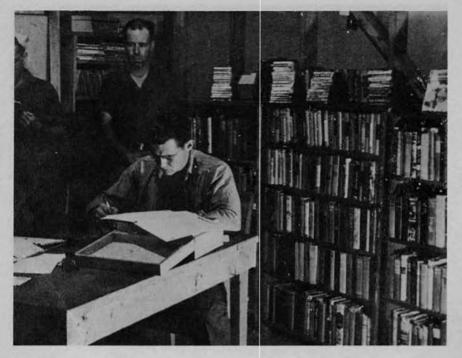
VOLLEY BALL GAME



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OUR LIBRARY



ARTISTS & MODELS



TABLE TENNIS



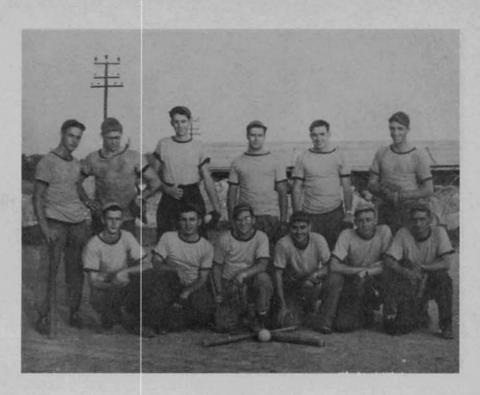
IT'S A RINGER



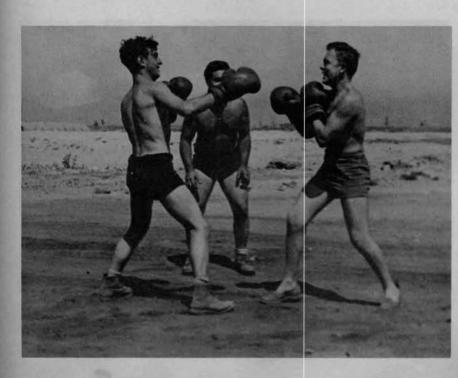
THE FOOTBALL TEAM

THE BASKETBALL TEAM





THE BASEBALL TEAM



BOXING THE COOKIES



CAST OFF



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THE DAY'S CATCH



RIDING THE SURF



SHELL HUNTING



COOL AND REFRESHING



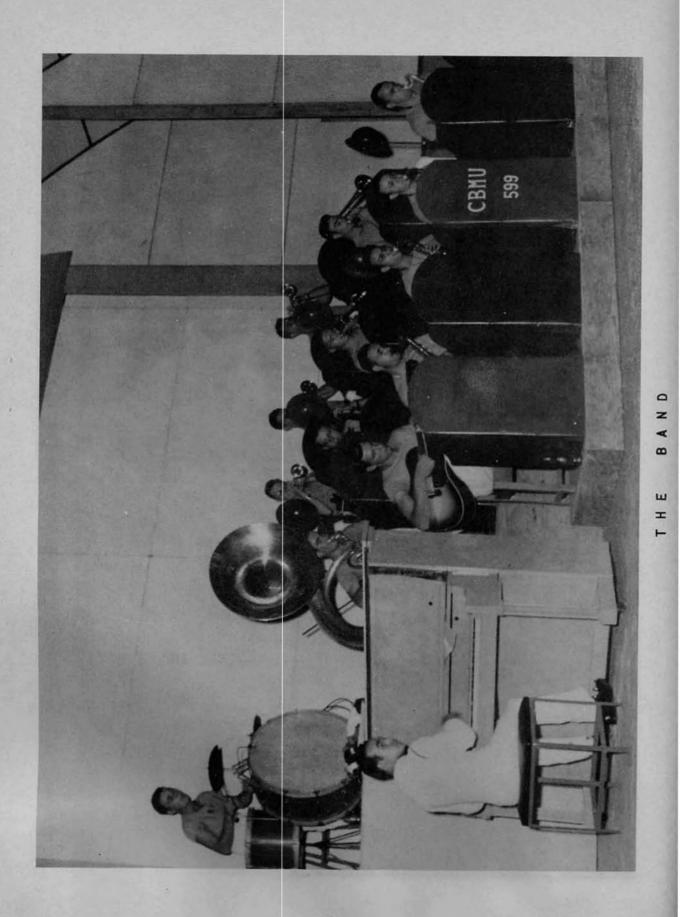
"HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME"

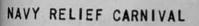


"BATTING THE BREEZE"



COME AND GET IT









DISPENSING WITH THE VITTALS



"ME NAME IS Mc NAMORA"



"THE ROCKHAPPYETTES"



599 Swing Band

The 599 Swing Band originally that of the 134 Batt., has done excellent work entertaining the men of 599 and other outfits for which it had performed. Under the very able direction of J. K. Consolo the band practicing on their own time, has developed into a very competent aggregation. Let's meet the boys of the band; Bill 'One Lung' Price really swings out on 1st alto. 'senator' Hobbs has a job keeping his moustache from getting caught in the mouthpiece of his tenor sax. Jack 'Jr.' Neill is solid on 3rd alto. Bill 'Ohio' Nevlis sends it mellow on 4th tenor. Chester 'Nimitz' Bowman is keeping his lips in shape for his wife by rockin' em with his playing on 1st trumpet. Dick 'Profile' Lohnes is the glamor boy of the band. If the girls don't swoon over his looks, his trumpet playing will get them. Loyd 'Louie' Lewis plays 3rd trumpet with plenty of pep. C.B. 'Seabee' Fleming is the Navy's answer to T. Dorsey. Ken 'Bobby-sox' Carlson plays 2nd trombone with that Western style-galoping rhythm. Pete 'Arms' Adams is trying to break the worlds record for continuous playing. They tell me he even sleeps with his guitar. (Oh well, every-one to his own taste). 'Yo-Yo' Sprankle is our 'Oomp' man on the bass horn. Larry 'Long-hair' Paley slaps it out on the cello (someday the cello is going to hit back). Jack 'I'm Hungry' Redican really sends on the drums; when he isn't busy eating. Joe 'Maestro' Consolo directs the band, plays the hottest piano on the 'Rock'.

CARNIVAL

A carnival held for the benefit of Navy Relief was the first social function on the base. The warehouse in which the affair took place was transformed into a true carnival atmosphere. Dart throwing, coin pitching, Bingo, and rifle shooting to mention a few were the means of collecting funds for the Navy Relief. With all due modesty, it must be stated that 599's contribution took in the largest 'gate'. 'Danceland', featuring the 599 Swing Band, was thronged the entire evening with Seabees, sailors, Marines, and their partners, Waves, Spars, and civilians.

THANKSGIVING

Our first Thanksgiving overseas called for something special; something special took place. Our Thanksgiving Dinner-Dance was an event that will always linger pleasantly in our memories. Chief Arneson and his staff of culinary experts prepared an excellent meal, which was served in true tropical setting under palms. After the feast, the 599 Swing Band provided music for dancing. The opinion of all present was expressed by the Band's closing selection 'This is a lovely way to spend an evening.'

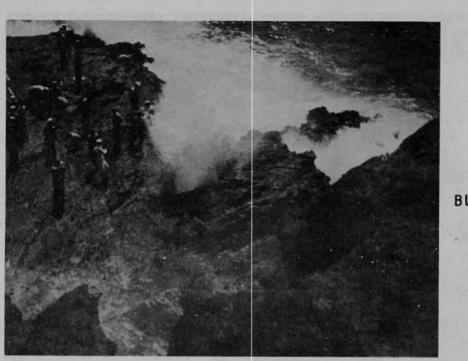
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BEER PARTIES

'Have more beer.' 'Take some more potato chips.' The preceding fragments of conversation were to be heard at our three beer parties. The trucks were boarded after work, and awaiting us at the beach was quantities of beer, coke, sandwiches, and potato chips. The afternoon was spent in eating, drinking, swimming, and 'Batting the Breeze.' It was a beer and water-logged group of Seabees that hit the sacks after each shindig.



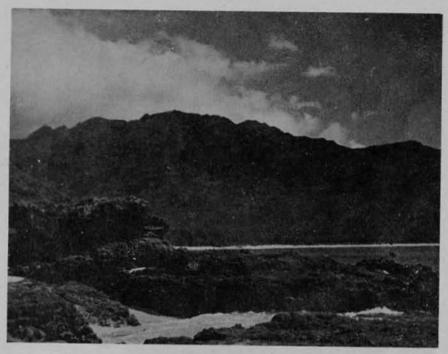




BLOW HOLE



TYPICAL TERRAIN



VOLCANIC FORMATIONS



SURF



SWORD PALM



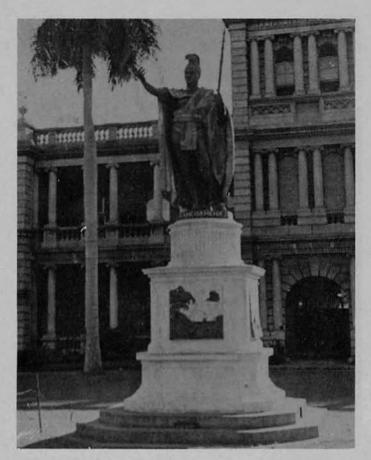
WILD ORCHID



COCOANUT PALMS



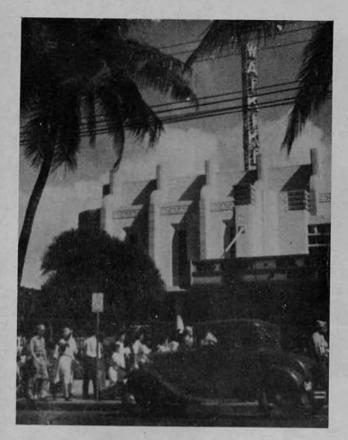
WATER LILIES



KING KAMEHAMEHA



THE ROYAL PALACE



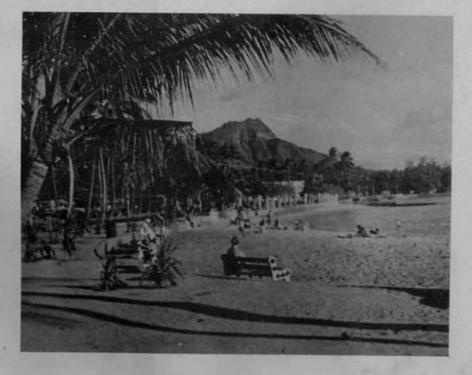
WAIKIKI THEATRE

ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL





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WAIKIKI BEACH

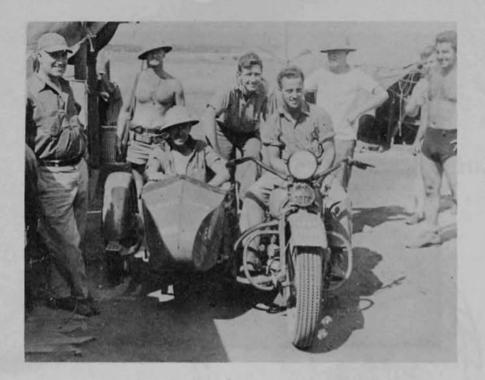




WHAT A LIFE



STRICTLY G.I.



GOING FOR THE MAIL



BEER TONIGHT



W. P. A. ?????



CLEAN UP DETAIL



THE FLUSHING WAHINE



A FIGHTING SEABEE



(H) ARMED TO THE TEETH



THE INNKEEPER



LITTLE BEAVER



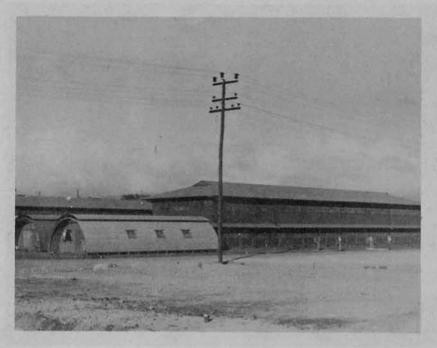
"SANDY & CO. "



3 MEN AND A BOSS



THEY SHALL NOT PASS



BARRACKS NO. TWO



BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE



CHOW LINE



"WASH DAY BLUES"



"BY BY"



SEABEE AT WORK



THE CLIP JOINT



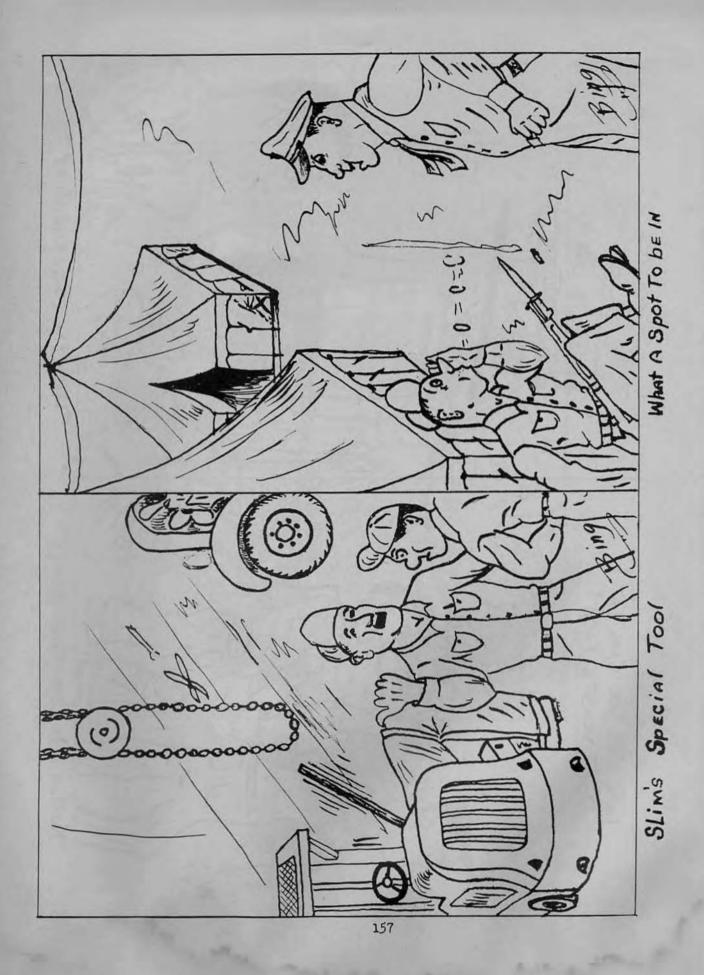
HOR'S DE COMBAT



LOVELY HULA HANDS



TIME OUT







But, it Wont Cut Iron

Anniversary Dinner Address By Captain M^c Carty

Lt. Bryant, CBMU #599 and guests. Just relax....I am not going to make a speech. I want to congratulate and compliment CBMU #599 for the wonderful work you have done. Without your help and work NASD would not be, at present, established in this area. You people have put this place on the map. I expect to leave soon, and I can, with pride, say I am turning over a wonderful organization due to the fact that the CB's played a major role in its establishment. Thank you for that!!!

I have known you for a long while. My last duty was at Quonset Point where I came in contact with the CB's. At that time I didn't know exactly what you were doing, but I soon found out. When I came out here and saw what you had done...well...the Navy can thank God for the CB's.

I have seen the work you have accomplished, and that is why I say I know you and I respect you, and as long as anybody in the Pacific Ocean comes in contact with you they will respect you. I saw what you did at Rei; I saw some of the work done in the Forward Area after the CB's went in and made it possible for the Marines to land.

Lt. Bryant, CBMU! #599, I want to thank you for the way you supported me at NASD and made this place possible. My only hope is that my contacts with other shipmates will be as pleasant as they have been with you.



CAPT. McCARTY SPEAKS



SKIPPER CUTS THE CAKE



WHAT WILL YOU HAVE



IT MUST HAVE BEEN GOOD



CHOW IS SERVED



EVERYBODY IS HAPPY



BRING ON THE DESSERT



ALL IS WELL THAT ENDS WELL

