

**TOUR
OF
DUTY**

**103 Naval Construction Battalion
1943 1945**



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Plaque

DEDICATED TO

The Rear Echelon, the other half of our battalion, who keep secure the homes to which we shall return: Mothers, fathers, wives, sweethearts, and family. To them TOUR OF DUTY is cheerfully dedicated.



From the halls of snowbound Quoddy . . .

INTRODUCTION

Naval Construction Battalion 103 was not among the first to go to war. World War II had been raging perilously for twenty-one months before our men mustered into boot camp. Yet this did not mean we were lax in responding to the battle call. For it was logical that the nation count on many of our kind to first build the industrial might by which we armed ourselves and our allies. Aircraft plants and planes, munitions plants and guns, shipyards and ships had to be built. Those who remained behind us had to be taught a multitude of artisan trades only the construction men could perform. Then, with the industrial potential leaping ahead, we put down our tools and tasks: We said goodbye to our families, children and friends, and solemnly shoved off for boot camp.

By average, the men in this battalion, and those who followed, are older in years of experience. When we entered boot camp a new system of military training, based on modern battlefield conditions, awaited us. When we took aboard our gear for the big overseas job, we found it to be the best equipment man could make.

This is a far different story than of our Construction Brothers who had gone on before. Ill-prepared, those men threw themselves before the yellow tide in the Pacific—and stopped it cold. Only a few bull dozers, a minimum of military training, and an amazing amount of guts did the trick. They diked up that yellow tide. Held it until we and others, well trained and well equipped, could move out into this war theater to secure and make ready the great offensive now launched from all quarters against the enemy.

Naval Construction Battalion 103, to date, has seen only the backwash of war: Marine casualties returned from tough campaigns; a handful of enemy flushed out, like sewer bugs from dank and odorous caves; a city and villages blasted to rubble and ruin; natives carrying life-time scars of torture. These sights have a profound effect upon all of us. Impulsively we want to drop the hammer and saw, take up the carbine and press on to actual combat. That chance may yet come.

We are on this tour of duty to build. We are here to construct the facilities by which the war progresses toward the unconditional surrender of the enemy. And we are bound to do these duties well for the sake of every man who came out here to fight and to build, but who will never see, with mortal eyes, his home again.

The Seabees were conceived at a ghastly, agonizing hour in our history shortly after Pearl Harbor, 7 December 1941. They emerged as a surprise force, the one BIG NEW element in the waging of a surprise war, and have proven to be neither strictly sea goin', in the Navy sense, nor landlubbers. Rather their ranks boast of men of the sea and men of the soil alike. They have brought their pontoon causeways through rough surf and shellfire to establish beachheads; they have tilled the soil of these far off lands to raise crops for desolated natives. Yet their main task has been to construct forward bases from which a mighty Navy and Army press home the attack.

Construction Battalion 103 is doing just that. And in this pictorial review of our tour of duty thus far, you will see a battalion of American men at work—and at play, too. For it is an American premise to see the lighter side, to fraternize with friendly people, to indulge in horse-play during those all too few hours of liberty.

OFFICER IN CHARGE



LT. COMDR. B. W. HARIG

This book is a history of your tour of duty with the 103rd Naval Construction Battalion during World War II. That tour of duty took you from the teeming metropolises of the United States to the steaming jungles of Guam, from the temperate climate of Rhode Island, the cold and snow of Maine, to the continual summer of Hawaii, and the heat and the rains of the Marianas. There have been times of high enthusiasm, and times of low monotony. There have been joy and pleasure, sadness and hard work. You have taken it as it came and have done a good job. Let us hope that when we get back home we will do as good or better job establishing a lasting peace, and that the experiences gained during this tour of duty will aid in establishing and maintaining that peace. Furthermore, may this book always bring back pleasant memories of comradeship and achievement. I am proud to have been your skipper during this tour of duty and wish all hands an early return home and a life of peace, happiness and contentment.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER



LT. COMDR. J. P. MARSHALL



To all the men of the battalion—those of you who have been with us since the early days at Camp Peary as well as those who have come aboard at various times in the past two years—it is my earnest hope that this book will help keep fresh in your memories the friendships you have formed while we have been together. The pictorial record of the construction projects which we have completed should be of great interest in years to come. As Executive Officer of the battalion I have thoroughly enjoyed my tour of duty with the organization.

COMPANY COMMANDERS



(1) Lt. Harold H. Baer, (CEC), USNR; (2) Lt. Quincy W. Wellington, (CEC), USNR; (3) Lt. Conover Fitch, Jr., (CEC), USNR; (4) Lt. Carl W. Capwell, (CEC), USNR; (5) Lt. (jg) Grover Green, (CEC), USNR.

OFFICERS



(1) Edwin R. Howard, (ChC), USNR; (2) Lt. Walter D. Shurter, (MC), USNR; (3) Lt. (jg) John F. O'Brien, (CEC), USNR; (4) Lt. (jg) Loren F. Schmidt, (MC), USNR; (5) Lt. (jg) Roy L. McDonald, (CEC), USNR; (6) Lt. (jg) Lewis D. Dawson, (CEC), USNR; (7) Lt. (jg) Oren L. Christensen, (CEC), USNR.

OFFICERS



(1) Ens. Gerald L. Curry, (SC), USNR; (2) Lt. Lloyd G. Shaddle, (DC), USNR; (3) Ens. Richard P. Jones, Jr., (CEC), USNR; (4) Ens. William K. Curtis, (SC), USNR; (5) Lt. Louis J. Reilly, (SC), USN; Ens. Linn S. Spaulding, (SC), USNR.

OFFICERS



(1) Ch. Carp. Lionel E. Lavoie, (2) Ch. Carp. Elbert R. Hughes; (3) Ch. Carp. Leonard L. Larson; (4) Ch. Carp. John W. Hoop; (5) Ch. Carp. Wilber E. Yoiers; (6) Ch. Carp. James J. Gunn; (7) Ch. Carp. Arnold D. Thomas; (8) Ch. Carp. James N. Anderson.

NEW AND DETACHED OFFICERS



Chaplain H. S. Lindsey replaced Chaplain E. R. Howard in September 1945. His previous tour of duty was at Hunter College.



Lt. (jg) G. E. Hill, first in Company D, of the 103rd. On Guam, he went to the 134th NCB, later returned as Company C Commander.



CHAP. ALAN WINN

Chap. Alan Winn was the first "Padre" of the 103rd. He is now serving on an APA. Many will remember his service at the second embarkation leave from Lido Beach, when he obtained emergency funds for them at the last minute.

CWO H. M. Wilson signed on while the Battalion wintered in Quoddy, Me. On Guam he took up transportation duties with the 134th Seabees.



CWO H. M. WILSON



Ensign L. J. Iademarco left Company C, transferred to 134th NCB.



Dr. Maurice Siegartel, first medical officer of the 103rd.



CWO A. Smith, first in Company C, won award at Normandy beaches.

CAMP PEARY

11-25 October 1943. Naval Construction Battalion 103 formed at Camp Peary, Va.

"Thirty days is all it takes. Thirty days of sweat like you've never sweat before. Thirty days of hip—hup—an' a reep. Thirty days of f'ward march, column right, column left an' to the rear. We'll make a Seabee out of you, matey. We'll take that fat off your belly.

I get it. You're a rough boy, a tough guy eh? O.K., Mac, scramble that high wall, swing out on that line over the ravine, hit the deck on the other side—an' keep goin'. Keep goin' with the belly and butt down. Keep goin' till the sweat blinds you, the dust chokes you, and your heart pounds your guts inside. Keep that piece high! You're not worth a damn if you foul it up!

Keep your helmet on, mate. That shaved head will

blister. Sore arm? Yeah, they use square needles for those shots. Keep goin', mister. Keep goin'.

Listen to what the man says, Mac. No dozin' here. Keep alert. He's tellin' you—he's showing you how to kill Japs, Mac. Listen. Watch and listen! You're laughing, Mac? Think it's a joke? Figure you'll never have to do any of that stuff? Well, maybe you won't. But God help you if you do—and you can't protect yourself. God help you if you let your mate down.

S'long men. 103rd, eh? All goin' up to Endicott. Good liberty towns up there. Providence, Boston and even New York. Remember, keep goin'. And watchin'. And thinkin'!"

15 October 1943. Naval Construction Battalion 103 departed in one echelon, from Camp Peary, Va., for NCTC, Camp Endicott, Davisville, R. I.

CAMP ENDICOTT



16 October 1943. Arrived at Davisville, R. I.

"Did you wake up when we went through Penn Station this morning? 0300 it was. Twenty minutes from my place in Flatbush, and me thinkin' about Grace and the kids sound asleep. Me, just twenty minutes from home! And we go rompin' through the New York train subway without even stopping. Think of all the gin mills up there—still goin' strong. Me, cramped up here in blue swabbie suit still stinkin' fresh with moth balls. We'll be there soon. Boots, they'll call us. And that old "You'll be sorry!" gag.

"What outfit, Mac? 103rd, huh. Where you from? Whose from Texas? Know Duffy? He's here!"

Frost bites deeply into the ground. Water towers spear the skyline, and even at mid-morning the fiery red aircraft

lights atop them sparkle in the crystal clear, cold atmosphere.

"This is Endicott, men! Advanced training. More obstacle courses. We'll get to fire on the range here. Sun Valley they call it. A lot of slick Waves here, eh? Look at that swabbie hollerin'. "Boots," he says. Why, hell he looks young enough to be my boy! I got a boy at home that big!"

Clean barracks, clean heads, clean chow halls. Military training, communications, pontoons, navigation, auto repair, fire fighting, earth moving, electrical schools. Close order drill, extended order drill. Hey, these guys are serious. Givin' us tests and grades. Like goin' to school again.

What'd that guy say at Peary? Keep thinkin'. Watch and listen and think!" Maybe he's right."

BATTALION COMMISSIONING



"Wednesday, 25 November, marked the high point in the history of the 103rd thus far, when the Battalion received its colors and passed in review before the commanding officer of NCTC, Endicott—Captain F. F. Rogers. With smart appearance and snappy step, the 103rd took its place right at the top of the list of

battalions which have gone through this station. Lieut. Comdr. B. W. Harig, O-in-C, led the colorful ceremony, and was assisted by Lieut. J. P. Marshall, Executive Officer, and the Company Commanders."

—From *THE STINGER*, 103NCB Newspaper,
6 December 1943 issue.

BATTALION COMMISSIONING



As Battalion prepares to "Pass in Review," Skipper and officers march in formation to reviewing site



Mrs. Baer gives colors



Captain Rogers, staff salute the colors



Mrs. Hill presents 103rd flag



CAMP ENDICOTT



This picture of D area in NCTC, is typical of all the other barracks



Did business rush when civilians took over?



Bayonets win on drill field



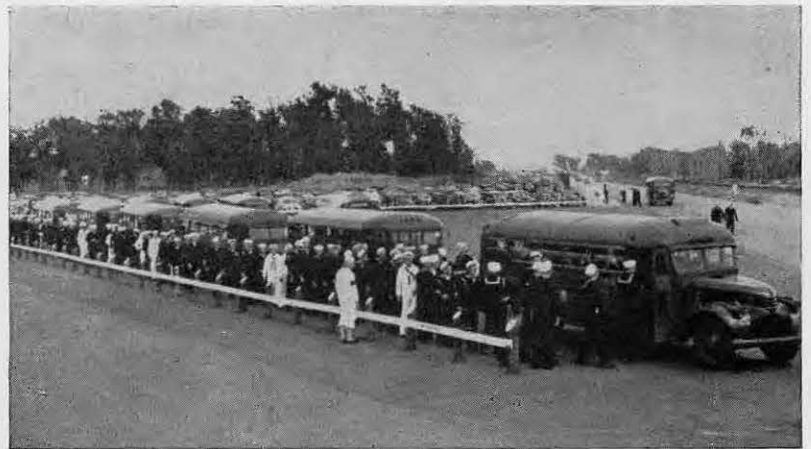
CB's take "Golden Gate" bridge in stride



Cold CB's are chapel bound



Just before invasion, commandos take to nets



1700 at Gate 5, half the camp is on its way to Providence

CAMP LEE-STEPHENSON



11 December 1943. Echelons No. 1 and No. 2 arrived at Quoddy Village, Me.

"Stuck up here in a snowdrift. And with a war going on too. Lots of talk up here. A station force man told me today, "You guys are up here for cold weather conditioning. You're going to Russia!" he says. That's pure scuttlebutt, mate. We've got some construction work to do here. Got to build a wing on the hospital, build warehouses, work on that big drill hall, erect a thirty-six thousand barrel tank, and then put a fence around the whole camp! Yeah, we'll be here awhile.

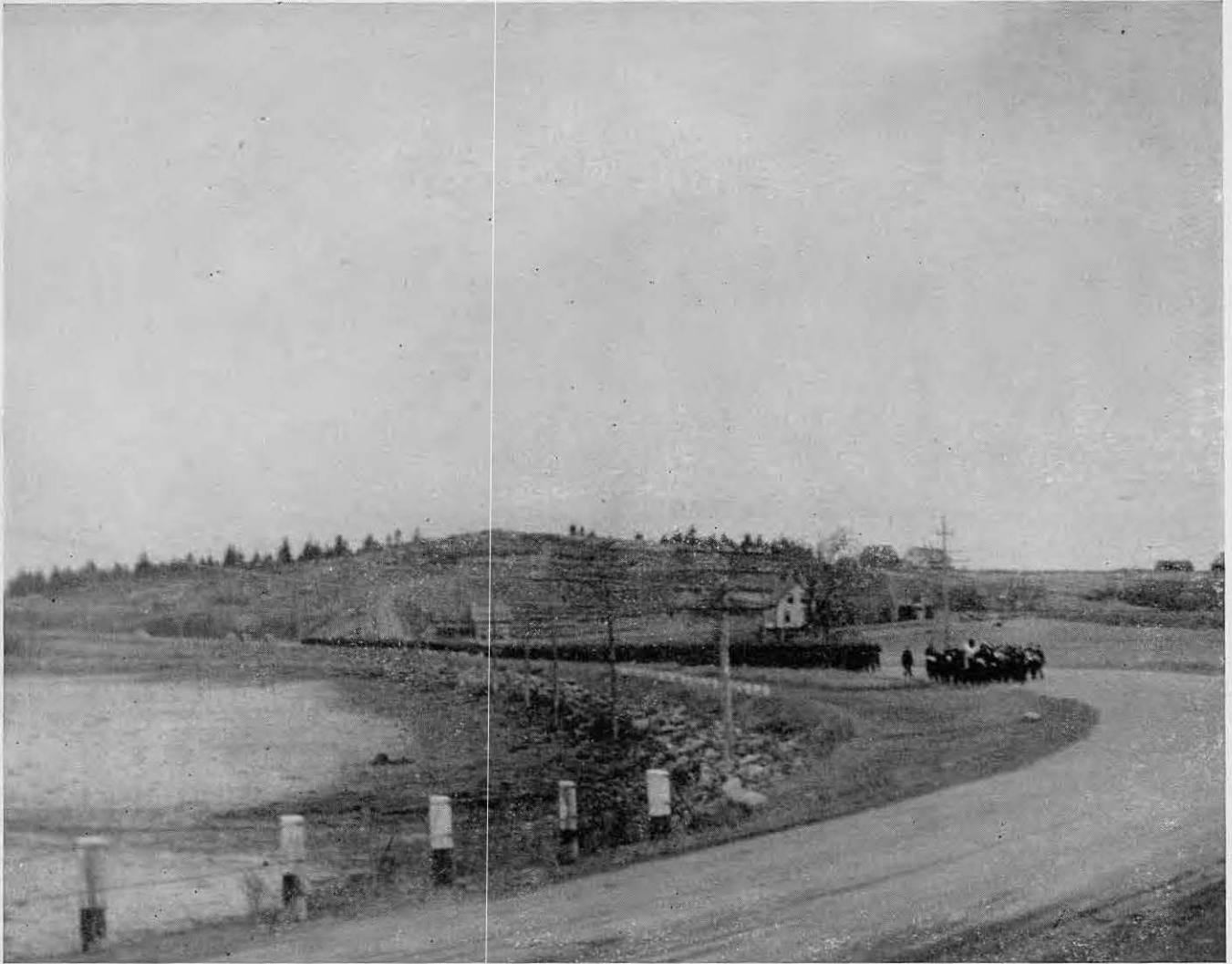
Get a load of this. There's a general draft going out. Tell me they're getting sea duty. Regular line Navy staff. No, I'm not goin'. Because I heard something else today. A guy in the front office told me they're

sort of shaking us down up here. Smoking out the bugs. Getting rid of the weaklings. Spotting the men who can handle the jobs. Spotting the chiefs who can handle the men. Learning to cut through the usual red tape. No, I'll stick it out. Got a liberty in Bangor this week-end anyway. What a town!

Got it straight today. We're fixing this place up for the Guadalcanal lads. The malaria boys are comin' up here to get well. If that's the pure quill then we at least have started to do something worthwhile; it beats drilling out in the snow!"

20 April 1944. Departed in two echelons of approximately 500 men and 15 officers each, from Camp Lee Stephenson, Quoddy Village, Me., for ABD, Camp Thomas, Davisville, R. I.

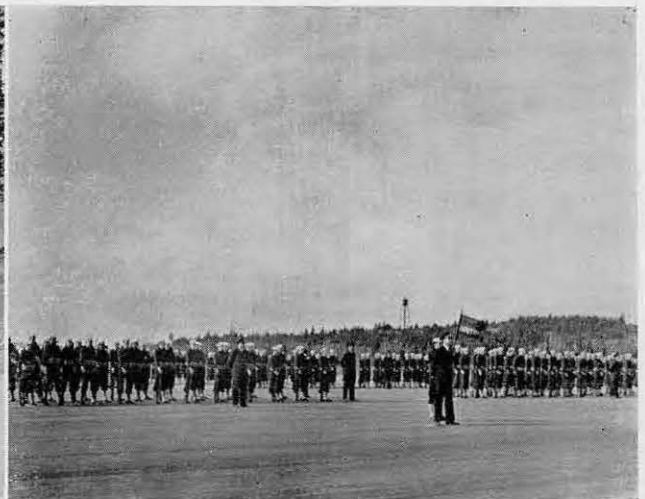
CAMP LEE-STEPHENSON



Here, the 103rd band leads the entire battalion over an icy and sleet-covered Maine highway to their weekly review session. Sunday afternoons the entire complement of Camp Lee-Stephenson donned jungle-cloth, high stepped four miles to Eastport airstrip to pass in review before O-in-C Howard.



The marching men pass armory—aim for the open road



Headquarters company snaps to Parade Rest!, airstrip

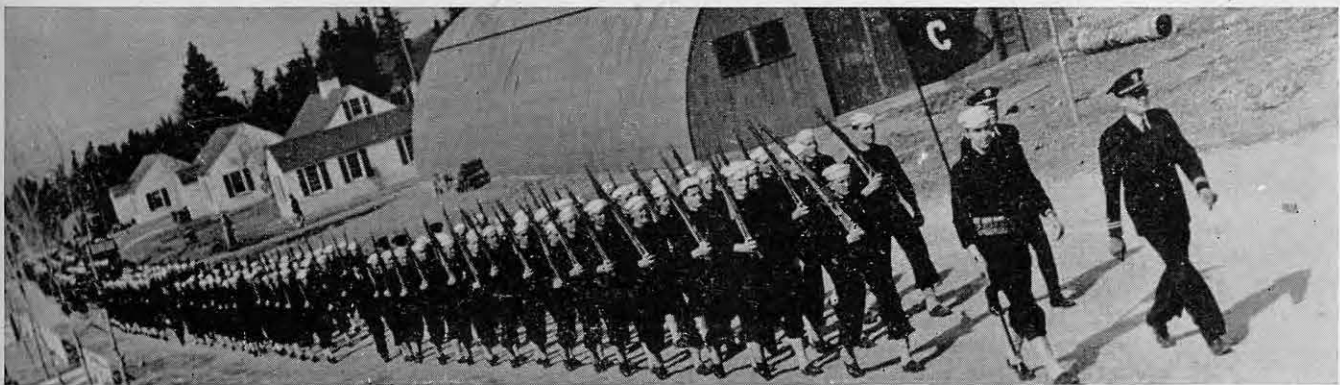
CAMP LEE-STEPHENSON



At Eastport airstrip miles from camp, usual conditions prevailed. Swords clattered and teeth chattered



while Commander Howard, Quoddy's Officer-in-Charge, and staff inspected the 103rd before it boarded train



for training at Camp Thomas, Davisville. Realizing that this was farewell to Lee-Stephenson, the 1,000

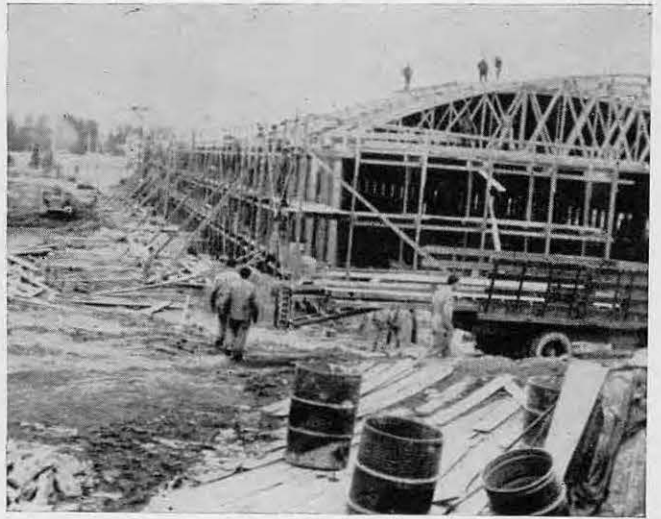


Seabees did not gripe probably as much as they had on previous O-in-C inspections and reviews.

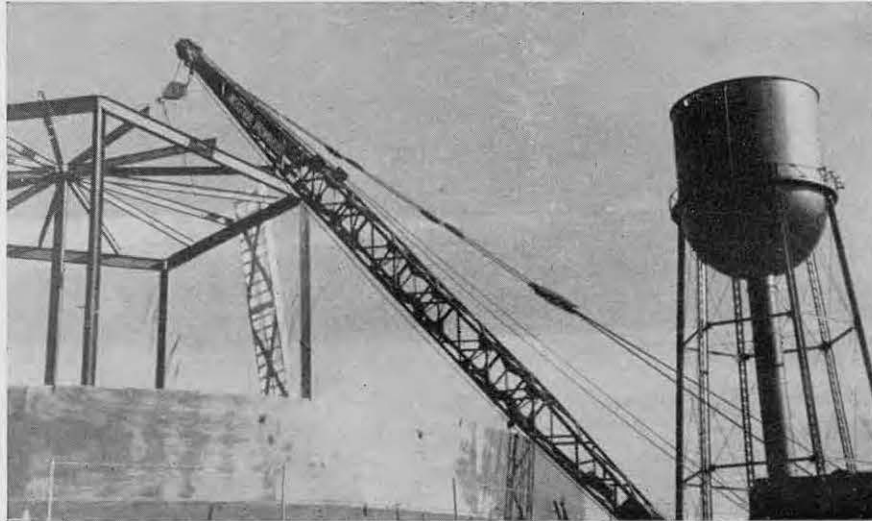
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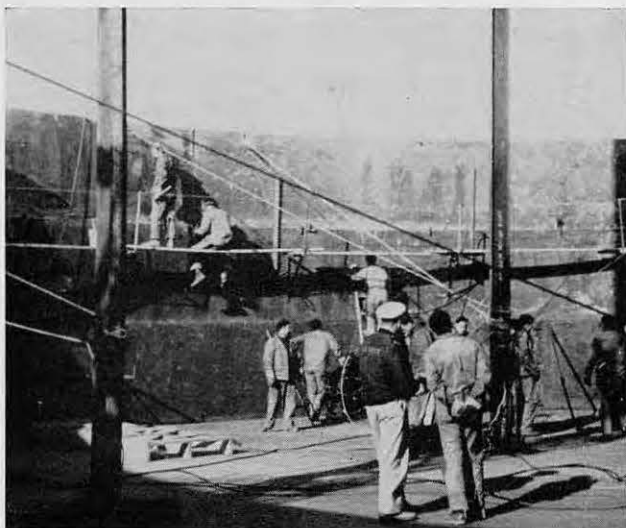
103rd carpenters erect drill hall, Seabee style



Looking east, 600 foot structure takes shape



Welders work on 1,788,500 gallon tank across street from Kendall Hall



CWO Gunn confers with men hoisting plates



P.M. shift takes breather. Look at the birdie

CAMP LEE-STEPHENSON



Peaceful, Quoddy snowdrifts on a quiet weekend



Baker Bob Surber, deep in Lee-Stephenson's snow



Looking at Canada from E'port



Roach smiles pretty for lens



CB's walk to a school dance



Photog's camera catches familiar Maine sight



Study in white, snowy Quoddy in all its glory

CAMP LEE-STEPHENSON



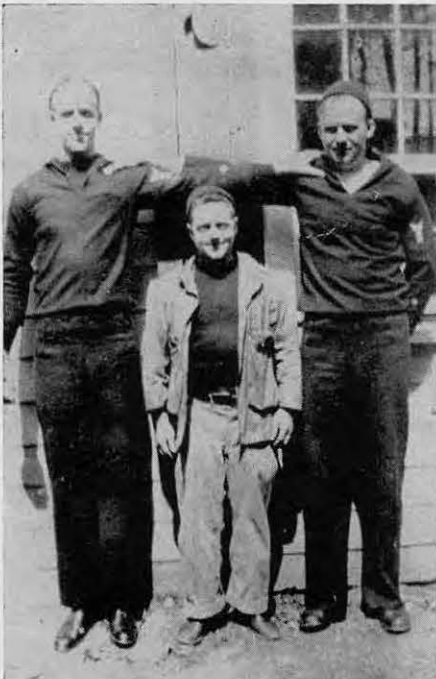
103rd's procuring skills developed in Quoddy



Californians keep warm in foul weather gear



The General Service draft leaves, mates bid farewell



Van Ripper-Wallace top Seaman!



It's a great day for yachting



Eddie January in January scene

CAMP LEE-STEPHENSON



B-6 men, content before their tourist cottage



Nine veterans of Quoddy campaign pose for shot



Kelliher, Gain, Hoey, and Griffen like the cold



Who sang "Sack-Rat Serenade" to the Company C men?



Hugo, Frank, Ball Brothers



Chief Stewart and Duke, alert



Kettleheads set out on a hike

CAMP LEE-STEPHENSON



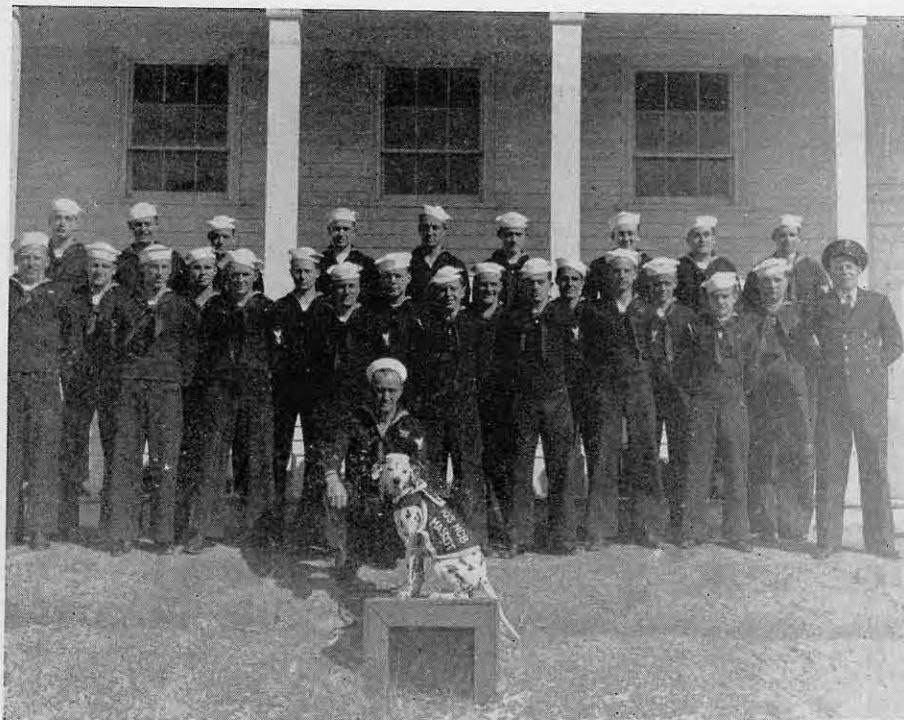
Four snow bunnies squat to pose



Camera captures Company A-2 squad



Early if that's the pay hut



With Batt mascot, "Duke," in front, Platoon 5 of Company A looks dressed to kill



Over a third of men in B-6 by their house which is at end of the chow hall, across from Kittery.



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CAMP LEE-STEPHENSON



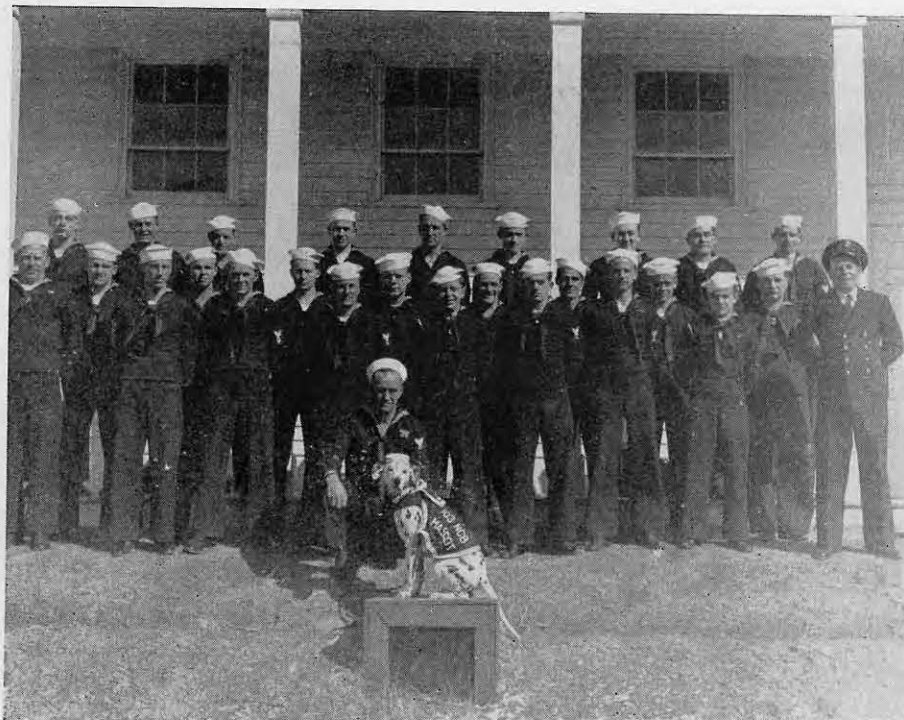
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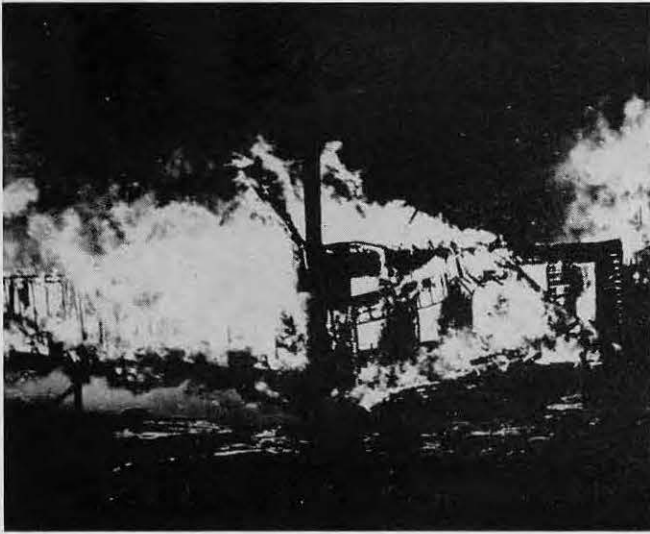


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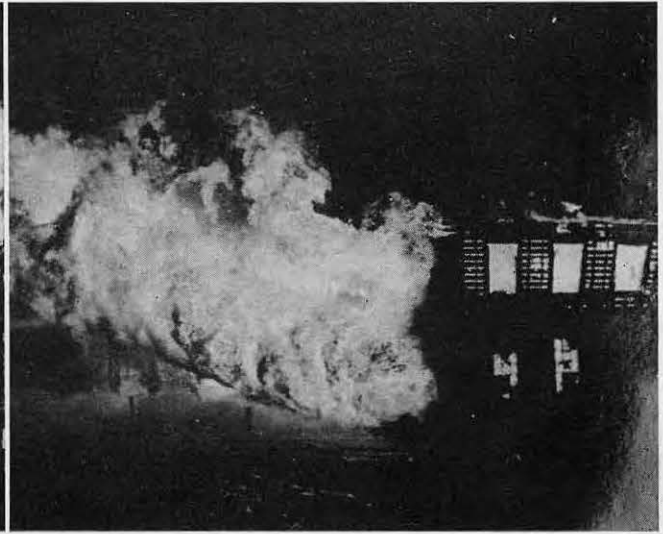


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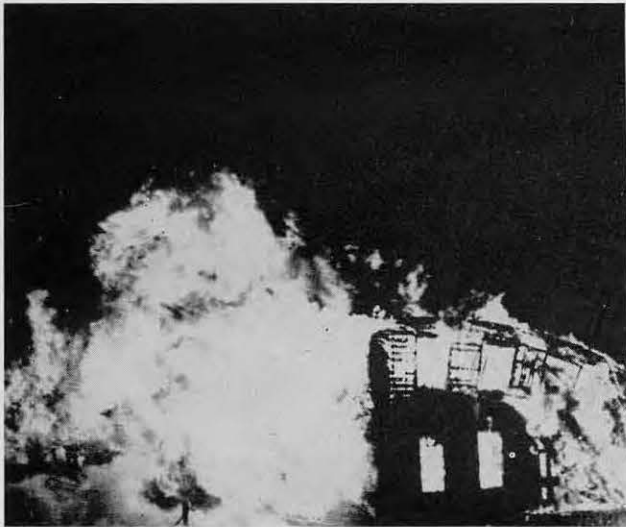
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East wing Quoddy Ad building only sea of fire



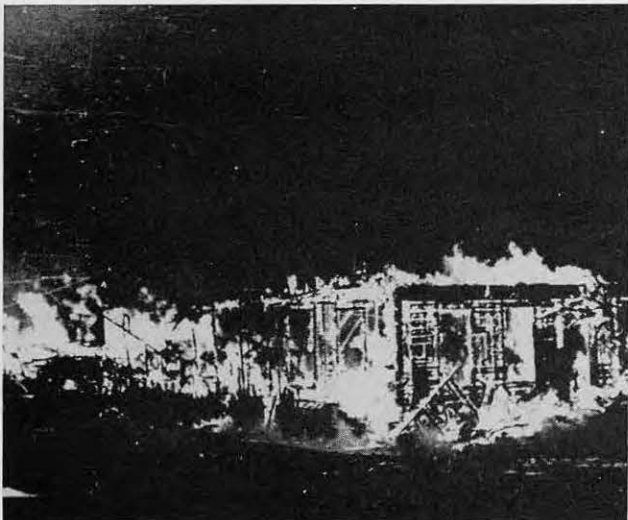
Corner near main gate belches flame at highway



From drill field, this pic shows side crumbling



Deck of Quoddy's "heart" about to hit ground



View of \$450,000 fire on wintery morn at 0200



Telephone and print shop smokes, nearly ablaze

CAMP LEE-STEPHENSON



Scaringi, band lead Batt to southbound train



Company B musters preparatory to trek to train



Pass by jealous (?) Quoddy!



Skipper, NCTC gold say adios



D-Day! Back to civilization



Smiles, remorse, confusion shown on CB faces



"G'bye Mate, G'luck!" departure in April, 1944

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY



Headquarters, commonly labeled the "Waves" of the Battalion, maintain and do certain jobs, which if not properly carried out, would slow down battalion progress a great deal. Besides the 27 storekeepers and six yeomen that are contained in its muster rolls, there are 23 engineers (draftsmen and surveyors) upon whom depends every construction job that the Battalion is assigned. In the galley a force of 39 cooks, bakers, and butchers form a crew that is certainly indispensable; the sick bay of the battalion is operated by 10 Headquarters pharmacists. Lt. Grover Green is now the Company Commander but before him came Lt. C. P. Boyer who is now with the 37th NCB. Earlier yet, and the first commander of the unit, was Lt. E. C. Lechterman, now attached to Allied Military Governments. From Headquarters company come the seven steward mates who maintain the officers' wardroom and country; a majority of the men who are attached to the battalion Ship Service department as cobblers, tailors,

laundry-men and barbers are in this "service" unit. Also of Headquarters and never forgotten, is the Mail Man who pleases or disappoints about 1,700 daily. The athletic specialists who feature an average of four events every week, and the photographer whose work you see on these pages, both are in Headquarters. Another important unit which is run exclusively by Headquarters is the combination of Operations and Construction offices. Procuring crews and compound details are dispatched from here. Also, Operations keeps a daily log of projects undertaken, work orders, material orders; they know at all times where each man in the battalion is working. In the last few months, a new job was shifted from the Disbursing office to Operations. Labor records and pay records of 65 civilian laborers on the island are being kept by an Operations man. Other Headquarters men are scattered throughout the First Lieutenant's department and also in transportation.

PLATOON H - 1



Bottom row, left to right: Gerald Carriera, Ralph Bryant, Gladwell Newsom, William Farrell, William Boyd, Albert Disney, Leroy Bley, Russell Booth, Edmund Tino, Donald Browne, and Russell Horton. Second row: Joseph Ragsdale, Frank Barkley, Vernon Thomas, Leslie Burton, Anthony Palagonia, Bartow Crichlow, Gerald Paddock, Michael Scanzillo, Tony Beneventi, Joseph Cronin, Samuel Lowry, and Richard Close. Third row: Alfred Wheat, Chief Perrine, Ralph Bishop, Wayne Pearson, John Kovarcik, Philip Jones, Frank Bartholomew, Thomas Vizzini, Robert Gold, Romey Ballew, Dominick Brancati, and Shandon Knappe. Top row: Paul Chinn, Edward Borofsky, Donald Graham, Chief Betters, Chief Hodges, Chief Rice, James Bryan, John Mullaly, Walter Slavinsky, Herbert Stroud, Wayne Winton, and Ralph Nelson.

PLATOON H - 2



Bottom row, left to right: Dan Brolliar, Phil Lang, James Short, John Dobbie, Robert Williamson, Robert Mertz, Leonard Howell, Victor Parsons, Joaquin Wasson, Cletus Carlock, Steven Salay, Andrew Bukva, Richard Schleicher, and Robert Sanford. Second row: Frank Coulter, Russell Hofacker, William Seep, Amos Majors, Clarence Hagar, Sylvan Abbott, James Gibson, Joseph Ryne, Carl Sheridan, Thomas Banks, Lucius Gorham, and Lloyd Donigan. Third row: Milton Friedman, Robert Rasmussen, Edward Townsend, Richard Jester, Thomas Hickey, Freeman Sorrell, Leonard Riordan, Julian Brashears, Gilbert Sheridan, Luther Landin, Woodrow Castle, and Engene Stauber. Top row: Albert Sinclair, William Turner, Stanley Preston, George Moulton, Arthur Wynne, Chief Harwell, Chief Thompson, Chief Miller, Chief Wolfgram, Chief Wood, Chief Cooney, Chief Kalle, Philip Starr, Al Kania, and Joseph Isaac.

CAMP THOMAS

21 April 1944. Echelons No. 1 and No. 2 arrived at Camp Thomas, R. I.

"Here we are, fella', just across the tracks from En-dicott. Good to be back. Warmer now. Noticed the men stretching like a lota' bears coming down from the snow country in the Spring. We're restless, time is dragging. Plenty of liberty and familiar faces. They don't say it, but they wonder "When're you shoving off? Others have gone on. It's your turn."

More schooling here. Boat work on the bay. Picked up our gas masks today—wonder if we'll ever use them. Building a chapel too. Some of the men are driving

busses, working in the warehouses, handling cargo. New men came in today. Taking up the Quoddy draft vacancies. Saw some of those general service men, and most of 'em are back in the Seabee battalions.

Talk's going around. Something about Lido Beach, and more training. Amphibious this time. Maybe we'll go in on a Pacific beachhead one of these days. Time drags and we're restless. The men are betting on our final destination. Normandy Coast? Or maybe Saipan or Tinian or Guam? If we go on to Lido the guys say we'll do a month's duty there, and then Europe. We'll see.



Seven "swabbies" at ABD seamanship school



Nick, Russ, Bill and Carl on Higgins craft



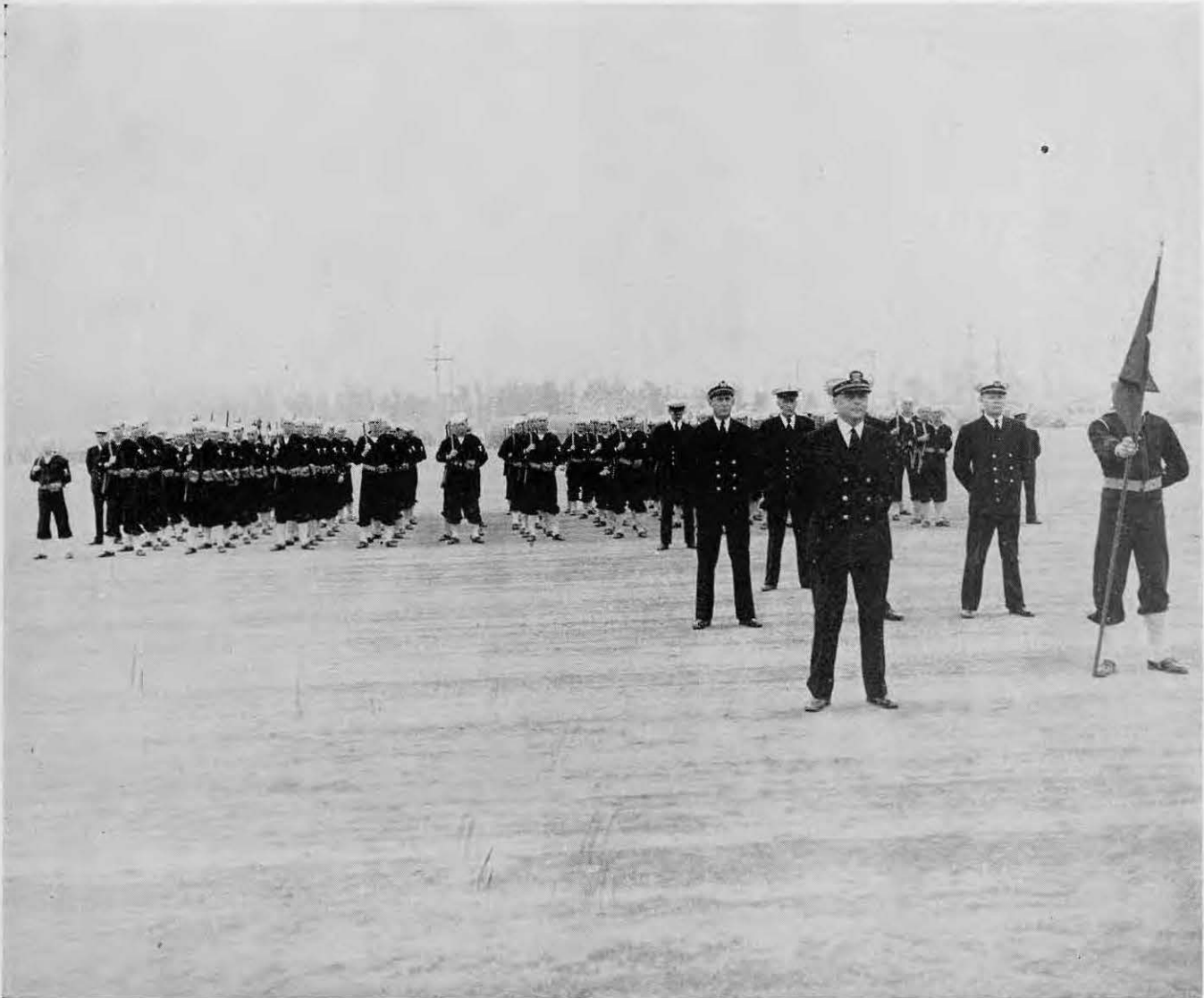
Mariners take LCV(P) on Bay for a speed trial, vibration plays havoc with lens, men and helm

15 May 1944. Departed, in two Echelons, from ABD, Camp Thomas, Davisville, Rhode Island for ABATU, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York.



FUEL FOR A MODERN WAR

A COMPANY



From salvaging beached landing craft on the rocky shore of San Nicolas Island, to general carpenter work on the palm-studded coral of Guam, has been the realm of construction work that Company A men will boast of in many years to come. With Lt. Q. W. Wellington at the helm since battalion formation, the company has the jump as to the overall number of Naval stations visited during its tour—with the brief three week stay in Camp Oak at Ojai giving them this distinction. Company A's muster is composed largely of shipfitters and machinist mates but the other artificer rates do not take a backseat. While on San Nicolas, construction of island roadways was a main project; plenty of airstrip work was done. At the airfield, three 40x100 Quonset hut warehouses were erected. Also here on San "Nick," Company A proved to be top-notch stevedores as they transferred material and aviation fuel from LSTs and barges that had just come onto the beaches. Another minor

job on the island was the revamping of the island water system. San "Nick" Seabees rated liberty every two weeks; once—a liberty of about 72 hours and next—about a 96-hour pass. Liberty transportation was either by PBY mailplane or LCI. On Guam, the pipe men and plumbers commanded a most important position on our big project, the camp for the Sixth Marine Division, as they did the majority of work on the water supply and lines. The concrete ready-mix plant at the Sixth Marine Compound was maintained and operated by Company A. The bulk of the Master-at-Arms originally came from Company A. Company A's contribution to the Public Works assignment was the maintenance and operation of four island power plants at Piti, Agana, Barrigada, and Orote. Most of the operators of these four units were of Company A, as were three out of the four Chiefs-in-charge. At publication time, Company A maintained the Agana Water Works, and worked at North Field.

COMPANY A

PLATOON A-1



Bottom row, left to right: Melvin Moore, Ed Elmstrom, Walt Feitzinger, Ed Weiner, Al Lamica, Delmar Van Tassell, Glen Mayer, Dale Bright, Joseph Viti, Wilbur Miller, Francis Roach, and Joe Umbinetti. Second row: Robert Langton, Chet Karnaceiwicz, Ken Bennett, Thomas Boria, Laverne Weyburg, James Ferguson, Louis Marchand, William Price, Frances Schrmack, Herman Perry, James Murphy, and Ernest Chamberlain. Top row: Ira DeForest, Francis Page, Homer Barton, Benson Sumner, Chief Poyle, Chief Fehmel, Chief Marsh, James Kelley, Victor Michelli, John Nowlin, and John Evans.

PLATOON A-2



Bottom row, left to right: Keith Fleener, Thomas Corbett, Joseph Brasch, Mel George, Philip Sullivan, Chief Curtis, Edward Rogles, William Folsom, Ronald Drane, Thomas Rohland, and Enoch Reynard. Second row: Ben Mudry, James McGladdery, Roy Malm, Roy Haas, John Paddock, Phil Hudelson, Joseph Holland, Richard Semon, Thomas Donathan, John Viall, Joseph Fladung, and Don Boichot. Top row: Verner Ahles, Robert Fiat, Thomas Holland, George Joyce, Edmund Fortier, Chief Ludgate, Carl Gaskill, Bert Patillo, M. Ross, Lue McClanahan, E. Van Schaick, and Arthur Whip.

COMPANY A

PLATOON A-3



Bottom row, left to right: Arthur Mellott, Richard Scherer, George Puckett, Earl Foust, Fred Magee, Arthur Forzano, Chief Cox, Jack Patterson, LaVerne Schultz, Charles Nethery, Paul Engelhardt, and Leon Siebuhr. Second row: Edwin Rester, Edgar Elfline, Robert Karl, William Ott, Earl Kenny, Elmer Noble, Howard Mermal, Leonard Cy:uli, Roland Moody, Robert Imgrund, Stephen Preslawski, and Andrew Lukacs. Top row: Kenneth Fosbenner, George Glenn, John Carney, Herbert Hamer, William Lyons, Chief Ebach, Chief Reuter, Elmer Murphy, Ralph Friedlein, Thomas Bruce, Onofrio Tattoli, and John Kroll.

PLATOON A-4



Bottom row, left to right: Raphael Hofmann, Fernando Martinez, Wayne Clark, Carl Fair, Wilfred Duling, Chief Tarver, John Fritschy, Kenneth Sweeney, William Genoni, David Bower, Daniel Wrin, and Jack Kresser. Second row: Joe Green, Robert Krantz, Warren Jones, Clarence Long, Andrew LaFlamme, Ralph Hughes, Ray Lewis, John Kiley, Harold Hawkins, Garrett Juby, and Joseph Augustyniak. Top row: Donald McKee, Leon Thomas, Morgan Shirron, Chief Stewart, Chief Jacobs, Chief Williams, John Weber, Joseph Broderick, Charles Frister, Darrell Freese, Warren Frame, and Ovide LaBranch.

COMPANY A

PLATOON A-5



Bottom row, left to right: Robert Geddes, Robert Romero, Bernard Gadacz, Burdell Hellrung, Raymond Anderson, Chief McClurkin, Chief Barton, John Byrnes, Joseph LeTarte, Freeman Stickney, Anthony Hodor, and Harold Borgstrom. Second row: Herman Mahurin, Lacy Duncan, Hilbert Streblov, Elijah Griffiee, Gus Lams, Francis Du-flinger, Clarence Barnes, Philip Galleher, Watson Howe, and Charles Jordan. Top row: Lawrence Perry, Francis Loudenslager, Joseph Leigh, A. J. Felts, Ted Hunsaker, Roy Mattingley, Earl Yeager, Robert Robertson, Harold Baltzley, Bob Blalock, and James Fleet.

PLATOON A-6



Bottom row, left to right: Paul Lamb, Joseph Sciannimanico, Paul Strawbridge, Frank Martocci, Homer Stephens, Chief Ness, Chester Grajko, William Gerrity, Walter Esgar, and Robert Gerwitz. Second row: Michael Gagliotti, David Langworthy, Paul Ciullo, Harry Kamper, William McGuckin, Claudio Arenas, William McLaughlin, Andrew Dickinson, George Nowe, and Raymond Cotter. Top row: Matthew McGrath, Joseph Giannini, Robert Givens, Thomas Elliott, David McKelvey, Chief McNiven, Chief Pollard, George Bradley, Leonard Hinson, John Cosine, and Murray Davis.

L I D O B E A C H

15 May 1944. Echelons No. 1 and No. 2 arrived at Lido Beach ABATU, Long Island, N. Y.

"They tell me it's rough going here. Marine instructors to put us through our paces. We can take all they want to dish out, eh, Mac? More Waves! Look at 'em drill. The blondie dame smilin' all the time. Mmmmmm! Forty-five minutes from Boardway. Liberty every other night. Hell, I'm broke already.

Morning drill, half a day of it now. The cadence is faster, Marine style. More boat work. Tomorrow we establish a beachhead! Scheduled to go aboard LCPs, LCTs, and LCMs at 0700. We'll carry field packs and pieces. Then put through the channel and stand two miles off-shore for rendezvous with the command craft.

The day is bright, the sea calm. Smooth running so far. They've posted the watch. "Enemy aircraft low at 12 o'clock"! We can hear the motors whine. Can hear, but can't see the planes. Coming in from the east—right out of the sun. At twenty feet they lift their wings and roar at three hundred miles an hour above us! The prop wash claws at the cringing coxs-

wain. We'd have casualties aboard if that were the real stuff.

We're near the beach now. Can hear the surf. Can see the backsides of green, translucent combers rolling onto white sand. The beachmaster signals. Steady! Steady! We're into it now. Trouble to starboard. An LCP hangs crazily in mid-air then careens drunkenly to a broached position on shore. Men scramble from the helpless craft, stagger on through a boiling surf. Our own craft slides up on a sandy shoal, and we hit the ramp even before it splashes in the water eddying around the bow. Up on the beach! Into the dunes beyond. The Blue army, the enemy, is near. Watch! Think! Listen! This might be the real thing—some day!"

30 June 1944. Echelons No. 1 and No. 2, consisting of about 350 men and 10 officers each, departed from ABATU, Lido Beach, N. Y., for ABRB, U. S. Naval Base, Port Hueneme, Calif.

1 July 1944. Echelon No. 3, consisting of about 350 men and 10 officers departed from ABATU, Lido Beach, N. Y., for ABRB, U. S. Naval Base, Port Hueneme, Calif.



Drill field at Lido was trampled daily by Seabees, Waves, men of Acorn units, and Casu outfits

LIDO BEACH



USO at Long Beach, New York, allows you to hold the good earth that actually comes from your home state



Dolfinger's OK means Griffin got him!



CB Rangers take a well deserved rest!



Quonsets mean films, barracks mean sack time



Looking at galley, rear of Company B and C barracks

LIDO BEACH



"Commandos" scale landing nets



Wade is sharpshooter



Semon, Patillo see fight



Crews of Chs. Barton and McClerkin look seagoin'



Is that a Company clerk?



Taylor-Delancy evade boss

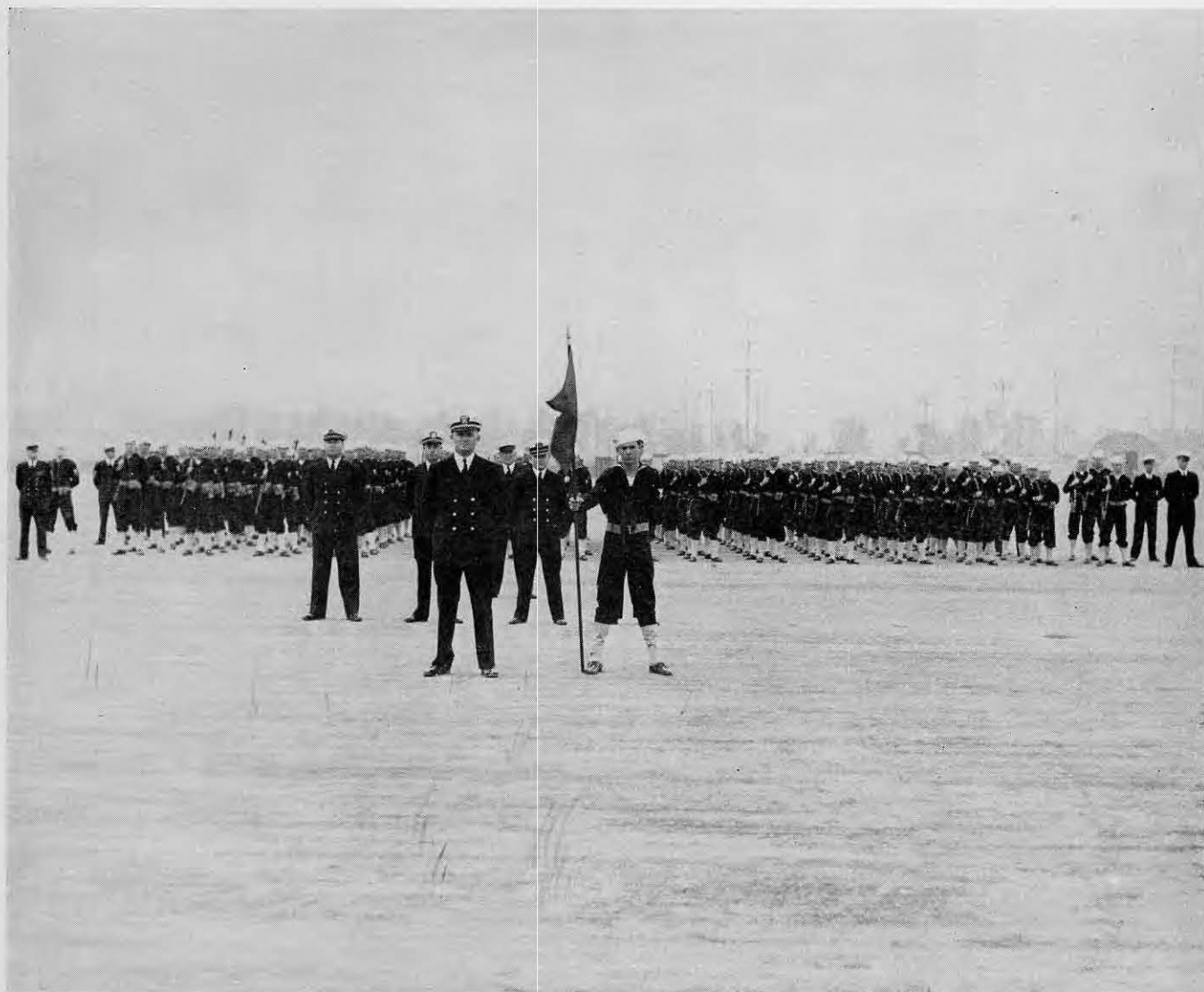


Otho takes a jive



MACHINERY FOR A MODERN WAR

B COMPANY



General construction duty is the description of Company B's work. As to the number of certain rates in Company B, machinists and carpenters are high with about 50 of each. Most of the Macs are working in transportation while the carpenters are either working on specific projects or for associate jobs of the First Lieutenant. Lt. H. H. Baer has been the Company Commander since the Battalion formed in 1943. Under Lieutenant Baer, Company B, during its stay at the Mira Loma airstrip of the Oxnard airport, just outside of Port Hueneme, maintained camps of CASU and ACORN units. Supply tanks for airplane fuel were erected and a warm-up apron was laid out. This was mainly a job of leveling by heavy equipment. While at Mira Loma, Company B machinist mates laid the groundwork for the transportation department that was to stay intact until late in 1945 while the battalion was operating on Guam. In Pearl Harbor, incoming Waves

had their barracks and area built on Ford Island, and Company B worked together with the other three line companies in constructing these housing units. Here on Guam, all pipefitting and shipfitting work on the camp chow hall was done by Company B pipe men. At the Sixth Marine Division camp, two areas complete with chow halls, heads, and scrub and shower heads were completed by Company B. In late spring of 1945, Company B was called for a detail to Northwest field, newest island B-29 base, to erect two large warehouses, briefing rooms and motor build-up huts. Other company men joined them later and our battalion men worked hand in hand with the Army engineers on that project. The dairy barn and installations at the F.E.A. farm North of camp, was Company B's project, originally, and later a few men from this company were working steadily at the dairy. Just before time of publication, work had been completed on a swimming pool of the Flight Rec. Camp; and a Flag Officers' home had been finished.

COMPANY B

PLATOON B-1



Bottom row, left to right: Alexander Brown, Walter Rich, Manuel Pereira, Roger Whitney, Charles Pennington, Elmer Gilliam, Phil Spinetto, Johnny Longo, Charles Clute, and Harry Gilfert. Second row: Walter Schaedler, Ralph Peters, Melvin Parcher, Harold Larimer, Albert Rodman, Harry Brown, Frank Thalheimer, Ellis Roemer, and Jack LeBreton. Top row: Carl Wilson, Chief Soderberg, Chief Rogers, Chief Morris, and Reeves Hogan.

PLATOON B-2



Bottom row, left to right: Nickolas Nickolas, Lawrence Milo, Matt Mercer, Camp Ashenfelter, Joseph McGinnis, Chief Skillman, Frank Gamez, James Moffet, Frank Oliger, George Hoffman, Leland Berogan, and William Keyser. Second row: Billy Taylor, Homer Sanford, Chester Waterman, Francis Surprise, Woodrow Moss, Wyman Cameron, Leroy Wilkerson, Thomas Long, Robert Johnson, and Donald Holee. Top row: Sigmund Mizwicki, Frank Beirowski, James Meadowcroft, Chief Langner, Chief Knorr, Billy Medlock, Roy Weaver, Gordon Barnard, James Lee, and Morris Glazer.

COMPANY B

PLATOON B-3



Bottom row, left to right: Ed Jendrick, Walt Robillard, Mike Goldberg, Alex Siery, Calman Goldstein, Luis Gomez, Chief Griffin, George LaPointe, Newton Cayton, John Lee, Floyd Fullingim, and Arch Reuter. Second row: Clarence Warren, Rudolph Lewis, Ralph McCall, Emil Loeffler, Raymond Rittenberry, Armand Toutaint, Ralph Gonser, Harold Ingraham, Bernard Wallace, Peter Hale, and Ormand Marchione. Top row: George Bullock, Ralph Lalemand, Webster McCracken, Rod Sigrist, Fred Salasek, Walt Johnson, Claire Turner, Phelps Marshall, Lou Perrotta, Chris Raiser, and Jerry Vogt.

PLATOON B-4



Bottom row, left to right: Ralph Seaman, Joseph Dauphinais, Frank Yocum, Harry Whitworth, Thomas Scalise, Chief Gain, Vernon Cannon, Carl Harvey, Richard Pechous, Robert Shaver, Christopher Leonard, and Albert Strazzera. Second row: James Kopacka, Raymond Cahill, Russell Hoffman, Ray Elder, Ralph Naylor, Marvin Parker, Boyd Croley, Robert Phillips, Edward Green, Clifton Eubanks, George Strobridge, and Hugo Marchini. Top row: James Parson, Eli Huscusson, William Roach, Robert Gray, Clemens Brown, Anthony Miscik, Chief Holler, James Crowe, Water Klein, William Arnold, Robert Cunningham, and Frank Malafrente.

COMPANY B

PLATOON B-5



Bottom row, left to right: Joel Baker, Owen Kvenvold, Leonard Tedrow, Frederick Soares, Michael Grimmer, Chief Kelliher, Milton Parker, Ralph Johnson, Al Griffin, Helmer Sandback. Second row: Norman Lewis, John Lewinski, Eli Salloum, Charles Dolfinger, Amos Dupuis, William Jessie, Edward Dabrowski, John Knapp, Douglas Howley, Shade Hall, and Henry Satzger. Top row; Louis Kropp, William Dyche, Stephen Kiver, Sam Steiner, Robert Printz, Ernest Richard, Edward McLean, George Will, and Paul Greer.

PLATOON B-6



Bottom row, left to right: Joseph D'Amico, Joe Grosso, George Doepe, Owen Westmoreland, Orlen Lewis, Harold Brown, Chief Chudej, John Bennie, Bruno Szczerba, Aristedes Vorias, Abel Simmons, and Michael Rutigliano. Second row: Lionel Proteau, Clarence Brown, Gaston Jones, Charles Jones, Jack Rand, Allen Holmes, William Noble, Robert Martin, Earl Austin, and Joel Bankin. Top row: Anthony Acquista, Harris Arenburg, James Morrow, Stanley Liboski, Ranch Dudley, George Rettig, Chief Dalton, Marion Grisham, Thurman Van Riper, Robert Peachman, Robert Wallace, Maury Newman, and Laurie Banford.

P O R T H U E N E M E



5 July 1944. Echelons Nos. 2, 3, and 1, arrived at Port Hueneme in that order.

"California bound! On the way to Hueneme, embarkation port for Jap-land. It looks like moonlight and tropics for us. Talked to a California man: "Wait'll we get past this Texas desert country," he says, "and start down the west slope of the Sierras. Everything's green! Green forests. Green olives. You'll be reachin' out of the car windows and pickin' juicy ripe oranges off the trees"!! A Texan overheard him and the two of them go at it out in the vestibule.

The countryside races by in long stretches. Yet we sidetrack frequently to give roaring freights the right-of-way. They set up a metallic whine under their burden of tanks, landing craft and crated airplanes. It's war. The nation unfolds a landscape of factories and fertile farms. Food and guns. And men. We watch for familiar cities, home towns. And as we move westward, some of our men sadden, some look forward to meeting family and friends ahead.

Hueneme! Our troop train backs into a spur right in the heart of camp. Great stock piles of pontoons, refrigerators, trucks and tractors spread out as far as the eye can see.

Men seem more casual here. They look older, less boisterous. What is it? Because this is the last foothold on the mainland? Possibly. Is it because some of the

old outfits are here, back from the big show, for a rest and replacements? Old men who know the ropes? Possibly. Is it because of scuttlebutt, fantastic stories of torpedoings, casualties? Possibly.

Military training again. Live grenades, booby traps, gas drill, firing the range. More mock maneuvers. The Battle of the Garbage Dump! Routed out at 0035. No lights. No smokes. Advance in the darkness. Deploy! Set up the machine guns. Messengers flounder over mountains of cans and crates to keep contact with CP and our flank positions. "The pass word?" The pass word, Sir, is "CROCK"!

More construction jobs now. Camp Oak, San Nicolas, San Clemente and Mira Loma. Airstrips.

More talk. We're moving out! We've seen the code numbers on the packing crates. We've got our heavy equipment. Trucks, jeeps, cats, tractors, and cranes. We go aboard tomorrow. To the Aleutians? The Marshalls? Philippines? China? Marianas? They'll tell us when we get under way.

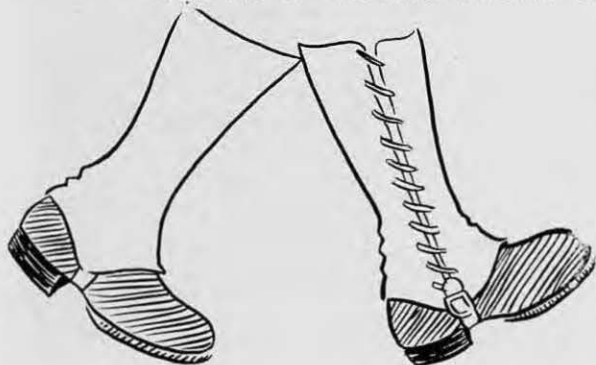
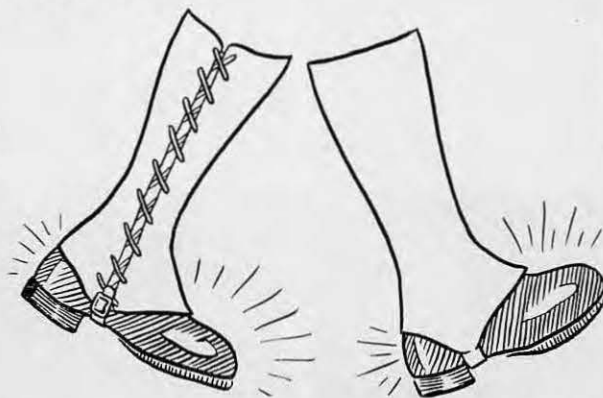
Fog closes like a curtain behind us. Shuts out our last view of the homeland. We move westward cautiously. Listen to the fog horn. Watch sharply ahead. Think, man! Think!

25 October 1944. Departed from ABRB, U. S. Naval Base, Port Hueneme, for Pearl Harbor, T. H.

PORT HUENEME



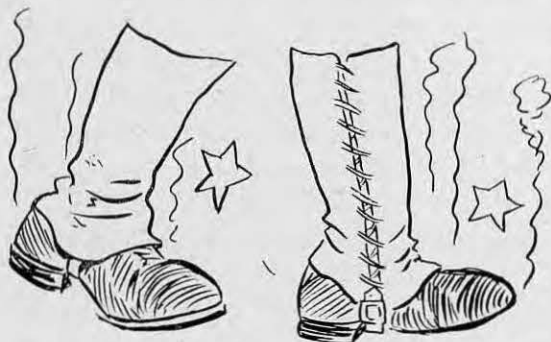
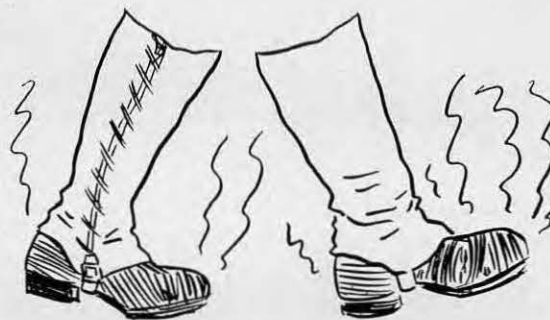
After close order drill classes on the east coast



NBC 103 journeyed out to California to put on the



routine review given each new battalion at Rousseau



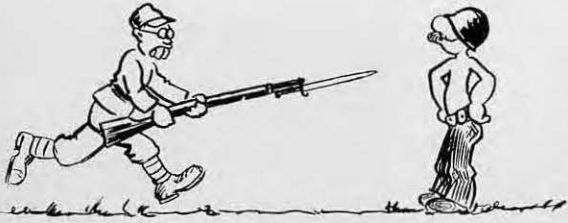
Spotless uniforms, leggings, and shiny shoes were the



rule—but steaming asphalt changed the deal quickly



PORT HUENEME



Even with Atomic forces in modern-day warfare, close-at-hand fighting still continues to decide battles. Francis Loudenslager of A-5 was a top-bayonetist in the armed forces, taught the blade at Hueneme.



Barehanded Francis, meets "Jap,"



is able to gain the upper hand



removing threat. Buries blade



Holding opponent off with point



Loudenslager slams butt stroke



Couple scrimmage for top spot



Loudenslager swings to charge



Lets go vicious throat slash



rips up off-balance opponent



socks butt stroke to his neck

PORT HUENEME



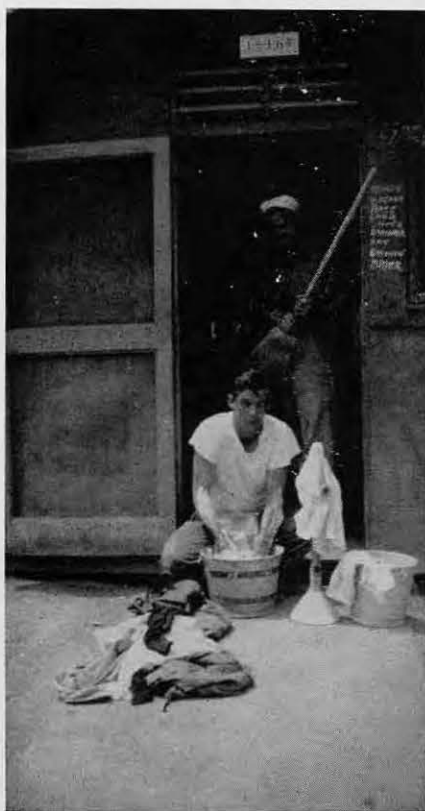
With heavy guard, headed by McGrail, crew swabs Area I



Company D man takes combat classes



Fighting Seabee with tommy

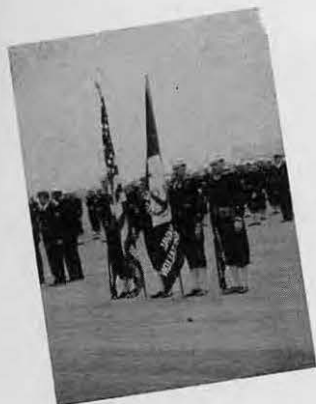


Abiney poses in recruiting pic



Hollywood inspired builders ready for L. A. operation

PORT HUENEME



Color guard, 'Tenshun!



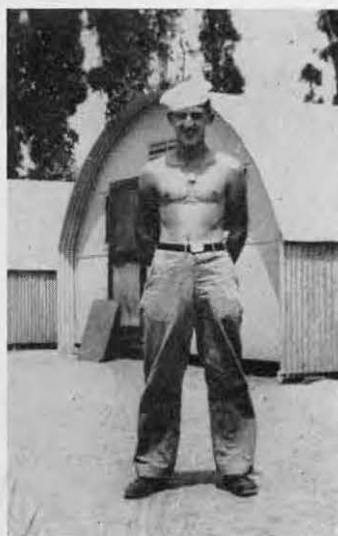
Company Commanders and color guard parade on O-in-C's staff



103rd band leads the way



Nine playful Company D Seabees caught



L. Kropp in Area I—Rousseau



Six more Company C men look harmless enough

14 August 1944. 222 men and 5 officers arrived at USN Mira Loma field, Oxnard, Calif.

Mira Loma was primarily a Company B show with this company being in residence there. Company C men worked at the airstrip with Company B and the camp chow hall served both units at noon chow. This

was the first time that 103rd men lived in a tent city; also the first time that the Batt galley was split up in this way. Common sight at Mira Loma were the numerous crash-landings on the strip adjacent to the tents. CASU and ACORN units were across the way. Liberty here rated 4.0 plus!



From atop of water tower, Mira Loma Street is viewed



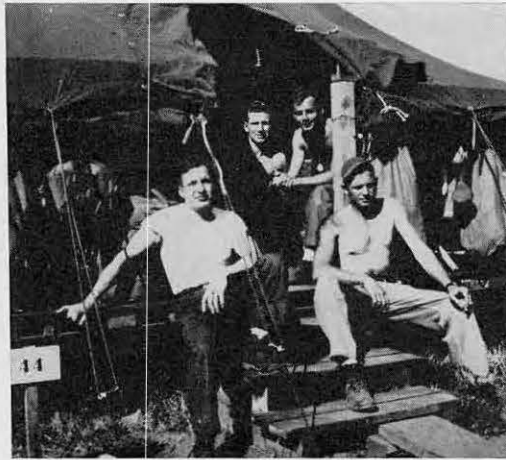
KP tents nearest the airstrip are snapped in this shot

MIRA LOMA

"What's thet out thar, Ashe?"



Leland lets sunshine soak in



Headquarters men attached to Company B



Cook (rifle for protection)



Licata and Belgard arguing over menu



That's called "Port Arms!"



Tony Miscik takes it easy now

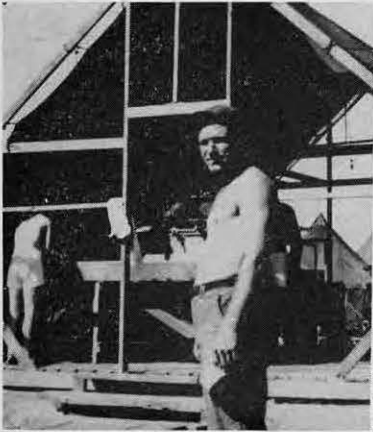


B-4 gang just outside their own tent



Wm. Roach after a day on line

MIRA LOMA



Tex Marley—early morning



Surveyors at Mira Loma headed by Chief Rice



Beirowski's happy enough

14 August 1944. 223 men and 5 officers arrived at Camp Oak, Ojai, Calif.

P.T. in the early a.m.—18 holes of golf in the afternoon—horseback riding on the bridle path every so often. Rough duty for Company A was seen as this unit was stationed near the small town of Ojai, in the

hills north of Oxnard. Company A only stayed in Camp Oak for three short weeks. Details were keeping the golf course trim, caring for the mounts at the stables, and generally keeping out of each other's way. Barracks, similar to the cabins at Camp Rousseau, offered hardly any protection against the intense heat of the afternoon or the chilling cold of the night.



Chiefs Ness and Fehmel pause



Russ Corbett for President!



Looking at new surroundings



This is good "hunting" country



It's rug cutting time



Hilltop view of Camp Oak, Ojai

CAMP OAK, OJAI



Dave Bower of A-4 pauses with patrol grader



Company A men enjoy "Old Sol"



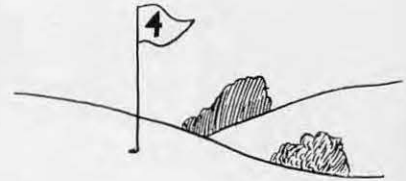
Golfcourse detachment



Keeping fairways trim



Real Shipfitter work



Prepare steeds for Santa Anita



Ojai heavy equipment gang gathers 'round

CAMP OAK, OJAI



Mike Gagliotti on Trigger



It's a "ruf-noos" as G. Bradley would say



Tom Elliot in the saddle



Platoon 2, Company A this time

SAN NICOLAS

*5 September 1944. 132 men, 3 officers left Camp Oak; arrived NAAS San Nicolas Island, Calif.
7 September 1944. 100 men, 3 officers left Camp Oak; arrived NAAS San Nicolas Island, Calif.*

The most forsaken, barren rock in the Pacific is what Company A men will call "San Nick." Absolutely no vegetation except weeds is what they woke up to in the morning. On a high plateau the Navy had an 8,800 foot airstrip around which work centered. Company A personnel used the Army PX store here; only eight

Army men were on the island. Sheepshead and lobster were hunted daily. On arrival, Company A men found extra mattresses for all bunks in the army-type barracks. On liberty, LCI's carried our CB's 75 miles to Hueneme; 25 per cent of the passengers getting sick each trip! Beer and mail—1.0!



With no docking facilities, landing Company A men waded ashore on their debarkation at San Nicolas

SAN NICOLAS

'Dozer swings perilled barge up on the beach



Rollin' down the mountain to the far Pacific



Chief Stewart, Juby and stowaway



Weber, Thomas guzzle prized suds

Yawning rocky crevasse is right in CB's back yard



Nine Kitchen Police crew hoof over the island

SAN NICOLAS

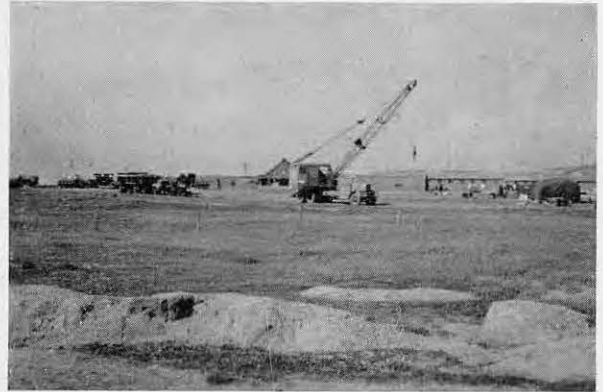


Matt Mercer being prepared for dive

Company A men on dozer with golden gate background for effect



Company B sent diving unit to San Nicolas; Chief Smith, center



Another angle of San Nicolas and territory
Do they expect mock gas raid?



Another transportation lineup, this time on the airstrip



Keith Fleener and fuel trucks

SAN NICOLAS ISLAND



Company A waits for boattrip to States



Looking for LCI at sea



A-3, also waiting, musters on beach

SAN CLEMENTE

5 September 1944. 130 men, 2 officers arrive NAAS, San Clemente Island, Calif.

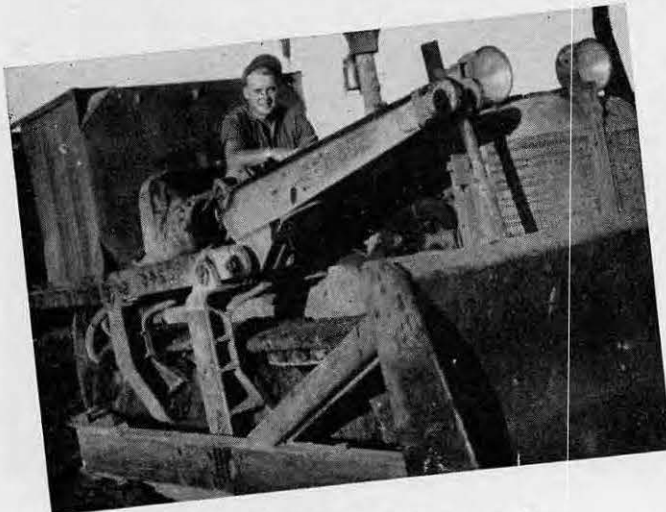
7 September 1944. 107 men, 2 officers arrive NAAS, San Clemente Island, Calif.

Company D on San Clemente had a little easier life than the 103rd's CB's on San Nick. For liberty transportation, Company D men boarded destroyers that

took them to San Diego at 31 knots per. There was at least ONE tree on the island and it was respected! Company D shared the rock with a 100-Marine guard detachment and an Army radar unit. All enjoyed beer every night. "Clem's" airstrip was a target for practice bombing occasionally. Sheep, seals and goats were around, too.



Company D men group around San Clemente's monument made by Company D's Williamson and Dupille



Harold Cutright ran heavy equipment on Clem



Lillie, Heim, Bannon, Dye at Company D office

SAN CLEMENTE



Seals come in for a little play



Office personnel of Company D



Whitetops are Oliver and Alfred

CHRONOLOGICAL DATA

11 October 1944. Detachment of 116 men and 2 officers departed from NAAS, San Nicolas Island, Calif., and arrived at ABRB, USNaval Base, Port Hueneme, Calif.

11 October 1944. Detachment of 150 men and 2 officers departed from NAAS, San Clemente, Calif., and arrived at ABRB, USNaval Base, Port Hueneme, Calif.

12 October 1944. Detachment of 222 men and 5 officers departed from USNAS, Oxnard, Calif.,

and arrived at ABRB, USNaval Base, Port Hueneme, Calif.

12 October 1944. Detachment of 115 men and 3 officers departed from NAAS, San Nicolas Island, Calif., and arrived at ABRB, USNaval Base, Port Hueneme, Calif.

12 October 1944. Detachment of 90 men and 2 officers departed from NAAS, San Clemente, Calif., and arrived at ABRB, USNaval Base, Port Hueneme, Calif.



This is beachline that surrounds the small island of San Clemente, 75 miles from the mainland

FAREWELL TO HOLLYWOOD



Carroll's hash house—Hollywood



GI's see the stars' signatures



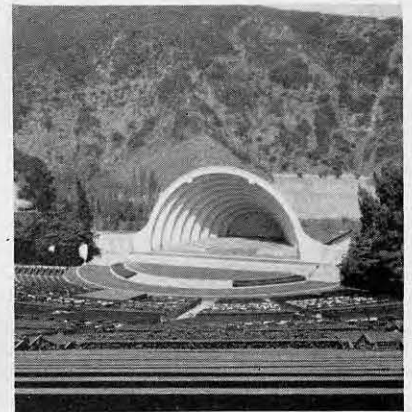
F. Sinatra's stomping grounds



Republic features Roy Rogers



Anything to be found on Sunset - Vine



Hollywood Bowl—Artist Haven



Durbin the thrush works here



Lights on Hollywood Boulevard



Couple more miles to Lockheed

C COMPANY



Holding down the position of a "maintenance" company can become a dull job, but to Company C it brought many jobs and a variety of work. When the battalion sent its different companies out to various stations in the Los Angeles Defense Area, while in Rousseau, Lt. Conover Fitch and his men were ordered to quarters in Camp Bedillion, alongside the embarkation docks at Port Hueneme. From here, working parties traveled to the air strip at Mira Loma, daily, where they erected quonsets, tent decks and also strung a perimeter fence around the field and adjoining units. Company C joined with the other line companies of the battalion to work on the Waves barracks at Ford Island after 103rd arrived at Pearl Harbor; at the same time, Company C carpenters back in camp were working on office furniture for the battalion. Another big job at Pearl, was the construction of the administration building at Camp Catlin, the Marine transit center on Oahu. The company was later connected to the 10th NCB, a service unit at Mauna Lua

Ridge for general maintenance of all CB's there. Lastly, Marine quarters for both men and women officers were erected by Company C. Upon arrival at Guam, many Company C personnel were on the USS Bladen, the first ship, and took over the skeleton building of our own camp. They erected a big percentage of the tent decks, worked on the general outline of the area, starting with Headquarters area on through to the transportation compound. First outside work came as the Ninth regiment of the Third Marine Division was assigned. Then we began work on the Sixth Marine camp and the carpenter shop at the Marine compound was run by Company C men. All prefab buildings in the Sixth's camp were pieced in this shop. Beside this work, $3\frac{1}{2}$ areas in the camp were built by Company C. At time of publication, Company C maintained Fleet Hospital 115, and aided Company A on power plant operation. A late job was more work at the FEA dairy.

COMPANY C

PLATOON C-1



Bottom row, left to right: Melvin Coleman, Richard Guevara, Robert Garant, Carl Walper, James Bannon, Chief Grabenstein, Jasper Jepson, David Thornton, Donald Lory, Jodie Haden, and Alfred Tigner. Second row: Donald Harless, Ralston Allen, Carl Roudebush, Joe Gunnels, Manuel Lopez, Virgil Grubb, Ernest Neuböcker, Robert Boxell, Edward Veith, Vernie Groves, and John Gardner. Top row: Ralph Pinali, Byron Nicholson, John Tomlinson, Francis Jodon, Thomas Guest, Chief Lincoln, Ernest Jones, Louis Gardella, Eugene Williams, Francis Parker, Elmer Tucker, and Lawrence Harms.

PLATOON C-2



Bottom row, left to right: William Hering, Glen Snyder, Elbert Webb, Oscar Wilson, Robert Richardson, Joseph Moonyham, Chief Fox, Ferdinand Mauro, Howard Willever, Harrison Hall, Clarence Woodward, and Alfred Gamache. Second row: Whitworth Gunn, Howard Scheer, Eldon Dugger, Albert Gaut, Clyde Rhoden, Charles Clement, John Regan, William Harvey, John Bowers, Joseph Lopez, and Edward Peterson. Top row: Erwin Heim, Maurice Muser, Grant Blake, William Heath, Warren Moore, Paul Pelton, Vernal Jones, Albert Gysegem, Robert Lubbes, Everitt Sniffen, Jesse Burgess, and William Gulleddge.

COMPANY C

PLATOON C-3



Bottom row, left to right: Robert Goodwin, Harold Ryder, Donald Thompson, Henry Kopciowski, Lamar Love, Chief Lohrman, Delos Loomis (with Muggsy, C-3's mascot), John Halasz, Al Fredette, and Paul Taylor. Second row: Garland Patterson, Mitchell Kogut, Robert Stevens, Clyde Hoidal, Herbert Moak, Kenneth Groll, Robert Britt, Frank Riley, John Becker, Lon Boothe, and Eugene Fronczak. Top row: Luis Rungi, William Montague, Guy Cupps, Hugh Hamilton, William Hughes, Harry Jaedtke, Harry Hartenstein, Bernard Hall, Jerome Sullivan, Ralph Smith, and Paul Stotts.

PLATOON C-4



Bottom row, left to right: Emal Moody, Theodore Shoemaker, Robert Wallace, and Robert Pipp. Second row: Edward McCormick, Walter Lyon, Thomas McNamara, Chief Smith, Chief Weycker, Chief Moore, Chief Arp, Chief Matson, Thomas King, Edward Cavin, Herbert Fisher, and Maurice Sevigny. Third row: Walter Szugda, Lewis Reese, William Weeks, Emery Raines, James Pogue, James O'Hare, Aubrey Woodard, Doyle Lockhart, Stanley Schumacker, Paul Harris, Grover Noxon, and William Chittum. Top row: Melvin Marvin, John Lowman, Stanley Olszyna, Jerald Warwick, Silvio Caouette, Rudolph Farnsworth, Sam Ebling, Charles Coutellier, Niles Bacon, Glenn Shannon, Charles Hillman, and Clinton White.

COMPANY C

PLATOON C-5



Bottom row, left to right: Vincent Bogdanchik, Leon Harrison, Lee Clark, Francis McCormick, Palmer Cappiallo, Chief Fry, John Sajbel, Turner Johnson, Gordon Molitor, and George Soucy. Second row: Charles Lisak, Adam Shamanski, Henry Schwerin, Albert Carter, William Yard, Robert Frostenson, Harold Ouillette, Larry Simmons, Norman Meyn, William Davenport, and Joseph Prusko. Top row: Albert Steed, Henry Thiesen, Lee Ybarra, Carl Gross, Gordon Hitchcock, Chief Haile, Helmut Steinmueller, James Paschal, Carl Mrozinski, Hilton Harwell, and William Malayer.

PLATOON C-6



Bottom row: left to right: Edwin Magda, Alva Cranford, Mitchell Stefanick, Horace Lupton, Harold Morris, Chief McKinney, Cornelius Doran, Kenneth Fowler, Alfred Schiano, Lorenzo Pelletier, and Robert Taylor. Second row: Gordon Norwood, Francis Leonardo, Waldron Shangle, Carl McConnell, Victor Collins, Ralph Hansen, Harold Hayhurst, Charles Sperazza, Walter Moore, John Macciocca, and Thomas Jordan. Top row: Warren Naugler, Daniel Walters, Rudy Nogavica, Warren Hoover, Eugene Kerekes, John Meanley, James Owens, Edward Fitzgerald, Murl Orman, George White, Elton Gardner, James Moss, and William Boitnott.

PEARL HARBOR

1 November 1944. 103rd Naval Construction Battalion arrived at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Have never seen water so blue, hills so green, beaches so white, beautiful girls so tan! Much we see is hush-hush. The enemy wounded us here. We suffered nation-wide shock and humiliation as well as the sorrowful loss of men and equipment. This one blow brought us into the war. This one blow has brought us to these islands, and to the islands beyond.

But the wound healed quickly. Not a visible sign of carnage remains. Great new ships are afloat. We look astern, and beyond the breakwater we see them on the horizon. Formidable gray, sleek men of war. The yellow tide is catching hell; is receding rapidly.

We put ashore and are hurried in trucks to our ridge camp. Thousands of men in work clothes, thousands of men in whites pay no attention to our convoy. It is a usual sight for them, but a new experience for us.

No military training here. We work on roads, barracks, office buildings. Frequent liberties give us the chance to visit world renown beauty spots. The city's streets bulge with a crowd of thrill seekers. Best busi-

ness of all goes on in the shabby photo booths where shapely, half-castes, clad only in cellophane grass skirts and flimsy top pieces, pose for a few fleeting seconds in clutching, animated embrace. The flash bulb pops, the seduction ceases, and they resume their harsh callings to passers by.

We have our first sight of the enemy today. Wized, surly-faced Japanese prisoners are seen working nearby under heavy guard. They look well fed, well clothed and work steadily.

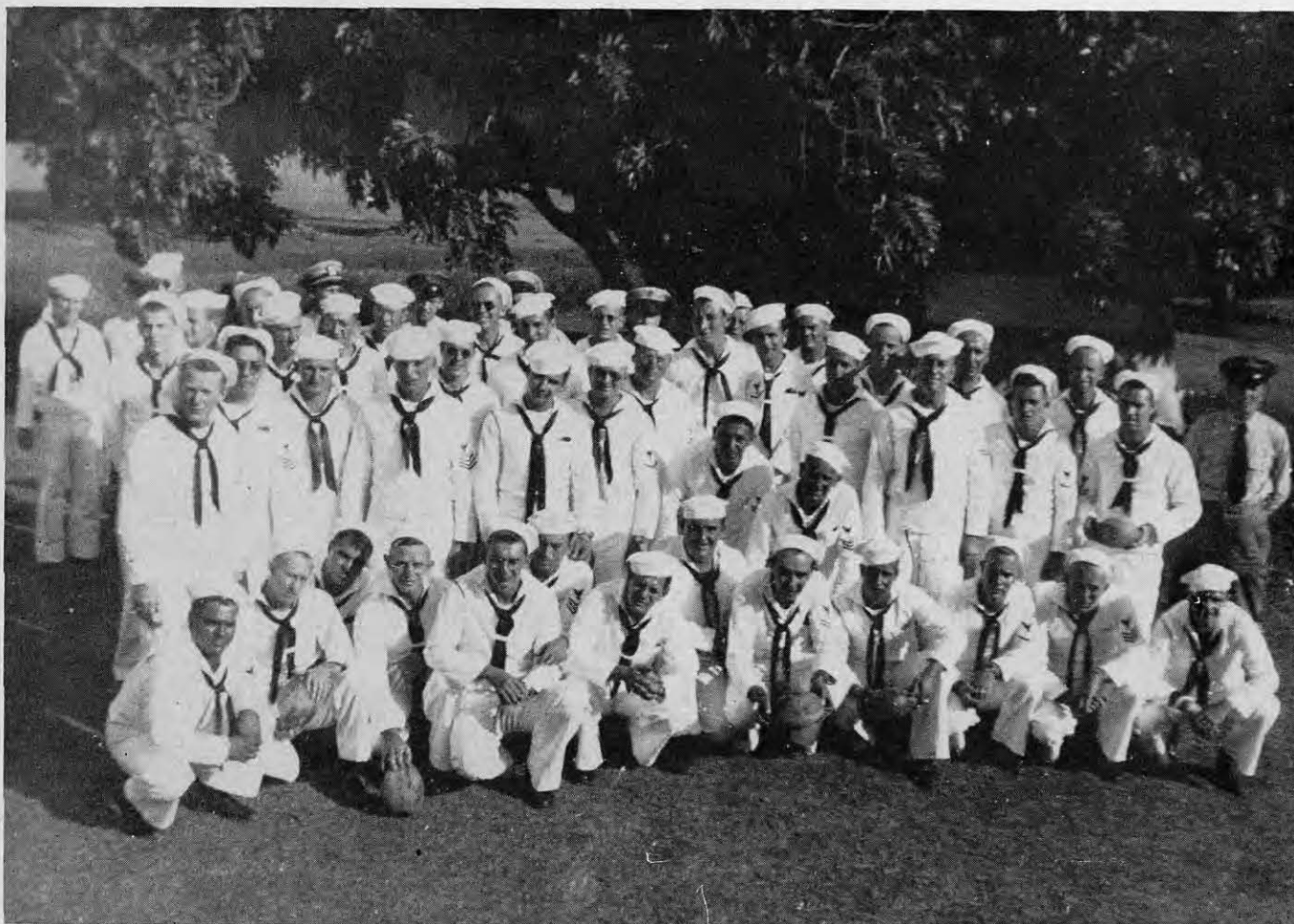
We're moving again. Enemy waters lie to the Westward, and we are headed out that way.

14 December 1944, Echelon No. 1, consisting of 457 men and 16 officers, departed for Guam.

15 December 1944. Echelons Nos. 3 and 4, consisting of 313 men and 7 officers departed for Guam.

18 December 1944. Echelon No. 2, consisting of 71 men and 5 officers, departed for Guam.

21 December 1944. Echelon No. 5, consisting of 178 men and 3 officers, departed for Guam.



First time in whites since Lido Beach, men take in Oahu island tour

PEARL HARBOR

LUMBER

A real day's work



Takes a breather



Lumber yard crew was composed mainly of 103rd band members

YARD

Always on the go



Yard is near dock



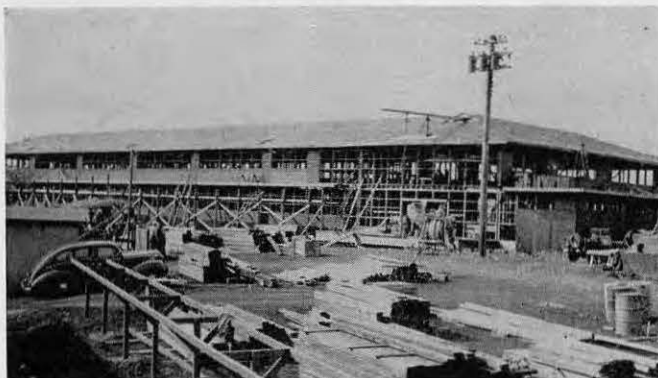
Lou Nunez wields hammer at main entrance to Ridge area



Patrol grading on main Ridge road near 103rd camp



Pan moves in, spreading fill from an island pit



Company C job—Catlin Ad building nears completion



Catlin open-air theater is another Company C task

PEARL HARBOR

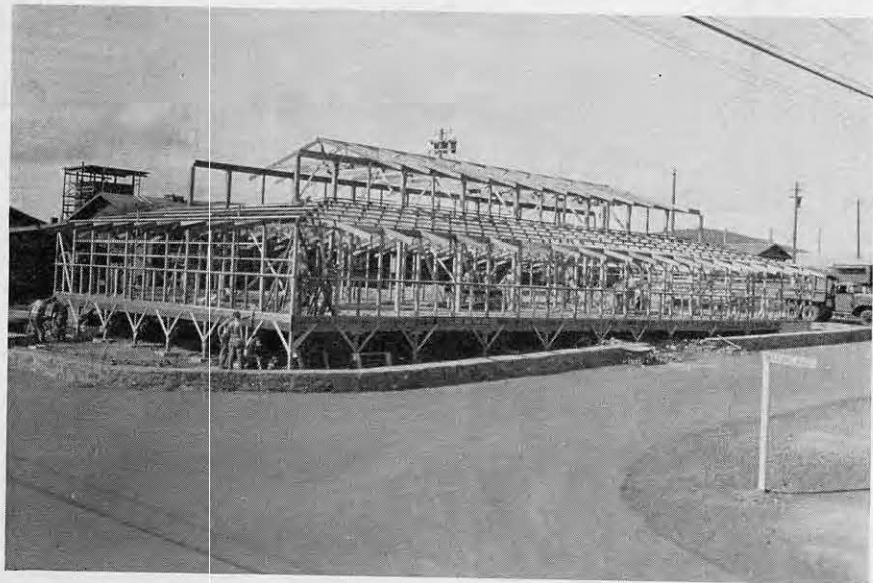


24-inch water line laid by Company A

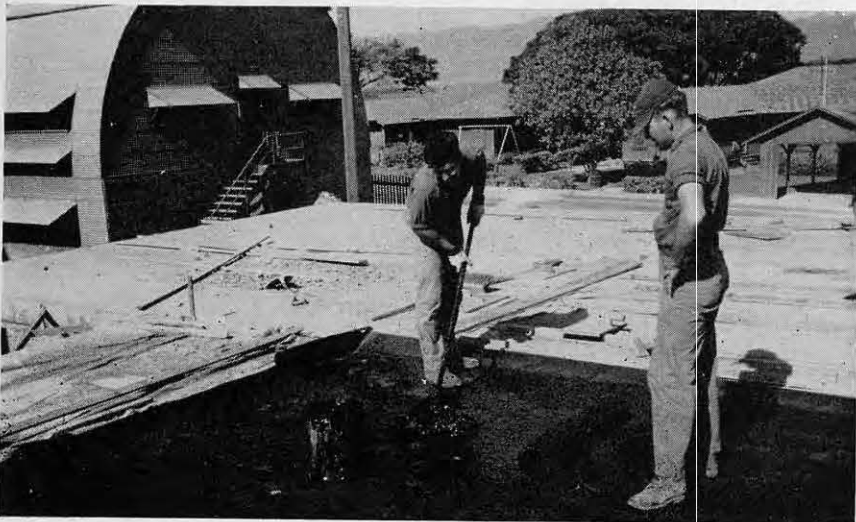
With Company D in charge, roadmen reconditioned old Army road, Oahu



Line ran, reservoir to Pearl Harbor



Early pic of "Ad" structure of the Oahu Marine transit center



Some asphalt work was undertaken at Ford Island Wave barracks



Digging ditch for water line

PEARL HARBOR

Borof gets lots of sack time



Nite workers are sleeping in

Photog disturbs Jodon, too



Pearl Harbor finds 'em happy



They hitched a ride in from Honolulu



Shower after a tuf day



Three lightheaded A-3 youths

Cooks and Red retire at 1630



All 103rd takes over at 1700

Carl Walper at 0900, Sunday



Schutt and two Company C buddies

PEARL HARBOR



Palms before an Oahu background



Called a Hawaiian sausage tree



Six battalion CPO's pose front of Oriental monument



Company A men combine the surf and suds

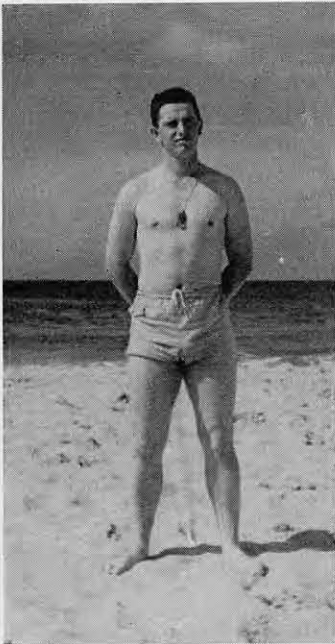


Oahu farmers were rather skillful

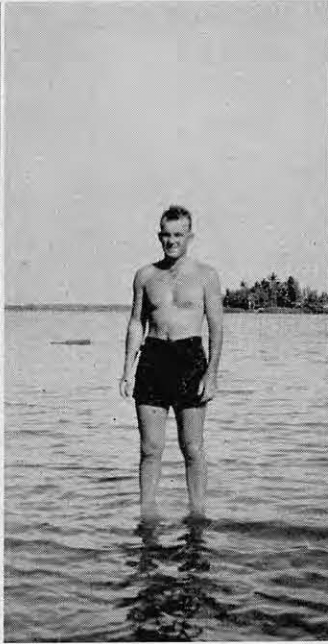


Of their more luxurious products are the bananas

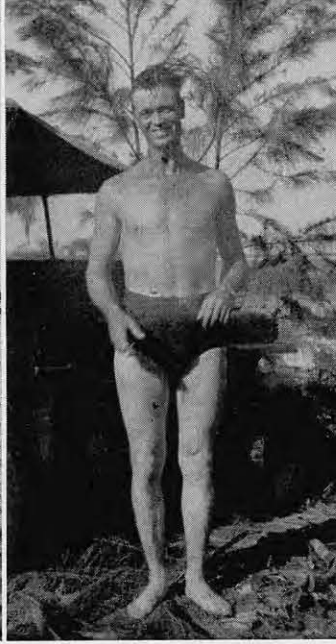
PEARL HARBOR



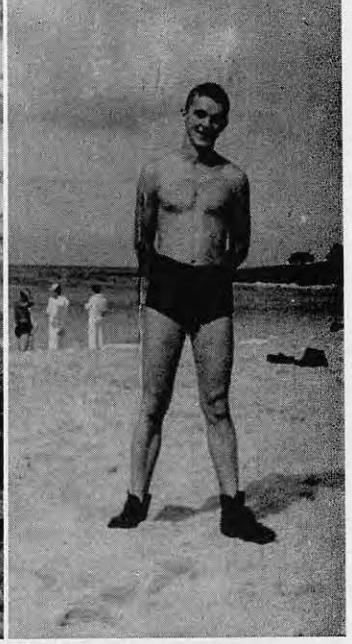
Chief Raymond Betters



Lt. (jg) Christensen



Carp. A. Z. Sturges



CM2c Leroy Alvin Bley



Looks like a good crap game



Hq.'s Woody Castle hits the brine



But they're roasting steaks



Seabees head for Nimitz beach



Main entrance of Honolulu's YMCA



Beach party leaving for home

D COMPANY



103rd heavy equipment and grading work seem to revolve around Company D. After arriving at San Clemente Island on 6 September in 1944, Lt. C. W. Capwell and his company were assigned the complete regrading of the entire airstrip on that "rock." Procedure was to remove the clay subgrade there and replace this with select material from an island pit. Also on San Clemente, airport installations, namely a control tower, administration building, and a recreation building, were erected. In Company D's muster is contained the 103rd's two musical groups; the Military Band and the Dance Orchestra. The 31-piece band, under the direction of Chief Art Cox, played for morning colors, this being the first time any band had done this on the island. The dance orchestra played for the first dance held on the station. This combination is now led by Al Failing; it was organized in Quoddy Village, Me., by Tom Reside of Welfare and Recreation. While on San Clemente, two small goats were

"adopted" as pets by Company D men and "Oliver" and "Alfred" were regretfully left behind as Company D rejoined the battalion in Camp Rousseau on 10 October. At the Ridge in Pearl, Company D operators took over the battalion assignment of road grading and road building there. On Island X, here on Guam, the entire clearing of the Sixth MarDiv camp site was under the supervision of Company D. The road system of the camp was laid out along with the construction work on four of the 12 areas. Under the Public Works assignment, Company D maintained and repaired a large part of the island highways. Under Company D supervision, the Fadian Point rock crusher was set up and also an island asphalt plant. These supplied materials for all B-29 airstrips on the island. Other small crushers and coral pits were erected and operated under Company D supervision. The S.R.A. radio range near the Third MarDiv campsite was a late Company D Project.

COMPANY D

PLATOON D-1



Bottom row, left to right: Johnny Hill, Lloyd Grishow, Henry Hendrickson, James Herring, Edward Crowley, Chief Baker, Wade Feasel, James McCormick, Frank Magennis, Leonard Heil, and David Gay. Second row: Patrick Waghorn, Louis Nunez, Alex Bickar, Frank Cannella, Harold Fanning, Russell Gates, Leon Geesey, Edward January, John Hammond, Chester Lee, Edward Jobe, and David Murphey. Top row: Stevan Kulcher, Fred Lumary, Earl Wood, James Caudill, Marion Bass, Chief Magee, Chief Marti, Chief Martegane, William Willie, William Randle, Asa Hill, and Leo Haffnieter.

PLATOON D-2



Bottom row, left to right: Marvin Harp, Leo Wise, Eben York, Theodore Henningsen, Dominic Magnot, Chief Ayres, Harold Shaw, Paul Turchetta, Thomas Carr, William Hel mold, and George Steele. Second row: Stanley Damian, William Cotter, Edward DeLuccia, Carl Heinicke, Alvin Klimesh, Leroy Schneider, Sterling Gardner, Joseph DeLancey, George Doty, Victor Holahan, John Domiziano, and George Carter. Top row: Alton Coro, Donald Hood, Roy Appelgate, Joseph Sharpe, Donald Stewart, Robert Patterson, Chief Stedman, Chester Cleveland, Clinton Abiney, Robert Bogert, Clifford Davies, and Earl Scholton.

COMPANY D

PLATOON D-3



Bottom row, left to right: Perry Vaughan, Otho Taylor, Francis Murphy, John Repasky, Emil Theiler, Chief Ward, Sam Romano, Jimmy Steinkamp, Leonard Herwat, Ralph Todd, Carl Turner, and William Herrington. Second row: Lewis Clayton, Robert Rupp, Joe Hickok, Louis Smith, John Sisco, Paul Yroman, Max Thimler, Howard Sanders, Lester Latier, Robert McCarthy, Joe Mark, and William Lee. Top row: John Walker, Robert Mahoney, Ben Mawhinney, George Lewis, Chief Warner, Chief Marbert, William Reynolds, Harold Loeser, Stanford Stedman, Carlyle Wade, Millard Cleveland, and Arthur Roberts.

PLATOON D-4



Bottom row, left to right: Charles Smith, Clarence Laatz, George Garner, Austin Clune, Leonard Cook, Noble Thompson, Chief Lantz, Larry Scordino, Frederick Malpass, August Sisk, Guy Hartford, and Albert Roeder. Second row: Conrad Floris, Clifford Talley, George Telthorst, Eugene Scheid, Thomas Herman, Clyde Shaffer, John Hirkala, Alfred Treptow, Edward Sullivan, Lawrence Sabel, Joseph Sanchez, and Edmund Smith. Top row: Earl Winn, Cornelius Dye, Henry Wallace, Ray Grochowski, Norbert Nagel, Harold Cutright, Willis Peck, Chief Carter, Fred Grout, Edward Goldbach, Kenneth Moore, John Highstreet, Theodore Maier, Carl Hargus, and John Hamilton.

COMPANY D

PLATOON D-5



Bottom row, left to right: Anthony Santora, William Stretcher, Ned Melancon, William Belt, Louis Scannello, John Welsh, Chief Scott, Clarence Wingate, John Martin, William Roberts, Marshall Hiertstedt, and Kenneth Luebke. Second row: Don Hirschlieb, Albert Smith, Julian McKenney, Guy Golley, Randall Rogers, Roy Schwarz, Elmer Baker, Paul Vincent, Ray Hines, Ralph Hobt, Vincent Meluskey, and Joseph Marino. Top row: Ray Trainor, Wayne Varah, Buel Martin, Thomas Sullivan, Carl Gatliff, Jay Frazier, Chief Bello, Derwood Tracy, Garfield Roberts, William Jacobs, Harold Garrett, and Henry Heironimus.

PLATOON D-6



Bottom row, left to right: Ivan Martin, Joe Lincoln, Fred Leppala, Daniel Ross, Howard Benoit, Chief Cox, Eddie Williamson, Perry Johnson, Al Failing, Ernest Collibee, and Robert Frodl. Second row: Paul Wade, Everett Rieck, John Manelick, Coleman Jacques, Elmer Hackleman, Garth Harris, George Hubbard, Frederick Dupille, William Gayle, and William Hinckley. Top row: Charles Quigley, William O'Rourke, John Perkowski, Cecil Hersh, Chief Sturges, Tom Reside, Clifford Riehl, John Hickey, Eugene Palicki, and Morley Laursen.

G U A M

28 December 1944. Echelon No. 1 arrived at Guam.

2 January 1945. Echelon No. 2 arrived at Guam.

9 January 1945. Echelon No. 3 arrived at Guam.

10 January 1945. Echelon No. 4 arrived at Guam.

12 January 1945. Echelon No. 5 arrived at Guam.

For security sake our echelons travel different routes on several ships at varied speeds. But for all of us the sight of our Island X, through intermittent squalls and sunshine, is impressive. The harbor teems with activity and is full of more grim, steel-hulled men o' war.

Water taxis jockey alongside our ship's ladder even before we secure to the mooring buoys. Crewmen come aboard and mingle among us. Are there Japs here, we wonder? "The Boondocks are full of 'em, Mac. Stay in your camp at night. Safe enough on the main roads and around the port here, but don't go smellin' around caves or lookin' for souvenirs. And lay off the native women!" We listen to all of this attentively. How about mail we wonder? "'Bout every other day you'll get airmail. Boat mail takes 20 to 30 days."

Now we have our camp completed. A small town

it is, carved out of the matted jungle and over-grown plantations. We have showers, an open-air theater, a laundry. The food improves, far better than those first few days of K rations during bivouac.

The men steady down, become used to the heat. We've a great deal to do here. Our own camp construction has been only a drop in the bucket compared to the city-sized one we build now. The occupants are still to the Westward—fighting. We must have it ready for them upon their return. Marines they are. Young men. We've seen many go forward. Miss those who do not come back.

Lively incidents relieve our routine day. A Jap comes out of the jungle darkness. Stealthily approaches the marine guard. Is discovered and challenged. The infiltrator fails to halt. Two shots crack out, and another Son of Heaven goes down.

Our road gang punches through the boondocks. Japs have been watching us at night. Our guards know this but do not fire on shadows. Shadows can often be natives or their priceless caribou. We hear a shot. We wait. Soon our men return. "Got one," they say, "but the others got away. Faded into the jungle." And during all this excitement, the 'dozers and graders have not stopped. The jungle, like the enemy, keeps receding. And we keep working, watching and listening.

1 October 1945. Battalion operating on Guam.



Looking south over Telefofo Bay toward still Jap infested country

GUAM

Bladen troops near beach for landing



"Red" and mates "capture" Jap gun-ammo



Agana's families fled to hill-city of Sinajana



Overlooking Agana and harbor towards North field



Guam's shell-wrecked beach was an early eye-sore



Capital city of Guam, Agana, as it first looked to 103rd N.C.B.



CB's, marines and souvenir

103 N. C. B. C A M P

For the first time after 54 weeks of training, traveling and spot jobs in the States, 103rd N.C.B. tackled a real advance base project right from the ground up. Arriving at Apra Harbor, Guam, the men found themselves convoyed into the back hills where they were plunked down in a partially overgrown plantation well inland from all facilities. Here, earlier, Marines had won a bloody battle.

Yet in 30 days' time, an almost miracle was wrought. Between the cocoanut palms, row upon row, ply-decked

pyramidal tents crowded up like mushrooms grown overnight. And from the battle-fouled earth, flowers started to grow. 24 hours a day, plumbers, concrete men, carpenters, electricians, and quonset crews erected a galley, reefers, water tanks, communications and lights. A modern open-air theater, a beer garden, a hobby shop, as well as a laundry and barber shop were completed.

When the big job started—virtually a city for 25,000 inhabitants—our crews had already developed a work-together system that enabled them to finish the assignment in record time.



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Live with chiggers, ants, flies and lizards



Eat out of crackerjack box with combat knife



Write folks about that first night on Guam

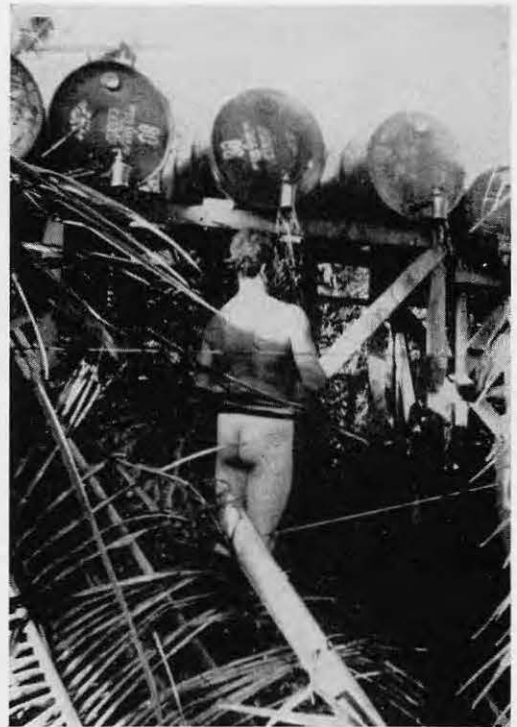


Sit and sulk and worry about that next night

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55-gallon drum full of cool water is your shower, mate



Fifty feet from a civilian home, too



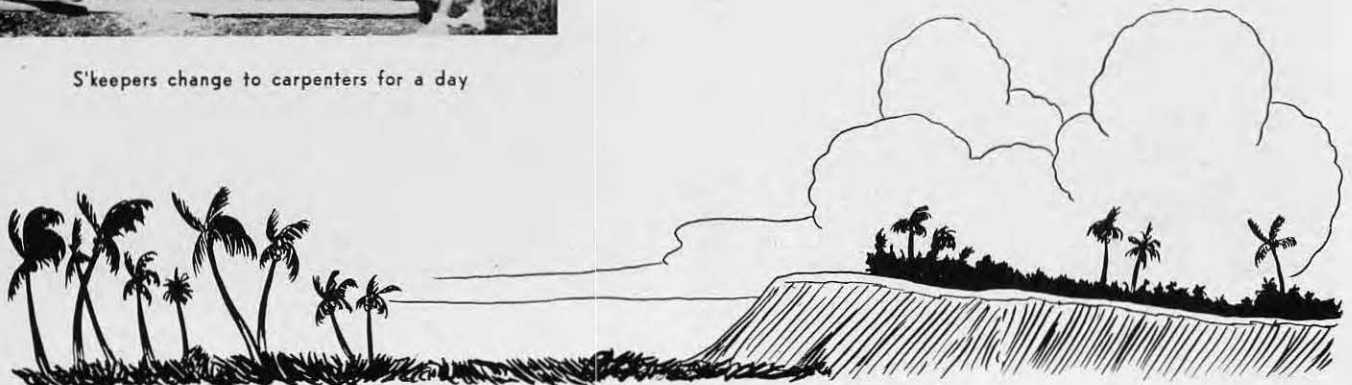
This was Doondock Palace, Jr.



S'keepers change to carpenters for a day



'Tuf to keep 'em clean, Dick?



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Men off USS Bladen roughed it for a few days in pup tents



Lived from helmets while nearby



was site of new camp, boondocks!



24-hour day was observed on our first compound. This was our

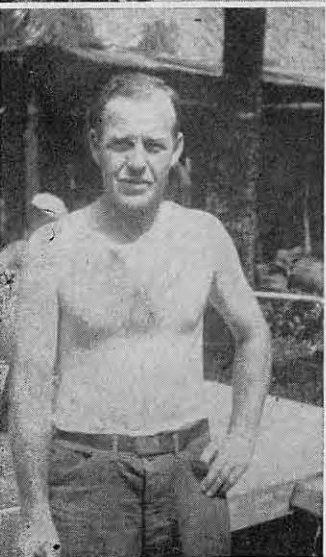
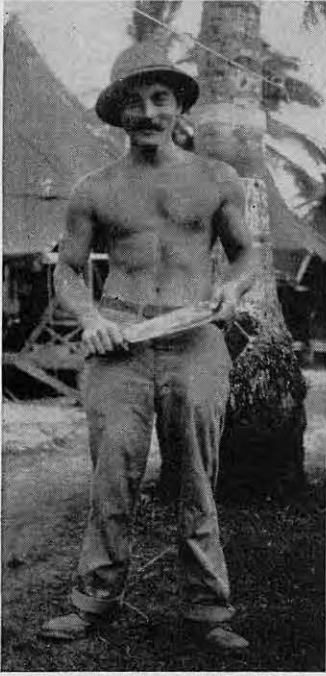


temporary water supply near the chow hall



where ditchers saved s'fitters long hours

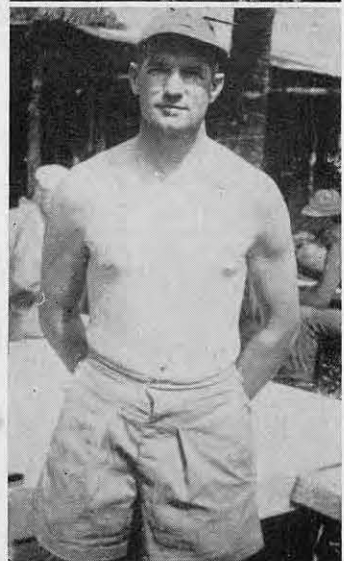
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Fronczak holds bolo ready
Don Graham and rough life
"Link" a little skeptical



CWO's Gunn, Thomas send sugar reports home
103rd's wet canteen No. 2, open for business
Gamache, pal Gene fill 'em up with beer?
Something caught the eyes of Sully and Gus



George Lewis or civilian?
Okie Sinclair right happy
CPO Jimmy Fox (now WO)

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T. J. Smith freezes, alerted



Weary Corporal of the Guard relaxes



Fred Soares wields tommy-gun



Here's first detachment of 103rd officers on Island X



CWO Larson and CCM Haile plan campsite construction



Combat-weary Farrell and CPO Perrine



Smiling Sue, had adopted the 103rd the first week on Guam, got pair of GI shoes.



Seabee up on caribou, not Trigger

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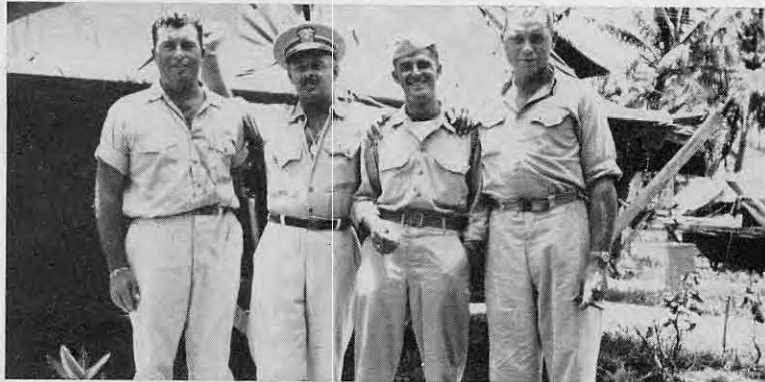
Russ on coconut hunting trip



Job taken by Mac, Love and Riley



Well, you gotta eat something



Lt. (ig) Hill, CWO Thomas, (?), CWO Gunn in the spotlight



Bart Crichlow and Third Gyrene buddy



H. G. Bishop braves it



Just a big happy Company C "family"

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Electricians prepare tent lights in Company A



Compound construction sees shops going up



Dual water tanks erected at N. end of Hq. area



Chief Marsh and crew of four snapped in pump house



Mariana's "sunshine" pours down on 103rd camp



Ceiling about "zero" near Price road and Gate 1

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C rations from field kitchens



while cement crews constructed own forms, started pouring



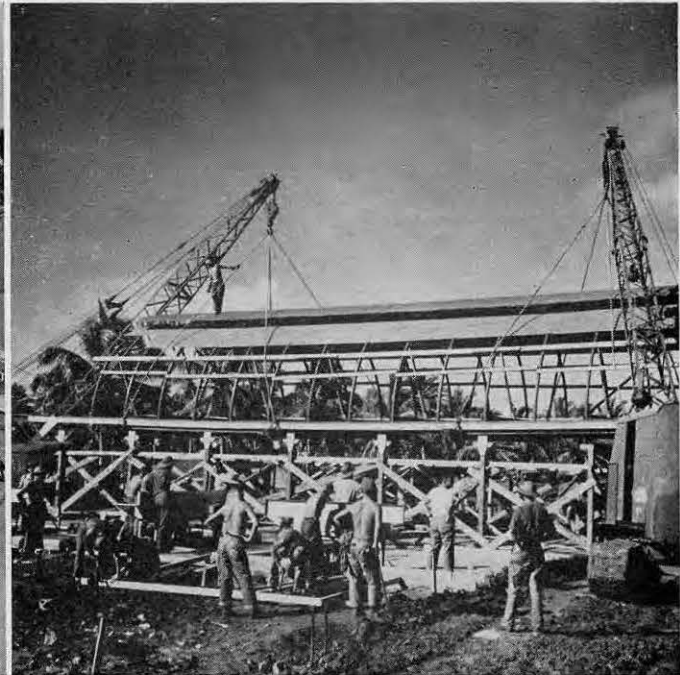
for new chow hall. Company A cement finishers took over shortly



Reefers for meats-fruits went up

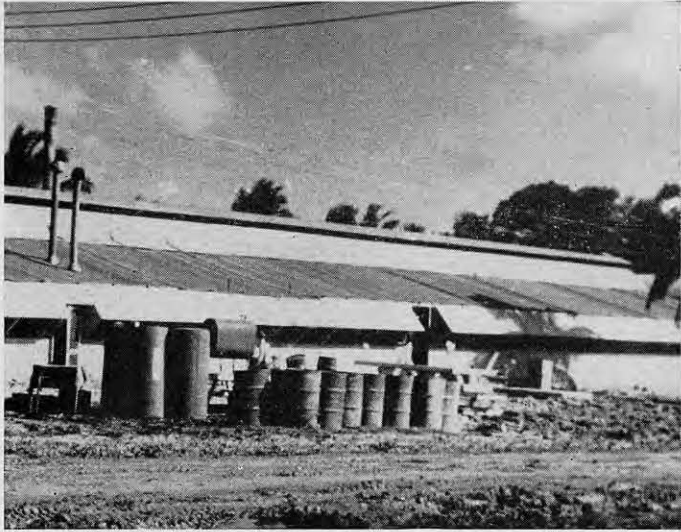


And finally after last load of concrete was in

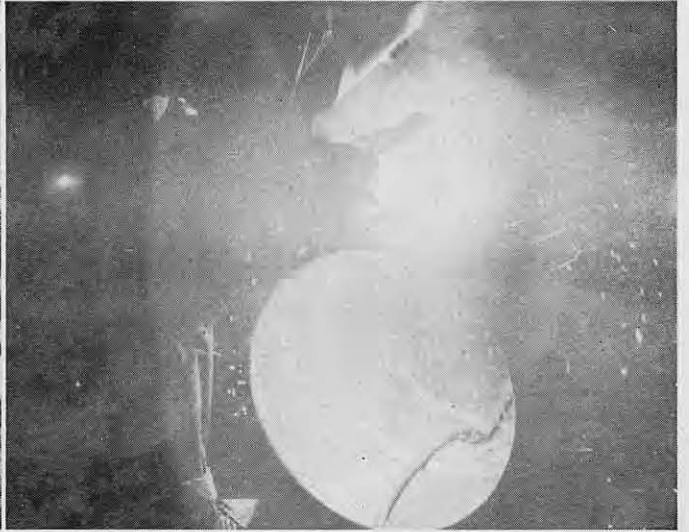


our combination galley and chow hall took shape

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Chow hall seen from Belmont-J'son intersection



Torchmen weld drums to make sewer drain-off



Drainage ditch cuts headquarters company area



Main water line laid along main thoroughfare



40x100 quonset, the GSK warehouse, is erected



Construction goes on at "One Hung Low" laundry

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First work on camp sick-bay



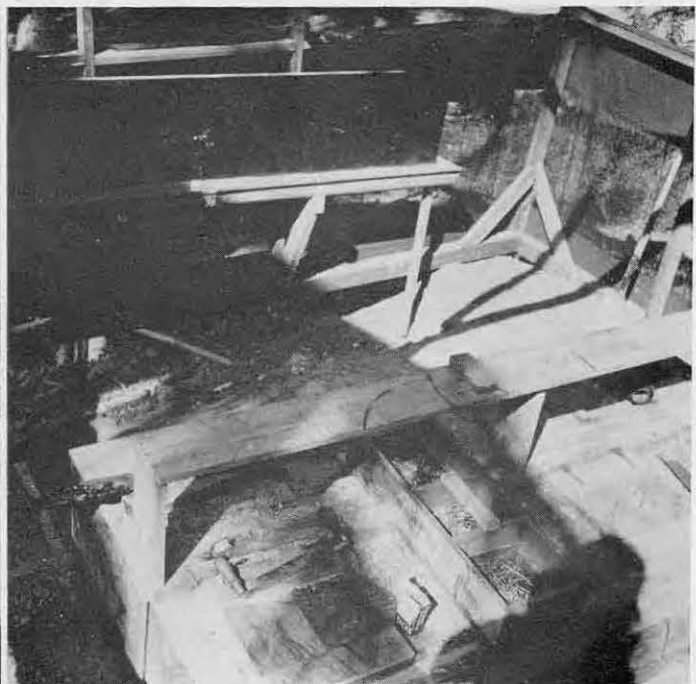
This was the first battalion sanitation crew



that used D.D.T. to route out enemy insects



The gang carried their equipment in own truck

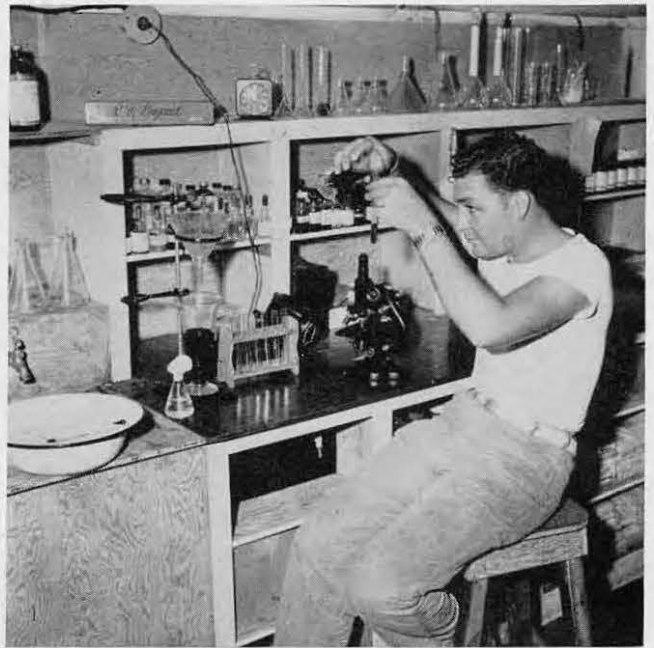


saw that sanitary regulations were observed.

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Evening sick call finds entire sick bay crew on duty



Ralph Bryant, lab man, makes a test on patient's blood



Cringing CB has dental check by Newsom and Lt. Shaddle



Photo shows hospital personnel of 103rd with meat wagon



Bryant, Docs Shutter, Schmidt attend ailing Seabee



Three men in sick ward welcome visit from Chaplain Howard

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Chow bosses: Ch. Gray, Ens. Curry, Ch. Malara



MAA's and KP's are all smiling at once, here!



Entire galley crew and boss—Lt. (ig) Ratliff



103rd Bakers were prize section of department



Butchers work on fresh meat—if they had any



Navy's most famous KP task makes cooks laugh

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Butcher, baker and cook, watch captains, at ease



Ice cream freezers operated by George Korbel



McCumber, Malara and Stinson—all chiefs now



Bos'n Dupuis controls traffic to new chow hall



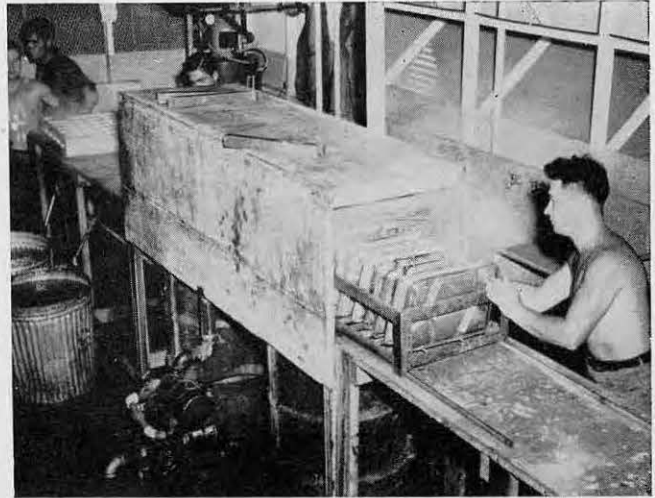
Sunday finds cooks turning out sunnyside eggs

Once inside it's the infamous cold cuts today

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Lopez and Rich maintain pots and pans scullery



Andy Lukacs operating a home-made dish washer



These six run Chief Petty Officers' mess hall



They maintain galley equipment 24 hours per day



Chow side of the CPO club run by Chief Stedman



Rummy, dominoes, beer help pass time in Club

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Master-at-Arms force as it looked during first months on Guam



Officer-Day, Lt. Capwell, and MAA's inspect the brig area

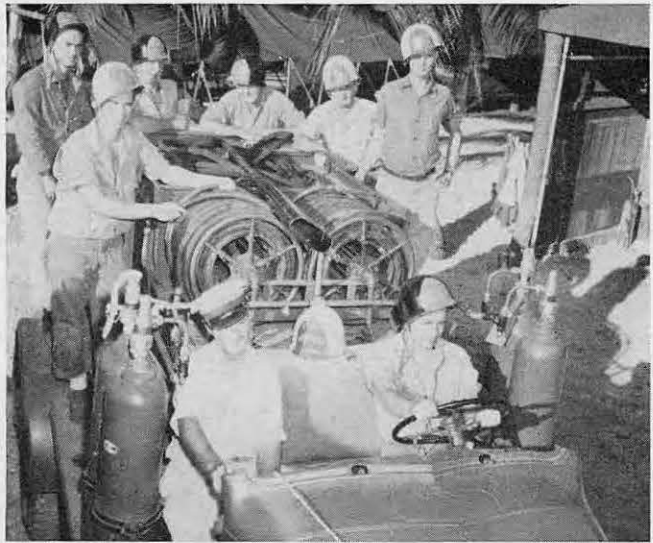


J. C. Sanchez, sentry at Gate No. 1, logging CWO Anderson out

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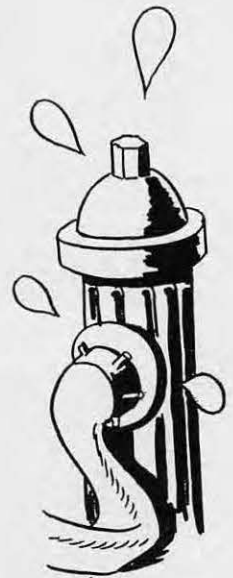
Batt fire-eaters, headed by Chief Stedman



Fire crew readies truck No. 1 for trial run



As sentry R. G. Hoffman stops traffic on highway, rig swings past



Herring latches hose as run begins GSK warehouse "blazes" as mock fire is brought to a close

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Battalion electrical officer Hughes and shopmen



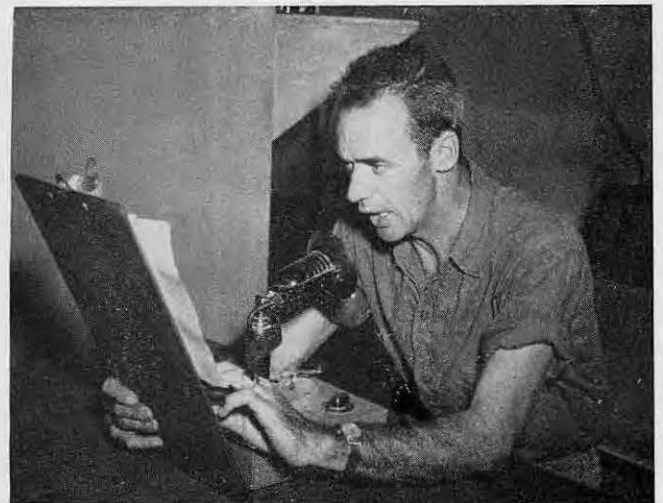
Inter-Com men maintained P.A. system and phones



Generator men attended units that gave camp power and light



Air-raid siren startled 103rd men more than once



NOW HEAR THIS! as Tom Reside reads announcement

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Big mail call coming up so Friedman & Co. sort it



Careful what's said—it's Chief Stedman and censors



The five company clerks observe Hq. bulletin board



Rudy Farnsworth ran off Stinger, battalion forms



These fellows of Personnel handle your discharge



Disbursing s'keepers busy on next month's payroll

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Ens. Curry, Ch. Wood, and supply storekeepers



They operated GSK warehouse and supply compound



Howell fills order for satisfied CB customer



Crews of Wet-Dry canteens headed by Lt. Reilly



103rd clipper trio—Thomes, Turner and Majors



Cronin, Carlock of Ships Service cobbler shop

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Tailor Abie Cohen, Hq. of the S. S. tailor shop



Not Chinese, but laundry crew of "One Hung Low"



Laundry annex at Trans. operated by Al Treptow



Newer equipment (dryer too) makes work easy now



Backstage watch-repair shop of George Puckett's



Wm. Price repaired typewriters, adding machines

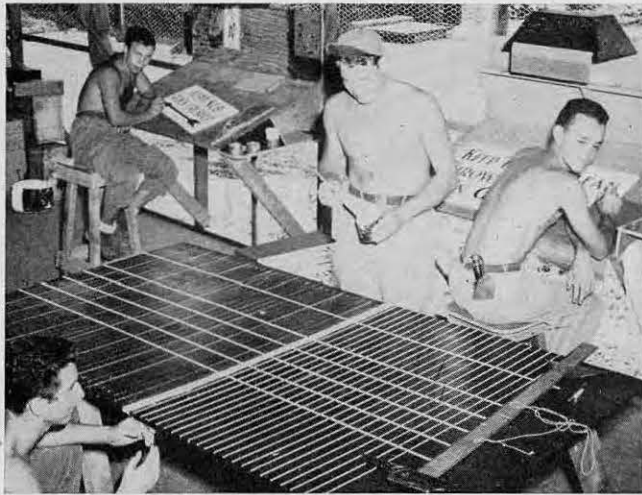
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Spare parts shop supervised by Chief Soderberg



Reefer-maintenance kept these men plenty busy



Sign-shop conducted by John "Trading-Post" Bree



William Malayter painting the flag pole AND himself

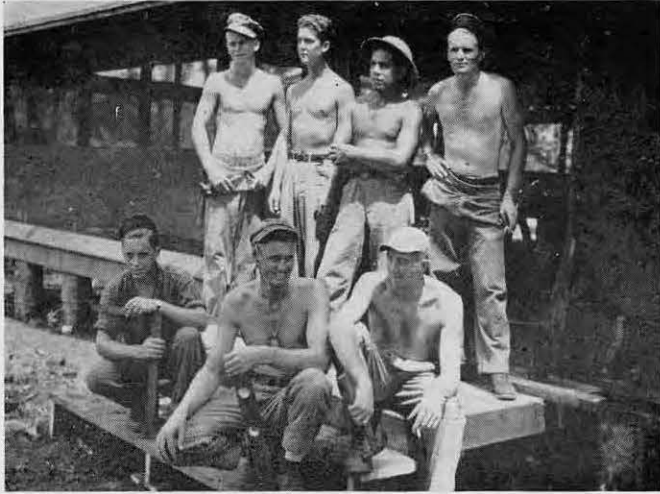


"Beauty" by Mal, Tony Palagonia and Ted Maier



Waterproofing done by Joe Lopez and Vern Jones

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Seven Company A carpenters in front of their project



103rd's new library building near Gate No. 1



One of the first lieutenant's many shops—sail loft



Armorers and exhibit of Jap weapons



Village Smithies Clute, Jodon sweat it out



Cablesplacers Gay, Heironimus and cargo slings

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Led by Chief Jacob, 43 heavy equipment operators recorded by photog between shifts of 24-hour day

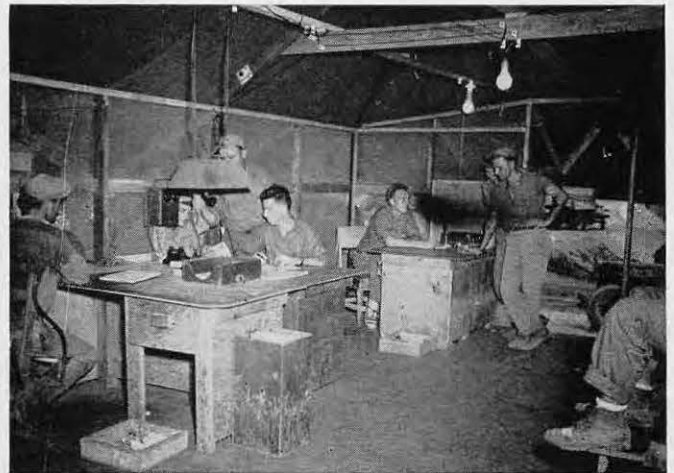


Chief Dalton lines up 44 truck drivers who jockey crews and other cargoes over the island highways

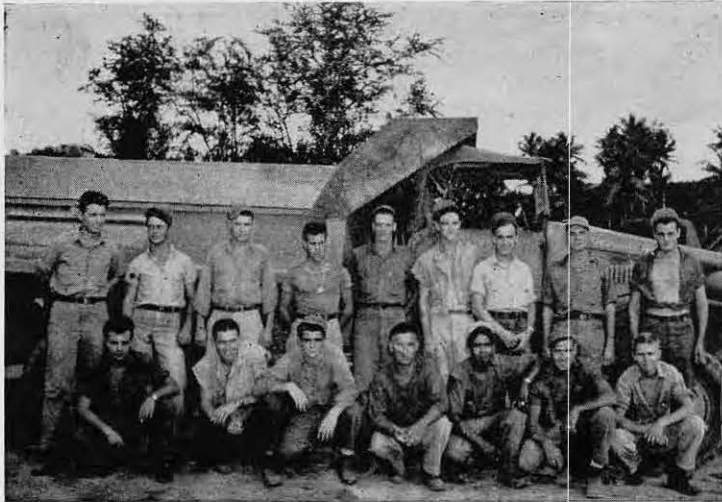
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Trans. front office with boss Lt. McDonald



Dispatch center—one of busiest spots in camp



Impossible! Are the night drivers awake during the day?



Fuel men, pump and truck, at gas station



Coral dust comes off Frank Gamez's truck



Transportation field Lube group with seven grease-monkeys

103 N.C.B. CAMP



These 16 heavy equipment operators were the batt's "strip" crew at N.W. field



Day operators of dozers, shovels, etc., at the transportation dispatch office



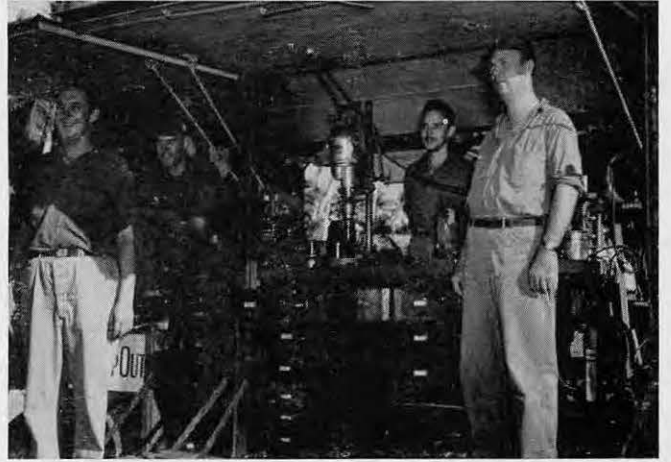
Complement of Motor-Macs who operated 103rd's heavy equipment repair garage



103 N.C.B. CAMP



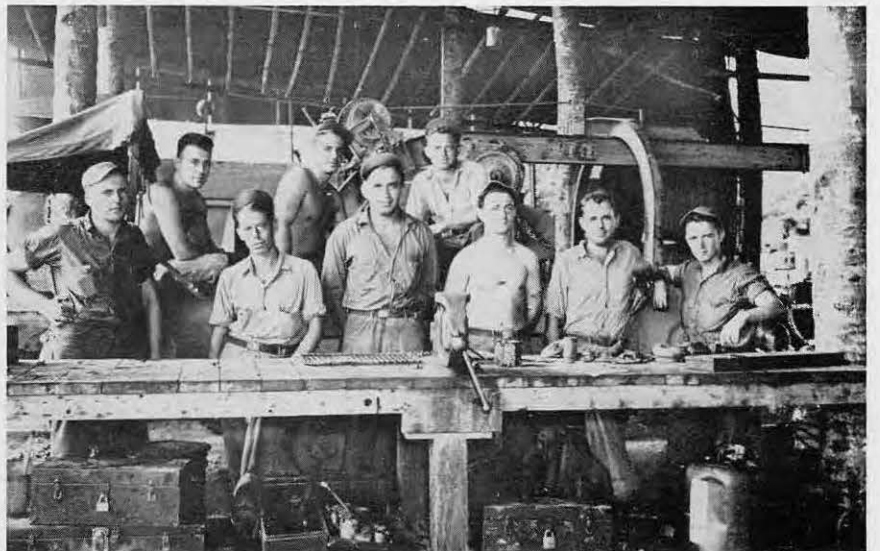
Tinsmiths are Dick, "Rebel," Bill and Ira



Trans. machine shop made its own spare parts



Night shift of motor-equipment repair patched-up trucks, jeeps



Day crew of the same department handled emergency breakdowns

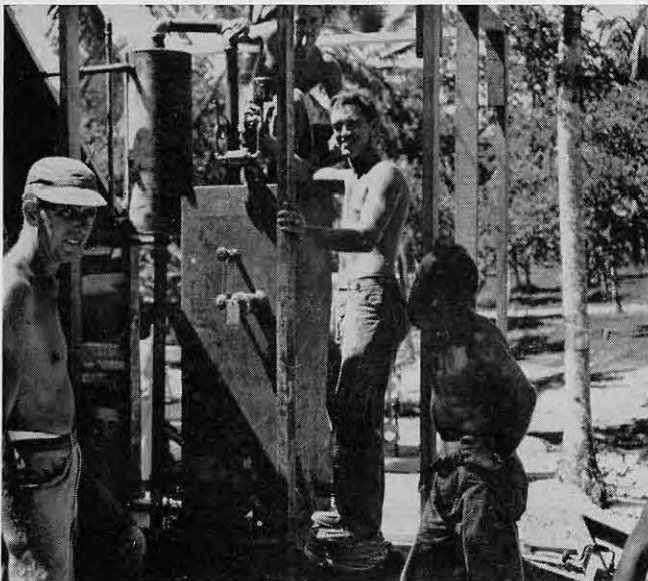
103 N.C.B. CAMP



Carpenter shop men proved to be cabinet makers



Pres' and Mike's work on T. of D. never ended



Company B came up first with hot water showers



Three 42-year-olds see news in stateside paper



They assembled gear at MAA office and waited



SHOVING OFF! for Terminal Island and homeland

103 N.C.B. CAMP



Main entrance to 103rd B.O.Q.'s wardroom



Officers' country—north of camp area



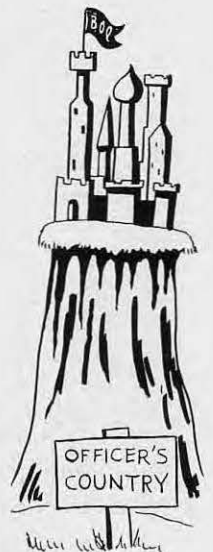
Cook and officers' stewards in B.O.Q. galley



Andy, "Easy Money" at wardroom coffee urn



Officers' stewards prepare tables for a dinner at quonset B.O.Q.



S P O R T S



103rd softballers easily captured Pt. Hueneme title



Gear locker's Kania, Isaac plan event



Al calls Cronin safe at home plate



103rd's baseball team played twice a week—won under .500

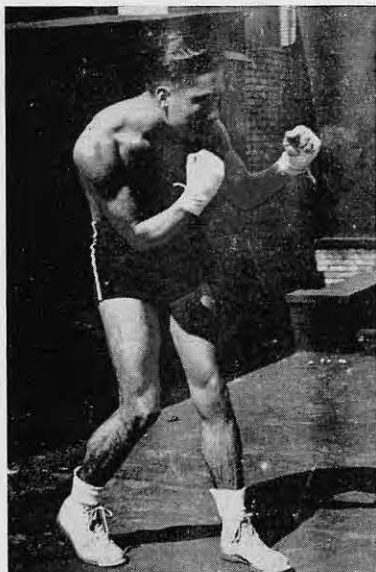


Hjerstedt, star 103rd shortstop, digs in for cut



Low, outside for ball on M'gr Heinie Schwerin

SPORTS



Mike Nunez-batt champion



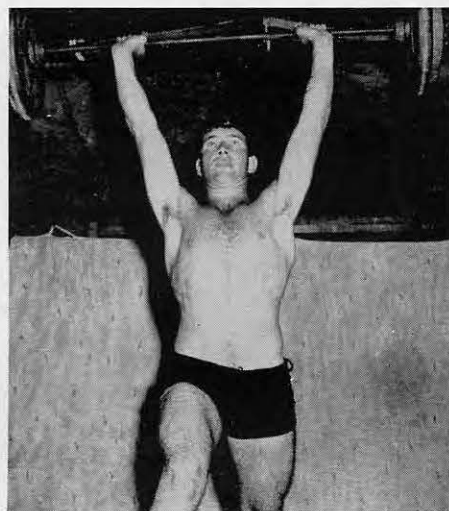
Joe Augustyniak—another 103rd titalist



Company C's Al Gaut of batt team



Weight lifters union sees Gamache's barrel feat



Muscular Erwin Heim executes 235 pound pressure



Chinn and Castle, shark hunters from way back!



Kvenvold landed halibut (Stateside)

THE CHURCH



Madonna and Child;
found in battle debris;
reconditioned.



Service for late Com-in-Ch. held in theater area



by 103rd artists, now
in battalion chapel;
natives are pleased.



Under leadership of Bob Johnson, Latter Day Saints meet

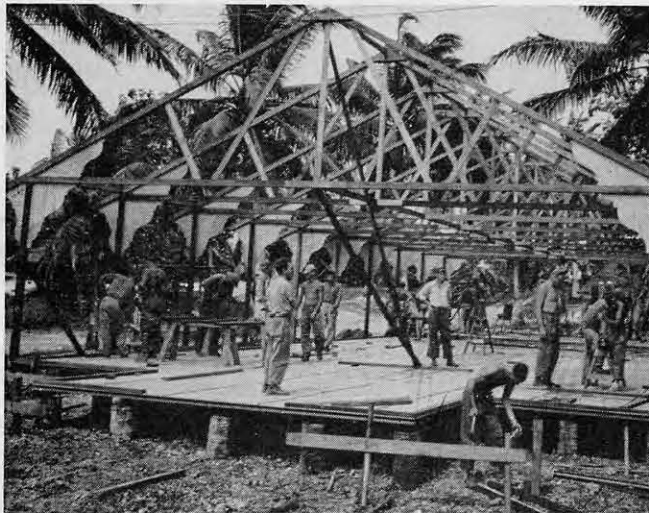
THE CHURCH



First 103rd Protestant service near bivouac area



Early battalion Catholic Mass held in theater



Day before Easter, found new chapel going up



Chapel completed three hours before first Easter Mass



Seabees and local civilian families were greeted with this sight when they trekked into new chapel

THE CHURCH



Roman Catholic services held each Sunday, 0600



1000 and time for Protestant Divine worship



Nearby civilians dressed in Sunday's best for religious worship



Men of Jewish faith traveled to Hospital No. 115



Protestant quartet sang over island station WXL1

103 N.C.B. CAMP



Crane raises flag pole in main area, topside



Bugler Givens sounds retreat as colors lowered



Battleground of 1944 Guam invasion now site of morning colors as O-in-C, Exec, and OOD salute

SIXTH MARINE JOB

The battalion's major assignment on Guam was the construction of a 25,000 man camp which was to house an entire Marine Division, the Fifth. But in late winter, this division, during its campaign on Iwo Jima was so struck with casualties that it was ordered back to Hawaii for reorganization. About Easter-time, 1945, the camp was then re-assigned to the Sixth MarDiv, then fighting on Okinawa in the Ryukus. In the next few months, they came in slowly; first, the rear echelon

up from Guadalcanal. Then, the combat vets of the Sixth came in, down from the north. Laden with souvenirs and legends of Jap homeland, the gyrenes "invaded" the 103rd area nightly, during the weekends. The leathernecks attended our theater, purchased from our Ship's Service, ate in our chow hall and prayed in our chapel. Stateside scuttlebutt and snow, that Marines and Seabees were "just like that," was proven true to the personnel of the battalion, who saw it, first hand.



Debris of battle, including shelled tanks and



enemy installations were cleared immediately



Then design engineers mapped the entire zone into 12 areas



'Dozers cleared away the underbrush



and battalion surveying crews started shooting the base lines

SIXTH MARINE JOB



Operations-Constructions plan Marine compound



which was one of the largest in the Pacific area



Huge cargoes of two transports began pouring in



A cement plant was erected at the compound



Forms for one of 574 concrete slabs is built

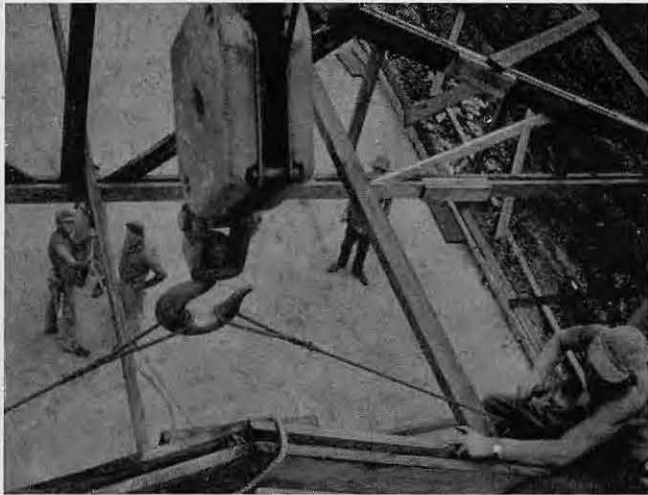


One string of 183,000 feet of pipe is laid

SIXTH MARINE JOB



Storekeepers, yardmen, rig-men, operators and compound officer, group in front of Link-Belt



Gun-vehicle truss sections hoisted into place



Carpenters lay roofing onto Sixth warehouse



Chief Cox in charge of this Company A rigging gang



Company D shipfitter group headed by Chief Bello

SIXTH MARINE JOB



Chief Grabenstein heads Company C pipework sextet



Preston catches panoramic of chow hall area



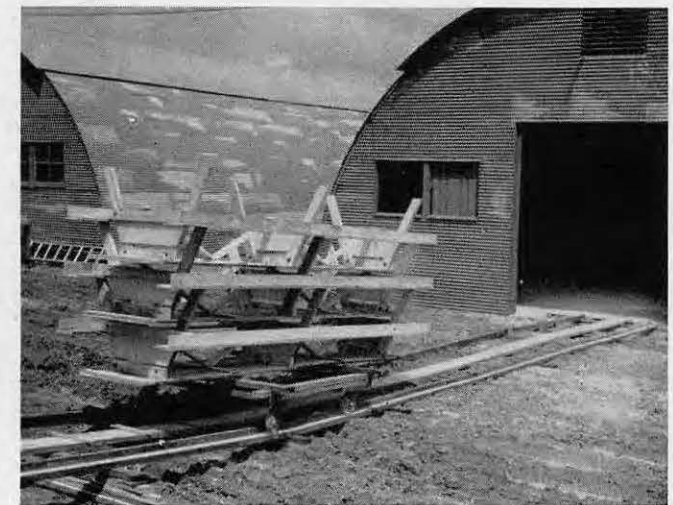
These two units, with Chiefs Stewart, McClerkin



and Ludgate were Company A's erection gangs

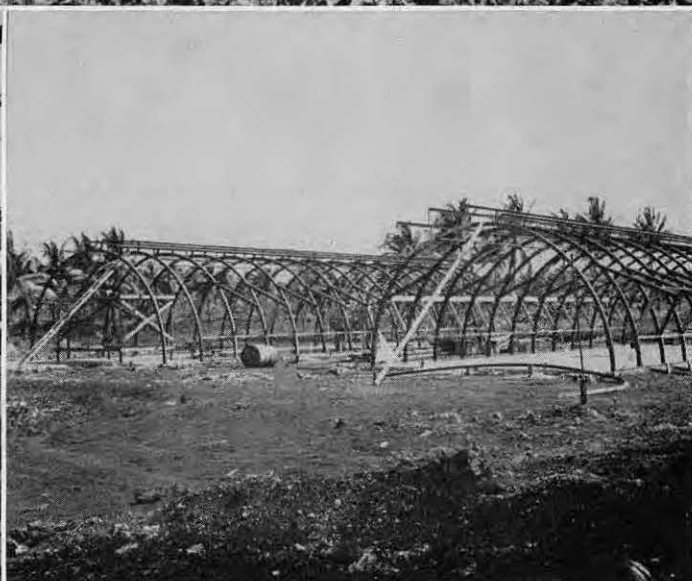


Prefabrication men readied material on time



as shop, turned out building parts, tables, etc.

SIXTH MARINE JOB



Quonset hut ribs go in a hurry
Bulkhead of 40x100 warehouse set in place

Company B plumbers, led by Chief Griffin, did all Company B's piping
Quonset "skeletons" against the Guam sky



Still another 40x100 end-piece shaping up

McKinney's quick Quonset constructioners!

SIXTH MARINE JOB



Work completed on the Sixth MarDiv front office



other area galleys were similar to this hut



Ch. Fehmel's line gang of fitters and welders



Painter Vern Jones moves in after carpenters



These two crews, directed by Chief Moore and



Weycker, laid heavy pipe lines over the camp

SIXTH MARINE JOB



Ch. Lohrman and boys built the General's mess



Sample of mud that challenged transportation



These high line men were busy in all 12 areas



Completed prefabbed structure looks like this



Interior electricians under CPO's Arp, Polye



Ch. Cox at saw-mill with detail of that shop

SIXTH MARINE JOB



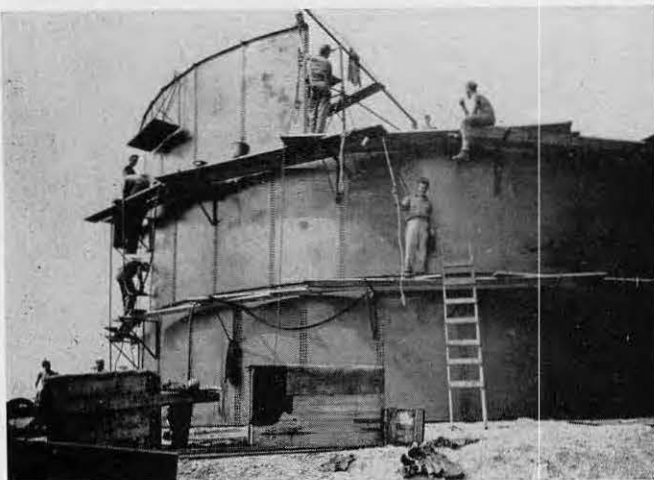
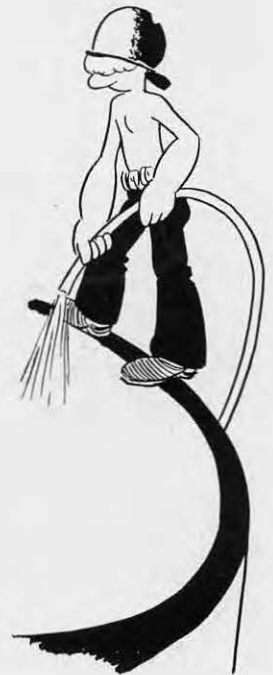
Perspective pic of a completed battalion area



Another installation of galley was a GI house



CB pulls a "Flagpole Kelly" at water storage tank

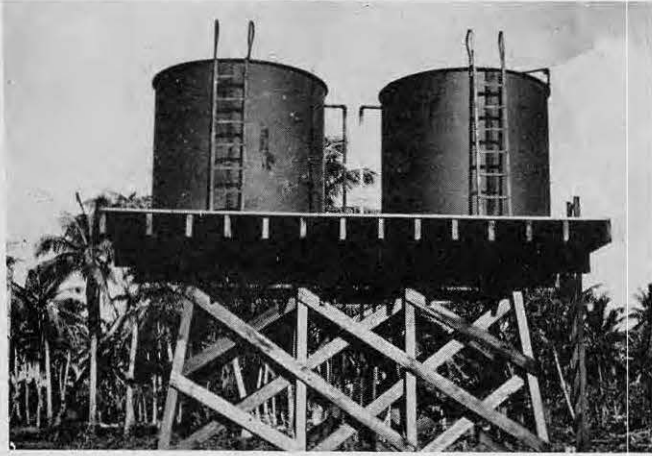


Company D nears end of another 420,000 gallon tank



Dual water units, make an impressive picture

SIXTH MARINE JOB



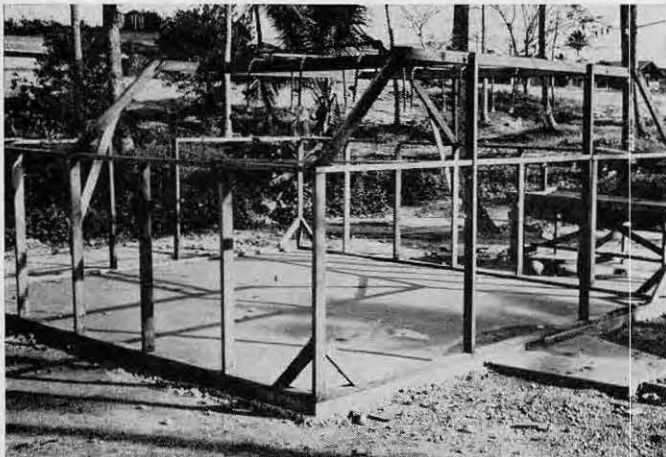
Fifty-three of these 5,000 gallon tanks went into Sixth's camp



This quonset deviation is the General's mess



Ch. Matson's carpenters—Quonset hut facilities



Unit shower heads with perfect "ventilation"



This area is ready for the 16x16 pyramid tents



CB SECRET WEAPON-BULLDOZER

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QUARRY AND CRUSHER



450 Bangalore tubes clear out jungle underbrush at rock crusher



103rd powdermen at rock crusher brought forty per cent glycerine dynamite into use for facing

QUARRY AND CRUSHER



Crusher hopper, left, receives quarry rock. Invariably huge shots give up fossil-laden coral. Many a shot needs five thousand pounds of dynamite. 24 foot holes, 7 to 10 feet apart, are set by wagon-drill, sometimes "sprung" with thirty-



five sticks of 60% powder, later tamped full of one to two cases of 40% in each hole. From the crusher hopper the rock goes to the screening, No. 2 stage, and then the finished product goes into the mountainous pile of stocked aggregate.



QUARRY AND CRUSHER

In seven months, 200,000 yards of rock were poured into hopper by these crews—an average of 350 loads every twenty-four hours! Then 3½ yard Army trucks took the aggregate to an island asphalt plant where it was processed. From the



plant, it was hauled in its hot form, to Northwest field for use on the new B-29 strip, and also hauled hot to island highways being built or repaired. Five-ton 103rd trucks were used, 24 hours a day, to transport the rock from quarry to the hopper.

QUARRY AND CRUSHER



"Fire'n' hole!" as CGM Cannon blasts



Jack-hammer and wagon-drill crews at quarry are shown

In the picture below, the charge set caused the blast seen, top of page 107. 450 tubes were used in this shot. Bangalores are the highest of all construction explosives used. A tube contains Amatol and TNT. In proportion, the explosive value of a bangalore torpedo is higher than that of a block buster.

The Seabee version of the bangalore is actually a Navy adaptation of the Army's obstacle moving weapon. The Army uses the tube to clear barged-wire entanglements, and gun emplacements. Just as in pipe laying, one tube screws into the other, and can be laid through inaccessible jungle growth and thick underbrush.



Grover Noxon and Clyde Rhoden set bangalore tube charge



Herry Vorias and Al Failing tamp hole

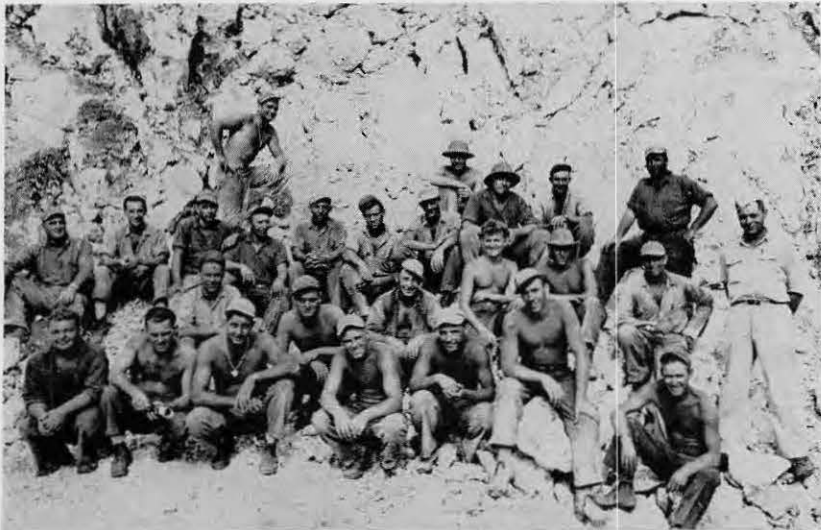
QUARRY AND CRUSHER



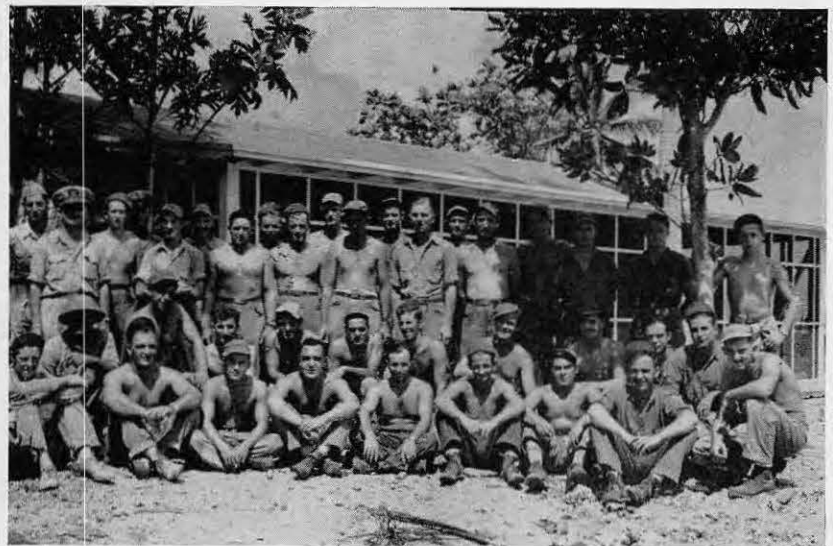
Coral from this gang's quarry used in 103rd camp



Electrical crew installs generator at crusher



Quarry crew, CWO Gunn at right, did all drilling, clearing



Add shot: Carpenters who built the flag officers' home

QUARRY AND CRUSHER



A great geyser of coral dust engulfs this wagon drill as quarry men "blow back" the clogged up bore. The 20-foot deep shaft will later be tamped full of dynamite in preparation for an earth-shaking blast. From this jagged, solid terrain come the tons of crushed rock used

to construct the great airstrips from which B-29's and Liberators took off to topple bombs upon Tokyo, and later to fly food and medicine to long suffering, prison-freed fellow Americans in Japan.

OTHER GUAM JOBS



One of 103rd's first P.W. jobs—ISCOM theater



We built pool at Flight Officers' rest camp



They were temporarily detached from 103rd, working at Sub base



Crew poured foundation for ISCOM beauty salon



Under P.W., Company D maintained island highways

OTHER GUAM JOBS



Pans were ordered to project at firing range



where the Third Marine Division practiced daily



These two crews worked on an early job—the



building of Ammo dumps near ISCOM and CincPac



Battalion carpenters prepare shelters at Ammunition Dump No. 15

NINTH MARINE JOB



Japs were here! CB's worked while the enemy,



like the native homes, gave way to roadmakers



Heavy equipment began cutting through boondocks



to finally complete this coral-packed road



Coconut logs were cut to be brought into use



in Ninth area as tent platform foundations

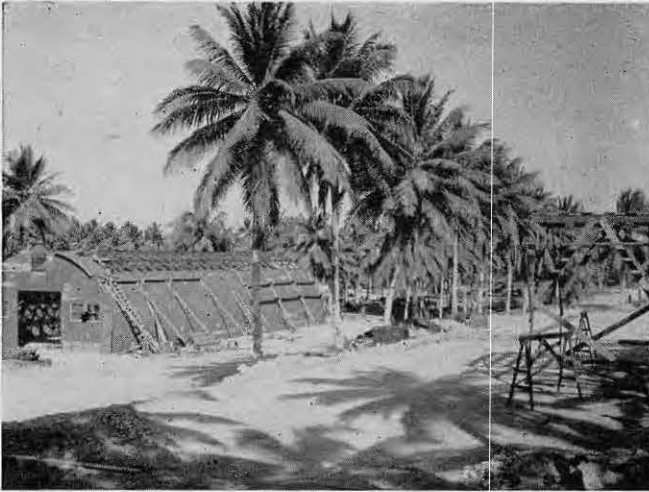
NINTH MARINE JOB



We put down pipe, laid out chow hall decking



erected storage quonsets and built galleys for



Ninth Marines who returned to rest here after



bloody Iwo. They were tough and a rough unit



Work technique was later employed while working on Sixth's camp

F. E. A. DAIRY BARN

Much publicized in the States was the FEA dairy and farm installations that the 103rd constructed. A herd of milk cows and brahma steers was brought in during the spring of 1945 from the States and milk attained during the next months was consumed only by combat casualties in the many island hospitals.

The steers were used to raise the standard of the island stock. Quonset manufacturers in the United States heard of the installations and the 103rd was associated with them in many stateside publications.



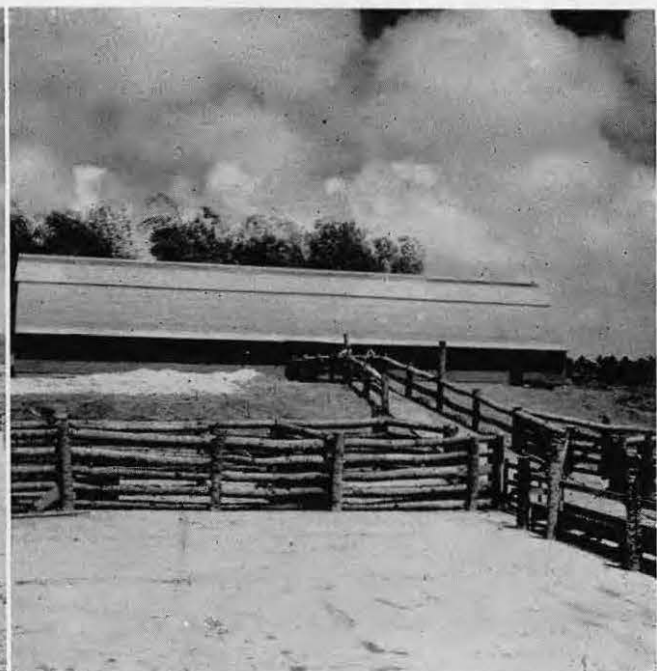
Concrete runways to stop cattle fungus



On the right are the separate milking stalls



Overall sight of the barn and cattle stockades



New quonset adaptation used in completed barn

F.E.A. DAIRY BARN



"Barn" quonset has second floor and a feed loft



Nearby natives weave palms for thatched roofs



to be put on manger and cattle breeding pens



1730 and chow call has just blown for bossies

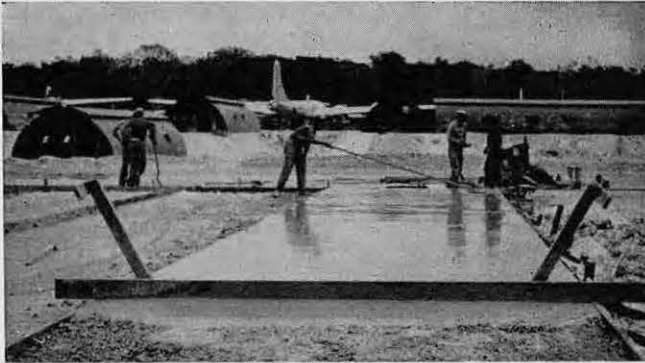


CPO Lincoln's crew of 11 set up the dairy's pasteurization unit

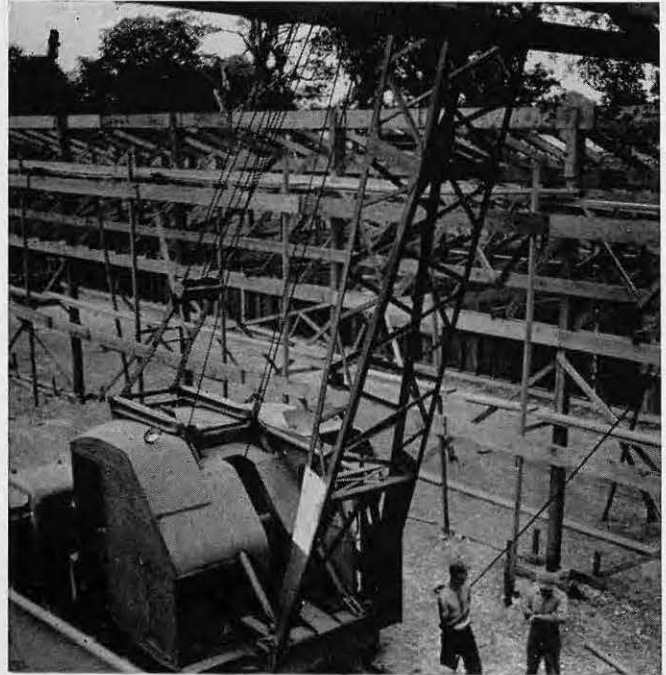


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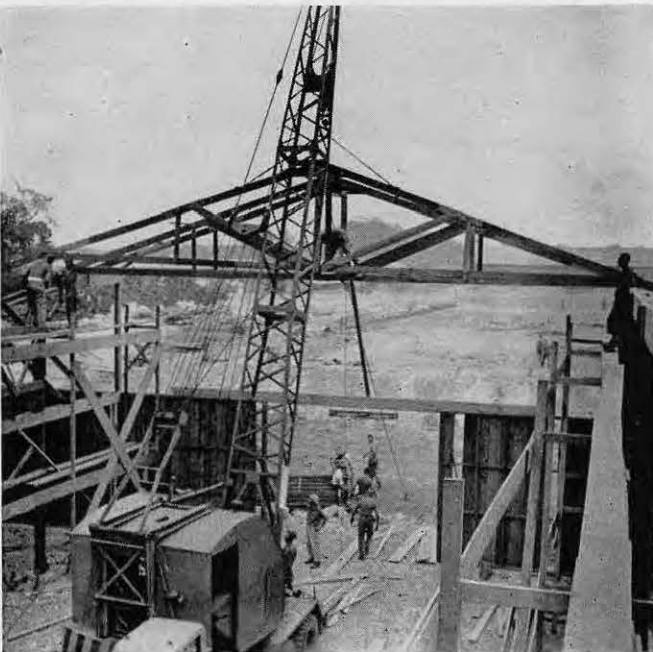
In spring of 1945, HELP WANTED call was received at the 103rd construction office and in the ensuing weeks, battalion men of varied trades went to Northwest Field to assist the Army Engineers with their air-strip work. It was rush work as the strip was needed for the final aerial offensive on Japan. The strip was the main project, these other facilities built also.



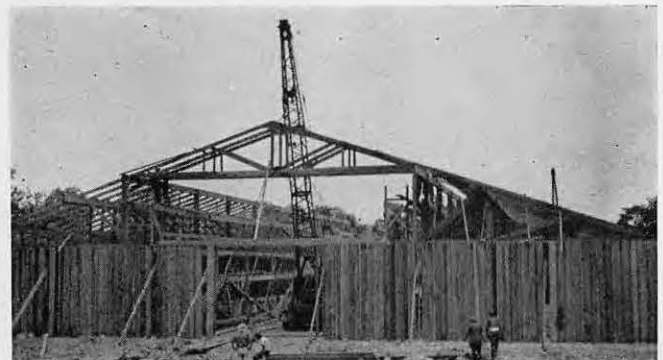
Slab-finishers at work on quonset office building



Huge storage pre-fab was a main carpentry job



Enormous trusses put into positino by speeder



End shot shows immensity of storage warehouse



103rd roofmen near end of chow hall structure



N.W. field used 40x100 huts for motor repairs

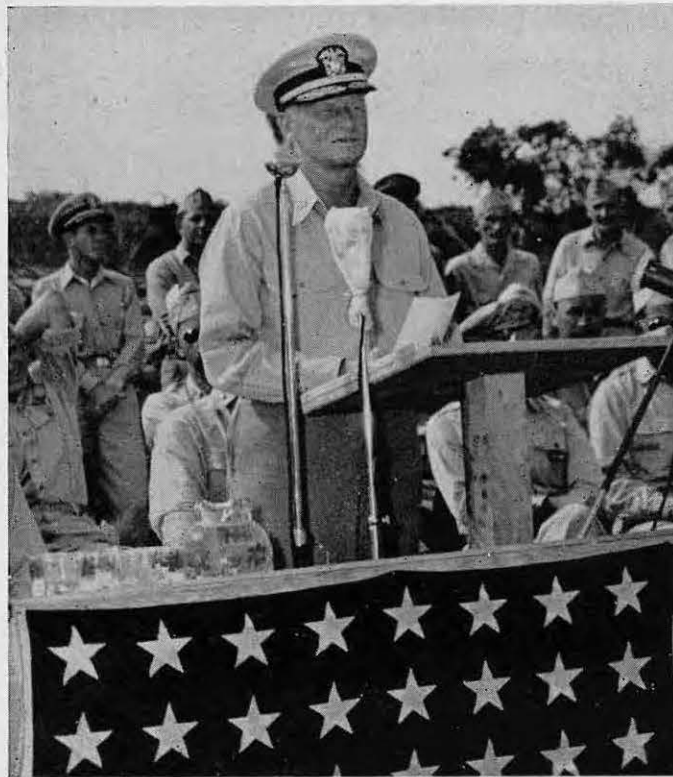
B-29 AIR STRIP



Two bulls, pan queezed in, break coral strata



Fleet Adm. Nimitz at opening of N.W. field

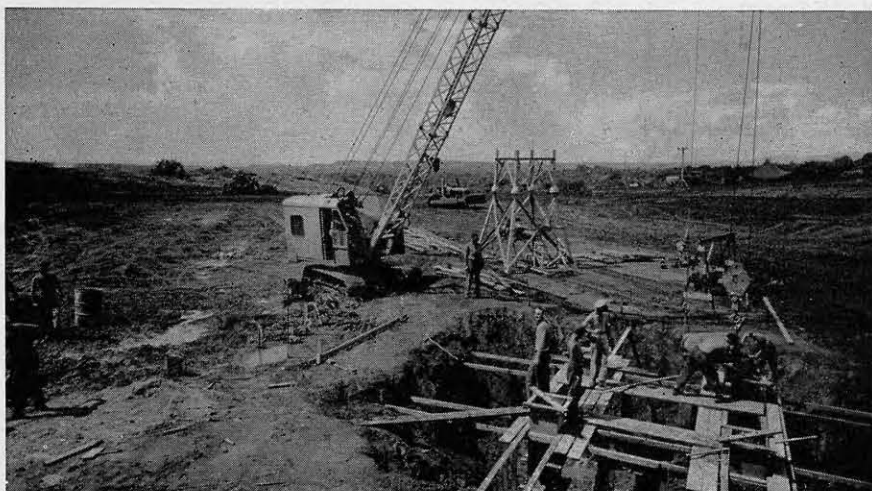


CincPac speaks at B-29 airstrip gala dedication

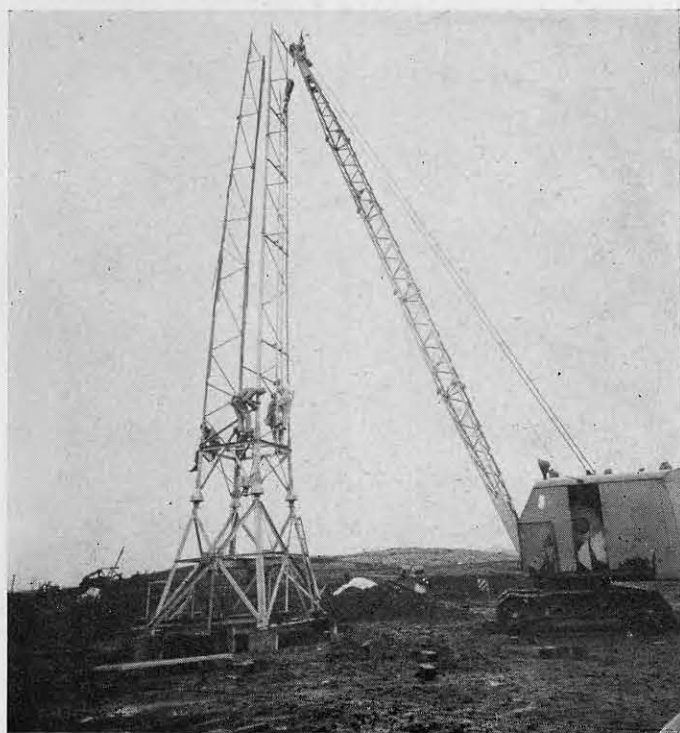


CPO Carter, Lt. Capwell, Lt. (jg) O'Brien, CPO Lantz before first B-29 on strip

S. R. A. RADIO RANGE



Earth-movers, concrete men, carpenters, surveyors, and other

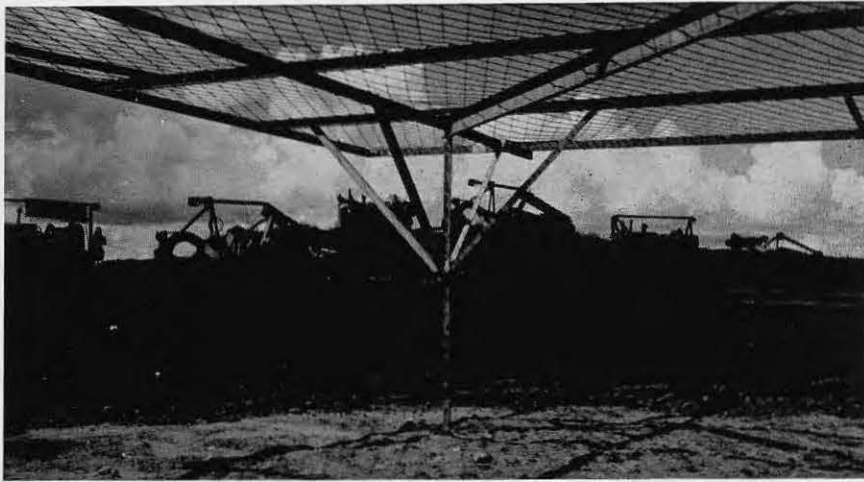


transportation men, under Company D's supervision

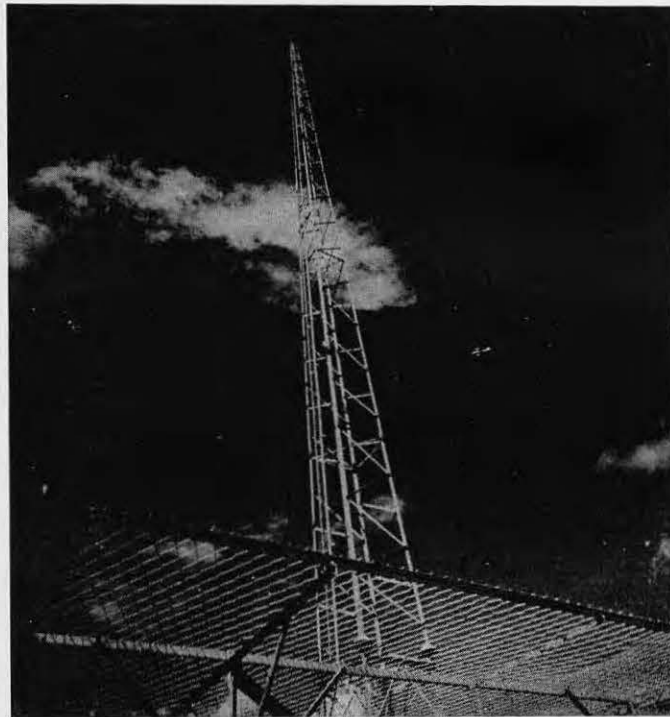


were called in for range work near Third Marine Division camp

S.R.A. RADIO RANGE



"Pans Promenade" as Le Tourneaus level ground surrounding towers



Tower-shaft spires high into snowy clouds above



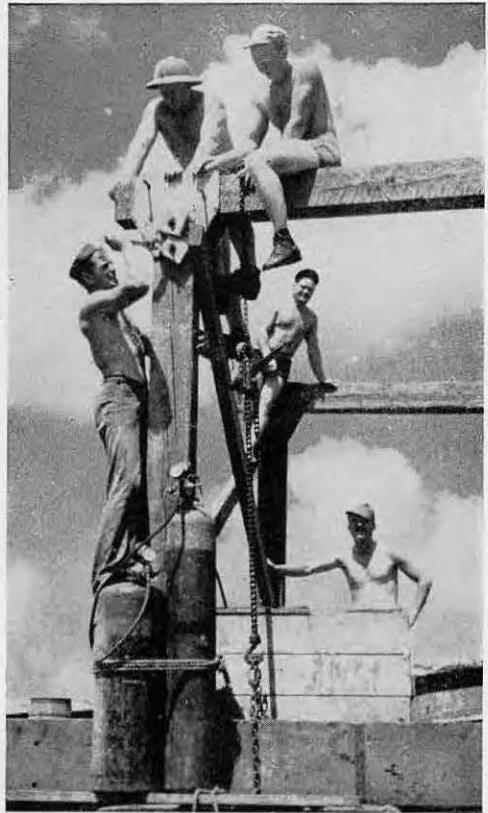
CWO Gunn (right, standing) led 103rd CB's on Radio Range project

SALVAGE

With work slacking off after the N.W. field job, men turned to more lighter tasks. The surfacing of a sunken Jap barge in Telefofo bay was assumed by a Company A gang. Then, this area was not fully freed of Japs. Welfare-Recreation raised another boat for fishing and swimming excursions.



Chief Ness and Bert Streblov set driftpins on pontoon hoist



Five supposed to work but only one is



Last touch put to hoist apparatus—great moment is near



Odd sight was remodeled Jap landing craft in Trans. compound



Chief Ken Gray and Dis' stand guard

THE REAR



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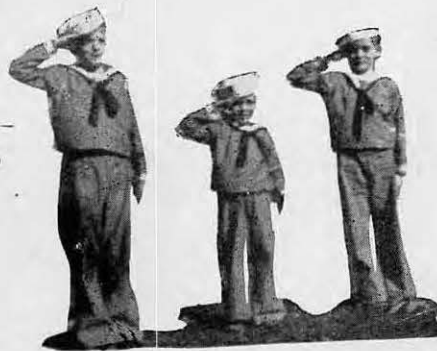
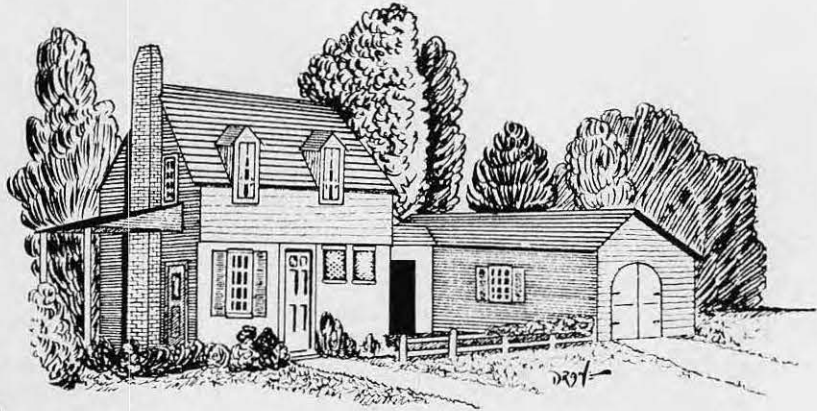
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More fortunate than most battalions, 103rd men spent 12½ months in the States before coming offshore. Our assignments at five Naval stations along the East Coast and at Hueneme, gave us a chance to visit family and friends.

This fact made final parting a rough deal for our family men who left behind wives and youngsters. Rough, too, for our many gay blades who—true to Navy tradition—left a sweetheart in every port.

- 1 Family of Co. A's E. E. Noble
- 2 M. Seigny Jr., of Massachusetts
- 3 Family of C-1's David Thornton
- 4 Joe Garner with blonde friend
- 5 Son of Co. A's Chuck Nethery
- 6 Some pose on Karen Jean Noble
- 7 Phil Spinetto claims this cutey

ECHELON



- 1 Mrs. Beth Walper, C.G. junior
- 2 Weeks' clan: Craig, Hanalla
- 3 F.A. Beirouski's sons: Don—Jon
- 4 Alex Kania is proud of Karen
- 5 F. Malafronte, 2 year old Diana
- 6 R. Hofman's little mac, Eugene
- 7 Benson Sumner's fleet of three

The tons of mail—approximately 391,000 letters we mailed home during these 12 months in the Pacific—testify to the concern and affection rugged construction men have for those who await our return to the States.

The call for pictures for this chapter brought forth many a worn photo from a sweat-stained wallet, many a portrait from a locker door. These are the Rear Echelon; the swell people we'll be going home to, soon.

THE REAR ECHELON



Bob, Dick, Doug and Dolores Pipp



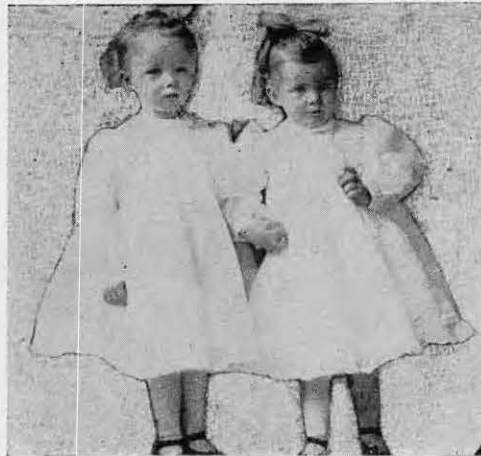
Three sons and a daughter of William Davenport



Walt Klein's family from Brooklyn



Mrs. Roy Haas and son, Lee



Chief Stedman on left, many years ago



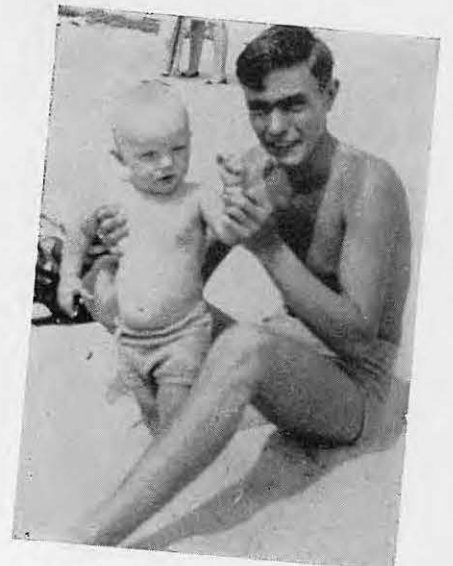
Mrs. Art Pauls, Dusty, Jr.



Under-age Wave is Ch. Lincoln's



Davenport in World War One



S. Preston's brother and nephew

THE REAR ECHELON



Don, Jr., son of Don Boichot



Ens. Curry, Mom, cousin Jan



Sweet Sue, R. Todd's daughter



K. Groll's Mom and Sis



Wm. Farrell's Mother in North Carolina



Cannella's wife, son



Cooky Licata's baby girl, Joyce



T. E. Bruce, wife



Norma Bukva sneaks a short nap

THE REAR ECHELON



W. Foree's foursome—his wife, Barbara Joan, and Wm. Arthur



Lewis Clayton, D-3, is proud dad of these four youngsters



Ch. Howard's family
Linda, Mrs. Howard, Ed, Caryl



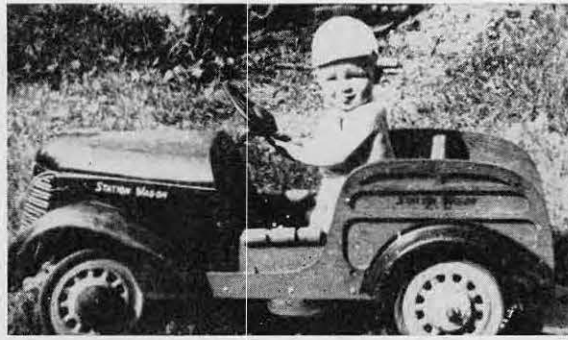
Presenting Charles Pool's wife and girl

Dick, Nancy, Larry—Chief Miller's kids

THE REAR ECHELON



Wife, son—V. Bogdanchik



CPO Better's son cavorts in station wagon



Waghorn family on leave



R. Britt's mom, niece



CWO Elbert Hughes' son, Little Bert, on first birthday



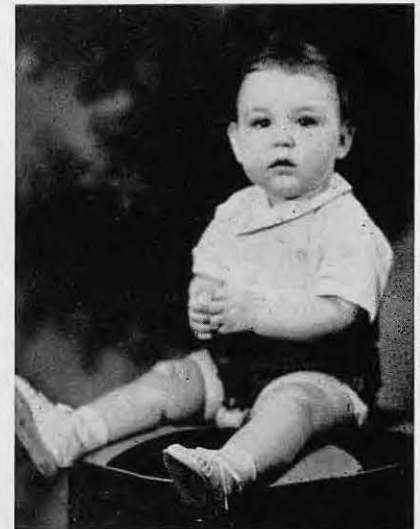
Mrs. J. Licata, "Babe"



W. Virginian Wm. Keyser's lad



It's Shorty Reynard's Jackie



J. Dauphinais' son of Mass.



H. Loeser, his family



Mrs. J. Lincoln, Judy



Al Klimesh, home town



Mrs. D. McKelvey, tot

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Cook Hanscom's wife, Amelia



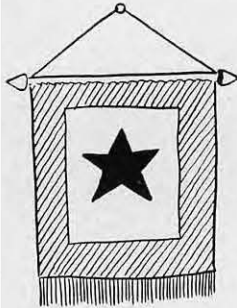
Groll's friend, Joan Feeley



CPO Harwell's wife, Sarah



Corky's like his old man, Don Browne



Engineer's queen, Sandra Kay Landin



Dick Mertz's wife, Thelma



Bob Jerome Fiat of Armory and wife



Red Carlock's wife, daughter

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Red Raines, wife



J. Herring's girl



Bob Garant's wife



R. Pipp's Annie



Mel Coleman, wife



A. Disney's wife, Bartlesville



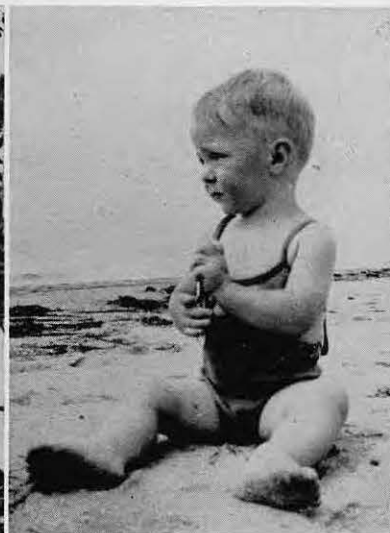
It's the John Daviditis family



Her dad is CPO Paul McCumber



Texas tots of L. G. Wilkerson



CPO Bob Thompson's beachcomber



Mr., Mrs. P. Star and Jr.

THE REAR ECHELON



Company D's Ted Maier, Mom, Dad bask at Santa Monica



Shipfitter F. Oliger's comely wife



She's wife of artist Ronald Drane



Glazer's! Harriet Hyman of Tulsa, Okla.



Seen is heart throb of Harry Jaedtke— L. A.

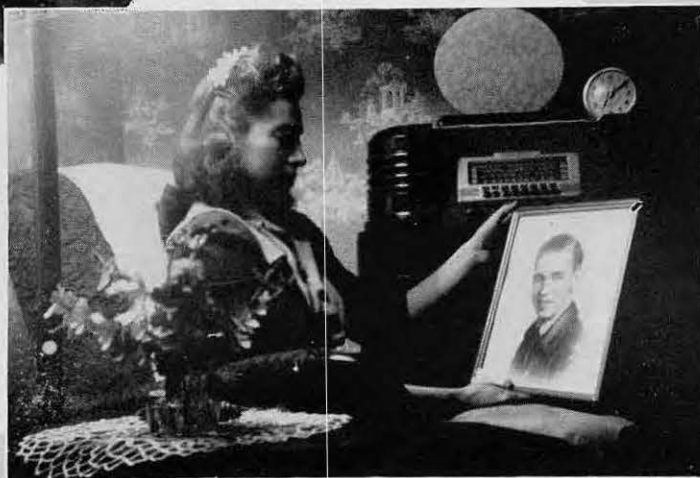
THE REAR ECHELON



Carpenter's Mate Klimesh's wife in E'port



Ed Vieth with wife, Liberty at St. John's N. B.



She looks at Frank's photo



Noble's pose with son Eugene Noble of Company A, Plt. 3



Trio has Mrs. Enid Kate Fehmel Chief and mom-in-law

THE REAR ECHELON



Both are Lou Rungi's



Wm. Duling, the Mrs.



Hey, hey, Ray Shannon



Jean Marsh, San Francisco, writes over 500 CB's. She's voted top morale-girl, today



Bob Johnson and wife



C. Fair, nurse friend



Ernest Neubecker of C-1 relaxing at home



Mrs. Beirowski, Frank

THE REAR ECHELON



Looks at Mrs. Ayres, not Chief



They're R. Nogavica's sisters



Tex Tucker and his home front



Oregon Sandback, wife



S'fitter W. Shangle, wife, bud



Mrs. and Chief Grabenstein

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CPO McCumber's lovely Neoma



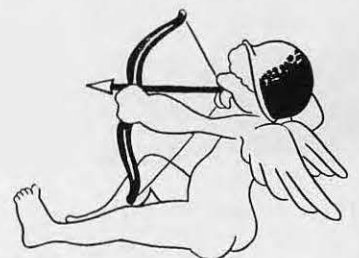
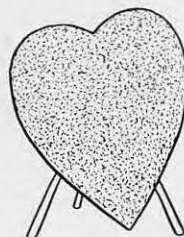
It's Company D's Otth Taylor, wife Isabelle
P. J. Waghorn is at home with rear echelon
Jim Lee; sisters Virgie, Louise and mom



Donathan sisters, Norma, Lorna



Mrs. Knape awaits return of her Y3c Shandon



THE REAR ECHELON



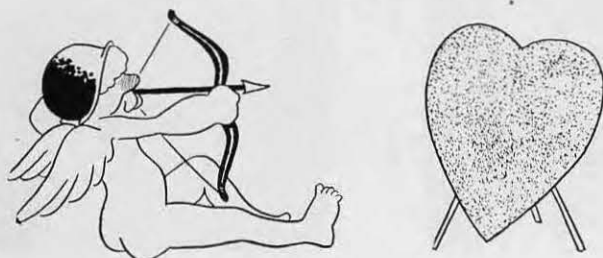
Eddie McCormick of Company C, Army and friends
C-ration Commandos, families in Eastport
Berger, Stinson, the Renners and McCumbers



Herb Moak's dream, Evelyn



Marcia Bates of Flatbush



Ed Boro's clan, Sandy, Mom, Evelyn, Peene

THE REAR ECHELON

Miss Charlotte Lyster, fiancee of our Byron Nicholson, is among the top Victory Bond saleswomen in the States. Has been cited six times by the Treasury Department, and now holds the top rank of Lieuten-



ant General among Rear Echelon Volunteer Bond Sellers. On her own time Charlotte has sold \$101,000 worth in three of the drives. Salute to Charlotte! Nuptials soon for these two people.



Mrs. Bill Lyons and hubby



Stan Preston and his steady



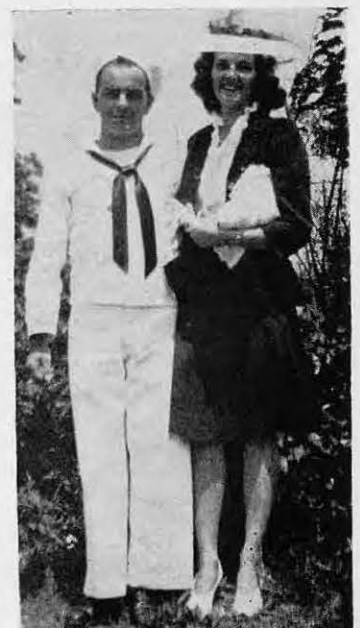
"Lefty" and Mrs. Leteff



Lew Reese and wife Sophie



Helen Malara, Chief's cookie



Mr., Mrs. Johnny Fritschy

THE REAR ECHELON



Cowpuncher Craig is now up on Arab



Pops on Arab, now



Pat, Patsy Waghorn of Company D, Plt. I



Vic Thomas' Lou Gardner



Maria, wife of Tony Beneventi, H-1



Mrs. Cyruli of New Jersey



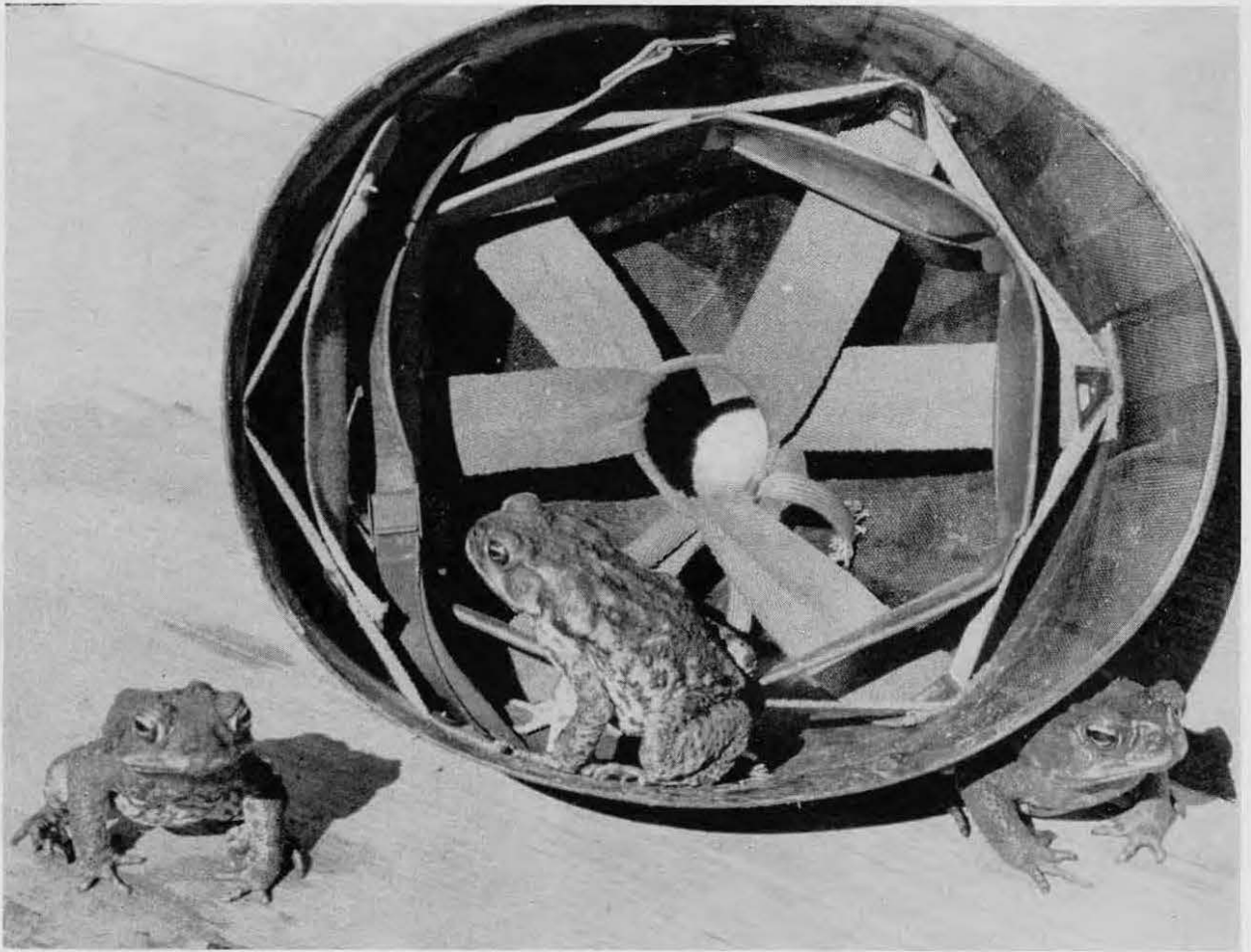
Dad, wife of L. Harms, C-1



Herb Fisher's dad at butcher-time



Wm. Davenport, Sis, and wife



MINUTE MEN

Millions of these little fellows on Guam wage a unique war of their own. Yearly they save precious crops from devastation by devouring plant-destroying insects.

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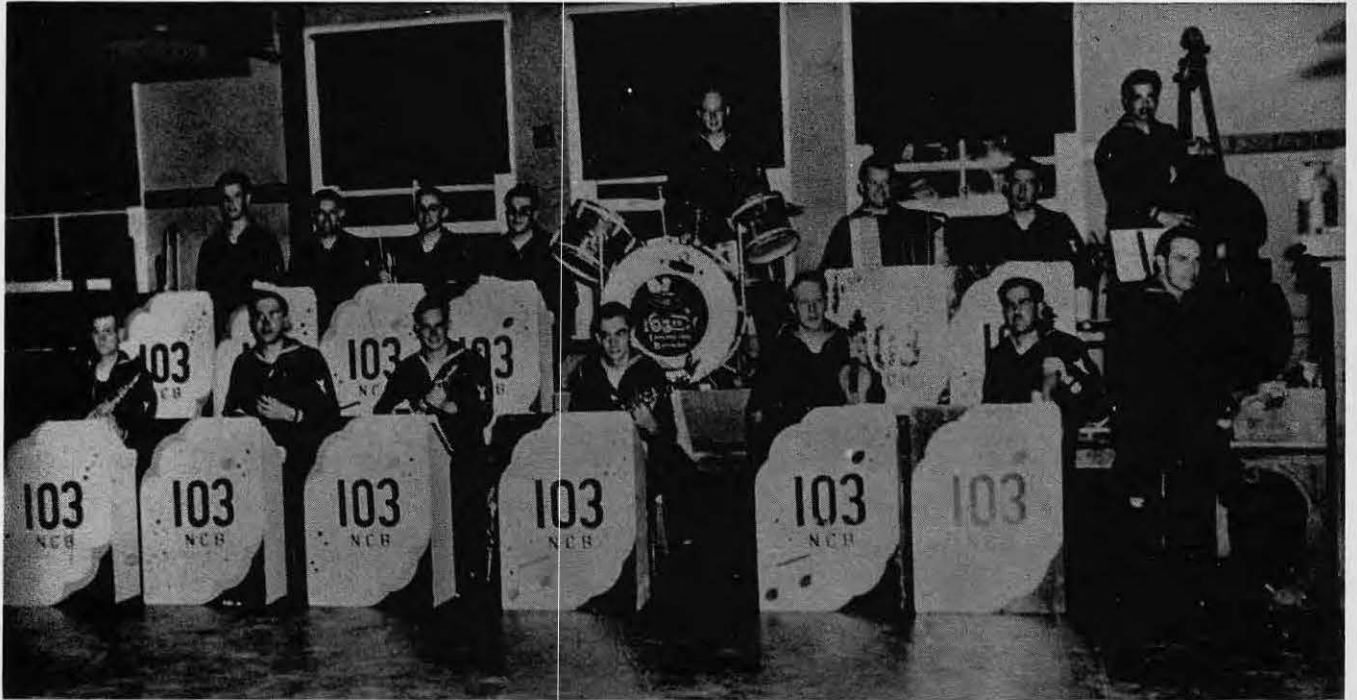


Top flight stateside entertainers, and amateur talent from our own ranks, play before the most critical audience in the world—overseas veterans. Actors learn quickly that a long, loud whistle sent yowling from the lips of a rainsoaked Seabee audience is a sign of real approval. Said Moss Hart: "If a headliner goes over out here, he'll stay tops and eat cake at home for sure."

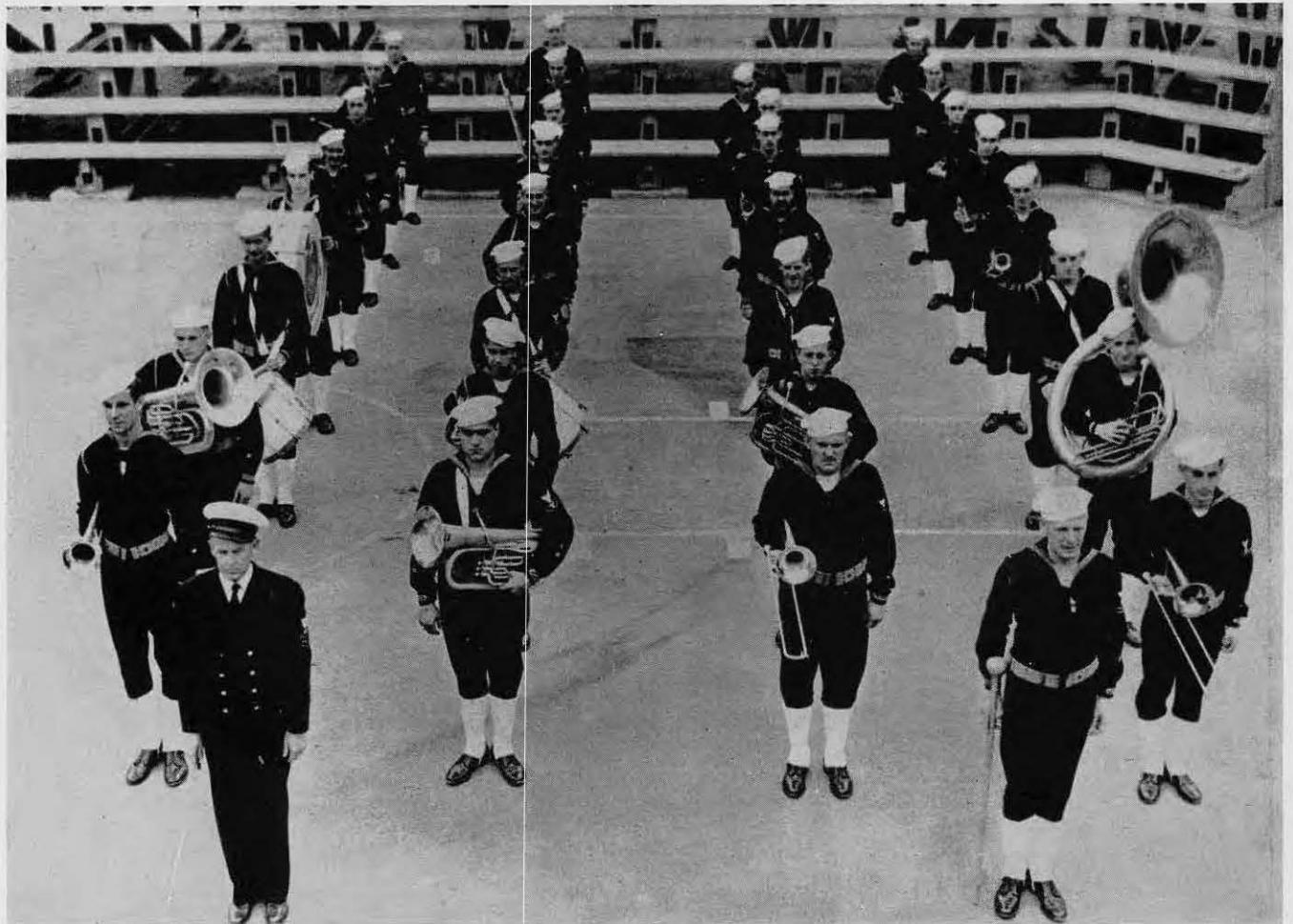


Our own "Skeets"

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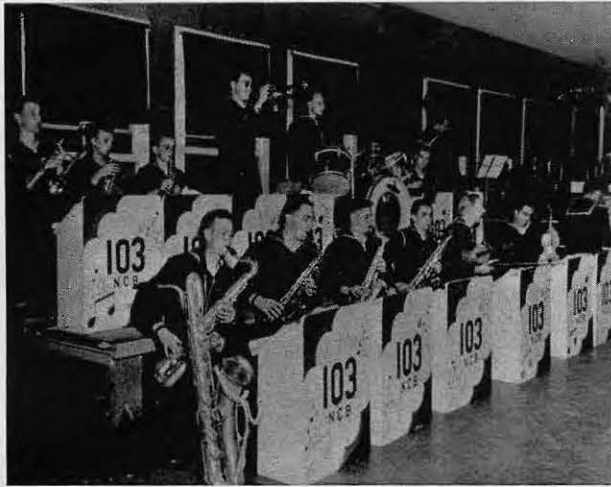


This is the First 103rd dance band. Led by Tom Reside, later Al Failing, the band jumped from playing one dance a week in Quoddy's gym, to a full seven night schedule on Guam at dances, shows, parties.



In formation at Hueneme is the 103rd military band. CPO-in-Charge Art Cox and Leader-on-the-March Gene Palicki led the 31-piece band at head of all bands in a Rousseau review, gave Guam concerts.

ENTERTAINMENT



103rd jives, jumps at Johnson's in Davisville



Rhode Island pulchritude appears plentiful



Knockin' 'em out—in frantic style



Bos'n Dupuis gloats at fresh sugared cookies



Skipper gives dancing prize to Nell and belle

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Adorning left, right panels



Lt. Capwell gives bond to Fiat



of Palace are these beauties



Nightly fun spot for Seabees, Marines, soldiers and civilians



Must not have appealed to him as being funny



Kids almost ready to go to aid of Roy Rogers

ENTERTAINMENT



Day, Cooper at 103rd



First row, left to right: Chamberlain, Shockney, and Manelick; second row: Tigner, Kamprath, and Williamson. Above sextet salvaged Jap parts to make amplifier, played for war casualties in wards of island hospitals—worked during day, practiced at night. Strictly a bunch of good guys.



Hashy Skeets ponders



Dr. Blake at Pearl Harbor dance



Slave McNamara and his Swami in trance



Lt. Ratliffe at FEA Affair



Claude Thornhill, Raiders, at Palace

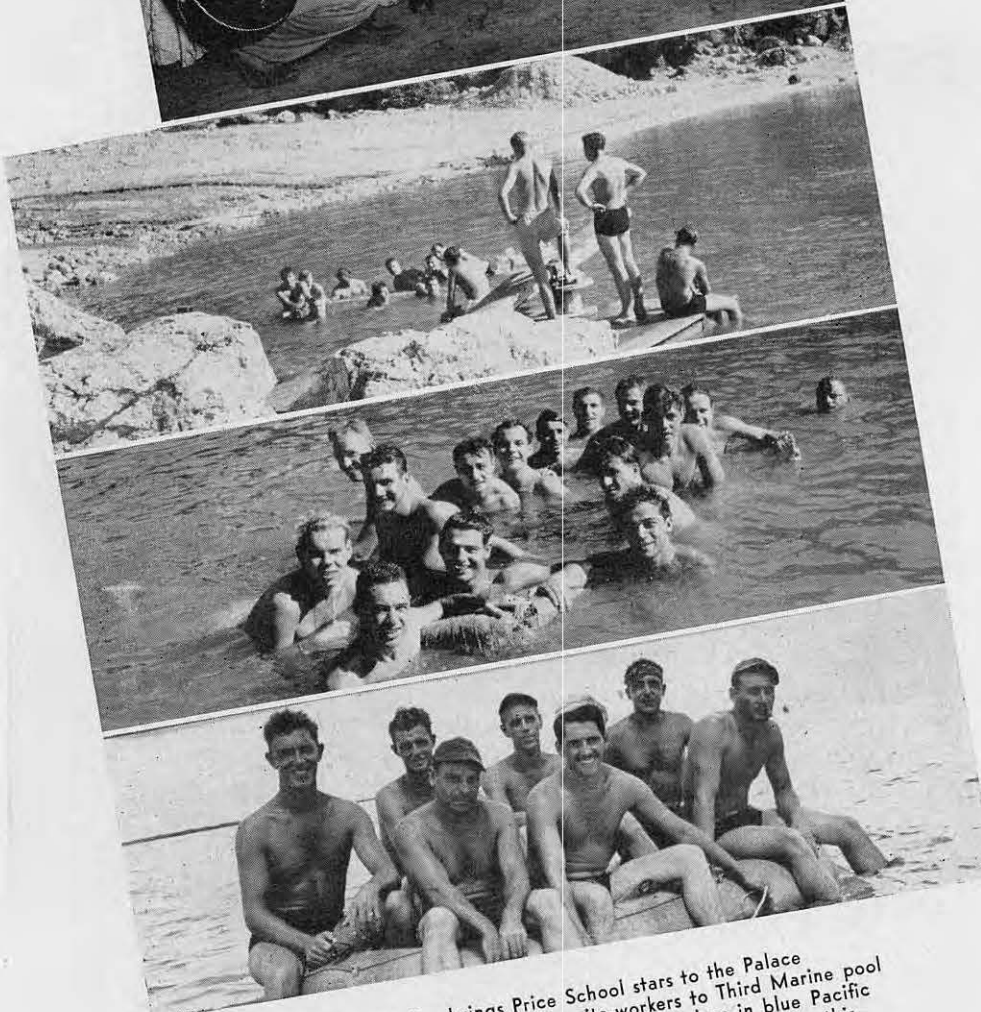
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Perrotta, Peggy Ryan on Third Division stage



Tommy Riggs and Betty Lou



Emcee Joe brings Price School stars to the Palace Daily, the Guam sun sends KP's, nite-workers to Third Marine pool Precision-formation aqua stars enjoy themselves in blue Pacific It takes old-time construction men to forget work, like this



ENTERTAINMENT



"Shape Ahoy" babes wow Seabee rufneks!



It's Moss Hart, not Dante

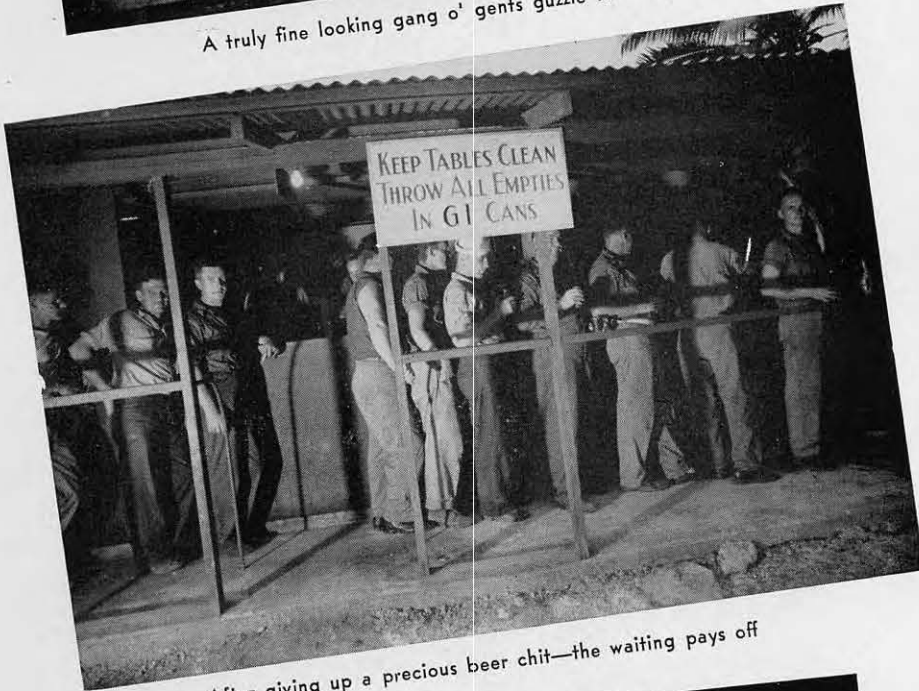


Eight "Penguins" look for surveys, blowing their tops
 Entire household incurs wrath of "The Man Who Came to Dinner"
 Former actor, Jackie Cooper gives rhythm for Thornhill's Combo
 Brilliant cast of USO hit, "Shape Ahoy" on stage for finale

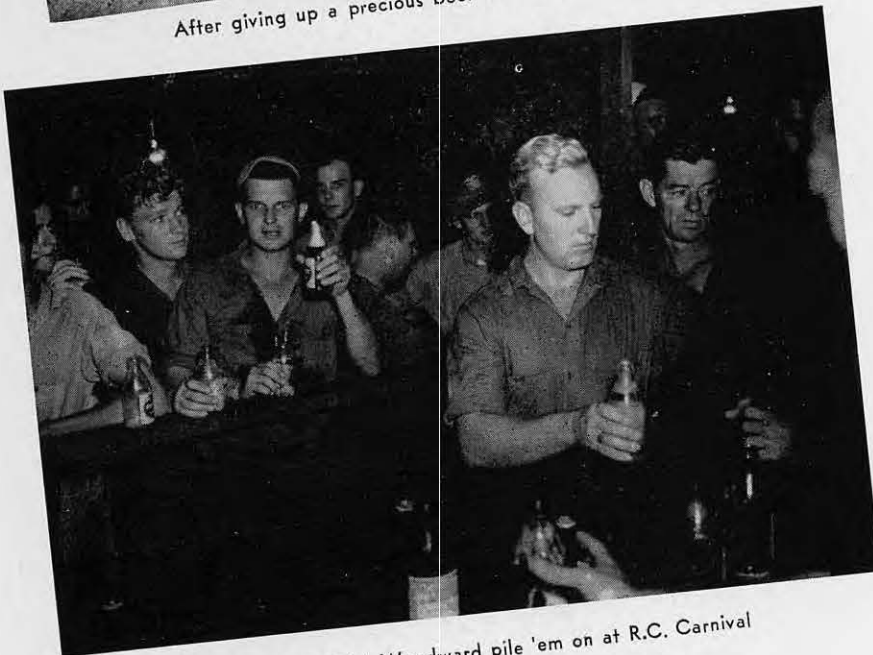
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A truly fine looking gang o' gents guzzle the beloved suds



After giving up a precious beer chit—the waiting pays off



C. W. Warren and C. M. Woodward pile 'em on at R.C. Carnival

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Line snakes through wet canteen for barbecued steak feed



Cook Capwell assists Licata, McCumber, Slowinski at the grill



Does that look on Andy Bukva's face mean he didn't do well?

ENTERTAINMENT



ARC gal does jig for 103rd



Way to games, free beer for a night



Rieck keeps batt jumpin'



Red Cross girl about to read



fortune of lucky Ben Wallace

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After "El Flamo" Gonzales terrifies batt, four men try to eat fire

ENTERTAINMENT



Hula at "Palace," tonight



She sat on her head, later



She warbles sweet for 103rd



Stars of show—Ruggles and Brian



Hero snafued by stooge's query

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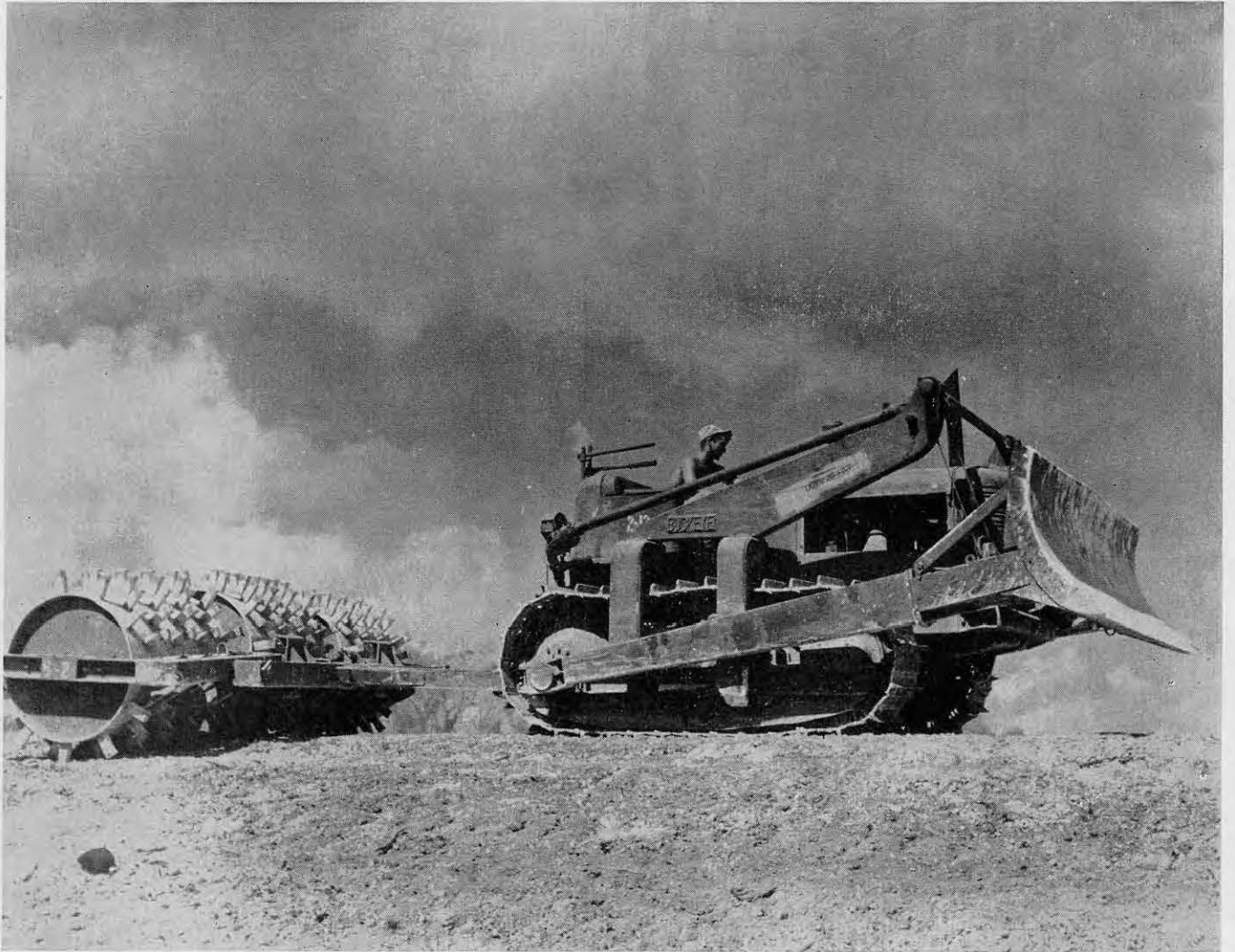
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Good evening chalked up, as USO troop sings, "Bless Them All"

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SHEEPS FOOT ROLLER

B-29 AIR STRIP JOB GUAM

TRAVEL AND LIBERTY

Probably one of the most traveled of all CB battalions in this war, is the 103rd N.C.B. Combining scenes from the next eight pages and photos throughout TOUR OF DUTY, one can readily see that the battalion has gone through many different climates, run into all sorts of races and colors, and probably has seen more stateside duty than any of the other NavConBats. The map on the inside of the front and back cover, shows the extent of battalion movements. Following it to Pearl Harbor on the rear half, one then jumps to

the front half, where the itinerary arrow travels on to the Marianas. NCB 103 hit eight different Naval stations. But, while in California, each company was assigned to a temporary shore or island station in the Los Angeles Defense Area, so that actually 12 camps were visited. 103rd men have made five train trips as a battalion, totaling about 5,000 miles. Two boat trips were taken totaling about 6,300 miles. Thus, a complete total of mileage traveled since October of 1943, is in the vicinity of 11,000 miles! (And this includes Texas!)



Le Beaver!



Mike Gagliotti, man of the world



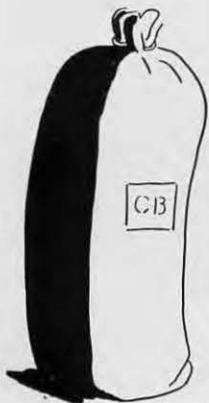
Love for sale!



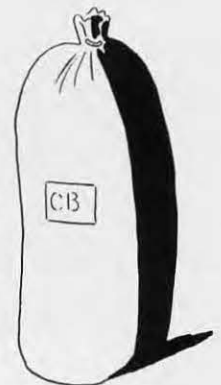
Jap Navy at Telefofo Bay



Sioux traders in Arizona



Oahu natives turn out during fishing season to drag nets



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Eight cookies prepare steaks for 1,000 Seabees

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**CHIEFS
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**WHEN DO
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TRAVEL AND LIBERTY



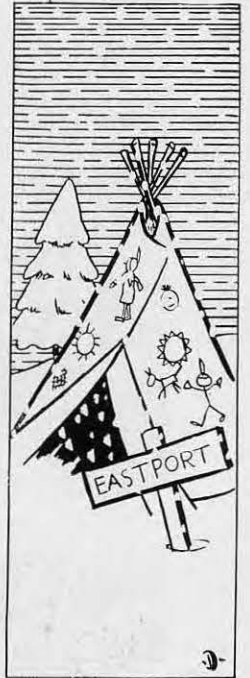
Lockhart, Loomis, Stephens starting for Bangor?



Good time ahead for Ed Borofsky and RCAF pals



Gobs parade in grand march—President's birthday ball, Calais



Usually the way it started on Quoddy liberty . . .



. . . and this is the wind-up! No, they're posed

TRAVEL AND LIBERTY

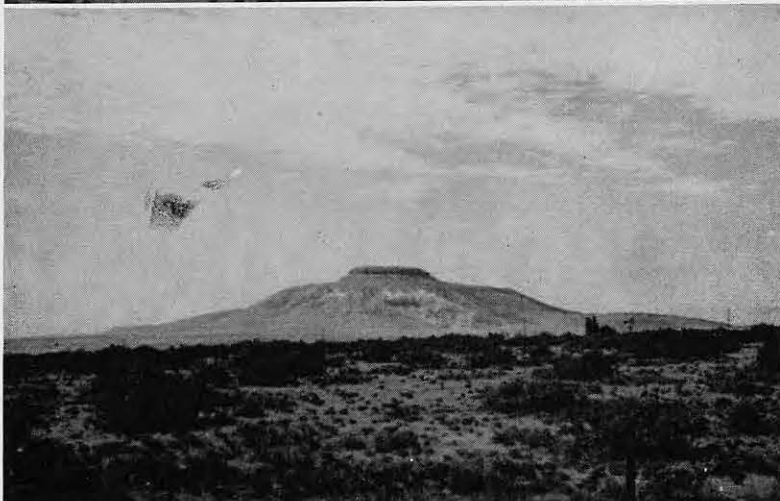
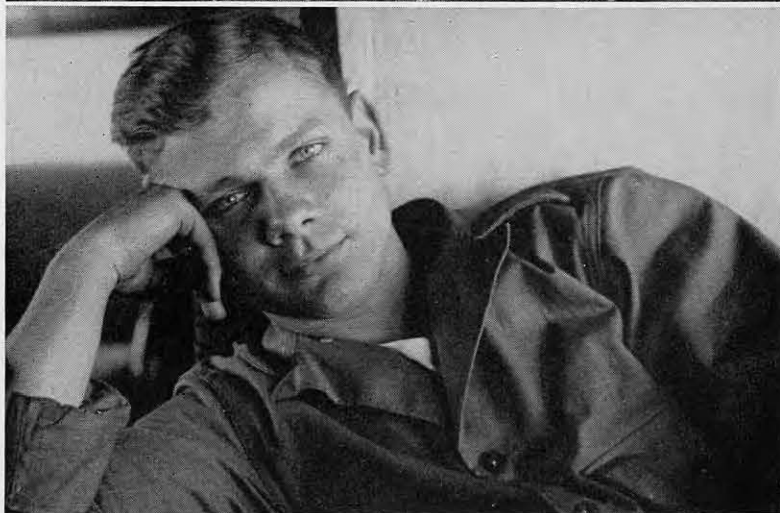


Southern California greets 103rd
Company A-4 at seventh inning stretch
By Rio Grande is Tia Castenada

Malafronte, Neubecker act as desert-icemen for hot CB's
Skipper and Company B officers tried to comfort tot at left
Wasn't the first time for genial steward, Andy Britt, Hq.

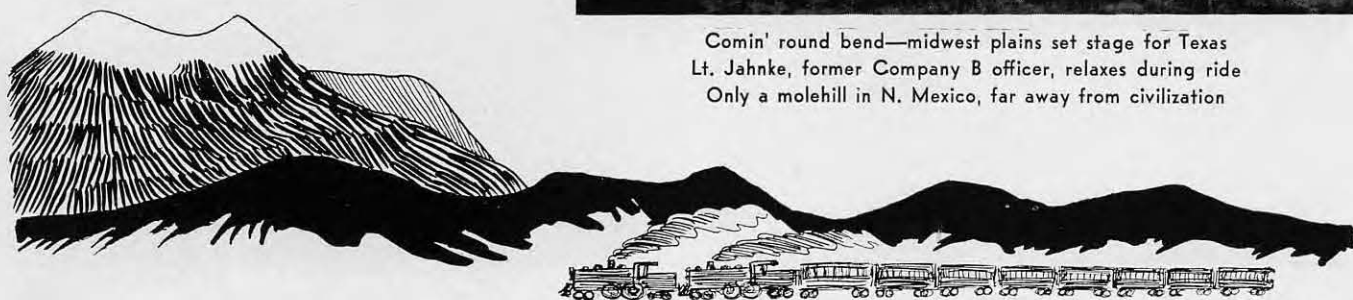


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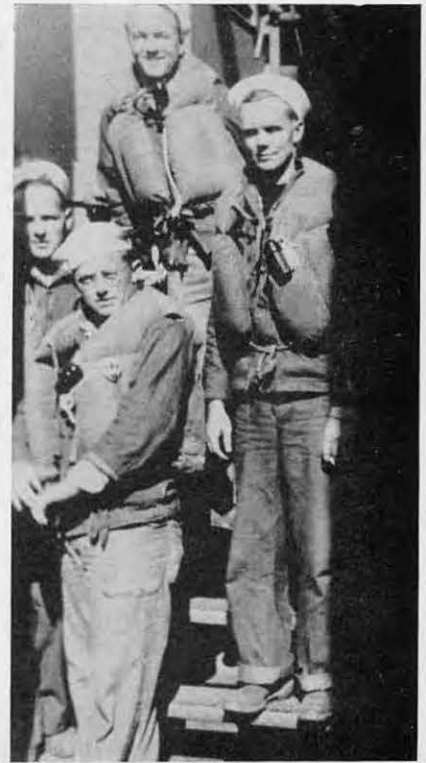
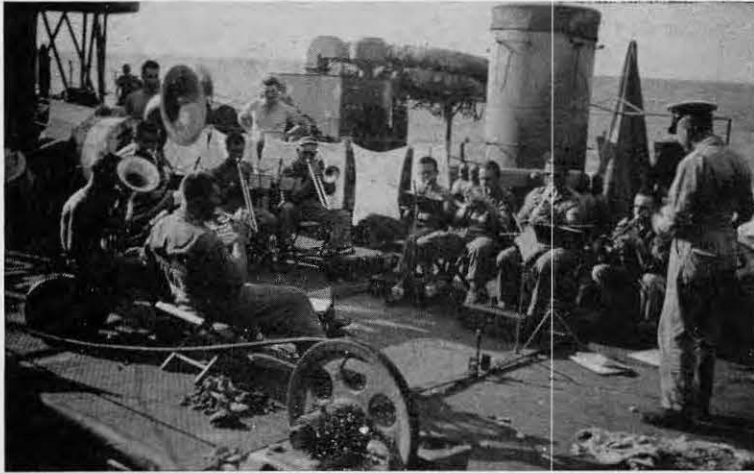


F Company A route-steps through K. C.
Here's what you left behind
A water stop in the Southwest

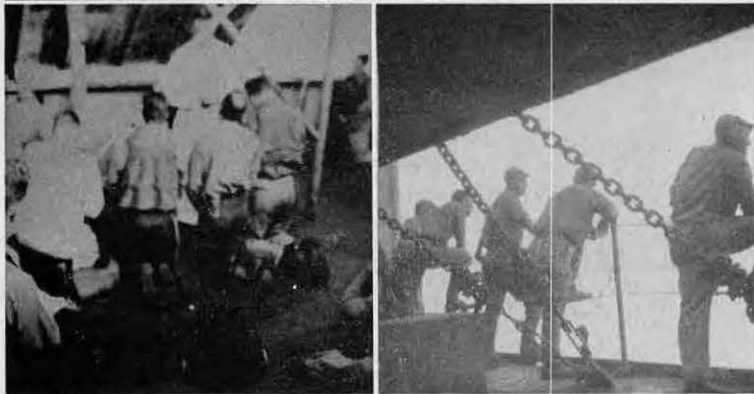
Comin' round bend—midwest plains set stage for Texas
Lt. Jahnke, former Company B officer, relaxes during ride
Only a molehill in N. Mexico, far away from civilization



TRAVEL AND LIBERTY



Can't decide about that chow?



CPO Cox, part of band, find time, room to hold concert
 Divine worship on topside Today—everyday—look for land



Peaceful scene, with Pacific behind



They're able to decide about chow, but . . . ?
 LST men show whiskers, fatigue—but smiles

TRAVEL AND LIBERTY



CB horseplay near Diamond Hd.



Hawaiian beach scene—1944



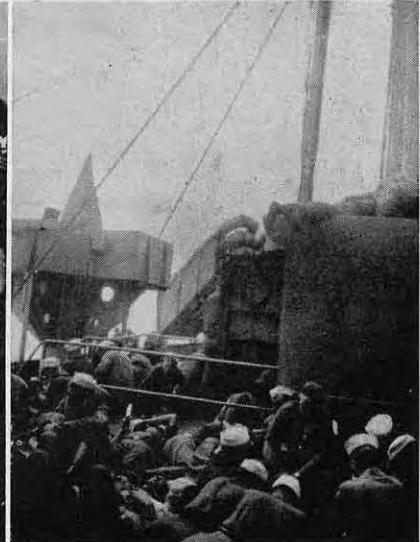
Jap, obsolete plane wrecks



Everyday scene on Ada' Lykes



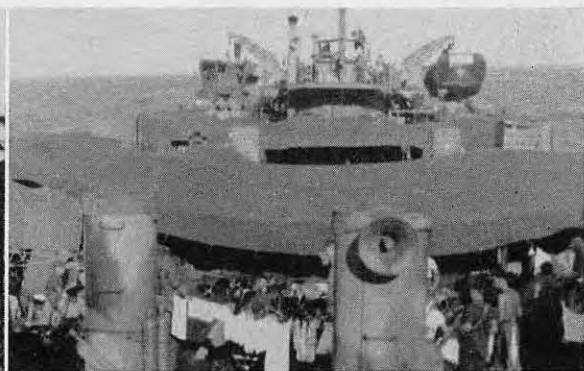
Preparing for their embarkation from U. S., these gents sheared off precious hair on West Coast



Another common sight at sea



They had 25 days in truck—en route to Guam



LST accommodations weren't like Hotel Penn

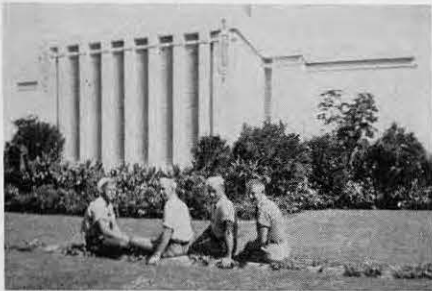
TRAVEL AND LIBERTY



"Aquabees" about to be "snowed-under" by incoming tide



It's Halemaumau volcano in Hawaii



Company C men relax at Mormon Temple



Jump for money



Waikiki scenic



He lets the Pacific do the work



Native scales palm tree for 'nut



103rd saw beautiful garden scene at Mormon temple on Oahu

TRAVEL AND LIBERTY



Royal Hawaiian, Moana hotels



McCumber with friends—Hawaii
Blocking traffic in Honolulu
Another shot of Honolulu
M. Renner about to be "took"
They witness downtown fire



Cookie Duncan takes a dive
Street scene in the city
Fire across from the USO
Royal Haw'n tower in back
The end of an Oahu bus tour



Bar-maid at Kailua, T. H.



Mac in Lau Yee Chai's



Gyrene buddy takes beachhead

TRAVEL AND LIBERTY



Hawaiian Hula is actually a story
Sick Bay cutups as South Sea Belles



Hoibut Moak of the Bounty



Hilo Hatti was in "Panama Hatti"
Hawaiian lush! Agana was never like this, huh?



A mass hula shown 103rd men by "them that know how"



If Chris Chinn would turn around



SINAJANA ON GUAM

TOUR OF DUTY STAFF



Ragsdale, lab



Kranz, lab

Standing: Preston, photog; Folsom, circulation; Drane, artist; Scanzillo, photo lab; and Farnsworth, STINGER pressman. Seated: Chaplain Howard, advisor; Chief Weeks, TOUR OF DUTY editor; and Glazer, STINGER editor.



Moe Glazer raps out T-D copy



Stan Preston at work in field



Bob Drane at his drawing board

The TOUR OF DUTY staff wishes to thank the officers and men who contributed many of the photos printed herein. These photographs filled the pictorial void until Stan Preston, PhoM1c, could focus his Graflex on our cavortings. The manner in which Preston has recorded our progress from Pearl Harbor to the present is top stuff. His technique, employed under the most anti-photographic conditions, is reflected in the picture story enfolded on these pages. Ragsdale, Scanzillo and Kranz spent many a dark hour processing prints in the lab.

Credit for much of the layout and all of the art work goes to Bob Drane, CM2c, our long-time STINGER artist and cartoonist. His art treatment of the officer group is praiseworthy, while his layout balance closely knits these pages into a book we hope will hold your interest for years to come. Construimus, Drane's cartoon concept of a stumble-bum Seabee, is with us to the last.

Moe Glazer, Y3c, always in on the know, pounded out the picture captions. As STINGER editor, he's

really up on names, places and projects. You've seen them faithfully recorded here.

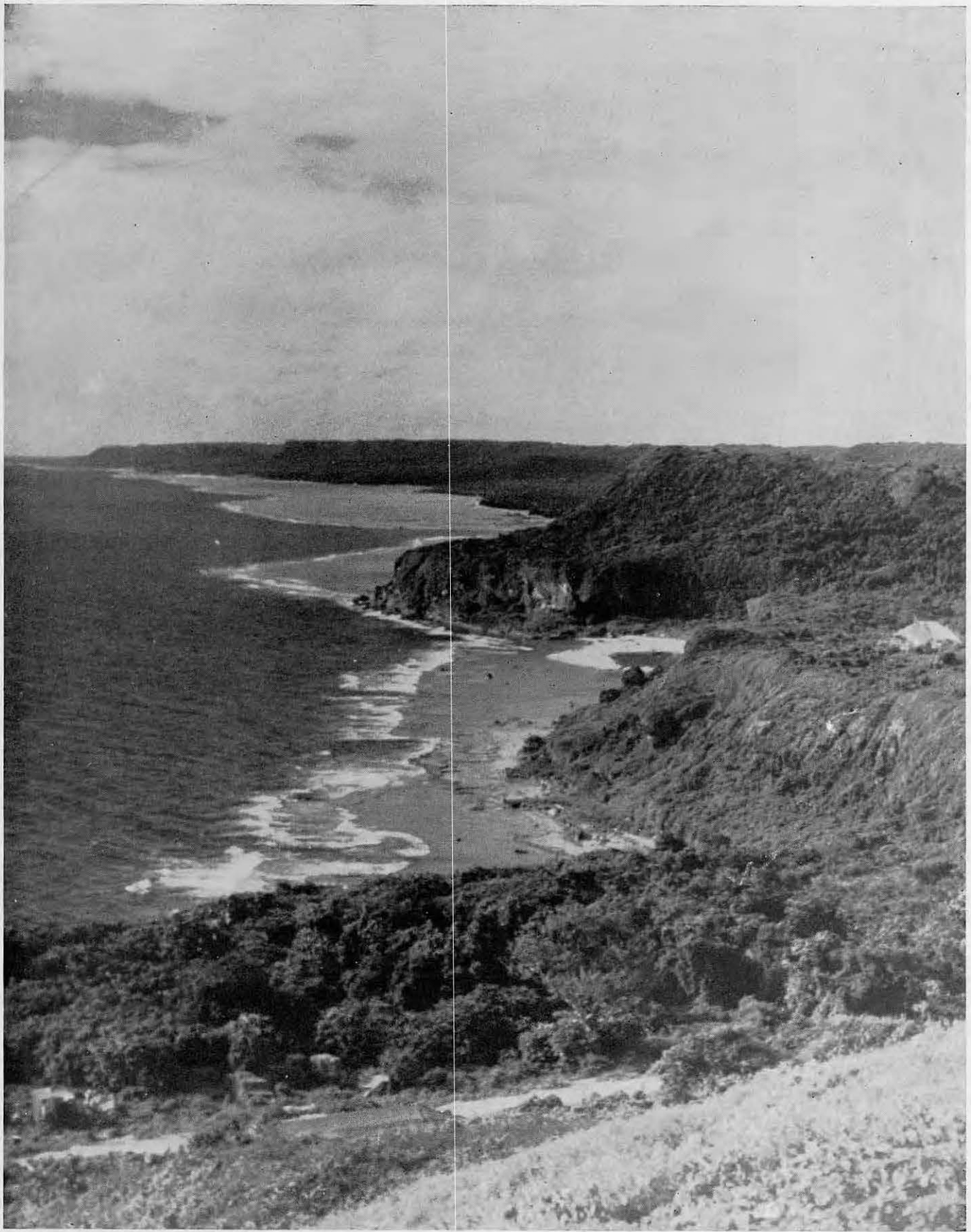
Chronological data, those facts and figures you see boldly printed on the page margins, were prepared by the boys in Personnel. We figure that this data will settle many an after-the-war argument, as to just where and when we traveled, that may arise at bar side in some Veterans' Club.

Access to Lt. Comdr. Marshall's office, his expeditious handling of our material requests, and his consultations with Chaplain Howard and Chaplain Lindsey on advisory matters, are appreciated.

The home address muster of all hands should be of great help for those among us who choose to travel after the war. What could be better than to bust in on good old Joe Doaks, our former tent mate, meet the little woman—and then sit down with Joe for a real bull session again.

Preparing this book has been a pleasant task. We hope our fellow construction men like it.

—The Editor.



. . . to the sun-bathed shores of Guam

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1941

Dec. 7—Japs attack Pearl Harbor
 Dec. 12—Guam falls to Japs
 Dec. 24—Wake Island surrenders

1942

Jan. 2—Manila falls
 Feb. 15—Japs take Singapore
 Mar. 8—British give up Rangoon
 Mar. 9—Japanese overrun Java
 Mar. 17—MacArthur becomes Allied Commander, Southwest Pacific
 Apr. 9—Japs capture Bataan
 Apr. 18—Doolittle bombs Japan
 May 6—Corregidor surrenders
 May 7—Two day Battle of Coral Sea ends; each side loses one carrier in first flattop battle
 June 3—Battle of Midway, decisive engagement of entire Pacific war, costs Japs 2 to four carriers sunk and 11 ships damaged while we lose Yorktown
 June 12—Japs land in Aleutians
 Aug. 7—Marines land on Guadalcanal
 Dec. 1—Beaten for third time, Jap fleet withdraws from Solomons

1943

Jan 3—Americans take Buna

Feb. 8—Historic battle of Guadalcanal ends in victory
 Mar. 4—Airmen destroy 12-ship Jap convoy at Bismarck Sea
 May 11—Attu invaded, secured in 21 days
 June 30—S. Pacific offensive begins with Rendova landings
 Aug. 15—Americans find Japs gone from Kiska, Aleutians
 Sept. 12—Salamaua, New Guinea taken; Lae falls 6 days later
 Nov. 1—Bougainville invaded
 Nov. 20—Invasion of Gilbert Islands (Tarawa) opens Central Pacific offensive

1944

Jan. 31—Americans land on Kwajalein, Marshall Islands
 Feb. 29—MacArthur invades Admiralties; becomes greatest S.W. Pacific naval base and staging area for Philippines
 Mar. 22—Japs attack India as Stilwell pushes into Burma
 Apr. 22—MacArthur lands at Hollandia and Aitape, New Guinea
 June 15—Marines invade Saipan
 June 16—B-29's bomb Yawata, Japan from China

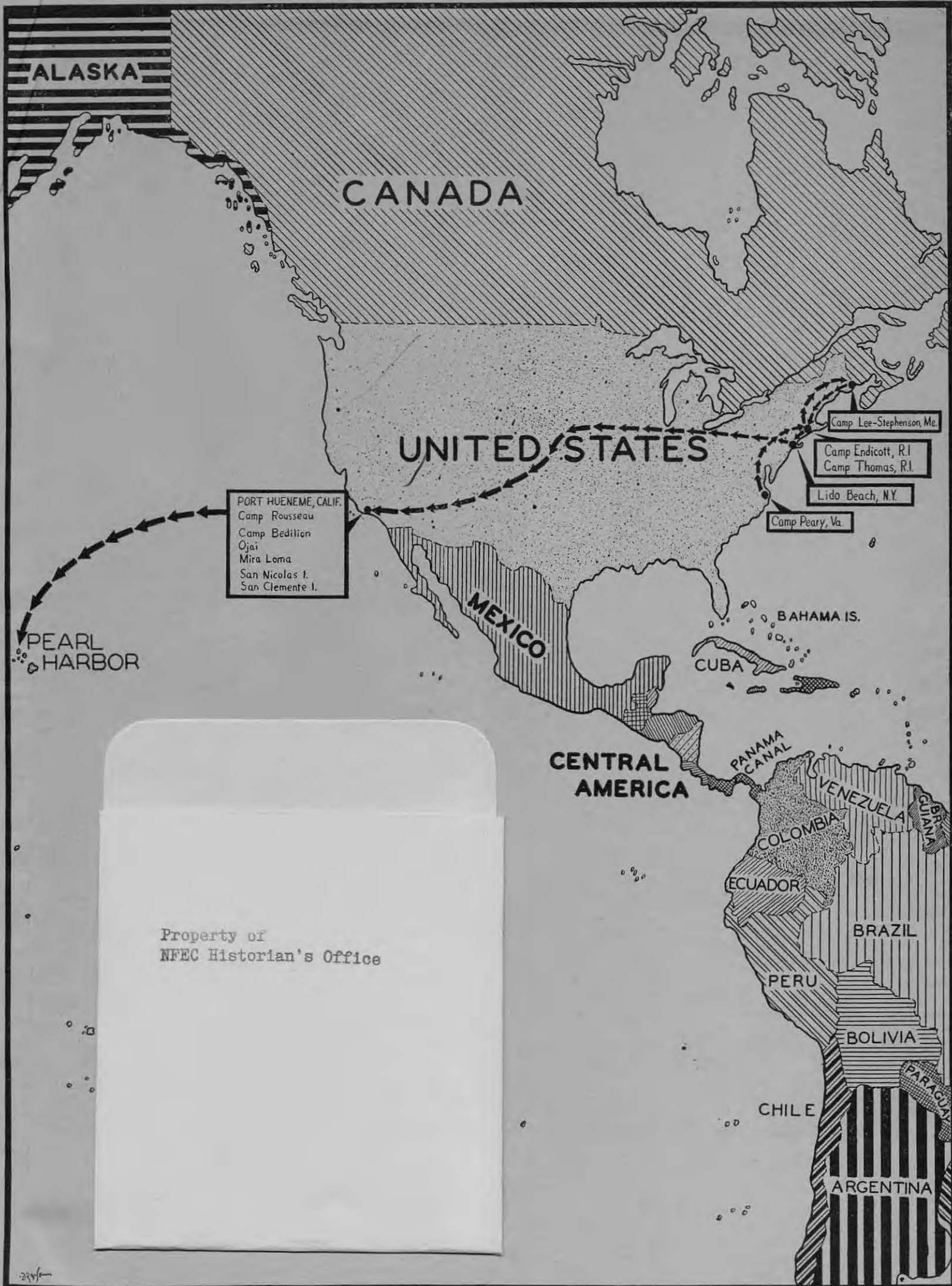
June 20—Carrier planes break big Jap task force in Battle of Philippine Sea west of Guam
 July 21—Guam invaded; Tinian on the 24th
 Oct. 20—MacArthur returns to the Philippines, landing on Leyte
 Oct. 23-25—In 3 separate engagements in Battle for Leyte Gulf, Japs lose 24 ships including 2 battleships, 4 carriers, 6 heavy cruisers, and 3 light cruisers. Imperial fleet no longer a threat
 Nov. 24—B-29's from Saipan bomb Tokyo

1945

Jan. 9—Americans land on Luzon reaching Manila in 26 days
 Feb. 19—Iwo Jima invaded
 Apr. 1—Americans land on Okinawa
 July 26—Potsdam ultimatum calls on Japan to surrender
 Aug. 6—Americans drop Atomic bomb on Hiroshima
 Aug. 9—Russia enters war; atomic bomb strikes Nagasaki
 Aug. 10—Japan wants to surrender
 Aug. 14—Japs accept U. S. terms
 Sept. 2—V-J DAY.

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