



THIS BOOK has been prepared especially for the members of the 18th Sea Bees and their families and friends. It has been compiled for over a year but due to the shortage of paper it was impossible to get the record published. I am hoping it still brings back memories and will serve its original purpose.

The Editor.



Sea Bees

By BERTON BRALEY

Where the ice is rough, where the palms are wavy, The Sea Bees work for the U. S. Navy.

Never resting, in calm or storm,

Over the planet the Sea Bees swarm.

Far away from their homeland hives,

From movies, neighbors and kids and wives.

So they have no queens and they have no drones,

And they buzz in very masculine tones.

Craftsmen bees
On risky missions;
Draftsmen bees
And electricians;
Diggers, riggers—gotta be bees
Full of savvy in the Sea Bees.

They are partly gob and they're part Marine,
And they're good with a gun or a road machine.
And clever at making a motor mote
And building—and landing—a landing boat.
In fact, whatever you may require,
Is part of their business—under fire.
They toil (and battle) by day and night,
For the Sea Bees' motto is "Work AND Fight!"

Driller bees
And diesel runners,
Killer bees
And tommy-gunners;
Drivers, divers, husky he-bees,
That's the nature of the Sea Bees.

They work when harried by flies—and planes, They work when fever is in their veins, To finish anything they've begun, In half of the time that it can be done. They lay out fields and they dig out bases, In the dim damp distance of lonely places. Wherever the Sea Bees go, they swing A working wallop, a fighting sting.

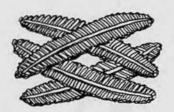
Swimmer bees
Who work in water,
Grimmer bees
All set for slaughter;
In the Navy's work they're key-bees,
All around the world—the Sea Bees!

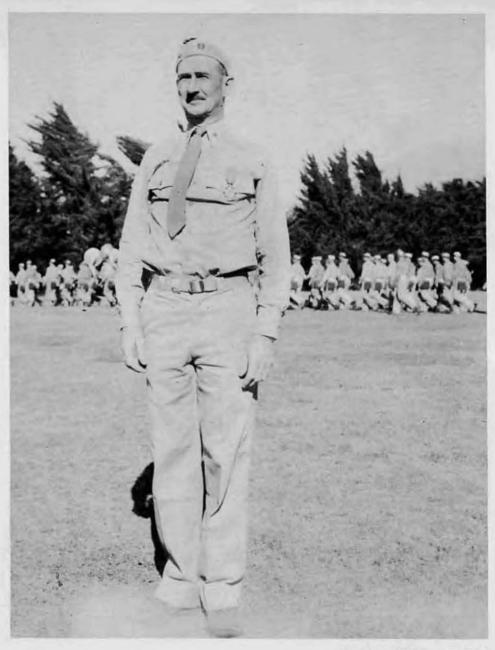
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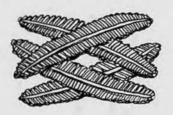


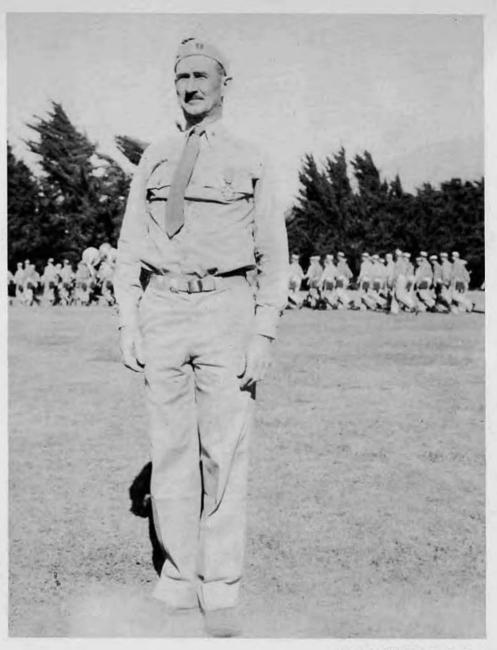
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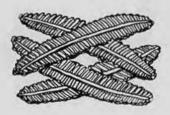
LIEUT. R. E. CLAUSEN

Lieut. R. E. Clausen was graduated from the University of Nebraska with a C. E. Degree. He was employed as construction engineer for the U. P. Railroad and as city engineer for Los Angeles. Later he was in charge of general engineering for the Standard Oil Co., at El Segundo, Calif. He also served on the San Pedro Harbor Board.

Lieut. Clausen reported to the 18th Construction Battalion in July, 1942 as executive officer and served in this position until March, 1943, when he was assigned as Public Works Officer on Guadalcanal.



LIEUT. COMDR. E. E. GIBSON



The Executives

Lieut. Comdr. E. E. Gibson attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. For a number of years he was employed as engineer in paper mills and city water works in Charleston, S. C. He has served five years as reserve officer in the U. S. Army Engineers.

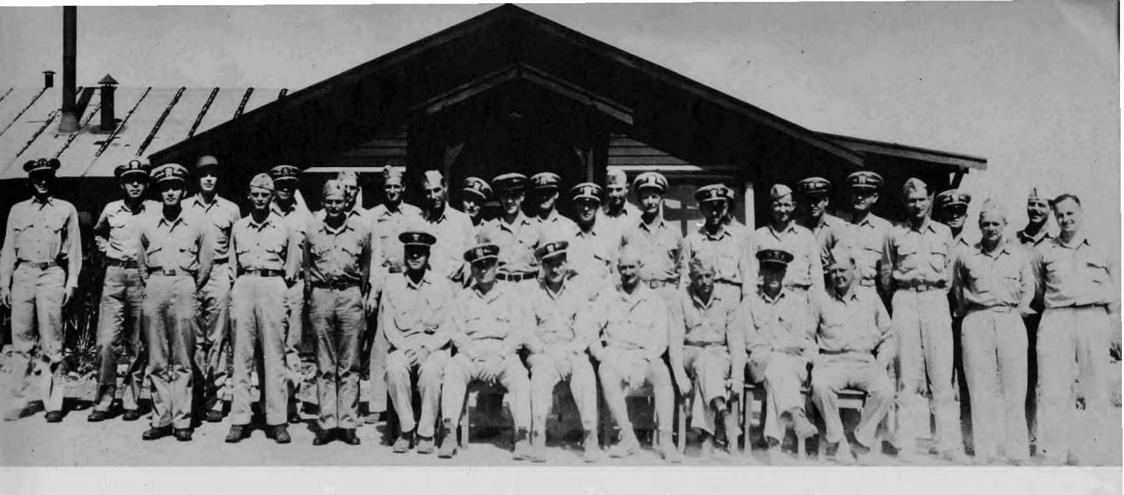
In 1940 he began active duty in the Navy as an ensign in the capacity of Public Works Officer at a naval base, New Orleans, La. In August, 1942, he was assigned to the 18th Construction Battalion as B Company commander, later becoming executive officer of the Battalion and serving in that office until October, 1944, when he was assigned to the 6th Naval Construction Brigade engineering office. He was promoted to Lieut. Comdr. in 1943.



LIEUT. COMDR. J. R. CROSS, JR.

For twenty-two years before entering the service Lieut. Commander J. R. Cross, Jr., had his own construction business in Chicago, Illinois.

Lieut. Commander Cross, a veteran of World War I was Executive Officer of the 10th Construction Battalion for sixteen months before being assigned to the 18th Construction Battalion in October 1944 as Executive Officer and is now serving in that position.

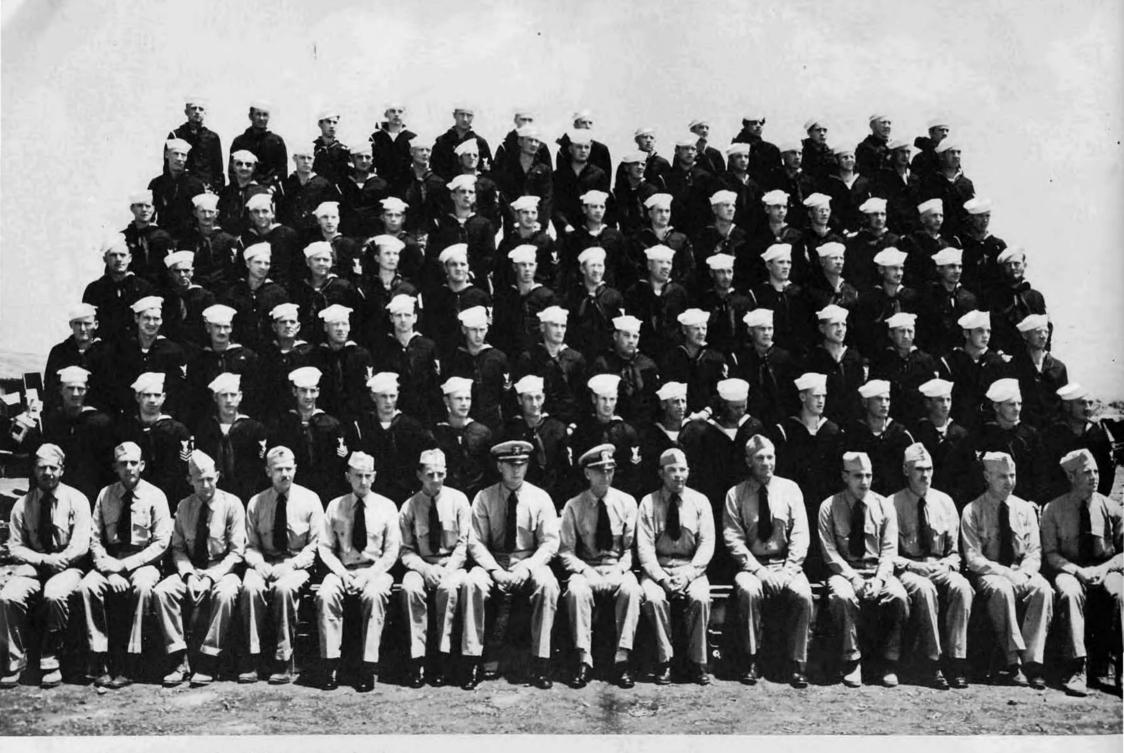


Informal Picture of the Eighteenth Officers

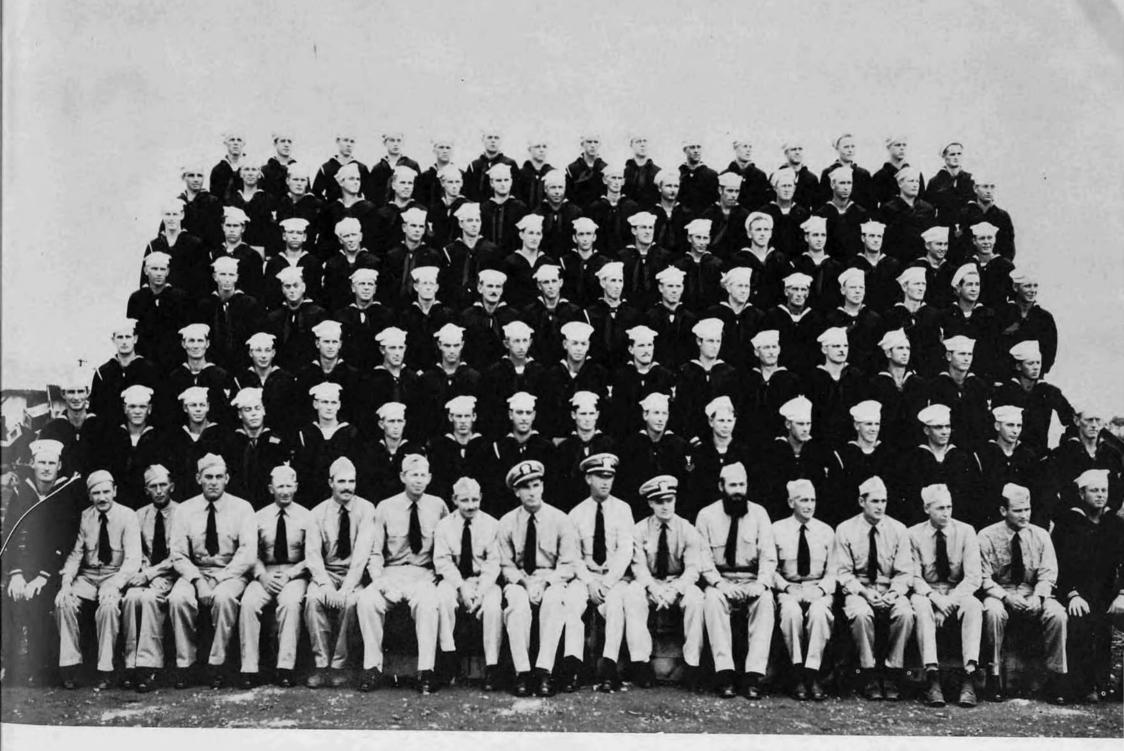
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Front row, standing, left to right: D. L. Trisch, L. W. Weir, H. L. Peterson, H. N. Grattan, E. F. Martin, J. E. Hoar, R. F. H. Amann, A. C. Claude, L. B. Jones, E. L. Bemis, A. L. Pekarsky, R. S. Kerr, B. W. Evans.

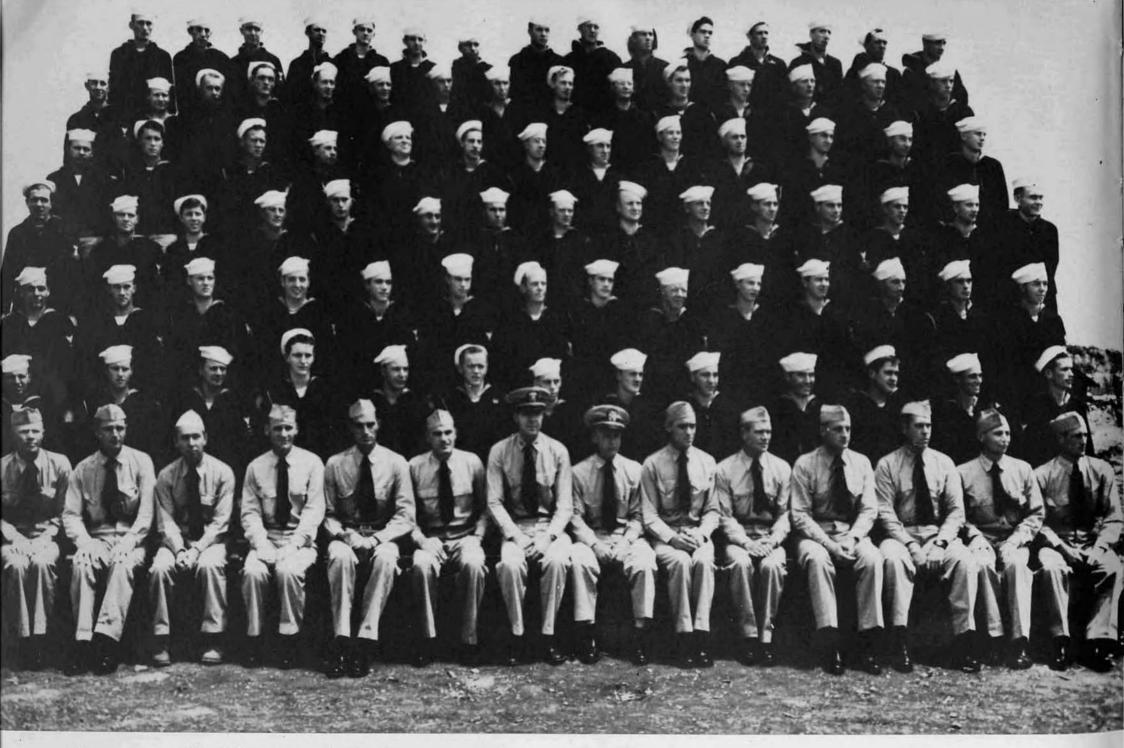
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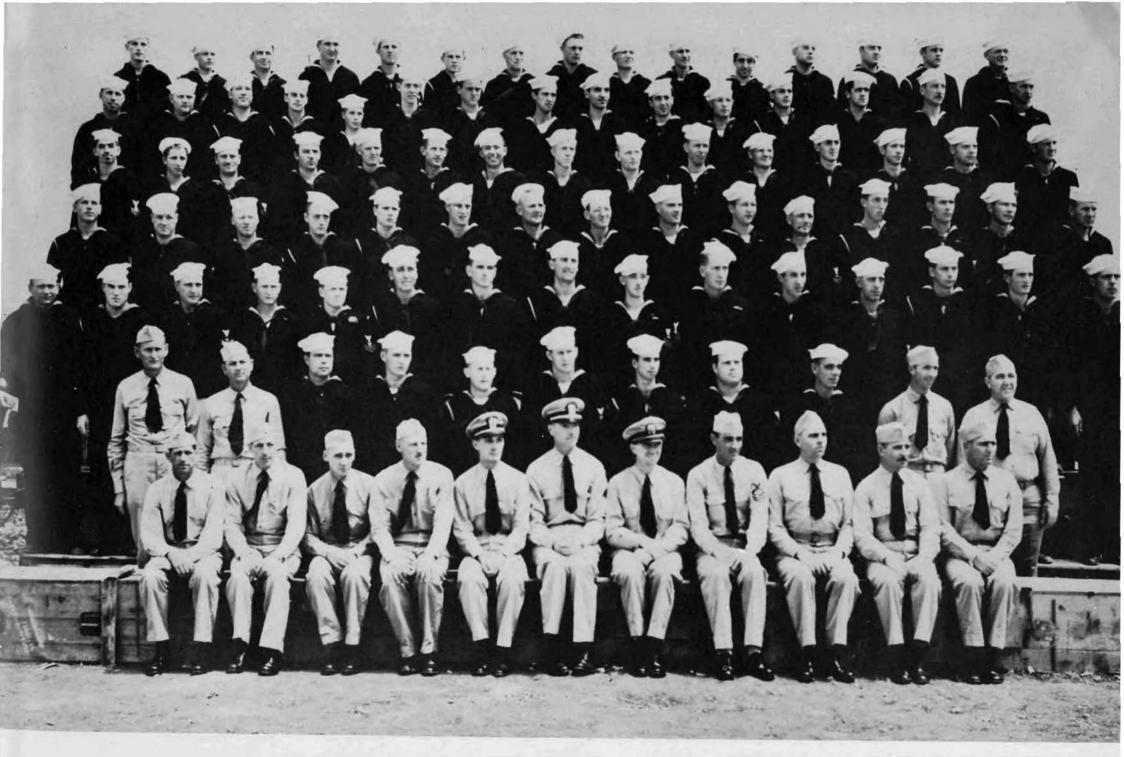
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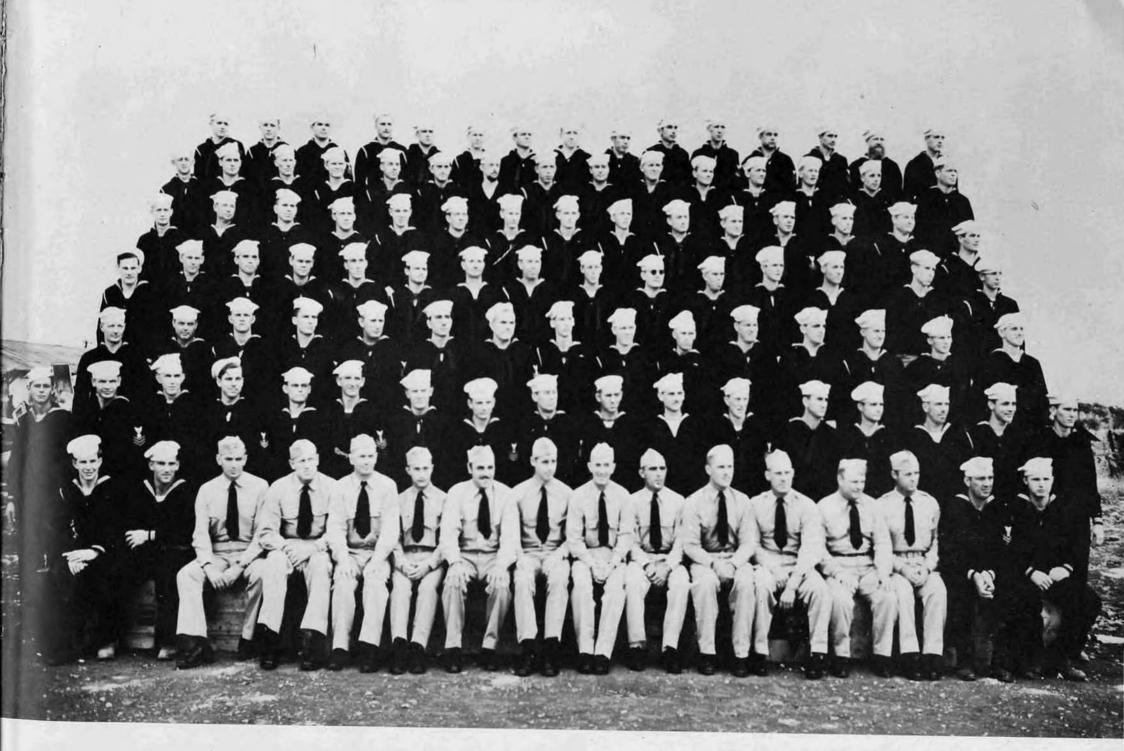
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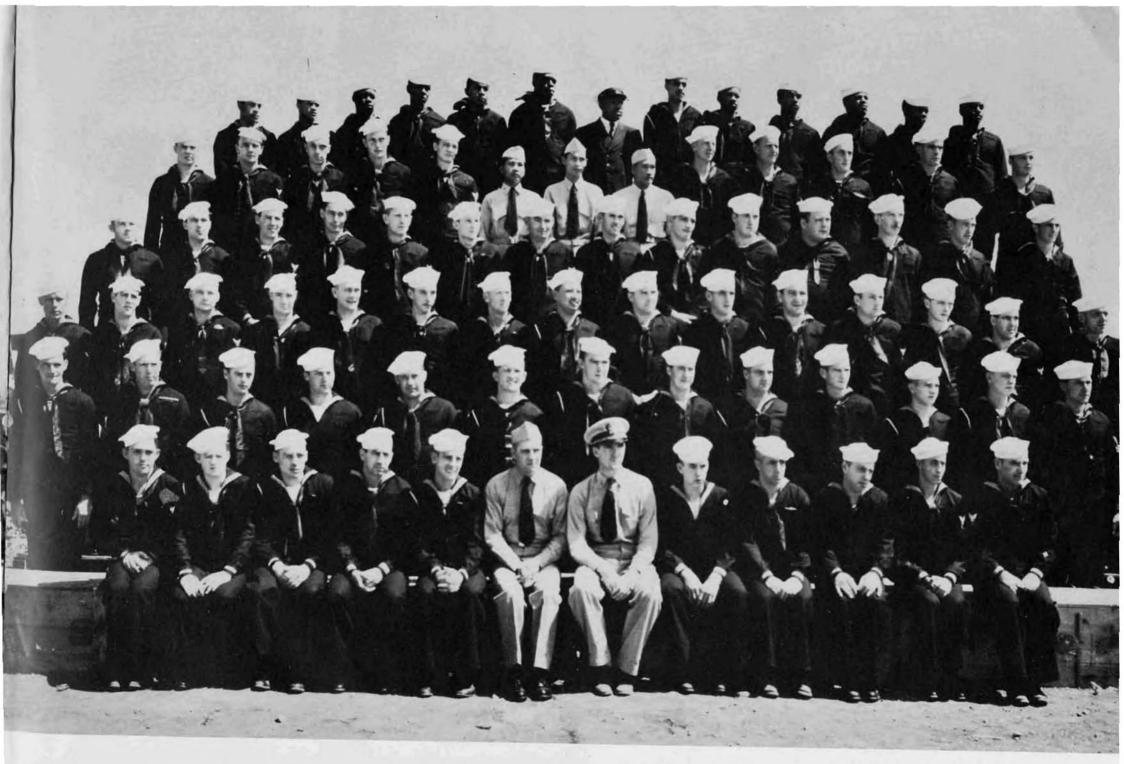
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Headquarters Company



Cooks and Bakers



Medical Staff







SHOULDER INSIGNIA WORN BY THE EIGHTEENTH

History of the Eighteenth

The 18th Naval Construction Battalion was formed at Camp Allen, Norfolk, Virginia, from officers and men who reported there the latter part of July 1942 for "boot" training. On 10 August the Battalion was formed and officers and enlisted personnel assigned. On the same day the formal Battalion parade was held, and the Battalion colors presented.

The next day the Battalion entrained for Davisville, Rhode Island, the first of a series of movements which were to take it over a large part of the Pacific Ocean. As the 18th was the first Naval Construction Battalion to go directly from Camp Allen to Davisville, this was the beginning of an imposing record of doing things first.

The camp at Davisville was still under construction, so in addition to a full training program, considerable work was done in completing the camp. Another Battalion parade was held, and in spite of the rough ground, the Battalion was highly complimented for its fine showing. Here for the first time, the men had a chance to enjoy liberty, for during the stay at Camp Allen no liberty was allowed.

While at Camp Allen the Battalion was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, in accordance with the request of the Marine Corps that a Naval Construction Battalion be assigned to each Marine Division. In order to streamline such Construction Battalions to conform to the triangular organization of the Marines, the Construction Battalions were asked to separate one company and one-fourth of Headquarters Company, to serve as replacement groups. In accordance with this scheme, Company "C" reinforced was separated from the rest of the Battalion and left for the West Coast on 6 September.

The Battalion left Rhode Island on 11 September, and returned to Norfolk, Virginia, to Camp Bradford, where the final work of outfitting the Battalion was completed. There the men were issued Marine clothing, and were asked to send home their Navy uniforms. Battalion equipment shipped from various points was assembled and checked, and arrangements made to have it loaded on a cargo ship. On 19 September the day came for which the Battalion had been enlisted and trained, for on that date they went aboard a transport, and left the United States for overseas duty.

No one can forget the long cruise on the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, which followed. Stops were made in Cuba and Panama, but there was NO LIBERTY, although at the Marine base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, it was possible for most of the men to sharpen their shooting eyes on the range. The constant blaring of the P. A. System "Now hear this," and the policing and galley details, did little to relieve the monotony of the long trip on the U.S.S. Kenmore, a ship that will be long remembered. However, the trip was completed safely, and proved to be uneventful.

On Armistice Day, our ship arrived at Noumea, New Caledonia. After sitting in the harbor for awhile, the Battalion, less Company "B", disembarked, made camp and spent two weeks on miscellaneous construction. Then they embarked again and proceeded to Guadalcanal, where they landed on 12 December. Company "B" had preceded the rest of the Battalion, and arrived at Guadalcanal on 3 December. They rejoined the Battalion after completing the work on which they were engaged.

The day after Christmas, after making camp and completing the unloading of gear and equipment, the Battalion commenced the construction of an airport, which, with a large number of miscellaneous projects, provided work for the Battalion during its stay on Guadalcanal. In spite of rain, mud, air raids and other difficulties, exceptionally good progress was made. The first plane took off in 16 days, and the field was practically completed and ready for planes

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in 44 days, several days before the first planes were brought in. The Battalion was highly commended for its exceptional record, and official action was taken by the awarding of the Legion of Merit to the Officer in Charge and the Executive Officer.

Miscellaneous work on the field, new roads and other related work took another month, then the Battalion took over the improvement and maintenance of all completed airfields on the Island.

The 2nd Marine Division left Guadalcanal in February but the 18th Construction Battalion did not get away until April, when they rejoined the rest of the Division at Wellington, New Zealand. Enroute, brief stops were made at Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides, and Noumea, New Caledonia. After a period of rest, a strenuous training program was begun, which covered a period of about six months. Certain maintenance and construction work was also done, but the main emphasis was on training. The hospitality of the people of New Zealand will always be one of the pleasant memories of the Battalion's cruise in the Pacific.

The next operation was the taking of Tarawa by the 2nd Marine Division, one of the toughest and most costly operations in Marine Corps history, in which about two-thirds of the Battalion participated. The Presidential Unit Citation was awarded to the 2nd Marine Division, but unfortunately for the 18th Construction Battalion, they were cited as the 3rd Battalion of the 18th Marines, which at that time was their official designation. Not long afterward they were re-designated the 18th Construction Battalion so only those actually participating in the operation are entitled to wear the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon.

The primary assignment of this Battalion in the Gilbert Islands was to repair the Jap airfield on Betio, and in spite of lack of equipment and sniper fire, it could have been ready in 24 hours after work was started. However, planes were not brought in for 30 hours, at

which time the field was in good shape. Two planes made emergency landings earlier, one of which made a crash landing and cracked up. At noon on Thanksgiving Day the field was turned over to another construction battalion for maintenance and rebuilding, in which this Battalion assisted. Considerable work was also done on camps, cleaning dead Japs out of blockhouses, burying bodies, and miscellaneous construction.

Among the incidents that occurred on Tarawa was the finding of live Japs in a steel and concrete pillbox in the center of camp the first night. The next morning after several hours work, the pillbox was cracked open, and the two live Japs found inside were killed. It is also of interest to note that in order to make camp for this first group of 90 men, more than a hundred dead Japs had to be buried.

After two months on Tarawa, our men were relieved, and rejoined the rear echelon and the rest of the 2nd Marine Division in Hawaii. The Division was encamped on the famous Parker Ranch on the island of Hawaii. There, four months were spent on camp maintenance, roads, and miscellaneous construction, including an airport. A training program was also carried on in preparation for the next operation.

When the 2nd Marine Division moved out for the Saipan operation, the 18th went with them, and landed shortly after the assault waves. Digging in on the beach where the Japs concentrated mortar and artillery fire, they worked around the clock getting supplies out of the barges and into dumps nearby, where they could be taken to the front line troops. In addition they rooted out and killed a number of Japs in dugouts that had been by-passed by the assault troops. When volunteers were called to take supplies to the front, details were soon filled up by men of the 18th.

In addition to work as shore party, considerable construction work was done, especially on roads and a hospital. Not much equip-

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ment was available as it could not be brought in with the combat troops. The only housing was a shelter half which was carried in the pack when coming in. Snipers were, of course, prevalent, and rain, mud and bombings were commonplace.

After securing Saipan the Marines moved on to Tinian, and the 18th followed them in. Construction equipment was limited at first, but eventually the rear echelon arrived with the balance of the Battalion's gear and equipment. The 18th contributed their efforts in the construction of the large B-29 base and numerous other projects on the Island.

As this is written, in the Battalion's thirty-second month overseas, they are comfortably situated in a good camp on one of the Mariana Islands with nice galleys and mess halls, adequate recreational facilities, showers, and satisfactory housing. Yet no one will ever forget the months of living on "C" and "K" rations, in pup tents or hobo shacks made of salvaged Jap materials. Nor will the members of the 18th Naval Construction Battalion forget the other experiences of 32 months of overseas duty, with a record of jobs well done, and participation in four combat operations.





British Solomon Islands



CAMP AREA



CHOW HOUNDS



HOSPITAL



THE CAMP



MESS HALL



OUCH!!!



SHOWERS



WASHING GEAR

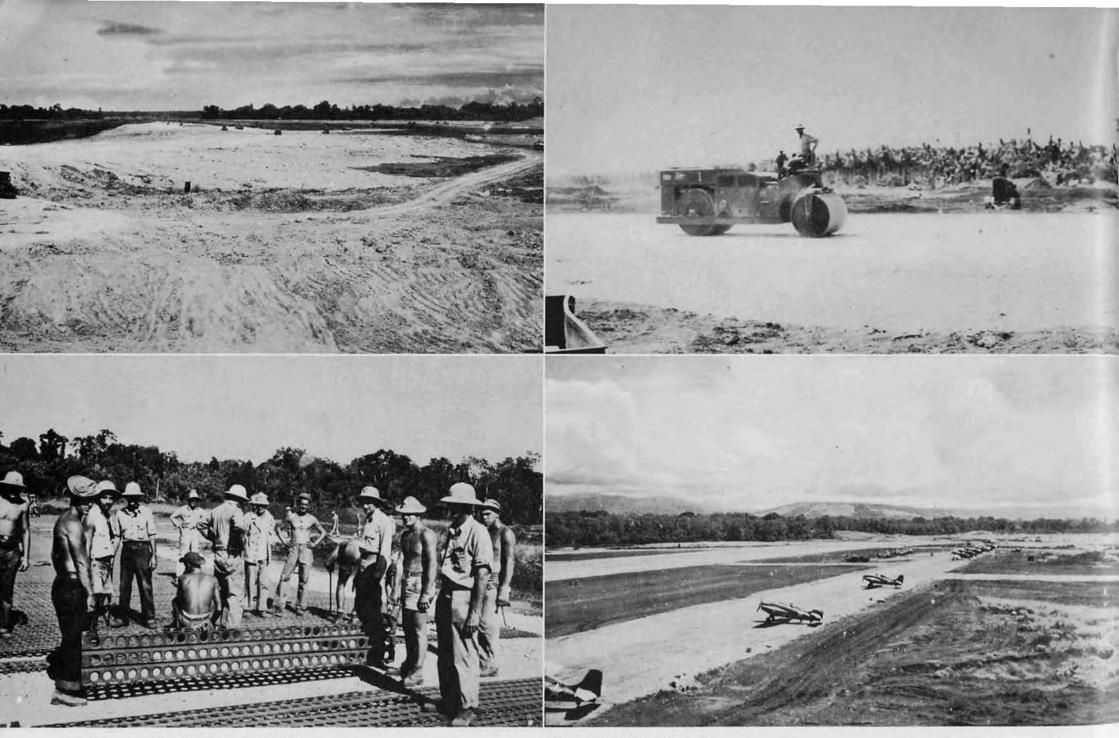


MEDICAL STAFF



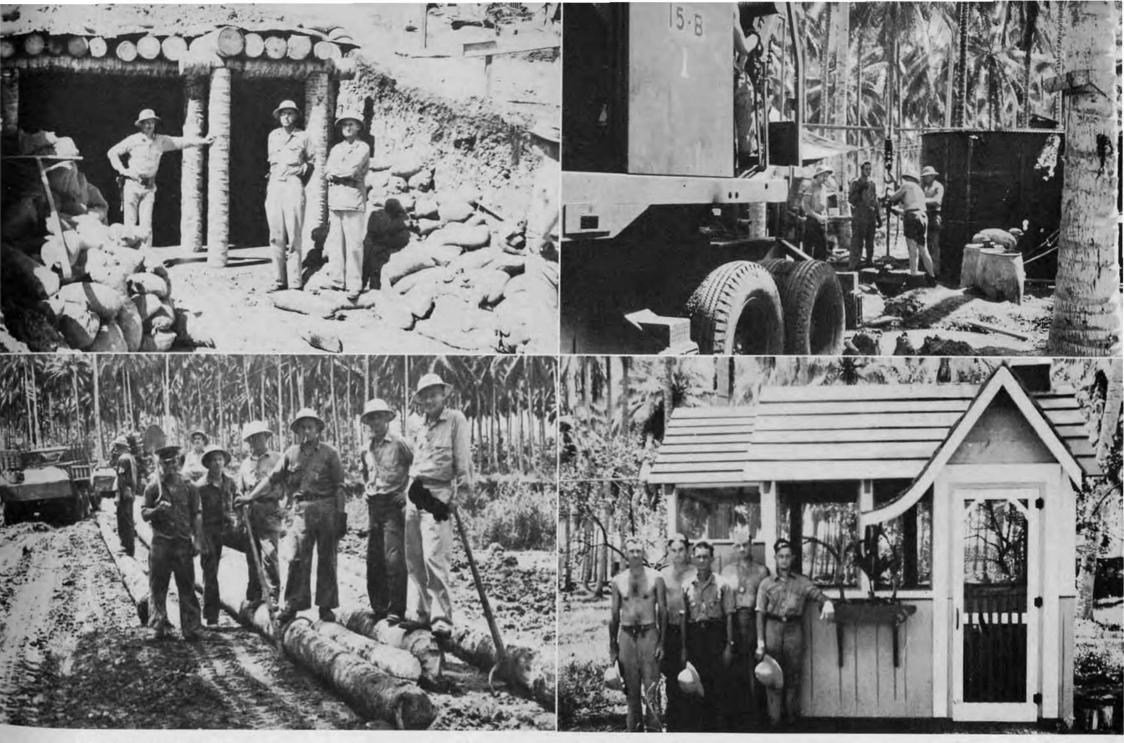
Camp Scenes





(Above) Initial Construction on Airfield (Below) Laying Marsden Mat

(Above) Rolling the Runway (Below) Fighter Strip No. 1 Complete



(Above) Ready Room ? ?

(Below) Corduroy Road Construction

(Above) How Deep? (Below) A General's Head



(Above) Protestant Service (Below) Our Library

(Above) Tull - Brown - Marvin (Below) Catholic Chapel







Guadalcanal Natives

Memories of the Canal

Say Mac, were you ever on Guadalcanal? No? Well then we can speak freely. The ship that brought us out was slow. The navigator said she didn't actually make way, it was organized drifting. But you know what made her so poky—Laundry Day. It took roughly 10 miles of rope and the whole Pacific Ocean to wash clothes on that voyage. That bucket of rust and barnacles must have been pretty safe because it was rumored that torpedoes would go straight through her without even exploding. Remember the shrill whistle and constantly blaring speaker—"Now, hear this: Alu, the water king, report to the boiler room. Now, Garbegians, throw overboard all garbage and a couple of Marines. Break up that crap game on the well deck. Get off that life raft. Etc., Etc."—Crowds, heat and endless chow lines.

After many stops (some of them right in the middle of the drink) we finally arrived at dear old Guadalcanal. Most everyone was "well done" when the ride was over. But anyway, Guadalcanal was our first experience with the writers' gems—the romantic South Sea Islands, the land of plenty with beautiful brownskin girls and eternal sunshine, etc., etc. Those guys must read each other's books and then start writing more. They missed the flies and gnats, mosquitoes and rats, lizards and bats, etc.—Heat, rain, and mud. But the ever fabulous 18th could take it and give. We helped float the Alchiba, built houses and fancy heads for generals, messhalls for flyers, roads for everyone and foxholes for ourselves. Rumor has it we built an airstrip, too. At least Cathey was going to make use of it. Remember the day that he, being a little the worse for wear, bought a Grumman for 50 bucks? The deal fell through; no bill of sale or something like that.

There are so many pleasant memories: That bugler and "Blow it out..."; Gertie and Blackie and the time Tallent drove

Gertie out from under his sack because she was rocking it around. Did anyone ever tell him it was an earthquake? Say, how did Glover ever get his work done with all the time he spent in that foxhole? Then there was the scourge of "Washing Machine Charley," One Shot Usher and his potshots who occasionally worked out on the stars. On their most successful night they shot out the landing gear of a high-flying owl, and knocked two coconuts out of the sky. Then there was the beautiful Teneru and its odors. Which brings to mind the "Teneru Ferry Issue," more commonly known as the Midnight issue. That big food dump along the river was all fenced in and guarded, but the boys applied a bit of the old Sea Bee ingenuity and never went hungry. The best deal was the little rowboat full of supplies the fellows "drew" from the dump about seven times a week —because there are only seven nights in a week.



Memories of the Canal (continued)

Do you still recall the first time you heard the "swish, swish" of a falling bomb? The air raids, undesirable at best, were never too bad because we had several excellent human radars in camp who could spot a Jap plane 20 miles off, and thereby made things pretty safe. The bad feature was the fellows who thought they were radars—they'd sound off every time a truck came down the road. Even with that the Japs did sneak in a couple of times. One was the night Buddy Brennan and his boys were giving us a concert in the messhall. Everyone was sitting peacefully around the piano when all of a sudden boom Boom BOOM! !—getting closer. There was a brand new soakage pit just outside the door, and as the boys poured out looking for foxholes, that hole, six feet deep, filled right to the top in about three seconds.

We could go on forever. There's Booth and his imaginary dog (did Dr. Lewis ever really examine him?); "Hear Me Talkin' Tilley", firing the wash pots; the strict G. I. uniforms, and Chief Thacker's very G. I. and never ending salute; the Guadalcanal pack-rats; that long head line Christmas night after the tainted turkey, and the fellow who didn't make it (Evidence: one pair of discarded trousers); the many sights and historic events like Bloody Knoll, the Matanikau, the myriad beams of searchlights on old Charley, the coconut groves, the natives, Spam, the raisin jack some of the boys used to make in the brig's foxhole . . . those mournful cries late at night, "I wanna go home!"

Then came orders and the Battalion boarded ship for a new base. It was a red letter day, for the outfit was almost loaded when in came the Japs in broad daylight for the biggest air raid they had ever made on us. There was no indecision among the ship captains. They hoisted anchor and took off leaving some of the men and equipment behind. It was quite a sight, but we got away and settled down for a nice long ride. By the way, you men who joined us later, do you remember how many times you had to listen to tales of Guady?

Song of the Seabees

Oh it's great to be a Seabee, and to serve on foreign shores. We are allied with the Navy, but we do the Army's chores. And we get up in the morning ere the sun begins to shine, To await the Army detail, it comes in at half-past nine. For the sun's too hot for Junior, so he works three hours per day. This is now a rest camp area, he must have some time to play.

We are patient with the Navy, since they think they're in command. But the sea's the Navy's province, and our work is on the land. And we know it makes small difference if the job goes on the rocks, If we send those pretty pictures to the Bureau, Yards and Docks. But we must be very careful when we take construction scenes, It is really most important that we never show Marines.

We build the Gen'ral's privy, with two stars above the seat; And at burying dead horses you will find us hard to beat. We build roads and set up barracks—but for others, if you please, Since "the cobbler's kids go barefoot," we wade mud up to our knees. We're the Services' step-children, and we know just who to thank, It's our "Experts-ex-Officio," they think knowledge comes with rank.

We're the older "Sons of Martha," and we take it on the chin, "Old Experienced Billiard-Drinkers," so we squawk but still we grin; When they take our best mechanics for a pick and shovel crew, Leave our tractors standing idle, with a million yards to do. Our unloading details labor—bales and boxes, some of each, While the Infantry maneuvers, playing baseball on the beach.

We build something out of nothing, that is all we have up here; Our equipment has been chiseled, to build bases to the rear. We do it if it's difficult—at once—of that we're proud, But if it is impossible, some time must be allowed. We are first-class construction men, whatever be the name, We'll play the game and win it, we will let you name the game.

We'll accomplish all our missions, though we're hamstrung every way, We are our country's workers, and our building wins the day. When our foes are all defeated, Crooked Cross and Cheating Sun, We'll let others wait promotion, we'll move on when we are done. And when the war is over we'll sail back across the foam, For there's work there waiting for us, but we'll do it close to home.

With best regards to my friends in the 18th Seabees.

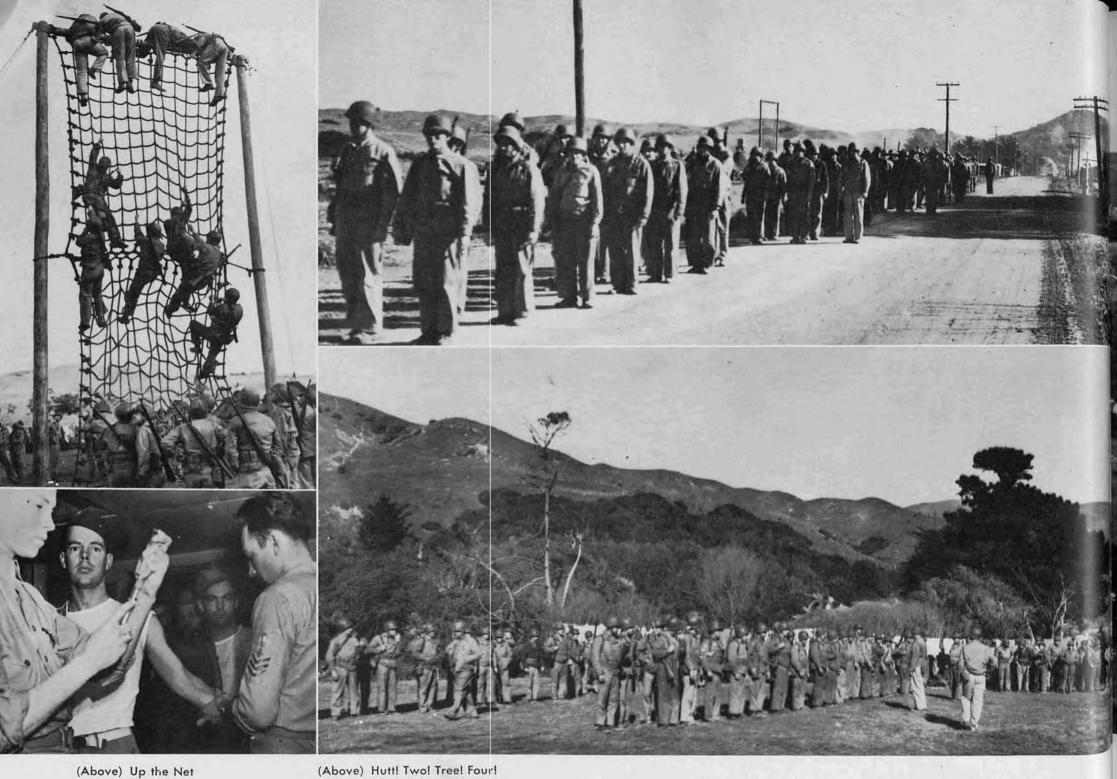
MERILE H. STEVENSON, Captain, U. S. M. C. R.





(Above) Camp Judgeford (Below) Administration

(Below) Company Street



(Above) Up the Net (Below) Corpsmen

(Above) Hutt! Two! Tree! Four! (Below) Close Order Drill



N. Z. Home Near Camp

(Above) Extended Order (Below) Coal Rush!!!



New Zealand Reminiscence

Our first sight of New Zealand was Mount Egmont; our second was Wellington and the harbor; and our third (of any importance) was women. They have nice complexions, are generally on the chubby side, and—but, they're women! All kidding aside New Zealand was excellent, and the people were wonderfully friendly and very tolerant of our "invasion."

The camp was about 20 miles north of Wellington, a distance that made it virtually no man's land. But of course a camp is always headquarters. There we drew our daily ration of mutton, and trained to be Gyrenes, and met to exchange names and addresses for the next liberty, and drew our New Zealand shoes. Sometimes we even slept there. Remember when Tokyo broadcast that they had some good shoes for us? I often wondered what part of the anatomy they would come into contact with. It was from that camp that we used to take our nocturnal hikes up Moonshine Valley. We might mention too, that the rain often beat us back to camp. The 18th CB's apparently were not in good standing with the rain gods, for we rarely broke camp or went on liberty or even took a sunbath without a deluge. (Actually this is a slight overstatement.) But the real corker was the "coal rush." The Klondike rush was tame compared to the coal rush and professional wrestlers would have been killed if they had ever gotten into one of those frays at its peak. Casualties were high, but it was thought more pleasant to die in warm close companionship with your buddies than to freeze to death in the sack alone.

Liberty of course was the important item. Tell 'em about transportation facilities, Mac, that was a dilly. But once town was reached things began to percolate. There were several service dances, the Majestic Cabaret, a few dives and plenty of friendly homes. The language and customs are amusing. Such names as Paekakariki, Wanganui, Pauhatanui, etc., all derived from the Maoris, were prevalent... Expressions as "Goodo," "Are you there," "I'll say," "Aye," "Too right," "Give 'er a bloody go, Yank," "Cheerio," etc. . . . Still remember the value of a thrupence, bob and quid? For drinking you could have warm beer, 15 shilling wine, expensive and scarce liquors or some combination. The best combination was the "Shellshock" which is about a third port wine and two-thirds stout. Many a handle of Waitamata, Timaru and D&B were downed, also steak and "eigs." Difficult to get accustomed to was tea time for 15 minutes at ten and three with crumpets and scones... Ever dance the Gay Gordons or Maxina? The best part of New Zealand

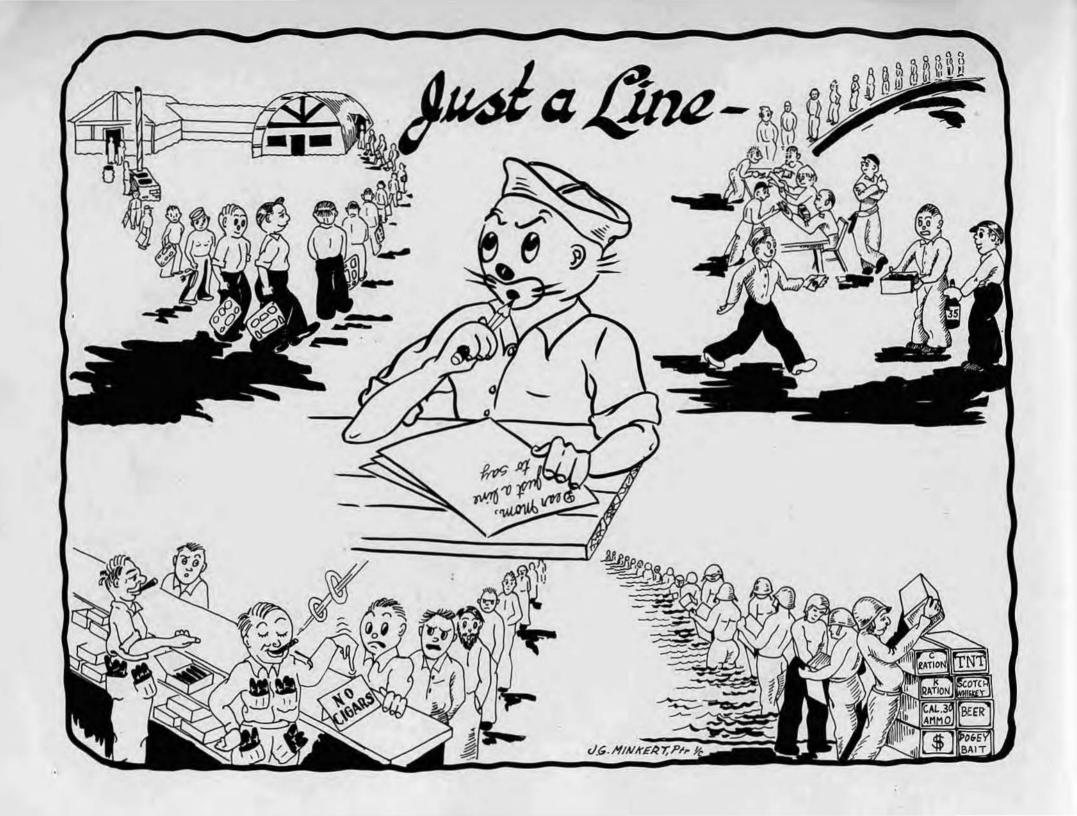
was the 10-day leave to Rotarua, Napier, Christchurch, Dunedin and other towns. Every fellow has his own story there.

Maneuvers were a big factor down there; the Foxton hike, 60 miles in three days, was gruelling. Chief Thompson took the honors along with a case of badly mutilated feet, and the ever present rain plagued the men about half the hike. Everett, the corpsman, took pretty good care of the gang. On board ship it was a little different—no sore feet, just seasickness. There were some amusing incidents, too. How about the bulldozer that plowed off the landing boat—right out of sight. The operator, after surfacing, remarked that he was having a bit of motor trouble. It was funny to see the Sea Bees stroll leisurely out of a landing boat trying not to get any wetter than possible, and then make for the nearest comfortable spot of shade. Compare that to the mad rush ashore and the fervent foxhole digging of a year later.

Silverstream wasn't just a hospital but a liberty and rest center in its own right. Besides going to Wellington you could go riding, golfing, or playing tennis.

When we finally boarded ship to leave . . . Do you remember the large crowd along the fence at the dock? After that New Zealand was but a pleasant memory.





The Pacific Is Our Beat

Without exaggeration this Battalion can be truly said to have covered the Pacific, at least the Pacific of popular fancy. It hasn't exactly been the Pacific of the romantic South Seas where comely dark-skinned maidens sang under the palm trees every night or bathed and frolicked over the coral strand beaches. It's the same island background all right but the atmosphere was a little different. The early island explorers of the Pacific saw these islands in the same light we did; they saw them as wild, uncivilized places with a more than comfortable amount of heat, with insects that made life miserable at times and as places that were of doubtful value or desirability as far as living is concerned.

Cook, the Englishman, Mendana the Spaniard, d'Enrecasteaux the Frenchman, and Tasman the Dutchman all looked over these islands, admired their wild beauty, noted their possible commercial importance, and gave their names to many places—but they moved on and with probably good reasons. It remained for the later romantic writers, Robert Stevenson, Herbert Melville, and Frederick O'Brien to popularize them in current literature as the paradise they have come to be known in imagination. You can take your choice as to which of these stories you want to believe. They say it's all in the mind, anyway.

All the islands of the Pacific are the remains of great volcanic peaks and mountain ranges, some still are great land masses with lofty peaks, others are sunk far into the sea with only the very topmost cones still sticking out above the waves, and others have sunk so far into the ocean that only coral reefs remain to outline the ridges of the summits. If we could drain all the water out of the Pacific and then fly over the great dry ocean bed with its high mountain ranges and volcanic peaks we could see very easily what gigantic forces have been at work to make these islands what they are, and how they differ so much from each other. If it is not stretching the imagination too far, let's see what this Pacific area looked like a few million (more or less) years ago and let's look at it without the water present to hide the view.

Stretching out from the continent of Asia, far into the south and southeast was a great plateau, mountainous and rocky. This great arm of southeast Asia covered all the area of Australia, New Zealand, and the Dutch East Indies, New Guinea and the Solomons. Further north the land stretched out to include the Philippines and the Japanese Islands and still further north, made Siberia and Alaska all one vast continent. This great shelf of land was covered with smoking volcanoes with frequent and almost continuous eruptions. This pouring out of lava

with the alternate contraction and expansion of the earth's surface produced great cracks and fissures in the crust of the solid earth. Sometimes whole areas of thousands of square miles sank slowly below the level of the mountain masses. This produced the great depressions of the Tasman Sea between Australia and New Zealand, the Philippine Sea, and the North and South China Seas between China and the Philippines and the Japanese Sea.

At the eastern edge of this great land shelf the plateau fell away sharply to the huge flat prairie-like floor of the main body of the ocean area which spread away for thousands of miles to the eastward until the highlands of the North and South American continents rose up from the ocean floor. This great central basin was not exactly flat, for here and there in great groups of peaks rose the tremendous volcanoes which were to become the island groups of the Pacific, the Fijis, the Marquesas, the Hawaiians, and so on. A glance at the map will show how these great groups of volcanic ranges, extending far out into the South Pacific, almost reached the South American continent at some time long ago.

Now let's restore the Pacific to its present picture. The Solomons extend out from New Guinea as long parallel mountainous islands, the volcanoes are all quiet now, with only burned-out craters and deep valleys to mark the lava flows and eruptions. The soil is rich, the rainfall plentiful and the land is covered with thick jungle growth. New Zealand still has a few active volcanoes and many hot springs and geysers give evidence of the recent activity of the peaks. Earthquakes are frequent, showing that the islands have not yet settled down to a permanent form. The great mountain peaks of the Pacific island groups have settled below the level of the sea and only the topmost heights stick out above the water to form thousands and thousands of tiny islands. Some have sunk entirely below the sea but they have sunk so slowly that coral has had time to grow on their sinking peaks and ridges and has been able to grow as fast as the islands have sunk—and so keep the tops of their heads showing above the waves.

Coral is probably the most characteristic thing of all the Pacific islands, in fact, of all islands in a warm ocean. The coral animal, almost microscopic in size, has far outdone the proverbial beaver in its busy activity. This animal, closely related to the jelly fish and sea anemone, has built up the thousands and thousands of islands of the Pacific. It has built them on top of the slowly sinking mountain tops so that those long submerged mountains still live among us. Coral atolls are the tombstones of the long dead volcanoes. This animal populates the warm seas by the

The Pacific Is Our Beat (continued)

millions and billions. Washed up by the waves against a rocky shore, it fixes itself to the rock and there secretes a mineral envelope around itself which represents the coral as we see it, a hard, porous chalky earth. Coral will only grow within fifteen fathoms or so of the surface, but when it grows it overgrows everything. As the mountains slowly sank into the sea, these tiny animals covered the sinking tops, then as the original mountain sank further and further, the coral grew on the previous layers of coral, always keeping up with the submerging top layers. Coral never grows higher than the high water mark of the waves but as fragments are broken off by the waves, the surf carries the coral sand up on the shore until finally a long, sandy, coral beach is formed. If the mountain top sinks too swiftly, it rapidly falls below the fifteen fathom mark and no coral island results—only a sunken reef. Besides the low-lying coral islands, the shores of the higher mountainous islands pick up coral beaches and as the whole island slowly settles into the ocean bed, a coral reef is built up around the island, marking shores that have long since submerged.

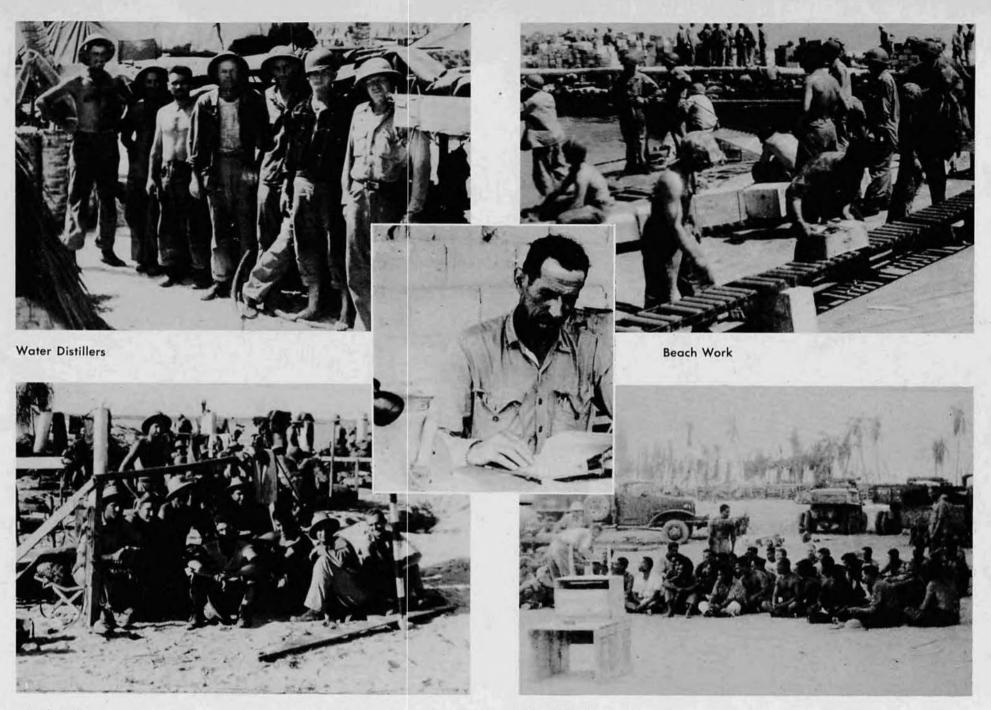
When a volcanic cone slowly sinks into the sea, coral forms and grows around the edges of the crater which are most frequently the last disappearing tips of the mountain peak. These result in beautifully circular coral atolls with the center lagoon covering over the old crater. As larger mountain tops sink below the surface of the waves, only the surrounding coral reef may be left above the surface, and we see the fringing reefs of so many tropical islands. These fringing reefs may become quite well built up and the center area completely submerged, and huge atolls like

Kwajalein and Eniwetok are formed. Sometimes a slowly sinking island with coral beaches and reefs is lifted up by submarine earthquakes and upheavals and an island results which is a mixture of coral surface on a lava rock base. Islands like Saipan and Tinian are formed in this fashion. Saipan still has its high burned-out crater, while the Tinian crater has been pretty well worn away by the wind and rains. The occasional upheaval of a portion of an island or even of a whole island is not unusual in the Pacific. Some of the mysterious "disappearing islands" are the result of such submarine earthquakes that throw above the surface a portion of a long submerged mountain top. Some of these have alternately submerged and been thrown up again, creating a truly disappearing and appearing island. In 1855, such a submarine and subterranean upheaval raised the west coast of New Zealand near Wellington a height of five feet, and it was on the raised shelf that the coastal road along Titai Bay was built.

The whole Pacific area is surrounded and peppered with active volcanoes and earthquake faults as these unstable seams in the earth's surface are called. This "Ring of Fire" as it was once called, extends upward from Australia through the Philippines, the Japanese Islands, the Kuriles, Kamchatka, the Aleutians, and down the west coast of the North and South American continents. The American side of the "Ring" is the oldest and hence the more quiet, but the western circumference of the ring is very recent and full of upheavals. This constantly unstable earth makes the Pacific what it is today, with its mountains, its volcanoes, its coral islands, and its thousands of miles of almost endless ocean.



Gilbert Islands



A Little Rest

Divine Service



Betio Ruins

Tarawa Thoughts

Not many recollections of Tarawa are pleasant. We would rather forget the violent battle and its aftermath of gruesome scenes, penetrating stench and swarms of flies. Enough has been written of that. In spite of the grimness, a few lighter moments persisted.

Remember the first few shells from the Jap coastal guns—no hits but many runs—not being able to move around the first few nights ashore even if nature called—the makeshift shelters, sand crabs and flies—Cathey's fervent prayer while the Jap bomber was overhead—Farley scooping up sand with his false teeth in a dive for cover—the time someone yelled "Hey Red" and Savage thought he said "Air Raid"—the fantastic episodes of "Beachcomber" Marshall—how the guard in another outfit was relieved of the property in his charge as well as his rifle by typical Sea Bee ingenuity—"Smilin' Jim" Curfew's deal with the Major involving Jap rifles—the boys and their salvaged Jap truck—the structure known as "Elliott's Pier", best described in the following words:

ELLIOTT'S EPIC

A note to a little pier With its brave overseer A haven of rest During moments of distress.

A neat job well done
On it one sat exposed to the sun
And while the waves gently swished
The occupants strained and wished.

As most of you will agree
It was back in the days of '43
Now please don't confuse the issue
This is just in memory of a bit of tissue.

-By W.A.M.

Do you recall our camp in the abandoned native village on Ella Island—watching the natives in grass skirts dancing to the rhythm of drummers beating empty boxes with their hands—the General of the Seventh Air Force and his staff falling in at the end of our chow line—"Jungle Justice" and the wire cage by the side of the road—Dengue fever—truck drivers running the galley when the cooks were sick—the voyage back on the Prince George.



The Natives of the Pacific

The natives of the Pacific islands are of all hues and varieties, ranging from the light skinned Hawaiians who are Caucasian people to the very dark Solomon Islanders, who, however, are not Negroes but members of the Indo-Malayan races. In addition to these original racial stocks, through the many years of colonization and exploration, every European country has impressed its nationality upon these people by intermarriage and settlement.

The pure Pacific peoples, of whom there are very few left, belong to three great classifications which are called Melanesians, Polynesians, and Micronesians. The Melanesians are very dark, heavily pigmented people of the Solomons, New Guinea and the southwestern islands. They are poorly civilized and vary in their habits from the headhunters of New Guinea to the "Kanakas" who comprise the well trained plantation worker and native sailors. Originally these peoples were all quite savage and warlike and drove the more cultured Polynesians out of the islands, as they swept out in waves of migration from the Malayan peninsula.

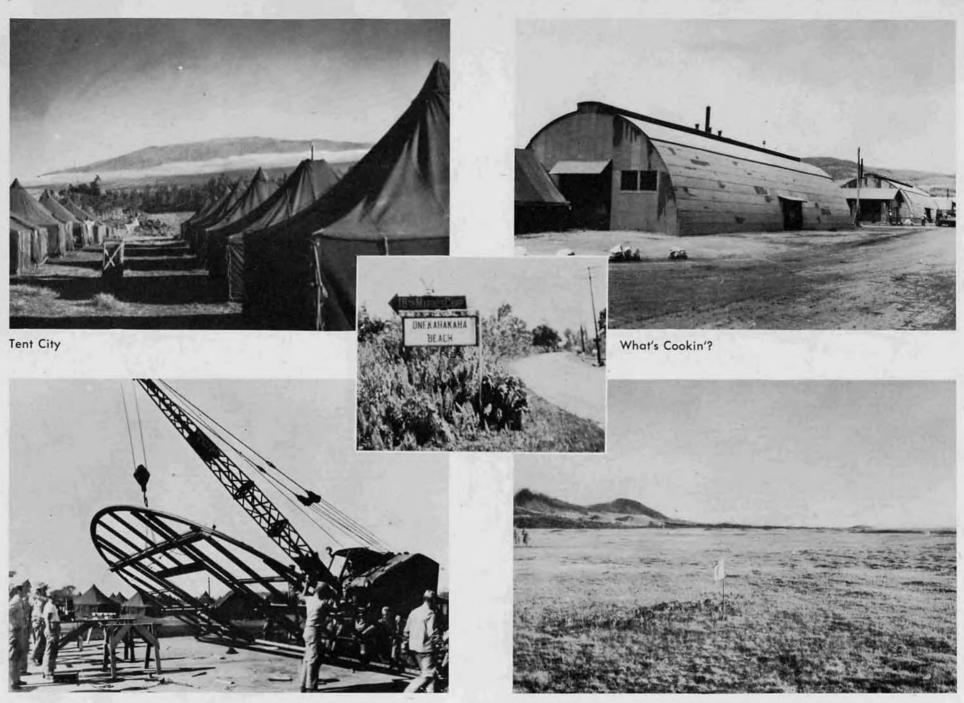


The Polynesians are the most highly developed and cultured of all the peoples of the islands. These people, really members of our own Caucasian stock, came originally from India, spread out to the Pacific islands to Samoa which seems to have been the center of their civilization. From Samoa, they travelled in great colonizing expeditions south to New Zealand, north to the Hawaiians, and east to the Marquesas. The Maoris of New Zealand, the Hawaiians, and the Samoans are all closely related and as their traditions indicate, all came from somewhere around Samoa, and before that from Java and India. They always took three characteristics with them, their taro cultivation, their pigs, and their tapa cloth, so that these three things always identify a Polynesian origin and descent.

The Micronesians are the natives of the small coral atolls of the Gilberts, Marshalls, Marianas and Carolines. Their origins are obscure for they have very few traditions and customs, and in general are the least cultured of any of the island people. Very early in their history they were absorbed by the various conquerors, so that we seldom see any trace of the original people. The Gilbert Islanders are probably the purest stock in existence today. Early intermarriage and absorption with the Spanish explorers, produced the people known as Chamorros in the Marianas.

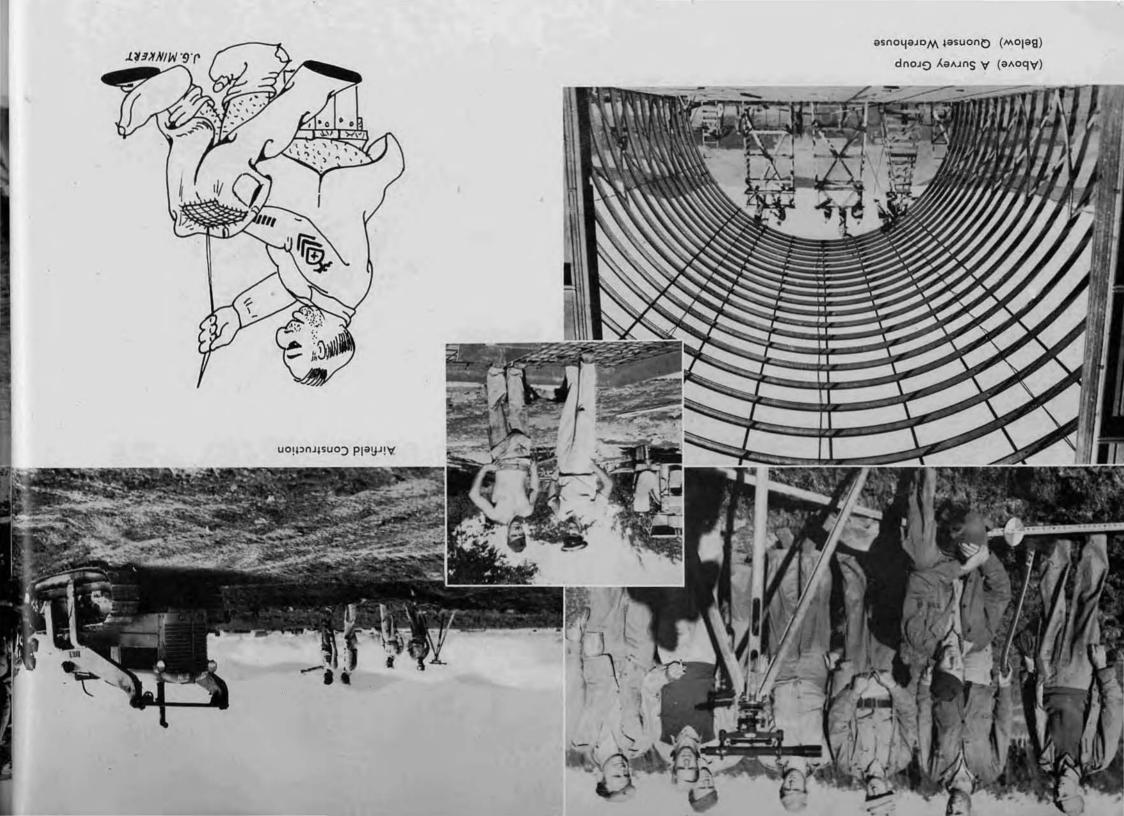


Hawaiian Islands



Camp Construction

Site of Airfield





(Above) Island Tour (Below) Deep Sea Fishing

(Above) U. S. O. Troupe (Below) Rodeo Review



(Above) Hula Dancers (Below) Baseball

(Above) Servicemen's Dance (Below) Barbecue

Do You Remember

Your arrival at Hilo-the beautiful tropical flowers, the warm sunny climate—your hopes were built up but what a letdown was to follow-your first trip over the dusty hump road to Camp Tarawa, later known as the "Dust Bowl"—the tropical paradise campsite they expected and what they found—the first night at camp—the showers which were never crowded—the constant wind, dust, rain and cold nights-the beautiful view of snow-capped Mauna Kea-the Ranch Store—the 18th Marine Movie—the weekly swimming parties at Parker Ranch beach and the deep sea fishing trips—the "slop shute" with the endless line (Chiselers!!!)-Liberty at Honaka, Hawi, and Hilo, and the famous Five Islands Liquors (how could you ever forget them?)—Chaplain Chatten's sugar mill inspection trips and "Pappy Payne"-Morning church at Kona, then lunch with native families and dancing at the USO Pavilion—Joe Gayewski's mongoose trap line -Abercrombie's boxing bout with Jack Hitt of the 18th Marines, who won?

The rodeo at Kamuela—the barbecued beef, beer and cokes—the steer riding contest—the steer throwing contest in which Beard and Grant were entered but never participated because the Hawaiian cowboy was unable to rope the steer—the bronco busters—wild cow throwing and milking contest—the real Hawaiian Hula dancers?

Felton, Noble, Ash, Gardner, Hammett and Ridley, stars of the 18th Marines baseball team—the well qualified league umpire, our own Jim Farley, and the close decision of a play finally decided by a photograph, who was right? Jim, of course!—the inter-company volleyball games and the games with the officers—Dodge and Curfew's swell drilling crew at Kona—what a lucky break those mates had (remember their liquor deal?)—the never-to-be-forgotten two-day tours around the island—Hilo Hotel bar, the best in town—Volcano House and those good steaks—Kilauea Crater, lava tube, steaming fissures and fern forests?

What 2nd class mate met a commander's wife at Volcano House and later received a box of candy from her from Honolulu (the candy was delicious) -what the deal was between a well known chief and two 2nd class mates concerning a certain Navy nurse-what S1c carried one of his mates, who was slightly under the weather, into the Kona Hotel and then passed out himself? If Chiefs Madigan, Donica, Neilson, and Fitzgerald still remember the delicious raspberry jam at the Volcano House—when the men and officers arrived at camp from their rugged tour of duty on the Tarawa atoll-those delicious steaks the returning chiefs had while the others ate Spam-the quarantine period—Camp Onekahakaha or better known as the Boy Scout Camp -what a good deal the men staying there had-what good liberty, no dust, no wind, no cold weather and plenty of girls (well, a few, anyway!)—the American Legion Club—the Hula girl performances the local bathing beauties seen occasionally—the Marine-Seabee ball team at Hilo-Hoerr, Gilpin, Bellamy, Fitzgerald and Bernhard,



Do You Remember (continued)

members of the 18th CB championship bowling team of the 2nd Marine Division?

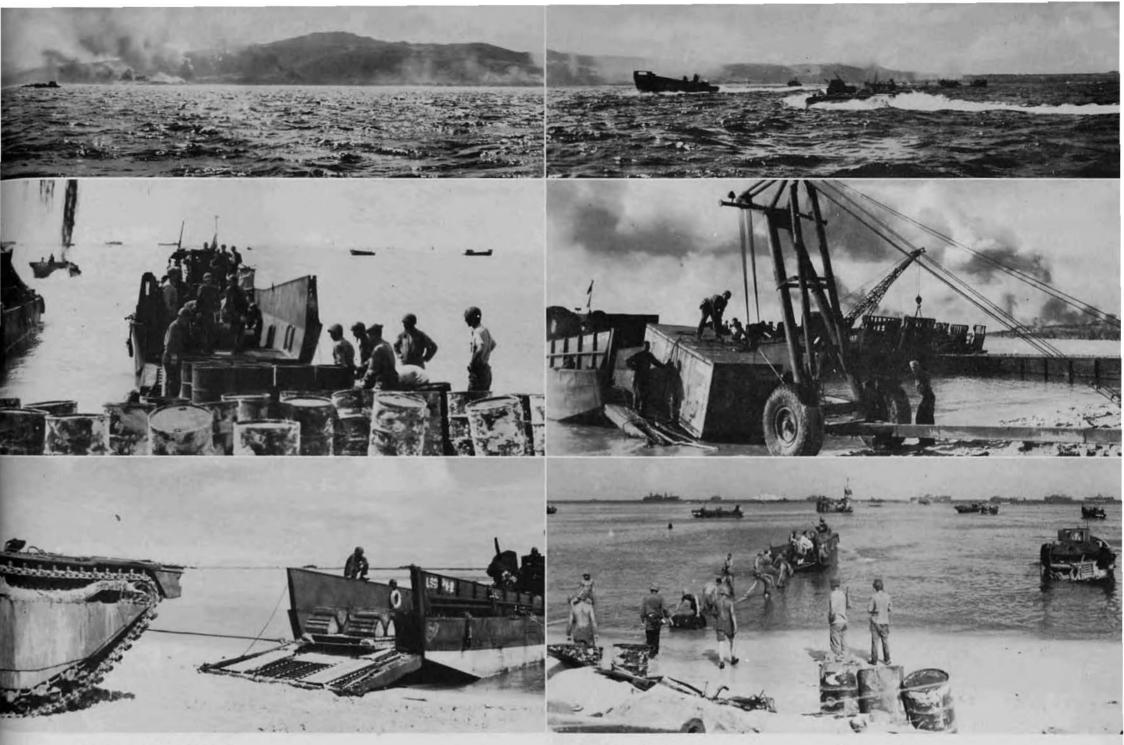
The famous picnic with the Marines at Black Sand Beach, barbecued beef sandwiches and all the beer you could drink; believe it or not, there was beer left over—Captain Griswold's unfortunate boat experience—the Ten Mile camp and POW camp occupied before embarkation—maneuvers on Maui—nine hours in a tank lighter—landing on Maui with a reception committee of native boys selling the Honolulu Advertiser to greet you—recreation picnics in Pearl Harbor and finally, Honolulu liberty and Waikiki Beach—the day we sailed for the Marianas?

Did any of us give a thought to the poor rear echelon and what they had to put up with: liberty almost every night, plenty of beer, cokes, liquor and women?





Mariana Islands



(Top) Mount Topotchau (Center) 100 Octane (Bottom) Big Stuff

(Top) Shore Bound (Center) Confetti for the Japs (Bottom) Tough Sledding



Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition



(Above) Saipan Sand (Below) Life in a Pup Tent

(Above) Foxhole (Below) Old Shanty Town



(Above) Coral Crew (Below) Decontamination

(Above) Highway Improvement (Below) Hospital Construction



Second Marine Division Memorial Services on Saipan





List of Military Awards

PRESENTED TO MEMBERS OF THE EIGHTEENTH

LEGION OF MERIT

Comdr. L. E. Tull Lt. R. E. Clausen

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Cooper, H. A., CM1c Everett, D. D., PhM1c Golding, J. (n), CCM King, D. P., CSF Patterson, J. T., EM1c

PURPLE HEART

Acavell, R. D'A., Ptr2c Autrey, A. B., S1c Baldwin, R. W., CM3c Brown, C. R., MM1c

Bryant, J. R., MM3c Byrd, L. O., MM1c Carpenter, R. B., CCM Childress, C. T., Bkr1c Church, J. R., EM2c Cook, F. F., S1c Danley, N. E., MM2c (Posthumous) Dean, J. B., CM1c Dyer, F. J., SF2c Ennis, F. S., CM1c Everett, D. D., PhM1c Felton, D. E., GM1c Frese, H. A., CM3c Graves, J. H., CM2c Greene, E. R., CMM Grumback, J. (n), S1c Harber, E. D., SC3c (Posthumous) Haverkorn, J. F., CM2c Headrick, M. F., SC1c

Hepp, C. W., CM3c (Posthumous) Hill, W. B., MM3c Kelly, D. J., SF2c Kirkland, V. E., EM2c Lane, T. S., MM2c Leach, P. W., Jr., MM3c Liverman, J. A., MM2c Love, H. C., Lieut. Lorenzo, A. A., CMM Mandel, L. D., SF2c May, W. A., EM1c Meinzer, L. H., CMM Mullen, L. H., MM2c Niday, H. D., CMM Riseley, J. H., S1c Robertson, J. C., S1c Stoker, E. (n), MM2c Williamson, W. R., S1c Wiseman, W. A., S1c





Saipan Recollections

Do you remember when shortly after "H" hour on 15 June the transport loud speakers announced "Peter 23 prepare to disembark"; and "Shore Party Nine prepare to disembark"—the long ride in the LCVP—the transfer to the LCT and rough ride over the coral reef —who said we were blasting the reef?—when you hit the coral sand —when you discovered the singing noises you heard throughout the night were not mosquitoes—the flares lighting the sky throughout the night?

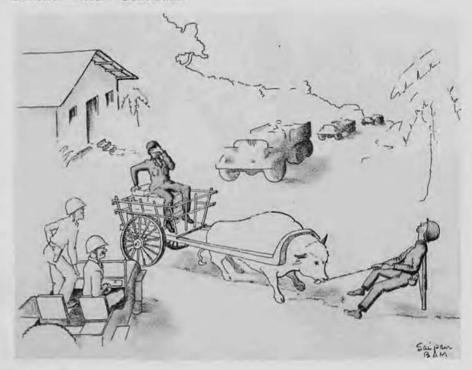
Do you recall the shelling on "D" plus one night and later the Banzai drive and the confusion on the beach—(Where were You?).

—the explosion of the ammunition dump on the night of "D" plus four—the "K" rations and foul tasting warm water—smelly clothes and no baths for days—the Shore Party work—the ration dump—the fuel dump—the ammunition dump—carrying water and ammunition to the frontline?

Do you remember improving your foxhole and battling the land crabs every night—cooking your own food before the temporary galleys were set up—the midnight issues of food and clothing—the moonlight visit of Washing Machine Charley—the applause over the entire island when the first Jap bomber came down in flames after the first four shots were fired—the night when the Jap plane passed through a barrage that reddened the sky with flak and bullets—the sniper in the fox hole episode—when the Army came ashore to assist the Marines—when the island was finally secured—the Saki and the local "Scotch" whiskey?

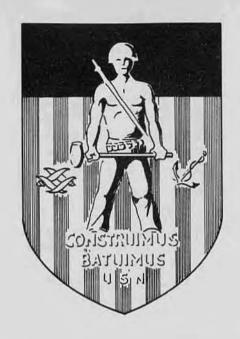
Do you remember our move to the White Beach rest camp and our fine view of the Tinian invasion from there—the camp of shacks?

Do you recall these Saipan landmarks: Garapan, Charan-Kanoa and the wrecked sugar mill, Lake Susupe, Mt. Tapotchau, Tanapag Harbor, Magicienne Bay, Green Beaches, Red, Blue and White Beaches—and—Goat Hill?









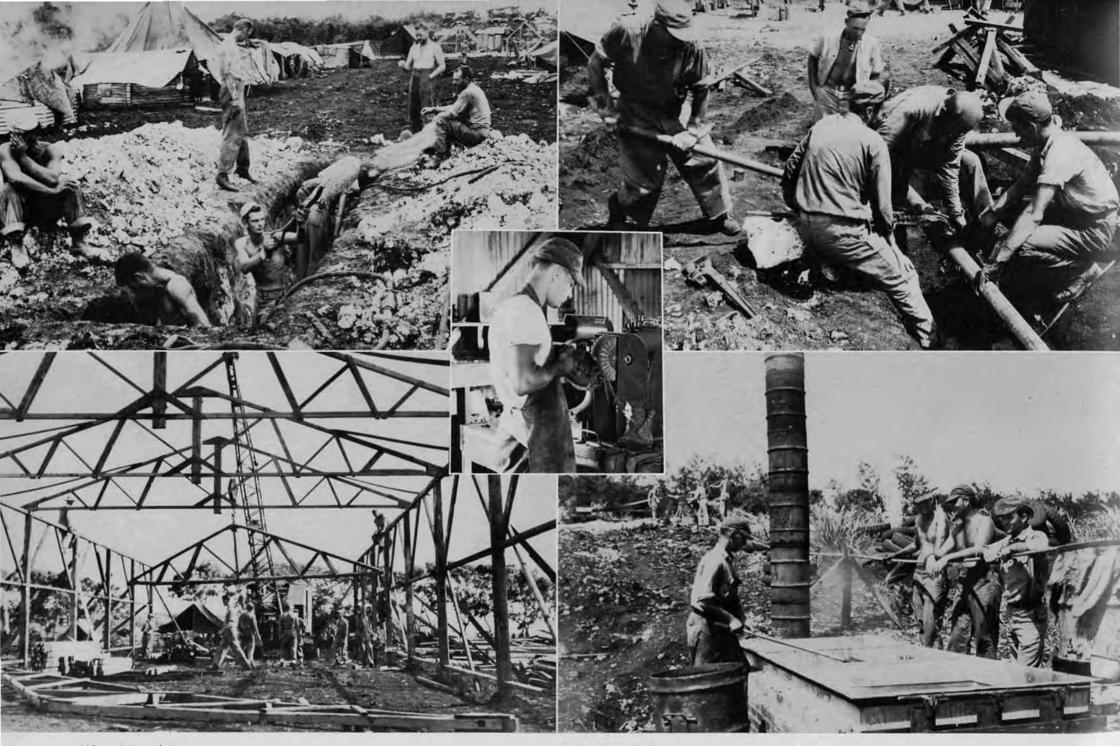


Bird's Eye View of Camp Danley



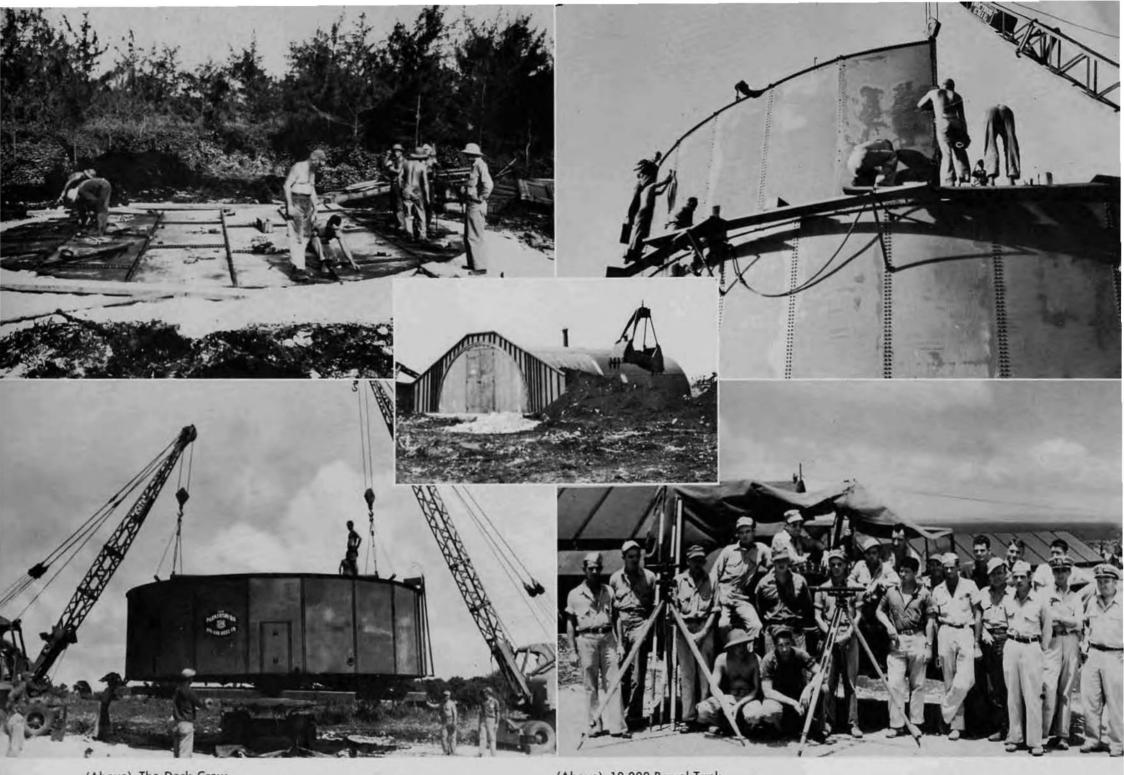
(Above) Camp Parkway (Below) Galley and CPO Messhall

(Above) Administration (Below) Officers Country



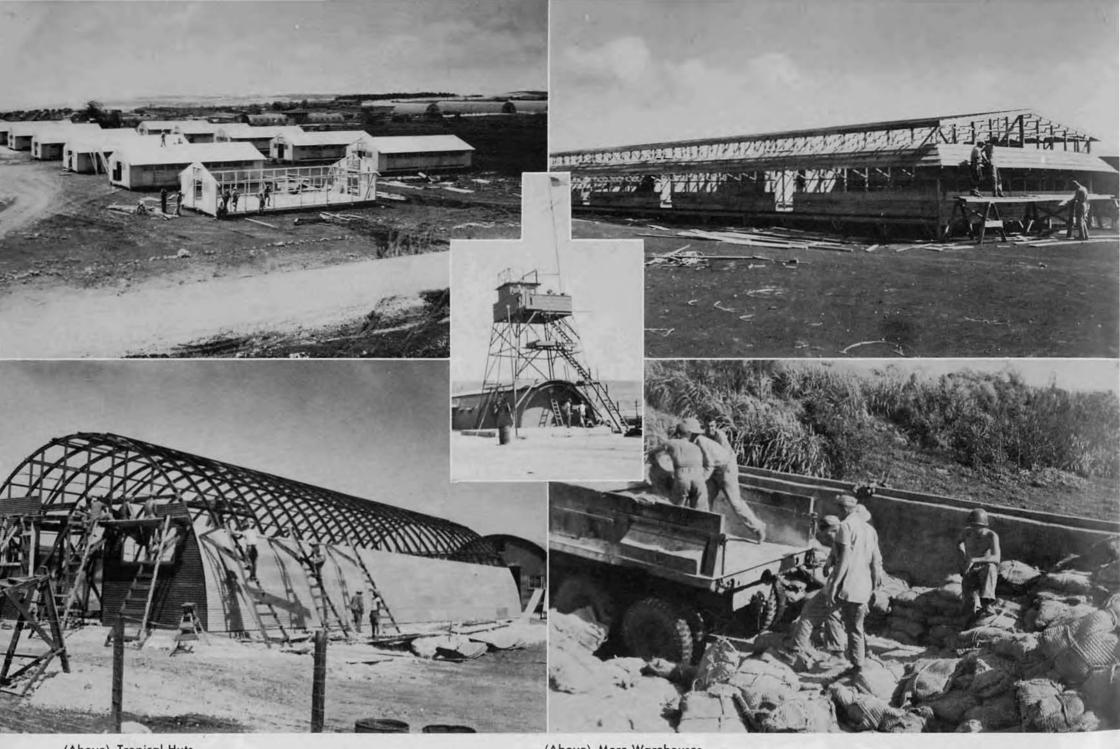
(Above) Head Men (Below) Garage

(Above) Waterline (Below) Molasses Mill



(Above) The Deck Crew (Below) Wrong Location

(Above) 10,000 Barrel Tank (Below) Engineering Force



(Above) Tropical Huts (Below) School for Civilians

(Above) More Warehouses (Below) Jap Rice



(Above) Eighteenth at Worship (Below) Catholic Mass

(Above) Padre and Pianist (Below) Hand of Fellowship





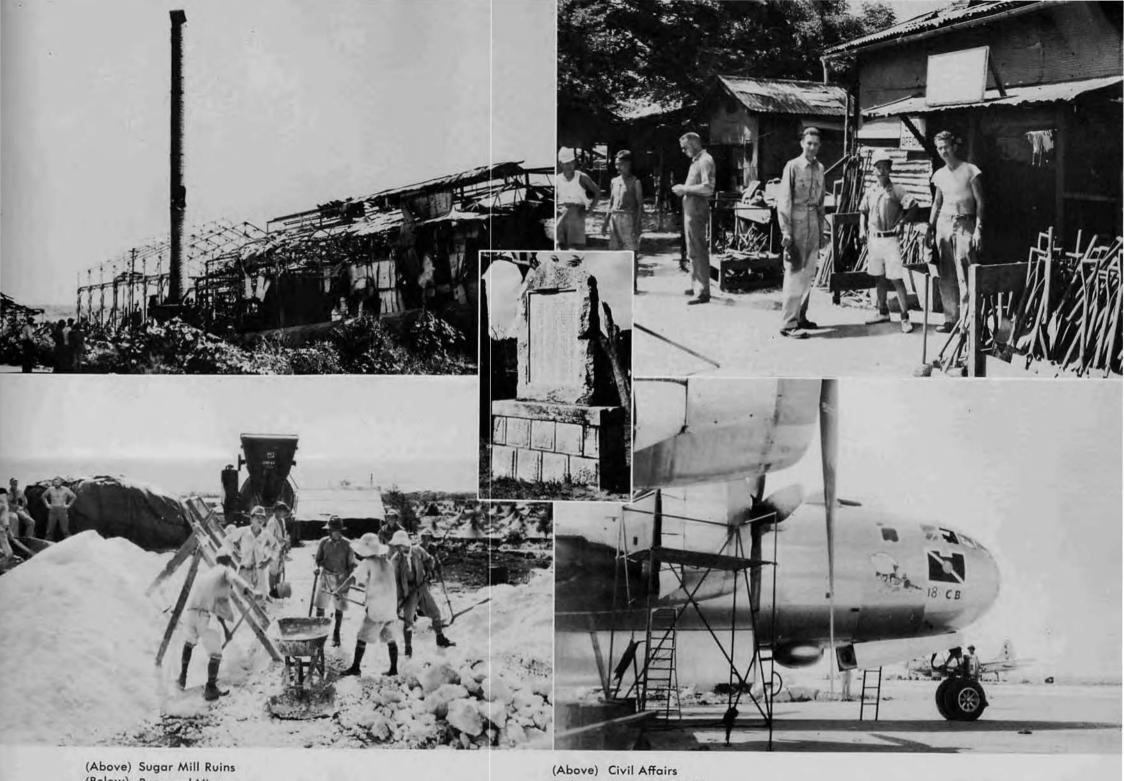


Recreation and Refreshments









(Above) Sugar Mill Ruins (Below) Bees and Nips

(Below) Eighteenth's B-29



Receiving Awards

Eighteenth Memorial Library

Military Cemetery on Tinian



Tinian Tales

There are probably two things about Tinian which we will never forget—Scuttlebutt and Mud! Reinforcements came and went; we moved from shelter halves to pyramidals with wooden decks; from mess halls made of salvaged Jap timbers and shrapnel-torn corrugated steel to the best mess halls we ever had; from a potato patch to a camp with a baseball diamond, volleyball courts and a first class theatre; but there was always scuttlebutt and mud! After the rains left and a few dry days came there was a little dust; but to the old timers this was just dried up mud.

It all started on "Jig" Day and whether they knew it or not for the Sons of the Emperor the jig was up. With a background of 105 and 155 Howitzers raking the Island we waited on Saipan. Waiting in this case consisted of a continuation of work—roads, temporary hospitals, coral pits, and checking gear for another beach head. Then came the day!

There was the beach and all its surprises. Then a camp on 125th Street. Pup tents and jungle shacks in the midst of a sweet potato patch not to mention a few

hundred "Sons of Heaven," mostly dead, rain and the ever present mud.

Then another location—and they weren't kidding when they called it a "permanent" location. For a while we thought they were going to give each man sixty acres and a bull (some of the Sea Bees didn't need the latter) and call it quits. This camp was on the windward side of the island and it had one great advantage—you could see the rain coming in from the sea in driving sheets and you knew the mud would follow soon. Those were the days when our patrols didn't bother bringing in the Japs—they left them where they had fallen. From then on it was a gradual (and vicious) circle of working, eating, and hitting the sack seven days a week.

From here in we'd like to give you a few reminders lest your memory grow dim in the succeeding years and a few notes so you can give your grandchildren the "scoop" or address your club on "How I won the War in Four Beach Heads"—

only be sure there aren't any 18'ers around.

Do you remember the mines on Yellow Beach and how often it was mined then de-mined?—or how about the W. P. A. in Camp Danley? "Okie" Snelson got more work out of these "replacements" because they thought he was a long lost brother from Okinawa—and that scuttlebutt again! We were a bunch of "on again, off again Finnegans" if there ever were any. Then there were those discussions that the United States was a part of Texas. The one big question: "Where and who is Betty Hutton?" Thanks to Betty though for the incentive in getting the camp fixed up. The boys in the carpenter shop even made a special thingamajig but were stumped on the size! Take it from there!

Ah, yes! "This is your own Tinian News Reportah bringing you the latest news from 'This Small World.' Harrumph! From the Pacific. Harrumpg! The rescue of prisoners on Mindinnora is about over. The fall of Manila is intimate. Moscow! The fall of AhemHarrumphOsky under the direction of General Oskyharrumpi is

announced. All right, then, you pronounce it."

How about giving the Better Homes and Gardens' annual award to "D" Company for its rock garden? While we're at it who was the "B" Company man who stayed in the soakage pit all night during a raid? "CHARGE!!"—the battle cry of "Arsenic and Old Lace" which reverberated through the camp for months.

The chapel is a long cry from the first services held in the mess halls with hymnals distributed from a box marked "Grenades," a packing crate for an altar,

and pots, pans and pin-up girls for a background. The special decorations for the theatre stage for the Christmas Eve Divine Services were rated 4.0. The Padre in his shorts was good for a laugh but he said he was comfortable.

Incidentally, did you ever see a Sea Bee without at least a seabag full of souvenirs? Especially the villainous looking knives. We won't forget the day all the Purple Hearts and the Navy and Marine Corps medals were awarded. Remember the "Air Wing of the 18th"? Here was an outfit which not only built its own boat but also had its own airplane.

No, we won't forget Camp Churo and all the children running around—or by the side of the road hollering "candy." Just let your conscience be your guide when you tell the folks back home about that one. It was always better to be "up wind" there.

And we didn't forget "Mosquito" Boquet either. He was reared in Louisiana and knew all about mosquitoes. They had a working agreement. But the magic spell wore off one night when after slapping all night long he awoke to find 30 dead yellow jackets in his sack. How about the night the lizard climbed into the movie amplifier? Don't leave out Barton Payne, self-styled president and charter member of that exclusive Tinian Fraternal Organization of "F. O.'s". Or the night he had to evict the goats from his shack before he could climb in. There were some good ball games played in camp. Close ones too—ask "Alabama."

This tour of duty is about over now and as these words are being written we're hoping the old timers will be able to shove off soon and the others will be not too far behind. We've seen a lot of strange lands and crossed a lot of water. But we'll take the United States any day. It hasn't been easy—not by a long shot but we feel confident our record will speak for itself. So until we "Hit the Beach at Frisco" we'll say Bon Voyage and good sailing. Here's hoping we'll meet again. In the meantime would you say there was more scuttlebutt than mud or more mud than

scuttlebutt?





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Cover Design: New Zealand Maori carving, representing a peak, a distorted human head and a fish hook, all common symbols in the native mythology of New Zealand.

Castle marker insignia secured as unit of Marine Engineers and retained as the official marker of the Battalion.

British Solomon Islands: The ceremonial head-dress, breast-plate and food bowl are typical of the native crafts. The latter two symbolize the Frigate Bird, sacred to the islanders.

New Zealand: Mt. Egmont, Wahaika (war-knife) and Tiki (Maori good luck symbol).

Gilbert Islands: Lagoon beach.

Hawaiian Islands: According to legend, Madam Pele, the Hawaiian fire goddess, protects or destroys whom she will. This scene depicts the inner crater of Kilauea-Halemaumau, or, the house of everlasting fire.

Mariana Islands: Torii, or Shinto Shrine gateway with prehistoric ruins of an unknown people in the background.

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