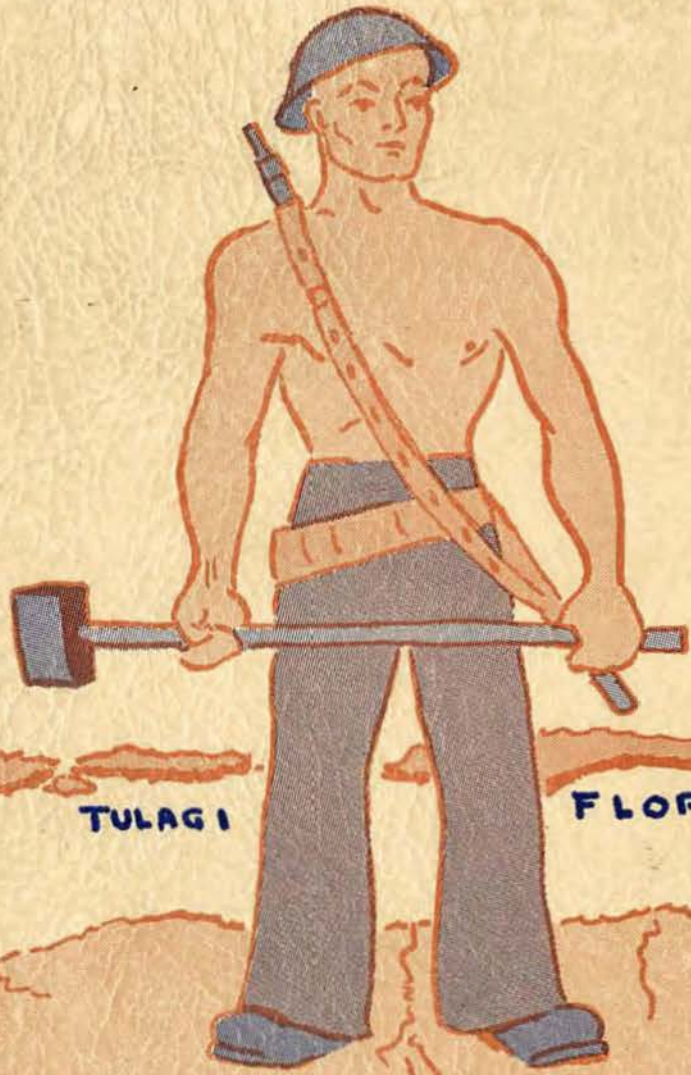


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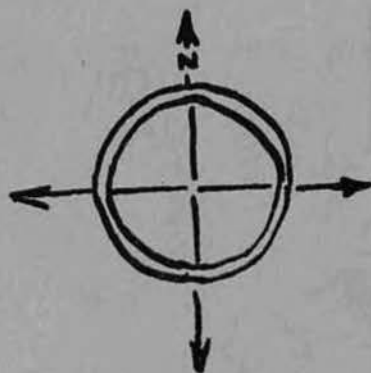
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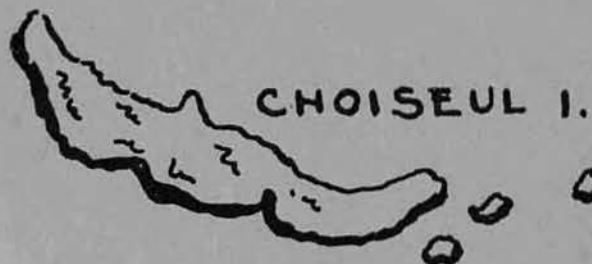
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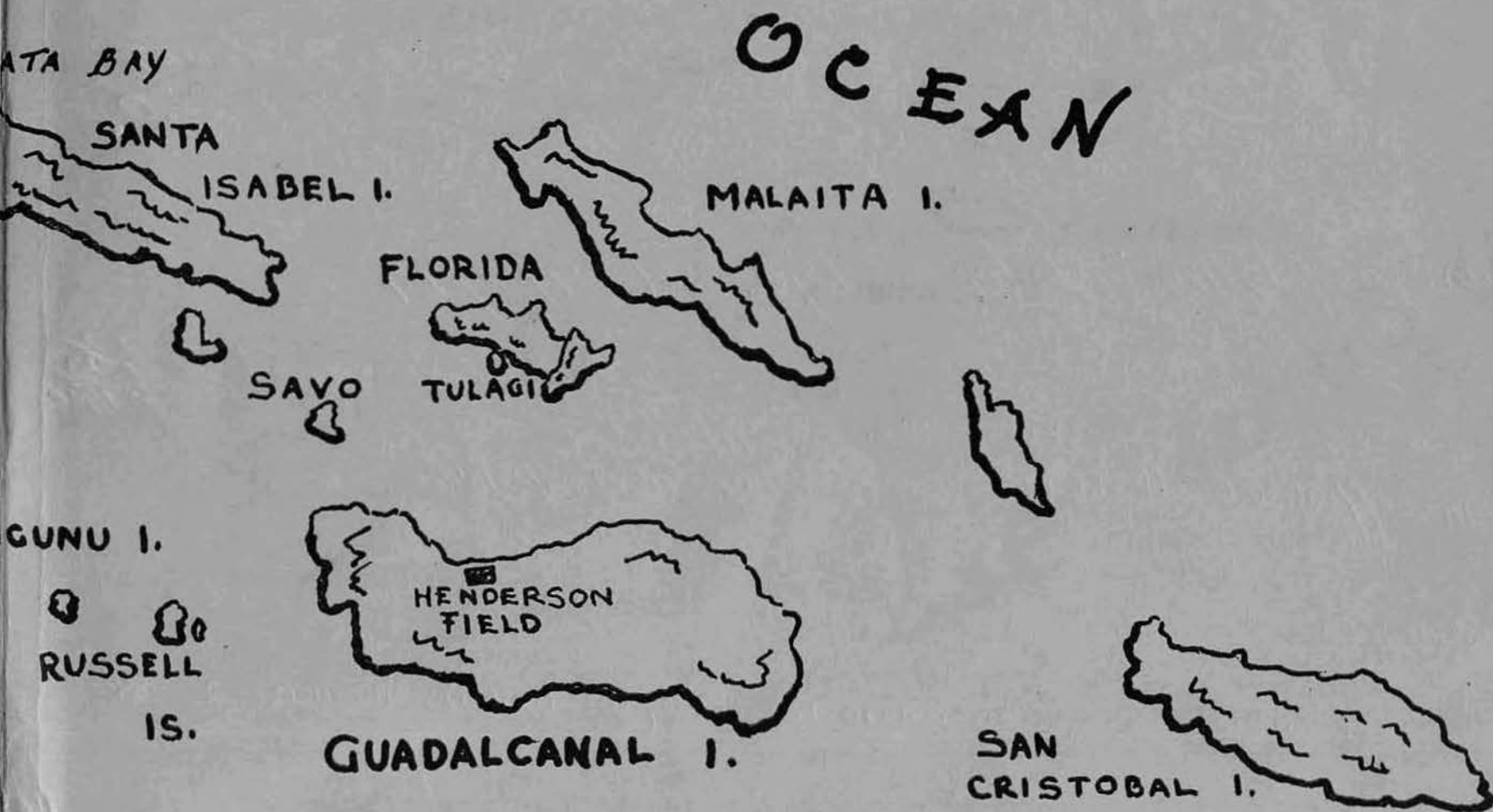


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Some gawdamned thing has gotta be fixt,
Put in a call for the Twenty-Sixth.
Rush fifty men to unload a ship,
More lights are needed on the bomber strip.
Build Quonset Huts for the Photo Lab,
The Hospital needs a concrete slab.
Emergency call—the wires are down,
Get that Radio Station goin' to town.
Build more tanks for the Av-gasoline,
Throw a bridge across Ilu stream.
The aviators have gotta be fed,
The Marines need a thousand loaves of bread.
Hurry up—build some good hard roads,
How can we haul those gawdamned loads?
The Air Wing must have a tunnel *now*
Send down your welder to fix a scow.
Improve our camp—we've had a flood;
For chrisake, get us out of the mud.
Saw a million feet of two-by-fours,
Where in hell are our screen doors?
Lay five miles of four-inch line,
Paint Shop fix up a fancy sign.
Come on—take over this water point,
Rush a plumber to tighten a joint.
An urgent request for a gravel path,
The P.B.Y. boys need a bath.
Whadd'ya mean—you got no gear,
Where's that good equipment the Sixth left here?
The trucks are busted—tractors won't go,
Repair that junk left by old Tojo.
The RD-8 has a busted spring,
Go ahead—weld the gawdamned thing.
Who the hell said the weld won't hold,
The 26th don't believe everything they're told.
Immediate need for a ditching machine,
Fix that busted Barber-Greene.
Work orders come in bundles and bunches,
What the hell, boys—roll with the punches.
Requests unfilled are very few,
Hell—those guys are allies too.
Shake a leg, lad—lengthen your stride—
What makes you feel like a new June bride?
Though others may get the accolade,
We'll have to get by on the record we've made.
When there are damned tough jobs to do,
Call the Twenty-Sixth—Seabees who can do!

—Unexpurgated.



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FOREWORD

With a feeling of trepidation in their hearts and the admonishing words "You'll Be Sorry" ringing in their ears, the majority of the members of the 26th Battalion reported to Camp Allen, Va., for active duty in August, 1942. Then followed a hectic month of "Boot" training which included almost daily "shots" for immunization against disease. The battalion was formed in September and in charge of its officers moved successively to Camp Bradford, Va., Advance Base Depot, Gulfport, Miss., and Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, Calif., for additional advance training.

Fond farewells having been said, the battalion embarked and sailed, destination unknown. Along with other units that were aboard, the 26th disembarked at Noumea, New Caledonia, for a stay of very short duration. Loading aboard another transport, the unit proceeded to and disembarked at Guadalcanal and Tulagi, British Solomon Islands, late in December, 1942.

The 26th Battalion ended its stay in the Solomons nearly one year later and completed its tour of foreign duty upon reaching the shores of the United States December 31, 1943.

INTRODUCTION

Herein is briefly covered the period from active duty status on August 20, 1942, through the Battalion's training program, embarkation overseas and the tour of duty in the Solomons until its return to the United States December 31, 1943.

A summary such as this may state only the simple facts relating to the urgent organization of trained construction men for service during a critical era in our country's history. Military security forbids the publication of all the facts; however, some idea of how well the men of the 26th did their job can be gained by reading between the lines and studying the pictures presented.

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MIHALKOVIC, Frank
MIKOLASZAK, John
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MILAVEC, Mirko J.
MILLER, Albert F.
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MILLER, Harny
MILLS, Theodore

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MITCHELL, Leland K.
MITCHELL, Leland L.
MITCHELL, Melvin R.
MOBERLY, Samuel B.
MOLLOY, Thomas P.
MONDE, Raymond J.
MONETTE, George W.
MOODT, William A.
MOONEY, William F.
MOORE, Ellsworth L.
MOORE, Louis P.
MOREAU, Raymond W.
MORGAN, Miles H.
MORGAN, Robert F.
MORLEY, Theodore H.
MORRIS, Roy
MORROW, Edwin M.
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MOYNIHAN, Maurice
MUDGE, Earle J.
MULLIN, Peter J.
MUNDAY, Russell J.
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MURAWSKI, Alphonse S.
MURDOCK, Wayne D.
MURPHY, Henry H.
MURTAGH, William P.
NAPIER, William J.
NEJDL, John W.
NELLESSEN, Howard G.
NELSON, Cleburn F.
NELSON, Hardol F.
NELSON, Nathan R. Jr.
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NESBITT, Edward D.
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NEWMAN, Ford N.
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NIELSEN, Donald A.
NIEMAN, John A.
NOLAND, Jake A. Jr.
NORAK, Richard G.
NORDINE, Russell E.
NORDSTROM, Benjamin L. Jr.
NORTH, Henry H.
NOZAL, Joseph
NEURENBERGER, William O.
OBERG, Harvey R.
OBERLE, Joseph L.
O'CONNOR, Charles D.
O'CONNOR, Lawrence G.
O'LEARY, Timothy J.
OLSEN, Warren N.
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OLSON, Paul R.
OLSON, Roy D.
O'NEILL, Ivan L.
ORDINARIO, Isidore P.
ORIANI, Earl J.
ORR, Desmond E.
ORRELL, Elmer
OSBORNE, Richard D.
OVERTON, Hollin E.
OVICK, Joseph P.
OWEN, Cleo H.
PAGE, George
PAHLKE, Alfred C.
PALMERI, Peter F.
PANKNIN, Irwin L.
PARE, Maurice J.

PARKHOUSE, Robert D.
PARRISH, Earl
PARSONS, Irwin G.
PASCHEN, Christian P. Jr.
PASTERNAK, Mike
PATRICK, Lawrence W.
PAVLICA, William E.
PEARSON, Carl R.
PEARSON, Ernest R.
PEARSON, Kenneth V.
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PECHA, Edward W.
PECK, Samuel J.
PENDLETON, Homer
PENNE, Maurice P.
PERILLO, Alberto L.
PERKINS, Eugene F.
PETERS, Lawrence V.
PETERSEN, Carl T.
PETERSON, Harry C.
PETRISON, Frank
PFEFFER, Walter J.
PHILLIPS, Ralph F.
PHIPPS, Henry T.
PIERSON, Robert F.
PIPKIN, James E. Jr.
PITTS, Roland G.
PLAYTER, Fredrick J.
PLETKE, Frank T.
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POEHLING, George J.
POPE, Charles W.
PORTERFIELD, Homer H.
POUR, William F.
PRATT, Sydney
PROMO, Gordon E.
QUEEL, Frederick O.
QUIGLEY, Nicholas
RAICH, Charles

RATLIFF, Earl A.
REAGAN, Francis A.
REDDICK, Carl M.
REDFIELD, Charles
REDMAN, Elmer E.
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REED, Noah W.
REES, David J.
REHKOPF, Wendell P.
REID, George A.
RESTIVO, Frank
RETTKER, Russell W.
RICE, Hollis R.
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RICHTER, William O.
RIES, John M.
RIESTER, Earl V.
RIGGIO, James
RIMKUS, Frank C.
ROACH, Richard T.
ROBERTA, John R.
ROCCO, Armando
RODARMEL, Charles A.
ROESCH, Henry W.
ROGERS, Harold H.
ROGERS, Virgil H.
ROHRMAN, Fred H.
ROHWEDDER, Arthur J.
ROMAN, Louis S.
ROOS, Edward J.
ROSE, John L.
ROSS, Leander F.
ROSSO, Robert
ROTH, Andrew W. Jr.
ROUTT, Harold E.
ROWLAND, Leon H.
RUDA, Walter
RUGGLESS, Algearn M.
RUONA, Hayward D.

RUSSELL, Gerald E.
RUTKOWSKI, Raymond S.
RUTLEDGE, Ralph "W".
RYAN, John R.
RYAN, Thomas "A".
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SACHEROFF, Herbert
SAMPSON, Michael
SANCES, Nicholas J.
SAUERS, Jesse
SAURO, Dominick A.
SCHAEFER, Gerard J.
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SCHARDINE, Thomas E.
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SCHIESZER, John R.
SCHMADEKE, Albert H.
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SCHNELL, Elmer C.
SCHNOOBERGER, Donald L.
SCHOOF, Heinrich
SCHUENZEL, Alfred D.
SCHUETZ, Henry A. Jr.
SCHULZ, George J.
SCHWARTZ, William E.
SCOTT, Ernest A.
SCOTT, Willard T.
SEABROOK, Edward M.
SELBY, Francis J.
SERVIS, Harold H.
SEVERSON, Julian R.
SEXTON, Leo E.
SEXTON, LeRoy
SHAW, William C.
SHAY, William S.
SHELL, William M.
SHERBON, George H.
SHOAF, Charles R. Jr.

SHUMATE, Floyd R.
SICKLES, Albert H.
SILVER, Oscar "F". Sr.
SIMONSON, James D.
SIMPSON, Donald P.
SKINN, Paul H.
SLACK, Charles F.
SLIKKERS, Leslie V.
SMALL, Albert W.
SMERUD, Edmund O.
SMITH, Bluford J.
SMITH, Ernest L.
SMITH, Frank M.
SMITH, George M.
SMITH, Roy T.
SMITH, William A.
SMITH, William P.
SOLEMAN, Leo H.
SOMMER, Elmer F.
SORENSEN, George D.
SPAULDING, Cletus D.
SPEERS, William
SPICER, William B.
SPILLMAN, Terry L.
SPROUT, Marvin F.
STAATS, Michael A.
STABLER, Samuel D.
STACK, John J.
STAHLMAN, Clarence G.
STALLCOP, Charles E.
STANLEY, Marvin D.
STANTON, James L.
STARK, Aloys N.
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STARKEY, Charles A.
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STEPANICK, Richard J.

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STONE, Frank L.
STRADTMAN, James E.
STRANAHAN, Morris M.
STREU, Edward E.
SUCHLAND, Herman S.
SUENDER, William R.
SULLIVAN, Patrick J.
SUMMERS, Frederick C.
SUTELA, Frederic F.
SWEENEY, Aloysious
SWENSON, Edward F.
SWIFT, Ward C.
SZABO, Joseph
SZCZERBA, Bruno L.
TALBOTT, Robert L.
TAMILLO, William R.
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TARNOWSKI, Kasmir J.
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TEMPLE, Robert R.
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TENAGLIA, T. J.
TERRELL, William H.
TESSIER, Joseph E.
TETER, Roy R.
TEZBER, Joseph
THALER, Thomas A.
THARP, John H.
THOMAS, Benton E.
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TILLITSON, Swayne G.
TIMMINS, Frank L.
TINGLE, Elmer K.
TIPTON, "J" R.
TITTLE, Thomas H.
TOWNSEND, William R.
TRAVER, James C.
TRIMARCO, Thomas E.
TRUDZINSKI, Walter A.
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TUINENGA, John
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TURNER, Robert E.
TURNER, Thomas H.
TWEEDY, Oscar F.
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UIBERALL, William J.
VANDERSTEL, Gerald L.
VANESIAN, Charles H.
VANZO, Turin P.
VARNER, James G. Jr.
VASHON, Earlon H.
VERCELLONE, Mario J.
VINCENT, Philip G.
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WEINBERGER, Saul
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WESOLOWSKI, Otto C.
WESTMAN, Roy E.
WHELOCK, Joseph "A".
WICKLIFF, Stephen T.
WIECK, Karl R.
WILBER, George T.
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BYRANT, ORAN EARL C M. 3/C

KEMP, JOHN ALOYSIUS S F. 1/C

KUEHN, VERLE ALBERT M M. 1/C

LEGEND

In compliance with orders to active duty, all hands arrived at Camp Allen, Va., on or about August 20, 1942, to begin "Boot" training. The Battalion was formed September 18, 1942, and landed on Guadalcanal and Tulagi, British Solomon Islands, December 26, 1942.

Thus the transition from civilian life to forward area, combat duty, was accomplished in a period of one hundred and twenty-seven days.

In the first offensive operations of United States troops in World War II, Marines landed on Guadalcanal and Tulagi August 7, 1942. Tulagi, capital of the British Solomon Islands, was subdued in a matter of days. Guadalcanal, ninety miles long, thirty miles wide, infested with Japanese and mosquitoes, covered mostly with dank jungle and knee-deep mud, provided the worst battleground to be found anywhere in the Pacific. The fight itself is history. By the time the 26th arrived, the Japs had been cleared from the vicinity of Lunga Point, including Henderson Field. This area was bounded on the west by the Matanikau River, on the east by the Ilu River and varied from a few hundred to a few thousand yards from the beach. Koli Point was also occupied by American forces and the coastal plain between Lunga and Koli was covered by our patrols. Fighting was active especially to the west of Henderson Field and the Matanikau where the Japanese were well entrenched and offered stubborn resistance. In addition to occasional snipers, there were the regular nightly visits of "Washing Machine Charley" and "Pistol Pete" would cut loose with his field gun from the hills whenever opportunity offered.

In December, General Patch relieved General Vandergrift and shortly thereafter, using combined Army and Marine forces, started the drive which pushed the Japs from the island. This drive was completed February 11, 1943, when all organized resistance ceased.

The 26th Construction Battalion, twenty-seven officers and nine hundred sixty-eight men strong, went ashore the day after Christmas 1942 to relieve the 6th Battalion. Company "D" was assigned to relieve one company of the 6th at Tulagi across the channel. A large stevedore detail was immediately formed and began the task of bringing ashore on Guadalcanal the vitally needed aviation gasoline aboard an accompanying ship.

The Battalion established its camp on the 6th Battalion's camp site just north of Henderson Field. All activities of the 6th were taken over immediately after landing. All hands were needed on projects necessary for driving the Japanese from the island. Living conditions were primitive in the utmost. Chow was prepared in an abandoned Jap galley. The only improvement made at this time was a six-unit shower in the construction of which empty gasoline drums were used. This being the rainy season, the camp area remained a constant mud bog while fox-holes became natural water holes. Mosquito control had only begun and of all the prevalent diseases, malaria took, by far, the greatest toll of men. Evacuations decimated the Battalion rapidly those first few months. In March, living conditions were greatly improved when the Battalion moved to a new camp area. Late in September, an open-air theatre comprising a stage with moving picture screen and coconut logs for seats was ready for operation. A schedule of stage entertainments plus latest available motion pictures provided needed relaxation.

As the Battalion's work progressed on Tulagi and Guadalcanal, detachments of men were sent to Nugu, Malaita, and Munda in the New Georgia group to carry out further assignments.

By August, Company "D" had completed all its projects on Tulagi and in large groups moved to Guadalcanal and rejoined the rest of the Battalion.

Long and loud was the cheering when, in the last week of November, official orders were received affecting the transfer of the 26th to the United States. A Seabee Maintenance unit arrived and took over the various work projects. There were no stragglers when the order was given to embark on December 11th. The long sea journey began the following morning and no regrets were expressed when the Solomon Islands faded away in the distance. The transport docked at a west coast port on December 31, 1943, and all hands were stationed at Camp Parks nearby. Then followed the long awaited reward for a job well done—thirty days leave—HOME AT LAST.

CHRONOLOGY

There follows a list of the pertinent dates concerning the history of the Battalion:

- August 21, 1942 . . "Boot" training began at Camp Allen, Va.
- September 18, 1942 . . Battalion organization completed and transfer to Camp Bradford, Va.
- October 10-15, 1942 . . Five-day leave.
- October 17, 1942 . . Boarded trains at Camp Bradford.
- October 20, 1942 . . Arrived at Advance Base Depot, Gulfport, Miss.
- October 30, 1942 . . Boarded trains at Gulfport.
- November 3, 1942 . . Arrived at Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneme, Calif.
- November 27, 1942 . . Boarded ship.
- November 28, 1942 . . Sailed from California.
- December 4, 1942 . . Crossed equator. Elaborate King Neptune ceremonies held. All hands initiated as Shellbacks.
- December 10, 1942 . . Arrived at Noumea, New Caledonia.
- December 20, 1942 . . Boarded ship and shoved off.
- December 26, 1942 . . Landed on Guadalcanal and Tulagi.
- December 11, 1943 . . Boarded ship.
- December 12, 1943 . . Sailed from Guadalcanal bound for the United States.
- December 31, 1943 . . Arrived in California and stationed at Camp Parks, Calif.

WEATHER

The following statistics were compiled from official Navy and Marine Aerological data, also Army weather observations at Henderson Field:

Highest temperature recorded—96 degrees Fahrenheit.

Lowest temperature recorded—68 degrees Fahrenheit.

Average temperature—81 degrees Fahrenheit.

Average humidity 87%.

Total precipitation—40 inches.

Note: Approximately four inches of rain fell during a period of a few hours during the night of May 8-9, 1943. Flood waters inundated a large portion of the 26th Battalion camp area. (See flood pictures.)

AIR RAIDS

The Battalion underwent its first air-raid during the third night after landing. The Japs had built Munda Airfield on the New Georgia Islands, 185 miles from Henderson Field. They also had a seaplane base in operation at Santa Isabella Island just fifty miles away. In addition, our installations were within easy bombing range of their southern Bougainville air bases about 450 miles to the north. Their daylight air attacks invariably resulted in disaster for them and were very seldom attempted after our first two months. They seldom missed an opportunity for night bombing attacks at the Henderson Field area, especially the nights during the full of the moon. The month of January was especially severe as evidenced by the recording of 45 alerts lasting 57 hours, 35 minutes, and resulting in 17 actual bombings. The following is a summary of air-raid data for the 350-day tour of duty on the island as verified by G2 of the XIV U. S. Army Corps.

Number of air-raid alerts—187.

Elapsed time during alerts—206 hours, 40 minutes.

Number of actual bombings—68.

Note: The number of bombings indicates separate raids regardless of the size of or number of waves in the attacking force.

Herewith are details of a few of the raids.

January 14—Surprise night raid killed three men in an Army unit camp adjacent to our area. Low flying enemy planes with lights on followed our own returning bombers.

January 15—Surprise night attack when a low flying enemy plane dropped an anti-personnel bomb in front of Co. "C" office, wounding Lt. Maney, Lt. Sturm and Ens. Elkman.

January 21-22—Alert sounded at 2235, continuing throughout the night for 7 hours, 40 minutes, while waves of enemy bombers kept coming.

February 2—During a six-hour night attack, a bomb landed in the center of our new galley, demolishing it completely along with fourteen field ranges.

February 4-5—The longest raid lasting 8 hours, 45 minutes. Naval gunfire was heard and an earth tremor shook the island about midnight. The sea and air battle that had been raging about the island for days was reaching its climax and resulted in the sinking of the cruiser Chicago.

March 3—One of our ship unloading details at Tulagi, working at night under floodlights, was bombed, but no casualties resulted.

April 7—Two ships with unloading details from the 26th aboard were bombed in a daylight attack off Koli Point. Theodore Arnold, Ptr 3/c of Co. "B", was killed in action. A communications crew from Co. "D" was laying a submarine cable across Tulagi Harbor when a dive-bombing attack developed. All hands reached cover safely although the action at Tulagi was intense; many enemy planes were downed.

June 16—The largest daylight raid. One hundred twenty enemy bombers and fighters swarmed over the island, and ninety-four were reported destroyed. Dive bombers passed low over our camp and attacked an LST offshore, scoring three direct hits and setting the cargo afire. The ship was beached near our camp and a fire-party from the Battalion assisted in putting out the fire and rescuing some of the ship's personnel. Members of the fire-party received citations from Admiral Halsey.

September 21—Two large enemy bombers were picked up in the lights just south of our area. Night fighters shot both down in flames within a period of a few minutes.

October 11—Two ships anchored off Koli Point were torpedoed by enemy planes. John C. Dods, SK 1/c, was aboard, checking incoming supplies for the Battalion. The force of the torpedo explosion knocked Dods overboard and he was rescued from the water by a nearby barge.

ACHIEVEMENTS

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

- Primary Roads* - - - - 35.48 miles of 30' to 40' in width road, 6" to 1' of coral or run of bank river gravel used as wearing course.
- Secondary Roads* - - - - 20.50 miles of 20' to 30' roads, non-surfaced.
- Resurfacing of Roads* - - 6.50 miles of hard surfaced roads have been reshaped and new wearing course of gravel placed.
- Twenty-four (24) miles of above roads are patrolled by blade and all necessary repairs made.*
- Grading (other than roads)* ComSoPac area—1 acre, Service Command Supply Dump—50 acres, Navy Salvage Dump—3 acres, Torpedo and Ordnance Magazines—14 covered, approximately 6,500 cubic yards; Kukum Beach LST landing area.

BRIDGES

- New Construction* - - - 10 bridges constructed with a total of 1,128 lineal feet. Average width 24 feet.
- Reconstruction* - - - - 3 bridges rebuilt after flood damage, with a total of 650 lineal feet. Average width 24 feet.
- Repair to Decks* - - - - 5 bridges have been redecked with a total of 544 lineal feet. 3 bridges have had Irving grating placed as wearing surface; 12,878 sq. ft. used.
- Under Construction* - - - 1 bridge extension, 750 lineal feet total structure; repair and strengthen old structure.

CULVERTS

9,603 lineal feet of culvert, manufactured from discarded oil drums, have been placed on highway construction.

GRAVEL AND CORAL PIT OPERATIONS

- Gravel Pits* - - - - - 191,423 cubic yards of material loaded and hauled.
- Coral Pits* - - - - - 88,990 cubic yards of material loaded and hauled.

DOCKS AND MARINE RAILWAY

- Army Dock* - - - - - 37'x68' structure using 36 piles and 4" double deck.
- East Army Dock* - - - - 43'x210' structure using 88 piles, 26 piles driven to form dolphins, single deck construction.

DOCKS AND MARINE RAILWAY

- Army Dock #4* - - - - 12'x40' structure—no piles.
Railroad Dock - - - - 12'x30' structure using coconut log foundation, fill made with sandbags, etc.
Finger Pier - - - - 40'x24' structure, 280 piles used.
Kukum Pier Retaining Wall Constructed of 2'x2'x2' concrete precast blocks. Wall is 2' wide at base, 4' high with 4" concrete cap. 120' in length.
Army Dock Bulkhead - - 560 coconut piles driven to form bulkhead of approximately 570 lineal feet.
Marine Railway - - - - 180' Marine railway for beaching 50' tank lighters. 720 lineal feet of 12"x12" timber, 68 piles driven to an exact grade, and 12 piles driven to form 4 dolphins.

ANCHORS (Boat Pool)

100—2½'x2½'x2½' concrete anchors poured, complete with eye bolt and 3 feet of chain.

6" GUN EMPLACEMENTS (Island X)

Prepare site and pour two (2)—20' in diameter, 3' in depth concrete bases for 6" gun mounts. Clean, transport and place two 6" gun mounts and tubes.

RAILROAD

"Guadalcanal-Bougainville-Tokyo Railroad"—6,443.5 lineal feet of railroad constructed, including sub grade, bolting cross ties to rail, installing sidings, switches, spurs, crossings, bumpers and placing in operation seven (7) days after start of work.

FUEL SYSTEM

- Tanks* - - - - - 2—10,000 bbl. Avgasoline tanks,
9— 1,000 bbl. Avgasoline tanks, Henderson, Fighter #1
and #2.
5— 1,000 bbl. Avgasoline tanks Koli Point.
1— 1,000 bbl. Avgasoline tank replaced bomb damaged,
Fighter #2.
3— 250 bbl. Avgasoline tanks,
1— 1,000 bbl. Diesel tank
1—10,000 bbl. Motor Gasoline Tank.

PIPE LINES

550' of 2" pipe
105' of 3" pipe Koli Point,
2,680' of 4" pipe Diesel Fuel System
1,602' of 4" pipe Koli Point,
18,900' of 4" pipe
1,025' of 6" pipe Koli Point
280' of 6" spiral pipe
370' of 6" flexible hose
1,490' of 6" submarine line

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BOOSTER PUMPS

2 Booster pumps—Henderson
2 Booster pumps and water segregators Henderson
1 Booster pump Koli Point
1 Booster pump and water segregator Koli Point,
1 Booster pump and clarifier Diesel Fuel System.

RACKS (Drum and Truck Filling)

1 Drum loading rack,
1 Drum loading rack Koli
8 Drum unloading racks
1 Drum unloading rack Koli
10 Truck filling platforms.

BULK PLANT OPERATIONS

15,925,909 gallons gasoline received from tankers,
13,693,134 gallons gasoline handled and dispersed,
4,650,000 gallons gasoline dispensed from drums.

TUNNELS

Three (3) Major tunnels constructed,
574 cubic yards of coral and rock excavation,
70 cubic yards concrete used in deck and curbs.

SHIP UNLOADING DETAIL

107,550 tons of miscellaneous cargo unloaded from 15 ships in the period from January 1, 1943, to May 1, 1943.

BUILDINGS (Erected and Constructed)

Major Structures - - - - 127 buildings from 16'x16' to 20'x60' including Quonset and Stransteel.

Minor Structures - - - - 32 buildings, heads, etc.; 14 foxholes.

SAWMILL AND LOGGING

Sawmill - - - - - 902,759 BM of lumber sawed, sizes from 12"x12" timbers to dimensional lumber.

Logging - - - - - 1,994 Native timber piles cut and hauled in lengths 20' to 40'
57 Native timber piles cut and hauled in lengths 45' to 90'.
407 Coconut piles cut and hauled in lengths 20' to 35'.
1,690 Native logs cut and hauled to mill 8' to 40' in length,
8" to 4" in diameter.
40 Native logs cut and hauled for telephone poles 25' to 30' in length.

SAWMILL AND LOGGING—(Continued)

Special Logging Following were cut for Radio Masts, Signs, etc.
32 Native logs 18' to 60' in length,
8 Native logs 70' in length,
2 Native logs 90' in length.

ICE PLANT

Operation Tojo Ice Plant - Produced 563,300 lbs. of ice, 281.65 tons.
Maintenance—service calls to reefers for all Island units.

POWER GENERATOR, LINES, MAINTENANCE

M A N Power House No. 1,
No. 2 - - Maintain and operate on 24-hour basis 2 power houses.
Increased output from 54 KW to 240 KW.

Installed and Maintained - 47 miles of primary and secondary lines,
10,000 ft. of lighting on Fighter #1, all conduit, fixtures, etc.
12,000 ft. of lighting on Henderson, all conduit, fixtures, etc.
4,000 ft. of wood conduit Fighter #2, 50-lights complete.
11,600 ft. of wood conduit.

Generation—24-Hour Basis 1—75 KW generator Henderson Field,
2—75 KW generators NacBase Radio Tunnel,
2—75 KW generators N.O.B.,
1—75 KW generator Fighter #1.

MUNDA

(Quarters ComNavBases—
Forward Area) - . . . 9,000 ft. secondary road pioneered and constructed,
9—Tents complete with deck, screening, etc.,
1—Mess and Galley,
Necessary furniture and fittings.

MALAITA

Transported equipment, operators, galley and supplies to Island of Malaita.
Constructed 2 miles of 30-ft. Roadway.

RADIO STATIONS

Island Transmitter Erected 2—150' masts (Native timber)
3—80' masts (Native timber)
2—70' masts (Creosoted piles)
4—Frame bldgs., concrete foundations and decks.

RADIO STATIONS

- Bloody Knoll* - - - - Erected 2—140' masts (Native timber and prefabricated radio Towers)
1—120' mast (Creosoted piles, lashed and bolted).
3—110' masts " " " " "
1—105' mast " " " " "
1—100' mast " " " " "
6— 66' masts " " " " "
2—Concrete foundation, heavy prefabricated buildings.
1—Frame building.
- Navy Communications* - - Erected 2—60' masts—salvaged from Japanese creosoted Radio Masts.
- Island Command* - - - - Erected 3—70' masts (Native timber).

SALVAGE WORK ON SHIP

- Repairs After Enemy Action* Preparation of steel patch to cover hole in hull, 11 pcs. ordered; this was declared unnecessary after ship was lightened. 15# plate was strengthened by 3"x5"x1/4" angle iron, spaced on 5' center and placed between deck strongbacks. Cargo of lumber was secured and ship towed to Purvis Bay. Material used—1,300 sq. ft. 15# plate.
230 lineal feet 3"x5"x1/4" angle,
900 pounds of 1/8" rod.
Total man hours expended—501.

AIRPORTS

Supervision, equipment, and men aided in construction and maintenance of: Henderson Field, Fighter #1, Fighter #2, Carney Field.

TULAGI

POWER—

- Maintain and Operate* - 3—75 KW Diesel driven generators.
1—50 KW Diesel driven generator.
Original load of 35 KW increased to 175 KW.
- Installed* - - - - 5,000 ft. of twisted pair overhead,
5,500 ft. of twisted pair underwater,
22,000 ft. of 2x3 pair line,
3,200 ft. of #4 wire in 3-phase 4-wire overhead system,
4,500 ft. of lead covered cable,
9,000 ft. of #6 wire overhead,

TULAGI

POWER—(Continued)

2,000 ft. of #3 conductor #6 power wire,
46,750 ft. of "U" distribution wire underwater,
55,000 ft. of W-110 Army field wire,
6,000 ft. of ground and overhead wire relocated,
60,000 ft. of additional wire expended on various projects.

158,950 ft.

TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATIONS—

Installed - - - - - 7 exchange trunk lines,
4 trunk lines,
62 underwater lines replaced using 61 miles of wire.
12 miles of overhead wire,
230,000 ft. of W-110 Army field wire,
240,000 ft. of 3 wire #10 strand submarine cable and fittings.
All necessary switchboards, telephones, etc., for above lines.

Maintenance - - - - - Maintained 24-hr. service on above systems.

WATER SYSTEM—

Operate - - - - - 8—250 gal. per hr. Cleaverbrook distillation units—24-hr.
per day basis.
8—650 gal. per hr. Proportioneer purification units—12-hr.
per day basis.

Wells - - - - - 1—28' well dug.
1—26' well dug.
1—46' well dug extended to 120-ft. depth by drilling.

Storage - - - - - 10—15,000 bbl. wood stave tanks,
2— 3,000 bbl. wood stave tanks,
2— 5,000 bbl. wood stave tanks,
1— 700 bbl. steel tank,
1—Dam constructed to impound 70,000 gallons of surface
water.

Piping - - - - - 1,500 ft. of 2½" pipe,
2,500 ft. of 4" pipe
3,800 ft. of 4½" pipe
1,200 ft. of miscellaneous pipe, with all necessary fittings.

FIRE SYSTEM (Salt Water)—

Install and Operate - - 1,000 ft. of 4" force main pipe,
3 hydrants on above line,
200 ft. of 4" submerged suction pipe,
1 fire pump unit.

TULAGI—(Continued)

GASOLINE SUPPLY AVGAS—SASAPI

- 2—1,000 bbl. gas tanks with fittings,
1,800 ft. of 4" welded pipe,
- 1—Marine service area,
- 2—Fueling areas,
- 1—Water segregator installation.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS TUNNEL—

- 1—55 ft. tunnel, 256 cu. yds. of solid rock excavation, timber and lumber sidewall and roof construction.

SAWMILL—

200,000 BM of lumber sawed in a 5-month operation period.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION—

- Halsey Field* - - - - 23 timber decks 24'x60' for native huts,
7 bldgs. 10'x12' to 40'x90' in size, including galley
messhalls, etc.
- Hospital Cab #1* - - - 6 Quonset huts erected,
6 bldgs. in sizes from 20'x20' to 40'x100'
galleys, messhalls, etc.
All connected by covered passageways.
- N.O.B. Officers Qtrs.* - 2 bldgs. 20'x20'
1 bldg. 20'x60' Stransteel,
2 bldgs. remodeled,
20 bldgs. 16'x16' and under.
- LCT Camp* - - - - 4 Quonset huts,
1 20'x20' galley.
- Signal Tower* - - - - 1—4-story 20'x20' signal tower.

MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS—

- 8—8" pipe ballards installed,
- 1—10'x50' pier constructed on rockfill,
- 48—20' piles driven and capped with concrete to form bases for 2—6,800 cu. ft. reefers,
- 2—40mm, 1—20mm, 1—50 cal. and 2—30 cal. guns installed and manned when necessary.
- Numerous pieces of furniture for offices, etc.
- Detail of men supplied to Ship Repair Unit and PT Boat Repair.

NOTE: Company "D" of the Twenty-sixth U. S. Naval Construction Battalion was stationed on Tulagi from January 1st until September 13, 1943.

LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

HEADQUARTERS XIV ARMY CORPS
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

25 February 1943 .

Lt. Comdr. C. A. Frye,
26th Construction Battalion
(Thru Channels)

My dear Commander Frye:

This is to express my appreciation of the help given by you and your splendid organization in the preparation of the new camp for this headquarters, at a time when I know you were operating under a very considerable burden of other work.

It has been a constant source of wonder to me how one unit could possess so many skills and accomplish such a huge amount and variety of work, all at the same time, and under the existing difficulties of weather, inadequate equipment, and heavy traffic.

I especially wish to commend the spirit of cooperation that pervades your whole command, which on more than one occasion during the recent tactical operations, was of inestimable value to our united effort.

Cordially,

A. M. PATCH
Major General U. S. Army
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS XIV CORPS
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

11 May 1943

Lieutenant Commander C. A. Frye
Commanding 26th Construction Battalion
(Thru Commander Naval Bases Solomons)

Dear Commander Frye:

Since my arrival here, I have been much impressed with the very effective cooperation that you and the 26th Construction Battalion have offered this headquarters in the development of this base.

The speedy action of your unit in saving the bridges across the Lunga and Tenaru Rivers during the last flood bespeaks a commendable attention to business by a well-organized and smooth-functioning team and it has been an invaluable contribution to the general good of the entire island, particularly at this time when the uninterrupted flow of traffic is of vital importance.

Noteworthy also is the alacrity with which your unit volunteered its services for installing the new gun battery, a work of considerable difficulty and importance.

I desire to express to you and your splendid organization my appreciation of the efforts you have made and are making in furthering our common cause.

Sincerely,

O. W. GRISWOLD,
Major General, U. S. Army

CITATIONS

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

P15/(05A)

Serial: 2877

18 August 1943

From: The Commander South Pacific Area and
South Pacific Force.

To : The Commanding Officer, TWENTY-SIXTH
Construction Battalion.
(Less enclosure B.)

Subject: Awards - Forwarding of.

Enclosures: (A) Thirteen Commendations.

(B) Copy of CO 26th CB ltr. EF13-50/P15/
CB26 CAF(elm) Serial 212 of July 17,
1943.

1. The Commander South Pacific Area and South Pacific Force has made the following awards to the below listed individuals in recognition of their valorous actions:

COMMENDATION

GEARHART, J. T. Ensign, U.S.N.R.
TOWLE, Arnold G., CCM, U.S.N.R.
GORMAN, Earnest E., CCM, U.S.N.R.
NUERNBERGER, William O., MMLc, U.S.N.R.
FERRO, Theodore, MMLc, U.S.N.R.
EXNER, Walter G., SF3c, U.S.N.R.
SCOTT, Ernest A., WT2c, U.S.N.R.
ALBERT, Thomas K., Flc, U.S.N.R.
THOMPSON, James Robert, CMLc, U.S.N.R.
BRINN, Edward J., CM2c, U.S.N.R.
STEELE, Robert H., MM2c, U.S.N.R.
DOELL, Donald C., CM3c, U.S.N.R.
MEYER, Richard W., MM2c, U.S.N.R.

2. It is requested that the Commanding Officer make the presentation with appropriate ceremony.

3. In the event any of the recipients have been transferred from your command, it is requested that the awards be forwarded to his present commanding officer for presentation.

4. The Chief of Naval Personnel is notified of these awards by copy of this letter.

Copy to:

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CinCPac (Less encl. (B)).

J. F. SHAFROTH

Deputy Commander

South Pacific

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

The Commander South Pacific Area and South Pacific Force takes pleasure in commending

 (Name) , UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE for service as set forth in the following

CITATION

"For meritorious devotion to duty under adverse circumstances following the bombing of a large landing craft by Japanese air forces in the Solomon Islands area on June 16, 1943. (Name) , with complete disregard for his own safety, went aboard the burning craft after it had been abandoned and by determined and courageous action was able to materially assist in bringing the fire under control. Despite the intense heat and continuous explosions he persisted in his efforts and as a result the vessel was saved from total destruction. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

W. F. HALSEY,
Admiral, U. S. Navy

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

P15/(05A)

14 September 1943

Serial 4198

From: The Commander South Pacific Area and
South Pacific Force.

To : The Commanding Officer, TWENTY-SIXTH
Construction Battalion.
(Less encl. (B)).

Subject : Awards - forwarding of.

Enclosures: (A) One Commendation.
(B) Copy of CO 26th C.B. ltr. EF13-50/
P15/ CB26 over CAF(elm) serial 211
dated July 17, 1943.

1. The Commander South Pacific Area and South
Pacific Force has made the following award to the
below listed individual in recognition of his
valorous action:

COMMENDATION

WAKEM, Kenneth William, MM2c, USNR.

2. It is requested that presentation be made by
the Commanding Officer with appropriate ceremony.
3. In the event the recipient has been
transferred from your command, it is requested
that the award be forwarded to his present
Commanding Officer for presentation.
4. The Chief of Naval Personnel is informed by a
copy of this letter.

Copy to: J. F. SHAFROTH
BuPers Deputy Commander
CinCPac (Less encl. (B)). South Pacific

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

The Commander South Pacific Area and South
Pacific Force takes pleasure in commending

KENNETH WILLIAM WAKEM, MACHINIST'S MATE SECOND
CLASS, UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious conduct during an attack
by Japanese air forces at an advance naval base
in the South Pacific area on June 16, 1943.
WAKEM, after noticing an injured man holding on
the anchor chain of a large tank landing craft
which had been bombed and strafed, immediately
swam to the man and assisted in his rescue.
Despite rough water, falling debris, and
explosions, he persisted with rescue until the
injured man was brought to safety. His conduct
was in keeping with the highest traditions of
the United States Naval Service."

W. F. HALSEY,
Admiral, U. S. Navy

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

P15/(06)

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Serial: 6055

November 7, 1943

From: The Commander South Pacific Area and
South Pacific Force.

To : The Commanding Officer, TWENTY-SIXTH
Construction Battalion.
(Less encl. (B)).

Subject: Commendations - forwarding of.

Enclosures: (A) Two Commendations.
(B) Copy of CO 26th C.B. ltr. EF13-50/
P15/CB26 over CAF (elm) dated
October 10, 1943.

1. The Commander South Pacific Area and South Pacific Force has made the following awards to the below listed individuals in recognition of their valorous actions:

COMMENDATION

SWAN, Howard W., CCM, USNR.
EATON, James D., CCM, USNR.

2. It is requested that the Commanding Officer make the presentation with appropriate ceremony.

3. In the event either of the recipients has been transferred from your command, it is requested that the award be forwarded to his present Commanding Officer for presentation.

4. The Chief of Naval Personnel is informed of these awards by a copy of this letter.

Copy to:
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CinCPac (Less encl. (B)).

GEO. K. TAYOUN, Jr.
By direction.

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

The Commander South Pacific Area and South Pacific Force takes pleasure in commending

JAMES D. EATON, CHIEF CARPENTER'S MATE,
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

HOWARD W. SWAN, CHIEF CARPENTER'S MATE,
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious devotion to duty while serving with a naval construction battalion in the Solomon Islands area during a bombing attack by Japanese air forces on February 2, 1943. When a direct bomb hit on the galley caused it to burst into flames SWAN/EATON, with complete disregard for his own safety, left the comparative safety of a foxhole while the attack was still in progress to assist in the organization and direction of a fire fighting party which extinguished the flames which were illuminating the camp and thereby increasing the probabilities of a second attack with greater damage to life and property. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

W. F. HALSEY,
Admiral, U. S. Navy

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

P15/(05A)

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Serial: 5875

13 October 1943

From: The Commander South Pacific Area and
South Pacific Force.

To : The Officer in Charge, TWENTY-SIXTH
U.S. Naval Construction Battalion.
(Less encl. (B)).

Subject: Awards - forwarding of.

Enclosures: (A) Two Commendations.
(B) Copy of OIC, 26th CB ltr. EF13-50/
P/15 CB26 dated 7 September 1943.

1. The Commander South Pacific Area and South Pacific Force has made the following awards to the below listed men in recognition of their valorous actions:

COMMENDATION

REDMOND, J. F., Gunner's mate 1/c, USNR.
COWIN, R. C., Carpenter's Mate 2/c, USNR.

2. It is requested that the Commanding Officer make the presentation with appropriate ceremony.

3. In the event either of the recipients has been transferred from your command, it is requested that the award be forwarded to his present Commanding Officer for presentation.

4. The Chief of Naval Personnel is informed of these awards by a copy of this letter.

C. J. STUART,
By direction

Copy to:
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CinCPac (Less encl. (B)).

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

The Commander South Pacific Area and South Pacific Force takes pleasure in commending

R. C. COWIN, CARPENTER'S MATE SECOND CLASS,
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

J. F. REDMOND, GUNNER'S MATE FIRST CLASS,
UNITED STATES NAVAL RESERVE

for service set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For meritorious action and devotion to duty while serving with a construction Battalion operating in the Solomon Islands area on August 17, 1943. On this date, REDMOND/COWIN without hesitation or regard for his own personal safety, dove into the sea and assisted in the rescue of a shipmate who was near exhaustion and in danger of drowning. His courageous conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

W. F. HALSEY,
Admiral, U. S. Navy



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"SOME MUD" IN FIRST CAMP



SHOWERS IN SECOND CAMP

FIRST GUADALCANAL MESS HALL



TRADING WITH THE NATIVES





OUR THEATRE



THE MEN WERE VERY CO-OPERATIVE



SALVAGED JAP EQUIPMENT PUT TO GOOD USE

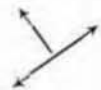




HIGH WATER IN CAMP



FLASH FLOOD OF MAY 9, 1943



THE PAINT SHOP





WELDING



GARAGE

HEAVY EQUIPMENT REPAIR



SHOPS

CARPENTER



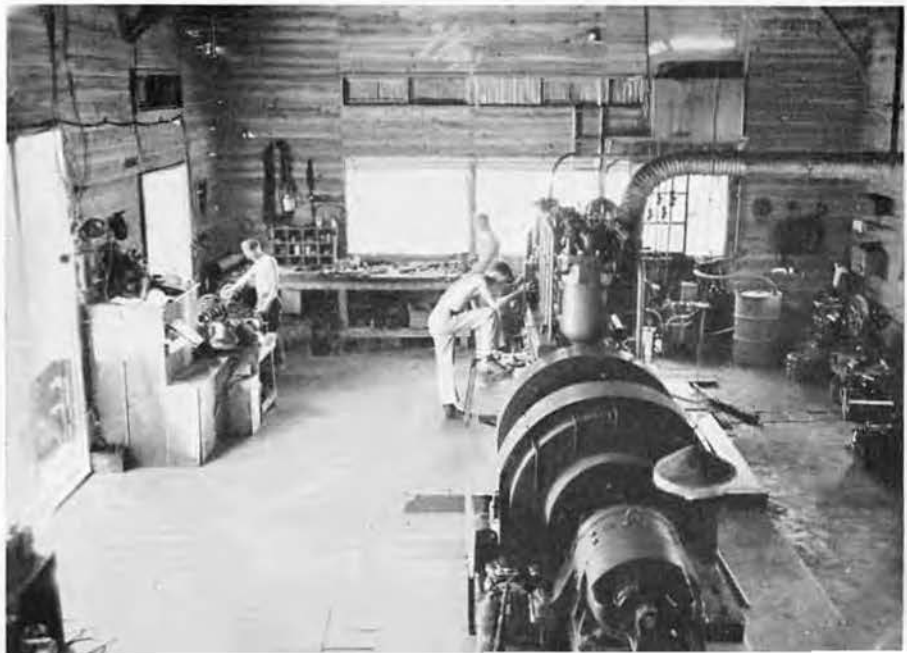


BLACKSMITH SHOP



CAPTURED JAP POWER HOUSE

THE LINE CREW IN ACTION





LOGGING



TOJO'S ICE PLANT,
CAPTURED FROM
JAPS



SAWMILL

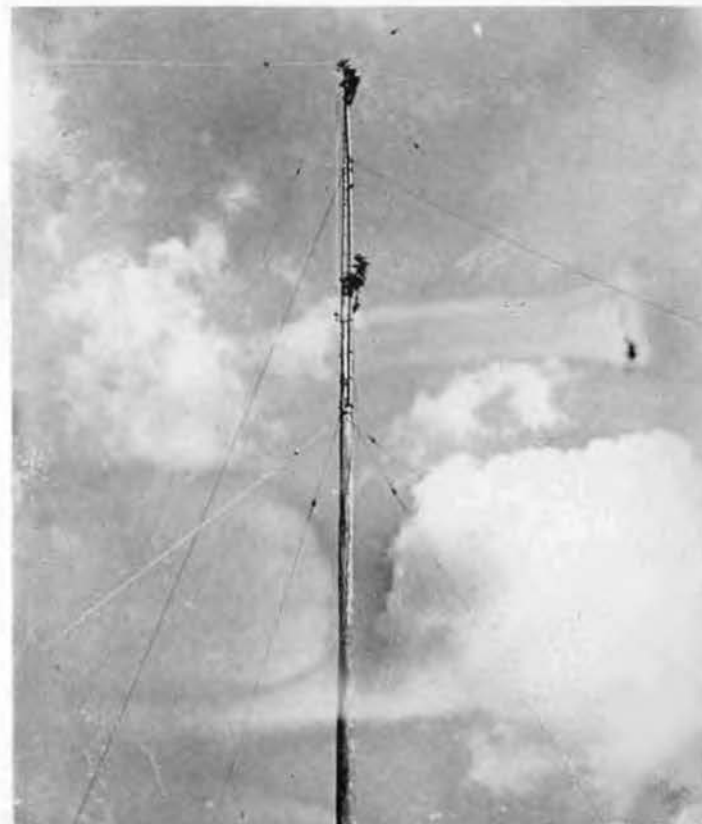
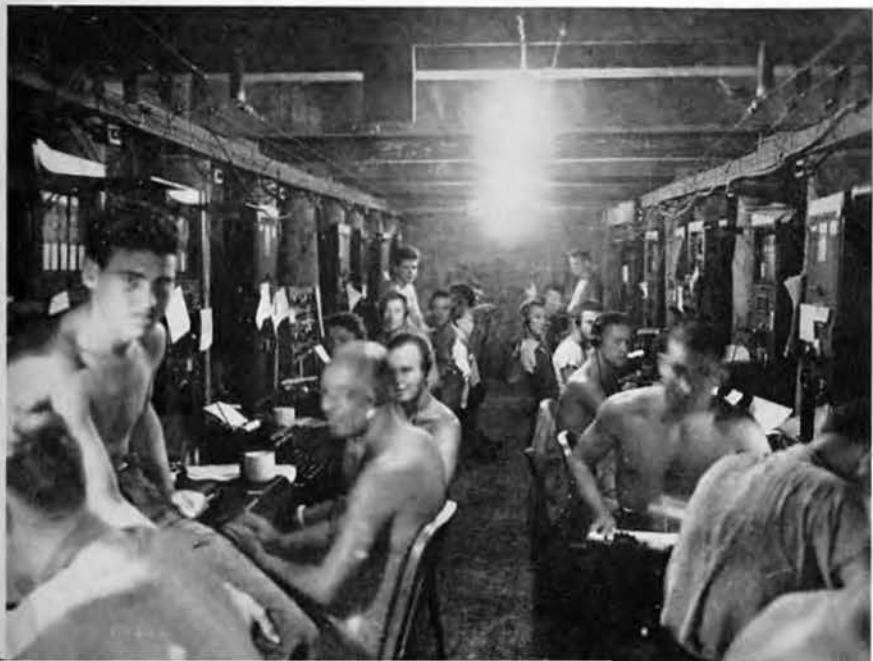


TUNNEL CONSTRUCTION
USING JAP EQUIPMENT

PURPOSE — COMMUNICATIONS



RADIO
INSTALLATIONS





AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION





ROAD CONSTRUCTION WAS A BIT RUGGED





FINISHED PRODUCTS

SHIP UNLOADING





PIER CONSTRUCTION





NATIVE CONSTRUCTION UNDER C B SUPERVISION





LUNGA
OFFICERS'
CLUB



N. O. B. CHAPEL

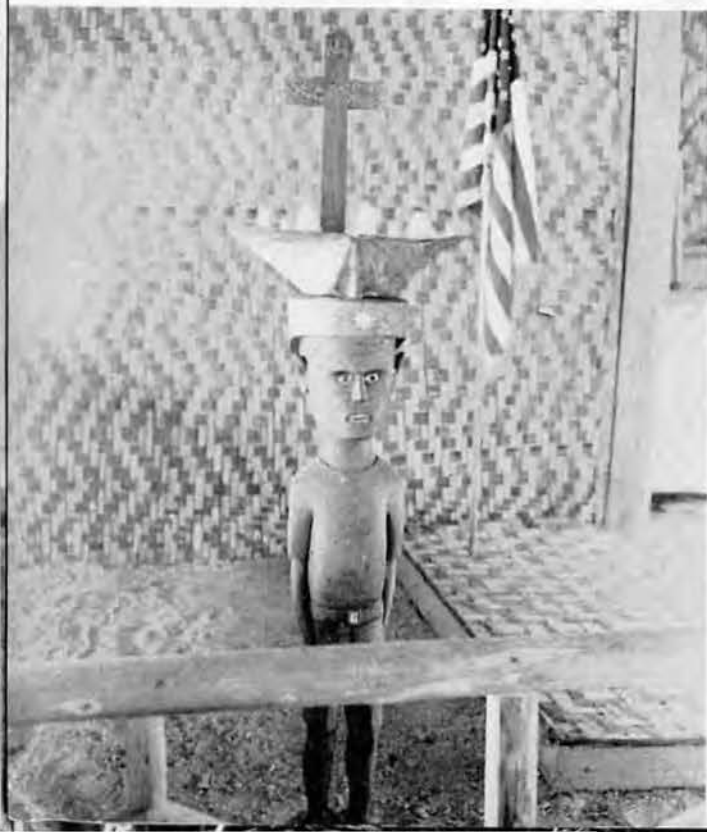


INTERIOR N. O. B. CHAPEL





NATIVE CHURCH



ISLAND RECREATION BUILDING





TANK AND PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION AND CAMOUFLAGE





BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION



FIRST MATANIKAU



THE JAPS WERE NEAR THE FAR END





FILLING STATION



LUNGA RIVER

MORE BRIDGES



SECOND MATANIKAU





COMPLETED BRIDGES



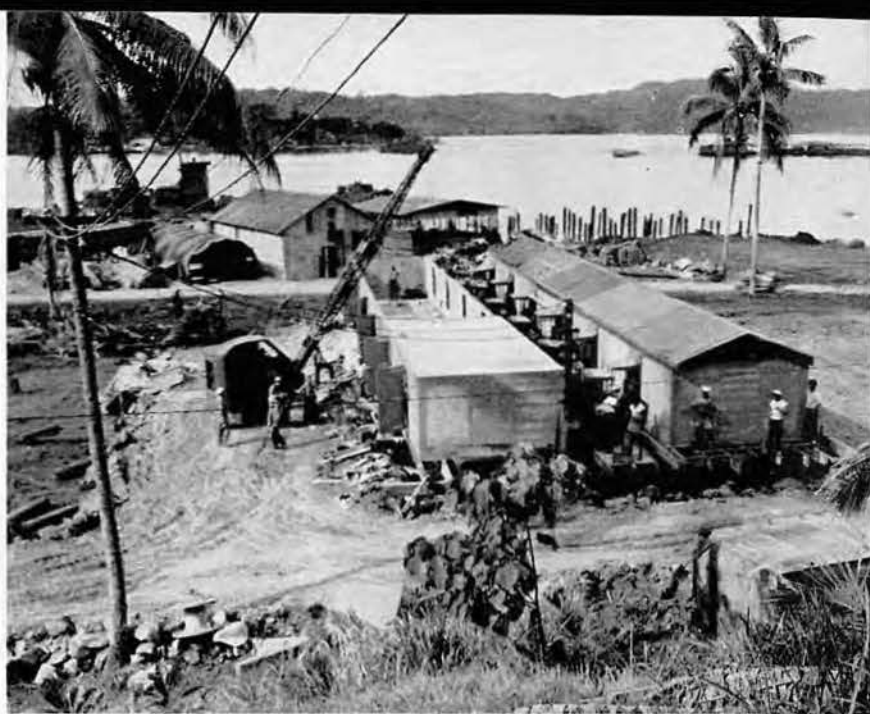


FLOOD DAMAGE





LAYING
COMMUNICATIONS
CABLE
TULAGI



REFRIGERATOR CONSTRUCTION — TULAGI



SIGNAL TOWER
TULAGI



ENLISTED MEN'S MESS HALL — TULAGI



THE NIPS ARE
OVERHEAD



TULAGI LABOR CORPS



FIJI SENTRY



UNLOADING SHIP — TROUBLE FOR TOJO

