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# The 60th SEABEES...

AN ALBUM OF MEMORIES

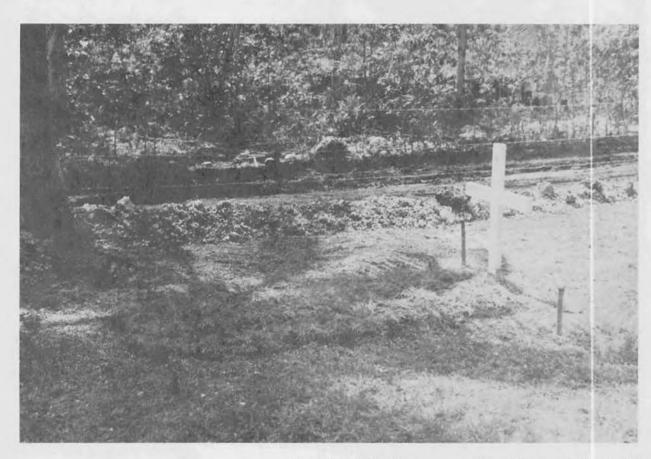


## FOREWORD...

This album is a story-and-picture record of the activities of the Sixtieth Naval Construction Battalion. While we point with justifiable pride to the accomplishments of the Sixtieth, in its tour of duty, we also recall with pleasure some of the amusing sidelights of the Battalion's experience in the Southwest Pacific. Photos are chiefly taken from the Official History in the files of the Bureau of Yards and Docks. To those who have so cheerfully lent their skills with camera and drawing pen, to make this book possible, . . . many thanks.

## **DEDICATION**

### THIS ALBUM IS DEDICATED TO THOSE OF US WHO DID NOT RETURN



- \* John Robert Olm, S2c
- \* Edwin Carl Tiemens, F1c
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  - \* Edward James Berens, SF1c

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## HISTORY of the

Shortly after the declaration of war it became apparent there would be a need for construction personnel at various locations outside of the United States, and that such personnel should be part of the Armed Forces of the U.S. and should be in uniform. Accordingly, during Dec. 1941, one Construction Regiment of three battalions, totaling approximately 3300 officers and men, was authorized. The recruiting of this force, and the assignment of necessary officers of the Civil Engineering Corps to it, was instituted. Since then the number of regiments has been increased to six, making a total force authorized of approximately 20,000 men. Construction Battalions will be sent to various points outside the U.S. where they will construct, repair, and maintain Naval activities of such type and sizes as may be required to support the forces afloat.

The first battalion started its training 26 January, 1942, and due to a lack of facilities, it was necessary to disperse the battalion to a number of training stations for primary training. One group of men of the first battalion was sent to the Naval Air Station at Quonset Pt., R.I., where a school for familiarization with various types of Naval Equipment suited to shore establishments outside the continental limits was instituted.

It was thought by the CEC Officers assigned to the organization and training of the Construction Regiment personnel that the esprit de corps of this new type of military force would be enhanced if it could be given an informal name and a distinctive insignia.

## SEABEES...

Suggestions were requested from enlisted men of the first battalion on duty at Quonset Pt. and a large number of suggestions were received, but no one suggestion appeared entirely appropriate. The officers on duty at that point reviewed all these suggestions and after consideration of many possible names, selected "SEABEES." This pseudonym connotes the nautical phase of the work to be undertaken by this force by "SEA" coupled with the industriousness of the "BEE." In addition, the phonetic pronunciation of the words form the letters "C.B.", which is an abbreviation of Construction Battalion.

The insignia portrays a flying bee-fighting mad-with a Sailor hat on his head, a spitting "Tommy Gun" in one hand, a wrench in a second hand, and a carpenter's hammer in still another hand. In respective order his sleeves bear Naval rating badges of a Gunner's Mate, Machinist's Mate, and Carpenter's Mate, each indicative of the tool in the respective hand.

The background is sea blue and the whole is encircled by a hawser to identify it as being part of the Navy. Also included is the corps device of the Civil Engineer Corps of the Navy on each wrist of the bee to indicate the relationship of the Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy Dep't., which is the parent organization of the Construction Regiments.

From "BEELINES," CAMP PEARY NCTC, WILLIAMSBURG, VA.



# VICE ADMIRAL MOREEL

#### NAVY DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

10 November 1945.

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 60TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION:

As Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks and Chief of Civil Engineers of the Navy, I want you to know that I have noted with pride the commendations received by the 60th Battalion from various Army, Air Force and Navy Commands for your excellent all-around performance in the construction of certain facilities urgently required at Woodlark Island, Finschhafen, New Guinea and Owi Island during the period July 1943 to December 1944.

Your outstanding ability, individual initiative, wholehearted cooperation and untiring efforts provided the necessary support for the Fleet and the air and ground forces, and contributed materially to the victory over our Japanese enemies.

I am proud of your contribution, and I want to extend to every officer and man my personal appreciation for the outstanding record established by the 60th Battalion. Your service to the Navy is very much appreciated, and I know that as the years go by it will become more and more a treasured experience for each one of you.

B. Moreell

Vice Admiral, (CEC) USN

Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks Chief of Civil Engineers of the Navy.

### COMMANDER J. C. TATE

UNITED STATES SUBMARINE BASE, NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT.



I wish to express my sincere appreciation to all for the wholehearted spirit of cooperation, loyalty To the 60th Seabees: all for the wholenearted spirit of cooperation, loyal and hard work shown to me while I was in Command. I and hard work shown to me while I was in Command. I had the opportunity, after I left the 60th, to personal the work of several other bettellions and nad the opportunity, after 1 left the buth, to personally observe the work of several other battalions and I can say without reservation and with pride for the 1 can say without reservation and with pride for the 60th CB in speed, economy, quality of workmanship and cooperativeness with economy, quality of workmanship and cooperativeness with other organizations. The record of the 60th at Wood-lark Island became world-wide knowledge and it is his-

The privilege of serving as the Officer in Charge of the 60th Naval Construction Battalion and my pleasant association with all of you during those dark days of the early stages of the Pacific War will be a cherished memory of my future years. For this, please tory.

Goodbye and good luck to each and every officer and man in the Battalion until we meet again in accept my grateful thanks.

civilian life.



COMMANDER W. E. DAVIDSON

10 September 1945

To: All Hands

Just eight months ago today, the Dutch Motorship "Tabinta" sailed into San Francisco bringing the Sixtieth Seabees to the close of a great adventure. These eight months have seen the decommissioning of the battalion and the scattering of its members over half the earth's surface. They have also seen the defeat of Germany and, what seems more personal to us, the defeat of Japan.

It had always been the belief of many of us that the spirit of the battalion would not die with its decommissioning. Proof that this belief was justified is received every day from personal contacts and from letters written by former members. They all say the same thing, "There will never be another outfit like the Sixtieth!" It is apparent now that the intense battalion pride and spirit which grew during our adventures, our tragedies, our hard work and our fun is made of durable stuff and will last as long as we live.



LIEUTENANT R. A. CHAMBERS

This book is entirely unnecessary to remind us of the spirit of the Sixtieth Battalion. However, its photographs and drawings and text will in the years to come revive memories and call up hundreds of the mental pictures which we all have stored away. The book contains many cold facts, dates and records which may be of interest and use to you. It also contains the letters of commendation which rightfully belong to each and every member who shared in earning them.

In closing this, my final "All Hands" memorandum, I want to thank every officer and man of the Sixtieth team for the cooperation and hard work which made my job an easy one. May the future hold much happiness and good fortune for all of you.

W. E. DAVIDSON

Commander (CEC) USN

## COMMENDATIONS...

#### WOODLARK (Alamo Task Force)

On July 23, 1943, Colonel Julian W. Cunningham, Task Force Commander, wrote a letter of commendation from which we quote one paragraph:

"I particularly desire to commend the 60th Naval Construction Battalion which with reduced personnel constructed an airstrip suitable for landing of transport planes in thirteen days (a record which to date is unequalled).

Another letter from R. M. Fortson, Captain, USNR Commander, U.S. Naval Base, Woodlark Island, says, in part.

"The accomplishment of the 60th Construction Battalion during the month of July has been outstanding and it is believed that a record has been established for airstrip construction considering the work accomplished in a short period of time.

"This accomplishment was due to the sound planning, engineering, skill and unprecedented spirit of cooperation and hard work, through long hours and difficult weather conditions by all hands."

The Commander of the Seventh Fleet had this to say:

"The Commander Seventh Fleet commends officers and men of the 60th Battalion for their outstanding performance in the establishment of air base facilities."

Lt. General Walter Krueger, U.S.A., also added his "compliments for the fine performance of duty by the personnel of the 60th Construction Battalion."

#### **FINSCHHAFEN**

Major W. J. Ellison, Jr., 808th Engineer Avn. Bn., congratulated the men of the 60th, in a letter dated December 24, 1943. Major Ellison says, in part:

"The admiration which the undersigned feels for all men and officers of the 60th Construction Battalion is shared by all men and officers of the 808th Engineer Aviation Battalion."

Colonel Bradford A. Shaw, commanding the 308th Bombardment Wing, also speaks glowingly of the 60th and its achievements.

Brigadier General Frayne Baker, GHQ Coordinator, says: "The work of the Naval Construction Battalions at this port has been the outstanding example of the highest efficiency of work coupled with the greatest speed of production, and Commander Tate and his battalion richly deserve our commendation and thanks."

#### OWI

C. M. Herd, Officer-in-Charge of the Nineteenth Naval Construction Regiment, writes:

"The Officer-in-Charge wishes to take this opportunity to commend the Officer-in-Charge, officers and men of the 60th U.S. Naval Construction Battalion for their excellent performance in constructing airstrip and naval air facilities at Owi Island. This construction was completed in record time against severe handicaps of terrain, climate and equipment deficiencies. The speed and efficiency with which this work of operational priority nature has been



ORIGINAL
OFFICERS
OF THE 60th

#### COMMENDATIONS (Continued)

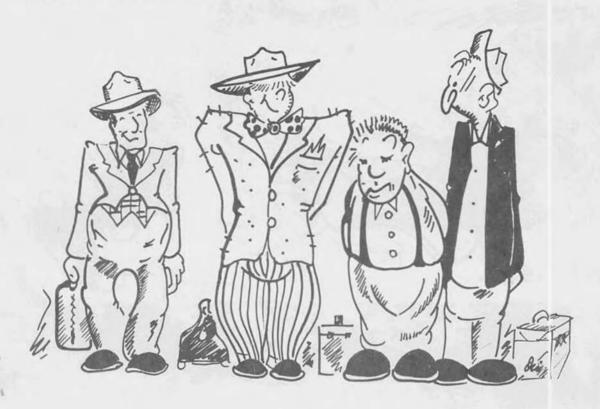
prosecuted cannot but reflect the true battalion spirit of cooperation and the willingness on the part of all hands to sacrifice personal comfort toward furthering the war effort."

And here's a comment from Lt. Col. A. F. Luppens, Commanding Officer, 17th Army Station Hospital: "The 17th Station Hospital wishes to express its appreciation for the magnificent job of construction the 60th Seabees have done in building our hospital. We realize that to you this was just a breather compared to the work you have done, but in our eyes the remarkable ability and competence of all your personnel has been outstanding; so that, this hospital is for us our finest."

ORIGINAL CHIEFS OF THE BATTALION



# BOOT to EMBARKATION



DAVISVILLE, R. I.

CAMP ALLEN, VA.

CAMP PARKS, CAL.

PORT HUENEME, CAL.



## FIRST this ...



### ...then THIS!

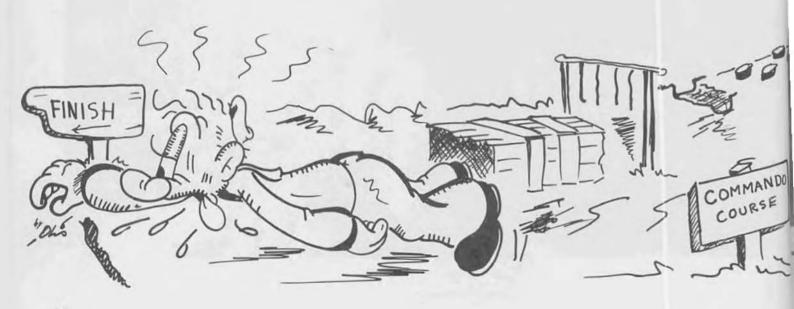


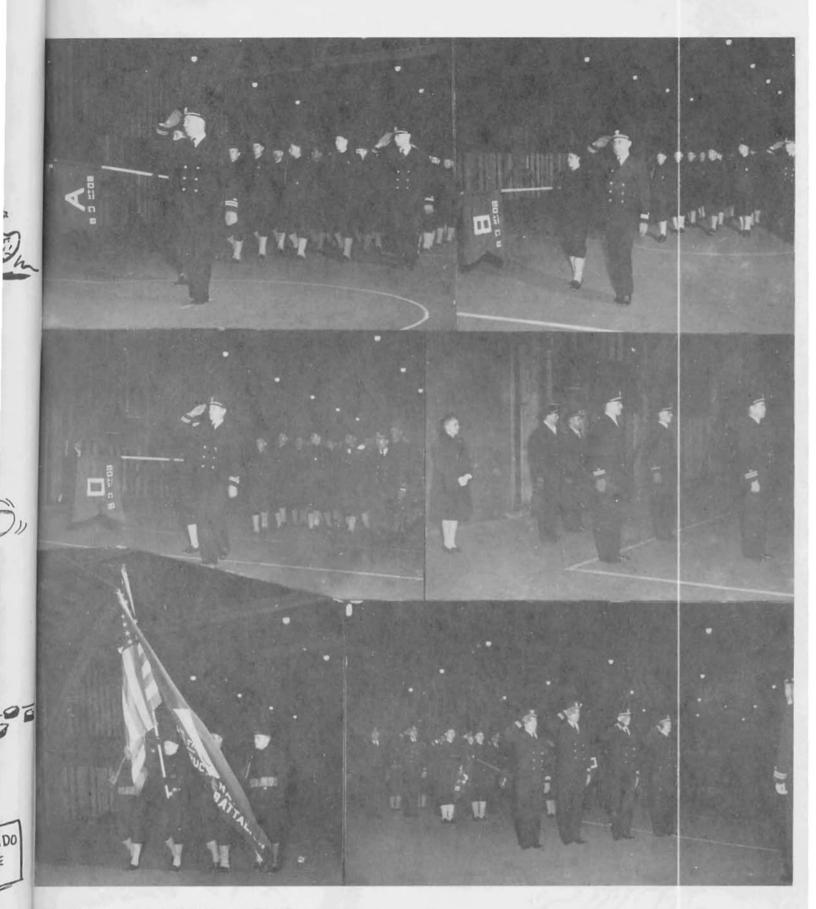




Who could ever forget the back-breaking, muscle-making training of the Commando Course! It was rough, it wasn't much fun . . . but even with our last gasp – and sometimes on the Course we thought it was our last gasp! – we'd have to admit the stiff training was good for us. And remember the "Battles of Sun Valley during Zero weather"?







TWAS A BIG DAY!





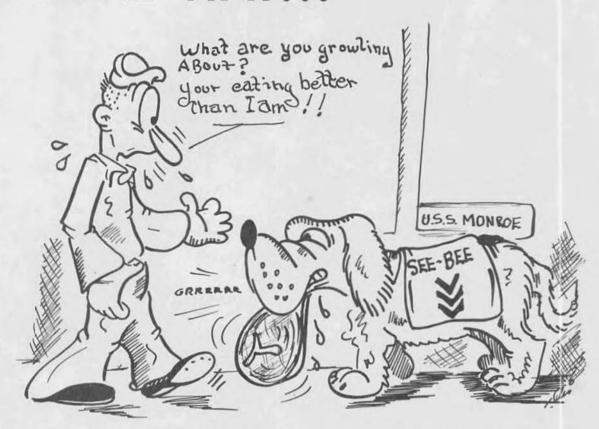


HOME, SWEET HOME!





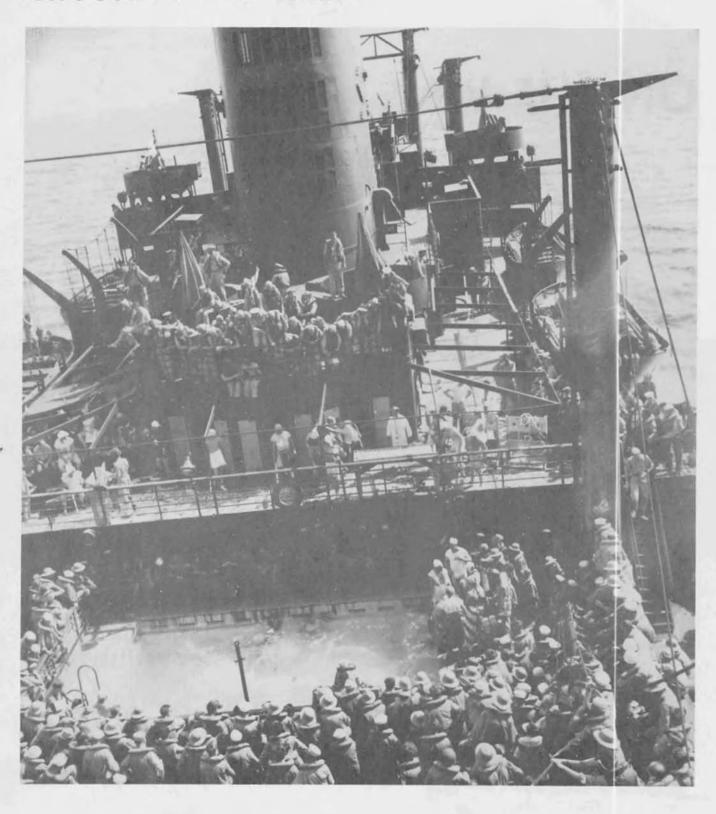
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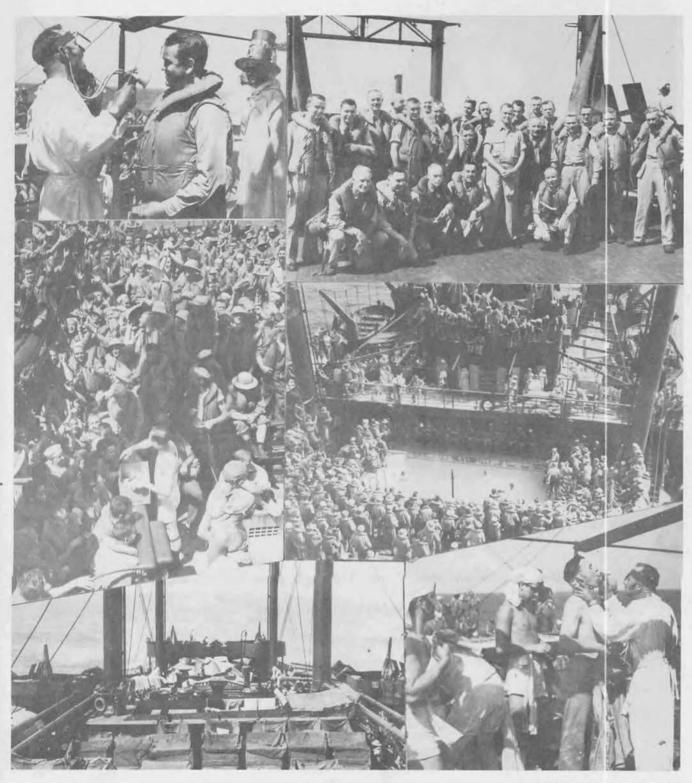


### U. S. S. PRESIDENT MONROE AUSTRALIA

BRISBANE TOWNSVILLE

### CROSSING THE "LINE"





HI JINKS!



We sailed from Port Hueneme on the 23rd of March, 1943, and as we watched the open water between ship and shore widening, we became increasingly aware that living aboard the "Monroe" was to be a crowded affair. There were about 2500 men jammed into space intended for 1000!

Remember the "monkeyshines" on shipboard, when we crossed the "line"? That happened on April 1, when King Neptune and his Court came aboard and all polliwogs — including Commander Davidson! — were duly initiated.

There wasn't much fresh water aboard but for part of the trip, we did enjoy a salt water swimming pool. But all in all—and considering the serious business ahead—it wasn't a pleasure cruise and most of us were more than glad to tie up at New Farm Wharf, Brisbane . . . particularly after our eleven-day wait in the sweltering heat of Esperito Santo harbor!

SIGHTSEEING



# AUSTRYLIA...



FOREIGN EXCHANGE

### FOUNDATION FOR BARRACKS



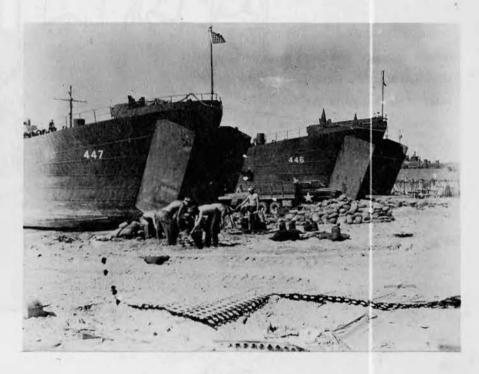
### BRISBANE



### **TOWNSVILLE TRIALS**



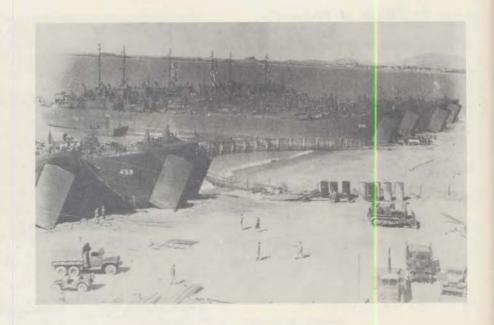
After the "Battle of Brisbane" — in which some of us had too much fun, according to Commander Davidson! — we moved on to Townsville for the work of "Staging" for our next destination . . . which was Woodlark Island.



### TOWNSVILLE (continued)



Some of us sailed to Townsville; others traveled overland and had the chance to see something of the interior of Australia. At Townsville — about which the least said, the better!—we went through the weary business of loading and unloading . . . The U.S.A. seemed very good, just then—and very far away!



# WOODLARK...



#### THE LANDING BEACH



#### THE STORY OF WOODLARK

Woodlark was our first real job . . . the job for which we'd trained so hard. It was our first chance to show what we could do. Shipping-space limitations didn't permit the whole outfit to move to Woodlark as a unit. Those who reached the island in the second echelon deserve an equal share of credit for work accomplished . . . without their aid in bringing up essential equipment and supplies the big job we had to do couldn't have been done.

Probably all of us, from the very first day we signed up, had been sub-consciously awaiting the first bomb. We didn't have long to wait! We were veterans in a very short time. The most annoying aspect of air raids was the Japs' grudge against our cooks—they put dents in the nice new galley sink and holes in the galley screening. No consideration at all!

Tragedy came to us at Woodlark, also . . . a consequence of an accident. John Olm was the victim. He was the first American to die on Woodlark and the first to be buried in the task force cemetery.

The construction record set by the Sixtieth at + Woodlark gained recognition, far and wide. While we were doing our stuff, we were visited by high-ranking Army, Australian and British officers, all curious to learn how the Seabees could build air-strips so fast.

One of General MacArthur's communiques said:

"The enemy has sustained a disastrous defeat from air attack at Rabaul . . . made possible by our occupation late in June of the island groups north of New Guinea.

"One of the air strips on islands near New Guinea, used in the smashing attack on Rabaul was conquered by Seabees in 13½ days—a record for the Pacific."

The airstrip referred to by the General is the one at Woodlark . . . the one built by the Sixtieth.

#### THE LANDINGS



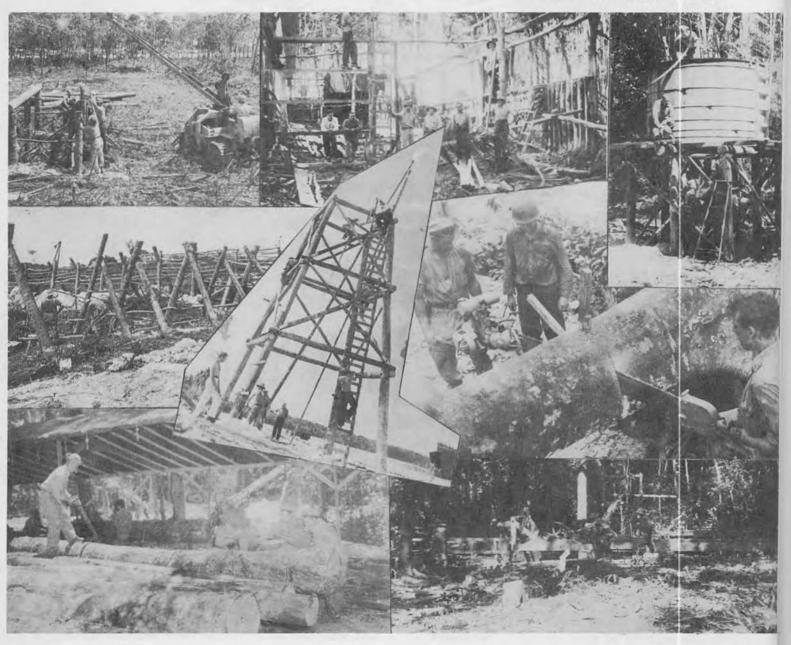
ARRIVAL OF A LATER ECHELON



## EARLY DAYS ON THE ISLAND

The night our landing craft hit the beach, the Seabees shot the works for a new record. All night long, our bulldozers, tractors, speeder shovels and other construction gear came streaming from the ships . . . and for the next few days, the bulldozers played a major role. Driven by Seabees, they ripped away bush and vine. Men worked twenty hours a day at top speed . . . and the fifteen inches of rain that fell in the first week didn't make the job any easier. Everyone was soaked to the skin.

- From Sgt. Dave Richardson, in "YANK DOWN UNDER"









OH WELL! AT LEAST WE HAD A ROOF OVER OUR HEADS!





AIRSTRIP ON 5th DAY

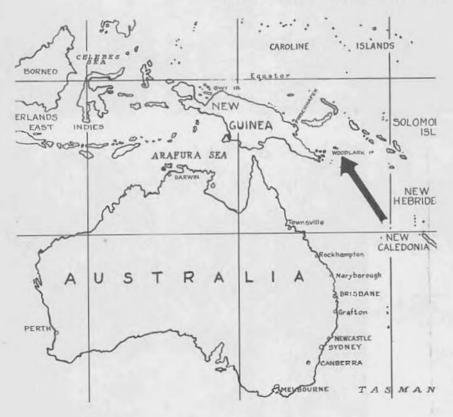


MEN AT WORK!

## **ACHIEVEMENT!**

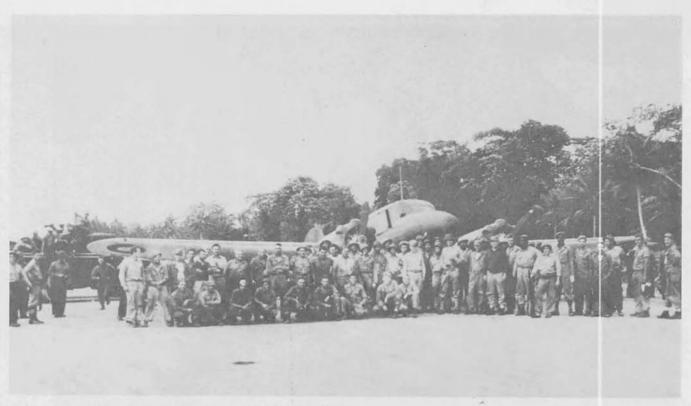


### 3000-FOOT RUNWAY READY FOR USE IN 13 DAYS!



The magnitude of the task accomplished by the Sixtieth cannot be appreciated fully by anyone who has not seen conditions in the Southwest Pacific with his own eyes. Smashing through all obstacles to construct a 3000-foot runway in a matter of 13 days, is a genuine achievement.

CHART SHOWING STRATEGIC VALUE OF WOODLARK

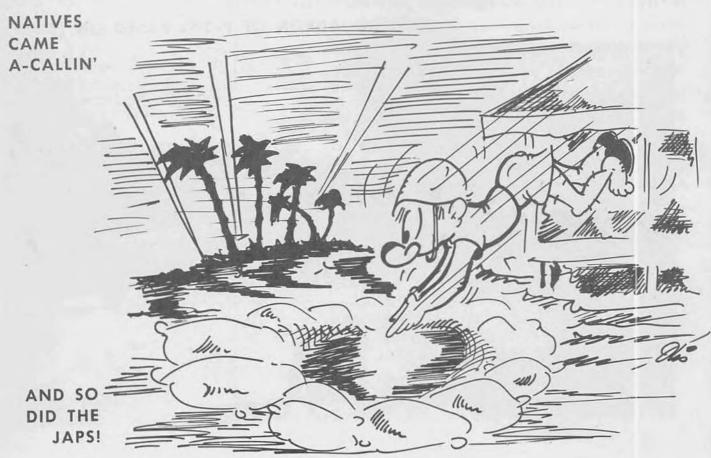


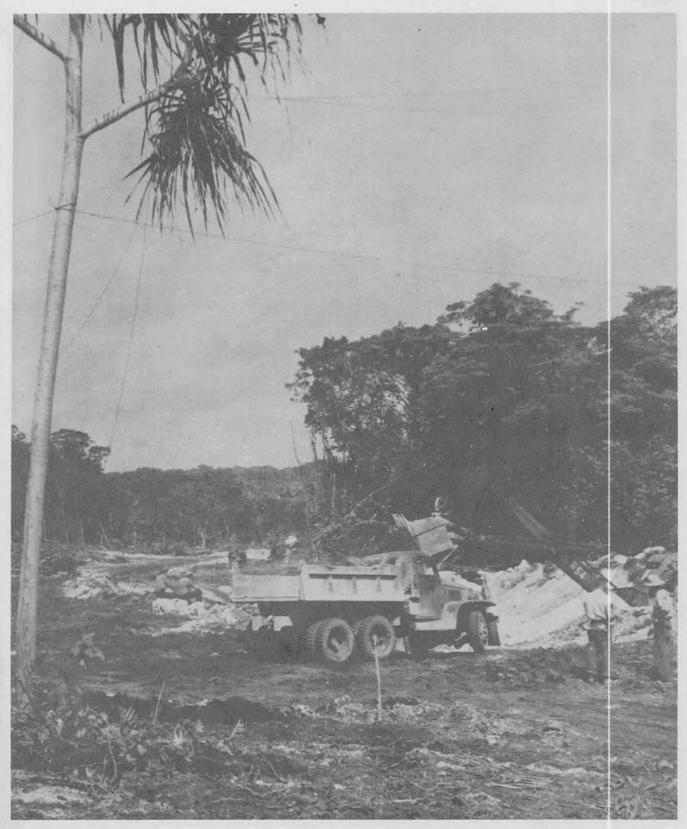
FIRST PLANE TO LAND AT WOODLARK

### FIRST SQUADRON OF P-39's BASED ON ISLAND

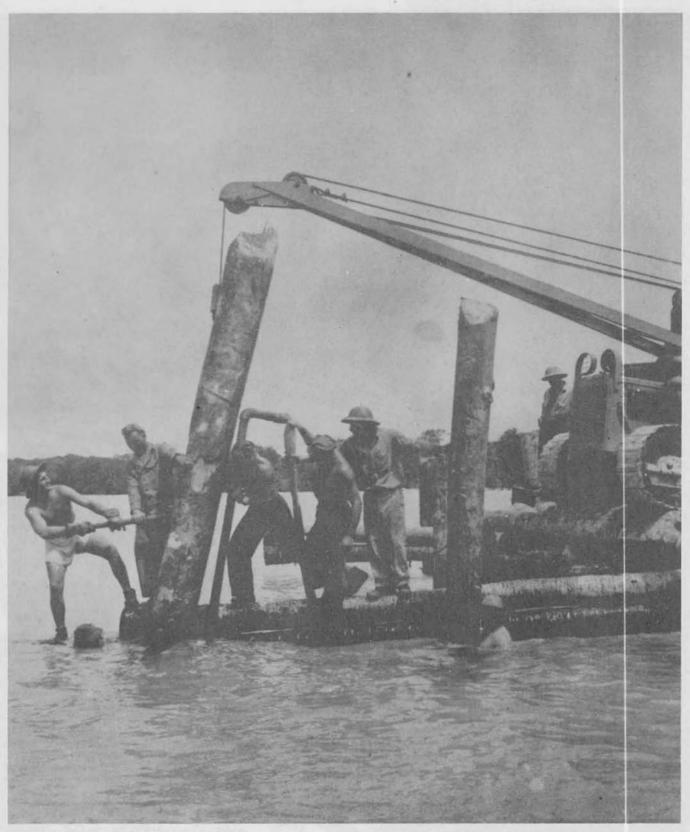








CONSTRUCTING TAXIWAYS

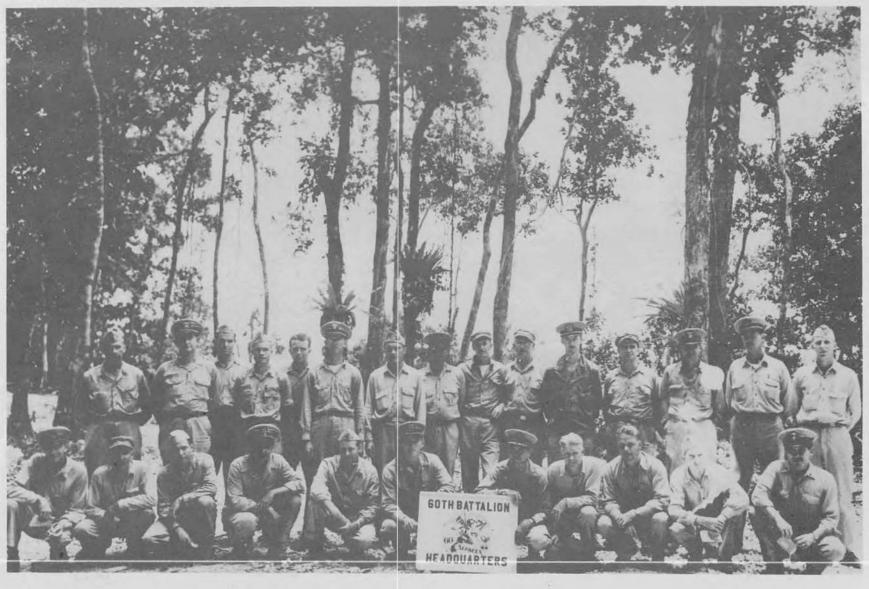


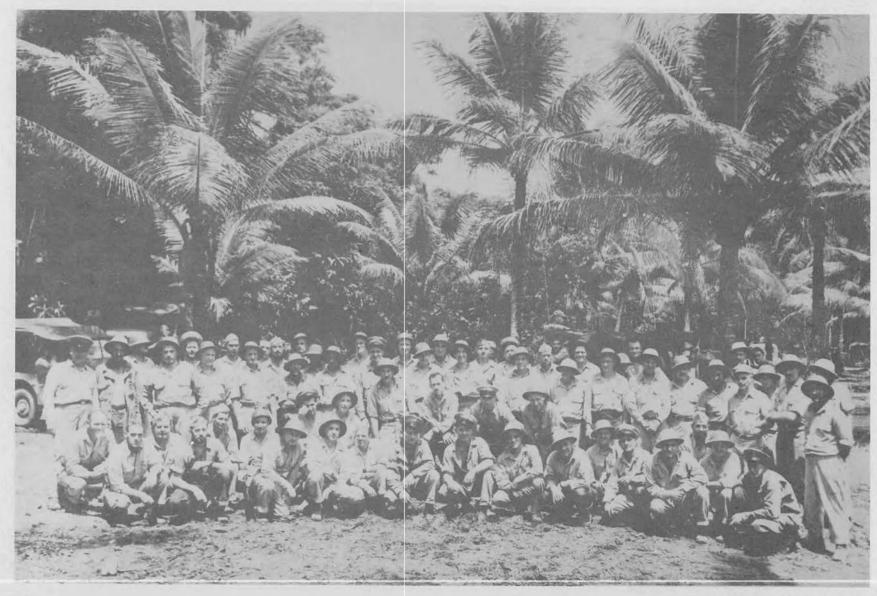
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### **BATTALION OFFICERS**

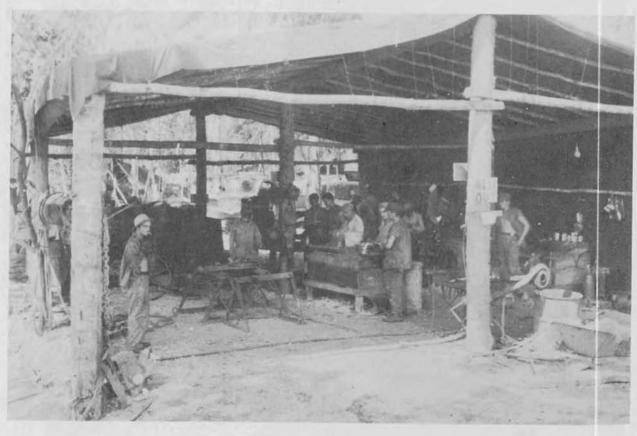




BATTALION CHIEFS

### HERE 'N THERE ON THE ISLAND







"BETZVILLE"

### SMALL BOAT JETTY





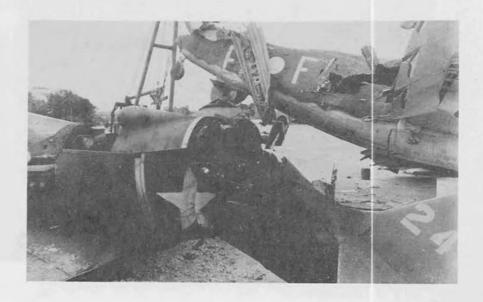
TYPICAL ROAD BUILT BY BATTALION



ACCIDENTS...



... WILL HAPPEN!





AIR VIEW OF WOODLARK BASE

## FINSCHHAFEN...



The 179 minutes which were required to unload our three LSTs on that pitch-black drizzly, night of November 4, 1943 on the shore of Langamac Bay, will always stand out in our memory.

When daylight came, several hours after the LSTs slipped away, Aussie Patrols began weaving around us and it was then that we learned the Japs were about a quarter of a mile away. The mud, strange to say, didn't bother us so much then.

Somehow we managed to get our supplies and equipment to our camp site and began building the

air-strip with the 808 Army Engineers.

Rain, mud, jungles, and constant visitors from Hollandia and other northern points, slowed us up slightly on this job, but the air-base was ready in advance of the scheduled December operations.

We really learned about bombings here. For the first several weeks we were under a Yellow alert from sunrise to sunset and the Red alert from sunset to sunrise. Ole Tojo seldom failed us, his record being something like visits on 59 days out of 62. More than once he was overhead all night long which enabled us to develop that "Seabee Ingenuity" in foxhole construction with all modern conveniences.

During those early days at Finsch many of us made warm friends among the famous Australian

'Ninth Divvy.'

It was from this base that we got that long wished for leave to Australia, after seeing the population of Finsch grow from a handful of Aussies to nearly a hundred thousand Army, Navy, Marine, Wac and Red Cross souls.

MUD, MUD, MUD...



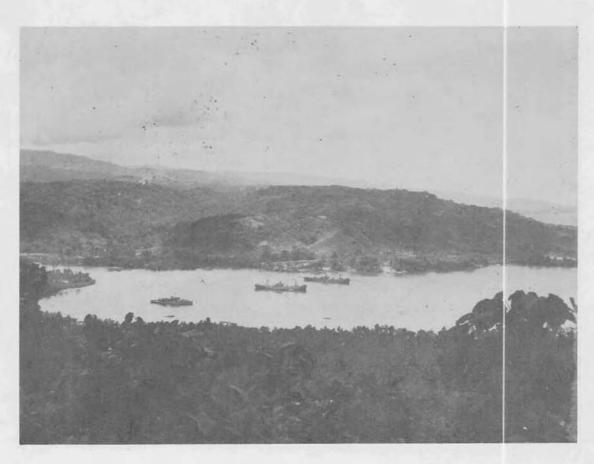
A FEW HOURS AFTER COMING ASHORE







WE MAKE USE OF A JAP HEADQUARTERS



HARBOR SCENE





TWO DOZERS REQUIRED TO PULL SMALL TRAILERS



TOUGH GOING!



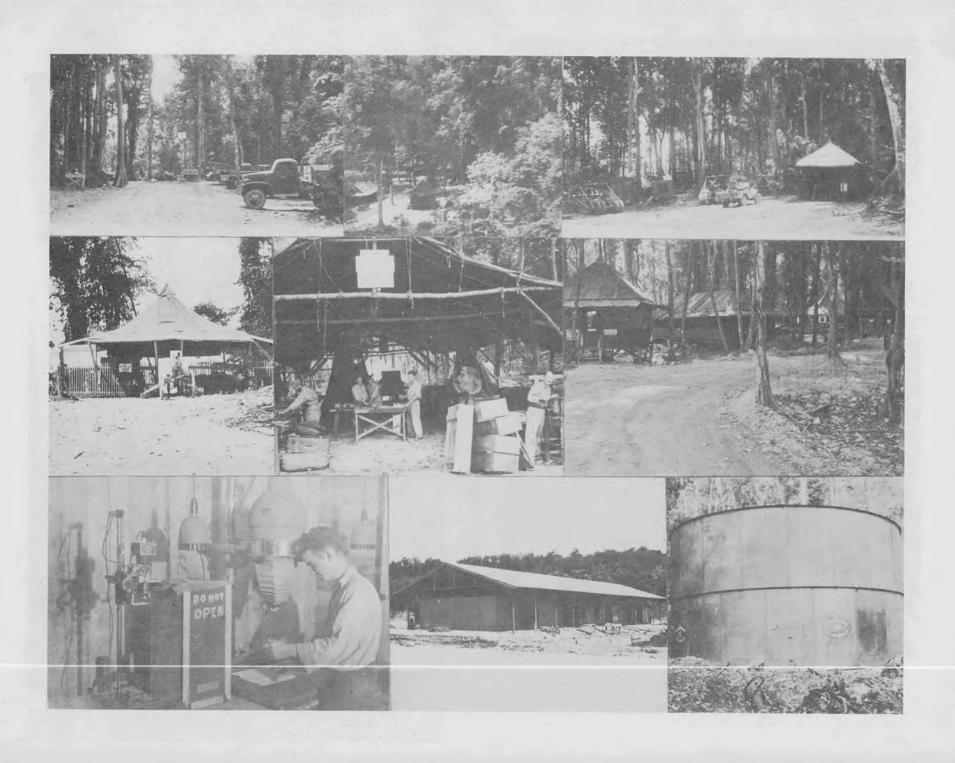
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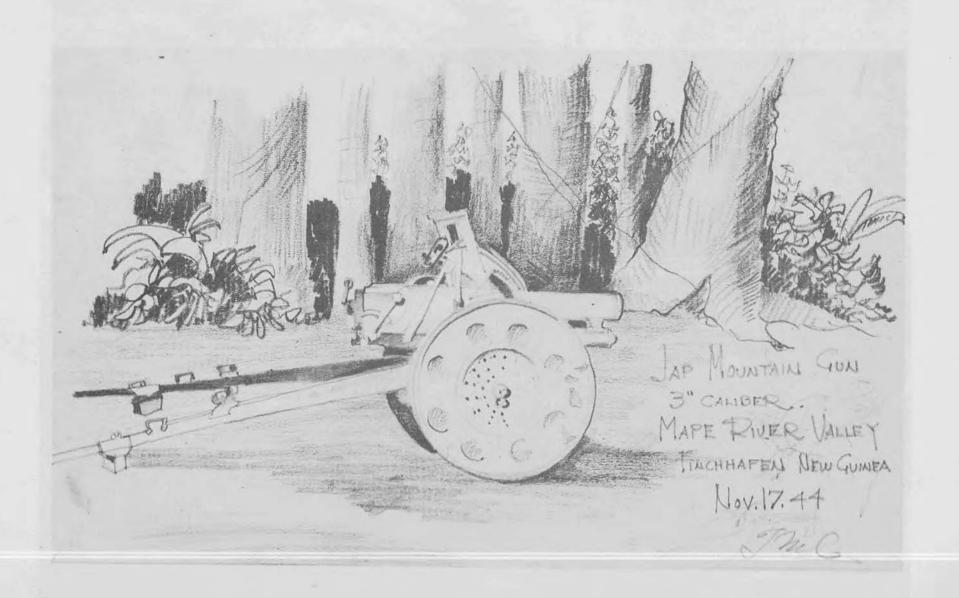


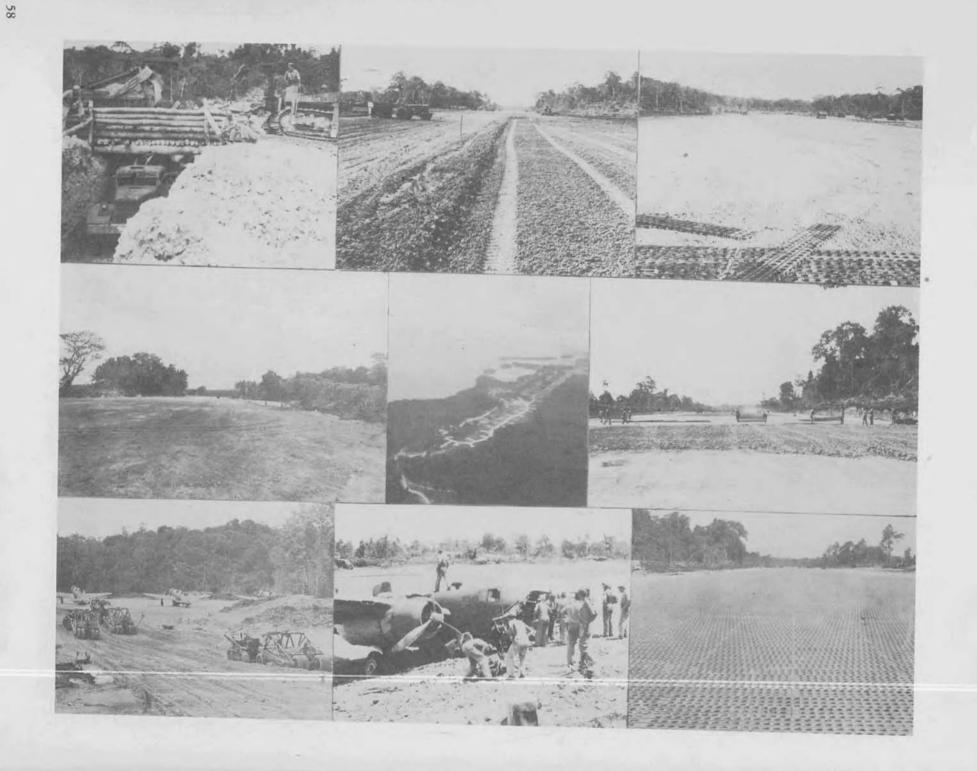
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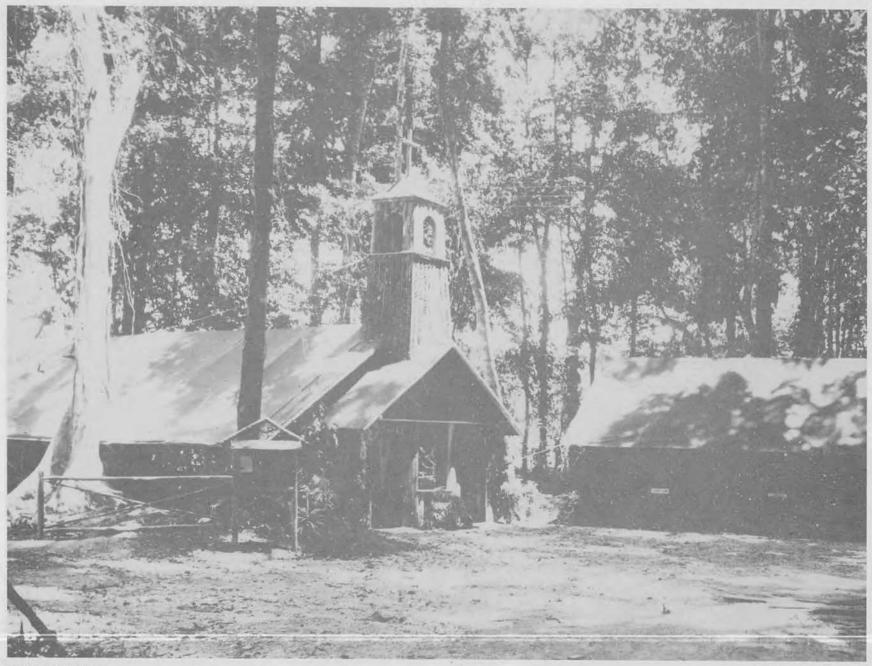






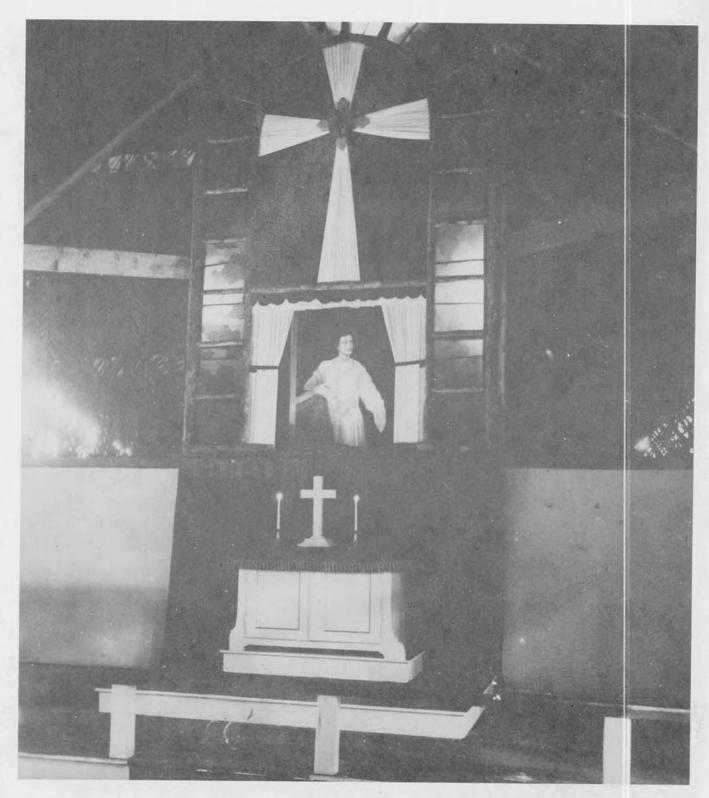
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NAVAL BASE HOSPITAL

### THE ATHLETIC FIELD



### OUR THEATRE



# OWI...







#### THE BUSY

From our leave in Australia we went direct to Owi, stopping enroute to pick up our equipment at Finsch and to admire the harbor at Hollandia.

OWI was inhabited when we arrived – there was even a road to our camp site, something hitherto unheard of for us. Thus this landing was very very mild by comparison to others.

With Army Engineers we quickly completed the first strip and built the second — both with countless taxiways and hard-



OF GETTING ASHORE



### BUSINESS

stands. What an air base this little island became!

It was from here that some of us, as special detachments, got to Noemfoor, Sansapor, and finally to the Philippines.

Probably the best camp we ever had was here at Owi. Why, we even began having Inspections and one day off each week!

At last that great day of which all of us had dreamed arrived. We boarded the USS Tabinta for HOME, concluding two years none of us will ever forget.



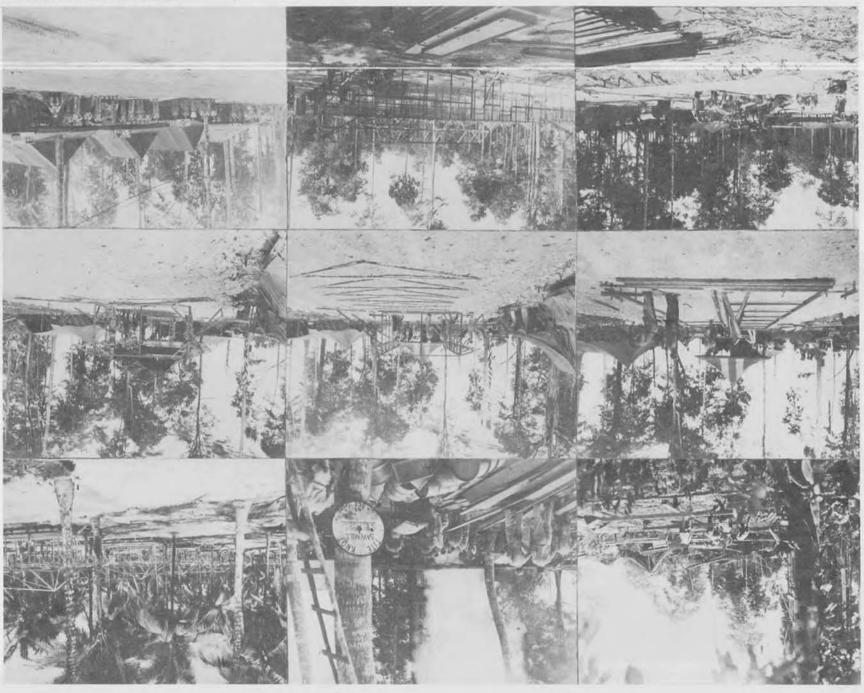




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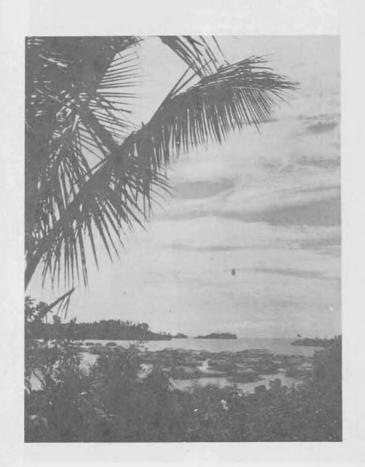




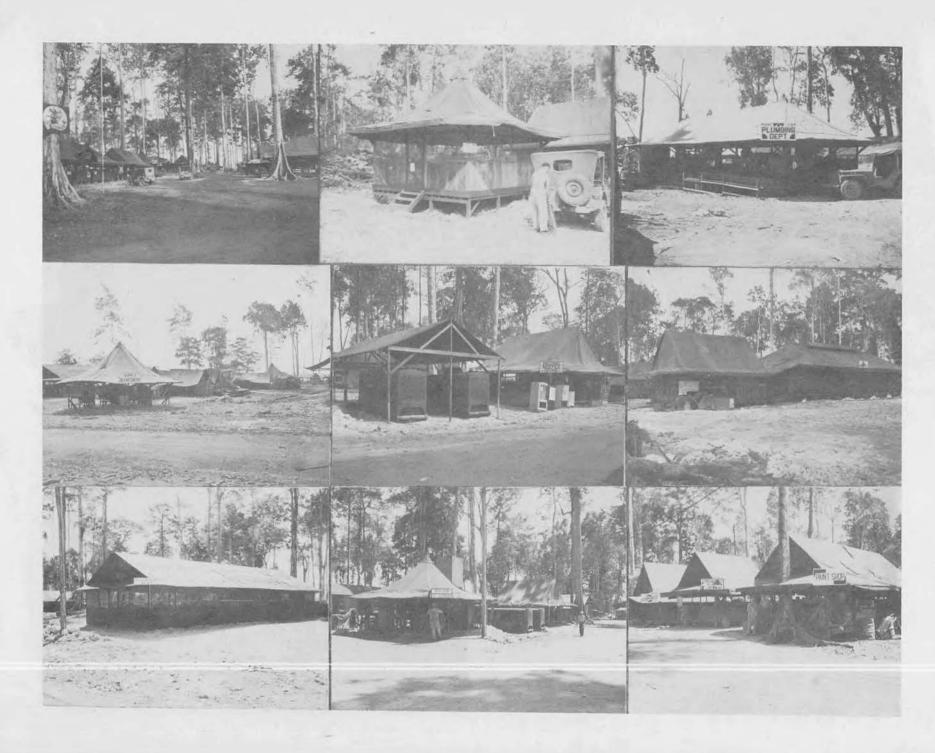
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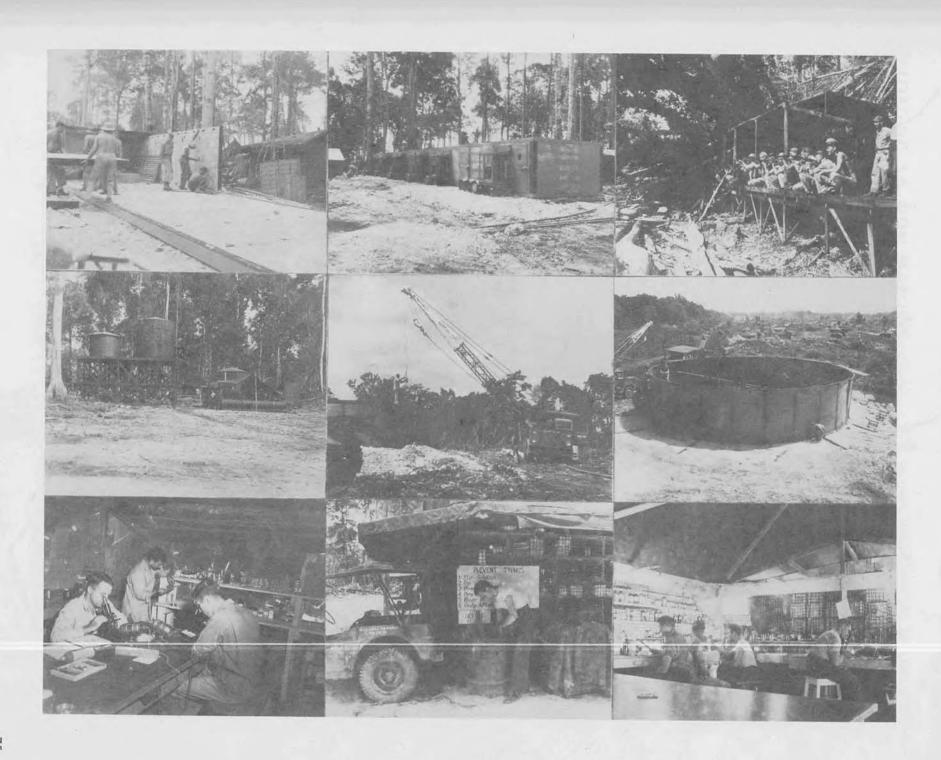


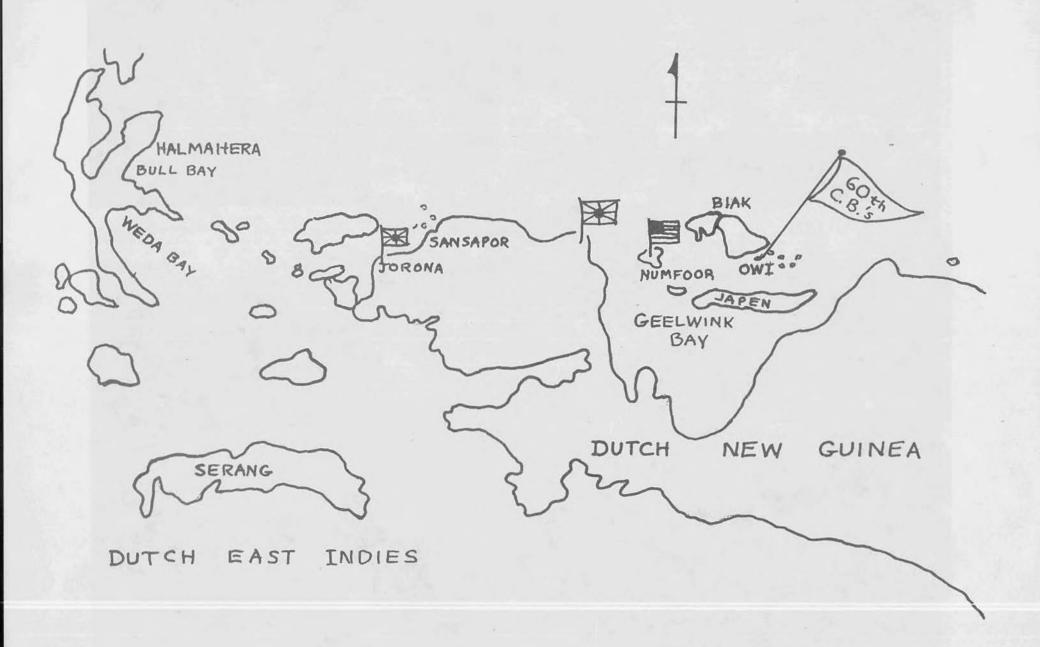
AH! THE LOVELY SOUTH SEAS!











#### UNLOADING S.S. DON MARQUIS





AIRSTRIP BORROW PIT





THE CHAPEL-CHAPLAIN COOPER



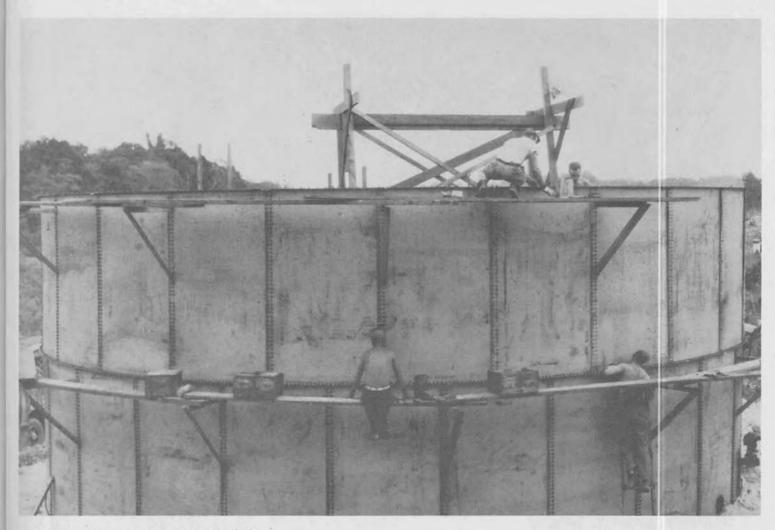
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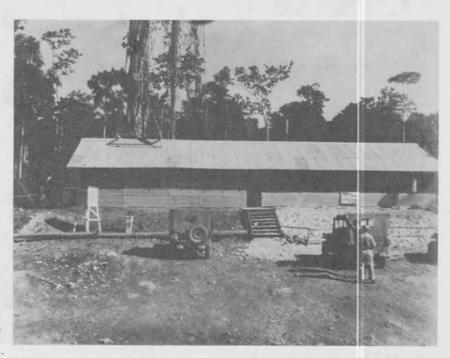




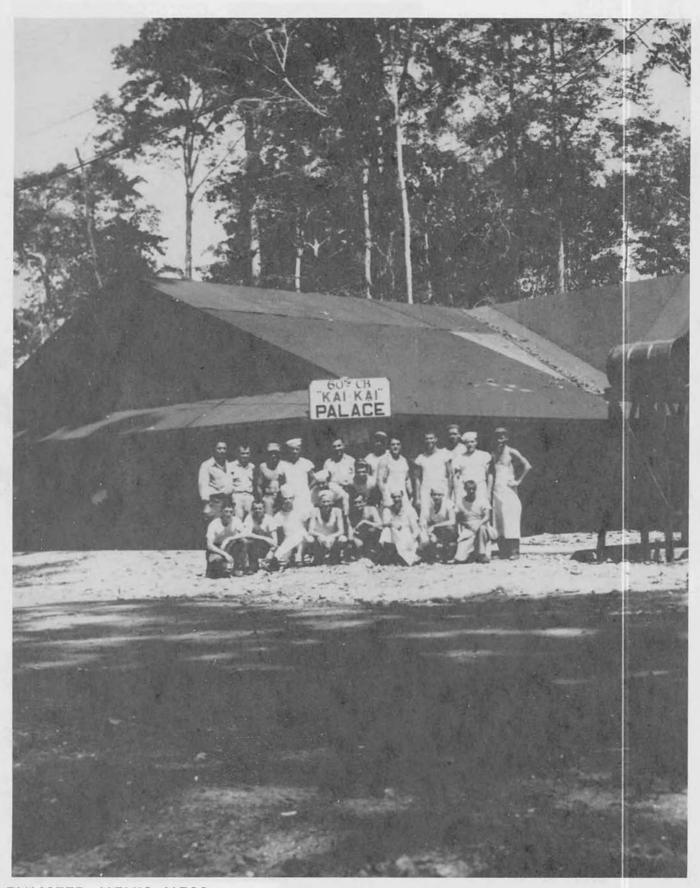




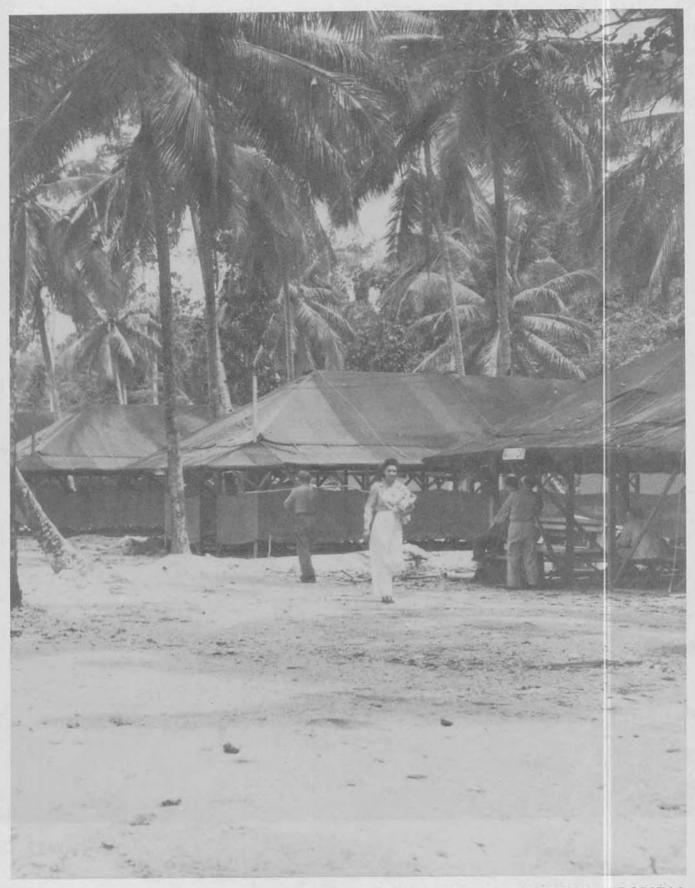
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BASE OPERATIONS



**ENLISTED MEN'S MESS** 



17th (ARMY) STATION HOSPITAL

#### AND THIS ....



....WAS OWI

### **DEPARTMENTS...**

For efficiency in operation, the Battalion was divided into departments. These departments are listed below and their work and personnel are pictured on the pages that follow:

Armed Guard & Labor Pool

Armory

Church & Library

Commissary

Communications & Electric Shop

Disbursing

Engineering

The "Gag"

**Heavy Equipment** 

Medical

Personnel

Post Office

Rigging - Pontoons

Ship Service

Ship Store

Structures

Supply

Transportation

Trivia

Water



ARMED GUARD & LABOR POOL

THE DAILY "GAG"





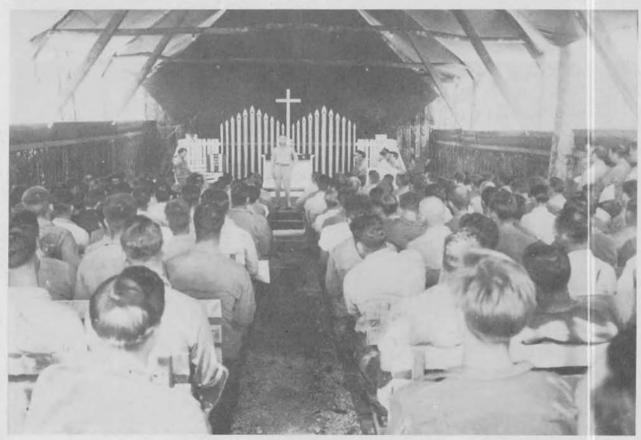
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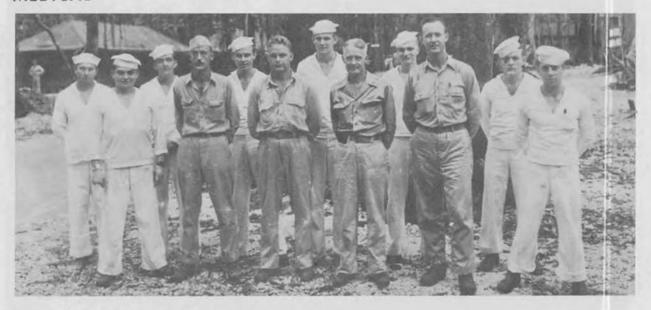


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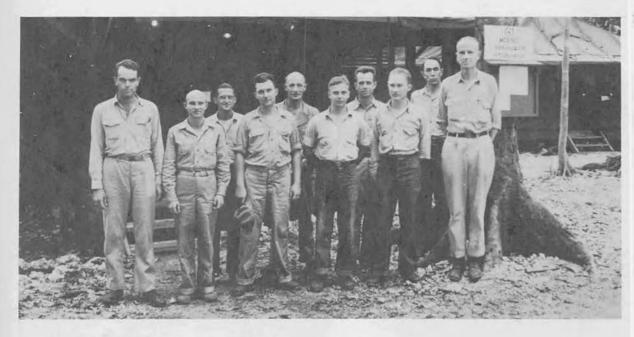
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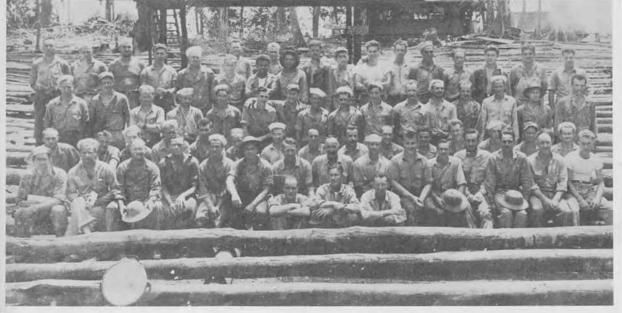
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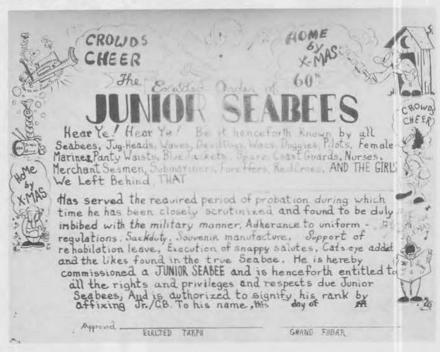
- SPORTS
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RECREATION
- ODDS-N-ENDS

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY



#### JUNIOR SEABEE CERTIFICATE

Specimen of Junior Seabee Certificate issued by the 60th. The 12th Marine Defense Battalion at Woodlark was accepted 100% for "membership." And various 5th Air Corps Fighter, Bombardment and Troop Carrier Squadrons were likewise "awarded" Certificates.



#### ... AND SOUTH SEAS SANTA





ACTUAL PHOTO OF SEABEE DURING AIR RAID!





SOFTBALL TEAM
BLACK BEAUTY!





STAGE SHOW



# PEOPLE and PLACES

AROUND THE ISLANDS....
CAN YOU IDENTIFY THEM?



WHO ARE THEY?





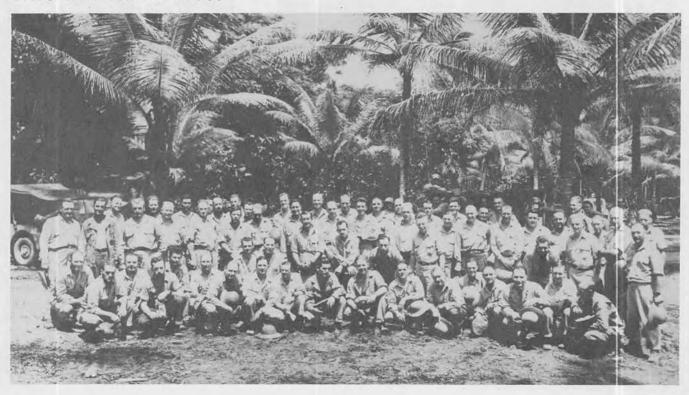


REMEMBER THIS INSPECTION?

# WHERE DID THIS HAPPEN?



WHO ARE THESE BOYS?



## ROSTER...

THE MEN WHO WERE THE SIXTIETH

### APPENDIX...

### THE WORK DONE BY THE SIXTIETH

### SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SIXTIETH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

#### 26 April - 6 June 1943

- Combination barracks, messhall and galley, 50' x 200' for the Naval Supply Depot. Complete plans were prepared, project started and was carried to 75% completion.
- Approximately 4,000 cubic yards of earth excavation for two future warehouses for the Naval Supply Depot was completed.
- 3. Ten wooden boat cradles were fabricated for the Amphibious Force.
- Constructed a sewer system and a warehouse for the Amphibious Force at Toorbul Point, (approximately 55 miles from Brisbane).
- 5. Constructed a small Naval Anti-Aircraft Train-

- ing School at Wellington Point, (approximately 20 miles from Brisbane). This included the installation of water and sewer systems, ten gun mounts, and the erection of twelve prefabricated wooden barracks and shower huts.
- The 55th Construction Battalion was assisted materially on one of its projects in the erection of quonset huts and installation of a sewer system at a Mine Assembly Plant.
- Installed a sewer system for the U. S. Army at Camp Ascot.
- 8. Numerous other small jobs were accomplished for both the Army and Navy organizations.

### SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SIXTIETH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION . TOWNSVILLE, AUSTRALIA

#### 28 June - 31 July 1943

- 1. A 40' x 447' warehouse using special frames with plywood gusset plates on 9' centers was constructed for the Army. It was also constructed with a four inch concrete slab 40' x 447'. An electric lighting system was installed.
- 2. A 20' x 27' frame type generator building with 6' concrete deck was constructed for the Army.
- 3. A four inch concrete slab 20' x 440' with concrete curb and eighteen inch, 9' x 9' concrete motor base were poured for the Army.

### SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SIXTIETH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION WOODLARK ISLAND

#### 2 July - 1 November 1943

- Coral surfaced runway 6,700 feet long and approximately 225 feet wide involving some 100,-000 cubic yards of coral fill.
- Approximately six miles of coral surfaced taxiways.
- One hundred twenty-three fighter and bomber hard-standings and revetments.
- 4. Control tower, weather tower; 24 quonset huts, parachute building with drying tower; 32 aviation buildings; more than 425 tents and other buildings framed and with wood decks; a chapel; a crib and fill pier 35' x 135'; excavated underground revetment; moved and lowered 30' x 40'
- two story building into it and many other small structures were constructed.
- 33 miles of roads cleared, grubbed, graded and surfaced.
- The total amount of coral excavated is estimated at 397,000 cubic yards.
- 7. The sawmill cut more than 724,000 FBM of lumber.
- 8. The airdrome construction involved more than 500 acres of clearing.
- The electrical department constructed 49 miles of transmission lines and 340 miles of telephone lines.

### SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SIXTIETH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION FINSCHHAFEN, NEW GUINEA

#### 5 November 1943 - 26 June 1944

- Rough graded and constructed drainage structures for the North 3,000 feet of runway.
- 2. Produced coral for entire 6,000 feet runway with 500 feet overruns on either end.
- Laid 3,000 feet of steel landing mat 100 feet wide.
- Constructed and surfaced 84 hard-standings together with dispersal area taxiways.
- Constructed P.T. Base facilities, which included messhalls, tent frames, offices, shops, storerooms, 30' x 60' deck, 30' x 60' torpedo dock, finger pier, 15,000 gallon water storage tank, etc.
- Recovered 3 sunken Jap barges and put two into commission.
- Installed pontoon liberty ship dock and constructed a cargo sorting area 200' x 500' with access road.
- Erected a 2,000 barrel steel tank and laid 13,200 feet of 4 inch pipe to provide 100 octane gasoline for the airstrip and P.T. Base. Constructed 3 fill points for 100 octane gasoline.
- Cleared North airstrip approach 800' wide and
   miles long in heavy timber.

- 10. Furnished 140 men for stevedore work.
- 11. Constructed approximately 4 miles access roads.
- Sawed over one million FBM of native lumber, (Army did logging).
- Installed approximately 250 miles of communication lines.
- Constructed 8 warehouses, 46' x 100' and erected 6, 6,800 cubic foot reefers for Naval Supply Depot.
- 15. Constructed Naval Base facilities, which included offices, galleys, messhalls, officers' and enlisted men's quarters, 200 bed hospital, communications setup, fleet post office, laundry, recreation building, water system, electrical system, furniture, roads and walks, etc.
- Maintained airstrip and taxiways from 5 January 1944 to 15 March 1944.
- 17. Enlarged 22 fighter hard-standings to make them suitable for medium bombers.
- Constructed two aircraft repair areas, (approximately 5 acres coral surface).
- 19. Constructed alert aprons for 26 fighters.

### SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SIXTIETH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION OWI ISLAND, DUTCH NEW GUINEA

#### 8 July 1944 - 15 December 1944

- 1. Constructed each half of airstrip #2, 3,500' x 100', plus. 500' overrun.
- 2. Constructed 500' overruns on east end of airstrip #1 and on west end of airstrip #2.
- Constructed 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> miles of taxiway and 90 heavy bomber hardstandings.
- Cleared approach at west end of airstrips and graded an area 1,000' square for salvage airplanes.
- Constructed three miles of road and improved three miles of road.
- Constructed 35 aviation gasoline storage slots and ten bomb storage slots.
- Maintained all air strips, taxiways and roads on Owi Island for a period of two and one-half months
- 8. Erected three 5,000 bbl. aviation gasoline storage tanks, two fill points and approximately 0.8 miles of piping.
- 9. Operated Army sawmill, cutting 745,000 board

- feet of native timber. Army did logging for 80% of this cut.
- Improved Owi Island jetty and rebuilt approaches to floating liberty ship dock.
- Repaired pontoon liberty ship dock for Army
   – this was a major repair job.
- 12. Constructed jetty for three LST's and a jetty for one LST.
- 13. Constructed a small boat dock and jetty.
- Operated Army 100 octane gasoline tank farm for two months.
- Dismantled approximately 60,000 square feet of prefabricated buildings for Army Air Corps and loaded them aboard ship.
- Quartered and subsisted approximately 220 Navy flight personnel for three weeks.
- Cleared camp area in dense jungle and rough coral for approximately 1,500 Navy Air Corps personnel. Constructed roads and water system

and the following buildings for Navy Air Corps:

 Enlisted Men's Galley and Meshhall, 30' x 160'.

Enlisted Men's Galley and Messhall, 3 quonset huts, T-shaped.

c. Officers' Galley and Messhall, 20' x 140'.

d. 7 officers' quarters, 16' x 50'.
e. 20 officers' quarters, 16' x 16'.

f. 6 officers' quarters, 17' x 28'.

g. 7 officers' quarters, quonset huts, 20' x 48'.

h. 3 Administration Quonset huts, 20' x 45'.

i. 1 Hospital, 20' x 172'.j. 1 Sick Bay, 16' x 80'.

k. 1 Hospital laundry, 16' x 16'.

 2 Administration buildings at airstrip, 16' x 16'.

m. 1 Engine repair shelter, 20' x 60'.

n. 1, 15,000 gallon water tank.o. 1, 5,000 gallon water tank.

18. Constructed the 17th Army Station Hospital, including roads, water system, telephone and

electrical systems, latrines, showers, and the following buildings:

a. Work shop, 20' x 70'.

b. Galley and messhall, 47' x 108'.

c. 17 Ward tents, 16' x 50'.

d. 3 Medical storage tents, 16' x 50'.

e. 4 Nurse's stations, 16' x 16'.

f. 1 X-ray building, 20' x 40'.

g. 1 Laboratory, 20' x 80'.
h. 1 Eye, ear, nose and throat clinic, 20' x 70'.

i. 1 Surgery building, 20' x 90'.

j. 1 Administration building, 20' x 90'.

k. 2 Quonset huts, storage, 20' x 48'.

1. 1 Patients' recreation hall, 16' x 50'.

m. 1 Supply building, 18' x 50'.

n. 1 Red Cross Quonset hut, 20' x 48'.

o. 10 Nurse's quarters, 16' x 16'.

p. 7 Officers, quarters, 16' x 16'.

q. 1 Officers' recreation building, 26' x 60'.

r. 1 Enlisted men's recreation building, 20'

### SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SIXTIETH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION DETACHMENT AT HOEMFOOR ISLAND

#### 19 July 1944 - 13 August 1944

#### Navy Port Director Unit

- 1. Galley and messhall, 20' x 80'.
- 2. 5 Officers' quarters, 16' x 16'.
- 3. Provisions storehouse, 20' x 20'.
- 4. Work shop, 20' x 40'.

- 5. Quonset hut operations building, 20' x 48'.
- 6. Signal tower, 25' high.
- 7. Clear area and install water, telephone and electric systems, showers, heads, etc.

### SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SIXTIETH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION DETACHMENT AT AMSTERDAM ISLAND, DUTCH NEW GUINEA

#### 15 August 1944-7 September 1944

#### Navy Port Director Unit

- 1. 2 Quonset huts, 20' x 48'.
- 2. 5 Officers' quarters, 16' x 16'.
- 3. 9 Enlisted Men's quarters, 16' x 16'.
- 4. 1 Warehouse, 16' x 30'.
- 5. 1 30' Signal Tower.

- 6. 225' catwalk over water.
- 7. Showers, heads, electrical and water system.

P. T. Base

1. One T-shaped jetty with a 70' stem and 50'

### SUMMARY OF WORK ACCOMPLISHED BY THE SIXTIETH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION DETACHMENT AT LEYTE ISLAND, PHILIPPINES

19 November 1944 - 5 December 1944

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## Zephyrhills Man Retraces His Path In Fighting with Seabees in WWII

BY MIKE KIRBY Staff Writer

When one finishes with ar and the experiences th haunt and begin to de, the man moves on to ller living with a wife and ildren and a career with omise. As he builds ward the future the war st slips away, falling and inding down its screaming urse, taking steps that ad from the sharp edge of nter memory to muddy livion.

War to most was a ngular experience, with unds and furies usually gnifying more than nothg, and to those of World ar II, as the memories cayed, a sense of someing lost crept in, leading to any memory-refreshing les and for some a visiting trip back to the

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war zone and trek along he had the reason to go. those long-ago bombed out trails and heavily-mined battlefields.

They went to look, to feel again, to "see how the old place had changed" or just to lie down for a minute with old departed battle-weary comrades.

Last July when Chicago hosted the National SeaBee Convention, invitations were sent out to a number of the veterans attending to Honolulu to pick up participate in the third annual meeting of the Guadalcanal Veterans, those who fought the Japanese along the chain of South Pacific islands.

Richards serves the National SeaBee Veterans of the U.S. as that group's Southeastern Dist. Liasion Officer, covering Florida, Georgia, Alabama and North and South Carolina. He will be traveling to Portland, Ore., in July to make a report at the annual national SeaBee Convention.

Plans were made to island-hop and revisit 36year-old memories from the "big war" and they invited men from all branches of the service including SeaBees. the land-based extension of the Navy engineers designed to build anything when a military unit first takes an area in a war.

Six months later as a DC-10 began to fill and readied to lift off from Los Angeles International Airport, an invitation brough Zephyrhillsan Ralph A. Richards of 62 Main St., Wood Dale Mobile Home Park, out of his secluded retirement and dropped him into seat No. W32, which luckily put him by a window. Richards had finally decided

A few weeks before a doctor had told him he had a spot of cancer and when he looked around, "there wasn't any way I was just going to sit around that trailer," so he closed it up, packed it up and sailed off on a "sentimental journey" with 44 old friends to find old

The first stop was

Commander Tate. their WWII unit leader before flying on to Nadi Airport on Fiji Island and hoteling next door on Yanuca, a one hundred-acre island. Years before his SeaBee unit began its war experiences by sailing on the USS President Monroe to Australia where the boys first erected a warehouse in Brisband, a spot for a refueling depot for patrol torpedo (PT) boats.

On the island Richards said, the natives during the war were a friendly people and would "wish" you to sit and eat with them, but now are cool and resentful, an attituce Richards feels has been brought on by missionaries and the wealthy outsiders who bought up the islands. He said they both made the islanders feel like slaves by taking away the land, though the natives were well-treated and educated.

Now, Richards said, a lot of the islands have militant groups hiding and fighting in the jungles and mountains, and the land is being given back. He said

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RELIVES HISTORY - Ralph Richards, a national SeaBee Veterans officer, enjoyed reliving his small part in helping to win WWII when he made a tour in February of South Pacific battlefields. Above he poses with souvenirs, including assorted pieces of wood representing each island to be used by Richards in carvings and inlays on wood-working projects. — News photos

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Henry G. Reuter of 116
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### Henry Reuter, Custodian

Warren.
Funeral services were riday at Lair-Richey Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Martin L. Ball officiating. Cremation followed.

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Richards and his comrades went airborne again, heading off toward Guadalcanal, but first made a stop at Port Vila, Mendana, in the New Hebrides for a little spraying down. There the crew of war trekers were covered entirely by an aerosol spray to insure they didn't carry any little parasite friends from island to island.

Feb. 17 they landed on Guadacanal, the American military foothold during WWII and the point from which the allies began to retake the islands. On Guadalcanal in the Solomon Island group, the main SeaBee units had built Henderson Field - which Richards found to be in "very good condition" - and it was just about the only construction from the war on the islands that had stood the test of time. The rest had vanished like enticements of Tokyo Rose.

When the ex-SeaBee strolled the field he found bronze plaques in place from many different military units, both American and Japanese. One plaque from the 6th SeaBees was "Dedicated to the men of the 6th Naval Construction Battallion who paid the supreme sacrifice in conquest of Guadalcanal, August 19, 1942, to Jan. 5, 1943."

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There Richards encountered a big store with a tv set up on display and with a large crowd of natives gathered around it. It was showing a John Wayne western.

Richards found the people of Lae to be afraid of the Russians, whose ships occasionally dock at their port. Gas was 29 cents a half liter and as Richards wrote, "Their market place is something to see, All kinds of animals skinned. All types of fish, and chicken leet in a basket. Glad I had good eats at the motel."

According to Fichards, Amelia Earhart, the first woman pilot attempting to solo around the world, was last seen landing on Lae for refueling. He speculates that since she was photographing the area for the United States while the Japanese still held the islands, she was shot down, accounting for her disappearance.

Feb. 22 they began the return route and landed on Port Moresby before heading on to Woodlark Island. Billed as the "Cadillac Island of the Coral Sea," Woodlark operates a large gold mine which they say, accounts for the numerous Japanese and Russian shipping that uses its ports.

On Woodlark, Richards' unit during the war was bombed by the Japanese for 13 days straight while they built their second airstrip after the one at Tov/nsville. Richards told the News it still exists though was covered by grass. During the war the airstrip was considered an engineering feat because it covered a type of soil thought too soft to support a landing strip. The Japanese had given up the attempt months before Richards' unit moved in. All other military installations Richards found, are now back to the jungle."

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The plane load next descended on Kieta, a port of entry near Bougainville in the Solomon Islands. They and their luggage were soundly searched and as Richards put it, "we probably won't have to go through this again till we get to Honolulu."

After their short search and stay, the group was off again, this time to Port Moresby on Paua, New Guinea, where they changed planes and flew to the other side of the island to Lae.

On Papua, Richardson discovered a native war raging in the mountains and according to the Papua Post-Courier of Feb. 21, the tribes, because of a dwindling head-count and because they were destroying each other's food sources, were drawing the war to a quick close.

It was on to Fintchaven, New Guinea then, where the vets flew in on the air strip built by the 60th SeaBees 36 years ago. "It was in fairly good shape," Richards wrote in his journal. "The camp and Army hospital we built feat because it covered a type of soil thought too soft to support a landing strip. The Japanese had given up the attempt months before Richards' unit moved in. All other military installations Richards found, are now back to the jungle."

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Then they flew back to
Port Moresby before
heading on to Cairns,
Australia, to switch planes
after another good spraying
down and checkover for
fruits, plant life and
"tropical seeds." In two
hours they regrouped and
flew to Townsville for a
much needed rest after
walking the combat trail.

Earlier, while Richards was departing one of the New Guineas, "a speck of an island in the Pacific," for the last time, an Australian on the island brought a head hunter to him who wanted Richards to take his son back to the U.S. and educate him. Regretfully Richards declined.

Finally Richards began the trek home, with a few stops in Australia and New Zealand. He visited Brisbane on the 27th where the 60th SeaBees had built warehouses, and from there he went to Sidney where the dollar was worth 80 cents. In 1943 when the dollar was up, they built nurses' hospitals at every airstrip, "a place where the nurses could go before the troops arrived." Reluctantly Richards added, "When the work was done, so were we, and off we went: the nurses would land as we took off."

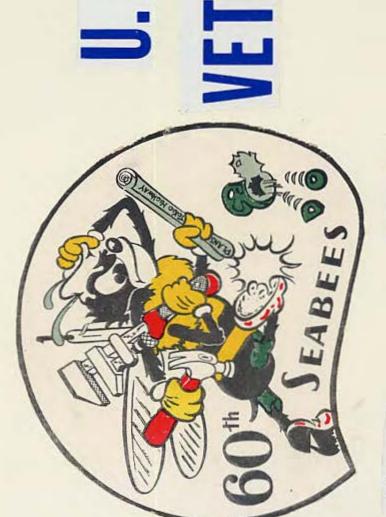
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### Seabees

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The next day Richards landed in Auckland, New Zealand, for refueling before skimming the waves to Honolulu and California. The only two things he recognized as remaining on Honolulu after 37 years "were the pineapple water tower and the City Hall."

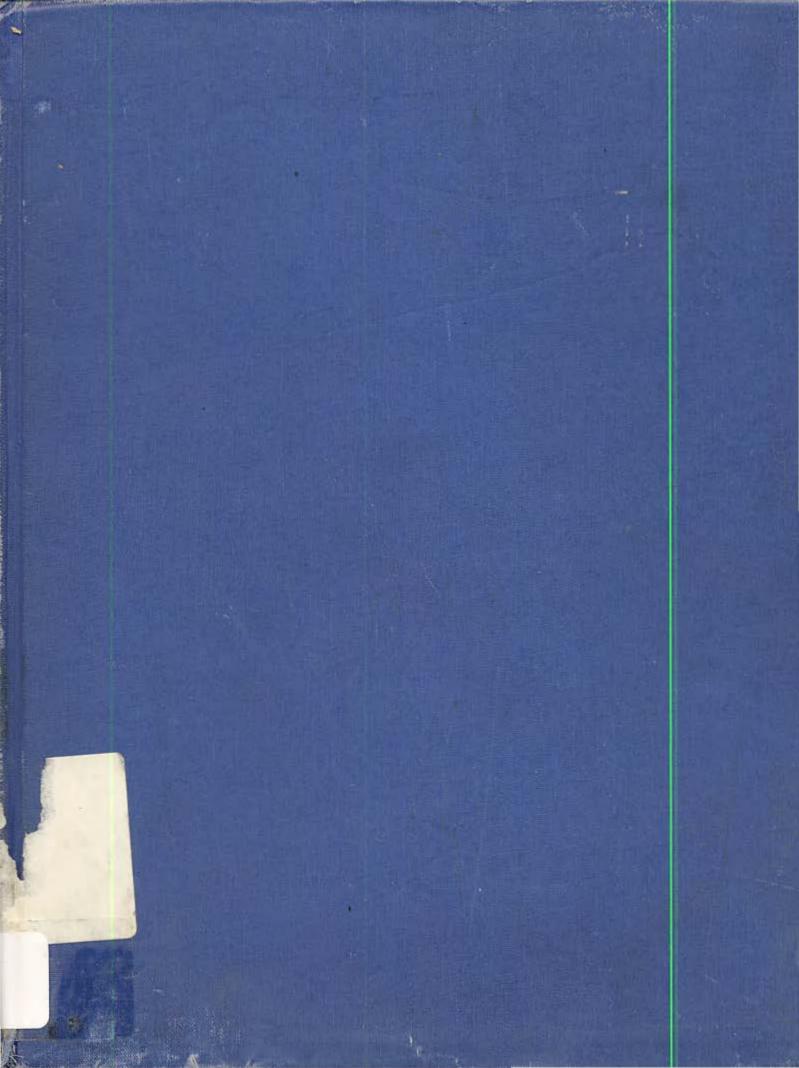
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Tanya Coons-Redig P.O. Box 68 White City, Kansas 66872 (785) 349-2318

Dear Mr. Bingham,

Enclosed you will find the CD of dad's war pictures that I made yesterday. Let me know how things are going and just how it is you are going to use these. I would like to see them wherever they get incorporated.

My family and I hope that they will bring smiles to faces of vets and family members who get to see them.

On another matter, I typically don't watch cartoons, but my daughter has watched the Japanese cartoons for several years. She got into the Pokemon phenomena a few years ago. There are frequent foreign traditions and heroes being presented to our young Americans now days. Usually these heroes are warriors, etc. This isn't particularly bad, except there is not adequate representation of our own Americans. (Unless one could count Homer Simpson types).

As I have been learning about what our Seabees have accomplished, under diverse odds, I think America's children would benefit from watching cartoons that tell about the creative problem solving that the Seabees have demonstrated down through the years. Are you aware of any talk of creating cartoons like this?

I will contact some of these children's broadcasting networks and put in my opinion. I will ask them why there are so few American hero role- models in cartoons today. Men with stick-to-it-ness and self discipline (like the Seabees and the fire fighters/police of 911) are the backbone of our country. But eventually the actors (who typically have no backbone or sense of long term commitment) -who get big dollars to portray the efforts of men with courage - become the spokes people and/or the hero spokes persons in our media.

One of these years I would like to come see the Museum.

I understand there is security limitations currently, placed on walk in public visitors.

Sincerely,

Janya Coons Redig

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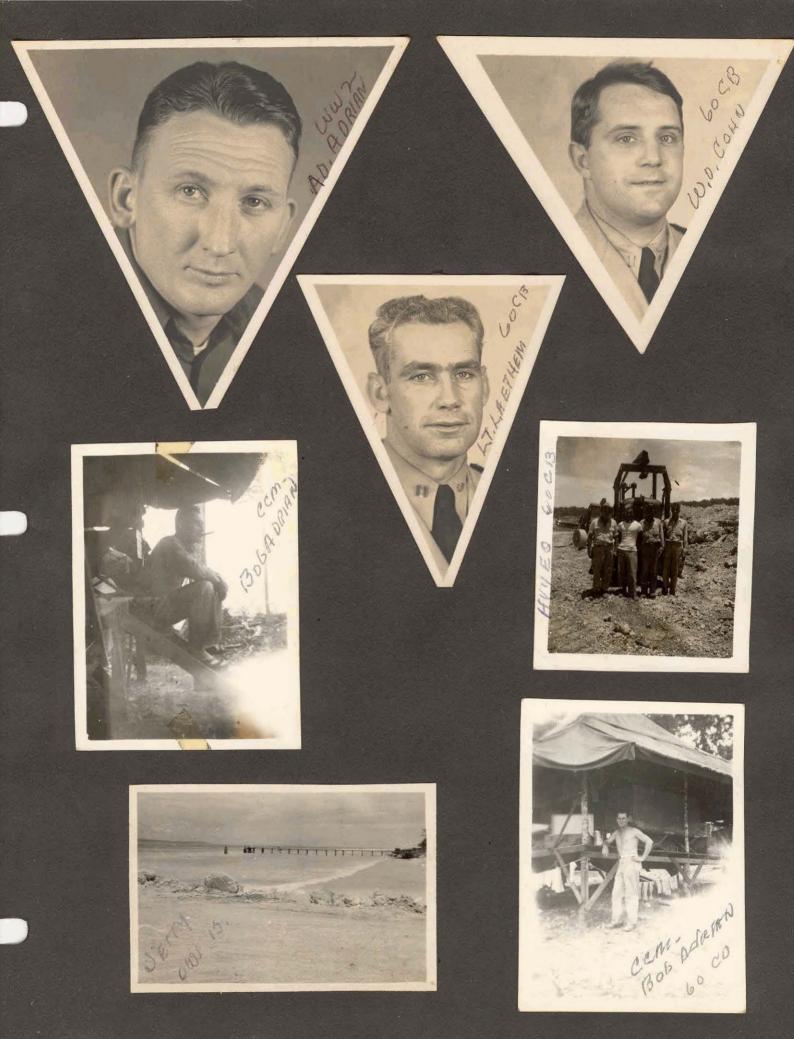
















































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