

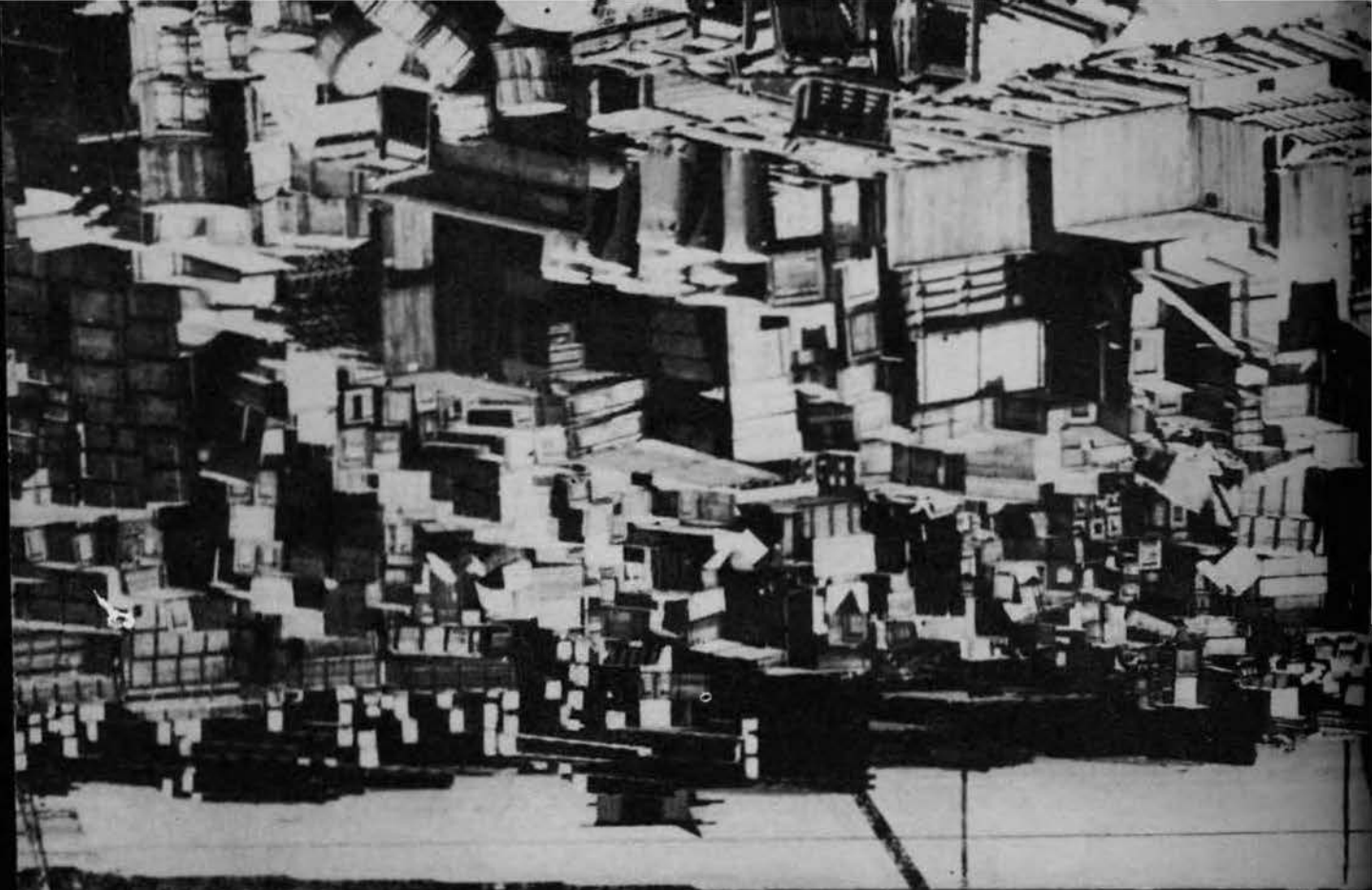
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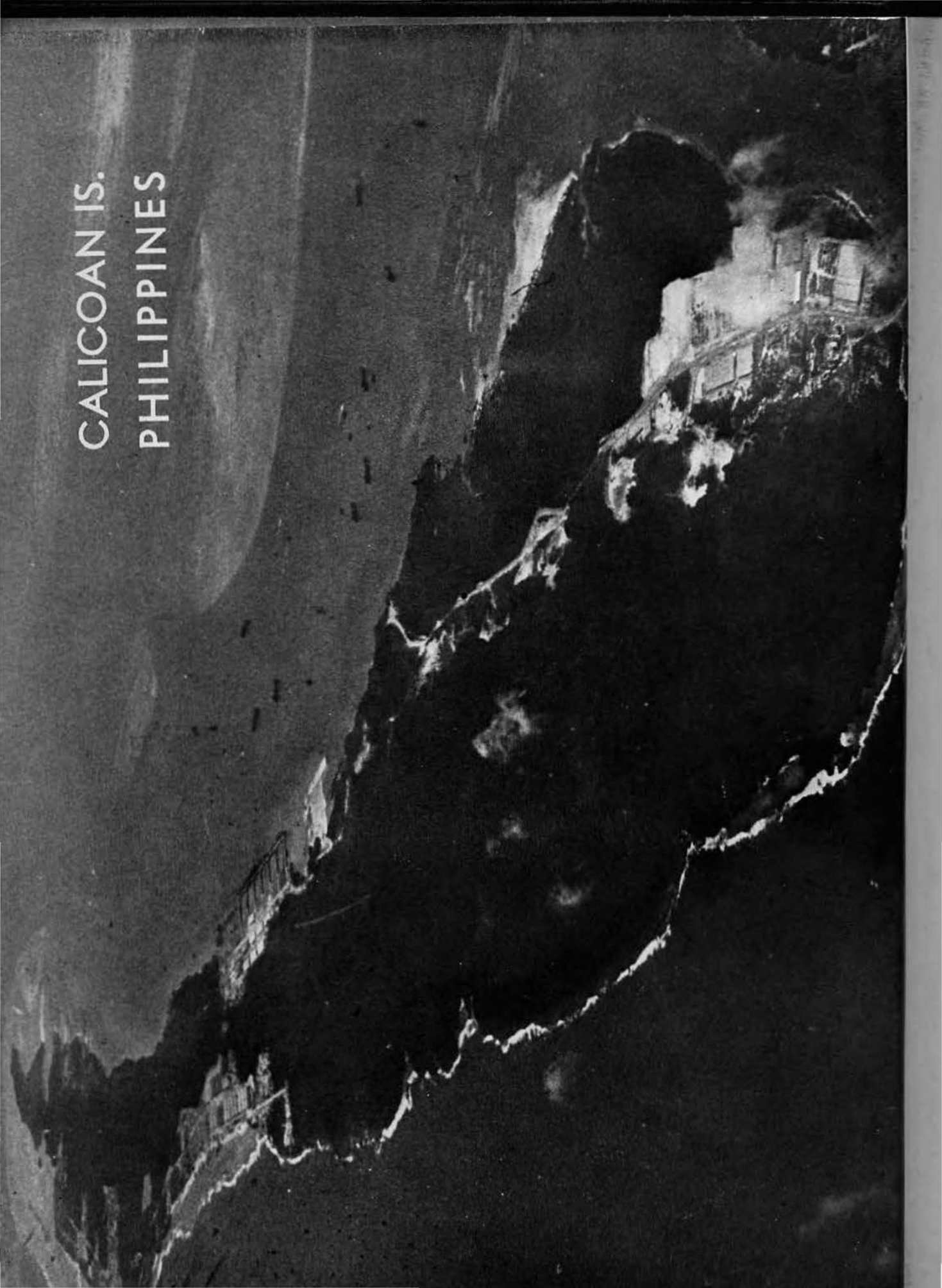
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NAVAL CONSTRUCTION
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(ADVANCE BASE CONSTRUCTION DEPOT)



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To ANDRE CHRISTOU, fellow shipmate,
and all members of our Armed Forces who
gave their lives in the cause of liberty and
peace . . .



W. F. WEAVER
Comdr., CEC, USN
Officer-in-Charge

This book will be a constant reminder to the men of the 143rd Naval Construction Battalion of those days spent in forming a new battalion, and of the days spent in overseas duty in the Philippines. During the period of formation of the battalion, and during our training period in the States, the battalion was frequently referred to as the "Smooth Sailors"—and rightly so for although the organization was small, originally consisting of approximately six hundred men, it was a very efficient one. This nickname stuck to us in spite of the times when none of us believed that there was anything but "rough water ahead." Life on Calicoan was rough and rugged at first, and the work assigned to us seemed endless and overpowering. As the work increased, the size of the battalion increased and finally reached an on board count of nearly twenty-five hundred men. Every man may be proud of the part which he played and which made it a fact that the Advanced Base Construction Depot at Calicoan was the finest ever operated by the Seabees—a depot which contributed much to the war effort, and which made V-J Day a reality.

I sincerely hope that each man will remember his days with the 143rd Seabees with pride, for I am very proud to have been the skipper of the battalion.

W. F. Weaver



R. R. WOODING
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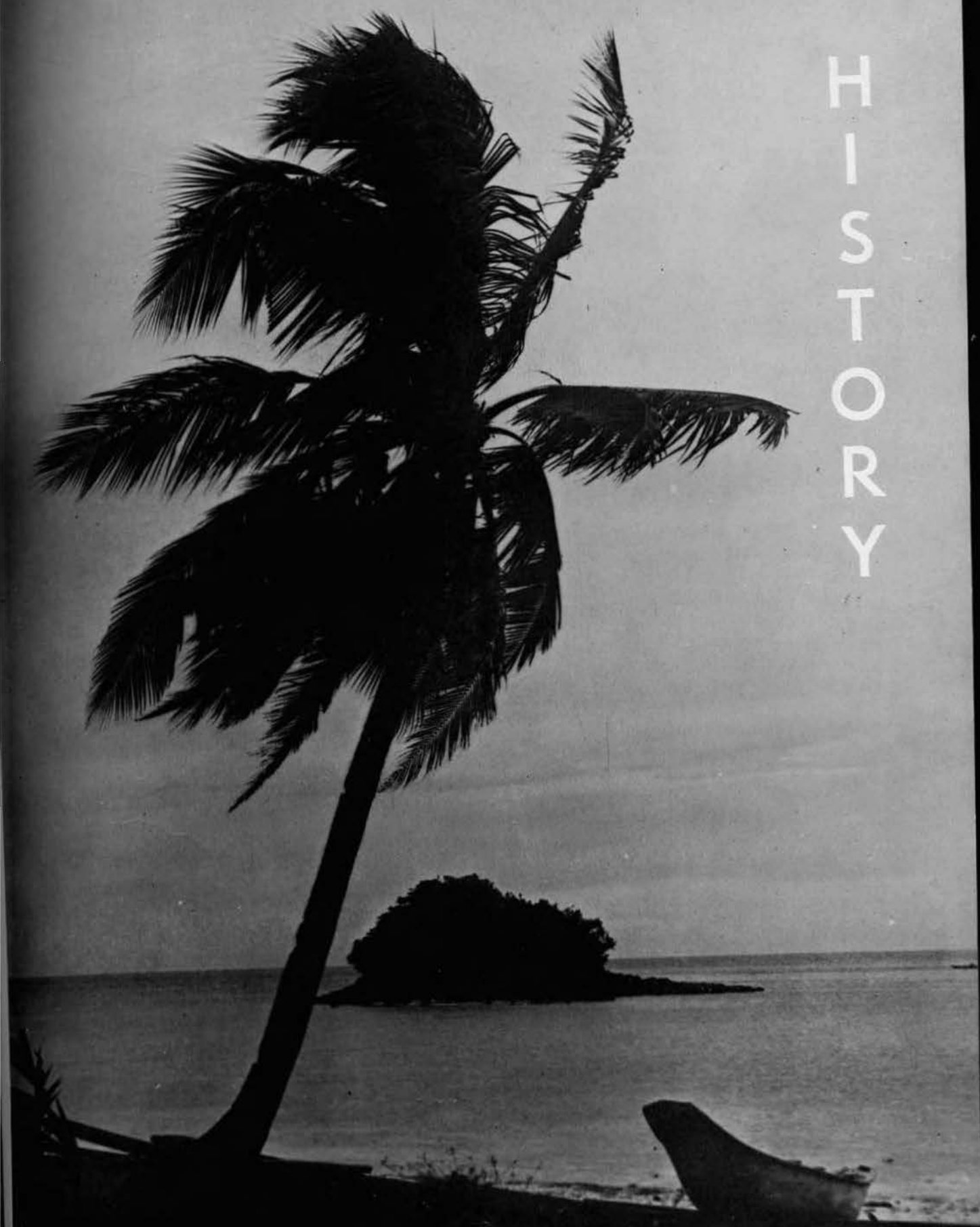
To the men of the 143rd, my heartiest congratulations for a job well done. The task assigned you was not easy, nor was it one whose successful completion meant glorious tribute and recognition. Men who work to supply the fighting fronts in war never have an easy job, nor receive great acclaim. Yet, you turned to with a will to give the job the very best you could. From a group inexperienced in the ways of depot operation, you developed a highly efficient organization. Your spirit and enthusiasm for getting the job done was such that at the end of six months you had developed one of the finest Advance Base Construction Depots in the Pacific.

Yes, yours was a job well done and in keeping with the highest traditions of the Sea Bee motto, "Can Do." I shall always take great pride in having been a member of the 143rd U. S. Naval Construction Battalion (Advance Base Construction Depot) because it has not only been a great privilege, but also a great honor to have served with you, the men of the 143rd.

Robert R. Wooding



H I S T O R Y





OUR history goes back to December 1944. At that time two new Seabee Battalions were established in Sun Valley Reservation, an outlying section of Camp Endicott, R. I. These new battalions were not conventional construction outfits, but were set up to answer a need which BuDocks had recognized for supply organizations for the Seabees in the Pacific area. In these organizations, there was a nucleus of seasoned construction men. However, in addition, storekeepers, once a dime a dozen, were also in great demand.

The two new supply outfits born in December 1944 were first known as Provisional A and Provisional B. Our story concerns Provisional B for it was the group that later became the 143rd NCB (ABCD).

Our first group memories were of arduous military training in the rigors of an old-fashioned New England winter. During this strenuous program, we soon became convinced that the name Sun Valley Reservation was a misnomer. First of all, Sun Valley was not sunny. In the second place, the topographical lay of the land did not conform to our idea of a valley. However, we all agreed that it was a reservation.

Days passed while we continued with our columns right and to the rear, march. The

rifle range and training schools in military weapons became almost daily sights.

Our chow wasn't too bad although it may have suffered from an overabundance of apricot pie. Such experiences as returning from a day at the range and finding our Quonset huts as cold as the frozen outdoors didn't help matters. Nor was the nightly vigil of maintaining the stove a pleasant occupation.

The subject of liberties is always a happy one. The Battalion's liberty hounds lost no time in discovering the Frenchtown USO, a short distance down the highway. Providence had many attractions also, and was considered a good liberty town by those who "knew." The younger lads soon developed a head for "figures"—the girls in Providence were pretty good, considering the shape they were in.

Christmas at Sun Valley carries a pleasant memory for us. We had a Battalion dance at the Hostess House, a building adjoining our area. A log fire lent a cozy atmosphere to the occasion. Also there was a Christmas party at the nearby Frenchtown USO, and a detail of volunteers from the battalion joined the USO girls in gathering laurel and greens for the event.

Around January 10th rumors were spread that the Battalion was soon to return to the main area of Camp Endicott. Sure enough,





this event came about three days later. The six mile hike over icy paths was difficult enough, but the atmosphere was made even worse by the prevalent belief that we were not to receive embarkation leaves. In due course, the trying journey was completed, and we were getting settled in our new home. Suddenly, over the P.A. System in typical Navy vernacular came these words: "Here it is. All men in the 143rd Battalion living west of the Mississippi report to the OOD's office for leave papers." It is not difficult to imagine the bedlam which this announcement created. That afternoon, we were all off on our last leaves.

As is always the case, these days of freedom rapidly flew by. All too soon, it was Endicott again, and drill, drill, drill! This time, we were practicing for our formal commissioning. The day, January 27th, arrived at last, and we marched in review for Capt. Fred F. Rogers, Station Commandant, our officers, and our guests. Now we were officially the 143rd NCB (ABCD).

Just three days later, our bags were packed, and we were marching again, this, our last time at Endicott, for our battalion was to travel across the country to Port Hueneme, California. The afternoon of our departure was warmer than previous ones. In fact, the thermometer had risen above zero. The station band led us, and we had a warm feeling as the passers-by waved to us.

At the station, our group was divided into three sections, each boarding a separate train. To see us off, Volunteer Red Cross workers, headed by Mrs. Fred F. Rogers, fed us coffee and doughnuts, and soon we were on our way.

Once the trains were underway, each group was entirely separate. Each train had its own route, and none of the men knew by which road they would reach their destination. It should be mentioned though that trains No. 1 and No. 3 met unexpectedly on adjoining platforms in the Pennsylvania Station in Indianapolis. Buddies poured out on the platform to greet their friends on the other train.







Our Battalion was composed predominantly of Easterners, few of whom had been west of the Mississippi before. The vast plains, the towering Rockies, and the bright clear western air made a profound impression on us. Another amazing sight was the beauty of the Southern California countryside. Green from copious winter rains, the land seemed enchanted with its orange trees heavy with fruit, its blooming flowers, and its snow-capped peaks peering through the haze.

On February 4th, five days after our departure, trains No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 converged within a few hours of each other at Port Hueneme, California, and the Battalion was reunited in its new home in Camp Rousseau. Men talked far into the night exchanging their experiences in crossing our great land.

At Hueneme, the Battalion lost no time in getting to work. First, infantry gear was issued to all hands. Military training was continued, and the men were given the opportunity of firing their own pieces. In addition to combat training, a large number of men were assigned to the Advance Base Depot for preparation for the Battalion's work overseas.

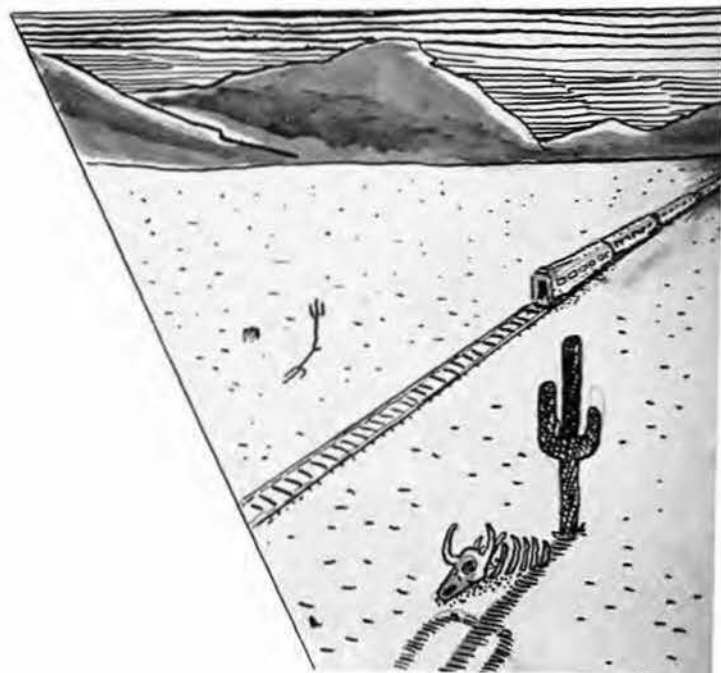
All was not work at Camp Rousseau. On the liberty week-ends, the men explored the countryside ranging from Santa Barbara on the North to San Diego on the South. Natu-

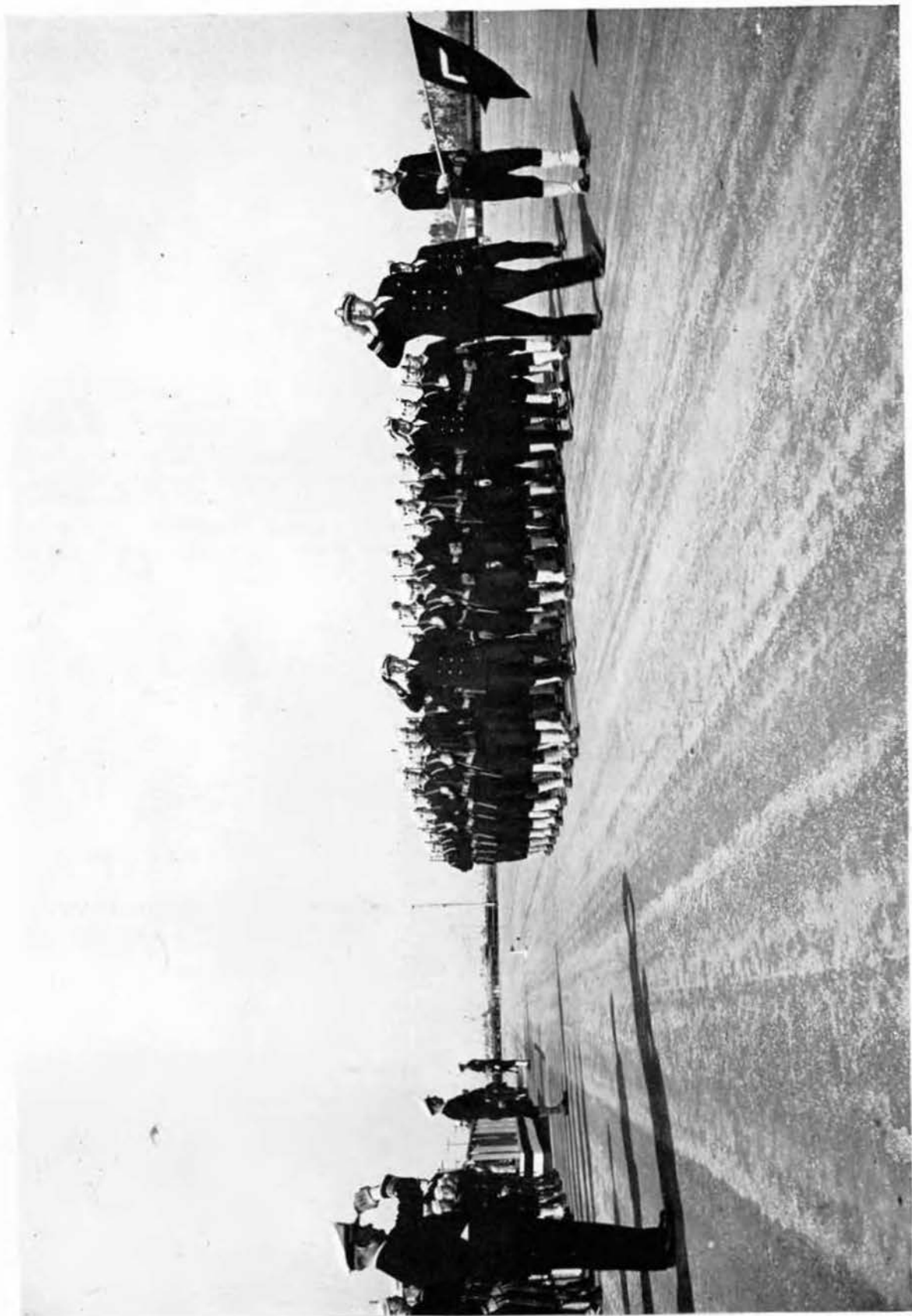
rally, the big mecca was Hollywood. Many a man boasted of his visits to the Hollywood Canteen where he met this or that picture star. We were never able to discover whether these glowing accounts were truth or fiction. However, the general consensus was that L. A. and environs represented a Grade A liberty town *after one got there*.

Our final battalion social event was the dance at Rousseau on March 3rd. The committee on arrangements did a bang-up job. One of the large recreation halls was secured, and the station dance band furnished the music. Arthur Lake, who plays the part of Dagwood in the "Blondie" movies, was there in person. Only one thing was lacking—women. Apparently our Eastern battalion had not made out very well with the local girls because there were only a handful present compared to the 400 men. However, this was good preparation for overseas duty where American women were to become objects of curiosity.

During the closing weeks, our Battalion marched in review as it had at Endicott. Also, expert riflemen medals, won at Sun Valley, were issued.

With the passing days, there was increasing interest in the Battalion's overseas destination. This was heightened when the word was passed that our code number had been changed from Osso 28 to Ulod 166. The dope seemed to be that we were going to either





the Philippines or the coast of China. The final immunization shots given, typhus, cholera and plague, had a definite oriental sound. Gradually, the idea of the China coast seemed to fade out, and attention was shifted to the Philippines. The last word, said to be derived from civilian workers handling our cargo, was that we were going to Samar. This leaked out at the very end.

All too soon, we found ourselves packing with one bag designated, "Ship's Hold." The battalion men might well have hung a similar tag around their own necks.

the way into Oxnard. This had meaning for all of us. The other event occurred as we were skirting the narrow shelf between the mountains and the sea beyond Ventura. At this point, the sun came out from behind clouds just before dipping into the Pacific. This was an augury for the future.

Daylight the next morning found our sleepy train load entering San Francisco's suburbs. It was a dismal, rainy day in which little could be seen beyond the immediate railroad right-of-way. Our train by-passed the terminal at San Francisco and proceeded up a water-



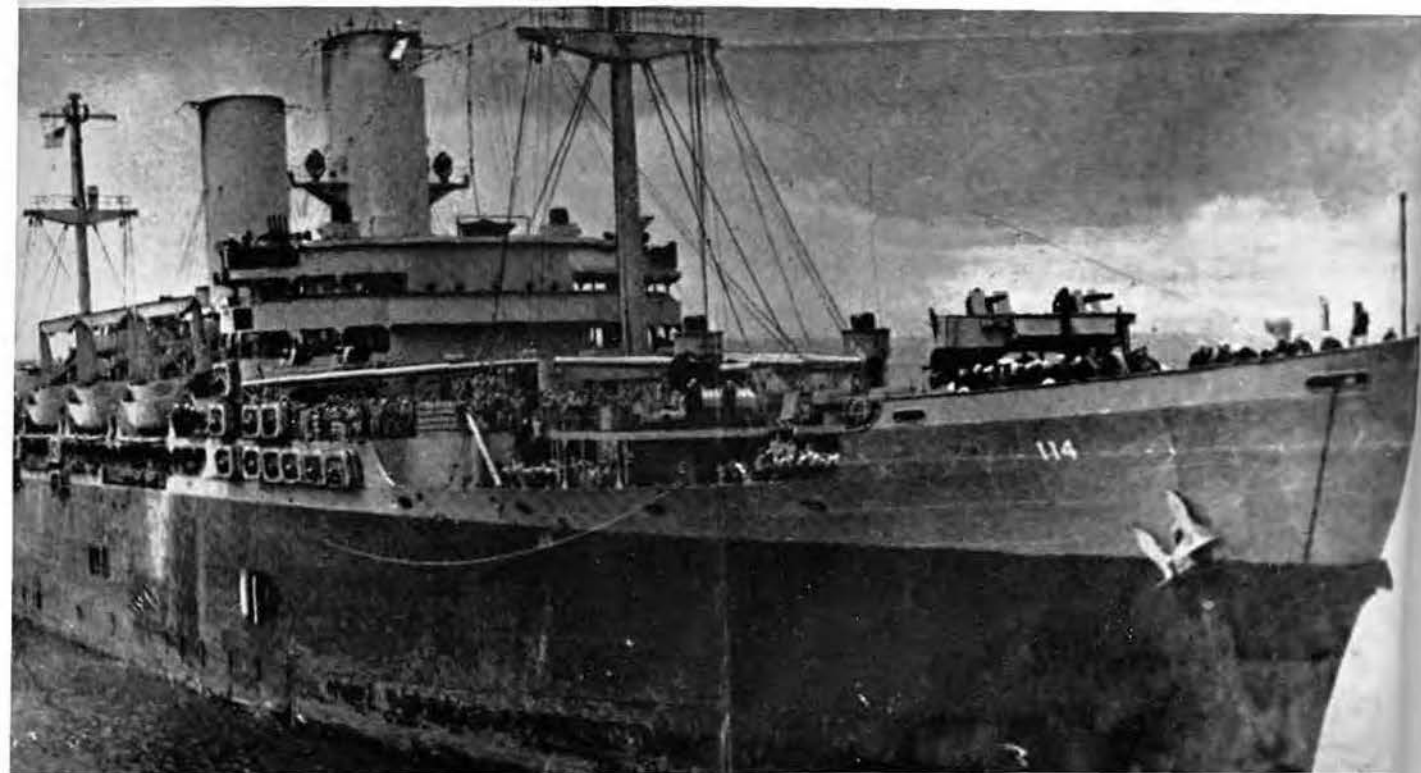
"Excuse me but are you planning to go on the boat ride?"

On the afternoon of March 21st, assembly was sounded, and the men shouldered packs and gear and staggered out into the street, there to muster by companies for the final journey before boarding ship. As we waited on our packs, no one said much except, "Well, I guess this is it."

We recall two incidents as our train was getting under way. One was the sight of a certain battalion member's girl friend waving wildly to him as we crossed the highway on

front street, the Embarcadero, a name which the 143rd thought most appropriate. Soon, we saw ships, mostly freighters, and then a large transport came into view. This was the *USS General William Mitchell*, and soon we all came to know it better.

There followed a long period in which we found ourselves in the street trying to assemble our respective belongings. At this stage, we became miserably wet. Some of us thought the civilians, dry and secure in pass-



ing busses, might have given us a more enthusiastic send-off than the feeble waves of acknowledgment. But then, the weather might have affected them too.

Finally, when our baggage was assembled, we marched off in a single file as heavily laden a crew as you could imagine. Another wait occurred in the barren dock enclosure. Then, the men filed up the steep gang plank at which time their names were checked off, and they were issued individual meal tickets for two meals a day.

At this point, a few words should be used to describe the hybrid known as the *William Mitchell*. We have heard recently about pro-

posals to combine the armed services. If such a step were taken, a good spot to begin this operation would be aboard this ship. The *Billy Mitchell* is manned by the Coast Guard. Ordinarily it carries Army personnel, and there are Army personnel aboard to control the human cargo. In addition, the guards aboard the ship are Marines while the passengers on this trip were mainly Navy.

The 143rd Battalion was the first unit to board the *Mitchell*, and our hosts, the Coast Guard, immediately showed their hospitality by assigning our hapless men to such details as mess cooking, garbage disposal and sanitation. The only bright feature of an other-



wise trying picture was that our men were issued an extra meal ticket for noon chow which the ordinary passengers did not rate. The object of this extra meal ticket was to give us strength for our ordeal.

Regarding quarters, the 143rd men drew the bottom compartment of an aft hold, and part of the compartment above. It seemed that there was hardly room for the group and its baggage in the space assigned. In this cramped area, the job of getting from one spot to another was a herculean one. It was much like finding your way through a maze. You would work your way over assorted card



players to a ladder only to have an MAA tap you on the shoulder and tell you that this was a down ladder while you were headed topside. You would then start to move to another ladder only to find your way blocked by piles of gear, or crowds of shipmates. Finally, you would shove your way through to your destination after stepping on numerous buddies, and using a grid-iron straight-arm on others. Undoubtedly, the object of the designer of the *Mitchell* was to get as many men in a given space as possible. He succeeded admirably.

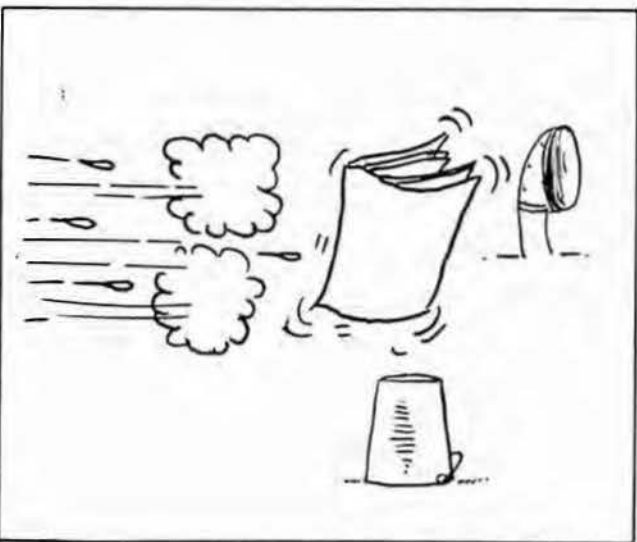
On the evening of March 23rd, the *Mitchell* slipped its lines, and was off. Some men were above decks to see the Golden Gate Bridge pass overhead. Other remained below, not having the heart for this.

The first days at sea were moderately rough, and some of our men were seen feeding the fishes. But most proved good sailors, and, in a day or two, the seas calmed, and the weather warmed. About five days out, the announcement came over the loudspeaker that *Espiritu Santo* in the New Hebrides was to be our first stop. Some of us, who had hoped to catch a glimpse of Hawaii, were disappointed.

With our arrival in the Tropics, life in the aft hold became increasingly irksome. The ventilating system proved inadequate, and the combination of heat, close quarters, and lack of air was a bad one. In addition, fresh water hours were cut almost to the vanishing point, and the only recourse for showers and laundry was salt water.

As our ship proceeded day after day, the warnings of the Shellbacks to the hapless polliwogs became increasingly ominous. Finally on March 30, a large list of summons were served on innocent polliwogs accusing them of varied sins of commission and omission. Our Skipper and Exec headed the list.

The next morning, the lambs were led to the slaughter. For several hours, King Neptune's boys ran roughshod pouring out vile tasting medicine, giving bizarre haircuts and axle grease shampoos, and finishing off with a ducking. Worst of all, however, was passing the gauntlet of swing paddles. The *Pacific Press*, the following morning, summed up the





results by stating that, while there had been no reports of serious casualties, numerous cases of "rump fever" had developed.

The day after crossing the Equator was Easter Sunday, and this was observed aboard ship with appropriate religious services. Easter Monday was quietly removed from the calendar as we crossed the International Date Line.

The first indication that we were nearing land came on our tenth day out when distant coconut islands were sighted. The following day, April 4th, numerous islands came into view and, that afternoon, we came into the harbor of Espiritu Santo. This was the first of several stops which we made along the way. At Espiritu, we had our first good view of coconut trees which were to become so much a part of our world in the days ahead.

The following morning, we were off again,

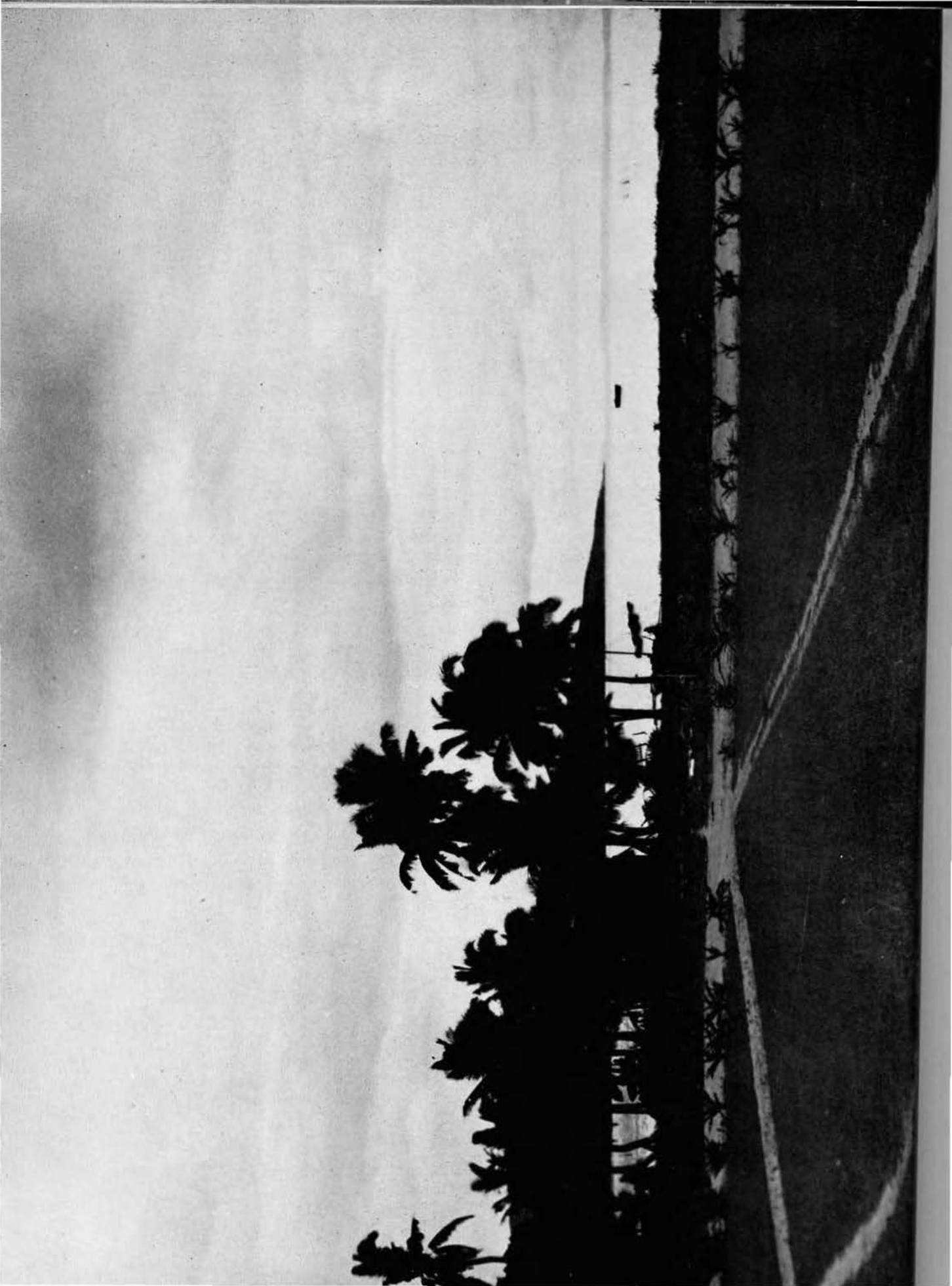
and the second afternoon, we arrived at Guadalcanal. This island made a profound impression on us. At least two battalion men had served on the island when the going was tough, and they were able to point out such immortal places as Henderson Field and Bloody Ridge.

Again, we were off, and our next stop brought us to the large naval base at Manus Island in the Admiralties. Here we saw ships in great profusion, and we, at last, felt we were getting to the real thing.

Our final stop before reaching the Philippines was at Pelelieu. Here, the *Mitchell* waited in mid-stream quietly for two days while a convoy assembled. On noon of the second day, we were again underway, but this time we had 20 or 25 ships along as company.

On April 18th, our convoy skirted the undeveloped shores of Homonhon Island, and





was in the broad waters of Leyte Gulf. By then, our battalion was becoming much interested in the surroundings for we were approaching our destination.

In the afternoon, we reached San Pedro Bay off Tacloban, Leyte, and were greatly impressed by the huge number of ships, particularly warships. The country was beautiful with its sharp hills in the foreground and higher mountains behind.

Our last lap was mostly in reverse as our ship headed by Guiuan, Samar. We arrived here, April 20th.

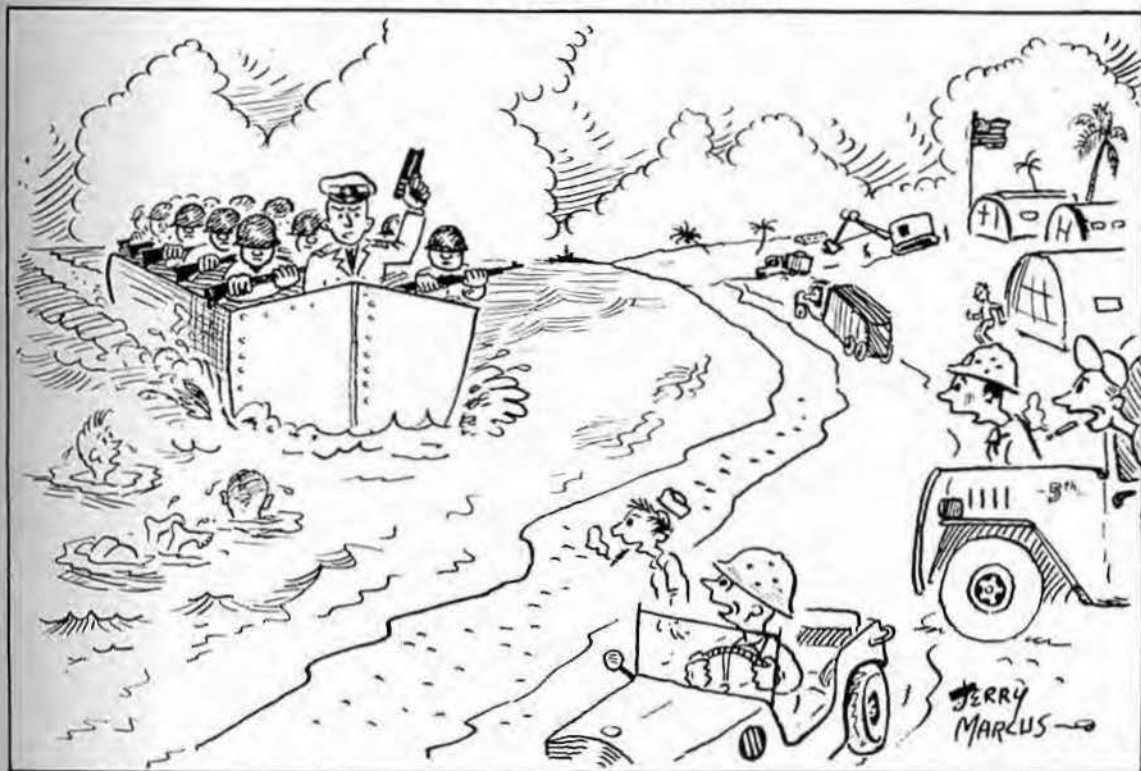
The following morning, the word was is-

where Seabees were vigorously building docks. And thus, shortly after noon on April 21st, our Battalion went ashore on Calicoan. For it happened that our permanent home was not on Samar proper.

At that time, Calicoan was only in the first stages of its present development. Trucks were on hand to take us to the two large Quonset warehouses which were to be our home for several days until the temporary camp area could be completed.

Undoubtedly, our most vivid impression of that first trip was that our driver kept to the left side of the road instead of to the right as in the States. This driving to the left was a

143rd INVADES CALICOAN



"This is it, Men"

sued to pack gear, and stand-by for debarkation. Confusion reigned supreme as we all gathered into the tight space to assemble our gear, pack up, and get ready to leave. In some fashion, what had to be done was done, and the men with their gear entered an LCT which was tied up alongside.

After a brief stop at the Guiuan jetty from which we could see the large old Spanish Church dominating the town, we traveled down a wild coast several miles to a point

hard feature for our men to become accustomed to; and, just as it was beginning to be second nature, a decree of the Philippine Government became effective changing to driving on the right as in the States. This took place June 1st.

The warehouses which we occupied the first few nights were in the huge area being developed as the ABCD. Some materials had already arrived then, but most of the area consisted of exposed coral rock.



On the morning after coming ashore, the 143rd was divided into two 12 hour shifts, and work was started on the temporary camp area. This area adjoining the depot occupied a beautiful stretch on a low coral bluff overlooking a broad stretch of the Philippine Sea. The camp was in a coconut grove.

These first few days were not easy. Our men had to travel in trucks three miles to chow at the 111th NCB. On the new campsite, it was soon found that coral rock is not the best material for driving tent pegs into. In the course of the work, an eight foot python was discovered and disposed of. Those whose duties kept them in the ABCD area were harassed by violent dynamite blasts which made

them think they were much closer to combat than was the case. Water for drinking was rationed by the canteen full, and personal cleanliness depended pretty largely on the elements.

The Battalion soon learned what the neighboring outfits had to offer in the way of water, food, and entertainment. Thus, while our own water was rationed, it was learned that the 5th Battalion and the 5th Special had taps of ice water. And while our Battalion menu was alternating between Spam and corn beef hash, the word quickly spread that certain other outfits had steak at one meal and ice cream at another. And when a USO show appeared in the vicinity, it could be sure of a good







representation from us. Thus, our men quickly became acquainted with our Calicoan neighbors.

On April 26th, the tent area was completed, and the ABCD warehouses reverted to the purpose for which they were built. At this point, the Battalion in conjunction with small groups from other units took over the operation of the Depot. The 29th Battalion simultaneously began building our permanent camp. First on the program was the master galley and chow hall for 2,000 men. When this was finished, the time consuming trips to the 111th became no longer necessary. Then over a period of weeks, new Quonset huts

on a permanent basis. One whole unit, CBMU #623, was absorbed by the Battalion, on August 10, 1945. Thus the original group of 600 who arrived on the *William Mitchell* became a distinct minority in the newer and larger Battalion.

The first word of the Japanese offer to accept conditional surrender arrived on Calicoan by radio at 2100 on August 10th. The 143rd immediately went wild. One of the patients in Sickbay with a serious leg injury was said to have jumped out of bed and rushed into the street throwing his crutches far into the air.

Official V-J Day was celebrated September



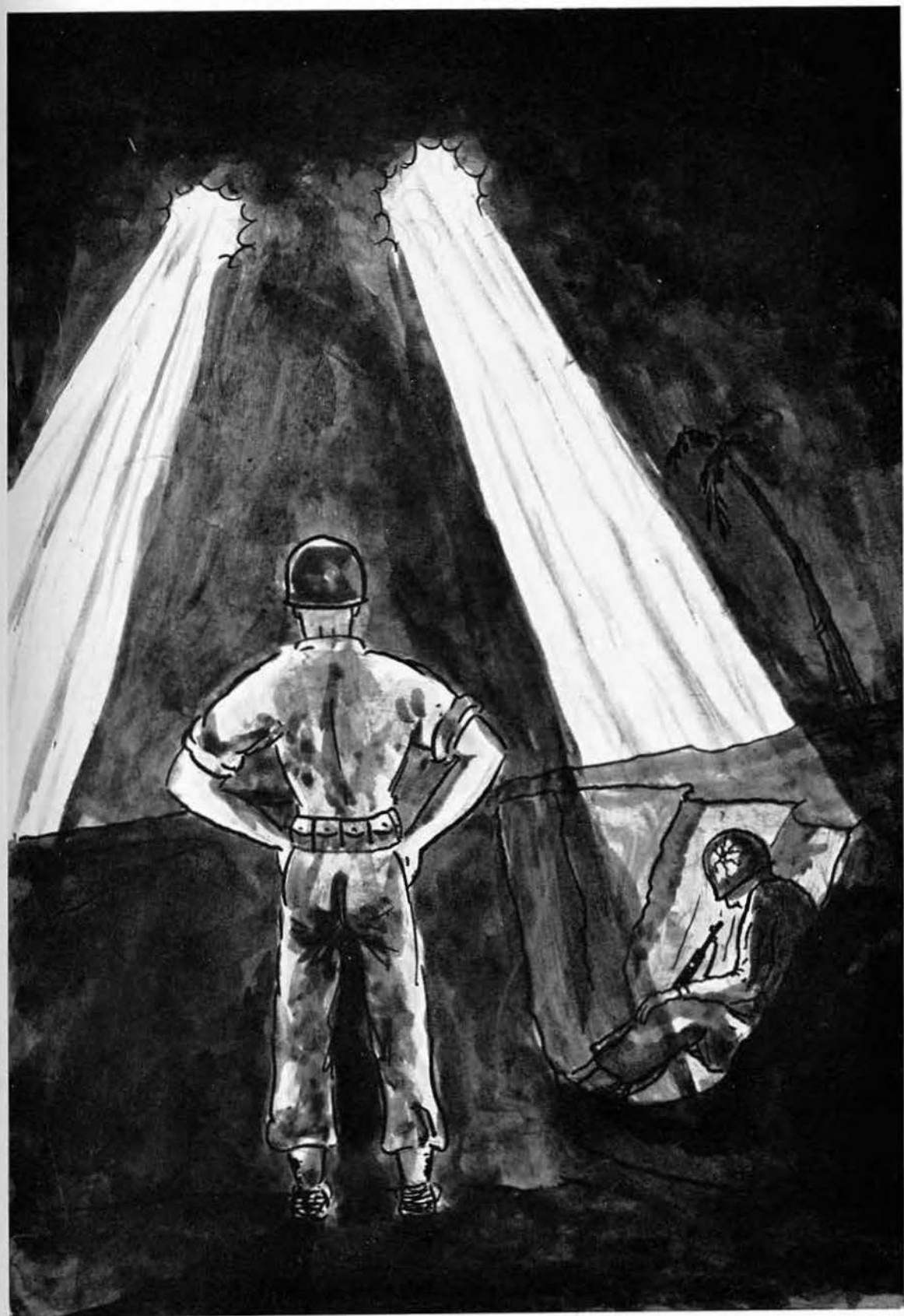
replaced the original tents, and our washing facilities improved to the point where we had running water for all purposes, including showers.

As the Depot grew in size, additional personnel were added to our unit. Some of these were on temporary assignment from either the Naval Station or the Receiving Ship while other men were transferred into the Battalion

3rd. In contrast to the noise and excitement of the evening of the first news, this day was quiet and peaceful. It was the Battalion's first holiday after a feverish 24 hour a day, seven days a week, schedule of operation. There was a great feeling of pride and self-satisfaction. We felt that we had earned that day of rest, and that, from that point onward, the 143rd could rightfully take it easier.

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"Hey, Joe, come on out—the sun's shining again"



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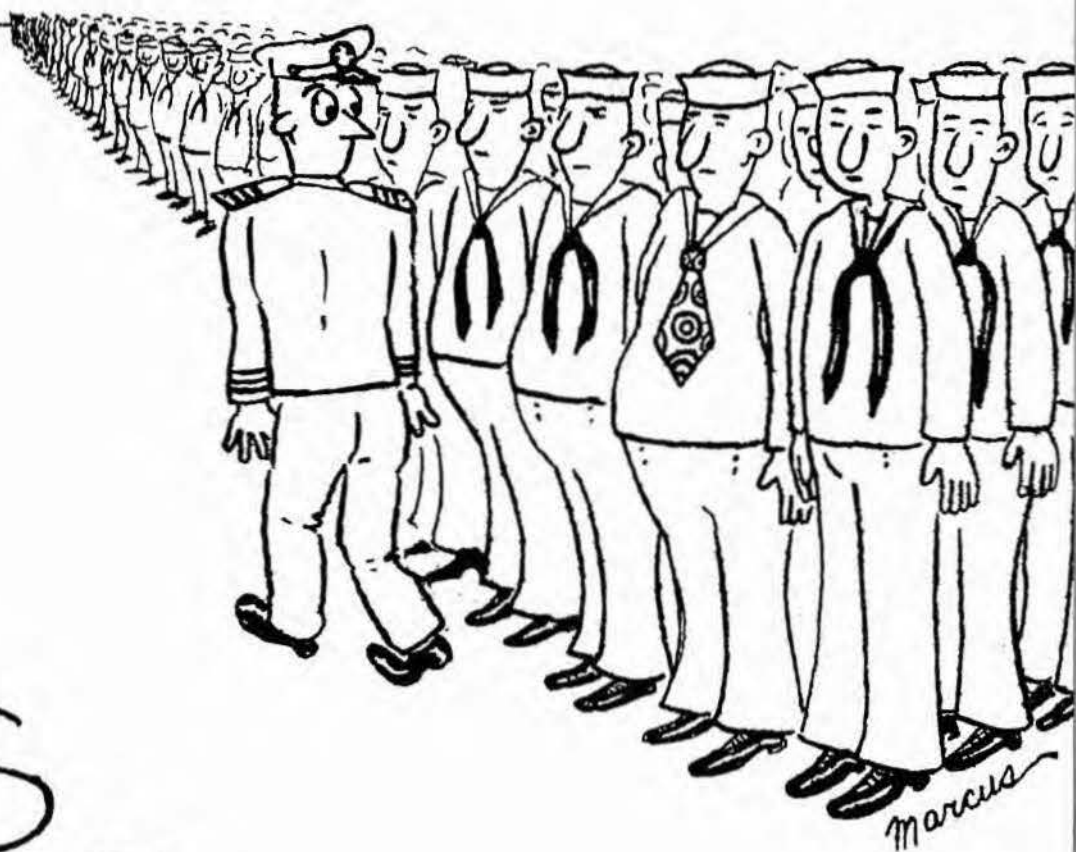


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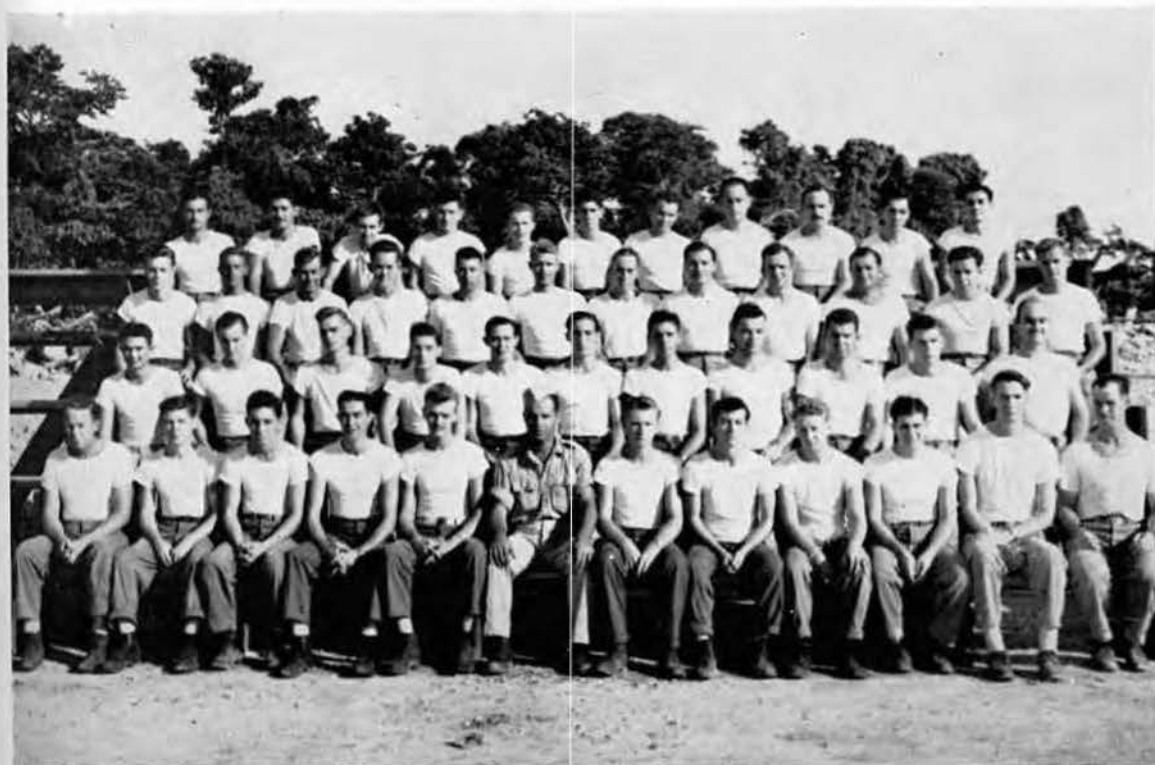
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Cook, W. J.; McMahon, T. J.; Gauthier, H.;
Stringer, F. B.; O'Rourke, J. J.; Hillsburg,
R. E.; Stroumtsos, N. J.; Burns, T. R.; Ilg,
R. L.

SECOND ROW

Campbell, H. D.; Bernreuther, A. F.; Far-
ris, C. J.; Dennehy, J. P.; Campana, H. J.;
Cannaday, R. E.; Harris, J. P.; Gartner, E. E.;
Kasprzyk, L. G.; Best, C. D.; Barta, W. W.

THIRD ROW

Kehler, C. W.; Burch, L. E.; Ramsey, G. C.;
Rawling, C.; Savera, J. M.; Stouh, G. J.;
Bladen, C. K.; Linton, H. D.; Scott, J. R.;
Moore, T. C.; Watson, R. H.; Menkiena, J. F.

BACK ROW

Taylor, T., Jr.; Vitali, E.; Quick, B. R.; Mc-
Intosh, R. A.; Dougherty, D. J.; Ramirez,
A. L.; Peavler, D. E.; Guida, D.; Powers,
W. J.; Cabral, M. M.; Rapino, P. M.

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Mason, M. T.; Hunt, H. E.; Marsh, D.; Kovitch, C. G.; Smith, C. P.; Davison, T. A.; Bigler, A. W.; Laver, H. S.; Ball, J. I.; Riley, A. M.; Schatz, D.; Portzer, J. H.

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Robinson, H. L.; Richard, J. M.; Sweet, T. S.; Reed, J. D.; Richie, J. L.; Hutson, D. C.; Knudsen, C. P.; Lessard, G. E.; Dopp, C. H.; Hager, C.; Norelli, M. A.; Eyerman, J.

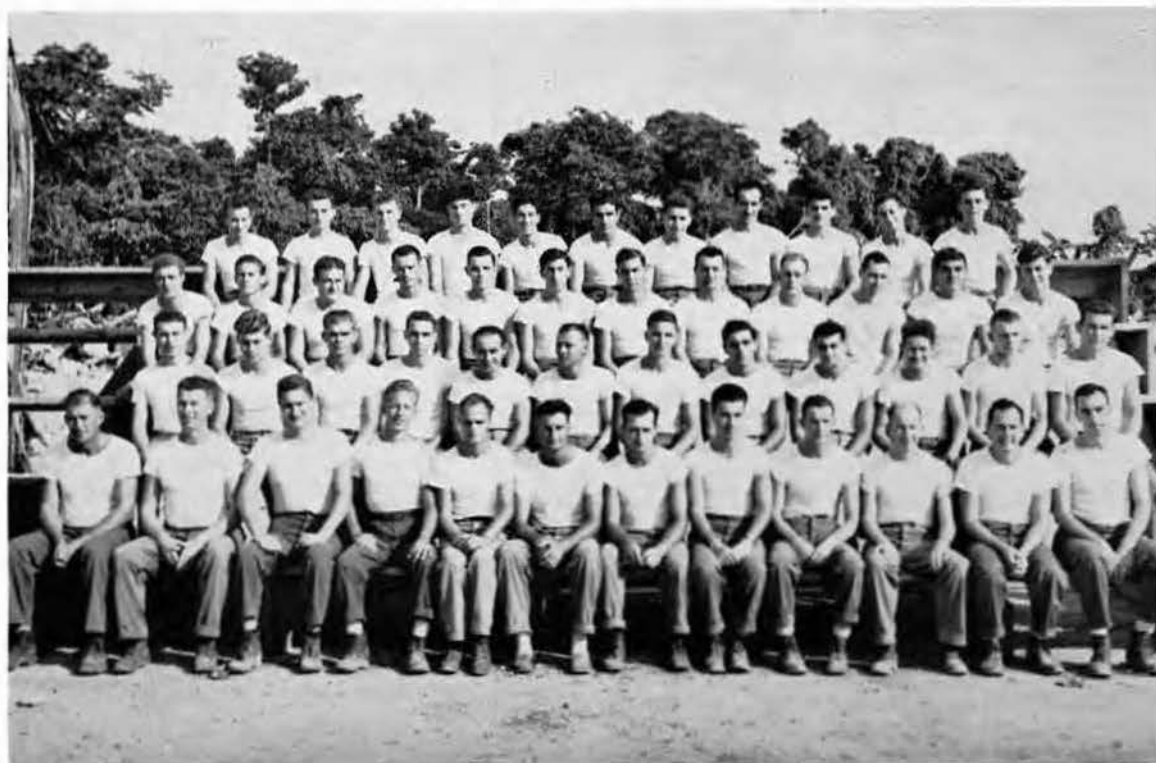
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BACK ROW

Gillespie, J. C.; Clark, O. P.; Overholtzer, G. A.; George, C. B.; D'Ippolito, N. S.; Cusmano, T. S.; Fien, J. L.; Langone, M. J.; Cook, A. F.; Fagone, J. S.; Baugh, H. N.

PLATOON 2



E. L. Rhoads



PLATOON 3

FRONT ROW

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Landman, W.; Belford, M.; Israel, C. M.;
Dowal, R. S.; Stokes, F. R.; Silva, R. S.; Al-
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THIRD ROW

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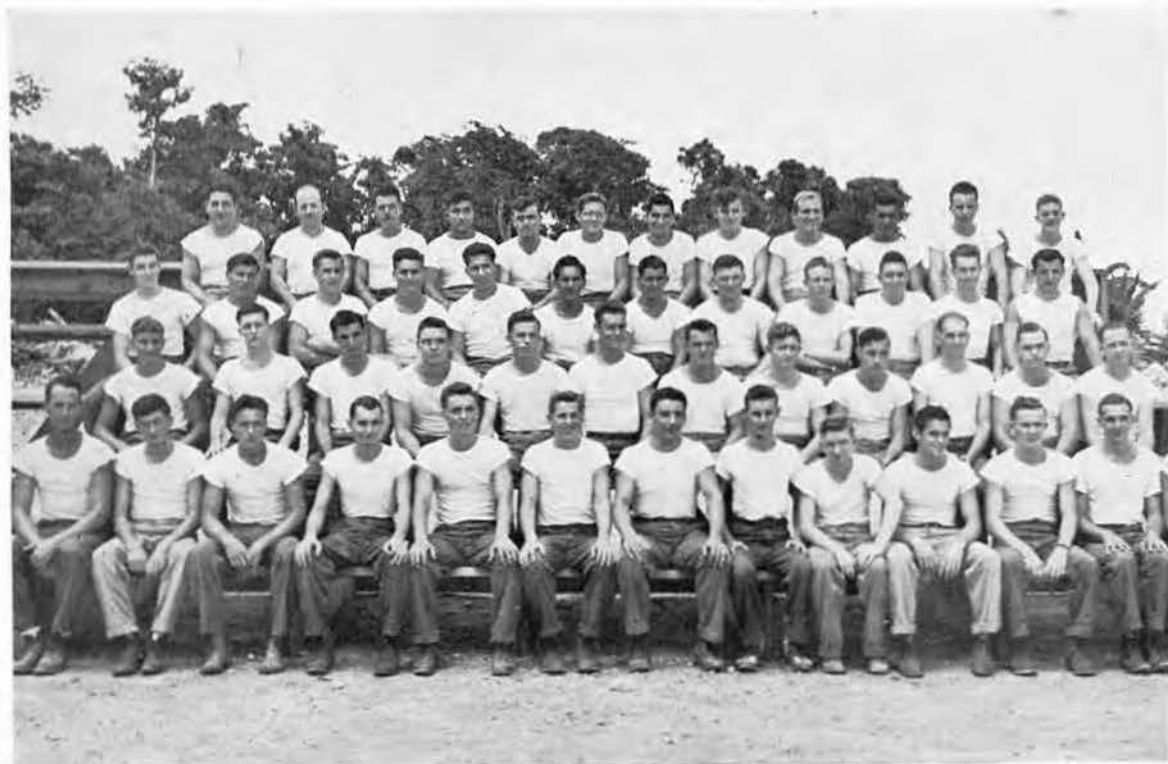
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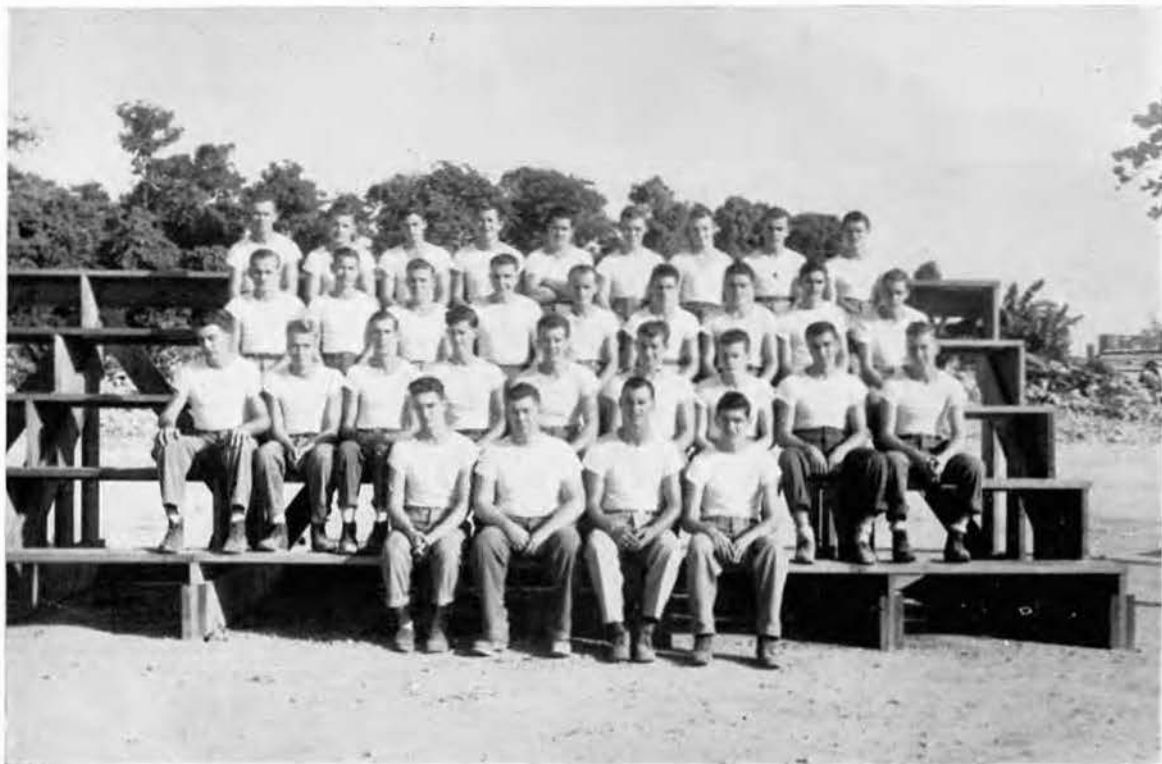
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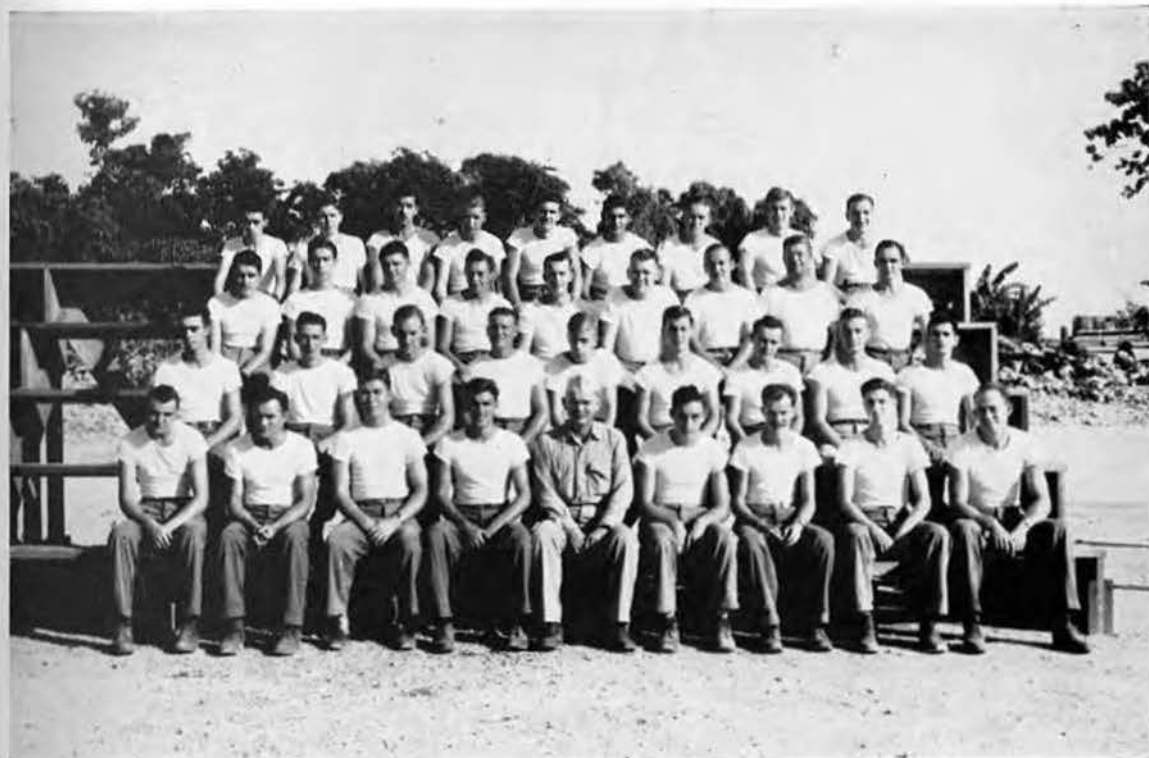
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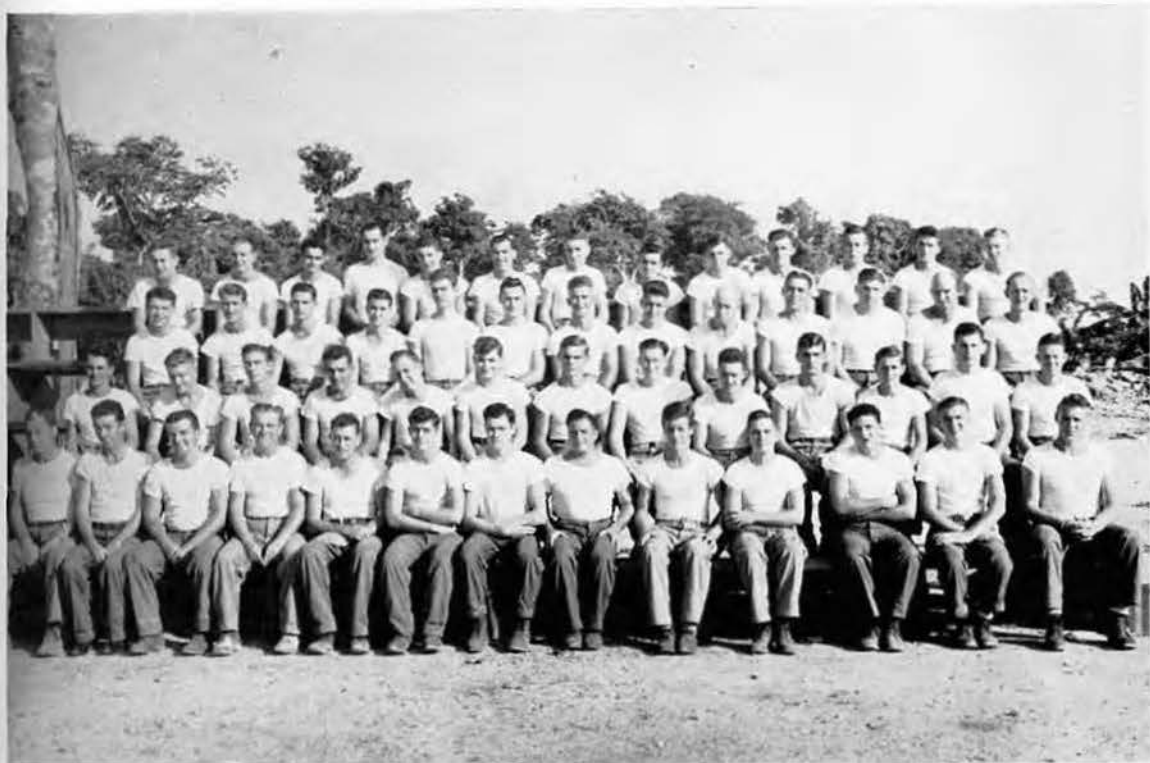
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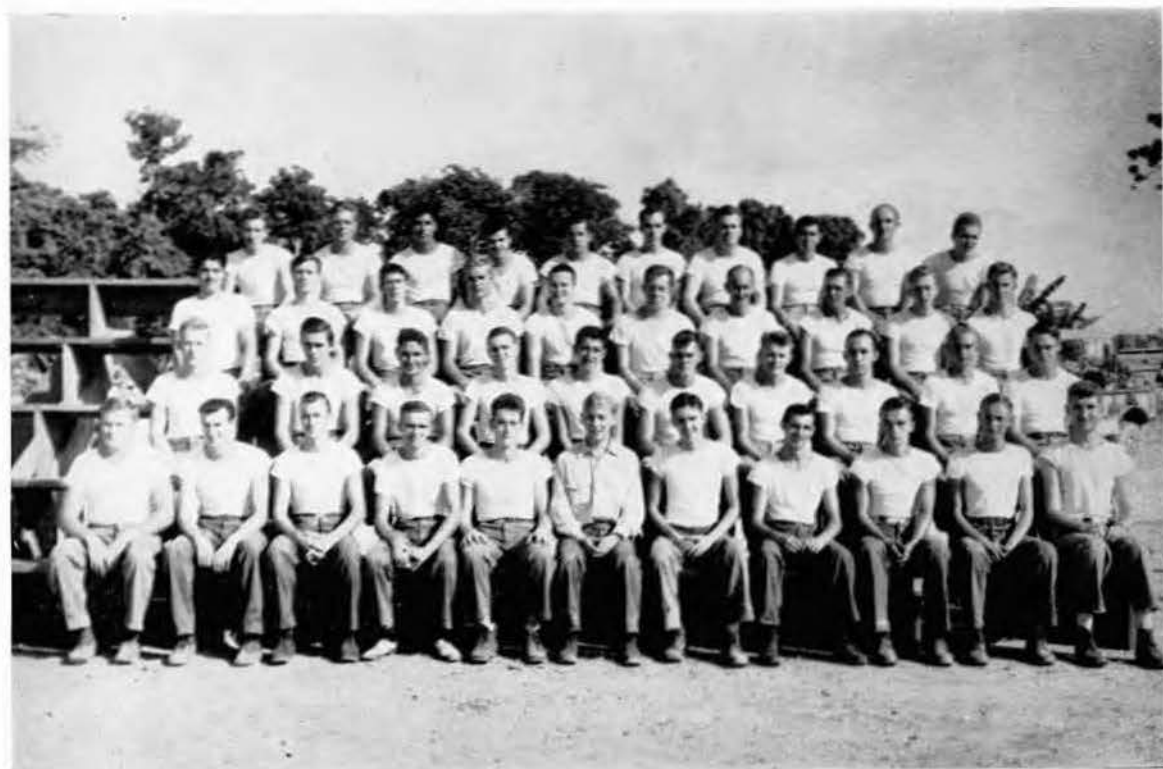
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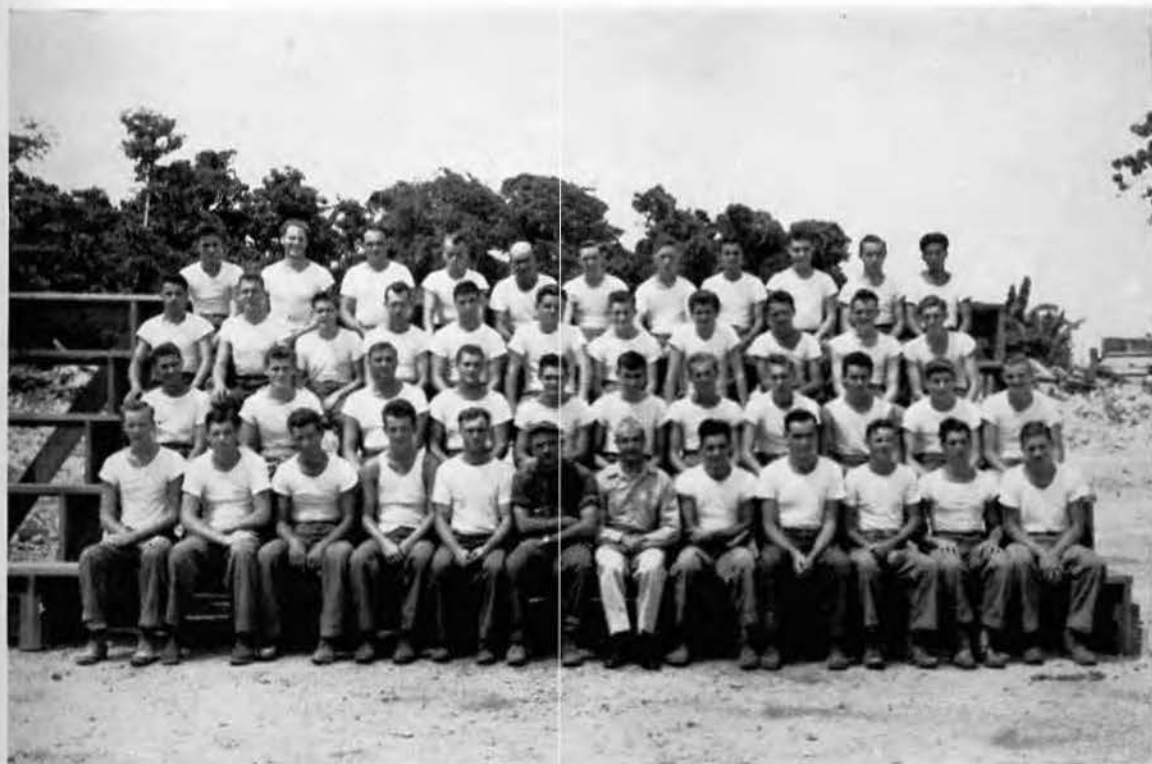
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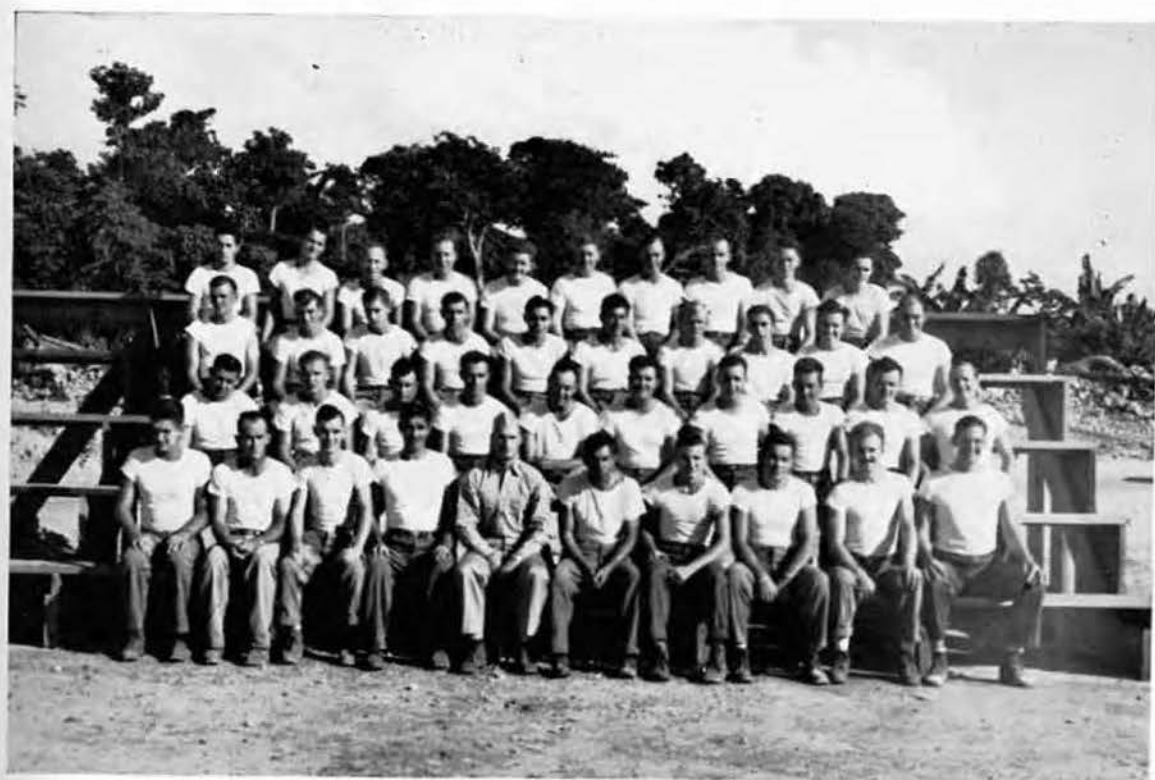
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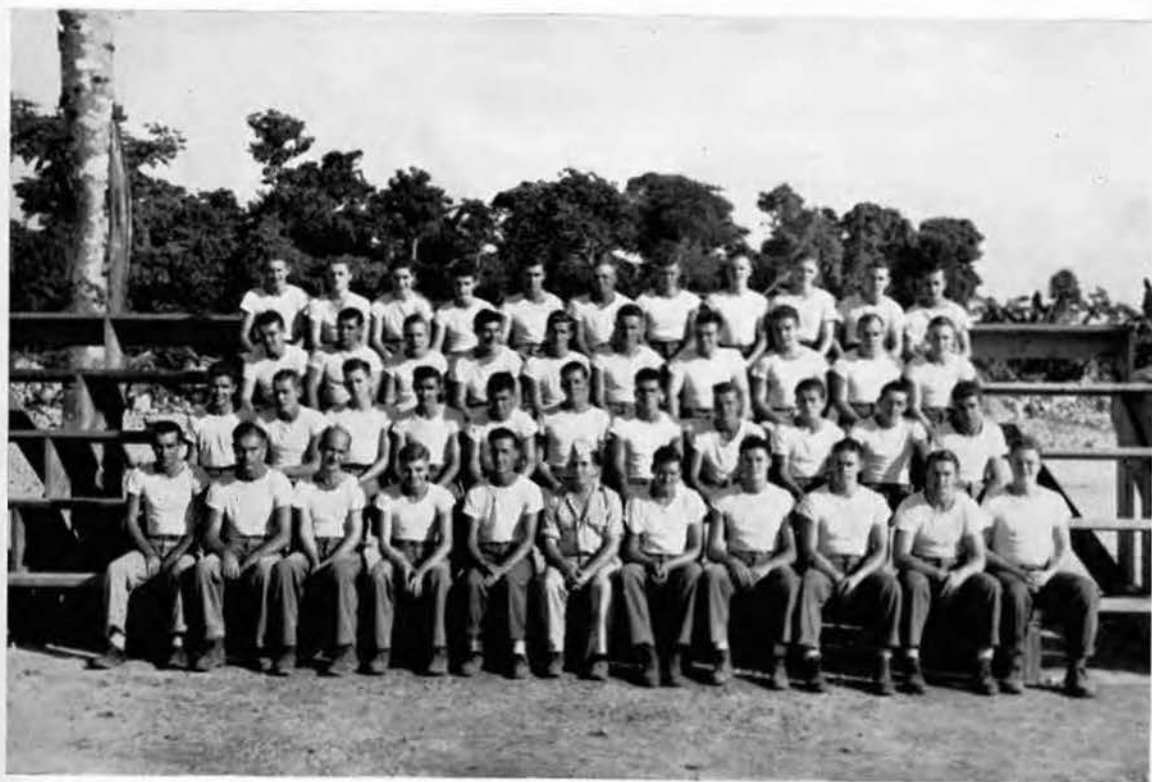
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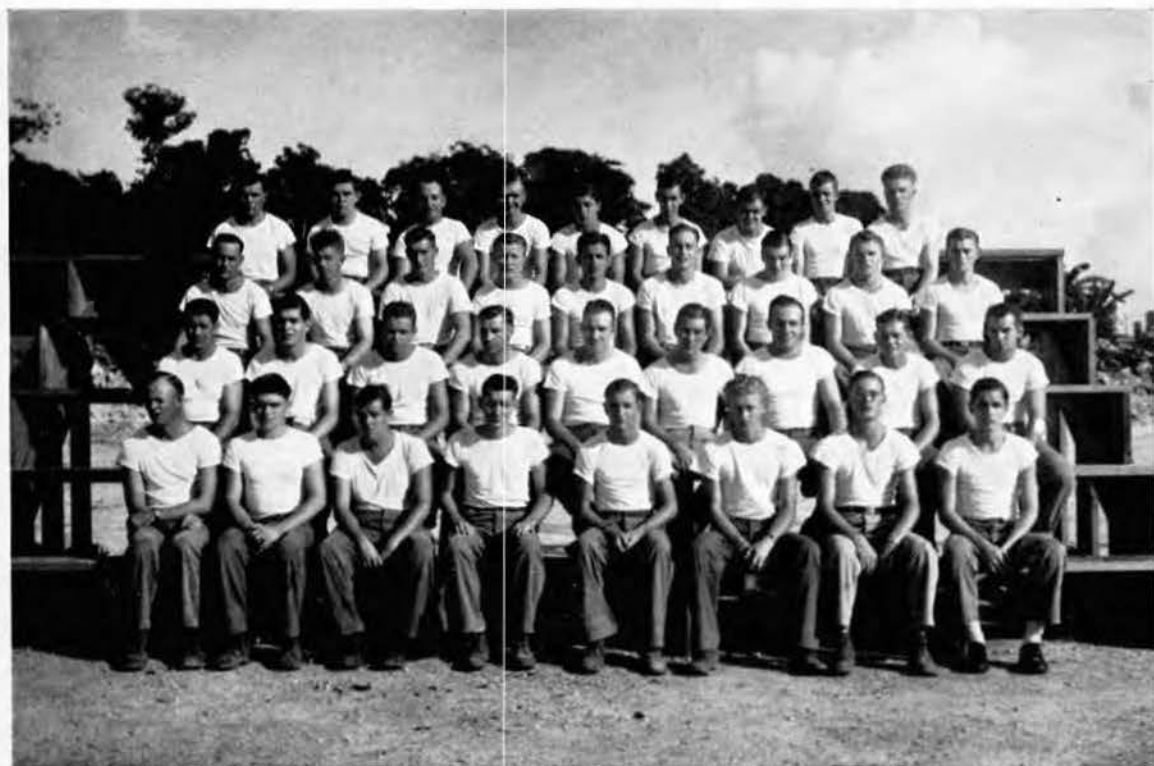
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THIRD ROW

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Kinsey, H. A.; Stebbins, H. A.; Seely, D. A.;
Coleman, J. D.

SECOND ROW

William, R.; Whiteacre, W.; Slonacre, A.
D. G.; Edgington, R. E.; Easterday, R. E.;
Earl, R. L.; Vachon, W.; Kennedy, J. W.;
Knight, C. G.; Cremeans, C.

BACK ROW

Wood, W. T.; Wood, J. L.; Eckstadt, W. A.;
Kokay, A.; Daleo, C. S.; Willingham, J. W.;
Salimino, J. G.; Kimbrough, W. B.; Gomez,
C.; Baux, P. S.

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PLATOON 5

FRONT ROW

Brown, W. H.; Keller, G.; Long, K. E.;
Decker, H. W.; Campbell, N. J.; George,
C. D.; Brett, T. A.; Lindsey, K. Q.; Speaker,
D. W.; Marshall, L. D.; Ferenchick, C. A.

THIRD ROW

Trevino, J.; Kouyoumjian, H. S.; Lucas,
E. E.; Olah, E. E.; Campo, R. L.; Ballek, A.;
Parks, C.; Martineck, G. M.

SECOND ROW

Kirkpatrick, H. F.; Collins, A. R.; Kelly,
O. V.; Tully, E. R.; Law, C. O.; Hillard,
J. W.; Lisbon, R. L.; McSweeny, E. F.; Mc-
Caulliff, F. J.; Sangster, R. L.

BACK ROW

Polenski, M.; Semrau, R.; Edward, J. W.;
Hredzak, J. R.; Matkin, L. R.; Hood, T.;
Evangelos, L.; Jennings, J. W.; Carollo, V. J.;
Ostberg, N. A.

FRONT ROW

Reed, G. B.; Hammersmith, J. J.; Van Nest, A. B.; Lily, H. M.; Edwardson, E. K.; Fassbender, J. H.; Raynak, R.; Rang, R. W.

THIRD ROW

Drum, M. J.; Burns, E. F.; Gladkin, L. A.; Gonyier, R. B.; Schultz, D. A.; Schopp, R. E.; Redcher, R. L.; Schmidt, L. O.; Reed, B.; O'Connor, J. R.

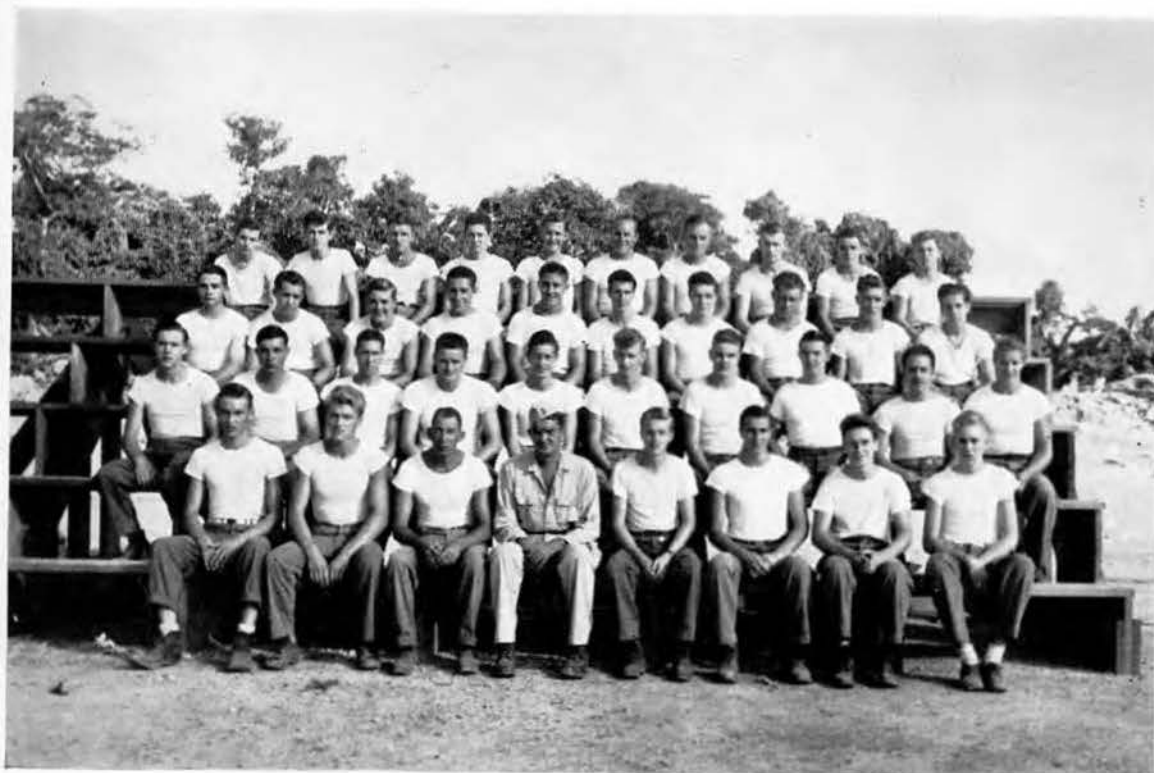
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PLATOON 6





PLATOON 7

FRONT ROW

Cox, M.; Graham, C. O.; Grisham, C. O.;
Domsic, R.; Brown, R. L.; Bertrand, C. P.;
Brooks, J. C.; Tyler, L.

THIRD ROW

Jones, C. W.; Tyson, E. J.; Brown, R. L.;
Brack, R. J.; Urban, G. R.; Birkeland, W. D.;
Shapiro, L.; Nelson, T. C.; Long, J. A.; Simo-
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SECOND ROW

Orlowsky, E.; Freckleton, J. F.; Osheim,
O. M.; Beadeaux, N.; Utter, R. M.; Whipple,
J. A.; Shock, A. H.; Buck, A. C.; Deming,
C. R.; Alexander, H. A.

BACK ROW

Easley, J. O.; Foote, J. A.; Kent, R. R.;
McQuiston, R. T.; Rozmarin, F. J.; Nangle,
J. C.; Troscler, J. A.; Thornton, R. E.; Didon,
L. R.; Wilson, J. E.

FRONT ROW

Fox, A. M.; Tant, J. W.; Payne, J. T.;
Selby, R. G.; Nord, S. E.; Lynch, J. E.; Good-
son, C. W.; Fleming, F. W.; Jones, M.; Fro-
seth, T. C.

THIRD ROW

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C. R.; Keller, G. J.; Kendrew, J. E.; Jones,
E. F.

SECOND ROW

Fox, G. B.; Chappius, J. A.; Kaullin, R. J.;
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Pool, A. R.

PLATOON 8





PLATOON 9

FRONT ROW

Bush, D. A.; Wagster, W. E.; Normandin, A.; Schafer, R. C.; Lewis, E. E.; Whiteman, J. B.; Whitehead, D. W.; Hollis, J. H.; Marshall, L. D.

THIRD ROW

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SECOND ROW

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BACK ROW

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FRONT ROW

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Thomas, C. L.; Walton, R.; Dimsdale, K.;
Hancock, W. E.; Williams, C. F.; Odell, R. N.

THIRD ROW

Thomas, E. L.; White, J. E.; Stavnes, R. N.;
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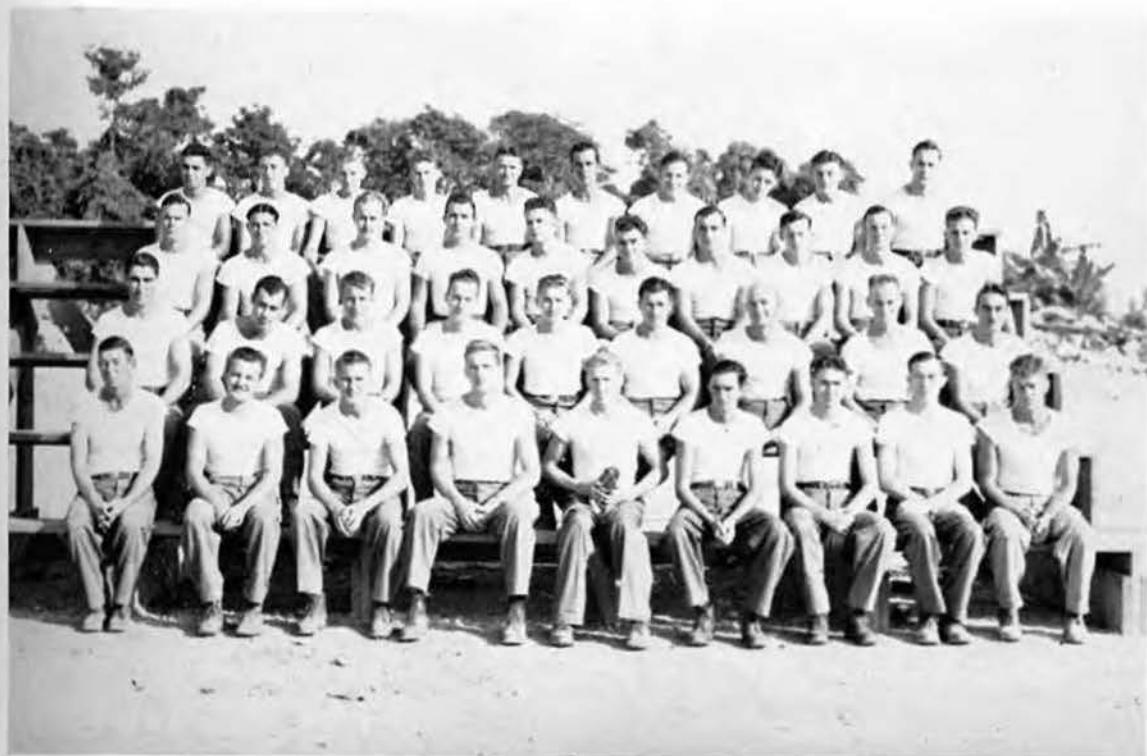
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BACK ROW

Van Den Branden, V. J.; Lavoie, A. E.;
Moline, L. S.; Kessler, C. L.; Zatyh, J.; Sey-
mour, J.; Sayne, L. J.; Dowell, D. D.; Smith,
L. O.; Jonke, A. A.

PLATOON 10





PLATOON 11

FRONT ROW

Scott, A. C.; Tyner, L. H.; Murphy, E. L.;
Williams, A. A.; Owen, M. T.; Pilgrim, L. L.;
Parker, W. R.; Harris, W. L.; Pollard, J. E.

THIRD ROW

Riddle, J. H.; Rash, J. R.; Taylor, K. W.;
Tapp, T. W.; Travnik, A. F.; Pellizzaro, O.;
Verlaine, E. S.; Robertson, F.; Dodrill, H. L.;
Zaccardi, A. C.

SECOND ROW

Tate, W. D.; Whitmire, M.; Pollard, P. J.;
Lyons, D. D.; Whitney, R. R.; Turner, J. R.;
Oddo, F. W.; Parker, L. H.; Padham, E.

BACK ROW

Bryant, E. I.; Rash, R. E.; Whitem, W. A.;
Mulconery, R. T.; Vidal, L. E.; Tomphons,
F. W.; Rodriguez, F. N.; Vigal, F.; Shipley,
R. V.; Roberts, G. N.

FRONT ROW

Pacquin, R. E.; Marangus, T.; Scherban, E. L.; Henning, R. E.; O'Day, W. W.; Gaultney, F.; Kensrud, M. G.; Kittrel, J. U.; Petersen, R. S.

THIRD ROW

Nugent, W. J.; Meachem, R. F.; Robertson, P.; Rockwood, W. A.; Slata, G.; Everett, L.; Hayden, J. H.; Ayala, O. S.; Bennett, C. L.; Smith, C.

SECOND ROW

Herman, F. L.; Kravic, F. B.; Henderson, J. G.; Pelaso, F.; Robinson, T. J.; Rodgers, W. M.; Robinson, J.; Stulberger, R.; Robinson, A. C.

BACK ROW

Simmonds, P. A.; Koontz, L. E.; Perpich, F.; Pemberton, R. L.; Pate, L. F.; Silva, J. S.; McCoombs, R. L.; Steele, R. S.; Marcus, M.; Bernier, C. H.; Martin, W. D.

PLATOON 12





PLATOON 13

FRONT ROW

Fielder, N. E.; Fisher, E. M.; Fledderjohn, D. E.; Kundo, W. C.; Fenner, W. H.; Foster, E.; Fertgus, T. E.

THIRD ROW

Fields, J. F.; Foreman, J. J.; Fodera, J. F.; Fangman, H. J.; Faulkingham, L. S.; Timmer, J. E.; Foltz, R. D.; Chapman, R. L.

SECOND ROW

Farris, R. V.; Fortune, J. R.; Faulconer, L. B.; Goodwin, E. E.; Dudarenke, W. F.; McIntosh, J. D.; Cox, G. H.; McGuire, R. F.

BACK ROW

Feola, J.; Fleig, W. L.; Farrell, J. T.; Fay, F. F.; Forbord, M. L.; Flynn, G. H.

FRONT ROW

Eichenour, R. D.; White, C. P.; Foley,
C. W.; Fisher, C. C.; Fisher, B. J.; Schram,
E.; Owensby, J. W.; Fischer, J. W.; Grivner,
R. J.; Whitcomb, W. B.

THIRD ROW

Ellis, M. W.; Enderle, C. J.; Elmore, C. B.;
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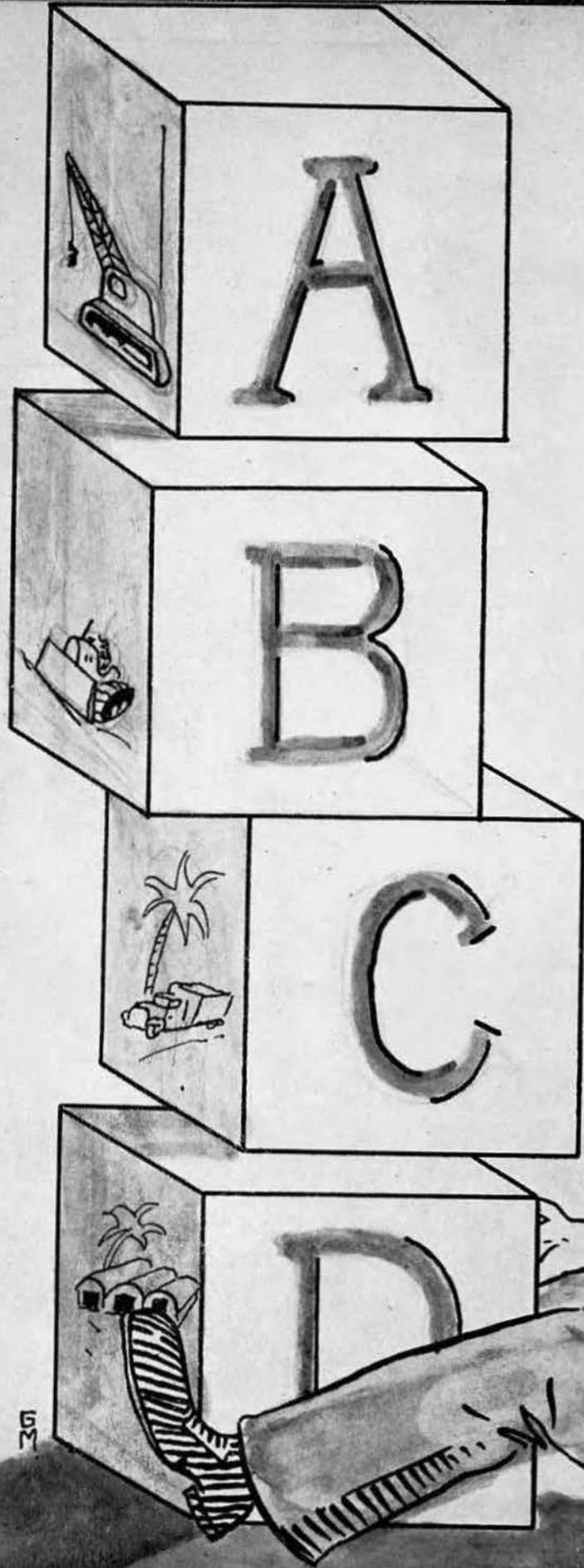
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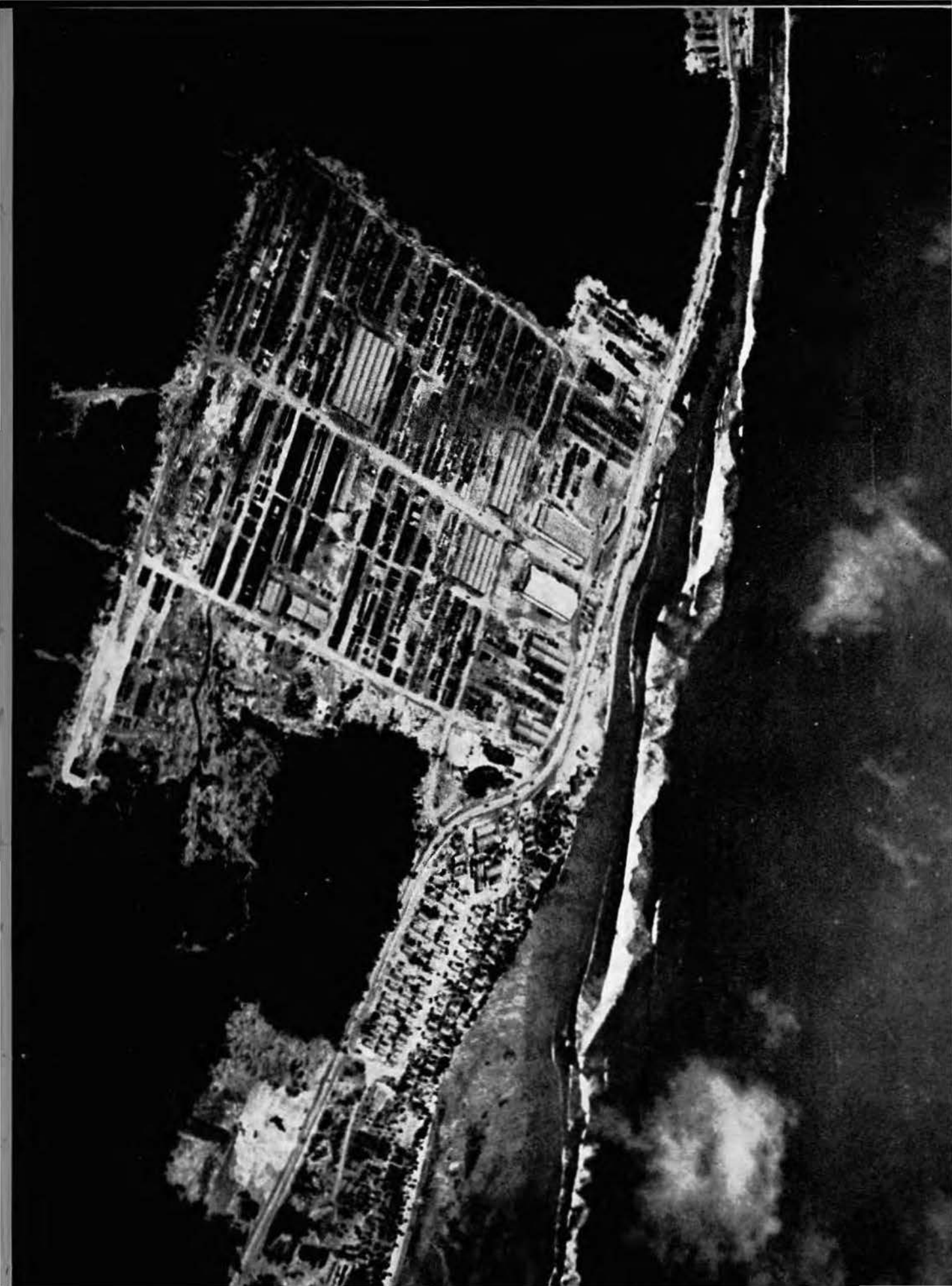
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BUILDING COMPANY

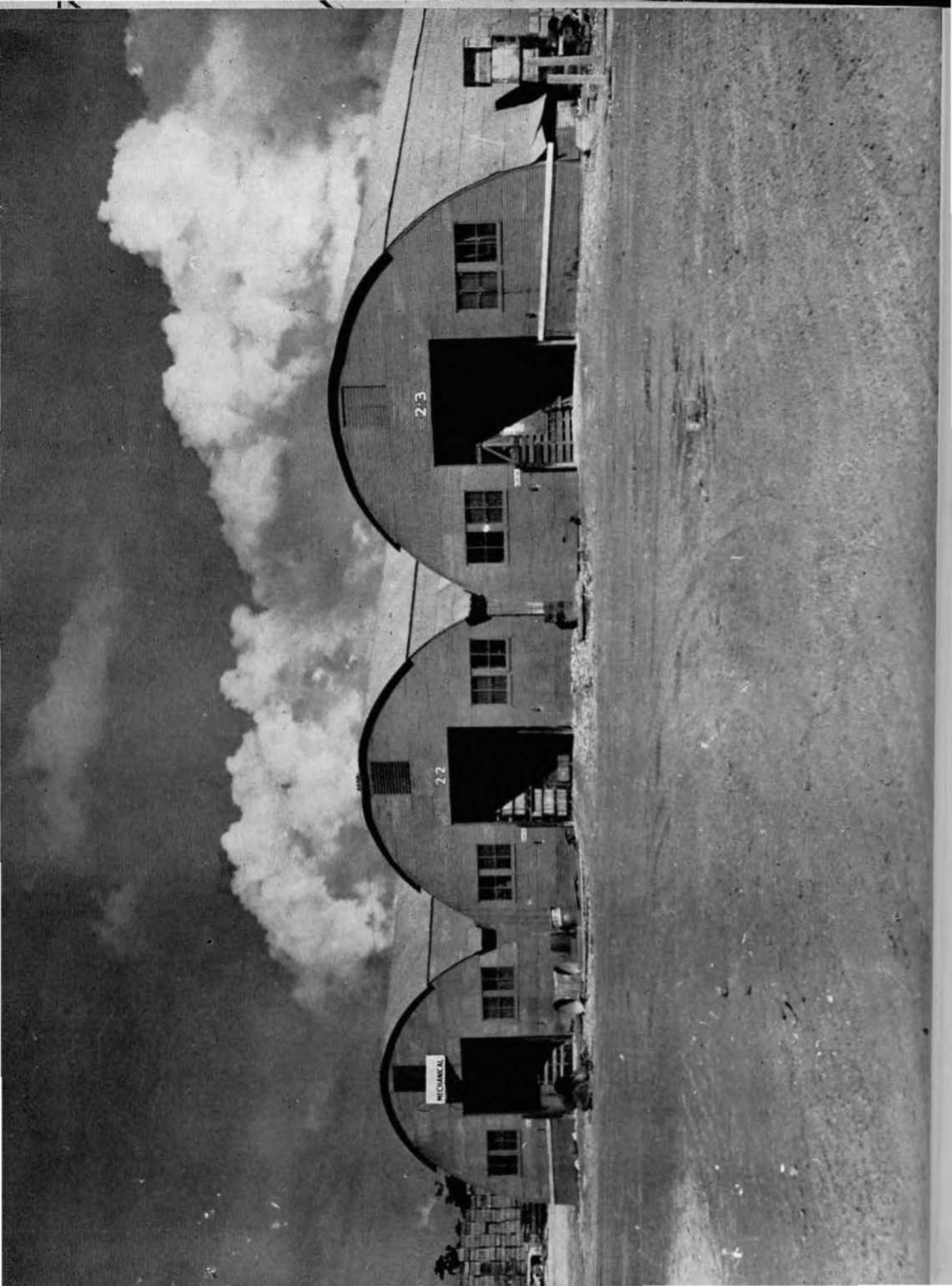


THE problem of supplies for the Naval fighting units is always a great problem during war, and World War II was no exception. At the outset, the United States Navy created a new organization, the Seabees, whose battalions required vast quantities of materials and equipment to accomplish their fabulous construction miracles. Who was to supply these outfits? There was no organization to handle the procurement and issue of large volumes of construction materials, nor were there experienced engineers to aid in the selection of various items available on the open market. Therefore, the Bureau of Yards and Docks set up Advance Base Depots within the United States to procure and ship these vital materials to the various activities in the field.

The establishment of the Advanced Base Depots insured the delivery of materials and equipment to the field. However, when they reached their destination, they were given

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directly to activities working in that vicinity or were placed in given areas known as compounds or Construction Material Dumps for distribution. The principle was sound, but the actual operation was very poor. Material and equipment arrived in such vast quantities whole battalions had to be given the project of operating such dumps. As the personnel of these units had no experience in the handling and storage of materials, the process of redistribution was slow and sometimes at a standstill.

Specific items could not be found readily or were not in a position to be handled quickly and efficiently, because of the lack of organization for depot operation. As the war progressed and our supply lines became longer, the need for redistribution of materials and equipment with least amount of lost time became more and more critical. To meet this situation and overcome the handicaps of

lack of experienced personnel and organization in material dumps, the Bureau of Yards and Docks in the late fall of 1944 organized





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ELECTRICAL

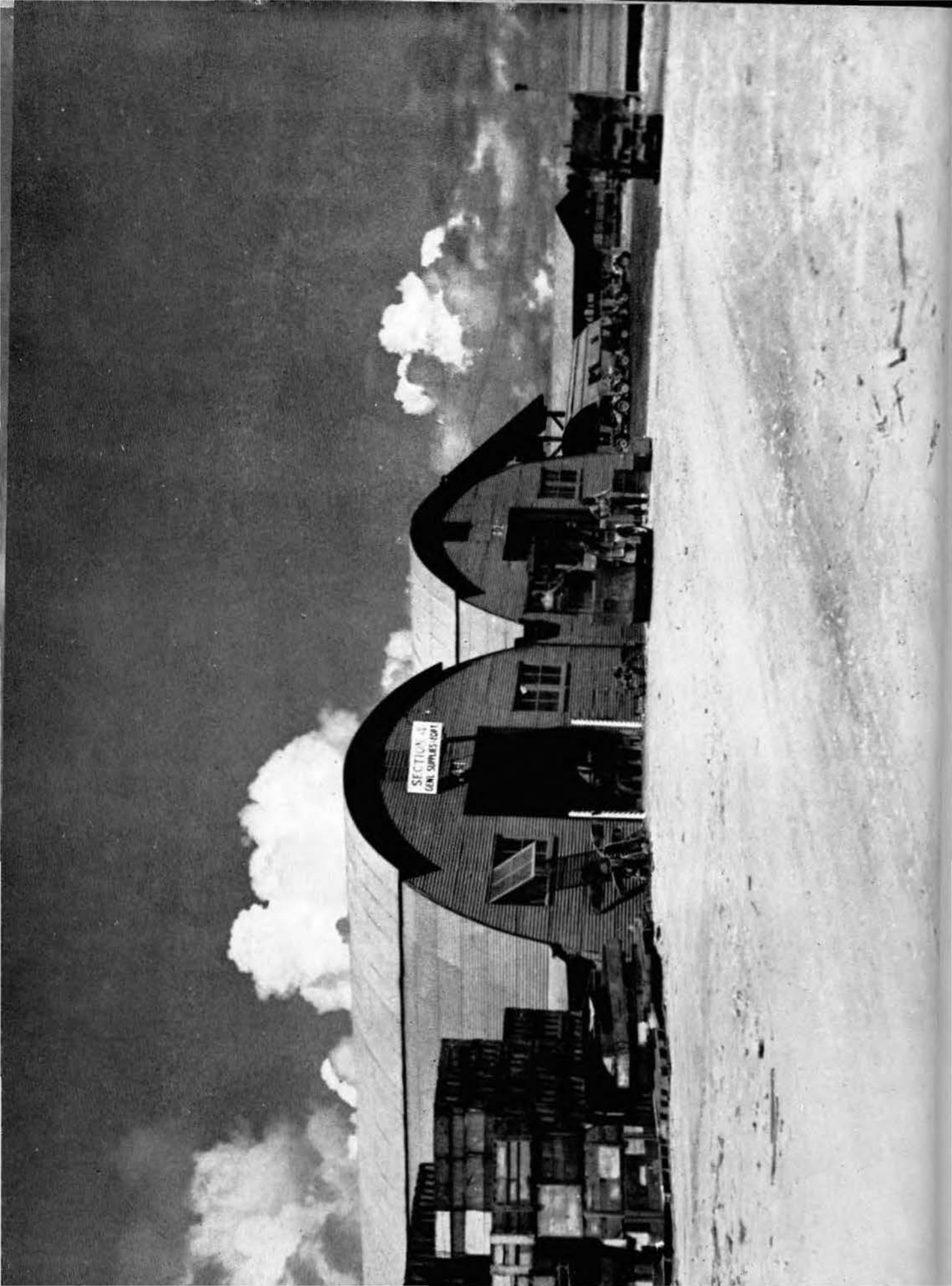


battalions which were to be trained solely for the operation of such dumps and were known as Advanced Base Construction Depots. Thus were born the ABCD battalions of which the 143rd Naval Construction Battalion was one.

Training completed, the battalion sailed to Island "X" to put theory into practice. It found, however, that before going to work in a nonexistent depot it would have to build its own temporary housing and messing facilities. While this work progressed, men were released to the Construction Materials Dump which was then serving the needs of the various activities in the Calicoan-Samar area, and as quickly as operations permitted men were placed in the jobs for which they had been previously selected. The Depot at that time consisted of a large mass of equipment, materials and supplies stacked in a very limited

area near the Calicoan Docks. The location was ideal as far as unloading the ships was concerned, but the area was too small to ac-







commodate an efficiently operated depot, as it was impossible to segregate and store the materials properly.

During April and May 1945, an ABCD was being built about three miles southeast of the dock area along the Pacific Ocean side of the island. The site chosen for the location of the new yard contained approximately eighty acres, enough space for several arch-rib warehouses with adequate space left over for several bays of material and equipment suitable for open storage. The yard was divided into eight sections and a shipping storage area. Two large sorting docks were constructed to handle the large amounts of incoming and outgoing materials. A garage, electric shop, and carpenter shop were built to provide a means of repair and maintenance of equipment necessary for the operation of the depot and upkeep of the buildings.

During the latter part of May 1945, operations were moved from the old yard to the newly developed site, and the ABCD was





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organized into five main departments: Administration, Yard Operations, Material Control, Transshipment, and Public Works.

Administration coordinates the work of all departments of the depot and sets the overall depot policies. The personnel assignments, and necessary paper work connected with administration is handled by the Depot Personnel Office. General and special files are maintained and the major portion of all correspondence is prepared by the administration office.

Under Yard Operations are the various sections of the depot where the material, equipment, and supplies are stored. The sections and the type of material they handle are as follows:

Section 1—Buildings. Section 2—Mechanical equipment. Section 3—Electrical equip-

ment. Section 4—General. Section 5—Waterfront Structures. Section 6—Automotive equipment. Section 7—Construction equip-





SECTION 6
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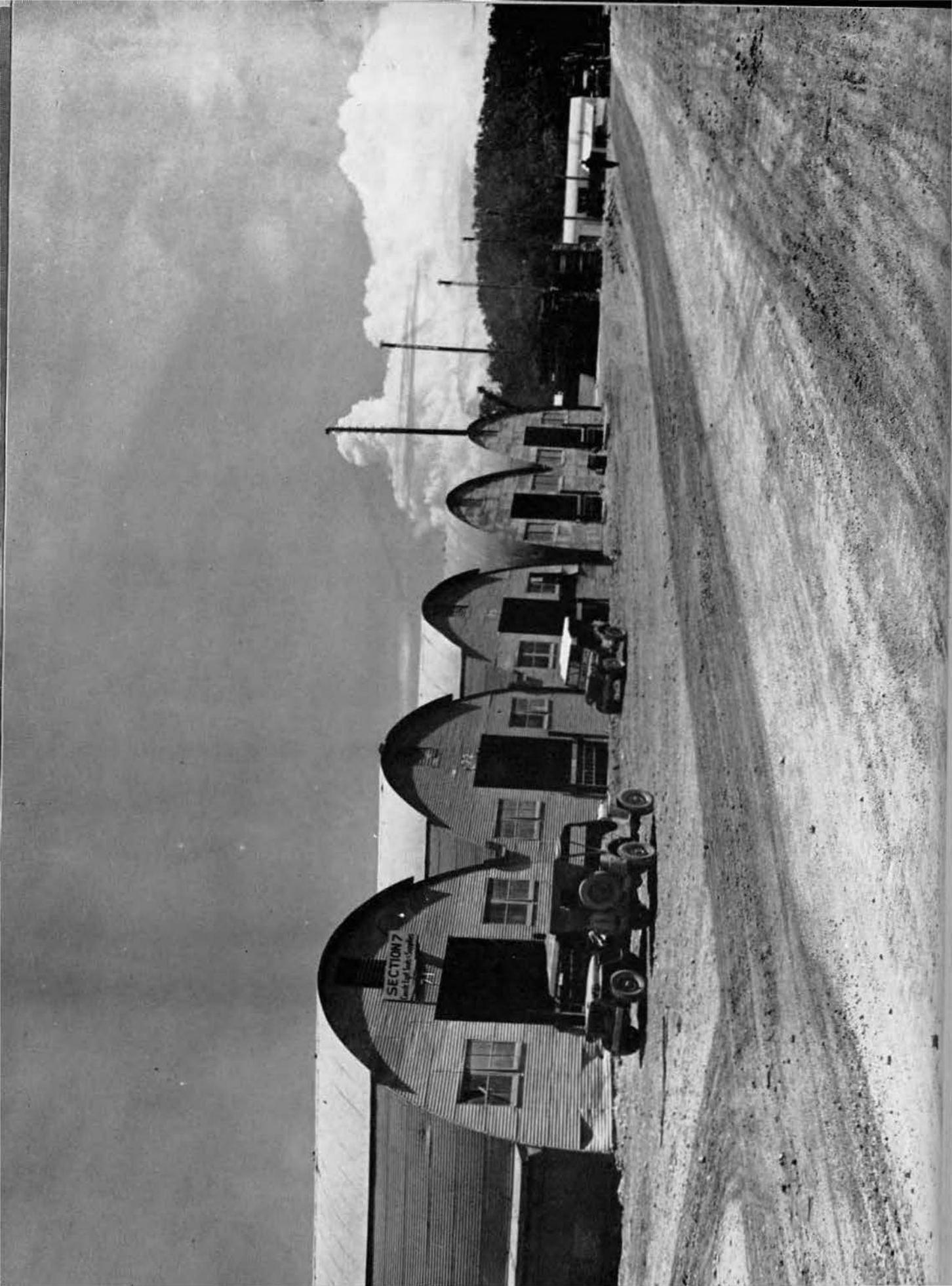
Each section receives the material, segregates the different types, and stores it until an order is presented for its issue. Yard Operations controls cranes and crane crews, trucks and drivers, bull gangs, fork lifts, and lumber carriers. The security guard is also responsible to this department.

The material control department keeps inventory records, requisition files, and receiving reports for the entire yard. In this department, the requisition from various activities are screened for proper approval and availability of material or equipment before they are processed. The checker's office handles the receiving and issuing of materials coming into and leaving the ABCD.

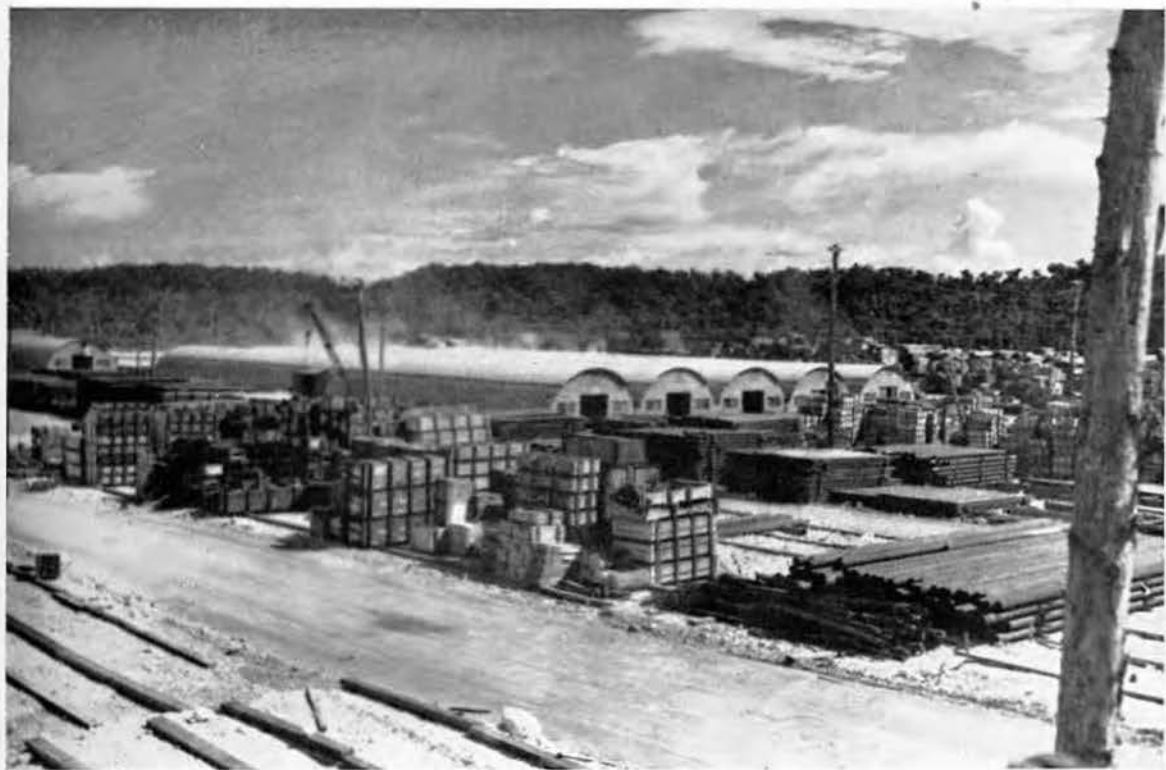
Transshipment makes arrangements for shipping equipment, material, and supplies con-

signed to other activities at this base or at other bases. Until the close of the war all component material was stored by this de-





SECTION 7
Lumber & Hardware



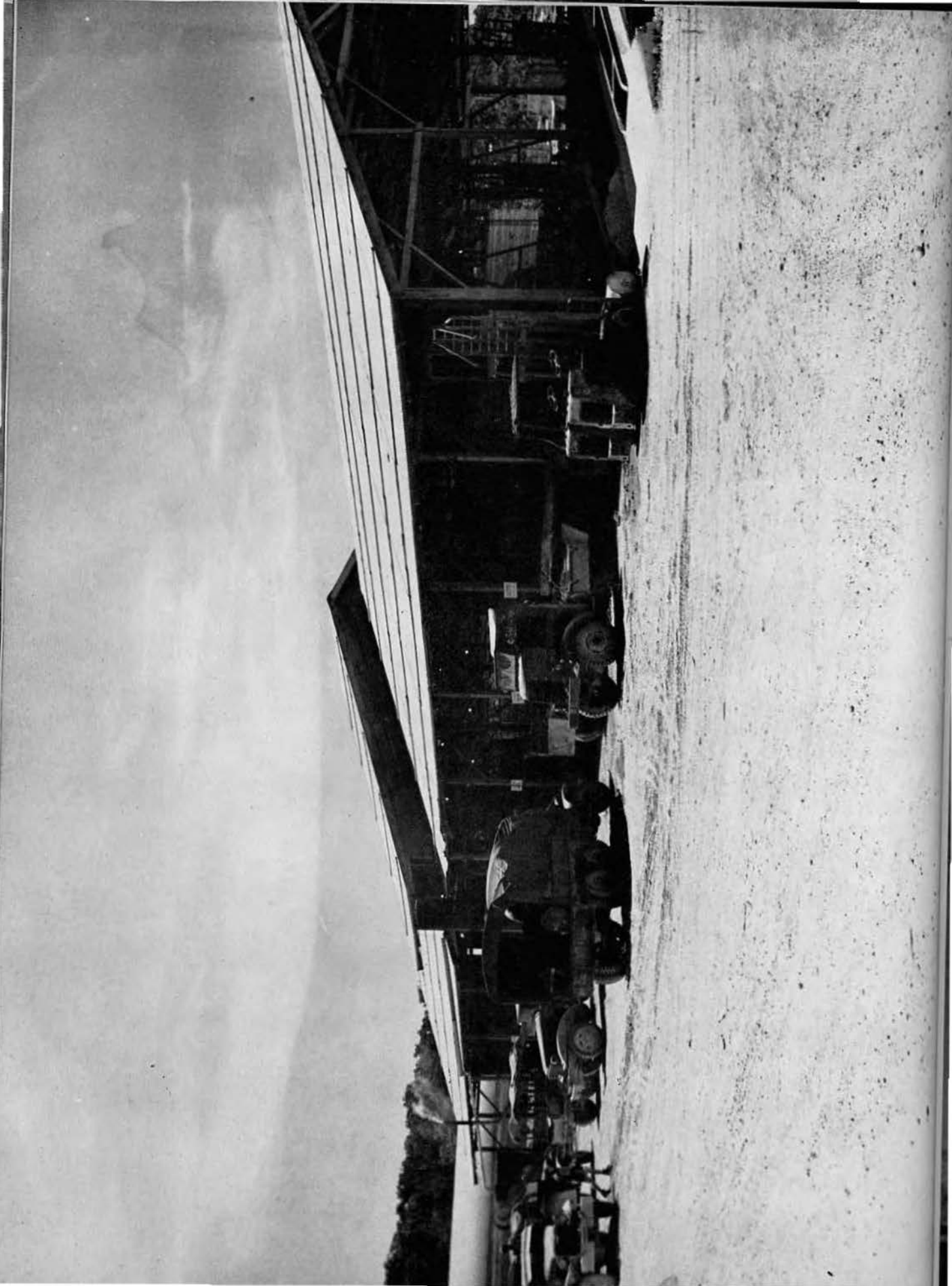
partment pending further assignment. Upon receiving a requisition and shipping authority, this department requests the necessary papers and prepares the ship's manifest, requests the shipping space, assembles the available material, and provides that the order is completed when shipping becomes available.

The Public Works department is divided into the carpenter, garage, and electric shops. Each shop handles work coming under the proper heading for the maintenance, upkeep and repair of the depot.

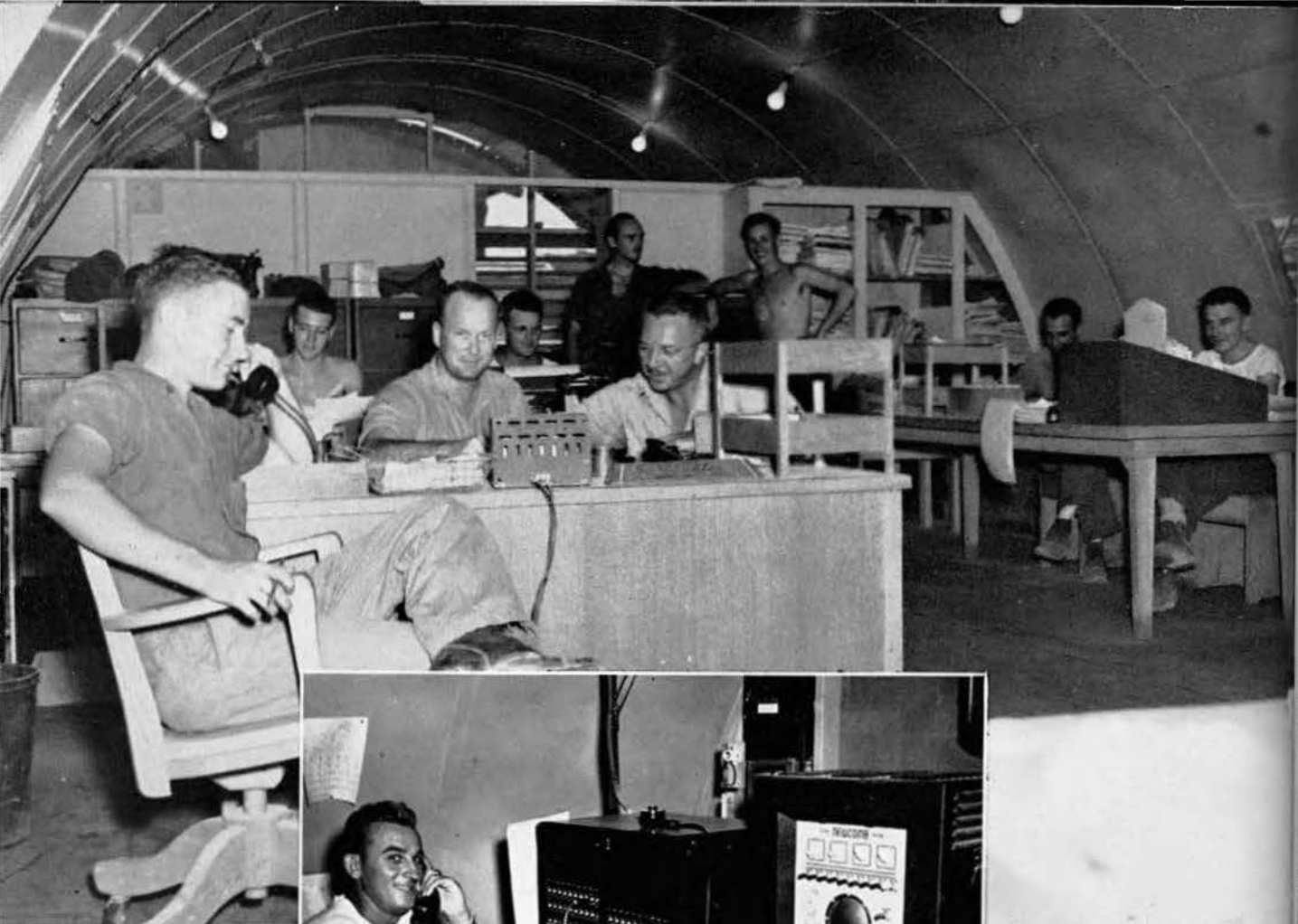
During its existence the ABCD Samar has filled approximately sixty-five percent of all items or requisitions presented the first time. It has done this with a minimum of time, effort and errors. The Seabees who operate the depot can well be proud of their record, and each one will take with him the valuable

experience which participation in this work has given him.



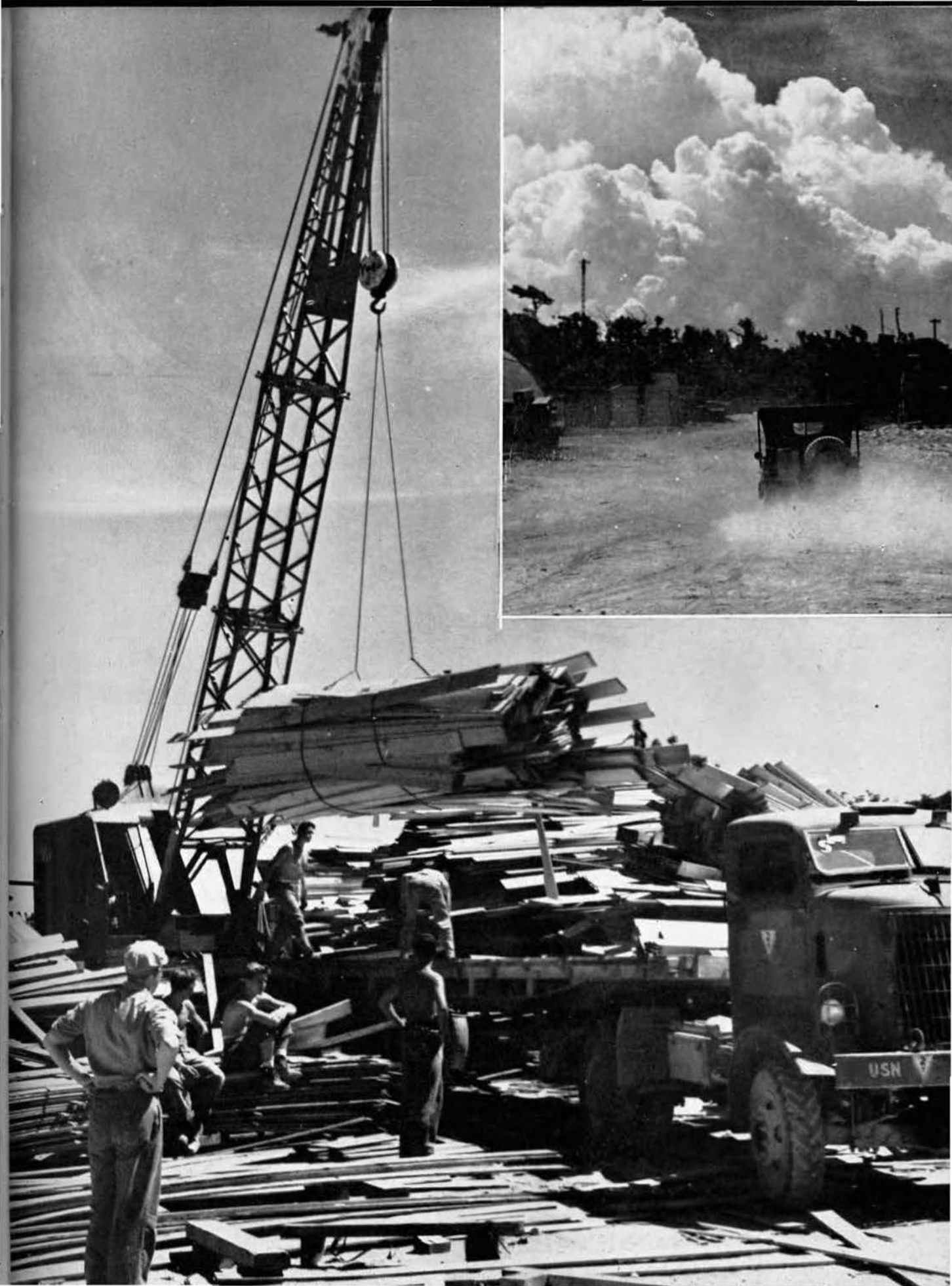


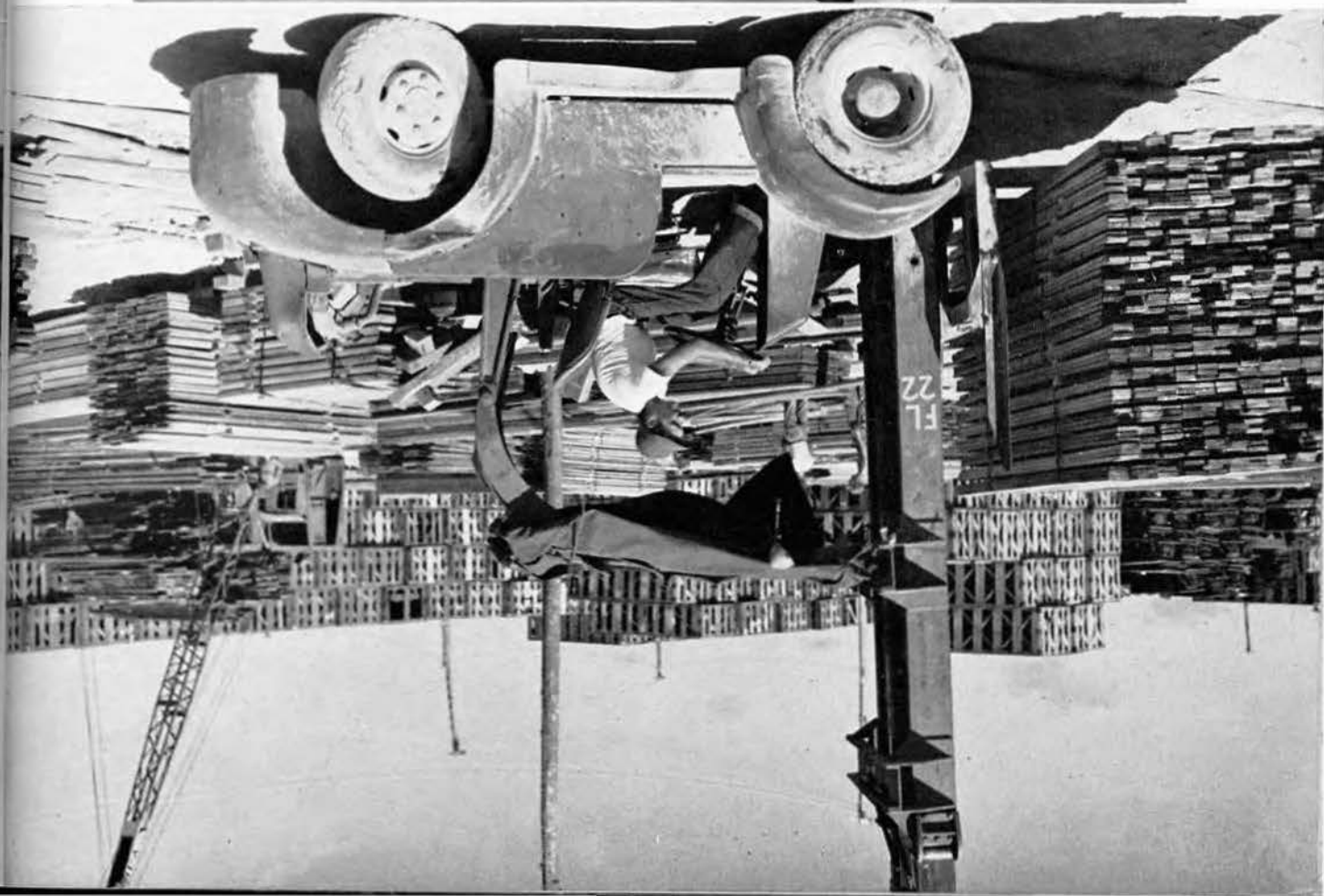
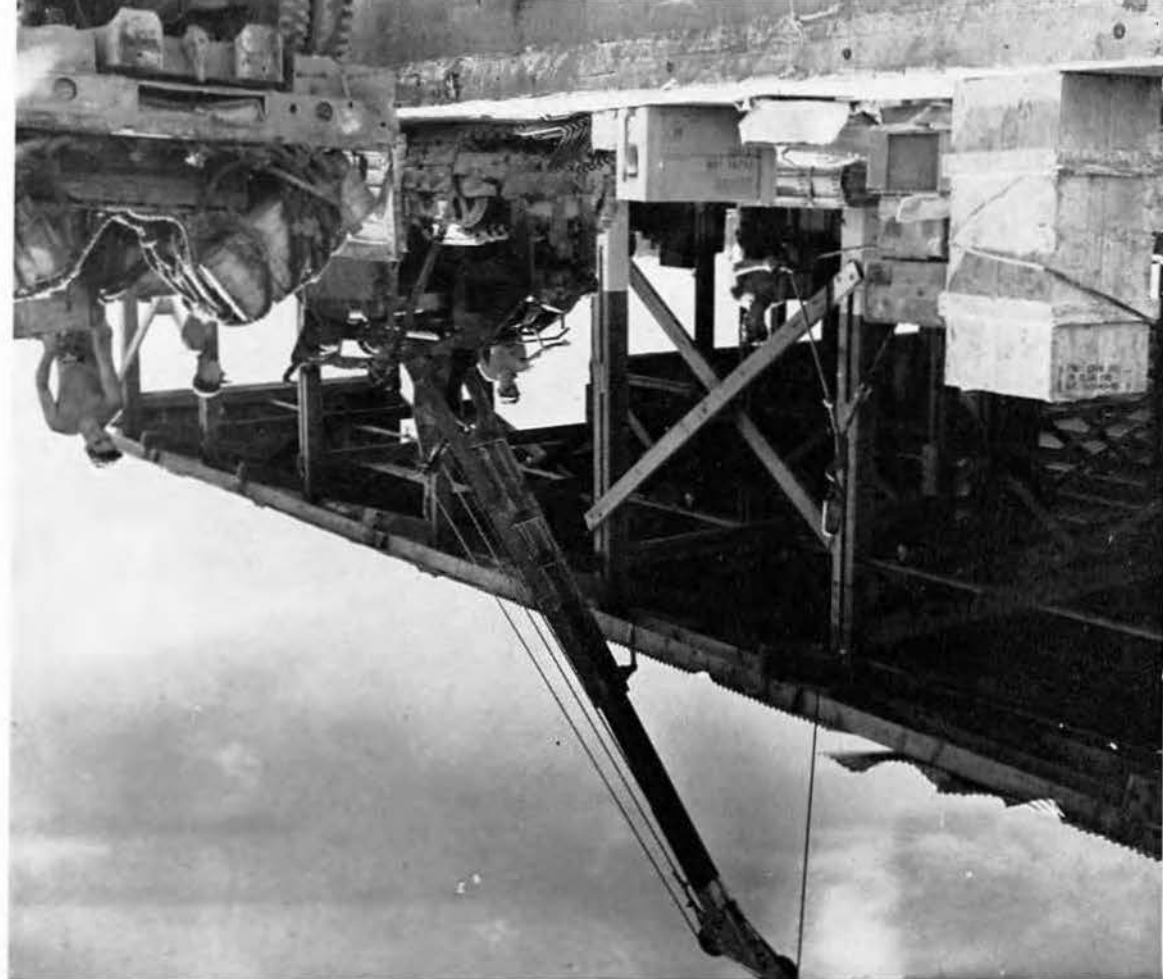






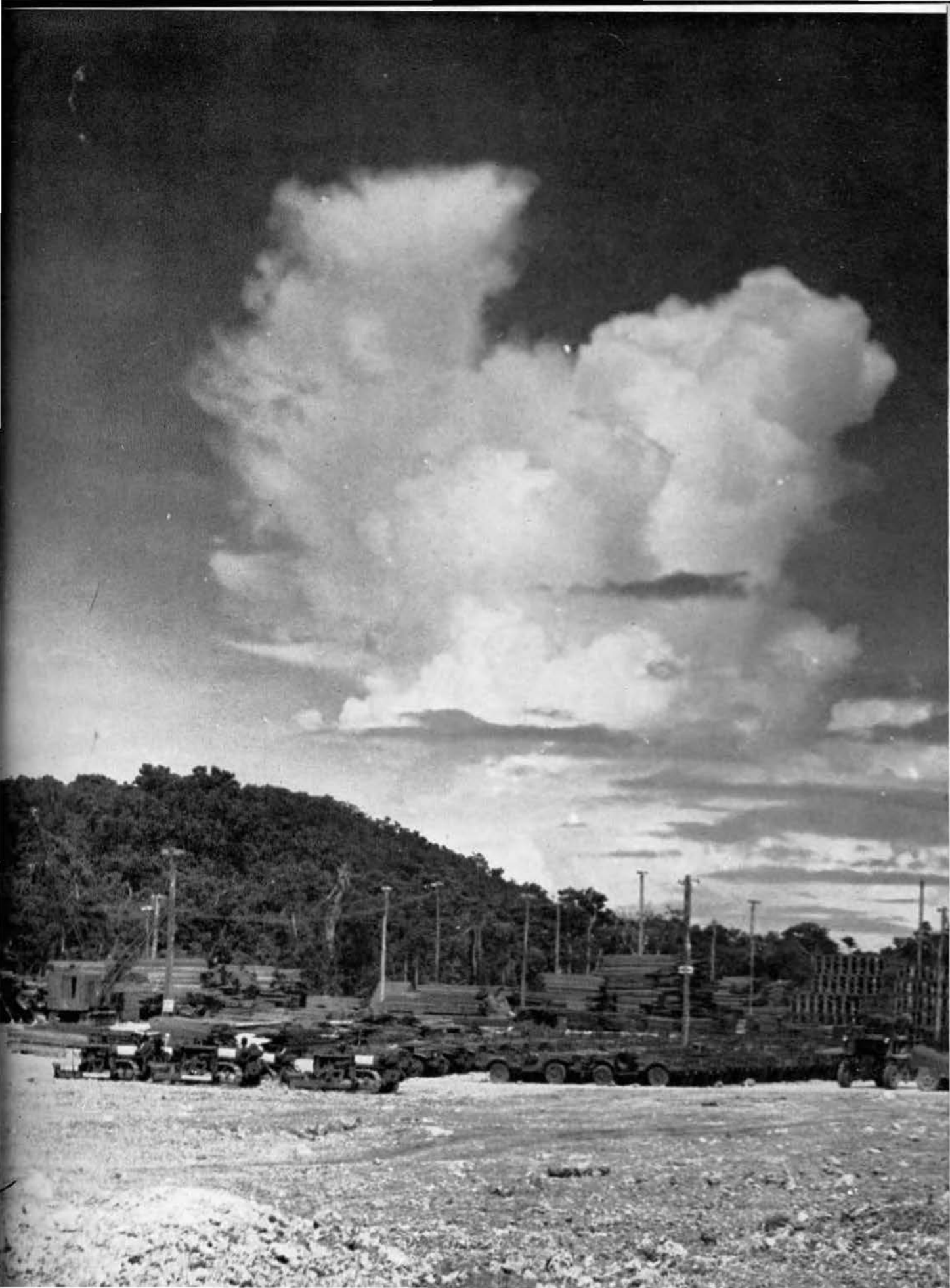


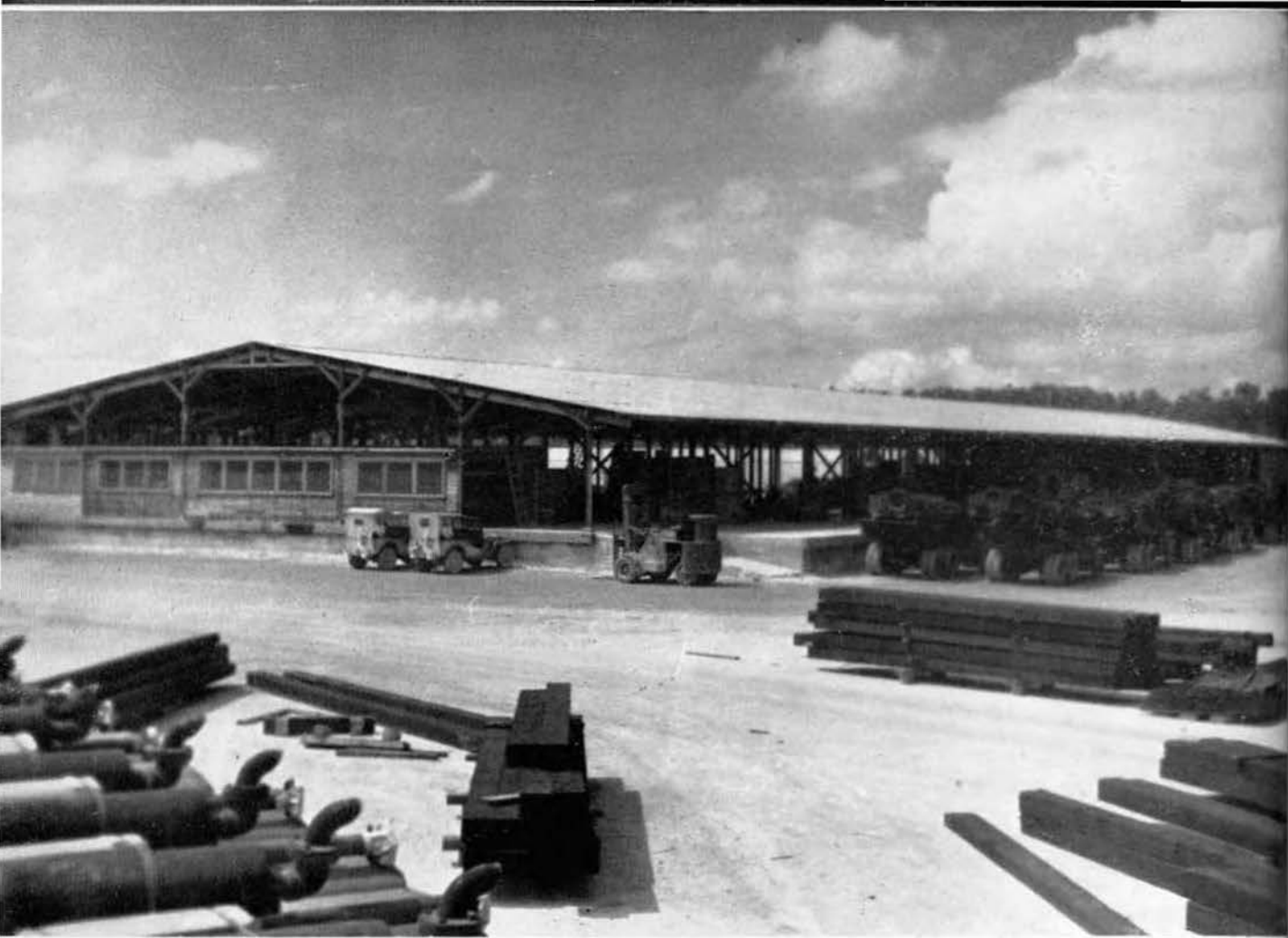


















WELFARE AND RECREATION



BASEBALL

BASEBALL is the chief battalion sport and it has provided much exciting entertainment for baseball fans. The 143rd N. C. B. has one of the best Seabee baseball teams and is runner-up for the Southwest Pacific area Seabee Championship.

The baseball team was formed in May 1945 under the management of Ossie Oswald. With-

tie. In the final play-off game for the championship with the 19th Special N. C. B. the game looked lost with our opponents holding a 1-0 lead going into the last inning. However, a desperate 3 run rally gave us victory behind the careful pitching of Ens. Bishop.

Players who sparked the team through this period deserve much credit. Frank Pilloud, catcher and infielder, led the team in batting with a .430 average despite the fact he was playing with a bad knee which eventually sent him to the hospital. Captain of the team was "Pop" Horey, a former semi-pro player of



out even a field for practice the team played its first game, a humiliating no-hit shutout at the hands of Bill Brandt of N. S. D. and a former Pittsburgh hurler. Gradually the team improved and a couple of months later amassed a nine game winning streak. However, things weren't always that brilliant, but the team did play better than .500 baseball up to the start of the Seabee Leagues.

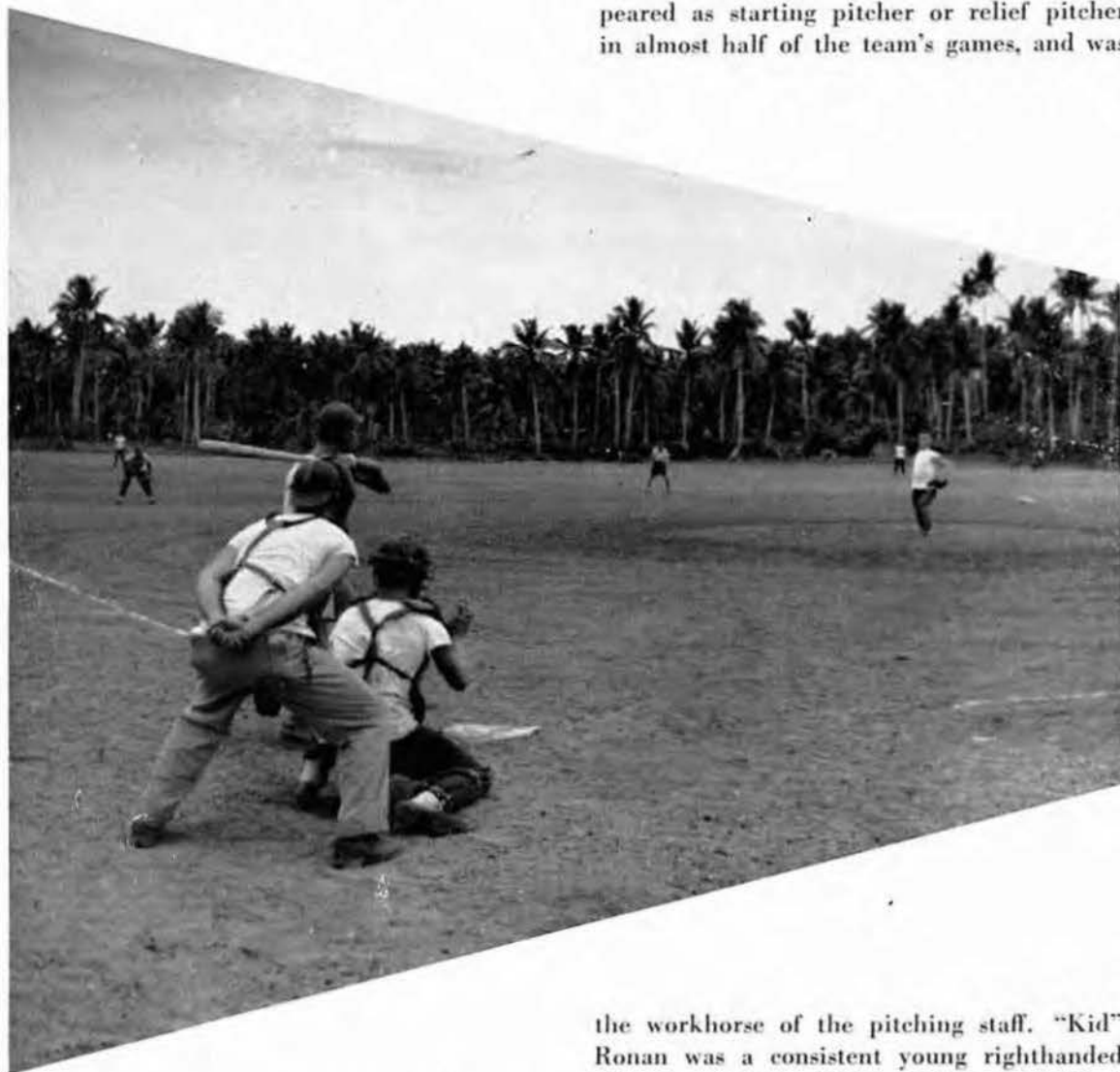
Ens. Bishop took over management of the team in the early part of the Eastern Calicoan League. The team gradually fought its way from fifth place to a four way first place

the Greater Pittsburgh League, who played second base brilliantly and was our top clutch hitter, batting .390. "Manie" Viera, under contract with the Boston Red Sox, was the terror of every opposing pitcher. He batted better than .300 and ran bases like Ty Cobb. His regular position is catcher but at times he played shortstop to help hold a crippled infield together. The team had a real hustler in "Red" Eldridge, utility man. Always a dangerous .330 batter and clever fielder, "Red" was the Mike Ryba of the team, playing both infield and outfield. Jack Dicker, outfielder.

despite a low batting average, was lead-off man. He got on base many times and scored many runs through his aggressiveness and speed. Before the play-off game the team lost a brilliant third baseman in John Yee. "Chinaman" Yee had an excellent arm and was a good clubber. "Bing" Miller, a long "Mack" Maksimowicz, a hustling experienced

fielder, Kitrell more than made up for it with his extra base clouts with men on bases, outfielder and a better than .300 hitter, arrived late in league competition and greatly strengthened the outfield and batting attack.

The mainstay of the pitching staff was "Fireball" Murphy, a promising young right-hand pitcher who won many games and was Strikeout King of the League. Murphy appeared as starting pitcher or relief pitcher in almost half of the team's games, and was



distance clouter, played outfield and did some pitching despite a sore arm which he eventually overcame. The team had a very game player in Lou Greatorex, outfielder, who had speed to burn. In the play-off game Lou sustained a broken foot making a desperate slide into second base. At first base was the clean up hitter, Kitrell. While not a perfect

the workhorse of the pitching staff. "Kid" Ronan was a consistent young righthanded sidearm pitcher with a good assortment of pitches. Ronan won many close low-hit games. Rounding out the pitching staff was another righthand pitcher, Ensign Bishop, who pitched with Missouri's State Semi-Pro Champions, with Missouri Universities Big Six Champions, and in the Greater Pittsburgh Semi-Pro League. Although a late arrival to the team Ens. Bishop won several important



BASEBALL TEAM

FRONT ROW: Greatorex, L. J.; Maksimowicz, E. J.; Ronan, D.;
 Vierra, M. J.; Morgan, J.; Slason, F.; Campo, P. S.; Kittrell, J. U.;
 Cubler, J.

TOP ROW: Ensign Bishop, J. K., Manager; Stinson, O. W., Coach;
 Horey, E.; Miller, N. R.; Watkins, P. D.; Eldridge, W. E.; Cook,
 W. A.; Mabe, E. L.; Murphy, R. H.; Dicker, E. J.



league games in the title drive, and proved a capable manager.

By winning the League the 143rd N. C. B. team earned a right to play the 30th N. C. B. for the Calicoan Seabee Championship. Outstanding players in the playoff series were Horey, Mack, Kitrell, Viera, Pilloud, Watkins, and pitchers Murphy and Bishop. The team won the third and final game of the series by a 5-3 score behind the brilliant pitching of "Fireball" Murphy who proved himself by coming out of several tight spots.

The team lost several important players through injuries, transfers and the point system during and immediately after winning the Island Championship, but CBMU 623 was inactivated and the team gained ample dependable replacements. In the play-off series for the Southwest Pacific Area Championship the 93rd N. C. B. from Samar won out in two close hard-fought games. The latter game of the series was the first to be played on our new Christou Field, dedicated in memory of the first 143rd N. C. B. man to give his life in behalf of his country.

Since the Southwest Pacific Area Seabee

Series the team has developed into an even more powerful club. New players, a baseball field of its own, and improved management have largely been responsible. Greatly helping to strengthen the team are players Watkins, Cook, Campo, Slason, Cubler, Mabe, and Morgan from CBMU 623. The present line up of the team is as follows:

1B—Kitrell
 2B—Horey
 3B—Cook
 SS—Campo
 LF—Dicker
 CF—Maksimowicz
 RF—Eldridge
 C—Viera, Watkins
 P—Bishop, Murphy, Ronan, Miller, Mabe, Morgan

UTILITY: Cubler, infield; Slason, outfield.

The management consists of Ensign Bishop, Manager; O. Stinson, head coach; and "Pop" Horey, captain. Commander Weaver, and Chaplain Samuelson deserve much credit for the splendid Christou field which was blasted out of the jungle and coral.

BASKETBALL

INTRA-BATTALION LEAGUE



ALTHOUGH not as many men participated in basketball as in softball, basketball, nevertheless provided many thrills and much excitement for the players and the most rabid fans. A total of 9 teams entered in the league.

Two well lighted courts enabled the league to run a fast, convenient schedule. Two games were played each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evening. Referees were furnished by the Welfare and Recreation Department and by having these impartial referees the games were played with little friction from any of the teams.

Since the basketball courts are in the open and subject to winds it is necessary for the teams to "work the ball in" rather than to rely on "long shots." This factor coupled with the natural talent displayed by the players produced a grade of basketball that was

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

FRONT ROW: Quirk, J. P.; Noonan, T. L.; Edney, R. E.

BACK ROW: Rhoads, E. L.; Norelli, M. A.; Kennedy, V. E.





MESS COOKS BATTALION CHAMPS

BACK ROW: Nugent, N. J.; O'Brien, T. E.; Brown, H. L.; Bowen, N. E.; Pilarczyk, M. J.; Barnes, C. P.

FRONT ROW: Latham, N. J.; Thurman, C. S.; Isenberger, W. J.; Bolton, W. R.; Burton, C. T.



COMPANY B

FRONT ROW: Heard, J. H.; Hickey, J. S.; Hempe, G. H.; Baird, E. J.; Kennedy, B. J.

BACK ROW: Hess, G. E.; Langan, E. T.; Lund, M. D.; Widell, R. W.; Hopper, C. L.; Ford, K. H.; Hirshfeld, J. H.



beyond the expectations of the most critical fan.

The standings of the teams as of November 9, 1945 are as follows:

<i>Team</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Average</i>
1. MESS COOKS	8	0	1.000
2. GALLEY	6	2	.750
3. COMPANY B	5	3	.625
4. OFFICERS	4	4	.500
5. COMPANY C	4	4	.500
6. COMPANY D	3	5	.375
7. COMPANY E	3	5	.375
8. HEADQUARTERS ...	2	6	.250
9. BIBLE CLASS	1	7	.125

A quick look at the standings will show that the First Half of the Championship has been won by the Mess Cooks. The second half is expected to be even closer since several second division teams have displayed signs of coming to life.



COMPANY C

FRONT ROW: Gaynor, J. P.; Kitchell, E. T.; Reinert, G. E.; Gibson, H. J.; Powell, A. P.

BACK ROW: Lamberton, D. S.; Dow, W. E.; Kewley, G. E.; Lee, J. T.; Weber, F. J.

The Coral Zepher All-Star Team was chosen by picking the most valuable player from each team. The selections follow:

MESS COOKS	ISENBERGER	Center
GALLEY	MULHOLLAND	Center
COMPANY B	HOPLER	Forward
OFFICERS	HENSE	Forward
COMPANY C	DOW	Guard
COMPANY D	DUFFY	Forward
COMPANY E	HOPE	Forward
BIBLE CLASS	REED	Center
HEADQUARTERS	EDNEY	Center





COMPANY D

FRONT ROW: Uttich, B. R.; Duffy, E. F.; Narel, V.; Kargul, H. M.; Dyke, J. A.

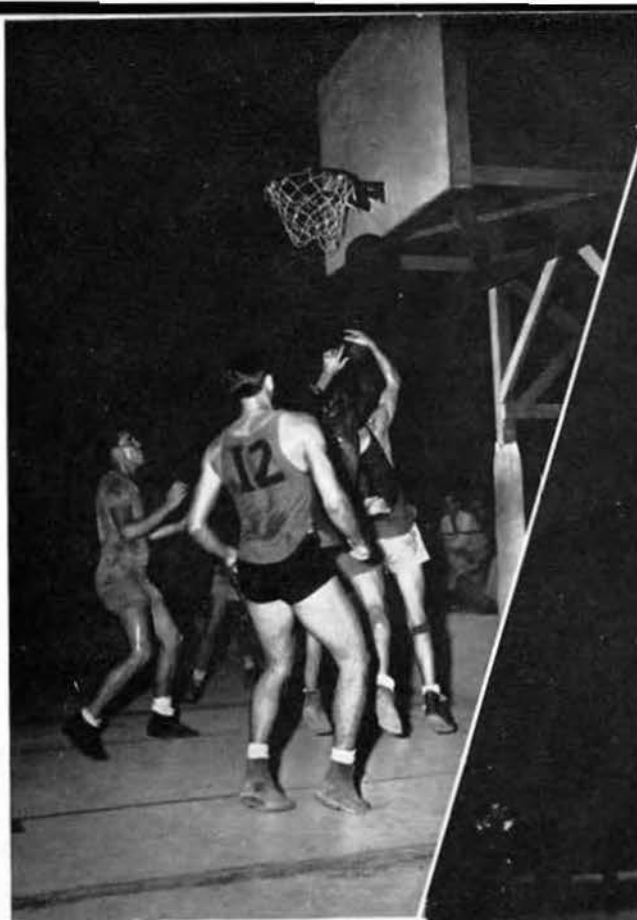
BACK ROW: Spiess, J. B.; Munsenreder, A. J.; Loveless, R. L.; McCullough, H. J.; O'Connor, T. J.; McCain, W.

COMPANY E

FRONT ROW: Dickey, W.; Knight, C. G.; Semrau, R. J.; Kennedy, P. J.

BACK ROW: Bunch, J.; Glidewell, J. M.; Hope, R. B.; Lynch, J. E.





GALLEY

FRONT ROW: McGinn, J. V.; Seiler, A. J.; Nugnes, R. J.; Davis, B. A.;
Messina, J. P.; Cochrane, F. D.

BACK ROW: Mulholland, J. G.; McHale, M. M.; Magavero, C. D.; Migdol,
M. L.; Lavoie, F. R.; Prozora, F.; Konecny, R. F.





BIBLE CLASS

FRONT ROW: Gray, B. L.; Tucker, R. M.; Buckely, J. R.

BACK ROW: Corbeil, R. A.; Murphy, W.; Reid, F. J.; Doak, J. E.

OFFICERS

FRONT ROW: Ens. Hense, R. E.; Ens. Harris, R.; Ens. Votik, C. A.

BACK ROW: Ens. Roy, V. A.; Lt. (jg) Parks, W. W.; Lt. (jg) Smith, G. A.



BOXING



ALTHOUGH without boxing facilities at our camp in May 1945, seven boxers who were intensely interested in the sport traveled to the 5th Sp. C. B. camp to do their training. The seven men on the first boxing team were: Favicchia 185 lbs., Balder 155 lbs., Lape 160 lbs., Lee 145 lbs., Gaynor 135 lbs., Barber 135 lbs., and Bagamery 155 lbs., who was in charge of the team.

This boxing team took part in bouts at the 5th Sp. twice, Guiuan, and the Naval Supply Depot. Jim Bagamery was the only consistent winner in these bouts having a record of one knockout and two unanimous decisions in three fights against heavier opponents.

At this point the team was reorganized and consisted of Bagamery 155, White 160,

Falova 130, and Overholtzer 130 lbs. Latter additions to the team were Williams 160, Dunham 155, Mulcrone 130, and Hillard 185 lbs. This team represented the 143rd N.C.B. in 13 matches including bouts at Mindanao and Guiuan winning 15 bouts, losing 14, and drawing in four. Overholtzer and Dunham accounted for most of the victories. Jim Bagamery fought only three times during this period; this was due to the lack of high class opponents. Jim spotting an average of 15 lbs. to each opponent won two knockouts and lost a very close split decision to a much heavier opponent.

On 29 October, 1945 the 143rd N.C.B. boxing ring had been completed and the first boxing card was held. Approximately 1500

fans gathered to see the 7 bout show which was one of the finest ever held in the Samar-Calicoan area. Dunham and Bagamery were winners and Mulcrone drew in his bout.

The best boxers of the Seabees in the

to represent CCF as senior Welterweight. Jim lost a very tough, much disputed fight, to his opponent who went on to win the Championship. Jim put up a very game fight and the decision was booed for 15 minutes.



Samar Area represented the Commander Construction Forces, in the American Frontier Western Pacific Boxing Tournament at Manila on 1 to 10 November, 1945 inclusively. Slugger Jim Bagamery was chosen

Now that our boxers have adequate facilities an even higher grade of boxing is predicted. Many good shows at our battalion will provide much entertainment in the future.





BOXING TEAM

BACK ROW: R. Dunham; J. Bagamery, Coach and Captain; Chief R. Blume, Second; J. Hillard.

FRONT ROW: G. Mulerone; G. Husky; G. Overholtzer; J. P. Gaynor.

PING PONG

THE Table Tennis Team was another 143rd NCB group that was outstanding in its field. Led by men who had traded spins and drive shots with state champions, and one, Jake Jakubek, who had trained with a world champion, the ping pong men went to the finals of the Southwest Pacific Area championships.

After losing a tune-up first match with the 75th Seabees, the 143rd breezed through the remaining schedule, winning six straight matches, usually by wide margins.

Jake Jakubek led the team with straight wins, never losing a game. Free Kerry won five of six matches, and Ken Arnold and John Nolan each won four of six. The Jakubek-Arnold doubles team won five of six matches, while the Kerry-Nolan team was undefeated in league competition at the end

of the first round, with six straight wins. Sam Marks, Bob Edney, Jim Farrel, and I. Katzen each contributed to the team's excellent record.

<i>Opponent</i>	<i>143rd Score</i>	<i>Opponent's Score</i>
75th NCB	3	4
1067th CBD	6	1
19th Sp. NCB.....	6	1
61st NCB	7	0
99th NCB	7	0
33rd Sp.	4	3
93rd NCB	5	2

The 143rd table tennis team is the champion Seabee team in the Calicoan-Samar Area, having won thirty-eight of forty-nine matches.





PING PONG TEAM

Marks, S.; Jakubek, J.; Kerry, B.; Arnold, K.; Edney, R. E.; Farrell, J.;
Nolan, J.

SOFTBALL

INTRA-BATTALION LEAGUE



HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

FRONT ROW: Quirk, J.; Noonan, T.; Caliguire, A.; Sweet, T.; Clarke, O.; Cannaday, R.

BACK ROW: Martello, C.; Davis, W.; Edney, R.; Lessard, G.; Bigler, A.; Tichy, T.; Israel, C.

SOFTBALL was the highlight of all sports played within the battalion. A large league was formed consisting of twelve teams and games were played on two softball fields each evening except Sunday. This schedule made possible two games each week for each team. Umpires were furnished by the Welfare and Recreation Department and the games were cleanly played and not delayed by arguments.

The league started on 24 October, 1945 with two high class softball games. Headquarters Co. defeated Co. "A" 1-0, and Co. "B" defeated Co. "C" by an identical score. Although the league is just in its beginning the fielding of the teams is very good and

the batting is improving.

The team standings on 10 November, 1945:

<i>Teams</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Tied</i>
MESS COOKS	4	0	1
ACEPD	2	0	2
COMPANY E	6	1	2
COMPANY D	1	1	3
COMPANY C	4	2	0
COMPANY A	4	3	0
COMPANY B	1	3	0
TEMP. DUTY A.....	2	3	0
COOKS	1	3	0
HEADQUARTERS	2	4	1
OFFICERS	2	4	1
TEMP. DUTY B.....	0	6	0

It looks like a real pennant race and the Championship may go to most any team. There have been several upsets and many more are expected.

The Coral Zephyr All-Star Softball Team is as follows:

1B—Lt. Commander Wooding Officers
 2B—Dias Company B
 3B—Ens. Holben Officers
 SS—Starr Company A
 LF—Nugent Mess Cooks
 CF—Byrne Mess Cooks

RF—Mix
 SF—Thomas
 C—Reinert
 P—Allred
 P—Cannaday
 P—Williams

Company C
 Company E
 Company C
 ACEPD
 Headquarters
 Company E

Utility—
 Edmonds
 Loveless
 Clarke

Headquarters
 Temp. Duty A
 Company C

COMPANY A

FRONT ROW: Cox, F. J.; Sullivan, W.; Trestka, S. J.; Schiemer, J. F.; Astorino, R.; Manning, A. D.

BACK ROW: Adamson, W. T.; Donohoe, J. G.; Reeves, R. R.; Starr, L. F.; Dunkin, E. B.; Burns, L. R.; Bentz, J.; Schober, J. H.





COMPANY B

FRONT ROW: Karlan, W. F.; Widell, R. W.; Jeffries, J. J.; Lane, H. F.;
Dias, J.; Davis, J. H.; Bolduc, J. P.

BACK ROW: Popelka, M. R.; Eminhizer, R.; Kevcheval, E. C.; Jones, L. G.;
Ford, K. T.; Hess, G. E.; Groshong, R.; Bonatakis, K.; Davern, C. J.

COMPANY C

FRONT ROW: Chapman, R. H.; Reinert, G. E.; Conley, E. O.; Lightner, L.;
Amon, M. J.

BACK ROW: Kirk, N. A.; Steinorth, H. L.; Navitsky, G.; Edmond, L. K.;
McCreedy, S. P.; Moran, J. W.; Lape, L. E.



COMPANY D

FRONT ROW: Natale, F.; Rathert, E. W.; Mortale, V.; Palaacka, V. D.; Logan, C. L.; Caldow, H. R.

BACK ROW: Ramotowski, E. T.; Murphy, C. F.; Pike, C. N.; Lobel, M.; Nunaman, H. D.



COMPANY E

FRONT ROW: Jonke, A. A.; Winterling, F. W.; Usiak, W.; Rauscher, F. W.; Pellizzaro, O.

BACK ROW: Seymour, D. E.; Thomas, C. L.; Williams, R.; Marshall, C. H.; Marshall, L. W.





OFFICERS

FRONT ROW: Chaplain Samuelson, J. A.; Lt. Eicher, J. M.; Ens. Baxter; Ens. Parks, W. W.; Ens. Votik, C.A.

BACK ROW: Ens. Henderson, R. W.; Dr. Iacovelli, H. W.; Dr. Westerfeld, K. W.; Dr. Dignam, W. J.; Ens. Holben, R. M.; Lt. Comdr. Wooding, R. R.; Ens. Harris, R.; Ens. Hense, R. E.



GALLEY

FRONT ROW: Zazzara, J. A.; Davis, B. A.; Kaufman, S. M.; O'Connell, C. D.; Karpovich, W. F.

BACK ROW: Howe, W.; Fristo, T.; Pasquale, M. J.; Cresmer, E. N.; Kebler, C. B.



MESS COOKS

FRONT ROW: Bolton, G.; Cox, G. H.; Latham, W.; Burns, R.; Martin, R.
BACK ROW: Thurman, B.; Nugent, G.; Isenberger, J.; Burns, C.; Kundo, W. C.



ACEPD

FRONT ROW: Clapper, F.; Bennett, J.; Sklaryk, J.; Schmelzer, L.; Crane, G.; Mesigh, H.
BACK ROW: Allred, J.; Conroy, T.; Grieco, M.; Greene, J.; Crabbe, J.; Baird, T.; Bowine, J.; Bernard, W.

TEMPORARY DUTY "A"

FRONT ROW: Kane, J. E.; Cooper, M.; Munsenreder, A. J.; Högwein, W. H.; Loveless, R. L.; Poodwin, E. E.

BACK ROW: Curtiss, E. J.; Vogeli, M. A.; Dascoli, J. J.; Brophy, M.; Vickory, A.



TEMPORARY DUTY "B"

FRONT ROW: Lorenzo, R.; Reese, W.; Flynn, G.; Hredzak, F.; Paekwin, E.

BACK ROW: Timmer, J.; Marcketti, L. J.; McGuire, R.; Commiggs, S.; Brown, H.



H O B B Y



AFTER the recreation hall was completed efforts were made by Chaplain Samuelson to obtain suitable tools and materials to establish a hobby shop, where men could spend their off-duty

hours at productive recreation. The general plan was to provide a means for the men to make souvenirs, jewelry, odd bits of furniture for their own convenience, or whatever they chose provided the ma-

terials were available.

Much of the credit for procuring tools goes to G. A. Kane who scoured the base in search of suitable equipment. G. W. Jennings has been in charge of the shop, under the direction of the Chaplain since it was opened. His general knowledge of craftsmanship has been of great help to those who have chosen to spend their leisure time there.

P. M. Kelly was placed in charge of the tools. His specialty is making rings of tarnish-proof monel metal with settings of mother-of-pearl. The work is of professional quality, each setting being carefully selected and polished to perfection.

R. H. Knoblock has been employed in the shop as a



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machinist, doing some of the more complicated metal lathe work which the amateur hob-He has turned out some very striking brass candlesticks, with bases made from shell casings.

As set up at present the hobby shop has a power driven band saw, circular saw, metal working lathe and drill press; and hand tools for all kinds of carpentry and cabinet making.

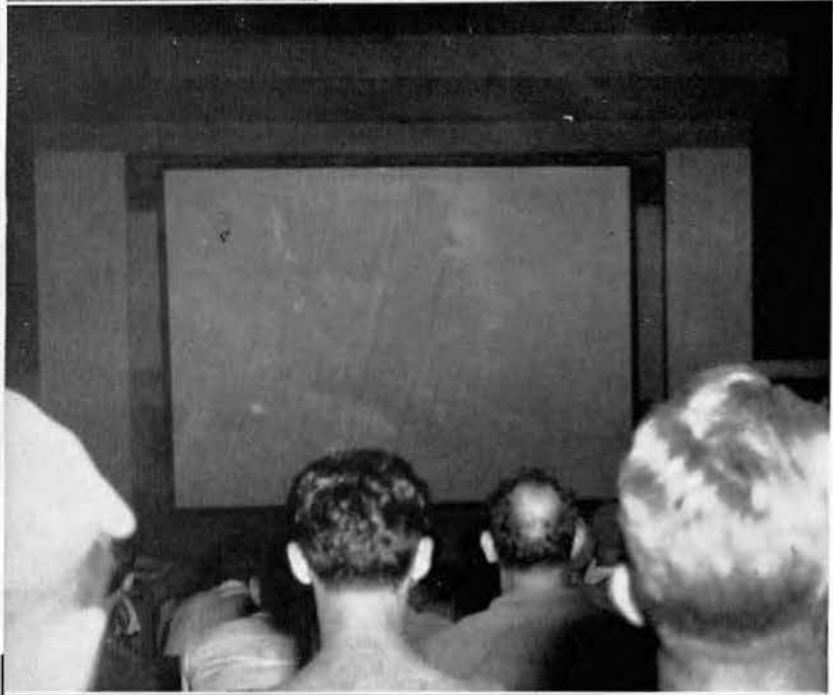
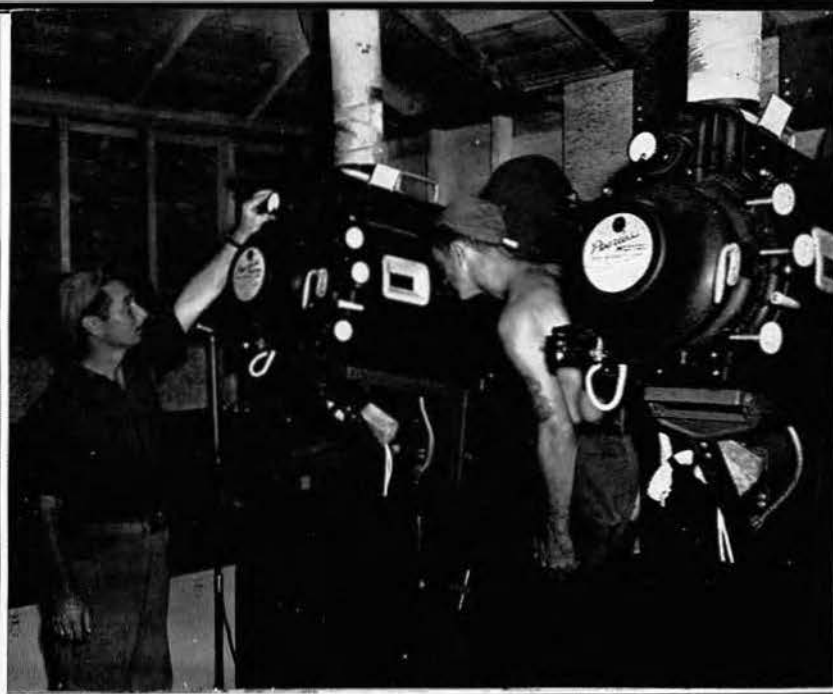
Many beautiful and interesting things have been made in the shop; suitcases of plywood and covered with leath-erette, inlaid checkerboards and cribbage boards of native woods including mahogany and ebony, modernistic pic-ture frames from plastics, jewelry from native shells, and countless gadgets for comfort and convenience

overseas.

Aside from the shop rules, the basic requirement has been that the men satisfac-torily complete any work they start in order to obtain final possession.

As a result of the enthusi-asm of those who made the shop possible and those who have taken advantage of its facilities, many 143rd men will possess souvenirs of real lasting interest.





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THE Battalion newspaper, the "Coral Zephyr" was started and named by Chaplain Samuelson, who knocked it out himself on a typewriter for about a week until Dick Grabenhofer was assigned Chaplain's yeoman and took over the job.

Later Dick Cannaday became production editor and the typing fell to him. "Pete" Muckenhaupt became editor and Jerry Marcus was added to the staff as cartoonist. These men had the job of producing a two page daily by 11:30 and the 8 page Saturday edition by 1700. The staff was too small to provide adequate coverage of battalion activities, so George Mamangakis was assigned as sports reporter and D. M. Fletcher as editor. The larger staff has proved itself capable of bringing the stateside and battalion news to some 2,000 readers in an entertaining style.

Marcus with his sly sense of humor and clever talents as an artist has spark-plugged the daily with many an original and timely cartoon. This book contains numerous samples of his work which have the advantage of clear reproduction—not subject to the limitations of a temperamental mimeograph machine.

"Pete" Muckenhaupt originated the "Scuttle Bucket" column which has provided an amusing kind of Vox Pop, within the battalion. Dick Cannaday has skillfully combined his abilities as a typist with that of making last minute changes in the write-ups to make them fit the space. He also does some reporting on the side, especially when the band plays for an officers' dance. We wonder why!!!

Fletcher, since taking over the editorship has endeavored to develop an organization whereby each man has definite responsibilities in meeting the publication's deadlines.



All present or soon



PHOTO LAB



THE Photo Lab was started during the early days of the battalion on Calicoan in the rear of the armory under the direction of Carpenter D. M. Shelton with Gene Shein in charge. Despite the inadequacy of the allotted space and the discomforts of heat and poor ventilation, the men in the battalion got immediate action on the developing and printing of their films. Shein labored full time in the Lab to render such service.

Later the Lab was moved to the recreation hall where Shein and Fred ReHorn worked together building shelves and tables to supplement the equipment for the dark room. They sealed the room against all light leaks and gave the walls and ceiling a coat of black paint. An excellent enlarger was obtained, for which Shein designed and constructed an easel.

In September when work was started on

the book you are now reading, Joe Pinsky was added to the Lab personnel as an assistant photographer. Gene Shein had carefully saved a good collection of pictures, depicting the history of the battalion since it was commissioned. These pictures created enough interest to warrant authorization for an extensive illustrated biography of the 143rd. With very few exceptions all the photographs contained in this volume were taken and painstakingly prepared for reproduction by Shein and his assistants.

The native scenes have all been taken within a 30 mile radius of camp. They represent such places as Homonhon, Leleboon, Naga, Buena Vista, and the very familiar Calicoan and Guiuan.

The fine quality of all these photographs is sufficient praise of the professional ability and ingenuity of the men who made them.

LIBRARY

THE original 143rd library was located in the Chaplain's quarters where approximately 250 books were kept on shelves built by the Chaplain himself. After a month the library was moved to the recreation hall and Ted Sloan was placed in charge.

Increases were made until the new library contained about 2500 books, and Sloan found that he had quite a job of cataloguing and checking. J. Fein was appointed assistant librarian and the library hours were lengthened for the convenience of men working on odd shifts.

Later the library was moved to a quonset hut, ideally located near the ocean, where the usual noises of a recreation hall do not distract the attention of those who wish to read

or study. Some of the neighboring battalions which have de-activated, contributed their books to our library, now one of the finest in the Pacific, containing over 7,000 volumes.

When Fein was transferred to the Material Control office Johnson was chosen to fill his place as assistant librarian.

The versatile Ted Sloan has fulfilled other duties in addition to his responsibilities as Librarian; he is the battalion organist and choir director; he composed the anthem sung at the dedication service of the Chapel; he designed and painted the stained glass windows in the Chapel; and he has played bass fiddle for the 143rd band on a full time basis. His only comment is "Well, I like doing these things."

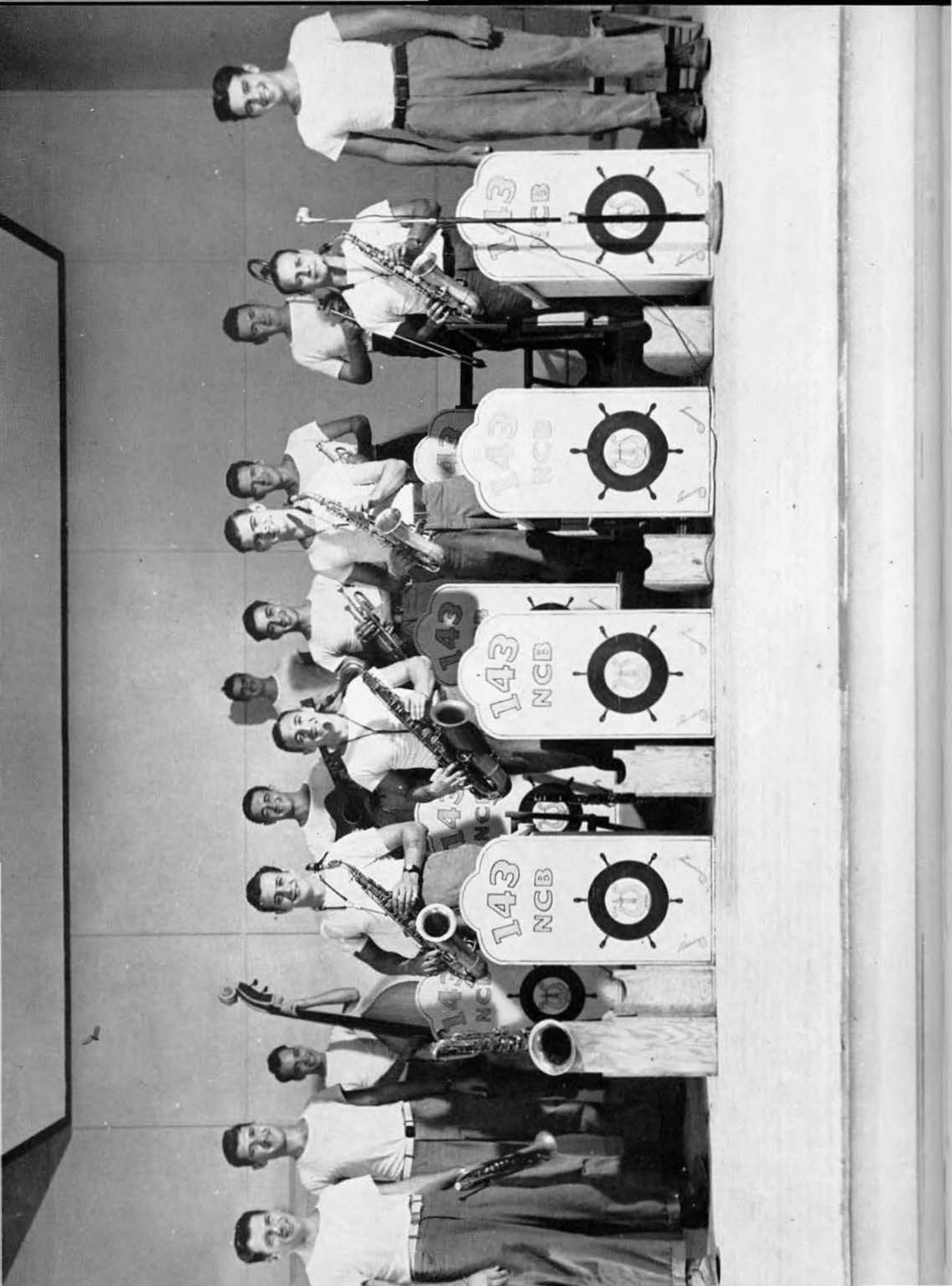




THE SWING BAND

THREE weeks after the 143rd Battalion was commissioned, at Sun Valley, R. I., the idea for an orchestra was born. Commander Weaver, our Officer in Charge, amiably supported our proposed recreational activity. Chief Warrant Officer N. A. Johnson was placed in charge of the newly formed Welfare & Recreation Department. With the aid of Tony A. Caniglia, SF2c, Chief Warrant Officer Johnson's first assignment was the organization of the original Battalion Swing Band. Six weeks after the nine piece band had been formed, at Port Hueneme, California, our battalion received its orders to ship to our present location in the Philippines. Therefore, our future music masters hadn't had sufficient practice to render any performance.

The first three months that the 143rd was on Calicoan Island, little attention had been given to reorganize our orchestra. With the arrival of Chaplain J. A. Samuelson on board, Mr. Johnson was relieved of his Welfare and Recreation duties. At the recommendation of Mr. Johnson, the band was reorganized under the temporary direction of his able assistant, Tony A. Caniglia and with the keen interest and sponsorship of Commander Weaver and the Chaplain, necessary instruments were procured. As the band grew to its present size of twelve pieces, Dominick Guida, SK1c was appointed band leader. He was appointed to this position due to his previous musical experience as a member of the ASCAP. Tony Caniglia then transferred to the equally important position of Production



Manager. After laying the foundation of the present band, our leader resigned and assumed a position in the Supply Department.

By unanimous request. Jerry Lemothe was asked to lead the band, having had previous professional experience which qualified him for the position. The band made its first appearance the 5th of October 1945 at the Battalion Theatre. Due to the popularity of that program, the band has appeared each Friday thereafter.

their entirety consisting of instrumental solos and vocal renditions by our vocalist and the band.

Introducing the members of the orchestra, we shall begin with our reed section. Bob Tuomey, 1st sax man, has proven himself to be a future J. Dorsey. Incidentally, Bob offers a multitude of amusements, sketching caricatures of the band personnel. Next in line we find our Del DeLorenzo playing 2nd tenor and taking all hot rides a-la-Benckie style.



Jerry's first concession was to enlist the assistance of the 7th Fleet Welfare and Recreation Department in assigning the band to make a tour of the various battalions in the Samar-Calicoan area. To date, the orchestra has played before such activities as the 83rd N.C.B., P.T. Base No. 17, P.A.D. No. 4, the Naval Air Base, Fleet Hospital No. 114 and aboard the P.T. Tender U.S.S. Orestes, thus proving to be a very popular and entertaining band. The appearances are musicals in

He had good intentions of becoming a baker but decided music was more interesting and profitable for a civilian career. The newest addition to our outfit is dependable Al Hasbrouck, 3rd alto, who, by all appearances is a jitterbug from way back. Playing 4th tenor in this section is our "little man" Tony Caniglia. His pleasing disposition and ability as a n organizer is an asset to the 'ork. Heading our brass section is Bob Marquardt, 1st trumpet man, showing a definite Spivak Style.

His shyness makes him a silent but solid partner of our organization. Rubbing elbows with Bob is Paul A. Paul, known to us as "Ziggy."

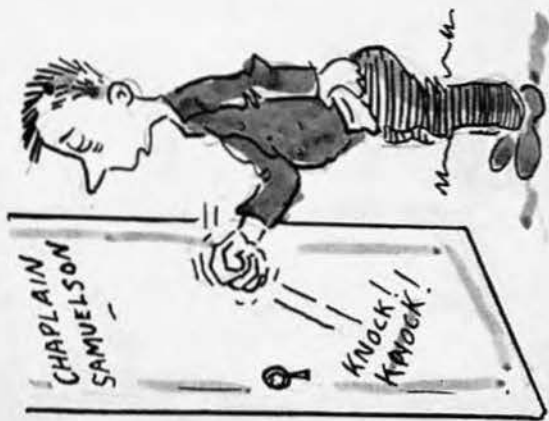
His individual style is shown by his "hot rides." Jim Doak's mellow trombone adds that certain smoothness that is essential to every band. Although not assigned, being a yeoman in the personnel office, he manages to make appearances now and then. Beating the skins we find Gordon Marek who plays straight and smooth McKinley style. He is

a very likable chap and an earnest worker at rehearsals. Pounding the ivories is Bob Lishke, playing very hard to be heard on weather beaten pianos. "Legs," as he is referred to, has a hard time playing Navy Spinnet models but seems to manage with ease. On string rhythm is our guitarist, Milton Belford. His solid chords help considerably and his individual style has enabled us to present him as a soloist on a few occasions. Ted Sloan, the battalion librarian, seconds as our bass fiddler and does a fine job of it. Although not a member of the band, he is considered as such and should share in the success of our band. Vocalist, Jeff Bixler, singing scat and sentimental numbers has been dubbed as a mixture of Johnny "Scat" Davis and Frank Sinatra. Actually a crane operator, we believe that he should change his vocation to that of a crooner. Last but not least is our M.C. and band leading trumpet player, Jerry Lemothe. Jerry is president of his local musicians union in Holyoke, Mass. and played in numerous orchestra's throughout New England as well as being a traveling salesman and having his own band. Jerry's ability to lead the orchestra is noted by the popularity obtained by playing engagements throughout the islands in this neighborhood and his sweet and hot solos add a certain amount of zest to the arrangements.

In our final message we wish to say that the popularity of the band is rapidly growing and by the time our battalion is deactivated we predict that the combo will be well known in all parts of the Philippines. In closing we wish to thank all officers and enlisted personnel who were instrumental in helping to organize the dance band which has proved its popularity many times with those before whom they appeared.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER



WHO supervises the battalion library, corresponds with anxious mothers and wives, soothes Sea Bee fathers, advises you on dependency discharges, helps you wangle an emergency leave, runs your Welfare and Recreation Department, organizes your band and battalion paper,—and conducts Divine Services?

Yep, it's the Chaplain.

These and many other duties keep the

of a wide field of activities of a secular nature pertaining to the welfare of personnel and the morale of the commands to which they may be attached, and full use of their services in these activities is urged."

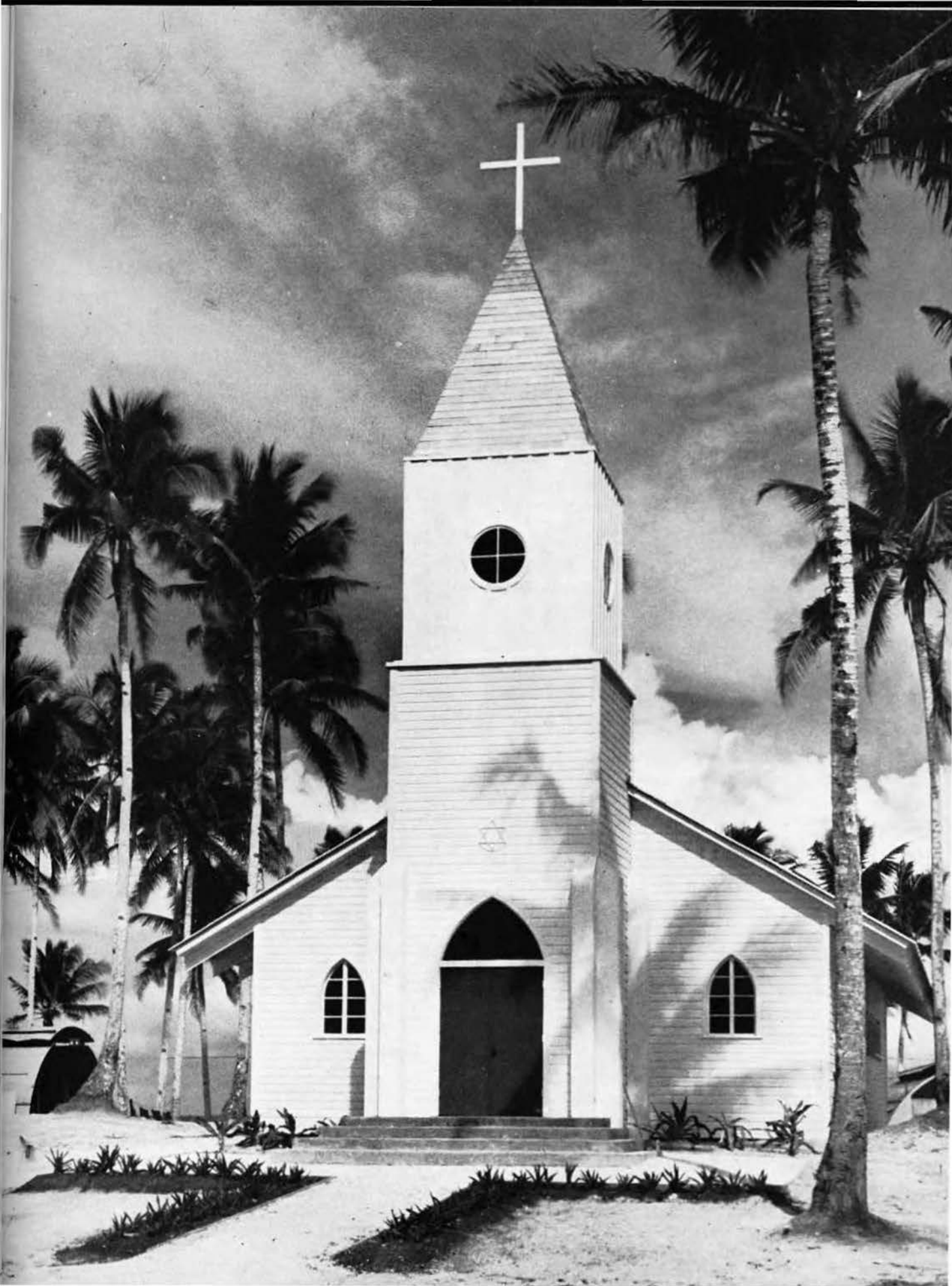
The Chaplain as a rule has many years of higher education—the average is seven years after high school—and is qualified to handle such collateral duties as Educational Service Officer, Civil Readjustment Officer, and Wel-



Chaplain from growing homesick when he leaves the Golden Gate for the Pacific's enchanted islands. The Chaplain has two big jobs on his hands—morale and morals. In most cases overseas the two go closely together. That's one reason at least why the Secretary of the Navy in a letter written to all ships and stations on August 6, 1943 wrote "In addition to their religious duties Chaplains are useful and helpful in the promotion

fare and Recreation Officer. When he is assigned collateral duties which have a direct effect upon the morale of the men, he can throw his whole weight behind them. For he knows that many of the moral habits of an outfit often vary with the state of their morale.

When Chaplain J. A. Samuelson reported for duty with the 143rd Battalion, one of the first collateral duties assigned to him was



Welfare and Recreation. At this writing the Chaplain now has two officers to assist him. But during the early stages of the Battalion's activities on Calicoan, there were only twenty officers and none of them had any spare time to devote to the Recreation Department. C. W. O. Johnson was Welfare and Recreation Officer before the arrival of the Battalion's first Chaplain. Mr. Johnson did an excellent job procuring Recreation Gear in the States with a limited budget, and the men of the 143rd had reason to thank him for his hard work in Port Hueneme after the recreation program finally started rolling.

When this is read, most of the heartaches and difficulties on Calicoan will be long since forgotten. We will not bring them up in this article. Those who worked in the Chaplain's Office in the early months know the department had its share.

At the offset the Chaplain was given a choice of building a chapel or constructing recreation facilities. This choice was necessary since our Battalion was not organized for construction work but was formed to run a depot. Our Public Works Department was overworked and did not have the men to spare on work of a low priority. Essential construction like the Sick Bay, Laundry, Battalion Warehouse, water system, etc., came first. For this reason the Chaplain planned his program in three phases.

The first stage was the erection of suitable recreation facilities. This was important because the men had no recreation except the movies in the chow hall. Card playing became the big battalion sport and outdoor tables electrically lighted filled the area. The game was played, of course, for chips. The Chaplain, not being blind, realized the situation and put all his energy into the construction of recreation facilities, believing that you can catch more Sea Bees with sugar than vinegar.

With the splendid cooperation of Commander Weaver, it was possible in due time to complete one of the finest recreation centers in the area. It includes a forty by one hundred quonset hut in which is housed our gear room, game room, Red Cross Canteen, photography laboratory, and hobby shop; a modern theatre which seats on comfortable

benches over 1600 men; a sturdy professional size boxing ring with bleachers around it; two basketball courts on the ocean; a full size baseball field large enough to accommodate two soft ball fields in each corner; and a twenty by sixty quonset hut near the beach in which is located the library, newspaper staff, and the Educational Service Office.

As the first phase neared completion, the second began—procurement of additional recreation gear and the organization of intramural battalion sports. It was at this time that Ensign Bishop was assigned to the department. He aided the Chaplain in the organization of battalion sports and became the sparkplug of the athletic program. The fine showing that the 143rd has made in intermural sports and its potent effect on bettering morale is due in large measure to the hard work of "Jim" Bishop.





It was at this time that Mr. Samuelson branched out in fields strange to him for that reason even more interesting—dance bands and newspapers. We brought a few musical instruments with us from the states, but not enough for a full orchestra. So an instrument and musician procurement campaign was inaugurated. Through the succeeding months one of the best bands in this area was developed.

The first few editions of that gay little rag you fellows sent home to your wives and families, the *Coral Zephyr*, were written by the Chaplain. Since then it has grown into a fine paper and all hands are proud of it.

On one of the mornings that the Chaplain was struggling with his collateral duties Ensign Clark was assigned as another assistant in the Welfare and Recreation Office. "Sid's" first special assignment was the editorship of the 143rd Yearbook. No one else will say it so we will. The fact that you are reading, if you have held forth with us this far, one of the finest yearbooks and looking at the best collection of native pictures to come out of the Samar area is due to the untiring labor of two men. They are Ensign Clark, the editor of the year book, and Eugene Shein, the photographer and assistant editor. "Sid"

Clark also was assigned duties formerly those of the Chaplain—Educational Service Officer, Civil Readjustment Officer, and advisor to the battalion paper. We regard Ensign Clark as one of the "finds" of our department. The fine showing Welfare and Recreation has made, with its forty-some enlisted men working together, is due largely to Ensigns Bishop and Clark.

At this writing the Chaplain has reached his third phase of activity. While he was carrying on his primary duties as a Chaplain, he dreamed of a chapel. The dream has come true. On November 18, 1945, Chaplain Gerhart, Captain USNR, flew down to dedicate the "Chapel of the Guiding Light." It is a beautiful white Chapel, with Gothic windows and a forty-eight foot steeple. The interior is lighted indirectly and has a chancel of rare charm seldom found in the Pacific. The two inspiring Gothic windows in the chancel which symbolizes Angels sending the dove of peace to a war weary world were painted by Ted Sloan, the talented chapel organist. The chapel is located on a slight knoll with the altar facing the east out toward the ocean and home. It is here that we come to meditate and pray—men of all faiths—any hour of the day or night. Here we come to seek



the kindly Light that has guided men through the most terrible war in history and that will continue to lead us the rest of our lives.

Many tasks fall to the Chaplain, but he is happiest when he can do the work for which he entered the Navy during this war—that of serving his fellow man and his God. He knows well the problem and temptations that are the lot of his men who were sent to a foreign land. But it is his glorious opportunity to hold high the light of religion, whatever his creed may be. The Chaplain, exempted by law from conscription, has voluntarily left his church and family to serve wherever he is needed. Throughout his experience in the Navy he never forgets that he is the holder of the Great Commission and he ever seeks to enlist men in the kingdom of God, men who shall be as a hiding place from

the tempest, as streams of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. His constant and most important duty in the words of a first century missionary-chaplain is "to stand fast in the faith." If he has been able to comfort but one man, or do but one thing to make better the lot of his men, or steady but one soul in a time of distress because he is in the service, he will not feel that his military ministry has been in vain.

In parting we want to remind our Sea Bee friends and comrades who served with us on Calicoan to remember a certain saying from the Bible which should appeal to them, because Sea Bees in the Pacific have been the great builders: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build it."



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ON December 16, 1944 Dr. Dignam reported to the 143rd, being the first member of the medical department on board. At that time the battalion was located in beautiful Sun Valley, the only place in the world where a stove can be hot enough to burn a hole through the deck and still not throw heat as far as bunks 20 feet away from it. Naturally there were many bad colds and pneumonias and as no corpsmen had yet reported the MAA force was pressed into service for night duty. All was serene until the report was received one morning that all the patients had had normal temperatures of 107 at 0200. Right then we decided that the MAA's were very cooperative but not quite accurate and spent several sleepless nights until the corpsmen arrived.

Dr. Iacovelli put in an appearance on December 19th. His good hearted jocularity was a boon to the department from then on. This combination lawyer-chaplain-jeweler-dentist was always the friend of the oppressed in the battalion and so most popular with the men. Charlie Bladen was responsible for organizing the department in its infant days. He took over the record and clerical work with quiet but enthusiastic efficiency and to him the battalion owes thanks that shots were given only twice as often as necessary instead of more.

With this nucleus and the help of two borrowed corpsmen the department was started and aspirin, reassurance, and "There's really nothing the matter with you bud, now go back to full duty like a good sailor" were dispensed in large quantities as we huddled around our balky oil stove. From this humble beginning the department grew so that it occupied a fine modern dispensary including a pleasant ward and was able to give better service to the patients. This was due, in large measure to the efforts of the Terrible Six—our original group of corpsmen.

First was Chief Clark, otherwise known as "Horizontal." The chief had that rare faculty possessed by many of his brethren among the regular navy chiefs of getting his job



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done while apparently expending no extra energy at all. His love of the sack was well known and undenied but it is to his everlasting credit that with but five corpsmen to aid him he took care of the sick from an outfit of over 2000 men. Only once was the chief's great calmness ruffled and on that occasion he denied it. However, soon came the news of the addition of Bernadette, a bouncing baby girl, to the Clark family and all was once more serene around the Sick Bay (after a short celebration in honor of the occasion of course).

Our first class was tall Gil Hunter, "Slim." Scholarly, patient, industrious, sympathetic—Hunter was a welcome sight to those with troubles to tell and there were plenty of them. Hunter was actually an author at heart. Had he not been taken from us just after he had borne the brunt of the work in organizing the pharmacy and procedure for immunizations he'd have written this article and I can assure you there'd have been no rejection slip on this one. He was ordered to a YP in October and we were certainly sorry to lose him.

Eddie Regelin was our second class dental tech. With 25 months of previous overseas duty behind him Eddie was definitely one of the "salty" members of the group, along with the chief. Never without a smile or something pleasant to say, Eddie kept the department in good spirits. He was the friendly receptionist in Iacovelli's USO where they meet to drink and swap the latest scuttlebut.

Nick Stroumtsos "Sunday Medical Officer" was the major cog in the sick call room, boss of the laboratory, supply room and other parts of the sick bay, and scourge of the mess cook who dared appear on duty without being clean. Big Nick claimed to be a past master of the gentle art of soda jerking but Dr. Dignam disputed his authority in that field. Final decision was held up pending a contest to be held on our return to the states, unless Dr. Dignam was disqualified for being over age by that time. Nick too had some hectic days soon after we landed on Calicoan

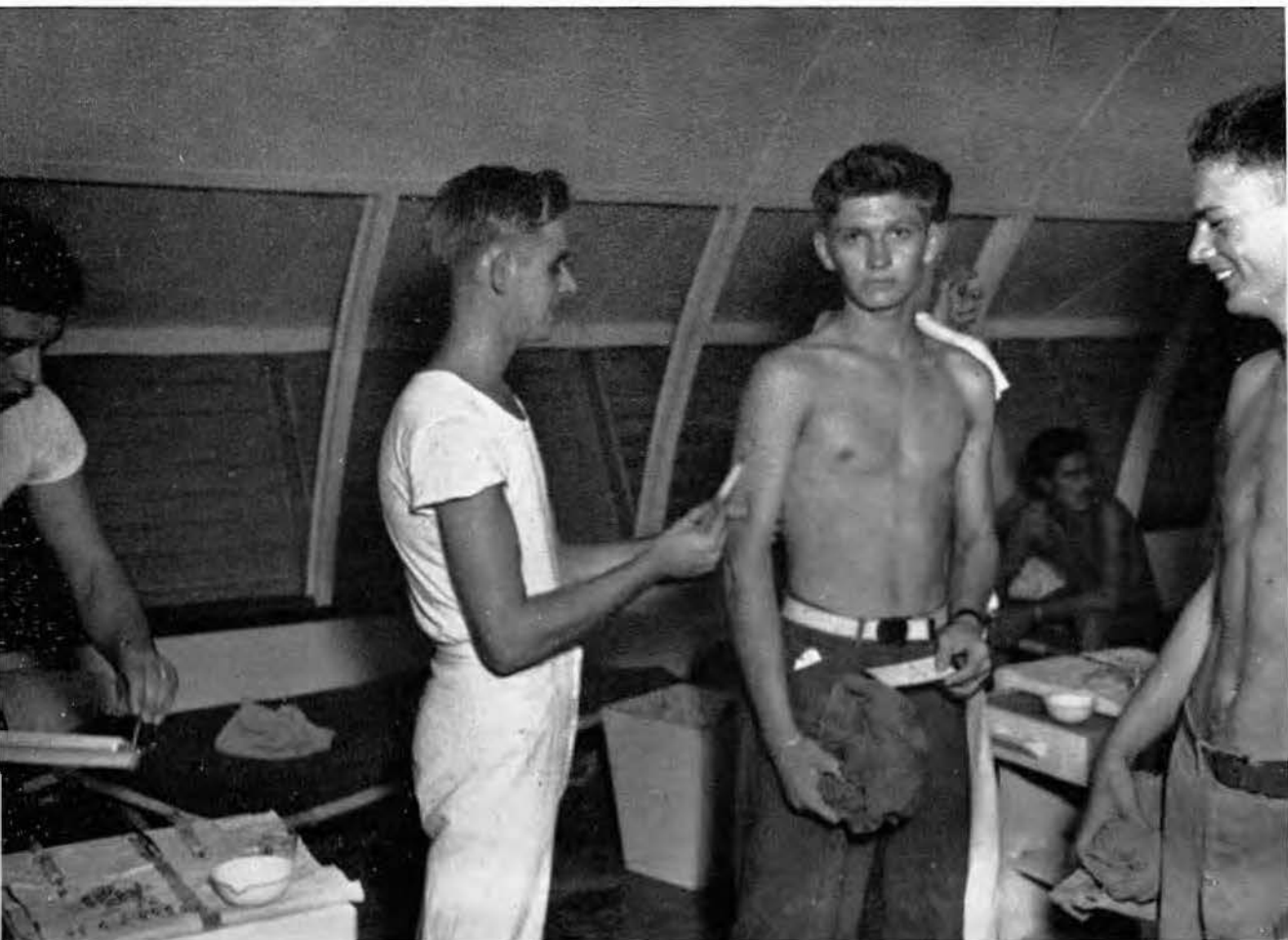


awaiting news of an addition to his family, but finally it came. Little Nick had made his debut and again one could talk to Big Nick without fear of losing his head in the process.

Dr. Peavler was next in line of command and there was a character for fair. Always laughing, full of jokes, master of all musical instruments and besieged by women the world over, Dewey was our All American Boy, and a source of never ending amusement

never sending for help because his mates had been working all day.

Ronnie O'Lalor was taken into the department at Hueneme as a yeoman striker. He was found to be a better corpsman however and did most of his work as such. Handsome, pleasant, cooperative and stubborn like the Boston Irishman he is, Ronnie was certainly a valuable aid. He was a jack of all trades including everything from painting up "El-



to all. Despite his jocularly he was a very hard worker who maintained a high degree of cleanliness and neatness at all times and did much to make the Sick Bay what it was.

Stuart Lane, the farmer boy from Connecticut, completed our roster. Always pleasant, industrious, and cooperative he worked in all the departments without complaint. On one occasion he handled an epidemic of food poisoning without aid, working all night and

Fungo" victims to repairing the jeep.

The only out of the ordinary activities of the medical department were caused by accidents in the ABCD yard and food poisoning epidemics. For the first few months after our arrival on Calicoan the boys in the yard were dropping boxes on each other with disturbing regularity so that the ambulance seldom got really cold and Dr. Dignam's hair slowly changed to gray. We had two explosive

epidemics of food poisoning but no more occurred after the "carriers" among the cooks and mess cooks were found and treated.

After the permanent Sick Bay was built (and for this we owe a vote of thanks to Mr. Heidke, Wingerd, Jennings, Cain, Taylor, Ozzie, Gibson, Davis, Smitty, Ott and the others who worked there) some new men joined the medical department. Among them were Henningsen the Frank Swoonatra of the

in to help Dr. Iacovelli serve coffee mornings. Both of these men aspire to become dentists and their work there was a pretty good indication that they will be successful. Noonan joined us to work in the record room, and made a big hole in the backlog of work which had piled up in there since the battalion was organized.

Dr. Staker and Dr. Westerfeld also joined the battalion. They were both excellent men



battalion; Ford a PHM 3/c from the 42nd who organized our operating room; Johnny Scarborough, a striker from CBMU 623 who joined us when 623 did and did a lot of hard work for us; and Watson who came to us from the 5th. Later Best, Burns, and Cabral came to us from the 104th. All were excellent corpsmen and did much to make the department better. Joe Davis and Bill Malone were the two new members who came

in their respective fields and certainly proved to be valuable additions.

Of course the official staff was aided by numerous unofficial members. The two senior medical officers, in fact if not in name, were Cmdr. Weaver and Lt. Cmdr. Wooding. Their years of study of *Time*, *Readers Digest*, *Good Housekeeping*, etc., eminently qualified them for their positions. Their contributions are

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<i>BACK ROW:</i>	Davis, J. F.
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O'Lalor, R. M.	Dr. N. W. Staker
Burns, E. F.	Dr. K. Westerfeld
Hunter, G. T.	Watson, R. A.
Best, C. V.	Ford, E. D.
Henningson, G.	
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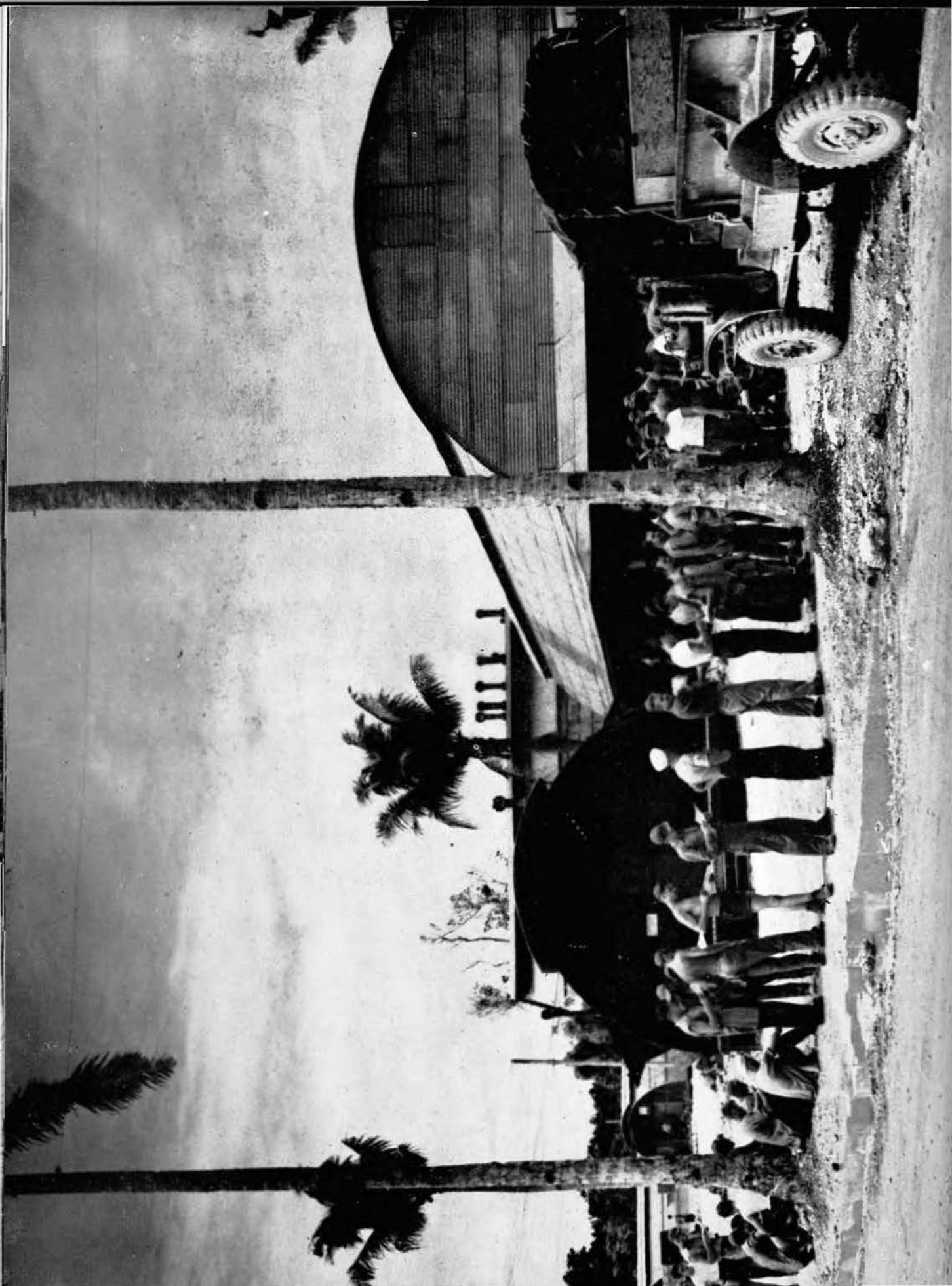


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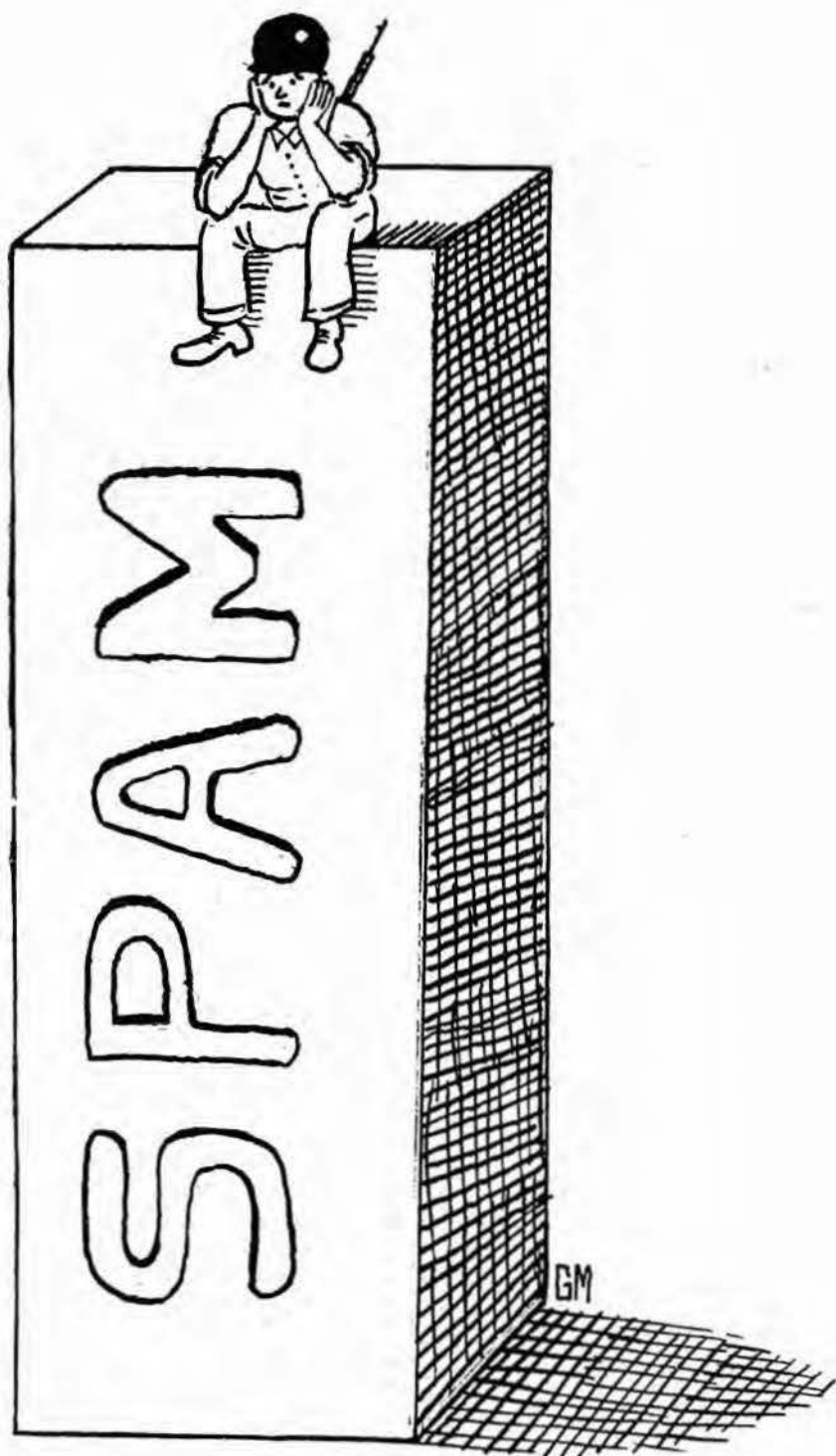
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Taylor; R. Preston; L. A. Marzette; M. O. Quick.





SUPPLY & DEMAND





THE six original members of the supply department had been back in the states only a few weeks after returning from overseas duty with the 108th battalion when they were assigned to the 143rd Seabee battalion. Their former battalion had been in the D day operations and had done a special job of artificial harbor construction on the Normandy coast.

Ensign R. M. Holben, SC, USNR, was assigned to organize the supply department and chose to assist him five men who had served with him in the 108th battalion. To supervise the Supply Department Ensign Holben selected Charles "hillbilly" Custer, formerly with the State Highway department of West Virginia. Custer had learned the supply business well when overseas and saw to it in the future that the department had no connection with the "hill-billy" connotation so often attributed to himself. Bill "blimp" (a mere 190 pounds, five feet five) Powers was picked to take care of the money problem, that is, the disbursing function which is so important to all Seabees—after all the source of coin

must be maintained to keep the chips rolling in the favorite type of card games. Tom McMahon was the one designated to handle Ship's Store. McMahon, the "Waukeegan Flash" had the problem of answering all the questions and unpleasant insinuations which arise because of the limited amount and variety of items, as "No Fitch hair tonic today, who in the hell gets all the stuff?," or "What! this lousy brand of beer again—this routine must stop!"

However, with his dry, laconic sense of humor, Tom managed to keep the situation under control. To Earle Gartner, the "handsome one" of the department, fell the important task of handling Commissary supplies. Earle's experience in the food produce trucking business during the pre-war days of Nebraska helped see him through the busy, hectic war days when he was trying to get his branch of the department organized here on Calicoan. Ens. Holben chose Bill Cook, a former Bureau of Internal Revenue Investigator, for liaison man between Supply, Ship's Store, and the Disbursing Office. Ens.



Holben once again proved himself a man of action, as he had been on the football field back at Muhlenburg College, Pennsylvania, by cutting the red tape usually required to transfer a man into a new outfit from several days to a few minutes by some fast pencil work, otherwise Bill unfortunately would have been left behind when the 143rd moved on for further training the next day. Of more importance than liaison work was his job of securing all supplies (except commissary) for the battalion and that was cut-throat business in the early Navy days on Calicoan. It must have been that "investigating" habit that enabled Bill to scout around and locate the necessary supplies. In one instance he had to promise laundry service to a certain individual at a nearby supply depot in order to get a cut on a load of needed items. It was these five men under the leadership of Eus. Holben who formed the nucleus of the supply department as organized back in Davisville when the battalion had a complement of only 600 men.

After arriving at Calicoan Island the per-

sonnel of the Battalion was increased from time to time, at one time numbering approximately 2,200 men, though the official complement remained at 600 men. The size of the supply department also increased and reached a total of thirty-five men at one time. Cobbler, barber, and laundry service were installed as facilities became available. On 13 October, 1945, Ensign Holben was relieved of his Disbursing duties by Ensign Irving G. Putzel, SC, USNR, who became Disbursing Officer for the Battalion.

The battalion's first days on Calicoan were trying on every department as all of the old timers will verify. One of the main problems of the supply department at that time was the movement of goods. It seems that everyone was so busy doing their own job that the supply men had to run the cherry-pickers and do their own rigging when they wanted to move the supplies. As they had no experience in this line, the work was somewhat tedious but nevertheless the supplies were moved without any major disaster. Well, there is a story about Bill Cook who once was showing



a friend (none other than our own Doc. Dignam) just how to put a cherrypicker in reverse gear. Bill was standing on top of one track giving quite a lecture when for some unaccountable reason the pupil shoved the

gear into forward and left Bill lying on his back as the cherry-picker steamed away.

Several times supplies were needed which were not to be found in the area. In these cases it was necessary to send men up to Subic



Bay via the air corps to secure the material.

The department has had its share of problems. In the early days when storage huts were not easily available the supply department decided to trust the men and store the beer just outside the supply office—even though the beer was being rationed. Well, it just happened that there followed a couple of extremely hot, humid days and the supply of beer diminished too rapidly; however, no one complained of thirst particularly. Need-

less to say a storage hut was soon obtained. It is extremely unfortunate that this type of trusting incident occurred but once.

Temporary duty men also played havoc with the ration system. Four times it happened that drafts of 300 to 400 men were sent to this base. At that time men were given ration cards immediately upon arrival. In each of these cases the same men were unexpectedly sent to another base a day or two afterwards. By chance these four cases hap-

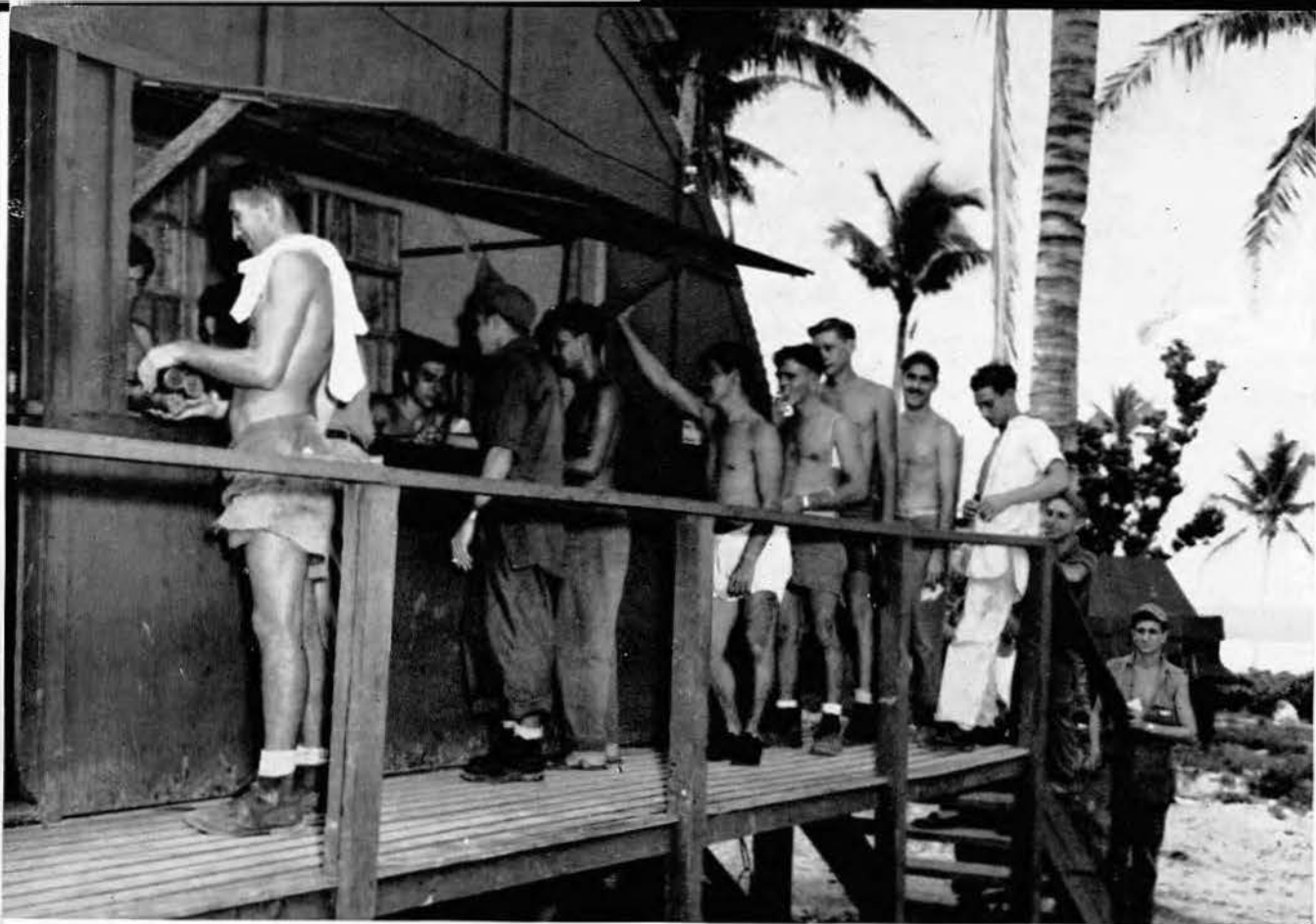


pened within a month and since the battalion is limited to the amount of cigarettes and soap, etc. these very temporary men caused a decided lack of the essentials for a while. Fortunately this problem did not last for long.

The commissary department has always had a long list of problems as lack of water, lack of food, a twenty-four hour schedule, cleanliness under adverse conditions, etc. As we look over the records we find that three

experienced men took a turn at the job during nine months period to keep up the good service; these three Chief Commissary Stewards are Bernell Feese, Paul Lucas, and Sherman Chappell. Well, no matter how hard the cooks may work we all know that the battalion will never forget those unsung and silent heroes of the Commissary—the numerous quonset “hut chiefs” who have kept the men well fed during the intervening hours.

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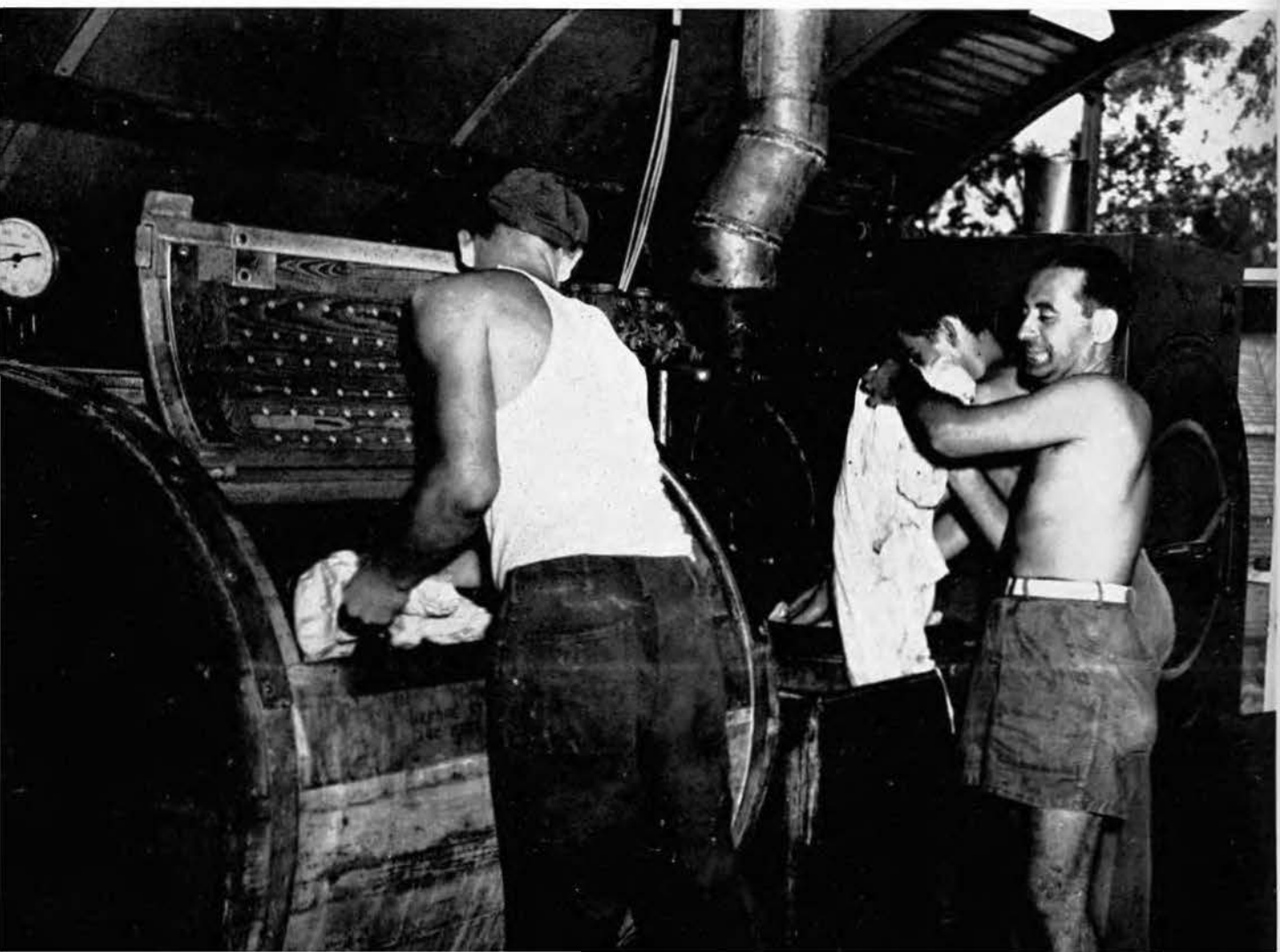
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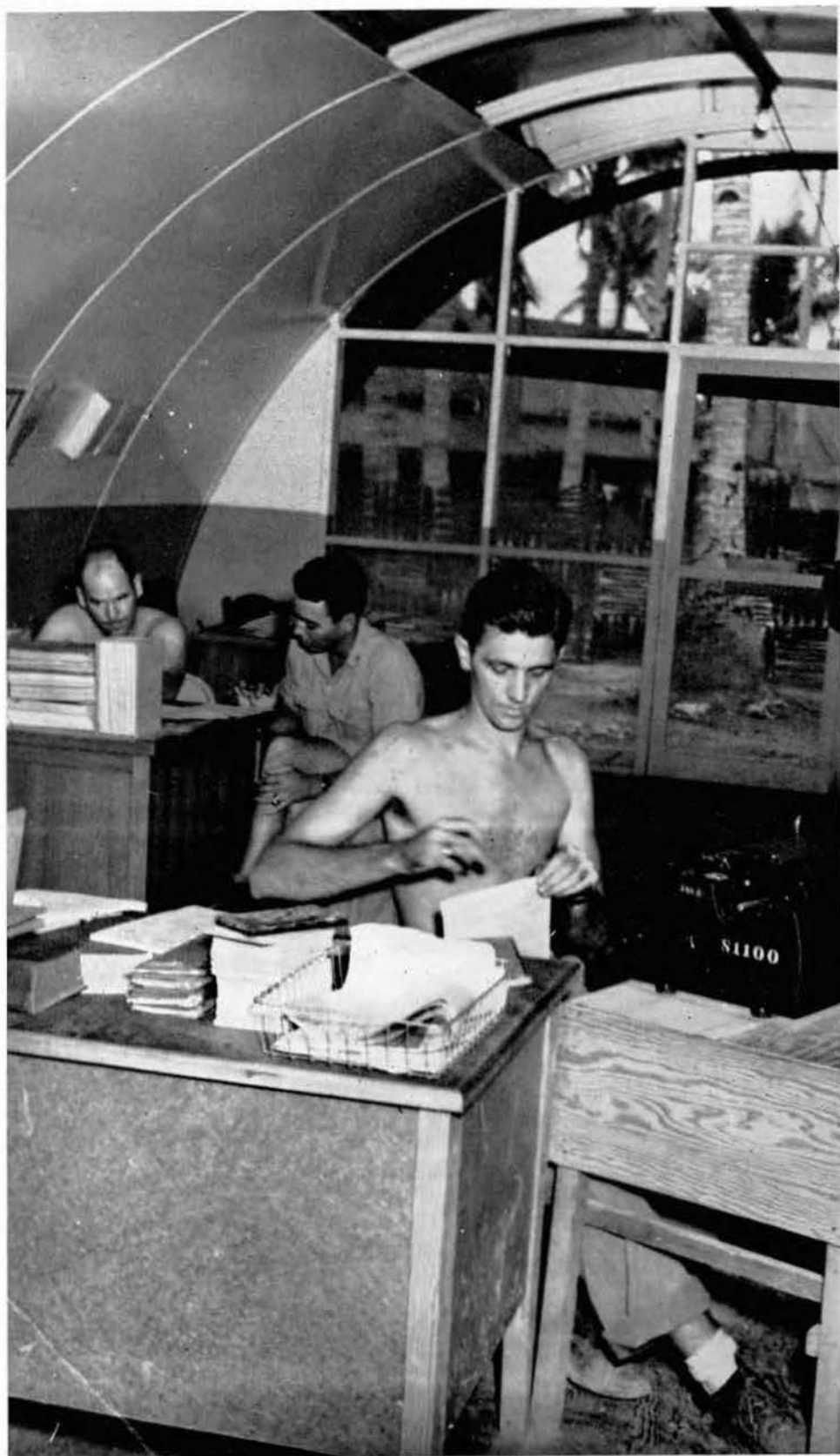


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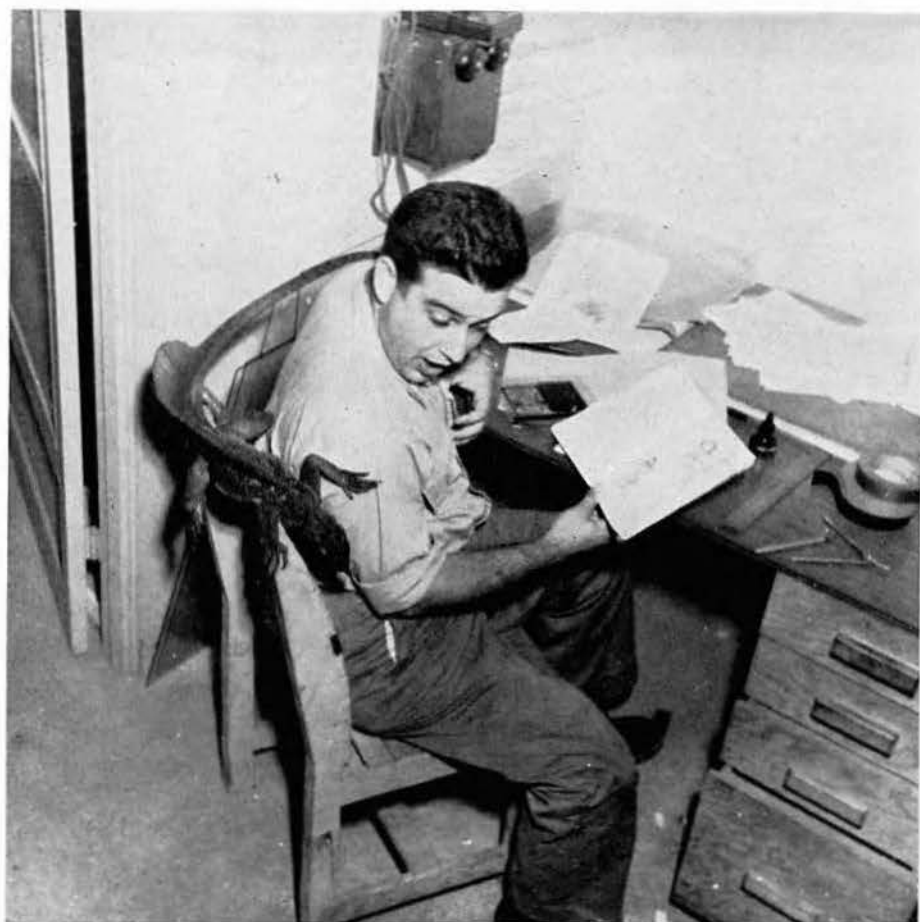
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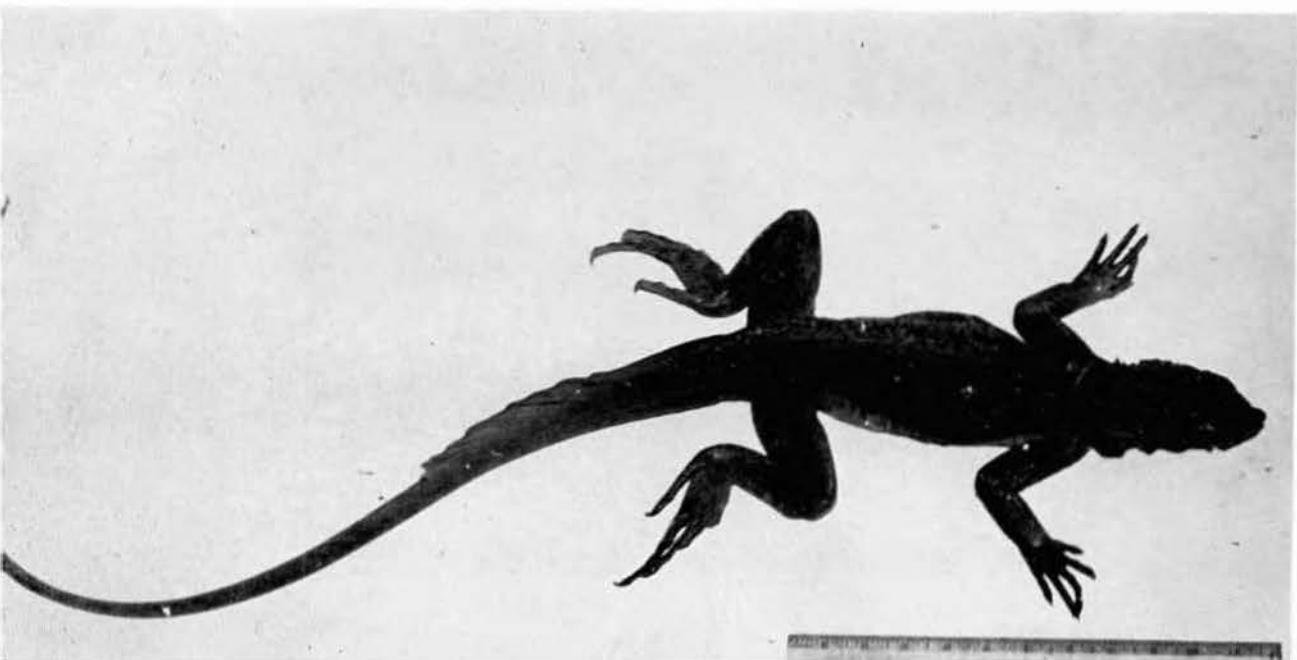


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GOING HOME!



Musical notation for the song "Going Home". The score is written on two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The time signature is 4/4. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

HOME, BOYS, HOME ——— IT'S HOME WE OUGHT



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AU REVOIR





CALICOAN



CALICOAN ISLAND in the Philippines is no longer an island. Early in 1945, the Seabees constructed an earth-fill across the narrow passage of water to the Guiuan Peninsula of Samar. Thus, Calicoan has become physical part of the peninsula to which it always has really belonged.

The Guiuan Peninsula including its new extension stretches down from the main section of Samar some 20 miles. Throughout its length, it separates the northern part of Leyte Gulf from the Philippine Sea. From any part of the peninsula facing the Leyte Gulf, one can look out over its greenish waters, and see the hilly islands of Manicani and Homonhon. Homonhon was the point where Magellan, discoverer of the Philippines, first stepped ashore in 1521. On an especially clear day, one can see the mountainous coast of Leyte on the far side of the Gulf. Leyte is,

of course, the island on which MacArthur landed in force in October, 1944.

The principal town in the area, Guiuan, is located half way down the peninsula on the Gulf side. It had a peace time population of 4,067 Filipinos. (The town is dominated by historic Church of of the Immaculate Conception which was started in the year, 1555, a date which makes structures in our own country seem new by comparison.)

The credit for the Church belongs to the Augustian Friars who came from Spain with the second expedition to the Philippines. Under their supervision, Filipinos worked continuously for twenty years with their primitive tools, cutting coral rocks and gathering them, block by block, to put up the walls that are still standing today.

At the present time, the entire Peninsula



area including several near-by islands is being developed into a major Naval Base. It is understood that the permanent Philippine Base will be at this point, if the Navy's recommendation to this effect, is accepted. Already, the Seabees have accomplished much in the short time they have been at work. An air strip has been constructed, a receiving station to accommodate 20,000 men has been completed, and a 3,500 bed hospital is in full operation. A network of clay coral highways extends through the area, one such highway running to the lower tip of Calicoan.

From the large-scale operations of the Navy in the area, it can be well imagined that the sparse population of Filipinos has been placed in the background. Certainly, they will never again depend on the fishing, coconut gathering and meager local trade which previously sustained them. For the

area had never been prosperous, and, since there have been no roads worthy of the name connecting it with the rest of Samar, the area is a sociological island.

The native dialect of the section is Visayan. Few of the Americans have learned more than a word or two of the Tongue since the Filipinos here can usually make themselves understood in English.

Turning from the Guiuan Peninsula in general to Calicoan in particular, we find a body of land eight miles long with an average width of less than a mile. A ridge rising in places to 350 feet runs down the center of the island for almost its entire length. In places, the cliffs rise perpendicularly with deep caves underneath.

When the first Seabee Battalions went ashore on Calicoan, the island was completely



wooded. Natives, however, state that, at one time, there were banana plantations on the island.

The coconut is the most common tree. There are many others, but we have not been able to obtain botanical assistance in identifying even the most common of them.

Turning to animal life, the Americans are much impressed by the presence of land crabs. These are approximately the size of the sea crab at home, and they travel over the countryside with great abandon. Lizards up to two feet in length have been reported on the island, but the smaller ones, averaging six inches in length are everywhere. Their chirping comes from the most unexpected places, and they seem to be particularly fond of crawling over the ceilings of Quonset huts.

Wild monkeys are a common sight in the jungle; in addition, there are tame ones in every camp, which make excellent pets. Alas, there are snakes also. Pythons up to eight feet in length have turned up, but they are not common.



The absence of the birds of gay song and bright plumage which we have heard were everywhere in the Tropics has proved a keen disappointment. Aside from parrots which, we understand, live in the jungle, our only sight of feathered creatures, has been tiny gray birds which flit about in the coconut trees and the ever present sea gull.

No report of this kind would be complete without a few words concerning the weather. This section is hot and rainy. Contrary to the general impression, however, the highest the thermometer ever gets is about 97 degrees. The extreme discomfort of the climate can be explained on other grounds than on high temperature. The humidity is always high for one thing, and the fact that the midday sun is directly overhead is a second factor in making the mercury higher than it really is.

The rainfall in Guian averages 144 inches a year. This is a great deal more than the East Coast in the States receives which is generally the wettest section of our country.







There is no appreciable difference in temperature between one season and another. For instance, January, the coolest month, is only four degrees, on the average, lower than August, the warmest month. The coolest temperature over a forty year period in near-by Tacloban was 63 degrees.

Ferocious typhoons have been known to strike the area, but they are rare. They are figured to arrive, on the average, only once in ten years. The worst one in this century occurred in December, 1908, when waves as high as 60 feet swept the coast. The water ran four feet deep through the streets of Guiuan for several days. People fled to the Church, which, it is reported, remained dry inside.

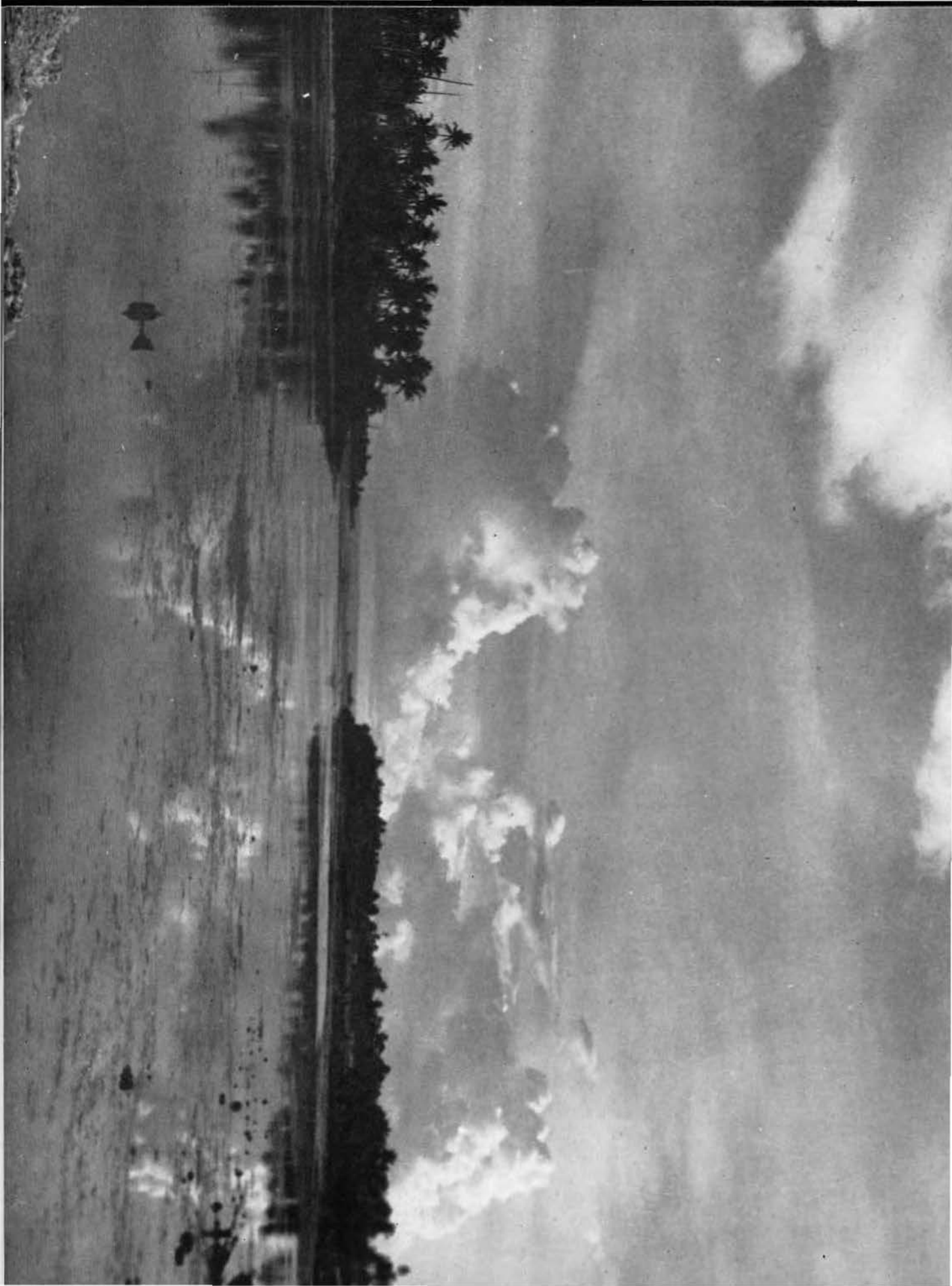
For the 143rd men, perhaps the thing that will stick longest in their memories, is the ocean rolling at their doorstep. The Battalion's area faces the Philippine Sea which might well be called the Pacific Ocean for it stretches away hundreds of miles to the nearest land.

Night and day, we have heard the continual pounding of the surf. The tides come and go, and the waves can be seen breaking up and down their length into sizzling white foam. Much else about our surroundings is sadly different from the country we left behind, but the broad seascape in front of us could be duplicated at Virginia Beach, Atlantic City, Old Orchard, or Santa Monica. And the fact that these distant places lie across the water in front of us makes us think all the more about them.

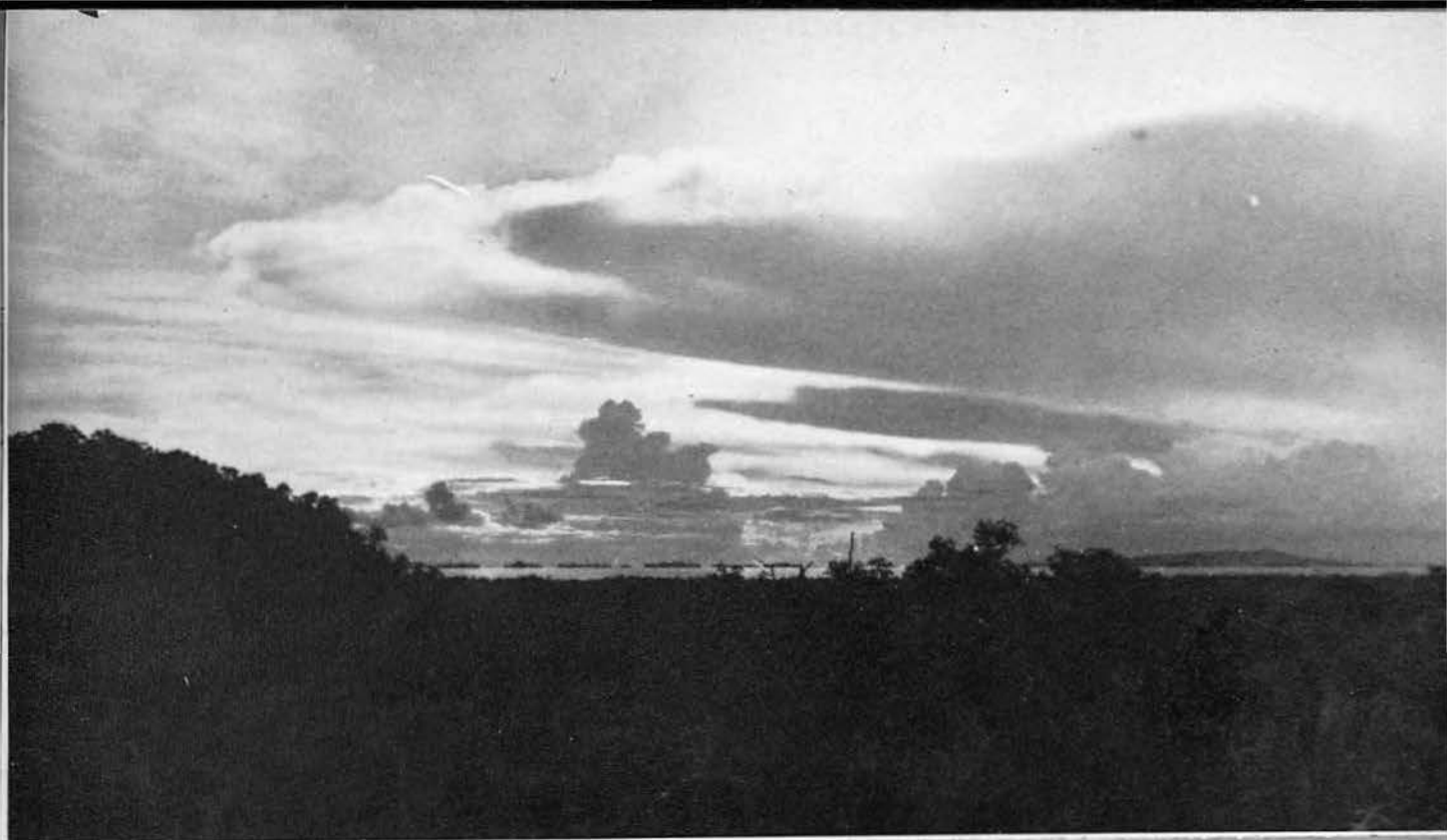
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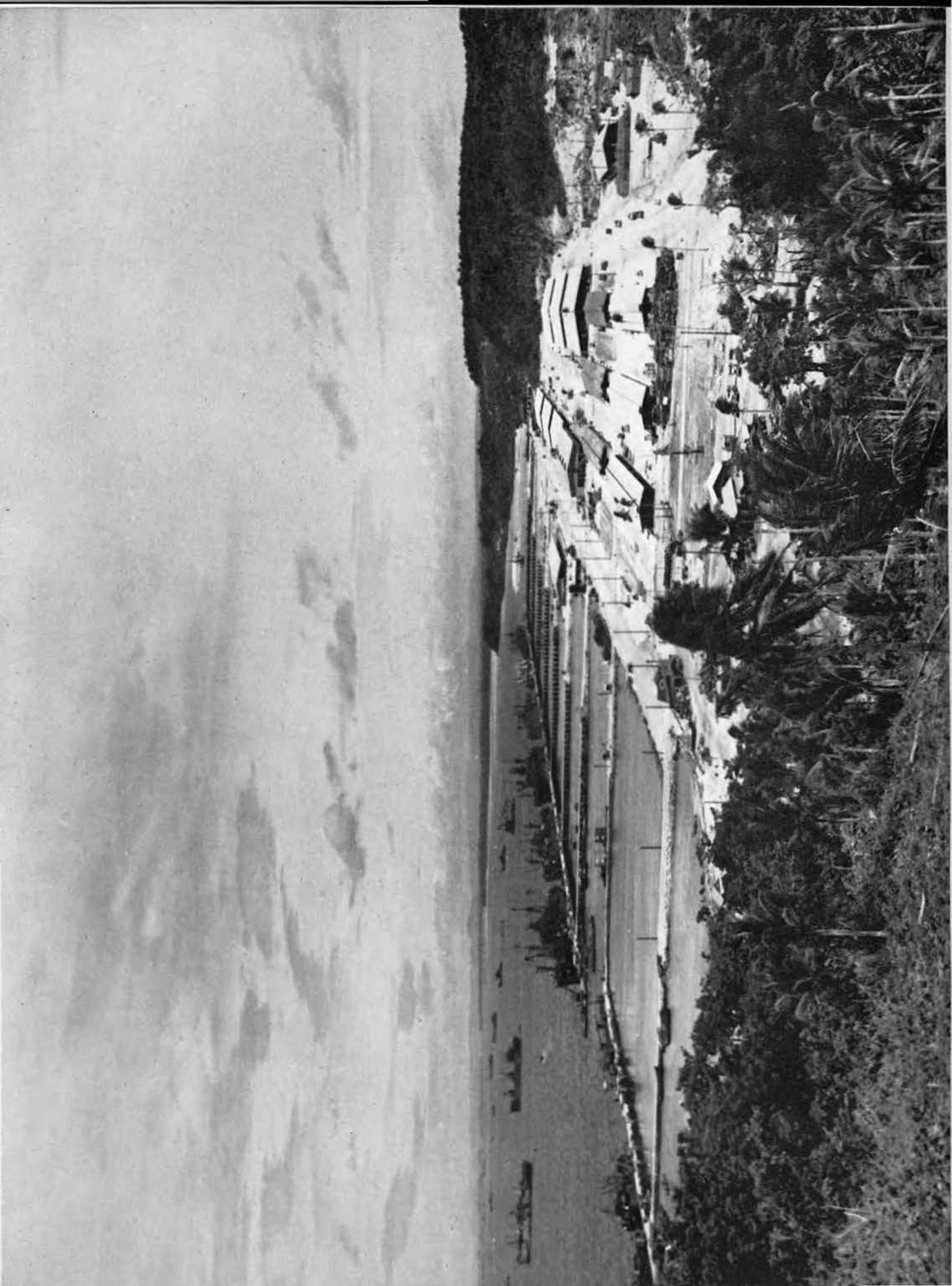




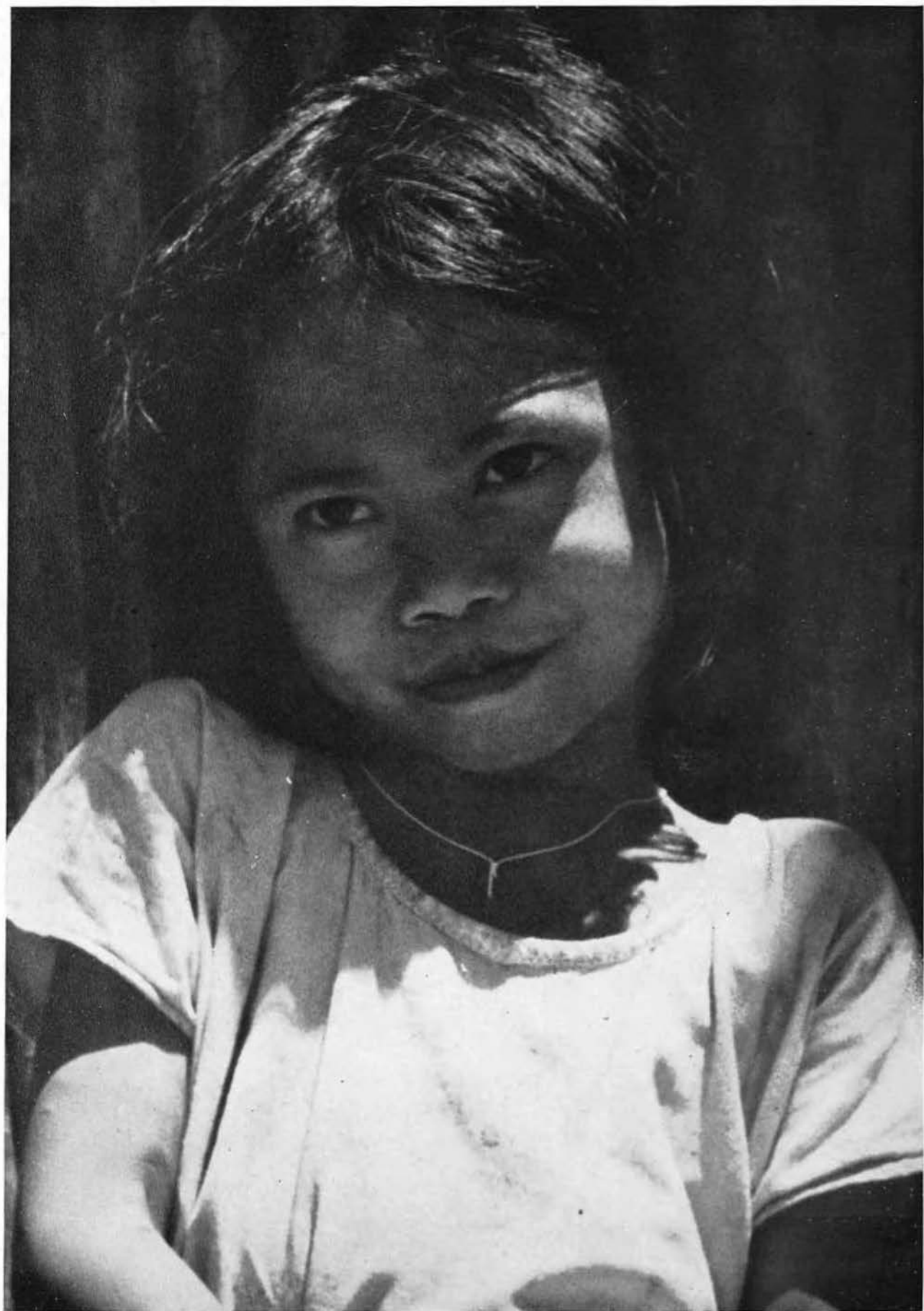














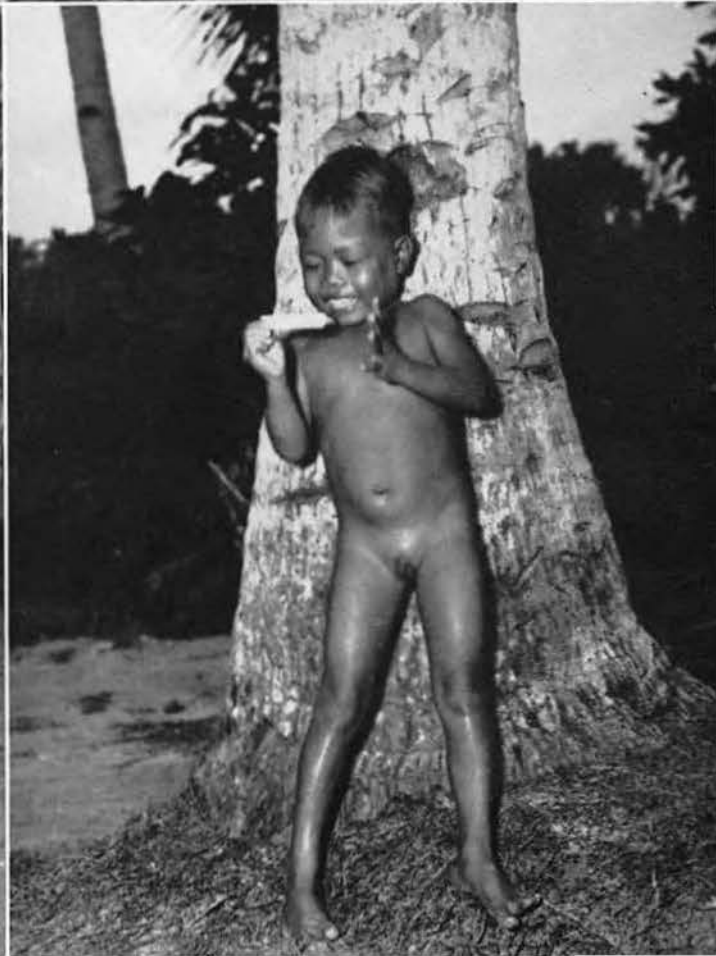










































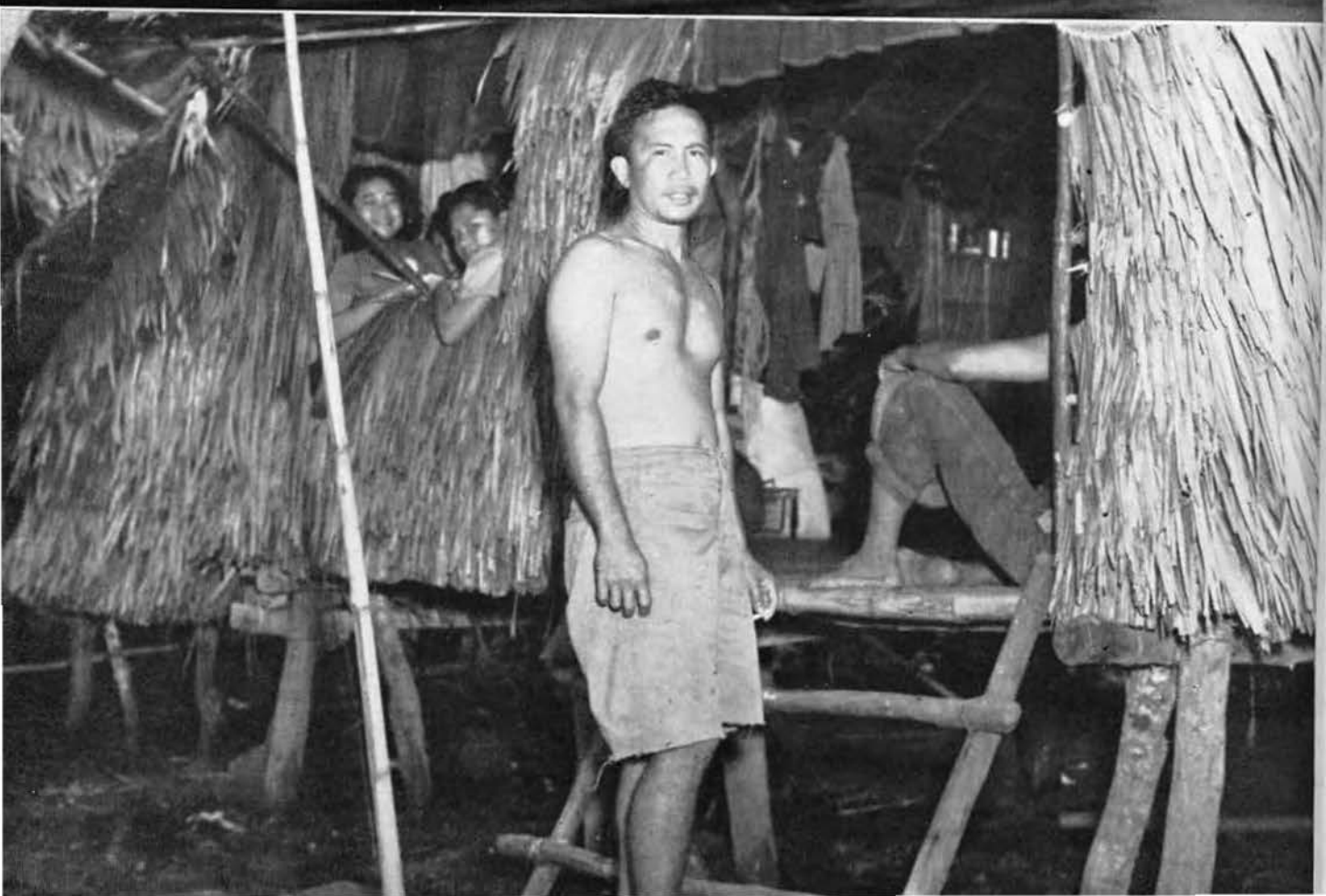




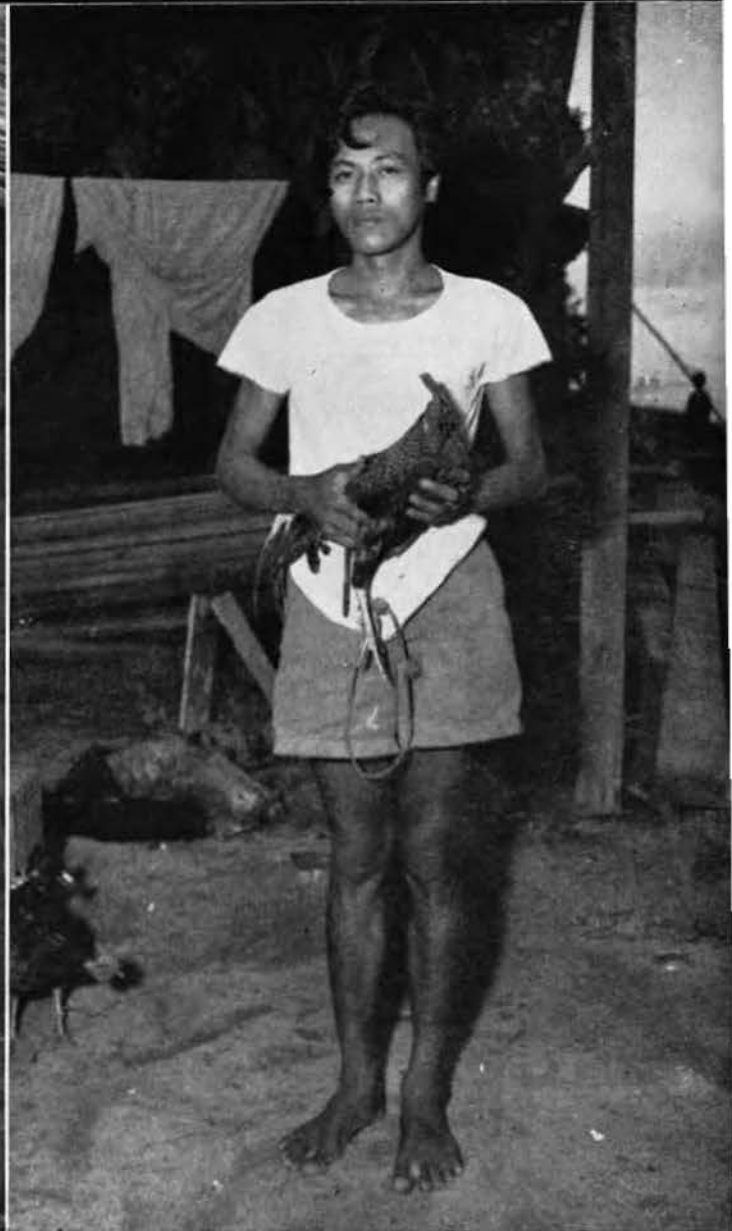














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acknowledged with humble gratitude. Mr. Holben also proved of inestimable value in reading each operation from the book, step by step, as Drs. Dignam and Iacovelli operated—and of course the patients weren't a bit concerned—oh my no.

Frank Pilloud was our Sick Bay MAA and performed his job admirably. In some manner he succeeded, without any direct or incriminating statements, in conveying the idea that the doctor was located on another island, thus permitting Dr. Dignam to finish work in plenty of time to attend the 143rd ball games.

To McNamee goes the honor of being our most faithful patient. He never missed a sick call in 8 months and for that he gets a gold star in his health record. Horner ran him a close second and while not quite as faithful, he more than made up for it by two short lectures on "How I've Come to Detest Standing in Lines in the Navy" with gestures. Dr. Schoonover also found time to lecture to us one evening on "The Proper Application of Casts." To Schoony we are indebted for drawing up the detail plans for our permanent Sick Bay.

Our funniest case of the year was a timid boot who entered the den of iniquity complaining of "Cramps" and didn't succeed in making himself understood until he was cov-

ered with Blue Ointment by 5 corpsmen—complete with words and music.

Then there was the case of the man who thought he possessed a four masted schooner, an airplane, and a few other nonexistent little trinkets and so had to be evacuated home. For a while aircraft carriers were a dime a dozen around the sick bay as we were besieged by many evacuation seekers each with a better story than his predecessor.

Taking everything into account we managed to enjoy ourselves in the 143rd medical department and hope that we didn't commit too many injustices in our treatment of the sick and would be sick. Here's wishing all our shipmates long lives of good health and happiness.

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Tom McMahon always smiles when asked what items were most popular as far as Ship's Store is concerned. The sales figures show that, aside from such obviously popular and necessary items as cigarettes and soap, hair oils and shampoos top the list. What this proves is debatable—anyway, we're glad to find out that the 143rd takes pride in being a clean cut outfit whether in the States or in the Philippines.



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