

The
13TH SPECIAL
NCB
WORLD WAR II

The Birth of an Idea

IT WAS A BRIGHT SUNNY DAY IN MAY, 1985, WHEN I OPENED THE MASSIVE DOOR OF THE CEC AND SEABEE MUSEUM AT PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA. AS MY EYES ADJUSTED TO THE CHANGE OF LIGHT I FOUND MYSELF NOT JUST INSIDE BUT IN ANOTHER TIME AND PLACE...A VOYAGE INTO THE PAST.

IT WAS QUIET. I NOTICED THAT VISITORS WERE NOT JUST "WALKING THROUGH" BUT EACH WAS STANDING AT DIFFERENT DISPLAYS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME, DEEP IN THOUGHT. AS I WRITE THIS NOW, I REALIZE THAT IF EACH ONE OF THEM WERE TO BE INTERVIEWED, AH...WHAT A STORY THAT WOULD BRING. THE CIVIL ENGINEER CORPS AND THE SEABEES DID AFTER ALL SERVE ALL OVER THE WORLD.

AFTER VIEWING FROM FLOOR TO CEILING FOR AN EMOTIONAL FEW HOURS...I KNEW THAT I WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK "TOMORROW". I RESTED IN THE CHAPEL AND REMEMBER COMPARING THE QUIETNESS TO THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE AND BUILDING THAT HAD TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN TIMES PAST.

REFRESHED, I LEFT THE CHAPEL.....WENT TO THE GIFT SHOP, AND WALKED BACK INTO TODAY. HERE I FOUND A BRIGHTLY LIGHTED SHOP FILLED WITH COLORFUL GIFTS OF EVERY POSSIBLE SORT...RANGING FROM TEN CENTS TO EXPENSIVE GOLD AND SILVER...EACH, REGARDLESS OF PRICE, EXQUITELY DESIGNED.

THE AMBIANCE WAS WARM AND FRIENDLY...I WAS NO LONGER TIRED. MY EYE FELL UPON A BOOK. THE COVER TITLE WAS "CRUISE BOOK...13TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION". WHAT IS THIS!!! I HAD NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE. PERHAPS THEY HAVE ONE FOR THE 13TH SPECIAL NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION!!! WHAT A GIFT FOR MY BROTHER!!! I WAS TOLD "I'M SO SORRY...BUT WE DO NOT HAVE ONE".

AT THAT MOMENT I KNEW THAT I HAD TO CORRECT THE SITUATION AND MADE THE DETERMINATION TO DO SO. AND SO IT WAS THAT I WALKED INTO THE UNKNOWN AND CAME OUT WITH THE PAGES THAT FOLLOW..OVER TWO YEARS LATER.

SINCE THE INSPIRATION CAME FROM THE MUSEUM...IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT I OPEN THE BOOK WITH A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE MUSEUM. I THANK ALL WHO HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT'S EXISTANCE.

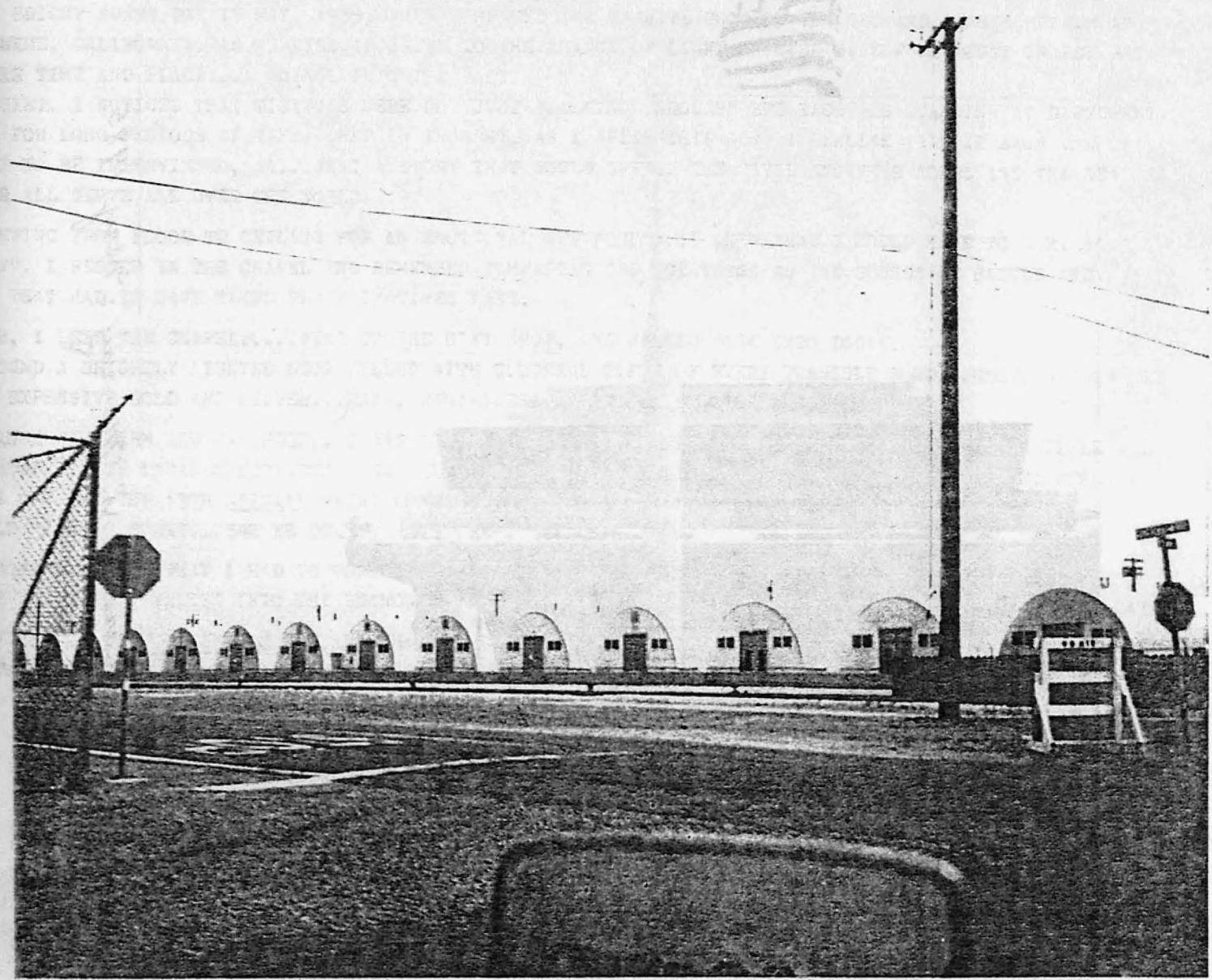
AT THE END OF WORLD WAR II NUMEROUS SEABEE BATTALIONS AND GROUPS OF SEABEES, ON THEIR WAY HOME FROM OVERSEAS, PASSED THROUGH THE NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION AT PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA. THEY HAD WITH THEM A WEALTH OF HISTORICAL SOUVENIRS AND MEMENTOES, VAST NUMBERS OF WHICH WERE LEFT AT PORT HUENEME. IN 1946 A MUSEUM WAS ESTABLISHED. THE FLOW OF GIFTS, EVER INCREASING, DETERMINED A NEED FOR LARGER QUARTERS AND A NEW MUSEUM WAS BUILT IN 1956. RENOVATION AND ENLARGEMENT IS CONSTANTLY TAKING PLACE. THE TOTAL STRUCTURE TOTALS APPROXIMATELY 24,000 SQUARE FEET. THE GIFT SHOP GENERATES THE MONIES FOR ALL NEW EXHIBITS, RESTORATION OF ARTIFACTS, GIFT SHOP EMPLOYEES, ETC., ETC., AND ETCETERA.

*Information from
the CEC/Seabees
Museum, Port
Hueneme, Calif.*



Photographed by Carolyn S. Murray: May 1985

The Birth of an Idyll



Photographed by Carolyn S. Murray: May, 1985

1941 Quonset Hut still in use by the Seabees at Port Huenehene.

C. E. C. and Seabees Museum at Port Hueneme, California



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THE "GRANDDADDY" OF THE CB'S

ADMIRAL BEN MOREELL, A GRADUATE OF WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS, BEGAN HIS NAVY CAREER IN 1917, SERVING IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES WITH THE DEP'T OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS.

DURING WORLD WAR II HE WAS CHIEF OF THE BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS AND CHIEF OF CIVIL ENGINEERS OF THE NAVY.

IN 1941 HE ORGANIZED THE NAVY'S CONSTRUCTION BATTALION WHICH BECAME KNOWN AS THE SEABEES.

THE BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE OF THE SEABEES BROUGHT HIM NUMEROUS AWARDS AND CITATIONS.

NOT ONE TO SIT AT A DESK...HE WAS OUT WHERE THE MEN ARE....HE WAS REFERRED TO AS THE "KING BEE" BY FLEET ADMIRAL NIMITZ AND THAT HE WAS..... A KING AMONG HIS MEN, AND A MAN OF HISTORY.

"THE SEABEES IN WORLD WAR II" BY THE ADMIRAL APPEARS IN THE 1962 ISSUE OF THE U.S. NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS. VOLUME 11 OF "BUILDING THE NAVY'S BASES IN WORLD WAR II" AND COMMANDER EDMUND L CASTILLO'S "THE SEABEES OF WORLD WAR II" DISCUSS THE INVASION OF GUAM AND MENTION THE 13TH SPECIAL NCB.

Courtesy of NAVFAC P.H.

The Song Of The SEABEES

Lyric by
SAM M. LEWIS

Music by
PETER DE ROSE



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Construction and Fighting Men
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Moderately Bright (With Spirit)

Were the Sea - bees of the Na - vy — We can build and we can
fight — We'll pave a way to vic - to - ry and guard it
day an' night — And we prom - ise — that we'll re - mem - ber — The
"Sev - enth of De - cem - ber" — Were the Sea - bees of the Na - vy

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Chords: G7aug, C., G7aug, C., Edim, Dm, A7, Dm, A7, Dm, G7, Am, F7, D7, Dm, Fm6, G7, C7, F, D7, G7, Fm6, G7, G7aug, C., Gm6.

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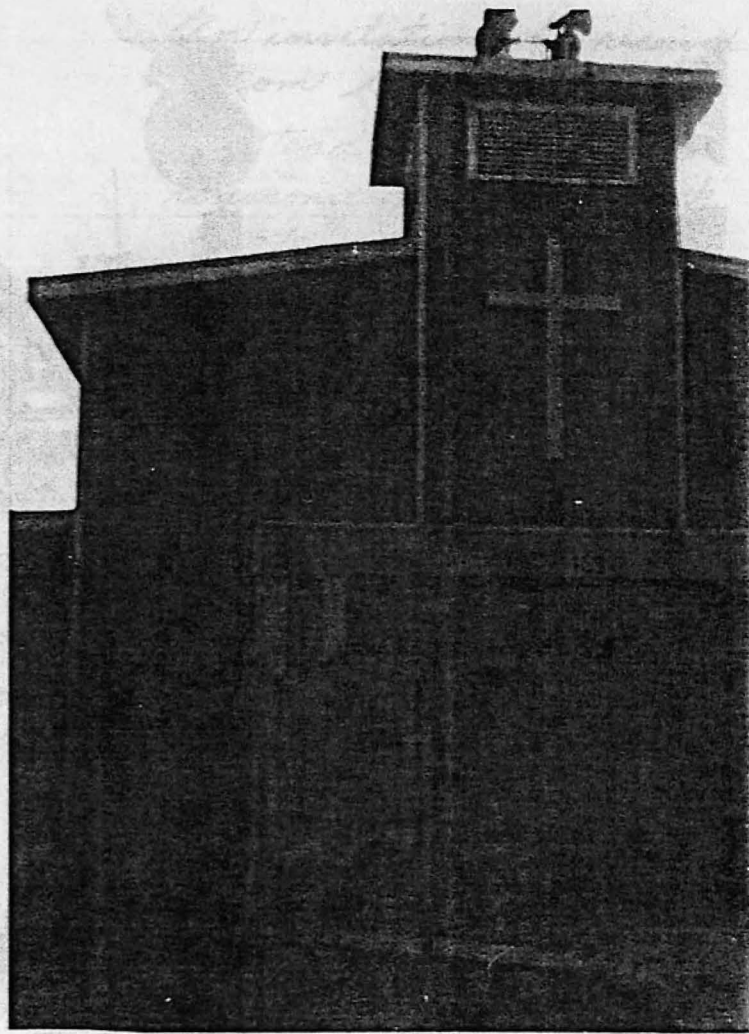
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H. J. C. P. H.



Original 1943 Barracks still in use
in Gulfport, Mississippi. This photo
was taken in 1974 by William Mills
(Co. A. (1943). Bill is in the Naval Reserve
Mobile Construction Battalion No. 13. !!!
History, it seems, repeats itself.
Bill says that many World War II
barracks are still in use.



This is the same Chapel
that the 13TH Special went to
in 1943. Photo taken in
1974 while Bill Mills was
on Active Duty with the 13TH
Mobile Construction Naval
Reserve.



New Memorial to the C.E.C. and Seabees at Port Huoneme. Dedicated on Feb. 13TH 1987.



photos Courtesy of Museum

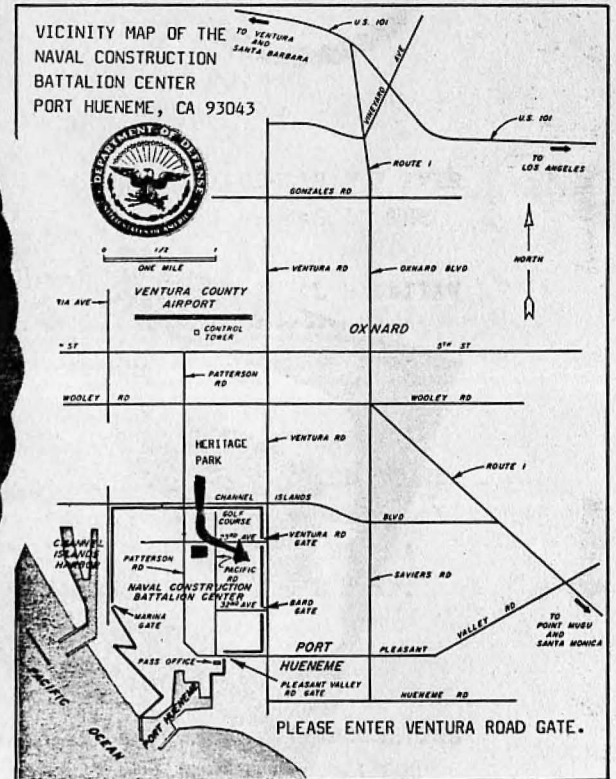
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↓ Note: 13TH SPECIAL N.C.B. W.W.II

An invitation was received from Captain Black to attend the dedication ceremony of Heritage Park, 2/13/87. (see page 10)



In 1982 the Seabee Drill Team marched in Windsor, Connecticut. Max Rosen visited with them. They exchanged addresses and later these decals were sent from E 03 Bewell of Davisville, Rhode Island (C.B. Camp), to Max.



Enclosed was this Area Map of Port Huene





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Excerpts from Letters 1985-1987

FROM CALIFORNIA:
(HOMETOWN: CONN.)

I REMEMBER CHARLES LOWELL FROM LOWELL, MASS.. HE WAS THE ONLY SEABEE THAT I EVER KNEW THAT RECEIVED AN ALLOWENCE FROM HIS MOTHER EVERY MONTH THAT HE WAS IN THE SERVICE.

I REMEMBER OPEN AIR SHOWERS ON GUAM...AND GREAT HAMBURGERS AT THE ROYAL HAWAIIAN HOTEL. MY FIRST MEAL BACK IN THE STATES WAS....A HUGE SALAD!!!

DONALD H. PHELPS CO. D

FROM WISCONSIN:
(HOMETOWN: ILL.)

I RETAIN MANY FRAGRANT MEMORIES OF THE 13TH SPECIAL....LOVABLE, CO-OPERATIVE TROOPS. HAVING BEEN WITH THE BATTALION SINCE IT'S BEGINNING, I WAS INDEED SORRY TO HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED. I WENT WITH THE 123RD N.C.B.. IT WAS A GOOD OUTFIT. I WOULD LOVE TO SEE MY OLD BUDDIES FROM THE 13TH SPECIAL. WISH WE COULD HAVE A GET TOGETHER. I WOULD DO ANYTHING FOR THOSE BOYS. THEY CALLED ME "PADRE ROY". HOW ON EARTH DID YOU EVER FIND ME???

REVERAND ROY B. SCHMEICHEL CHAPLAIN

FROM MICHIGAN:
(HOMETOWN: ILL.)

I WAS NICKNAMED "BUNNY" BECAUSE MY PARENTS WOULD SEND ME RAW CARROTS THROUGH THE MAIL. I REMEMBER TAKING THE TRAIN TO SAN FRANCISCO AND GOING UNDER THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE. THEN ON TO THE TRANSPORT SHIP GENERAL G. O. SQUIER. ALL OF THE VEHICLES (TRUCKS AND JEEPS) HAD THEIR NUMBERS INSIDE A BLACK ACE OF SPADES. # 1 WAS THE COMMANDING OFFICER'S JEEP. WORKING 7 DAYS A WEEK AND 12 AND 13 HOURS A DAY WAS HARD WORK....BUT AFTER THE WAR, I TRANSFERRED AND ACTUALLY MISSED THE LONG HOURS (AFTER A WHILE). I FOUND THAT DOING HARD PHYSICAL LABOR MADE THE TIME PASS FASTER AND GETTING HOME SOONER.

RICHARD T. LUDWIG HDQRTS. CO

FROM CALIFORNIA:
(HOMETOWN: N. J.)

WHILE IN GUAM I CONTACTED THE DREADED "DENGUE FEVER". I WENT LOOKING WHERE THERE WAS NONE. I WENT TO SICK BAY BUT FOUND MYSELF ALL ALONE AND FELT SPOOKED, SO I LEFT. I FOUND MY WAY ON TO A LIBERTY SHIP LOOKING FOR HELP. I LAID THERE FOR A WHILE....BUT GOT OFF JUST IN TIME...IT WAS HEADED FOR NEW CALEDONIA!!! I'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE RED MUD AT IROQUOIS POINT.
THANK YOU FOR THE "MARCH" BIRTHDAY CARD. I REALLY APPRECIATED IT. BUT IT HAPPENS TO BE THAT MY REAL BIRTHDAY IS IN DECEMBER. I WAS 17 YRS. OLD WHEN I TRIED TO ENLIST. WHEN I WALKED INTO THE INDUCTION CENTER, I WAS GREETED WITH "HAPPY BIRTHDAY..YOU ARE IN THE SERVICE NOW", SO I QUIT WHILE I WAS AHEAD AND LIED ABOUT MY BIRTHDAY.

CHARLES A WEBBERLEY CO. C

FROM MICHIGAN:

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES FOR A REUNION OF THE 13TH SPECIAL? THE OLDER ONE GETS, THE DEARER THE MEMORIES BECOME, AND CLOSER TO THE HEART. I HAVE 3 FULL SCRAPBOOKS. IF WE HAVE A REUNION, I'LL BRING THEM.
MABEL THOMAS WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PUTTING ON SHOWS AND ALL ENTERTAINMENT BY THE USO WHILE WE WERE IN HAWAII.
"LUCKY" WAS PICKED UP IN PEARL HARBOR AND TRAVELED WITH US ABOARD SHIP WHEREVER WE WENT. IN GUAM, LUCKY FOUND THE FLOWERS OF ROMANCE AND HAD A FAMILY WITH EACH AND EVERY FEMALE DOG ON THE ISLAND. SO HE COULD NOT TRAVEL ANY LONGER, DUE TO MATRIMONY OF HIS HAREM.
OUR PRAYERS CONTINUE FOR ALL OF THE MEN OF THE 13TH SPECIAL. MAY THEIR DAYS BE FILLED WITH GOD'S LOVE AND BLESSINGS.

EDWARD L KERR HDQRTS. CO.

FROM MISSISSIPPI:
(HOMETOWN: TENN.)

I REMEMBER EDDIE RHODES. HE WAS AS FINE A BOY AS I HAVE EVER COME IN CONTACT WITH. EDDIE AND REIMENSCHNEIDER WERE BEST BUDDIES. THEY WERE INSEPERABLE.
WE HAD TWO BOYS IN CO. B. WHO ENLISTED AT AGE 14. THEY WERE DISCHARGED AT CAMP PEARY. THEY WERE TWINS AND HELD THEIR OWN UNTIL THEY WERE DISCOVERED.
I CAME HOME ON THE "SOUTHERN CROSS"....IT TOOK 30 DAYS.

GEORGE W. GLOTFELTER CO. B.

FROM CALIFORNIA: THE 246 SEASHELLS THAT I SENT TO YOU ARE FROM GUAM. WHILE AWAITING FOR TRANSPORTATION HOME, I REMEMBER THAT EDDIE HARTZKE AND I WENT WALKING ALONG THE SHORE. WE ALWAYS WORE OUR SHOES, BECAUSE IT WASN'T PLEASANT TO STEP ON SOME LITTLE SQUISHY SEA URCHINS. WE WOULD PULL UP THE SEAWEED AND THESE LIVING SHELLS WOULD BE UNDERNEATH.

WE'D TAKE THEM BACK TO CAMP AND BURY THEM IN THE SOIL. IN A FEW DAYS, THE ANTS WOULD HAVE EATEN THEM ALL CLEAN. THEN WE WASHED THE SAND OUT AND SET THEM OUT TO DRY.

THE LITTLE CLOTH BAGS THAT THE SHELLS ARE IN ARE THE BAGS WE USED ON GUAM THAT ORIGINALLY HELD AN ABSORBENT MATERIAL TO KEEP "PARTS" DRY.

EVERARDUS B. WILSON CO. B.

FROM MINNESOTA: IN REGARD TO THE FIGHTING SEABEES MOVIE PHOTOGRAPH THAT YOU SENT...I REALLY DON'T SEEM TO RECOGNIZE ANY OF THE GUYS. I USED A FLASHLIGHT AND A LARGE MAGNIFYING GLASS, OVER AND OVER AGAIN. SOME OF THE MEN "LOOK" FAMILIAR AND THERE IS SOME RESEMBLANCE TO THE NAMES THAT YOU MENTION...BUT I CAN'T BE ABSOLUTELY SURE.

I REMEMBER THAT WE DID SOME MARCHING FOR THAT CB MOVIE "THE FIGHTING SEABEES". WE WORE GREEN OVERALLS WITH OUR WHITE HATS. THE TALL MEN WERE PLACED IN FRONT.

ALVER J. UNCINI CO. A.

FROM NEW JERSEY: "SPAM" KEPT ME ALIVE DURING THE WAR AND I STILL ENJOY IT WITH BROWN SUGAR AND SWEET POTATOES. WELL, ONCE IN A WHILE.

I REMEMBER BETTY HUTTON ON GUAM....SHE WAS AND STILL IS A FAVORITE OF MINE.

WHEN THE EXCITING NEWS OF THE END OF THE WAR CAME TO US, IT WAS A JOYOUS OCCASION. SOME OF THE BOYS JUMPED OVER THE SIDE INTO THE WATER...A FEW FORGETTING THAT THEY COULDN'T SWIM. OTHERS WERE RUNNING AROUND SHAKING HANDS...EVERYONE WAS SO HAPPY. WE EVEN STOPPED WORKING FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES.

CHARLES L. MURRAY CO. A.

FROM NEW YORK: IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT I WAS ONCE A "BABY BEE". IN 1943 I WEIGHED 165 POUNDS SOAKING WET.

WILLIAM A MILLS CO. A.

FROM CONNECTICUT:

I REMEMBER HOW HAPPY CHAPLAIN TOOMEY WAS WHEN WE PRESENTED HIM WITH A MUCH NEEDED MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION...A JEEP...WITH A FRESHLY PAINTED ACE OF SPADES ON IT.

WE USED TO TEASE HIM...SAYING THAT WE WOULD COME TO MASS, IF WE COULD GET A SAMPLE OF HIS SACRAMENTAL WINE.

ALSO, WHENEVER WE SAW HIM APPROACH, WE ALL WOULD KIDINGLY WHISPER OUT LOUD... SO HE'D BE SURE TO HEAR US..."SHUSH...NO CURSING...HERE COMES THE FATHER"!!! WHAT WE NEVER DID TELL HIM WAS THAT.....WE STOLE THE JEEP.

MAX ROSEN CO. B

FROM OHIO:

(HOMETOWN: PENN.)

IN TRYING TO IDENTIFY THE MEN IN THIS PHOTO THAT YOU SENT; THE ONLY THING THAT I CAN REMEMBER ABOUT THIS FELLOW WAS THAT HE HAD A GOLD RING IN HIS EAR. OUR BATTALION COMMANDER FITZGERALD TOOK HIS I.D. CARD, AND WOULD NOT ALLOW ME, AS GANG BOSS, TO GO ON LIBERTY UNTIL HE TOOK THE RING OUT.

JOE DELLA DONNA CO. A

FROM ARIZONA:

(HOMETOWN: WASH.)

I'D LIKE TO SAY "THANK YOU" TO JOHN MARTIN, A FELLOW C.B. IN MY SECTION, WHO INVITED ME TO SPEND OUR LIBERTY DAY AT HIS HOME IN HOLLYWOOD. WE WERE STATIONED AT PORT HUENEME AT THAT TIME. UPON ARRIVAL HE INTRODUCED ME TO HIS WIFE AND FAMILY, INCLUDING HIS WIFE'S MOTHER AND FATHER FROM NO. DAKOTA. DURING THE CONVERSATION I LEARNED THAT HIS WIFE AND SINGER PEGGY LEE WERE SISTERS. PEGGY WAS IN THE HOSPITAL AT THE TIME, HAVING JUST GIVEN BIRTH TO HER DAUGHTER.

WE HAD A MOST DELICIOUS DINNER AND SUPPER..AND FRIENDLY STIMULATING CONVERSATION.

WE SHIPPED OUT OF SAN DIEGO ON THE USS CABOT TO PEARL HARBOR. WHILE AT AIEA, I WAS AMONG THOSE WHO BUILT QUONSET HUTS ON RED HILL, A SHORT DISTANCE FROM AIEA.

MY ONLY MEMORABILIA I HAVE, OTHER THAN THE PICTURES, IS A MENU FROM THE CABOT.

IT'S YOURS!!!

RALPH R. MITCHELL CO. B

FROM OHIO:

I WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 13TH SPECIAL ON GUAM IN JUNE OF 1945. BOY, WAS IT HOT!!!! THE WORK WAS HARD WITH LONG HOURS.

THE FIRST THING I DID AFTER I GOT HOME WAS TO TRY ON MY CIVVIES TO SEE IF THEY STILL FIT. THEY DID...BUT I THINK I HAD GROWN AN INCH OR TWO.

CARL W. OHLER CO. C.

FROM MISSOURI:

I WAS ON LST 244. THERE WERE FOUR LST'S IN OUR GROUP AT THE INVASION OF GUAM. IN ADDITION, THERE WAS A TROOP SHIP THAT HAD JUST A FEW OF OUR MEN ABOARD. WE LEFT THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AHEAD OF TIME...ABOUT 30 DAYS...WE TURNED AROUND AND HEADED BACK IN A HURRY.....

YES, I WAS A CHIEF MASTER CARPENTER AT THE TIME OF COMMISSION AT CAMP PEARY. YOU ARE RIGHT...WE BUILT IT ALL...HOUSING, GALLEY, SHOW PLACE, TABLES AND BENCHES FOR THE CHOW HALL, DESKS, MONUMENTS, OFFICER'S CLUB, CHAPEL; WE POURED THE CEMENT FOR THE KITCHEN FLOOR...JUST ABOUT ANYTHING YOU CAN THINK OF...YOU NAME IT, WE BUILT IT. WE ALSO WORKED ON THE SHIPS...SHORING UP DIFFERENT EQUIPMENT.

ONCE A CALL CAME OUT FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR SNIPER PATROL. TWO OF MY MEN AND MYSELF WENT....THAT WAS A LITTLE UNCOMFORTABLE TO SAY THE LEAST.

I HAVE LOTS OF GOOD MEMORIES. I CAN'T SAY THAT I HAD A SPECIAL FRIEND IN PARTICULAR. I TRIED TO TREAT ALL OF MY MEN EQUALLY....FOR AFTER ALL, WE WERE ALL EQUAL.

MY WORSE MEMORY IS WHILE WE WERE UNLOADING OUR LST UNDER MORTAR FIRE, WITHOUT ANY PROTECTION. THAT WAS AT AGANA BAY.

"SPECIAL MEN" WERE IN THE 13TH SPECIAL....GOD BLESS THEM ALL.

CHARLES W. FERBER HDQRTS. CO.

FROM TEXAS:

BY THE WAY...NOTICE ALL OF THE ROCKS ON THE GROUND AROUND US WHEN I WAS BEING PINNED WITH THE PURPLE HEART. HE PINNED ME..I SALUTED..HE RETURNED IT AND I DID AN ABOUT FACE. MY FOOT WAS ON A ROUND ROCK AND I ALMOST FELL FLAT ON MY FACE!! NOT VERY MILITARY....

I NEVER EVEN KNEW THAT THERE WAS A PICTURE IN EXISTANCE OF MY BEING PINNED. THANK YOU FOR SENDING IT TO ME. IMAGINE THAT AFTER ALL THESE YEARS.

HAROLD E. UECKERT CO. A

FROM CONNECTICUT:

I CAN STILL REMEMBER OUR CHIEF TRYING OVER AND OVER...DAY AFTER DAY...TRYING TO PRONOUNCE JOHN PRZEZDZECKI'S NAME. HIS FACE WOULD GET ALL RED. THEN ONE DAY HE FINALLY GAVE IT ALL UP AND CALLED HIM "MURPHY".....FROM THAT DAY ON, EVERYONE CALLED HIM "MURPHY".....HE WAS A GREAT GUY!!!

MAX ROSEN CO. B.

FROM CALIFORNIA:
(HOMETOWN: PENN.)

I LEFT PORT HUENEME BY TROOP TRAIN TO SAN FRANCISCO AND BOARDED A TROOP SHIP FOR THE HIGH SEAS TO PEARL HARBOR. FOR THE INVASION OF GUAM I WAS ON THE LST 29. WE WERE ON THAT LST FROM JUNE 6, 1944 UNTIL WE LANDED ON GUAM ON JULY 27, 1944. I RETURNED TO SAN DIEGO IN NOV. OF 1945. AFTER THE BATTALION WAS DEACTIVATED, THOSE OF THE ORIGINAL OUTFIT RETURNED TO THE STATES. THOSE WHO JOINED AFTER WE WENT OVERSEAS WERE SENT TO OTHER UNITS THAT WERE STILL WORKING. (AS I RECALL). AFTER MY DISCHARGE, I WENT TO SAN JOSE STATE COLLEGE AND RECEIVED MY DEGREE. WHILE THERE, I JOINED THE AIR FORCE ROTC PROGRAM. I WAS CALLED TO ACTIVE DUTY FOR THE KOREAN WAR. FROM THEN ON I DID A LOT OF TRAVELING....ENGLAND..KOREA..PHILIPPINES..VIETNAM..CAMBODIA..THAILAND..INDONESIA.. AUSTRALIA..GUAM AND BACK HOME. I SET UP POSTAL UNITS AND WAS ASSIGNED POSTAL INSPECTOR FOR SOUTHEAST ASIA. I RETIRED AS A MAJOR IN 1968...AND SERVED AS THE COUNTY OF SOLANO VETERANS OFFICER AND WILL RETIRE ON OCT.11, 1985.

JACK G. DEWSEN CO. C.

FROM CALIFORNIA:
(HOMETOWN: N. J.)

I JOINED THE NAVY IN 1939 AND JOINED UP WITH THE 13TH SPECIAL IN 1943 AT CAMP PEARY. MY HAPPIEST DAY WAS WHEN I MADE "CHIEF" WHILE IN HAWAII. AFTER THE WAR, I STAYED IN THE NAVY. THEY ASKED ME TO GO TO PORT HUENEME TO ORGANIZE THE CONSTRUCTION TRAINING PROGRAM FOR SEABEES. THE NAVY WANTED TO CONTINUE HAVING CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS FOR THE FUTURE, BECAUSE THEY DID SUCH A WONDERFUL JOB DURING THE WAR. THIS OFFER SOUNDED PRETTY GOOD TO ME, SO OFF I WENT IN 1945. I WAS THE FIRST CHIEF TO ORGANIZE THE SCHOOLS AT PORT HUENEME. IN 1948 MY DUTIES TOOK ME TO JAPAN, SAIPAN, OKINOWA, ALASKA, ROTA SPAIN AND BACK TO PORT HUENEME. I RETIRED AS CHIEF MASTER AT ARMS IN 1964 AND WORKED 10 YEARS AS ENGINEERING INSPECTOR FOR THE COUNTY OF VENTURA. NOW...I WORK SOME...PLAY SOME. MOSTLY I TRAVEL A LOT TO SEE MY 6 CHILDREN, 19 GRANDCHILDREN AND 11 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.

JOSEPH A FRASCELLA CO. C.

FROM NEW JERSEY: A POTPURRI OF MEMORIES.....

- ✓ OUR BOYS WHO WENT ON THE MARSHALL ISLANDS INVASION, RETURNED TO THE BASE AT IROQUOIS POINT ON 3-13-44. THEY HAD SOME SOUVENIRS WITH THEM.
- ✓ WHILE AT IROQUOIS POINT, HEADQUARTERS CO. HAD A PICNIC ON 3-22-44. COMPANY A HAD ONE A FEW DAYS LATER. IN BOTH CASES SOME OF THE MEN HAD TO WORK.
- ✓ HOWARD WYCKOFF..CO. A..HAD A WIFE NAMED "RUTH" AND LIKED TO GO HUNTING.
- ✓ SOME MARINES JOINED OUR OUTFIT AND 2 OF THEM STAYED IN MY HUT...4-27-44...WHILE WE WERE STILL AT IROQUOIS POINT. VERY NICE BOYS...THE "MENTAL PICTURE" IS VERY STRONG OF US SITTING AROUND TALKING...CAN'T QUITE RECALL THE CONVERSATION.
- ✓ MY LAST LETTER FROM HAWAII IS DATED 5-31-44.
- ✓ THE FIGHTING SEABEES MOVIE WITH JOHN WAYNE WAS SHOWN ON 3-2-44...ON IROQUOIS PT.. YOU HAVE TO LOOK REAL FAST AS WE ARE ON THE SCREEN ALL OF 30 SECONDS. ALL OF THE REST OF THE FOOTAGE OF OUR GUYS MARCHING WOUND UP ON THE CUTTING ROOM FLOOR. ALL THE BOYS BOOED THE ENDING BECAUSE THE SEABEE DIDN'T GET THE GIRL.
- ✓ ABOUT MY NICKNAME "C J"...MY NAME WAS STENCILED ON EVERY PIECE OF CLOTHING I HAD... C. L. MURRAY...IN GULFPORT, SOMEONE MISTOOK THE L FOR A J, SO IT WAS "C J" FROM THEN ON. I NEVER TOLD THEM IT WAS AN "L".
- ✓ IN HAWAII I WOULD GO TO TOWN AND BUY A MALTED MILK AND SOME WESTERN MAGAZINES. THEN I'D WALK TO WAIKIKI FOR TWO BEERS AT THE BREAKERS CLUB. \$2.00 WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE WHOLE DAY. BACK AT THE BASE I WOULD BUY AN ICE CREAM CONE. NICE WAY TO SPEND A SUNDAY.
- ✓ ON GUAM THE MOST THAT I EVER SPENT WAS 50 CENTS A WEEK FOR 3 BARS OF CANDY. CIGARETTES WERE FREE. ROLLIE WRIGHT..CO. A..WOULD GIVE 2 PACKS OF CAMELS FOR 1 PACK OF RALIEGHS. I WOULD SNATCH UP ALL OF THE RALIEGHS AND TRADE WITH HIM. A FUN GAME. I RARELY SMOKED. IT WAS JUST "SOMETHING TO DO".
- ✓ I WAS PICKING SEASHELLS AT ENIWETOK ISLAND ON 7-3-44. IT WAS MY FIRST DAY OFF IN 6 MONTHS...SO I REMEMBER IT WELL....
- ✓ GIVE THOSE BAKERS AN EXTRA BOOST FOR KEEPING US ALIVE WITH THEIR "STAFF OF LIFE". THEY SURE MADE GOOD CAKE, TOO.
- ✓ WE WERE ALWAYS MORE THAN HAPPY TO SEE THOSE NEW REPLACEMENTS COME IN. THEY WERE YOUNG AND HAD STRONG BACKS AND WILLING TO FALL RIGHT IN FOR THE HARD WORK. I WAS 23 YRS. OLD WHEN I JOINED UP AT CAMP PEARY. SOME OF OUR MEN WERE WELL INTO THEIR 50'S. YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE GOT ALONG AND DID HARD WORK TOGETHER. BUT THE REPLACEMENTS MADE OUR LIVES EASIER THAT'S FOR SURE!!!

CHARLES L. MURRAY CO. A.

FROM NEW JERSEY: I'M ENCLOSING MY 8 PICTURES..WHICH IS ALL THAT I HAVE..NO ONE IN OUR HUT HAD A CAMERA. OUR BASE ON GUAM WAS JUST SOUTHWEST OF APRA HARBOR..ON OROTE PENINSULA...JUST BELOW *THE FORMER JAPANESE* AIR STRIP WHERE MARINE PLANES WERE BASED.

IN THE PHOTO OF THE TEN MEN ENTITLED "NO FAT ON THESE BLACK CATS" YOU CAN SEE APRA HARBOR IN THE BACKGROUND. SORRY I CAN'T REMEMBER MORE NAMES. I DO HOWEVER WELL REMEMBER THE MEN!!!SOME WERE NEW REPLACEMENTS....A WELCOME SIGHT ON GUAM, INDEED.

LOOKING FOR THE PHOTOS BROUGHT BACK MANY FOND AND SOME SCARY MEMORIES.

LEO J. GRADY CO. D

FROM CONNECTICUT: WHILE STATIONED AT IROQUOIS POINT, I WAS ONE OF THE MEN WHO WENT ON THE MARSHALL ISLANDS INVASION. THERE WERE 100 OF US...25 FROM EACH OF THE COMPANIES A-B-C-D-. NO ONE FROM HEADQUARTERS AND NO OFFICERS CAME ALONG. WHEN WE GOT THERE WE JUST UNLOADED ANYTHING THERE WAS...WITH NO ONE IN PARTICULAR IN COMMAND.

WHEN WE RETURNED TO PEARL HARBOR THE COMMANDER THERE SAID "WHO ARE YOU GUYS"?? HE CALLED UP THE 13TH HDQTRS. AND AFTER A FEW MORE HOURS, A TRUCK CAME AND PICKED US UP. THE SOUVENIRS WERE ALL JAP MADE.

A JAP PRISONER CAME BACK ON THE SHIP WITH US. SOME OF THE MEN TALKED TO HIM. HE SPOKE PRETTY GOOD ENGLISH AS HE WAS EDUCATED AT TEXAS A & M. THEY ASKED HIM WHO HE THOUGHT WOULD WIN THE WAR. HE QUICKLY REPLIED THAT OF COURSE THEY WOULD AND ACCORDING TO ALL OF THE INFORMATION HE HAD BEEN RECEIVING, JAPAN WAS ALREADY WINNING. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT THEY HAD SO MANY MORE MEN WHO WERE ANXIOUS TO DIE WITHOUT QUESTION.

EVIDENTLY HE WAS NOT ONE OF THEM.

MAX ROSEN CO. B.

FROM PENN: I'M SENDING ALL OF THE PHOTOS THAT I HAVE. THANK YOU FOR THE ZEROX MATERIAL. THE 13TH SPECIAL N.C.B. WERE THE GREATEST ... AND ALL HARD WORKERS. GOOD LUCK TO ALL OF MY BUDDIES....THEY WERE SPECIAL IN ALL WAYS.

RAY J. WOZNIAK CO. A.

FROM FLORIDA: THANK YOU FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SEABEE MUSEUM. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MAKING (HOMETOWN: INDIANA) A VISIT THERE ON MY NEXT VACATION. JACK AND I WERE VERY CLOSE. I AM DELIGHTED THAT HE WILL BE REMEMBERED IN THE CRUISE BOOK.

Jack's Sister,
FLORA TOUSLEY GARN CO. A.

From Terrell, Texas.....

I'VE BEEN APPOINTED "OFFICIAL LETTER WRITER" FOR MY "MAIN MAN" AND DARLING HUSBAND. PAT IS 77 YRS. OLD NOW. (OF COURSE, I'M MUCH YOUNGER). HA HA. I'M SENDING YOU SOME POETRY...PAT'S "MOTHER'S FLAG"...ALONG WITH SOME PICTURES AND ITEMS FROM HIS SCRAPBOOK THAT I KEPT FROM DAY # 1 UNTIL HIS DISCHARGE AFTER THE WAR WAS ENDED AND THE BATTALION DEACTIVATED.

THE FLAG WAS STORED IN MY CEDAR CHEST FOR ALL OF THESE YEARS. IT HUNG IN MY EAST WINDOW ALL THE TIME PAT WAS AWAY. IT MAY BE A LITTLE FADED BUT STILL LOOKS PRETTY GOOD TO ME. BELIEVE IT OR NOT...I KNEW EXACTLY WHERE IT WAS!!!

PAT'S FIRST LEAVE WAS AT CAMP PEARY. I WENT TO SEE HIM THERE. I CALL IT MY "SAFARI TO WILLIAMSBURG". I RECALL VENTURING INTO THE WILDS OF CAMP PEARY....THE TOWN WAS FILLED WITH SERVICEMEN, THEIR WIVES AND GIRL FRIENDS... HARDLY ANYPLACE TO RENT A ROOM. I WAS LUCKY...I FOUND A CLEAN ROOM WITH A PRIVATE SHOWER AND AN ELECTRIC FAN!!! IT WAS IN JULY AND VERY HOT...ESPECIALLY IN MY TALL TEXAS BOOTS!! (WELL NOT TOO TALL..I'M ONLY 5 FT 1 INCH).

PAT REFERS TO THE MEN AS "THAT OLD GANG OF MINE". WHEN PAT WAS INJURED WHILE UNLOADING A SHIP, HE WAS HOSPITALIZED AND ALBERT SALT DID HIS LETTER WRITING FOR HIM. HE WAS A GREAT HELP. I MET ALBERT AND MAXIE ROSEN AFTER THE WAR. WE STILL CORRESPOND WITH THOSE SEABEES ON THE LIST THAT I SENT TO YOU....WELL AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR.

WE WERE SO HAPPY TO RECEIVE THE PHOTO OF PAT ON GUAM AS DISPATCHER OF THE MOTOR POOL. WE HAD NEVER SEEN THAT PICTURE BEFORE. IT WAS SO THOUGHTFUL OF BILL MILLS TO SEND IT TO YOU. I HAVE ALREADY ANSWERED BILL'S LETTER. TALK ABOUT SURPRISES!!!!!!!

WE SEND OUR LOVE TO ALL THE SEABEES OF THE 13TH SPECIAL!

ALYEEN AND PAT T. JOHNSON
CO. B

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From Napa, California.....

WELL HERE IT IS...1986...AND I'M 83 YEARS OF AGE. I STILL HAVE NO REGRETS. IT WAS QUITE AN EXPERIENCE.. SOMETHING NO ONE EVER CAN TAKE AWAY FROM ME. TAKING EACH DAY FOR WHAT IT WAS, I WAS NEVER A SAD SACK. HAD THE WAR NOT ENDED, I THINK THAT I WOULD HAVE STAYED IN THE SERVICE, ALTHOUGH I WAS ELIGIBLE FOR THE 44 POINT SYSTEM OF RETIREMENT.

I WAS ALWAYS A KIND OF "QUIET GUY" AND STILL AM. THERE WAS ONE FELLOW THAT I FELT A CLOSE ATTACHMENT TO. HE WAS A GOOD 25 YEARS YOUNGER THAN I.

BACK IN 1918 DURING THE FLU EPIDEMIC MY YOUNGER BROTHER DIED. I WAS PRETTY DEVASTATED...WE HAD BEEN "BEST BUDDIES". SO THROUGH THE YEARS, ALTHOUGH I'VE HAD MANY FRIENDS AND AQUAINTANCES, I JUST NEVER HAD ANOTHER "BEST BUDDY".

NOW THIS YOUNG SEABEE....THERE WAS SOMETHING ABOUT HIM THAT ALWAYS REMINDED ME OF MY KID BROTHER... BECAUSE OF THIS I FELT A CLOSE ATTACHMENT TO HIM. UNTIL THIS DAY, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, I NEVER MET ANYONE THAT I FELT THAT WAY ABOUT.

I NEVER TOLD HIM....I'M SURE HE DOESN'T KNOW. PERHAPS ONE DAY HE'LL READ IT IN THIS BOOK.

DURING THE WAR, MY MOTHER AND HE BECAME "PEN PALS" AND MY WIFE AND I STILL EXCHANGE CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH HIM EACH YEAR.

OH YES....HIS NAME IS ALBERT SALT.

EVERARDUS B. WILSON
CO. B

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I HAVE SEARCHED THE ATTIC AND THE OLD TRUNKS AS YOU SUGGESTED, BUT COULD NOT FIND A PHOTO OF MYSELF.....* CIRCA 1943. I DID HOWEVER FIND ONE OF PAUL D. ATKINSON, A MARINE BUDDY....WHO ALSO BECAME A SEABEE WITH THE 13TH SPECIAL BATTALION.

PAUL WORKED IN THE PAINT SHOP UNDER MAX ROSEN, WHO CONTRIBUTED THE CANVAS OF THE BLACK CAT AND THE THANKS-GIVING MENU. HE IS IN THE MARINE UNIFORM THAT WE WORE WHILE ATTACHED TO THE MARINE CORP.

I ALSO FOUND SOME V-MAIL LETTERS AND SOME PICTURES OF GUAM. I CAN'T REMEMBER HOW I CAME BY THE PICTURES.... BUT DO KNOW THAT NO ONE IN MY TENT HAD A CAMERA AND CENSORSHIP WAS FAR STRICTER THAN PEOPLE CAN IMAGINE IN THIS DAY AND TIME.

THE "LAST ISSUE" OF THE CARGO CABLE WAS STILL IN THE ORIGINAL ENVELOPE THAT I SENT TO MY MOTHER IN OCT., 1945. IT WAS MOTHER WHO SAVED THESE THINGS ALL OF THESE YEARS. HER NAME IS MAYME J. AND SHE DIED ON APRIL 8, 1985. SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO KNOW THAT NOW HER LETTERS WILL HAVE A GOOD PLACE TO RESIDE AND BE OF USE AT THE SAME TIME. MOM HAD 4 SONS...3 IN SERVICE...1 TOO YOUNG TO SERVE.

I WAS 19 YRS. OLD WHEN I JOINED THE SEABEES AT CAMP PEARY, IN WILLIAMSBURG, VA..WHEN I FINISHED BOOT CAMP, A GROUP OF US WERE SENT TO CAMP PENDLETON, CALIF. FOR ADVANCED TRAINING.

IT SEEMS THAT AT ONE TIME, THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION HAD SOME 4 SEABEE BATTALIONS ATTACHED TO THEM FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES, AS THEY ADVANCED THROUGH THE SOUTH PACIFIC. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THIS IS WHY OUR GROUP OF CB'S WERE PULLED FROM THE RANKS. BUT WHILE AT PENDLETON, WE WERE SUDDENLY ISSUED MARINE UNIFORMS...SO EVIDENTLY THE CASUALTIES OF THE 4 CB BATTALIONS WERE NOT AS HEAVY AS

EXPECTED....WE SENT OUR NAVY UNIFORMS AND GEAR HOME. WE WERE NOW MARINES!!!

WE THEN WENT TO CAMP MATHEWS IN LA JOLLA, CALIF..I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS BASE IF NO LONGER THERE. WE TOOK 3 WEEKS ON THE RIFLE RANGE AND FROM THERE WE WERE SENT TO HAWAII. WE WERE ATTACHED TO THE 5TH AMPHIBIOUS CORP. AT ANY RATE...WE BECAME "SURPLUS" AFTER ABOUT 4 MONTHS.

IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT I JOINED THE 13TH SPECIAL.... SO NOW I WAS A CB AGAIN!!! OTHERS IN OUR GROUP JOINED VARIOUS OTHER OUTFITS.

THE 13TH SPECIAL WAS AT IROQUOIS PT. AT THE TIME AND WAS ABOUT READY TO SHIP OUT. I WAS ASSIGNED TO CO. C....AND BOARDED THE LST # 29...THE DATE WAS JUNE 1, 1944, AND WE WERE HEADED FOR GUAM.

IT DIDN'T MATTER WHAT UNIFORM YOU WORE AFTER THAT....WE WERE ALWAYS IN "WORK CLOTHES".

AFTER SOME 57 DAYS ON THE LST 29...STOPPING AT ENIWETOK IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, WHERE WE WENT ASHORE ON 1 OR 2 OCCASIONS, WE FINALLY GOT TO GUAM. I WENT ASHORE ON JULY 27, 1944.

I WAS NOT ON THE LST 29 WHEN IT WAS SHELLED. SOME OF US HAD GONE ASHORE AND SET UP PUP TENTS AND WERE CALLED OUT TO GO ABOARD AN AMMUNITION SHIP AND UNLOAD AMMO FOR THE FLEET THAT WAS SHELLING THE ISLAND CONTINUOUSLY DAY AND NIGHT.

WE WORKED 12 HRS. A DAY LOADING AND UNLOADING THE MANY SHIPS IN THE HARBOR. THERE WERE DAY AND NIGHT SHIFTS, SO SOMEBODY WAS WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK, 7 DAYS A WK.

I REMEMBER ONE DAY ON OUR WAY TO WORK, WE PASSED A SMALL GROUP OF JAP PRISONERS. WE WERE NOT SUPPOSED TO TALK TO THEM, BUT WE CALLED OUT TO THEM AS WE PASSED.

* Editor's Note: The photos that Gene could not find appear later in this book. 22 Once again the "Can Do" attitude prevailed!!!

I WAS MORE THAN A LITTLE SURPRISED TO FIND ONE WHO SPOKE TO ME IN ENGLISH!!! HE WAS INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT THE C.B. INSIGNA...THE "FIGHTING BEE". I ASKED HIM HOW COME HE COULD SPEAK ENGLISH. HE SAID THAT HE USED TO LIVE IN CALIFORNIA.

THE 13TH SPECIAL WAS DECOMMISSIONED IN SEPT., 1945. I REMAINED ON GUAM UNTIL OCTOBER, 1945 AND RETURNED TO THE STATES ON THE USS BENNINGTON, AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER.

AFTER A HOME LEAVE, I REPORTED TO SAN DIEGO, CALIF. IN DEC. 1945, FULLY EXPECTING TO BE DISCHARGED. I WAS INSTEAD, PUT ON THE USS BAGLEY DD 386 AND SENT BACK TO HAWAII!!!! THEY SAID MY RATE MM 3/C MACHINIST MATE WAS A "FROZEN RATE".

YOU CAN BE SURE THAT I WAS NOT TOO HAPPY ABOUT THIS TURN OF EVENTS...ESPECIALLY SINCE I NEVER DID UNDERSTAND IT.....

SO I STOOD WATCH IN THE ENGINE ROOM AND GRIPED ALL THE TIME ABOUT GETTING OUT OF THE NAVY.

THE USS BAGLEY DD386 WAS USED IN THE ATOMIC BOMB TEST IN THE MARSHALL-BIKINI ATOLL.

I WAS FINALLY RETURNED HOME IN APRIL, 1946 AND ULTIMATELY DISCHARGED.

IN 1948 I JOINED THE RESERVES TO SUPPLEMENT MY INCOME. 4 MONTHS LATER THEY MOBILIZED. I SERVED ON A TANKER, AO52 THAT WAS REFUELING THE FLEET OFF THE COAST OF KOREA. LATER A GROUP OF US RECOMMISSIONED THE USS OWEN DD 536 AT LONG BEACH. WE WENT THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL AND JOINED THE ATLANTIC FLEET. WE THEN TOOK A RIDE TO NOVA SCOTIA.

NEEDLESS TO SAY....I NO LONGER JOIN ANYTHING..... THEY MIGHT MOBILIZE.....

..... GENE JONES SMITH CO. C

From Alton, Illinois.....

THIS IF THE ONLY PHOTO THAT I HAVE....IT WAS TAKEN SOON AFTER WE ARRIVED AT HAWAII. IT WAS TAKEN BY A STREET PHOTOGRAPHER. IT SHOWS HOW THE STREETS LOOKED DURING THE WAR. IN THE RIGHT BACKGROUND, YOU CAN SEE ONE OF THOSE "ZOOT-SUITED" HAWAIIANS, WITH THE PLEATED SLACKS AND PEG BOTTOMS. MOST HAWAIIANS DIDN'T WEAR THEM, HOWEVER.

I WAS ON THE LST 29 FOR THE GUAM INVASION. I REMEMBER WELL WHEN WE WERE SHELLED OFF THE BEACH OF GUAM. A BUNCH OF US WERE OUT ON THE END OF THE "PONTOON CAUSEWAY" AND ABOUT 200 FEET FROM THE LST 29 WHEN THE "BOMBS CAME ... BURSTING IN AIR". I THINK ALL OF US BROKE THE WORLD'S RECORD GETTING BACK TO THE SHIP. THE "CAPTAIN" WAS OUT THERE WITH US..HE BEAT US ALL.

WHEN WE WERE STILL STATIONED AT HAWAII, EARLY IN 1944, A LARGE DETACHMENT WENT OUT ON THE MARSHALL ISLANDS INVASION. THEY WERE AT KAWAJLEIN AND ENIWETOK. QUITE A FEW MEN FROM CO. C WENT. I ESPECIALLY REMEMBER THAT ALBERT KOERBER WAS ON THIS TOUR OF DUTY. THEY REJOINED US AFTER THE INVASION.

INCIDENTALLY, ONE OF CO. C...CLINTON J. KAUFFMAN, HAD BEEN A WELDER BEFORE HE JOINED UP. HE WAS FROM LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA.....HE HELPED BUILD THE LST 29..... JUST BEFORE WE LEFT FOR GUAM, I TOLD HIM THAT I HOPED HE DID SOME GOOD WELDING ON IT. I GUESS HE DID!!!!!!

I REMEMBER TALKING TO SOLON HILL BEFORE THINGS GOT "HOT". WE ALL CALLED HIM "CHIEF"....NOT BECAUSE HE WAS ONE, BUT BECAUSE HE WAS A BLACKFOOT INDIAN FROM BISMARCK, NO. DAK.. WE HAD A GREAT BUNCH OF MEN IN THE 13TH SPECIAL. I'LL NEVER FORGET THEM.

JESSE L. SELLIER CO. C

From Sesser, Illinois.....

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I WAS 35 YEARS OF AGE WHEN I JOINED UP WITH THE 13TH SPECIAL AT CAMP PEARY, VA. AND MOVED ON TO GULFPORT. I WAS JUST OLD ENOUGH TO BE EXEMPT FROM DOING SOME OF THE OBSTACLE COURSE EXERCISES. THAT WAS SOME REAL HEAVY DUTY TRAINING THAT THE MARINES GAVE US AT ADVANCED TRAINING. AFTER PORT HUENEME, I SHIPPED OUT ON THE "CABOT", FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

WE WENT TO PEARL HARBOR AND WERE STATIONED AT AIEA, AND THEN IROQUOIS POINT. I WORKED THE DOCK, LOADING AND UNLOADING. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I WORKED AS A STEVEDORE JUST LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW THAT THERE HAD TO BE AN EASIER WAY.....AND THAT WHEN THE CHANCE CAME TO DO SOMETHING ELSE.....I SHOULD TAKE IT!!!!

THE CHANCE DIDN'T COME UNTIL DEC. 1, 1944 WHEN I TRANSFERRED FROM CO. A TO HEADQUARTERS CO. AS A MESS ATTENDANT AND WORKED IN THE GALLEY AS A COOK.

ON JUNE 18, 1944, I BOARDED THE "HAWAIIAN SHIPPER". THE MEN CALLED IT THE USS "STARVATION". I DON'T REMEMBER NOT HAVING ENOUGH TO EAT, SUCH AS IT WAS, BUT I DID LOSE WEIGHT. MORE THAN THE FOOD, I REMEMBER THAT THE SOAP WAS RATIONED. WE GOT 1 SLICE OF A BAR OF P&G SOAP, ABOUT ONE HALF AN INCH THICK. IMAGINE HOW IT LATHERED IN SALT WATER....IT DIDN'T.

WE'D STAND IN LINE FOR A DRINK OF WATER, WHERE THE OCEAN WATER WAS DESALTED. IT WAS ABOUT THE TEMPERATURE OF HOT COFFEE. THEN WE'D STAND IN LINE AGAIN TO GO THROUGH FOR SOME MORE.

WHILE ON THIS SHIP, WE HELPED TO UNLOAD THE "SEA FLIER" WHICH WAS GROUNDED ON THE REEFS OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS.

WHEN WE FINALLY REACHED OUR DESTINATION,...GUAM...MY BUDDY, WHO WAS IN TRANSPORTATION, TOOK ME TO ANOTHER

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CAMP FOR A FRESH WATER "SHOWER". ANOTHER BATTALION HAD FIXED THEMSELVES A SHOWER OUTFIT...A BARREL ON A STAND. THAT WAS AN EXPERIENCE THAT I'LL NEVER FORGET.

I WAS VERY HAPPY TO RECEIVE THE LIST OF NAMES OF THE COOKS IN THE PICTURE THAT I SENT. I KNEW 16 OF THEM. OUR GALLEY WAS MADE UP OF TWO QUONSET HUTS FACING EACH OTHER. SO I KNEW HALF OF THE MEN A LITTLE BETTER. WHEN I LOOKED AT THE PICTURE, I COULD THINK OF THE FIRST NAME, BUT NOT THE LAST AND VICE VERSA. THE LIST BROUGHT BACK WHAT I COULD NOT REMEMBER.

"MACK" MACARTNEY WAS HEAD OF THE COMMISSARY.

THE 13TH SPECIAL ALSO HAD A BAKERY AND 2 OR 3 BUTCHERS. YES, WE FED MANY SOLDIERS AND MARINES...WE NEVER TURNED ANYONE AWAY.

MY BEST MEMORY WAS WHEN I LEARNED THAT JAPAN HAD SURRENDERED AND I WOULD SOON BE GOING HOME.

MY WORSE MEMORY WAS WHEN I LEARNED THAT MY FATHER-IN-LAW HAD PASSED AWAY AND I COULDN'T BE WITH MY WIFE IN HER TIME OF NEED.

LINA AND I HAVE BEEN MARRIED SINCE JUNE 15, 1929 AND WE THANK THE GOOD LORD FOR ALL OF OUR BLESSINGS.

OH....I ALMOST FORGOT....ON JULY 1, 1945, I ADVANCED TO SHIP'S COOK 2/C...THE PAY FOR THAT RANK WAS \$96.00 PLUS \$20.00 FOR OVERSEAS.....\$115.20 PER MONTH.

I'M STILL WAITING FOR THAT QUESTION TO COME UP ON ONE OF THOSE T.V. GAME SHOWS. YOU JUST NEVER FORGET THOSE KIND OF FIGURES.

GOD BLESS ALL OF MY OLD BUDDIES OF THE 13TH SPECIAL!!!!!!

HERMAN C. GOIN CO. A
& HDQTRS. CO.

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From St. Johnsbury, Vermont.....

WE FELT KIND OF SAD TO SEE OUR BATTALION SPLIT UP. WE ALL WERE READY AND WAITING TO MOVE ON. I WAS ON GUARD DUTY AT PORT HUENEME THE NIGHT THAT CO'S A..B AND D SHOVED OFF. I WAS IN CO. C AND WONDERED WHEN WE WOULD ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN. I REMEMBER GOING INTO OXNARD THE FOLLOWING DAY...NOV. 24, 1943 AND BUYING THE HERALD EXAMINER. WAS I EVER SURPRISED WHEN I TURNED TO PAGE 8 TO FIND A PICTURE OF VERMONT..MY HOME STATE..AT THE HEIGHT OF A BLIZZARD AND COVERED WITH SNOW. IT TUGGED AT MY HEARTSTRINGS, TO BE SURE, BUT MADE ME WANT TO GET "ON WITH THE WAR" ALL THE MORE.

IT WOULD, HOWEVER, BE ANOTHER MONTH BEFORE WE WOULD LEAVE PORT HUENEME. WE CONTINUED OUR ADVANCED TRAINING. BOB HOPE CAME TO ENTERTAIN US. IT WAS A GOOD SHOW AND WE REALLY APPRECIATED HIM.

WE LEFT BY TROOP TRAIN TO SAN FRANCISCO AND BOARDED THE USS GENERAL G. O. SQUIER. BEFORE THE WAR I WAS A DRAFTSMAN BUT I ALSO WAS A MUSICIAN AND HAD A LITTLE "BIG BAND". I COULDN'T FIT MY GUITAR INTO MY POCKET BUT I DID TAKE ALONG A HARMONICA. I USED TO PLAY FOR THE MEN UP ON DECK AS THEY WOULD CALL OUT REQUESTS FOR THEIR FAVORITE SONGS. THIS IS A VERY PLEASANT MEMORY!!!!!(I WOULD REPEAT IT ON THE WAY TO GUAM)

THEN I WENT BELOW DECK...WHERE THE BUNKS WERE...AND EVERYONE WAS SEASICK!! EVIDENTLY IT'S CONTAGIOUS...BECAUSE BEFORE I KNEW WHAT HIT ME, I ALSO WAS ONE OF THOSE USING THE FAMOUS OR "INFAMOUS""G.I. CANS".

WHEN WE ARRIVED AT PEARL HARBOR WE WENT TO AIEA HEIGHTS. HERE WE WERE HOUSED IN NICE NEW QUONSET HUTS, BUILT BY THE 13TH SPECIALS THAT PRECEDED US, AND WENT TO WORK STEVEDORING AT PEARL HARBOR. SOON AFTERWARD, IROQUOIS POINT BECAME OUR "HOME AWAY FROM HOME" UNTIL WE LEFT FOR GUAM.

HAROLD J. MOORE CO. C

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From Napa, California.....

ONE EVENING IN 1944...SHORTLY AFTER WE HAD "SETTLED IN" AT IROQUOIS POINT...AND WHILE STEVEDORING AT PEARL HARBOR...AND OFFICER CAME INTO OUR QUONSET HUT AND APPROACHED ME FOR A "SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT". I CLEARLY REMEMBER HIS WORDS, "CAN YOU BE READY BY THURSDAY?". I SAID "YES". I GUESS MY MATES WERE SURE THAT I WAS TO SEE SOME ACTION.

AS IT TURNED OUT, THE "SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT" WAS A RETURN TRIP TO POR HUENEME, CALIF.!! IT SEEMED THAT THERE WAS EQUIPMENT AND DOCUMENTS THAT HAD BEEN LEFT THERE AT THE BASE AND WERE NOW NEEDED.

I BELIEVE THERE WERE 18 OF US THAT MADE THAT ROUND TRIP. WHEN WE ARRIVED AT PORT HUENEME A GOOD HEARTED LIEUT. GAVE ME A LIMITED PASS (STRICTLY AGAINST THE RULES) TO MAKE A QUICK TRIP TO MY NAPA, CALIF. HOME.

I HITCHED RIDES, TOOK A TRAIN AND THEN A BUS AND WAS BREATHLESS...BUT I MADE IT. WAS MY WIFE, IDA, EVER SO SHOCKED,SURPRISED AND HAPPY WHEN I POPPED UP OUT OF NOWHERE.....

AFTER A LOVING EMBRACE....I TOOK A BUS, A TRAIN AND HITCHED RIDES AND MADE IT BACK IN TIME TO THE BASE AT PORT HUENEME. I HAD TO RUSH, TO SAY THE LEAST, BUT IT WAS WELL WORTH IT.

A FEW OF THE MEN WHO LIVED CLOSE ENOUGH HAD THE SAME EXPERIENCE.

WE LOADED UP AND SHIPPED BACK TO IROQUOIS POINT.

EVERARDUS B. WILSON CO. B

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From Greensboro, No. Carolina

MY NAVAL SERVICE STARTED IN JANUARY OF 1945 AND ENDED IN DECEMBER OF 1945.

I RECEIVED MY TRAINING AT GREAT LAKES N.T.S. AT DAVISVILLE, R.I. AND CAMP ENDICOTT, R.I.. FROM THERE WE WENT TO GULFPORT, MISS; UPON ARRIVING THERE, WE TOOK SHOWERS AND MARCHED TO A LARGE WAREHOUSE...TOLD TO FIND A PLACE TO SLEEP. THE FOLLOWING MORNING AFTER BREAKFAST WE MARCHED 2 MILES TO THE USS HUNDLEY P.A..

WE SAILED THROUGH THE PANAMA CANAL AND 3 WKS. LATER ARRIVED AT PEARL HARBOR. THEY PUT US UP IN THE BARRACKS AT AIEA. WE SPENT 3 WKS. AT PEARL, THEN WE BOARDED A SHIP AND SAILED FOR GUAM.

AT GUAM WE WERE SEPERATED TO VARIOUS SEABEE BATTALIONS. I WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 2ND SPECIAL AND WHEN THEY WERE DEACTIVATED IN JULY OF 1945, I WENT INTO THE 13TH SPECIAL.

BOY..WE WERE REALLY LOADING AND UNLOADING THE SHIPS... WORK, WORK, WORK, AND BOY WAS IT HOT!!! I CONTACTED WHAT LOOKED LIKE PRICKLY HEAT AND MY SWEAT GLANDS CLOSED UP. PRETTY SOON I WAS HOSPITALIZED AT THE NAMRU NAVAL MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT. ON OCT. 7, 1945 I WAS SENT BACK TO THE STATES. AFTER A STAY AT A SAN FRANCISCO HOSPITAL, I WAS SENT TO PORTMOUTH NAVAL HOSPITAL IN VIRGINIA.

I WAS DISCHARGED ON DEC.21, 1945 AND HOME IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY ON DEC.22, 1945 WHERE I WAS BORN AND RAISED.

THE ILLNESS I HAD WAS CALLED TROPICAL ANDROIDIC ASTHEMIA. THE DOCTOR AT NAMRU WROTE A STORY ABOUT ME IN THE 1946 MEDICAL JOURNAL, WITH PICTURES OF ME, MY CONDITION AND A 12 PAGE CASE HISTORY.

I WROTE TO THE DOCTOR IN 1982 AND HE SENT MY CASE HISTORY AND A NICE LETTER.

I'M ENCLOSING BOTH FOR YOU.

GEORGE N. COOPER CO. C
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March 15, 1982

Mr. George N. Cooper
5400 Fieldbrook Drive
Greensboro, N.C. 27405

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Your letter of March 8, 1982 reached me and gave me great pleasure. It arrived for my 87th birthday, which was March 12th.

I am still working and still interested in medicine and dermatology.

I remember you and your skin trouble very well indeed, and, as you wrote, my associates and I published the facts about your case.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you as to the course of your trouble. Did you begin to sweat again normally? If so, did the sweating return gradually or suddenly? Did it return first in certain areas and later in others, and if so, what was the sequence? Are you now entirely recovered and able to stand heat and exercise like other persons your age? Any information you can give me about yourself and your health will be of interest to me.

With best wishes and thanks again for your letter,
I am,

Cordially yours,

Marion B. Sulzberger
Marion B. Sulzberger, M.D.

Enclosure

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P.S. I am enclosing the article about your case. I thought that you might like to have it as a souvenir.

* 12 Pages from Medical Journal enclosed.



From Secaucus, New Jersey

THIS 1945 NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF W. T. RAPLEE WAS SENT IN BY ARTHUR MILLS. "POP WAS ALWAYS ON THE GO. AT 48 YRS. OF AGE, THE DAYS WERE NEVER LONG ENOUGH...ALWAYS HELPING SOMEONE. HE SET UP THE AMERICAN LEGION POST ON GUAM AND COULD BE SEEN DASHING ABOUT DAY AND NIGHT. AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE HELPED THE YOUNG GUAMANIAN RECRUITS WHO JOINED THE NAVY WHILE WE WERE ON GUAM."



Headquarters Co.



*Photo taken
in 1985*

"As per your request, in your Aug 13th, 1985 letter, I looked behind the old trunk and found another "older" trunk. Neatly packed away by my wife, Ruth, were every letter, card and miscellaneous items, that I had sent home during the war. There are 150 letters. I couldn't fit everything in the photo - but here it is."

*Charles L. Murray
Co. A.*

FROM CALIFORNIA: HOW CAN I FORGET THIS ONE: A GROUP OF US DECIDED TO GET SOME TATOOING DONE.
(HOMETOWN: N.J.) I DECIDED ON A DESIGN FOR MY CHEST...WHICH WAS NOT AS FAT AT THAT TIME.
ONE DAY ON GUAM, IT GAVE ME A LOT OF TROUBLE. WHILE I WAS TAKING SOME SUN AND
DREAMING OF HOME...I WAS SHOCKED TO REALITY WHEN THE NAVAL PATROL TRIED TO BLOW
ME OFF THE BEACH.
YOU SEE, MY BUDDIES HAD PLAYED A TRICK ON ME. WHILE I HAD CHOSEN AN ANCHOR AND
U.S. NAVY FOR MY CHEST...THEY HAD THE TATOO ARTIST GIVE ME A...U.S. ARMY.
I TELL YOU I REALLY HAD TO HUSTLE AND SHOW THEM MY DOG TAGS TO FINALLY CONVINCED
THEM. I KEPT MY SHIRT ON AFTER THAT...EVEN IN THE SHOWER.
YES...I STILL HAVE THAT DARN TATOO.

Joseph A. Frascella Co.C.

HERE IS A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING OF ME BACK IN 1964..
JULY 31, AT PORT HUENEME, WHILE I AM REVIEWING THE
TROOPS FOR THE LAST TIME AS CHIEF MASTER AT ARMS OF
THE NAVY..UTCS.

I THOUGHT BACK TO THE FIRST TIME THAT I WAS AT PORT
HUENEME WITH THE 13TH SPECIAL NCB...AND LATER WHEN
I WAS THE FIRST CHIEF TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE NEWLY
ORGANIZED CONSTRUCTION TRAINING PROGRAM AFTER THE
WAR, IN 1945.

NOW I LIVE IN OXNARD....MINUTES AWAY FROM THE BASE.

JOSEPH A FRASCELLA CO. C

Ceremony Marks CMAA'S Retirement





MAX ROSEN PTR. 1/C PAINTED THIS 3 X 5 FT. CANVAS OF THE 13TH SPECIAL'S BLACK CAT. MAX SAYS, " I DIDN'T CONCEIVE THE BLACK CAT INSIGNIA BUT MADE COPIES OF ONE THAT ALREADY EXISTED. I DON'T KNOW WHO PAINTED THE ORIGINAL. IT STOOD AT THE OOD OFFICE AT IROQUOIS POINT. I PAINTED 2 THAT STOOD ON GUAM, BACK TO BACK, SO THE MEN COULD SEE THEM WHETHER COMING OR GOING TO CAMP. THIS IS ONE THAT WAS ON GUAM. I'M HAPPY TO SEND IT TO YOU KNOWING IT WILL HAVE A HAPPY HOME.

I AM ENCLOSING AN 8 X 10 LINE DRAWING BY LEON (MAC) MC FADDEN THAT APPEARED IN THE FEB. 1944 ISSUE OF THE CARGO CABLE. LEON WAS A COMMERCIAL ARTIST BEFORE ENLISTING.

THE ACE OF SPADES...WELL THAT WAS PAINTED ON EVERYTHING!!! NOW AT 78 YRS. OF AGE I CAN STILL HEAR..CLEAR AS A BELL..THE CONSTANT REQUESTS FOR THEM. YOU NAME IT...ALL TRUCKS, JEEPS, EQUIPMENT, HUTS, HOUSING, ETC., ETC... THE # IN THE CIRCLE WAS NOT ALWAYS 13. ON THE TRANSPORTATION JEEPS, FOR INSTANCE, THE COMMANDING OFFICER GOT A # 1...LIEUT. COMMDR....# 2 AND SO ON. THE TRACTORS ALSO HAD A SET OF VEHICLE NUMBERS. I WAS 35 YRS. OLD AND HAD BEEN WORKING IN BERMUDA, BUILDING AN AIR FORCE BASE FOR THE NAVY, WHEN I JOINED THE 13TH SPECIAL. I WENT TO CAMOUFLAGE SCHOOL WHILE AT CAMP PEARY."



BEARD UP BRANDING



L.L. McFADDEN



Bad Luck For The Axis

Envelope - 1944

LEON MC FADDEN

Appeared in Cargo Cable Feb. 1944.

13 SPECIAL
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HE GAVE IT TO PAT WHILE HE WAS AT CAMP PEARY AND PAT SENT IT HOME TO ME FOR SAFE KEEPING.

IN THE LOWER RIGHT HAND CORNER, IT IS SIGNED..."FLOYD HILL, CAMP PEARY, 8-43.

THE ZEROX PICKED UP ONLY HIS SIGNATURE.

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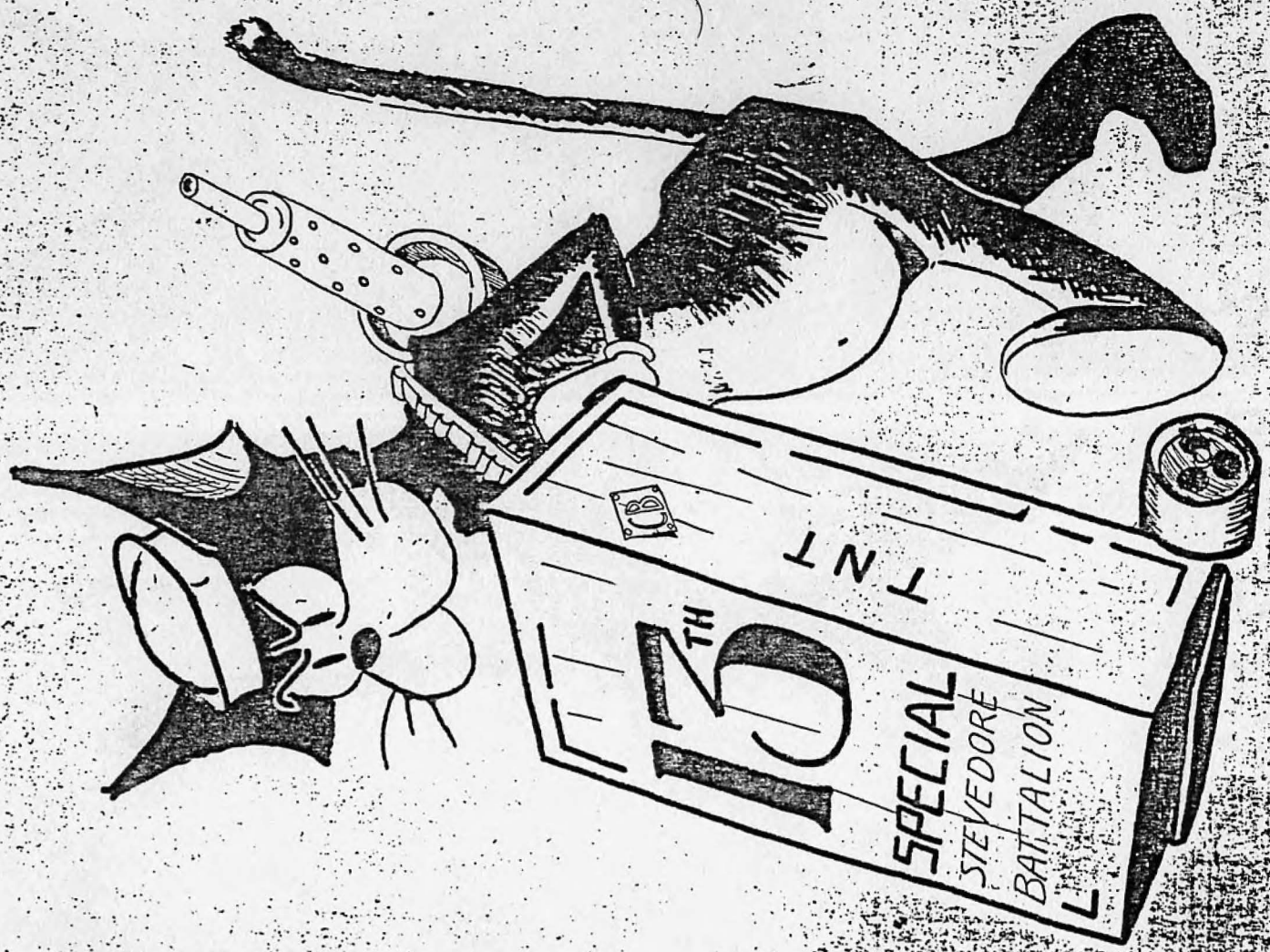
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→ About 11.00
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Camp



Bad Luck to the Axis

Copy of the first Black Cat Insignia sent in by Pat Johnson Co B.

Best view

George

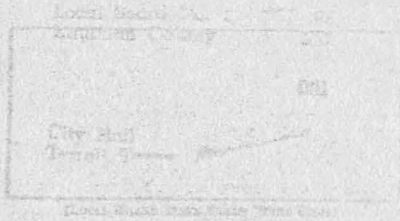


Bad Luck to the Axis

by May Rosen

"Best Whisker to George" Original Black Cat Poster received from George Slotfelter - C.B.

34 "Bad Luck to the Axis" sent in by George Slotfelter - C.B.



Camp Peary
Williamsburg, Virginia

June - July - Aug 1943 — October 4, 1943

Commissioned - August 1943

Wm. Atlas, Calif.
 RECRUIT IDENTIFICATION CARD
 U. S. NAVY RECRUITING STATION
 Pay 11
 C-627

TO IDENTIFY
 WILSON, Everardus Rogerius - 378-35-49
 Date 31 Dec 42 U. S. NR - Color of Hair Brown
 Color of eyes Blue Height 58 1/2 in. Weight 160
 Front teeth 20 U. S. Rt. Forearm 5 1/2 Rt. Hand
 U. S. Rt. Scar

Unauthorized:
 20 May 1943
 (1150)

The President of the United States
 To _____
 (Postman)

WARNING:

Having volunteered yourself to a local board, you are hereby notified that you have now been selected for training and service.

You will, therefore, report to the local board at the address shown below.

at _____ on the _____ day of _____ 1943.

The local board will furnish transportation to an induction station. You will there be examined and, if accepted for military service, you will then be assigned to a training station.

Persons reporting to the induction station should be prepared for physical and mental tests. It is well to keep this in mind in preparing yourself. It is also well to keep in mind that you are subject to the laws of the United States and that you may not be accepted at the induction station. Each employer has a duty to report to the local board if you are reported to the board.

Willful failure to report promptly to the local board at the address shown in this notice is a violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, and subjects the violator to fine and imprisonment.

If you are no longer reported from your own local board that reporting in accordance with this notice will be a serious hardship and you desire to report to a local board in the area in which you are now located, you should report to that local board and make written request for transfer of your name to that board, taking this notice with you.

Prepare in Duplicate

Local Board No. 1	85
Kauffman County	257
	001
City Hall	
Terrell, T.	

(LOCAL BOARD DATE STAMP WITH CODE)



May 10, 1943

(Date of mailing)

ORDER TO REPORT FOR INDUCTION

The President of the United States,

To Pat Thomas Johnson
 (First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

Order No. 1465

GREETING:

Having submitted yourself to a local board composed of your neighbors for the purpose of determining your availability for training and service in the land or naval forces of the United States, you are hereby notified that you have now been selected for training and service therein.

You will, therefore, report to the local board named above at City Hall Auditorium
 (Place of reporting)

at 8:00 a.m., on the 24th day of May, 1943
 (Hour of reporting)

This local board will furnish transportation to an induction station. You will there be examined, and, if accepted for training and service, you will then be inducted into the land or naval forces.

Persons reporting to the induction station in some instances may be rejected for physical or other reasons. It is well to keep this in mind in arranging your affairs, to prevent any undue hardship if you are rejected at the induction station. If you are employed, you should advise your employer of this notice and of the possibility that you may not be accepted at the induction station. Your employer can then be prepared to replace you if you are accepted, or to continue your employment if you are rejected.

Willful failure to report promptly to this local board at the hour and on the day named in this notice is a violation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended, and subjects the violator to fine and imprisonment.

If you are so far removed from your own local board that reporting in compliance with this order will be a serious hardship and you desire to report to a local board in the area of which you are now located, go immediately to that local board and make written request for transfer of your delivery for induction, taking this order with you.

C. H. Gray
 Clerk of the local board.

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Atlas, Calif.
 RECRUIT IDENTIFICATION CARD
 U. S. NAVY RECRUITING STATION

12-30-C3

Pay No.
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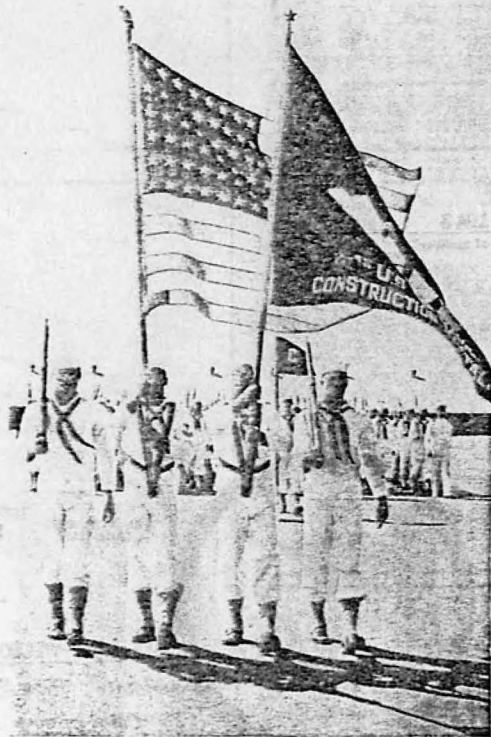
TO IDENTIFY

Name WILSON, Everardus Bogardus - 378-35-59
 Rate SK3c V-6 U. S. NR. Color of hair Brown
 Color of eyes Blue Height 68½ in. Weight 150 lbs.
 Prominent marks ANT. s. rt. forearm; s. rt. knee; s. lt. knee; s. lt. forehead; PCST. VSIA; pm. rt. scap. rec.

Countersigned:

20 May 1943
(over)

10-29971-1 Recruiting Officer.



No. 1654 Color Guard Of A Battalion, Camp Endicott, R. I. Official U. S. Navy Photo



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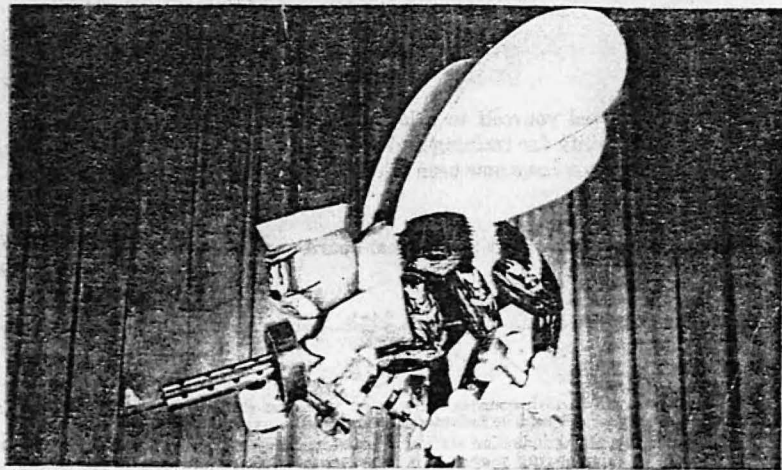
Seabees Demolition Practice, Camp Peary, Va.

Official U. S. Navy Photo



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Seabees Constructing a "Sand" Roadway, Camp Peary, Va. Official U. S. Navy Photo



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The Original Seabee At Camp Endicott, R. I.

Official Photo U. S. Navy

From New Jersey.....

INDUCTION

SOON AFTER WE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT SAYING "GREETINGS", WE HEADED FOR THE INDUCTION CENTER FOR A PHYSICAL. STRIPPING DOWN TO OUR SHORTS, WE PROCEEDED TO FILE PAST AN ARRAY OF DOCTORS WHO LOOKED DOWN OUR THROATS AND WHAT SEEMED LIKE UP OUR THROATS, EXCEPT FROM THE OTHER END. THEY POKED , PRODDED AND PEERED FROM ALL ANGLES, CHECKED EARS, EYES, ARCHES KNEES, KNUCKLES AND SPINE.

JUST WHEN YOU THINK THAT THE UNDERTAKER IS COMING TO GET YOU, SOMEBODY SAYS AN EXTRA-ORDINARY THING..."CONGRATULATIONS.....YOU HAVE PASSED THE TEST".

WHILE YOU ARE PUTTING YOUR PANTS ON WITH ONE HAND, THE OTHER HAND IS RAISED UP AND YOU ARE BEING SWORN INTO THE U. S. NAVY.

AS YOU LEAVE THE BUILDING, YOU FEEL 10 FT. TALL BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T FAIL AND YOU REALLY BELONG.

YOU HAVE SEVEN DAYS TO PUT YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER BEFORE YOU SHIP OUT.

YOU HURRY HOME.....

.....
CHARLES L. MURRAY
CO. A

ADVANCED TRAINING.....CAMP PEARY

AFTER OUR 62 HR. LEAVE WE ARE BACK AT CAMP PEARY, BUT IN A NEW SECTION THAT IS SET UP FOR THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE TO LEARN NEXT.

SUCH AS LOADING AND UNLOADING SHIPS, MAKING FRESH WATER FROM SALT WATER, COOKING AND BAKING, BUILDING BARRACKS, BULLDOZING, MIXING CONCRETE, BUILDING ROADS AND A HOST OF OTHER CRAFTS.

EVERYONE IS ASSIGNED TO CLASSES TO LEARN A SPECIALTY THAT WILL COME IN HANDY WHEN WE GO OVERSEAS.

BESIDES GOING TO SCHOOL, WE STILL CONTINUE TO DO OUR EXERCISE, HIKING, DRILLING, JUDO, FIGHTING, SWIMMING,* BAYONET PRACTICE AND "K.P."

AFTER 6 WEEKS OF MOST INTENSIVE TRAINING, WE ARE BECOMING A CLOSE KNIT OUTFIT.

THEN COMES THE DAY THAT WE HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR!!

ALL OF THE MEN ARE ASSEMBLED ON A LARGE FIELD, IN FULL DRESS UNIFORMS. WE PARADE AROUND FOR ABOUT AN HOUR. WE LINE UP INTO A MASSIVE FORMATION AND STAND AT ATTENTION WITH RIFLES ON OUR SHOULDERS. A GROUP OF OUR OFFICERS STEP OUT TO RECEIVE OUR BATTALION COLORS (FLAGS), FROM THE COMMANDER OF THE BASE.

AT THAT MOMENT THE 13TH SPECIAL BATTALION IS FORMED.....

A 10 DAY LEAVE IS WELL DESERVED AND ACCEPTED.

*SWIMMING

.....
CHARLES L. MURRAY
CO. A

BOOT CAMP CAMP PEARY

THE BIG DAY HAS ARRIVED.

FRIENDS AND LOVED ONES GATHER AROUND TO BID YOU FAREWELL. A FEW TEARS ARE SHED AS YOU BOARD THE TRAIN TO CAMP PEARY. NEVER HAVING BEEN ON A TRAIN BEFORE, THE STRANGE NEW FEELINGS HELP TO PICK UP YOUR SPIRITS, BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE CAMP.

THE REST OF THE DAY IS SPENT GOING TO SUPPER AT A REAL "CHOW HALL" AND BEING ASSIGNED TO A BARRACKS WITH BUNK BEDS.

YOU ARE IN THE NAVY NOW.....

THE NEXT WEEK IS SPENT GETTING STUCK WITH NEEDLES....AT LEAST TWICE A DAY. SOME OF US FAINT....SOME JUST GET SICK.

THEN OUT TO A BIG FIELD WHERE WE LEARN TO MARCH IN UNISON. "SHORT ORDER DRILL" THEY CALL IT.

WE TRAMPLE EACH OTHER UNTIL WE GET IT RIGHT. THERE IS SOME JOY IN PRECISION, WE FIND.

NEXT IN ORDER IS THE EXERCISE DRILLS...THE LONG HIKES WITH BACK PACK....LEARNING TO SHOOT RIFLES...MAKING LANDING ON THE BEACHES.

THEN COMES THE "COMMANDO COURSE". IT IS THE ULTIMATE TEST FOR A ROOKIE.

IT CANNOT BE DONE WITHOUT THE HELP AND KNOW HOW OF THE U. S. MARINES, WHO ARE OUR INSTRUCTORS.

THEY ARE GREAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN IN BATTLE AND KNOW WHAT IT MEANS. THEY SHARE THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE FRONT LINES WITH US, TO HELP KEEP US ALIVE. AFTER 6 WEEKS OF INTENSIVE DRILLING AND LEARNING, WE ARE READY FOR ADVANCED TRAINING.

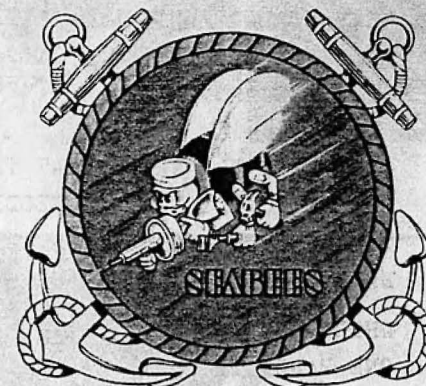
BUT FIRST WE CAN HAVE A 62 HOUR LEAVE. SOME, WHO ARE CLOSE TO HOME, GET TO SHOW OFF OUR UNIFORMS TO OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

...OTHERS, WHO LIVE TOO FAR AWAY, CAN'T MAKE IT...

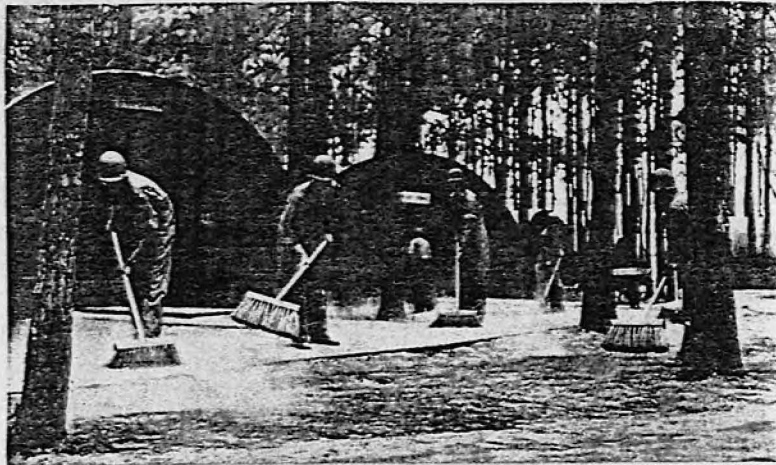
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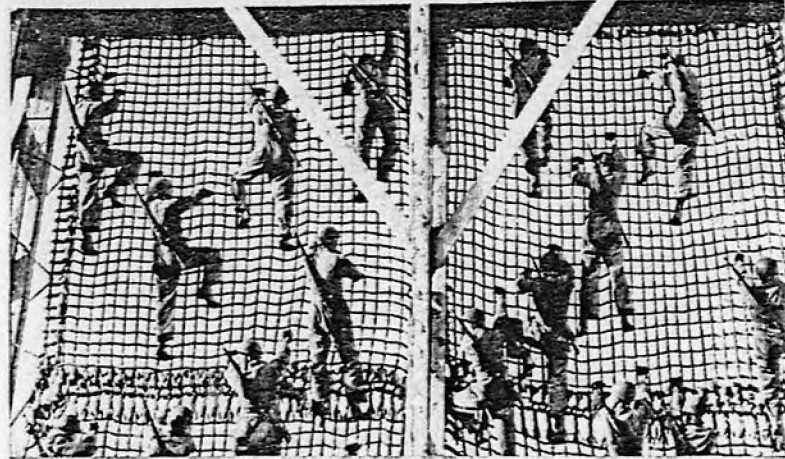
WE BUILD AND FIGHT WITH ALL OUR MIGHT!



UNITED STATES NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS



No. 1627 Seabees Clean Up Their Hives, Camp Peary, Va. Official U. S. Navy Photo



No. 1622 Seabee Commando Landing Practice, Camp Peary, Va. Official U. S. Navy Photo

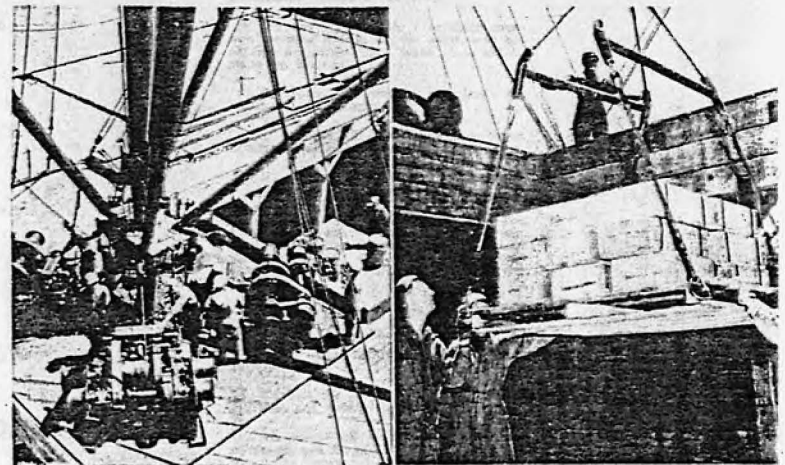


No. 1626 Seabee Commando Trainees, Camp Peary, Va. Official U. S. Navy Photo

T R A I N I N G



No. 1621 Entrance Marker to Camp Peary, Va., "Home of the Seabees"



No. 1630 Seabees Unloading Supplies, Camp Peary, Va. Official U. S. Navy Photo



No. 1600 Seabees Erect A Quonset Hut At Camp Endicott, R. I. Official U. S. Navy Photo

Camp Peary

GENERAL ORDERS

- 1....TO TAKE CHARGE OF THIS POST AND ALL GOVERNMENT PROPERTY IN VIEW.
- 2....TO WALK MY POST IN A MILITARY MANNER, KEEPING ALWAYS ON THE ALERT, AND OBSERVING EVERYTHING THAT TAKES PLACE WITHIN SIGHT OR HEARING.
- 3....TO REPORT ALL VIOLATIONS OF ORDERS I AM INSTRUCTED TO ENFORCE.
- 4....TO REPEAT ALL CALLS FROM POSTS MORE DISTANT FROM THE GUARDHOUSE THAN MY OWN.
- 5....TO QUIT MY POST ONLY WHEN PROPERLY RELIEVED.
- 6....TO RECEIVE, OBEY, AND PASS ON TO THE SENTINEL WHO RELIEVES ME ALL ORDERS, FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER, FIELD OFFICER OF THE DAY, OFFICER OF THE DAY, AND OFFICERS AND PETTY (N.C.O.) OFFICERS OF THE GUARD ONLY.
- 7....TO TALK TO NO ONE EXCEPT IN LINE OF DUTY.
- 8....TO GIVE THE ALARM IN CASE OF FIRE OR DISORDER.
- 9....TO CALL THE CORPORAL OF THE GUARD IN ANY CASE NOT COVERED BY INSTRUCTIONS.
- 10....TO SALUTE ALL OFFICERS AND COLORS OR STANDARDS NOT CASED.
- 11....TO BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL AT NIGHT, AND DURING THE TIME FOR CHALLENGING TO CHALLENGE ALL PERSONS ON OR NEAR MY POST AND TO ALLOW NO ONE TO PASS WITHOUT PROPER AUTHORITY.

GENERAL ORDERS

1. To take charge of this post and all government property in view.
2. To walk my post in a military manner, keeping always on the alert, and observing everything that takes place within sight or hearing.
3. To report all violations of orders I am instructed to enforce.
4. To repeat all calls from posts more distant from the guardhouse than my own.
5. To quit my post only when properly relieved.
6. To receive, obey, and pass on to the sentinel who relieves me all orders, from the Commanding Officer, Field Officer of the Day, Officer of the Day, and Officers and Petty (N.C.O.) officers of the Guard only.
7. To talk to no one except in line of duty.
8. To give the alarm in case of fire or disorder.
9. To call the corporal of the guard in any case not covered by instructions.
10. To salute all officers and colors or standards not cased.
11. To be especially watchful at night, and during the time for challenging to challenge all persons on or near my post, and to allow no one to pass without proper authority.

Editor's Note: On back of card is written:
WE HAVE TO MEMORIZE THIS OR ELSE!!!

LIST OF ITEMS GIVEN TO A RECRUIT

GENERAL ORDERS

- 1... ADDRESS
- 2... MATTRESS COVERS
- 3... BLANKETS
- 1... PILLOW
- 2... PILLOW CASES

WORK CLOTHES

- 2... PANTS
- 2... COATS
- 3... SHIRTS
- 2... COVERALLS
- 2... DUFFLEBAGS

MISC.

- 1... SWIM SHORTS
- 2... PR. LEGGINGS
- 1... SWEATER
- 2... TOWELS
- 1... PR. RUBBERS

BLUES

- 1... PEACOAT
- 1... HAT
- 4... PR. SOCKS
- 2... PANTS
- 2... SHIRTS
- 2... PR. SHOES
- 1... BELT

WHITES

- 3... HATS
- 3... PR. SOCKS
- 4... PANTS
- 4... SHIRTS
- 4... UNDERSHIRTS
- 4... SHORTS
- 1... BELT

MISC.

- 1... PR. GLOVES
- 1... ROPE
- 1... KNIT HAT
- 1... COMB
- 1... DENTAL CREAM
- 1... TOOTHBRUSH-CASE
- 3... THREAD
- 10... HANDKERCHIEFS
- 1... NECKERCHIEF
- 10... BUTTONS
- 3... NEEDLES
- 1... SCRUBBRUSH
- 1... WHISKBRUSH
- 2... SHOEBRUSH
- 1... TOOTHBRUSH
- 1... POLISH
- 1... SOAP
- 1... SOAP CASE
- 1... KNIFE
- 1... DITTY BAG

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Procedure Used In Fitting Recruits

(These steps are to be followed by recruits as directed by head fitter.)

A. Contents of bag to be dumped onto the deck in the rear section of the fitting booth assigned to you.

B. Head fitter will direct you to:

1. Put on **BLACK HIGH SHOES** and **PAIR OF SOCKS**.
(a) If high shoes fit—check to see if low shoes are same size.
2. Put on **BLUE CLOTH TROUSERS**.
(a) If trousers fit—check to see that second pair is the same size.
3. Put on **BLUE DRESS JUMPER** (with white braid).
(a) If this jumper fits—check to see that the blue undress jumper (without the white braid) is two sizes larger.
4. Put on **BLUE FLAT CAP** (found in brown stow box).
5. Put on **OVERCOAT**.

STAND BY UNTIL FITTER HAS CHECKED ALL GEAR THAT YOU ARE WEARING.

6. Put on **WHITE JUMPER—WHITE TROUSER—WHITE HAT**.
(a) If these items fit—check to see that the balance of these items are the same size (Jumpers—3, Trousers—3, Hats—2).

STAND BY UNTIL FITTER HAS CHECKED ALL GEAR THAT YOU ARE WEARING.

7. Put on **DUNGAREE TROUSER**.
(a) If this item fits—check to see that second pair is same size.
8. Put on **CHAMBREY SHIRT**.
9. Put on **DUNGAREE JUMPER**.
(a) If this item fits—check to see that second Jumper is same size.

REFUSE TO ACCEPT ANY ITEM OF CLOTHING THAT DOES NOT FIT.

BEAR IN MIND:

CLOTHING ONCE STENCILED CANNOT BE EXCHANGED

Sleeve length on white jumpers and blue undress jumpers are supposed to be short.

Trouser lengths will be adjusted by Boot Tailor Shop at a future date.

(File or service number) NAVY, S. and A. Form 57 Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S., November 3, 1943	(Surname) NAVY PAY RECEIPT	(Date) Dollars	(Initial) (Amount in figures) Dollars (Page's signature) (Rank or rating) U. S. N. (This receipt must be filled out without interlineation or erasures) 9-16-3405-4 GPO
(Ship or station) I acknowledge to have received from the Disbursing Officer, in person and IN CASH, on account of pay, the sum of:		(Amount in words)	(This receipt must be filled out without interlineation or erasures) 9-16-3405-4 GPO
Fingerprint (Right index finger, if missing specify other digit impressed.)			

13 SPECIAL BATTALION

Company "A" Duty List
Mess Detail

15 Sept. 1943

4:30 AM

The following men will report at 0430, 16 September at A-10 Mess Hall. These men will also report for Medical Inspection at 1900, 15 September at A-10 Sick Bay.

	NAME	HUT	NAME	HUT
1.	Bernard, A.J.	121	Murray, C.L.	134 ✓
	Galvin, O.L.	121	Racine, F.F.	135
	Henry, N.M.	131	Toole, E.C.	134
	Iltis, K.O.	132	Vicenti, H.M.	135
	Jastzb, J.F.	131	Webb Webb, J.L.	135
	Korplos, F.J.	131	Watts, C.C.	135
	Massengale, W.H.	121	Dishno, P.C.	127
	Nettles, L.E.	122	Fuqua, M.S.	137
	Perry, W.H.	131	Kirschenheuter, F.	127
	Stewart, M.	122	Lawrence, C.	138
	Uebelacker, J.J.	131	Maclachlan, A.	138
	Velenzuela, H.Z.	122	Wright Wright, J.O.	137
	White, S.H.	122	Wyatt, V.W.	137
	Wickerd, S.J.	132	Baird, B.A.	129
	Wood, W.D.	132	Bird, J.J.	130
	Wray, R.E.	132	Cartwright, N.C.	129
	Slaxek, G.I.	132	Goin, H.C.	130
	Luncents, V.	132	Korndoerfer, A.L.	128
	O'Connor, G.M.	132	Landaal, R.F.	130
	Abernethy, E.W.	124	Leonard, F.J.	128
	Cramer, A.C.	124	Levine, M.	128
	Del Guidice, J.	133	Metzger Metzger, B.A.	128
	Delloff, D.	124	Robb Robb, J.E. Jr.	128
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15 August 1943

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On Hooks - Helmet, one coverall, one ditty bag.
On Rack - Towel clean and folded.
3. Turn out lights when leaving in the morning.
4. No personal gear on the tables, Nothing on stove. Papers and magazines neatly arranged.
5. No bathing or shaving after 2130. All lights out at 2120 with exception of one row over boilers in heads.
6. Heads: Duckboards must be taken out daily and scrubbed. Lavatories, urinals, and toilets scrubbed and disinfected. Mirrors and plumbing fixtures cleaned and polished. Boiler and switch box dusted. Windows and shelves cleaned.
7. No clothing on sunning racks. Racks between huts to be used for mattresses, pillows, and blankets only.
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4. NO PERSONAL GEAR ON THE TABLES, NOTHING ON STOVE. PAPERS AND MAGAZINES NEATLY ARRANGED.
5. NO BATHING OR SHAVING AFTER 2130. ALL LIGHTS OUT AT 2130 WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE ROW OVER BOILERS IN HEADS.
6. HEADS: DUCKBOARDS MUST BE TAKEN OUT DAILY AND SCRUBBED. LAVATORIES, URINALS, AND TOILETS SCRUBBED AND DISINFECTED. MIRRORS AND PLUMBING FIXTURES CLEANED AND POLISHED. BOILER AND SWITCH BOX DUSTED. WINDOWS AND SHELVES CLEANED.
7. NO CLOTHING ON SUNNING RACKS. RACKS BETWEEN HUTS TO BE USED FOR MATTRESSES, PILLOWS, AND BLANKETS ONLY.
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W.R. SHRIVER
LT. COMDR. CEC USNR
REG. COMDR., AREA "A"

13TH SPECIAL
NAVAL CONSTRUCTION
BATTALION



"The Little Blue Book of Company B."

Printed in 1943 while at Camp Peary,
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and pages for autographs.

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Executive Officer, Company Officers,
Chaplain and Chiefs.

A Letter From
Harold Weckert, 52E 13th Ave.
C.O. P.O. 2, Camp Peary, Va.

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U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTER
CAMP PEARY
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

To:

Mr and Mrs. C. F. Weckert

Box 561

Rosenberg (4)

Texas

→ One of the most interesting is that recently established for training stevedores. Made up of men who are members of Special Battalions which will deal exclusively with the loading and unloading of ships, this school has already built for itself an enviable reputation.

Like all "Seabee" schools, this one employs the method of practical experience in its teaching. Set up near the dock area on Queen's Creek, is a land-locked replica of one of the new Liberty ships. Constructed along the same lines as the cargo carriers, this "ship" boasts the same holds, compartments and loading equipment that we will have to load and use when we reach battle zones.

We start work immediately upon assignment to the school. Amid the realistic dockside scenes of shuttling jitneys, squeaking winches and clanging cargo hooks, we begin to find our way around with the aid of an instructor.

In addition to doing practical work, we attend lectures on cargo handling and ship nomenclature. A thirteen and one-half foot Liberty Ship model with cutaway sides gives us a graphic picture of the various parts of the ship. Model trucks, tanks, am-

munition, food and other cargo are stowed in the holds, so that we may see the proper methods of loading.

In addition to actual loading we learn how to make our own slings, learn sailmaking, splicing, rigging and many other trades allied with the art of stevedoring.

The ship, the model, boiler room, warehouse and all the other facilities at this school were built by the "Seabees" themselves.

The Stevedore school is in operation twenty-four hours a day, and as soon as one shift completes its work, the next takes over. We work in all kinds of weather—rain, snow, heat and cold.

Nearly as spectacular is the work that is done in the Heavy Equipment School. Here, mechanics work on tractors, cranes and other types of machinery. Included in the laboratory apparatus are a number of machines that have passed the useful stage, but which are still good for practice overhaul jobs.

Recently, one of the large diesel-powered bulldozers broke a track. Men from the Heavy Equipment School were dispatched to make the necessary repair, which they did in the field. On other, more difficult, jobs they bring their equipment to their shops.

All of us "Seabees", regardless of our specialty, are given an opportunity to put our training to practical use right here within the camp boundaries.

The Commanding Officer, Captain James Grady Ware, U.S.N., is a native of Kentucky. He graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, in the class of 1910. His career has been that of a seagoing officer, this being the first big shore job that he has ever been assigned to.

During the first World War, as a junior Lieutenant, he commanded a destroyer in the war zone. Captain Ware was decorated by his own government and by the French government with the Distinguished Service medal and the French chevalier of the Legion of Honor. He has spent twenty-one years since 1910 at sea, during which time he has filled the day by day billet of an average seagoing line officer.

A firm believer in trying to help his fellow man, Captain Ware feels that by training and equipping his men here, he will be using this center as a tool to help mankind find peace, freedom, and light.

CAMP PEARY-NCTC
Williamsburg, Va.

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Captain J. G. WARE
Commanding

BURTON M. LEVINSON
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J. A. YAVORSKY, Chaplain Area B
J. E. BOLAND, Chaplain Area C
J. A. SULLIVAN, Chaplain Area D

August 29, 1943

From New York

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I AM A "PLANK OWNER" (THOSE ASSIGNED TO A SHIP OR A BATTALION AT ITS' COMMISSIONING....SO YOU SEE THAT THERE ARE QUITE A FEW), OF THE 13TH SPECIAL BATTALION, HAVING BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE BATTALION AT CAMP PEARY, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA IN AUGUST OF 1943.

I AM FORWARDING SOME PICTURES OF THE BATTALION IN GUAM, AND SOME OF THE EQUIPMENT OPERATORS.....ALSO A "TRAVEL LOG" OF THE TRIP THAT THE 13TH SPECIAL MADE FROM THE CAMP AT GULFPORT TO PORT HUENEME, IN ROUTE TO PEARL HARBOR AND GUAM.

I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF THE 13TH SPECIAL AND HAVE BEEN A SEABEE "AT HEART" ALL OF MY LIFE, OR AT LEAST SINCE BOOT CAMP, WHEN I WAS 17 YEARS OLD.

THE BEES TRAINED ME AS AN EQUIPMENT OPERATOR AND I HAVE BEEN A CRANE OPERATOR FOR THE INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS FOR 30 YEARS.

LIEUT. JOE VACCARELLA, OUR LEGAL OFFICER, BECAME MAYOR OF MT. VERNON, NEW YORK, AND HELPED ME TO GET INTO THE UNION.

I'VE MET A LOT OF EX-SEABEES....DUE TO THE FACT THAT I GENERALLY PUT A SEABEE STICKER ON MY CRANE. BUT I NEVER FOUND ONE FROM THE 13TH SPECIAL.....SO I FELT GREAT JOY WHEN I HEARD FROM YOU.

BEFORE JOINING UP, I HAD TAUGHT OTHER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS (AT A FARM SCHOOL IN NEW YORK CITY) TRACTOR OPERATIONS, SO THEY COULD WORK SUMMERS IN THE "FARM CADET PROGRAM".....SO I WAS A "NATURAL" FOR THE SEABEES.

SINCE I WAS ONLY 17 YEARS AND 2 MONTHS OLD WHEN I JOINED....MY PARENTS HAD TO SIGN SO I COULD ENLIST. MY DAD WAS "NAVY" FOR 10 YEARS, STARTING WITH WORLD WAR I AND SERVED WITH LIEUT. KOLONOSKI, WHOM I AM PICTURED WITH IN HONOLULU, ON MY 18TH BIRTHDAY.

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I WAS WITH CO. A AND WORKED AS A STEVEDORE. WHEN WE LEFT PEARL HARBOR FOR THE INVASION OF GUAM ON D DAY I WAS ON THE LST 29. HAS ANYONE MENTIONED THAT WE WERE ABOARD FOR 54 DAYS DUE TO THE INVASION OF SAIPAN? WE LIVED AND SLEPT ON DECK...ON A COT, ON TOP OF PILES OF FIELD RATIONS, UNDER A CANVAS STRETCHED FROM BOW TO DECK HOUSE. ANYPLACE YOU COULD FIND BECAME "HOME". AND IT WAS HOT!!!

INTO THE SECOND MONTH, TEMPERS SOMETIMES BECAME SHORT AND "SMOKERS"....BOXING MATCHES....WERE HELD TO SOLVE THE DISPUTES AMONG SHIPMATES.

OUR 4 "T"'S DISTILLED WATER AND MADE BREAD FOR THE FOUR WOODEN MINE SWEEPERS AND THE ONE DESTROYER WHO WERE OUR ENTIRE ESCORT FOR THE 54 DAYS.

I OPERATED MY FIRST CRANE ON GUAM. AS I CAME TO THE BEE'S AS AN EXPERIENCED TRACTOR OPERATOR, EVEN THOUGH I WAS JUST 17 YRS. OLD, I WAS UNHAPPY AS A STEVEDORE AND WANTED TO BE A BULLDOZER OPERATOR. SO I COMPLAINED TO THE CHIEFS AND TO THE COMPANY C.O.. THE CHIEF DISAPPROVED OF MY "ATTITUDE" AND FOUND A WAY TO PUNISH ME.

WHEN I MISSED A MUSTER.....I RECEIVED A DECK COURTMARTIAL. I GOT 10 DAYS IN THE BRIG...AND A \$26.00 FINE (WHICH TO ME REPRESENTED A MONTH'S PAY, SINCE I SENT THE REMAINDER IN AN ALLOTMENT TO MY FAMILY) AND I SPENT THE 10 DAYS ON A BURIAL DETAIL.

I ALSO HAD TO HELP BUILD THE BRIG, AS I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST RESIDENTS.....

ON MY RETURN TO THE BATTALION, THE COMPANY C.O. ASKED IF I WAS A CHRISTIAN NOW,.....(WHATEVER THAT MEANT)... AND I SAID, "YES SIR". HE THEN ASKED IF I STILL WANTED TO BE IN TRANSPORTATION, AND I REPLIED..."YES".....

* MY PARENTS BOUGHT WAR BONDS FOR ME..CAME IN HANDY LATER.

AT THAT POINT IN MY LIFE I BECAME AN EQUIPMENT OPERATOR, AND HAVE BEEN ONE EVER SINCE.

SO YOU SEE WHAT THE BEE'S HAVE MEANT TO MY LIFE.

I THINK THAT I WAS TRANSFERRED TO CO. C AT THAT TIME.

YOU KNOW, AS TIME GOES BY, AND I THINK OF PAST TIMES, MY MEMORY CLICKS AND A NAME POPS UP. THE COPY OF THE MUSTER ROLL REMINDED ME OF LOUIS MIKA. HE HAD BEEN AN ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND INSTRUCTOR AT A NEARBY SCHOOL FOR MANY YEARS. NOW HE HAS RETIRED AND MOVED AWAY.....I AM TRYING TO FIND OUT WHERE. AS WE GET OLDER THESE THINGS SEEM TO BECOME MORE IMPORTANT.

YES, I CERTAINLY DO REMEMBER PAT JOHNSON. HE WAS THE DISPATCHER ON GUAM. I'LL WRITE TO HIM AS SOON AS I FINISH THIS LETTER.

THAT MUSTER ROLL HAS A LOT OF NAMES OF MEN THAT I REMEMBER WELL.

ONE MAN THAT I DON'T NEED ANY "LIST" TO REMEMBER, IS "POP" RAPLEE....HE WAS ALWAYS HELPING SOMEBODY!!!! HE WAS A # 1 GREAT GUY. HE HELPED TO ORGANIZE A V.F.W. POST ON GUAM AMONG THE MANY NATIVES WHO HAD OR WERE SERVING.. MOSTLY AS STEWARDS..IN THE MAVY.

THEY THREW HIM A BIG PARTY THE NIGHT BEFORE HE WAS TO BE ROTATED BACK TO THE STATES. BEING A LITTLE TIPSY, AND GIVEN THE ROUGH ROADS, HE DIDN'T REALIZE THAT HE HAD A FLAT TIRE ON THE VEHICLE WE HAD ARRANGED FOR HIM..... HE DROVE IT THE EIGHT MILES FROM AGANA.

NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE BOYS IN TRANSPORTATION DID A NICE COVERUP...OR "POP" MIGHT HAVE BEEN UN-ROTATED.

HE LIVED IN QUEENS, NEW YORK CITY, AND AFTER THE WAR HE INVITED US TO HIS HOME FOR A SMALL REUNION, BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER THE YEAR OR WHO WAS THERE.

NOW, GUESS WHAT???? I'M STILL A SEABEE!!!!SERVING WITH THE RESERVE NAVAL MOBILE CONSTRUCTION...AND ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE...WITH THE 13TH BATTALION.

IT'S LIKE HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF...ESPECIALLY WHEN I WAS STATIONED AT GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI IN 1974, 1980 AND IN 1982 ON ACTIVE DUTY.

AS YOU WILL SEE BY THE PHOTOGRAPHS, SEVERAL OF THE ORIGINAL BARRACKS ARE STILL IN USE.

IN 1974 I WAS NAMED "SAILOR OF THE YEAR", SO I GUESS THAT I DID SOMETHING RIGHT.

PRETTY SOON I WILL BE "PIPED OVER THE SIDE".....A FORMAL RETIREMENT CEREMONY WHERE I REVIEW THE TROOPS AS MY NAVAL HISTORY IS READ TO THOSE ASSEMBLED.

A SHIP'S GANGWAY WITH SIDE BOYS AND A BOATSWAIN'S MATE WITH PIPE DOING THE HONORS.

A NICE TOUCH WITH FRIENDS AND RELATIVES JOINING IN A RECEPTION AFTERWARDS. ACTUALLY I HAVE TO ATTEND SEVERAL MORE DRILLS, BUT THIS IS ONLY DONE ONCE A YEAR.

MY DAUGHTER JUST GRADUATED COLLEGE AND WAS COMMISSIONED A 2ND LIEUT. IN THE ARMY...SO AS I GO OUT...SHE IS IN. I PINNED HER BARS ON AND WAS I A PROUD "POP".

I'VE HAD A GOOD LIFE...GOOD WORK AND OUTLOOK ON LIFE... I GIVE THE CREDIT TO THE TRAINING I RECEIVED AS A SEABEE WITH THE 13TH SPECIAL.

SINCE I STARTED THIS LETTER, I RECEIVED THE "CARGO CABLE" CLIPPING THAT YOU SENT....ABOUT MY BEING A "BABY BEE".

IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT NOW, AT 60 YRS. OF AGE, I'M THE "OLD TIMER" WHO GETS KIDDED BY THE YOUNGER MEN FOR TELLING WAR STORIES!!!!!

WILLIAM A. MILLS
CO. A & C

Editor's note: THE "TRAVEL LOG" MENTIONED ON PAGE 1, IS THE "DEAREST MOTHER" LETTER WHICH FOLLOWS.

Sun. Oct 31, 1943

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not day



U. S. NAVY

Dear Mother

The time is 5:45 P.M. We are at the
couple gate in the train. We are on our way
I had to don't know. You will know
by the time this letter is done it is
really going to be long. - Now off. -

I am working in the Chief's quarters,
with an Chief. The first went thru the
gate - out - (as I write this letter the sign
hasn't been made now later.)

Well we are headed straight north.
The train will go three feet in a week,
Memphis, and so on. - you will notice
new handwriting as it is tough
to write with the train moving. We
have a talk in here which is a
convenient. The train probably
will go west at St. Louis. Being
on a trip & going not know for sure
how you are going in tough. California

4:45 just in
the detail assigned
we finished & later
signed to depart

received letter
from you
and the water
at the same time
I have
written this

today after
lunch, you
will come to
see me and
I will be
at the you would
if I would like to
enjoyable trip.

Your best loving son
Bill

First and last page
of original 18 page
letter from Bill Miller
to his Mother.

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"1st DAY"

SUN. OCT. 31, 1943

DEAREST MOTHER:

THE TIME IS 5:45 P.M...WE ARE AT THE CAMP GATE IN THE TRAIN...WE'RE ON OUR WAY...WHERE DO I DON'T KNOW. YOU WILL KNOW BY THE TIME THIS LETTER IS DONE. IT IS REALLY GOING TO BE LONG.

WE'RE OFF.....I AM DUCKING IN THE CHIEF'S QUARTERS... WITH ONE CHIEF. HE JUST TELLT WHAT THE DATE...EAT... (AS I WRITE THIS LETTER THE BEST EAT MEANS MORE LATER)

WELL WE ARE HEADED STRAIGHT NORTH. THE TRAIN WILL GO THRU JACKSON, MISS., MEMPHIS AND SO ON, YOU WILL NOTICE HOW HANDWRITING AS IT IS THOUGH IN WHITE WITH THE TRAIN MOVING.

WE HAVE A TABLE IN HERE WHICH IS VERY CONVENIENT. THE TRAIN WILL PROBABLY GO NEXT AT ST. LOUIS. RIDING ON A TRAIN AND NOT KNOWING FOR SURE HOW YOU ARE GOING IS TIGHT. CALIFORNIA IS THE PROBABLE DESTINATION. THE THING IS BY WHAT ROUTE ARE WE GOING. I DO KNOW THAT IT'S GOING TO BE A LONG TRIP.

IT IS ALMOST DARK NOW. EVERYONE IS GETTING SETTLED DOWN, PLAYING CARDS, ETC.. THIS IS PRETTY GOOD FOR ME...I AM IN SORT OF A DEPARTMENT.....I HAVE A LETTER OF YOURS TO ANSWER SO I'LL START NOW.

DO YOU HAD A BAD STORM IN NEW YORK. THE WEATHER HAS BEEN FINE DOWN HERE. BOY IS YOUR COLO? BETTER, I HOPED YOU SPOKE ABOUT GETTING A NEW JOB. IF THE HOURS ARE BETTER AND THE WORK IS A KIND WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO SIT DOWN THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE. GET MRS. LOEHMAN'S OPINION OF THE WORK.

ABOUT THE LOCKET...I SHALL TRY TO SEND YOU A SMALL PHOTO TO PUT IN IT. IF THE COVER OPENS HARD, TAKE IT TO THE JEWELER AND HAVE HIM ADJUST THE CLIP ON THE INSIDE. I WISH YOU WERE IN. DOES SHE LIKE HER PILLOW COVER? MAMA SAYS SHE SEES IT ON A BILLYO HEESELE. IF SHE DOES.

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WHAT DID YOU HAVE TO EAT TODAY? I HAD CHICKEN AT NOON AND COLD CUTS FOR SUPPER. MY DAY IS GETTING STRAIGHTENED OUT AT LAST I THINK. THEY AREN'T HOLDING ANY MONEY OUT NOW. ... WISH VALLY HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR ME.

I HEART TO SEE THE FELLOW NAMED MILLER BUT WAS VERY BUSY LAST FEW DAYS. BY THE WAY HIS OUTLET IS MOVING OUT I BELIEVE. DON'T SAY ANYTHING FOR I AM NOT SURE. HE WAS RIGHT NEAR ME TOO. I DID MAKE AN ATTEMPT BUT GOT IN THE 150TH BARBERS AND I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GO FURTHER.

TELL THAT ABOUT REGGERS YOUR LETTER...EAT...

WE ARE JUST PASSING THRU HATTIESBURG, MISS. AT 8:10 P.M. THE PORTER IS MAKING ICE BOXES UP FOR US NOW. GOODNIGHT.

TIME IS NOW 11:30 P.M.....I JUST WENT TO THE HEAD. THERE IS A TOWN HERE WHICH I MENTIONED BEFORE CALLED JACKSON, MISS.. IT IS A PRETTY BIG PLACE. DURING THE CIVIL WAR, IT WAS THE CAPITAL OF THE CONFEDERACY FOR A WHILE. WE ARE 60 MILES FROM THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. I THINK I SHALL STAY UP TO SEE US CROSS.

SECOND DAY...NOV. 1, 1943

GOOD MORNING!!! HERE WE ARE IN SHREVEPORT, LA.. WE ARE WAITING TO GET BREAKFAST AS THEY MOVE US AROUND AND CHANGE OUR DIRECTION FROM WEST TO NORTH. I IMAGINE WE SHALL GO WEST ARKANSAS. LAST NIGHT A FELLOW WHO WAS ON WATCH WAS SUPPOSED TO WAKE ME WHEN HE CROSSED THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. HE FELL ASLEEP SO I WAS OUT OF LOCK. WE CROSSED THE RIVER AT VICKSBURG, MISS.

I AM GETTING HUNGRY, AS IT IS 25 MIN. TO 8 O'CLOCK, WHICH IS LATE FOR ME TO EAT.

11:00 A.M....BREAKFAST WAS VERY LATE. JUST FINISHED, STILL HUNGRY. A FEW MINUTES AGO WE PASSED THRU TENARA, TEXAS. NOW THE TRAIN HAS STOPPED AT MELDROW, TEXAS. THE SKY IS OVERCAST AND IT MAY RAIN. BEFORE I SAID THAT WE WOULD PASS THRU ADAMSIS BUT WE ARE ON ANOTHER SCOUTS NOW. I THINK THE IDEA IS TO KEEP THE MOVEMENT OF THIS TRAIN AS SECRET

AS POSSIBLE, I'LL DROP YOU A LINE WED. THIS LETTER SHOULD BE MAILED TILL I REACH CALIFORNIA.

12:45 P.M. STOPPED AT MAGNOLIA, TEXAS. HAVE BEEN SLEEPING FOR AN HOUR AND A HALF. RAILROAD SING STUCK UP TO WEATHER. I JUST FOUND THAT I AM NOT ONLY IN THE 13TH SPECIAL... AND THE 13TH CAR ... BUT I SLEEP IN THE 13TH BUCK!!!! DON'T SAY THAT THE COUNTRY IS NICE HERE. (I THINK IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO SAVE THIS WHEN YOU GET IT. I WOULD LIKE TO READ IT SOMETIME.)

1:55 P.M. ... PASSING THROUGH CUMMINGS, TEXAS. WAITING FOR CHOR.

2:55 P.M. ... WE ARE IN LIVINGSTON, TEXAS. EXPECT TO BE IN A FEW MINUTES.

3:10 P.M. ... JUST HAD SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALLS AND STRAWBERRY SHERBET FOR CHOR. WE JUST STOPPED AT CLEVELAND, TEXAS. THIS STATE IS REALLY BIG. WE WON'T BE OUT OF IT TILL THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW. THERE ISN'T MUCH TO WRITE ABOUT. IT IS NICE COUNTRY TOO. BETTER THAN MISSISSIPPI. IT IS GOING TO GET SWIFT FIDELITY BEFORE THE TRIP IS OVER. THIS COMPARTMENT IS PRETTY NICE.... ECT....

4:30 P.M. ... ARRIVING IN HOUSTON, TEXAS. WILL BE HERE AN HOUR. GOING TO GET OUT FOR SOME EXERCISE. IT IS A PRETTY BIG PLACE.... ECT....

WELL I JUST GOT BACK ON THE TRAIN AFTER SOME P.T. AND DRILLING. WE MARCHED OUT OF THE STATION AND SAW SOME OF HOUSTON. NICE GIRLS TOO. THEY LET US FALL BUT AT A CONTACT FOR A BOTTLE OF BEER. WE HAD TO HURRY TO GET BACK ON THE TRAIN. THE BEER REALLY TASTED SWELL.

THERE ARE QUITE A FEW LARGE BUILDINGS HERE. AS I SAID IT'S A BIG PLACE. WE ARE LEAVING THE CITY NOW. THERE REALLY ISN'T TOO MUCH TO SAY..... I SHOULD WRITE AS WE PASS THINGS AND TOWNS HERE AND THERE.... ECT....

JUST CROSSED BRAZOS RIVER AND WENT THRU A TOWN CALLED RICHMOND..... IT IS RAINING NOW.....

THE RAIN HAS STOPPED. I JUST RETURNED FROM CHOR ABOUT 45 MIN. AGO. WE PASSED THE TRINITY RIVER A WHILE BACK. IT IS DARK NOW AND I CAN'T SEE ANYMORE. THE PORTER IS MAKING THE BUCKS NOW. DURING THE NIGHT WE SHALL STOP AT SAN ANTONIO. THIS TOWN IS THE HOME OF THE ALAMO WHERE THE TEXANS FOUGHT THE MEXICANS SO GALLANTLY. ONE OF THE BIGGEST AIR FIELDS IN THE U.S. IS LOCATED HERE. IT IS RANDOLPH FIELD; ALSO KELLY FIELD.

THE CITY IS KNOWN FOR ITS OLD SPANISH MISSIONS. IT WAS FOUNDED NEXT YEAR AGO. ALSO KNOWN FOR HAVING THE LARGEST MEXICAN POPULATION IN THE U. S. ... THE SECTION OF COUNTRY WE ARE IN NOW FORMERLY BELONGED TO MEXICO.

I WOULD REALLY LIKE TO OWN A TRACT OF LAND DOWN HERE. I WOULD GO INTO FARMING AND BEEP CATTLE RAISING ON A LARGE SCALE.

I SHALL NOW RETIRE FOR ONE NIGHT. I AM PRETTY TIRED... ONE MORE POINT OF INTEREST. THE SAN ANTONIO RIVER.... IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN A CREEK 15 TO 20 FT. WIDE. IT WINDS ALL THROUGH THE TOWN. THE BANKS ARE TERRACED AND PLANTED TO SHRUBBERY AND FLOWERS. STREETS ARE BUILT OVER IT SO AS NOT TO DISTURB ITS COURSE. CONSIDERED TO BE ONE OF THE BEAUTY SPOTS OF THE WEST.

PLEASANT DREAMS... I'LL CONTINUE IN THE MORNING... ECT...

THIRD DAY... NOV. 2, 1943 ... TUESDAY

GOOD MORNING!!! THE TIME IS 7:00 A.M.. WE ARE MOVING THRU A DESERT WHICH I SHALL DESCRIBE AS SOON AS IT BEES LIGHT.

THEY DON'T FEED US UNTIL 8:30 AND WE HAVE TO GET UP AT 6:00... WHICH I THINK IS GREAT. THE REASON IT IS STILL DARK AT 2:00 IS THAT WE ARE NEARING THE NEXT TIME ZONE.

AT EL PASO WHICH WE REACH ABOUT 5 P.M. TODAY THERE SHALL BE A FIVE HOUR LAYOVER. WE SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE A SHOWER AND GET CLEANED UP... ECT....

HERE I AM BACK FROM CINCU. PRETTY GOOD TOO. TELL US ARE PASSING THAT THAT THE MEXICANS CALL MESA COUNTRY. MESA IS SPANISH FOR TABLE. THE COUNTRY IS DOTTED WITH FLAT TOPS LIKE A PLATEAU, FROM WHICH THE TABLE NAME IS DERIVED.

JUST STOPPED IN SANDERSON, TEXAS. EVERYONE GOT OFF FOR P.C.. IT IS 9:15 NOW. WE DOUBLED TIMED AROUND THE TOWN AND STOPPED TO GET CIGARS AND POST CARDS, ETC. THEY HAVE TREATED US WELL...AS WE HAVE STOPPED HERE AND THERE...ABOUT LEAVING THE TRAIN.

EARLIER THIS A.M. THE TRAIN CROSSED THE FRISCO HIGH BRIDGE. IT IS 350 FT. HIGH AND THE TRAIN IS OVER THE EDGE OF THE TRESTLE FOR THERE IS NO GAIL. THAT A THRILL!!!!

I JUST GOT A BOOK LETTER OFF TO YOU AND TO DAD. I BOUGHT A PICTURE FOLDER WHICH I SHALL SEND YOU. THE COUNTRY IS VERY BEAUTIFUL. I HAVE A JOB WRITING AND PARCHING THE SCENERY.....EET.....

10:15 A.M.....WE SEEM TO BE COMING TO A SMALL RANGE OF MOUNTAINS. DESCRIPTION LATER.

1:15 P.M.....A FLYING FIELD OF THE ARMY CALLED MAUTA JUNE BROOKED PART...THIS TRAIN IS REALLY MOVING AS I WRITE. THE COUNTRY HAS LEVELLED OFF AND YOU CAN SEE FOR MILES....EET.....

2:50 P.M.....AS I ATE DINNER, WHICH WAS VERY GOOD, WE STOPPED AT VALENTINE, TEXAS. IT WAS A SMALL TOWN WHICH IS ALL THERE IS IN THIS SECTION OF THE STATE. THERE IS A TERRIFIC AMOUNT OF LAND OPEN. I CAN SEE NOTHING BUT ROLLING PLAINS FOR MILES. SOON WE WILL REACH THE BORDER. JUST ACROSS THE RIVER (RIO GRANDE) FROM MEXICO, EL PASO IS THE NEXT BIG CITY AT WHICH WE WILL STOP.

EARLIER TODAY WE WENT THRU SOME VERY PICTURESQUE COUNTRY. THE TRAIN SOUND IS AND OUT OF SOME HILLS WHICH HAD DIFFERENT COLORED MOSS ON THE ROCKS. HERE AND THERE I SEE

SMALL GROUPS OF BEEF CATTLE GRADING. THAT IS ALL THIS LAND IS USED FOR. THERE ARE WATER HOLES PLACED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE FIELDS. THEY CATCH THE RAIN TO PROVIDE THE CATTLE WITH WATER.

ALSO, "WINDMILLS" DOT THE LANDSCAPE. THEY PUMP UP WATER FOR WATERING PURPOSES. THESE ARE ABSOLUTELY NO HOUSES FOR MILES.

ONCE IN A WHILE YOU CAN SEE THE HOUSE OF A RANCHER. FROM THE TRAIN TO THIS RANGE, WHICH IS SEVERAL MILES DISTANT, THERE IS NOT A SINGLE TREE IN SIGHT....

WE HAVE JUST SIGNALED TO LET ANOTHER TRAIN PASS. THE LINE WE ARE ON IS THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC. OUR TRAIN HAS BEEN MOVING ALONG MOST OF THE TIME.

5:30 P.M.....FOR THE LAST 25 MINUTES THE TRAIN HAS BEEN WINDING AND TURNING THRU HILLS. THE CURVES WERE VERY BIG. WE DID NOT GO IN A STRAIGHT LINE FOR THE WHOLE 25 MINUTES....EET.....

IT IS NOW 20 MINUTES TO 8 O'CLOCK P.M.. THE TIME HAS BEEN SET BACK AN HOUR....EET.....

THURSDAY, NOV. 3rd, 1943

7:30 A.M....LAST NIGHT I HAD INTENDED TO WRITE A LOT ABOUT EL PASO BUT I RAN OUT OF INK AND WAS UNABLE TO GET ANY UNTIL THE PORTER GOT SOME FOR ME.

WE ARRIVED IN EL PASO ABOUT 8:30. THEY HAD US GET OUT OF THE TRAIN AND DO SOME DRILLING AND GET A LOOK AT PART OF THE TOWN. IT IS A PRETTY BIG CITY. AS YOU LEAVE, THE TRAIN GOES ALONG PARALLEL TO THE RIO GRANDE RIVER. ON THE OTHER SIDE I WAS ABLE TO SEE MEXICO!! IT WAS A THRILL TO LOOK FROM THE U.S. INTO ANOTHER COUNTRY!!

WE LAID IN THE CITY TILL ABOUT 11:30 WAITING FOR 2 NEW DINING CARS. THEY HAD INTENDED TO TAKE US TO A PLACE WHERE WE COULD TAKE A SHOWER, BUT THERE WAS A TRAIN JUST AHEAD OF US ALL THE WAY THRU THE WILD PART OF TEXAS...(I DO MEAN WILD). THIS DELAYED US FOR SEVERAL

HOURS, MAKING US MISS THE DINING CARS WE WERE SUPPOSED TO GET, AND KEPT US ABOARD THE TRAIN, IN EXPECTATION OF OTHERS.

WHILE I SLEPT LAST NIGHT, WE PASSED THRU PART OF NEW MEXICO AND INTO ARIZONA, WHICH WE ARE IN NOW. IT IS MUCH THE SAME AS TEXAS EXCEPT THAT THERE ARE MORE HILLS AND THERE SEEMS TO BE A HIGH MOUNTAIN RANGE IN THE DISTANCE.

THE PORTER SAYS THAT WE SHALL REACH HUENEME, CALIFORNIA TONIGHT, ABOUT MIDNIGHT. THAT WILL BE 4 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING, YOUR TIME. THIS COUNTRY WE ARE PASSING THRU, DOESN'T SEEM VERY PRETTY.

WE ARE WAITING FOR CHOW NOW WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE LATE TODAY. THIS AFTERNOON I EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO DESCRIBE SOME MOUNTAINS AS WE CROSS THE SIERRA NEVADA RANGE... WHICH IS PART OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN RANGE....ECT.....

AT 9:15 A.M. WE STOPPED AT TUCSON. IT WAS A PRETTY FAIR SIZED TOWN. EVERYONE GOT OFF AND DID SOME MARCHING THRU THE TOWN. I BOUGHT A FEW CARDS AND GOT THEM OFF.

TUCSON IS SURROUNDED ON 4 SIDES BY MOUNTAINS. THE NORTH BY THE SANTA CATALINAS, EAST THE RIVERONS, TO THE SOUTH THE SANTA RITAS AND THE WEST THE TUCSON MOUNTAINS. IT IS AT AN ELEVATION OF 2400 FEET. WE LEFT THERE AT 10:10 O'CLOCK. I'LL SEND OFF A SHORT NOTE TO YOU NOW... ECT.....

1:00 P.M.....JUST WOKE UP FROM A TWO HOUR SLEEP. WE PASSED A TOWN CALLED CHANDLER, ARIZONA, WHERE I MAILED SOME CARDS. THE PLACE SEEMS TO BE MORE AGRICULTURAL THAN BEFORE.....ECT.....

1:15 P.M.....JUST WENT THRU TEMPLE, ARIZONA. NICE FARMING DISTRICT...EXTENSIVE IRRIGATION.

1:30 P.M.....WE ARE NOW IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA. IT IS A VERY LARGE TOWN. THEY HAVEN'T GIVEN US CHOW YET..... STARTING TO GET HUNGRY.....

THIS SECTION OF ARIZONA IS THE HOME OF MANY OF THE BRANDS OF FRUIT YOU HEAR OF, SUCH AS THE BLUE GOOSE AND CAL-PAC.

JUST PULLED OUT OF PHOENIX. A GOOD LOOKING TOWN. PROBABLY HAS AN ARMY BASE NEARBY. NOT MUCH MORE TO SAY.... TI HAD A FEW FOUNDRIES AND MACHINE SHOPS ALSO FERTILIZER PLANTS. THE SUN IS VERY HOT....ECT....

3:30 P.M.....JUST STOPPED FOR WATER AT A PLACE JUST NOWHERE. THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT, THEN I LOOKED AGAIN AND THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF TENTS. IT WAS AN ARMY CAMP!!! THIS PLACE MAY BE EXACTLY WHERE JACK DEGEORGIO IS. I'LL PROBABLY NEVER KNOW. IT IS VERY HOT AS WE ARE PASSING THRU A BIG EXPANSE OF DESERT....ECT....

WED. 5:00 P.M.....JUST AWOKE TO FIND WE HAD LEFT THE DESERT AND WERE PASSING SOME HILL COUNTRY. AS WE PASS I CAN IMAGINE IT BEING USED YEARS AGO AS A BANDIT HIDE-OUT. IN 30 MINUTES WE SHALL BE IN YUMA, ARIZONA WHICH IS NOT FAR FROM THE COLORADO RIVER AND WHICH IS THE CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA BORDER. THE COUNTRY STILL SANDY, AS IT WAS ON THE DESERT, BUT NOT FLAT....ECT....

5:30 P.M....WE ARE NOW STOPPED IN YUMA, ARIZONA. A LITTLE AHEAD OF THE TRAIN THERE IS A BRIDGE. WHEN WE CROSS IT WE SHALL BE IN CALIFORNIA. THEY LET US OFF THE TRAIN FOR A FEW MINUTES JUST NOW. THERE IS REALLY SOME DUSTY COUNTRY THRU HERE. EVERYTHING IS COVERED WITH DUST. BEING THAT IT IS DUST ON A NAVY TRAIN...IT COULD BE CALLED "SEA DUST". I JUST MAILED A SHORT LETTER TO YOU FROM HERE.

WE ARE GOING TO THE BRIDGE OVER THE COLORADO RIVER NOW. YOU WILL REMEMBER THAT RIVER AS THE ONE THAT MADE THE GRAND CANYON....I AM NOW IN CALIFORNIA...THE LAND OF THE MOVIE STARS. THE COLORADO IS THE BIGGEST RIVER I HAVE SEEN SINCE LEAVING GULFPORT. IT HAS TO BE BIG TO MAKE ANYTHING LIKE THE GRAND CANYON....ECT....

IT IS NOW 20 TO 8 O'CLOCK P.M.. WE HAVEN'T EATEN YET. THE TRAIN IS PASSING NEAR A BODY OF SALT WATER CALLED THE SALTON SEA. IT IS NOT USED FOR ANYTHING. FROM ITS NAME I MAKE OUT THAT IT MUST BE USELESS BECAUSE IT IS SALT WATER.

IT IS ALMOST DARK NOW. WE SHOULD REACH OUR DESTINATION SOME TIME IN THE EARLY HOURS OF TOMORROW (THURSDAY), MORNING. THERE WON'T BE MUCH TO WRITE ABOUT NOW. AS I WRITE I HOPE YOU AND SIS ARE WELL AND EVERYTHING IS O.K.

THIS HAS BEEN A LONG TRIP BUT I ENJOYED IT. THE SCENERY HAS BEEN BEAUTIFUL ALTHOUGH AT TIMES IT BECAME TIRESOME. WE WENT THRU A LOT OF DESERT AREA WHICH GOT VERY BORING AND ALSO DUSTY....ECT....

8:15 P.M....PACIFIC STANDARD TIME....THE TIME HAS BEEN SET BACK ANOTHER HOUR, AS I HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED. SO IT IS 8:15 HERE AND 5:15 IN NEW YORK, AS I WRITE THIS. ORIGINALLY WE WEREN'T TO SLEEP ON THE TRAIN AGAIN TONIGHT BUT WE WON'T REACH HUENEME TILL 6 TOMORROW MORNING SO WE SHALL, ANYWAY. WE ATE LATE AGAIN TONIGHT AS I JUST CAME BACK FROM CHOW.

TODAY WE EXPECTED TO HAVE SOME LECTURES AS WE HAD YESTERDAY, BUT WE DID NOTHING IN THE WAY OF EDUCATION AT ALL. YESTERDAY WE ASKED AND ANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIAL WEAPONS...RIFLE, MORTARS, ECT.

WHILE I ATE WE WERE STOPPED AT A TOWN CALLED INDIO, CALIFORNIA. IT WAS A MORE MODERN TOWN THAN THOSE I HAVE SEEN. THERE WERE SEVERAL MOVIE HOUSES AND NICE LOOKING STORES TO BE SEEN AS I LOOKED DOWN MAIN STREET. AT THE PRESENT TIME WE ARE AGAIN OUT ON A DESERT.

THERE ARE MANY SECTIONS LIKE THIS. YOU EXPECT A TOWN TO SPRING RIGHT UP IN FRONT OF YOU, BUT YOU TRAVEL FOR AN HOUR OR TWO WITHOUT SEEING A SOUL OR A BIT OF CIVILIZATION. JUST BRUSH AND SAND.

DURING THE AFTERNOON WE PASSED HERE AND THERE, SMALL DE-

TACHMENTS OF SOLDIERS, ENCAMPED RIGHT OUT IN THE DESERT. THEY WERE COMPLETELY CUT OFF FROM ALL CIVILIZATION. THEY MIGHT HAVE HAD A RADIO...THAT IS ALL. THEIR SUPPLIES WERE BROUGHT ALONG AND STACKED OUT IN THE OPEN. TRAVELING FIELD KITCHENS WERE WORKING.....HEY....WHAT AM I DOING, RAMBLING ON ABOUT THE ARMY....I AM IN THE NAVY!! I'LL WRITE AGAIN TONIGHT, IF THERE IS ANYTHING NEW..ECT...

THURSDAY, NOV. 4, 1943.

ARRIVED HUENEME AT 4:45 A.M....JUST AN HOUR LESS THAN 3 AND ONE HALF DAYS. I WAS ON THE DETAIL ASSIGNED TO UNLOAD BAGGAGE. WE HAVE FINISHED AND EATEN CHOW. WE ARE WAITING TO BE ASSIGNED TO DEFINITE BARRACKS. IT IS 7:00 A.M. PACIFIC TIME.

THIS ENTIRE CAMP IS QUONSET HUTS. EVEN THE MESS HALLS. IT SEEMS LIKE A PRETTY NICE PLACE. WE ARE RIGHT NEAR THE WATER, AS WE WILL BE UNLOADING SHIPS HERE. I HAVE HEARD THAT WE SHALL BE HERE FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS...THAT IS NOT DEFINITE.

SO JUST ONE HOUR LESS THAN 3 AND ONE HALF DAYS AFTER TRAVELING THRU MISSISSIPPI, LOUISIANA, TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, ARIZONA AND INTO CALIFORNIA, WE COME TO THE END OF MY BIOGRAPHY.

I HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED THE READING AS MUCH AS I DID THE WRITING. WHEN YOU FINISH I WISH YOU WOULD PRESERVE IT FOR ME.

SOME DAY, I WOULD LIKE TO READ IT OVER AND REMEMBER A VERY ENJOYABLE TRIP.

YOUR MOST LOVING SON,

BILL

WILLIAM ARTHUR MILLS 11-4-43

AFTER A 10 DAY LEAVE WE ALL RETURNED AT 0600 HOURS FOR A FEW DAYS, TO PULL THE LOOSE ENDS TOGETHER. WE HAD INSPECTIONS TO MAKE SURE WE HAD ALL OF OUR GEAR.

BOARDED SOME COACHES BEHIND A COAL BURNING STEAM ENGINE THAT GAVE OFF A LOT OF SMOKE AND SIBBERS. IT WAS HARD TO KEEP CLEAN. EVERYTHING WAS COVERED WITH DUST. THE AIR WAS HEAVY WITH SMOG.

ENJOYED THE RIDE SO MUCH WE WANTED TO DO IT AGAIN. ATE MEALS IN A DINING CAR. THE LIKE A BISHOP.

AT GULFPORT WE LIVED IN BAY BARRACKS. SHORT ORDER AND EXTENSIVE ORDER DRILLS. MOST PRACTICED LOADING AND UNLOADING OF A SHIP.

WE LEARNED HOW TO RAISE AND LOWER THE BOOMS, RUN THE WINCHES, HANDLE CABLES, AND TACKLE. THIS GEAR WAS USED TO LOAD AND UNLOAD.

THERE WAS A GIANTIC PILE OF WOOD NEARBY, AND QUITE OFTEN WE WOULD SPEND 6 HOURS PILING THE BOARDS UP INTO "DRAPETS", SO THEY COULD BE TAKEN AWAY AND USED. THEN THE ORDER WOULD COME TO THROW IT ALL BACK IN THE PILE, PIECE BY PIECE, ANY OLD WAY.

AFTER 7 THE BAYS OF THIS A BULLY AND I DECIDED THAT WE NOW KNEW HOW TO SET UP "CHATTER". WE'D CLIMB TO THE TOP OF THE PILE AND MAKE A LITTLE "CUBBYHOLE" AND HIDE IN THERE, UNTIL IT WAS TIME TO "THROW IT ALL BACK". OUR LITTLE HIDE AWAY STARTED TO ENLARGE UNTIL IT BECAME A SORT OF "CLUB". THERE WERE ABOUT 10 OF US IN THERE.

BLACKS WERE THE "LIBERTY" BOYS FOR GULFPORT. SLOT MACHINES WERE ALLOWED, SO WE DID SOME GAMBLING.

BELOW ALSO HAD A LOT OF SALOONS WHERE WE COULD GET A FEW BEERS AND LISTEN TO "THE BEER BARREL POLKA"... A THOUSAND TIMES....IN THE JUKEBOXES.

IT WAS THERE THAT MY FRIEND, WILLIS LEE AND I GOT ON A TROLLEY CAR AND WENT TO THE REAR OF THE CAR AND SAT DOWN. WE WERE UNAWARE AT THAT TIME THAT THE

TRAIL WAS RESERVED FOR COLORED FOLK. AS THE TROLLEY WENT ON AND PRETTY SOON

ARRIVED, SO WILLIS AND I GOT UP AND WENT TO THE FRONT SEATS. JUST AS WE WERE ABOUT TO

THEY STARTED GIGGLING. BLACKS WERE SMILING AND

WE REALIZED THEN THAT WE HAD JUST BROKEN THE COLOR BARRIER.

THE DRIVER GAVE US A DIRTY LOOK AS WE GOT OFF, BUT NOT A WORD WAS SAID BY ANYONE.

SOME OF THE SOUTHERN BOYS GOT LEAVES TO GO HOME BECAUSE THEY LIVED NEARBY.

CHARLES L. MURRAY CO. A

Camp Holiday Gulfport, Mississippi Oct. 6, 1943 - Oct. 31, 1943

GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI

AFTER A 10 DAY LEAVE WE ALL GATHERED AT CAMP PEARY FOR A FEW DAYS, TO PULL THE LOOSE ENDS TOGETHER. WE HAD INSPECTIONS TO MAKE SURE WE HAD ALL OF OUR GEAR.

BOARDED SOME COACHES BEHIND A COAL BURNING STEAM ENGINE THAT GAVE OFF A LOT OF SMOKE AND CINDERS. IT WAS HARD TO KEEP CLEAN. EVERYTHING WAS COVERED WITH DUST. THE AIR WAS HEAVY WITH SOOT. ENJOYED THE RIDE SO MUCH, I'D LIKE TO DO IT AGAIN. ATE MEALS IN A DINING CAR. FELT LIKE A BIG SHOT.

AT GULFPORT WE LIVED IN BIG BARRACKS. PRACTICED SHORT ORDER AND EXTENDED ORDER DRILLS. MOST OF US PRACTICED LOADING AND UNLOADING A CONCRETE DUMMY OF A SHIP. IT WAS SET UP JUST LIKE A REAL BOAT.

WE LEARNED HOW TO RAISE AND LOWER THE BOOMS, RUN THE WINCHES, HANDLE CABLE, GUY WIRES, CLAMPS, BLOCK AND TACKLE. THIS GEAR WAS USED TO MOVE THE CARGO..IN AND OUT.

THERE WAS A GIGANTIC PILE OF WOOD NEARBY, AND QUITE OFTEN WE WOULD SPEND 6 HOURS PILING THE BOARDS UP INTO "DRAFTS", SO THEY COULD BE TAKEN AWAY AND USED. THEN THE ORDER WOULD COME TO THROW IT ALL BACK IN THE PILE, PIECE BY PIECE, ANY OLD WAY.

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BILOXI ALSO HAD A LOT OF SALOONS WHERE WE COULD GET A FEW BEERS AND LISTEN TO "THE BEER BARREL POLKA"... A THOUSAND TIMES.....IN THE JUKEBOXES.

IT WAS THERE THAT MY FRIEND, WILLIS LEE AND I GOT ON A TROLLEY CAR AND WENT TO THE REAR OF THE CAR AND SAT DOWN. WE WERE UNAWARE AT THAT TIME THAT THE REAR WAS RESERVED FOR COLORED FOLK. AS THE TROLLEY PROCEEDED, MORE COLORED FOLKS GOT ON AND PRETTY SOON ALL OF THE SEATS WERE TAKEN.

THEN TWO BLACK GIRLS ARRIVED, SO WILLIS AND I GOT UP AND OFFERED THEM OUR SEATS. JUST AS WE WERE TAUGHT TO DO BACK HOME. FOR SOME REASON, THEY STARTED GIGGLING. THEN WE NOTICED THAT ALL OF THE BLACKS WERE SMILING AND LOOKING AT ONE ANOTHER.

WHEN I LOOKED AROUND, I NOTICED THAT ALL OF THE WHITES WERE UP FRONT AND THE BLACKS IN THE REAR..... WE REALIZED THEN THAT WE HAD JUST BROKEN THE COLOR BARRIER.

THE DRIVER GAVE US A DIRTY LOOK AS WE GOT OFF, BUT NOT A WORD WAS SAID BY ANYONE.

SOME OF THE SOUTHERN BOYS GOT LEAVES TO GO HOME BECAUSE THEY LIVED NEARBY.

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A few days after they left Gulfport they went to the large train to the different courses, but however, arrived at the same time and place, in California!

TOUR OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEN THE 13TH SPECIAL LEFT VIRGINIA, WE HEADED SOUTH ON A RAILROAD COACH. THE KIND WITH THE CINDERS AND SOOT. WE PASSED THROUGH THE BACKYARDS OF A LOT OF POOR FOLKS IN THE SOUTH. WHEN WE STOPPED, QUITE A FEW PEOPLE SHOWED UP AT THE STATIONS. SOCIAL WORKERS PASSING OUT CIGARETTES, REGULAR CITIZENS WAVING AND WISHING US WELL, AND A FLOCK OF KIDS, MOSTLY COLORED, DANCING AND SINGING FOR COINS THAT WE WOULD THROW TO THEM.

NEVER A DULL MOMENT AS WE PASSED THROUGH NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA, ALABAMA, FLORIDA AND ARRIVED IN GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI.

AFTER A FEW WEEKS, WE AGAIN BOARDED A TRAIN AND HEADED WEST. IT HAD SLEEPING BERTHS AND AN OCCASIONAL DINING CAR.

MOST OF THE TIME WE WOULD PULL INTO A RAILROAD YARD, DISEMBARK AND WALK INTO A TOWN TO EAT OUR MEALS. SOME OF THE TOWNS WERE: SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA; DALLAS, FORT WORTH AND AMARILLO, TEXAS; ALBERQUEQUE AND SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO; FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA; NEEDLES, LOS ANGELES, AND THEN ON TO PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA.

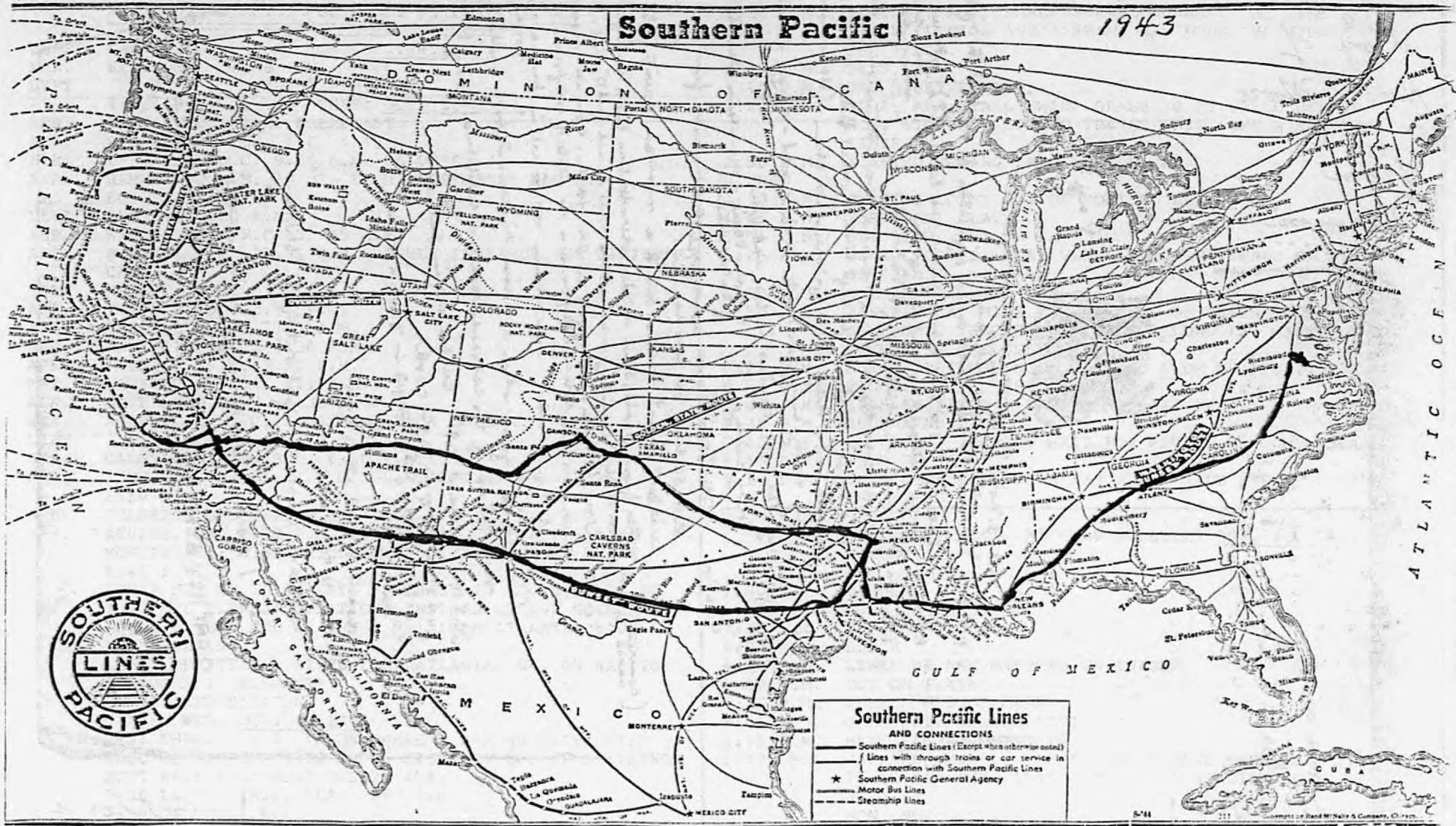
THE TRIP ^{took} ABOUT 4 DAYS. AT EVERY STOP SOMEONE WOULD SNEAK OFF TO TRY TO GET SOME BEER. A FEW OF THE MEN WHO COULDN'T MAKE IT HOME FOR LEAVE WHILE ON THE EAST COAST, WERE GIVEN PERMISSION TO MAKE A QUICK TRIP HOME AS WE PASSED THEIR TOWNS. THEY CAUGHT UP WITH US IN LOS ANGELES.

IT WAS EARLY MORNING, BEFORE SUNRISE OF NOV. 4, 1943 WHEN WE ARRIVED AT PORT HUENEME.

CHARLES L. MURRAY CO. A

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Coming from all over the country, the 13th Special left Camp Peary to Camp Hollyday, Gulfport, Mississippi. When they left Gulfport they went to Shreveport, Louisiana at which point the troop trains took different courses, thus seperating the Battalion. They did, however, arrive at the same time and place, Camp Rousseau, Port Hueneeme, California!!

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Copy of Original Log of Harold Moore Co. E. Vermont

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U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION TRAINING CENTER
CAMP PEARY
WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

Wed. 3. Nov. 1943

1:15 P.M. Tempe ^{big} date palm saw big letter A on hill to right.

1:25 P.M. Phoenix 10,500 + or - above sea level. (?) not sure abt this. seem to be high

1:55 P.M. Dinner - pulled out of Phoenix
can see the Sierra Nevada mountains on right.
saw some hills on the left that looked like high hills
& could only see some vegetation on them. (Not sure what)

3:20 P.M. Big army camp in tent on the right - middle of desert.
Higher, orig. The tent center in the distance
Very dirty. Palomar Plain + mountains also the
Sierra mountains.

4:20 P.M. Wellton, ^{with} some paper cuts across from the
rifle station; no one landing.
Wildcat, most barren desert & mountain country ^{in general}

(concrete canal) → Water from garden dam on the Colorado has been brought
down to this country & sometimes used to all cultivated.

5:15 P.M. Yuma, Arizona. stopped in RR. yards. Can see Colorado R.
can see over into lower California & the state of California.
got off for 15 min. saw Indian women selling beads & shell
novelties.

Time changes again when we cross river - set back another hour
now crossing the Colorado desert in California, going NW.

6:25 P.M. Redland, Cal. Salton Sea in distance.

7:00 P.M. Superior (very good)

8:00 P.M. Indio, Cal. stopped in yard a while.
dark out -

went to bed at 11 P.M.

THURS 4 NOV. 1943

4:15 AM OXNARD got out of our berth

Train came right into camp.

CAMP HUENEME

October 4
1943
To
November 4,
1943
see next page.

FROM CAMP PEARY TO GULFPORT TO PORT HUENEME.

LEFT CAMP PEARY 7 P.M. MON. OCT. 4, 1943
 ARR. RICHMOND, VA. 8 P.M.
 LEFT " " 10:30 P.M.
 ARR. RALEIGH, N.C. 5:30 TUES. OCT. 5, 1943
 ARR. CARY, N.C. 6A.M. BREAKFAST
 ARR. SOUTHERN PINES, N.C. 8:45
 ARR. ABERDEEN, N.C. 9:10 A.M. GLIDERS
 ARR. HAMLET 10 A.M. 45 MI. FROM ALBERMARLE HAD P.T. BOUGHT PEANUTS.
 LEFT HAMLET 10:30 A.M.
 ARR. WADESBORO, N.C. 11:35 A.M.
 ARR. MONROE, N.C. 12:30 P.M. DINNER IN YARDS, ON DINING CAR.
 LEFT MONROE, N.C. 1:15 P.M.
 ARR. CHESTER, S.C. 2:30 P.M.
 ARR. CARLYLE, S.C. 2:55 P.M.
 ARR. WHITMIRE, S.C. 3:30 P.M.
 ARR. CLINTON, S.C. 3:50 P.M.
 ARR. CROSSHILL, S.C. 4:15 P.M.
 ARR. GREENWOOD, S.C. 4:30 P.M.
 ARR. ABBEVILLE, S.C. 5:05 P.M. TOOK ON CAR.
 LEFT " " 5:30 P.M.
 ARR. CALHOUN FALLS, S.C. 6:10 P.M.
 ARR. ELBERTON, GA. 6:40 P.M. GRANITE COUNTRY. SUPPER 6:50 P.M.
 ARR. COLBERT, GA. 7:15 P.M.
 ARR. ATHENS, GA. 7:30 P.M. UNIVERSITY CITY A LOT LIKE MONTEPELLIER: HIGH BRIDGE OVER RIVER. TURNED IN AT 8:45 P.M.
 COULD NOT GO TO ATLANTA AS TRAIN IS TOO LONG TO GO THRU THE TERMINAL STATION. INSTEAD WE ARE GOING TO AUGUSTA, GA. AND WE ARE 6 MI. FROM ATLANTA. HAVE BEEN READING.
 10:30 DECATUR (2 MILES FROM ATLANTA, GA. ON WAY TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA).
 11:30 LEFT DECATUR.
 6 A.M. WED. OCT. 6, 1943
 WENT THROUGH R.R. YARDS WHERE I SAW WHITLEY HOTEL ALSO JEFFERSON DAVIS HOTEL SIGNS ON TOP OF BUILDINGS MUST HAVE BEEN MONTGOMERY, ALA.
 7:30 LEOTEHACHIE, ALA. 7:30 A.M.
 7:50 CALHOUN, ALA.
 8:25 A.M. GREENVILLE, ALA.
 8:45 A.M. GEORGIANA, ALA.
 9:30 A.M. BREAKFAST.
 9:45 A.M. OWASSA, ALA.
 10:00 A.M. EVERGREEN, ALA.
 11:00 A.M. BREWTON, ALA.
 11:10 A.M. POLLARD, ALA.
 11:35 A.M. FLOMATON, ALA. TOOK ON WATER FOR ENGINE.
 12:25 A.M. ATMORE, ALA. 40 ACRE TRACTS - \$1 DOWN. WALNUT HILL FARMS 10,000 ACRES TO SELECT FROM.

1:10 P.M. NOKOMIS, ALA. SOMEWHERE ALONG HERE THE LINE BETWEEN FLORIDA AND ALABAMA RAN DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRACK.
 1:30 P.M. DYAS, ALA.
 1:45 P.M. BAY MINETTE, ALA.
 2:20 P.M. ALLA, ALA. TALL SWAMP GRASS 10 FT. TALL BESIDE R.R. STOP TO LET TWO TRAINS PASS. ONE A STREAM-LINER.
 2:50 P.M. STARTED COMING INTO MOBILE, ALA.
 DINNER
 4:30 P.M. STARTED GOING OUT OF MOBILE, ALA.
 4:45 P.M. THEODORE, ALA.
 5:05 P.M. ST. ELMO, ALA
 5:25 P.M. ORANGE GROVE, ALA. VERY LEVEL SCATTERED GROWTH OF PINE.
 5:40 P.M. KREOLE, ALA.
 5:50 P.M. PASCAGOULA, MISS. SHIP YARDS 33 MILES FROM GULFPORT. TRACKS RUN THROUGH LONG FAT MARSH LAND BORDERING THE GULF.
 6:25 P.M. OCEAN SPRINGS, MISS. 18 MI. FROM GULFPORT.
 6:50 P.M. BILOXI, MISS. SPANISH MOSS.
 7:00 P.M. KEESLER FIELD - ARMY CAMP. AIR BASE.
 7:30 P.M. EDGEWATER PARK
 7:45 P.M. GULFPORT - HAD TO WAIT FOR TRUCKS TO COME ABOARD
 8:45 P.M. WENT TO CAMP.
 9:10 P.M. GOT TO CAMP EASTERN WAR TIME. MADE BED AT 10:30 ESW TIME.

GULFPORT, MISS. AT CAMP HOLLYDAY OCT. 31, 1943. SUNDAY

1:00 P.M. DINNER
 2:00 P.M. BEER TAVERN
 3:00 P.M. MUSTER
 4:00 P.M. LUNCH
 4:30 P.M. LINED UP AND MARCHED TO TRACK
 5:00 P.M. GOT ON TRAIN
 5:30 P.M. PULLED OUT OF CAMP
 6:00 P.M. GULFPORT. HEADED NORTH!
 8:15 P.M. HATTIESBURG, MISS.
 10:30 P.M. JACKSON, MISS. (COFFEE AND CHEESE SANDWICH) LEFT 12:40 SAW THE FIRST SECTION IN STATION GOING WEST!
 MON. NOV. 1, 1943
 1:10 A.M. VICKSBURG, MISS. LEFT AT 1:50 TOOK ON WATER IN OUR CARS FOR WASHING.
 2:00 A.M. WENT OVER MISSISSIPPI RIVER. SEARCHLIGHT LOOKED TRAIN OVER.
 5:00 A.M. REVEILLE (GOT UP)
 7:00 A.M. SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. PULLED OUT AT 9:00 A.M. WITH DINING CAR.
 10:30 A.M. BREAKFAST
 10:40 A.M. LOGANSPORT, LOUISIANA
 10:50 A.M. JOAQUIN, TEXAS. LEAVES JUST BEGINNING TO TURN ON THE TREES. GOING SOUTH!

- 11:00 A.M. TANAHA, TEXAS BALES OF COTTON IN A LARGE FIELD.
 11:30 A.M. TIMSON, TEXAS SAW TWO COWBOYS ON HORSES WITH A FEW COWS COMING INTO TOWN.
 11:45 A.M. GARRISON, TEXAS.
 12:15 P.M. NACADOCHES, TEXAS.
 1:00 P.M. LUFKIN, TEXAS.
 2:00 P.M. CORRIGAN, TEXAS.
 2:15 P.M. DINNER
 2:35 P.M. LIVINGSTON, TEXAS.
 3:20 P.M. CLEVELAND, TEXAS.
 3:50 P.M. NEW CANEY, TEXAS.
 4:45 P.M. HOUSTON, TEXAS.
 5:30 P.M. LEFT HOUSTON, TEXAS. BEER. CHIEF MARCHED INTO REAR OF TAVERN NEAR STATION.
 5:40 P.M. OIL WELLS - VERY LEVEL LAND.
 6:00 P.M. SUGARLAND, TEXAS - HOME OF IMPERIAL SUGAR CO.
 6:15 P.M. RICHMOND, TEXAS - RAINING HARD.
 6:20 P.M. ROSENBERG, TEXAS.
 6:55 P.M. EAGLE LAKE, TEXAS.
 7:20 P.M. COLUMBUS, TEXAS - BESIDE THE COLORADO RIVER. (TEXAS)
 7:30 P.M. HAD SUPPER.
 9:00 P.M. LULING, TEXAS.
 10:50 P.M. SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. LEFT AT 11:20
 11:30 P.M. KELLY FIELD
 12:00 P.M. WOKE UP NACEWICZ AND WENT TO BED.
TUES. NOV. 2, 1943
 5:30 A.M. GOT UP. DARK OUT.
 6:30 A.M. DEL RIO
 7:50 A.M. DRYDEN
 8:15 A.M. SIDE TRACK - PICKED UP SOME BITTER WEED. A LOT OF CACTUS, SAGE, MESQUITE ALONGSIDE OF TRACK. A LOT OF SMALL FLAT TOP HILLS GREY IN COLOR. TRAIN WINDS IN AND OUT AMONG THEM.
 9:00 A.M. SANDERSON, TEXAS - GOT OUT FOR P.T. MARCHED AROUND THE LITTLE VILLAGE - BOUGHT SOME CARDS AND CIGARS. LEFT AT 9:15 A.M.
 10:00 A.M. CAN SEE MOUNTAINS IN DISTANCE. LOT OF CACTUS AND SAGE AND MESQUITE ALL AROUND.
 11:00 A.M. LOTS OF GRASSLANDS AND HERDS OF CATTLE NOW INSTEAD OF SEMI-DESERT LANDS - MOUNTAINS STILL A LONG WAY OFF.
 11:25 A.M. MARATHON, TEXAS - STOPPED A FEW MINUTES. GAVE SOME CARDS TO MEXICAN GIRLS TO MAIL. A FEW MILES OFF TO THE RIGHT ARE THE GLASS MOUNTAINS AND ON THE LEFT THE CATHEDRAL MTS.
 12:30 P.M. ALPINE, TEXAS. STOPPED A FEW MINUTES.
 1:00 P.M. PAISANA - STOPPED WHERE R.R. BRANCHED OFF SOUTH. WE TURNED NORTHWARD A BIT. BETWEEN PAISANO AND MARFA THE ELEVATION IS 5200.
 1:15 P.M. MARFA. WAS EATING DINNER AT THIS TIME ON TRAIN.
 2:25 P.M. VALENTINE, TEXAS. STOPPED HERE FOR WATER. BEEN DOWNHILL ALL THE WAY FROM MARFA.
 5:00 P.M. SIERRA BLANCA. SAW WHITE CROSS ON HILL.
 5:45 P.M. SUPPER MOUNTAINS ON THE LEFT WERE OVER IN OLD MEXICO.
 6:30 P.M. IRRIGATED FIELDS NEAR THE RIO GRANDE NEAR EL PASO BROAD FIELDS OF COTTON IN FULL BLOOM ON LEFT. TORNILLO AT SAME TIME - COTTON GINNING PLANT ON LEFT. HUNDREDS OF LITTLE BALES OF ALFALFA IN FIELDS TO RIGHT. COTTON ON BOTH SIDES OF TRACK NOW. HORSES FEEDING IN FIELDS OF ALFALFA SOWING. LOTS OF COTTONWOOD TREES.
 7:35 P.M. EL PASO, TEXAS - JUAREZ, MEXICO IS JUST ACROSS THE RIVER. MARCHED AROUND ON THE STREETS ADJACENT TO THE TRACKS. WE WERE GONE JUST AN HOUR.
 12:30 A.M. CENTRAL TIME, CHANGED TIME. SET WATCH BACK ONE HOUR.
 11:30 P.M. MOUNTAIN TIME. LEFT EL PASO SO THE BOYS SAY I FELL ASLEEP BEFORE WE LEFT.
WED. NOV. 3, 1943
 5:30 A.M. REVELLE - EARLY THIS MORNING STOPPED AT DOUGLAS, ARIZONA.
 7:00 A.M. HEREFORD, ARIZ.
 7:00 A.M. TUCSON, ARIZ. STOPPED HERE. MARCHED AROUND TOWN. I HAD TO HELP GUARD THE TRAIN. STAYED HERE 45 MINUTES. TURNED NORTH AT PINACHO, ARIZ.
 12:00 P.M. COOLIDGE, ARIZ. CANAL WENT UNDER THE TRACK.
 12:50 P.M. CHANDLER, ARIZ. SAW THE FIRST ORANGE GROVES.
 1:05 P.M. MESA, ARIZ. LOTS OF CULTIVATED FIELDS.
 1:15 P.M. TEMPE, ARIZ. DATE PALMS. SAW BIG LETTER (A) ON HILL TO RIGHT.
 1:25 P.M. PHOENIX, ARIZ. 10,500+ or - NOT SURE ABOUT THIS? SEEMS RATHER HIGH. STOPPED IN RAILROAD YARDS.
 1:55 P.M. DINNER - PULLED OUT OF PHOENIX. CAN SEE SIERRA NEVADA MOUNTAINS ON RIGHT. SAW SOME HILLS ON LEFT THAT LOOKED LIKE HUGE PILES OF COAL ONLY THERE WAS VEGETATION ON THEM. (VOLCANIC ROCK)
 3:20 P.M. BIG ARMY CAMP IN TENTS ON THE RIGHT - MIDDLE OF DESERT. HYDER, ARIZ. THE TALL CACTUS IS THE SAHUARO; VERY DUSTY.
 PALOMAS PLAINS AND MOUNTAINS ALSO THE GILA MTS.
 4:20 P.M. WELTOWN, ARIZ. SAW SOME PIPER CUBS ACROSS FROM THE LITTLE STATION. ONE WAS LANDING. WILDEST, MOST BARREN DESERT AND MOUNTAIN COUNTRY IMAGINABLE. WATER FROM PARKER DAM IN THE COLORADO HAS BEEN BROUGHT DOWN IN CONCRETE CANAL TO THIS COUNTRY AND SOMETIME WILL BE ALL CULTIVATED.
 5:15 P.M. YUMA, ARIZ. STOPPED IN RAILROAD YARDS. CAN SEE COLORADO RIVER. CAN SEE OVER INTO LOWER CALIFORNIA. GOT OFF FOR 15 MIN. SAW INDIAN WOMAN SELLING BEADS AND SHELL NOVELTIES. TIME CHANGES AGAIN WHEN WE CROSS RIVER. SET BACK ANOTHER HOUR. NOW CROSSING THE COLORADO DESERT IN CALIFORNIA. GOING N.W.
 6:25 P.M. NILAND, CAL. SALTON SEA IN DISTANCE.
 7:00 P.M. SUPPER. (VERY GOOD)
 8:00 P.M. INDIO, CAL. STOPPED IN YARDS A WHILE. DARK OUT. WENT TO BED AT 11:00 P.M.
THURS. NOV. 4, 1943
 4:15 A.M. OXNARD, CAL. GOT OUT OF OUR BERTHS. TRAIN CAME RIGHT INTO CAMP.
 CAMP HUENEME.

So Long For Now

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THE FIGURES ON THESE THREE PAGES ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF ALL OF THE MEN OF THE
17TH SPECIAL N. C. B. WHO SAID "GOODBYE" TO THEIR WIVES, FATHERS, BROTHERS,
WIVES, BROTHERS, SISTERS, AND CHILDREN.
"REPRESENTATIVE" OF THE MEN WHO WERE PLACED
IN THE KITCHENS ALL ACROSS THE WORLD FOR THE SAFETYKEEPING
OF THEIR LOVED ONES.

Camp Rousseau

Port Hueneeme, California

Nov. 4, 1943 ^{To} 1st Echelon Nov. 23, 1943
2nd Echelon Dec. 25, 1943

Charles L. Murray, Co. A and
6 Nov. 4th Daughter, Ruth
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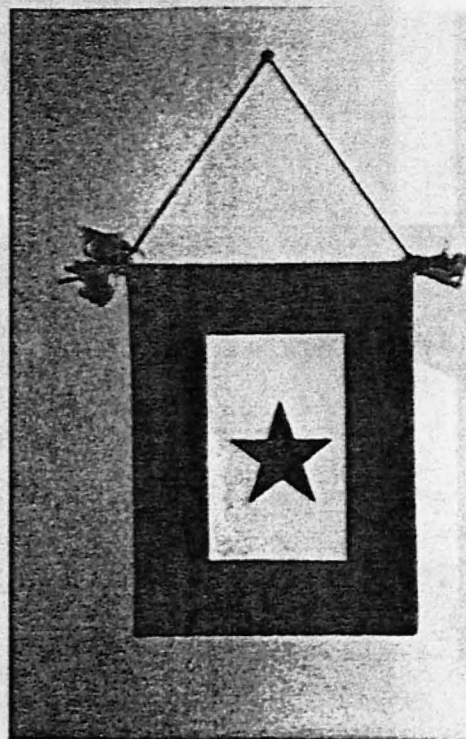
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"REPRESENTED" ALSO ARE THE MOTHERS AND WIVES WHO DISPLAYED THE SERVICE FLAGS IN THE WINDOWS ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ALL WHO PRAYED FOR THE SAFEKEEPING OF THEIR LOVED ONES.



*Charles L. Murray Co A and
6 mos. old Daughter, Ruth.
June, 1943*



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Edward T. Ludwig (RT.)
 "So Long" to Best
 Lt. Ralph Carter, who
 headed for the
 Ocean Theatre.
 of Hdqtrs. Co. on
 from Boot Camp
 Army, Williamsburg, Va.



On an overnight pass from
 Port Hueneeme, Co. A boys were
 lucky to have friends in Calif.
 to visit.

Left to Right:

Roy Dan Gibson, John Everard,
 Harold Heckert.

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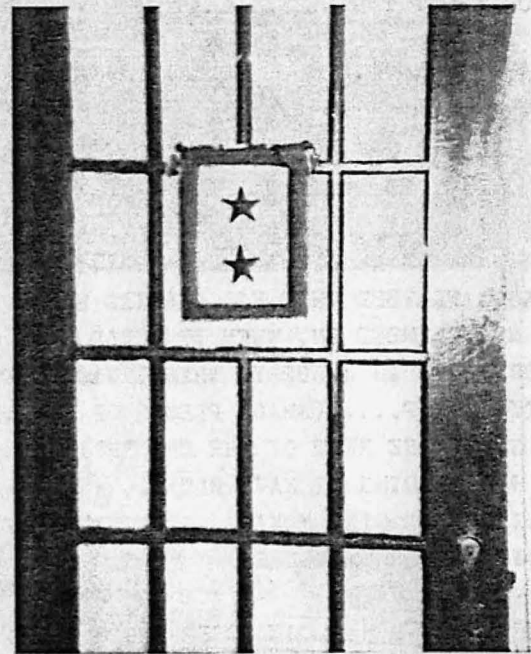
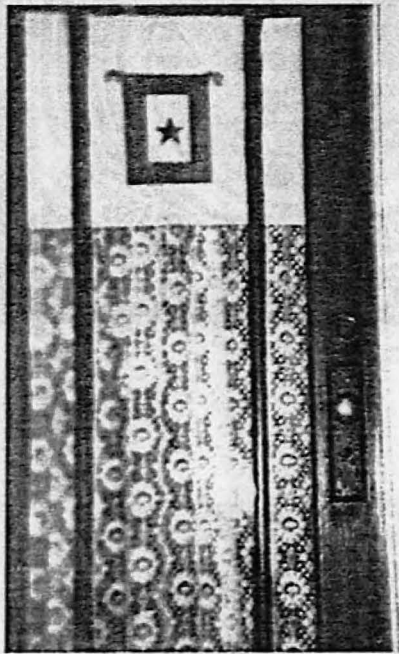
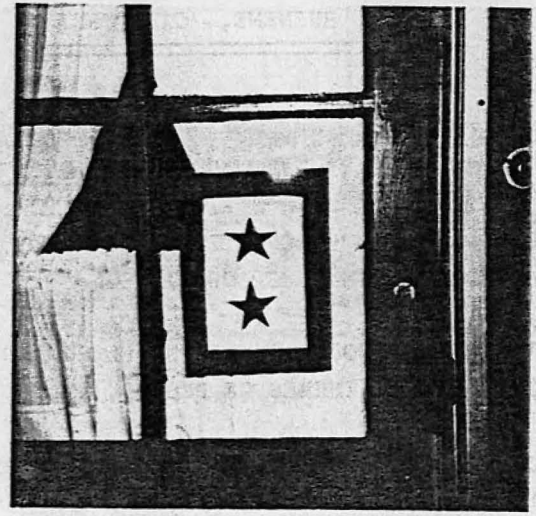
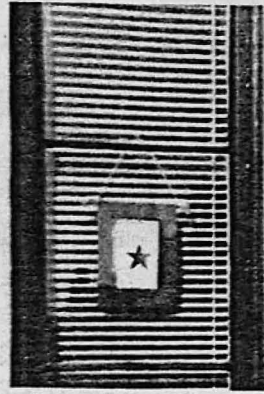
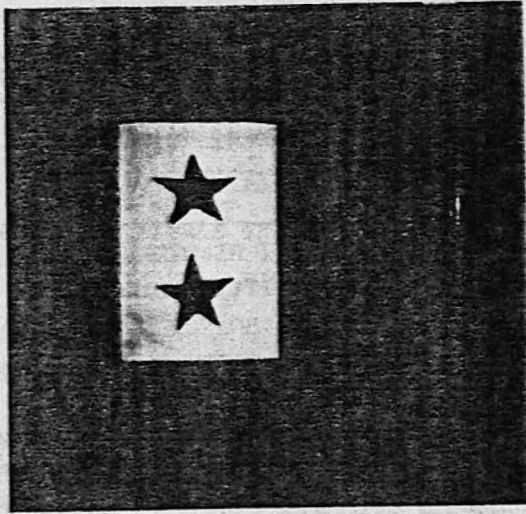
Co. C. men and
 their wives who
 came to visit at
 Richmond, Virginia.
Lt. to Rt.

- ① Harold Moore + wife ③
- ②
- ④ + wife ⑤
- ① Robert Mills + wife ③

July 1943

Harold's wife took
 the picture.

"Stars in the Window"



*Mrs. Lucile Murray
Proud Mother*

"THE ONE PLACE ON EARTH WHERE YOU COULD BE UP TO YOUR HIPS IN MUD AND HAVE THE SAND BLOWING IN YOUR FACE." THE VEGETATION WAS STRIPPED OFF...THAT MADE IT MUDDY... THEN IT WAS COVERED WITH SAND. THE SUN WOULD DRIVE IT THROUGH THE SMALLEST CREVICES.

AT NIGHT WE WOULD SWEEP THE FLOOR AND BY MORNING THERE WOULD BE TWO INCHES OF DUST ON IT.

MORE ADVANCED TRAINING, JUNGLE WARFARE, MACHINE GUNS, BAYONETS, MORTARS, RIFLES, METHODS OF ATTACK, COMMANDO COURSES AND DRILLING.

SOME MEN WENT TO SPECIAL CLASSES. JOHN WAYNE SHOWED UP FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS.....TO MAKE A MOVIE.

GOT ONE OVERNIGHT PASS TO GO TO LOS ANGELES. BUSSED TO OXNARD, BUT TRANSPORTATION WAS NOT AVAILABLE. SO OUT TO THE HIGHWAY TO THUMB A RIDE. THE "THUMB LINE" WAS 2 MILES LONG AND REACHED WAY OUT OF TOWN. AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR, A FARM TRUCK STOPPED AND THE DRIVER SAID "WANT A LIFT INTO TOWN?"..."THANK YOU, YES SIR". IT WAS A FLATBED THAT HAD CARRIED HAY. I WONDERED WHY ONLY 3 MEN CLIMBED ON, WHEN IT COULD HAVE CARRIED 50.....I FOUND OUT IN A HURRY, WHEN I WAS COVERED FROM HEAD TO FOOT WITH CHAFF.....(SMALL PIECES OF HAY THAT STICK LIKE GLUE). I SPENT THE REST OF THE DAY TRYING TO GET CLEANED UP. I WAS WEARING MY NAVY BLUES. GOT OFF AT SANT MONICA AND WALKED THE REST OF THE WAY TO DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES.

THE SALOONS HAD COLD BEER AND COWBOYS SINGING MY FAVORITE SONG..."ROSE OF SAN ANTONE".....NEXT STOP WAS A "FIRST" FOR ME....A BURLESQUE SHOW....THEN TO HOLLYWOOD AND VINE.

COULDN'T GET A ROOM FOR THE NIGHT, SO I WENT TO THE USO. THEY TOOK ME TO A PRIVATE HOME.....FOR A DOLLAR, I SLEPT ON SOMEBODY'S COUCH IN THE PARLOR.

THEY SERVED COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS BEFORE I HEADED BACK TO TOWN. I REALLY APPRECIATED THE HOSPITALITY. THE HOUSE WAS OVERFLOWING WITH SERVICEMEN FROM ALL BRANCHES. THE PEOPLE TOOK US IN OUT OF THE GOODNESS OF THEIR HEARTS AND DID A LOT OF GOOD FOR THE WAR EFFORT. EACH DAY THEY TOOK THEIR STATION WAGON TO THE USO TO PICK UP MORE MEN.

GOT A LIFT BACK TO HOLLYWOOD IN A CONVERTIBLE BY A GENT WHO WAS ON HIS WAY TO WORK.

AFTER WAITING IN LINE FOR AN HOUR, I WENT INTO THE STAGE DOOR CANTEEN IN HOLLYWOOD. ATE SOME GOODIES AND RUBBED ELBOWS WITH HOLLYWOOD STARLETS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME TO TALK TO ALL THE SERVICEMEN.

I HAD ARRIVED IN TOWN WITH \$13.00 SO HAD TO BE THRIFTY. I WALKED UP AND DOWN EVERY STREET IN TOWN...IN AND OUT OF 5 AND 10 CENT STORES, JUST KILLING TIME UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

LOOKING FOR TRANSPORTATION BACK TO CAMP, I FOUND A LINE OF ABOUT 1000 MEN TRYING TO GET A BUS.

MADE IT BACK TO CAMP...6:00 A.M.
JUST IN TIME FOR ROLL CALL.

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CHARLES L. MURRAY
CO. A

May 1985

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AND SO IT WAS...FROM PEARL HARBOR TO THE MARSHALLS TO THE MARIANAS....THEY UNLOADED FOOD..FUEL..T.N.T... GASOLINE..AMMUNITION..AIRPLANES..LUMBER..TRUCKS..TRAILERS..TANKS..MACHINERY..BOMBS..BULLDOZERS AND A VARIETY OF MISCELLANEUS ITEMS.

THE MEN CONCENTRATED ON SPEED OF HANDLING THE CARGO AS THEIR PRIORITY AND DID THEMSELVES PROUD. THEY RECEIVED COMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER OUTFITS FOR THEIR FINE WORK. THEY BECAME KNOWN AS THE "FIREBALL OUTFIT" WHILE THEY WERE WORKING ON GUAM, WHERE THEY UNLOADED UNDER MORTAR FIRE.

THE SPAN OF AGE DIFFERENCE...OFFICIALLY 17 TO 50 HELPED THE BATTALION. YOUTH AND EXPERIENCE BLEND WELL WHEN PROPERLY USED. IN ACUALITY, MEN LIED ABOUT THEIR AGES...SOME BEING WELL INTO THEIR LATE 50's AND SOME WERE YOUNGER THAN 17. WHILE ON GUAM ONE YOUNG MAN CELEBRATED HIS 16TH BIRTHDAY, SO HE MUST SURELY HAVE ENLISTED AT 14.

THE BATTALION REMAINED PROUD..TIGHTLY KNIT AND LUCKY. NO ONE WAS "KILLED IN ACTION". ONE MAN WAS WOUNDED. THEY DID NOT, HOWEVER, ESCAPE---DENGUE FEVER..FUNGUS AND BOILS ON ALL PARTS OF THE BODY..SPRAINS AND STRAINS..BROKEN BONES IN FINGERS, FEET, ARMS, LEGS, HANDS, BACKS, NECKS AND SHOULDERS..APPENDICITIS.. ULCERS OF THE STOMACH..UNIDENTIFIED ILLNESS..CAT FEVER..HEART PROBLEMS AND CANCER. ALL TOOK THEIR TOLL. MOST OF THE MEN RECOVERED AND RETURNED TO WORK. A FEW WENT STATESIDE.

WHILE AWAITING PASSAGE HOME AFTER THE PEACE TREATY WAS SIGNED, TWO YOUND MEN WERE ACCIDENTIALLY KILLED... ONE MAN DIED OF A HEART ATTACK...ONE MAN WHO COMPLAINED OF BEING TIRED, TOO OFTEN BUT WHEN AN AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT HE DIED OF CANCER...AND ONE MAN DIED SIX DAYS AFTER HIS DISCHARGE WHILE THE BATTALION WAS STILL ON GUAM.

THE BATTALION REMAINED ON GUAM...HELPING IN THE REBUILDING OF GUAM...UNTIL IT WAS DEACTIVATED ON OCTOBER 15, 1945. SOME OF THE MEN WENT ON TO JOIN OTHER BATTALIONS BUT I DO NOT HAVE THAT PART OF THE STORY.

UNFORTUNATELY I WAS ABLE TO LOCATE ONLY ONE OFFICER...CHAPLAIN ROY B. SCHMEICHEL. PERHAPS ONE DAY, I OR SOMEONE WHO FOLLOWS, WILL LOCATE OTHERS IN THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH WHO WILL ADD TO THIS PRESENTATION.

THE 13TH SPECIAL BATTALION WAS SPECIAL...THEY WERE SPECIALISTS...THEY WERE STEVEDORES.

Mildred M. Murray

The 13TH Special N. C. B.

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THIS BOOK WAS COMPILED FROM JULY 22-1985 THROUGH JULY 29-1987. IT IS A "REPRESENTATIVE" BOOK OF THE MEN OF THE 13TH SPECIAL NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION OF WORLD WAR 11...NECESSITATED BY THE 43 YEARS THAT HAVE PASSED SINCE THE EVENTS TOOK PLACE. REMEMBER THAT AS YOU SEE ONE PHOTO, TO MULTIPLY IT MANY TIMES WITH THE FACES OF THE OTHER MEN OF THE BATTALION...AND FOR EACH COMMENT THERE ARE A THOUSAND MORE.

THE MEN WROTE THE BOOK.....ALL I DID WAS PUT IT TOGETHER IN A LOOSE CRONOLOGICAL ORDER. I DID KEEP ALL LETTERS AND TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS CONFIDENTIAL...IN MY CARE, SO AS NOT TO INFLUENCE THE MEMORY OF EACH MAN. I DID HOWEVER MAIL OUT COPIES OF PHOTOS IN AN ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY MEN.

I SELECTED THE EXCERPTS OF LETTERS SO AS NOT TO BE REPETITIVE.

THE RESEARCH IS CORRECT. VOLUME 11 OF "BUILDING THE NAVY'S BASES IN W W 11" PRINTED IN 1947..ch. 28, pg. # 338 PLACES THE 13TH SPECIAL NCB SOUTH OF OROTE PENISULA DURING THE INVASION OF GUAM ON JULY 21, 1944. THEY DID IN FACT LAND NORTH OF THE PENISULA..WHICH YOU WILL SEE HEREIN.

A SPECIAL BOND OF LOVE AND CARING EXISTS AMONG THE MEN TODAY, AS IT DID DURING THE WAR. IT STARTED IN 1943 WHEN THOSE MEN WHO WERE SCHEDULED TO BECOME THE 13TH SPECIAL, WANTED TO SERVE BUT REFUSED THE NUMBER 13 AS BEING UNLUCKY AND THIS SUPERSTITION SPILLED OVER TO THE OFFICERS, WHO DID NOT WANT CHARGE OF MEN WHO FELT SO STRONGLY ABOUT IT. MORALE WOULD SURELY BE LOW.

WHO MADE THE FINAL DECISION, I DO NOT KNOW...BUT IF YOU REMEMBER THE TIMES AND OUR HISTORY....IT IS EASY TO UNDERSTAND. AS A RESULT OF THIS THE 13TH SPECIAL WAS FORMED AFTER THE 16TH SPECIAL WAS FORMED. THE SCRAMBLE STARTED, LOOKING FOR ENOUGH MEN WITH THE PROPER QUALIFICATIONS TO FILL THE QUOTA. MEN WERE PULLED FROM OTHER BATTALIONS. FOR EXAMPLE..ONE CB WAS SELECTED FROM 1000 MEN OF ANOTHER OUTFIT BECAUSE HE HAD GOOD SHIPPING EXPERIENCE. THIS WAS NOT UNUSUAL.

AS A RESULT, THE MEN DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD MAKE "13" THEIR LUCKY NUMBER AND PROCEEDED TO BUILD ON IT. THEY ADOPTED THE "BLACK CAT AND BLACK ACE OF SPADES" AS THEIR INSIGNIA. THEY HAD ALSO HEARD OF THE EXTRAORDINARY EXPLOITS OF THE 13TH NCB THAT PRECEDED THEM.

THE STEVEDORES WERE MADE UP OF MEN WHO WERE EXPERIENCED IN SHIPPING, DOCK WORKERS, PLUMBERS, ELECTRICIANS, COOKS AND BAKERS, TYPISTS, CLERKS,MECHANICS, CARPENTERS, CONTRACTORS, PAINTERS, CRANE OPERATORS, ETC..

A BATTALION HAD TO BE A SELF CONTAINED UNIT. NATURALLY AS IT HAPPENS IN WARTIME...MANY OF THE MEN DID NOT ALWAYS GET A CHANCE TO USE THE VAST KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE....BUT NO ONE ESCAPED THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF SHIPS. THAT WAS THE GREATEST NEED...WHICH WAS THE REASON THAT THE "SPECIALS" WERE STARTED IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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... *Dedication* ...

WITH DEEP RESPECT I DEDICATE THIS BOOK TO ALL OF THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF THE 13TH SPECIAL NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION OF WORLD WAR 11.

THERE IS NO WAY THAT I CAN FULLY GIVE TO YOU WHAT YOU ARE DESERVING OF...BUT FOLLOWING YOUR "CAN DO" LEAD, I DID DO THE BEST THAT I COULD.

MY EFFORT HEREWITH IS MY WAY OF SAYING "THANK YOU" FROM ALL OF US WHO STAYED AT HOME AND SLEPT IN COMFORTABLE BEDS.

OVER 44 YEARS HAVE PAST AND MANY OF THE BATTALION ARE NO LONGER HERE. THEIR SPIRIT IS ALIVE AND STRONG AMONG US. I FELT IT IN THE LETTERS THAT I RECEIVED AND IN THE MEMORIES OF THE MEN WITH WHOM I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT.

TO THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION, I ASK GOD TO BLESS ALL OF YOUR DAYS, AND ALL OF MINE, TOO.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE INFORMATION, SUPPORT AND FOR SHARING A PART OF YOUR LIFE WITH ME.

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU" HAS BEEN MY REWARD.

Mildred M. Murray

MILDRED M. MURRAY

.....JULY 13, 1987.....

ALL OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS, EXCEPT THOSE NOTED OTHERWISE, HAVE BEEN REPRODUCED FROM THE ORIGINAL PHOTOS SENT IN BY THE MEN. THE ORIGINAL PHOTOS HAVE BEEN RETURNED. MANY OF THE PHOTOS WERE AS SMALL AS 2 INCHES AS CAMERAS WERE "TABOO"...ALL WERE ENLARGED BUT 2 HAD TO BE REDUCED (STUDIO PORTRAITS) TO "FIT" THE SPACE. THE MEMORABILIA ARE THE ORIGINALS. "THANK YOU" TO THE FOLLOWING MEN FOR TRUSTING ME.

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SPECIAL THANKS TO MY SISTER, CAROLYN S. MURRAY WHO ONE DAY IN MAY, 1985 SAID "LET'S GO TO PORT HUENEME FOR THE WEEKEND. CHARLES WAS STATIONED THERE". I HAD TROUBLE WITH THE PRONOUNCIATION. SHE SAID, "NO..NOT HOOMENE, NO..NOT YUENENE, NO.. NOT HUMININE....IT'S Y NEE ME". WHEN WE ARRIVED, I SAID, "OH OXNARD...THAT'S EASY". TODAY IS JULY 29, 1987...THIS IS MY LAST FEW LINES TO TYPE...THE LAST PAGE TO COMPLETION. MY THOUGHTS RETURN TO THAT DAY. CAROLYN SAYS SHE DOESN'T WANT ANY OF THE "CREDIT". SO I MUST, IN A LIMITED WAY, SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNLIMITED PSYCHOLOGICAL, SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS, WHICH WERE NOT UNLIKE ALL OF THE YEARS OF OUR FRIENDSHIP.

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AUG. -1943....COMMISSIONED AT CAMP PEARY, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA.

SEPT. 18-1943....10 DAY LEAVE.

OCT. 4-1943....LEFT CAMP PEARY BY TROOP TRAINS.

OCT. 6-1943....ARRIVED AT CAMP HOLLYDAY, GULFPORT, MISSISSIPPI.

OCT. 31-1943....LEAVE CAMP HOLLYDAY BY TROOP TRAINS. BATTALION TAKES 2 SEPERATE ROUTES UPON REACHING SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA.

NOV. 4-1943....WHOLE BATTALION ARRIVES AT CAMP ROUSSEAU, PORT HUENEME, CALIFORNIA.

NOV. 23-1943....FIRST ECHELON LEAVES PORT HUENEME VIA SAN DIEGO, CALIF. AND BOARDS THE USS CABOT.

DEC. 25-1943....SECOND ECHELON LEAVES PORT HUENEME VIA SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. AND BOARDS THE USS GENERAL G. O. SQUIER.

NOV. 27-1943....FIRST ECHELON ARRIVES AT PEARL HARBOR AND TO CAMP AT AIEA HEIGHTS, OAHU, HAWAII.

JAN. 1-1944....SECOND ECHELON ARRIVES AT PEARL HARBOR AND TO CAMP AT AIEA HEIGHTS, OAHU, HAWAII.

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FEB. 13-1944....PART OF BATTALION RETURN FROM MARSHALL ISLANDS TO PEARL HARBOR AND IROQUOIS POINT.

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JULY 21-1944....BATTALION ARRIVES AT GUAM FOR THE SECOND TIME. GUAM STILL UNDER FIRE.

JULY 27-1944....BATTALION COMES ASHORE AT ASAN BEACH, GUAM.

AUG. -1944....MEN WHO HAD MADE ROUND TRIP TO U.S. EARLIER ARRIVE AT AGAT BEACH, GUAM.

AUG. -1944....MEN WHO HAD MADE ROUNG TRIP TO U.S. EARLIER COME ASHORE AT AGAT, GUAM.

AUG. 9-1944....GROUP OF MEN ARRIVE AND COME ASHORE AT ASAN BEACH, GUAM. WERE DETAINED BETWEEN ENIWETOK, MARSHALL ISLANDS AND GUAM, HELPING TO UNLOAD THE "SEA FLIER" WHICH WAS GROUNDED ON REEF.

AUG. 10-1944....WHOLE BATTALION MOVES TO NEWLY CONSTRUCTED CAMP AT OROTE PENINSULA, GUAM.

OCT. 15-1945....BATTALION DEACTIVATED.

THERE MAY WELL HAVE BEEN OTHER "MISSIONS" BETWEEN THE DATES SHOWN ABOVE. THE MARINES "BORROWED" MEN... BUT I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DOCUMENT ANY OTHER THAN APPEARS HERE.

THE SAME APPLIES TO THE MEN WHO TRANSFERRED TO OTHER BATTALIONS WHILE ON GUAM. EDITOR'S NOTE

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THE
13TH SPECIAL
N.C.B.



WORLD WAR II

The Officers and Crew of the
U.S.S. CABOT
extend
Thanksgiving Greetings
Captain M. E. SCHOEFFEL, U. S. NAVY
Commanding Officer

THANKSGIVING MENU

Turkey Noodle Soup

Salted Wafers

Hearts of Celery

Sweet Mixed Pickles

Ripe Olives

Green Olives

Lettuce Tomato Salad - Mayonnaise

Young Roast Tom Turkey

Cranberry Sauce

Sage Nut Dressing

Giblet Gravy

Candied Sweet Potatoes

Creamed Mash Potatoes

Buttered Asparagus

Buttered June Peas

Parker House Rolls

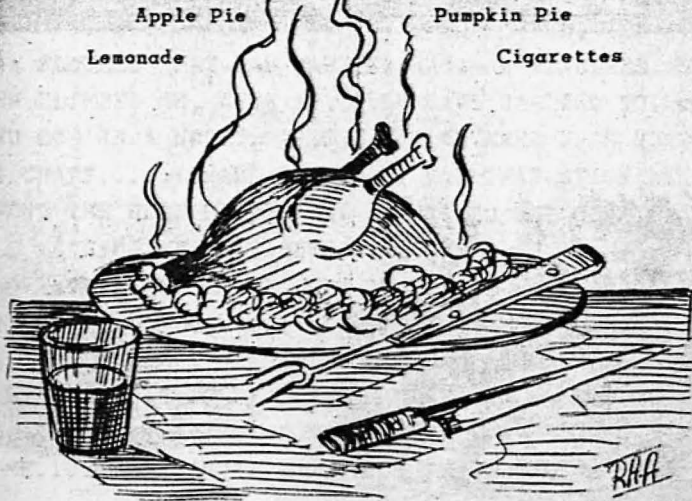
Fresh Country Butter

Apple Pie

Pumpkin Pie

Lemonade

Cigarettes

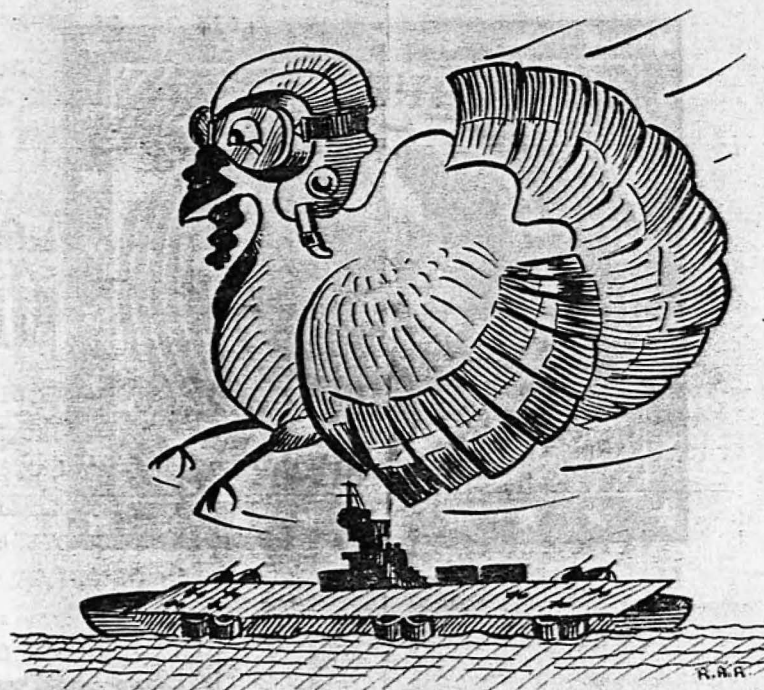


SOME OF THE MEN OF THE
13TH SPECIAL CELEBRATED
THANKSGIVING DAY ON THE
CABOT.

FOR THOSE WHO WERE NOT
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THE TRIMMINGS.

"NOT TOO MANY WERE IN-
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NICE OF THEM TO ASK."

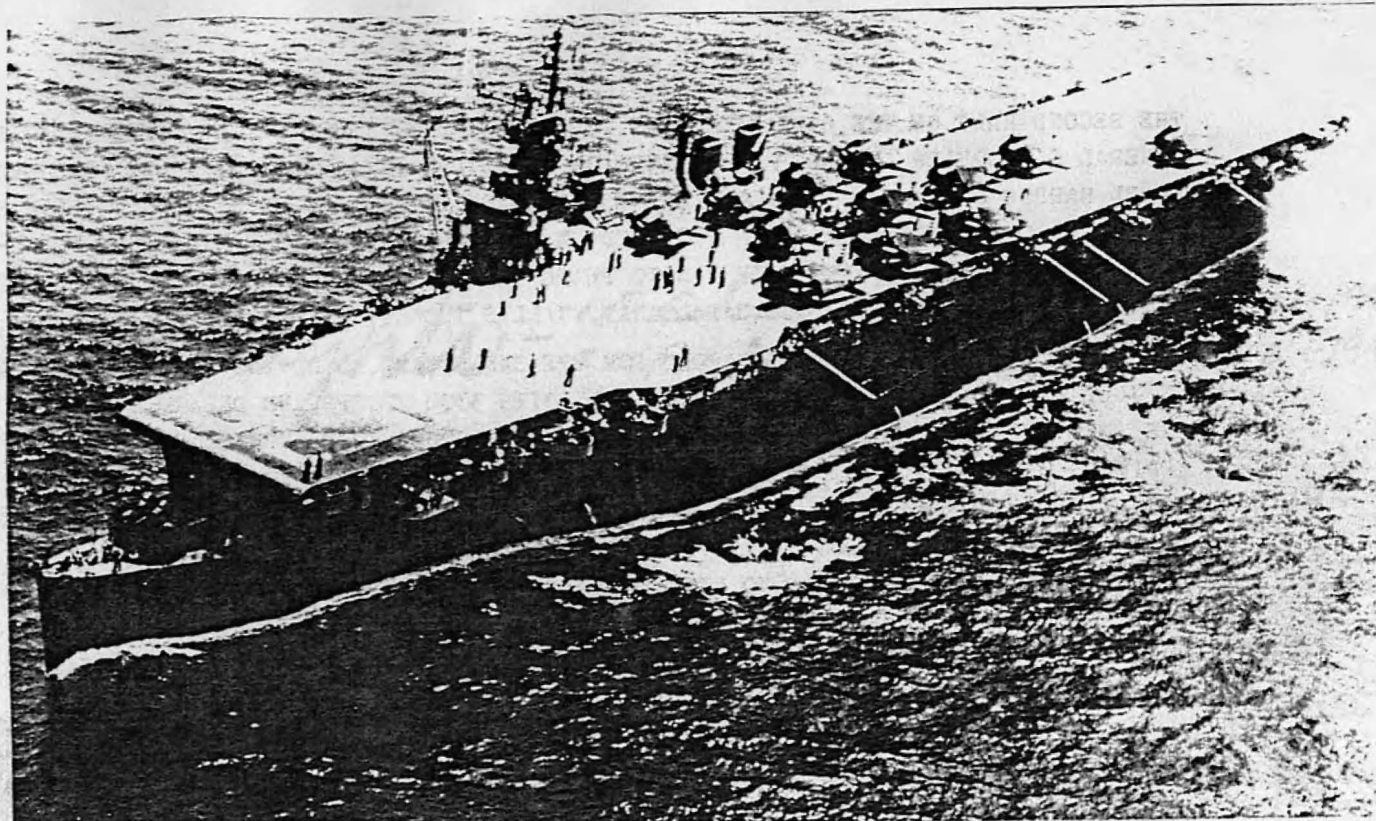
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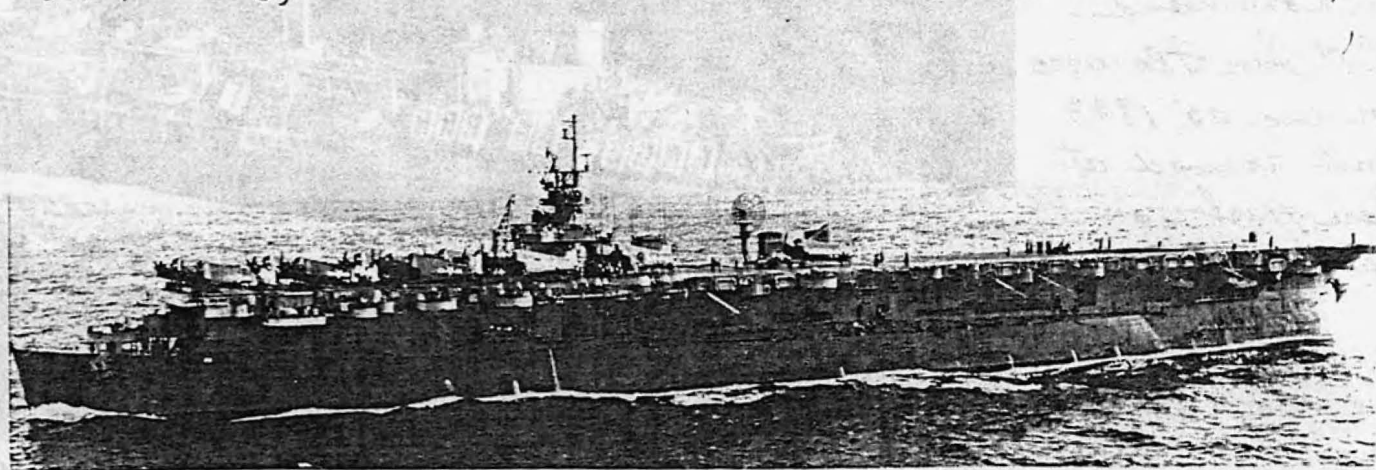
THANKSGIVING
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1943
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USS Cabot CVL 28

WHILE THE 13TH SPECIAL WAS BEING FORMED AT CAMP PEARY, THE USS CABOT WAS ALSO BEING READIED FOR SERVICE. SHE WAS COMMISSIONED ON JULY 24, 1943. ON NOV. 23, 1943 SHE AND APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF OF THE 13TH SPECIAL LEFT THE U.S. FROM SAN DIEGO AND SAILED TO PEARL HARBOR. AFTER THE CABOT TRANSPORTED OUR MEN, THE LADY WAS NEVER FAR AWAY, HAVING A BRILLIANT CAREER IN THE PACIFIC. IN JAN. 1944 SHE JOINED TASK FORCE 58 TO BEGIN A CONSISTENTLY HIGH QUALITY OF SERVICE THAT WAS TO WIN HER THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION. SHE PLAYED A MOST PROMINENT ROLE IN THE INVASIONS OF THE MARSHALLS AND MARIANAS, HER PLANES LAUNCHED IN AIR STRIKES THAT CRIPPLED THE JAPS. SHE WAS AT GUAM WHEN THE 13TH SPECIAL WAS THERE, LEAVING THE MARIANAS ON AUG. 9, 1944. A VERY LONG LIST OF CRUCIAL ATTACKS IN VARIOUS ISLANDS. TWO KAMAKAZE CRASHES ONTO HER DECK DID NOT STOP HER POWERFUL DEFENSE. AFTER THE WAR THE CABOT WENT BACK TO GUAM TO TRANSPORT MEN AWAITING A "RIDE HOME" AND ARRIVED BACK AT SAN DIEGO ON NOV. 9, 1945, WITH NINE (9) BATTLE STARS. SO THIS LADY WAS "NEVER TOO FAR AWAY" FROM THE 13TH SPECIAL.



U.S.S. Cabot CVL-28 Commissioned on July 24, 1943. Captain Malcolm F. Schoeffel in Command. Left San Diego on Nov. 23, 1943. Destination Pearl Harbor... Arrival Date 11/27/43

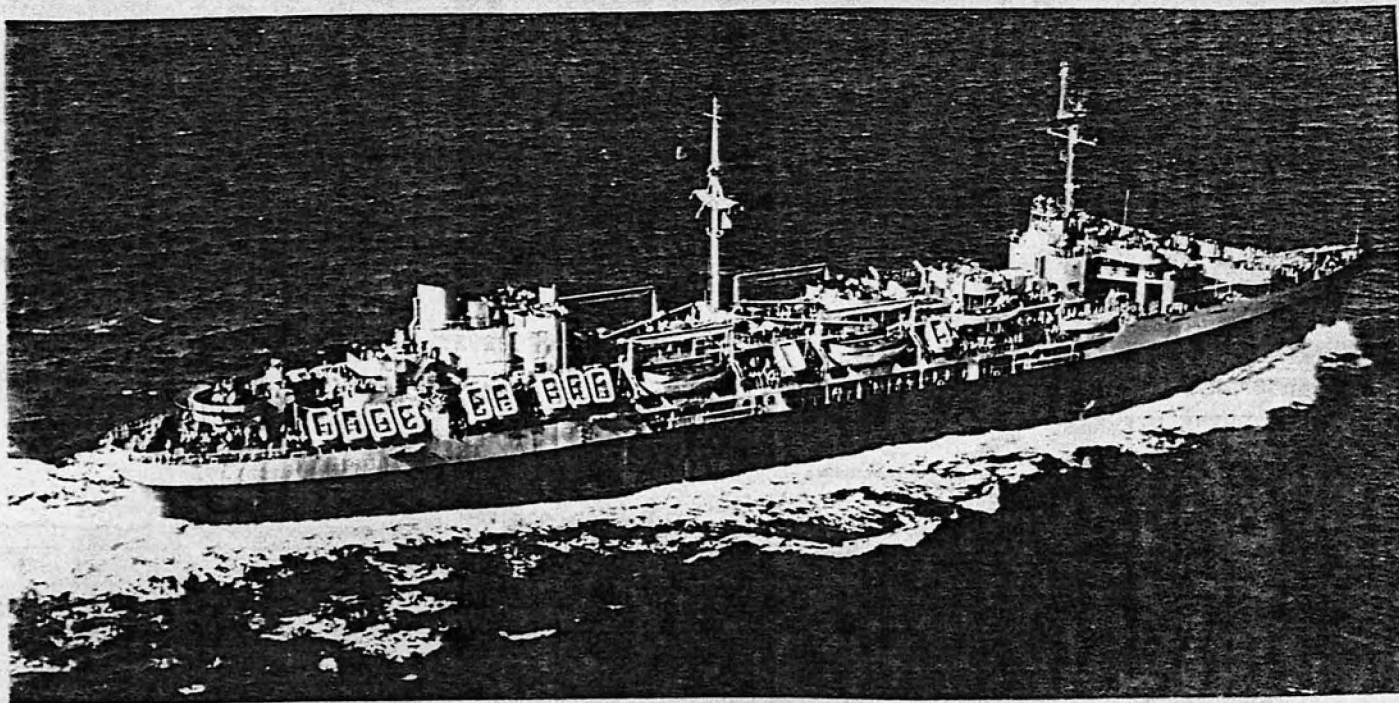


USS GENERAL SQUIER AP 130

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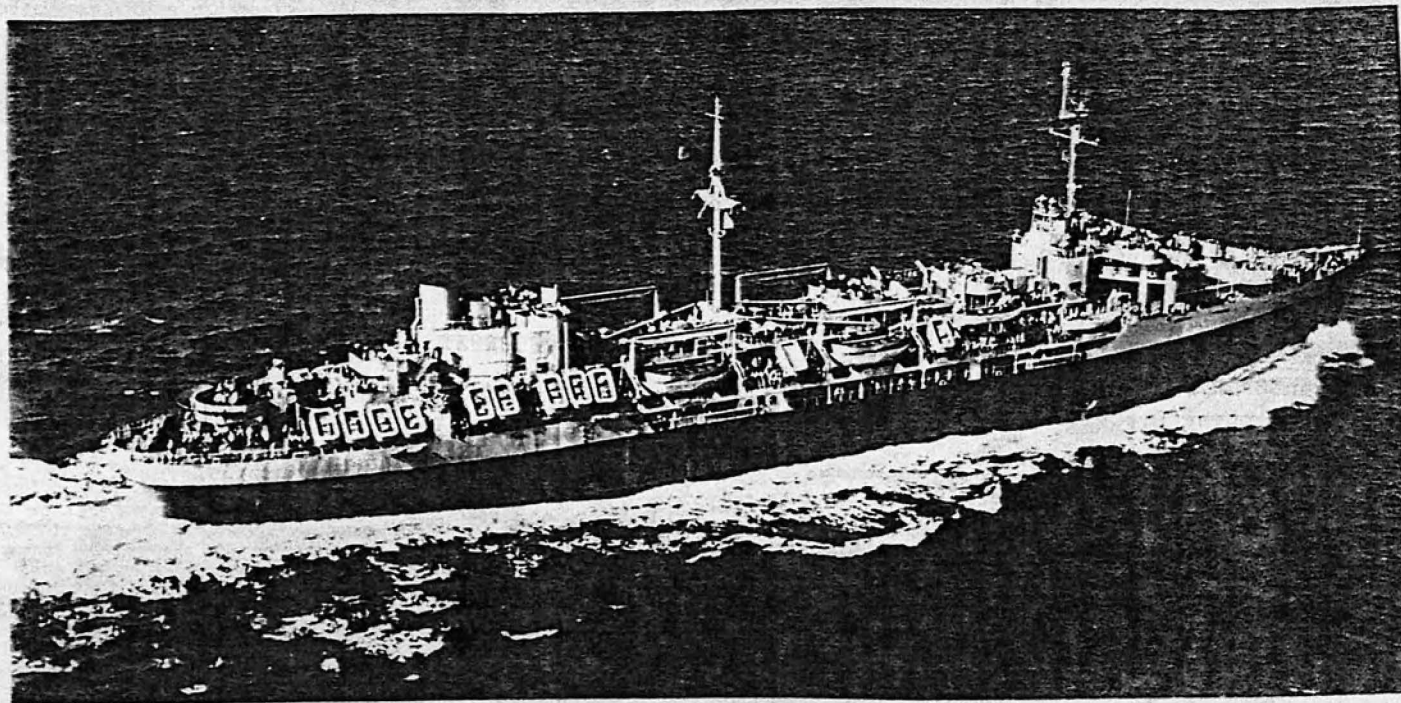
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Aiea Heights - 1st. Echelon - Nov. 27, 1943 - FEB. 1-1944
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on

Oahu, Hawaii



1940 Panoramic View of Pearl Harbor showing the
Sugar Cane fields of Aiea. The building is Aiea's
Sugar Refinery.

Photo zero of from "The Saga of the Sandwich Islands" by
Edward B. Scott, is courtesy of the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

FEELINGS.....HAWAII

AFTER GOING THROUGH BOOT CAMP AND ADVANCED TRAINING, WE HAD THE FEELING OF BEING A STRONG UNIT. READY TO DO A JOB, WE DID NOT LIKE HANGING AROUND. EVERYONE WANTED TO BE MOVING FORWARD SO WE WERE HAPPY TO BE HEADED FOR HAWAII. APPROXIMATELY HALF OF THE BATTALION LEFT PORT HUENEME BY TROOP TRAIN FOR SAN DIEGO. THE SHADES WERE DRAWN ALL THE WAY, SO WE DIDN'T SEE ANYTHING. WE BOARDED THE USS CABOT, A CONVERTED AIRCRAFT CARRIER, AND SHIPPED OUT. WE WERE ON OUR WAY.....THE DATE WAS NOV. 22 OR 23, 1943.

THE OCEAN WAS ROUGH AND MANY OF THE MEN HAD NEVER BEEN ON A REAL SHIP BEFORE. SO THE UNEXPECTED SEASICKNESS WAS NOT A PLEASANT EXPERIENCE. OF THE 5000 MEN ABOARD, 3000 WERE SEASICK.

WHEN THANKSGIVING DINNER WAS SERVED NOT TOO MANY WERE AT ALL INTERESTED IN "TURKEY". BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY COMPLAINTS, EXCEPT "I WISH I WERE DEAD".

AS MUCH AS WE WANTED TO MOVE ALONG, THERE WAS A PROBLEM. IT SEEMS THAT THE FURTHER WE WENT FROM HOME THE STRONGER THE "TIES OF HOME" BECAME. IT WAS LIKE A RUBBER BAND; THE MORE DISTANCE, THE TIGHTER IT PULLED. (AFTER 12,000 MILES AND 2 YEARS TIME SOME OF THE RUBBER BANDS STARTED TO WEAR THIN, CAUSING SOME TO SAY "I WANT TO GO HOME". THE MORE ADVANCED IN AGE, THE SOONER IT WOULD HAPPEN. SOME OF THE MEN WERE WELL INTO THEIR 60's, AND GOOD AND TOUGH..STILL WORKING 12 HRS. A DAY..7 DAYS A WEEK. SO ALL OF THIS WAS MUCH LATER.)

NOW WE WERE DOUBLY HAPPY TO LAND ON HAWAII..... IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL ISLAND WITH LOVELY PEOPLE. NEVER STOPPED BEING AMAZED BY THE PRETTY GIRLS THAT RESULTED FROM THE MELTING POT OF NATIONALITIES.

WE DID GET TO SEE THE COUNTRYSIDE, BEFORE THE TOURISTS, AND THE ENSUING CONCRETE JUNGLE. IT WAS LIKE GETTING THERE RIGHT AFTER "FLETCHER CHRISTIAN" AND "CAPTAIN BLIGH".

THE FLORA AND FAUNA OF WAIKIKI WAS LIKE A TROPICAL PARADISE. THE BEACH HOWEVER WAS A DISAPPOINTMENT FOR ME, HAVING BEEN USED TO THE VAST WHITE SAND OF THE SHORES OF NEW JERSEY. WAIKIKI'S BEACH HAD JUST A LITTLE BIT OF SAND AND A LOT OF LAVA ROCK.

I HAD MY PICTURE TAKEN AT A COIN OPERATED MACHINE. ONE OF MY BUDDIES, HENRY GUTIN, FOUND A "LITTLE GRASS SHACK" FOR HIS.

WHEN WE SAW THE BATTLESHIP ARIZONA STICKING UP OUT OF THE WATER, WE KNEW WHY WE WERE THERE.

IT WAS THE START OF OUR WAR EFFORT.....

FROM THEN ON, WE WOULD RATHER BE WORKING THAN PLAYING.

HAWAII WAS ALWAYS A PLEASURE BUT WHEN IT CAME TIME TO MOVE FORWARD, WE WERE HAPPY AND ANXIOUS TO GO. STANDING ON THE BOW OF A SHIP LOOKING FOR NEW ISLANDS WAS A REAL THRILL.

ONE OUTSTANDING SPECTACLE WAS THE SUNSETS AT SEA.....OUT THERE IT IS A 360 DEGREE EVENT. AS THE COLOR KEEPS CHANGING ALL AROUND YOU, THE ONLY WAY TO SEE IT ALL, IS TO KEEP TURNING AROUND IN A CIRCLE. YOU THINK THAT IT CAN'T GET ANY BETTER OR PRETTIER..... BUT IT DOES....DAY AFTER DAY.

HAWAII IS A PLACE THAT WE ALL WOULD LIKE TO COME BACK TO....

.....
CHARLES L. MURRAY
CO. A

AIEA.....OAHU, HAWAII

THE GOOD SHIP CABOT DROPPED US AT PEARL HARBOR. *Nov. 27 '43*

THEN WE WERE TRUCKED TO AIEA NAVAL BARRACKS WHERE WE WERE QUARTERED IN TENTS WITH WOODEN FLOORS. APPROXIMATELY 6 OR 8 MEN TO A UNIT. THERE WAS ROOM FOR ONLY ABOUT 500 MEN, SO THERE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ENOUGH ROOM FOR THE WHOLE BATTALION.

THIS AREA WAS AT THE FOOT OF A MOUNTAIN THAT HELD THE CLOUDS BACK, UNTIL THEY DROPPED THEIR MOISTURE AND LIGHTENED ENOUGH TO RISE OVER THE TOP. ONCE THIS CAUSED IT TO RAIN FOR 14 DAYS WITHOUT STOPPING. EVERYTHING WE OWNED WAS SOAKING WET AND MUDDY.

THERE WAS A SMALL TOWN NEARBY CALLED AIEA....ABOUT 2 MILES LARGE. IT HAD A SMALL CHURCH AND ABOUT 20 HOUSES SPREAD ABOUT. THEY WERE ALL NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

THERE WAS A SMALL STORE WHERE WE BOUGHT CANS OF PINEAPPLE JUICE, AND DRANK IT UNTIL IT RAN OUT OF OUR EARS. THE PINEAPPLE FIELDS CAME RIGHT UP TO THE BARRACKS.

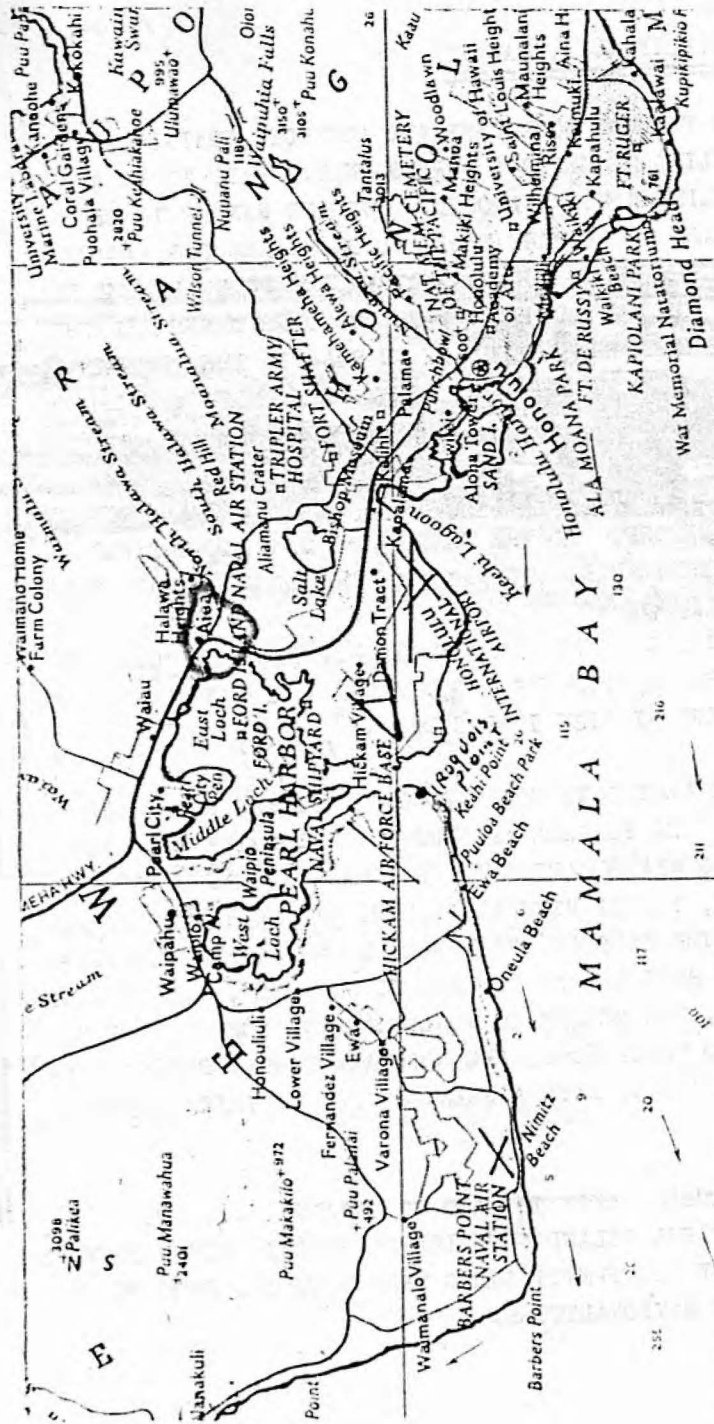
AIEA WAS ABOUT 5 MILES FROM PEARL HARBOR, WHERE WE LOADED AND UNLOADED SHIPS. SOME OF THE MEN WERE BUSY CONSTRUCTING QUONSET HUTS UP ON RED HILL.

WE TRAVELED BACK AND FORTH BY TRUCK. OUR MOTOR POOL MEN ALSO WORKED AS STEVEDORES. I GUESS EVERYONE DID.

WE WERE ON THE SCHEDULE THAT WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL LATE 1945.....SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.....TWELVE HOURS A DAY. (IN JULY OR AUGUST, 1945, IT WENT TO SIX DAYS AND TWELVE HOURS A DAY FOR SOME OF THE MEN.)

WE HAD TO BUILD A LARGE CAMP FOR THE REST OF OUTFIT AT IROQUOIS POINT. WHEN THE REST OF THE BATTALION ARRIVED, THEY KEPT THE SAME SCHEDULE OF HOURS. NO ONE EVER COMPLAINED OF LACK OF WORK.

.....CHARLES L. MURRAY CO A



Aiea - Oahu, Hawaii: While most of the men were unloading ships, some were putting up quonset huts. The remainder of the Battalion arrived at Pearl Harbor on January 1, 1944.

Map: Planning Board - Territory of Hawaii - 1939

I CAN REMEMBER RIDING A BUS THROUGH HICKAM FIELD, THEN TAKING A NAVY LONG BOAT ACROSS SOME WATER THEN GETTING ANOTHER BUS TO GO TO HONOLULU.

MAPS WERE TABOO DURING WAR TIME SO WE NEVER KNEW WHERE WE WERE. ALSO FORBIDDEN WERE RADIOS AND CAMERAS. ENEMY SUBS TUNED IN ON RADIOS ON A SHIP, AND SLIPPED YOU A "FISH".

IROQUOIS POINT WAS MOSTLY FOR LOADING LST'S AND INVASION SHIPS. WE LOADED BOATS FOR THE MARSHALL ISLAND BEACHHEAD. SOME OF OUR MEN WENT WITH THEM TO UNLOAD.

A LOT OF MEN VOLUNTEERED....SO MANY WANTED TO GO, THERE JUST WASN'T ENOUGH ROOM MANY OF US WERE DISAPPOINTED.... WANTING TO SEE SOME "ACTION".

I MENTIONED THAT THE REASON MY WHOLE OUTFIT DID NOT SHIP OVER TO PEARL HARBOR TOGETHER WAS BECAUSE THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH LIVING QUARTERS. WHEN WE WENT TO IROQUOIS PT., THE BULLDOZERS LEVELED THE TREES AND FIELDS AS FAR AS THE EYE COULD SEE, AND CLEARED IT TO THE GROUND. WHEN IT RAINED THE MUD WAS 6 FEET DEEP. WOODEN SIDEWALKS BETWEEN THE HUTS WERE MADE, SO WE DIDN'T LOSE TOO MANY MEN.

ONE FELLOW WAS UP TO HIS WAIST IN MUD SO I TRIED TO PULL HIM OUT. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT HE WAS RIDING A HORSE.

IN OUR SPARE TIME WE WOULD GET SOME SHOVELS AND TAKE A LONG RIDE ON OUR TRUCKS, ACROSS THE ISLAND TO A NICE SANDY BEACH. WE WOULD TAKE A QUICK SWIM, PICK UP SOME SEA SHELLS AND FILL THE TRUCK WITH SAND, WHICH WE BROUGHT BACK WITH US AND SPREAD IT OVER THE MUD. IN TIME WE COVERED OUR WHOLE AREA AND THEN IT BECAME LIVABLE.

DON'T KNOW WHERE THE BEACH WAS, BUT IT TOOK HALF AN HOUR TO REACH IT. THE ROAD WAS FAIRLY DECENT.

WE HAD THE BEST EXPERT CRAFTSMEN IN ALL FIELDS. WE HAD A VERY BEAUTIFUL MESS HALL...WHICH I REMEMBER WELL. I MANAGED TO GET THE SAME SEAT EVERY DAY.....I RAN ALL THE WAY.

MY OUTFIT WAS MADE UP OF MEN FROM EVERY STATE IN THE UNION....SO WE HAD A GOOD MIX. IT WAS ALSO A GOOD EXPERIENCE TO GET TO KNOW PEOPLE WITH DIFFERENT BACK- GROUND THAN OUR OWN. ALL OF THE MEN HUNG IN THERE TO- GETHER, AND HELPED ONE ANOTHER.

BUT I MUST SAY THAT THE "SOUTHERN BOYS" WERE VERY FUNNY. THEY HAD A KNACK FOR TELLING JOKES THAT KEPT US LAUGHING FOR THE DURATION OF THE WAR.

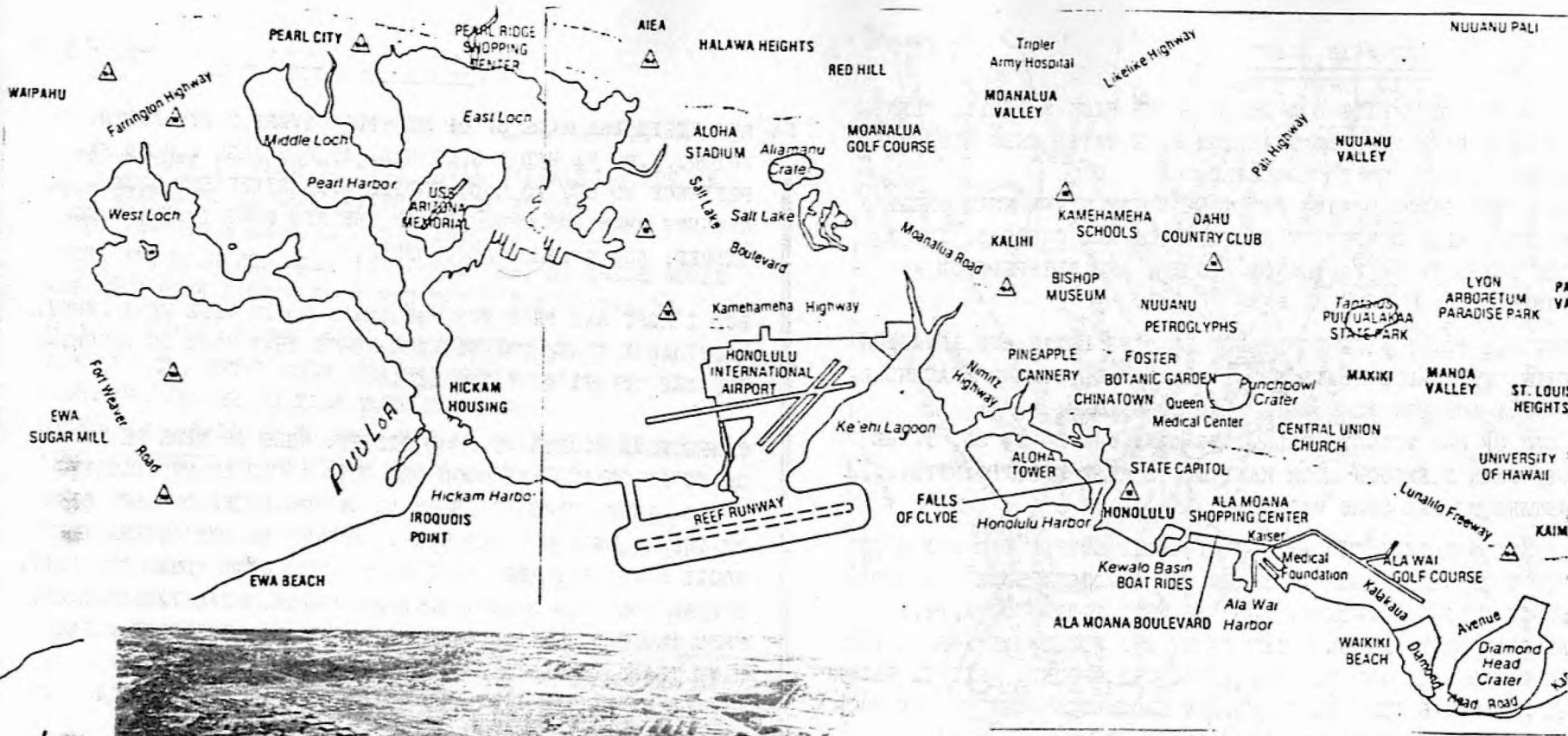
THERE WERE NIGHTS AT IROQUOIS PT. WHEN WE WERE READY TO GO TO SLEEP AND THE GOOD OLE BOYS WOULD START CRACKING JOKES. THERE WERE AT LEAST 10 DOUBLE BUNKS ON EACH SIDE OF THE QUONSET HUT (40 MEN). SOMEONE ON THE OTHER SIDE WOULD START IT, THEN SOMEONE ON THIS SIDE WOULD TOP THAT. BEFORE LONG THE JOKES WOULD BE BOUNCING OFF THE CEILING. THIS WOULD GO ON FOR AN HOUR OR TWO AND EVERYONE WOULD HAVE TEARS IN THEIR EYES FROM LAUGHING. LITTLE BY LITTLE IT WOULD QUIET DOWN AS WE ALL FELL INTO PEACEFUL SLEEP.

IT SURE HELPED TO KEEP OUR SPIRITS UP.....

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CHARLES L. MURRAY CO. A

The whole Battalion moved from Aiea to Iroquois Point on Feb. 1-1944.



1 IROQUOIS POINT

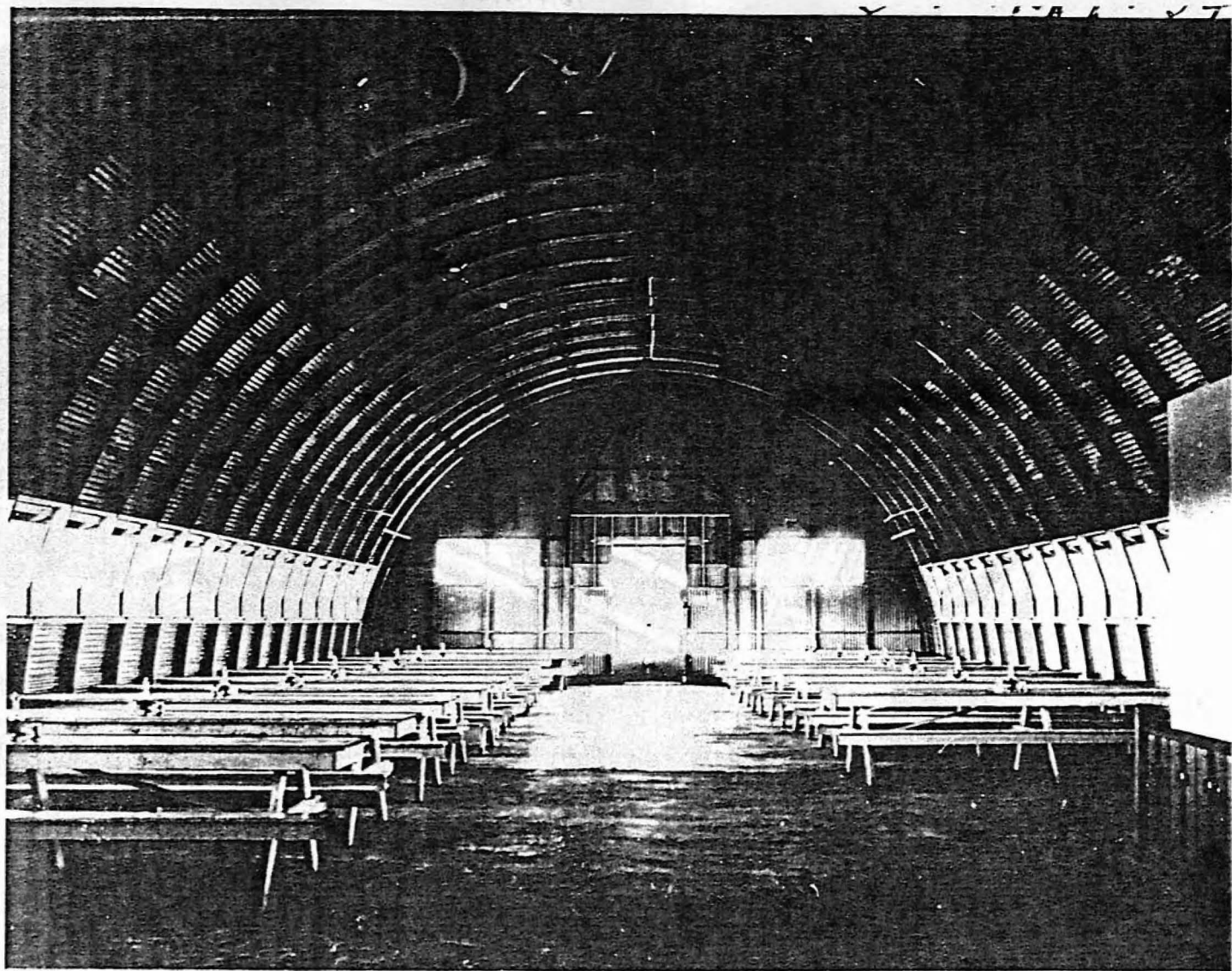


- # 1.. IS PROBABLY IROQUOIS PT. BUT THE WHOLE AREA WENT UNDER THAT NAME.
- # 2.. THAT BIG FIELD LOOKS LIKE OUR CAMP AREA. ALL THE GREENERY WAS BULLDOZED OFF MAKING IT A SEA OF MUD.
- # 3.. THE BEACHES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND WHERE WE WENT FOR TRUCKLOADS OF SAND.
- # 4.. WHEN WE WENT ON "LIBERTY" TO HONOLULU A TRUCK TOOK US HERE, WHERE WE GOT ON A SMALL BOAT AND CROSSED TO
- # 5.. WHERE WE GOT A BUS ACROSS HICKAM FIELD TO TOWN ABOUT 5 MILES AWAY.

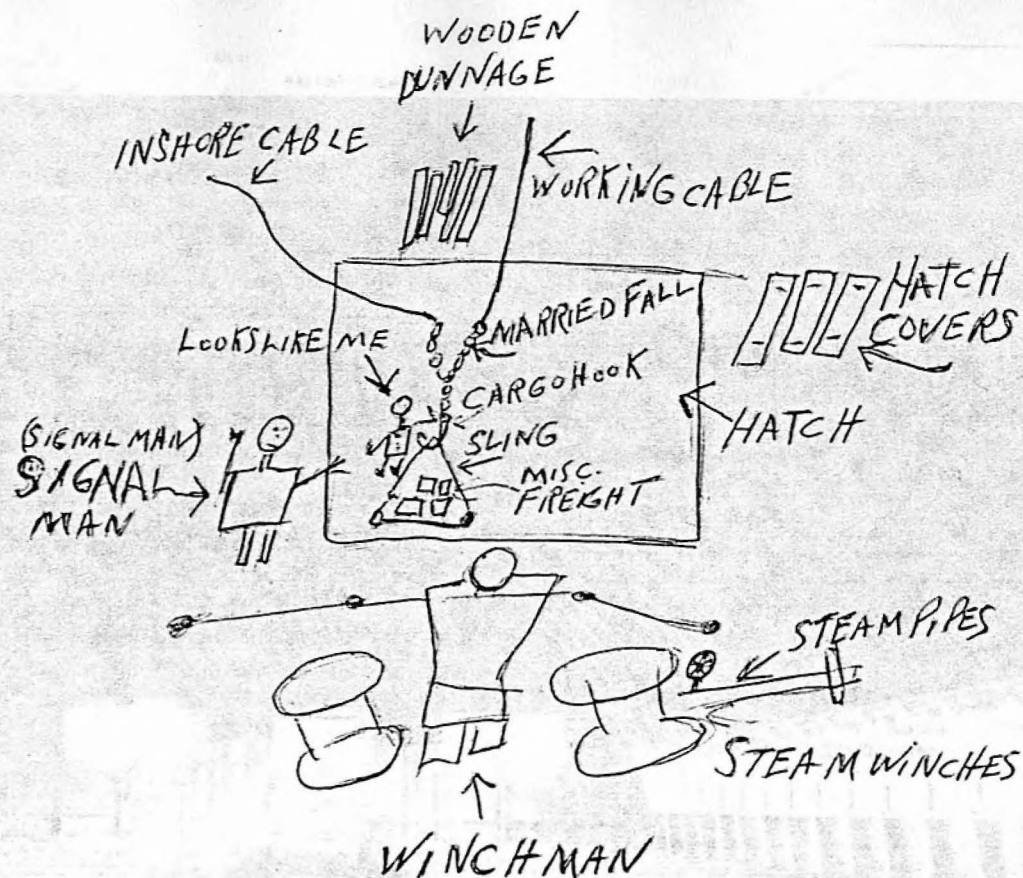
OUR HUTS WERE IN A STRAIGHT LINE, NOT RANDOM AS THOSE IN THE PHOTO. NO TREES, SHRUBS OR BUILDINGS AT THAT TIME.

A LOT OF GUESSTWOK GOES INTO THIS PHOTO SO DON'T "QUOTE" ME.
 CHARLES L. MURRAY CO. A

82 Iroquois Aerial Photo: Commander in Chief U.S. Pacific Fleet Naval Base, Pearl Harbor



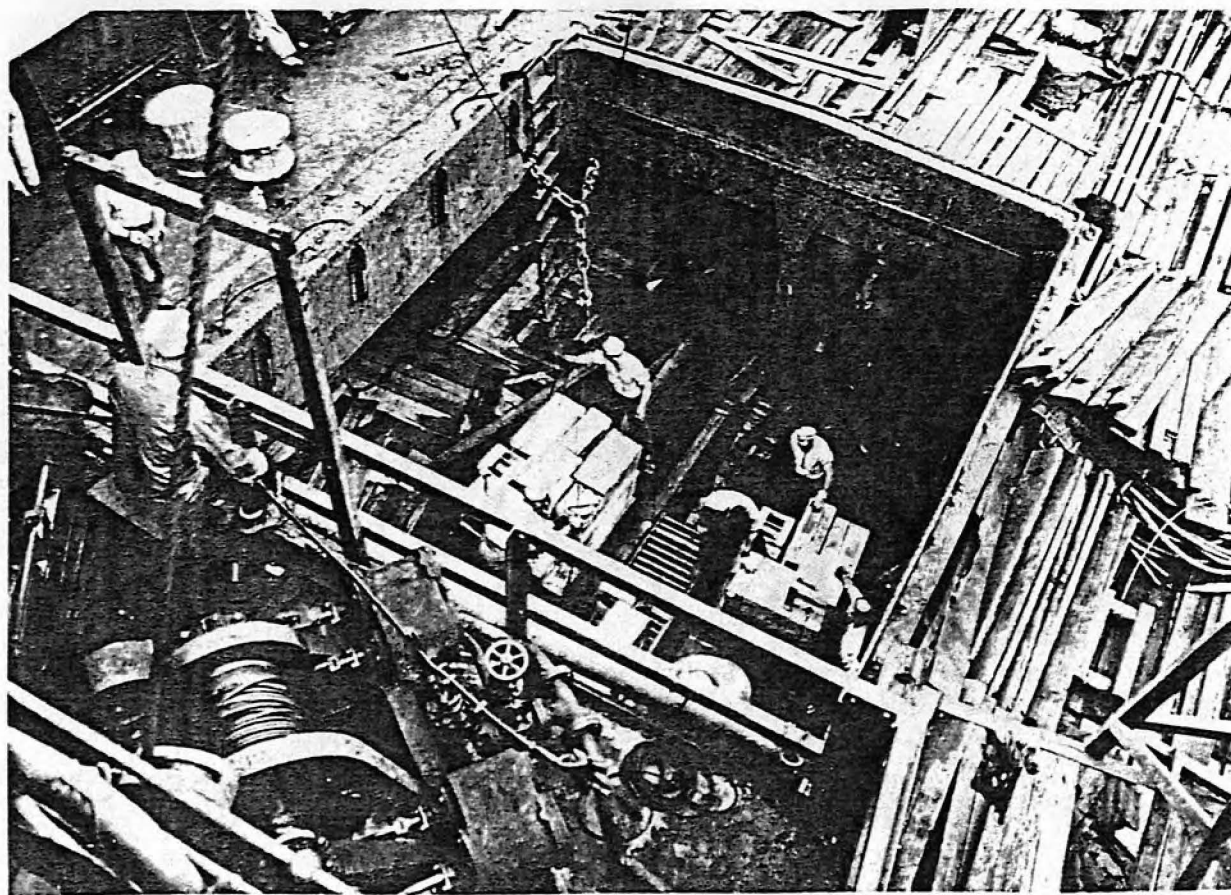
Mess Hall at Iroquois Point: built by the 13th Special N.C.B..
March 1944. Kitchen is this side of Camera Eye.



[see page 85]

It looks just like me
 steadying the load in the square
 of the hatch. That's where I spent
 many happy hours juggling
 wooden cases of nuts + bolts.
 They weigh between 50 & 120 lbs.
 This must be the #1 hatch
 because the distance between
 the hatch and the railing is so
 small. The bow of the ship.

Sketch by Charles L. Murray CoA



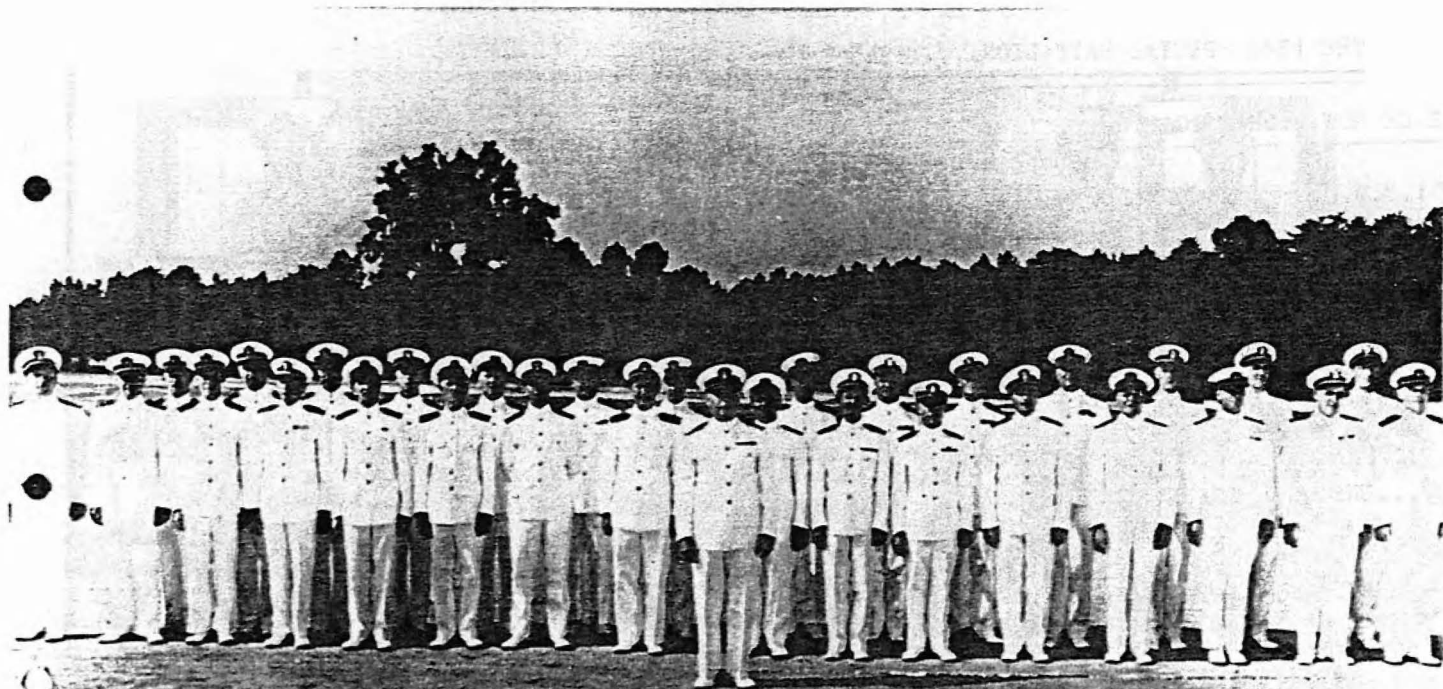
13TH SPECIAL NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

*Stevedoring Operations at Pearl Harbor while
the Battalion was stationed at Iroquois Point.
March 1944*

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Photo: NAVFAC - Fort Huachuca, Ca.

Photographs

From Camp Peary thru Iroquois Point



12TH SPECIAL BATTALION

FIRST ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

1st. EDWARDS, R.S.
2nd. ALLEN, R.S.
3rd. WOODWARD, L.C.
4th. PERKINS, R.S.
5th. TERRY, R.S.
6th. WICKEN, R.S.
7th. WOODWARD, R.S.

8th. LINTON, V.S.
9th. WOODS, R.S.
10th. DAVID, C.I.
11th. WOODWARD, R.S.
12th. TERRY, L.S.
13th. JONES, C.V.S.
14th. WRIGHT, J.E.

SECOND ROW LEFT TO RIGHT

15th. HENRY, V.S.
16th. CARSON, R.S.
17th. HILL, J.S.
18th. WILLET, R.V.
19th. BAKER, R.S.
20th. LAMON, J.E.
21st. SHEPHERD, R.V.
22nd. BUCH, W.S.
23rd. FITZGERALD, R.S.

24th. JULL, L.
25th. TAYLOR, L.C.
26th. WOOD, W.N.
27th. WOODRICK, R.
28th. HAMILTON, R.S.
29th. MCKEE, R.V.
30th. O'NEIL, J.E.
31st. O'BRIEN, D.J.

Photo taken the day that the Battalion was commissioned.
 Battalion Commander: William H. Fitzgerald August - 1943
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 Camp Peary, Virginia

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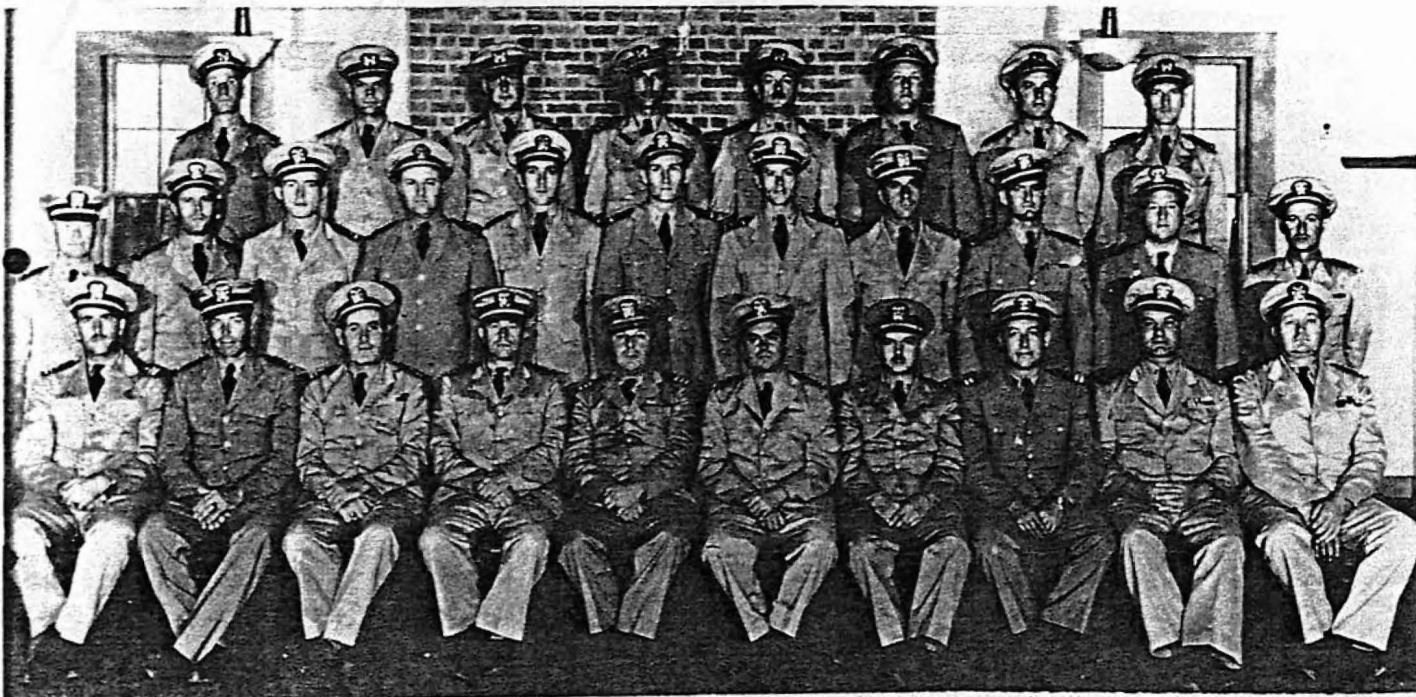
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2...ENS. ADAMS, D.S.
3...LT.(JG) HENDERSON, C.C.
4...ENS. PETERS, E.J.
5...W.O. VANCE, R.A.
6...W.O. Mc CARTY, F.L.
7...ENS. ROSENVINCE, W.H.
8...W.O. LETZRING, W.E.
9...LT.(JG) WATKINS, E.W.
10...LT.(JG) DAVIS, C.L.
11...LT.(JG) BERGSTROM, M.E.
12...ENS. PRICE, A.M. JR.
13...ENS. JENKS, C.W. JR.
14...ENS. STEWART, J.W.

FRONT ROW...LEFT TO RIGHT

1...ENS. MARKEY, F.K.
2...LIEUT. CARSON, A.B.
3...LT.(JG) HILL, J.B.
4...LT.(JG) WILLETT, R.F.
5...W.O. MAYER, M.L.
6...W.O. LAUREN, J.E.
7...ENS. SVERTESKY, R.J.
8...LT.(JG) ROTH, M.E.
9...W.O. JOIA, A
10...LT.(JG) TAYLOR, E.C.
11...LT.(JG) WOOD, W.H.
12...LT.(JG) SCHMEICHEL, R.
13...W.O. HAGLIND, N.T.
14...W.O. Mc NAMEE, E.M.
15...LT.(JG) O'NEIL, J.H.
16...W.O. O'BRIEN, D.J.

STANDING IN FRONTCOMMANDER FITZ GERALD, W.H.

*Battalion Commander William H. Fitz Gerald is from Saugus, Mass.
#1 - 1944 issue of Cargo Cable: 20 yr. old Son, Robert, is in the Army Air Force.
18 yr. old Son, Richard, is in the Navy.*



13 TH. SPECIAL BATTALION

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: LT.(JG) J.J. CASHMAN, LT.(JG) C.C. HENDERSON, LT.(JG) J.O. NEIL, LT. A.B. CARSON, COMDR. W.H. FITZ GERALD.
 LT.(JG) H.D. BROADHEAD, LT. COMDR. H.A. BARTHOLOMEW, LT. M.E. ROTH, LT.(JG) E.W. WATKINS, LT.(JG) M.E. BENGSTROM.

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MIDDLE ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT: LT.(JG) W.H. WOOD, ENS. R.J. SVERTESKY, ENS. E.J. PETERS JR, ENS. D.S. ADAMS, ENS. C.W. JENKS JR, ENS. J.W. STEWART.
 ENS. A.M. PRICE JR, LT.(JG) P.F. ROOS, LT.(JG) C.L. DAVIS JR, ENS. F.X. MARKEY, LT.(JG) E.C. TAYLOR.

Top Row: ①

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Photo: NAVFAC Port Huamene, Calif

Chaplains of The 13TH Special N.C.B.
 "They didn't just preach on Sundays"



Hometown: Illinois
 In 1943 was 36 yrs. old.

Lieut. Roy B. Schmeichel
 Aug. 1943 - June 1944



Hometown: Missouri
 In 1944 was 38 yrs. old.

Lieut. Michael A. Toomey
 June 1944 - Oct. 1945

ASIDE FROM VISITING THE SICK, WRITING FOR THE "CARGO CABLE", AND SERVICING MEN OF ALL FAITHS, THE CHAPLAIN WAS ONE BUSY OFFICER...ON CALL AROUND THE CLOCK...DAY AND NIGHT...7 DAYS A WEEK.

WHEN MY GRANDMOTHER PASSED AWAY, WHILE I WAS OVERSEAS, IT WAS HE WHO CAME TO ME WITH THIS SAD NEWS AND STAYED TO CONSOLE ME.

HE WAS THE LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN THE MEN AND THE COMPANY CO'S AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. IF A MAN REQUESTED AN EMERGENCY LEAVE, IT WAS THE CHAPLAIN HE ASKED....THE CHAPLAIN WOULD DECIDE IF THE REQUEST SHOULD BE GRANTED AND TAKE IT FROM THERE AND GET THE JOB DONE.

WHEN THE MEN GOT HOMESICK, HE WOULD LISTEN AND TALK...HE KNEW HOW TO COMFORT AND BRING A SMILE. HE WORE A SMALL GOLD CROSS ON HIS LAPEL, BUT IT MATTERED NONE WHAT YOUR RELIGION WAS. HE COULD MAKE ANYONE LAUGH AND WALKED AMONG US ALWAYS CHEERFUL AND YOU FELT GOOD AS HE PASSED YOUR WAY. EVERYBODY WENT TO THE CHAPLAIN FOR EVERYTHING!!!!!!

RICHARD T. LUDWIG HDQTRS. COMPANY

Camp Peary 1943
"In Our Navy Blues"



Co. A.
Harold E. Veckert
Texas



Co. B.
Pat J. Johnson
Texas



Co. C.
Jack G. Dewsen
Pennsylvania



Co. D.
Donald H. Phelps
Connecticut

Camp Peary

.... 1943....

- 1... New Jersey
- 2... Oklahoma
- 3... California
- 4... Indiana
- 5... Oklahoma
- 6... Washington
- 7... Massachusetts



Joseph A. Frascella
Co. C. ①



Gene Jones Smith ②
Co. C.



Everardus B. Wilson ③
Co. B.



John W. Stokes ⑦
Co. D.



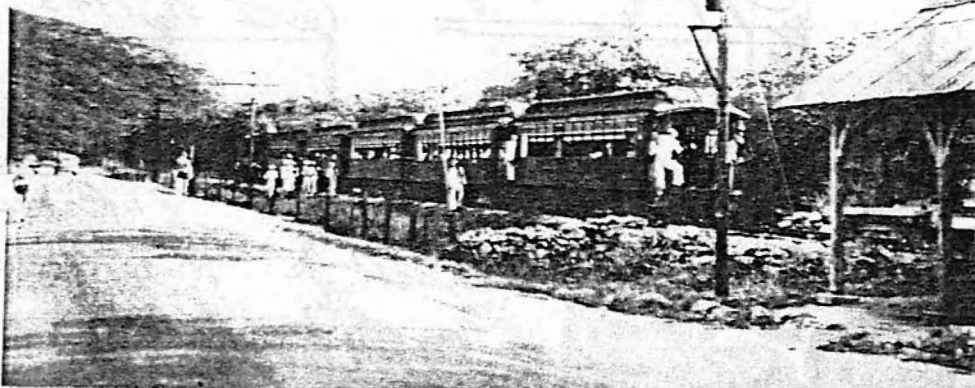
Jack Tousey ④
Co. A.



Daniel Lee Palmer ⑤
Co. C.



Ralph R. Mitchell ⑥
Co. B.



"Liberty" Train that went from
Camp Peary, Williamsburg, Virginia to
Richmond, Virginia. 1943



Harold J. Moore Co.C.
Near Broad St. Station
Richmond, Va. 7/16/43



George Slotfelter Co.
Gulfport, Mississippi
Oct., 1943

Camp Hollyday
Gulfport, Mississippi

10-4-1943 to

10-31-1943

Opposite Page : Headquarters Co.
Oct. 31, 1943

Standing - Lt. to Rt.

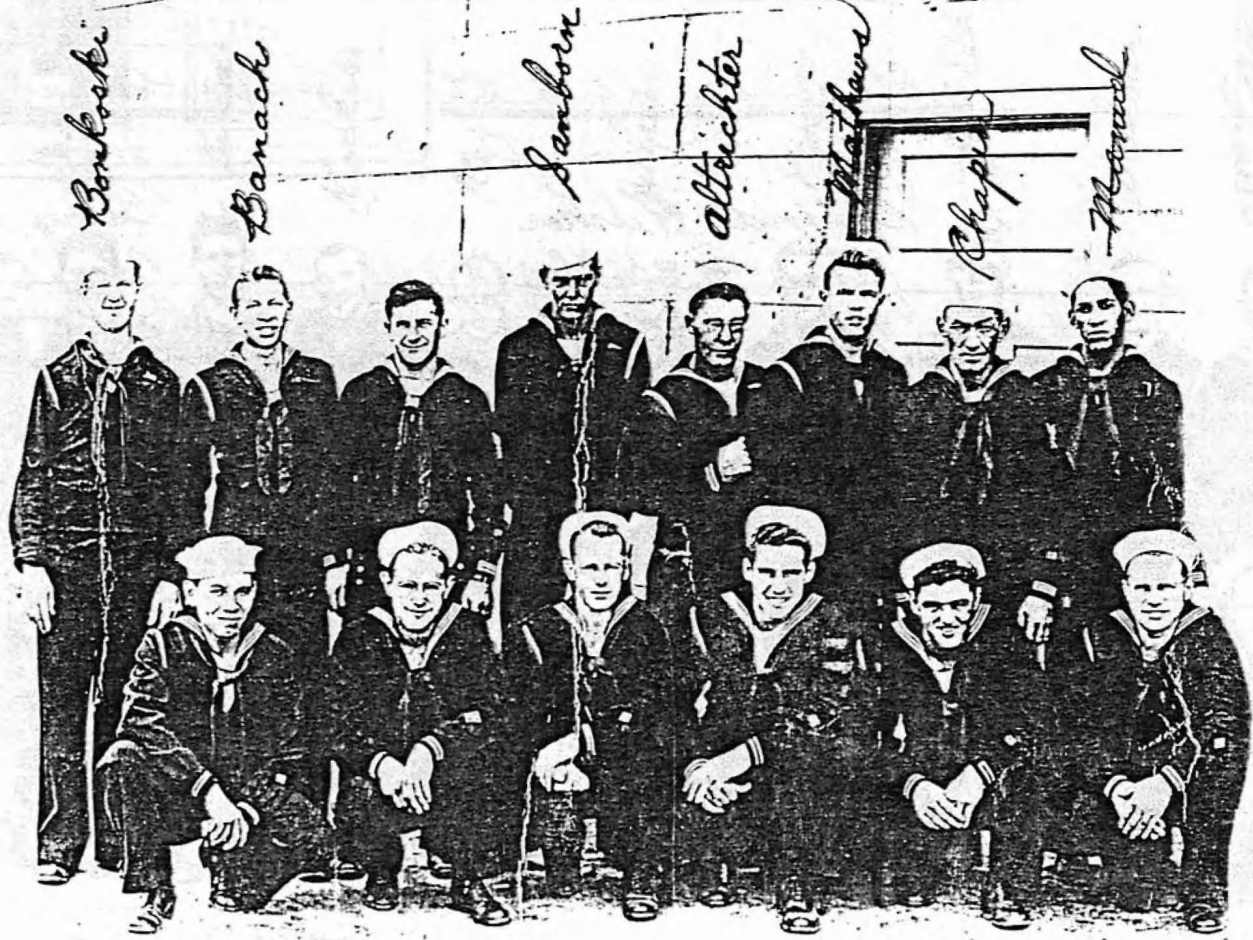
1. Raymond J. Bonkoski
2. Anthony Banach Jr
- 3.
4. Robert P. Sanborn Jr
5. John Altrichter Jr
6. Leslie M. Mathews
7. Guy S. Chapin
8. Antoine Manuel

Kneeling Lt. to Rt.

1. Ernest J. Martiney
2. Richard D. Kuerston
3. Louis G. Maurer
4. William J. Alfonso
5. Stanley W. Adamski
6. Earl W. Brady

Long Photo of 49 men of Hdqtrs Co. Donated to the CB's
Museum at Port Huenevere, Ca. by Richard T. Ludwig, Hdqtrs Co.

Headquarters Company



Bomboski

Banach

Sanborn

Altrichter

Mathews

Chapin

Merrill

Martens

Kuerston

Mauer

Alfonso

Adamski

Braly

Camp Holly
Halfport, Mass.

10-4-1943

10-31-1943

Opposite Page: Headquarters Co.

Oct 31, 1943

Standing: Lt. to Rt.

1. Jack L. Bevington
2. Clifford Belcher
3. James M. Bowles Jr.
4. Richard Lutz
5. Le Roy Chas. Kinde
6. Glenn L. Kocker
7. Edward L. Kerr
8. William A. Julien
9. Donald F. E. Koogle
10. Edgar L. McElhannon
11. Irwin W. Wachner
12. Joseph McCornick

Knelling: Lt to Rt:

1. James Lee Cole
2. Garry Slavit
3. John C. Lotito
4. Robert C. Hillbeth
5. Irving Schaffer
6. William R. Steger
7. Harold D. Golden
8. Sam Willis Austin
9. Peter Paul Bernard
10. Samuel E. Brown

Headquarters Company



Beverington

Belcher

Bowles

Butt

Conrad

Hodges

Kerr

Julian

Keogle

McElkannon

Wachner

McCormick

Cole

Slavit

Lotito

Hellwith

Schaffer

Steger

Golden

Austin

Bernard

Brown

Opposite Page: Headquarters Co.

Oct 31, 1943

Standing: Lt. to Pvt.

1. Glaine Lofgren
2. Richard J. Ludwig
3. Frederick E. Bernhardt
4. Vincent D. Mc Dermott
5. Howard Levy
6. Grant V. Lerie
7. Albert S. Christensen

Kneeling: Lt. to Pvt.

1. James R. Briggs
2. George M. Copella
3. Patrick J. Fiorillo
4. Walter A. Joseph
5. Fred Allan Carter
6. James A. Bingham

Headquarters Company



Brygg

Copella

Fiorillo

Joseph

Carter

Bingham

Lofgren

Lidney

Bernhardt

Hermott

Lery

Lovic

Christensen

Camp Hollyday
Gulfport, Mississippi

Oct 4 - 1943 to

Oct 31 - 1943

Opposite Page : Company B. Pl. 2

Standing: Lt to Rt

1. Max Rosen
2. Fred Otto Andersen
3. Albert J. Salt
4. Lawrence W. Reiter
5. Eugene J. Baran
6. George W. Glotfelter
7. John S. Phipps
8. Vincent A. Lucas
9. Pat Thomas Johnson
10. Paul D. Kitchens

Oct 31, 1943

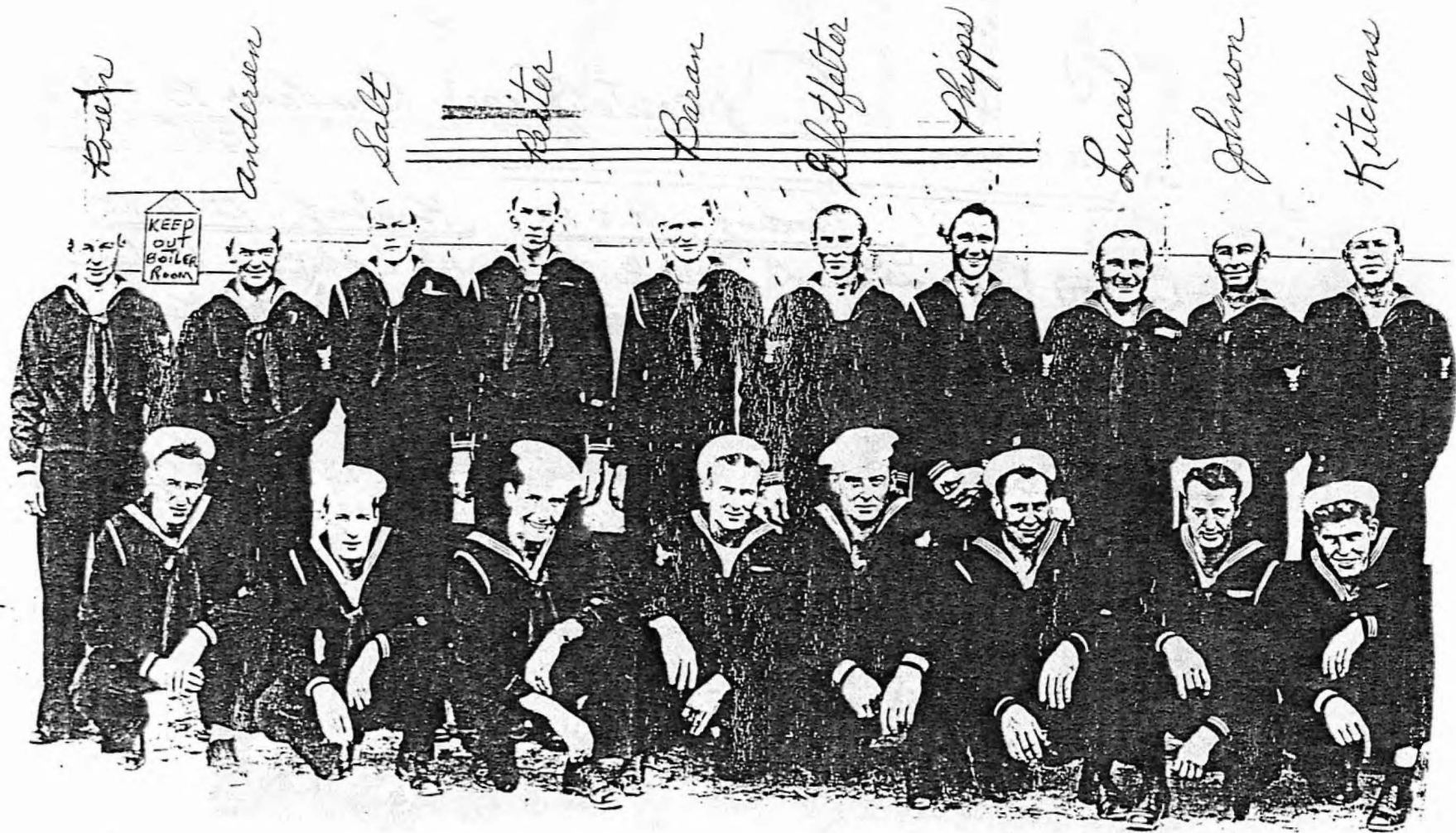
Kneeling: Lt to Rt.

1. Wallace Beaumier
2. Ted Paul Pytel
3. Philip A. Puccia
4. Hugh Speegle
5. Walter Gay Merrill
6. Weldon L. Reynolds
7. Harold W. Smith
8. John Irving Walsh

6 or 7 men missing from photo

Long photo of 32 men donated to CB's Museum
at Port Huenequi, Ca. by George Glotfelter and
Everardus Wilson

Company B. Platoon #2



Beasmer

Pytel

Puccia

Speegle

Merrill

Reynolds

Smith

Walsh

Opposite Page: Company B Pl. 2
Oct. 31, 1943

Standing: Lt. to Rt.

1. Lewis L. Dorenkamp
2. Paul H. Ruemenschneider
3. Everardus B. Wilson
4. John F. Pellegrini
5. Richard H. Samuels
6. Edwin David Rhodes
7. Robert L. Spears
8. Oliver J. Petroska

Kneeling: Lt. to Rt.

1. Edgar D. Hartzke
2. Joseph J. Kajan
3. John F. Prezegdzewski
4. Dale Cook Pitts
5. George L. Pierce
6. Donald P. Popham

Company B. Platoon #2

Dorenkamp

Remenschneider

Wilson

Lellegriani

Samuels

Rhodes

Spaars

Petrovka



Hartyke

Kajen

Przydzieski

Pitts

Pierce

Spokane

Hawaii..... Oahu

"In Our Summer Whites"

1943-1944

Waikiki Beach



Charles L. Murray
Co. A
New Jersey



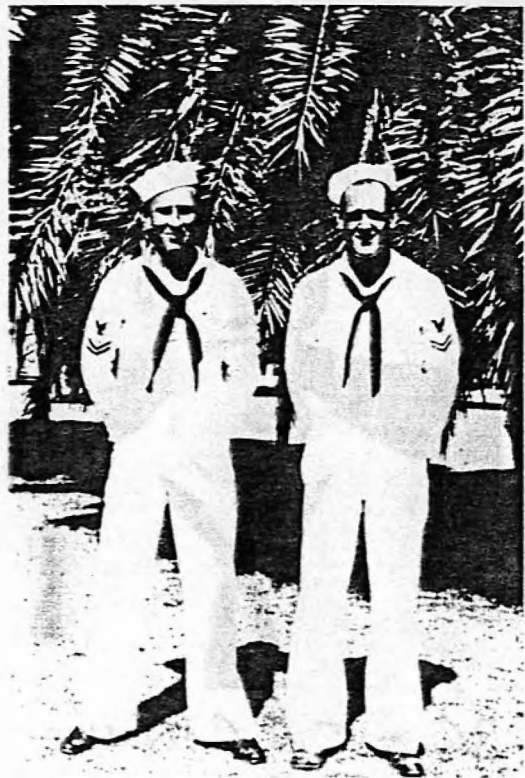
Max Rosen
Co. B
Connecticut



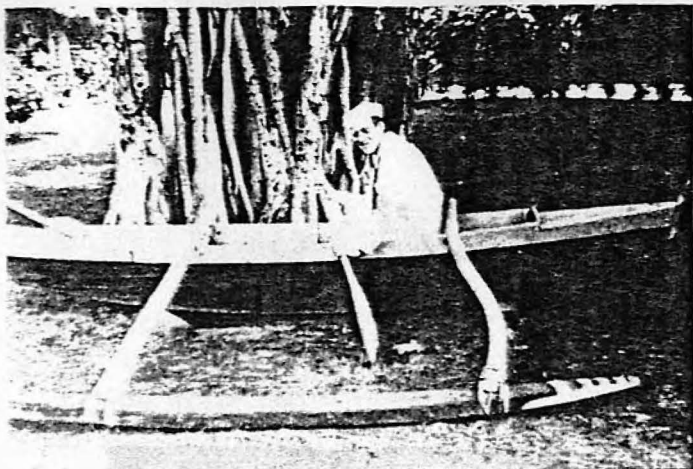
Vincent A. Kirbus
Co. C
Pennsylvania



Albert Maeroff
Norman J. Wall
Hdqtrs Co.



George Glotfelter and
Lewis Dorenkamp
Co. B

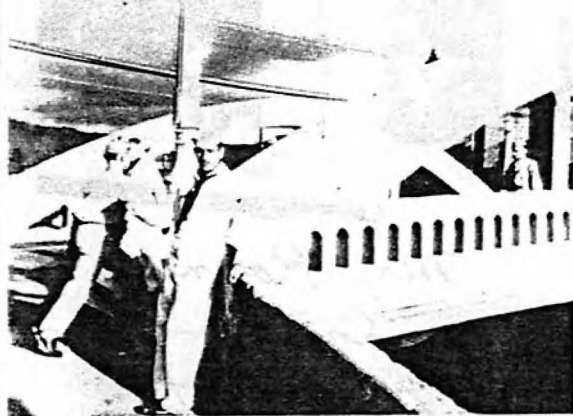


Richard J. Ludwig, Hdqtrs. Co.
Demonstrates how to avoid
seasickness.



Harold J. Moore and
Joseph F. Frascella
Co. C.

"On The Grounds of The
Royal Hawaiian Hotel"



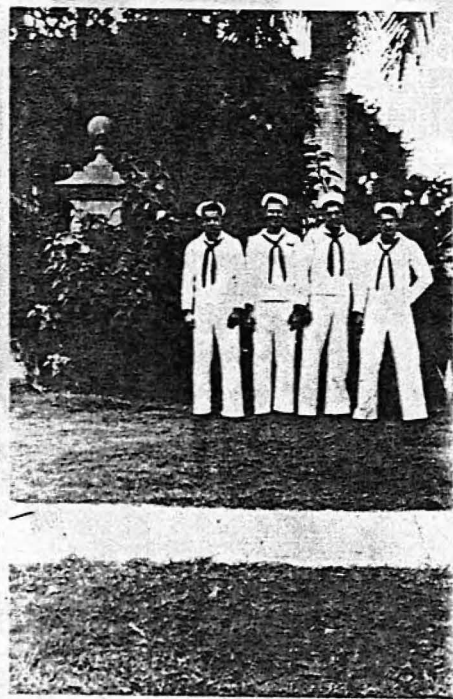
Ralph R. Mitchell
Co. B



Co. B⁺ Eugene J. Baron
 Paul D. Kitchens
 Edgar D. Hartzke
 George W. Glotfelter
 at U.S.O. Show in the Ballroom
 of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel.....
 Starring Hilo Hatti



The Strong Man
 of Co. C.
 "Specialized in one
 arm pushesups"



The 4 W^s ... Co. A
 William R. Wilkins
 David G. Wade
 Raymond J. Wozniak
 Eugene E. Warriner



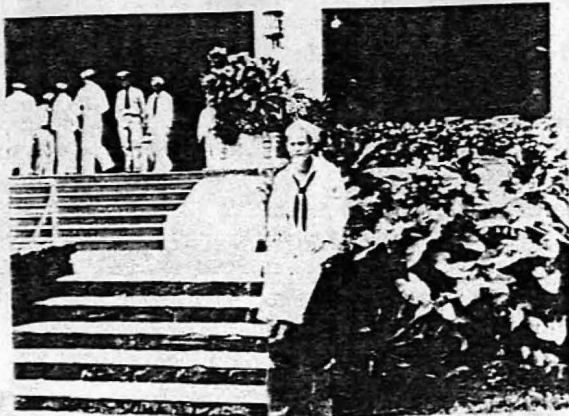
Hilo Hatti



U.S.O. Show



Oakley C. Reed Co. B.



Lawrence C. Mack Co. B.



Arthur Brown Co. B.



Co. B. Oakley C. Reed
Lawrence C. Mack
Arthur Brown

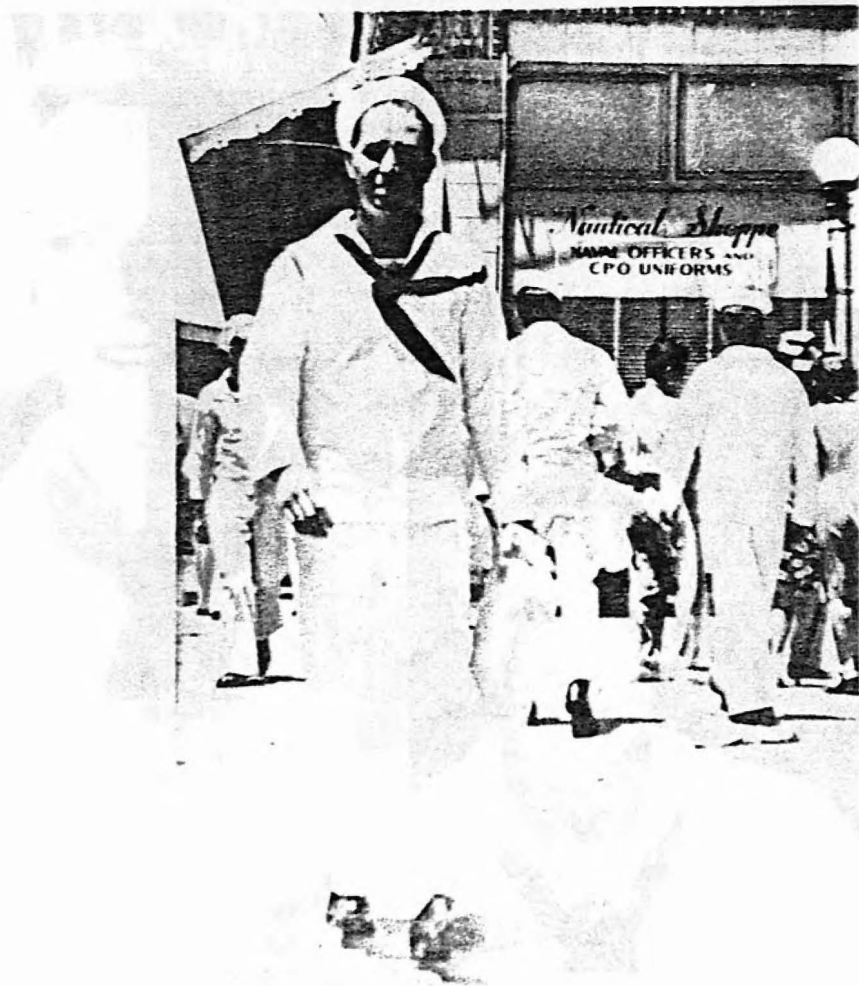


Co. B. George W. Glatfelter
Pat J. Johnson



Co. B. Jack A. Trusty
George W. Smiley
Oakley C. Reed

"And Everyone Went Shopping".....



*Co. C. Jesse L. Sellier
buys a kimono for his
wife.*



*Co. A. Ernest W. Riffle and
Joseph Della Donna
carrying gifts to take home.*

..... "And Had Their Pictures Taken".



Four Good Buddies from Co. C.



Lawrence Mack

Waikiki, Ca
Dec. 19, 1945

Co. B. Lawrence C. Mack and
Ralph R. Mitchell, after
shopping, are captured in
the eye of the ever-present
"photographer on the corner".



Co. A. Henry Gutin finds
his "little grass shack"



Co. A. Harold E. Ueckert



Co. B. Paul D. Atkinson
in his Marine Uniform
prior to joining the
13th Special N.C.B.



Co. A. Herman C. Goin



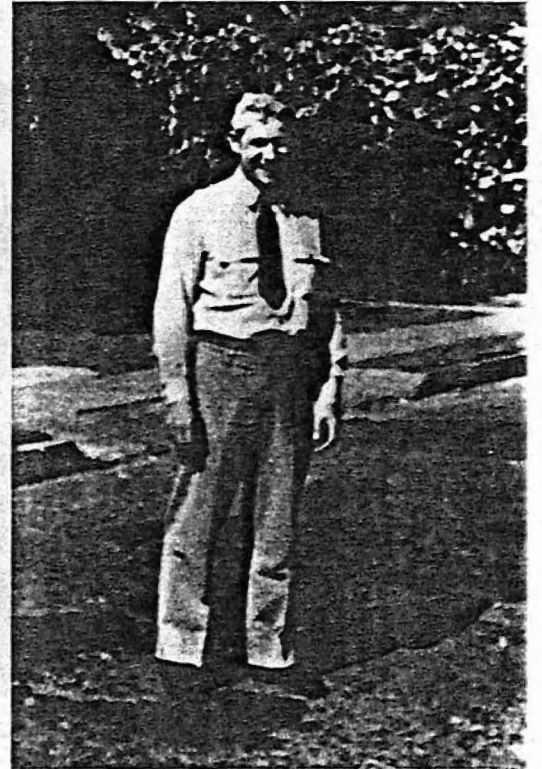
Marine Buddies
Gene Jones Smith on
the right was later
assigned to Co. C. in
time to ship out to Guam.
A C.B. at Camp Peary, 1943,
reassigned to Camp Pendleton
to the Marine Corps, then a
C.B. until well, read the
story on pages 22 and 23.



↑
Co. B. Edward L. Kerr and



King Kamehameha



Chief Master Carpenter
Charles W. Ferber



Looking Down Hotel St.
Honolulu, Hawaii

Hotel Street, Oahu, Honolulu
Territory of Hawaii 1943

Oiea - Oahu, Hawaii

While the first half of the Battalion spent Christmas Day 1943, here....
the second half was leaving the States on the same day.



CHRISTMAS DAY MENU

December 25, 1943



A Merry Christmas
and
A Happy New Year

A LO H A

from

U S O



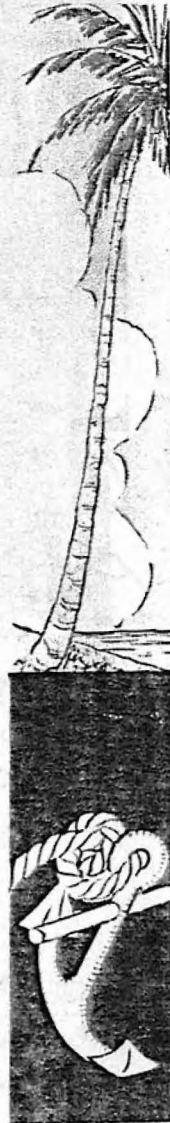
U. S. NAVAL RECEIVING BARRACKS

Navy Number 10 a/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Menu Christmas 1943



- Fruit Cocktail
- Ripe Olives
- Sweet Pickles
- Stuffed Celery Hearts
- Roast Tom Turkey
- Giblet Gravy
- Oyster Dressing
- Cranberry Sauce
- Baked Spiced Ham
- Buttered Peas
- Asparagus Tips
- Mashed Whip Potatoes
- Hot Parker House Rolls
- * Fruit Cake
- Neapolitan Ice Cream
- Fruit Punch
- Apples
- Oranges
- Christmas Candies
- Mixed Nuts
- Cigars
- Cigarettes



* "Hawaiian" Censored

"Welcome to Our Camp at Iroquois Point-Oahu, Hawaii
 Yes, it is muddy, but we built it ourselves and it is large enough
 to house the whole
 Battalion, so we call
 it "Home." "

February 1-1944



Co. A. Company Commander
 Lieut. Bergstrom

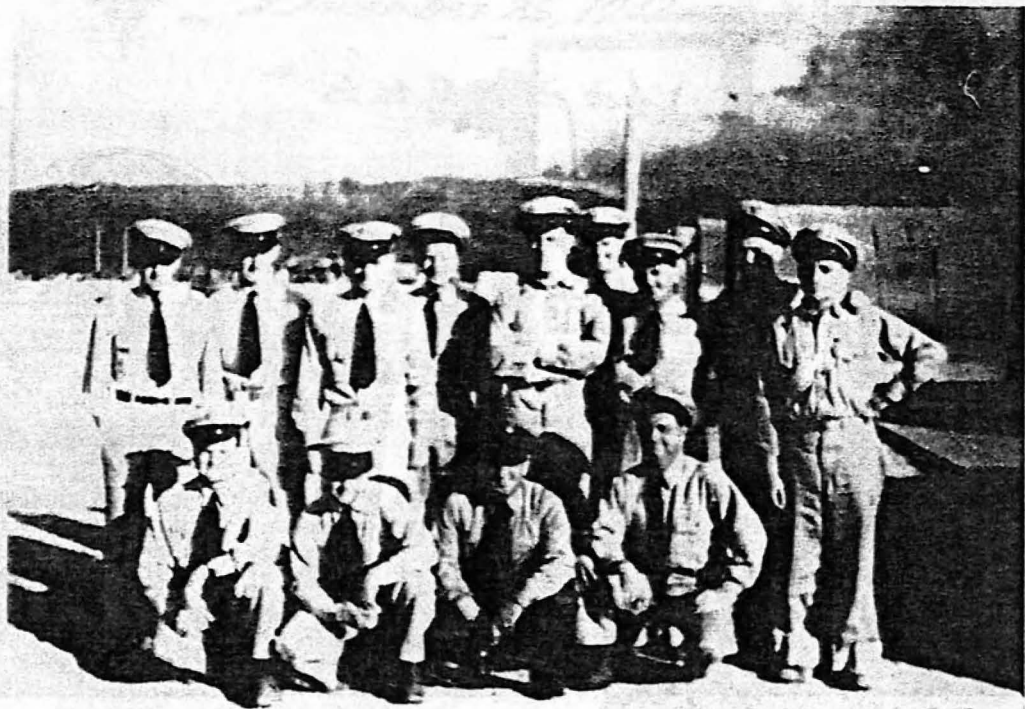


Six Chiefs with the support of the Insignia
 for the 13th Special N.C.B.

Standing: John Arthur Glover C.B.M.
 Ralph Martin Brush C.E.M.
 Frank Henry Kincaid C.C.M.

Kneeling: Everett E. Kobermann C.B.M.
 Joseph De Vincenzo C.B.M.
 Charles William Ferber C.C.M.

Iroquois Point



13 Chiefs rise and shine on Easter
Sunday, 1944.

Standing: "Chief Specialist"
Allerton C. . .

Richard C. Montoux C.B.M.

John Arthur Glover C.B.M.

Michael P. Quinn C.B.M.

Sam Willis Austin C.B.M.

William R. Steger C.S.K.

John Wilson Abbott C.C.M.

Otto Anthony Melka Jr. C.B.M.

Leo Almond Balaam C.B.M.

Kneeling:

Alfred Paul Gallert C.M.M.

Floyd Marvin Sparks C.S.K.

Joseph A. Frascella C.S.F.

Walter Edward Cutting C.C.M.

Standing: Iroquois Point..... COMPANY A..... Platoons # 3

Emmit Henderson, Oscar Wilkerson,
Paul Dishno, Rollie Wright,
Robert Walker, Jack Jousley,
Charles Murray, Howard Wyckoff.

Kneeling:

Ora Galvin, Richard Kuerston,
Walter Perry, Clarence Walton,
Daniel Gunter, Clair Guthe,
Frank Leonard.



Top Row Standing:

Charles Murray, Howard Wyckoff,
Richard Kuerston, Daniel Gunter,
Clair Guthe, Paul Dishno.

Middle Row Standing:

Rollie Wright, Emmit Henderson.

Middle Row Seated:

Ray Miller, Frank Leonard.

Front Row Seated:

Cecil Koon, Clarence Walton,
Walter Perry, Oscar Wilkerson.



Iroquois Point..... Company A : Gang # 10

Standing:

Edward Babo, Ernest Sylvia,
Herbert Ellis,
Marvin Dougherty, Harold Ueckert.

Kneeling:

Willis Lee,
Richard Brace,
Robert Wallace, George Gordon,
Sidney Brough, Alver Uncini.



Top Row:

Stanley Wickerd, Le Roy Kinde,
Albin Radzik, Raymond Wozniak,
Edward Toole, Arthur Wilson,
Joseph Della Donna.

Middle Row

Joseph Tokar, Vito Lucente,
Fred Racine, Eugene Warriner,
William Wilkens.

Bottom Row:

Joseph Spinella, David Wade,
Charles Cromwell, Ernest Riffle,
George Adams.



Co A. Picnic 3/27/44 Gang # 2

Iroquois Point.....



Co. A. Picnic

*Harold Vincenti
Robert Wallace
Alver Uncini
Arthur Wilson*



Co. A. Peter Judlin



Co. A. Raymond Wozniak



*Co. A. David Wade
Raymond Wozniak
Eugene Warriner*



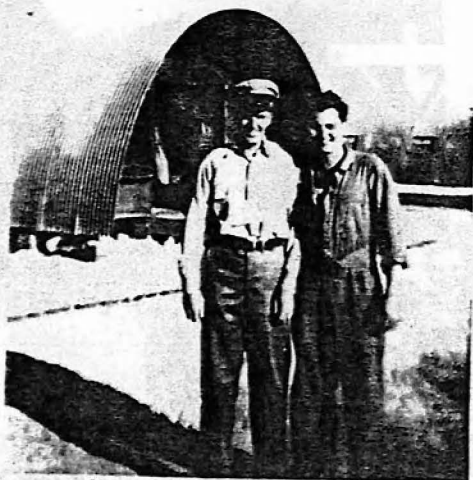
Co. A. Herman Goin

Company A.-C. P.O.²⁰

take time out for the
camera.



Peter Judlin
Alfred Gallert, C.M.M.
Ralph Brush, C.E.M.



Leo Balaam, C.B.M.
Joseph Tokar



Leo Balaam, C.B.M.
ready for a dip;
Company Picnic

Stoguois Point



Ralph Brush, C.E.M.
Richard Montoup, C.B.M.
Alfred Gallert, C.M.M.
Joseph Tokar

Company A.....Iroquois Point



William Mills, in the center of photo, celebrating his 18th Birthday on April 11, 1944 with a bottle of "Lucky" with good friends.

Lieut. Ed Kolonoski, on Bill's right, Skipper of Divers Training School at Pearl Harbor, served in the Navy in World War I with Bill's father.



Top Row:

Joseph Della Donna
Eugene Warriner
Ernest Riffle

Bottom Row:

William Wilkens

Joseph Spinella
Raymond Wagniak

Company B
at
Iroquois Point



Walden Reynolds
George G. Lotfelter
Paul Kitchens



Everardus Wilson



124 Vincent Lucas



Lawrence Mack
Ralph Mitchell



Ted Paul Prytel

*Company K
at
Iroquois Point*



*and
Vincent Kirbus*



*Vincent Kirbus,
, Jack Dewsen, and*



*Joseph Frascella,
the day he made
Chief Shipfitter, at
Kapakula, T. H.*



Company D
at
Iroquois Point



13 Men of Crew # 7

- Top Row: ① John Henry Ahlers
 ② Robert Rice
 ③ Allan MacEachern
 ④ Leo Grady
 ⑤ Allyn Seamans
 ⑥ Garry Slavitt

- Middle Row: ① Gordon H. Thomas

②

- ③ Bernard Sundberg
 ④ Billy Joe Hunter
 ⑤ Charles Lowell
 ⑥ Stephen Lovell

- Front: ① Mc Cain Bourg



Leo Grady

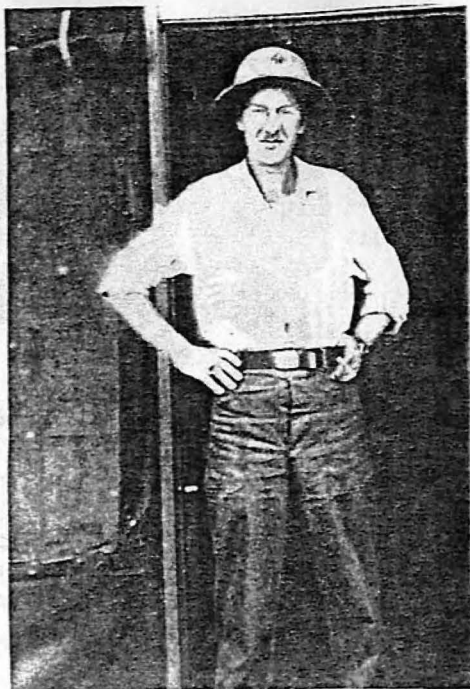


Billy Joe Hunter



Allyn Seamans

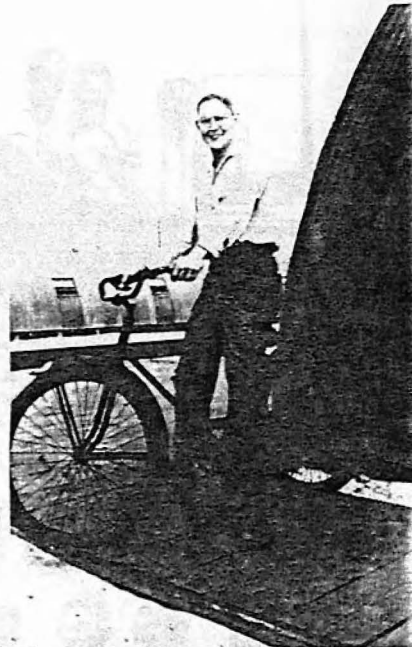
Headquarters Co.
at
Iroquois Point



Duncan Urquhart
with Ace of Spades
on hat.



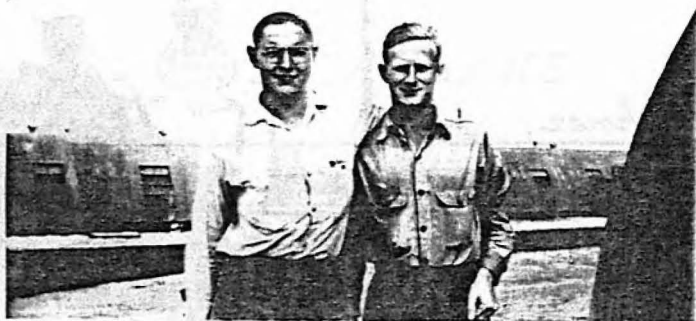
Albert Maeroff



"Traveling Man"
Richard Ludwig.
Ace of Spades on bike.



Richard Ludwig
in jeep with the
ace of Spades on
front and sides.



Richard Ludwig and
Robert Le Piere



Edward Kerr
Transferred from Co. B.
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Headquarters Company



Richard Ludwig, Robert Le Piere and Ferris Mack share a bike. Note dog in background.



Top Row: Irwin Wachner, Richard Ludwig, Glaine Lofgren Edward Kerr and
Kneeling: Leon Mc Fadden, William Julien and Joseph Le Lugas



Top Row: Glaine Lofgren, Richard Ludwig, Irwin Wachner, Edward Kerr and

Kneeling: Leon Mc Fadden, William Julien and Joseph Le Lugas.



Richard Ludwig, Henry Antonacci and Ferris Mack.

While stationed at
Troquois Point the first
publication of the 13th Special
Newspaper appeared.

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Paul F. Mundt

↑ - CONTEST WINNER -
 Paul F. Mundt, S1c, Co. C, was an-
 nounced the winner of the "U NAME ME"
 contest. His suggestions were helpful
 in selecting the winning name. The
 prize awarded will be a hand tooled

PERMANENT EARLY CHOW PASS

Come and get it, Paul! Many appropri-
 ate names were received and the board,
 consisting of 13 judges, spent several
 hours deliberating before the vote was
 taken.

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'Twas a warm day in August
In the year of Forty Three,
That the 13th was formed,
And became Stevedore Seabee.

Now this was back in Peary,
Where most Seabees are made
And started on their missions
With their complement of Gold Braid.

They Loaded and unloaded boats
Morning, night, and day,
Until they thought that they would drop
From exhaustion, by the way.

After several weeks of training,
The Skipper gave commands,
"Pack your bags and belongings,
We are off to other lands."

The crew were very happy
They showed it by word of mouth,
But instead of "Go West, young man,"
The Battalion headed South.

They lended down South in Hollyday
In Gulfport by the Sea.
And there to learn a Navy trade
To become a "Special Seabee."

After several weeks of this and that
They were told they'd be going far,
But they ended up in Rousseau
Near the homes of the Movie Star.

This time they found that liberty,
Was the best they'd ever seen.
Because the crews could hob-ncb,
With the Stars of the Silver Screen.

But all good things as we all know
Can never, never, last.
Again the Skipper gave his orders,
But this time tied them to the mast.

They sailed away by transport
From the good old U. S. shores.
To some far off island,
To start their Victory Chores.

So, On to Victory, Boys from here
No matter where we roam.
Until that good old Victory Day
When the Thirteenth Special goes home.

BATTALION BY

A. C. LEAVITT
SEAMAN - FIRST CL.



Sports And Recreation



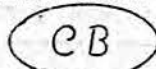
THE NEUTRAL CORNER
By Joe LeLugas ✓



ORCHIDS FROM HOME



Seabees In Action



BIG SHOW WILL BE REVEALING

PUBLICITY FOR 13th SPEC

A group picture of our last blood donor group was taken and published in a nearby daily paper.

13th SPEC DONATES BLOOD

On Wednesday 3 May, a second group from the 13th Special made a deposit at the blood bank. Company A was really on the ball this time, as 17 of the 27 donors were Lt. (jg) Bergstrom's men. Over 40 men from Company A had signed up but, owing to last minute stevedore operations, 23 were unable to go, and many of the boys were obliged to miss their beauty nap in order to be present.

CABLE NEWS

LIFESAVERS

The response to the blood donor appeal was very gratifying. Over forty men have expressed a desire to save a life, and on the 25 April, the following men gave their donation of good Seabee blood: Chief Sparks; J. Flanagan, SK2c; G. Coppella, Slc; I. Washner, Slc; R. Ludwig, S2c; K. McNaught, SSM(B)3c; W. McCartney SC1c; C. Foster, Slc; J. Stanfield, SK2c; F. C. Mack, Slc; E. Donnell, SK2c; Sam Phillips, Cox; H. Golden, Slc; W. Lukewecki, Slc; A. Leichtling, Slc; W. Julien, CM1c; E. Hill, Slc; T. Meglis, S2c; F. Gabli, CM2c; G. Clark, St3c.

On the following Wednesday, another group of 20 men will go to the blood bank and make a deposit. If there are more men who wish to make up another group, a third party will be arranged.

H. D. GOLDEN, Slc, Headquarters Clerk, has made his eleventh donation to the blood bank. Eleven pints of blood may save eleven lives. How many of you have donated ONE? Why not loan a pint NOW! Some day SOON you may need it back!

2/15/44

W. T. Raplee, SK2c

MEMORIES (FOR THE SCRAPBOOK)

BY MAC

(We wish to extend belated birthday greetings to Chief Montoux, who celebrated his 47th birthday on 16 March. Also we extend congratulations on his 20th wedding anniversary, which was celebrated on 12 March. Monty was born in New York City, where he makes his home with his wife, Loretta, and 13-year old daughter, Joan. The omission of his name in the last issue of "CARGO CABLE" was an unavoidable error, and "Batt Fax" is only too glad to make this correction. Monty also has a 19-year old son, who has been in the US Army Air Force for over a year and he is a belly gunner on a Liberator Bomber somewhere in the South West Pacific. Monty, who is a veteran of World War #1, enlisted on 29 April 1943 in World War #2 to give his son a helping hand. We all hope this fighting father and son combination may soon have a happy meeting "somewhere in the Pacific."

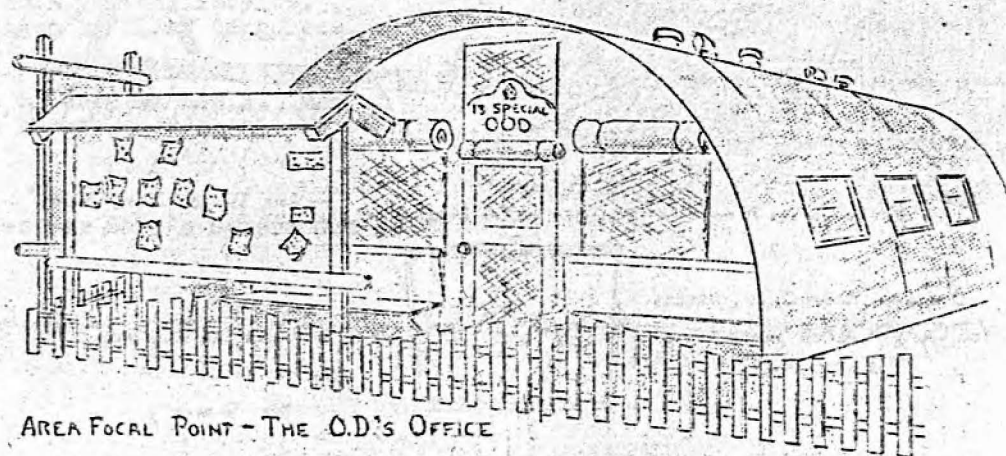
Mrs. Charles Sheridan, 547 Main St., Stoneham, Mass., writes; "Cargo Cable is one of the most entertaining magazines I have had the pleasure of reading. I very often cut articles from it to send to my husband and son who are in the service. My son, Charles Sheridan, S1c, is in the 13th Special, and his brother Robert is aboard a destroyer, somewhere in the South Pacific. Charlie's father joined the Seabees in Nov, 1943, and is now stationed in Jacksonville, Florida.

(Eugene Walter Abernethy, S2c, Co. A, Plat. 2, is our "Leap Year Baby of 1908." He is 36 years old, married, and lives in Richmond Hill, N. Y. He is five feet ten and three quarters inches tall, weighs 136 lbs. and has blue eyes and brown hair. Gene was born on 29 Feb. 1908 and is our only man born on 29 Feb.

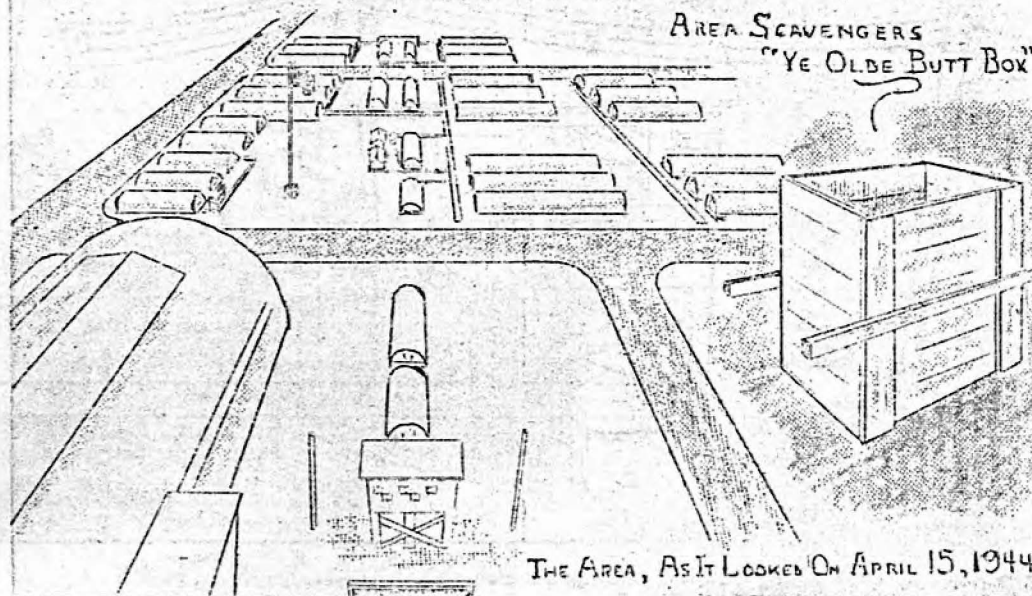
(We have one set of twins. The Wander boys Thomas Henry and William John were born Feb. 3, 1926 at Richmond Hill, N.Y.

? REMEMBER ?

OUR "AREA"



AREA FOCAL POINT - THE O.D.'S OFFICE



THE AREA, AS IT LOOKED ON APRIL 15, 1944

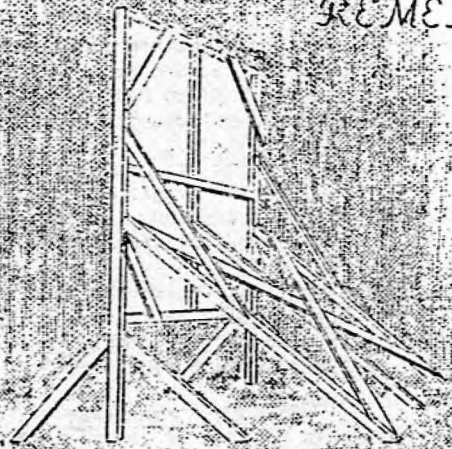
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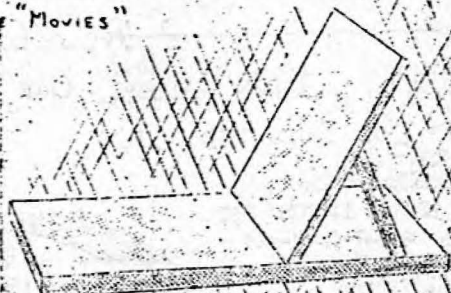
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THE "MOVIES"

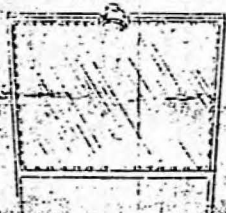


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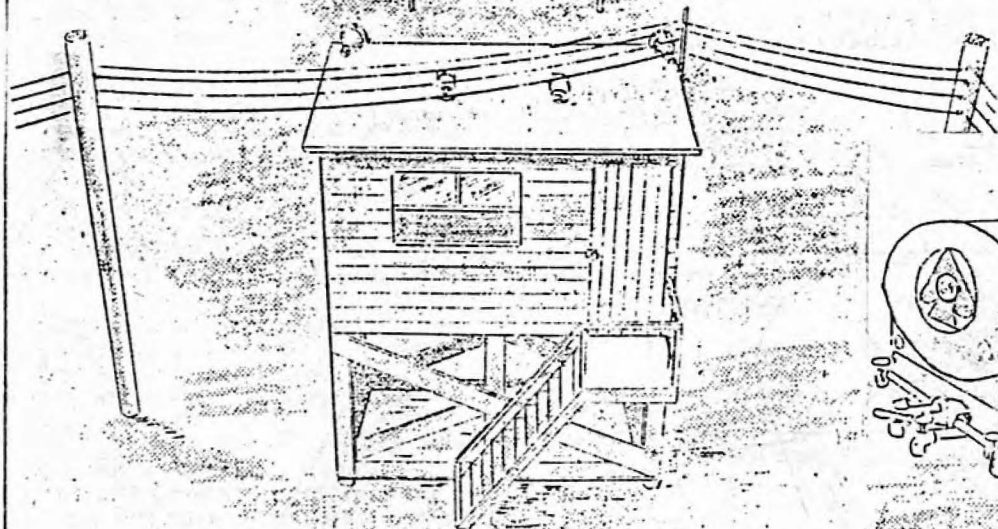


— AND THOSE "SHOW CHAIRS"

STANDING ROOM ONLY, UNLESS
YOU CAME A GOOD THREE HOURS
EARLY —



— FOR A WHILE THE MAIN TROUBLE
SEEMED TO BE WITH
THE SCREEN —



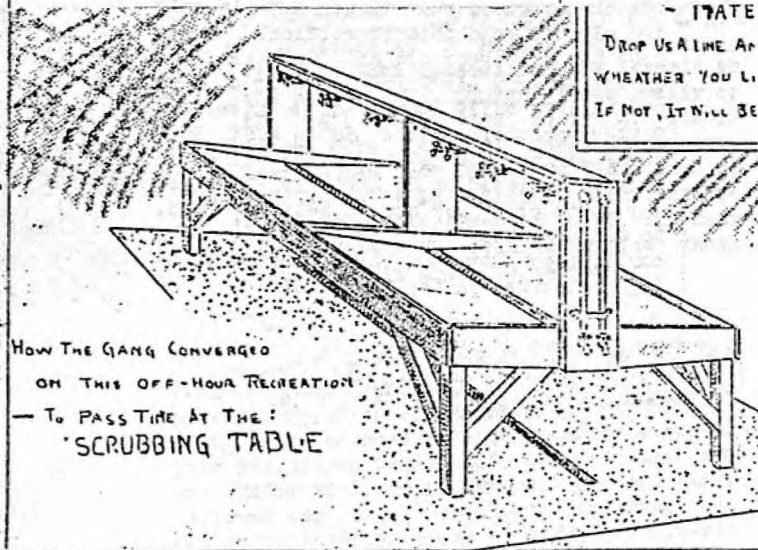
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OUR WATERY WORRIES AND WASHING



~ YE OLDE SCRUB BRUSH

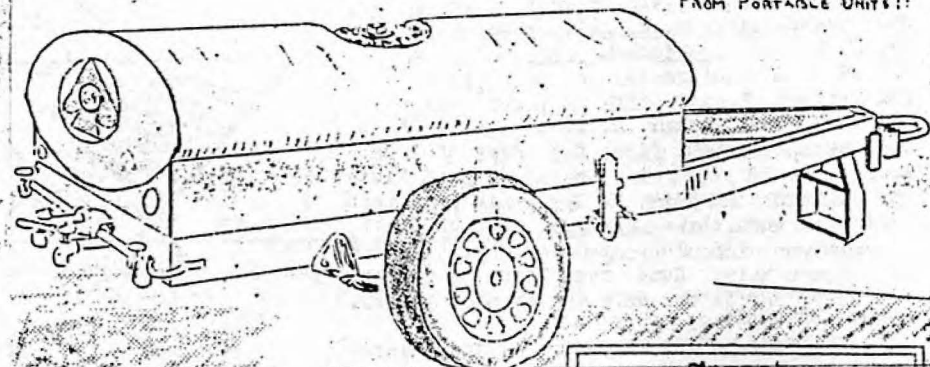
WASHING MACHINE ~
PAIL AND STICK = SUDS



HOW THE GANG CONVERGED
ON THIS OFF-HOUR RECREATION
— TO PASS TIME AT THE:
'SCRUBBING TABLE'

— I RATE
DROP US A LINE AN
WEATHER YOU LI
IF NOT, IT WILL BE

AND WHO WILL FORGET DRAWING WATER
FROM PORTABLE UNITS??



Drawings by Leon M.E. Fadden
Headquarters Co.

SATURDAY
11 March, 1944

U.S.S. CAMBERIA (APA-36)

Sunrise 0655
Sunset 1843

PLAN OF THE DAY AND
EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MORNING ORDERS

UNIFORM OF THE DAY:

Officers and C.P.O. - Khaki or grey working uniform, without neckties, with lifebelts.

Crew - CLEAN dungarees, white hats, with lifebelts.

Troops and Seabees - Green fatigue or CLEAN dungarees, with lifebelts.

Note: A complete uniform must be worn at meals. Men entering mess deck with shorts or without shirts will not be served.

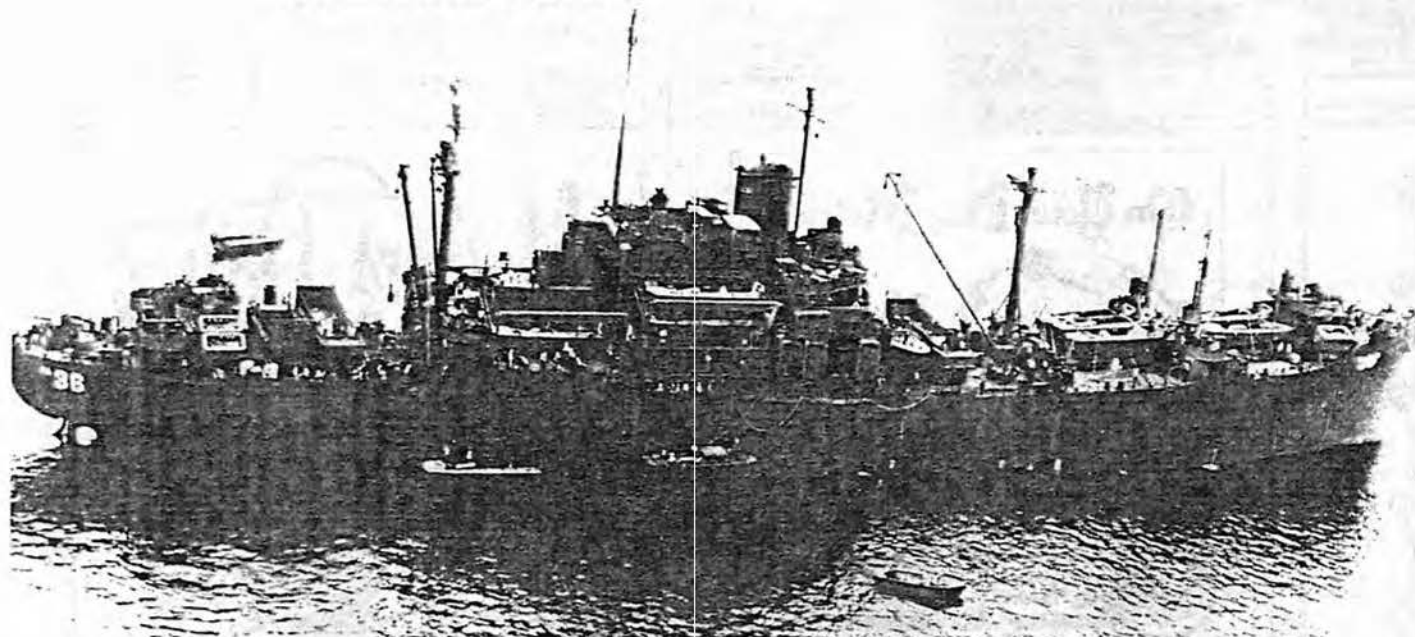
DAILY AND SPECIAL ROUTINE:

Follow daily routine (At Sea) as per Ship's Memorandum No.7.

0540 - Call all hands.
0555 - General Quarters - dawn alert
0655 - Sunrise - secure from General Quarters.
1000 - Captains inspection.
1300 - Holiday routine.

*The men who went on the
Marshall Islands
Invasion, left Pearl on
the U.S.S. Normanport.*

*On March 13, 1944, they
returned to Irigoin Pt..
The return trip was made
on the transport carrier
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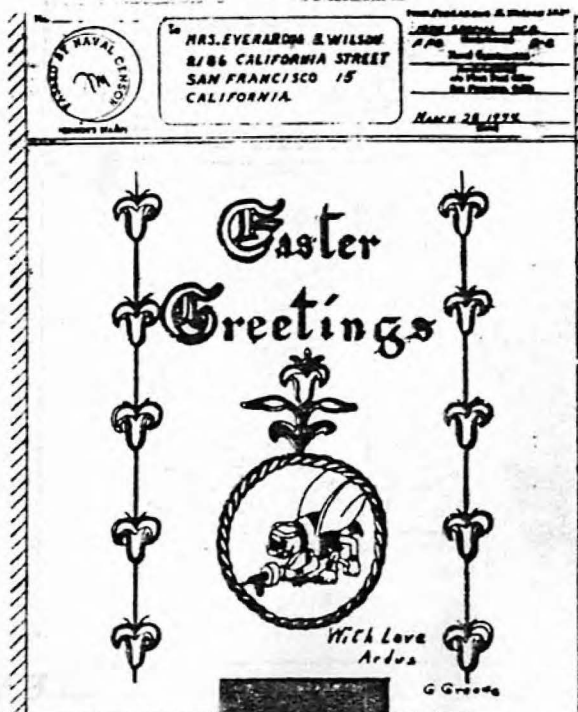
U.S.S. Cambria APA-36

Photo National Archives

"Outgoing mail averages 1500 pieces daily, plus 375 packages and souvenir booklets. Incoming letters average 1100 daily, plus 3 sacks of packages" Charles H. Spahr, SP(M)1c.
 May 15, 1944 Cargo Cable.



Easter and Mother's Day were spent at Inoguois Point.



WEST LOCK..PEARL HARBOR...MAY 21, 1944

THE DISASTER AT "WEST LOCK" HAPPENED WHILE I WAS OFF DUTY AND SLEEPING IN A QUONSET HUT AT IROQUOIS POINT. I'VE NEVER HEARD THAT NAME USED BEFORE. EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO KEEP THE AFFAIR QUIET AND THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE HEARD MENTION OF IT.

NOW THAT YOU ASK..I DO REMEMBER A FELLOW THAT I WORKED WITH AT COLGATE'S....HE WAS ON ONE OF THE LST'S WHEN THEY BLEW UP.

HE WAS BLOWN INTO THE WATER AND FLOATED AROUND UNTIL A BOAT CAME BY AND PICKED HIM UP. HE SPENT 6 MONTHS IN A HOSPITAL. HE SAID A WELDER'S TORCH SET A FIRE THAT CAUSED IT.

HALF OF MY OUTFIT WAS LOADING SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA, BUT NONE WERE ON THE LST'S, AND NONE OF OUR MEN WERE INJURED FROM THE FALLOUT.

AT THE SOUND OF THE EXPLOSION, ABOUT A MILE AWAY, I RAN OUT OF MY HUT TO SEE A VERY TALL PLUME OF SMOKE THAT LOOKED LIKE A MUSHROOM ON TOP. IT WAS AT LEAST 1000 FT. HIGH AND THE CONTINUING EXPLOSIONS KEPT FEEDING SMOKE AND FLAMES UP THE TUBE AND SENDING DEBRIS AND HUMAN BODIES FLYING OUT INTO THE AIR TO COME FLOATING DOWN TO THE GROUND. IT LOOKED LIKE AN ATOMIC BOMB. (NATURALLY, WE HAD NEVER SEEN AN ATOM BOMB AT THAT TIME).

THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT IT WAS A CATASTROPHE; WE HEARD LATER THAT AN INSHORE AMMUNITION DUMP ALSO BLEW UP. IT LASTED ABOUT 20 MINUTES.

FOUR MORE LST'S WERE BROUGHT IN AND LOADED WITH FRESH MARINES.

THE 13TH SPECIAL SHIPPED OUT FROM THERE SHORTLY AFTERWARD FOR THE INVASION OF GUAM, ON 4 LST'S.

CHARLES L. MURRAY CO. A

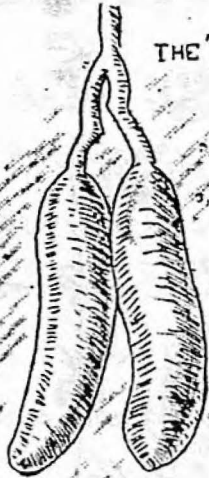


cc One day orders came down to pack up our gear. We were shipping out to parts unknown. On June 1, 1944 the whole Battalion left Pearl Harbor. The 13th Special was on it's way. We took our Black Rat Insignia and a black dog called "Lucky" that Hdqtrs. Co. had adopted in Hawaii."

Remember??

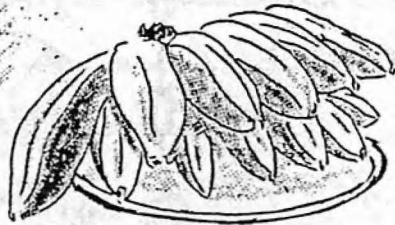
THE ISLANDS

OUT HERE HOME SOUNDS SWEET
- BUT -
WILL THE TIME EVER COME
WHEN THIS SOUNDS BETTER?

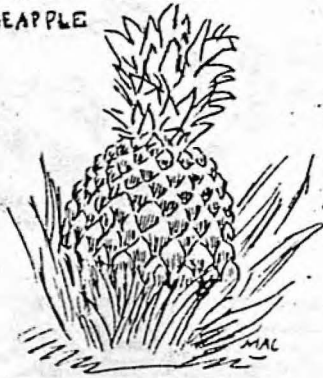


THE "SAUSAGE" OF THE RARE SAUSAGE TREE

NOT SO RARE
- THE BANANA



THE COMMON (BUT VALUABLE)
PINEAPPLE



"So Long Hawaii....."

Thank you for your hospitality,
but we are ready and anxious
to continue our journey.

Perhaps one day when the war
is over we shall come for a
visit to say "Hello" and sample
your pineapples once more."

Battalion Leaves Hawaii
June 1 - 1944

Meanwhile Back at Home

All Over The Country, Children of all ages, were growing up without their "Daddy".
This page is dedicated to them. These photos represent "all of them".

According to the 4/1/44 Issue of the Cargo Cable there were 302 children under 18 yrs. of age, of the men in the Battalion. A number of children were born after that date, accurate total not available. Also unavailable are those children over 18 yrs. old, some of whom were also in the Armed Forces.



"The One He Left Behind in 1943."
1 year old Ruth Murray, 1/5/44



"One he'd wait to see: Born in June, 1944, while he was heading for Guam."

Barbara Ann Murray
They met for the first time after peace treaty was signed in 1945. Photo taken in 1944.

..... *And Everyone Wrote Letters*

Remember??

dear pap
they are
my time
me me
we are
ses
come home
me Jimmy

THE HANDS OF LITTLE CHILDREN WERE GUIDED BY YOUNG MOTHERS...TO WRITE THEIR NAMES AT THE FOOT OF A LETTER, WITH XXXXs FOR KISSES.

OLDER CHILDREN SENT THEIR REPORT CARD MARKS FROM SCHOOL....IF THEY HAPPENED TO GET ANYTHING ABOVE AN 80 PERCENT GRADE.

TEENAGERS IN HIGH SCHOOL HAD "PEN PAL" CLUBS TO FOREIGN SHORES.

YOUNG WOMEN WROTE TO THEIR SWEETHEARTS, BROTHERS, COUSINS, FORMER CLASSMATES, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.

WIVES, MOTHERS AND FATHERS NOT ONLY TOOK CARE OF THEIR OWN HUSBANDS AND SONS...BUT ALSO "ADOPTED" THEIR BUDDIES AND SENT PACKAGES OF "HOMEMADES", IN ADDITION TO THE MANY LETTERS.

EVERYONE PRAYED...A LOT...AND READ THAT DAILY DREADED LIST THAT APPEARED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

..... And Local Newspapers Ran
 "Keep in Touch Columns"

Max Rosen, Now of Seabees, Wins Two Pacific Tourneys

Max Rosen, rugged Hartford amateur wrestler, who used to pin his opponents on the mat with regularity during his long career with Hartford YMCA teams, is doing the very same thing while in the service of Uncle Sam.

Max has been in the Pacific war theater for several months. According to letters just received here by friends, he has already won two titles.

His first victory came in the Hawaiian Open when he threw his opponent in 40 seconds. Then he entered the Central Pacific area all-service wrestling championship event in which some of the best amateur wrestlers of the nation competed. Max found the going in this event a rugged affair but he came through with flying colors, with the title in his class.

A Honolulu paper covering the match, called this bout one of the best of the entire tournament. Here is what it said: "One of the outstanding matches of the evening saw two Navy boys, Rosen and Stretton battle it out nip and tuck with Rosen taking the decision after subduing Stretton with a series of body slams. Rosen gained the right to meet Stretton by defeating private Hardison in quarter-finals of the 155-pound division."



MAX ROSEN

Max spent 18 months in Bermuda helping Uncle Sam to construct the big base now established there. After his return home he enlisted in the Seabees. Concluding training, he was sent to the Pacific front where he has been stationed since.

Max formerly held the 155-pound state amateur wrestling title.

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE USO AS AN ORGANIZATION? PERSONAL FRIEND OF HIS.

William Nacewicz, CM3c, 13th Special Battalion. (Home, Rome, N. Y. Age, 25. Married. Was a carpenter before entering the service).



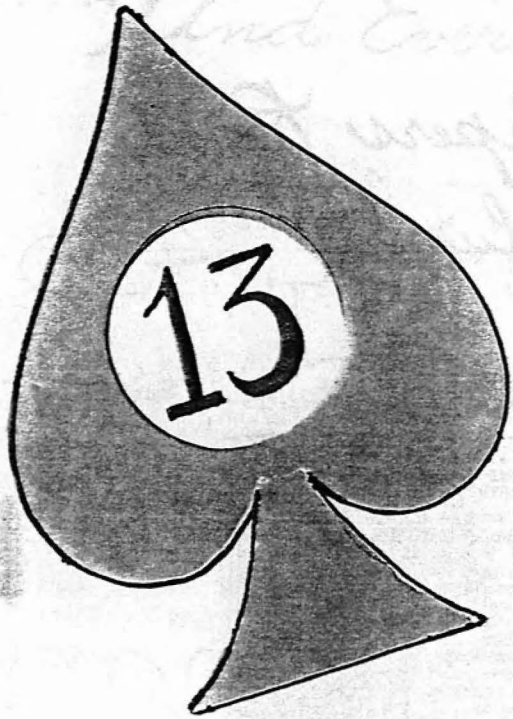
"USOs are doing a great deal for the servicemen. For example, recently at the USO in Washington, D. C., where I had arranged to meet my wife, she was shown the most courteous kind of service in finding a room."

Nacewicz

They got his name wrong, but this is Felix Bernard Nacewicz, Co. R.

Harold Moore, in his Dairy: Nov. 1-1943 - 12:00 P.M. says "I woke up Nacewicz and went to bed" Harold saved this item for 42 years.

"The Hartford Times", Connecticut,
 June 2-1944. 13th Special's
 Max Rosen Co. B. 145 lb. (Champ).



Guam
Marianas Islands

July 27, 1944 - Oct. 15, 1945



Battalion Deactivated Oct. 15, 1945

ON THE ISLAND OF GUAM, ON DECEMBER 7, 1941, THE UNITED STATES HAD ONLY A SMALL GARRISON OF A LITTLE MORE THAN 400 TOTAL, CONSISTING OF MARINES AND NAVY PERSONNEL.

AS EARLY AS OCTOBER, 1941 THE JAPANESE WERE PREPARING FOR THE INVASION TO COME. THEIR PLANS WERE COMPLETE BY NOV. 8, 1941, AT WHICH TIME THE JAPS BOMBED OROTE PENINSULA AND AGANA. GUAM FELL TO JAPAN ON DEC. 10, '41.

THE ISLAND OF GUAM IS THE SOUTHERNMOST OF THE MARIANAS CHAIN. IT MEASURES 228 SQUARE MILES IN AREA. THE LENGTH IS ABOUT 34 MILES AND THE WIDTH VARIES FROM 5 TO 9 MILES.

SURROUNDED BY CORAL REEFS RANGING IN WIDTH FROM 25 TO 700 YARDS...EVEN THE LOWEST OF THESE IS COVERED AT HIGH TIDE BY ONLY 2 FEET OF WATER. MOST OF THE SHORE LINE OF THE ISLAND HAS SHEER CLIFFS RISING TO 600 FT. AND IN ADDITION, THE HEAVY POUNDING WIND TO SURF, ALLOWED ABOUT 15 MILES OF THE WEST SHORE FEASIBLE TO BE APPROACHED BY SEA.

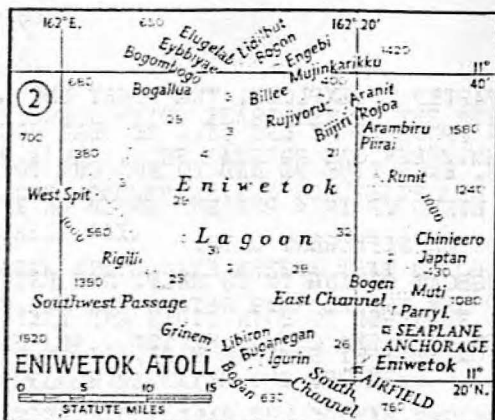
TWO AREAS WERE CHOSEN FOR THE AMPHIBIOUS INVASION. THEY WERE JUST NORTH AND SOUTH OF OROTE PENINSULA. AT THE TIME OF THE INVASION, THE AREA WAS HEAVILY COVERED WITH TROPICAL FORESTS AND NARROW JUNGLE TRAILS. THE ONE MAIN ROAD RAN FROM THE TOWN OF AGAT TO AGANA.

THE RAINY SEASON LASTED FROM JULY TO NOVEMBER. DURING THIS SUMMER MONSOON PERIOD, 20 TO 25 DAYS OUT OF EACH MONTH WERE RAINY. MEAN TEMPERATURE WAS ABOUT 87 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT AND THE AVERAGE HUMIDITY ABOUT 90 PERCENT.

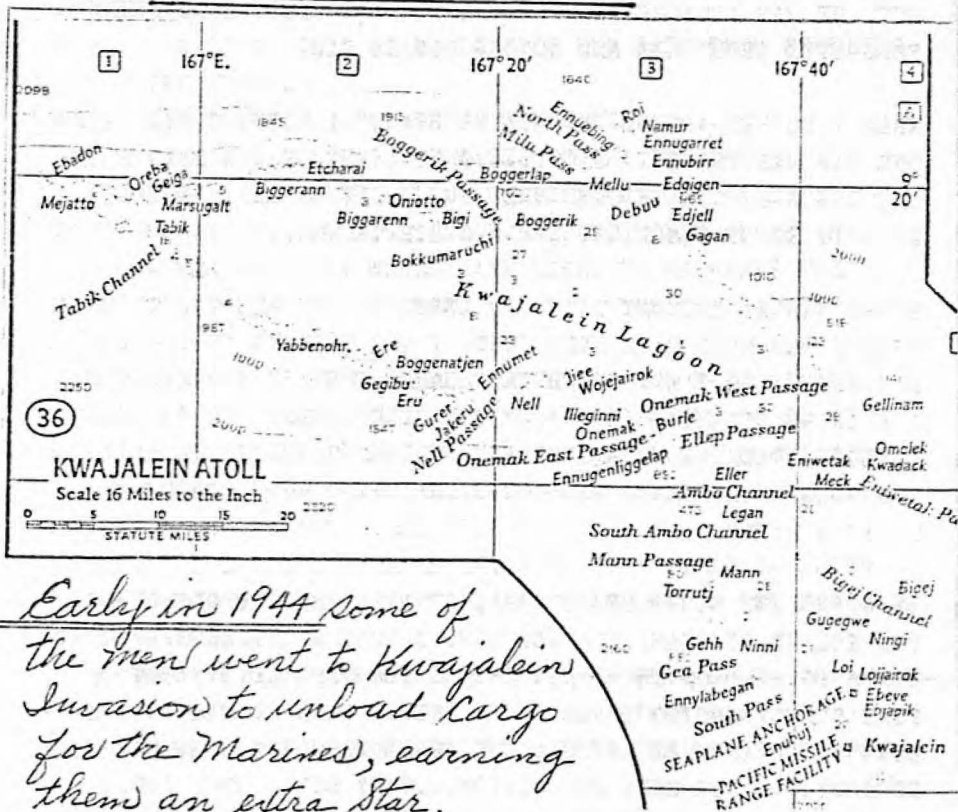
ON JULY 29, 1944...THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS RAISED OVER THE REMAINS OF THE OLD MARINE BARRACKS. THE ORIGINAL MARINE PLACK WAS FOUND UNBROKEN.

THE ISLAND HOWEVER WAS NOT SECURED UNTIL AUGUST 10, 1944.

Reference: CAMPAIGN IN THE MARIANAS..U. S. ARMY IN WORLD WAR 11..PHILIP A. CROWL



Marshall Islands



Early in 1944 some of the men went to Kwajalein in swasion to unload cargo for the Marines, earning them an extra Star.

5000 Miles West of California and 8000 miles from New York. Kwajalein invaded 1/31/44. Secured by U.S. in four days.

Eniwetok
assaulted
Feb. 17-1944.
Secured by
U.S. in six
days.
Ref: Campaign
in Marianas
Philip A. Crowl

July - 1944

ENIWETOK....BEACH PARTY (OR WHO STOLE MY BEER)

HAVING ARRIVED AT GUAM A MONTH EARLY AND HAVING NO ONE TO GREET US EXCEPT JAPS, WE DECIDED TO TURN AROUND AND GO BACK TO ENIWETOK, WHERE IT WAS A LITTLE SAFER. WHILE FLOATING AROUND THE HARBOR, IT WAS DECIDED TO GIVE THE MEN A BEACH PARTY.

EACH MAN WAS GIVEN 2 CANS OF BEER AND BOATED TO A SMALL ISLAND....ABOUT THREE BLOCKS LONG AND ONE BLOCK WIDE. THERE WAS A ROW OF PALM TREES DOWN THE MIDDLE....JUST THICK ENOUGH SO THE WATER ON THE FAR SIDE COULD NOT BE SEEN.

AS THE BEER WAS WARM, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO BURY IT IN THE GENTLE SURF TO COOL IT OFF. PACKING THE FINE SAND AROUND IT, I KNEW IT COULDN'T GO ANYWHERE. THEN I TOOK A WALK DOWN THE BEACH, CROSSED OVER TO THE OTHER SIDE AND HEADED BACK.

AFTER COMPLETING THE CIRCUIT, I HEADED INTO THE WATER TO RETRIEVE MY GOODIES, AND ENJOY THE FIRST TASTE OF BEER IN TWO MONTHS. MUCH TO MY SURPRISE THE CACHE WAS EMPTY. ALL THAT WAS THERE WAS A HOLE IN THE SAND.... I STOOD THERE STARING IN DISBELIEF AT THE SPOT...FEELING RAGE, DISAPPOINTMENT AND DISGUST...WONDERING HOW ANYBODY COULD DO ANYTHING LIKE THIS. ESPECIALLY FRIENDS..IN A WAR ZONE. I LOOKED AROUND BUT COULDN'T SEE ANYONE WHO LOOKED GUILTY.

I KNEW IT WASN'T ____*. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN STANDING UP ON THE BEACH, WITH THE CAN UP TO HIS LIPS, WAVING TO ME AS HE DRANK THE LAST OF IT.

"C. J." THIRSTY

CHARLES L. MURRAY, CO A

EDITOR'S NOTE: I CALLED NEW JERSEY TO ASK HOW LONG HE STAYED ANGRY. HIS RESPONSE: "OH, I GUESS A GOOD HOUR!!!!" ALSO:"BUT IF YOU SOLVE THE MYSTERY...LET ME KNOW".

* name withheld by Editor.

ONCE AGAIN WE ARE ON OUR WAY. WE LEFT ENIWETOK WITH OUR CONVOY OF... 4 LST'S ... 4 PATROL BOATS ... 1 DESTROYER. BESIDE CARRYING SUPPLIES FOR OURSELVES, WE SUPPLIED FOOD, WATER AND FUEL FOR THE PATROL BOATS, AS THEY WERE TOO SMALL TO HOLD RATIONS FOR MORE THAN A WEEK.

I WAS ON LST 334...MY GROUP WAS ASSIGNED BUNKS AT THE REAR OF THE BOAT, BUT IT WAS TOO HOT BELOW DECK SO MOST OF THE TIME I SLEPT UP ON THE UPPER DECK, ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS, LOOKING FOR A COOL BREEZE.

THERE WERE A FEW SUBMARINE SCARES.....AND AT THE TIME, "TASK FORCE 58" WAS GOING ON SOME DISTANCE AWAY. ABOUT 300 JAP PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN BUT WE DIDN'T SEE THE ACTION. SOME "WAR NEWS" FILTERED DOWN FROM THE SHIP'S RADIO, SO WE HAD SOME IDEA OF WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE AROUND THE WORLD. THE TRIP WAS NOT WITHOUT A FEW THRILLS AND SOME APPREHENSION.....

WE ARRIVED AT GUAM ON JULY 20 OR 21, 1944, FOR D-DAY. THE CODE NAME FOR THE OPERATION WAS "FORAGER". THE GROUPS TAKING PART (THE 13TH SPECIAL DIDN'T DO IT ALL!!!!) IN THE INVASION WERE:
THE 2ND MARINE DIVISION....THE 4TH MARINE DIVISION....
THE 1ST PROVISION MARINES....THE 27TH INFANTRY DIVISION....
THE 77TH INFANTRY DIVISION AND THE 3RD MARINE AMPHIBIANS.
I HOPE THAT I DID NOT LEAVE ANYONE OUT!!!!

THERE WERE TWO BEACHHEADS. ONE AT AGAT BEACH ON AGAT BAY, AND ONE AT ASAN BEACH ON AGANA BAY.
OUR 4 LST'S WERE ON ASAN BEACH...CLOSE TO ADELUP POINT;
APPROXIMATELY A CITY BLOCK FROM THE OUTSKIRTS OF AGANA CITY.
AGANA BAY REACHED FROM ASAN POINT TO SAUPON POINT. THE WHOLE AREA WAS REFERRED TO AS "AGANA".

WHEN THE BOMBS STARTED TO EXPLODE, THE FIRST ONE LANDED ABOUT 15 YARDS IN FRONT OF MY LST 334. WE WERE BOMBED A FEW DAYS IN A ROW. EACH TIME WE HAD TO RUN OUT TO SEA. THE 4 LST'S WERE LINED UP IN A ROW BUT WOULD BE IN A DIFFERENT POSITION ON DIFFERENT DAYS.

I REMEMBER THE TUGBOAT COMING IN TO HELP. OUR LST HAD PONTOON CAUSEWAYS STRAPPED TO BOTH SIDES AND THEY WERE CUT LOOSE AND TAKEN AWAY BY SOMEONE ELSE.

THE MAN NEXT TO ME WAS HIT ON THE HAND AND A VEIN BURST OPEN. AS I TURNED TO HELP HIM HE WAS ALREADY ON THE RUN IN SEARCH OF A MEDIC...I NEVER COULD FIND OUT HOW HE MADE OUT. HE WAS ATTACHED TO THE SHIP..NOT A C.B.. I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN ABOUT HIM AND WONDER HOW HE DID.

WHEN I LOOKED AROUND AND AT THE BEACH, I NOTICED THAT NOT ONE MAN WAS THERE IN SIGHT....ONLY A FEW OF OUR BOYS PUSHING DRUMS OF OIL THROUGH THE SURF. WE WERE CARRYING VAST QUANTITIES OF GASOLINE, AMONG OTHER THINGS.

THERE WAS A CEREMONY LATER TO AWARD PURPLE HEARTS, SO SOME OF OUR MEN MUST HAVE BEEN HURT. I WAS WORKING AT THE TIME.. DAY SHIFT..SO I'M NOT SURE HOW MANY. THE MEN WHO ATTENDED THE AWARD CEREMONY WERE FROM THE NIGHT SHIFT. IT WAS EASY TO LOSE TRACK OF YOUR BUDDIES...THINGS HAPPENED SO FAST... AND CONSTANTLY CHANGING, YOU DIDN'T FIND OUT ABOUT A LOT OF YOUR MATES.

WE SPENT THE NIGHT OF JULY 21, BETWEEN THE BATTLESHIP AND THE ISLAND OF GUAM. IMMENSE SHELLS WENT FLOATING OVER OUR HEADS TO LAND ON THE JAPS. THE SHELLS WERE LIKE BALLS OF FIRE SLOWLY ARCING THROUGH THE SKY TO LAND WITH A TREMENDOUS CRASH AS THEY HIT GUAM.WE WERE DEPENDENT ON OUR DESTROYER...OUR ONLY PROTECTION...THEY DID A GOOD JOB...

AT DAWN A LARGE WHITE FLARE LIT UP THE SKY AS A SIGNAL TO "CEASE FIRE"...THE LANDING HAD BEGUN.WHEN THE GUNS STOPPED, THE "DUCKS" HEADED FOR SHORE AND THE MARINES WERE ON THEIR WAY.

"DUCKS" WERE BOATS WITH WHEELS THAT COULD FLOAT THROUGH THE WATER AND RUN UP THE RAMP ON THE WHEELS...COME RIGHT INSIDE THE LST...GET RE-LOADED AND HEAD FOR SHORE. IT HAD A PROPELLER STICKING OUT THE REAR.

THE FIRST TWO DAYS THE SHELLS FROM MT. TENJO CHASED US OUT TO SEA. THE THIRD AND FOURTH DAYS MORTAR SHELLS FROM A WATER TOWER CHASED US TO SEA.

TANKS HAD TO GO INTO AGANA TO STOP THE JAPS FROM SHELLING US ON THE BEACH.

AGANA WAS TAKEN.....MT. TENJO WAS TAKEN.....

BUT THE JAPS STILL HAD THE WATER TOWER. IT TOOK 5 DAYS FOR THE MARINES TO RID IT OF SNIPERS:AS SOON AS THEY WOULD CLEAR IT...AT NIGHT MORE SNIPERS WOULD SNEAK IN. THE MARINES PROBABLY WOULD HAVE LIKED TO PRESERVE THE WATER TOWER FOR OUR OWN USE... BUT I GUESS IT HAD TO GO.

AFTER D-DAY + 5, WE UNLOADED THE LST'S AND WENT ASHORE. WE SET UP PUP TENTS. PAUL DISHNO AND I SHARED OURS. WE WERE CAMPED IN FRONT OF THE MARINES ARTILLERY CONSISTING OF 115MM AND 155MM MORTARS. THEY WERE FIRING ALL NIGHT.. IT WAS TOUGH TO GET TO SLEEP.

PAUL AND I DECIDED TO TAKE ONE HOUR GUARD SHIFTS. AFTER A FEW HOURS OF TRYING TO STAY AWAKE AND WATCH OUT FOR JAPS, WE BOTH FELL ASLEEP.

OF COURSE WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT UNTIL WE WOKE UP IN THE MORN-ING.....WERE WE EVER SURPRISED TO BE ALIVE!!!!!!

WE THEN WENT INTO THE HARBOR TO UNLOAD THE LARGER SHIPS.

THERE WERE A LOT OF SHIPS IN THE HARBOR.

MOST OF THE LST'S HAD A BULLDOZER IN THE FRONT, INSIDE THE HULL. IT WAS THE FIRST THING OUT TO BUILD UP A RAMP OF SAND, SO THE LANDING CRAFT AND SMALL TRUCKS COULD DRIVE IN AND OUT.

THE SMALL BOATS AND PONTOON BARGES COULDN'T CARRY MUCH FREIGHT AS IT WAS HARD FOR THEM TO UNLOAD ON THE BOMBED OUT BEACHES.

THERE WERE QUITE A FEW SHIPS ANCHORED IN AGANA HARBOR. BUT IT WAS TOO OPEN, SO AFTER A WEEK OR SO ALL SHIPS WERE SENT TO APRA HARBOR WHICH WAS MORE SHELTERED BE-OF CABRAS ISLAND.

THE C.B.'S BUILT A CAUSEWAY TO PROTECT APRA HARBOR TO PROTECT IT FROM THE 14 FEET HIGH WAVES. THIS MANMADE CAUSEWAY WAS A BIG HELP.

OUR NEW AREA WAS TO BE AT THE BASE OF OROTE PENI-SULAR WITH THE SUMAY HARBOR AS A BACKDROP. WHEN WE WENT DOWN TO TAKE A LOOK, WE FOUND A FORMER JUNGLE THAT HAD BEEN SHREDDED BY BULLETS AND BOMBS.

THERE WERE THOUSANDS OF DEAD JAPANESE SOLDIERS LAYING AMIDST THE RUINS OF COCONUT LOG "DUGOUTS". WORK HAD AL-READY BEEN STARTED TO CLEAN-UP. THE DEAD WERE BURIED AND BULLDOZERS WERE LEVELING THE GROUND AND TENTS WERE GOING UP.

WE SPENT A FEW DAYS HELPING OUT, WERE ASSIGNED A TENT, WASHED OUR CLOTHES AND WENT OUT TO UNLOAD SOME MORE SHIPS.

THERE WERE STILL A LOT OF SNIPERS ON GUAM....NO ONE EN-JOYED GOING ON THOSE SNIPER HUNTS. A GROUP OF US WERE ASKED TO GO INTO THE JUNGLE BUT THE JAPS DROVE US OUT. ANOTHER TIME THE MARINES CHASED US.....THEY SAID "YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO GET YOURSELVES KILLED".

A GROUP OF DRUNKEN JAPS MADE A HARI KARI CHARGE IN THE HOSPITAL TENT AND STABBED WOUNDED MARINES.

DENGUE FEVER GUAM

AS THE GUAMANIAN NATIVES FILTERED OUT OF THE JUNGLE, THE 13TH SPECIAL GAVE THEM SHOES, CLOTHES AND FOOD. THEY WERE REALLY EMACIATED AND HALF STARVED. MANY OF THEM HAD OPEN SORES ON THEIR LEGS FROM RUNNING IN THE JUNGLE FOR 2 YRS. OUR DOCTORS AND DENTISTS TOOK CARE OF THEM. OUR COOKS FED THEM. THEY WERE CALLED " CHAMORROS". THEY GAVE US JAP MONEY FOR SOUVINERS.

WHILE WE WERE UNLOADING A SHIP, I REMEMBER ERNEST SYLVIA GETTING STRUCK IN THE LIP WITH A WATER CAN, ACCIDENTALLY. THE CAN WOULD BE LOWERED DOWN SO THE MEN COULD GET A DRINK OF WATER.

SYLVIA HAD TO GO TO A NAVY SHIP FOR A FEW STICHES. WHEN HE RETURNED HE TOLD US SUCH A FUNNY STORY, WE LAUGHED UNTIL THE TEARS CAME OUT OF OUR EYES. WE LAUGHED FOR WEEKS ABOUT THAT STORY. IT WAS TOLD AND RETOLD HUNDREDS OF TIMES OVER AND OVER AND ALWAYS BROUGHT A FRESH ROUND OF LAUGHTER. IT SURE RELIEVED THE TENSION.....A LOT!!!!!!!

I STILL LAUGH AS I NOW REMEMBER IT. CAN'T TELL IT TO A LADY. SORRY.....

AFTER GUAM WAS SECURED THE BUILDING UP PERIOD BEGAN.... SNIPERS AND ALL...WATER SUPPLY, ROADS, AIRSTRIP, VILLAGES, ETC.. THE NATIVES STARTED TO FILL OUT FROM ALL THE GOOD FOOD. A GREAT DEAL OF BUILDING WAS GOING ON ALL OVER THE PLACE. SOMEONE ELSE WILL HAVE MORE INFORMATION, FOR I WAS MOSTLY STEVEDORING AS THE SHIPS WERE COMING AND GOING WITH NEW AND DIFFERENT KINDS OF SUPPLIES.

I DO REMEMBER HELPING TO BUILD GIGANTIC "REEFERS". (REFRIGERATORS). AFTERWARD WHILE LOADING SOME FROZEN PORK, THE PORK WAS SO COLD, THAT WHEN YOU DROPPED IT ON THE FLOOR, IT WOULD SHATTER AND FLY TO PIECES. THEN WE WOULD TAKE A FEW PIECES BACK TO THE TENT AND TRY TO COOK IT. UNSUCCESSFULLY, OF COURSE.

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HAVING WEATHERED FIFTY-EIGHT DAYS FLOATING ON THE PACIFIC, A WEEK OF STEADY BOMBING AND SHELLING ON GUAM, FOUR DAYS OF SHELLING ON THE BEACH AND ONE NIGHT OF SLEEPING UNDER THE MARINE HOWITZERS..... I THOUGHT NOTHING COULD BOTHER ME. BUT I WAS WRONG. THAT ONE NIGHT ON THE ISLAND EXPOSED ME TO A TINY ENEMY...A MOSQUITO...THAT GAVE ME A SMALL BUT VERY POTENT INJECTION.

THE NEXT DAY WHILE WORKING ON A CARGO SHIP, UNLOADING MORTAR SHELLS, I NOTICED MYSELF GETTING WEAKER AND WEAKER. I WAS CARRYING FOUR SHELLS, THEN THREE, THEN TWO. WHEN I COULDN'T PICK UP ONE, I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG.

I TOLD THE HATCH BOSS, EMMIT E. HENDERSON, THAT I WAS SICK AND WAS GOING TO LIE DOWN IN A CORNER ON A PIECE OF CARDBOARD.

THERE WERE NO CORPMEN ON BOARD, SO I LAY ON THE STEEL DECK FOR 5 DAYS, WRACKED WITH CHILLS AND FEVER. MY BUDDIES BROUGHT ME FOOD AND COFFEE, BUT I COULD NOT SWALLOW ANYTHING. I LOST 20 LBS. AND MY TASTE FOR FOOD. (TASTE BUDS RETURNED AFTER 6 MONTHS). ON THE SIXTH DAY, THE SHIP UNLOADED, WE RETURNED TO CAMP. ON GOING TO THE CAMP HOSPITAL, I FOUND NO HELP. THE BEDS WERE ALL FULL AND THERE WAS NO MEDICINE FOR DENGUE FEVER. THE CORPSMAN SAID I'D BE ALRIGHT AS LONG AS I DID NOT GET BITTEN AGAIN. A SECOND ATTACK COULD BE FATAL.

IT IS CALLED "BREAKBONE FEVER". WELL NAMED BECAUSE EVERY BONE AND JOINT IN YOUR BODY ACHES AND YOU DON'T CARE IF YOU DIE. IT IS WHAT A GOOD "C.B." WOULD CALL A MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE.

I WAS NOT ALONE...MANY OF OUR MEN HAD IT ALSO.....

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ISLAND PARADISE....BARRACKS ON GUAM

LOOKING DOWN MAIN STREET, OROTE PENINSULAR, GUAM.....
IN THE BACKGROUND IS MT. TENJO...REAR LEFT IS SUMAY HARBOR.
CO. A WAS ON TOP RIGHT....CHOW HALL ON TOP LEFT.

OFFICERS COUNTRY WAS BEHIND THE PHOTOGRAPHER. WE WALKED TO
THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL AND GOT "6 BY 6" TRUCKS, DROVE OUT
THE GATE, TURNED LEFT AND HEADED FOR THE SHIPS.....ABOUT A
MILE AWAY.

WHEN WE CAME BACK, WE JUMPED OFF THE TRUCK AND RAN UP THE
HILL...TO GET ON LINE FOR CHOW FOR SUPPER. IF IT WAS BREAK-
FAST TIME, (6 A.M.), ONLY HALF OF THE MEN WOULD GET ON LINE.
THEY WOULD BE TOO TIRED TO EAT. YOU COULD GET AN EXTRA HOUR
OF SLEEP BY HEADING FOR THE TENT.

THE TENTS HAD THE SIDES ROLLED UP, BECAUSE IT WAS SO HOT...
110 DEGREES. HALF OF THE MEN WOULD NOT GET UP FOR BREAKFAST.
SO ALMOST EVERYONE GOT AN EXTRA HOUR OF SLEEP...BUT ONLY 2
MEALS A DAY.

OUR DRINKING WATER CAME FROM A DAMP AREA AT THE BOTTOM OF
THE HILL (SWAMP). IT WAS GOOD FOR WASHING AND SHOWERING, BUT
I DON'T REMEMBER A WATER FOUNTAIN ANYWHERE.

WHILE RUNNING UP THE HILL ONE DAY, I STEPPED ON ONE OF THOSE
"PEBBLES" ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD DOWN BY GARBAGE CAN # 1...
SPRAINED MY RIGHT ANKLE SO BAD IT SWELLED UP. BY THE TIME I
GOT TO CHOW, ALL THAT WAS LEFT WAS BALONEY SANDWICHES.
MOST OF THE TIME THE REGULAR FOOD RAN OUT BY THE TIME 3/4 OF
THE MEN WERE FED. THE REST GOT COLD CUTS.
I'M NOT SQUAWKING; SPAM, CHEESE AND PEANUT BUTTER KEPT ME
GOING.

WE STILL HAD THE BEST COOKS AND BAKERS IN THE WHOLE PACIFIC.
THE MARINES WOULD COME AND EAT WITH US AND THEY COULDN'T
BELIEVE WHAT GOOD FOOD WE GOT. I DIDN'T THINK OF IT THEN,
BUT MAYBE THAT'S WHY THE FOOD WENT SO FAST.

THEY SURE MADE GOOD CAKE!!!!

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GUAM....THRILL ON THE AMMO SHIP

WE HAD BEEN WORKING FOR ABOUT A WEEK ON THE AMMO SHIP IN
THE HARBOR AT GUAM. IT WAS A SCARY TOUR OF DUTY...A SPARK
COULD SET OFF AN EXPLOSION THAT WOULD BLOW US ALL TO KING-
DOM COME. WE WERE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK AND WERE BLEARY
EYED AND NERVOUS.

THEN WE HAD SOME GOOD NEWS...THE MAIL BOAT SHOWED UP AND AS
THE MAILMAN CLIMBED OVER THE RAIL, WE ALL STOPPED WORKING TO
GET OUR MAIL. AFTER HE PASSED IT OUT, HE STARTED TO INSPECT
ALL THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF BOMBS AND THE SHELLS THAT WE WERE
WORKING ON.

FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON HE PULLED ON A CIRCULAR RING THAT
WAS ATTACHED TO A 5 GALLON CAN. AS THE RING CAME OFF IN HIS
HAND, HE STOOD THERE DUMBFOUNDED AS SMOKE AND FIRE CAME
POURING OUT.

INTENT ON READING LETTERS, NO ONE REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPEN-
ED BUT WHEN THE FIRE WAS OBSERVED, IT TURNED INTO INSTANT
BEDLAM. PEOPLE WERE RUNNING IN ALL DIRECTIONS.

THE ONLY ONE THAT HAD ANY PRESENCE OF MIND WAS PAUL DISHNO.
HE RAN OVER AND PICKED UP THE CAN AND RAN FOR THE SIDE OF
THE SHIP, TO THROW IT OVER THE SIDE.

BY LUCK, HE LOOKED DOWN TO SEE A BARGE LOADED WITH CANS OF
EXPLOSIVE POWDER....HOLDING BACK JUST IN TIME, HE RAN TO THE
BOW OF THE SHIP AND THREW THE CAN INTO THE WATER.

ALL OF THIS TIME, THE CAN WAS BELCHING SMOKE AND FIRE, BURN-
ING PAUL'S HANDS AND BLACKENING HIS VISION.

IT TURNED OUT TO BE A SMOKE CANNISTER USED FOR LAYING DOWN
A SMOKE SCREEN IN BATTLE.

PAUL SAVED A LOT OF LIVES THAT DAY BUT HE NEVER GOT ANY
CREDIT BECAUSE WE DIDN'T WANT TO SQUEAL ON THE MAILMAN.
THE HARBOR COMMANDER SAW THE SMOKE AND CALLED TO FIND OUT
WHAT WAS GOING ON.

WE SAID THAT THE CAN "FELL" OVER THE SIDE.

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GUAM SHIP TO SHORE

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ABOUT TWO MONTHS AFTER WE LANDED ON GUAM, WE WERE GIVEN A HIGGENS SPEEDBOAT AND A PONTOON BARGE. UP UNTIL THEN, WE HAD TO DEPEND ON OTHER PEOPLE TO TAKE US OUT TO THE CARGO SHIPS IN THE HARBOR.

ABOUT THAT TIME THERE WAS A BIG STORM..SMALL TYPHOON... THAT WASHED A LOT OF COXWAINES UP ON THE BEACH. SO OUR "GOLD BRAID" LOOKED THROUGH THE RECORDS FOR SOMEONE WHO COULD TAKE THEIR PLACE.

THEY CAME UP WITH SOMEONE WHO HAD "SMALL BOAT" EXPERIENCE AND GASOLINE ENGINES IN HIS RECORD. THAT WAS ME. SO THEY MADE ME A COXWAIN WITHOUT EVEN TAKING A TEST. IT MEANT MORE MONEY AND A STRIPE....BUT I HATED TO LEAVE MY GANG. I HAD TO MOVE TO HEADQUARTERS CO. BECAUSE THEY HAD CONTROL OF THE OPERATION.

THE SPEEDBOAT WAS USED BY THE OFFICERS TO GO OUT TO THE SHIPS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO UNLOAD. (SUCH AS TYPE OF CARGO, NUMBER OF MEN NEEDED, DESTINATION, ETC.).

THEN WE WOULD LOAD THE BARGE WITH THE PROPER GEAR, WIRE STRAPS AND HARNESS, USED TO RAISE AND LOWER THE FREIGHT AND FIVE "GANGS" OF MEN TO DO THE WORK.

EACH GANG WAS MADE UP OF 20 MEN...EACH SHIP HAD 5 HATCHES. 100 MEN TOTAL.

THEN WE WOULD RUN THE BARGE OUT TO THE SHIP...THE MEN WOULD CLIMB ABOARD BY USING A ROPE LADDER, LANDING NETS AND ON THE LARGER SHIPS, A GANGPLANK. WE WOULD SET UP THE LOADING BOOMS AND SEND THE HOOK OVER THE SIDE TO PICK UP THE GEAR. WE'D TAKE THE BARGE BACK TO SHORE FOR ANOTHER TRIP TO A DIFFERENT SHIP.

IF WE WEREN'T TOO BUSY, WE WOULD TRANSPORT SOME OF THE CARGO ASHORE.

WE WERE ALWAYS NEEDED TO BRING IN AIRPLANES, BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT FIT IN OTHER TYPES OF CRAFT.

THE PONTOON BARGE WAS MADE UP OF STEEL BOXES, SEALED ^{Page 2 of 2} TO BE WATERTIGHT AND BOLTED TOGETHER. EACH BOX WAS ABOUT 8 SQ. FEET AND THERE WERE 16 BOXES.THREE ACROSS AND FIVE FEET DEEP...PLUS ONE WITH A CHRYSLER MARINE EIGHT ENGINE IN IT.

THE ONE WITH THE ENGINE IN IT, HAD A PROPELLER WHICH STUCK OUT OF THE BOTTOM, PLUS A RUDDER AND ALSO A STEERING WHEEL ON TOP.

THE PONTOON BARGE WAS VERY WELL CONSTRUCTED AND STRONG. IT NEVER SHOWED ANY SIGNS OF WEAKNESS. WE RAN IT SHIP TO SHORE FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS UNTIL THE 29TH C.B.'S BUILT LOADING DOCKS ON SHORE, SO THE SHIPS COULD COME RIGHT IN AND TIE UP TO SHORE.

IT ELIMINATED THE NEED FOR THE MIDDLEMAN....(ME)

ONE NIGHT MY BUDDY _____* SAID HE HAD TO GO OUT TO A CERTAIN SHIP FOR SOMETHING. WHEN WE GOT THERE, HE CLIMBED UP A ROPE THAT WAS HANGING OVER THE SIDE..... HAND OVER HAND UP HE WENT AND DISAPPEARED OVER THE SIDE..(30 FEET). TEN MINUTES LATER A BOX WAS LOWERED DOWN THE ROPE FOR ME TO UNTIE. I DID. MY BUDDY CAME DOWN THE ROPE VERY FAST, SAYING IN AN EXCITED VOICE, "HURRY UP. LET'S GO". SO I STARTED THE ENGINE AND TOOK OFF AMIDST A DIN OF HOLLERING AND SHOUTING. THE QUIET SHIP CAME ALIVE WITH LIGHTS AND SEARCHLIGHTS, AND SHOUTS OF "STOP THAT BOAT!!!!". I PUT IT IN HIGH SPEED FULLY EXPECTING BULLETS TO START FLYING. I HAD NO IDEA WHAT WAS GOING ON UNTIL WE GOT BACK AND ASKED _____* WHAT WAS GOING DOWN.....HE HAD MADE A DEAL WITH A SAILOR TO BUY A CASE OF WHISKEY. I TOLD HIM TO TAKE THE WHISKEY AND HITCH A RIDE BACK TO CAMP, SO WE WOULDN'T GET CAUGHT WITH IT.

I NEVER DID GET ANY OF IT. A BOTTLE WOULD SELL FOR \$80.00. 12 BOTTLES IN A CASE = \$960.00.

IF WE HAD BEEN CAUGHT...IT WAS A COURT MARTIAL OFFENSE.

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* Name withheld by Editor.

GUAM...T.N.T.

WE DID HANDLE THOUSANDS OF CASES OF T.N.T.(TRINITROTOLUENE) AND DYNAMITE CAPS. YOU ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO DROP ONE CASE.

JOSEPH DEL GUIDICE OF BROOKLYN, N.Y. USED TO SIT ON TOP OF A PILE OF DYNAMITE AND SMOKE HIS "LITTLE CIGAR" AND SAY, "DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT"... I WOULDN'T SAY THAT THE MEN WERE NERVOUSLY WATCHING.....BUT WE DID KNOW EXACTLY HOW MANY PUFFS HE TOOK, BEFORE HE GROUND IT OUT ON ONE OF THE BOXES. THEN WE WOULD HURRY AND TRY TO UNLOAD THE REST OF IT BEFORE HE LIT UP ANOTHER.

AS FAST AS WE WERE UNLOADING IT, A CREW OF "BLASTERS" WERE LOWERING IT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE HARBOR AND "SHOOTING" 100 CASES AT A TIME. WE WOULD HEAR A WHISTLE BLOW AND THE WATER WOULD EXPLODE... 50 FEET INTO THE AIR. THEN A SHOCK WAVE WOULD HIT THE SIDES OF THE SHIP AND YOU WOULD THINK IT WOULD COLLAPSE.

THEY WERE CLEARING THE HARBOR SO THE LARGER SHIPS COULD COME IN TO LAND. THE CORAL THAT WAS PULVERIZED, WAS SUCKED THROUGH PIPES AND DUMPED ON LAND TO MAKE DOCKS.

(WHILE IN CAMP PEARY, UNDERWATER DEMOLITION TEAMS WERE FORMED FROM A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS. THEY HAD TO BE IN THE BEST OF HEALTH AND OF SPECIAL TYPES AND SIZES. THEY TRAINED TWICE AS HARD AS OTHER SEABEES. THEY HAD TO "RUN" EVERY HERE THAT THEY WENT, AND HAD TO GO THRU THE COMMANDO COURSE TWICE TO OUR ONCE. I REMEMBER ONE DYNAMITE MAN...."POP CHAPIN".)

GUAM...T.N.T.

THERE WAS ANOTHER EXPLOSION THAT WAS A CONCERN TO THE 13TH SPECIAL. IT HAPPENED AFTER WE WERE ON GUAM FOR QUITE A FEW MONTHS.

WHEN WE LANDED, THERE WAS A LARGE AMOUNT OF JAPANESE SHELLS AND BOMBS LAYING AROUND WITH THE POWDER LEAKING OUT. IT WAS A DANGEROUS SITUATION SO WE CLEANED IT UP AND PILED IT NEXT TO OUR AREA.

THEN IT SEEMED LIKE EVERYONE BROUGHT THEIR EXTRA EXPLOSIVES AND IT BECAME A REAL AMMO DUMP. WE USED TO WALK THROUGH IT LOOKING FOR SHELLS TO MAKE SOUVENIRS WITH. STEPPING ON LOOSE POWDER, WE REALIZED THAT A SPARK COULD SET IT OFF.

WELL ONE DAY WHEN WE WERE OUT IN THE HARBOR UNLOADING A SHIP, WE HEARD A LOUD EXPLOSION. WE LOOKED UP TO SEE THAT WHOLE AREA HEADING SKYWARD. A BIG BLACK PUFF OF SMOKE AND FLAMES WITH BULLETS AND SHELLS GOING OFF.

AFTER LOOKING AT THIS DISPLAY FOR A FEW MINUTES, SOMEONE SAID "HEY!!!!...THAT'S OUR AREA...THAT'S THE DUMP NEXT TO US". SURE ENOUGH, OUR TENTS HAD QUITE A FEW HOLES IN THEM WHEN WE RETURNED. CAN'T REMEMBER IF ANYONE WAS HURT.

GUESS WHAT KIND OF SHIP WE WERE UNLOADING AT THE TIME? AN AMMUNITION SHIP THAT WAS LOADED WITH TONS OF BOMBS, SHELLS, POWDER CANS AND DYNAMITE.

WE WERE ABOUT 2 MILES AWAY ON AN LST WITH A BROKEN MOTOR AND A LEAKY BOTTOM. WE SPENT 2 WEEKS ON IT, LOADING AND UNLOADING. IT WAS A "FLOATING WAREHOUSE".....A BATTLESHIP OR A DESTROYER WOULD PULL ALONGSIDE AND TAKE ON WHAT IT NEEDED.

I JUST REMEMBERED WHY I DON'T KNOW MORE ABOUT THE DAMAGE TO OUR AREA.....WE DIDN'T GET BACK TO CAMP FOR ABOUT 10 DAYS....

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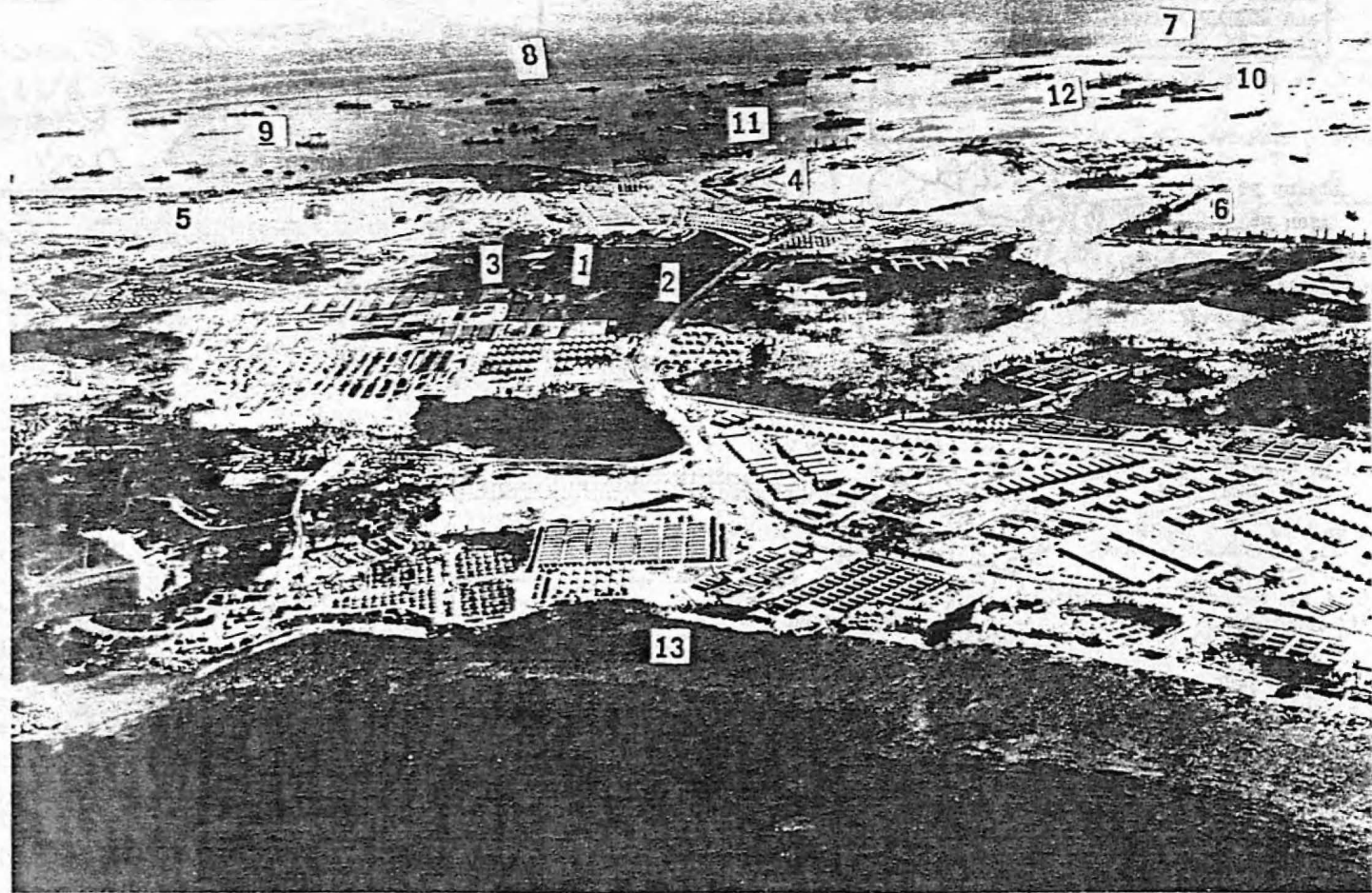
PHOTOGRAPH OF GUAM

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- 1.....13TH SPECIAL CAMP..ALL TENTS..NO CORAL OR QUONSET HUTS.
- 2.....13TH SPECIAL TRUCK POOL..OLD JAP AMMUNITION DUMP JUST BELOW TRUCK POOL.
THE DUMP BLEW UP WHILE WE WERE THERE.
- 3.....ADMINSTRATION AREA AND CHOW HALL. ALSO LARSON'S LOOP...THE CHURCH...
AND "OFFICERS'S COUNTRY".
- 4.....REEFERS (REFRIGERATORS) BUILT BY THE 13TH SPECIAL IN OUR SPARE TIME.
TO HOLD FROZEN MEAT AND SUPPLIES FOR GUAM.
- 5.....OROTE POINT AIR FIELD. PLANES FLEW LOW ABOVE THE TENTS, MAKING THE
CANVAS FLAP IN THE BREEZE. WAS RUN BY MARINE AIR GROUP # 21.
- 6.....SHIP DOCKS BUILT BY SEABEES WITH CORAL BLASTED FROM THE HARBOR BOTTOM.
STEEL PILINGS WERE DRIVEN INTO THE GROUND AND THE CORAL WAS SPRAYED IN
BEHIND AND THE WATER SEEPED OUT.
- 7.....CABRAS ISLAND. HOME OF THE SIXTEENTH SPECIAL N.C.B.. HUGH DUMP TRUCKS
CARRIED LOADS OF CORAL, NIGHT AND DAY FOR A YEAR, MAKING CABRAS ISLAND
REACH WITHIN 100 YARDS OF OROTE PENINSULA. SUBMARINE PROTECTION NETS
WERE STRUNG UNDERWATER TO CLOSE OFF THE HARBOR.
- 8.....BREAKWATER BUILT BY SEABEES TO ENCLOSE HARBOR. IN THE EARLY DAYS, 14 FT.
WAVES WERE NORMAL. AFTER THE BREAKWATER WAS BUILT, THE HARBOR WAS VERY
QUIET.
- 9.....WHITE HOSPITAL SHIP. AFTER IWO JIMA, 5 OR 6 HOSPITAL SHIPS WERE MAKING
RUNS BACK AND FORTH WITH WOUNDED MEN. THEY HAD NAMES LIKE, FAITH....
HOPE....MERCY....CHARITY.
- 10.....FLOATING REPAIR DOCK. A CRUISER WITH ITS BOW BROKEN OFF WAS PUT INTO
REPAIR DOCK AND FITTED WITH A FALSE BOW. IT THEN SAILED BACK TO THE
STATES FOR A NEW BOW.
- 11.....APRA HARBOR. WAS SHELLED QUITE OFTEN BY JAP AIRPLANES IN THE EARLY DAYS.
- 12.....SUBMARINE TENDER. USED FOR FOOD AND SUPPLIES AND FUEL. THE 13TH SPECIAL
USED TO BRING SUPPLIES TO IT ON OUR BARGE.
- 13.....OROTE PENINSULA, GUAM.

*See photo on
page opposite. →*

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Aerial view of Guam taken on Sept. 5-1945, after the C.B.s built it up.
Apra Harbor is filled with ships. At the left is
Crote Point Airstrip, now widened & lengthened.
Details on opposite page.

Official National
Archives Photo

6300 Miles West of California

Map of Guam as it appeared
in the Cargo Cable [6/1/45 - Pg. 7]

#1... 13TH Special Camp

#2... Asan Beach

#3... Agat Beach

#4... Water Tower

D-DAY JULY 21 TO
JULY 27 1944

There were 2 beachheads.
One at Agat Beach on Agate
Bay (#3); and one on Asan
Beach at Agana Bay.

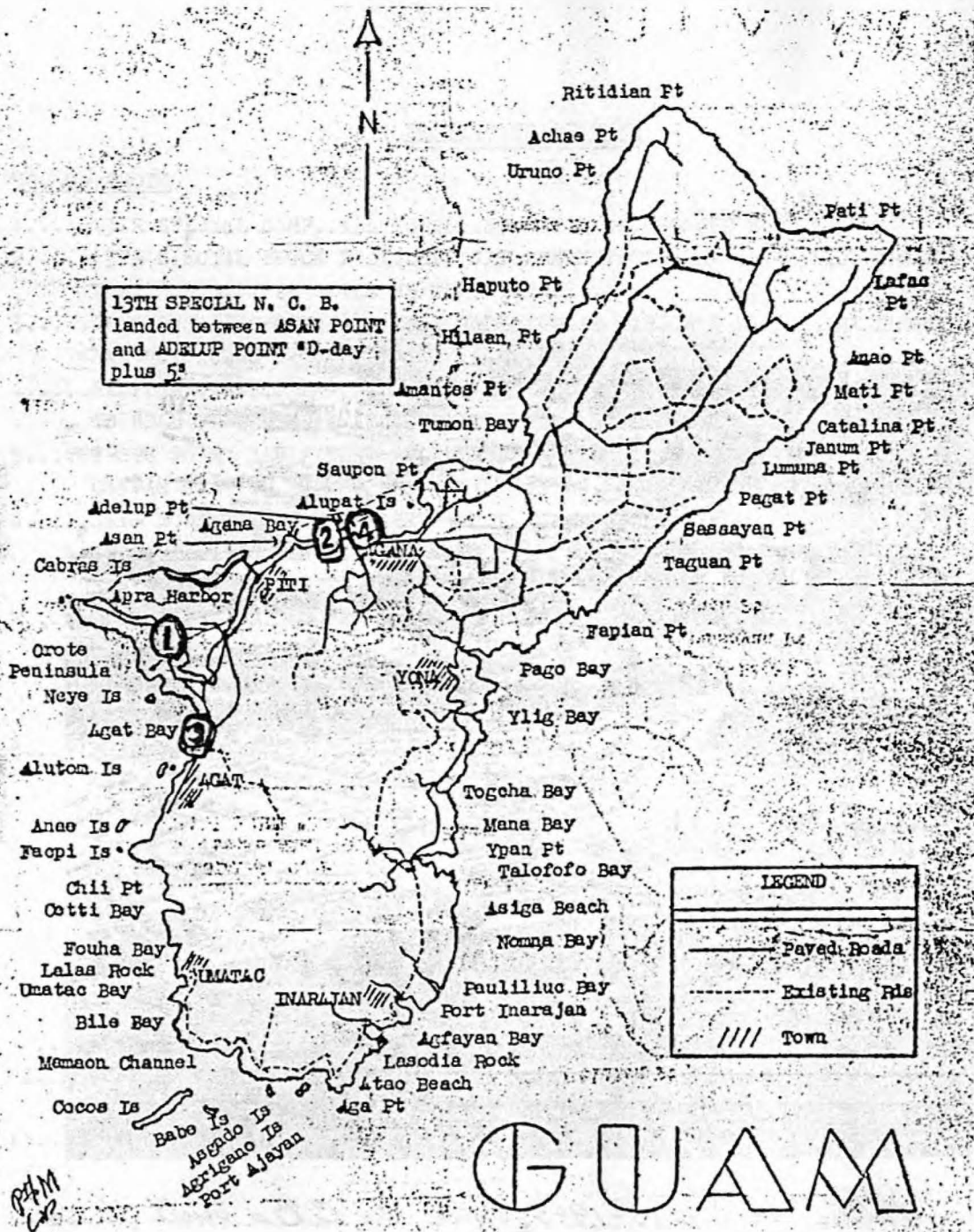
Our 4 L.S.T.'s were on Asan
Beach close to Adelup Pt.,
about a city block from the
outskirts of Agana City.

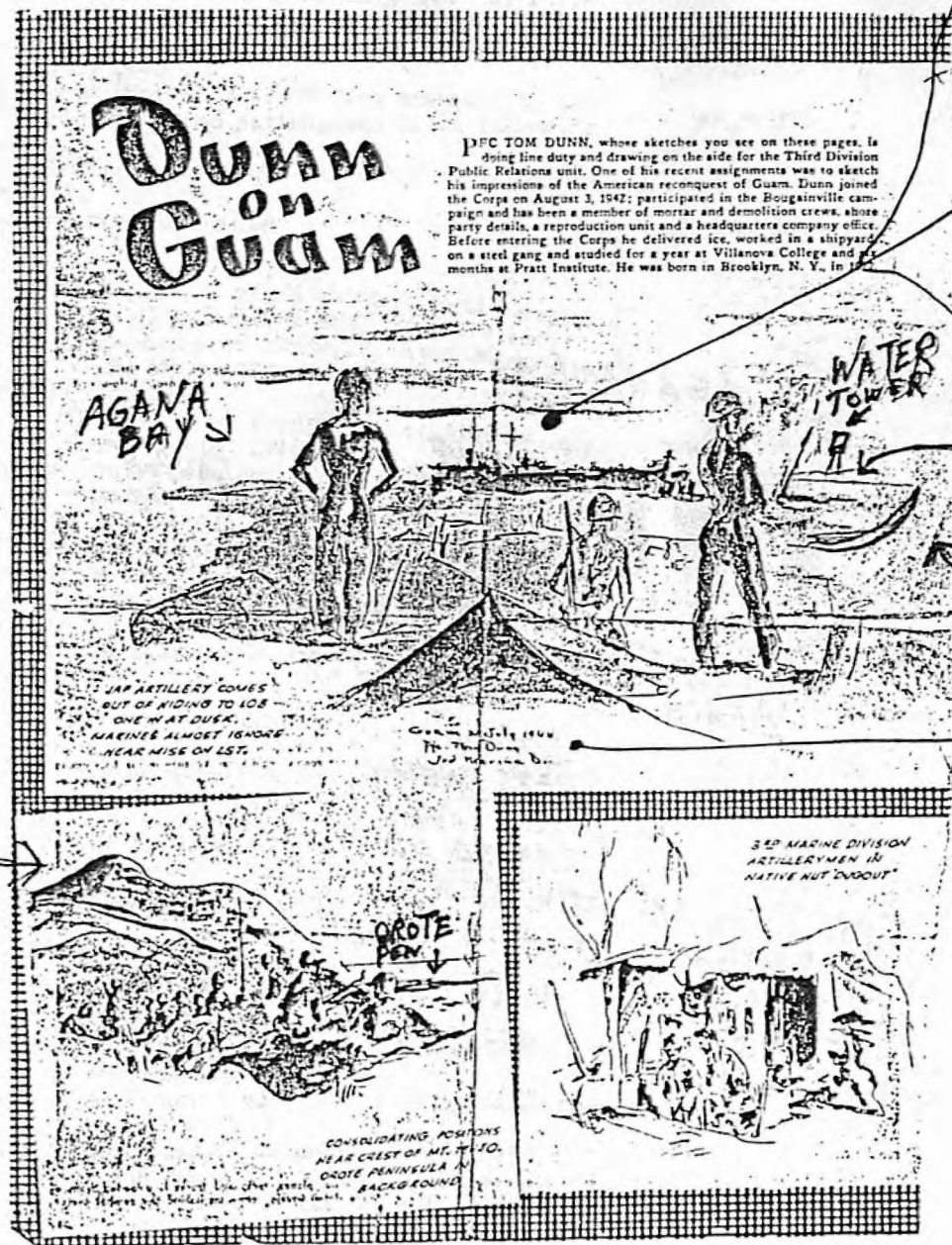
The Japs fired Mortar shells
from a water tower at #4.

Agana Bay reached from
Asan Pt. to Saupon Pt..

The whole area was re-
ferred to as Agana.

The Water tower was behind
a hill, away from point of
vision.





Dunn on Guam

PFC TOM DUNN, whose sketches you see on these pages, is doing line duty and drawing on the side for the Third Division Public Relations unit. One of his recent assignments was to sketch his impressions of the American reconquest of Guam. Dunn joined the Corps on August 3, 1942; participated in the Bougainville campaign and has been a member of mortar and demolition crews, shore party details, a reproduction unit and a headquarters company office. Before entering the Corps he delivered ice, worked in a shipyard on a steel gang and studied for a year at Villanova College and six months at Pratt Institute. He was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1918.

13th
SPECIAL
4 LST'S
71
244
334
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JAP ARTILLERY COMES OUT OF HIDING TO LOB ONE AT DUSK. MARINES ALMOST IGNORANT NEAR MISE ON LST.

Guam July 1944
Pfc. Tom Dunn
3rd Marine Div.

July 21,
1944

MT
TENJO

DOTE
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3RD MARINE DIVISION
ARTILLERYMEN IN
NATIVE HUT "DUGOUT"

CONSOLIDATING POSITIONS
NEAR CREST OF MT. TENJO.
DOTE PENINSULA IN
BACKGROUND

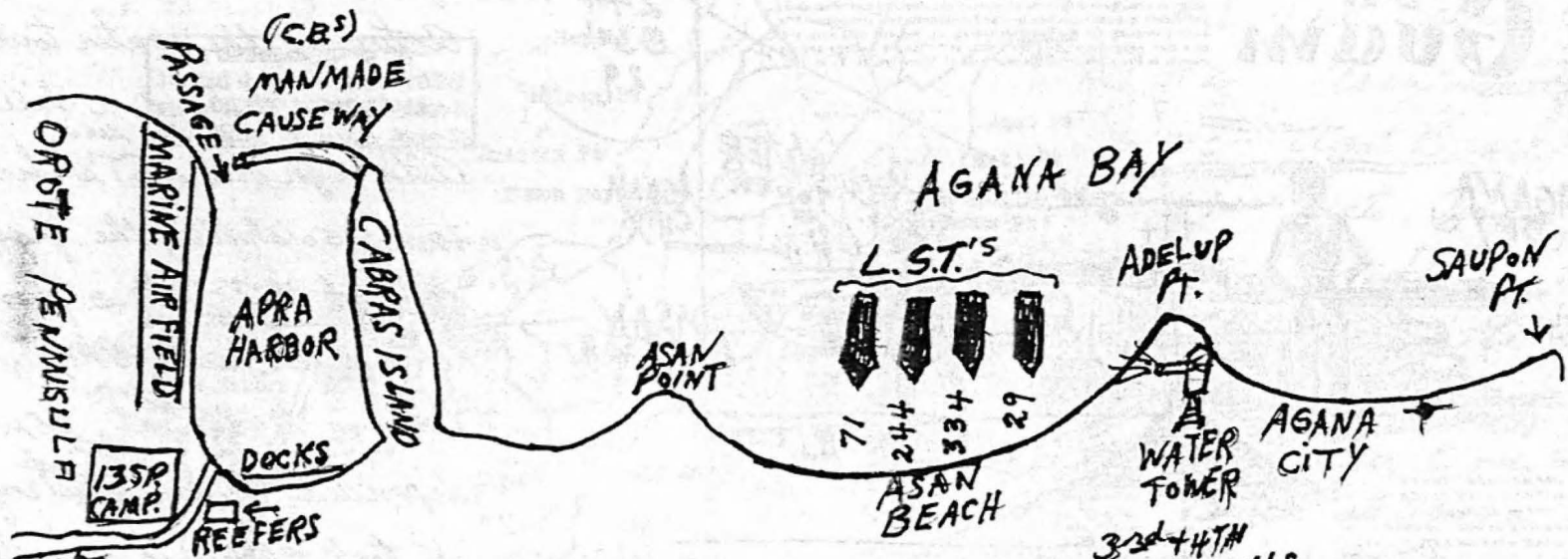
THE THIRTEENTH SPECIAL NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION UNLOADING L.S.T.'s ON THE BEACH AT GUAM DURING INVASION BY MARINES.

"Memo: I draw in the Water tower, so you could 'get the picture'."

Actually the water tower was well behind a hill, and could not be seen. Although our LST's fired 20-40-50 shells, the Japs were shelling at us from behind the hill. There was nothing to "aim at," so we depended on our Destroyer. It took 4 days to completely wipe out the tower, except for the Snipers. That took longer."

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Co. A.

"P.S. I could see some of our men in the water, off shore, when the Jap shelling started. I was on LST 334. Came ashore on July 27, 1944."



3 or 4 miles to AGANA →

FIRST TWO DAYS
SHELLS FROM
MT. TENJO
CHASED US
OUT TO SEA

33rd + 4TH
DAYS SHELLS
FROM TOWER
CHASED US
TO SEA
FOR THE NIGHT
NEXT DAY THE TOWN
OF AGANA WAS TAKEN

July 21 - July 27

Drawing by Charles L. Murray C.A.

LST-29

LST-29 was laid down on 8 January 1943 at Pittsburgh, Pa., by the Dravo Corp.; launched on 17 May 1943; sponsored by Mrs. C. F. Lockton; and commissioned on 10 July 1943.

During World War II, LST-29 was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in the following operations:

Gilbert Islands operation—November and December 1943

Marshall Islands operation:

- (a) Occupation of Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls—January and February 1944
- (b) Occupation of Eniwetok Atoll—February and March 1944

Marianas operation:

- (a) Capture and occupation of Guam—July and August 1944

Okinawa Gunto operation:

- (a) Assault and occupation of Okinawa Gunto—May 1945

LST-29 was decommissioned on 11 March 1946 and was struck from the Navy list on 8 May 1946. On 17 June 1946, she was sold to the Foss Launch & Tug Co., of Seattle, Wash.

LST-29 earned four battle stars for World War II service.

LST-71

LST-71 was laid down on 27 November 1942 at Jeffersonville, Ind., by the Jeffersonville Boat & Machine Co.; launched on 27 February 1943; sponsored by Mrs. Lew Murphy; and commissioned on 9 June 1943.

During World War II, LST-71 was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in the following operations:

Marianas operation:

- (a) Capture and occupation of Guam—July and August 1944

Treasury-Bougainville operation:

- (a) Treasury Island landing—November 1944

Okinawa Gunto operation:

- (a) Assault and occupation of Okinawa Gunto—April 1945

LST-71 was decommissioned on 25 March 1946 and was struck from the Navy list on 8 May 1946. On 23 January 1948, she was sold to the Atlantic & Pacific Packing Co., of Seattle, Wash., and subsequently converted for merchant service.

LST-71 earned three battle stars for World War II service.

*These 4
LST's
earned a
Total of
15
Battle
Stars.*

*They carried
the 13th Special
NCB. to the
Invasion
of
Guam.*

LST-244

LST-244 was laid down on 1 May 1943 at Evansville, Ind., by the Missouri Valley Bridge & Iron Co.; launched on 14 July 1943; sponsored by Mrs. H. C. Price; and commissioned on 13 August 1943.

During World War II, LST-244 was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in the following operations:

Gilbert Islands operation—November and December 1943

Occupation of Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls—February 1944

Capture and occupation of Guam—July and August 1944

Assault and occupation of Okinawa Gunto—April 1945

LST-244 was decommissioned on 28 March 1946 and struck from the Navy list on 3 July 1946. On 11 June

1948, she was sold to the Sun Shipbuilding & Co., of Chester, Pa., for scrapping.

LST-244 earned four battle stars for World War II

LST-334

LST-334 was laid down on 17 July 1942 at the Norfolk Navy Yard; launched on 15 October 1942; sponsored by Mrs. W. M. Thompson; and commissioned on 29 November 1942, Lt. George Alyward, USNR, in command.

During World War II, LST-334 was assigned to the Asiatic-Pacific theater and participated in the following operations:

Vella Lavella occupation—October 1943

Occupation and defense of Cape Torokina—November and December 1943

Capture and occupation of Guam—July and August 1944

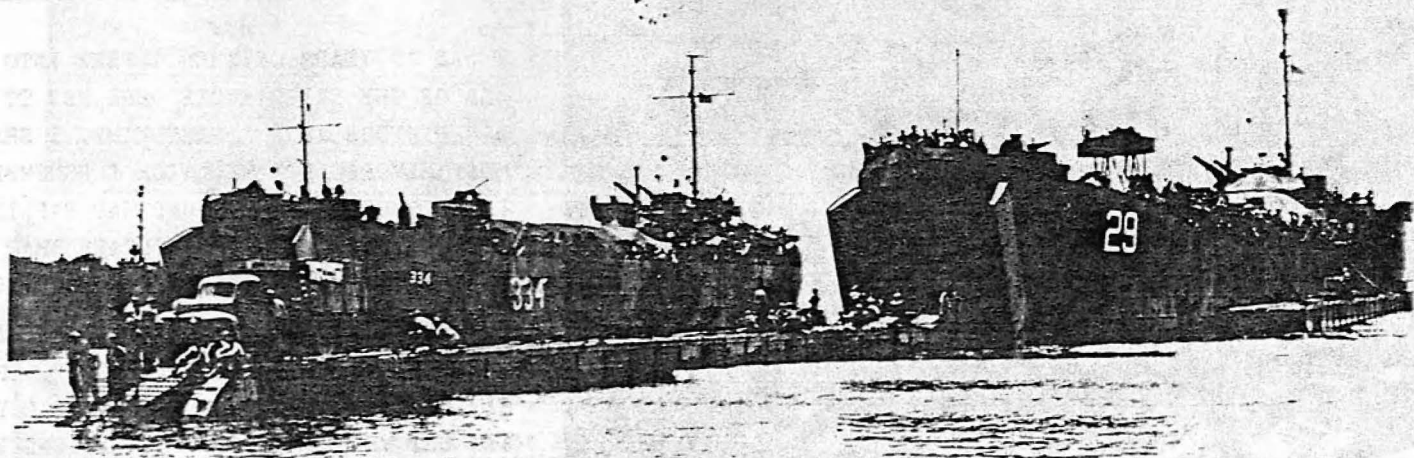
Assault and occupation of Okinawa Gunto—April through June 1945

Following the war, LST-334 performed occupation duty in the Far East until mid-October 1945. Upon her return to the United States, the ship was decommissioned on 24 April 1946 and struck from the Navy list on 5 June 1946. On 22 April 1948, she was sold to the Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa., for scrapping.

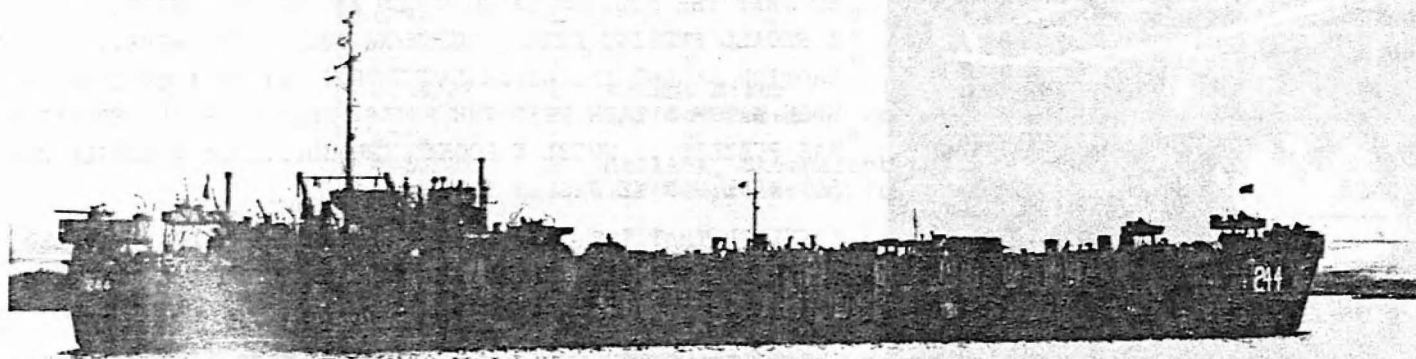
LST-334 earned four battle stars and the Navy Unit Commendation for World War II service.



Guam 1944. LBT on right is # 29
July 27th LBT on left is # 334

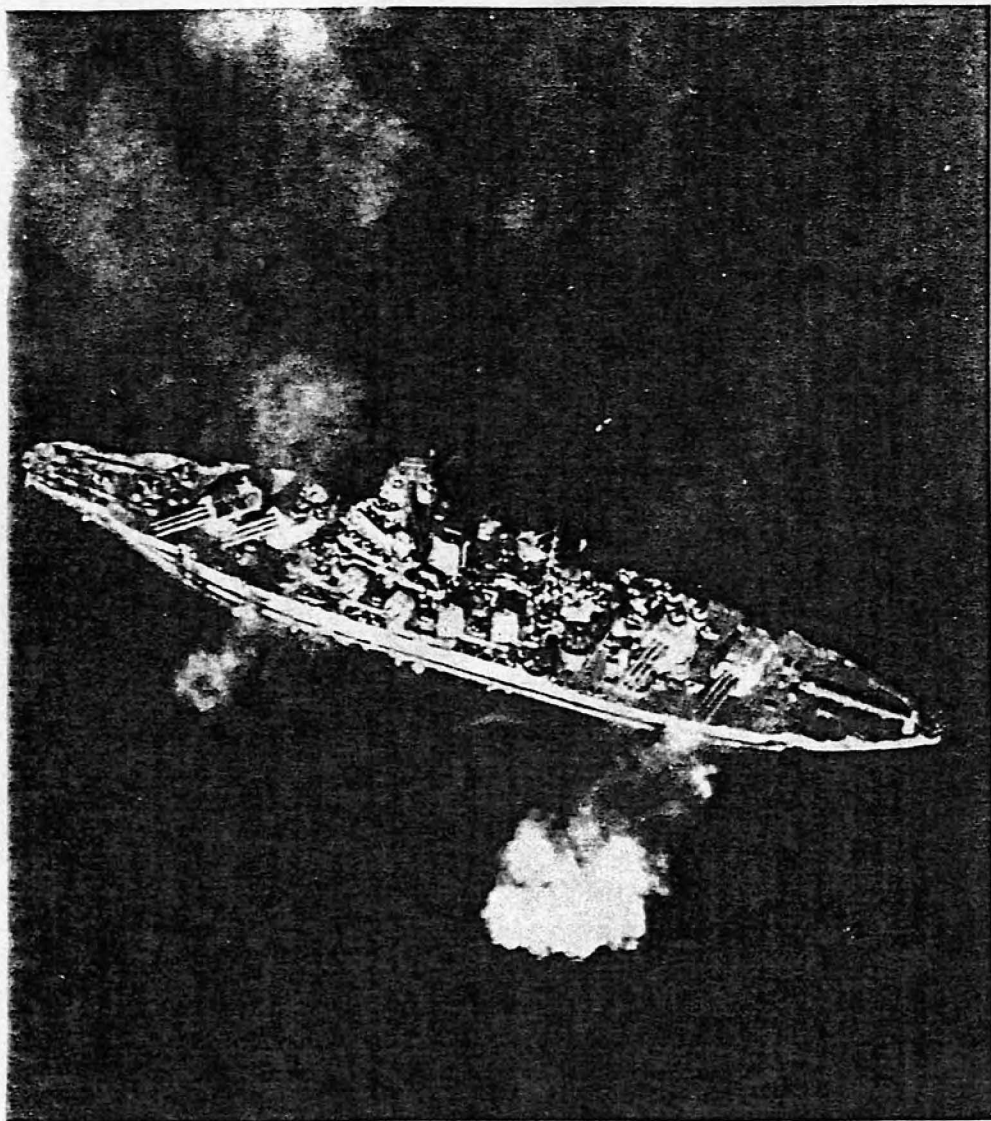


LST # 334 and LST # 29 Guam July 27-1944



LST # 244. Photo taken on May 21, 1944 at Pearl Harbor. It left on June 1, 1944 with the 13th Special NCB for Guam.

"On July 30, Orote Peninsula was secured and on the next morning, the first vessels entered Apra Harbor. Before noon of that same day, the 13th Special N.C.B. had 5 Stevedore Crews aboard these ships. Unloading, without benefit of piers or established points, began at once, with small landing-crafts and self-propelled barges serving as lighters."... Building the Navy's Bases in W.W.II Vol II
Editor's note: They had of course, already unloaded their 4 LST's.



*"We spent the night between the battleship and the Island of Guam, while the immense shells went floating over our heads to land on the Japs. The shells were like balls of fire slowly arching through the sky, to land with a tremendous explosion." Charles L Murray
LST 334 Co. A.*

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GUAM....D DAY...."SITTING DUCK"

AGE

I WAS 17 YEARS OF WHEN I WENT INTO THE 13TH SPECIAL, SO ALL OF THE EXPERIENCES WERE NEW TO ME BUT I FELT PROUD & ADVERTUROUS AT THE SAME TIME. I SHALL TELL YOU ABOUT THE MOST MEMORABLE TIME WHICH I REMEMBER SO CLEARLY.

I AND OTHERS OF MY SQUAD HAD EARLIER WADED ASHORE WITH ENGIN PRICE. WE HAD TO LEARN WHAT WE COULD ABOUT THE UNDERWATER REEF BETWEEN THE FOUR LST'S AND ASAN BEACH.

ABOUT TEN YARDS FROM THE WATER'S EDGE, A MARINE OFFICER DEMANDED TO KNOW THE "PASSWORD". THE INCONGRUITY OF THE SITUATION DROVE IT CLEAR OUT OF OUR MINDS. WE SUFFERED A FEW BUT VERY LONG SECONDS OF CONSTERNATION, BEFORE OUR ANNAPOLIS TRAINED ENSIGN PRICE CAME UP WITH IT.....

SHORTLY THEREAFTER, WE STACKED ARMS AND STATIONED OURSELVES AT INTERVALS ALONG THE LINE OF THE CURVED REEF, SO SO THAT THE ROLLING CARGO COULD BE DRIVEN ASHORE.

I RECALL FEELING LIKE A "SITTING DUCK" OUT THERE.....THAT EMOTION BECAME INDELIBLE LATER THAT DAY AS I OBSERVED A HUGH WATER SPLASH NEAR THE LST'S. ANOTHER FOLLOWED AND I WAS PUZZLED....UNTIL I LOOKED AROUND....NOT A SINGLE COMBAT-WISE MARINE WAS IN SIGHT.

I YELLED THAT THE JAPS WERE SHELLING THE SHIPS, AND LED THE REST OF THE SQUAD TO GROUND AND INTO ONE OF THE NUMEROUS FOXHOLES IN THE AREA.

OUR SHIPS ERUPTED WITH COUNTER BATTERY FIRE & ROCKET FIRING LCT'S LET GO SALVOS RIGHT OVER OUR HEADS TO SILENCE THE JAP GUNS. THREE LST'S CLOSED UP AND BACKED AWAY FROM THE BEACH; ONE HUNG UP AND A NAVY TUG RUSHED IN TO GIVE A HAND.

JUST BEFORE DARK, THE SQUAD LEFT THE BEACH AND DROVE TO THE BATTALION BIVOUAC AREA TO SPEND A WET, RESTLESS NIGHT OF UTTER CONFUSION.

CHARLES A. WEBBERLEY
CO. C

..... LST # 29

U.S.S. ARA (AK-136)
 c/o Fleet Post Office
 San Francisco, Calif.

Friday, 22 July 1944

PLAN OF THE DAY

U. S.S. ARA-(AK136)

Plans of the Day
 thru Aug. 8, '44.

"We arrived at
 Agat Beach
 and
 unloaded
 our Cargo
 there.

13th Special Agat Beach

Page #1.
 STOWAGE LIST SS H-361
 Hatch #4 L/H

Lot No.	Art.	Commodity	Base	Cubic	Weight	Stowage
4001/03	190	Pos Lumber (16064 BF)	135th CB	1339	48192	A/O
4004/07	2603	" (39899 BF)	"	3325	119697	A/O
4008/10	2505	" (39003 BF)	"	3250	117009	A/O
4011/12	3166	" (49531 BF)	"	4128	148593	A/O
4013/16	1836	" (17852 BF)	"	1488	52556	A/O
4017/19	5 ^{1/2}	Tractors, Allis Chalmers HD-14	"	6195	113940	P/Wg Abr
4020	1	"	"	2065	37980	P/Wg Art
4021	1	"	"	2065	37960	Square
4022/24	5 ^{1/2}	"	"	6291	113780	S/Wg Abr
4025	1	"	HD-10	1764	28000	"
4026/27	2	Cement Mixer	"	848	5530	M/S Art
4028	1	Air Compressors, Worthington	"	352	5530	"
4029	1	"	"	352	5530	Square
4030/31	2	Rollers, Sheepsfoot	"	1094	12000	"
4032	1	Air Compressors, Worthington	"	352	5530	"
TOTALS:				<u>34908</u>	<u>855847</u>	

Cargo Manifest

*Hatches # 4
 and # 5 were
 the 13TH Special's*

*We also were
 "held up" at
 Eniwetok due
 to heavy
 Jap attack
 on Guam"*

1839 Sunset - Dinner.
 1915 Departmental Reports.
 1930 Movies.
 2130 Darken Ship.

THERE WERE 18 OF US WHO HAD RETURNED TO PORT HUENEME IN THE SPRING OF 1944. WE MADE A ROUND TRIP. WE WERE GONE EXACTLY 1 MONTH. WE WERE ABOARD THE USS ARA-AK 136. WHEN WE RETURNED TO IROQUOIS POINT, WE WERE ASSIGNED TO GET BACK ABOARD THE ARA-AK 136 AND ALSO TO USE THE EXACT SAME BUNKS THAT WE HAD JUST VACATED. WE WERE NOW SEPERATED FROM OUR BATTALION AS WE SHIPPED OUT FOR GUAM. *As far as I can remember, the Battalion had already left for Guam.* THESE ARE THE SHIP'S MANIFEST FOR HATCH #4 AND HATCH #5, ALONG WITH THE SHIP'S "PLAN FOR THE DAY", WHICH ARE DATED. WE UNLOADED AT GUAM, SLEEPING ON THE SHIP UNTIL THE UNLOADING WAS COMPLETED.

EVERARDUS B. WILSON CO. B.

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Hatches # 4 and #5.

HATCH # 4 S/D		
AM'T	COMMODITY	WEIGHT (POUNDS)
2	GRADERS (AUSTIN)	36600
7	TRUCKS 2½ TON CARGO-DUMP	93835
2	ROAD ROLLER (AUSTIN)	41740
1	AIR COMPRESSOR	5530
TOTAL		177705

HATCH #5 L/H		
460	SACKS CEMENT	43700
4254	PCS. LUMBER	119112
1496	DRUMS GASOLINE	598400
10	TRUCK 2½ TON CARGO	134050
10	RECONN CAR ½ TON	24000
7	TRAILERS CARGO ½ TON	3010
2	TRAILERS P	8750
TOTAL		931022

HATCH # 5 S/D		
10	TRUCKS CARGO 2½ TON	107650
1	TRUCK CARGO 1 TON	10765
1	CARGO TRAILER	1310
373	DRUMS, DIESEL FUEL, LUBE OIL GASOLINE, KEROSENE	97640
423	PKGS. GREASE..RUST PREVENTATIVE	22085
2	RECONN. CARS	4800
1	TRAILER PUMP	4375
TOTAL		296615

HATCH # 5 O/D		
4	TRUCKS CARGO 2½ TON	53620
4	RECONN CAR ½ TON	9600
11	PKGS. ACID BATTERY CHARGERS	598
1	BOX OAKUM	35
TOTAL		63853

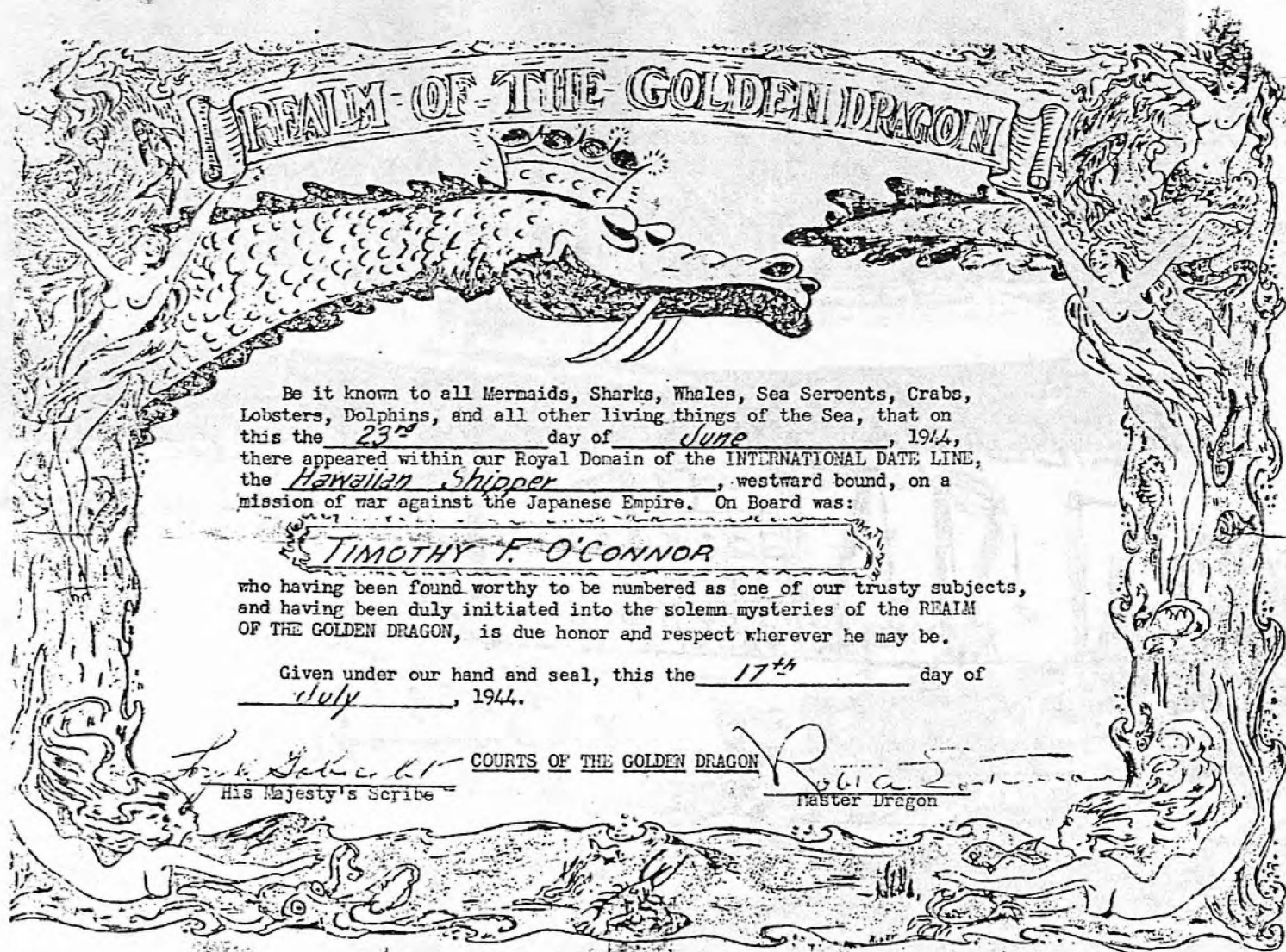
HATCH # 4 L/H		
10290	PCS LUMBER	487047
9	TRACTORS	333680
2	CEMENT MIXER	6530
3	AIR COMPRESSOR	16590
2	ROLLERS	12000
TOTAL		855847

We came in to Agat Beach, so we were still seperated from our Buddies. When we finished unloading, we all got together again. Everyone was asking "Where have you been?" and "Has anyone seen so and so?"

*(Everardus) B. Wilson
Co. B.*

P.S. I can still remember accounting for all of that Lumber.

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by Editor - 1987*



Be it known to all Mermaids, Sharks, Whales, Sea Serpents, Crabs, Lobsters, Dolphins, and all other living things of the Sea, that on this the 23rd day of June, 1944, there appeared within our Royal Domain of the INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE, the Hawaiian Shipper, westward bound, on a mission of war against the Japanese Empire. On Board was:

TIMOTHY F. O'CONNOR

who having been found worthy to be numbered as one of our trusty subjects, and having been duly initiated into the solemn mysteries of the REALM OF THE GOLDEN DRAGON, is due honor and respect wherever he may be.

Given under our hand and seal, this the 17th day of July, 1944.

Frank S. ...
His Majesty's Scribe

COURTS OF THE GOLDEN DRAGON

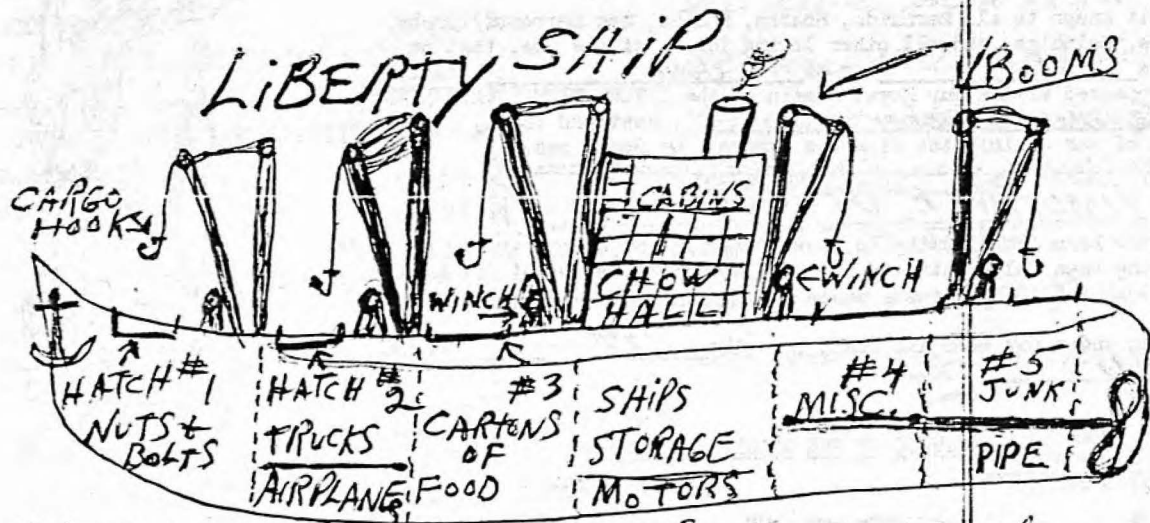
R. ...
Master Dragon

The "Hawaiian Shipper" landed at Guam on August 9, 1944, at Asan Beach. Some of the 13th Special were on board. They were held up somewhere on the high seas between Eniwetok and Guam. They helped to unload the "Sea Flier" that was grounded on the reefs of the Marshall Islands.

LST - 300 ft long

Liberty Ship - 600 ft long

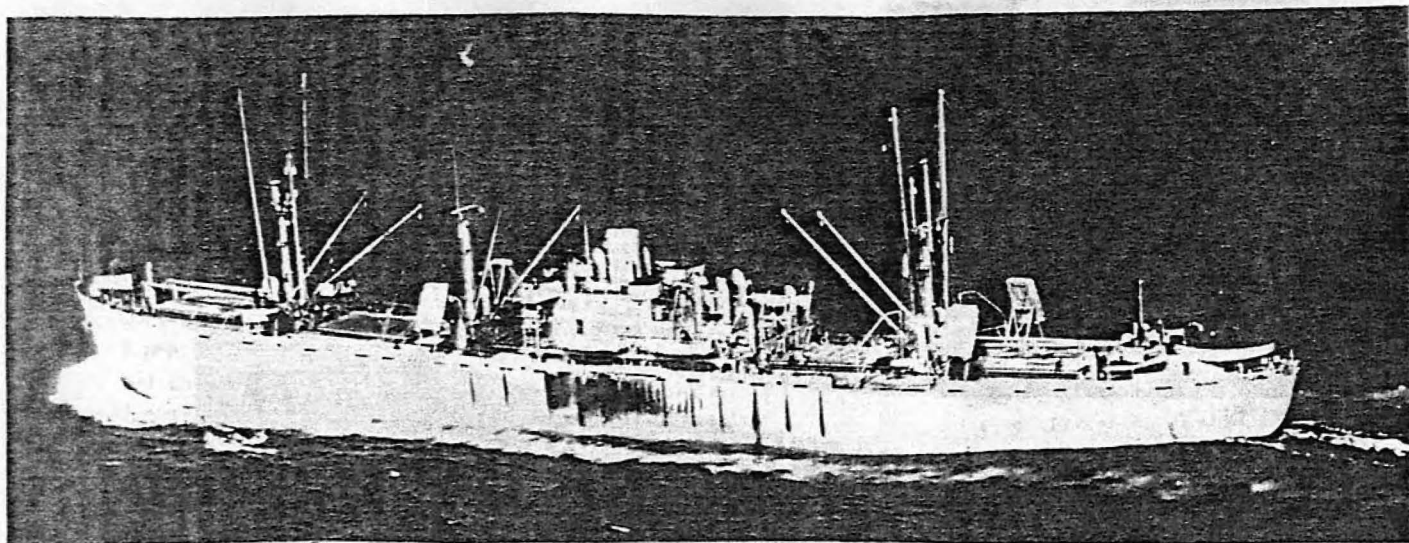
- Liberty Ships were all made alike so they could be made on an assembly line with all parts interchangeable. They did a great job helping to win the war.



"As you can see, I'm not an ARTIST, but at least you will know what a "HATCH" is.

For your Eyes Only"
Charlie C.T.

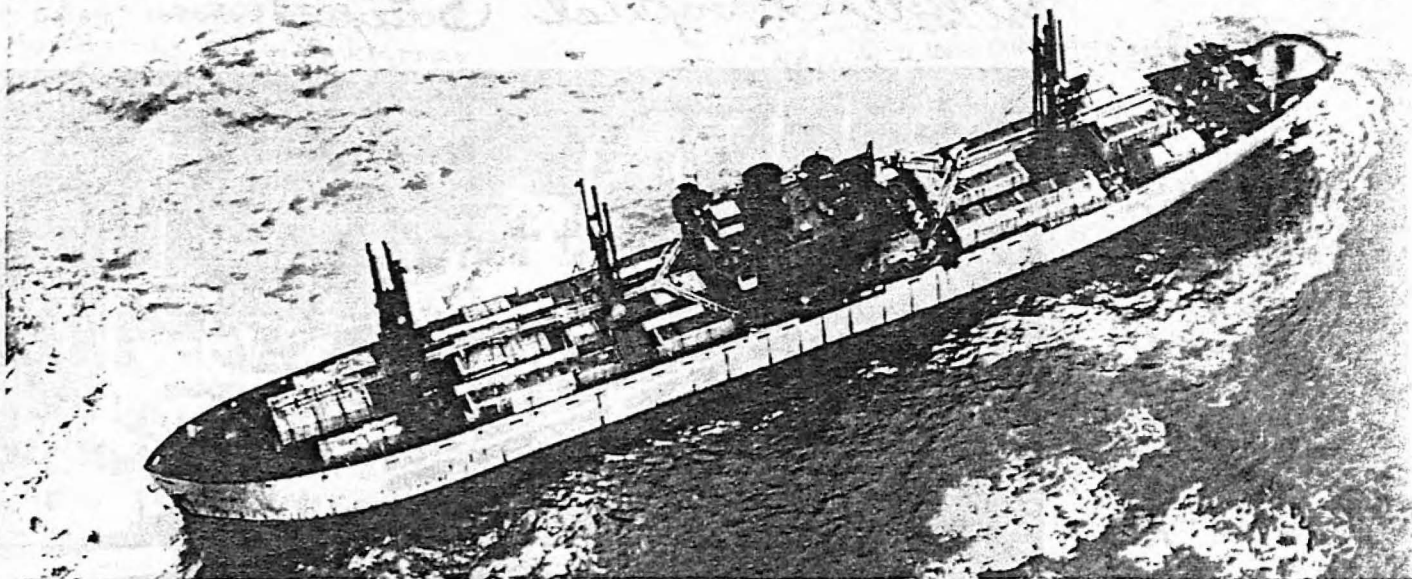
Hatch #1 is odd shaped because of the pointy bow so odd shaped cargo was put in it. Likewise #5 which had the propeller shaft running through it. Hatches #2-3 & 4 were flat & square for easy stacking. Number 2 was used for extra heavy lifts as it had "jumbo" booms that could handle 6 tons.



Type EC-2

U. S. Liberty Ships

Type K.X.Q.D.

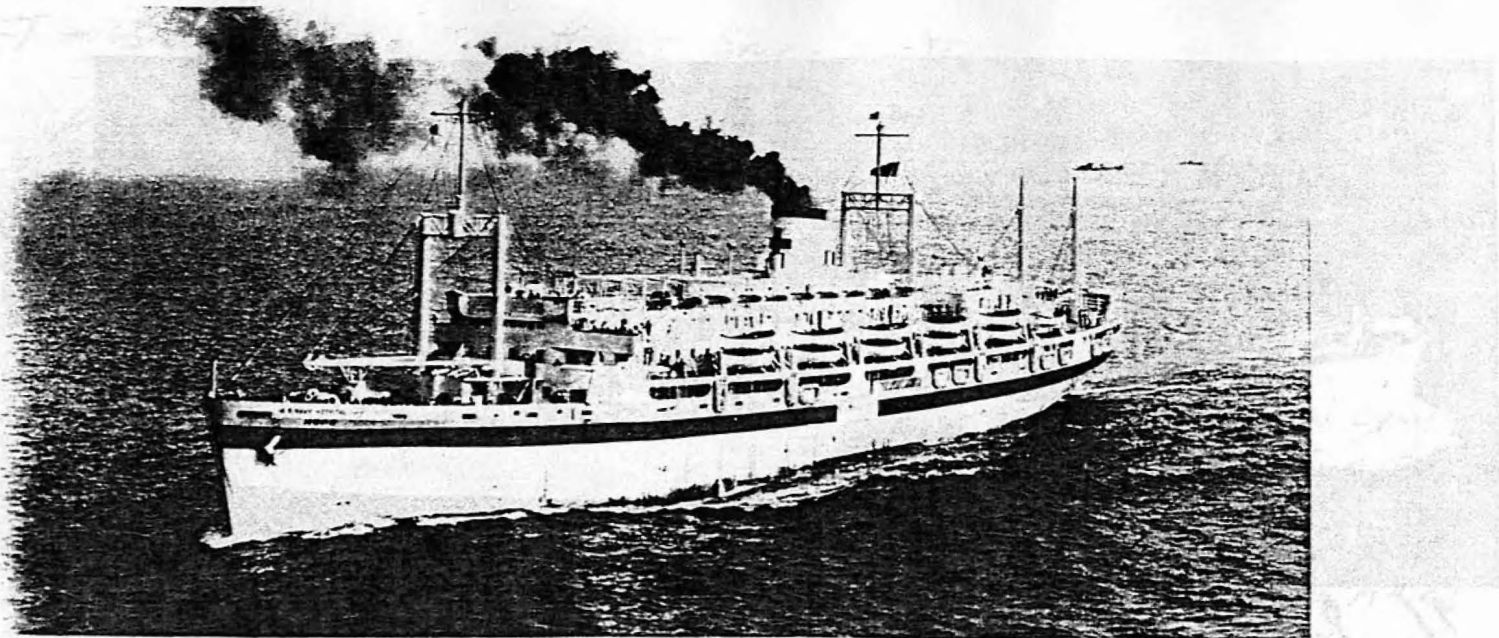


SS James Withycombe

There were plenty of Liberty Ships to load and unload. Due to the interchangeable parts of this vessel, parts could be manufactured in different cities of the U. S. and shipped for assembly. The 1st Liberty took 254 days to be assembled and launched. Henry Kaiser reduced the time to 4 days.

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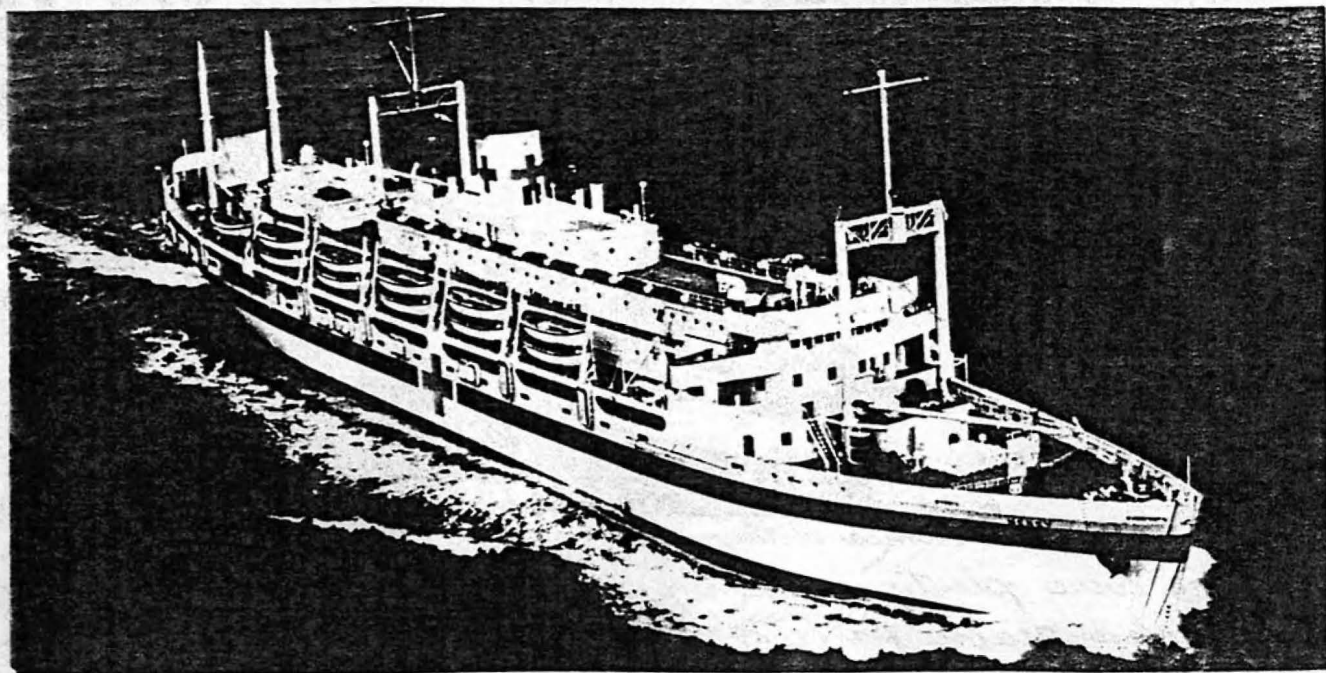


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..... White Hospital Ships

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NATHANIEL CURRIER	SANTA CATALINA
ERIC V. HAUSER	JEREMIAH S. BLACK
THOMAS F. HUNT	GEORGE E. WALDO
WILLIS VANDEVANTER	KISLARA (DAN BLOWE)
THADEUS S. C. LEWE	H. WEIR COOK
DAVID BELASCO	E. A. CHRISTENSEN
CAPE ALAYA	JUPLIN VICTORY
RNA CAPA	W. B. RODGERS
WILLIAM B. LEEDS	SANTA RITA
CORNELIUS VANDERBILT	JAMES H. KIMBALL
FREDERICK LYKES	HENRY R. SCHOOLCRAFT
RALPH BARNES	SAN VINCENTE
GEORGE CRILE	ESCANABA VICTORY
GEORGE FLAVEL	U.S.S. CETUS AK-77
NATHANIEL BOWDITCH	SANTA ELISA
JOHN G. TOD	ANNA H. BRANCH
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PERIDA	KISI SABIK
LOUIS A. SANTELLER	L.S.T. 866
JOHN H. MCLAUGHLIN	AMERIGO VESPUCCI
CORNELIUS VANDERBILT	MARY E. KINNEY
ABERDEEN VICTORY	EXCHANGE
ROCHAMBEAU	JOSIAH SNELLING
BARROWS P.A. 61	KISI MELUCTA
BLADIN P.A. 63	BERKELY VICTORY
WYANDOT K.A. 92	A.K. 128 LEONIS
RUSSELL SAGE	SEA RUNNER
CAPE CLEAR	SANTA TERESA
JOHN B. ASHE	SANTA ANA
NOORDAM	K.A. 34 U.S.S. PAMINA
ARES KSI	JOHN B. ASHE
CAPE HENRY	JOHN F. SHAFROTH

GOLDEN RACER
A.K.S. - 6 U.S.S. KOCHAB
U.S.A.T. "POELARE LAUF"
T.S.M.V. "PORT JACKSON"
COER DALENE VICTORY
CLEVELAND ABBE
JUAN FLACC BROWN
U.S.S. ALDEBARAN F10
J.S. MATHEW THORNTON
J.S. EMILE BERLINA
J.S. CHIEF JOSEPH
J.S. DONA ANICITA
J.S. H. RAYMOND
L.S.T. 1128
F.S. 290 (ARMY)
S.S. EDWIN D. HOWOOD
S.S. JOHN LIND
S.S. SEA CARDINAL
S.S. JOHN MARSHALL
S.S. RED ROVER
S.S. SANTA TERESA
S.S. RAYMOND VAN BROGAN
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S.S. EDWIN T. MEREDITH
K162 BELTRAMI
L.S.M. 122
S.S. F. GAGNON
KISI ARIES
AKA ANDROMEDA (AKAIE)
V.S.S. GWYNETT
S.S. SANTA INES
AKA 17 CENTAURUS
F34 KERSTEN
THOMAS A. HENDRICKS
SOME SHIPS MADE 2 TRIPS.

I COPIED THIS
LIST FROM ^{MY} NOTE
BOOK I HAD ON
BOARD. SO YOU
DONT HAVE TO
RETURN IT.

Names of some of the ships unloaded on Guam, from the Log
of Harold J. Moore... Company R.

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WHEN I WAS WOUNDED, ROY DAN GIBSON AND I WERE STANDING NEAR THE STARBOARD RAIL OF THE SHIP, ABOUT HALF-WAY BETWEEN THE BRIDGE AND THE BOW. WE WERE WATCHING SHELLING AND BLASTS GOING ON ASHORE...BUT ALL WAS QUIET AT OUR LOCATION.

THE L.S.T. WAS NOSED UP ON TO THE BEACH. THE SHELL EXPLODED IN THE AIR, AND GIB SHOVED ME ONE WAY AND HE WENT THE OTHER.

I WENT INSIDE THROUGH A BULKHEAD DOOR AND LATER I HEARD THAT GIB WENT DOWN A LADDER AT A HATCHWAY. IT WAS SOME SECONDS AFTER I GOT BELOW, THAT SOMEONE SAID "YOU ARE BLEEDING". WE SAW BLOOD ON MY SHIRT, AND THEY TOOK ME TO SICKBAY. THE CORPMAN Poured THE CUT FULL OF A SULFA DRUG AND PUT A BANDAGE ON IT.

HE GAVE ME A GLASS OF WATER AND AMMONIA AND SAID "DRINK THIS.....YOU ARE IN SHOCK".

I TOOK ONE SIP AND SAID, "IF I DRINK THAT, I WILL BE IN SHOCK".

THEY WANTED TO SEND ME TO A HOSPITAL SHIP, BUT I SAID NO.

I WAS NOT HURT THAT BAD...BUT ESPECIALLY DID NOT WANT TO BE SEPERATED FROM MY BUDDIES.

BEFORE THE 13TH SPECIAL WENT ASHORE, GIB AND I WENT ON DECK AND FOUND WHERE A LARGE PIECE OF THE SHELL HAD HIT THE BULKHEAD.... NOT FAR FROM WHERE WE HAD BEEN STANDING.

THE 13TH SPECIAL WENT ASHORE AHEAD OF ME AND I JOINED THEM A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER.

THE SHELL PIECE IS STILL IN MY SHOULDER, AND WHEN I HAVE AN X-RAY, IT SHAKES UP THE DOCTORS.

AT DISCHARGE I WAS OFFERED SOME DISABILITY, BUT TURNED IT DOWN, AS I DO NOT CONSIDER MYSELF DISABLED.

HAROLD E. UECKERT S1/C
CO. A

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(see page opposite)



Awarding of the Purple Heart to Harold E. Neckert C.A.
The "Night Shift" of the 13th Special got up to attend the
ceremony. All others are at work.

Photo: NAVFAC. P.H.



Orote
Peninsula
Aug. 1944



The Future Home of the 13TH Special Battalion.... Guam



Orote Peninsula



Father Michael Toomey conducting the first Mass at the new campsite of the 13th Special before the men level and clear the terrain. Note deep crater in the right foreground.

Most of the men not in attendance are unloading ships; they slept aboard the ships at sea, while their new camp was being set up. Headquarters was in charge of transporting all of the men's gear, etc.

Orote Peninsula - Apra Harbor in Background



Zoomery
Chaplain Michael celebrating Mass at the newly constructed
campsite of the 13th Special. The whole Battalion was
stationed here on approximately Aug. 10, 1944. Stronger housing
would be built later.

Photo NAVFAC P.H.

Headquarters Co.

COOKS AND BAKERS ON GUAM
(In Alphabetical Order)

CHIEF ROBERT C. HILLSETH
.....
CHIEF WAYNE J. MC CARTNEY
.....

STANLEY W. ADAMSKI
EDWARD E. BOURGAULT
FREDERICK E. EVERDEAN
MINER E. FEY
HERMAN C. GOIN
CARL GOLOCK
MARTIN F. HAGGERTY JR.
WOODROW C. JOHANSEN
WALTER A. JOSEPH
JOSEPH T. NICKLES
EDWARD A. PHALON
GLENN M. RILEY
CHARLES R. SHORT
CHARLES M. SLINNEY
WILLIAM E. SOUDERS
WALLACE M. SMITH
WILLOUGHBY M. TALLENT
EDMUND J. TARAS
PAUL E. VALEK
PAUL VALLEH
JAMES ZINK

Harold R. Wischmann
George Yanik Jr.



1944

Miner Fey

Charles Slincey

"They also worked where needed: as Stovedores & helped build those "Freezers" on Guam." 171

Thanksgiving Day - 1944

15TH SPECIAL

NAVAL CONST. BN.



GET IT?
WHILE IT'S HOT!

Max Rosen Pto 3.

THANKSGIVING MENU

Island X

Thursday, 23 November, 1944

Hearts of Celery--

Olives

Pickles

Chicken Noodle Soup

Salami

Sliced Cheese

Roast Young Tom Turkey

Cranberry Sauce

Sage Dressing

Giblet Gravy

Snowflake Potatoes

Sugar Corn

Buttered Peas

Asparagus Tips - Mayonaise

Hot Pan Rolls

Fresh Butter

Pumpkin Pie

Ice Cream

Coffee

Beer

Coca Cola

Candy

Cigars

172 "The Cooks and Bakers had no complaints on this menu!
I managed to eat 2 pieces of Pumpkin Pie & thought of Home."

On Nov. 25-1944 - 2 days after Thanksgiving Day - A Jap Dive Bomber hit the deck of the U.S.S. Cabot C.V.L.28.



Hole on deck
being repaired.
U.S.S. Cabot 11/25/44

Burning
plane on deck
of the Cabot
11/25/44



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The men of the 13TH Special Naval Construction Battalion wish to pay Tribute to this brave, talented and lovely actress and songstress, who arrived on Guam just a few weeks after their landing, to cheer and entertain them. She will always have their admiration.

Miss Betty Hutton



Miss Betty Hutton and friend with U.S.O. on Guam August - 1944



AUG. 22 to AUG. 23	
SEPT	SHIP'S STORE 13th SPECIAL NCB
12 to	"COCA COLA"
SEPT	CHIT
18	Charles L. Murray A.E.O. Name & Co.
SEPT. 5 to SEPT. 11	

AUG. 22 to AUG. 23	
SEP	SHIP'S STORE 13th SPECIAL NCB
12 to	BEER CHIT
SEP	CHIT
18	Charles L. Murray Name & Co.
SEP. 5 to SEP. 11	

"We were allowed two cokes and 2 beers each week. If you didn't like Beer, you could swap for Coke. But 2 Beers was the limit."

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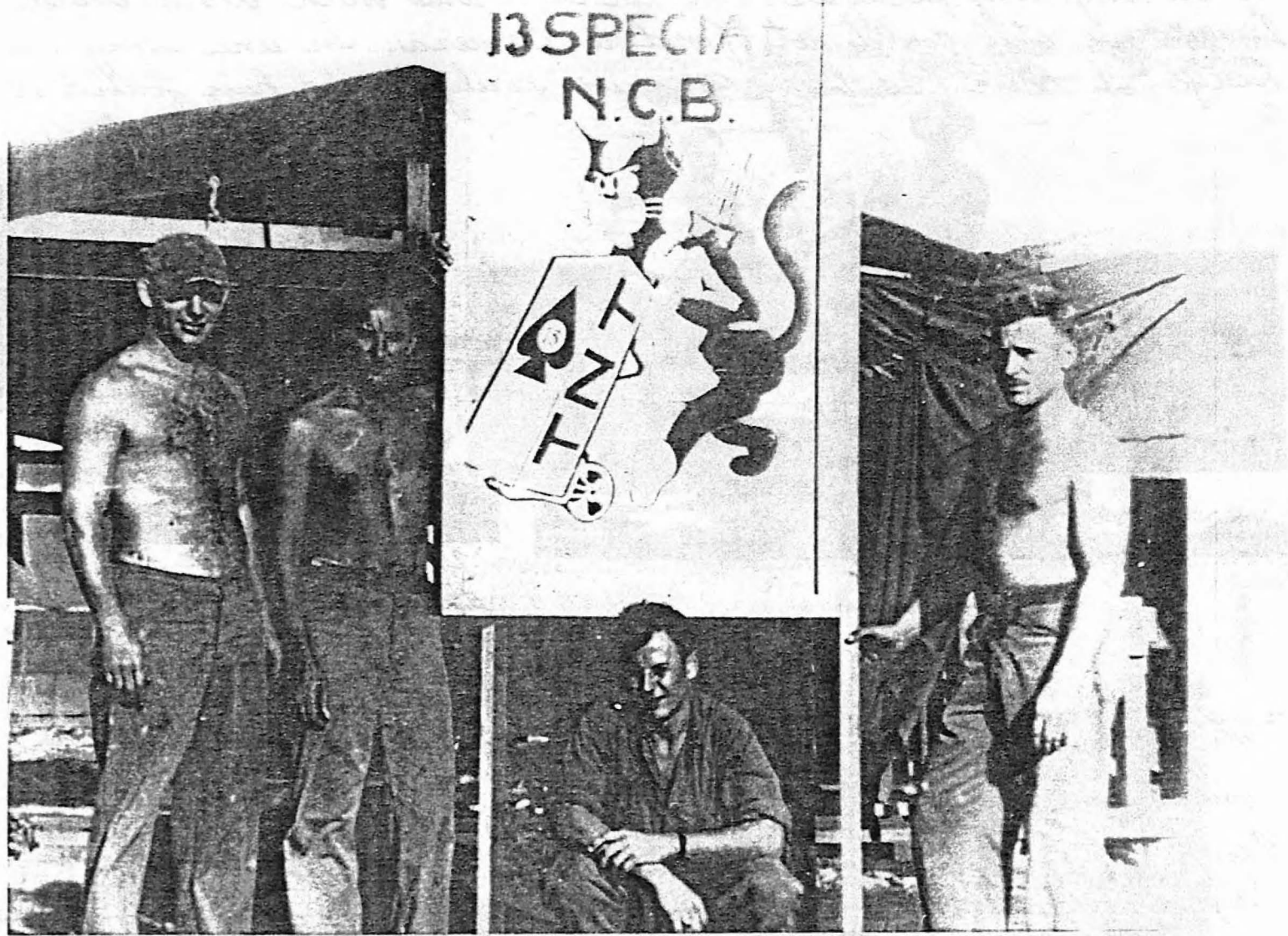
Photographs

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Guam

1944-1945

Faint handwritten notes at the bottom of the page, possibly including names like "Michael" and "Joseph".



*"We wasted no time in setting up our Black Cat, 1944."
Max Rosen... Myers ... Joseph ... Michael*

1944 - 1945 " We didn't think

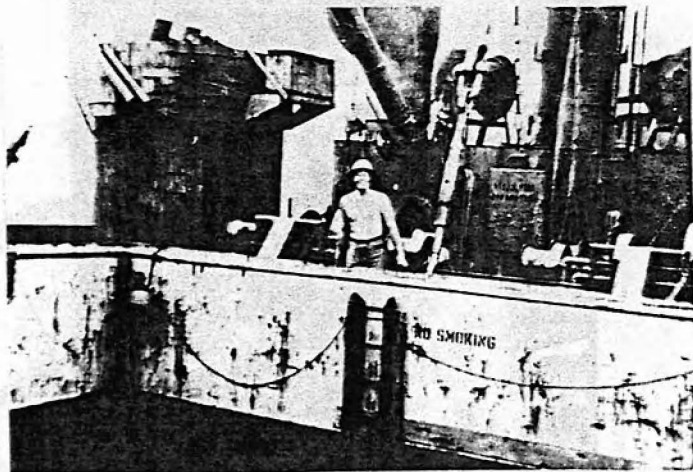
of taking any pictures. All we did was Work-Work-Work.

In 1945 we still could not find a camera. In unloading all of that Cargo, if there had been one, we surely would have found it. "

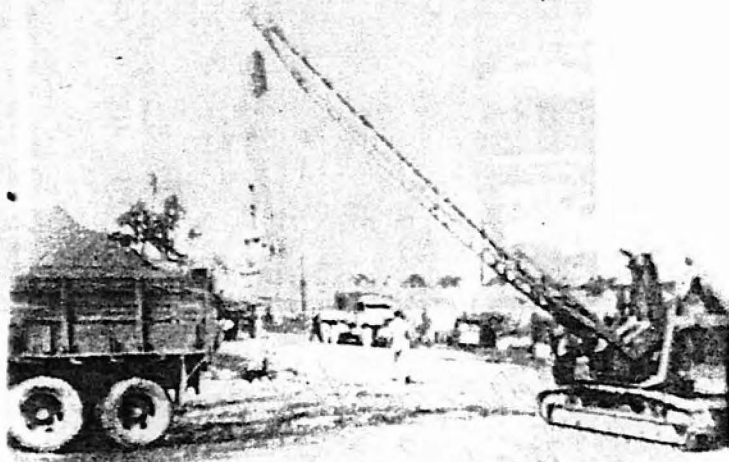


" This is how we got to work. A truck would pick us up just outside the Camp entrance and take us to the Ships. Notice the Ace of Spades on truck."

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Harold Deckert standing above Hatch. Apra Harbor. Co. A.



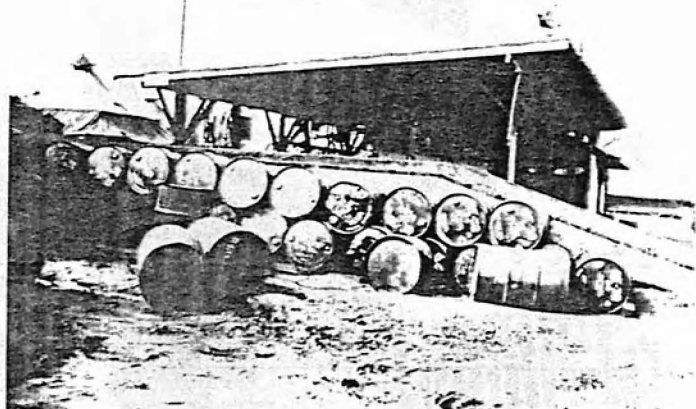
Equipment yard - 1944



"Check-Out" Shack for the
Motor Pool. 1944



... Harold Uckert (Co. A.)
on a Liberty Ship. Good view of Apra Harbor.
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The "Olde Grease Rack"
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Leslie Emil Jensen Co. D. 1944

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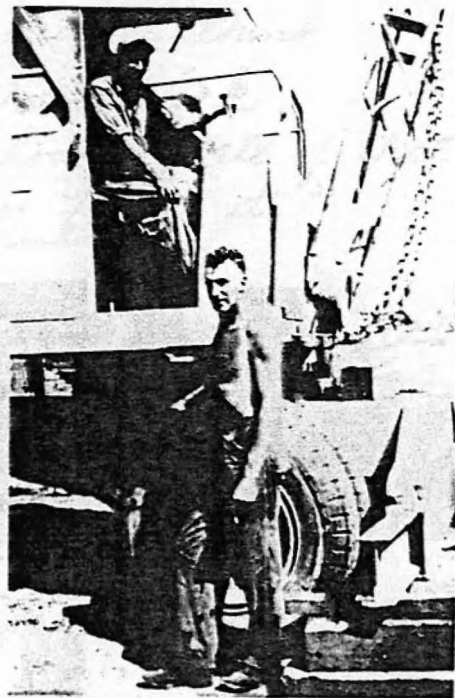
Bill Mills



Martin Voss

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1944 - 1945



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William Mills in the driver's seat of his 1st big crane.



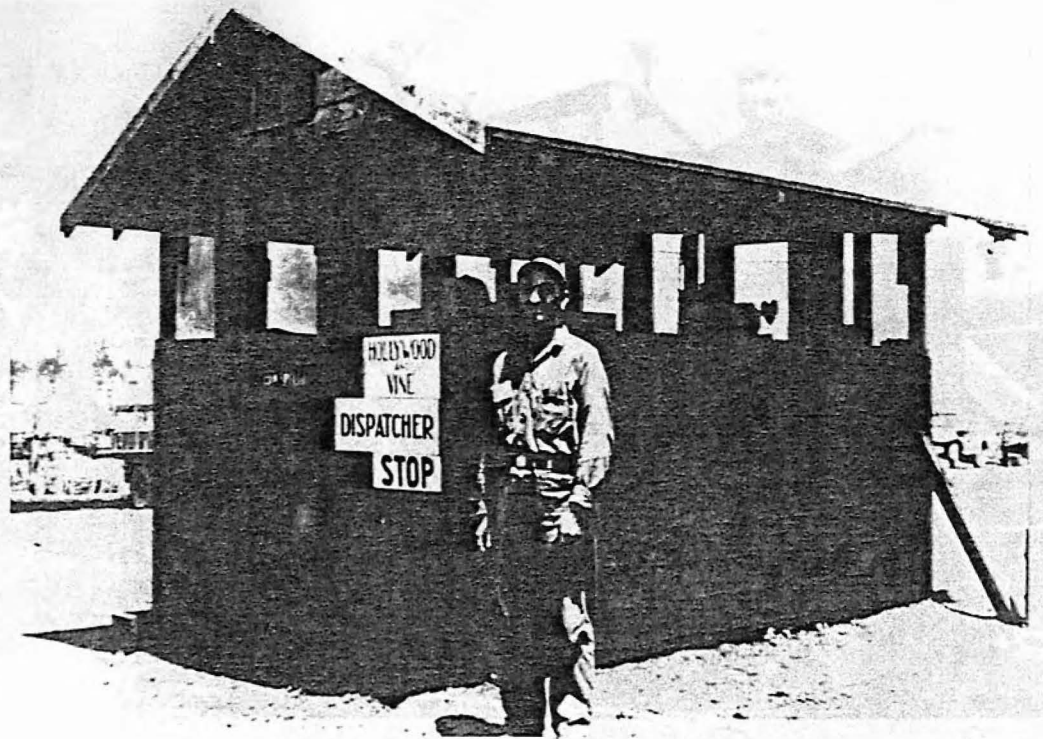
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Martin Voss...

... William Mills



Transportation: Pascal Bucci.....
 John Edwin Fischer.....
 Joseph Y. Columbe... William A. Ford



Pat Johnson Co. B. Aug. 6-1945



William A. Mills 1944



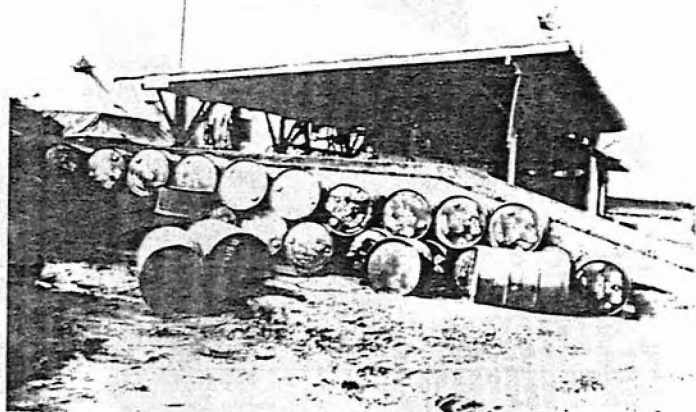
(Chubby) and
 Thomas W. Bradshaw 1944
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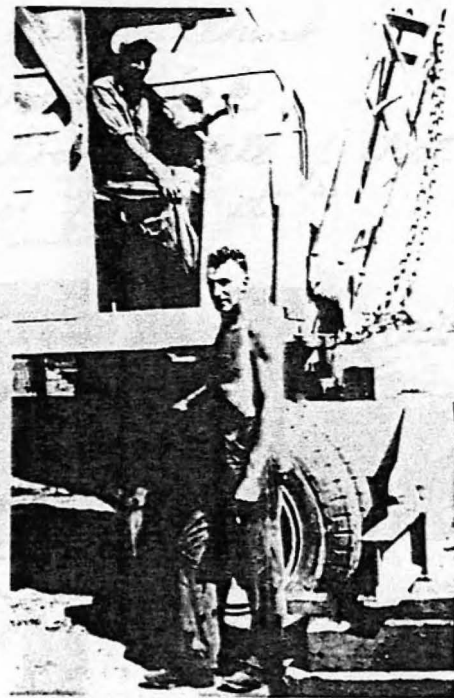
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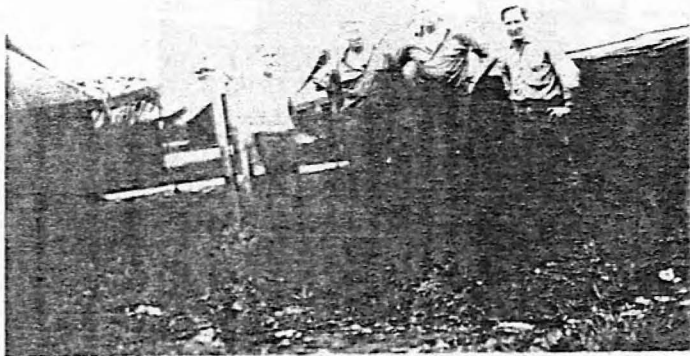
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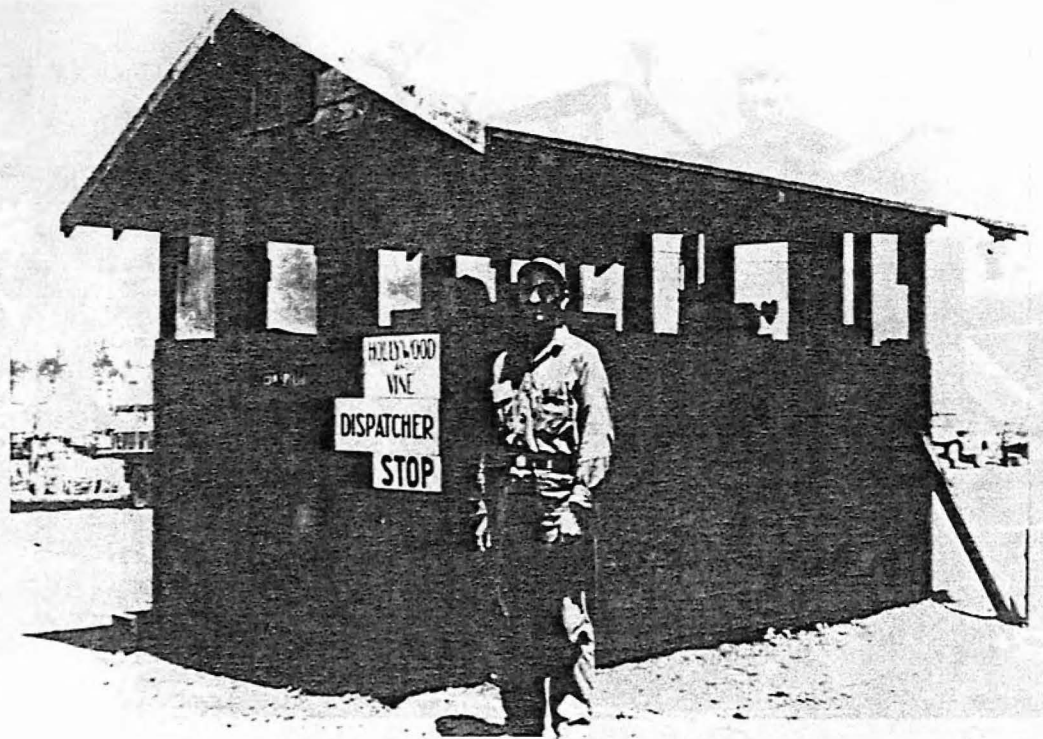
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Martin Voss...

... William Mills



Transportation: Pascal Bucci.....
 John Edwin Fischer.....
 Joseph Y. Columbe... William A. Ford



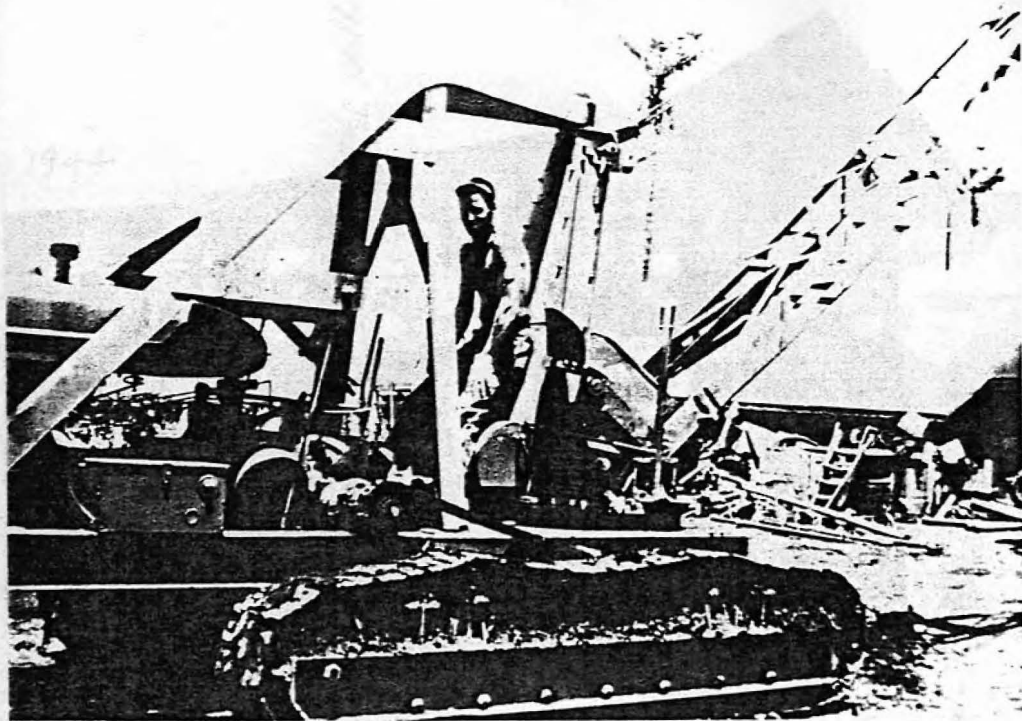
Pat Johnson Co. B. Aug. 6-1945



William A. Mills 1944



(Chubby) and
 Thomas W. Bradshaw 1944
 Transportation



James R. Dunnigan Ready for a Big Lift.
Aug. 6, 1945



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Oscar Wilkerson

John Jousley

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Richard D. Kuerston

Claire E. Gathe

Co. A. March 1945



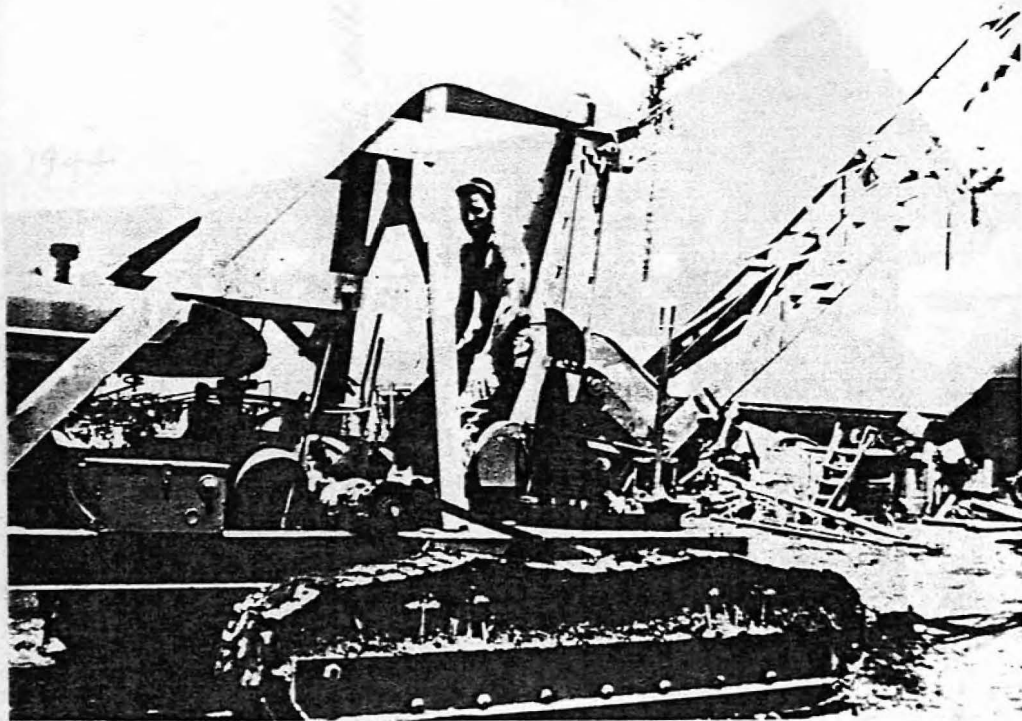
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"The Carpenters Shop" - Hdqtrs. Company

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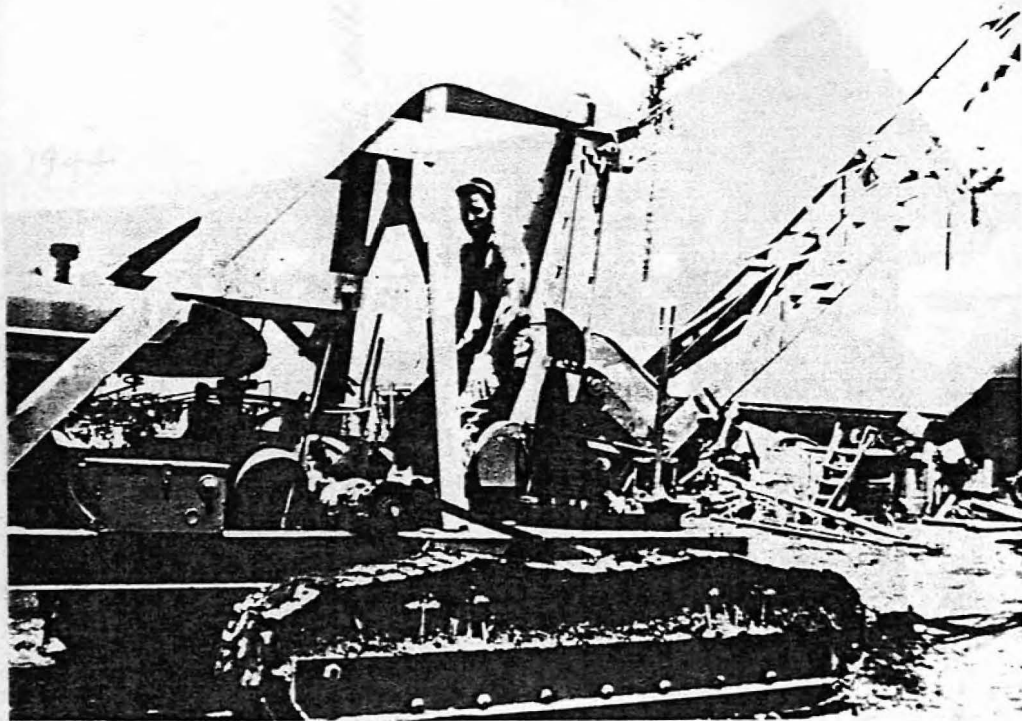
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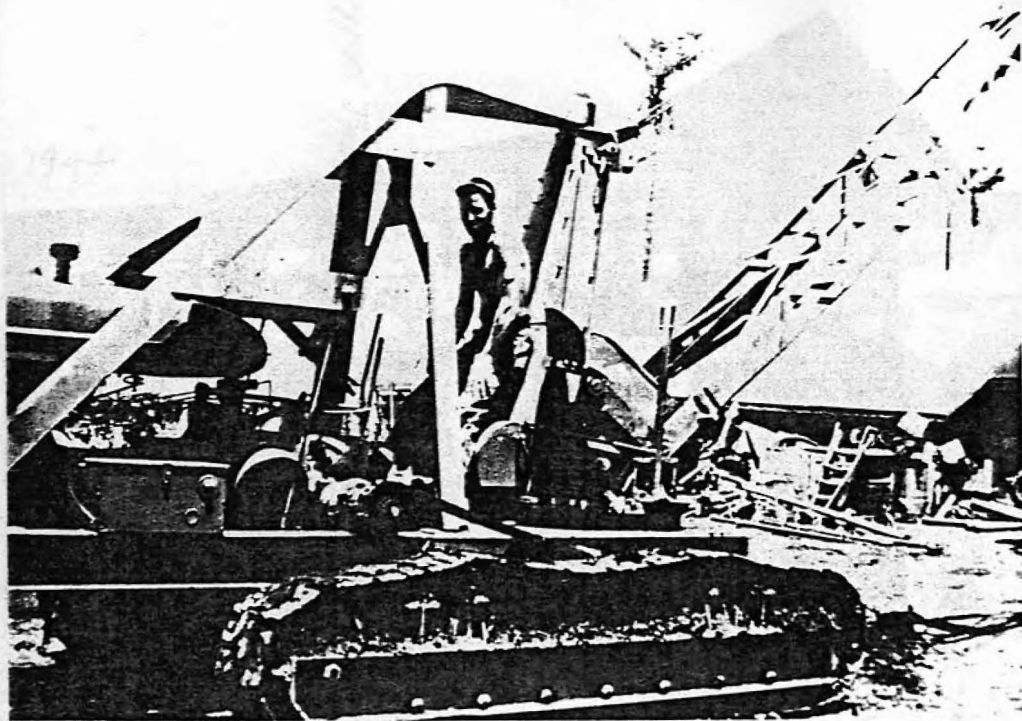
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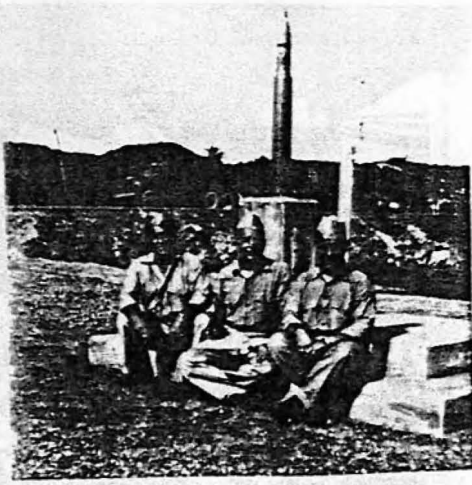
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... Joseph Frascella and George Munjas at the "CS Landing on Guam Monument"

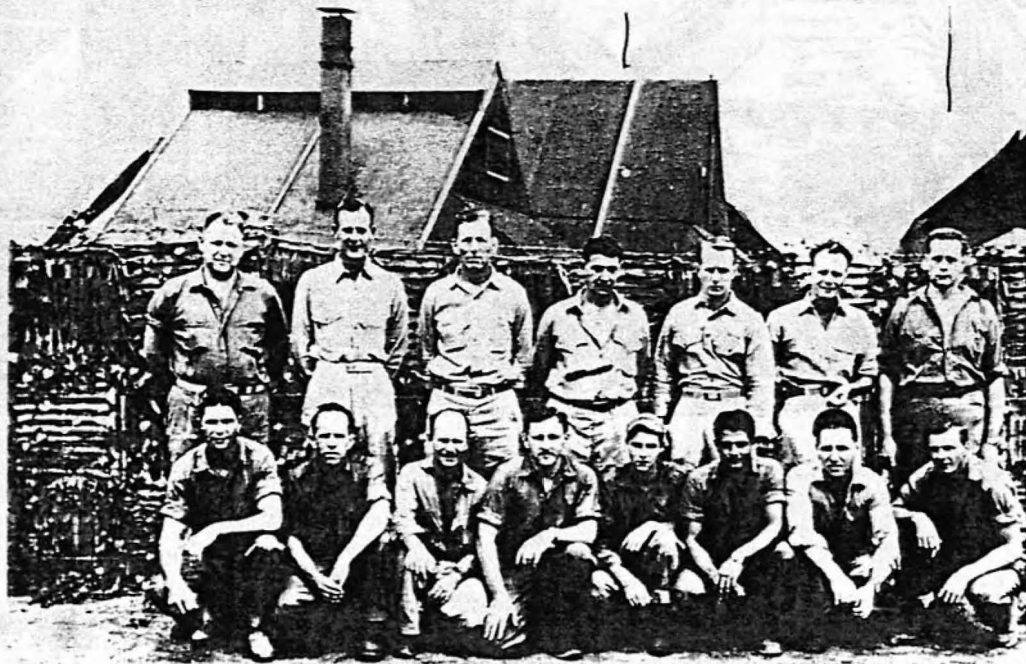
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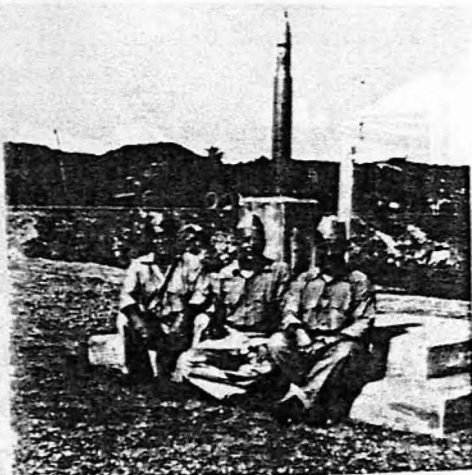
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② Carl J. Kedziora
③
Co. A.



Thomas P. Kelly
John P. Salley
Bert Patterson *
Billy E. Tilghman

Michael V. Lemma
Co. D.
* Former Marine



Donald H. Phelps
Co. D. 1945

- Leo J. Brady

- Robert G. Rice

- Clarence Henderson

- Joseph Reisz

Harold Muckert

Jimmy Walker



1945

Hand Color tinted photo.

Bernard Sugerman

Billy Joe Hunter

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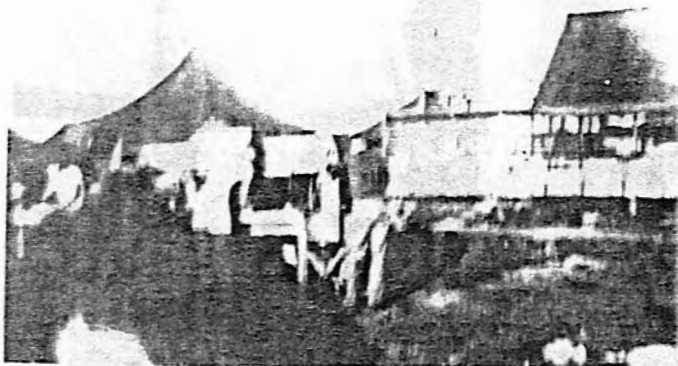
MIDDLE

186 Co. D. Apra Harbor in the Background

Co. A

Washday
on
Guam

1944



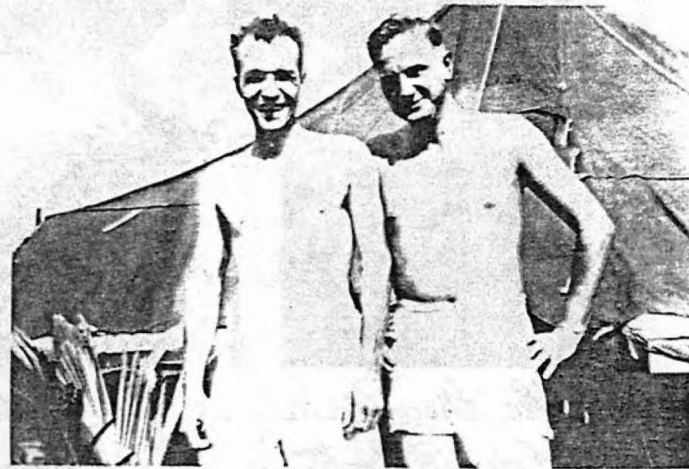
Put a Dub - Cbs at the tub,
or "hand done laundry"



Charles Murray Co A
and Bot of Super Suds
with scrubbrush.



Raymond Wozniak and
Charles Murray
Co A.



William A Kuess and
Co. A. 187



*Mrs. & Mrs. Sabalam and
their four children in their
newly constructed home.*

Chamorros

2 Guamanians and

Guamanian Family

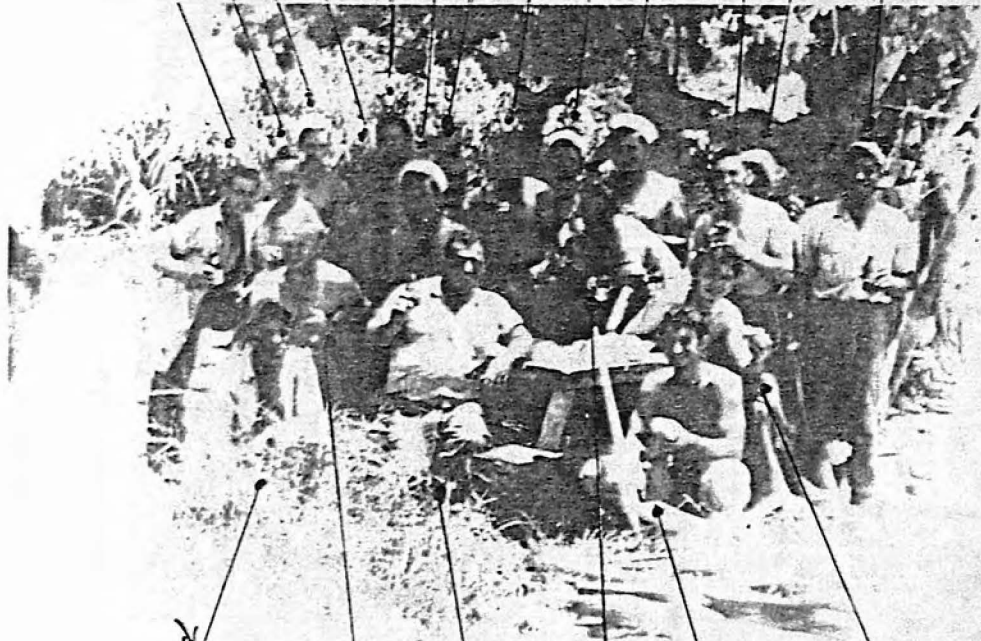
"Mutual Respect and Admiration were shared"



*The Guamanians were a big
help in looking for snipers.
This friend was called "Chief".*

*Chief Frascella and friends
Louie and Friday stop for
a beer after some hard work.*

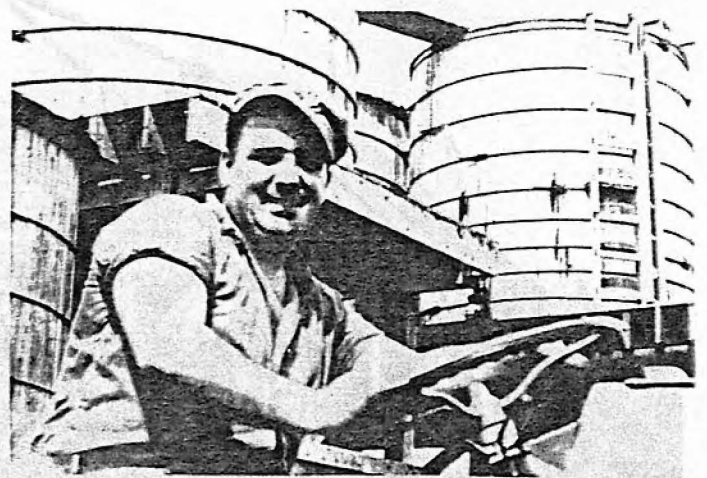
Shipfitters Crew



Chamorro's friend

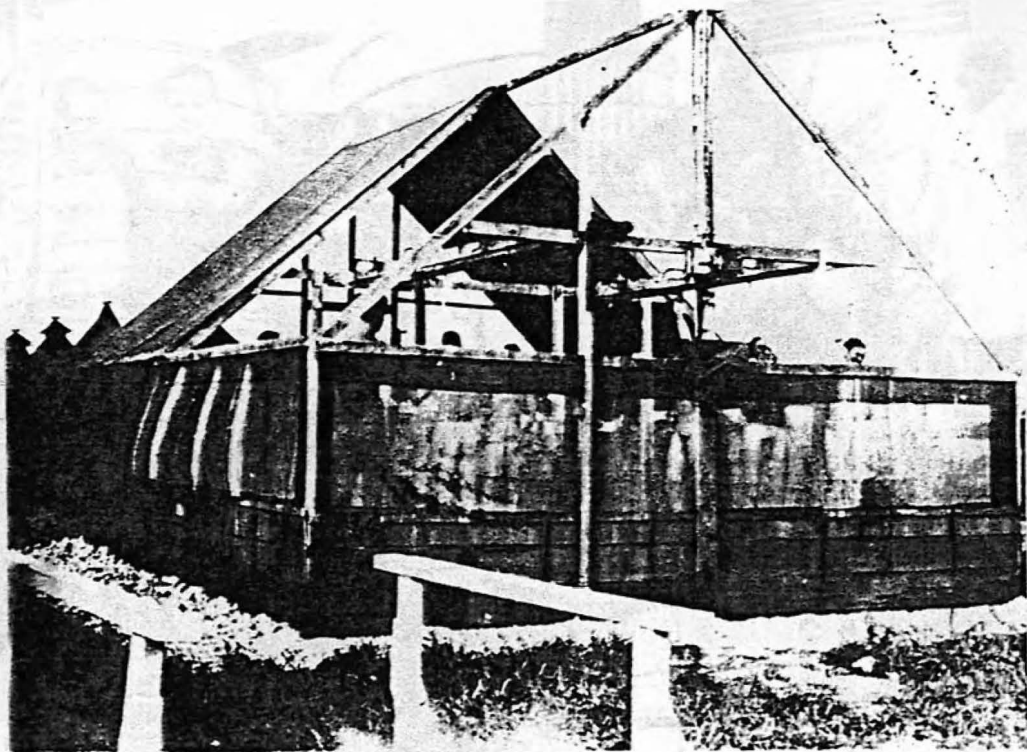
Joseph Frascella

"Llanaman Chamorros"



Chief Joseph A. Frascella and his crew repaired, built and kept the Water Works in operation.

"We did a lot of improvising; scouring the Island for parts, if I had to - I "borrowed" what I needed to make it work."



At Last A Real Shower



B 29's on Airfield near Camp



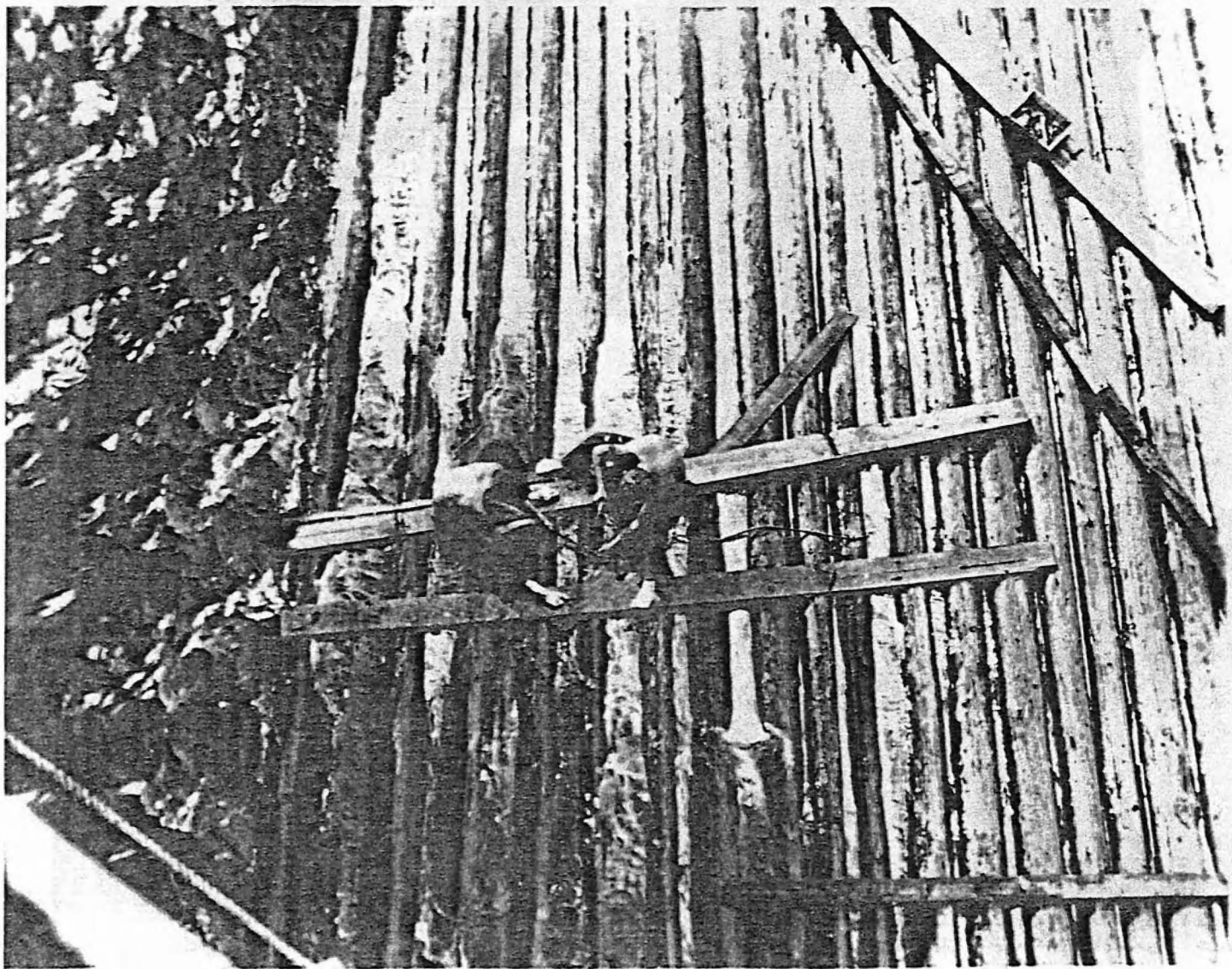
*Chief Frasella and men find a
PET LIZZARD*

- 1
- 2 Chamorros
- 3 Joseph A Frasella
- 4
- 5



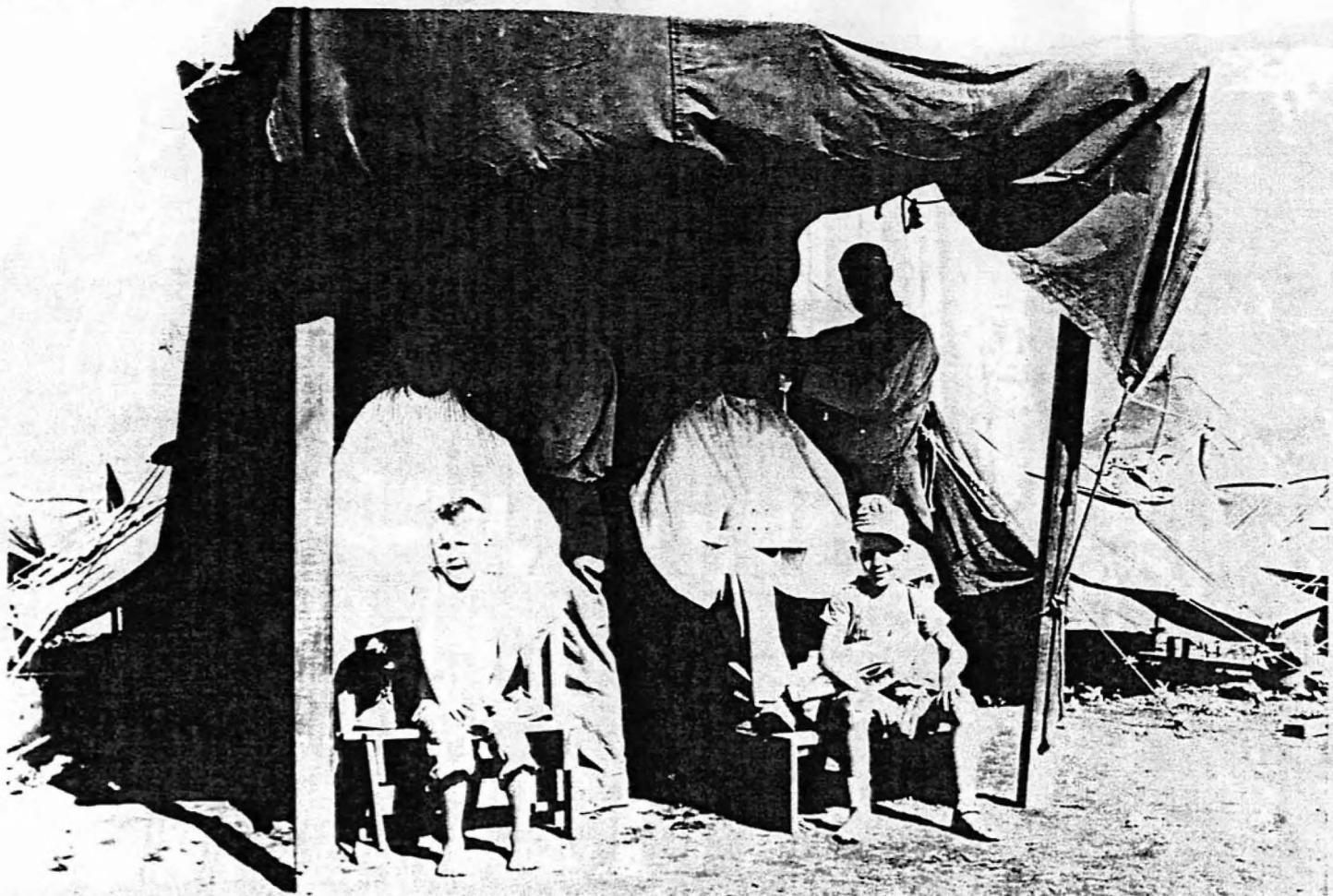
On the Chow Line

- 1
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- 4 William Arthur Mills
- 5
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Men of 13TH Special constructing a pole raft.

Photo NAVFAC - P.H.



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First Barber shops on Guam for the 13th Special. The bandages on children's legs show that they were in the jungle for a couple of years. Open sores were a usual sight, after Jap occupation of Guam.

Photo - NAVFAC - P.H.

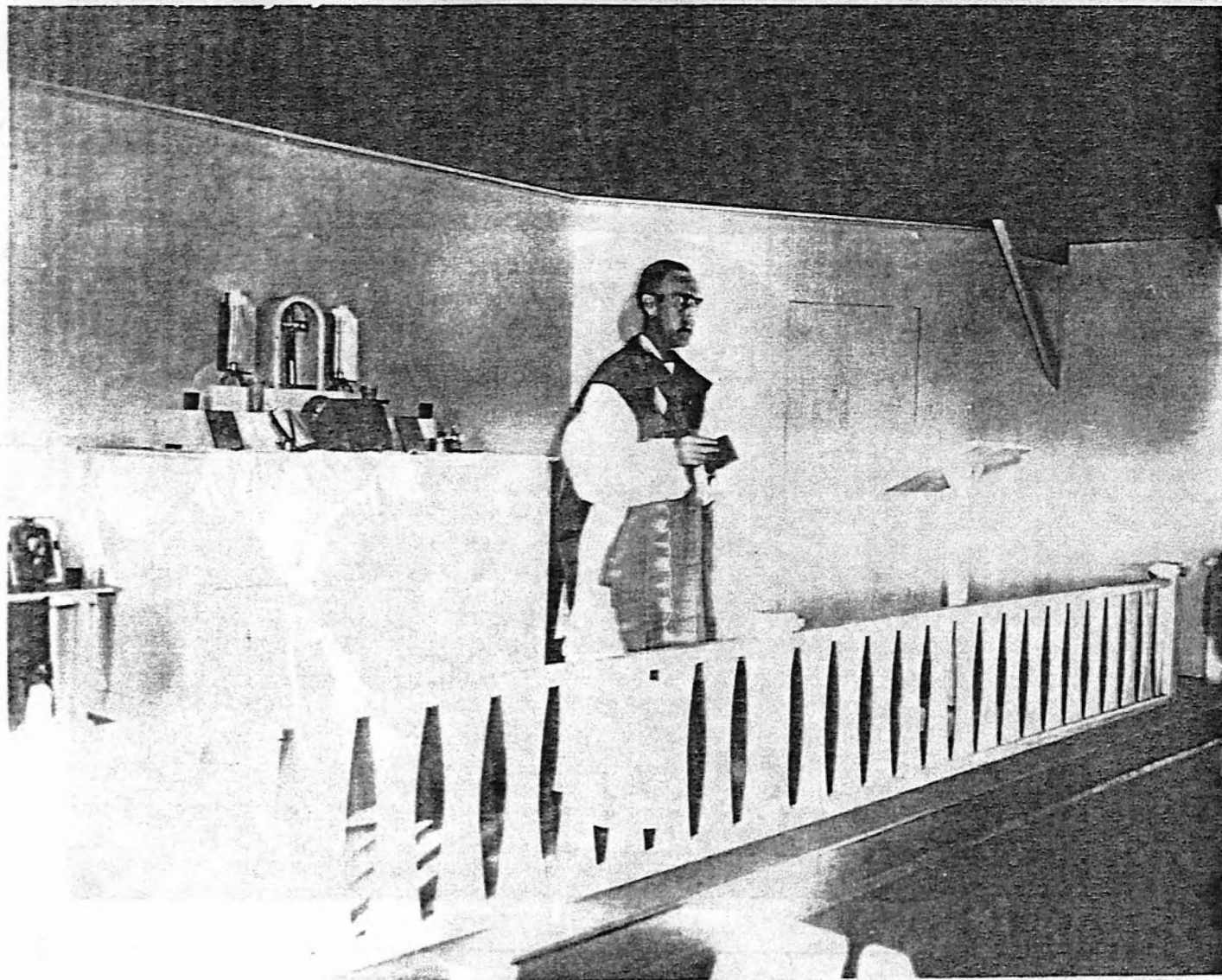


Our Flag flies high in front of Administration Bldg.
Orote Peninsula. - 13TH Special NCB.

Photo - NAVFAC - P.H. 193



194 "We built an office for (Chaplain) Toomey. Then we built a Chapel." The Chapel is seen in background right.
Ace of Spades above 1st roof. Photo-NAVFAC-P.H.



Chaplain Michael Jomay celebrates Mass in our Chapel.

Photo: NAVFAC-P.H. 195



"And We Prayed"

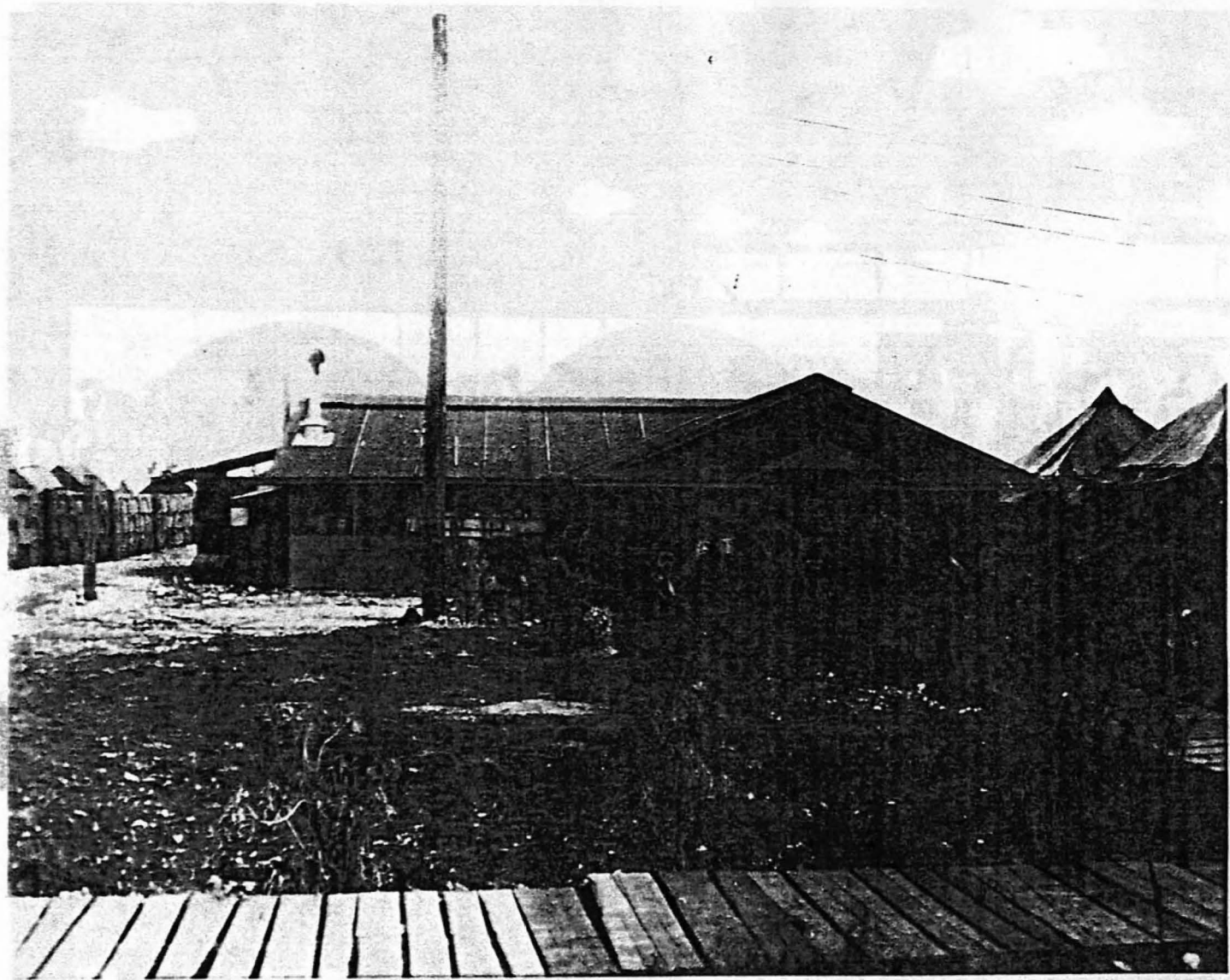
The Confessional

*Father Joomey got to
sit.*

*That is his Stole
on the back of his
chair.*



Photo - NAVFAC - P.H. 197

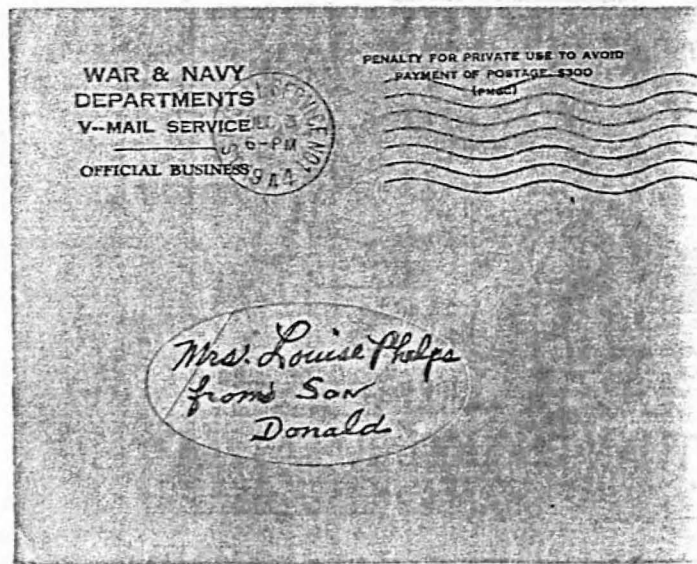
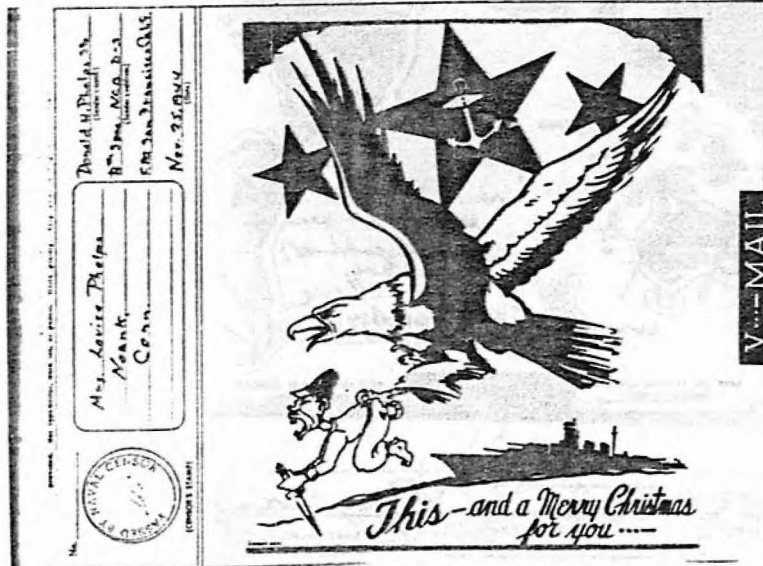


"And we built a First Rate Officers Club with all of the trimmings. Ace of Spades on the doors and above reads - 13TH Special's Officers Ward Room - and a small Ace of Spades below these words".

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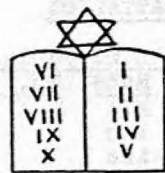
Merry Christmas 1944

"We worked - had a good dinner and shared our packages from home."



Happy New Year 1945

5706



1945

זשנה טרבה תכתבו

May it be God's will that
the New Year bring you much
happiness - and to the world a
just and enduring peace



"We worked - had a good dinner and thought about home. Charlie Murray's Mom put some brandy in a cough medicine bottle and it got by the Censors. We each had 1/2 of a sip to 'Toast 1945'" 53

Encl. (1)

13TH. SPECIAL BATTALION

Worn-out coveralls to be replaced

Name	Rate	No. to be issued	Size
1. JONES, Howard Lawrence	Flc	1	38
2. DORN, Samuel Milton	S2c	1	34
3. UECKERT, Harold Edwin	S2c	1	38
4. UNCINI, Alver Joseph	S2c	1	38
5. RIEMENSCHNEIDER, Paul Kert	S2c	1	38
6. ODOM, Victor H.	S2c	1	38
7. CASEY, Eugene T.	SK2c	1	38
8. PAULY, David B.	S2c	1	36
9. SCHULLER, Martin H.	S2c	1	34
10. DONLAN, John M.	S2c	1	38
11. PEAVLER, Glovis Farrold	CM3c	1	36
12. CIRBUS, Vincent A.	S2c	1	38
13. DEVINCENZO, Joseph	CBM	1	40
14. GREAGHE, St. George	S2c	1	36
15. DECHANT, Donald Hagman	S2c	1	38
16. HILL, Leo John	Flc	1	38
17. MILLS, William Arhbur	S2c	1	38
18. BRADSHAW, Lloyd M.	SF2d	1	36
19. FORCE, Myron Dale	F2c	1	36
20. SEAMANS, Allyn Elmer	CM3c	1	38
21. FARRINGER, Jack	Cox	1	36
22. KOTECKI, Edward Jacob	Cox	1	34
23. SEAGLE, Franklin LeRoy	BM2c	1	36
24. URDA, Frank	S2c	1	36
25. VANNESTE, Andrew Albert	S2c	1	36
26. WALKER, Robert	S2c	1	34
27. EGOUNIS, Alphonse J.	SF3c	1	36
28. RUSSELL, Edward Joseph	S2c	1	36
29. FETLA, Walter Edward	SK3c	2	36
30. KELLY, Thomas Patrick	S2c	1	36
31. KIRKLAND, Joseph	S2c	1	38
32. ROBBINS, Benjamin R. Jr.	S2c	1	38
33. WEISNER, Henry William	Cox	2	38
34. CARLSON, Earl Richard	SF3c	1	36
35. HAYES, James Francis	Cox	1	36
36. PEKARIK, Carl	S2c	1	36
37. PEULEIKER, Joseph Daniel	S2c	1	36
38. ROMASCO, Mario Albert	S2c	1	36
39. CAMMON, Thomas Jr. (n)	S2c	1	32

W. W. VINES
Lt. (jg) D-V (S) USNR



1945

Guam



2 Views of Camp
Orote Peninsula,
Guam



January, 1945 In Memory



Submarine *Swordfish* SS-193 National Archives
Lost at Sea — The *Swordfish* earned 8 Battle Stars WWII
In March of 1944 she was in the Marianas Islands.

On the day after Christmas 1943, *Swordfish* departed for her tenth war patrol, conducted in Tokyo Bay. On 14 January 1944, she sank the passenger-cargo ship *Yamakuni Maru* and two days later sank the converted gunboat *Delhi Maru*. On 27 January, she fired two torpedoes at the converted salvage vessel *Kasagi Maru*, which broke in half and sank. *Swordfish* terminated her tenth patrol at Pearl Harbor on 7 February.

Swordfish put to sea on 13 March for her eleventh war patrol, conducted in the Marianas Islands. Although several enemy ships were damaged during this patrol, no sinkings could be confirmed; and the submarine returned to Majuro on 29 April.

Swordfish's twelfth war patrol was conducted in the area of the Bonin Islands. On 9 June, the submarine found the Japanese destroyer *Matsukaze* clearly silhouetted against the horizon and sank the enemy ship with two torpedoes from her bow tubes. On 15 June, she torpedoed and sank the cargo ship *Kenseishi Maru*. The remainder of the patrol was unproductive, and the submarine terminated her twelfth patrol at Pearl Harbor on 30 June.

On 22 December, *Swordfish* departed Pearl Harbor to conduct her thirteenth war patrol, in the vicinity of Nansei Shoto. On 2 January 1945, she was ordered to patrol clear of the Nansei Shoto area until completion of scheduled air strikes. She acknowledged receipt of these orders on 3 January. No further communication was received from the submarine. On 15 February, after repeated attempts to contact her by radio had failed, she was reported as presumed lost, the victim of unknown causes.

Swordfish (SS-193) earned eight battle stars for World War II service.

"National Archives"
Extract of Log History of SS-193

"The last time I saw my Brother was the day we sailed from San Diego to Pearl Harbor. Our Company Commander Bergstrom got hold of him at the Sub Base. He was on the "Spikefish" when it was commissioned. Later he transferred to the *Swordfish*. The *Swordfish* was "missing in action". He met a lot of the fellows in my Battalion the day we sailed.

I Still Miss Him. His name was
Lieut. Commander. John F. Della Donna"
Joe Della Donna Co. A 203

"Everyone was very sad when we heard that F.D.R. died.
He seemed indestructible."



1939

1945 (6 yrs later)

Date of Birth - Jan. 30, 1882

Date of Death - April 12, 1945

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt



Official Naval Photo

ADMIRAL CHESTER A NIMITZ ON GUAM

U.S. NAVY PHOTO CAPTION READS...
"SIGNING A SHORTSNORTER"...

I RECALL THAT AIRPLANE PILOTS USED TO HAVE PEOPLE SIGN THEIR AUTOGRAPHS ON A DOLLAR BILL, OR ONE OF A HIGHER DEMONINATION.

WHEN THE MONEY WAS ALL "SIGNED UP", A FRESH BILL WAS ATTACHED WITH CLEAR TAPE.

I HAVE SEEN PICTURES OF SOME THAT WERE 4 OR 5 FT. LONG. THEY COULD BE FOLDED UP SO THAT THEY LOOKED LIKE A DECK OF PLAYING CARDS.

WE UNLOADED QUITE A FEW AIRPLANES.

CHARLES L MURRAY
CO. A.

WHILE THIS BATTALION'S PRIMARY FUNCTION IS TO LOAD AND UNLOAD CARGO FROM THE HOLDS OF SHIPS, WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK SEVEN DAYS A WEEK....A STRANGE ASSIGNMENT OPENED UP AN ENTIRELY NEW FIELD OF OPERATION, NEVER BEFORE ATTEMPTED BY A SPECIAL BATTALION....AND EQUALED BY BUT FEW CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS.

ON NOVEMBER 1, 1944, THIS SPECIAL WAS ASSIGNED THE TASK OF CONSTRUCTING 420 REFRIGERATORS....OF VARIOUS SIZES.....IN BATTERIES OF SIX; EACH BATTERY BEING 98 FEET LONG.

THE ASSIGNMENT WAS COMPLETED ON MAY 1, 1945.

ONLY PERSONNEL NOT ESSENTIAL IN STEVEDORING WERE AVAILABLE, FOR THIS WORK.

MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT HAD TO BE IMPROVISED. CONCRETE BUGGIES WERE BUILT OUT OF TWO-WHEEL TRAILERS. JITNEYS WERE USED TO PULL THE BUGGIES FROM A CENTRAL MIXING PLANT, TO ITS FINAL RESTING PLACE IN THE FORMS.

STEVEDORES WERE USED AS CARPENTERS, CEMENT FINISHERS, ELECTRIANS, AND HUNDREDS OF OTHER ODD ASSIGNMENTS.

SHOPFITTERS BECAME PLUMBERS.
WINCH DRIVERS BECAME CRANE OPERATORS.
TRUCK DRIVERS AND JUTNEY DRIVERS ALSO CAME FROM STEVEDORE GANGS.
ALL THESE AND MAINTENANCE CREWS, CHIPPED IN.

DURING THIS PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS, THE 13TH SPECIAL SEABEES HANDLED IN EXCESS OF 300,000 TONS OF CARGO...AND IN ADDITION POUDED 1,520 CU. YDS. OF CEMENT SLABS, COVERING 134,500 SQ. FT. OF TOTAL SPACE. 10,640 BAGS OF CEMENT WERE NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THIS JOB.

FOUR GENERATOR STATIONS WERE BUILT TO SUPPLY 1,350 KW. OF POWER. SEVEN MILES OF ELECTRIC LINES WERE PLACED. ALL REEFERS WERE HOOKED UP TO A WATER SYSTEM....THREE MILES OF PIPES WERE LAID.

476,000 CU. FT. OF REEFER SPACE WAS PROVIDED. STURDY ROOFS WERE BUILT FOR PROTECTION AGAINST THE TROPICAL SUN.

226,500 BD. FT. OF LUMBER WAS PREFABRICATED IN THE 13TH SPECIAL CARPENTER SHOP AND HAULED FROM THERE TO THE JOB, WHERE IT WAS ERECTED.

6,510 CRATES OF REEFER BOXES WERE HAULED TO THE SITE. MANY OF THESE WERE UNLOADED BY STEVEDORES OF THE 13TH SPECIAL.

A MERIT OF "WELL DONE" IS BESTOWED UPON US ALL.

Read This

my

Good Men

and

Take a
Bow!

* CONDENSED FROM AN ARTICLE BY 13TH SPECIAL'S CHAPLAIN TOOMEY THAT APPEARS IN THE AUGUST 1, 1945 ISSUE OF THE CARGO CABLE, PAGE 11.

THE MORAL LAW MUST GOVERN WORLD ORDER

THE ORGANIZATION OF A JUST PEACE DEPENDS UPON PRACTICAL RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT NOT ONLY INDIVIDUALS, BUT NATIONS, STATES AND INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY ARE SUBJECT TO THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD AND TO THE MORAL LAW THAT COMES FROM GOD.

THE WORLD TODAY IS A WORLD OF PEOPLE MAKING PLANS..... INTENT UPON SOME SCHEME THAT WILL ONCE AND FOR ALL, WIPE OUT THE DEEP-DOWN CAUSES OF WAR.

PRAISE AND HONOR TO THOSE WHO TRIED TO DEVELOP SCHEMES THAT WOULD MAKE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THEIR FELLOWMEN.

WHY HAVE PLANS, CONFERENCES, SCHEMES, FAILED IN THE PAST?
WHY ARE MANY WELL INTENTIONED AGREEMENTS SLIPPING AWAY IN SMOKE RIGHT NOW?

THE REASON IS THAT THEY ARE ONLY SURFACE SOLUTIONS.

THE ONLY FIRM, SOLID, ULTIMATE FOUNDATION ON WHICH THEY CAN BUILD IS ON MAN HIMSELF....THE INDIVIDUAL. THEY MUST LOOK AT "MR. INDIVIDUAL MAN", IN HIS OBLIGATION TO HIS MAKER, HIS OBLIGATIONS TO EVERY OTHER FELLOW CITIZEN IN THE WORLD, AND HIS RIGHT AND DECENT ESTIMATE TO HIMSELF.

ADD UP THESE OBLIGATIONS AND JOIN THEM TO THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES AND DIGNITY DUE TO EACH MAN, AND YOU HAVE WHAT WE CALL MORAL CODE.

THIS MORAL LAW MUST BE THE FOUNDATION WHICH SUPPORTS AND SANCTIONS THE PLAN THAT WILL SUCCESSFULLY EFFECT HARMONY BETWEEN NATIONS.

THE MORAL LAW IS: "GOD'S UNCHANGING LAW FOR MAN IN HIS MANIFOLD RELATIONSHIPS, INDELIBLY ENGRAVED ON HIS INTELLECT, AND BINDING HIS WILL TO GOD WHAT IS GOOD AND TO AVOID THAT WHICH IS EVIL".

ESTABLISHING OUR PEACE-PLANS ON THE MORAL LAW IS HIGHLY REASONABLE AND INTELLIGENT. ANY PACT, ANY AGREEMENT, MUST BEGIN WITH WHAT THE CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVE IN COMMON.

WE DO HAVE IN COMMON, THE IDENTICAL PATTERN FOR WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG.

EXACTLY THE SAME QUIET VOICE OF CONSCIENCE WHISPERS INTO THE EAR OF THE AMERICAN, THE CHINAMAN, THE RUSSIAN AND THE GERMAN.

HENCE IT IS.....THAT ANY PLAN THAT DOESN'T LOOK TO MAN HIMSELF, IS ONLY A SURFACE SOLUTION.

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"LUCKY" A.W.O.L. SENDS SON

AS REPLACEMENT

13TH SPECIAL N.C.B.
FLEET POST OFFICE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

GUAM

10 August 1945.

From: Commander, "B" Company,
To: Transportation Officer
Subject: Truck for Picnic, Request for and Permission to Use,

1. The following group of men are authorized to go on a picnic to-day and it is requested that they be permitted to use a truck from 1300 to 1700 this date:

Wilson, E.B.,	SK3c (in charge of party)
Carter, W.T.,	S2c
Clemens	S2c
Cookram	S2c
Geo	S2c
Collins, R.M.,	S2c
Geok	S2c
Eccleston	S1c
Farley	GM2c
Gray, J.F.,	S2c
Gregory	S2c
Hlavaty	S1c
Houser	Cox
Mc Adam	S1c
Mc Dermott	S1c
Mc Mahan	Cox
Paolini	S1c
Johnson, J.M.,	CM3c
ONEIL W.R.	S1c

FOR FIVE MONTHS THE WHEREABOUTS OF "LUCKY", OUR BATTALION MASCOT, HAS BEEN A MYSTERY. MANY OF US FEARED THAT HE HAD "JAY-WALKED" TO HIS DEATH ON THE HIGHWAY, WHILE OTHERS MAINTAINED THAT HE HAD GONE A.W.O.L.. THE LATTER GROUP WAS CORRECT; FOR ONE OF OUR MARINE FRIENDS INFORMED BURMAN L. RAY THAT HE HAD SEEN "LUCKY", HIS "NATIVE WIFE" AND THEIR LITTER, RESIDING AT A NATIVE VILLAGE.

YES, IT WAS ROMANCE THAT PROMPTED THE POOCH TO FORGET THE NAVY AND SETTLE DOWN TO MARITAL BLISS.

EITHER BECAUSE HE FEARED NAVAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION OR JUST BECAUSE HIS CONSCIENCE BOTH-ERED HIM, "LUCKY" SENT HIS SON "BLACKIE" AS A REPLACEMENT.

THROUGH THE COURTESY OF THE MARINE CORPS AND IRVING I. SCHAPPER, THE PUP WAS TRANSPORTED TO OUR AREA, AND PRESENTED TO SK2c RAY. ON THE SHOULDERS OF THE SIX-WEEK OLD MITE LIES THE RESPONSIBILITIES HIS "POP" SHED BY OBTAINING A DEPENDENCY DISCHARGE.

THE WISE PUP TOOK OVER HIS DAD'S RANK, AS WELL AS HIS WORK AND HE NOW EATS OFFICER'S MESS BY PULLING HIS LT (jg) RANK ON THE COOKS.

CC:OCD

L. C. Henderson
Commander, Company "B",

V J Day August 14, 1945



THIS IS IT!—These are the faces of men who've heard the war is over. This moving moment of history was recorded by a Navy

photographer in downtown Honolulu late yesterday. (U. S. Navy photo.)

The 13TH Special N.C.B. are on Guam, having a celebration of their own.

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18 SEPTEMBER 1945

S. S. THOMAS A. HENDRICKS

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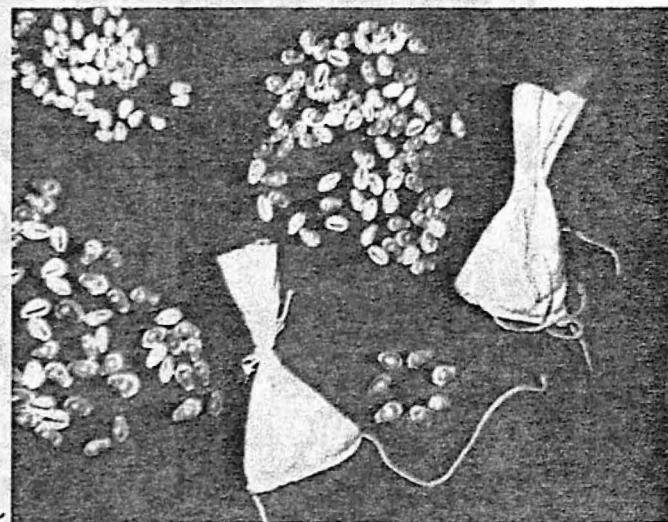
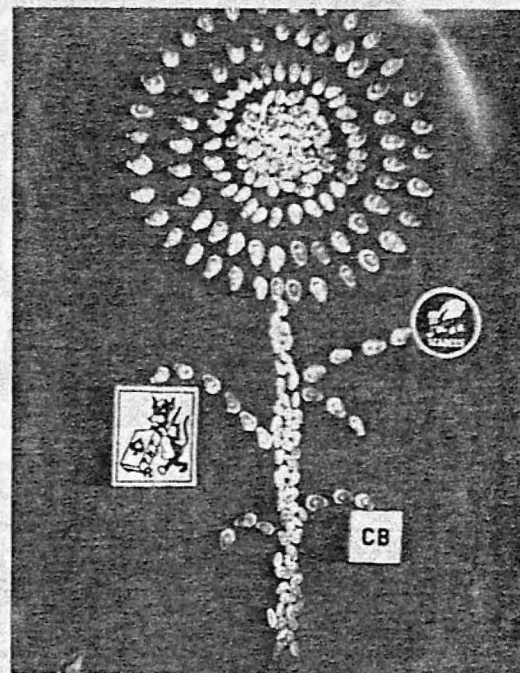
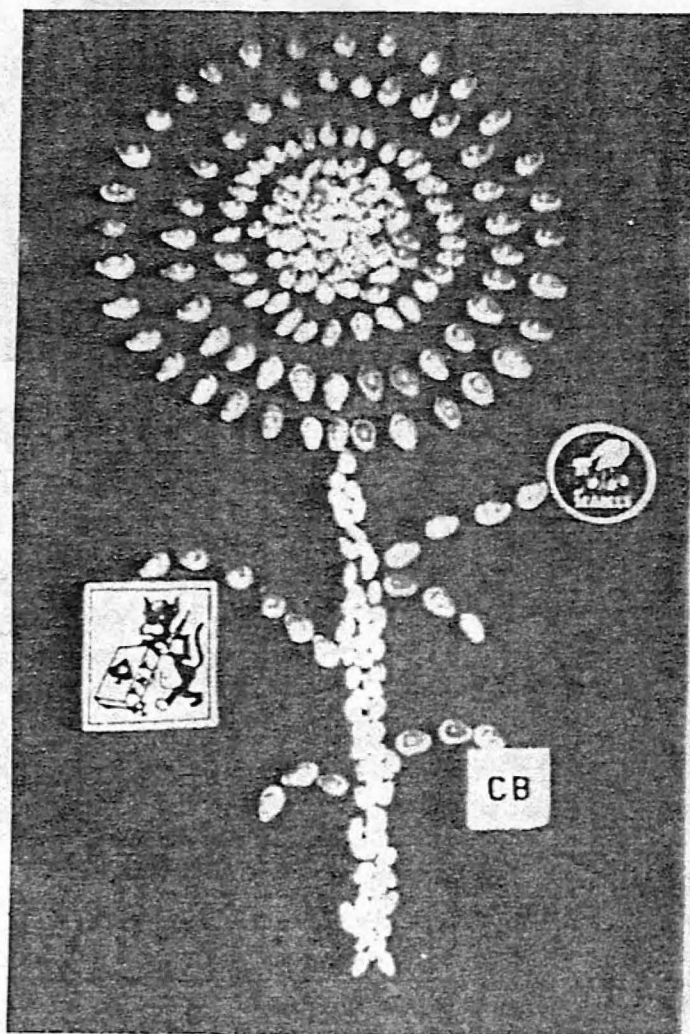
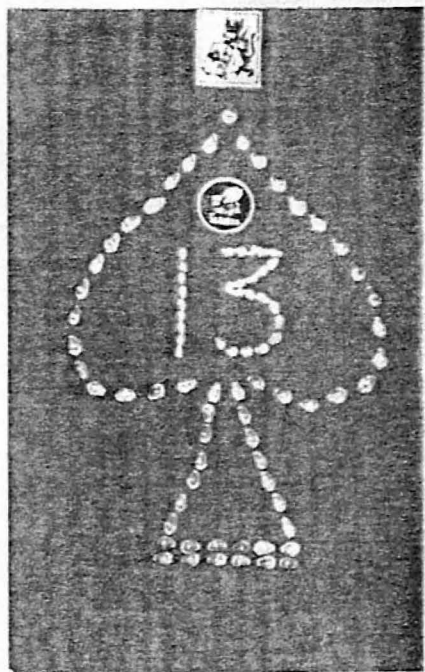
R-E-C-A-P-I-T-U-L-A-T-I-O-N-S
(Weight Tons of 2000 lbs)

	HATCH LIST	CARGO STOWAGE PLAN	MANIFEST
HATCH 1:	TD - - -		266
	LH - - -		249
	Total	515	515
HATCH 2:	OD - - -		64
	TD - - -		498
	LH - - -		1162
	Total	1724	1724
HATCH 3:	OD - - -		3
	TD - - -		177
	LH - - -		547
Total	727	726	
HATCH 4:	OD - - -		15
	TD - - -		261
	LH - - -		647
	Total	923	923
HATCH 5:	OD - - -		6
	TD - - -		276
	LH - - -		626
Total	908	907	
GRAND TOTAL	<u>4797 W/T</u>	<u>4795 W/T</u>	<u>4797 W/T</u>
MEASUREMENT	<u>9188 M/T</u>	(Not Shown)	<u>9188 M/T</u>

*Copy of Harold J. Moore's
Ship's Manifest*

*One of the last ships
to be unloaded on
Guam by the men of
The 13TH Special N.C.B.*

X 2000 = 9,594,000 lbs



247 Shells picked up by Company B's
(Everardus B. Wilson from the beach at Guam), 1945.
(story on Page 15)

Color Photos taken in 1986 by Editor



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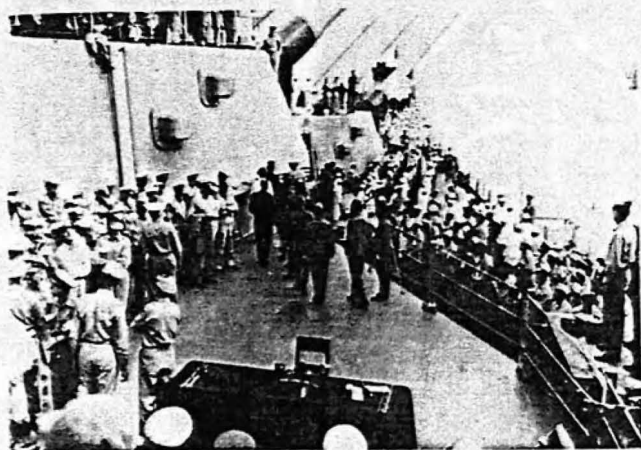


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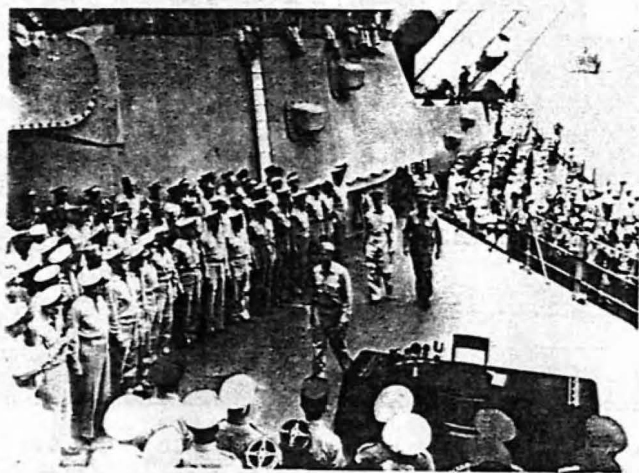
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- 1- American + Allied high ranking officers await General MacArthur.
- 2- High ranking Japanese Contingency await General MacArthur.
- 3- General MacArthur escorted to desk.
- 4- General MacArthur broadcasts the surrender.
- 5- After the signing.

Chief Joseph A. Fuscella was given these photos by the Photographer, in Sept. 1945.



On the U.S.S. Missouri -BB-63 on September 2, 1945.
Japanese Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu signs the
surrender terms as General Douglas MacArthur broadcasts
the ceremonies. High ranking Allied Officers are in the
foreground and Japanese Officers face the camera. U.S. Navy Photo 213

"Going Home"

1945

FROM THE PERSONAL DIARY OF : EVERARDUS B. WILSON...CO. B

LEAVING GUAM ABOARD THE USS PENNSYLVANIA: ENROUTE TO THE "PROMISED LAND".

OCTOBER 3, 1945 LEFT CAMP 10:45 A.M.
 SHOVED OFF FROM BEACH 3:00 P.M.
 4 SAILED 11:45 A.M.
 8 NEW MOON
 9 FLYING FISH. COOLER PLEASANT DAY,
 SCATTERED CLOUDS.
 10 TIME CHANGES..1 HR. AHEAD
 11 INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE (180 MER)
 (THURSDAY) (2 THURSDAYS)
 12 PASSED KURE 12:15, 22 MILES AWAY
 HEAVY SWELLS..SMALL BROWN SEA BIRD.
 13 HALFWAY MARK 3:00 A.M.
 TIME CHANGE 1 HR AHEAD. HEAVY SWELLS
 2 ALBATROSS
 14 SUNDAY SWELLS SUBSIDING. LOVELY DAY, CLOUDLESS
 SKY. COOL. 3 ALBATROSS. LIGHTED SHIP
 OFF STARBOARD BOW.
 15 MONDAY APPROX. 780 MILES NORTH OF PEARL HARBOR.
 TIME CHANGE.
 16 TUESDAY BEAUTIFUL SUNRISE. STOPPED FOR REPAIRS.
 SHARKS...BEAUTIFUL RAINBOW AT SUNSET.
 ALBATROSS.
 17 BREAKDOWN SHARKS. SEA CALM.
 18 LOVELY DAY, WATER CALM...ALMOST GLASSY.
 ALBATROSS LOOKED LIKE DUCKS. WHALES...
 JAPANESE GLASS NET FLOAT.
 FIRST HOT SHOWER BATH!!
 21 576 MILES FROM BREMERTON
 23 50 MILES OFF SURFTSURE. LIGHT SHIP AT
 5:00 P.M., STATESIDE TIME.
 24 DAYLIGHT OFF PORT ANGELES SEATTLE NOON
 DOCKED AT BREMERTON 3:52 P.M.
 25 OFF SHIP 8:30 A.M. CALLED IDA AND ARTHUR*
 26 STARTED PROCESSING....
 27 CONTINUATION.....
 28 FINISHED APPROX. 1:15 P.M.
 ON WAY...1:30 P.M. "CIVILIAN"!!!!
 LEFT SEATTLE UNION STATION ...4:30 P.M.
 PORTLAND....9:40 P.M.
 29 ARRIVED KLAMATH FALLS 8:15 A.M.
 DUNSMUIR 12 NOON...WOODLAND 6:45 P.M.
 DAVIS 7:10 P.M...MARTINEZ 8:10 P.M....
 OAKLAND 9:15 P.M...SAN FRANCISCO 10:20 P.M.
 HOME...NAPA...12:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 30, 1945
*Editor's note...WIFE AND BROTHER

.....
"There was no one at the dock to greet us.
My wife made up for this disappointment!!"
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Invasion of Guam: This "Big P" pumped 11,233 shells onto Orote Peninsula til Aug-2-1944. Ed. note

24 OCTOBER 1945



"Leaving Guam on the 44 point system, I found the trip rather lonely, as of the 1045 passengers, I was the only CB from the 13th Special aboard."
Everardus B. Wilson Co. B.

The Last Cargo Cable issue was sent
by Gene Jones Smith to his Mother.

Smith 1147 1/2
13th St. N.C.B. 4
all mail go to
907 PO SF
Calif.



"The last Cargo Cable"
L.S.

Mrs. Myrme J. Smith
Chickasha
Rt 2 Okla.



VOL. 2 NO. 10 19TH SPECIAL N.C.B. P.F.O. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 8 OCTOBER 1945

Divine Services:

PROTESTANT

0830 . . . Morning Worship
at . . . 23 CBs

CATHOLIC

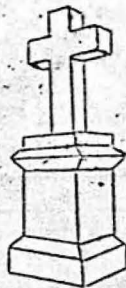
0830-0945 Confessions

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JEWISH

1100 Worship Service
at NoB



Final Issue of Cargo Cable. 10-8-1945.

Vol. 2 No. 10

"I'll Be Seeing You" letter
from Donald H. Phelps C. D. to Mother

Oct 20, 1945

Sat.

Dear Ma
Well, atleast it happened.
we're boarding ship sometime
tomorrow. Don't what I can figure
it ought to take us about 4
days to reach the states. (FLASH!)
a guy just came in with the latest
dope, we're to board ship to
tomorrow at 7:30, tomorrow morning
and the ship will be ^{OUT} of
the harbor by noon. I'm getting
my bags all packed tonight so I'll
be all set to go I'm so excited
I'm at a loss for words. I'll
send you a telegram (if I have
time) as soon as I hit the states
I'll be seeing you!

Love
Donald

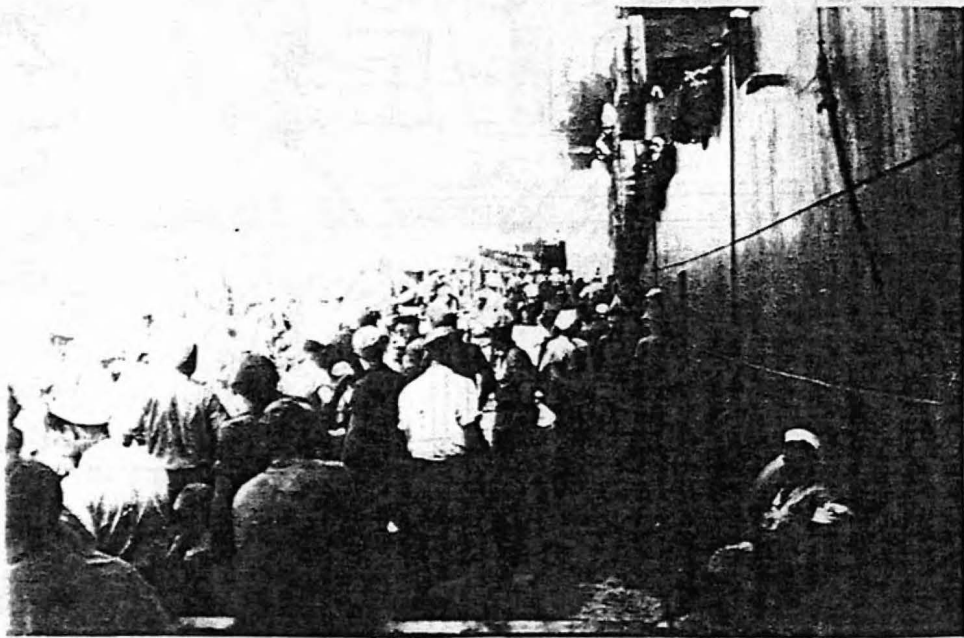
Not enough "Ace of Spades" trucks —



Packed up and ready to go!!!

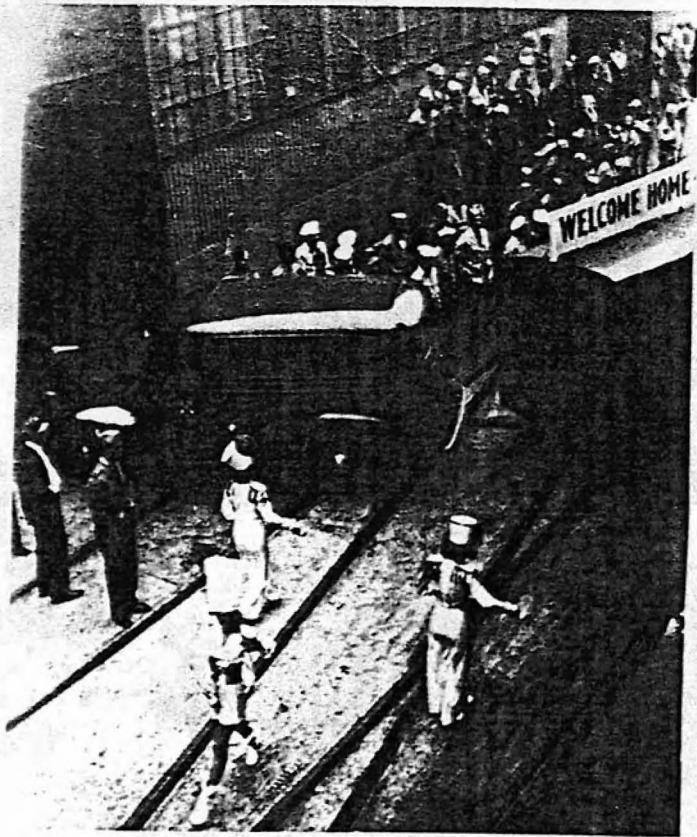
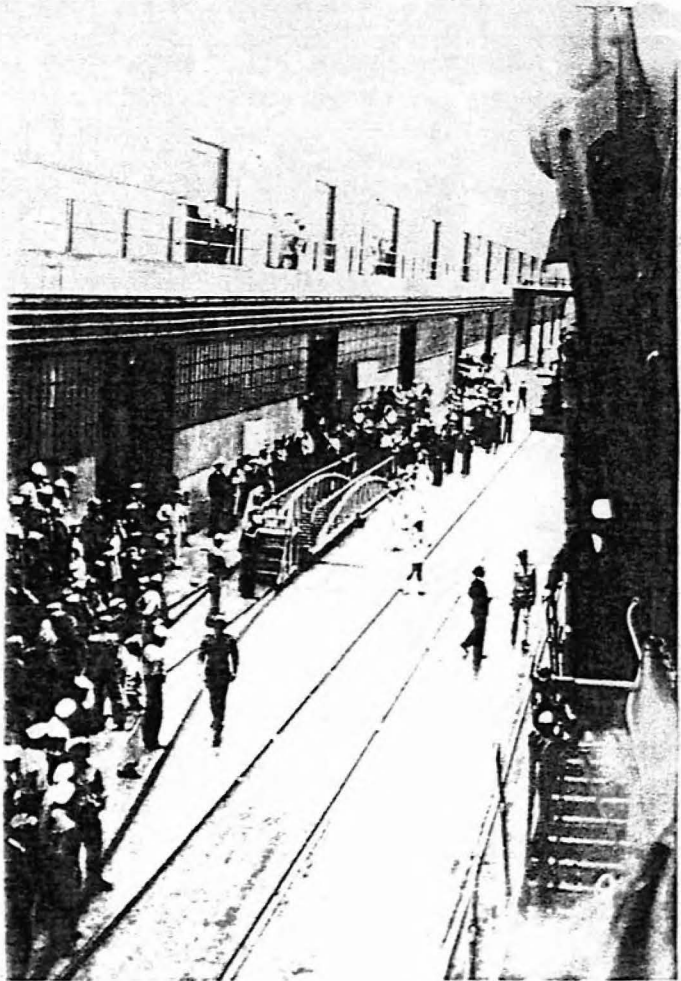
The Long Wait

The USS Wharton AP-7
finally pulls in at Guam.
Transport ships had to come
from the European Theater.
Thousands of men wanted
to return home. "Waiting was
harder than working
we kept reminding one
another - We're going HOME."



Photos on these 3 pages from Richard T. Ludwig
Hdstr. Co

San Diego, California, United States of America



"U.S.S. Wharton is docked.
Looking down at U.S. of A.
started our hearts to
pound." Richard T. Ludwig
Hdqtrs Co.

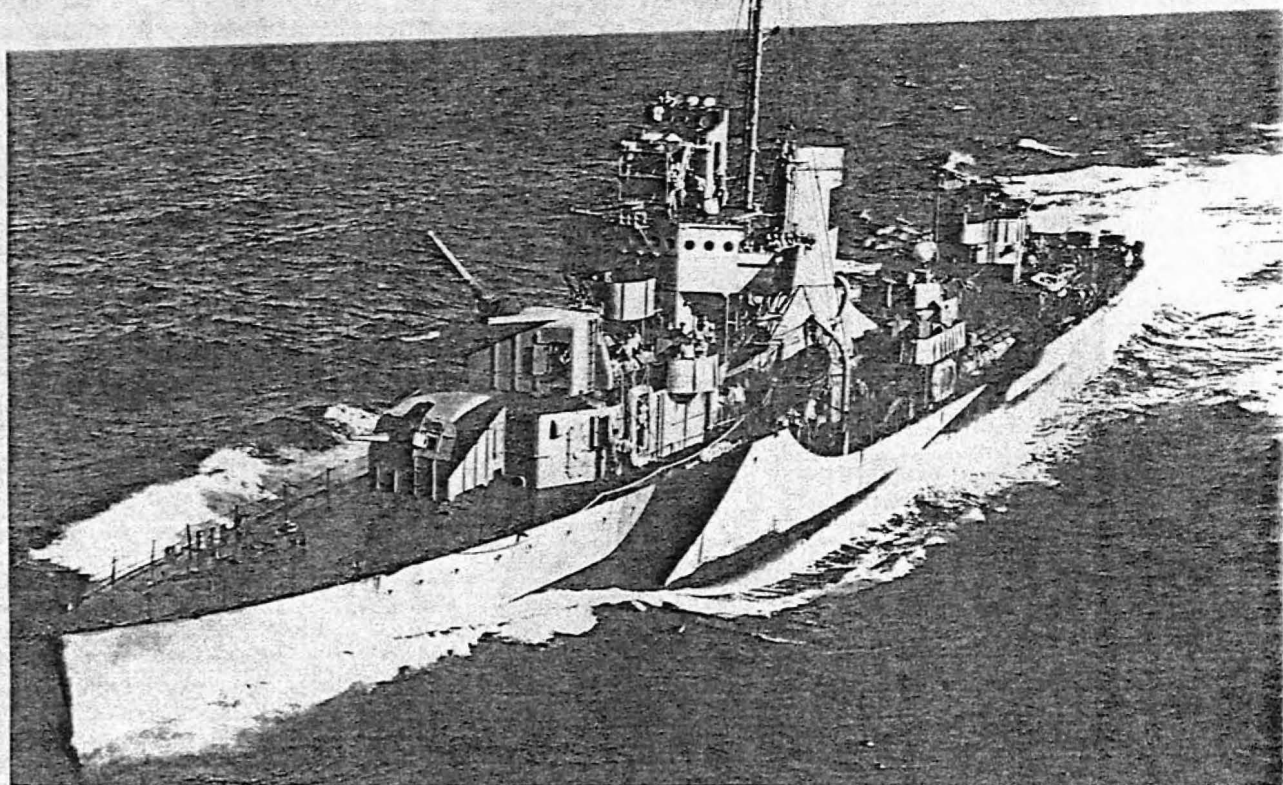
"The Welcome Wagon was
there with doughnuts and
coffee and a parade but
we didn't stay long.
Everyone just wanted to
get HOME." Richard T. Ludwig
Hdqtrs Co.



"After I recovered, I put
my uniform on, before I
stored it away for good."
George Cooper Co.C.



"Can't believe that I'm back
in Calif., still waiting for a
bus! This time for Home...."
Harold Weckert + Glenn Stevens
Co A Friend



USS Bagley DD 386


National Archives Photo

"Here I am on the Bagley.
When I went for my discharge,
they shipped me back to
Hawaii!! You can see by the
frown how happy I was
about that. Never did figure
that one out."

Gene Jones Smith Co.C.



NOTICE OF SEPARATION FROM THE U. S. NAVAL SERVICE
NAVPERS-333 (Rev. 8-45)

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6. RACE W		8. SEX M		10. MARITAL STATUS S		11. U. S. CITIZEN (YES OR NO) Yes		12. DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH 5-11-08 Hartford, Conn.	
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and from the Naval Service of the United States

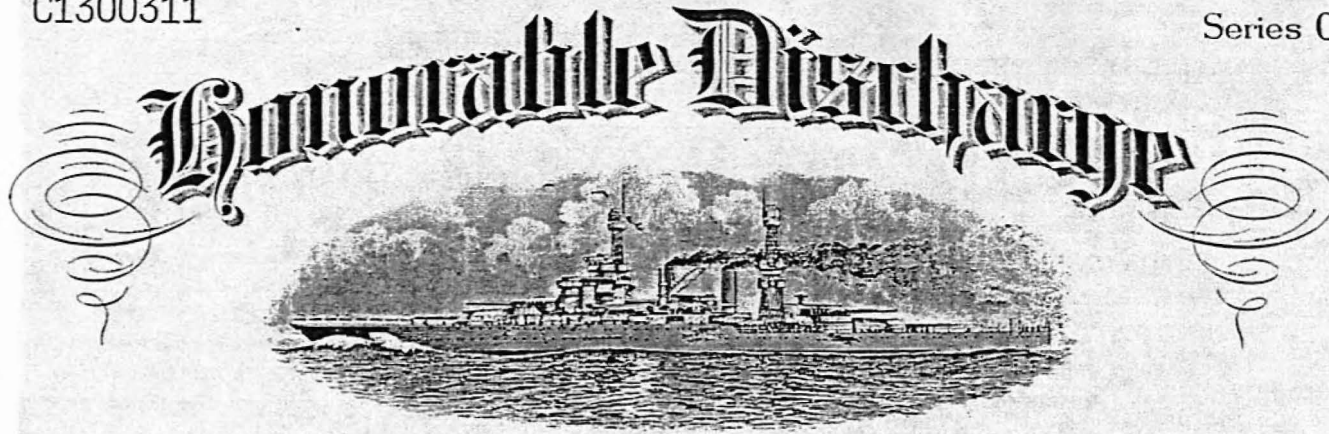
this 9th *day of* November 1945

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E. L. Kidd
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COMMANDING

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United States Navy

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is Honorably Discharged from the U.S. NAVAL PERSONNEL SEPARATION CENTER
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 Obedience.*

E. E. Heidorn

E.E. HEIDORN, ENSIGN, USNR

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

November 28, 1945

My dear Mr. Kerr:

I have addressed this letter to reach you after all the formalities of your separation from active service are completed. I have done so because, without formality but as clearly as I know how to say it, I want the Navy's pride in you, which it is my privilege to express, to reach into your civil life and to remain with you always.

You have served in the greatest Navy in the world.

It crushed two enemy fleets at once, receiving their surrenders only four months apart.

It brought our land-based airpower within bombing range of the enemy, and set our ground armies on the beachheads of final victory.

It performed the multitude of tasks necessary to support these military operations.

No other Navy at any time has done so much. For your part in these achievements you deserve to be proud as long as you live. The Nation which you served at a time of crisis will remember you with gratitude.

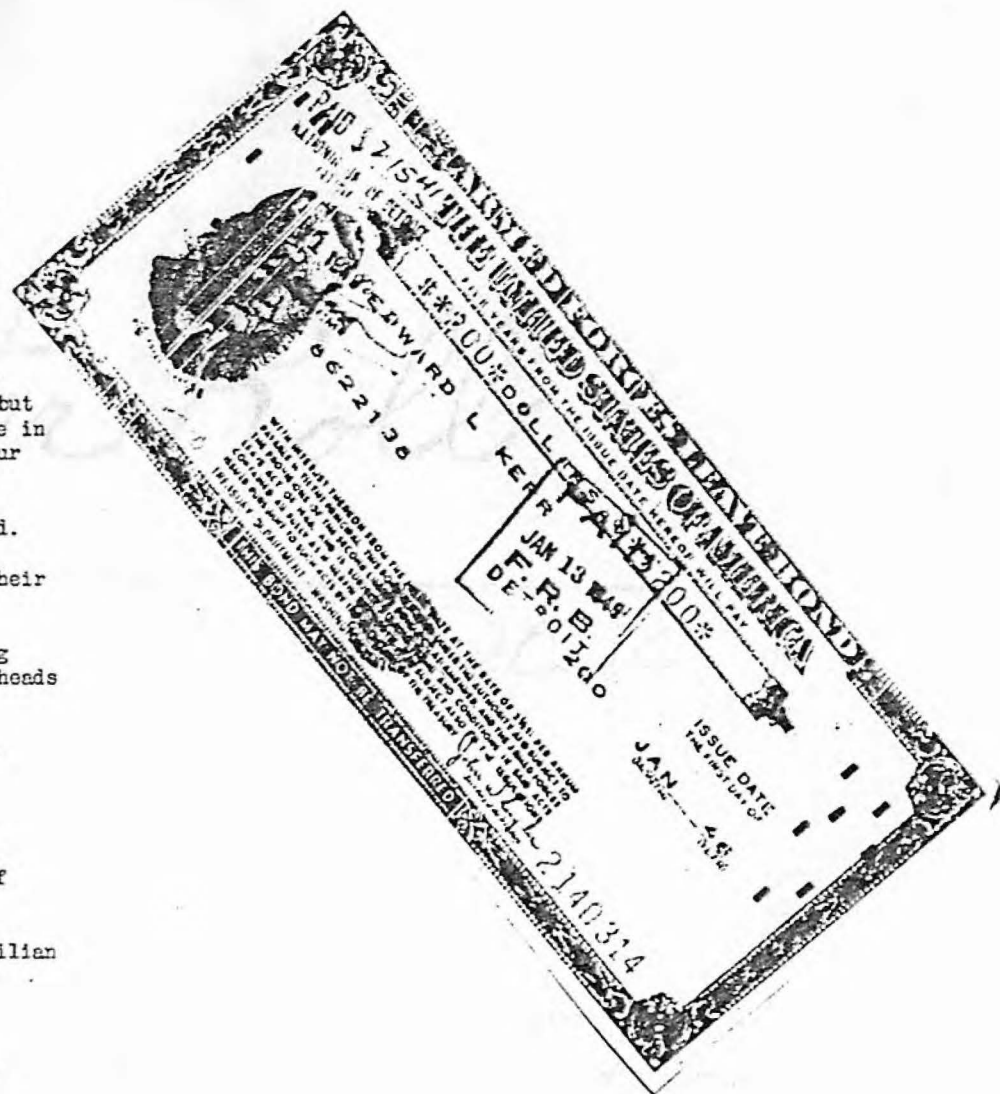
The best wishes of the Navy go with you into civilian life. Good luck!

Sincerely yours,

James Forrestal
James Forrestal

Mr. Edward Lawrence Kerr

"Everyone heard from Forrestal"



The Muster Roll

Clement F. Olsen, Esq.

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Received this date
Men per attached list

2 October 1943

* About the Muster Roll : Although the 13TH Special N. C. B. was commissioned in August of 1943, this Muster dated Oct. 2, 1943 was the earliest one that I could find. These are photo copies of the original documents, reduced in size in order to fit on to the pages of this Book. I also have the last Muster Roll compiled on Oct 1, 1945, and all quarterly reports and changes in between Oct 2-43 and Oct 1-45. I picked up the men who joined up in Guam through 1944; they are listed seperately in alphabetical order by the year and month, if they also appear on 1945 list.
* Memo by Editor Records from NAVFAC P.H.

ABBOTT JOHN WILSON CCMA
 ABERNETHY EUGENE W S2C
 ABNEY WALTER R BM1C
 ADAMS CHARLES JESSE COX
 ADAMS GEORGE WILMAR 8K3C
 ADAMSKI STANLEY WM S2C
 AFFONSO WM FRANCIS S2C
 AHLERS JOHN HENRY COX
 ALLERTON WARREN W BM2C
 ALLSBROW HARRY DEAN EM2C
 ALLEN RICHARD R S2C
 ALSEN STANLEY B BM1C
 ALTRICHTER JOHN JR S2C
 ANDERSEN FRED OTTO SK3C
 ANDERSON MELVIN E BM2C
 ANTONACCI HENRY M S2C
 ANZALONE JOHN S1C
 ARMSTRONG GREGG SF1C
 ASHLEY CLARENCE EDW S2C
 ASMUSSEN HAROLD T EM3C
 ATKINS TROY PYRTLE MM2C
 ATKINSON JACK SF3C
 ATKINSON JOSEPH CM3C
 AUSTIN SAM WILLIS CBMA
 AVERY HAROLD ARTHUR S2C
 BAIRD BYRON ARTHUR SK3C
 BAILEY ROBERT F1C
 BAKER JESSE FRANCIS SF3C
 BALAAM LEQ ALMOND CBMA
 BALDWIN JAMES V EM3C
 BALL IRWIN WILLIS CM1C
 BANISTER EDW QUINCY CM3C
 BANACH ANTHONY JR S2C
 BARADYN BERNARD R EM3C
 BARRETT WM KENNETH SF2C
 BARAN EUGENE JOHN S2C
 BASSETT GENRAL S2C
 BEAGLE MELVIN JAMES CSKA
 BEAUMIER WALLACE G S2C
 BELCHER CURFFORD S2C
 BENGSTON JOHN R S2C
 BENNETT LLOYD S S2C
 BERNARD ALBERT JOS CM3C
 BERGER FINLEY H CM2C
 BERNARD PETER PAUL COX
 BERNHARDT F E S2C
 BETZ WILLIAM EDWARD SK3C
 BEVINGTON JACK L F1C
 BEVER HENRY SARDIS SK3C
 BIERBOWER GUY J BM2C
 BIGSBY ROBT SULARDS SF1C
 BINGHAM JAMES ARLEY GM1C
 BIRR HAROLD RICHARD SK3C
 BIRD JAMES JOSEPH S2C
 BLAKESLEE HENRY P COX
 BOHANNAN VIRGIL P SF2C
 BONKOSKI RAYMOND J S2C
 BOURG MC CAIN JOS SF3C
 BOURBO WM DANIEL JR COX
 BOURGAULT EDWARD E S2C

BOULERICE EMIL A S2C
 BOWSER NORRIS ALLEN CM3C
 BOWDEN JOHN GLENN EM3C
 BOWER JESS LEE SF2C
 BOWLES JAMES M JR S2C
 BOYD HUGH ALDEN EM3C
 BOYD EDWARD JOSEPH COX
 BRAWNER CLINTON S MM2C
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 BRIGHT ROBT EDWIN S2C
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 BROWN CHARLIE L BM1C
 BROGAN NORMAN N SF3C
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 BRODIE ARCHIE FRANK S1C
 BROWN ARTHUR S2C
 BROWN SAMUEL ELLIOTS S2C
 BROWN KENNETH CHAS S2C
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 BRUNO DOMINIC F1C
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 CALLAWAY ROBT L SR S2C
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 CAMMON THOMAS JR S2C
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 CARLSON EARL R SF3C
 CARTWRIGHT N G III SK3C
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 COBB ELVIS EDWARD S2C
 COBURN JOSEPH ROBT S2C
 CODY DALE FLOYD S2C
 COFFEY JAMES ALFRED SF3C
 COFFIN FREDERICK R COX
 COLUMBE JOS YVONNE MM2C
 COLEMAN JULIAN K SK2C
 COLE JAMES LEE GM1C
 COLLINS THOMAS J CM2C
 COLANGELO FRANK A S2C
 COLOSIO PASQUALE V S2C
 CONNER HARRY M JR S2C
 COOK FRANKLIN M2C
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 FRANK ALEXANDER D BM1C
 FRATUS ARTHUR THOS S1S
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 GIBSON ROY DAN F1C
 GIBERSON JOHN A S2C
 GLASS HAROLD OTIS F1C
 GLEASON FRANCIS X SK2C
 GLOVER JOHN ARTHUR CBMA
 GLOTFELTER GEO WM BM2C
 GODFREY LE ROY V COX
 GODBOLD RAY GARLAND S2C
 GOIN HERMAN CHARLES S2C
 GOLTZ ROBERT NORMAN CM2C
 GOLDEN HAROLD DAVID S2C
 GOLOCK CARL S2C
 GORMAN ALEX MILLER SK1C
 GORDON GEORGE LEE SK3C
 GRAVES CLARENCE M EM2C
 GRAHAM HERBERT E JR SK3C
 GRABOWSKI MARION S1C
 GRADY LEO JOHN S2C
 GRAZIANO JOSEPH EDW S2C
 GRAY NELSON LEE S2C
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 GUTIN HENRY SF3C
 HAAS RAYMOND C COX
 HAEGELE EUGENE R S2C
 HAFFNER JACOB Y2C
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 HAGGARD CARL MONROE CM3C
 HAGGERTY M F JR S2C
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 HALL CHESTER WM S2C
 HALLOWELL REGIOT S S2C
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 HANSEN ARTHUR JAMES BM1C
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 HARTZKE EDGAR D SK3C

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 HENRY NORMAN M SF3C
 HESTER MILTON HOMER SK2C
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 HICKS VERNE JOHN EM2C
 HICKS ROY ELGEE SK2C
 HICKMAN JACK COX
 HILL SETH ROBERT C CC9D
 HILL SOLON MATTHEW SF3C
 HILL LEO JOHN F1C
 HILL EDWARD R S2C
 HILTON ORDWAY C S2C
 HILL ROBERT MAHLON S2C
 HINEBAUGH F D EM2C
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 HOLLIMON CHAS OSCAR SF3C
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 HOOVER FRANCIS E EM3C
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 HOPKINS WM HOMER CBMA
 HORN ALBERT JOHN CCMA
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 HOUSER ROY ROCHE S2C
 HOUSE PHILIP C S2C
 HOWE BURTON LEE S2C
 HUDLOW CHAS CECIL SK1C
 HULSE WM RILEY JR S2C
 HUNTER BILLY JOE CM3C
 HUNSAKER RAYMOND C EM3C
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 HYATT HARRY EDWIN SF3C
 ILLTIS KEN OLIVER SF3C
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 JAYNE CARROLL C S2C
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 KAUFMAN BENN S2C
 KAUFFMAN CLINTON J S2C
 KECK RICHARD C EM2C
 KEDZIORA GARL J JR F1C
 KEENAN THOMAS CARL MM2C
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 KELLY ANDREW S SF1C
 KELLER RAUPH LESTER BM2C
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 KELSON LEON HAROLD S2C
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 KENNEDY JAMES J COX
 KENNEY CLINTON H B S2C
 KENNEDY WM AUGUST S2C
 KERR EDW LAWRENCE S2C
 KINCAID FRANK HENRY CCMA
 KING JOHN EVERETT F1C
 KING ARTHUR VICTOR S2C
 KINDE LE ROY CHAS S2C
 KINCARE JOHN E III S2C
 KIRSCHENHEUTER F JR SK3C
 KIRK JOHN O CONNELLS S2C
 KIRKLAND JOSEPH S2C
 KIRBY ROBT CLARENCE S2C
 KITCHENS PAUL D SK1C
 KLINE ARTHUR SK2C
 KNIGHTON ALTON W COX
 KNOLL ARTHUR F SF1C
 KOBER CLARENCE FORD SK2C
 KOBERMANN EVERETT ECBMA
 KOCHER GLENN LEON S2C
 KOERBER ALBERT B COX
 KONDRATI W MICHAEL CM2C
 KOON CECIL FRANKLIN COX
 KOOGLE DONALD F E S2C

KORPICS F J SR F1C
 KOSSOW ERNEST B S2C
 KOTECKI EDW JACOB COX
 KROSKY GEORGE MM1C
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 LA MOUNTAIN JOHN M S2C
 LA BAUGH WESLEY S2C
 LAABS DONALD ALBERT S2C
 LABONTE RAYMOND A EM3C
 LAFLEY GEORGE WM JR EM3C
 LAGE PAUL AUGUST S2C
 LAIR JOHN JACOB CCMA
 LANDAAL ROBERT F SK3C
 LANDGRAF JOHN W SF2C
 LANGSTON LOYD C F1C
 LANE JAMES EDWARD SK2C
 LANFAIR FORREST M S2C
 LATIMER L M JR COX
 LATTANZIO FRED S2C
 LAVENDER JONES D SF1C
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 LAWRENCE CHARLES S2C
 LAWRENCE DAVID A JR S2C
 LE CUYER EDWARD JOS SK3C
 LE PIERE ROBERT C S2C
 LE COUNT ALVIN H S2C
 LE LUGAS JOS JOHN S2C
 LEAVITT ARTHUR C S1C
 LEACH BENJAMIN ADAM S2C
 LEE CHARLES ABNER CBMA
 LEE ALLEN EUGENE SF2C
 LEES CHESTER P SF3C
 LEE WILLIS QULLEN COX
 LEE ROBERT DEAN S2C
 LEE ROBERT GLENN S2C
 LEE ROBERT EDWARD S2C
 LEICHTLING ABRAHAM S2C
 LEITKOWSKI EDW THOS S2C
 LEMMA MICHAEL V S2C
 LEONARD HUGH FRANK SK1C
 LEONARD FERNAND JOS S2C
 LEVINE MAX S2C
 LEVY HOWARD S2C
 LEVIE GRANT VOILE CM2C
 LEWIS BURRELL C JR S1C
 LEWIS SAMUEL M S2C
 LEWIS WM HENRY S2C
 LEWANDOWSKI W J S2C
 LIDDIC HERBERT O CM3C
 LIKAS FRANK CALVIN S2C
 LINDSLEY RAYMOND L S2C
 LITTLE JAMES OSCAR F1C
 LITRELL HAROLD S S2C
 LOEFFLER JOHN CHAS S2C

LOFGREN GLAINE O S2C
 LONDON GERALD R CM3C
 LOOS DONALD C EM3C
 LORAN FRANK S2C
 LOTITO JOHN C S2C
 LOVELL STEPHEN L EM2C
 LOWELL CHARLES F S2C
 LUCAS VINCENT A BM2C
 LUCOT RICHARD JOS PHM3
 LUCAS ORVILLE E S2C
 LUCENTE VITO A F1C
 LUDERA JOS CASIMIR S2C
 LUDWIG RICHARD TOLF S2C
 LUKAWECKI WILLIAM S2C
 LUTZ RICHARD S2C
 LYNCH JAMES A BM2C
 LYON MADISON MORTON SF3C
 LYONS THOS FRANCIS SK2C
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 MAC EACHERN ALLAN DF1C
 MACK LAWRENCE CLARK CM2C
 MAC GREGOR HAROLD WSF2C
 MACK FERRIS CHESTER S2C
 MACLACHLAN ANGUS SK2C
 MAC DONELL ALAN J S2C
 MACKIN ROBT JOHN S2C
 MAEROFF ALBERT S2C
 MAGGEE RICHARD CHAS MM2C
 MAHONEY JOHN JAMES SK3C
 MALOTTE MILO WARREN S2C
 MALONE JOHN FRANCIS SK3C
 MANTHEY WM CHAS JR SK3C
 MANUEL ANFONE S2C
 MARTIN JAMES ANDREW SK1C
 MARSH LAWRENCE V SK1C
 MARQUIS BENJAMIN M SK3C
 MARKLE MARION JOS BM2C
 MARONE ALFRED PETER SK3C
 MARTIN GRAYDON L EM2C
 MARTIN JOHN ROBERT CM3C
 MARCELLO GEORGE COX
 MARZELLI SAVIO S2C
 MARTINETTO VICTOR JS2C
 MARSHALL DWAIN CHAS S2C
 MARTINEZ ERNEST JOS S2C
 MARCK LAWRENCE GEO S2C
 MASSENGALE W H CM3C
 MASON GLEN RUSSELL BM2C
 MASARIE ATTILIO R CM2C
 MASON THOS PHILLIPS S2C
 MATHEWS LESLIE M S2C
 MAURER LOUIS GEORGE SK3C
 MAURER GEO STANLEY S2C
 MAYERHOFF HERBERT S2C
 MAY ROBERT CARL S2C
 MAYDWELL DAVID E S2C
 MAY CHARLES VINCENT S2C
 MAZZELLA JAMES BM2C
 MC GRAW ALLEN RAY BKR3
 MC GOLDRICK THOS J BKR3

.MC CARTNEY WAYNE J	SC1C	.MONROUX RICHARD C	CBMA	.ODOM VICTOR HUGO	S1C
.MC KINNEY WM DAVIS	BM3C	.MONAHAN CHARLES P	SK2C	.OGLE IRA D	SP3C
.MC DONALD C A	EM2C	.MONROE NORMAN RALPH	F1C	.OLAH JOHN ANDREW	CM3C
.MC CLUNG JACK	M2C	.MONEY GROVER HUBERT	S2C	.OLMSTEAD WM HARVY	EM3C
.MC MENAMY I C	SF3C	.MOORE FLOYD RALPH	SK3C	.OLSON VERNON F	CYA
.MC CRAY RAYMOND G	CM3C	.MOORE HAROLD JAMES	CM2C	.OLSEN CHRISTIAN	BM1C
.MC AVOY HAROLD S	SF2C	.MOORE LAURIE	S2C	.OLSEN EUGENE P	S2C
.MC CANNON ELMER I	MM2C	.MOORE WM JOHN JR	S2C	.ORLANDO ANGELO A	S2C
.MC NEESE JOHN HENRY	SF2C	.MORRIS ARTHUR EDW	SK3C	.ORR LAWRENCE E	S2C
.MC CABE HAROLD M	SK2C	.MOREIRA LEWIS	F1C	.ORR ROBT BERNARD	S2C
.MC CLAM CLEVELAND	JSC1C	.MORGAN CLARENCE EDW	COX	.OSHINS BERTRAM	S2C
.MC GRANE EDWARD F	SK3C	.MORAN ANTHONY JAMES	S2C	.OWENS WM JOS JR	S2C
.MC NAIR JAMES EARL	S2C	.MORSE EURA ALLEN	S2C	.OXENTINE MEREDITH	GSC3C
.MC KAY WILLIAM A	JRS2C	.MORRISSEY A A JR	S2C	.PACKARD JOE WILSON	S2C
.MC ELHANNON EDGAR L	S2C	.MORAN JOHN PATRICK	S2C	.PADULA LEONARD A	S2C
.MC CLINTICK D W	S2C	.MOSSER GEORGE OSCAR	CM3C	.PAGLIASSO JOS PETER	COX
.MC LEAN ANDREW	S2C	.MOYER ROY CHARLES	S2C	.PAHNELAS GUST V	S2C
.MC GARRAH EUGENE G	S2C	.MUCKLOW PAUL HAROLD	S2C	.PALMER DANIEL LEE	S2C
.MC GLOTHIN PAUL C	PHM2	.MULIERI ERNEST EDW	S2C	.PAOLINI AMERICO J	S2C
.MC CULLEN JAMES J	PHM3	.MULLER WM ARTHUR	S2C	.PARKS FRANK G	SK3C
.MC FADDEN LEON L	S2C	.MUNDT PAUL F	S2C	.PARR BILLY GEAN	S2C
.MC GINNIS BERNARD	JS2C	.MUNJAS GEORGE	CSKA	.PATTON DAVID A JR	S2C
.MC CORMICK R W	S2C	.MURPHY THOMAS A	SK3C	.PAULS GRAFTON LEE	BM1C
.MC NAMARA JOHN F	S2C	.MURRAY DEXTER H	S2C	.PAULY DAVID BRUEN	S2C
.MC GOWAN EVERETT H	S2C	.MURRILL WALTER GAY	CM1C	.PAULIK CHAS JULIUS	S2C
.MC ADAM JOHN HENRY	S2C	.MURDZEK BENJAMIN P	F1C	.PAYNE HARVEY C	S2C
.MC DERMOTT V D	S2C	.MURRAY CHAS LOUIS	S2C	.PEAVLER GLOVIS F	CM3C
.MC CORMICK JOS CHAS	S2C	.MURPHY WM JOHN	S2C	.PEARSON MURRAH M	S2C
.MC QUINN GERALD	S2C	.MURPHY DANIEL JOS	S2C	.PEKARIK CARL	S2C
.MC NAUGHT PERCY C	CBMA	.MYERS BILL JOHN	S2C	.PELLETIER JOSEPH D	S2C
.MC PHERSON JOHN C	MM2C	.NABERS GENE DONALD	S2C	.PELLEGRINI JOHN F	S2C
.MEAD NEWCOMB HARRY	S2C	.NACEWICZ FELIX B	CM3C	.PERRY WALTER HOSIE	EM1C
.MEEHAN HENRY VICTOR	S2C	.NADEN PAUL B	S2C	.PERKINS CHARLES EDW	S2C
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.MEGLIS THEODORE GEOS	S2C	.NAGLE IRA DAYTON	S2C	.PETROSKA OLIVER J	S2C
.MELKA OTTO A JR	CBMA	.NAUMANN HERBERT A	COX	.PETROHILOS GEORGE	S2C
.MELIDY FREDERICK WM	HA2C	.NAVARRO RAFAEL	S2C	.PHALON EDW ARTHUR	S2C
.MEREDITH ALAN A	S2C	.NEAD HERBERT E	CM3C	.PHELPS DONALD H	S2C
.MERUSI EMIL LINO	S2C	.NEEB MERLYN M	COX	.PHINNEY THOMAS A	F1C
.MESSER FOY CLAYTON	BM1C	.NELSON VICTOR R	S2C	.PHILLIPS SAMUEL	COX
.MICHEL JOHN GEORGE	F1C	.NELSON HERMAN	S1C	.PHILBECK JACK EDW	S2C
.MIGLORINO JOHN C	S2C	.NETTLES LENARD EARL	SK1C	.PHIPPS JOHN SKELT	S2C
.MIKA LOUIS FRANK	S2C	.NICHOLSON GLENN C	CM3C	.PHILLIPATILS P J	HA2C
MILLER JAMES DAVID	SC1C	.NICKELS JOSEPH T	S2C	.PHOENIX LYLE K	BM3C
.MILLER PAUL ALFRED	MM2C	.NIEMAN CLARENCE K	S2C	.PIERCE GEO LEMUEL	S2C
.MILLS ROBT SPENCER	CM2C	.NOE GEORGE K JR	SK3C	.PITTS DALE COOK	S2C
.MILLER LESTER P	BM2C	.NOFFSKER CLYDE J	SF2C	.PLANK ROBERT SAMUEL	S2C
.MILLER RAY GALE	F1C	.NOLDER GEO ALLEN	SK1C	.PLASKON RICHARD J	S2C
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.MILLER ROY EDWARD	F1C	.NUGENT EDWARD WM	SK2C	.POPHAM DONALD F	S2C
.MILLS WM ARTHUR	S2C	.NUNN CECIL ARNOLD	SF1C	.PORTE FLOYD FRANCES	BM2C
.MILLER EDWARD F	S2C	.NUSSER GEORGE LEO	S2C	.POULOS CONSTANTINE	S2C
.MILLER ARTHUR A	S2C	.O BRIEN ROBERT JOS	F1C	.PRAZMA FRANK BLAZE	S2C
.MINTON ERNEST HOMER	SK1C	.O CONNOR TIMOTHY F	COX	.PRESSEY EDGAR ALLEN	PTR3
.MIRANDA CHARLES	S2C	.O CONNOR GEORGE M	MM1C	.PRZEZDZECKI JOHN F	S2C
.MITCHELL RALPH R	M2C	.O DONNELL WILFRED	JB1C	.PUCCIA PHILIP A	S2C
.MITCHELL JAMES R	S2C	.O GORMAN ROBT HUGH	S2C	.PYTEL TED PAUL	S2C
.MC NAIGHT KENNETH	CSK3C	.O NEILL WILLIAM ROY	S2C	.QUINN MICHAEL P	CBMA
.MOFFITT ALVA BERT	S2C	.O ROURKE JOSEPH T	S2C	.RACINE FRED FEODORES	S2C
.MOLITOR ROBERT D	S2C	.OBERSTEIN WM GALE	S2C	.RADZIK ALBIN FRANK	S2C

.RAPLEE W T .SK2C
 .RASNICK HERBERT J .SK3C
 .RAY BURMAN LAMAR .SK2C
 .RAY THOMAS HENRY .BM2C
 .REAGAN ARTHUR RAY .SK3C
 .REAGAN EUGENE G .S2C
 .REBELLO ENIBEL S .S2C
 .REED GEORGE W .SK1C
 .REED OAKLEY CURTIS .F1C
 .REGAN ADDISON E .PHM1
 .REINSON MATTHEW .S2C
 .REITER LAWRENCE N .S2C
 .REISZ JOS CLEMENT .S2C
 .REXFORD ARTHUR G .COX
 .REYNOLDS WELDON L .S1C
 .REYNOLDS JAMES JOS .SC2C
 .REYNOLDS ROBT DAVID .S2C
 .RHODES EDWIN DAVID .S2C
 .RICHARD SIDNEY YORK .F1C
 .RICE ROBERT GERALD .S2C
 .RICHARDS JOHN WM .S2C
 .RIEMENSCHNEIDER P K .S2C
 .RIFFLE ERNEST W .S2C
 .RIHERD JOHN MAURICE .S2C
 .RILEY GLENN MARION .SC2C
 .ROBBINS B E JR .S2C
 .ROBERTS WM HASTINGS .S2C
 .ROBERTS ELMER L JR .S2C
 .RODRIGUEZ OSCAR V .F1C
 .ROJAS SIMON JR .S2C
 .ROJAS CHICO NUNEZ .S2C
 .ROMASCO MARIO A .S2C
 .RONAN MARTIN JOSEPH .S2C
 .ROSEN MAX .PTR2
 .ROSSON FRED EUGENE .S2C
 .ROTH CHARLES HARLOW .S2C
 .RUGG PAUL EDWARD .S2C
 .RUND ALFRED WILLIAMS .SK3C
 .RUSSELL LYLE GEORGE .F1C
 .RUSSELL EDWARD JOS .S2C
 .RUTKOWSKI CHESTER .S2C
 .RUYBALID LOUIS A .S2C
 .RUZEK EDWARD JOSEPH .MM2C
 .SAGE ROBERT TANN .S2C
 .SALLEY JOHN PATRICK .S2C
 .SALT ALBERT JAMES .S2C
 .SAMUELS RICHARD H .S2C
 .SANBORN ROBERT P JR .S2C
 .SARNA FRANK JOSEPH .S2C
 .SAUL ROBT GLENMAR .S2C
 .SAUSEDI CHARLIE R .S2C
 .SAVINO JAMES V .S2C
 .SBARCEA STEVE JR .COX
 .SCANLON THOMAS C .S2C
 .SCHAMMA MELVIN H .CM3C
 .SCHMIDBERG JOHN R .BM1C
 .SCHIELE EDDIE LEE .S2C
 .SCHAFFER IRVING I .S2C
 .SCHWARTZ HENRY A .S2C
 .SCHMIDT WARREN WM .S2C

.SCHWARTZ BRUCE L .S2C
 .SCHULLER MARTIN H .S2C
 .SCHOON QUENTIN GEE .S2C
 .SCOTT HENRY EDWARD .F1C
 .SCZERBY FRANK .S2C
 .SEAMANS ALLYN ELMER .CM3C
 .SEAGLE FRANKLIN L .BM2C
 .SECCAMANIE THOS JOS .SK2C
 .SEEMANN LOUIS N A .CM1C
 .SEIFERT FREDERICK LBM1C
 .SEIFRIED JAMES E .S2C
 .SELBY ARTHUR PORTER .S2C
 .SELLIER JESSE L .S2C
 .SENNEC EMIL CONRAD .S2C
 .SHAMBAUGH RAUL R .S2C
 .SHANKLIN ARTHUR EDW .MM2C
 .SHERFEY LEE DUNCAN .S1C
 .SHERMAN LAWRENCE F .SK3C
 .SHERIDAN CHAS B JR .S2C
 .SHIREY LEE POWELL .COX
 .SHIELDS ISHAM C SR .S2C
 .SHOWALTER RALPH L .S2C
 .SHORT CHARLES ROBT .S2C
 .SHUBROOKS WILLIAM K .S2C
 .SHUMAKER KERMIT A .S2C
 .SINCLAIR ROBT JAMES .S2C
 .SKELLY WM WALLACE .COX
 .SKIPWORTH SAM P .BM2C
 .SKRIEF WILLIAM JR .SK1C
 .SLAVIT GARRY .S2C
 .SLAZEK GEORGE ROBT .S2C
 .SLINEY CHAS MORSE .S2C
 .SLOTKIN SEYMOUR S .S2C
 .SMITH WALLACE M .SC3C
 .SMITH GORDON .CBMA
 .SMILEY GEO WILBUR .CM2C
 .SMITH PAUL F .F1C
 .SMITH ARTHUR P .BM2C
 .SMITH MELFORD C .BM2C
 .SMITH HAROLD WM .S2C
 .SMITH JACK PHILIP .S2C
 .SMITH ELVERN ROBERT .S2C
 .SMITH HERBERT C JR .S2C
 .SMITH HAROLD JOHN .S2C
 .SMITH JESS JAMES .S2C
 .SMOLKTEES PETER M .COX
 .SNYDER FRANK .S2C
 .SNYDER HERRICK R .S2C
 .SOBOLOFF BERNARD M .SK2C
 .SOPCHAK WASSEL P .S2C
 .SOSNOVICH WALTER J .SF3C
 .SOUDERS WM ELSWORTH .SC2C
 .SPARKS FLOYD MARVIN .CSKA
 .SPAHR CHARLES HENRY .SP1C
 .SPEEGLE WM HUGH .BM1C
 .SPEARS ROBERT LEROY .BM2C
 .SPINELLA JOS FRANK .BM2C
 .SPINELLI JOSEPH .S2C
 .ST GERMAIN ALBERT .ES2C
 .STANFIELD JAMES R .SK3C

.STANSBURY ROBERT L .S2C
 .STANLEY BILL .S2C
 .STAFFORD FRED W .S2C
 .STANKUS RAYMOND J .S2C
 .STELZER EDMUND C .SK1C
 .STEGER WILLIAM R .CSKA
 .STEWART MAURICE .F1C
 .STEWART DAVID W .S2C
 .STEENLAND WARREN E .S2C
 .STEVENS DUANE JOS .S2C
 .STERN SEYMOUR .S2C
 .STEIN BILL .S2C
 .STEVE WALTER JOHN .S2C
 .STEPHENS PHILL L .S2C
 .STEVER WILBURN A .F1C
 .STONE GORDON ZORUS .SK1C
 .STONER JAMES OSCAR .SC3C
 .STOKES JOHN WILLIAMS .S2C
 .STRONACH CHARLES A .SF3C
 .STRONG ALLEN GEORGE .CM3C
 .STREET MARIQN S .S1C
 .STRONG ROBERT WM .S2C
 .SUGARMAN BERNARD .S2C
 .SULLIVAN PAUL D .S2C
 .SULLIVAN BERTRAND JS .S2C
 .SUNDBERG BERNARD G .S2C
 .SWARTHOUT JOHN ROSS .S2C
 .SWAIM HAROLD WM .SF1C
 .SWEENEY JOS MICHAEL .S2C
 .SWEET ARTHUR RAY .S2C
 .SYLVIA ERNEST .S2C
 .TAGGART THOS JAMES .S2C
 .TALLENT W M .S2C
 .TARAS EDMUND JOSEPH .SC3C
 .TATE CONLEY BOWERS .SK1C
 .TATE ELMER OTWAY .SF3C
 .TAYLOR JAMES EDW JR .BM1C
 .TAYLOR JOSEPH J JR .S2C
 .TAYLOR GUSSIE .S2C
 .THOMPSON HAROLD .S2C
 .THOMAS GORDON HARRY .S2C
 .THOMPSON RALPH C .S2C
 .THOMPSON HIG JR .S2C
 .THROGMORTON CARL .SC2C
 .THRASHER THOMAS R .S2C
 .TIERNEY WM JOSEPH .SK2C
 .TILGHMAN BILLY E .S1C
 .TIPPIT JULIAN N .F1C
 .TOBLER JOHN EDWIN .S2C
 .TODD BERNARD JOSEPH .S2C
 .TOKARCZYK PAUL EDW .COX
 .TOKAR JOSEPH JOHN .S2C
 .TOMPKINS LESKIE N .CM3C
 .TOMPKINS MOSES D .S2C
 .TOOLOOZE WILLIAM J .BM2C
 .TOOLE EDWARD CHAS .SK2C
 .TOUSLEY JOHN WM .S2C
 .TOUSLEY JOHN M .S2C
 .TRAPP GEORGE ROBERT .S2C
 .TREHEY ALFRED D .S2C

TROPEANO GAETANO G S2C
 TRUSTY JACK A CM3C
 TUCKER ROBT FRANCIS S2C
 TULLY ALBERT GEORGE MMIC
 TULLY JOSEPH GERALD SK3C
 TUOZZO VINCENT BM2C
 TUPIKA MICHAEL F SF2C
 TURNBULL JAMES G S2C
 TURNER EUGENE S2C
 TWARDOWSKI JOSEPH AS2C
 UEBELACKER JOHN JOS S2C
 UECKERT HAROLD E S2C
 UNCINI ALVER JOSEPH S2C
 UNTERREINER B W S2C
 URDA FRANK S2C
 URQUHART DUNCAN I S2C
 VALEK PAUL EUGENE SC2C
 VALLEH PAUL S1C
 VALENTINE JACK S S2C
 VAN VLEET DALE L F1C
~~VAN ORDER HENRY E S2C~~
 VAN WIE WARREN EDW S2C
 VANNESTE ANDREW A S2C
 VARNER DANIEL W S2C
 VASILE ANTHONY JOHN S2C
 VAY EDWARD JOHN S2C
 VESELY ROY JOSEPH BM2C
 VETTER DONALD WM SK2C
 VICENTI HAROLD M S2C
 VINCENT CLARENCE K SK1C
 VOHLAND KERMIT KARL S2C
 VOLK EDWIN BALTHUS SC1C
 VOSS MARTIN S2C
 WACH MARTIN FRANCIS S2C
 WADE DAVID GILESPIE S2C
 WAEHNER IRVIN W S2C
 WALLACE ROBERT S S2C
 WALKER JIMMY A SF3C
 WALTERS EDWARD JOS SK2C
 WALSH JOHN IRVING F1C
 WALTON CLARENCE W SK3C
 WALKER ROBERT S2C
 WALLER ROBERT HENRY S2C
 WALL NORMAN JAMES SK3C
 WANAMAKER DELAND V SF2C
 WANDER THOS HENRY S2C
 WANDER WM JOHN S2C
 WARRINER EUGENE EDW S2C
 WASILEWSKI R R S2C
 WATKINS WILLIAM A BM1C
 WATTS CRATHS C S2C
 WAUGH THOS FRANCIS F1C
 WEBB EDWARD LEROY CM3C
 WEBB J L S2C
 WEBBERLEY CHARLES AS2C
 WEEDON CHAS WALTER S2C
 WEHR JAMES PHILIP S2C
 WEISNER HENRY WM COX
 WEIMER F B JR F1C
 WEISSBERG HERBERT MS2C

WEICHMANN OTTO S2C
 WELLS KENNETH E S2C
 WHIGHAM LAVOUGHN E SC2C
 WHITE SAMUEL HENRY S2C
 WHITAKER HAROLD G S2C
 WHITBECK EDW M JR S2C
 WICKERD STANLEY J EM3C
 WILLIAMS JACK DON BKR3
 WILSON EVERARDUS B SK3C
 WILSON ARTHUR W S2C
 WILKINSON CHAS OTTO S2C
 WILLIAMS HENRY A SF3C
 WILKINS WM RICHARD S2C
 WILSON KENNETH D S2C
 WILLIAMS ROBT JAMES S2C
 WILLIAMS PAUL JAMES F1C
 WILLIAMS WARREN E F2C
 WILES RICHARD L S2C
 WILSON JAMES HOWARD S2C
 WILKERSON OSCAR P S2C
 WIMBERLY JACK BKR3
 WINSOR PHILIP A SK2C
 WINDLE RUSSELL EDW S2C
 WISK JOS STANLEY SC3C
 WISCHMANN HAROLD R SC3C
 WITT CHARLES LOUIS S2C
 WITKIEWICZ BRUNO C S2C
 WOLTKAMP CLARENCE GS2C
 WOLFE ROBERT EUGENE S2C
 WOODWORTH DONALD H SK3C
 WOODLIFFE JELLERY R F1C
 WOOD ROBERT THOMAS S2C
 WOOD WILLIAM DAVID S2C
 WORLEY SAMUEL THOS S2C
 WORMAN DONALD H S2C
 WOZNIAK RAYMOND JOS S2C
 WRAY ROY EVERETT F1C
 WRIGHT ROLLIE G JR SK1C
 WRIGHT WELDON D BKR2
~~WRIGHT JOHN OWEN S2C~~
 WRIGHT HAYDEN M S2C
 WRITER CASIMIR Z S2C
 WYATT VIRGIL WM S2C
 WYCKOFF HOWARD R SF3C
 YAKICH JOHN JOSEPH S2C
 YAKICH JOHN LEONARD S2C
 YANIK GEORGE JR S2C
 YOUNG WARREN PAUL BM2C
 YOUNG CLAYTON Y BM2C
 YOUNG IRVIN LEO S2C
 YOUNG JAMES MATHAIS S2C
 ZAGON ALEX S2C
 ZEGOTA CHESTER F1C
 ZEHNDER CHAS PHILIP CM1C
 ZEOLLA GEORGE EDW SF1C
 ZIEMAN DOUGLAS N S2C
 ZINK JAMES RAYMOND SC3C
 ZINN PAUL EM3C
 ZINKHAM CLYDE EDGARS2C

1943 NOV...DEC

BAILEY JOHN HENRY CK3C
 BEAR JOHN SHERMAN CSF
 BEHAN JOSEPH HAROLD COX
 CHRISTIAN WOODFERD JR STM2C
 COLEMAN WINSTON WOODROW COX
 CULLINAN STUART EDWARD MM2C
 DOWNEY WILLIAM PATRICK S2C
 LEVY LEONARD C CPHM
 MORRIS DAVID LOUIE CM2C
 PASCOE CHESTER THEO F1C
 PENROSE THOMAS I BM1C
 REARDON JOHN JOSEPH COX
 SANTOMARTINO ANGELO C COX
 WILD WELFRED CEM(AA)
 WALLS JAMES JOSEPH BM1C

1944 JAN...MARCH

ATENCIO HENRY CBM
 BROWN ERNEST FR STM2C
 DUNNING DONALD WETHERN BM2C
 MATTHEWS EDMOND ALBERT CK3C
 MUNGEN RUSSELL PAUL CBM
 WILSON JOHN DANIEL S2C

1944 APRIL

ATKINSON PAUL DANA PTR3C
 BABO EDWARD JOHN SK3C
 BATZ THOMAS RICHARD MM3C
 BECKER KENNETH FRANCIS F1C
 BOUDREAU EDWARD JOSEPH S2C
 BOYLES NORMAN JAY SIC
 BUGA JOHN SIC
 BULTINCK GABRIEL PAUL F1C
 CASTIGLIA SAMUEL PHILIP F1C
 CHAPMAN ADELBERT F MM3C
 COUSINS CHARLES SIC
 CUNNINGHAM WALTER F SF1C
 DEEKS DOUGLAS ADEN SIC
 DEEKS WILLIAM HUGH SIC
 DELLINGER KENNETH N SIC
 GREEN CLYDE CREIGHTON MM3C
 JOHNSON THEODORE CLARK S2C
 KEENAN ARTHUR JAY QMIC
 LIPINSKI JOHN F1C
 MATTHEWS WALTER SIC
 MAW GEORGE EDMUND S2C
 MELNYK STEPHEN ANTHONY S2C
 MESSIERI GEORGE RALPH MM3C
 MILLS "L" "H" SF3C

COV'T

1944 OCT.

1944 APRIL (CON'T)

MOTEN WARREN ALEX	S2C
MYERS JAMES HERMAN	CMIC
NELSON THOMAS HAROLD	EM2C
OGDEN WALTER ROLAND	MM3C
OPACIC ELI	SIC
PURINTON HORACE GEO	MM3C
RAMBO CARLTON WALTER	COX
RIGSBY BERNARD LLOYD	S2C
REYNOLDS SAMUEL J	SIC
SANDERS CHARLES JOSEPH	MM3C
SAUER STANLEY JOSEPH	MM3C
SCHIFFERLE NORBERT L	CM3C
SCHMIDT DONALD FRED	MM3C
SCHRAM FRANKLIN RYAN	CM3C
SEPCILKA EDWARD JOHN	MM3C
SHERRICK FRED WARREN	MM3C
SMITH GENE JONES	MM3C
SPORTELLI ALFRED JOS	MM3C
STALBIRD RICHARD LEROY	MM3C
STANG RUSSELL HARRY	S2C
STIVER LA VERNE	MM3C
TAYLOR HERSCHEL WAYNE	FIC
TINE ANGELO	MM3C
WHITE URBAN OUSLEY	S2C
YOUNG HARRY JERMONE	S2C
YOUNG RICHARD CHAS	S2C

1944 MAY

ANTHES DONALD EMMET	MM3C
BARTLETT RAWLIN AVEM	MM2C
BATZ THOMAS RICHARD	MM3C
BOLL HAROLD LE ROY	MM3C
BRADSHAW JOHN LINCOLN	MM2C
CARREIRA JOHN RODRIGUES	MM2C
COLEMAN JAMES	SIC
COODY JOE CECIL JR	SIC
DAVIS EDWARD EVERETT	CCM(AA)
DOSENZUK ALEX JOSEPH	MM3C
GALLAGHER WILLIAM EDWARD	MM3C
GRUNDY JOHN DOUGLAS	SK3C
HURLEY VICTOR PAUL	CM3C
MILLARD CLARENCE ARTHUR	SK3C
MOEN ALVIN	MM3C
MUSE COLIN TILLMAN	BM2C
RIVERS KENNETH WAYNE	SF2C
ROLLINS EDWIN HENRY	MM2C
SPENCER THOMAS ALFRED	CM3C

BORMAN SAMUEL M	SIC
REIDY GEORGE ARTHUR	SIC
STOREZ ARTHUR GEORGE	SIC

1944 DEC.

BALLARD RONALD A	SIC
GEYER CHARLES R	SIC
GIANINI PASQUAL E	SIC
GRASSIA SILVIO R	SIC
GRAY JAMES F	SIC
MULLY GEORGE SIMPSON	SIC
SMITH EDDIE JUNIOR	SIC
SULECKI JOSEPH IGGIE	SIC

*And all of those who came in 1945.
I trust that this list is complete and hope that
no one is left out. Editor's note.*

"We Stand at Attention"

FOR THE MEN OF THE THIRTEENTH SPECIAL NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION WHO
DIED WHILE SERVING THEIR COUNTRY.

ALTHOUGH NOT "OFFICIALLY LISTED" AS "KILLED IN ACTION" THEY DID NONETHELESS
DIE HEROES TO US ALL.

THEN I SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH. THE ANGEL THEN SHOWED ME THE
RIVER OF LIFE-GIVING WATER...CLEAR AS CRYSTAL...WHICH ISSUED FROM THE
THRONE OF GOD AND FLOWED DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREETS.

ON EITHER SIDE OF THE RIVER GREW THE TREES OF LIFE WHICH PRODUCE FRUIT
TWELVE TIMES A YEAR. THEIR LEAVES SERVE AS MEDICINE FOR THE NATIONS.
THE THRONE OF GOD SHALL BE FOUND THERE...AND HIS SERVANTS SHALL SERVE
HIM FAITHFULLY.

THEY SHALL SEE HIM FACE TO FACE AND BEAR HIS NAME ON THEIR FOREHEADS.
THEY WILL NEED NO LIGHT FROM LAMPS OR FROM THE SUN...FOR GOD SHALL
GIVE THEM LIGHT AND THEY SHALL REIGN FOREVER.

REVELATION VI: NEW CREATION 21-22



Name	Co.	Enlisted	Died
		PEARY 1943	Gulfport Mississippi 1943
William Roy O'Neill	B	PEARY 1943	Sept. 10, 1945 while awaiting transportation Home. GUAM.
David Edwin Rhodes	B	PEARY 1943	Late in 1945 while awaiting transportation Home. GUAM. Name appears on '45 Muster of 10/1/45
Henry A. Williams	C	PEARY 1943	1945 - Aug 1 issue of 'Cargo Cable: GUAM. Died 6 days after discharge.
		PEARY 1943	Early 1945. GUAM.
		PEARY 1943	Middle 1945. GUAM.

Decals from P.H. Gift Shop at Museum 233



Along about 1963 my 3 teenage daughters were taking turns wearing my Peacoat from WWII. My wife, Ruth, decided to use my "hardly worn" Navy Blues to make this suit for my son (Charles). He could hardly wait to join the Navy.



Back from the Recruitment Office:

"What do they MEAN, I'm too young!" He became a Chemist.

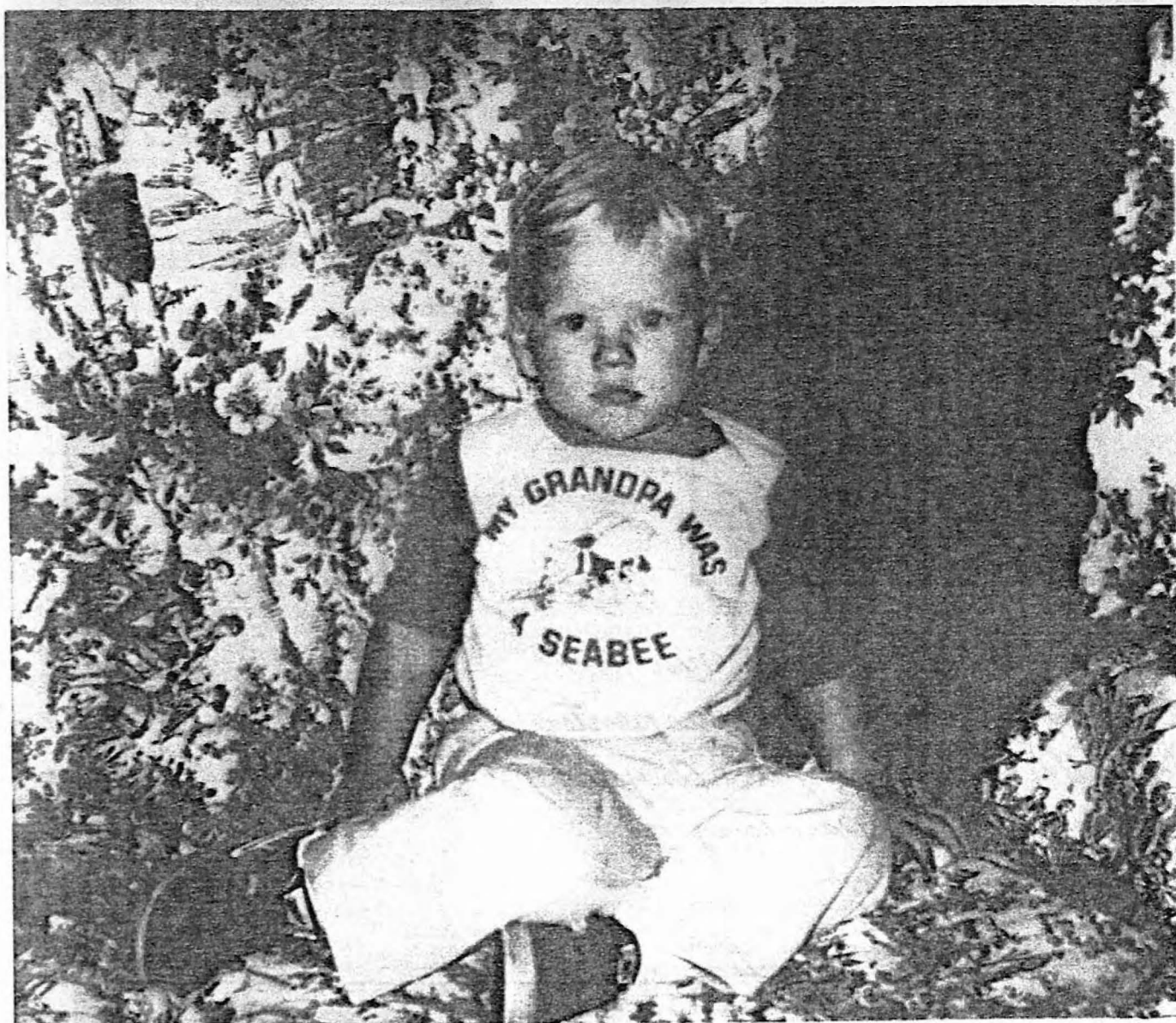
Charles L. Murray P.O.H



Once a "Baby Bee", proud "PoP" William Arthur Mills, pins his daughter Patricia as she was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U. S. Army. Friend Chris helps.

Date: June - 1986

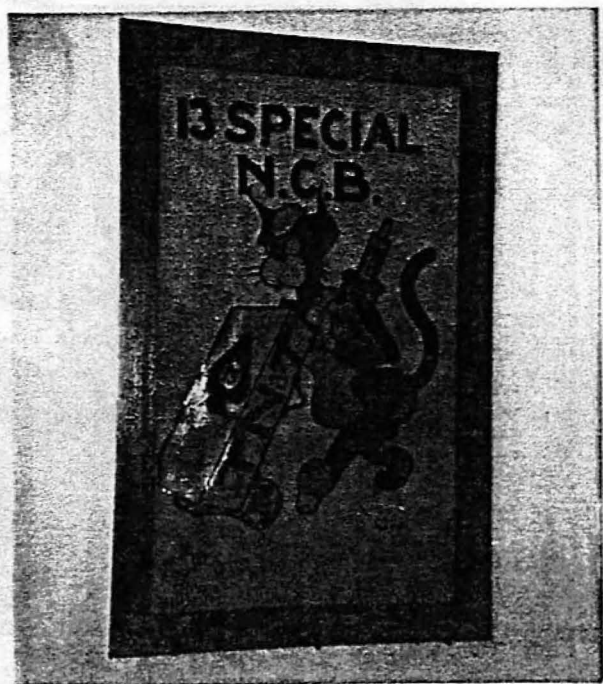
Wife, Claire, took the picture, while 2 sons directed the Action.



Sean Patrick Murray

1986

*Shirt from CB Museum Gift Shop
Port Hueneume 257*



1987

The Black Cat gets a new
Oak frame made by carpenter,
Ruben Villadeleon, of Los Angeles,
who admires the painting and
his work.

Ed. Note: The "white" is reflection of
flushbulb.

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