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September 13, 1945

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 99TH U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

At this time when victory in this long war has come, it is a source of great pride to realize that the Construction Battalions have successfully performed that part of the job assigned them with full devotion to duty and with eminently successful results.

The 99th has borne its full share, under conditions as difficult as those assigned any Seabee outfit and has uniformly turned a good job.

In the days of peace ahead, let us hope that the friendship formed during these days of special service will continue and increase; that the habit of carrying the job through to a successful end, whatever the adverse conditions, will serve even in civil life to mark that unequalled group of men who have brought such great credit and renown to the name of "Seabees".

Cordially yours,

ROBERT H. MEADE, Commodore, CEC, U.S.N.

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To the Armed Forces we have served and to our families.



June 15 1944

TO COMDR. R. R. COOK, THE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN OF THE 99th LONE STAR BATTALION:

On the occasion of your First Anniversary as an organized Neval Construction Battalion, the Commandes in Chief of the Pacific Fleet and the Pacific Ocean Areas extends greetings.

The record of Seabee Battalions in the Pacific needs no elaboration, for their vast construction miracles have been a source of pride to the United States Navy.

The birth of the 99th Lone Star Battalion at Camp

The birth of the 99th lone Star mattailin at tas Peary, Virginia, a year ago, was another milestone in the history of the nation's youngest branch of armed forces, and during your months of active service over-seas you have kept pace with a Seabee reputation that knows no bounds for hardihood and ingenuity.

Although your organization is engaged in a series of vital tasks far removed from your main station, I wish to commend you for the skill and expeditious manner in which you have mastered all assignments.

My best wishes go with you as you enter a second year of activity.

Sincerely yours,

CWM G. W. NIMITZ Admiral, U. S. N. Commander in Chief, U. S. Pacific Fleet, and Pacific Ocean Areas.

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VICE ADMIRAL W. L. CALHOUN U. S. NAVY

June 17, 1944

TO COMMANDER R. R. COOK, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE, 99TH U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION:

It is with a great deal of personal pleasure that I extend to you, the officers and enlisted personnel of the 99th Neval Construction Battalion my heartiest congratulations on your first anni-versary, which completes a year of achievement in which all hands may justly take pride.

During the eight months that you have been attached to the Service Force, Pacific Fleet, it has been your difficult lot to initiate and carry to completion a program of building several important bases and depots on numerous Pacific islands.

It is noteworthy that the "Lone Star" battalion has carried out this urgently needed field work in a most satisfactory manner, and it is especially plessing to the Commander Service Force that you have made further contribution to the war effort by establishing an enviable record in the cash purchases of War Savings Bonds. This is testimony to your efficient organization and individual cooperation.

My sincerest wishes for your continued success.

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W. L. CALHOUN, Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy.

SECOND NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BRIGADE e/o FLEET POST OFFICE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

12 June, 1944.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 99TH CONSTRUCTION BATTALION:

The Officer in Charge of the Second Naval Construc tion Brigade extends congratulations and good wishes to the officers and men of the 99th Construction Battalion. The officers and men of the 99th Construction Battalion. The time and distance from the date and place of your initial organization may seem to many of you extremely long. When, however, the accomplishments for which you are responsible are appraised, the time is short and the paths which you have traveled have offered many obstacles. In your 7½ months of overseas service the solidarity of your organization has been well attested by the pride which each of you have in the "Lone Star" Battalion, in spite of the fact that some of its parts have been at the frontiers of the Central Pacific while other portions were hulding support facilities at points over portions were building support facilities at points over 1500 miles away. You have earned the right to a pride of organization and the Officer in Charge of the Second Naval Construction Brigade takes great satisfaction in the fact that such a unit is an important part of his command.

C. W. PORTER Captain, CEC, U.S. Navy



AUSTIN, TEXAS

TO: COMMANDER R. R. COOK AND
THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE
NIMETY-NINTH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

Here in Texas we have just celebrated the rebirth of Spring, and you out there in the broad expanse of the Pacific, I am informed, are about to celebrate your first anniversary, a major portion of the year having been spent there in that theater of war where our forces are building so well for the victory that we now can see shead. It is in the hearts of Texans night and day to wish our fighting men Godspeed, and we are especially happy as your organization approaches an anniversary to extend greetings and fervent good wishes.

In this war, as it used to be said of the British Empire, the sun never sets on men of the United States going about their stern business of winning this war; in its all-sembracing immensity there have been valorous undertakings for men and women of all branches of the service to perform. Yours is a newer effort of war that has furnished a stage for works of wisardry by men possessing great manual skill and minds splendidly disciplined in the building of industrial America. Had bork of the Seabees ever lagged, victory was delayed by every hour of its lagging, but we have been afforded abundant testimony that the Seabees are not only the "can-do" crew, but the "did-do" crew, wherever they have been called.

Many of the members of your organization are Texans by nativity, and the remainder of you have adopted our State, for which we are grateful. We are giad that the Lone Star fing files over your command station; we are grateful to you as the whole nation is grateful to you that the war is going so well for our side there in the Pacific. As we hall you on this occasion of your first anniversary, we offer the prayer and the confident hope that you will have done your work so well and with such speed that you may celebrate the second anniversary of the date of your commission in a reunion of ex-combatants as guests of Texas.

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Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz

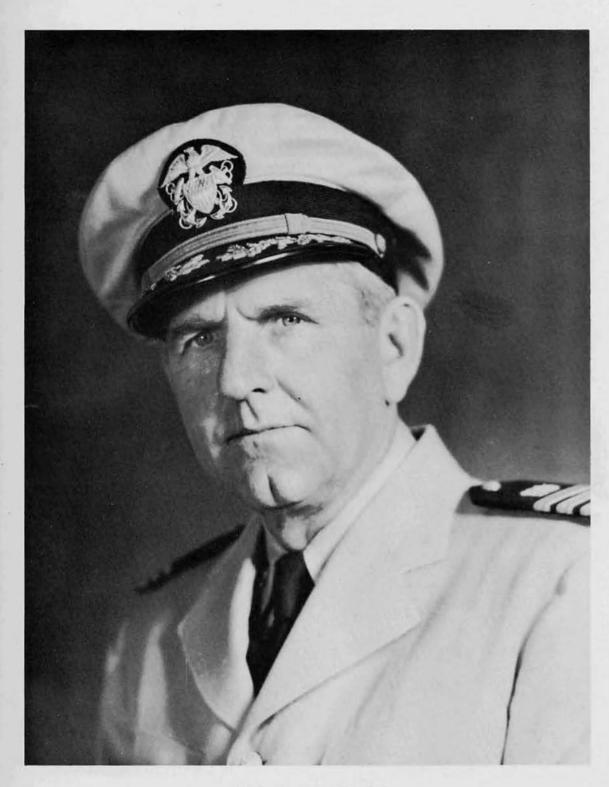
Commander-in-Chief Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas

U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION NUMBER 99 c/o Fleet Post Office San Francisco, California

To: ALL HANDS.

It is with great satisfaction and pleasure that I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the officers and men of the 99th Naval Construction Battalion for the undying loyalty and cooperation they have afforded me during the one year I presided as their Officer in Charge. As a team we have lived up to the expectations of the creators of the Seabees and have aided as a cog in a wheel in the victorious culmination of the war against tyranny. The pages that follow exemplify our accomplishment and we can feel justly proud of what they represent.

In memorium, I leave this legend in your care and hope and pray that never again during your lives will it be necessary for you to use your powers of construction for destructive purposes.



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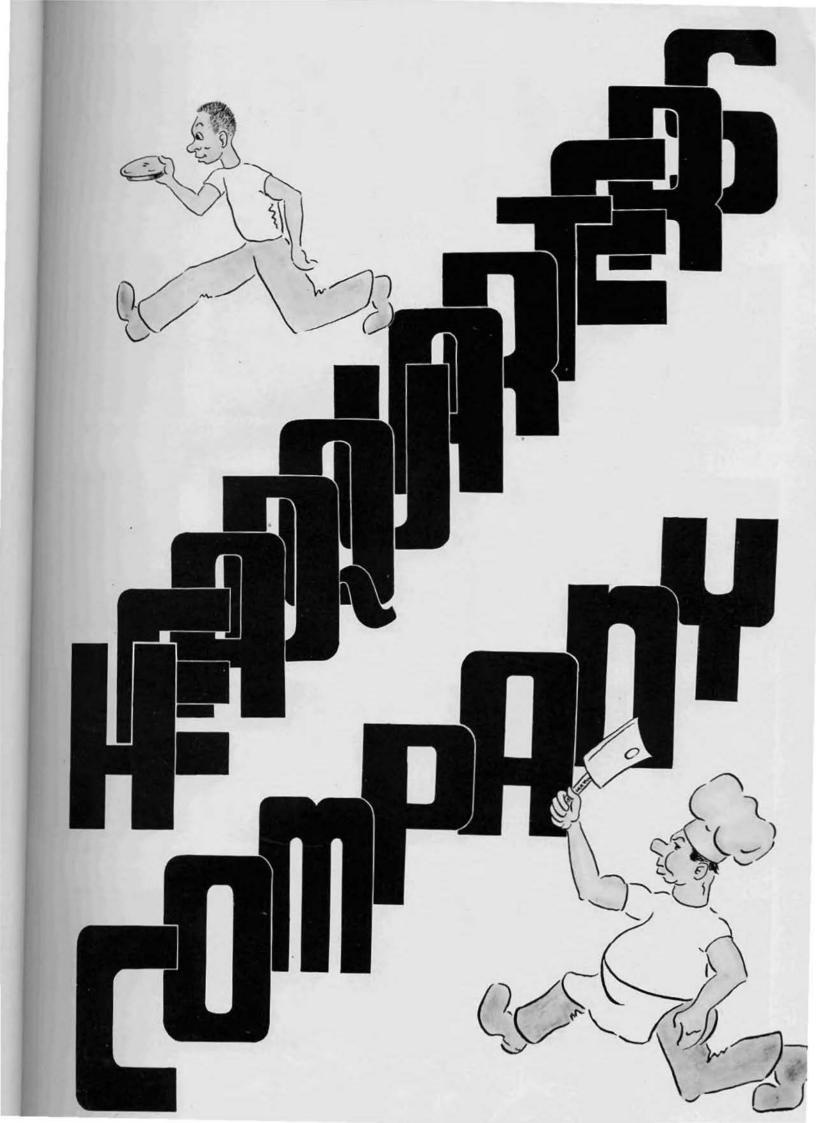
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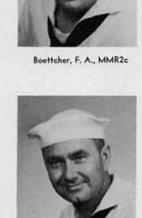
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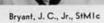


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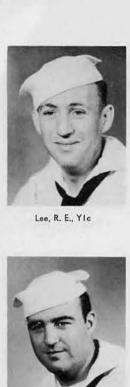
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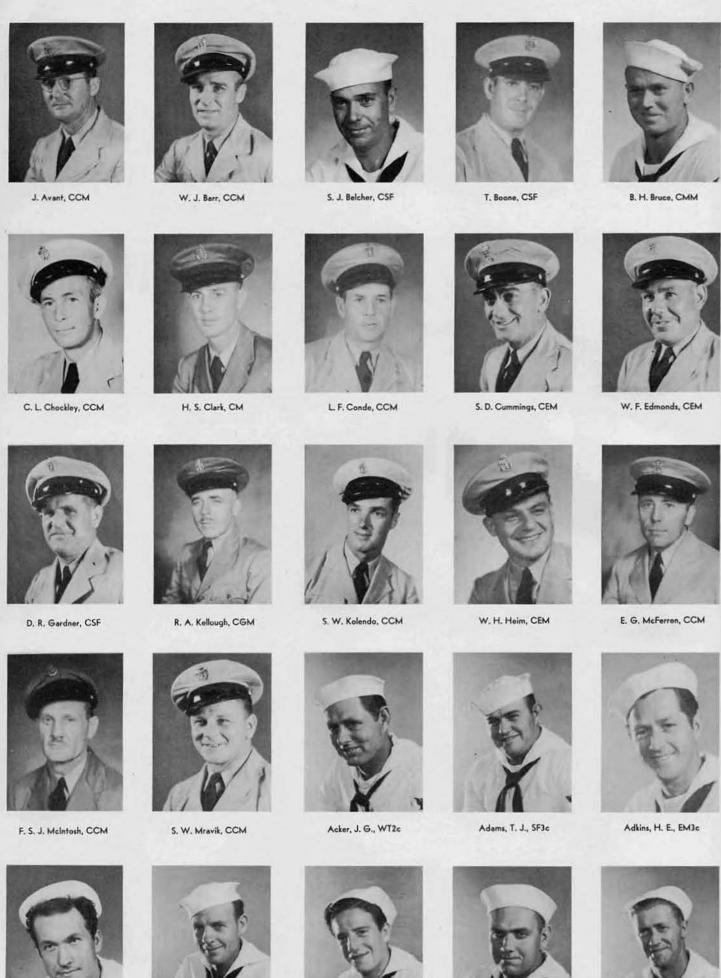


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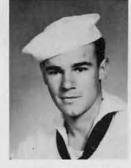
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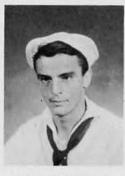
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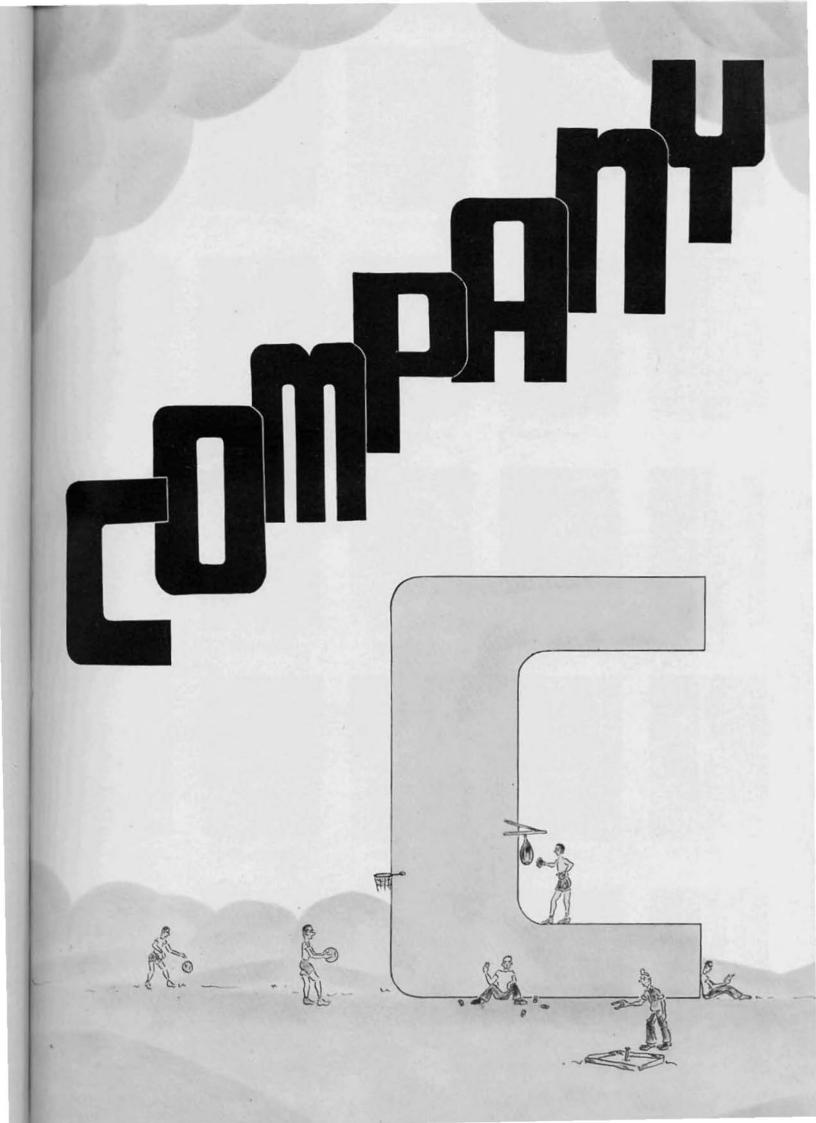
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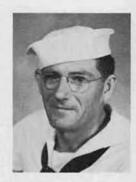
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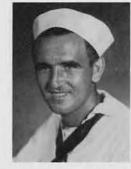
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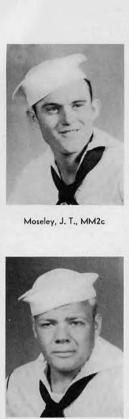
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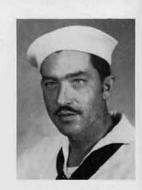
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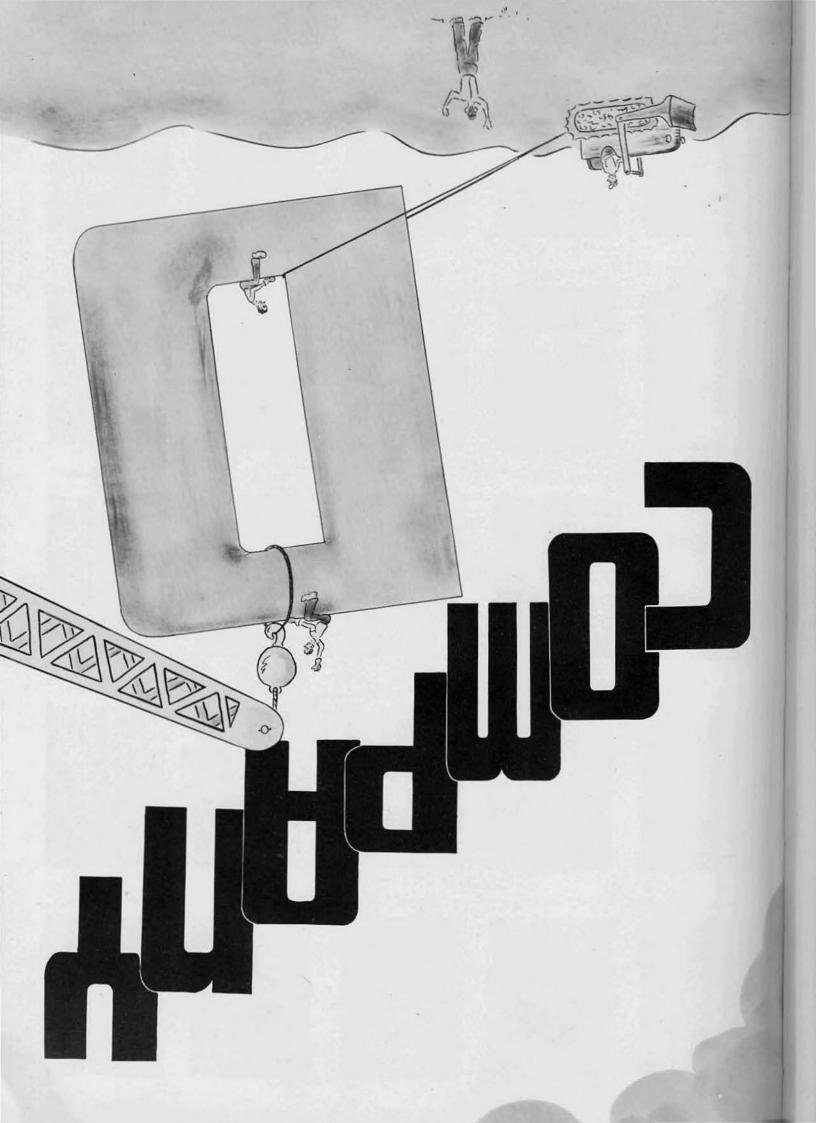
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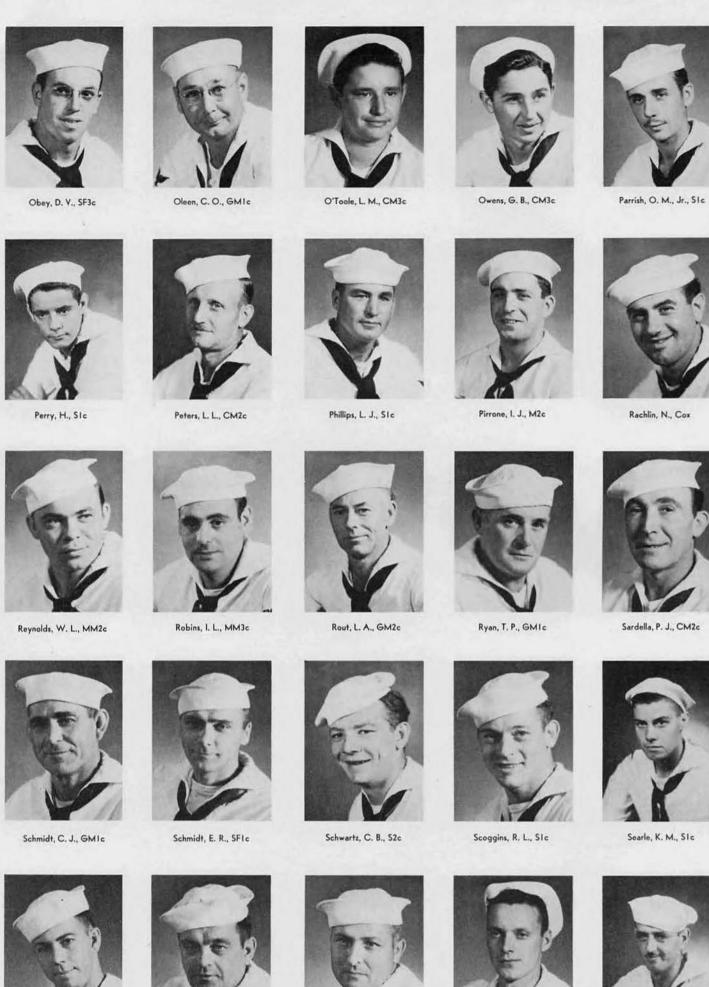
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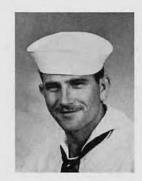
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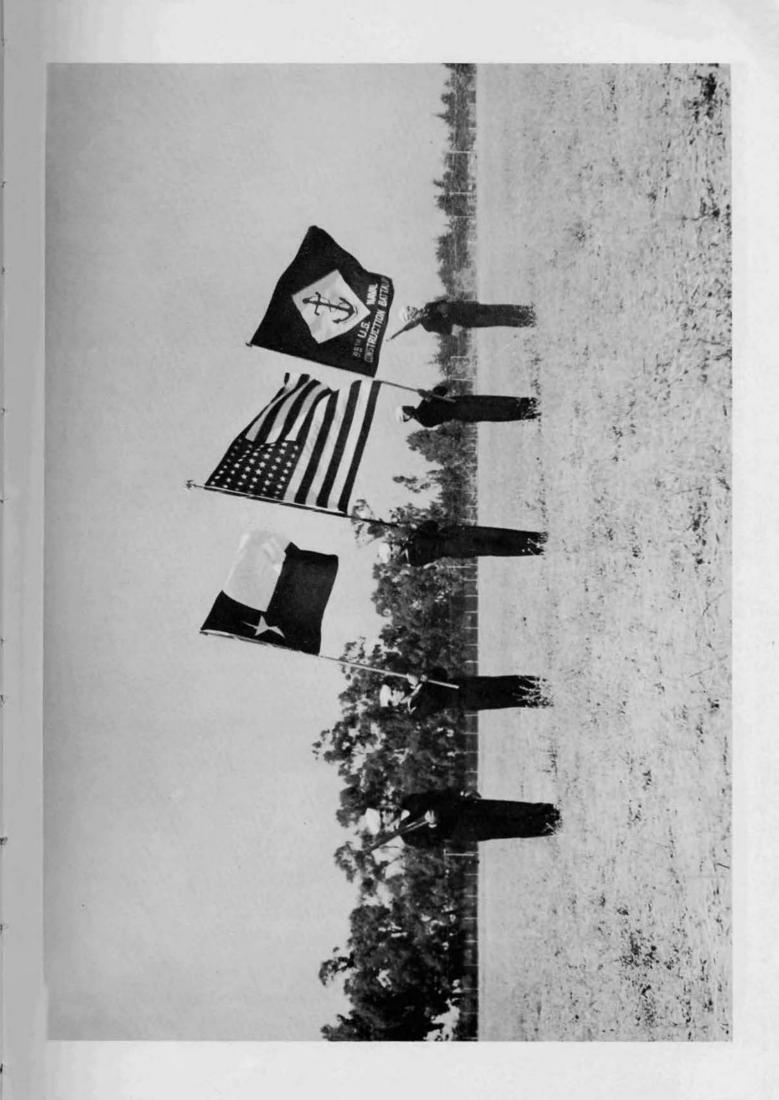
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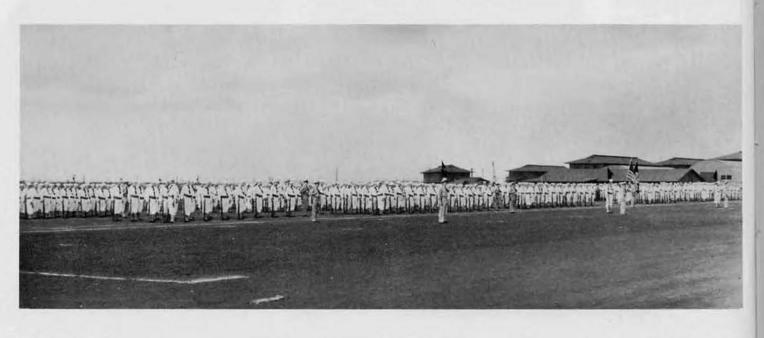


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Governor Coke R. Stevenson of Texas, Sponsor of the 99th Lone Star Battalion, named Susan Hayward as an honorary citizen of his State in recognition of her contributions to the war effort and particularly because of her excellent performance as the star of the picture "The Fighting Seabees." Governor Stevenson selected the Lone Star Battalion to present citizenship papers to Miss Hayward. She is shown here holding the



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portfolio which contains the document. Standing beside Susan is former Executive Officer, Ian H. Morgan, Lt. Comdr. CEC, who made the presentation on behalf of the State of Texas. I. H. Betz, MM1c, holds the Battalion Plaque. Immediately before these pictures were taken, the Battalion was filmed for several scenes in the above mentioned picture. Note the Texas flag with its Lone Star, a part of the Battalion's colors,

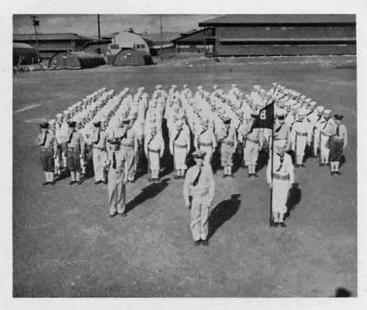
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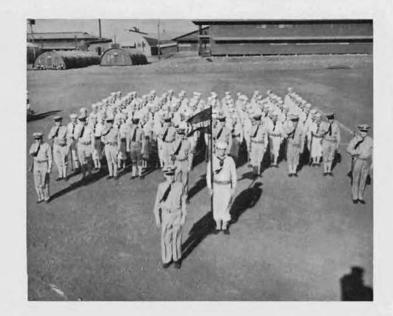


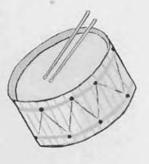


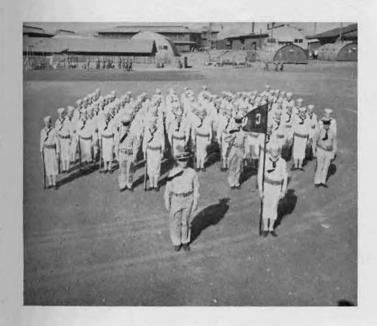


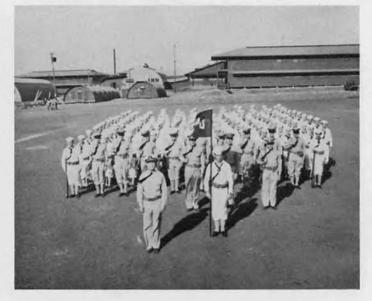








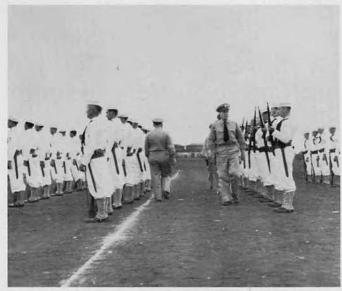




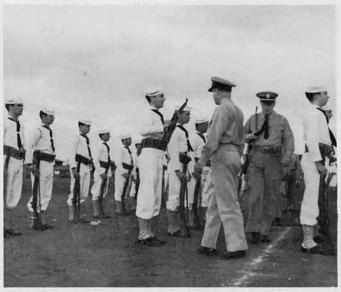
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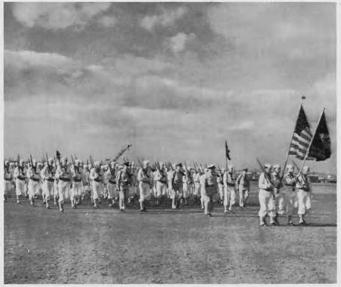
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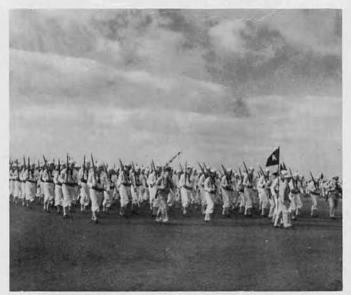
BOLTS OPEN



"PASS IN REVIEW"



COMMODORE JOHN R. PERRY SPEAKS



"LEFT TURN-MARCH!"

Ouce Upon A Time

The Ninety-ninth U. S. Naval Construction Battalion was formed on 24 June 1943. Composed of men glad to be out of Replacement and Boot where they had been assigned duties not corresponding with their ratings, and hoping for a chance at duties for which they had enlisted.

Under the guidance of our Skipper, Commander R. R. Cook, the Battalion made its first move to Camp Endicott, Rhode Island. Everyone on edge, and for most, their first organized trip after completion of "Boot" training. All were wondering what type place Endicott would be; how they would live; quality of the eats; and, most important, how much Liberty. Realization came later that this was one of the best Seabee Camps in the States. Most of the time there, was taken on the drill field, a few of the more fortunate attended schooling in Naval courses which were to be turned to good advantage while overseas. Long to be remembered was the hike to Sun Valley. Hardly the vacationers' paradise everyone visualizes on hearing the name, but a roughly laid out Quonset Camp, where our week was spent on the rifle range getting accustomed to our carbines. Our first opportunity to show the "mates" our marksmanship and enviously eye the several expert scores later displayed.

Then came our first review as a Unit, the day the 99th was commissioned and received its colors. From that day we were officially known as the 99th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion. Upon survey of personnel, it was found that we boasted at least one man from every state in the Union, District of Columbia and Canada.

Embarkation leave began for those living in the East, South and Middle West on July 25th, 1943, to return August 4th, the last time home for over two years. Three days later the Battalion started for the West Coast and Camp Parks, to continue advance training. Men of the West Coast received their embarkation leaves from this Camp. Memories here are mingled. Oakland, San Francisco, the "A" Train and Judo Hill where nothing was barred but loaded rifles, and of "A" Company who made the ascent and retrieved the flag in record time.

Our stay at Camp Parks was short and on September 3, 1943 we were off again. This time for an overnight trip to Camp Rousseau at Port Hueneme, California, just sixty miles from Hollywood and Los Angeles. Another training area and the same old story of drill, hikes, physical training and conditioning, night alerts with awakenings in the middle of a sound sleep to drag on clothes, packs, canteens, leggings, helmet and rifle, and so off for another pleasant (?) walk.

At Camp Rousseau, the Battalion was adopted by the Governor of Texas and became known as the "99th Lone Star Battalion." Each member from States other than Texas became honorary members and our Battalion plaque was constructed around the "Lone Star."

"The Fighting Seabees" was being produced at this time and Republic Pictures came to Camp Rousseau for training scenes. With them came Miss Susan Hayward, star of this movie. It was then that the 99th adopted Miss Hayward as the Battalion Sister and made her honorary citizen of the "Lone Star State."

Weeks went by and November 5th, 1943 found us heading back up the Coast to San Francisco to embark on the USS West Point. After three days of impatient waiting, we left the Continental limits of the United States and four days later docked at Honolulu, Territory of Hawaii.

Waiawa Gulch Hill was our home for many months. Detachment One, Company "C," consisting of 220 officers and men, left the day following our arrival for Kauai, another of the Hawaiian Chain, on an important construction project. Two weeks later, Detachment Two, composed of 151 officers and men left for Hawaii, largest of the Islands. Further Detachments leaving Battalion Headquarters at Waiawa Gulch were: Three, 87 officers and men for Johnston Island; Four, 22 officers and men for French Frigate Island; Five, 73 officers and men for Canton in the Phoenix Islands.

We moved from our Gulch location in May 1944 to Aiea, a place one automatically associates with the Navy's worst chow and deep red dust. From this point, 59 officers and men left for Johnston as relief for men who had been on that tiny Island nearly six months.

Our next move took us to Moanalua Ridge where Detachment Six left for the Palau Group as a pontoon outfit, followed by Detachment Seven, who left for Angaur on July 29th, attached to a beach party. Thus it was that several Detachments were simultaneously under way above and below the Equator, encompassing six different Islands of the Pacific. Men remaining at Battalion Headquarters were working on such projects as John Rodgers Airport, Waiawa Gulch, Manana Camp and warehouses, and many other assignments on Oahu.

Commander D. S. Fuller reported aboard as our new Skipper on October 1944, and January of '45 found men returning from all outlying details to Battalion Headquarters. Military training began once more and demolition schools, rifle range practice and conditioning started scuttlebutt traveling from man to man.

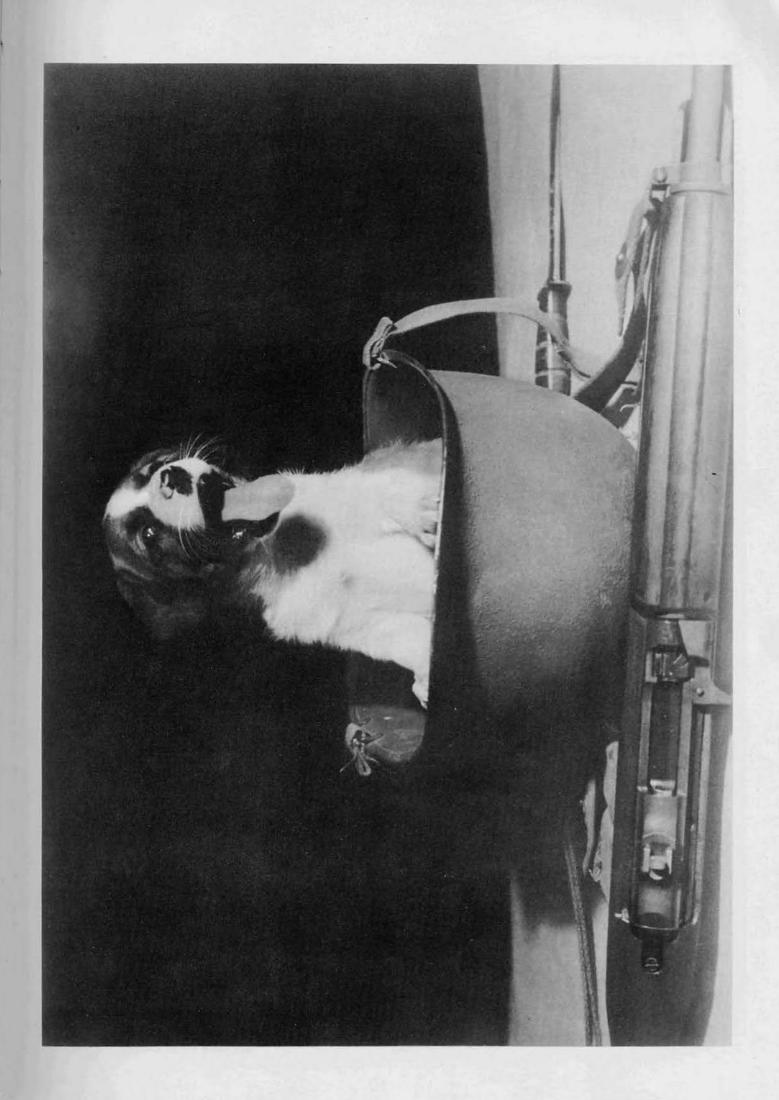
On March 20, 1945, the first echelon of 778 officers and men left Oahu, arriving in the Philippines April 11, 1945. Echelon Two, consisting of 190 officers and men following close behind and joining the first group on April 19, 1945.

First job in Camp, a coconut grove alive with insects and snakes, was to clear the grounds and pitch tents to quarter all personnel. Immediately, with the start of operations, the Battalion personnel was divided into two groups. Eighty percent to start construction on our main project, a 3,000 bed Hospital, and the remaining twenty percent to continue making the camp area more livable. Day and night work, seven days a week, intense heat, stinging insects and rain, added irritations to homesickness and delayed mail. Equipment was never idle except when maintenance and repair demanded.

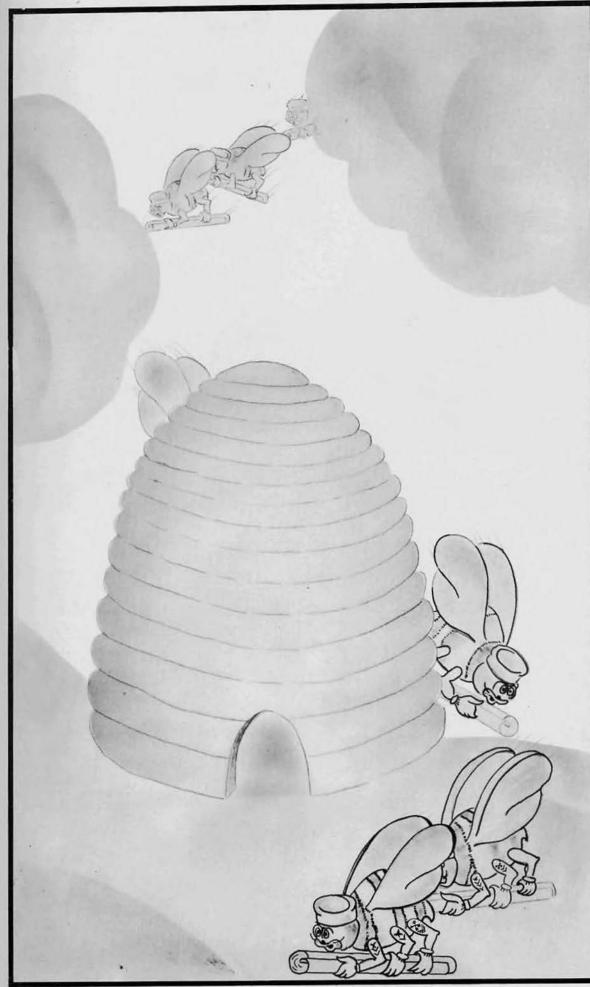
As Quonsets were completed, personnel moved from hastily erected tents to more adequate quarters. Then came Department Shops, a huge Galley and Mess Hall, Recreation Hall, then work began to slack to six days a week.

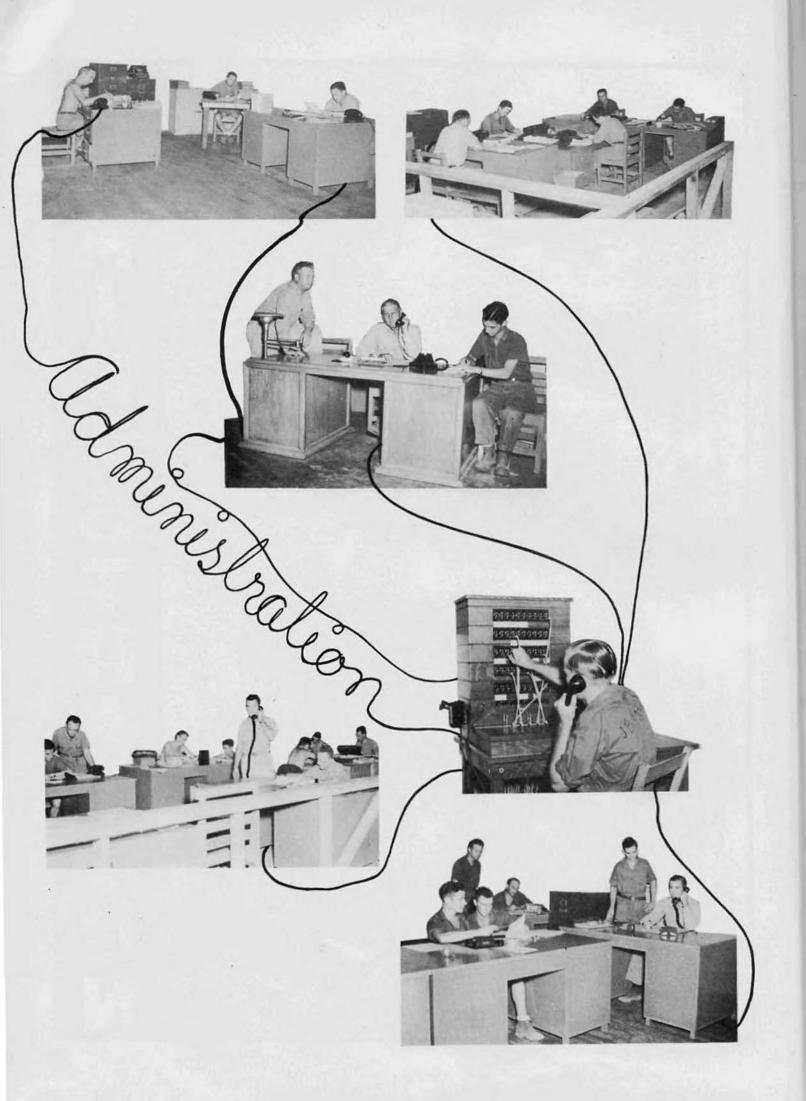
Before a modern stage and screen with a seating capacity of 1,500 and a reputation as "Best on the Island," came at long last, the almost incoherent words, "JAPAN HAS SURRENDERED." Reactions upon receiving this news we had so desperately waited for so long a period, were violent. Yells, screams, wet eyes and many quiet prayers from hearts full to overflowing.

As our History goes to the printers, visions of loved ones and home cease to be a dream and begin to assume vivid reality.



NISTRAT





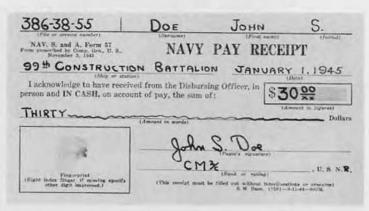




The Personnel Office of the Battalion has assisted the men of the 99th Battalion with all problems relating to their personal service. Service records for all men have been maintained and all information pertaining to the individual's service has been entered. A total of 10,000 separate entries covering the complete history of each man with the Battalion are recorded permanently, and each record is available to the men at any time. Quarterly marks, leaves, dependency statements, records of transfers, service schools and all other information pertinent to the man's Naval History are included in the jacket.

Since the formation of the Battalion, the Personnel Office has been responsible for preparing all records during each transfer or move of the Battalion. Periodic reports are made to the Bureau of Naval Personnel describing each individual change of status. These reports include complete musters, advancements in rating, new receipts, and changes of dependency. All claims for travel allowances, longevity pay and allowances for dependents originate within the Personnel Office, Duplicate copies of the service jackets are on file in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, and are kept current by reports from this Office.





Since its inception as an integral part of the Administration Division of the Battalion, the Disbursing Office, having the responsibility of taking care of all financial problems of the officers and men attached to this Activity, has registered nearly 1,500 dependency, savings and War Bond allotments, purchased at least \$50,000.00 worth of War Savings Bonds for personnel and made payments amounting to approximately \$2,000,000.00.

Traveling by air, water and land, money has always been available to both officers and enlisted men on regularly designated paydays, at least twice each month, no matter where Detachments and Details were scattered.

Claims for dependent travel have been prepared and payments made to 200 men totaling \$2,500.00, besides claims of individuals for transportation, subsistence and rental.

Losses due to operations of war, including clothing and personal effects were also made good by the Disbursing Office through the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts.



The Operations Office, directed by the Officer-in-Charge, coordinates all phases of jobs and their assignment from the placing of the Engineering Office.

Material orders and expediting to individual jobs is of prime importance as is the keeping of all job records and personnel crew assignments.

The organizational operation embraces all departments from construction progress reports and job musters to the employment of native labor.

An effort is always made to fit men to jobs for which they are most suited.

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The Supply Department activities are divided into three separate classes—Commissary, G.S.K. and Clothing.

The Commissary Department is the most active of the three. During a period of 22 months, this department requisitioned, stored, recorded and issued to the galley for consumption, dry and fresh provisions valued at \$482,665.14. In consuming this quantity of food, 1,738,738 meals were prepared and served to the men of the 99th and supernumeraries.

The G.S.K. Department issued general supplies such as, office equipment, office supplies, cleaning gear, soap and toilet tissue, etc., in quantities sufficient for clean heads, galley and camp area that always rated good inspection. The Administrative Offices were well supplied with their needs which facilitated efficient working conditions.

The Clothing Department has issued during this period some 33,000 pieces of clothing, shoes and rain gear. A fourth department, Clothing and Small Stores, now in operation for the past 30 days, is striving to serve the Battalion personnel with every possible item obtainable from a limited stock as NSD at this location.

At various times, the Supply Department has handled Cargo and Construction Equipment, but these duties have not been major ones. The bulk of this type of work was handled very efficiently by other departments within the Battalion.

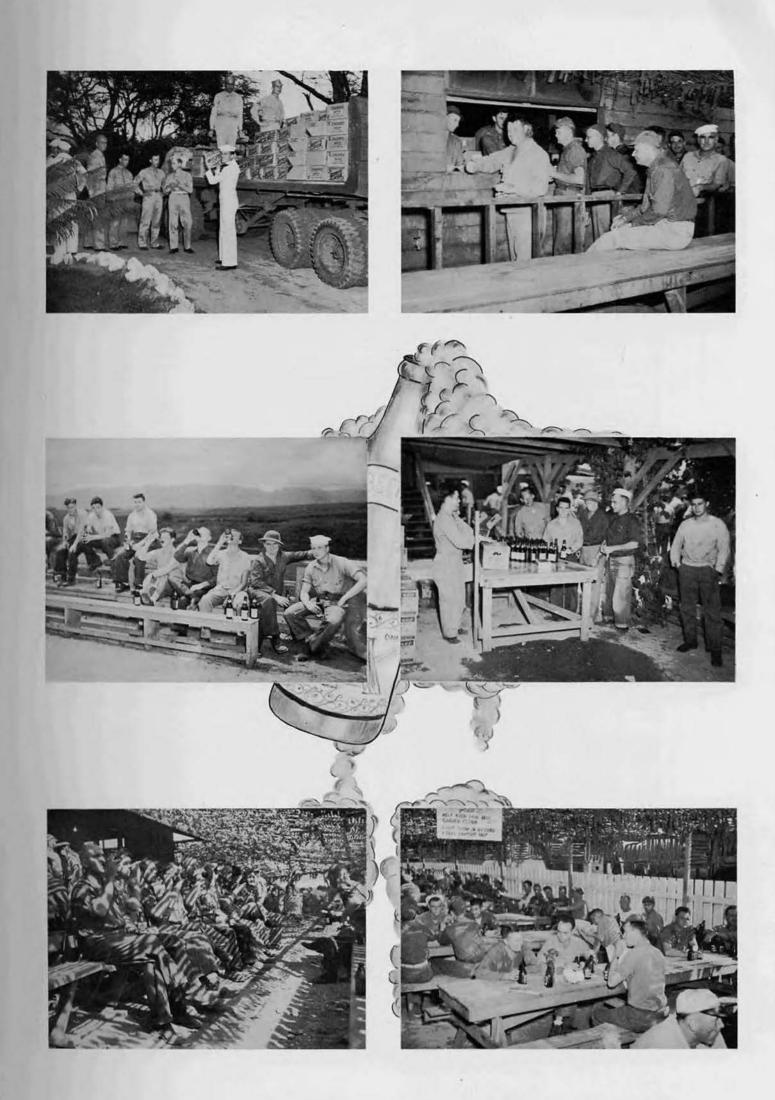






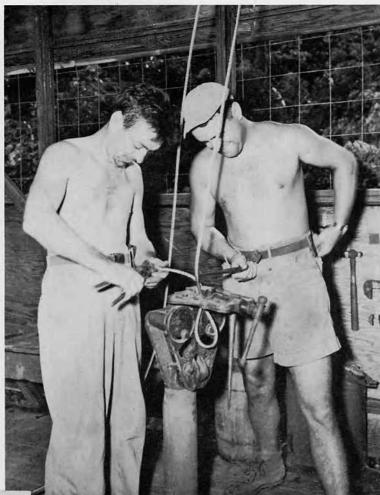














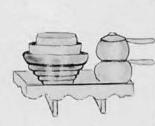


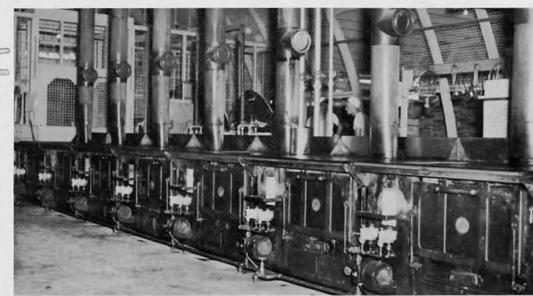




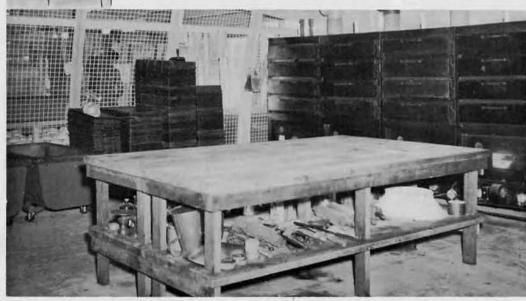


















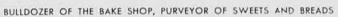




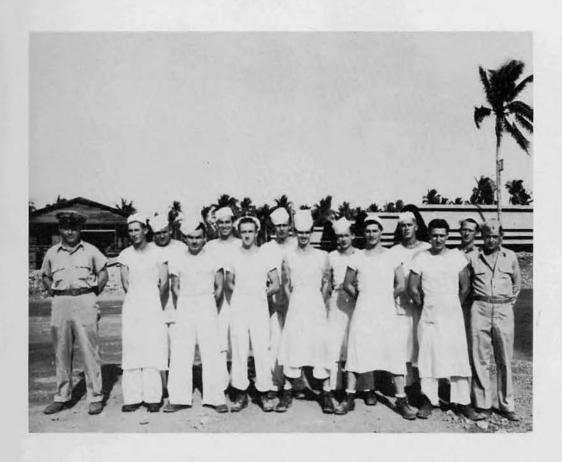
C. B. ICE CREAM, AN INSTITUTION, AND A JOB WELL DONE



GOOD EATS, COMIN' UP













MEDICAL









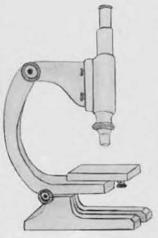




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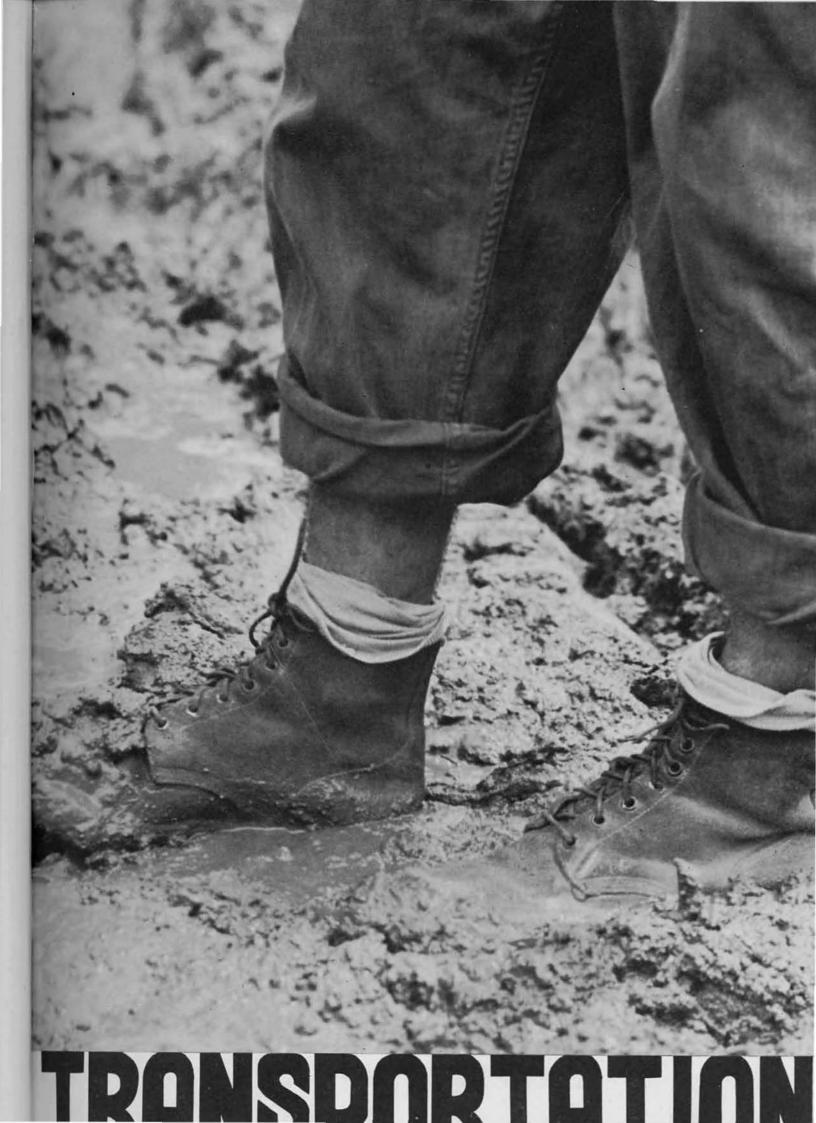
















Transportation Department has covered the Pacific on many jobs of multi-purposes. From Pearl Harbor to the Philippines, from tiny French Frigate Shoals to remote Canton pushing its green head to ocean top far below the Equator, have gone trucking facilities capable of handling special jobs on all details.

This Department was organized and was in operation soon after our arrival at Waiawa Gulch, Oahu, T.H. It began functioning with a skeleton force of one officer, a shop foreman, dispatcher, spare parts man, clerk, twenty-five drivers and fifteen men in its shop. From this rudimentary stage, it has since expanded to meet the needs of Battalion contracts.

The initial complement has been supplemented with a shop night foreman, two additional dispatchers, twice the shop crew and seventy-five drivers, men whose past work ranged from driving busses for major lines to runs for



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freight hauls and road contractors, experienced, and capable of expediting all jobs in the best possible manner.

They added personal touches to their trucks, affectionately named and carefully handled them. This motivated cause for much friendly rivalry and invariably speeded up any program. Our stallions of steel have hauled fill for airstrips, built miles of road, cut through jungles to ammunition dumps.

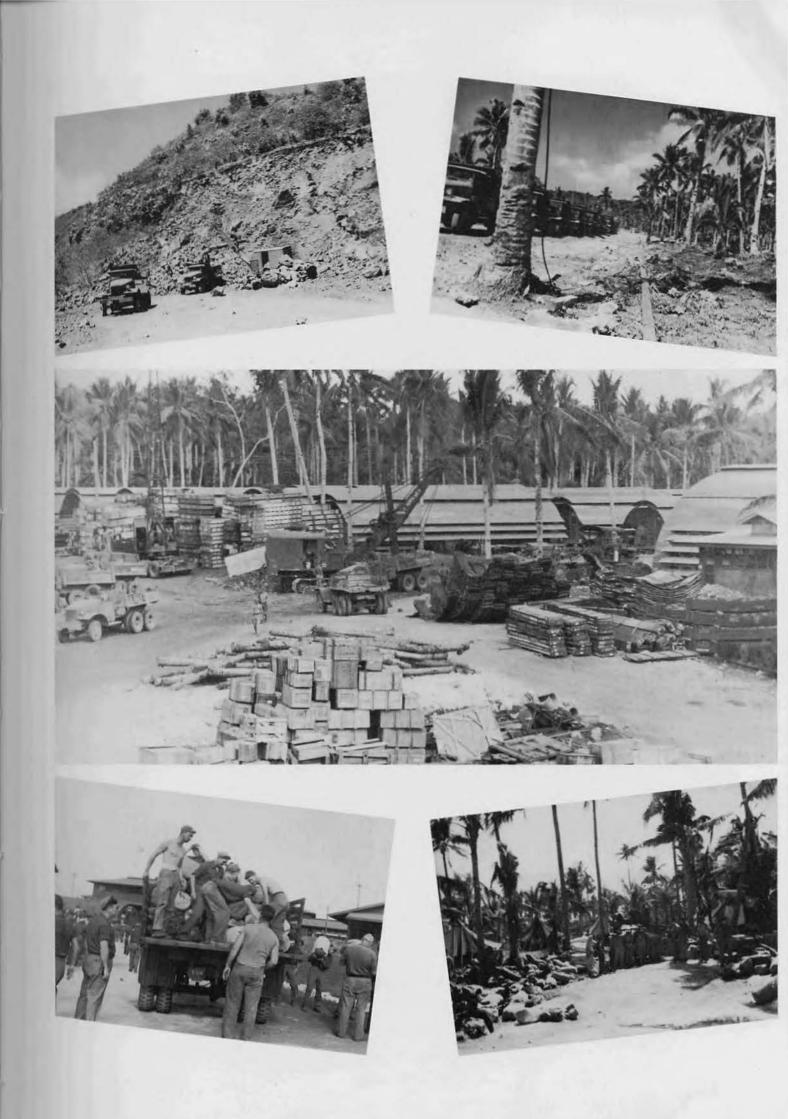
Volcanic islands necessitated unbelievable fills. Eight miles of rock and sand poured into bottomless maws, numerous areas filled because of poor drainage or topographical conditions, transporting eight hundred men to varied jobs each day.

Transportation and Departments have proven themselves noteworthy and integral parts of any Construction Battalion.







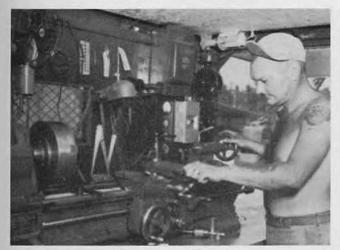




TRANSPORTATION, FILIPINO STYLE

TRANSPORTATION OVERHAUL AND REPAIR SHOP





PORTABLE MACHINE SHOP, DELICATE PRECISE MACHINING

The Transportation Overhaul and Repair Shop conjoined with Transportation and Hauling promotes the case of any job undertaken by this Department. The equipment has

been remodeled in some cases so that it is peculiarly adapted to its purposes. Many emergency parts were manufactured. One illustrative example, a crowbar machined into a drive shaft so that work could continue on schedule.

Some locations where jobs have been undertaken, depreciation was abnormally high. The battle against unnatural weather conditions



LATHE, INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY OF UNOBTAINABLE PARTS

and the metal-eating coral dust was won by the high competence of the maintenance men. Surveyed equipment was sand blasted, steam cleaned, fitted with new parts and

> completely renovated. True, some were fenderless, some lacked hoods or needed new parts and gears before they were made serviceable.

> The Machine Shop proved a veritable fountain of youth of the old worn trucks. The Shop's skill and inventiveness had chance to be displayed on numerous occasions. The equipment has always been kept rolling.



PARTS ROOM, EFFICIENT SUPPLY



FORGE, FROM FIERY CENTER TO COLD MACHINED PRECISION



WELDERS, MOLTEN ROD, FLUX AND IRON TO UTILITY



OVERHAUL, MECHANICS PLUS TOOLS EQUAL CONTENTED ENGINES



TIRE REPAIR, DEFT, SWIFT, BACK BREAKING



BODY REPAIR, FACE LIFTING BY THE TON



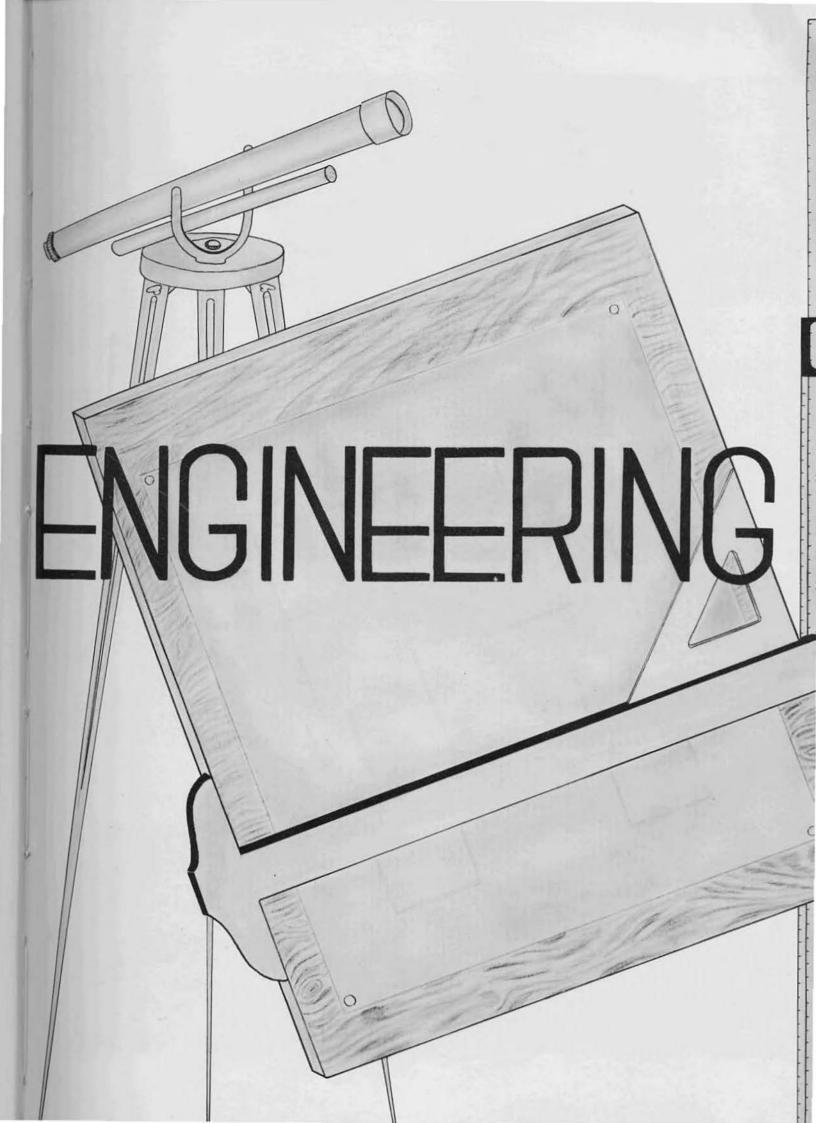
BLACKSMITH, METAL SCULPTORS



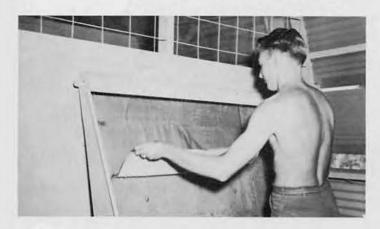
PRESSURE STEAM CLEANER, TURKISH BATH, CATERPILLAR STYLE



LUBRICATION, SMOOTH OPERATION







One officer and three men formed the nucleus of what was to become an organization of thirteen men, skilled in phases of Engineering and Survey.

Work began even before sea legs acquired on the trip from "Frisco" to Oahu had steadied. Since "THE PROJECT" was to be Waiawa Gulch, and a Battalion was waiting for plans, stakes to be set, layout and surveying, it was necessary that these men take up their trade immediately. Field workers collecting data for plans, to be drawn, re-drawn, checked and re-checked; topography of areas, rough computations, foundations; just a few of the headaches involved before plans could be painstakingly drawn on their transparent sheets, placed on blue print paper and exposed to sun rays for contact printing. From such procedure came comfortable quarters, huge warehouses, roads and other conveniences that helped make C.B. life more bearable.

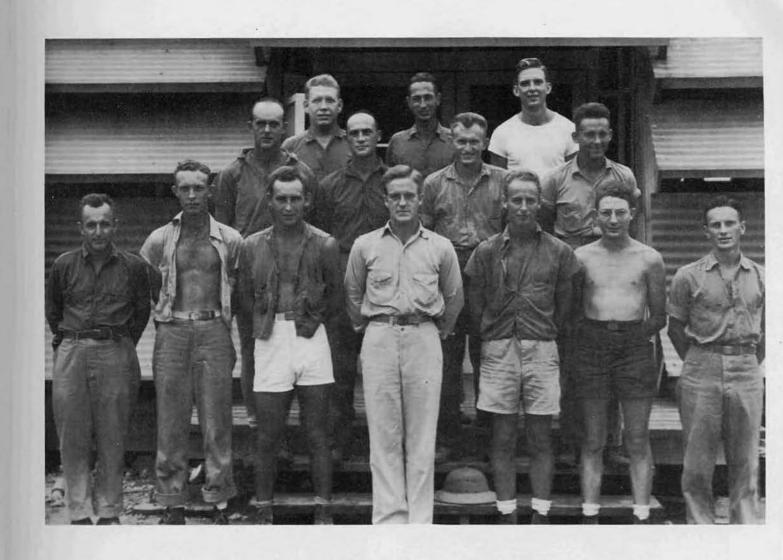




As work demanded, Battalion and Company records were scanned. Men having engineering experience were interviewed and pressed into work. Detachments to far-flung islands required men skilled in Hydrographic Survey, since surrounding waters were to be the main work site. Points of orientation established on land were the preliminary stage before such work could begin. Precision, care and experience in such work were essential.

Our Philippine Base once more called for Hydrographic work, plus gruelling labor, hacking paths through dense underbrush, sweat, labor and more labor. Satisfaction gleamed from weary eyes upon final inspection of our Camp and attendant area. Work had been well done, but rest for a short period at least, was not assured. A survey of completed project for future reference was to be done before the final step, presentation of plans to an exacting Regiment.







FIELD



SHOTS

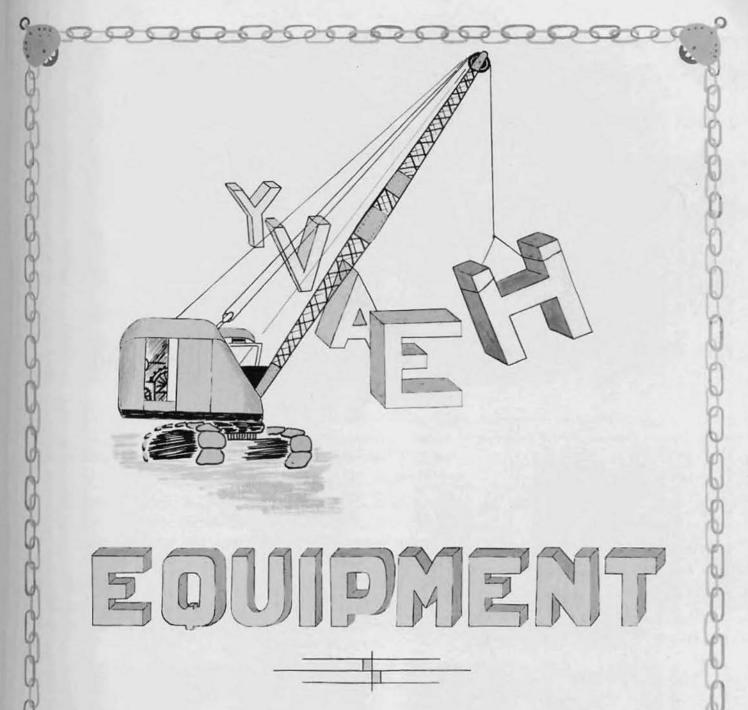
















Over a two year period this phase of construction has been of major importance from the point of unloading to finished grade.

Airstrips have been cleared, graded and rolled, miles of finished roadways have ribboned out behind rolling dozers, draglines and carryalls. Buildings and whole military cities have mushroomed from the incredible production of Seabee operators and equipment.

Operators have always made the "fill here," the "cut there" and "up to grade here." Literally mountains of earth have been moved. Seven detachments that have represented the 99th in many parts of the Pacific have been well manned with equipment operators who have won high merit and commendation.

Outstretched booms of derricks placing loads from ships, grinding treads of bulldozers cutting a swath through the jungle, carryalls, draglines and a host of mastadonic forms, leveling and building a base is a picture of the military's advance across the Pacific.

Heavy Equipment Department of the 99th has exercised an initial job on all assignments—clearing, digging, grading thousands and thousands of yards of earth as an integral part of the advance.









AN AIRSTRIP IS BORN—After bulldozers have uprooted palm trees, dynamite men have blasted flat rock formations, the mighty carryall lumbers in to shift volumes of earth, transporting yards at a time from high spots to low. Sheeps foot rollers pack this to a concrete hardness as each layer of fill is placed. When a comparatively level surface is attained, graders followed by rollers work the surface to smoothness within a fraction of an inch. Stakes are removed and the Strip put into operation. Another slice is cut from the heart of the jungle, another credit to Seabee records.









TRAIL BLAZING



1 THERE ONCE WAS A NICE SHINY NEW BULLDOZER NAMED HARRY.





FINISHED ROAD



HARRY JOINED THE SEABLES







HEAVY EQUIPMENT LOADS BUILDING MATERIAL



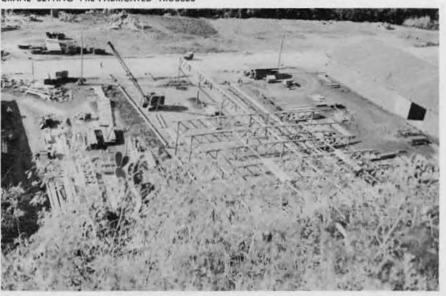
WAREHOUSE DECK, NEAR COMPLETION



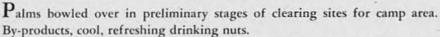
CRANE SETTING PRE-FABRICATED TRUSSES



AND HARRY WENT OFF TO FIGHT THE WAR







Surveyed site is evened without appreciable break, by invaluable bull-dozers. Large coral formations and excess soil carted away in shuttling trucks, loaded from gorged jaws of shovels.

As always, methodical performance of the carryalls follow. Each project is done in systematic style with few variations on fundamental modes of procedure, dozers, cats, shovels, carryalls, graders and last of all, rollers.

Looking down from the hills, an immense rectangular pattern framed by lush unnatural green, one sees Heavy Equipment's contribution to construction's advance.





THE BOYS LIKED HARRY, AND HARRY LIKED THE BOYS.





HARRY WAS RARIN' TO GO.







IT WAS HOT WORK FOR HARRY.





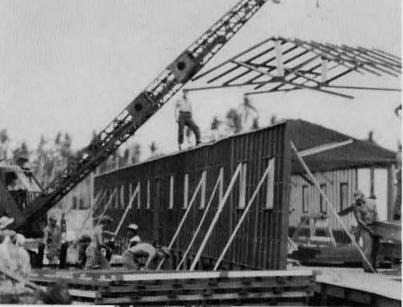


TRANSPLANTING "TEEPEE" FROM PHOTO LAB TO B.O.Q.

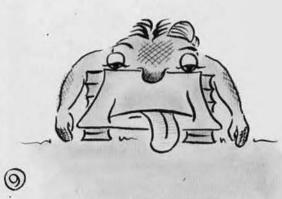


WHEN HARRY COULDN'T PUSH 'EM DOWN, HE PULLED'EM UP.

SETTING TRUSSES



FILIPINO HEAVY EQUIPMENT

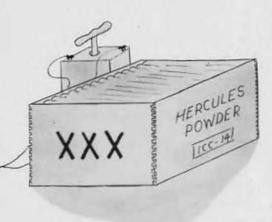


AT THE END OF THE DAY HARRY WAS VERY TIRED









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Since leaving Stateside, many thousand tons of rock and coral have been torn from natural locations and moved to runways, roads and building sites. These jobs were completed expeditiously because drilling and powder men were on the job.

One location necessitated the use of wagon drills and the extremely odious but much used jack hammers. "Idiot sticks", large drills, were used because of the tremendous volume of rock required for macadamized roads. The quarry worked in benches and blasted rock hauled to the crushers. While wagon drills were employed for large charges, jack hammers were used to break down boulders too large for the gaping jaws of the crushers. Forty percent dynamite with electric caps, wired in a single series proved satisfactory.

On coral atolls all blasting was under water. Hard shale on the kona side was drilled to a depth of twelve feet, broken into large boulders and used for rip-rapping the coral fingers to prevent heavy waves from undermining and carrying these extensions out to sea. Forty percent dynamite, wired in a parallel series, met the necessary requisites.



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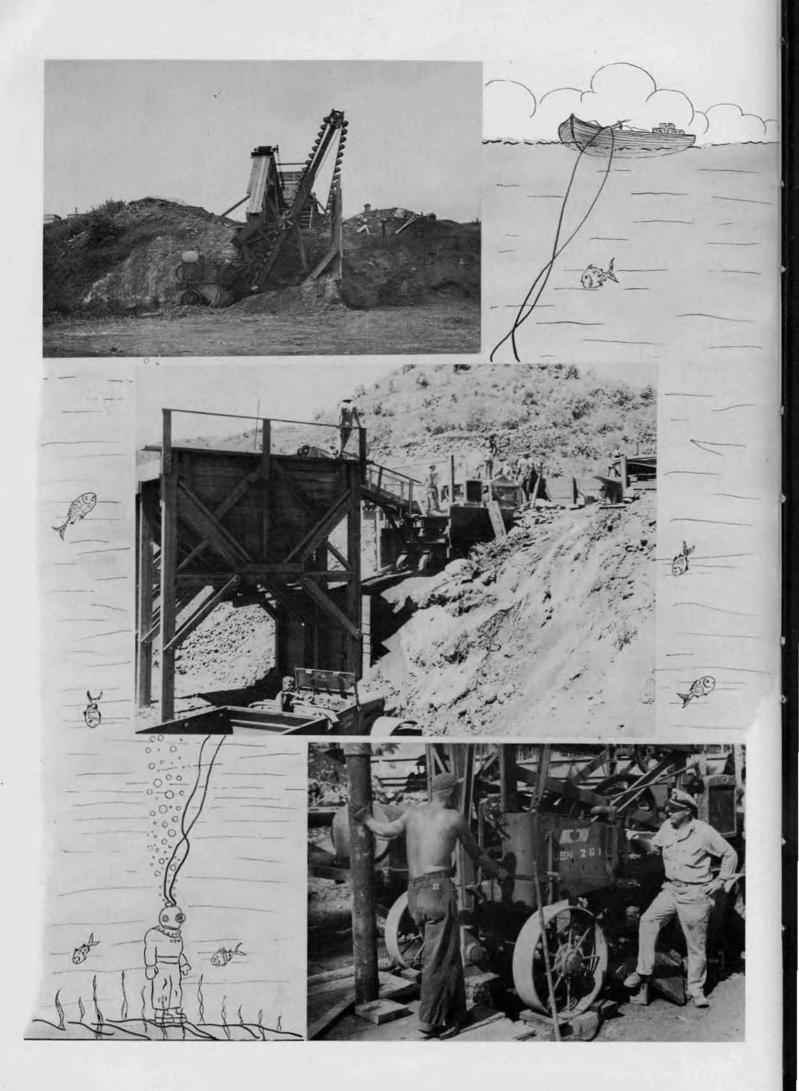
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The opposite side of the island was blasted by propagation to loosen coral reefs later to be dredged out. Large twelve and a half pound cartridges placed approximately three to five feet apart were fired sympathetically by a single cap. Coral heads, because of their proximity to the sea drome, were removed by this method.

Before electrically wired charges are fired, they are tested by a galvanometer. This instrument registers a completed circuit. Testing each shot saves vital time insuring no misfires.

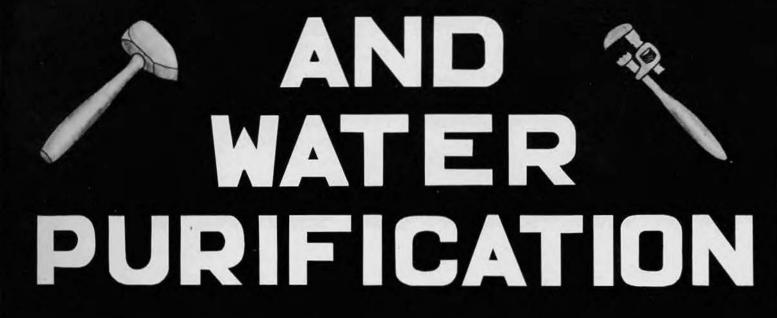
No set rules govern amount of explosive to be used in any proposed charge. It may vary from half a stick to many hundred pounds as in quarry work. All rock formations differ and the amount of dynamite used is determined on the job; consideration being given as to depth of hole, type of rock, spacing of charges and strength of powder being used. Interesting and dangerous work, yet powder men continue to blast their way to Japan.

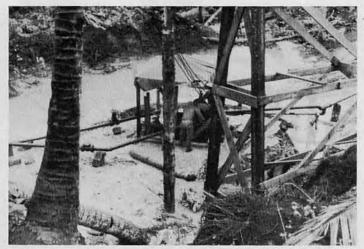




PLUMBING







WELL SITE



WELL INTERIOR



INITIAL PIPE DUMP



PLUMBING SHOP



LAYING LINE



CREW "TAKES FIVE"





Upper—PLUMBING AND SHOP CREW
Left—FIELD OFFICE
Right—SUPPLY ROOM





SOURCE



PUMPING



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Plumbers were confronted by one of their biggest tasks a few short hours after landing on Oahu; a water system for the entire Waiawa warehouse area, demanding mains, pipe and sewage lines and facilities for fire prevention. A task that was to take many months of day and night labor.

From this main artery ran capillaries to rest rooms, heads, water heating units and other sources so necessary for health and comfort of those dependent on the skill and experience of this crew.

While this job was in progress, plumbing crews working from the Gulch base were engaged in other projects throughout the Island; Manana Camp, Waikele Gulch, Fire Fighting School and a complete water system with chlorinator, ammoniator and three filter tanks for a 100 x 40 swimming pool.

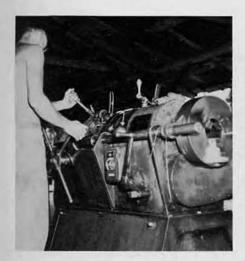




LAYING



PURIFICATION



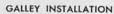


The original muster of plumbers was lessened from time to time as details needing men skilled in this trade left Battalion Headquarters to go on detachments. Hilo and Kauai, complete plumbing for huge tent cities that marched down row after orderly row: Canton, gasoline lines and maintenance of island facilities, so on through seven details and seventeen months of our stay in the Hawaiian Chain.

A Battalion move to the Philippines brought new surroundings, but the same old problem, water. After days of back-breaking effort, laying miles of pipe in coral-bound, sun-baked earth, from caves deep in volcanic mountains, this problem was once more solved, we had comfortable galleys, showers and heads at our disposal. Making its way through dense jungle, this hardy crew completed a gigantic line that supplies the entire Island.



TENT SHOP





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PIPE SUPPLY



LINE ROUTE



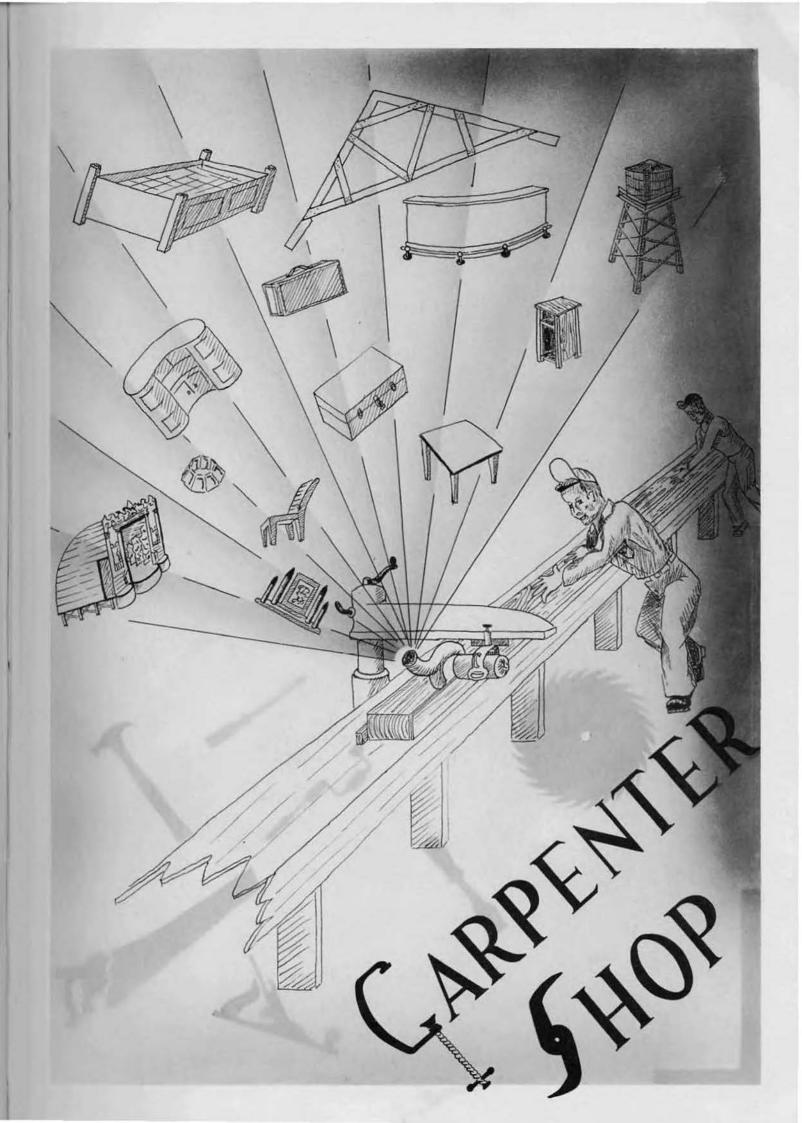


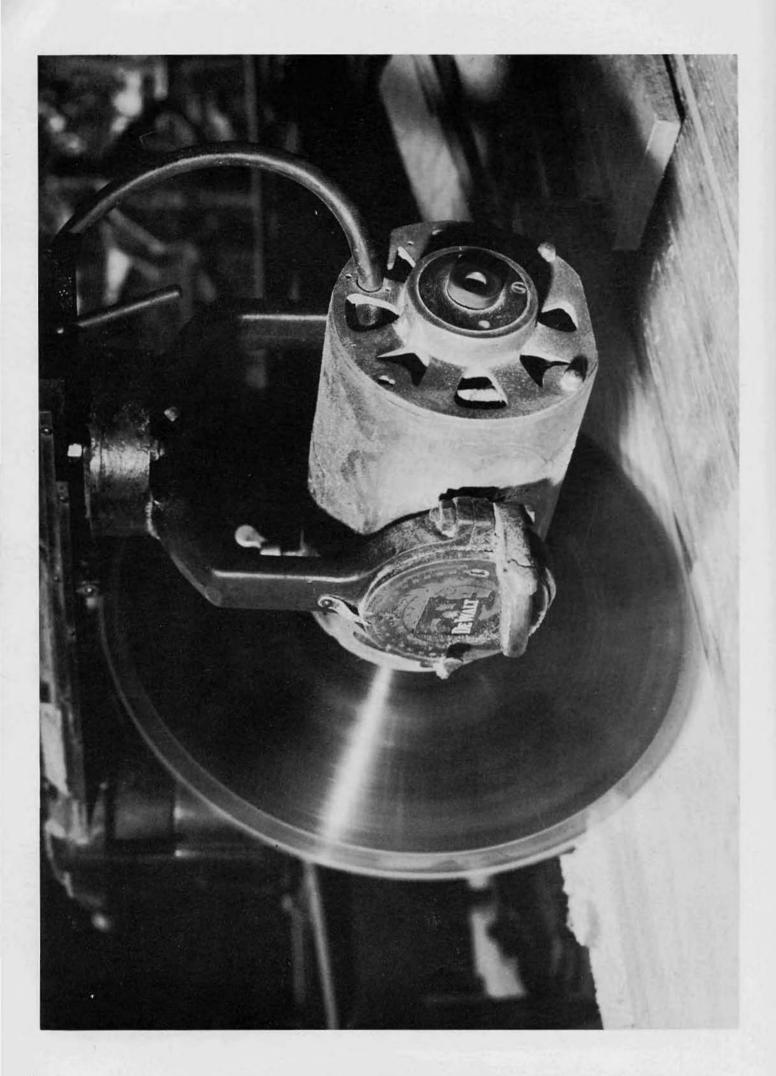


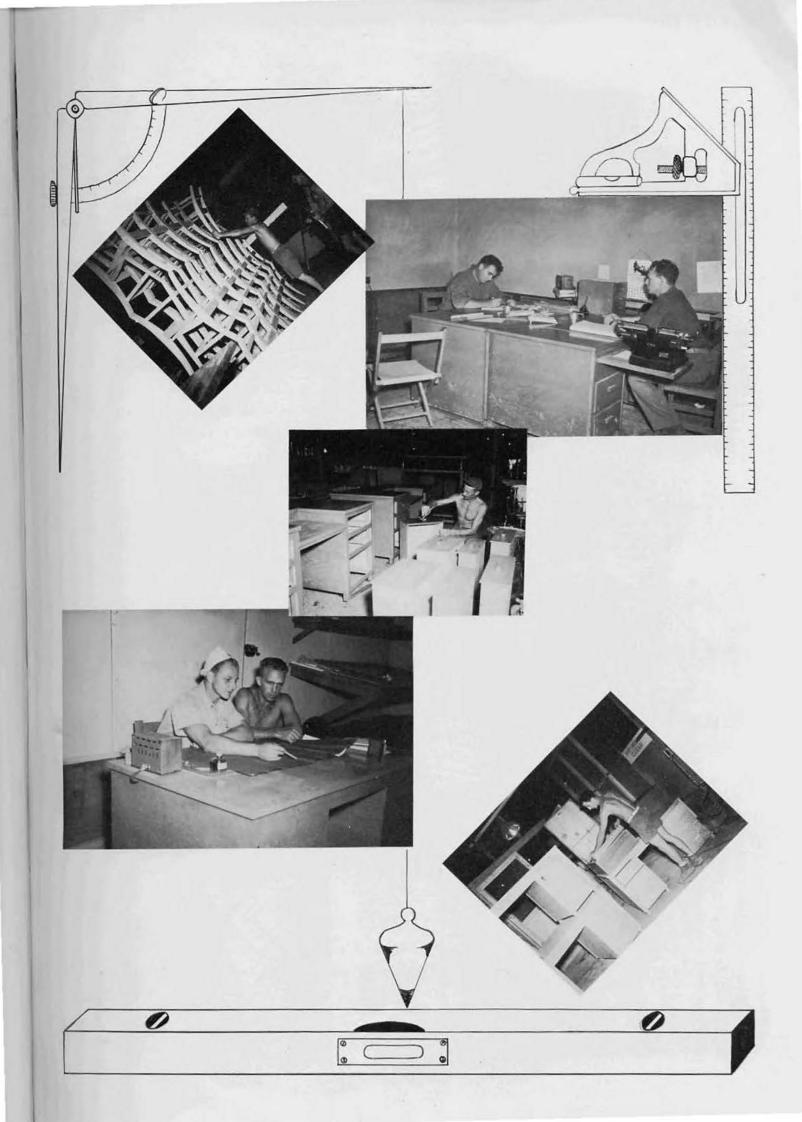


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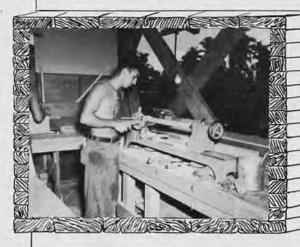




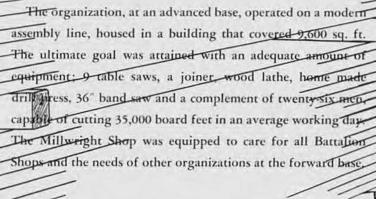
The Carpenter Shop, complemented with two men and equipped with one box of tools and one 3/4 h.p. Dewalt, started work on their first assignment constructing cabinets. In a short time, a 5 h.p. Dewalt and eight men were added. One could say, "It just growed."

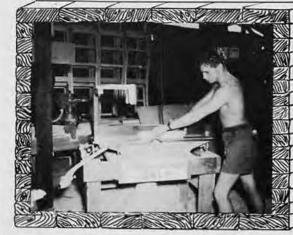


Battalion assignments created the need for a new shop, necessitating a move from the original tarpaulin tent. This was constructed, measuring 60 x 80, manned by nineteen men, using new machinery that cut to size all lumber used from a saw mill that cut lumber from timbers to overcome a shortage.



Preparations were completed such as were needed to build a tent city housing 1,000 men, complete with decks, frames and two ldings for Administration, showers and latrines. This work finished three days ahead of a seven day dead-line, as was the completion of a knockdown Post Office for shipment to a forward base. This, ten days ahead of schedule.

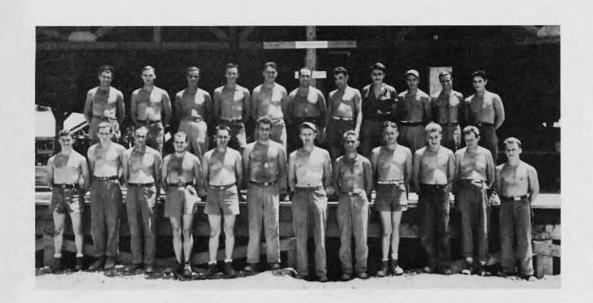




Everything from trusses and molds to office furniture of modern design and utility has supplied the forward progress of this Navy Unit:













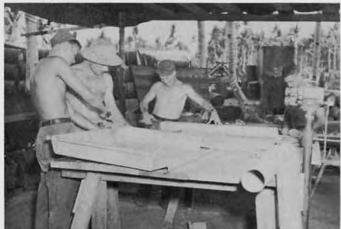




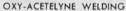














SOLDERING

Our Metal Shop has, for the greater part of its operations overseas, been under highly capable and productive management of sheet metal workers. The first Shop was set up in Waiawa Gulch. Not all were called upon to handle work in the Shop, many were doing field work. Shop complement was flexible; during busier times, men were brought in from jobs to effect speedier output. Example: a large warehouse ventilation system which called for additional metal smiths.

Other metal workers applied apt skill on jobs with outgoing details. One, Canton, soon had a well equipped Shop in motion, supplying this island with ventilators, air ducts and special metal fixtures. During company "C's" stay on Kauai, two men handled all metal work of that detail. Their assignment touched all phases of the craft. An American born Japanese put his Shop at their disposal. Not only did this Shop supply the needs of the job, but took care of personal needs as well. Although "Top Secret" at the time; now it can be told. . . An ice box kept in providence by its owner, generously loaded with good food, was dedicated to keeping healthy appetites appeased.

Another metal smith on Johnston Island made his bid for Chief's rate by skill and accomplishment on this tiny Isle.

Metal work was furnished on French Frigate Shoals by the "Tin Twins," who gained reputation for installing ventilators and air conditioning, and renown for building "Charlie Nobles."

In the Philippines, metal workers have been brought together in one shop. Work has maintained its high standards and these exponents of metal craft are to be complimented for fine, exacting work.



ELECTRIC-ARC WELDING



METAL BREAK



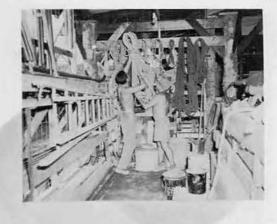
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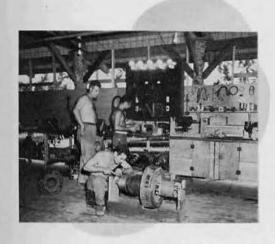


















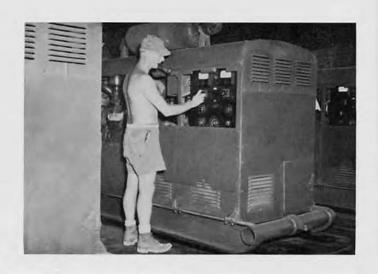


Immediate electrical demands upon arriving at Oahu, resulted in a quickly assembled 15 x 20 shack that served as Stock Room and Office. A crew of ten men went to work, operating from sacks and cardboard boxes.

As projects developed and detachments went out, more demands were made, more space was necessary and many more materials needed. This organization grew in size and muster and those who had been original members, remembering a time when a great deal of work was to be done and not much to do with, suggested the name "Paper Sack" be given their Department. From this, branch offices were established wherever the Battalion details were sent.

Island X Two, saw "Sack" with a muster of 65 men and spread over 5,400 square feet, housing an Office, Issue Room, Line, Interior Wiring, Communications, Refrigeration and Maintenance Departments, each having its own materials and crew, but still operating with the same cooperation that firmly established its place among the most important of our Battalion.





MAINTENANCE











HOME SITE



VERMIN VANQUISHER



PIONEERS



STANDING ROOM ONLY



LUMBERJACKS-C. B. STYLE



YARD WORK, A LA "GOOK"



WHY INSECTS LEFT HOME—OURS



BLITZKRIEG



RUST ERADICATORS



SHOE SURGEONS



TYPEWRITER SICK BAY



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M.A.A. FORCE



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Coming



Anniversary Dinner

23 AUGUST 1944

memorating the Adoption of the 99th Battalion by the STATE of TEXAS

menu

Stuffed Celery Fruit Cup Cocktail

Chicken a la King

Potato Poff Cranberry Sauce

Has Butter Rolls

Cherry Ice Cream

CIGARS

Pinespple on Lettuce Soled

Buttered Asperagus Tips Orange Marmalade pecial 99th Lone Star N. C. B. Cake

Sour Cream Dressing

Hot Coffee Fruit Punch

REFRESHMENTS CIGARETTES

Vews From Home







DINNER DANCE



























EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

NAVIGATION CLASS

At one time, the 99th Naval Construction Battalion was holding classes in twelve subjects for over 700 men.

Since commissioning, many men have been directed and guided by the Educational Office in the study of correspondence courses.



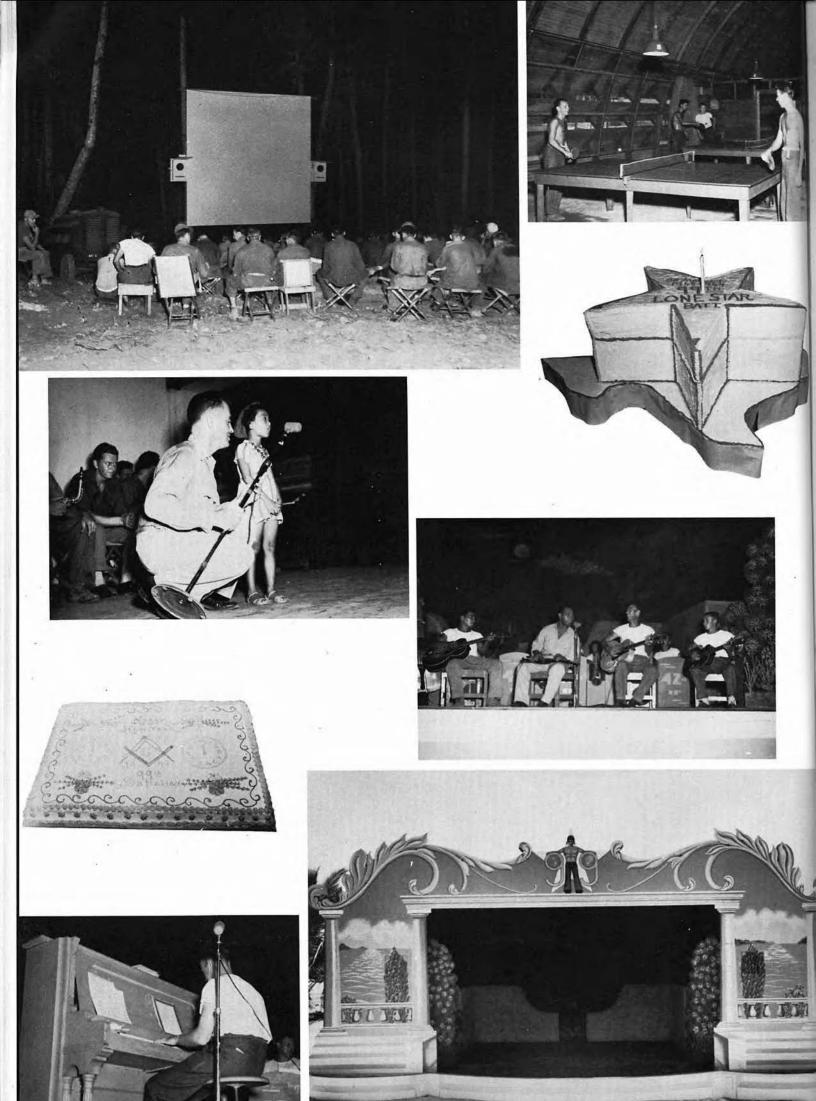
ART CLASS



PHYSICS CLASS









OAHU CHOO CHOO

This is the little train that puffed and fussed its way up the Gulch and around the Island. Day by day, with each lengthening month, it grew 'n grew 'til it rivaled the finest any Stateside railroad line had to offer.



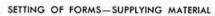
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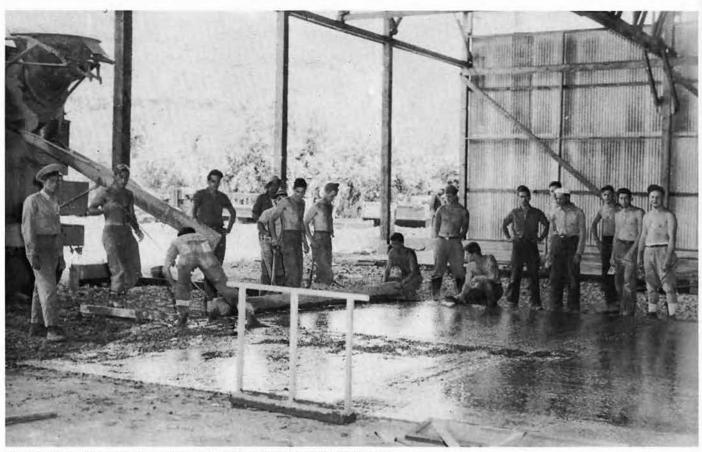
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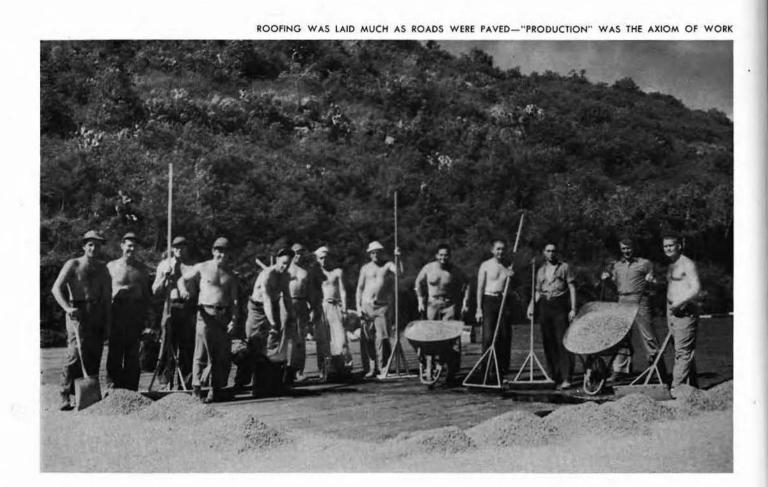
THE FIRST ROADWAY AND CONSTRUCTION SITES TAKE FORM







THE CONCRETE CREW POURED THOUSANDS OF YARDS FOR SMOOTH FLOORING





MOBILE PAINT UNITS ADDED THE FINISHING TOUCHES WITH DISPATCH AND THOROUGHNESS





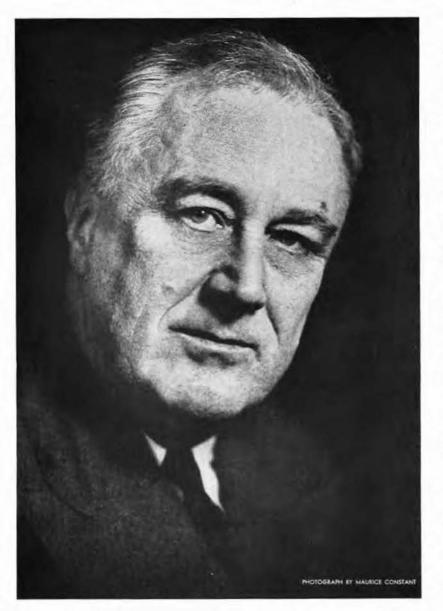
POURING CONCRETE FOOTINGS

REINFORCED STEEL AND CONCRETE COMPLETES THE BRIDGE FOR HEAVY NAVAL SUPPLY LOADS









The task of piloting our country through turbulent years had begun to take fatal toll when President Roosevelt paid his visit to the "Ridge." His famous smile couldn't hide lines deeply etched by worries of America at war.

Entering the main gate to Camp, the President's closed car swept down a main street lined on each side by a carefully selected Honor Guard from each Battalion of the Ridge to a drill field opposite the 99th Administration Building where thousands of cheering Seabees were gathered.

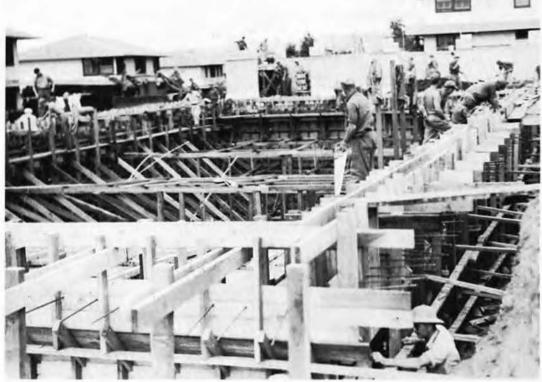
There was no formality about the occasion and when the President's car came to a stop, he spoke briefly saying, "I just wanted to say howdy. This is the first bunch of Seabees I have inspected or looked at overseas. I think you are known on every ocean and every continent all over the world. The Seabees have come forward as an institution more quickly than ever I knew one in the whole of our history, and all of us back home and out nearer the front are mighty proud of you, and it is good to see you."

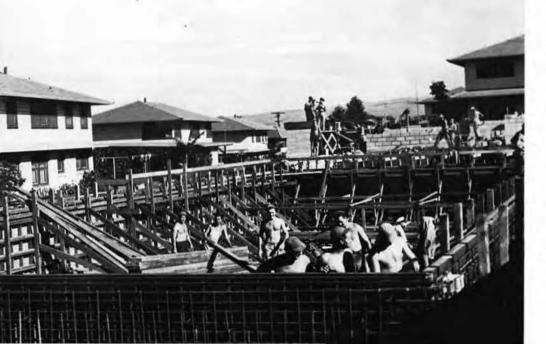






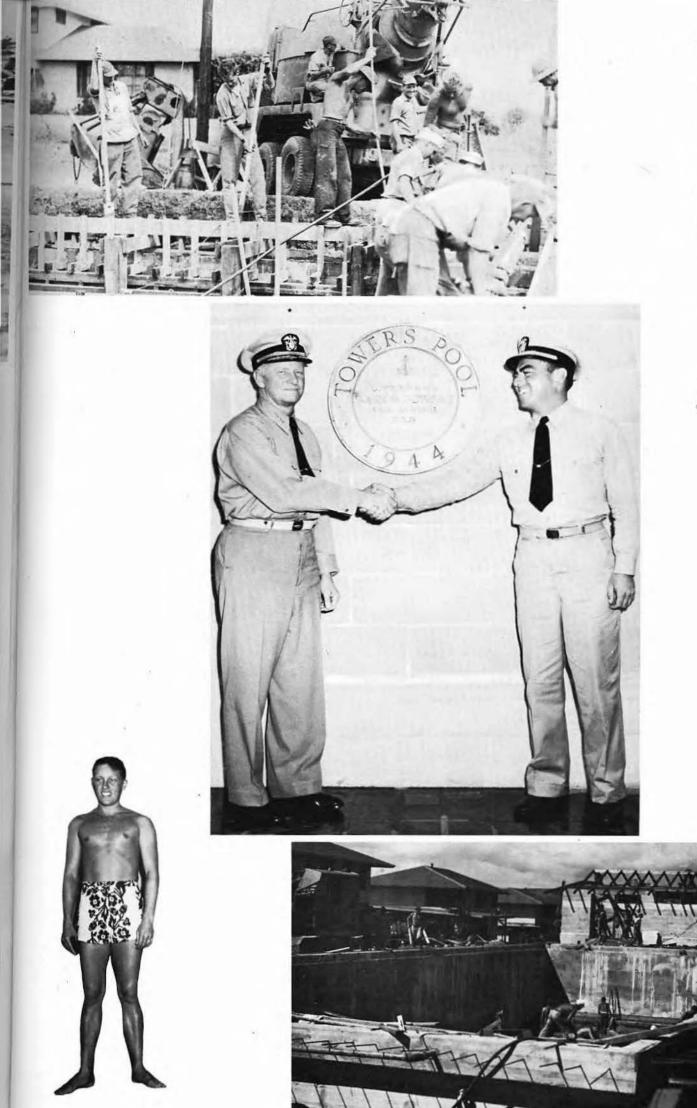






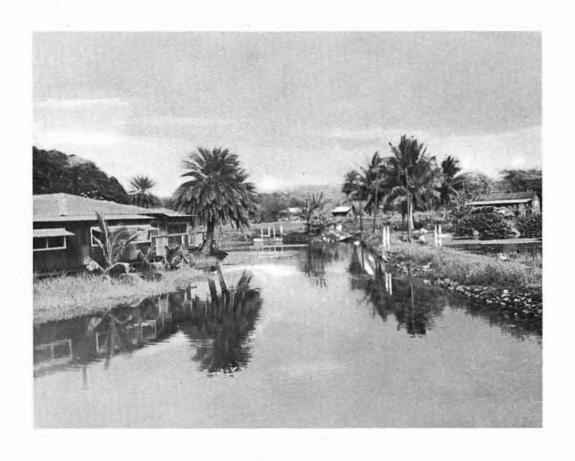
Six weeks of blasting, excavating, carpentry, reinforcing and concrete work, employing one officer and fifty men from the 99th, completed this 100 by 40 foot pool to be used as a Recreation Center for CincPac Staff and officers in the Pearl Harbor Area. Special skills of tile setters added beauty to the project.

Its formal dedication consisted of a speech made by Admiral Nimitz and the program following consisted of swimming and diving exhibitions by world-known champions, entertainment by a famous name band and appearances by all-star football and baseball teams.





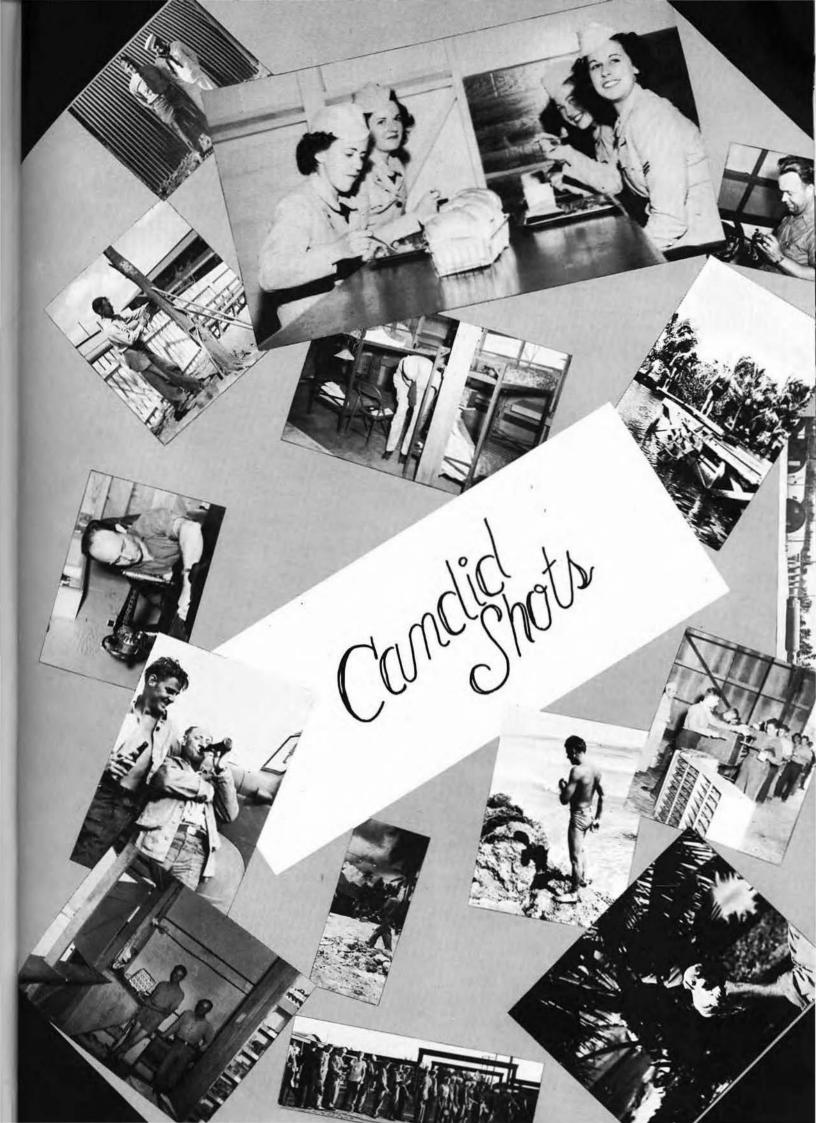










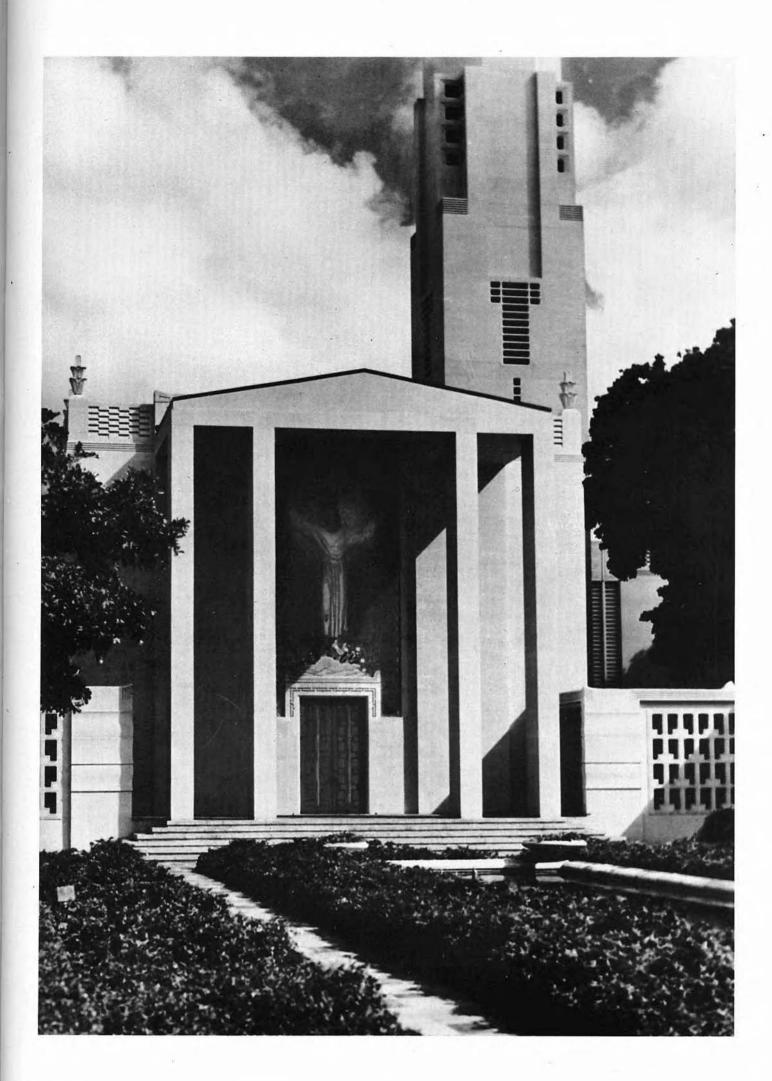


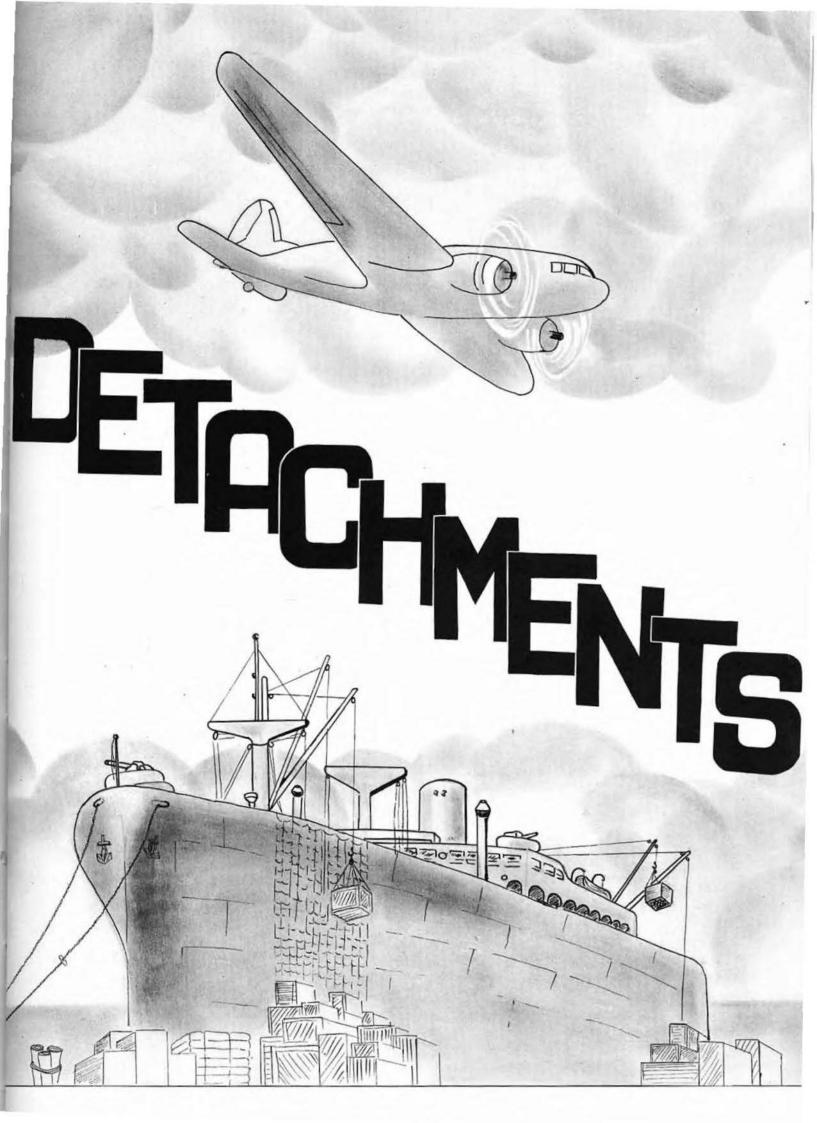












KAUAI











race track was chosen as the building site. This track had been laid out on swamp ground and proved to be a trap of bottomless ooze for all equipment. Roads must be scraped out, rocks and dirt for fill hauled from surrounding mountains and the whole topped with thick layers of volcanic cinders before erection could begin. Downpours of winter months and a sixteen mile trip to and from work became routine.

December 1943 saw this group divided, another Camp differently located was to be built. High winds, transporting water for long distances and laying pipe line in solid rock presented problems for ingenuity and initiative. "Procuring" became a fine art.

Fourteen months after leaving, this detail returned with two tent cities complete with all camp facilities, an Amphibious Camp, L.S.T. Ramps, Ammunition Dumps and Tank Farms to its credit. Stories of their work and record had preceded them.

Recreation had been well taken care of, sailing in a boat constructed in their leisure moments, swimming, fishing, visits in homes of friends made during their stay on Kauai and trips to the Island Villages.

Detachment One, composed of "C" Company headed by five officers, made a non-stop voyage from "Frisco" to their task. One night on Oahu, then aboard ship the following morning for Kauai.

First job was to be a recuperation center for Marines, who needed rest following trying days of the earlier period of Pacific warfare. Conditions, in preliminary stages of construction, were adverse. A location that had been a

HILO











Detachment Two, comprised of two officers and one hundred and fifty-two men, started on its assignment two weeks after setting foot on Oahu. An overnight boat trip brought them to the volcanic Island of Hawaii, their home for the next four months. From Hilo Harbor they were transported by truck over 65 miles of steeply ascending road. Their destination was to be Waimea Pass, adjoining Parker's Ranch, some 2,800 feet up Mona Kea, highest mountain of the Hawaiian Chain.

"Starting from scratch," ceased to be an expression and became reality. Night and a cold damp wind from snow capped peaks, brought visions of open fireplaces and thick warm blankets. Four days saw 400 tents mushrooming over the area. Purpose of this work became apparent when, with only 8% of the job done, 4,000 Leathernecks, worn by one of the Pacific's toughest battles, made these tents their quarters. Some idea of the finished task may be gathered from the fact that 27,000 men were comfortably housed and had access to complete camp facilities. This project, completed, included 4,400 regulation tents with decks and wiring, galleys, warehouses, dispensaries, scrub decks, wash rooms and showers fully equipped.

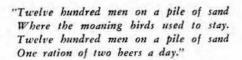
Recreation was varied. Hunting, fishing, swimming and hiking took care of infrequent hours between duty schedules. Weekends brought overnight liberties in surroundings of beauty and rest, appreciated more fully for the weeks' work that preceded them.

(Due to strict censorship at the time of this Detachment, further pictures were unavailable)

JOHNSTON







That was Johnston Island, flat monotony, unrelieved by green. From the air it could be mistaken for a child's sand box; but upon nearing the lone strip, the sand box became alive. Towers loomed up, toys grew to four-engined airships. Tufts of grass around it turned to sunken, treacherous, kaleidoscopically beautiful coral reef.

Detachment Three arrived soon after the United States leased it from the British. It was to be made into the most compact airbase the Pacific had seen. Each square inch was utilized, yet that wasn't enough. Planes needed more strip for their overloaded runs. An additional thousand feet was required for labored take-offs. Hungry dragline buckets were swung again and again into marine shallows after coral beds had been shaken into crumbled heaps by tremendous dynamite shots. The tiny tow-headed island would vibrate, breaking windows, shaking radio equipment as if in tremors of distant earthquakes.

The largest blast was two tons of dynamite used for clearing the Seaplane runway of coralliferous formations. More area was needed as the Base expanded and the war moved toward Japan. Approximately 600,000 cu. yds. of coral and sand were dredged in, plus 60,000 cu. yds. of blasted coral limestone for use in place of steel sheet piling. A levee eighteen feet wide and six feet above sea level was traced around the area to be filled. Difficulty was encountered from tidal variation only to be overcome by rip-rapping sides as they were built up. "Difficult" inadequately describes the obtaining of limestone at this transitory state of operations. Men in water from knee depth to nose height had reef and sand sharks plus the feared dog-jawed Moray Eels which attained lengths exceeding twelve feet. One lurking beneath the dynamite barge was poked at with a broom handle which was snapped in two by the eel's jaws. Yet the men worked on to complete the job four months ahead of schedule. Seventy-five per cent of the work was done with equipment left by civilian contractors, pending the arrival of ours.

After one hundred fifty piles were driven, eleven miles of submarine cable was laid for seadrome lighting. This entailed much diving, dodging reefs and fastening cable to pile roots. Electricians had many problems in final connection of system; splicing wires while tossed about in a whale boat and being swamped, a few of their difficulties.

An Operations Tower with hardwood floors and underground equipment was constructed. Quonsets were built and rearranged as if they were chess men, a Nose Hangar appeared.

Recreation facilities were excellent. Tennis Court, Swimming Pool with high and low board, a well-filled Library, Soda Fount, Beer Hall, Recreation Rooms and movies three times a night failed to dispel monotony on the atomic Isle. When the late Ernie Pyle visited and wrote of Johnston, he told as no one else could of this monotony. His article ended, "Happiness is relative, Joy is proportional. Why don't I shut up?"

FRIGATE











On January 29, 1944, Detachment Four left its home base on Oahu to fly to a little reef in the vast Pacific. This original crew consisted of one officer, one chief and eighteen men.

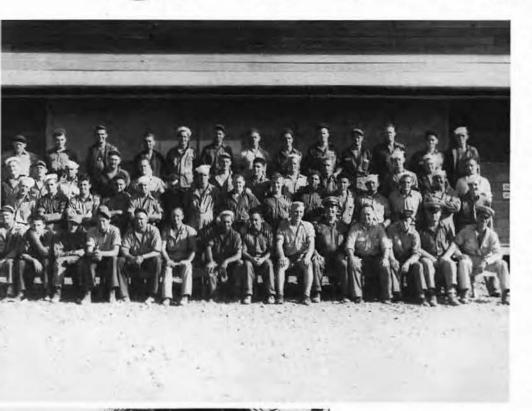
Added developments beyond original plans filled the time between January 30th and October 1st, including a 40 x 80 power house, equipped with diesel generators, water evaporator, 50 H.P. steam boilers and a refrigerated locker capable of supplying the entire project and their visitors for a period of four months and longer. In rapid

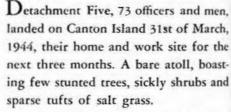
succession came a series of different sized Quonset huts and buildings to house necessary operations, equipment and repairs for this job. Storage tanks for water and diesel, complete underground electrical system, barracks and a combination hospital and library took turns in construction progress. Problems arose due to critical shortages of materials and were met by a high spirit of cooperation, ingenuity and initiative.

Men varied in number from fifteen to twenty-six during this eight month period. Recreation, on the half day away from duty each week, was simple. Letter writing, swimming, hunting shells, fishing and each night a movie. Two bottles of beer every other evening helped wet dry throats caused by days of work on the coral strip, glaring under a brassy sun. Lack of vegetation helped intensify the day's heat, while cool nights and a rising sea breeze made warmth of a blanket welcome. Men stood General Quarters morning and night and were called upon, from time to time, to give demonstrations of marching to the Station Force.

Inhabitants left behind, as "4" winged its way back to Headquarters, were this small Naval Station Force and families of noisy frigate birds, terns and curlews.

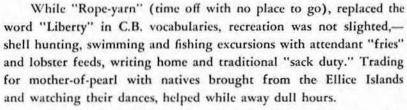
CANTON





Next day, men of the 99th were assigned to projects under the 10th N.C.B., which they were to relieve, to familiarize them with jobs which were in various stages of completion; survey of seaplane runways, blasting, erection of warehouses, water collection and other efforts which were to convert the barren island into a mighty airbase.

Maintenance, operations of shops, in fact all work that the Naval personnel stationed there could not do was absorbed in this Detachment's routine. Galley chores were taken over and run by a genial "Lone Star" chief to the intense satisfaction of all and Sick Bay was taken over by our Senior Medical Officer. In April, a chief and 39 additional 99th men arrived to bring this detail up to full strength.



"Good Detail" was the terse comment upon returning to Battalion Headquarters.











ANGAUR

Known as Detachment Six; one officer, one chief and twentybecome Pontoon Unit C-10-A of the Fifth Amphibious Force. They were loaded aboard an L.S.T. on August 7th, enroute to the Palau Group.

Island on September 17, was launching and towing shoreward under fire, pontoon strings for causeway construction. The dispatch in floating ashore many of these units, under adverse conditions of tide, surf, current and fire materially hastened the early occupation of Angaur.

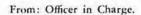
Theirs was the job of later constructing and maintaining a five men on August 1st, 1944 were detached from the 99th to large inverted "U" shaped causeway that received all equipment for the Island and supplied the advance of both air and sea operations.

Work, thwarted by enemy resistance and mountainous surf, The important job of this detachment on reaching Angaur was a hardship inconvenienced by inclement weather and rough living conditions, that drew at the completion of the assignment, high commendation for the Unit.

NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION DETACHMENTS 1035-1038

Fleet Post Office San Francisco, California

12 October 1944



To: Officer in Charge, 99th Naval Construction Battalion Pontoon Detachment Number Six, and each individual man.

Subject: Work Performed, Commendation of.

Enclosure: (A) Commendation Fifth Amphibious Force, U. S. Pacific Fleet, dated 22 September 1944.

- (B) Letter of Commendation Army Garrison Force, APO 264, San Francisco, California, dated 6 October 1944.
- 1. The work or any special effort personally performed by you did much in making the amphibious operation against the Japanese held island of Angaur highly successful.
- 2. The command of these pontoon Detachments extends thanks to you for your cooperation and assistance. It is with pride and pleasure that Enclosures (A) and (B) are forwarded to you.



Samuel Jacobs by direction.



ANGAUR

Detachment Seven, numbering one officer, two chiefs and twenty-four men was attached to the Beach Party of GroPac #10 on September 19th, 1945. They partook in the invasion of Angaur Island as part of the Fifty Amphibious Force.

This unit was assigned the unloading and heavy equipment operation for the Island in all of its phases.

The initial work entailed beach unloading, followed by unloading on pontoon causeways where crane operators performed incredible feats to keep supplies rolling through in storms or heavy seas. All types of heavy equipment were maintained and operated both from harbor installations and camp sites to military clearance and roadways, throughout the rest of the Island, and many types of construction were initially planned for Marine and Army Units.

Both Detachments Six and Seven, though separate organizations, camped together for a time in a happy reunion of the 99th. Both were bombed and saw action.

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SERVICE FORCE U. S. PACIFIC FLEET GROPAC TEN c/o Fleet Post Office San Francisco, California

24 January 1945

From:

The Commanding Officer, GroPac TEN.

To:

The Officer in Charge of the 99th Naval Construction Battalion, and each individual man attached to Detachment Number Seven.

Construction Battalion Detachment with Garrison Beach Party of

Subject:

Construction Battalion Detachment with Garrison Beach Party of GroPac TEN, Angaur Island, Palau Group, Commendation for. For exceptional and relentless attention to duty during the weeks and

1. For exceptional and relentless attention to duty during the weeks and months following the occupation of Angaur Island; for their skillful operation and maintenance of heavy equipment, plus a knowledge of and a willingness to perform other jobs whatever they might be, it is desired that each man be commended and that this commendation be entered in his record.

/s/ L. N. SYNDER L. N. SNYDER Lieut.Comdr.,USNR, Commanding.





BULLET RIDDLED HOUSE IN VILLAGE OF SAIPAN



PHOSPHOROUS REFINERY AFTER U. S. NAVAL BOMBING





THE TORN WALLS OF AN ANCIENT SPANISH MISSION



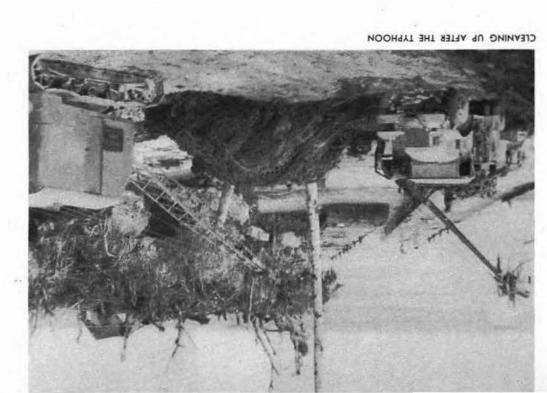


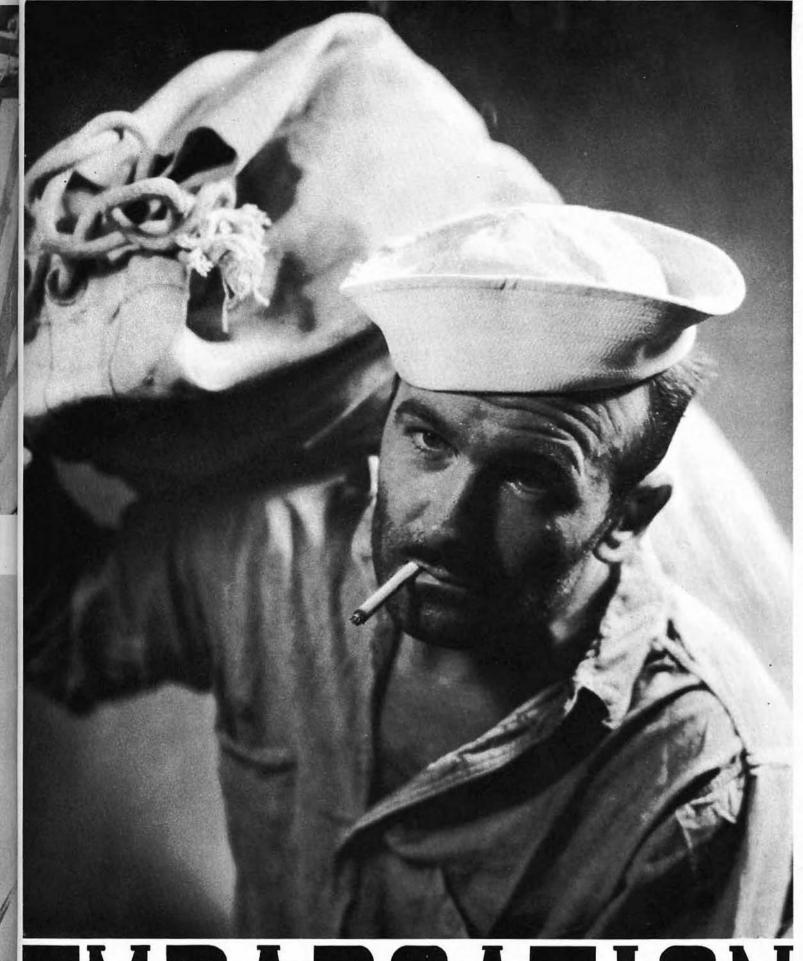
L.S.T. DISGORGING CARGO



UNLOADING OPERATIONS ON MAIN CAUSEWAY







EMBARCATION

PITCH

















QUONSET ERECTION













Many men worked in the boiling sun; over dazzling coral, laying footings for 36 Task Force type Ward Buildings.

Excessive heat and intermittent Philippine rains hampered construction in all its phases, but credited supervision and high enlisted morale built against a dead-line.

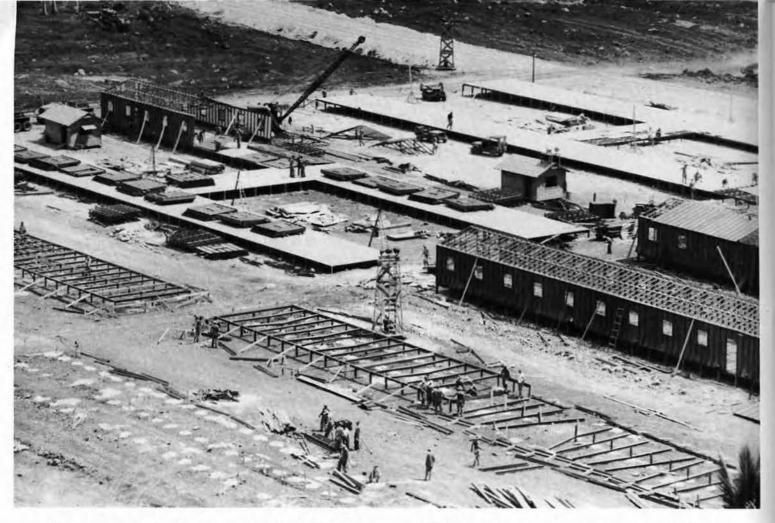




Through this area runs the water system—modern facilities are fed from ten thousand feet of water line laid from well-water sources, which have been one of the largest projects of this area.

"One a day" became the axiom of work, as in succession, twenty Task Force type Ward Buildings were built, followed by a twenty by eighty foot frame Powerhouse.





The project had reached half-way mark ahead of schedule and new building innovations were used for a speed up job.

Each building neared completion as new units took shape, for carpenters and electricians built Wards and Offices and strung wire for power and light. The job really moved.





At near completion date, as coral topping smoothed roads, patients were moved in finished units, "paint clean" and new.

Ahead of schedule, another Seabee assignment supports the advance—Temperature normal—it says here.





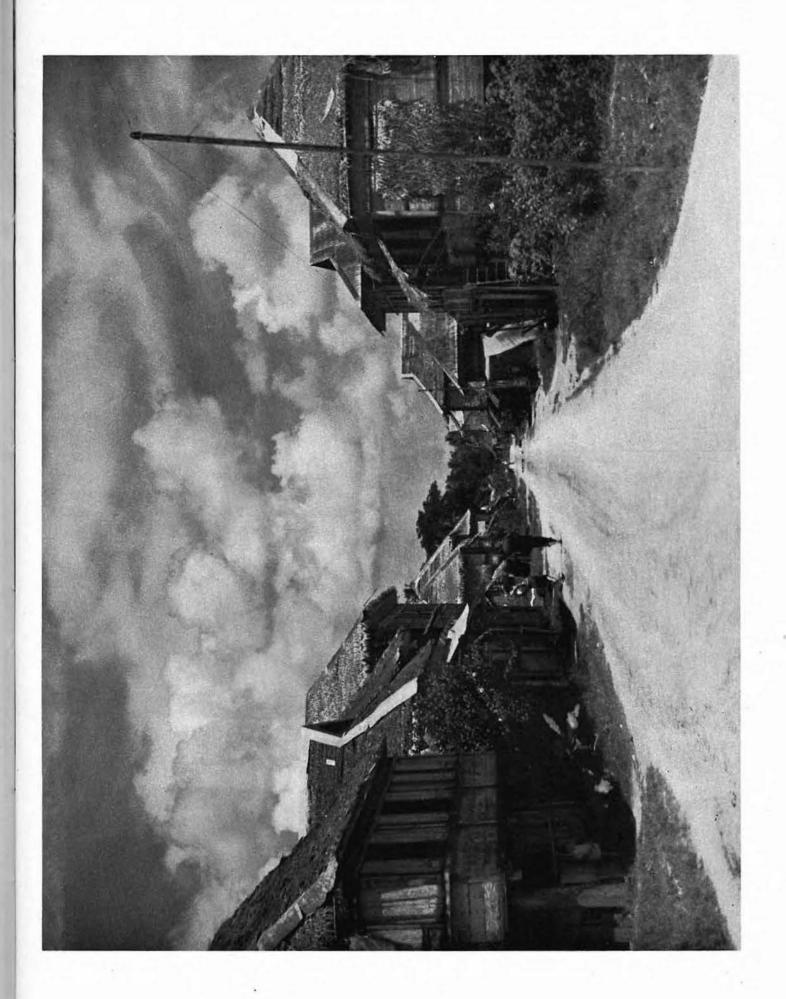
AERIAL VIEW OF OUR MAIN PROJECT, PHILIPPINES



AERIAL VIEW OF OUR CAMP SITE, PHILIPPINES











Plans conceived by a Chaplain, drawn on scraps of paper and a combination of native and C. B. labor were repsonsible for this Chapel. Calobi-an, Visayan dialect for coconut palm, was selected as its name to recognize this joint workmanship. Erection, which took ten days, used three sources of materials: palm, bamboo and cargo lumber. An altar, backed by surveyor's bunting, was designed and built by the Chaplain's yeoman and a paint crew member. Its bell, forged from a 12" water pipe, with a clapper of scrap iron, issued a melodious call to worship each Sunday.









Centuries have mellowed architecture and original colorings of the four hundred and ten year old Mission, above, to its present state of quiet serenity. Completed in 1535, after twenty years of native labor, supervised by Spanish priests. Silver plate for its altar, now used only for fiestas, was imported from Spain in the middle

part of the 18th Century. Painstaking work of native artists, crude implements and infinite patience combined to make a present of lasting beauty to following generations.













called Tuba. The fact that the husk surrounding this goodness requires patience, superhuman effort and a set of "Charles Atlas Muscles" to pry loose, makes the outcome all more enjoyable. From these nuts also come such comforts as oil, cream for butter and copra. Shells may be used as food or drinking utensils, or Filipino version of the "Wedgie." Not to mention curios, i.e., birds, ash trays, outrigger canoes and so on, for which we pay much hard earned cash, then stand in mile-long







censor lines to send some lucky person Stateside, who in turn makes another soul happy by passing them along as bridge or consolation prizes.

Fronds are painfully acquired by scaling rough trunks to the swaying tops which house lizards possessing a distinctly earthy vocabulary (two clearly enunciated words) and a large crow-like bird whose call resembles the plaintive quacking of a Mallard drake. These fronds are woven into mats, thatching, baskets and a cloth known as abacaba



fibre, the texture of which reminds one of nothing so much as hair cloth worn by penitents in long past ages.

Minor items, string for tying, thread for sewing and fodder for kindling balky fires are more of its uses; perhaps a possibility of even running a jeep from its sap. All of which brings us to the conclusion—nice, but give us a good old elm, maple or darn near any other tree native to the United States.







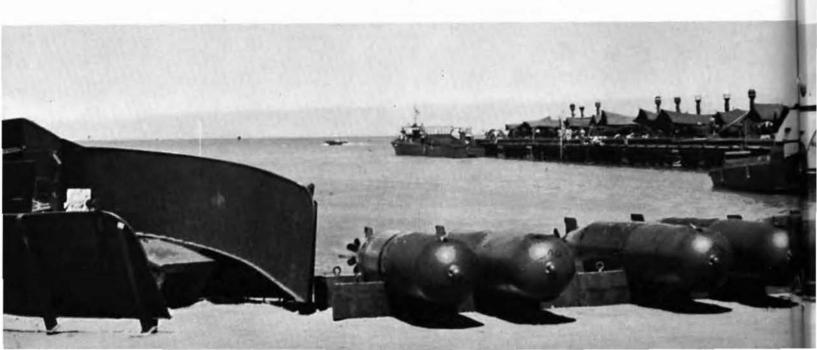


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The P. T. Base was a varied assignment for the 99th that included many types of structures.

Operational needs created the use for Quonset buildings to quarter offices, shops and personnel. These were built together with many frame barracks in an area

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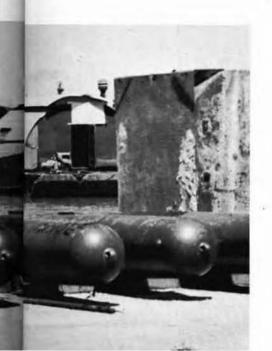


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filled and cleared above coral, near shore installations.

Roads were built and streets paved as a modern Shore Base took shape:—steel men erected torpedo storage huts as shipfitters piped water from distant wells while concrete crews fashioned foundations and ramps.

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The important problem of water supply has been solved in many ways, in many places by the Seabees.

Here, tunnels have been dug through fissures and stopes of coral for water. As pictured, rivers have been dammed to keep out high tide sea water and to build a supply of fresh.

For multipurpose Naval operations, this Island had five major water sources from which 84,000 gallons of water per day were forced to storage and purifying



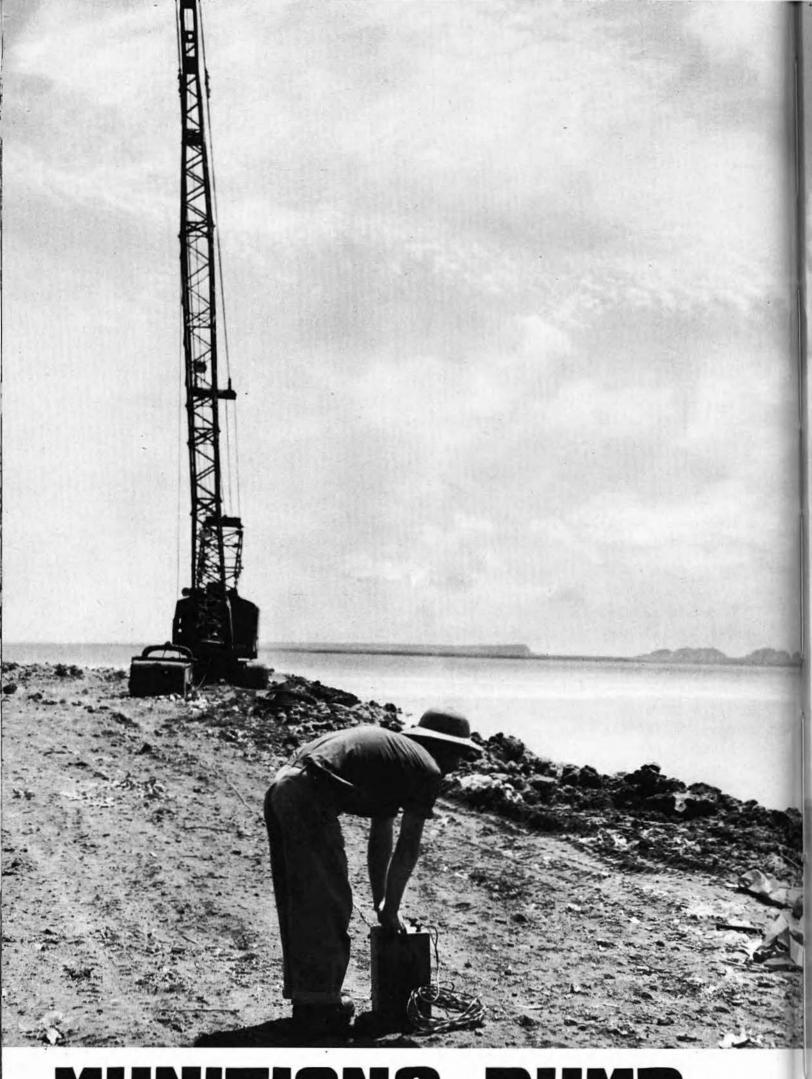


tanks over miles and miles of pipe line. Tough work it is to lay 12 inch line over torturous terrain in the heat of a Philippine summer. To the 99th fell the job of this major project.

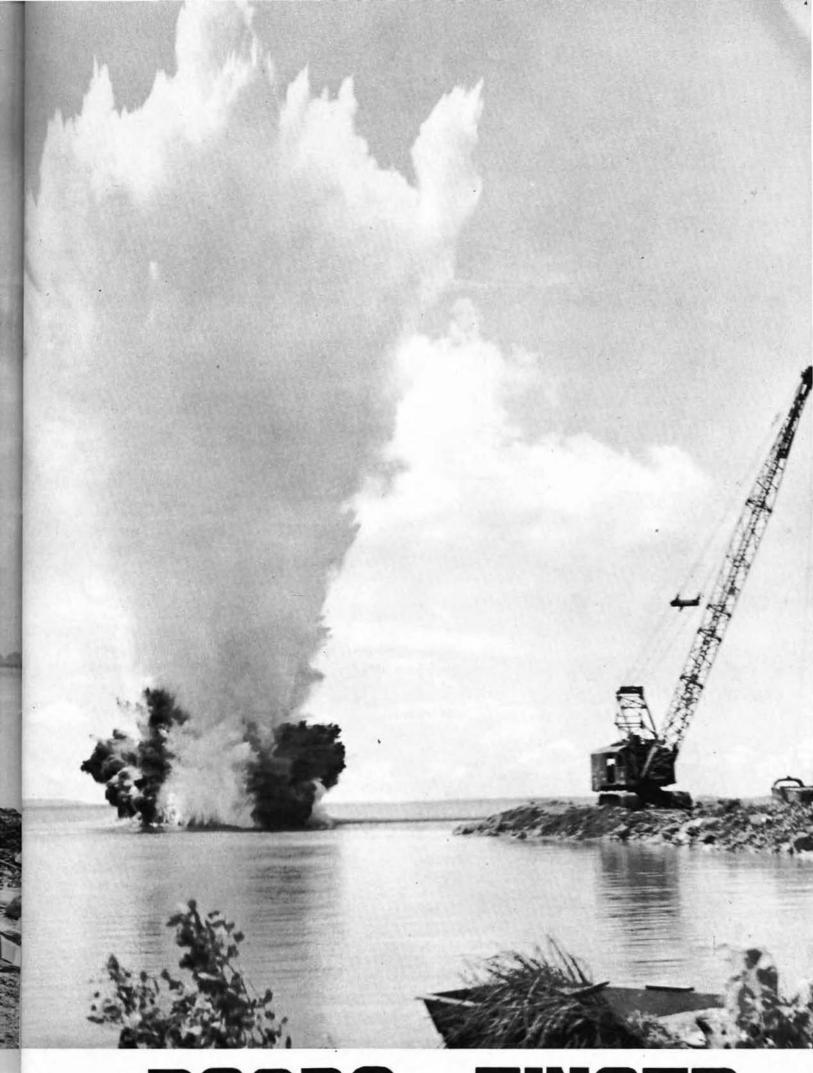
Far from water sources, pumps, pipe line storage tanks, purifiers and redistribution centers, water was made available for fleet landings, hospitals, supply yards, camps, airports and finally to the natives themselves.







MUNITIONS DUMP...



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A wide highway, over hills and through valleys, forced its way to the site chosen for this Ammunition Dump. The job was half completed before the road reached its final stage. Meanwhile, trucks transporting men and materials to the project plowed hub deep in thick tenacious mud. Equipment bogged, but supplies got through enabling work to be done on schedule. This entailed leaving the base early and returning late each working day.

A finger, breaking the smooth coast line, was shoved out into the bay by thousands of yards of coral, sand and silt that were scooped from the bottom by draglines after being broken and loosened by submarine blasting. This unnatural peninsula furnished a gateway to Naval craft for dispatching and taking on explosives and ammunition.

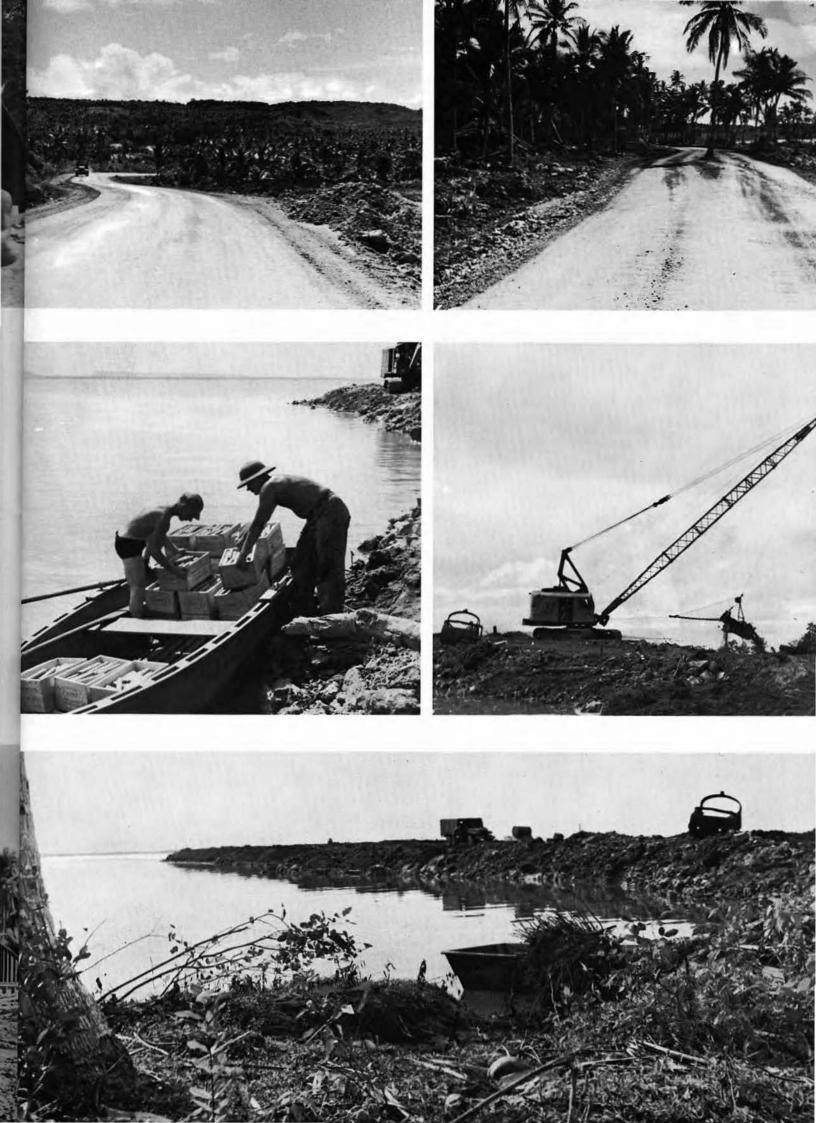
Individual structure sites were graded for concrete forms and after decks were laid, steel erection began. As building progressed, roads found their way to each. Upon completion of each structure, heavy equipment moved in again with shovels and buckets to cover three sides, leaving heavy steel doors bare.

An example of just one of the millions of precautions taken by our government against future aggression.











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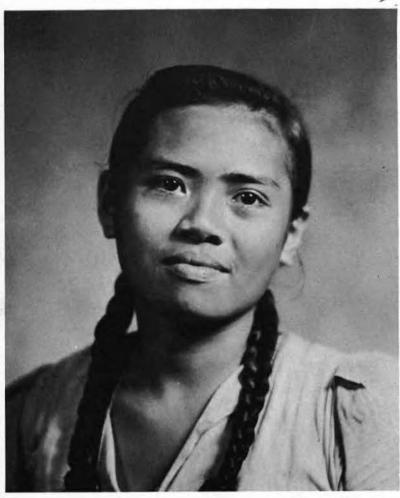
These pictures show the tropical adaptations used by the 99th in Quonset construction. Many innovations have been seen in varied utilities of the Quonset.







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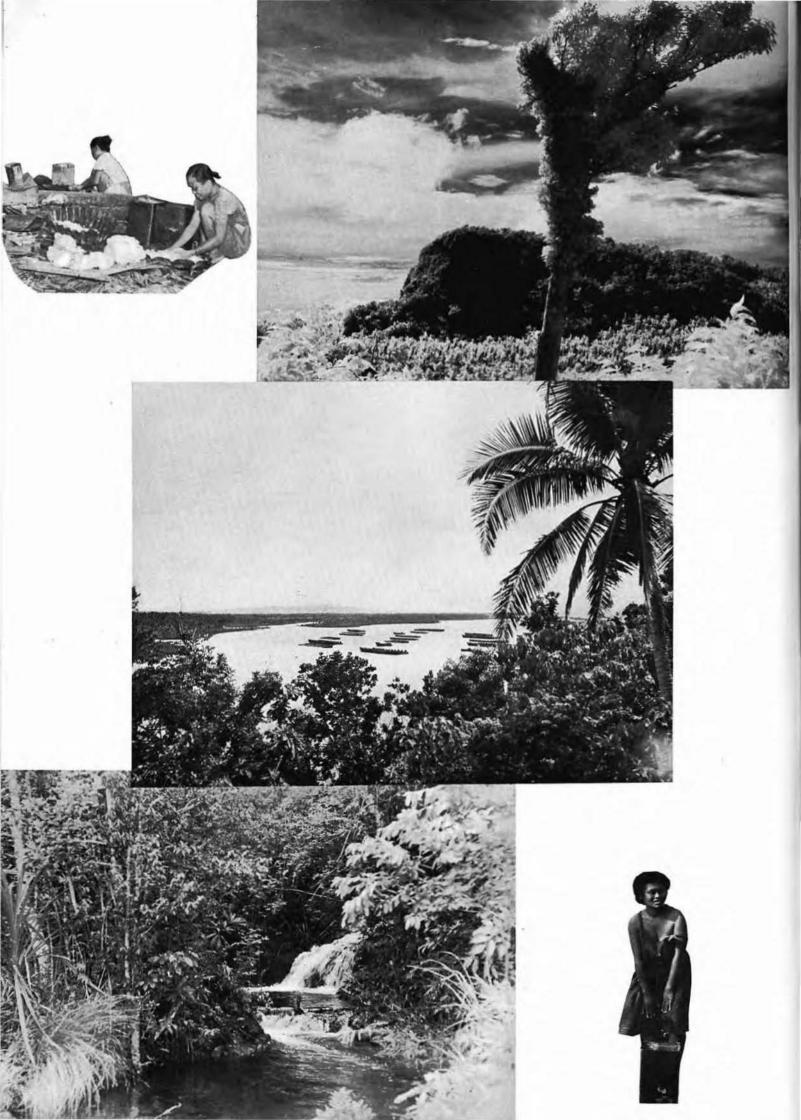


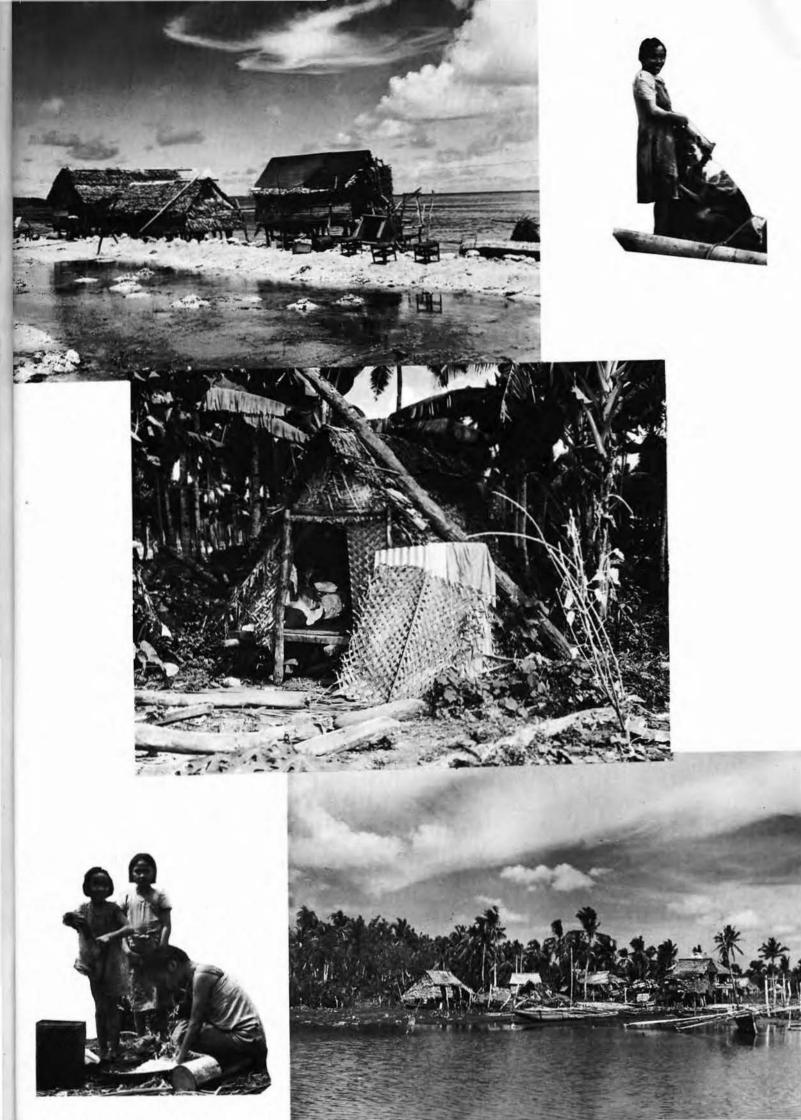
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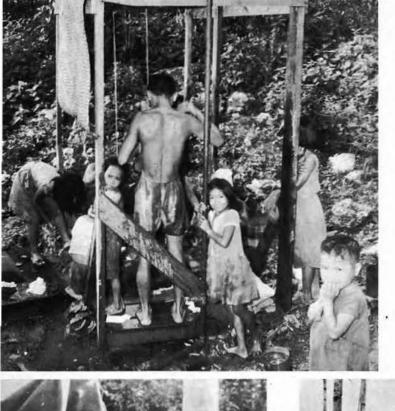
















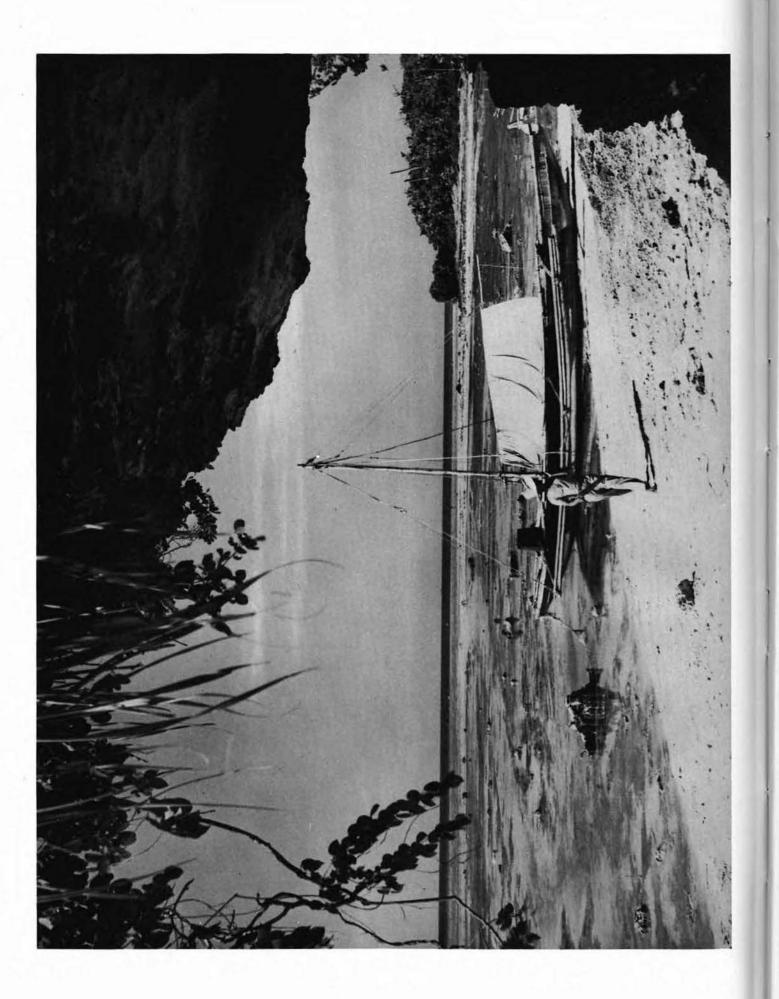




















Play of the field covered leisurely moments for over a two year period from the conception of the 99th Battalion. These jousts were enjoyed to great degrees of intensity. Our boxers invoked risks, while table tennis experts ran the gamut of friendly jests.

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All men given to such pursuits enjoyed each minute of sporting diversion. Honest, fresh rivalry, budding from the great American desire to play resulted in these pictures. Their brisk, nimble motions sprang from a want for competitive play.

The spirit used in sports was a carry-over from the same spirit to do the job. Just as construction crews vied for records, these men









endeavored to outplay each other. Baseball, track meets, soft ball, swimming, tennis and boxing plus all other American games filled many evenings and Sundays.

Through our sports program we gained an insight on other Branches of Service. In competition, new friends were made, old ones found and relaxation attained.

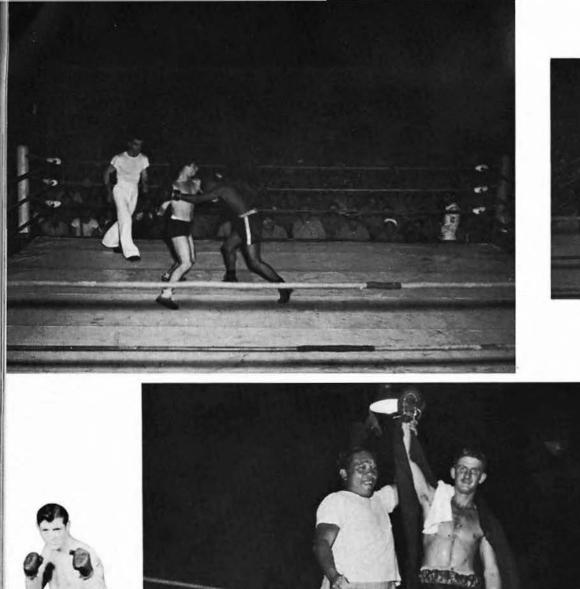
Every type of athletic gear was available to all personnel. If one felt the urge to kick a football around or to learn boxing, competent instruction was furnished.

Physical conditioning equipment of all types could be had for the asking.





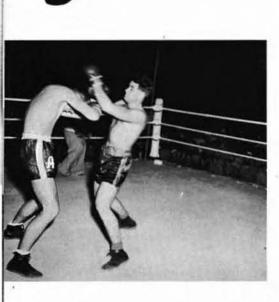
















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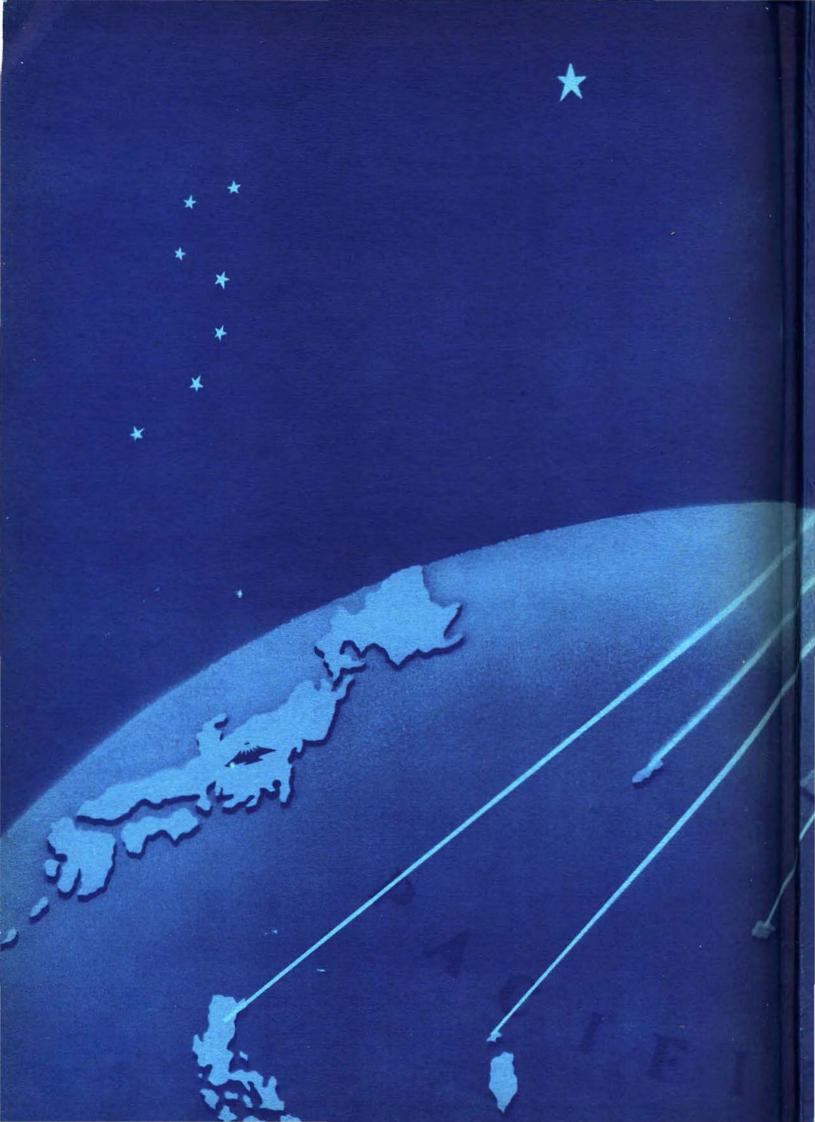
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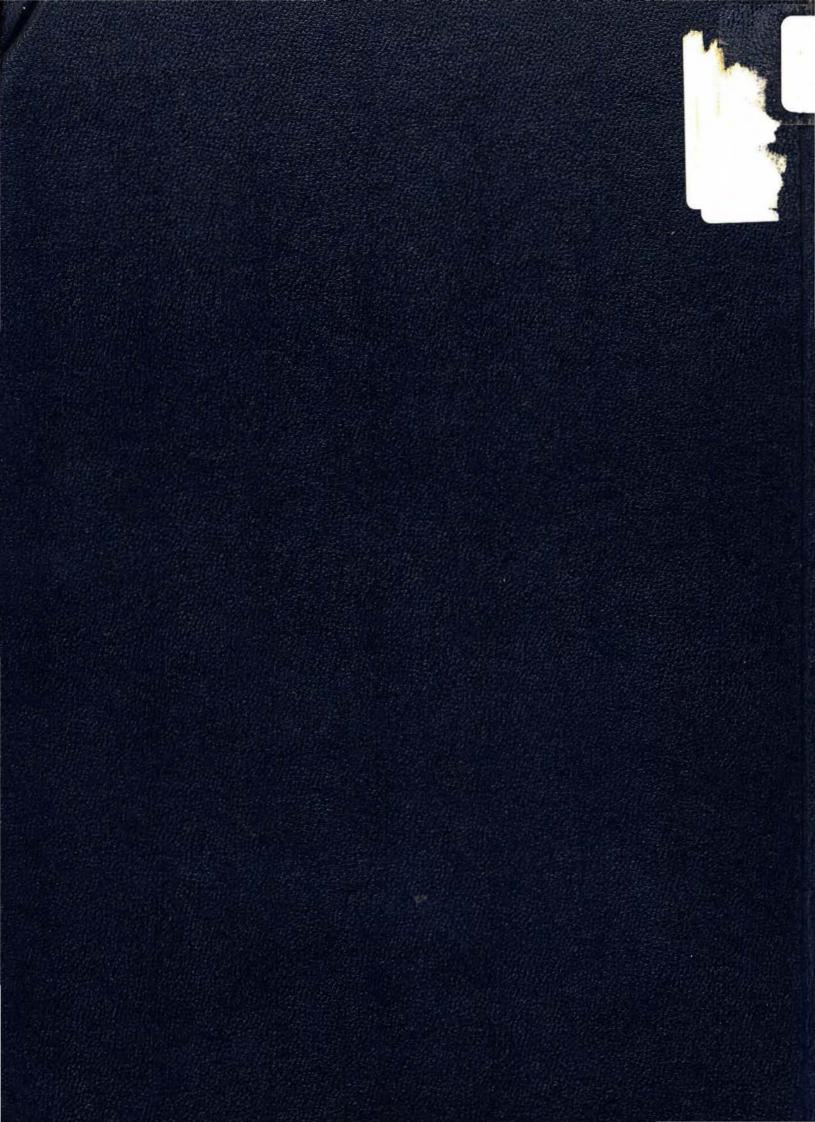
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land the angels bid us welcome We'll draw a million ship store checks and spend them in a day. and it is then well hear H. Peter Take a seat up front Old Seable You've done your hitch in Holl. Written by Charles Jarob & Schmidt

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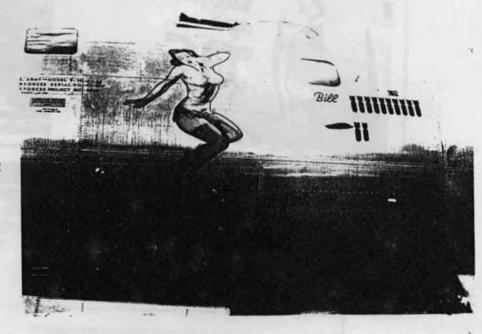






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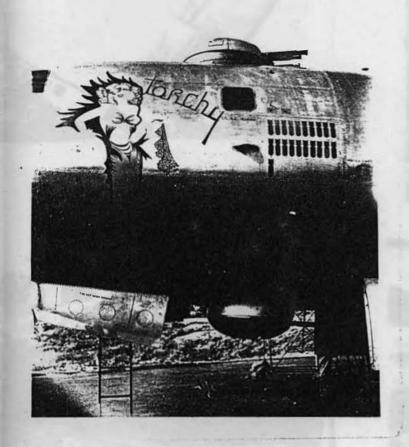
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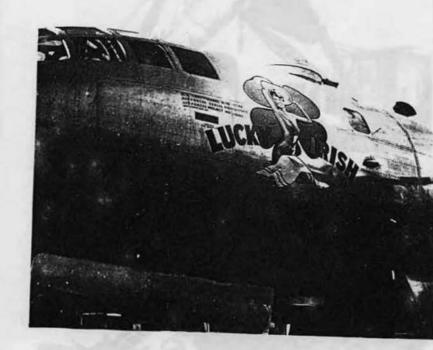








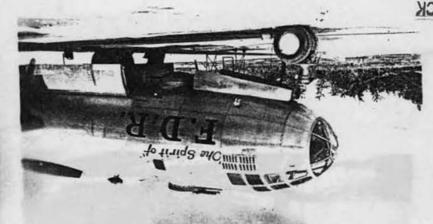






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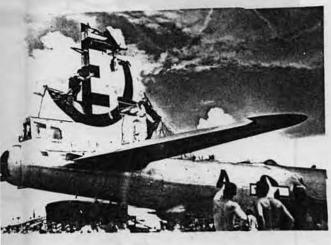


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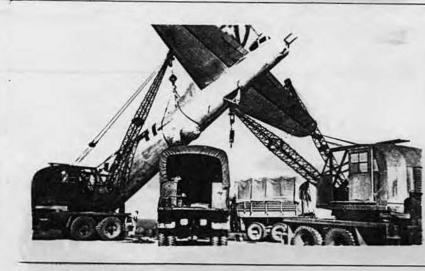














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