Foreword

With the thought in mind that, “one picture is worth a thousand words,” this is an attempt to give the complete history of the 100th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion.

Much has been written about the “SeaBee,” a play on the initials CB, that caught on from the first and was adopted as the identifying name of a new idea of combating the enemy; the massing together of the skilled tradesmen of America and welding them into a combination of builders and fighters.

At first an experiment, these units have now become a necessity, combining all the talents of amateur, professional construction workers and engineers. They are to be found on every battlefront, in every corner of the world.

The original plan was to include a fraction of the number of officers and men that now exists. The various battalions turned in such great performances of building and fighting that the quota now has a larger personnel than the entire Navy boasted during the days of peace.

The halfway mark in recruiting these skilled workers was reached upon the commissioning of the 100th Battalion, and this group consequently became known as the “Century Battalion.”

Contained in these pages are the highlights in the lives of the men as individuals and as Seabees, in their service with the Century Battalion.

Graphically illustrating their activities in the period of time which elapsed from the training camp at Gulfport, Mississippi, to their assigned destinations and return to the United States for a well earned rest, this album is dedicated to them.
Century

100th U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION
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After leaving Camp Peary, Virginia, the Battalion arrived at ABD, Mississippi, where the training became more rugged. This included combat maneuvers with live ammunition and long marches that produced many new blisters. On these marches the now famous K ration was used, and though not appetizing, they proved practicable for what was to come later.
At the Gulfport Rifle Range, the officers and men sharpened up their shooting ability and the cleaning of rifles.
The men were soon chosen for their ability in handling certain types of firearms and were trained with that particular piece to which they were adapted.
Nomenclature, the naming of all the parts of a firearm, became a new part of the Seabees' vocabulary. Care of the rifle was stressed and split-second timing was acquired by the anti-aircraft gun crew.
In order to boost the sale of bonds, the 100th Battalion was called upon to march in the streets of Gulfport, Miss. Joining the Army, Marines and the WACs, the Seabees made a good appearance, proving their versatility.
The thermometer soared to a sweltering temperature that made many new blisters to add to the ever increasing collection.
GULFPORT PARADE

Upper left: The end of the parade and a welcome truck ride home. WACs, WAVES and soldiers gave a good performance.
The Seabees, ostensibly a construction battalion, kept this activity freshened by building numerous quonset huts and a swimming pool in the unfinished camp.
Here are various stages in the building of a swimming pool that was left to be finished by other builders.

Our day to move on was soon to arrive.
CALIFORNIA
CAMP MUGU

At this embarkation point the 100th Battalion was again commissioned, and thereby became a part of the organization known as Acorn 20.

The Century was assigned the mission of building an airstrip on the future Island "X."

For this purpose, training became narrowed down to the field of landing operations, and the selection of properly experienced men to do specific work.

Here also the men who had not as yet been home since joining the Seabees, were granted a ten-day leave before the area was "secured."

Preparations were then made to board ship for the second leg of the journey to the still unnamed island.

Camp Mugu, while uncomfortable for a training camp, had a definite value in the "toughening-up" process.

The men ate from mess kits and endured mud and dust that was to make Island "X" comparatively mild.
Shown here are the commissioning ceremony and part of the training operations.
This phase of training completed, the battalion was then prepared for embarkation to the next point in its journey toward its mission.

By this time officers and men alike had become experts in packing and repacking their belongings and had discovered that to "travel light" was going to be the solution.

Rifles, packs loaded with equipment, and gas masks were issued.

Winter clothing that would not be used for a long time was sent home to make room in seabags for essential wear.
Hawaii
Here in Hawaii, methods of gardening, used for generations, are still in effect in this Chinese vegetable garden which supplies the local grocery stores. Left—Chinese boy follows in his father’s footsteps, learning how to use a four hundred-year-old plow behind the traditional water buffalo. Right—Irrigation is done by hand with watering pot. Most of the work is done by hand, producing healthy looking beets, lettuce, etc., that is hauled to the market in an ancient truck, the only motive power used.
Left: Hawaii's famous papaia trees, that produce a fruit seldom seen by the malihini (newcomer) Seabees.

Used principally for a breakfast fruit, it is very sweet in taste and has bright orange contents.

Above: Filipino worker cuts the ripened cane. Cane, one of the major exports, is usually burned before being harvested.
No party is complete in Hawaii without the traditional hula-hula girls. On Christmas eve, 1943, the Century Battalion quickly organized a swing band to which the girls danced. Refreshments were served and Red Cross kits given to each man as a present. Above: The entertainers and their "victims," and below, right, Comdr. Cavin joins in the fun.
After a few weeks in Hawaii loading operations began.

This activity was performed 24 hours a day in preparation for the 100th Battalion's next journey.

By now the "scuttlebutt" was getting more glamorous and just as inaccurate, but we knew this was going to be the journey for which we had been prepared.
EN ROUTE

An LCT is launched from an LST.
Typical of this war is the type of landing craft shown here.

Left: Skids are prepared for shipping the smaller boat over the side.

Right and down: Series of pictures showing the successful launching procedure at Island X.

We entered a beautiful harbor and prepared to take men and supplies ashore. We had arrived at last to start the job for which we had been trained.

Hard work was ahead and this was the first step in starting the assignment which was to give us the experience that would name us veterans.

"Scuttlebutt" was replaced with fact as a hard rain made the operations more difficult.
The Seabees land on Majuro, Marshall Islands, to mark the first time this branch of the armed forces had set foot on Japanese soil.

This picture clearly illustrates the close coordination between the Seabees and Marines during this type of operation.

While the Higgins boat of the Seabees comes ashore (center), the Marines unload their supplies and the ordnance crew sets up a machine gun nest.

Awed natives try to concentrate on their plans for evacuation during a meeting held at the coconut storehouse.
(1) Equipment is prepared for bringing ashore at Majuro, Marshall Islands. (2) Pontoon barge is launched from the side of an LST. (3) Causeways are immediately built out to the LST with bulldozers already brought ashore from another LST, in the convoy. (4) Northwest drag line comes ashore under its own power. This is the first time equipment of this type has been transported assembled. (5) Pontoon barge secured alongside. (6) Unloading operations ashore.
(1) Typical South Sea island. (2) Administrative tents. (3) Bulldozer works its way out to the LST. (4) Pontoon barge performs one of its tasks. (5) Improvised drafting room. (6) Causeways between islands were quickly built. (7) Plumbing shop. (8) Boxing ring and volleyball court. (9) Salone ishord tow ball.
PERSONNEL

(1) First Post Office. (2) Typical Seabee welder. (3) Censors. (4) New Post Office. (5) Fox holes were a little wet at times. (6) Stevedores try their hand opening coconuts. (7) Post Office crew. (8) Japanese bomber when the Seabees found it. (9) Same Jap bomber after souvenir hunters had finished.
These scenes show many types of construction Seabees are called upon to do. Building of causeways, roads, underground shelters, "heads," laying communication cables, building quonset huts and pouring concrete at the water's edge of seaplane ramp.
PERSONNEL

Every piece of equipment and rolling stock was kept in running order at this yard, requiring long shifts and skill in many diversified fields.

Shown above are the progressive stages in the assembling of what was called “The World’s Biggest Jigsaw Puzzle” in a United Press dispatch describing the work of the Century Battalion in the Marshall Islands.

The first picture shows the mass of twisted steel this crew had to start unraveling before they could even find out what it was. Without the aid of blueprints and the unfamiliar construction methods of the Japanese, these men fitted together the puzzle into the structure above. The fact that the steel had been damaged by shell fire hampered, but didn’t discourage them in finishing their unique assignment.
The quonset hut, a type of building introduced in this war, has been used considerably by the Seabee Battalions.

Upper right and below: The Transport Air Group waiting room, which resembled a modern airline station.

It was landscaped by natives under Seabee direction.

These pictures show the various ways in which they can be finished. Lower right: Prefabricated quarters are also used.
CONSTRUCTION PROBLEMS

Under water fuel line, thirty-foot water tower, parachute loft, camouflage, well digging. All are part of a battalion’s function.
Another important phase in the work of Seabees is the building of pontoon docks. Shown here is the birth of such a dock, from the first blasting of coral, to the unloading of deep water ships.

Although every man believes his department is "more important," all phases of a battalion's activity become a part of an overall picture that results in a completed base.

Pontoon docks also require many different trades and equipment operators.
(1) Bakers. (2) Bakers. (3) Slicing meat.
(4) Frying steaks. (5) 7,000 miles from New York. (6) First white women to set foot on this soil. (7) They are received by Captain Grant, the Atoll Commander. (8) Nurses are escorted ashore on Japanese pier.
(9) Entertainment for the ladies.
(1) Championship ping-pong tournament. (2) First library. (3) Backgammon champs. (4) Chess game. (5) Shaving was difficult at first. (6) Drenching rains were used as showers. (7) Bingo game. (8) Comdr. Cavin presents winner of bingo with prize of cherry pie. (9) Cribbage experts.
RECREATION
PLAY BALL!
PERSONNEL

PERSONNEL


On March 14, 1944, Lt. Comdr. P. J. Kullman, Lt. F. G. Geer and Gunner's Mate R. J. Reynolds were awarded the Expert Pistol Shot medal.

These are the first men to receive this honor in the 100th Battalion.
COMBAT AREA FUNERAL
NATIVE LIFE

(1) Village elder poses with his grandson. (2) Native church ceremony. (3) Native girls. (4) Native dress for church, GI clothes and sailor hat. (5) At hospital for natives, the jeep ambulance was the center of attraction.
NATIVE LIFE
(1) Native woman. (2) Native girls rest on outrigger canoe in their Sunday clothes. (3) Native woman poses with her granddaughter. (4) Coming home from church. Dress at left is fashioned from airplane target sleeve. (5) Ex King of Majuro.
(1) Captain Grant explains American principles of democracy to King Langlan. (2) Officials and natives are ushered to their seats. (3) King Langlan receives American medal of freedom from Captain Grant. (4) "Table talk" by interpreter. (5) Atoll Comdr. presents gifts to the natives. (6) King Langlan is served strange American food. (7) Natives trade shells for "C" rations with Seabees. (8) Native girl. (9) Two-year-old princess Langlan tries her first ice cream. (10) The Queen is assisted in unwrapping her presents.
NATIVE LIFE

Right: Village elder. Left: Natives at home and at work.

Hospitals, sanitation, recreation and living quarters are all part of a Seabee assignment, in addition to the airstrip and all its shops, hangars and maintenance.
Japanese civilians and Marine guard.
A flight officer keeps a squadron in shape by having them practice carrier landings on the new airstrip.
(1) First 10 hours of work done on airstrip. (2) Third day. (3) Third day. (4) Fifth day. (5) Seventh day. (6, 7, 8) Eighth day.
(1), (2), (3), and (4) Ninth day. (5) Crippled bomber makes emergency landing on the ninth day. (6) Seabees tow bomber to one side of the strip. (7) Bomber is parked. (8) Captain of plane directs Seabees. (9) Bomber crew which was saved by presence of airstrip.
FIRST LANDING

(1) First amphibious plane "buzzes" airstrip. (2) First amphibious plane lands. (3) Airplane is taxied and parked. (4) Captain of first Navy plane is congratulated by Commander Brimm. (5) Plane's mascot is introduced to all hands. (6) Seabees inspect plane. (7) First dive bomber lands on strip. (8) First fighter lands on strip. (9) Planes are refueled on Majuro for the first time.
1. Pilot gives Casu 30 man instructions. 2. First fighter is serviced. 3. The airstrip grows. 4. Teresa Island parking area for airplanes. 5. Causeway to Teresa Island from Salome is started by Century Seabees. 6. Parking area nearly finished. 7. Bulldozer plows coral for causeway. 8. Parking area completed. 9. First planes parked on area.
CONSTRUCTION

These photographs show various types of planes and incidental mishaps which occurred at this strip.
AERIAL VIEWS OF MAJURO
LAST DAYS ON MAJURO

Living quarters are taken down in preparation for leaving.

Homesickness sets in.

Foxholes are left intact for Maintenance Unit.

Convoy shoves off for Hawaii.

Work done, Seabees wait for orders to board ship.

Seabees sell shell necklaces to all comers en route.

Some are restless. Some are not.

Century arrives again in Hawaii, this time from the "other side."
NEW CAMP

(1) First group to arrive at Moanalua Ridge Seabee Camp. (2) Seabees unload their belongings. (3) Assigned to barracks. (4) Late comers unload. (5) Carrying gear to barracks. (6) "New Home." (7) Work is planned. (8) The usual dust is watered down. (9) Again unloading begins.
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"YOU ARE HEREBY COMMISSIONED for flight duty outside the continental United States," were the words of Comdr. M. B. Guerney on Oct. 5, 1943.

In a colorful ceremony the Century Battalion became part of Acorn 20, viewed by many spectators, among them wives and sweet hearts of the participants.

Chaplain Milne stirred the entire assembly with an earnest and sincere prayer.

Comdr. D. J. Brimm and Lt. McLean received the colors and Acorn Banner presented by Comdr. M. B. Guerney, with concise speeches, punctuated by four Marine pursuit planes roaring past the reviewing stand at frequent intervals.

It was the sort of spectacle that made officers and men alike think soberly and realize we are now ready to become an important cog in the vast war machine constructed for the purpose of eliminating all obstacles in the path of peace. Here at last, is our chance to prove ourselves.

Comdr. L. J. Brimm intimated that the 100th was one of the best battalions and that he was proud to have it included in his command.

He praised Argus 18, Gropac and Casu as the best in their line, and with the combination fused into one we have an unbeatable organization.

The Century band made a fine appearance in this demonstration of their skill, both in marching and playing.

Probably for the first time, a new note was introduced in the form of six guards on horse back, riding in neat formation and bringing up the rear of the entire review.

The parade is over now. Let's take off our "blues" and don coveralls for the job ahead.
Just as this issue of the Century Log marks the advent of a new Battalion activity, so also did our recent commissioning as part of Acorn Twenty mark the advent of another stage in the life of the Century Battalion.

For four months we were growing - we started as a thousand men fresh from "Boot" and a 62 hour liberty. Since then we have learned much: We have learned more of the Navy, the Navy way of living - we have learned of each other - what each man can do, and how to work together.

In these four months, we have welded ourselves from a group of individuals into an organization capable of performing the dual function of a Seabee unit. We have set up the military organization within the Co.'s, and for the Battalion as a whole. Each man having his assignment and job within that organization. For the construction work ahead we have set up an organization similar to that used by all contractors. We have been fortunate in having sufficient time and assignments to utilize these organization plans and to polish their operations.

Now the job is immediately before us. As the CB unit of the Acorn it is our task to go in as the major part of the first wave. Depending on our particular island, we shall either restore damaged Jap installation or construct new facilities. Time is the big factor. We are to get these facilities in operating condition as soon as possible. While we are so occupied, the balance of the Acorn will be establishing itself. Their job is to operate the landing field, maintain the planes keep them fueled, house and feed the pilots and all services contingent to a landing field. The Argus unit of the Acorn operates the radio and radar. The Gropec unit operates the harbor installations such as mines, submarine units, underwater detection, small boat repair and all corollating activities.

We of the Acorn should be proud of our assignment. Our job is big - and important as a link in that chain gradually being forged around the Jap. We of the Century are proud of our assignment to this Acorn. Confident of our Commander and the other units and the ultimate accomplishment of our task.

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By the way, when did you buy your last WAR BOND?

THE ADVENT OF A BATTALION PAPER is a move to fill an urgent need of this group. During the trying days ahead of us, it is vitally important we keep in mind that we are fighting for the very existence of our posterity. (Cont. P.3)
There are a few things which ought to be said about our departure, and the spirit in which we face it.

From here on out anyone who keeps a cheerful, patient, unshaken way about him, will have won a real victory of the spirit and done a real service to his comrades.

Part of the secret of facing our future will be to think of this battle as what it is—the greatest adventure of the Century in which it is our privilege to play a part.

Now is no time to think of turning back, or running away; the job before us is what we've waited and trained for and is a chance at last to strike a blow for freedom and for the protection of our families and homes.

Our cause is just; let us pray God that we do no dishonor to it, and that we go forth not only as our country's soldiers, but as His, May we be guided and strengthened by His hand in days to come.

Scott W. Hubbard, CSF, is a hero before we get there, it seems. Get a load of his record:

World War I, six major offensive battles in France. Suffered mustard gas blindness for eight days and nights, gun wound in knee, shell shock and what have you? He has a footlocker full of ribbons, garnished with six stars, and one silver star, Purple Heart, Victory Medal, Forge de Guerre, then reenlisted in Germany for one year, in the 18th Artillery, Batt. D.

His job with us is a pal to the P.A.L.'s, and doing a fine job of it. Our hats off, Chief!

And now...
Goodbye.
You've given me
To remember always,
A moment of bliss,
 Fragments of dreams.
You go because there's duty
Country and God, I suppose.
I let you go.
There'll be an ocean between us
Which God made wide and deep,
And I can't swim....
And so,
Goodbye.

---Your girl, and Mine.
A WORD FROM HDQTS

Headquarters Co., step child of the battalion, extends congratulations and best wishes for a long and illustrious life to the "Century Log."

In line with Hdqs.'s other service functions, its men are doing the bulk of the work involved in organizing and putting out the paper. This of course, guarantees good results as all services rendered by Hdqs. are the best. (Editor pleads note. If this paper is put out immediately after chow on Saturday morning, delete that last line.)

Recent additions to Hdqs. include all members of the band. The other Co's couldn't put up with their tooting so here they are. We're now trying to arrange a new liberty hill, the band off one night - rest of the battalion off the next.

Ens. Robert L. Blake (Hdqs. Co)

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Change in the line-up, Co. A's loss is Hdqs. gain. Warr. Off. J. P. McAndrews has been assigned to the Hdqs. Co. This is news before it happens. How do we do it?!

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Teacher: "Johnny, what are the two genders?"
Johnny: "Masculine and feminine. The masculines are divided into temperate and intemperate, and the feminines into frigid and torrid."

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Norman (just call me pop) Staples recommends park benches for most anything, including sleeping. For further information see him in the cobler shop. He's the fellow with the heels.

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CO. A

WELCOMES THE NEW
LOG and hopes for it a long, but not too long, and popular career.

This new battalion enterprise releases another field of endeavor in which it is hoped Co. A will be able to hold its own. Of this we are sure, if such men as McAbee can be persuaded to put on paper some of the extraneous wit that they can put out on a moments notice.

There is no doubt that a Battalion newspaper can be of great service and enjoyment to all of us. However, it depends on the cooperation of every member to contribute new items of interest.

Company A is urged to do its part.

Lt. (US) C.C. Wientz
Co. A

MEDICAL DEPT

THE 100th N.C.B. wishes to congratulate the editor and his co-workers for the splendid job they have done in inaugurating this new paper. It will I am sure assume a most important place in this Battalion.

We, of the Medical Department, are proud of our association with the 100th N.C.B., and of the men who make it up.

That intangible something that makes a great organization is present in this Battalion and we know that the Century will make a name for itself that everyone will be proud of.

We want to let the personnel know that the Medical Department of the U.S. N. has issued a very complete medical and surgical unit to this Battalion.

Once we reach our Island X we will be fully equipped to handle most any type of emergency that might arise.
The Century Seabees have broken a couple of records in the financial field. There are few naval activities whose personnel have provided more adequately for their families before shipping overseas than the men of the 100th Battalion.

For example, nine out of every ten men in the outfit have full 10,000 service insurance coverage. Only one man in an hundred have no service insurance now in effect. That's a real record!

Then again, more than eight out of every ten men in the battalion (83.5% to be exact) are sending money home from their pay in the form of dependent allotments, family allowance, or war bond deductions.

So you can say two things about the Century Seabees. They are not only going out to fight the war, but they are providing for their families financially until they return. Good Providers and good fighters!

...........J. A. Herrmann
Lt. (jg), SC

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The Century Seabees have broken a couple of records in the financial field. There are few naval activities whose personnel have provided more adequately for their families before shipping overseas than the men of the 100th Battalion.

For example, nine out of every ten men in the outfit have full 10,000 service insurance coverage. Only one man in an hundred have no service insurance now in effect. That’s a real record!

Then again, more than eight out of every ten men in the battalion (83.5% to be exact) are sending money home from their pay in the form of dependent allotments, family allowance, or war bond deductions.

So you can say two things about the Century Seabees. They are not only going out to fight the war, but they are providing for their families financially until they return. Good Providers and good fighters!

...........J. A. Herrmann
Lt. (jg), SC

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STAFF COMMENT

"DON'T KNOW HOW WE DID IT, BUT WE DID IT" is the song of the staff. The first edition is out and now we can relax and wait a bit for suggestions and criticisms by anyone. Read in all your scuttlebutt, gag, cartoon ideas and see yourself in print. From this and we will endeavor to make this as good, or better than, any Battalion paper in the business. Might as well shoot high, as we have the material in the Century to do it with, meaning you.

So don't start fires with our pride and joy, read it and let us know. Pass it on to others.

Here's a package of thanks to all the officers and men who helped us get under way.

Hope you enjoy it, be seeing you!

INSIDE DOPE

Here it is, First Edition, and perhaps our mates feel it is a little rough in spots. So it is, and with good reason. There are lots of things to be done before we shove off for that much talked of "Island X".

A Couple of Century Log Sleuths took a trip yesterday by flying jeep to Pt. Winsome.

Here our maintenance Officer, L. H. Langer, offered to show us the many things that have to be done before we can say we are ready for the job ahead.

Perhaps it is no military secret that the type and amount of equipment indicates great things ahead for all of us.

Under the supervision of Mr. Sadier, C. A. Lueken, Cam and B. D. Johnson, Cam see to the testing of all heavy units, and promise to "Keep 'em Rolling from now on."

Approximately 25 men per day are used to test the stationary and rolling machinery. A training program is utilized at this time, to discover the men adapted for this work.

For instance, we must keep a hundred men for the operation of heavy equipment alone. This, because of many things that can and will happen as we progress on our project. Heat exhaustion, malaria, just plain fatigue and perhaps the enemy (the hat) will bring men down from the riders seat temporarily. They must be replaced immediately to carry out our "Can Do" motto, which soon will have a significant meaning to all of us.

As the units are brought off the proving grounds, the operators report the condition of the machine down to the smallest detail. Then the mechanics roll up their sleeves and go to work.

This department includes a 100% American, namely John Bercier E/B2C of Co. D. He is a genuine Chippawa Indian. The other experts in their line are Samuel H. Bailey Jr. E/C, Frank S. Lorgan H/C, Edisson O. Skinner E/B2C and Bert C, Pone, E/C.

Anybody that knows him calls him Jimmy, but for the record, Jim Simpson C/C is in charge of heavy equipment.

This includes cranes, bulldozers, shovels and scrapers. The capacity of the units range from three-quarter yard to sixteen yards.

Chief Simpson has been in the racket many years and was an instructor in this field when Peary was that mad covered pup we all knew and loved (??) so well.

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Another thank you goes to the galley boys, with Hadley in charge for the coffee & stuff the night we cranked out this first edition-----.
How does the Century Batt. stack up against the others? What kind of men do we have in our outfit?

These and many other questions are in the minds of many these days before crossing the "Pond".

Just for example Warrant Officer J. P. McAndrews, who was in charge of the rifle range, reports the following:

Gunnery Sergeant Smith was heard to say that the 100th N. C. has set a precedence of 90% of it's men qualifying, both with '03's and carbines.

Not bad; also compliments on the way in which our men willingly and efficiently policed the grounds after the event was over.

The range was handled expertly and quickly by our associates, the U. S. Marines. Nice going, all of you, and keep it up. Our next target really counts.

"Pop" Staples, Montgomery and Plesnivich of the cobbler shop have repaired over a thousand pairs of G.I. Brogues since the 100th has formed.

Nice record, lads---keep em walking ! !

Mechanized War?
The O.O.D. had to paw through stacks of Navy regulations to find out whom to put on report the other day.

One horse and one guard came prancing up to his office, leaving one guard on the deck and one missing horse.

The guard claims the horse brought him there despite his protests.

The question is: who left his post before being relieved?

All rolling stock for the 100th, Acorn 10 and Argus 18 that needs repairing, greasing and maintenance or general garage work falls under the department headed by C.G. Higgins C.M. Diesel engines, requiring a special knowledge of its own, is headed by L. L. Bradley CCM who is also doing a fine job.

We have heard it said, "The American Armed Forces are the best equipped men in the world"

After looking at all that stock in just one department, brother we know it's true.

YEP, ANOTHER CONSPICUOUS FIRST FOR THE LOG.

"Goldbrick," beloved mascot of Co. B. passed away last week. We all mourn his death and are sure that no one will forget the little lop-eared dog that had more personality than a movie star.
BILGE PUMP

"It's a boy!" yells B. E. Flanley S2c of Hdqs. Co. Ships Service. Six pounds of the stuff on Oct. 18, Q625. "Both doing well."

No report on father as yet.

Ted Hetzel S11c, was promised a shower on his birthday. He got it, in a wet sort of way.

Margo Lynne is the nameplate on the new baby in Bob Holt's house. Fighting weight, 7 lbs. 14 oz.

P. A. L. Holt, went home to take pictures of the little gadget, and stops everybody to show them.

Louis Golodny SK2c, has a peculiar expression on his face these days. Recently married, (did you know?), he doesn't know whether to laugh or cry. It seems the stork sat on his shoulder and winked at him.

Does that mean fatherhood, or what?

Chief Scott is disappointed. He wants to call this paper SNAFU. He's probably right, at that.

Just returned from Denver, Colorado and all out of breath is Harold Feisner SC third. All we hear is, "that a big chest" guess he means that new edition, all boy, 7 lbs 4 ozs worth. Mrs. Feisner was very sick, requiring Harold to obtain an emergency leave. She's doing well now and it's good to hear.

Longo, fall out to the tailor shop!!

These Seabees! Here's another future sailor, (if Pop lets him.)

6 lbs., at 1400 muster, the 9th of Nov., goes to R. L. Montgomery, seaman first, Hdqs. Co.

In our article on the review, it just didn't seem right for us to mention that a Seabee named Buchanan got a worm's eye view of the thing.

It was a beautifully executed nose dive that Buck made, and we're having the obstacle removed.

Just handed to us, another bulletin. Guy Susi, Om third-rates a salute. He goes to Peary for officers training. It will be Insign Susi.

That old gag was pulled off successfully again, and in Hollywood, of all places.

I. D. Gulli, of the galley, invited Chief Reiser for dinner there and "discovered" he was without funds.

P.S. The Chief payed for the bill.

A Millionaire went to heaven. St. Peter asked his name, yes, it sounded familiar, so it must be in the great book, but could he think of that he had done while on earth to get his name on the register in heaven? The man of many millions was very sure he could. "Speak up," said St. Peter. And the Millionaire spoke up and said: "One stormy night a little newsboy asked me to buy a paper. I bought one. It was only two cents, but I gave him a nickel for it." St. Peter turned to his clerk, requesting him to see if the deed had been recorded. It had St. Peter thought a moment, then said; "give him his three cents back and tell him to go to hell.
Here's one we gotta tell you. Comdr. Cavin, Lt. McLean and W. W. Lambert are all puffed out of shape over their ability to bag ducks.

It's done with super shotguns and proper shooting attire.

Just between you and me, mates, you should see the nice bag some of the men filled, with sling shots, no less. Another case, strictly true, was three Seabees, who roasted duck on the beach Sunday. Their weapons were a neatly thrown bottle, and G. I. Clothes.

Did you ever notice the two squirrels in the IAA's office? They belong to W. O. Lambert, who has raised them from pups.

How does that line go?
"Birds of a feather--"

L. F. Bishop will trade six liberty cards for gas coupons to drive his wife to Frisco.

The Chaplain's Assistant, Yes Plaisted had some hard luck. His little daughter, hurt in an accident, necessitated an emergency flight to New Jersey.

She is recovering now, and we are all relieved.

Overheard a big Blonde ask, "Tell me again John, how you captured Guadalcanal Single handed."

The Seabee replied, "It was this way, Virginia--" "Yes, it was John O'Toole SC 2nd doing the narrating in L. A. the other night."

We asked Geo. (Pop) Dye, pistol packing papa of the mess hall, how he hurt his foot. The gruff answer was, "Tripping over goldbricks."

Wonder whom he meant?

A salute to Chief James M. Oliver, waiting for orders to report to Officer's Training.

He's an Ensign, no less.
The only badges which may be worn at the present time by members of the 100th Battalion are C.B badges and divers badges for those so designated by the Commanding Officer. Illegal wearing of badges is a serious offence and is punishable under Naval law.

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