A log road is made through the jungle mud on Rendova Island. Cocoanut palms felled along the route served as a ready supply of road building material. Heavy artillery of the Marines was carried over this road to a point where it was in range of the Jap stronghold at Munda.
Aside from their motto—"Construimus Batuimus" (We build, we fight)—there is nothing classical about the Seabees. This newest branch of the Navy, the Seabees—262,000 strong—is composed of the toughest, most resourceful and energetic bunch of builders, dockwallopers, repair men, and anti-boobytrap operators this war has seen. As such, the Seabees are something of an anomaly in the ceremonies and traditions of the Navy. But old traditions are somewhat foreign to this outfit of horny-handed, cussing, gun-toting construction workers. Not young themselves—their average age is around 28—the Seabees have built a lusty new tradition of their own. "Can Do" is the Seabee watch word from the Arctic wastes of the Aleutians to the steaming jungles of the southwest Pacific, from the central pacific to the Atlantic.

A Seabee and his heavy bomber (bulldozer) at work in a South Pacific jungle. Notice the fallen coconuts.
Equipped to work AND fight, this Seabee leads the disembarking procession down the gangplank on the arrival of a transport at a South Pacific port.

This war's two-ocean Navy and its air arm are impotent without their global girdle of bases, and an island remains useless until it has been transformed into a base. Without the back-breaking work of the Seabees, there would be fewer front-page stories of Jap flotillas or aircraft sent
the ranks of 59 different building trades, men began to answer the call—veterans of the last war eager to get their licks in, men with large families eager to do their bit, blacksmiths, crane operators, plumbers, oilers, electricians, welders.

Before long, because the volunteers included many men in their forties (the age limits were set at 17 to 50), the Navy began to call the Seabees "Grandpops." However, events have shown that those "grandpops" had the stuff and are one of the best parts of the Navy.

Only meager training facilities and equipment
Husky Seabees strain in unison to move a seven-inch Naval gun to its emplacement on a hillock at a South Pacific Base.
Soabees roll in the barrels. The drums are filled with aviation gasoline.

were available for the first Seabees, because the program was organized so quickly. The first Seabees were sent overseas under-equipped. Typical of the early phases of the war when the whole country was so unprepared, these men of the construction battalions called themselves "confused bastards." By the spring of 1942, however, Seabee training camps were being set up.

For the past year or so, the Seabee "boot" has been given eight to 12 weeks of intensive training. He has learned close and extended order drill like an infantryman. He has learned to run a hellish obstacle course complete with pyramids, water hazards, dugouts, gun emplacements. He has learned marksmanship and use of the bayonet.

Parks and the other Seabee camps are equipped with schools for nearly every building skill. In the machine shop the Seabee learns how to do repair work which will fall to him overseas. He becomes familiar with the types of bulldozers he will operate in clearing an airplane landing strip or a barracks site. He has met his versatile all-purpose mechano set, the pontoon gear.

The over-all Seabee organization is broken down
into five different types of units in which exist a high degree of specialization and jack-of-all-trade versatility. The first is the Seabee construction battalion, totalling 1,080 men and 32 officers. Within this battalion are super-specialists with each man sifted in training into the niche for which he is best fitted; there is no such thing as a Seabee company made up only of iron workers, or carpenters, or bulldozer operators. While each gang has its specific work to perform the Seabee scheme necessitates that all turn to and serve as helpers to any other trade. When there is a wood barracks to be built, the iron workers, the steam fitters, and the electricians lend a hand to the carpenters who lead the show. Similarly, if the job is in metals, the carpenters pass the tools and take

A Seabee tractor backs from shore to ramp over a submerged steel mat. The shot was taken at Port Hueneme, California.
orders from the metal workers. This diversification has been largely responsible for making each Seabee battalion into a versatile, closely-knit team capable of performing construction miracles.

The second type of Seabee unit is the "specialist battalion"—a euphemistic name for the Seabee stevedores who have done so much to relieve the cargo loading and unloading bottleneck which threatened logistics earlier in the war. Each special battalion consists of 1,010 men and 34 officers, most of them "dock wallopers" who've learned to call themselves logisticians.

Not many months ago, freighters were being lost only a few hundred yards from their destination, waiting their turn to be unloaded by civilians or untrained members of the combat services.

Trees and logs are put in place by Marines and Seabees for a bridge across a jungle stream on New Britain Island.
Ships tied up for days, even weeks, were perfect targets for enemy attack. This situation was relieved only by the arrival of hook-slinging Seabee specials, who on one recent occasion handled 31 ships with a total of 61,891 tons of freight in the remarkable time of 23 days. Today Seabee specials are getting ships unloaded and turned around days ahead of old schedules.

The third type of unit is the Seabee maintenance unit. Today, when a construction battalion has completed the work of building a base, it is generally relieved by a maintenance unit. A battalion in miniature of 275 men and officers, the maintenance units defend what their mates have built, repair and improve and where necessary finish left-over projects.

The fourth type of unit is little known but extremely important—the Seabee Marine detachment. In order to release fighting Marines on a hazardous landing from the specialized job of running equipment ashore, a Seabee Marine detachment is attached to each Marine division. These Seabees wear Marine uniforms, and as an integral part of the Marines in landing and fighting operations, they not only do the regular job of a construction battalion, but form important Marine combat units as well.

The fifth type of unit, the demolition unit, handles the man-killing job of destroying obstructions and traps placed to hinder beach landings. These units, made up of one officer and four men each, many of them former "hard rock men," have undergone a special toughening-up. They have been
Bulldozers clear a road to the site where a dock will be built on Emireu Island, to facilitate unloading of LSTs (Landing Ship, Tank).
coached in the uses of dynamite. They have been taught how to destroy bridges, mine fields, roads, barbed wire entanglements and docks. They have learned to lay mine fields and booby traps and how to detect and dismantle the enemy's. They work on the land but they also work under sea.
Before the first assault wave lands, Seabee demolition units are at work, often in the dead of night, unearthing from the sea near the beach "horn scullies," those upended and sharpened rails placed in V formation which can rip the bottom out of an LCT.

The demolition units know how to clear the harbors choked with our own and enemy debris. Because they know how to use explosives under water, the demolition of a sunken ship is a comparatively simple job for them. They are also skilled in placing explosives alongside a grounded ship in such a way that the suction which holds it is broken, thus enabling tugs to extricate it.

The Seabee's Island X is everywhere, from Iceland to Asia. But a list of X's tells nothing of the obstacles overcome and the skill and ingenuity shown by the fighting Seabees. At Attu and Kiska, the Seabees were among the first to land. There they swung from ropes in a driving rain to chisel footholes in the solid rock of steep cliffs in order to construct a tract for a traveling carriage. Before the last assault boat had landed, the Seabees were at work replacing poorly constructed
Jap installations. In the teeth of gales, bottomless tundra, sleet, snow, and fantastic williaw storms, they hacked landing strips out of solid rock in record time. Swampy tundra gave way to smooth hard roads. Seabees dove into icy waters to erect wharves and docks. They worked in short spurts in water up to 108 feet deep, and so cold that hose carrying air to them frequently froze. For many Seabees, there was never a three-day period when they were not in the bone-chilling water.

Seabee battalions have been in with the assault waves on almost every amphibious operation in the

Seabees unload their supplies and equipment, to clear the jungles, roll the airport and put the metal strips together to form an airfield. The scene is in the Bougainville jungles.
This is the Bougainville airstrip, in preparation.

South Pacific. They attack the job of hacking airfields out of the island jungles with assurance. Often these airfields were completed in days instead of weeks. On Munda, for example, the bomb-ravaged Jap field was put into usable condition in eight days. On Tarawa, the airstrip

A little difficulty is encountered in the building of a jungle road. But the Seabees soon had everything under control.
Bringing the war to the Italians, LST formed a large part of the huge armada that landed men and supplies on the shores of Sicily. Jeeps roll from one craft as another stands by, jaws open, ready to unload. Notice the pontoon causeway over which the jeep comes ashore.

which hours before had been a major threat to the U. S. position in the Pacific, was put into shape for U. S. planes by the time the last Jap had been exterminated.

In other theatres of the war, the Seabees have been equally active. They were the first American detachment to land in Africa. They were in the first wave at Casablanca. As the U. S. and British forces rolled eastward, the Seabees rolled with them. The Seabee demolition units were out in front blasting barbed wire entanglements, locating and detonating booby traps and land mines. They built housing and hospital facilities. Water supply and purification were also in their hands.

Seabees were in the vanguard at Sicily and at Salerno. With the invasion forces under a hell of fire from the shore batteries, enemy bombers, and tiger tanks which blasted men and equipment to bits on every side, the Seabees unloaded thousands of pieces of equipment, cleared space for dressing stations, blasted barbed wire entanglements and took part in the fight. Within two days they had turned the bloody beach of Salerno into a temporary base of operations.

Seabees landed in France with the first of the assault forces.

Seabees have improvised materials, tools, and parts wherever they have been stationed. Ma-
hogany and teakwood have been used to build the humblest sheds and shelters. Coke bottles have been used as insulators when a power line had to be extended. Empty gasoline drums have been drafted for a variety of uses—roofing, shoring, drainage systems, shower baths, culverts, ovens, grills, trusses, baffles, piping, and even canoes.

In the midst of a world dedicated to destruction, the Seabees are busy building, repairing, salvaging, and fighting to maintain what they have wrested from the jungle and the waste. When victory comes, we believe that it will be in no small part due to the achievements of the fighting Seabees.
36TH U. S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

CAMP PARKS
SHOEMAKER CALIFORNIA
From: The Officer-in-Charge
To: The Officers and Enlisted Men of the 36th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion.

I am thankful for this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to each of you for your loyal cooperation in establishing the 36th U. S. Naval Construction Battalion as one of the best units in the Seabees.

The work was often hard and difficult and conditions were very trying. Equipment broke down and repair parts were almost impossible to obtain, but we always managed to get each job completed in a speedy and workmanlike manner. Each and every one of you is entitled to the same share of praise, regardless of rank or rate, for it was only through the combined effort of all of you that we were able to make such a good record.

The organization is one of which I am justly proud. Your accomplishments have been frequently commended by high ranking Army and Naval officers under whom we have served.

Your spirit of willingness and tireless efforts helped materially to insure the success of our forces in the Pacific area.

Edward R. Cregg

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HISTORY OF THE 36TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

The 36th Naval Construction Battalion was commissioned at Camp Bradford, Virginia, in November of 1942. This auspicious occasion marked the close of 30 days of boot training, during which the personnel had not only been indoctrinated in Naval customs and procedure, but had also become familiar with all of the special types of equipment and other gear that the Seabees use as tools to accomplish their given tasks.

Immediately after being commissioned, the 36th Battalion left for a short stay at Camp Peary, Virginia, and then entrained for the Construction Battalion debarkation center at Hueneme, California. Here they were outfitted completely, and by January, 1943, were off to the South Pacific.

February of 1943 saw the 36th at Espiritu Santo—the largest island of the New Hebrides Group. At that time Espiritu Santo was the springboard from which attacks were made upon Guadalcanal and the other Solomon Islands. It was also the port to which many battle-scarred veterans of the Solomon Islands Naval engagements limped to have their repairs made. These important facilities necessitated the building of air strips, docks, roads and hospitals, and, too add to the interest, whenever the help of specialists was required in ship repairs, crews were also furnished for that. Those early days of the Asiatic Pacific campaign were significant in many respects, but the most important to the Seabees was that it gave them an opportunity to prove to everyone that modern warfare could not be properly executed without an organization such as theirs. With that realization their pride of accomplishment soared—especially so because a constructor’s greatest satisfaction is in seeing structures rise where nothing existed before.

The Espiritu Santo of February, 1943, was a fertile field for a Seabee Battalion to display its wares—and in a matter of six months, a veritable mud hole had been converted into an up-to-date island base.

By September of 1943, the Solomons campaign was definitely moving northwards. Our air forces and ground troops were moving up daily—to islands where it was not feasible to bring large ships. This meant that men and supplies had to be transhipped from Guadalcanal by LST’s, and facilities for the exchange were necessary.

It was decided to build a transhipment center at Banika, in the Russell Islands—and the 36th Battalion got the job forthwith.

They left Espiritu Santo early in September, 1943, and four days later were clearing jungle in the Russell Islands. The original plan had been to complete one dock in 40 days, with a second dock, ten warehouses and a transhipment camp as soon thereafter as possible. Everyone “turned to” with a will and, nineteen days after starting the first dock a ship was tied up and unloading! Three days after that time another ship was tied up at the second dock, and a week later both the warehouse area and transhipment camp were completed.

In a matter of two short months the campaign again moved northward, this time to Bougainville, the furthest island of the Solomon Group. Our ground forces were invading, and it suddenly became necessary to build an air strip to allow for both offensive and defensive air action. Again the 36th Battalion was called upon to demonstrate their “Can Do” spirit.

A hasty departure from Banika required that equipment and other gear be stripped to a minimum. Everything that was not considered absolutely essential was disposed of, and on November 24 the Battalion moved northward in four LST’s with every bit of equipment loaded into trucks and trailers. Within two hours of the time the LST’s hit the beach at Bougainville they were away again—empty, and the 36th once again rolled up their sleeves and went to work.

The proposed location of the bomber strip to be built was still in enemy territory, so slowly and cautiously every piece of equipment was moved through dense jungle. The very next morning the enemy forces were somewhat chagrined and mortified to find bulldozers roaring under their very noses, punctuated occasionally by the explosion of dynamite.

Work on the strip continued 24 hours a day—a crew of mechanics stood by to repair any bulldozer that faltered, while blasting crews removed trees which were too obstinate for a 20-ton bulldozer to handle.

When the first 500 feet of the strip was completed it was immediately put to use by the small Piper Cub planes which acted as artillery observers; on the nineteenth day a bomber made the first major landing.

One month after work had been started, the Piva strip was completed, and within another fortnight all necessary facilities were added.
Thus was another link in the chain to Tokyo secured.

During the first two months on Bougainville, the 36th Battalion was subjected to nightly bombing attacks—and in March of 1944 the enemy ground forces counterattacked with everything at their command. Their aim was to knock out the bomber strip, and they literally peppered it with shells, but due to the efficiency of the repair crews, at no time was the field out of operation for more than a half hour. As a result of this enemy action, during the month of March, 1944, the follow-

Volkers, D. E., BM2c, Commendation ribbon.
For the strip construction, the following were commended:
Deichler, L. V. C., Commander, Bronze Star.
Cregg, E. R., Lieutenant Commander, Commendation ribbon.

In August of 1944, the 36th Battalion once again packed their gear—but this time to return to the States for a well-earned rest. They stopped at New Caledonia where for a short while, they became reacquainted with civilization—and on September 18, arrived at San Francisco.

At the present time of writing, the 36th Battalion has been entirely reorganized and has completed a two-month refresher course in Technical and Military training at Camp Parks, Shoemaker, California. They are now preparing to re-embark for points unknown.

In Memoriam:
Burton Reid Foster, S2c—Died November 28, 1943, of gunshot wound.
Herbert Jackson Raffles, S1c—Died December 27, 1943, of construction accident.
Edward Ernest Early, EM1c—Died January 5, 1944, of construction accident.
SOUTH PACIFIC ACTIVITIES

Former Commanding Officer, Lt. Commander L. V. C. Deichler, taken at Espiritu Santo, June, 1943

Coral pit on Bay road, Espiritu, Santo
Left: Pipe line, bomber strip No. 1 to aviation overhaul, Espiritu Santo

Tank farm, Aore Island, New Hebrides Islands

Well, pump and tank serving pipe line to aviation overhaul, Espiritu Santo
Aviation overhaul, quonset building, Espiritu Santo

Aviation Supply Annex, Espiritu Santo

Row of quonset building, Pallikulo peninsula
Pontoon assembly and launching at Banika, Russell Islands

Planes taking off from Bougainville for a strike
To the Left, Top to Bottom: Swing band in officers' mess ... 36th Battalion taken at Espiritu Santo ... Transportation Group, Banika ... Cooks in galley.

Dedication services of chapel.

Officer group, on S. S.
Espiritu Santo, May, 1943

"Island Mail" (at sea)

Battalion officers, Banika

Cooks and bakers, DMS "Brastagi"
Camp scene, Bougainville

Drafting Section at Espiritu Santo

Unloading crew at Espiritu Santo

Dedication of chapel at Espiritu Santo
Bomber air strip under construction at Bougainville

Coral pit, Bay road, Espiritu Santo

Parachute loft, aviation overhaul, Espiritu Santo
Jack Benny show with Carol Landis at Noumea, New Caledonia
BACK IN THE STATES...

Lt. Commander Cregg  
Lt. Pratt  
Lt. Wheeler

Office workers

The dentist checks the boys' teeth  
Physical check-ups and shots in the arm
DRILL AND FIRING LINE PRACTICE
Mess hall and chow line

Left: In the kitchen; Bottom: Getting a clothing issue
Classroom instruction in unexploded ordnance

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From: Commander Construction Troops.
To: Officer in Charge, 36th Naval Construction Battalion
Via: Headquarters, 10th U.S. Naval Construction Brigade

Subject: Commendation.

1. On this day that the Awashi Airfield has been placed in operation, I commend you and all of the Officers and men of your Battalion for the excellent work you have accomplished. By careful planning, hard work and tireless effort you have done in two months a task that many considered impossible.

2. You have struck a telling blow against our enemy as the airplanes that will operate from your field will strike at the heart of Japan.

3. Please accept my compliments and thanks for a good job, well done.

/s/ A.G. Bisset
A.G. Bisset
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10TH U.S. NAVAL CONST. BRGD.
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San Francisco, California.

4 July 1945

To: Officer in Charge, 36th Naval Const. Battalion.
Via: Officer in Charge, 42nd Naval Const. Regiment.

Subject: Commendation.

1. Forwarded with pleasure and with concurrence with Commander
Construction Troops commendation.

/s/ Roy M. Harris
Roy M. Harris
Captain, CEC USNR,
Deputy Officer in Charge.

SECOND ENDORSEMENT to:
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1 July 1945

42nd NAVAL CONST. REGIMENT
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San Francisco, California.

6 July 1945

To: Officer in Charge, 36th Naval Const. Battalion.

1. Forwarded with congratulations.

/s/ Paul F. Jensen
PAUL F. JENSEN
Lt. Comdr. CEC, USNR
Acting Officer in Charge.

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John H. Wilson
Engr. CEC USNR
Personnel Officer
HEADQUARTERS, MARINE AIRCRAFT GROUP FOURTEEN,
c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, Calif.

2 July 1945.

From: Commanding Officer.
To: Commanding Officer, 56th N. C. B.

1. To the numerous praises you and your battalion have already received, let me add on behalf of Marine Aircraft Group Fourteen our gratitude and admiration for the stupendous job you have just accomplished. When they gave you a job anyone else would have called it impossible, you turned to with your characteristic teamwork and know-how and completed the assignment ahead of schedule.

2. Everyone of us is proud to be associated with the Seabees. When this war is over and the menace of the yellow bastards from Japan has been wiped from the face of the earth, any one of you can find a welcome at my front door by saying, "I was with the C.B.'s at Awaso".

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Richard Lindner, Chairman and wife Joyce
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Johnson, Reino & Vergie

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