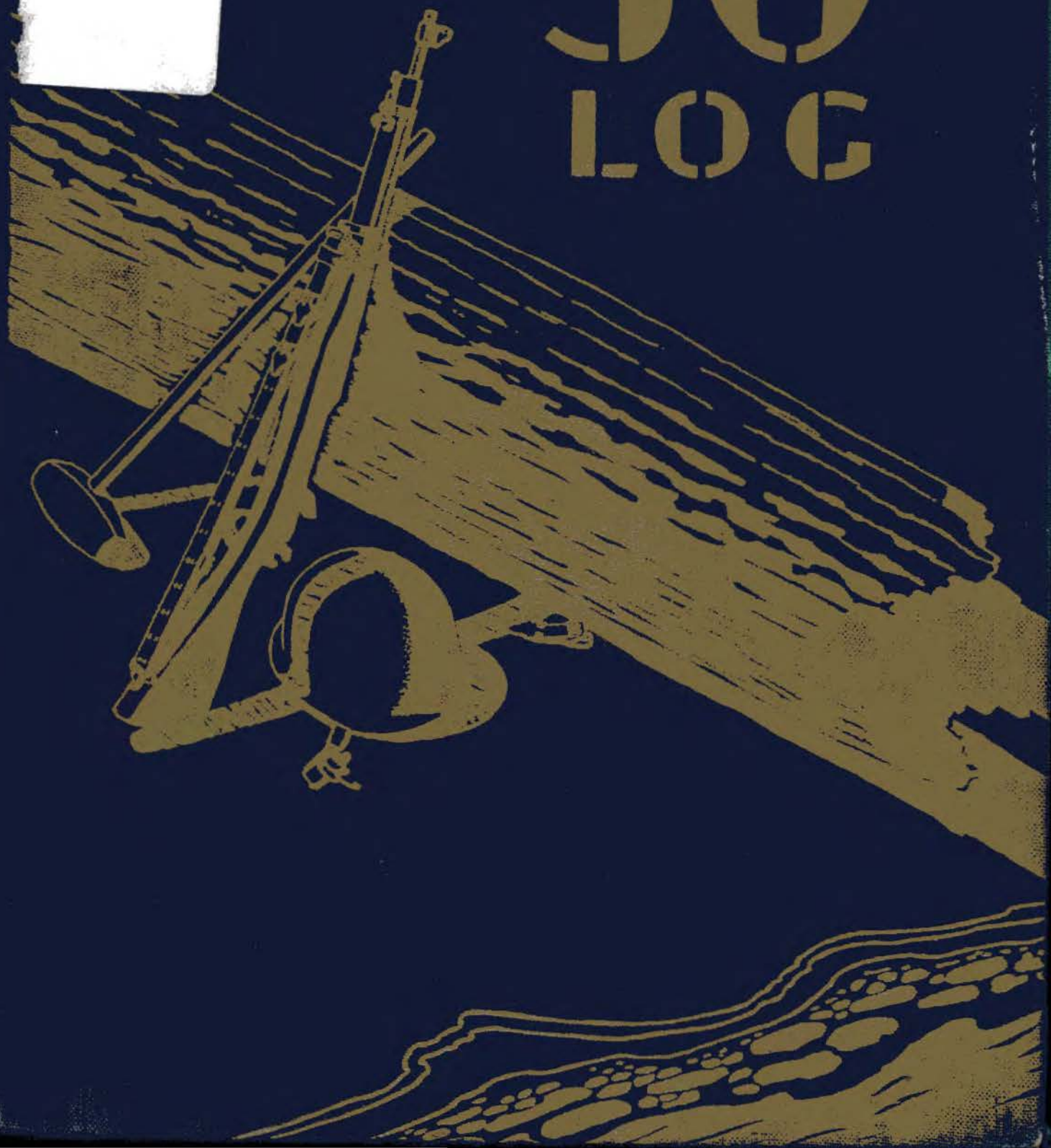
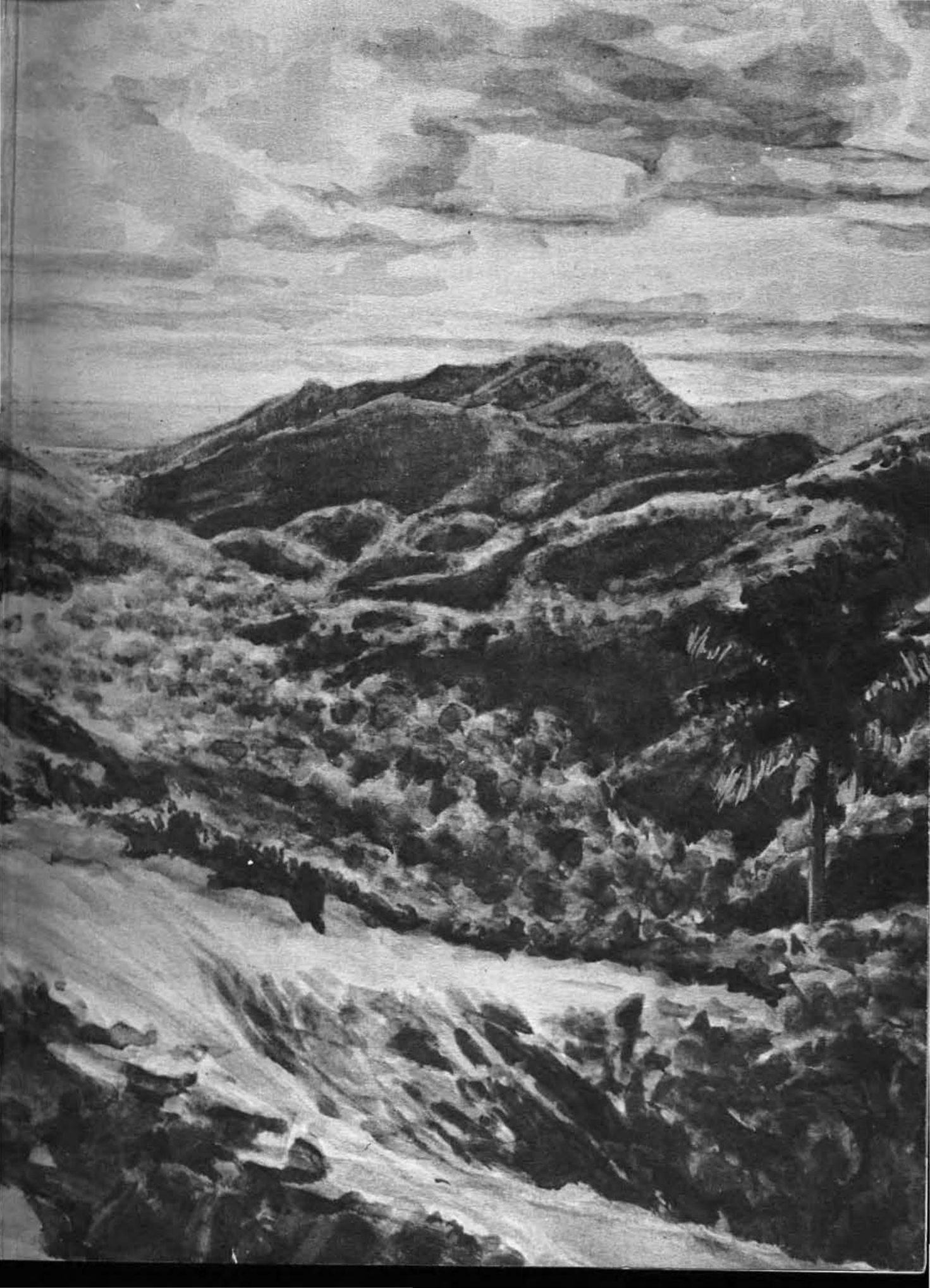


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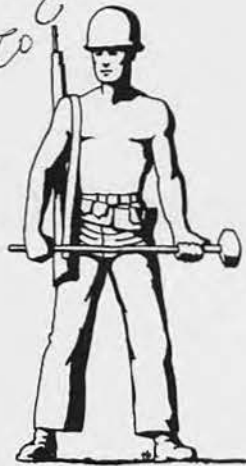


# DEDICATION

We, the Seabees of the Thirtieth Battalion, dedicate this book to those Seabees who have so valiantly given their lives on the many battlefronts of this war.

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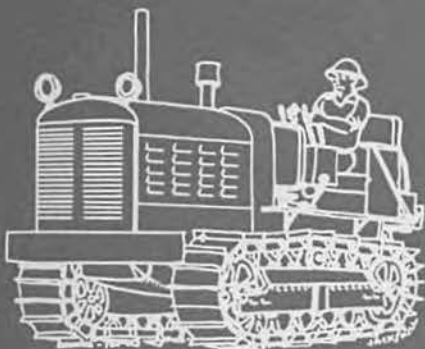
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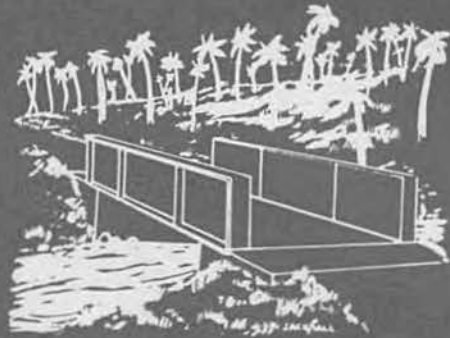
ALTHOUGH the Log of the 30th Construction Battalion is not yet closed, most of us already realize that our service in this war will be remembered as the greatest and most worthy single diversion in our lives.

Any additional entries in our Log, recorded before our goal, the end of the war, is reached, will be as worthy as those we made in the past.

Your splendid co-operation together with your power and ability to complete any task or assignment unusually well has made my duty as Officer-in-Charge of the 30th Battalion an honor and a distinction.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "C. J. Geiger". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.





D. H. OVERMAN  
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#### THE 30TH LOG

THIS book will always be one of my most prized possessions because my association with the officers and men of the 30th will remain a pleasant and rewarding memory. It is a source of great satisfaction to me to have served with this organization since its beginning in the late summer of 1942, first as Company A Commander and later as Executive Officer.

We can all look back to our first foreign duty assignment with justifiable pride and with the knowledge that we have all contributed a share in the fulfillment of our Country's War Aims. We are confidently preparing for our next assignment and we are thankful for another opportunity to back with our skill and our lives, if need be, those principles of Freedom which our country has given us.

I am proud to have lived and worked with the men of the 30th and it is my sincere hope that I may be permitted to continue until the Victory is won and we can all return to our families and loved ones together.

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The Water



It was on September 15th, 1942 that a new life began for those men who ultimately were to form the 30th United States Construction Battalion. On that hot, muggy day that can be experienced only in Virginia, and to these men whose previous experience had always been to wear what was most comfortable, the heavy blue uniform only served to accentuate the new mode of life they had begun.

One who has never experienced it cannot understand the forelorn, lonesome feeling of that first day. An incomparable haircut which ruins once and for all any illusions of manly beauty and the struggle to carry a burden of G.I. gear which in our former life we would think an imposition only increased our discomfort. And to add insult to injury our I. D. picture was taken on that same miserable day.

As if the first taste of the military was not shock enough we were sent to Camp Bradford, an area in the early stages of construction, for our "boot" training. It was there that we were whipped into shape and for the first few days learned to know what stiffness really meant. For men so recently from civilian life the unceasing drill and strict routine was hard but we realize now how necessary it was from a military standpoint and how much it contributed toward welding us into friends and shipmates who were to have a pleasant and fruitful cruise together.

We learned that the Navy meant what it said when it called the boot training area,

"detention." We were detained within those fences for three weeks of indoctrination and it seemed that at every turn we got shots. The "needle" was flourished so often that we wondered whether we were pin cushions or construction men. How we looked forward to finishing our term and being able to enjoy such luxuries as the beer garden and liberty.

In the rain (and at Bradford there is no rain without mud), we moved into Tent City. Had we been coming from any place except detention we would probably have been ready to move right out again.

The battalion was born on October 10th, 1942 when our colors were received from Commander and Mrs. Harry Boles. When Mrs. H. Boles, as our sponsor, presented the colors, we were officially commissioned the Thirtieth United States Naval Construction Battalion. Our commander said there was a lump in his throat when he was told, "These are your colors to guard and protect." We knew what he meant as we saw our battalion in dress formation for the first time and first felt that "esprit de corps" which has carried us through to this day.

The advanced training was made up chiefly of the ever-present details of boot, with mess duty and the "honey wagon" heading the list and guard duty and the cleaning details following in order. We did, of course, finally get to shoot the '03 rifle which we had been handling for months. Nor can we fail to mention the stalwart Marines who directed our military adventures. To recall to your memory the rather

lengthy hike we enjoyed with these chums should be sufficient. The evenings were spent principally at the movies or in the beer garden, a picturesque and popular place. Surrounded by a log fence to prevent too rapid invasion and with numerous tables placed on ground worn smooth from many feet, the "garden" became the nightly rendezvous. Many a hogshead was polished off and the general good spirits of the men testified to its contribution to morale. Liberty at Bradford consisted of Virginia Beach, Norfolk and surrounding towns. As our time in Virginia was short, little can be said of these places.

Then came that blessed time of five days leave. We all have a corner reserved in our memory of that happy period of our first leave as full-fledged Seabees and the inevitable comment, "It was too short."

In no time at all we were again at Bradford preparing to take another step toward our goal of Island "X". Entrained in assorted Pullmans in three sections, we began our trip south. The first and third sections ate in attached diners but it was the good fortune of those on the second section to see more intimately at least two places on the trip down. At Atlanta, Georgia we were marched to the Chamber of Commerce building where we were given a grand meal. That evening we stopped again, this time at Mobile, Alabama where we dined in the delightful "Plantation Room" of the Battle House. It was there we first heard John Threlfall's inimitable rendition of "You're over the hill, brother! You're over the hill."

Upon our arrival in Gulfport, the usual scuttlebutt began immediately as to when, why, and in which direction we would go. But after one false alarm we resigned ourselves to an indefinite stay. The conditions at Camp Hollyday were the best we had yet met and we were quite pleased



*Saucier rifle range.*

and contented—for the time being any way.

At Hollyday we worked on various projects such as the gate of the rifle range, preparation of the armory, camouflage at the pistol range and the baseball diamond and bleachers. We did some work at the piers and also remodeled the recreation hall of a local Catholic parish. A great number of us shall never forget the early morning call of Chief Balfe, "Timber!!!"

The surrounding country was of just the right nature for our liberty and Gulfport, Pass Christian, Henderson's Point, Bay St. Louis and Biloxi afforded us with the best of hospitality. Such places as "Leo's", "The Silver Moon", and "The Embassy", have a warm spot in our heart for many a pleasant evening's entertainment. For those who loved good food, "Angelo's" was the haven; steaks, spaghetti and sea food were plentiful.

*Jet propulsion.*





*Captain's Mast.*

After two or three false alerts we finally shoved off from Camp Hollyday. Where to nobody knew. That is, nobody except the civilian population of Gulfport, who informed us that we were headed for Trinidad. The train ride to the embarkation port was uneventful but when we came out of the sunny south and had to stand close to four hours on the wind swept icy piers, we soon wished that we were back in the land of cotton. As we waited impatiently for the baggage to be loaded aboard many an unanswered question crossed our minds. The practical couldn't wait to be shown to their warm state rooms or a seat at the Captain's table. Others wondered when they would again touch foot on native soil. This wait was endured on an empty stomach as we well remember, the last twenty-four hours of our trip being foodless Tuesday, (so it was said). The first casualty of the Thirtieth occurred during this wait when a good sized icicle let go its hold and steered a direct course for the head of a yeoman. The poor mate had never seen ice before — except in a Tom Collins — and the attack was a complete surprise. War is so unfair.

Finally the order came and we boarded

the gallant old transport for the last leg of our journey to Trinidad. To eat, was the subject uppermost in our minds, so we didn't bother to take inventory of our quarters until after we had "chowed down." We partook hungrily of the beans, which seemed to be our faithful dish, and they almost tasted good when washed down with some of the ship's infamous coffee. In a short time, with our stomachs filled once more, we were ready to explore our domain and hit the sack.

To describe the various compartments of the ship would take too long, so we will take compartment seven as typical. Lying three decks down and below the water line, adjoining the boiler and engine room, compartment seven had an odor all its own. The bunks were three tier affairs sandwiched close together for real companionship. It was a lucky night for any of us when one of our mates missed stepping in our face while crawling in or out of the sack, or when we woke up without someone's foot in our mouth. It was nice and quiet in seven (when the engines weren't going),

*The land of the humming-bird.*





and there was no danger of lights keeping us awake. The only light at night was that little red one way in the corner, put there so that we wouldn't stumble on the fire guard while groping our way to the head. No cool breezes fanned our cheeks after "secure ship." The heat was difficult for even the hardiest to endure.

Three other ships accompanied us in the convoy and far out on each flank and to the stern were the ever faithful watch dogs, the escort vessels. Soon we sighted what later proved to be the coast of Cuba and in late afternoon we slipped in past the nets and dropped anchor in the Bay. For four days we "lay to" under the hot tropic sun. Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were spent there and a fine dinner was served, but being the first Christmas away, spirits were low and all were anxious to shove off to our destination.

The day after Christmas found us once more on the high seas and the next day the coast of Haiti could be seen far off the port side. Just before sighting the coast of Trinidad, we had the first and only bad scare. That night the boys had orders to keep life jackets on and be on their toes. The first light of dawn brought us all on deck, cheered by the sight of the first Cata-

*Main Street after.*

lina flying overhead, Torpedo Junction safely past.

The yawning Bocas, or Dragon's Mouth, before us was like a gateway to heaven and the men crowded the decks for a look at this foreign land as we slipped through the high walls of the rocky coast on each side. Little did we realize then that the shores we gazed upon, the "Land of the Humming Bird", would be our home for the next thirteen months. We squeezed past a monster dredge that was scooping up the ocean bottom and spewing it out on the land for fill, and approaching the dock we could see some of the black inhabitants with whom we were to work during the ensuing months.

The Naval Operating Base extended along the shore at the foot of mountainous country for a considerable distance, half hidden by jungle foliage. Trucks and buses took us along the muddy road to a little, sloping valley between high hills and there nestled amid coconut palms were the barracks, our tropical homes. At first, there was an abundance of mud and poor roads but that trouble was soon eliminated and the area became quite livable. Quarters were spruced up, water was drained off by proper ditching

*Main Street before.*







*Here's that Fire Power.*

and the roads were put into working shape. Some realistic coconut log bridges were built to facilitate entrance to out of the way barracks, the grounds were policed and it soon showed signs of our occupation.

Early priority was given to our Ship's Service facilities. Two quonset huts were built on a spot leveled out of the hill side. A rustic bamboo fence encircled the area, tables were set up and some "super" coolers made for the beer and coke. Needless to say, the Thirtieth liked its beverages and the best was none too good. After consuming some of the warm liquid that other detachments passed out, the really cold "nut brown amber" of our garden was like liquid gold. Many a beer, song and wild story passed around beneath the palms and cool tropic breezes and the memory of the hours spent there will mellow with age.

Out of the jungle growth at the end of our area was carved the base's finest theater patterned after the best American style. With its two dressing rooms, colored footlights, two sets of overhead lights, a sailcloth cyclorama, movie screen and loud speaker, it was the entertainment spot of the base. The black top seating arena, comfortable seats, a head in the rear, fine boxing equipment built just for use on the stage — all was created for the better enjoyment of the men of the Thirtieth. The blue Caribbean sky overhead, the lush evening winds

in the palms and the million and one stars above were an appropriate setting for an evening with Lamour, LaMar or some of the seductive girls of the U.S.O.

Ship Service also provided the "Ye olde clip joint," a tailor shop, store and cobbler shop. We were a complete and independent unit and much of our success can be attributed to their excellence.

Our mess hall and gallery produced the best and heartiest meals on the base and with quick and efficient service. A meal,

*Port of Spain.*



long to linger in memory, was the feast served on New Year's Day, 1943. The food was excellent and plentiful, and after the chow aboard ship, it came as a rare treat. All during our stay on this island we were provided with three good meals a day and the commissary department, the cooks and mess cooks deserve a rousing cheer for their work.

We threw up a new administration building in record time, headquarters for the orders which guided our work in maintenance, construction and the business of the battalion. In the field of major construction our efforts were secondary. Our chief job was the maintenance of the base but several sizable projects were completed adding much to the appearance and efficiency of the command. The road to Scotland Bay was our toughest project. The men had to cut through solid rock most of the way and dust and heat did not ease the work. But the road went through and later a complete recreation center was built at the bay. Our men on the Maracas Road detail did a job there that would have amazed even the most agile of mountain goats, as they maneuvered around the high rock cliffs and constant landslides. The quarry from which most of the material for concrete was secured, employed a crew of our men and at just about the same time every day the

earth could be felt to quiver and a cloud of red-gray dust would ascend into the sky; Thirtieth men on the job again. A group of our men laid out and constructed the Greenwood B.O.Q. where our officers were later quartered. On the base were a dozen and one crews engaged in road construction, earth moving, barracks building and innumerable small construction projects.

The main effort of the battalion was devoted to base maintenance and in that capacity they excelled, as was recorded in a commendation from the base Commandant. Our men were engaged in every department on the base and in most cases were directly in charge. Many worked in oil supply, water supply, production and distribution of electricity, operation of communications, malaria control, refrigeration, elevator maintenance, distillation plants, transportation and motor pool, and a labor board that handled employment problems of thousands of native workmen. Our shop men labored on drafting and design, on plumbing, sheet metal work, in the carpenter shop, heavy equipment, naval garage, machine shop and paint shop. In the field we covered road maintenance, soil erosion, landscaping, sanitation, radio antennae erection and carpentry construction on floating dry docks, power houses, quay walls and finger piers. Unmentioned are dozens of small but equally

*Rocks and shoals.*



vital projects completed by Thirtieth Men.

Not only were we active on Trinidad but detachments were sent to such outposts as British Guiana, Curacao, and Surinam, Dutch Guiana.

All was not work on the island, even though it did take up, eight hours a day, sometimes more. The recreational facilities were abundant on the base and Port of Spain, Tunapuna, San Juan, and a number of other towns provided certain liberty attractions. There were always plenty of baseball, basketball and softball games and boxing matches were staged at different inter-

play such as swimming, with the gaily painted cabanas decorating the coral beach, several ballfields, tennis courts, horseshoe pits and a beer garden overlooking the bay below. Trucks provided transportation on scheduled trips and liberty boats brought the men around from Tetron Bay.

About midway on the Scotland Bay Road was a sheer drop of about two hundred feet. This vantage point provided one of the most gorgeous views on the island. Below lay the ever-changing waters of Boca de Monos bounded by Monos and our island. At the gateway to the sea Madame Tetron's Tooth



*St. Peter's chapel.*

vals. For a time, parties used to go to Manzanilla Beach on the far side of the island where men could swim in the bounding surf, drink beer and coke and feast on the sandwiches provided by a generous galley.

Several trips were made to Pitch Lake, San Fernando, Toco, Blue Basin and other spots of interest on the isle. The men formed parties to try their luck at deep sea fishing and both the catches and the trip provided much enjoyment.

When Scotland Bay was developed, there were adequate facilities for many forms of

combed the rip tides with curling breakers. Toy-like craft below, feathery wake streaming from their sterns, created vanishing patterns on the blue-green water. The whole scene was back-dropped with the beautiful Caribbean sky and sea.

In Tucker Valley, the Navy owned vast orchards of grapefruit, limes, King oranges and bananas. The rules said "nay" but many a tasty, tree-ripened delicacy was

*Built with "rhythm of native hammers."*





plucked from its leafy nest and consumed on the spot. Well into the valley was a zoo which had been started by the civilians and the malaria unit, and later taken over by the plantation detail. There, were kept on exhibition monkeys, snakes, alligators, birds, wild deer, pigs, a little jackass and other animals.

The valley ended at Macqueripe Bay, recreational area for officers. Here, perched high on a hill overlooking the curving beach below is one of the most beautiful Officers' Clubs in the Navy. Housed in a stucco building of Spanish architecture, formerly a hotel

her the "Sea Wolf." Quite a few enjoyable and humorous adventures were experienced when the boys took the helm and put her bow to sea.

For those who stayed ashore, many took hikes covering much of the interesting jungle growth and brought back adventures and tales, some factual and others that were touched by the finger of imagination.

Port of Spain, a tropic-worn city of approximately 75,000 inhabitants, had little to offer in amusement to which we were accustomed, but it did provide much local color. In the city were located the U.S.O.,



Christmas '43.

and a rendezvous for the island elite, the "Club" provided quarters as well as recreation. For those with Section Base friends, the "Crow's Nest" proved equally enjoyable. In both Clubs, our orchestra, the "Caribees" were high on the demand list for their superb brand of musical entertainment.

Some of the men secured and equipped a small boat. They installed a jeep motor, a sail, a few coats of paint and christened

"Oh, say can you see . . ."

several Army facilities, the Pan American Queens Park Hotel, Botanical Gardens and the Queens Park Savannah. At the Savannah were staged parades, inspections and some of the Trinidad version of horse racing. The city held much fascination because of its age, the manner in which it was laid out, the quaintness of the different structures, that "particular odor," the riot of color, the variety of peoples, left-hand driving and streets cluttered with jerky trolleys.

On Memorial Day, 1943, many of the Navy joined with the Army for services held





*Veterans now.*

in the big churches of the city in memory of the war dead, and the Thirtieth men made a very impressive display. Dressed in whites, they filed off the ship in the harbor, their feet beating an even tattoo as they marched through the narrow streets.

The island's inhabitants were a curious mixture of black "blacks" and brown "blacks", about half and half. The former were immigrants from the other Antilles and Africa. The brown Indians were procured by the British on the indenture system and had earned their civil freedom. Each island's people had their own dialect and close attention was needed to follow their tongue. The natives usually came to the base in fancy togs and when once on the job, discarded them for the tattered remnants they worked in. Nearly every one carried a wicker or cloth bag which contained "breakfast", their version of noon chow.

The natives worked at a slow, methodical pace, probably a throw back from the days of working by the "tasks." They seemed to like the Seabees and practically no trouble at all was encountered in handling them. A large number of the natives were employed by the Navy and Thirtieth men were

active in the administration of labor problems. Many points of simple wisdom were acquired from the natives, such as how to efficiently peel an orange or grapefruit, a sanitary method of drinking water, the proper handling of the cutlass, how to get at the meat or milk of the coconut, interpretation of the local lingo, names of native flora and fauna, and ways of getting out of as much work as possible.

It is quite essential that some mention be made of the relation of the Thirtieth men with other military detachments on the base. We were on exceptionally good terms with the Marines, whether in their beer garden or on the rifle range. We were their constant friendly opponents. Saturday afternoon and Sunday three-quarters of the men in the Marine beer garden were from the Thirtieth and a spirit of good fun and song prevailed together with the never absent "bull session." Every man in the outfit remembers "Phil", the Marine, and his guitar, and the hundred and one times he filled the air of our beer garden with song.

The Thirtieth worked and played with many of the other military units in Trinidad. Recreational facilities at the Naval Air Sta-



*On to Panama.*

tion, particularly the gymnasium, bowling alleys and theatre were frequently used and competition was keen between our teams and theirs as well as the Section Base, Net Depot, Escort Repair and our arch rivals the Eighty-Third Seabees. We also completed various projects for the Army and on liberty used to go to their camps to visit friends or to enjoy their recreation.

Certainly a special word must be said for our relations with the Eighty-Third battalion. They were not only our neighbors, but our partners, both in work and play. We are all agreed that our stay on Island "X" would not have been as pleasant or our work as successful if they had not shared our tour of duty.

The naval base covered a large area but bordered mainly on the irregular coast of the Gulf of Paria. A part of it was built on land reclaimed from the bay but it also extended into many small valleys that reached like fingers into the mountains. Coral surfaced roads twisted everywhere and traffic was a constant shuttle of vehicles going from one end of the base to the other. Occasionally a giant earth-moving monster could be seen rumbling along piloted by a black

who rode like a "king upon his steed." Big "cats" crawled about ripping great scars in the mountain sides. The quiet purr of the yellow coach buses going to town, the smelly, black cloud that followed the big Diesel trucks, the tinny rattle of the small buses, the "whoosh" of a speeding jeep, shouts of "cobo" as certain odoriferous vehicles pass, all presented an ever-changing scene of busy, well-ordered confusion.

Those who climbed the high hills near the Gulf viewed a vast expanse of bay sheltering ships of all descriptions anchored within the great nets. Planes constantly criss-crossed the water with their wake as they would leave or return from constant vigil against the enemies' undersea raiders. The arrival of huge ships of war on their shakedown cruises, the innumerable small boats worming their way amongst the bays and coves, the speeding crash boats that leaped from crest to crest of the waves and the little native pirogues seeking a meal of fish gave the water highways the same busy appearance found on land.

Whether in the cool of the evening under the palms and the star-studded sky, or beneath the tanning sun in the heat of the day,



Trinidad was our Island "X", our tour of overseas duty. In the years to come, the work, toil and sweat, the friends and comrades, the wealth of experiences shall remain in our memories and the sight of a familiar face or sound of a well-known voice will relive old times for us again.

Before our overseas stay was half completed, old man "scuttlebutt" had invaded our ranks with uncontrollable contagion. Approximately every two months we were leaving for home and as each supposed sailing date arrived, it was advanced and advanced again. In this way it progressed from July through till the end of January. When finally informed that we would sail, the reaction was, "Can it be true, or some more scuttlebutt?"

The prospect of another trip in one of those oversized sardine cans was not viewed with enthusiasm but at this stage not "wind nor snow" could stop us and we eagerly packed our gear. We assembled at the foot of our area hill and as the band struck up a martial tune, took one last look, turned, and started happily toward the pier and home. As our battalion moved in a long serpentine column down the road, we waved so long to the natives we had worked with and friends we were leaving behind. There was little regret in our hearts for we could only think of what the near future would bring.

As January faded into February, the Bocas disappeared over the fantail and our happy ship set its course homeward.

As the ship moved slowly to port, men crowded the decks, despite the bitter winter wind, eagerly gazing at American homes and country side stretched before them. Cold when we left and cold when we returned but the homecoming spirit within us was warm.

That evening, after bedding had been located and the grime was washed away, the men retired for much needed sleep, their dreams happy ones, for the Commander had passed through the barracks with the information that in three days we would be on our way home.

An interruption in our battalion history

*Bon Voyage.*



*The lost weekend.*

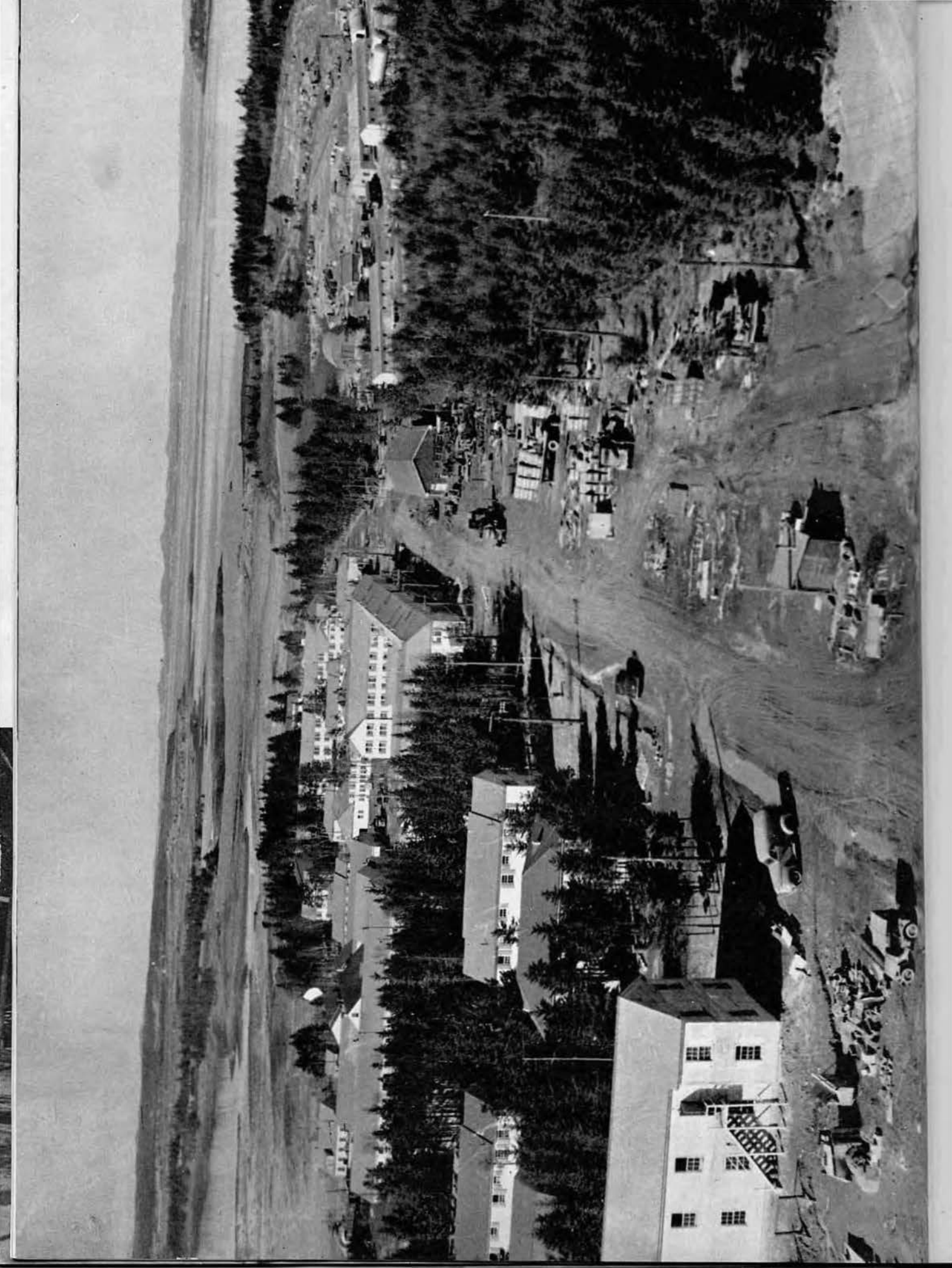
occurred February 13, 1944 as the men of the Thirtieth went home for the first time in over fifteen months and made a little history of their own for thirty days.

Upon arrival back at Camp Endicott, we were immediately assigned to various technical and military training schools. In a way, it was much like our "boot" days repeated again but a few new activities had been added and in most cases the men managed to gain some benefit. Camp Endicott was another new port for our crew. The facilities provided were more than adequate and the large and spacious ship's stores, canteen, and recreational rooms were in constant use. In training we first were greeted with close order drill and manual of arms. Soon commenced the technical training and men attended such classes as water procurement, explosives, electricity, stills and purifiers, general storekeeping, commissary clothing and small stores, heavy equipment, earth moving, area maintenance.

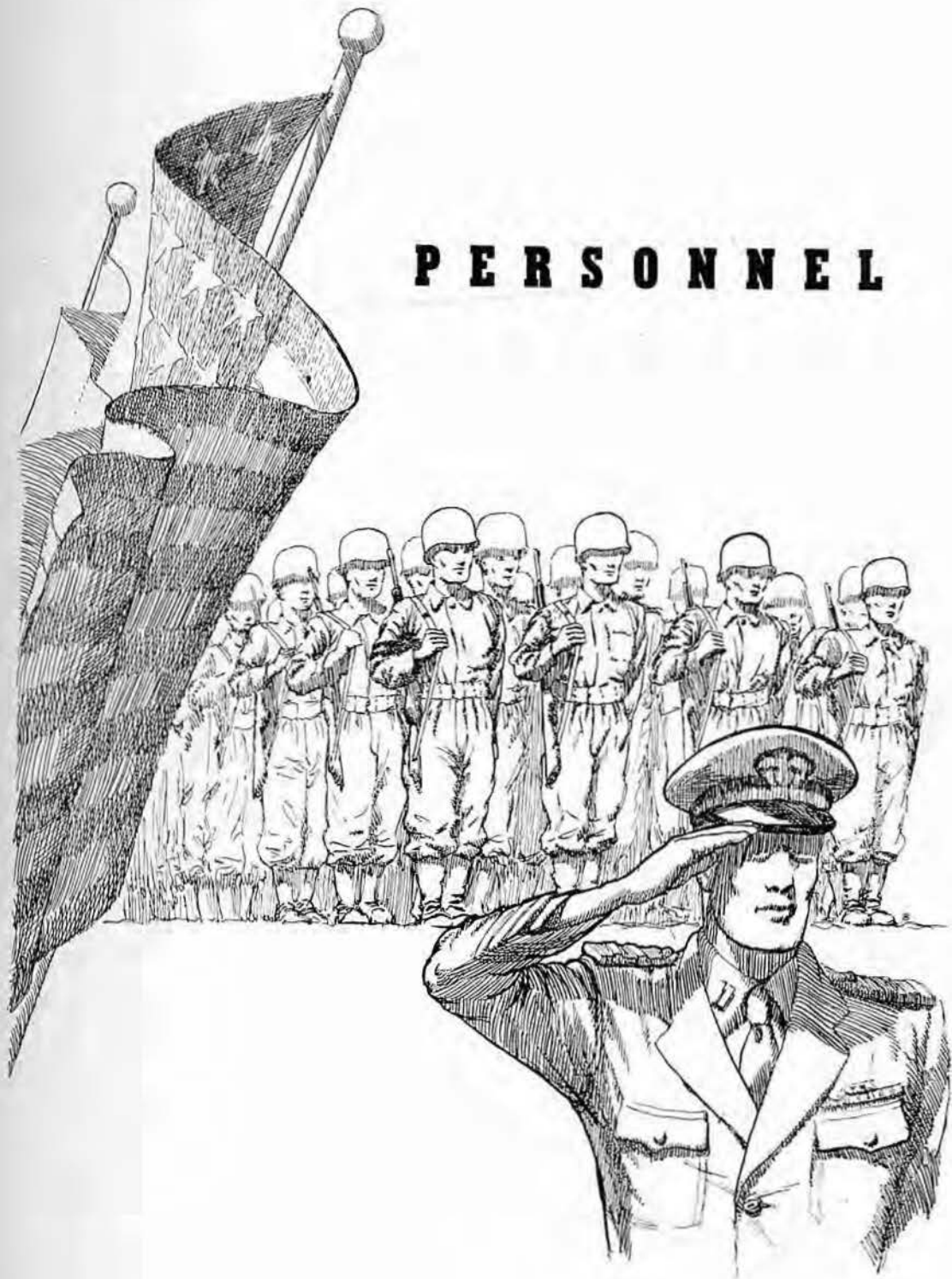
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*"Abandon all hope . . ."*





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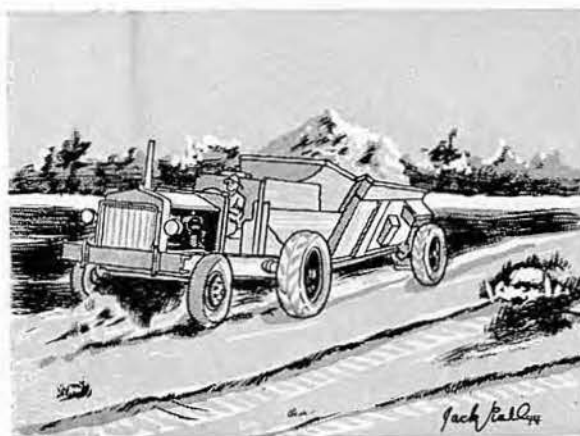
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WARREN CALLAHAN, SK3/c  
Ship Service, "Okie"

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"Tex"

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Electrical Work, "Kid"

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SC3/c, "Carp"

JOHN W. CARTER, SC3/c  
Ships Cook



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"Al"

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Personnel, "Tony"

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Supply, "Muggsy"

JOHN CONNELLY, SF1/c  
Refinery Work, "Johnnie"

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"Jimmie"

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LEO M. DE MATO, SC2/c  
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LIONEL JOSEPH DESPINS, SC3/c  
Printer, "Dustpan"

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Commissary Storekeeper, "Robust"

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"Dick"





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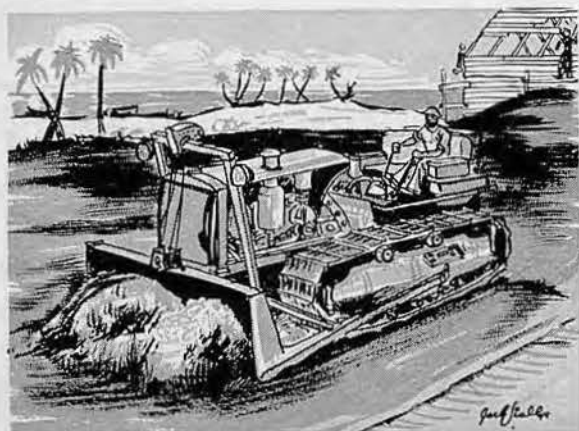
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Disbursing, "Charley"

ANTHONY FESTA, S1/c  
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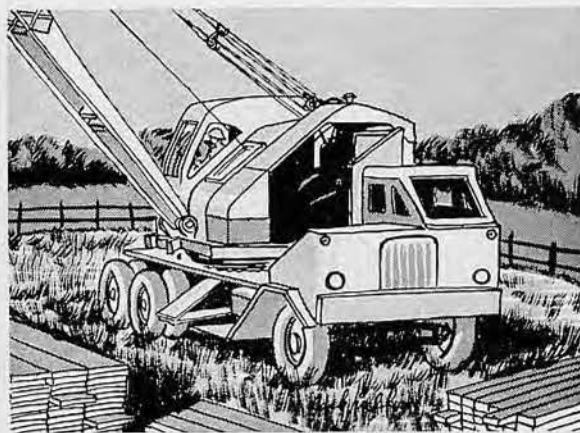
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Accounting

RUSSELL GENTZSCH, SK2/c  
Ship Service, "Russ"



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Draftsman, "Lee"

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Painter

NICHOLAS PETER GRAGO, Bkr.3/c  
"Nick"





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Truck Driver, "Big Greene"

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"Little Greene"

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Const. Engineer, "Bill"

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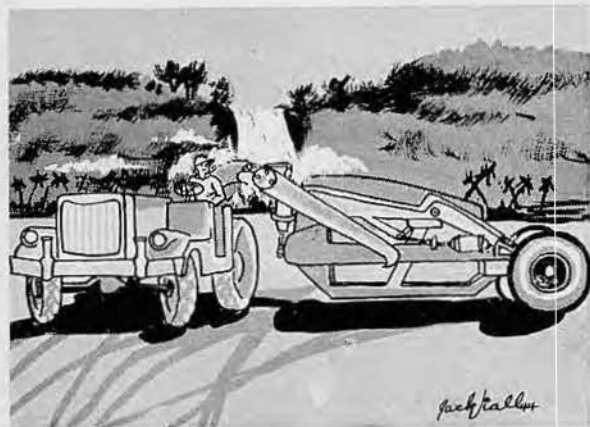
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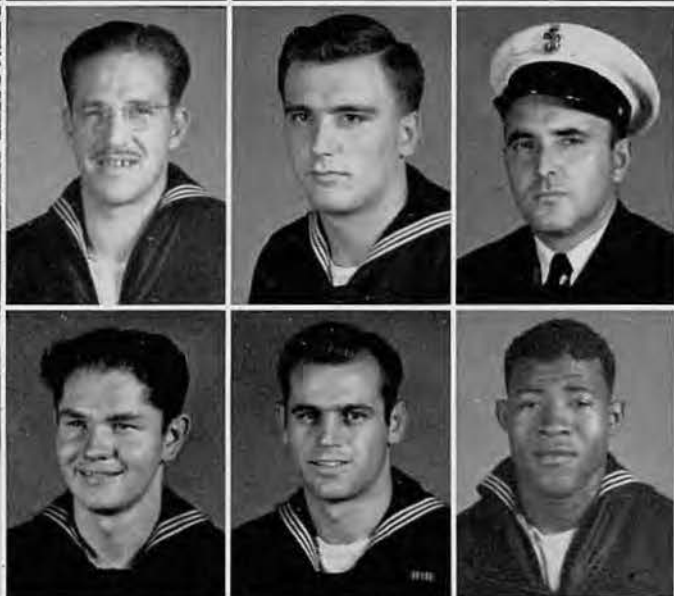


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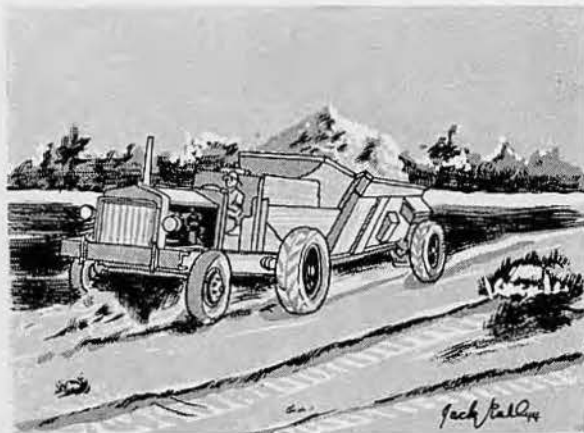
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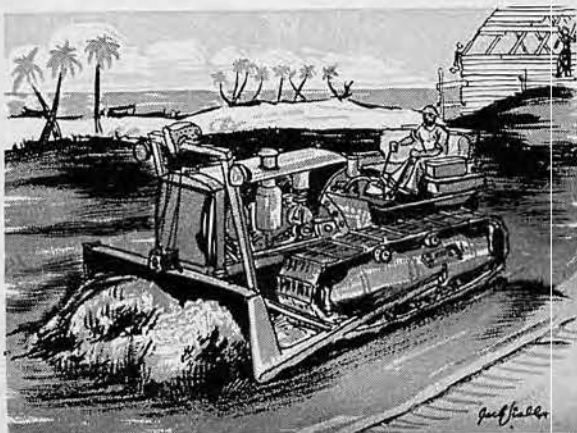
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Disbursing, "Elmer"

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Design Draftsman, "Smitty"

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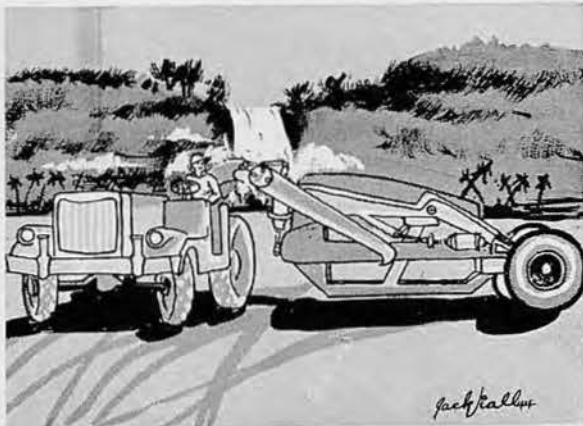
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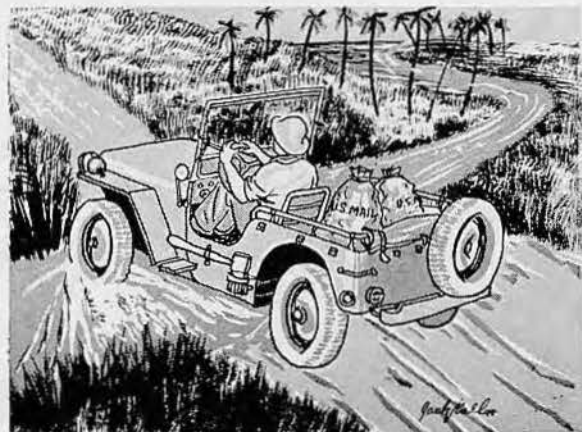
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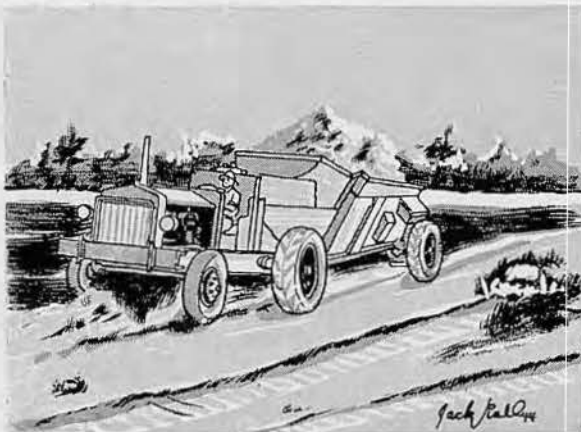
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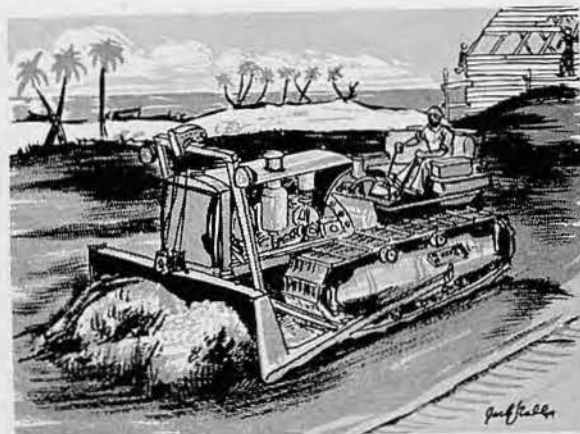
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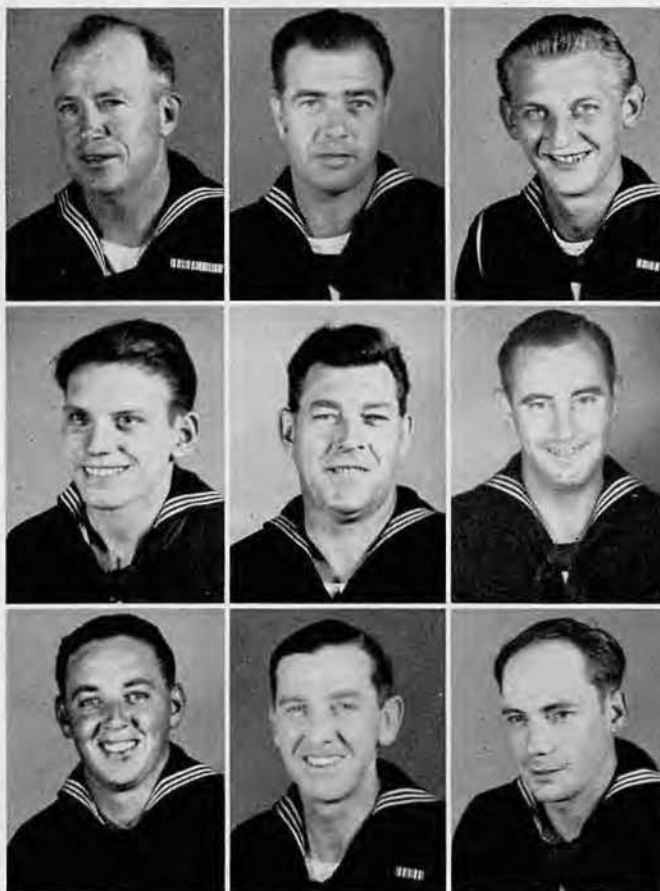
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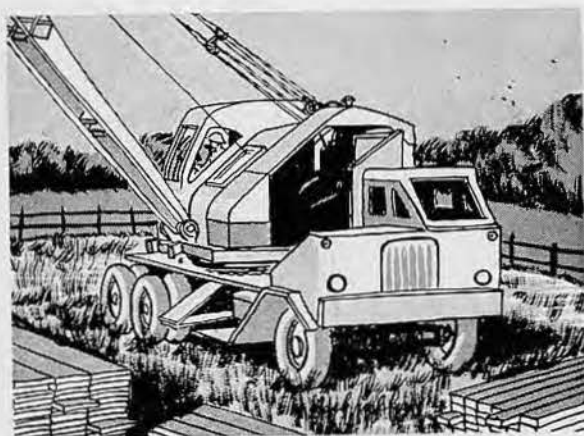
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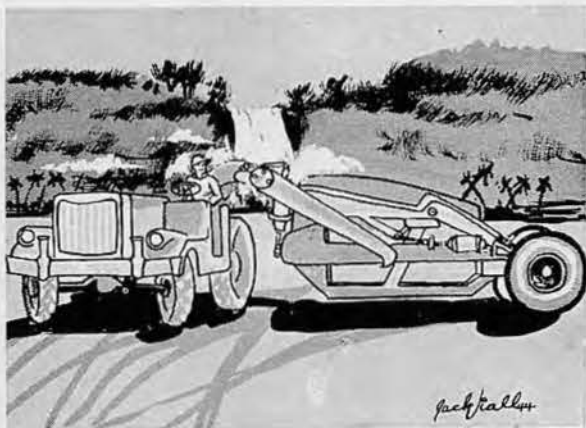
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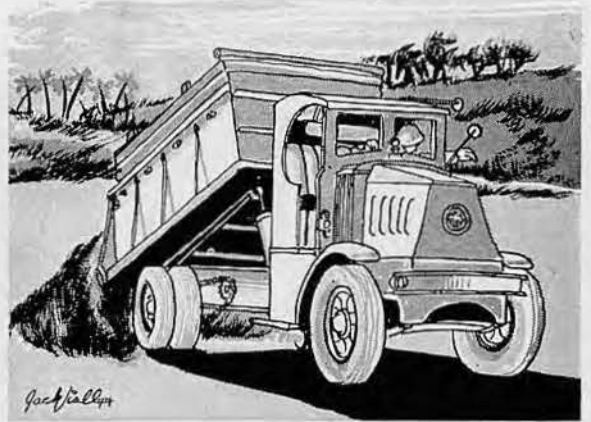
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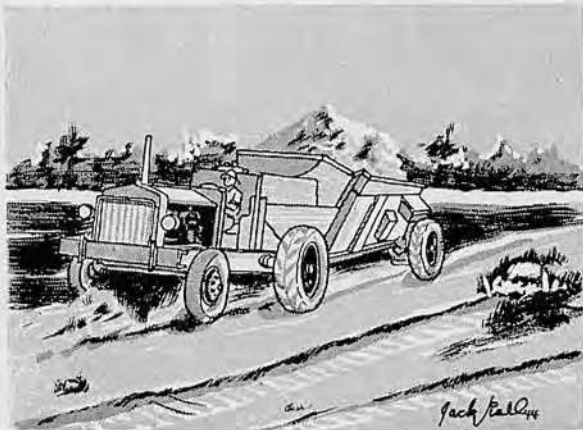
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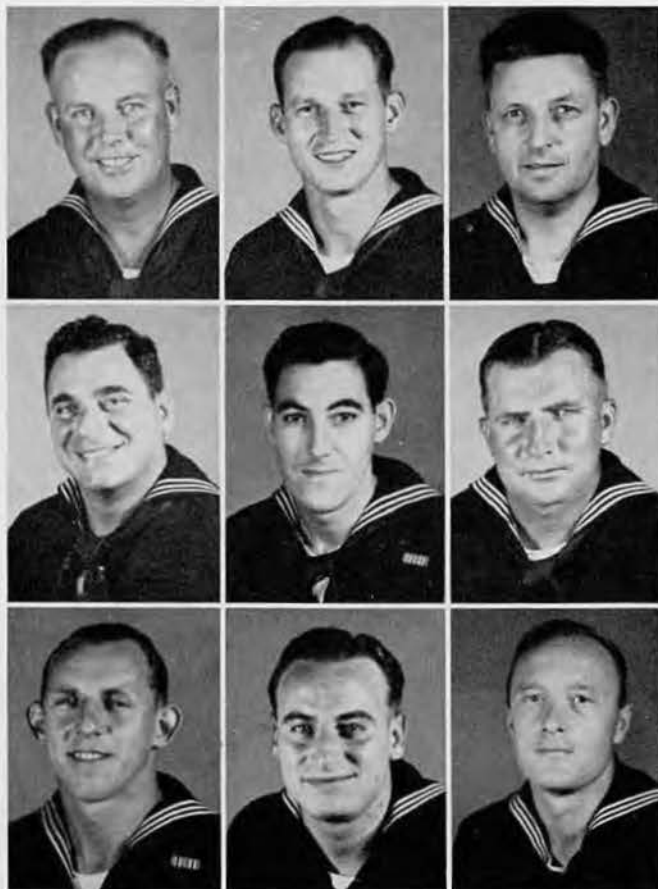
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Water Supply, "Brownie"

ROBERT T. PATTON, MM2/c  
Heavy Equipment, "Pat"

PAUL ELLIS RICKERT, S1/c  
Machinist, "Ricket"





T. F. ROBINSON, SF2/c  
"Porky"

EDWARD C. ROZYCKI, SF1/c  
Shipfitter, "Rosie"

WILLIAM ARNOLD RYAN, CM1/c  
Carpenter, "Ryan"

HUMBERT SARDINA, CM2/c  
Rigger, "Ned"

PEARL SAYLOR, MM2/c  
Mechanic

HOWARD C. SAYRE, SF2/c  
"Smiley"

WARREN S. SCHARMER, SF1/c  
Shipfitter, "Swanska"

LEONARD C. SCHIMMEL, CM1/c, S. P.

JOHN Mac KAY SCOTT, CM1/c  
Wharf Builder, "Scotty"

JOHN S. SELVAGGIO, S1/c  
Heavy Equip.

ANDREW A. SEMANEK, CM3/c  
"Sem"

RAYMOND W. SHAW, Ptr1/c  
Painter, "Ray"



SEWARD H. SMITH, CCM  
Carpenter, "Smitty"

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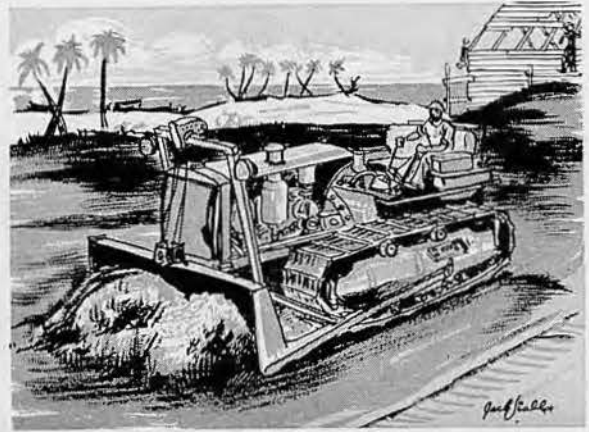
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Heavy Equip. Op.

C. D. WEISEL, CMM  
Sta. Engineer & Marine, "Bub"

WINSTON H. WHITESIDE, CM2/c  
Carpenter, "Windy"



W. J. WILLIAMS, EM1/c  
Lineman, "Bill"

ROBERT M. WILSON, CM2/c  
Plumbing, "Pee Wee"





# COMPANY B

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C. S. MOORE  
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H. D. HEAL  
Ch. Carp. CEC, USNR



W. CARTER  
Ens. CEC, USNR



R. T. JONES  
Ch. Carp. CEC, USNR

FRANK AIELLO, Cox.  
Auto Mechanic

WILLIAM H. ALEKEL, MM1/c  
Diesel Engines, "Willie"

CHARLES J. ANDERSON, CCM  
Construction, "Cap"

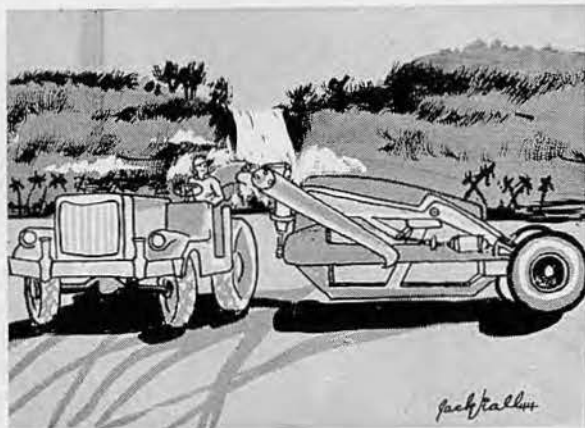
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Musician, "Vince"

ELSO J. BAGGIO, CM1/c  
Carpenter

ALBON P. BAILEY, EM1/c  
Telephone Man, "Put"

WILLIAM J. BALFE, CCM  
Labor Foreman, "Timber"

STANLEY M. BANZEK, MM1/c  
Heavy Equipment, "Slim"



EDWARD D. BARNES, MM3/c  
Trailer Driver

GROVER J. BARNES, JR., EM1/c  
Lineman

MANO BEVILACQUA, SF2/c  
Sheet Metal Work, "Tex"

RICHARD P. BENNETT, EM1/c  
Electrical Const., "Ben"





F. S. BERGERON, MM1/c  
Shop & Station Machinist, "Frog"

WILLIAM H. BETHUNE, SF1/c  
Pipe Lines, "Bill"

THOMAS E. BLACK, CM2/c  
Well Supervisor

MOVIN E. BLACKLOCK, CM2/c

MALCOLM P. BOLEY, CM1/c  
Building Construction

EMIL F. BORDT, SF2/c  
Sheet Metal Worker

FRED E. BRANDEL, CCM  
Roads

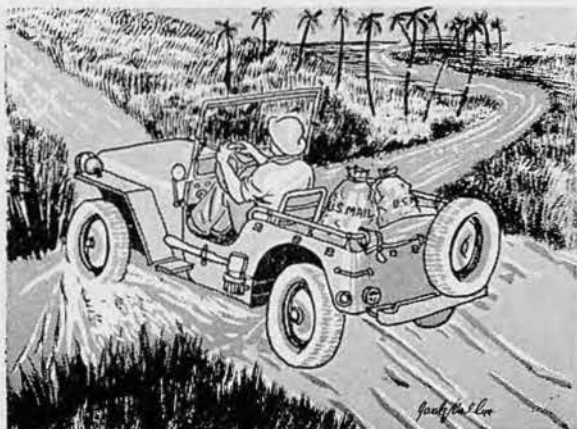
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Shipfitter

PAUL BROWN, CM1/c  
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JOHN BUBNICK, SF1/c  
"Cholly"

DOCK E. BULL, CM2/c  
Construction

JAMES PATRICK BURKE, EM1/c  
Refrigeration, "Pat"



RICHARD J. BURKE, MM1/c  
Heavy Equipment

CHARLES E. BURTT, CM1/c  
Carpenter, "Eddie"

JAMES R. BUTLER, CM1/c  
Chauffeur, "Jimmie"

FRANK B. CARREL, CCM  
Accounting & Purchasing

PETER G. CEBULA, CM3/c  
Student, "Pete"

EDWARD CHICCATANO, SF3/c  
Musician, "Chic"

RALPH COLICHIO, MM2/c  
Shovel Operator, "Speed"

CHARLES J. CONWAY, MM1/c  
Transportation, "Connie"



ERNEST A. COSSETTE, MM2/c  
Garage, "Ernie"

JAMES COYLE, EM1/c  
Projectionist, "Red"

J. M. CRAMB, CM1/c  
Carpenter, "Jim"

LEOPOLD P. CRAVINHO, CM3/c  
Carpenter







ELMER F. CRONIN, CEM  
Line Foreman

JOHN A. CURRAN, SK3/c  
Storekeeping, "Johnny"

LEO A. DAIGLE, MM1/c  
Crane Operator

SALVATOR DARDANO, CCM  
Construction, "Compare"

EDWIN D. DAVIDOWICZ, Cox.  
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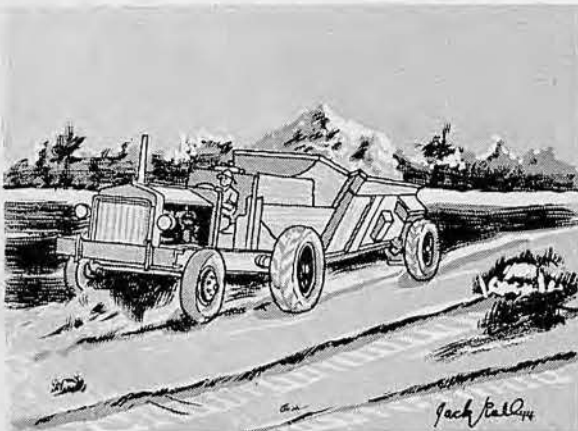
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Dock Builder

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Plumber

PAUL J. DOYLE, JR., CM2/c  
Surveying

PHILIP DRAPER, JR., EM3/c  
Electrical



JOHN DRISCOLL, MM3/c  
Machinist, "Rigor Mortis"

THOMAS B. DUNNE, CMM

ARCHIE E. ESLICK, MM1/c  
Diesel Engr., "Pop"

OWEN J. FLYNN, SF1/c  
Steam Fitter

LOUIS FOSTER, CMM  
Auto Repairing, "Louie"

MAURICE FREEDMAN, CM1/c, Manu-  
facture of Cinder & Concrete Block

FREDERICK W. FULGUM, MM3/c  
Auto Mechanic, "Flugie"

CARLTON W. GARRETT, SF2/c  
Iron Worker



JAMES J. GARVEY, MM3/c  
Mechanic, "Chopper"

JOHN FREDERICK, CM1/c  
Carpenter

CARMON A. FRANCHER, CM2/c  
Shore Patrol, "Frenchy"

THOMAS D. FRASER, WT1/c  
Stationary Engr., "Tee-Dee"





LEONARD GERSHBERG, MM3/c  
Furrier, "Gersh"

RAYMOND V. GILROY, CM1/c  
Carpenter

DONALD K. GIROUARD, CM2/c  
"Don"

ALBERT R. GIROUX, SF2/c  
Shipfitter, "Shorty"

JOSEPH W. GLAZER, CM1/c  
Carpenter, "Joe"

JESSE L. GLICK, CCM, Commercial  
Adv. Display Fixtures, "Smokey"

WILLIAM W. GODSCHALK, CM1/c  
Carpenter, "Walt"

FREDERICK GOLDSTEIN, CM1/c  
Gunner

JACK GOTTLIEB, MM3/c  
Jeweler

ORAN A. GREEN, MM2/c  
Heavy Equipment

EDWARD GUZOWSKI, WT2/c  
Inspector, "Eddie"

PALMER T. HAGER, MM3/c  
Dispatcher Trans., "Pete"



JOHN B. HAMM, MM1/c  
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Trailer Driver

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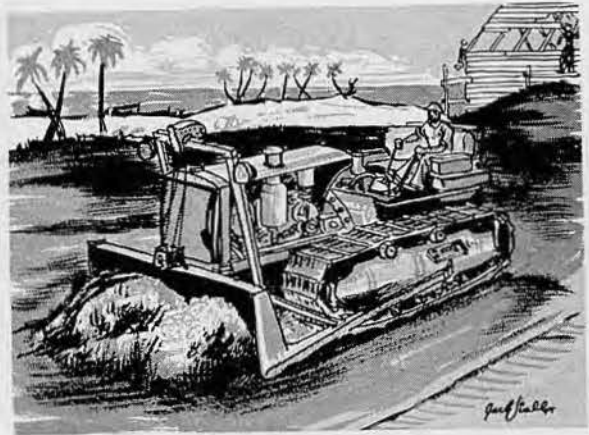
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RICHARD A. HILL, S1/c

CLARENCE J. HOCKER, Ptr2/c  
Machine Operator, "Joe"

THOR R. HERSTAD, BM2/c  
Bugler, "Herst"

WILLIAM J. HOUSE, MM3/c  
"Billy"



ALBERT A. HUBER, SF2/c  
Ship Fitter, "Tex"

JOSEPH M. HUYLER, EM1/c  
Electrical, "Sparky"

HENRY W. ILSLEY, SF2/c  
"Wallie"

WILLIAM F. ISHERWOOD, MM3/c  
Bus Driver, "Ish"





ALBERT S. JACKSON, MoMM2/c  
Fire Fighter

STANLEY G. JAMES, JR., CM3/c  
Band, "Stan"

JAMES JOHNSON, SF2/c  
Welder, "Red"

NILS W. JONSON, CEM  
Power Plant

RUSH T. JUSTICE, S2/c  
Barber, "Hurn"

RILEY JAMES JUSTICE, S2/c  
Barber

NICHOLAS G. KADAR, WT2/c  
Blacksmith, "Nick"

GEORGE J. KARPAN, SF2/c  
Iron Worker

SAMUEL R. KIRSHNER, CEM  
Electrician, "Ray"

CHESTER I. KOSINSKI, MM3/c  
Machinist

LAWRENCE A. LANDRY, S2/c  
Steel Worker

CLIFFORD H. LONGENDYKE, CSF  
Welding, "Lefty"



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LEROY LOWE, MM2/c  
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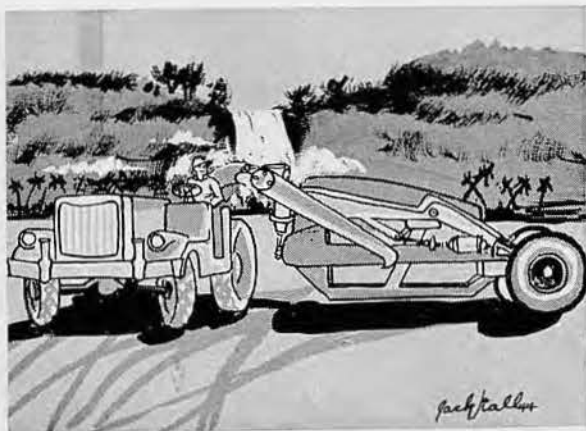
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Music, "Octane"

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Plumber, "Leo"

JOHN L. MARTIN, WT1/c  
Water Tender

RICO J. MASCHERANA, MM2/c  
Electric Locomotive Engineer



CHARLES C. MASON, CM1/c  
Transportation, "Chuck"

WALLACE F. MATHIS, SF3/c  
Diver

GEORGE McCAFFREY, SF1/c  
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ROBERT M. McCARTHY, SF1/c  
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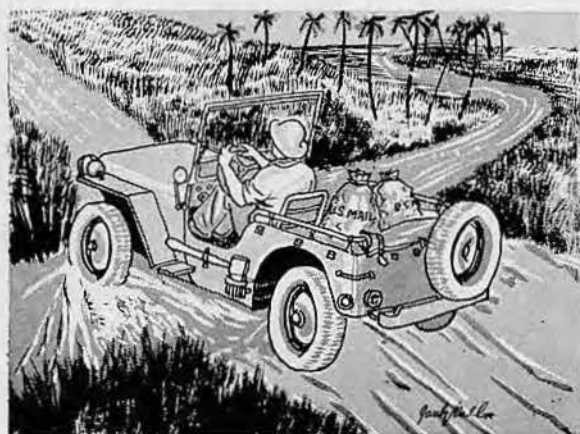


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Rubber Worker, "Mac"

JOHN E. McElligott, CCM  
Underground Construction

PHILIP V. McGowan, BM2/c  
Rigging, "Cousin"

PHILLIP G. McKinnon, MM3/c  
Bus Driver, "Mac"



WOODROW W. McVicker, WT3/c  
Locomotive Fireman, "Mac"

CHARLES F. Mezerek, BM1/c  
Roads, "Polack"

PAUL E. MILLER, CM3/c  
Salesman, "O'Toole"

MARVIN J. MOORE, MM1/c  
Motor Machinist, "Red"

ARTHUR F. MUSCHICK, CCM  
Construction, "Art"

MARVIN MYERS, CM3/c  
Carpenter

CONRAD J. NOLLETT, SF2/c  
Shipfitter

JAMES O'DONNELL, MM1/c  
Diesel Operator, "Jim"

HAROLD A. PARKER, MM2/c  
Fireman, "Duke"

RICHARD J. PARKER, SF3/c  
Shipfitter, "Dick"

ALFRED A. PATRIGNELLI, CM3/c  
Transportation

LEWIS JOSEPH PAYE, MM1/c  
Auto Mechanic, "Lew"

VERNON A. PEGGEE, CM1/c  
Carpenter, "Peg"

RALPH J. PELLEGRINO, CM1/c  
Carpenter

ALFRED J. PETERS, CM2/c  
Carpenter

DONALD P. PFAFF, MM3/c  
Crane Operator, "Dutch"



FRANK PODLEISZEK, MM1/c  
Crane Operator, "Pete"

JOSEPH ANTHONY POISMAN, SF3/c  
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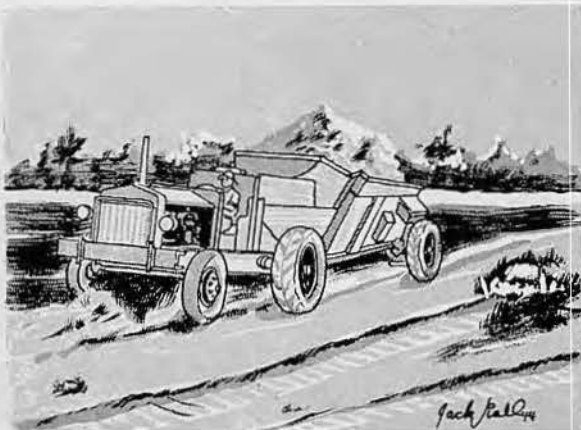


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LORIS A. RENEGAR, CC M

LOUIS RODRIQUEZ, BM2/c  
Boat Handling, "Rod"

LINDSEY J. ROLEN, CEM  
Electrical Linesman, "Hank"



FRED SARGENT, WT1/c  
Stationary Engineer, "Scotty"

JAMES SEARS, SF3/c  
Ship Fitting

LOUIS S. SEMINARA, M3/c  
Metal Smith

GEO. W. SHARPLESS, M1/c  
Sheet Metal Worker, "Sharpie"

ROBERT B. SHAW, CM2/c  
Carpenter

ADDISON W. SIGEL, CM1/c  
Draftsman, "Tiny"

FRANK P. SIMS, JR., CM1/c  
Carpenter

HOWARD W. SMITH, EM3/c  
Telephone, "Smitty"

WILLIAM A. STRUNZ, Ptr2/c  
Painter, "Bill"

MARTIN TAIT, MM1/c  
Mechanic, "Scotty"

HARRY J. TEETSELL, CSF  
Metal Work

JOHN F. THRELFALL, SF1/c  
Ship Construction, "Jack"

WALTER L. TONGUE, MoMM2/c  
Fire Fighter

GEORGE E. TUBMAN, Ptr2/c  
Painter, "Tubby"

HERMAN WILSON VIA, CM1/c  
Brick Mason

ALEC WIECZORAK, EM1/c  
Lineman, "Weezie"



HENRY WOJTECZEK, CM2/c  
Carpenter, "Wogie"

CHESTER G. WOLF, CMM  
Heavy Equipment, "Chet"

MARION J. WOOSTER, CM1/c  
Boat Builder, "Pop"

BERT W. WORRELL, CM1/c  
Bridge Carpenter, "Tex"





HERMAN N. WYATT, MMI/c  
Machine Shop Inspector

WAYNE D. WYATT, CM3/c  
Farming

EDWARD F. ZELCO, SF1/c  
Steel Worker





# COMPANY C

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J. E. JENKINS  
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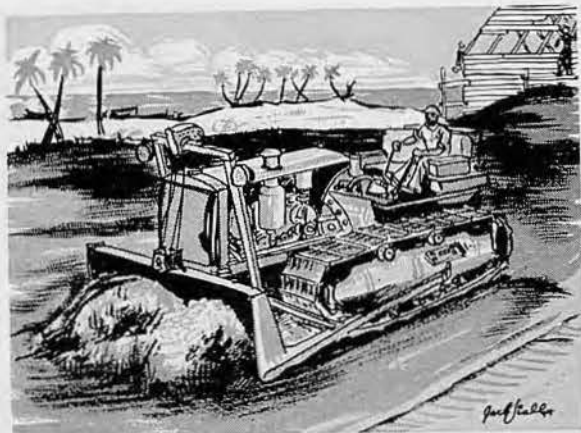


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Sign Painter, "Pop"

THOMAS F. ALDERSON, CCM  
"Jefferson"

CY AMOS, GM2/c  
Powderman

GEORGE H. ANTHONY, CM2/c



RICHARD A. ASP, SF1/c  
Water Work, "Dick"

GEORGE W. BANCROFT, QM1/c  
Fishing, "Banky"

LOUIS A. BARBERIS, CM1/c  
Concrete Worker

RALPH C. BARKHOUSE, EM2/c  
Lineman, "Barky"

JAMES F. BARRY, EM3/c  
Laboratory Technician, "Jim"

DAN J. BASIL, MM2/c  
Garage Mechanic, "Danzer"

HORACE BATES, MM2/c  
Heavy Equipment, "Arky"

MATHEW M. BAUMPANE, MM3/c  
Garage Mechanic, "Buddy"

JOHN J. BECKETT, GM3/c  
Guns, "Red"

LEO P. BELANGER, CM1/c  
Carpenter

GORDON D. BENNETT, CMM  
Mechanic, "Bennie"

ALBERT BIEHNER, CSF  
Ship-fitter, "Beans"

ADAM A. BIESIADA, MM3/c  
Transportation, "Casino"

MARTIN BORSUK, CM3/c  
Farmer, "Mort"

JOHN J. BOTLINGER, CM1/c  
Carpenter, "Bottle"

JOSEPH J. BRACKEN, MM3/c  
Mess Cook, "Joe"



HARRY GEORGE BRAULT, CM  
Sheetmetal Work

ROGER C. BROER, WT2/c  
Railroad Fireman, "Rog"

FRANCIS T. BRYANT, Ptr2/c  
Ski Shop, "Thaire"

ALMORA W. BURGESS, CCM  
Landscape Gardner, "Al"





JOSEPH J. BURKE, CM1/c  
Mason, "Joe"

CLEMENT F. BURNS, MM3/c  
Auto Body Worker

JOHN E. BUTLER, CM3/c  
Woolen Spinner, "Jack"

JAMES A. CALHOUN, CSF  
Water Tender, "Cal"

ARTHUR J. CARR, CBM  
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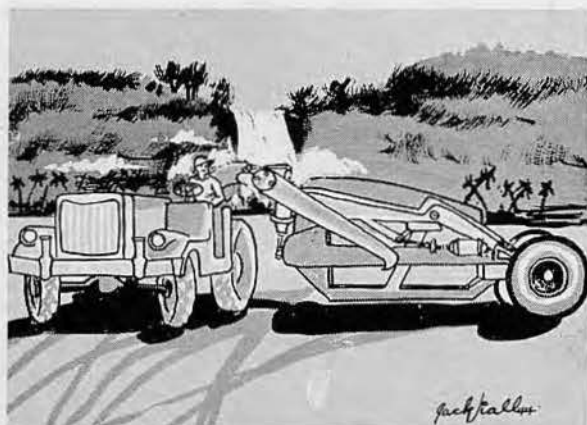
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Typewriters, "Dick"

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Heavy Construction, "Cozzi"

DAVID T. CRAWFORD, S1/c  
Yeoman

LAWRENCE D'AGOSTINO, CSF  
Pipefitter, "Larry"



FRED M. DAWSON, SF1/c  
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JOHN J. DONAHUE, GM3/c  
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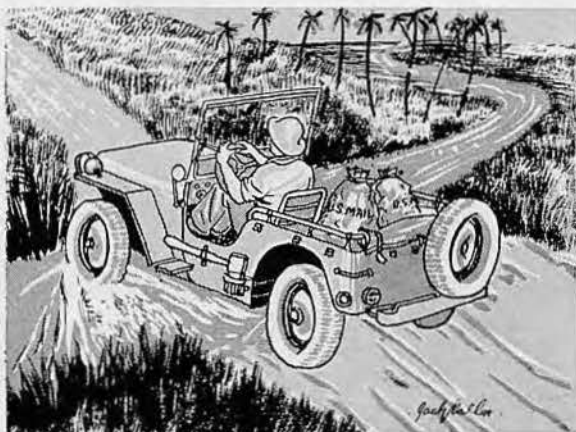
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Transportation, "Slim"

WESLEY ENGELS, MM3/c  
Roofer, "Whale"

WILLIAM H. ESTABROOK, CM2/c  
Dockbuilder, "Red"



RAYMOND L. EWING, CCM  
Construction, "Ray"

JOHN J. FERRY, MM3/c  
"Jay"

ANTON W. FINKE, Cox.  
Personnel

MICHAEL FIORIGLIO, Ptr2/c  
Artist & Draftsman, "Mike"







WARREN DAVID FOLLIETT, CCM  
Bridge Building, "Curly"

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Truck Driving, "Bill"

JOHN F. GALLAGHER, CM3/c  
Telephone

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Electrical Installation, "Chief-Chief"

ROBERT W. GILL, CCM  
Civil Engineer, "Bob"

THEODORE J. GORCZYCA, EM3/c  
Electrician, "Polock"

LEO R. GOSS, SF2/c  
Pipe Fitting, "Goose"

JAMES M. GREEN, SF2/c  
Construction Welder

ANTHONY GRENGA, CM2/c  
Shipfitter, "Tony"

ALBERT A. GROSSMAN, MM2/c  
Partsman, "Al"

PETER J. GRUZDIS, CM3/c  
"Red"

ALBERT GUGENBERGER, M1/c  
Roofing, "Gugy"



LAVERN C. HANEL, EM2/c  
Drummer in Orchestra, "Zombie"

BENJAMIN HEWLETT, MM1/c  
Machinist

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Pipefitter

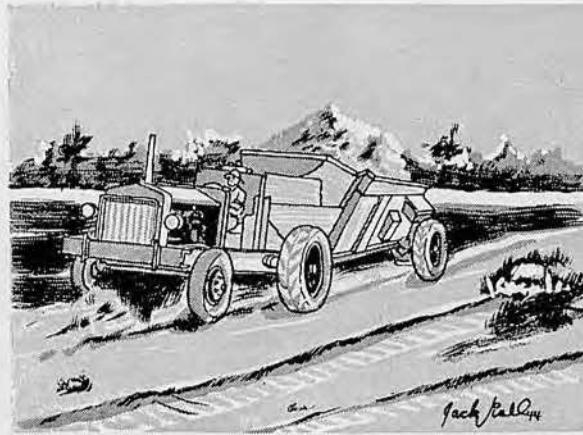
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Concrete Work, "Cap"

HOWARD D. INGRAM, CM1/c  
Pile Driving, "Bud"

ARTHUR E. JESSELONIS, Cox.  
"Jess"



NAT KAPELSON, SF1/c  
Plumber, "Kappy"

JAMES F. KAVANAUGH, SF1/c  
Umpire, "Jim"

STUART J. KIRCHNER, CCM  
Carpenter, "Stewie"

MITCHELL KIRSHY, F1/c  
Aviation, "Mitch"





STEPHEN T. KMEC, SF3/c  
Plumbing

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Steel Worker, "Tony"

ALBERT W. LAIRD, CM2/c  
Crane Operator, "Al"

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Shovel Operator, "Bill"

OTT LAW, EM2/c  
Electrician, "Out Law"

HARRY T. LAWSON, MM1/c

CHARLES W. LAYTON, MM1/c  
Machinist

JIM W. LEEMING, EM2/c  
Electrical Operator

DANIEL LOFFREDO, SF2/c  
Mopsy Hunting, "Hawk"

JAMES J. LOFTUS, CM1/c  
Carpenter, "Jimmie"

HENRY A. LUND, CM2/c  
Sign Painter, "Hunk"

WILLIAM C. MABRY, EM2/c  
Electrician



ROBERT S. MacDONOUGH, BM1/c  
Co. C Yeoman, "Mac"

CARL MALMSTROM, CM2/c  
"Skrimpy"

ELBERT VERNON MANSFIELD, EM3/c  
Linework

CHARLES P. MATUSEWICZ, MM1/c  
"Matt"

EDWARD J. MAYNES, CM3/c  
"Boston"

HARRY A. McLAUGHLIN, SF2/c  
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RUSSELL J. McQUADE, S1/c  
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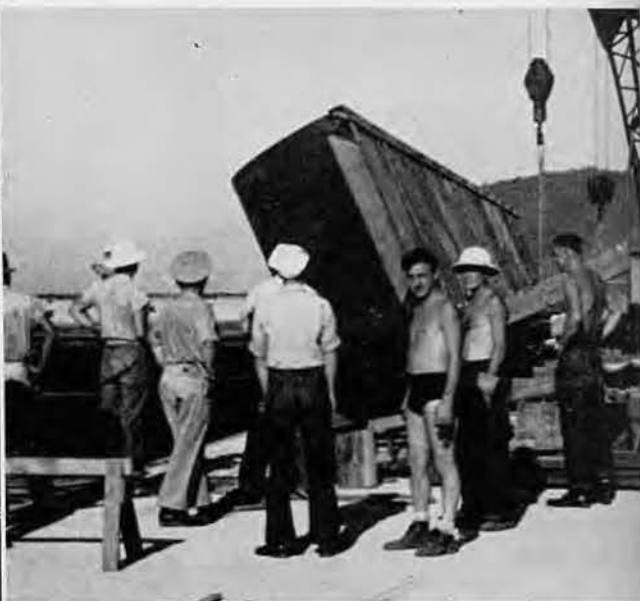
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Crane Operator, "Al"

ROBERT M. MILLER, Ptr2/c  
Painting, "Red"





WARREN M. MILLER, CM2/c  
Carpenter

FREDERICK G. MOGRIDGE, CM2/c  
Pick and Shovel Operator, "Moggee"

ROBERT B. MONEY, Ptr1/c  
Painter, "Bob"

GEORGE H. MOORE, MM2/c

CHARLES E. MORRISON, CSF  
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Boilers, "Quigley"

ROBERT J. NEEL, MM3/c  
Transportation, "Bob"

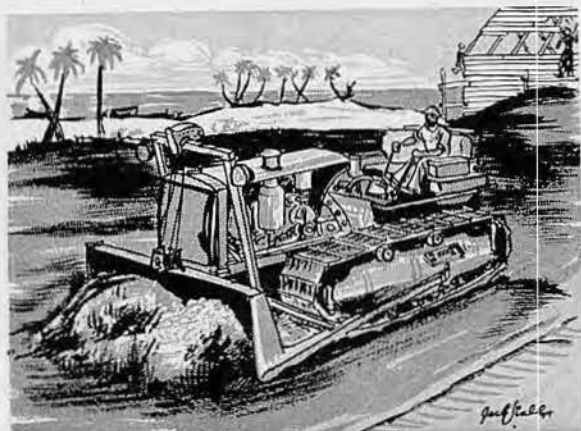
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Carpentry

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Truck Driver

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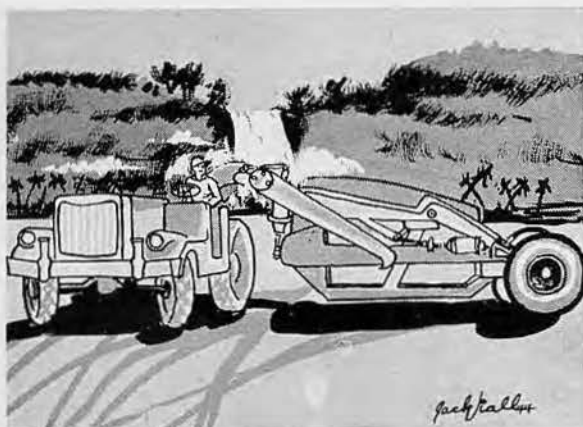
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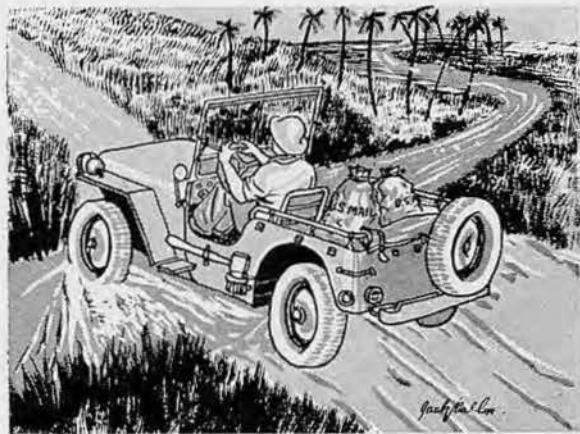
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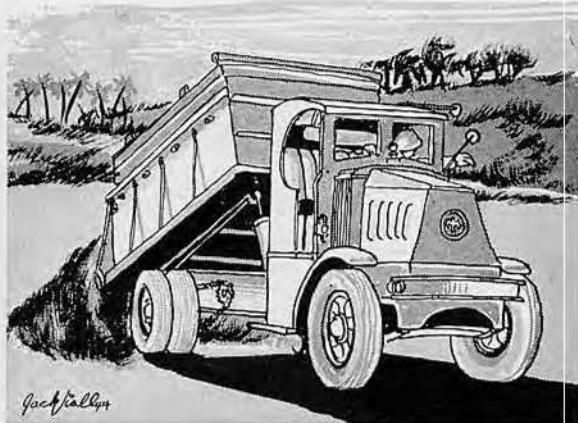
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Carpenter, "Terry"

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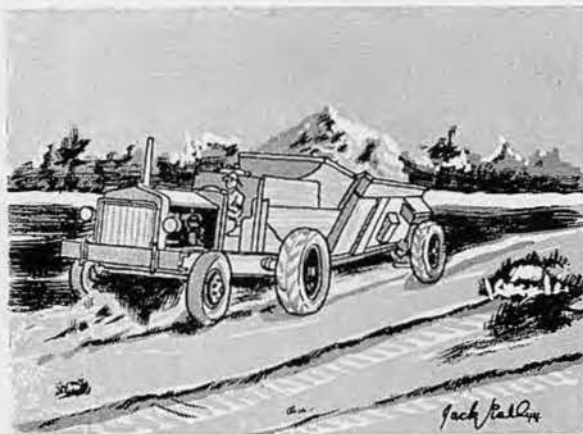
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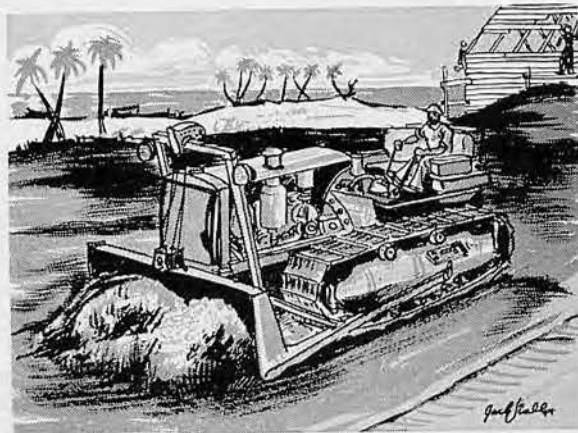
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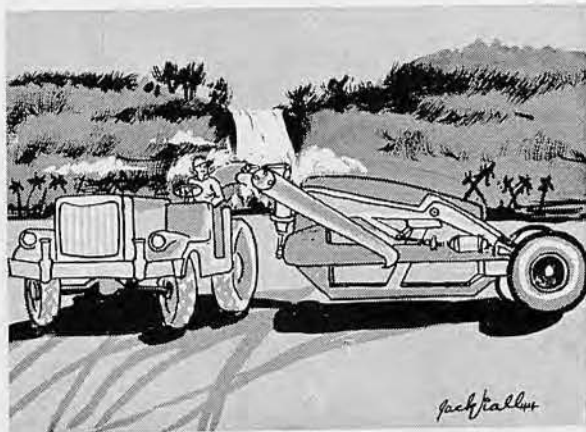
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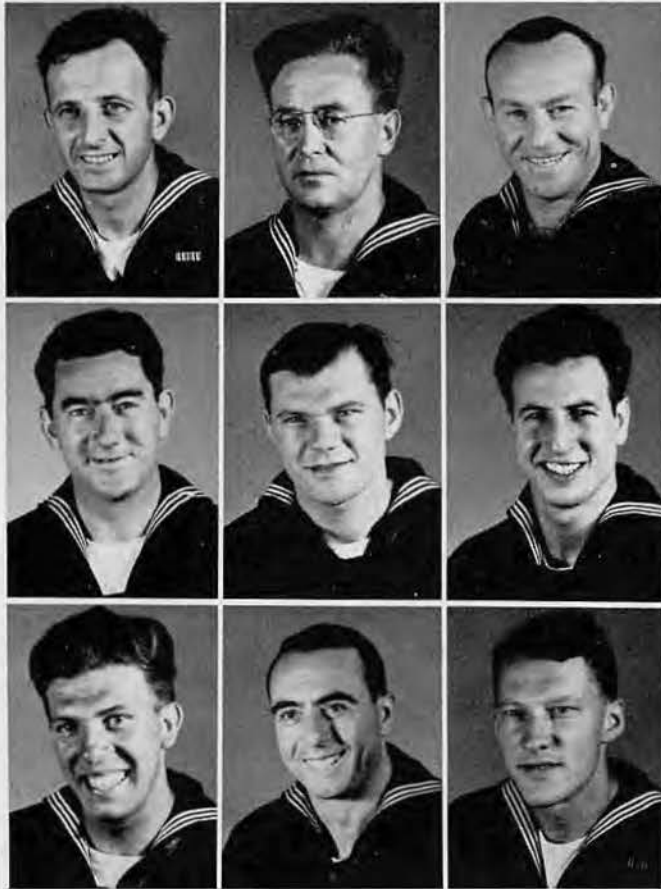
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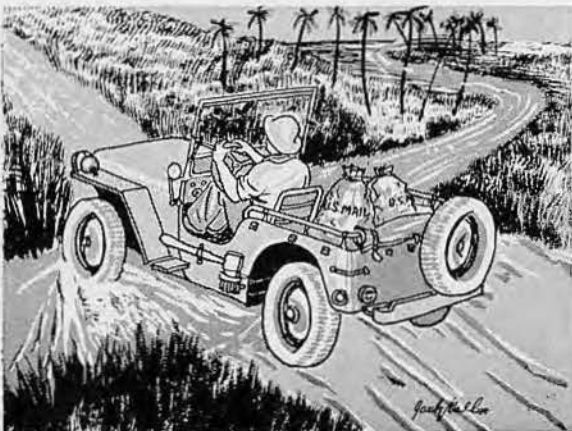
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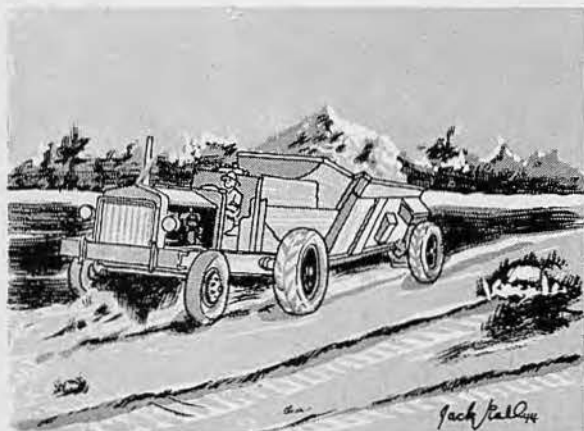
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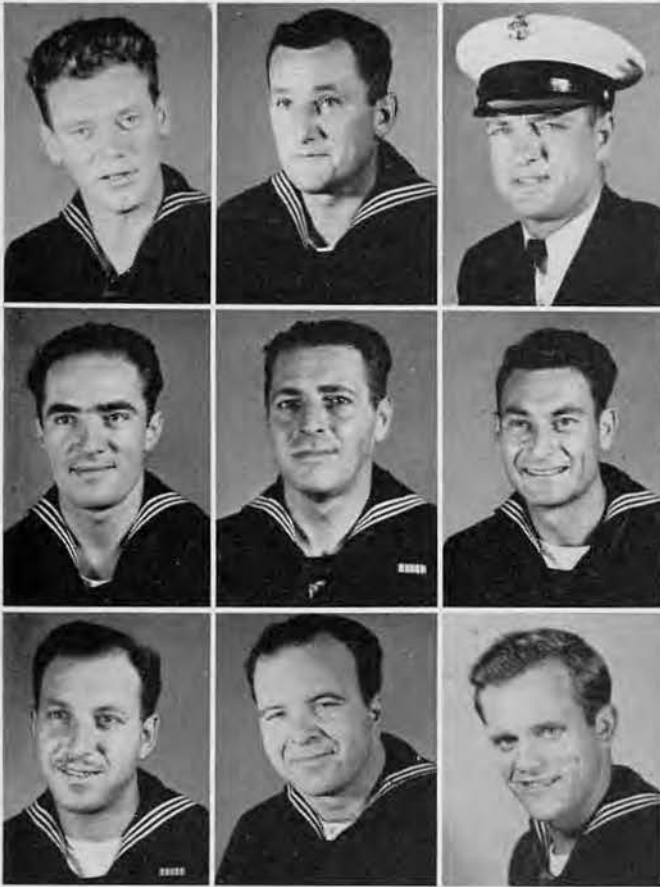
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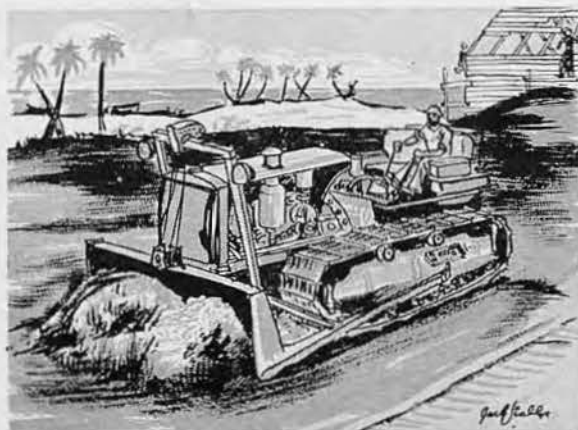
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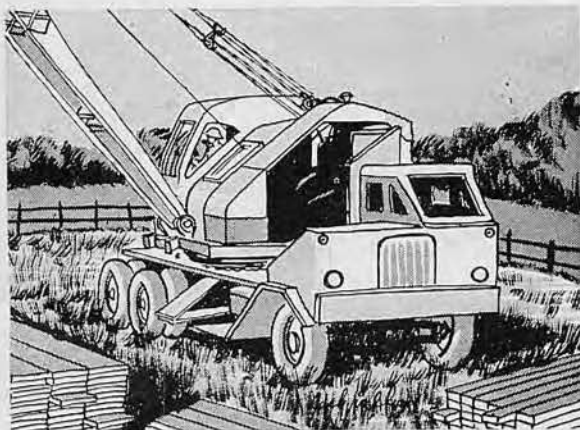


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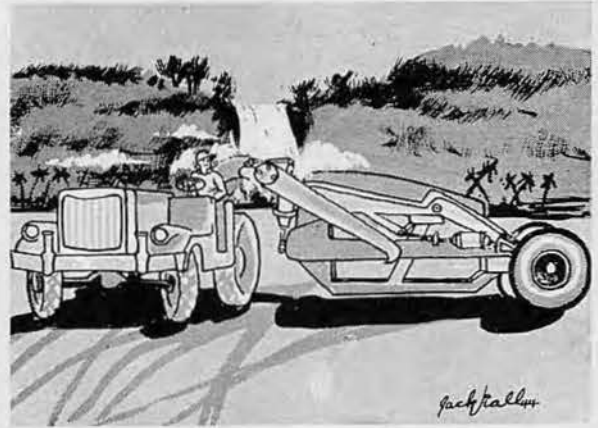
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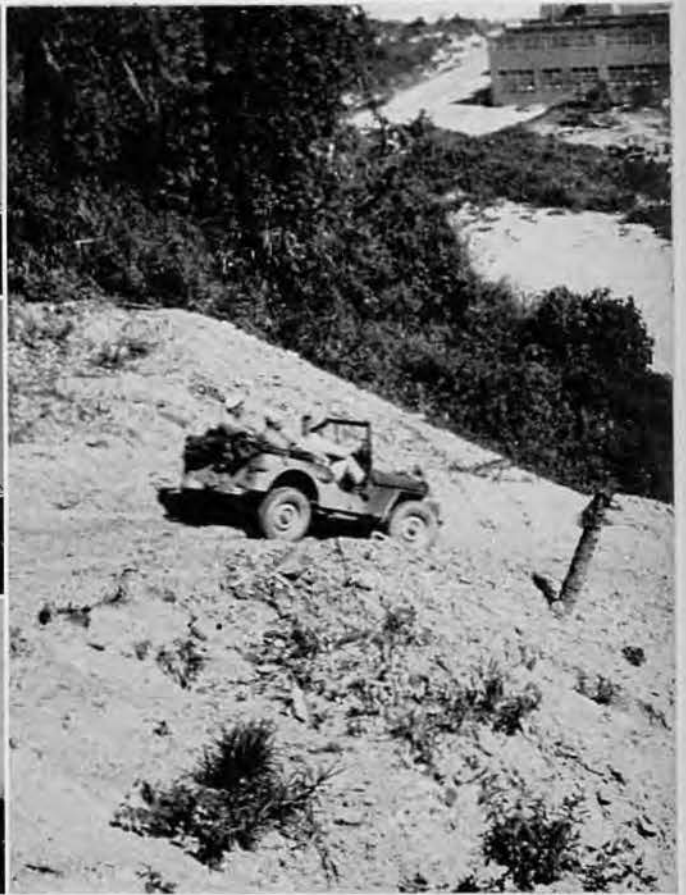
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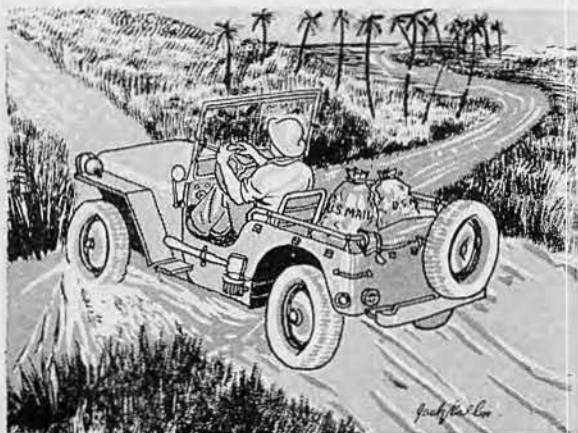




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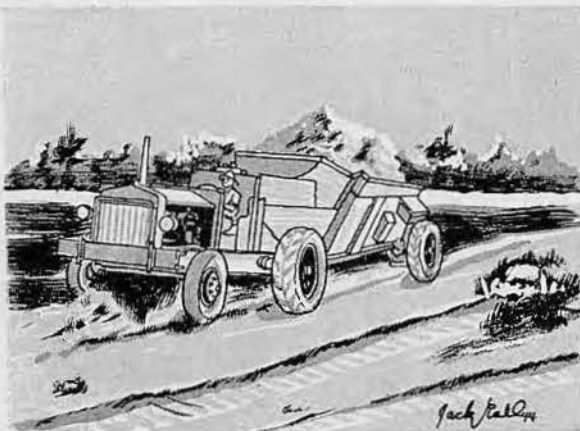
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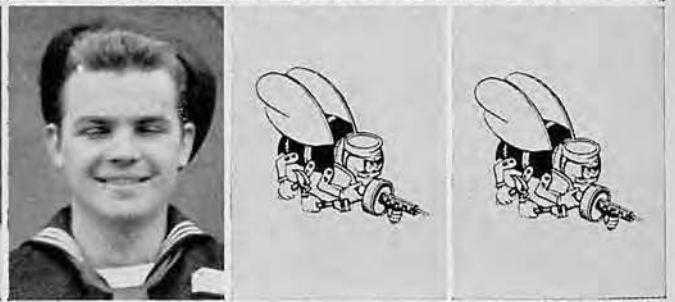
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It is just as true that a Navy fights on its stomach as an Army. And who, friend, can think, act, fight and work better than a well fed Seabee? In the history of our battalion we have seen many ups and downs in the line of food. We have overcome the rigors of Navy chicken, white livered beans and bacon dripping soup. We have gone from the hardships of Allen and Bradford, through the hardy eating of Gulfport to the luxuries of Trinidad. From the heights of Endicott to the depths of Quoddy and whatever the future might bring, we doubt if the heights and depths of our past experience will be surpassed. Tastes will always differ widely in regard to food but we will all agree that the barbecues of Trinidad must always remain a highlight in our experience with Navy chow.

There are times in the lives

*Yum yum.*

# BARBECUES



*Did you wash your hands, Commander?*

of all service men when we get into a rut. Time lies heavy on our hands; we have spells of homesickness, and our morale as a whole takes a slump. Then, someone, or something sends it soaring upward to the limit. It is just such a time as this that we recall listening to complaining voices. No letters from home for a month; the heat seemed to be at least 190 in the shade; that weary feeling after a hard day's work, etc. While lying awake on a hot sticky night, feeling very sorry for himself and wondering what could be done, Chief Boudreau suddenly recalled the occasion of a barbecue which he had once attended, deep in the heart of the Maine woods.

The following day he mentioned the idea to Lt.(jg) Phil Baird, the supply officer, Lt. Windbigler, the Ship's Service Officer, and the Chaplain who was appointed to present the idea to Lt. Commander H. E. Smith. Nothing was heard for many days. But one gloomy Monday morning, Mr. Baird informed the Chief that

he was to begin preparations for a barbecue. The effect of the announcement was instantaneous. After a week of furious preparations on the part of all hands, especially the hard working cooks, the event looked so certain that even the most pessimistic began to believe that it would actually take place. There was the ever-willing help of Chiefs Tom Dwyer, Billy Besen, Pray and Schreier, Shurack and his ship service troupe, and the untiring efforts of the cooks and bakers.

The long awaited evening finally came — and how perfect it was! A cool breeze was blowing in from the Gulf of Paria, carrying along with it the faint perfume from the blossoming "Mother Cocoa" in the hills. The glowing coals in the barbecue pit, the intermingled odor of onions, steak, chicken, weenies and hamburgers all combined to whet the appetites of the anxiously waiting men.

Visiting men and officers mingled with our own, drank cool beer, and munched on drumsticks. An air of friendliness and comradeship seemed to prevail amongst all hands. The voices of officers and men joined in singing the Seabee song, Bell Bottom Trousers, the Marine Hymn, etc. to the music of Chief Schreier and his Caribees. Near one of the pits Regimental Commander Miscall

passed hamburgers to the boys with Leo Hymans lending verbal support. On top of a table a food-happy Seabee was doing a hula dance a la skivvy shirt, shorts, and palm branch skirt. Yes, and there was Harry, the Hog coming in for his other half of a cow. To one side was Chief MacFarland doing a ballet with some of the slightly overfed chiefs and men. In another corner, huddling over the possibility of crashing the line again for another steak, were Dr. Roach and Dr. O'Grady. Lt. Baird was on hand, too, spreading his little glow of old Texas with a "Hello Chico". Who was that slightly buxom chap coming up for another helping? Why that was Johnny Dever after his tenth steak and another case of beer, for after all, why worry about a waistline that just isn't there. The best proof of success is imitation and we knew that the 30th had scored again when there was an epidemic of barbecues all over the base.

The next morning, the sun wasn't quite so scorching, we weren't quite so tired, and even if that letter didn't come in today it was sure to arrive tomorrow.

A later event took place at the recreational area at Scotland Bay, under direction of the Regimental Commander. Once again  
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*Net results.*







*Leaping Leo.*

## BASEBALL

THE 30th Baseball Team provided many an afternoon's entertainment to all personnel of the battalion and other bluejackets as well, while in Trinidad. Starting as a pick-up team, the men themselves soon organized to produce a championship team that contributed its part in bringing the Battalion into the lead in all sporting events. In their spare time the members of the team practiced and arranged games under the management of Ralph Pastell, and completed a record season that will be hard to beat by any future team in BWI. A record of 31 wins to 4 defeats was chalked up against the competition provided, and credit goes to all the fellows on the team who worked hard to produce such a record for the Battalion.

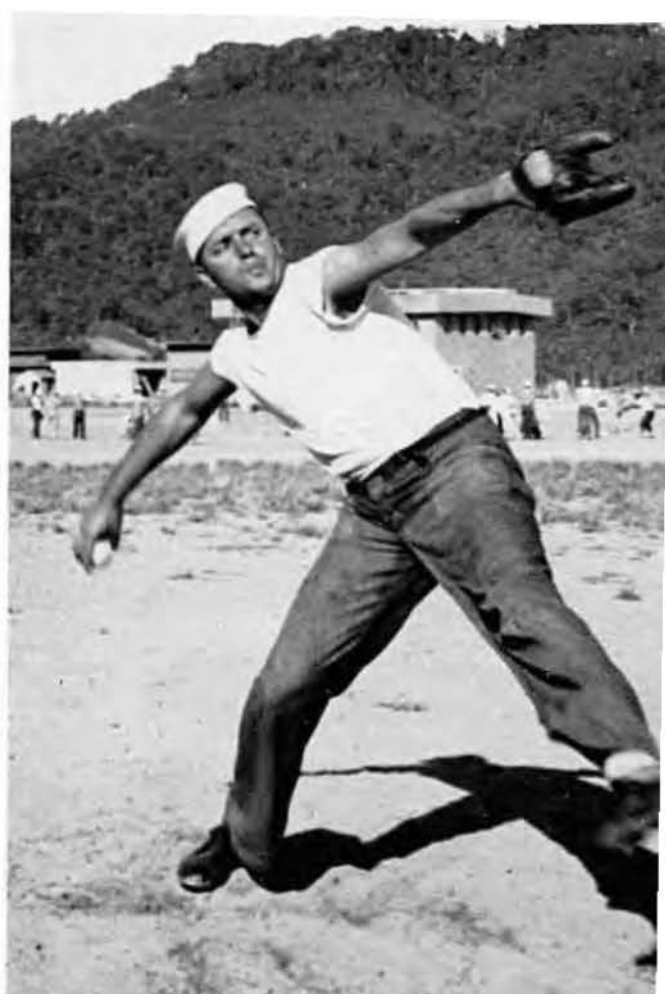
Early in the game tryouts were held and out of the small group that turned out came the team that was to go on and on to victory. On the team we found men coming from the college, semi-pro, and professional ranks. Considering men with such experience it is no wonder that we were, as the saying goes, "The team to beat."

Behind the plate was a tall lad from San Antonio, Texas, Johnny Hamm, who is a product of the pro ranks as he played ball in the Texas league. He led the team in hitting with an amazing .456 average. Hamm is a stocky Texan and was not easily knocked off that home plate. On the mound was John Threlfall of Hingham, Mass., where he had a tryout with the New York Giants, but his career was interrupted by the war. "Thref" has well earned his nickname of "Iron Man Threlfall" after pitching a record of 31 wins to 4 lost including two "no-hitters" and several one hit games. Saying pitchers do not hit is really an error when referring to this fellow, for he has won many games with his own hits and finished the season with a .291 batting average. You can readily see why the battery was a combination hard to beat with Hamm calling signals to Threlfall's superb pitching.

At the first sack was Leonard, "Larry", Barr, tall lanky lad who is a right hander hailing from Norfolk, Va. He played American Legion Ball and is a product of Washing-

*The iron man.*

ton and Lee University team. Barr was a good handle for this boy who barred many men from getting on first base. He was second only to Hamm in batting as his season ended with an average of .349. On second was a small fellow, answering to the name of "Leaping" Leo Alfonso, who hails from Florida, throws and bats right handed. Leo played a lot of baseball down Florida way and showed the good form that carried him to the pro-ranks before joining the Seabees. He covered second like a veteran but has been transferred since the Battalion arrived in the States, and as the team takes the field again Leo will be missed considerably. His batting average was a healthy .338. Bill Dorney was not only a capable shortstop but one of the smoothest ball players to perform on any diamond. He hails from the well known Bronx, N. Y., bats and throws right handed, and has played ball in the semi-pro bracket for the last 10 years. He reached the top when picked up by all coaches to participate on the all service, All Star team to play against the Venezuela All Stars. His hitting was secondary only to his ability in fielding as the season ended



*Champs of Trinidad.*



with his average at .327, and Bill can be sure that the hits he got were those that counted when needed. He recently transferred to duty in the States and certainly has our best wishes even though we will miss him out there and plenty. From Carerele, N. J. comes the third baseman, John "Charley" Bubnick, who bats and throws right handed. A short stocky fellow, this lad hits a powerful ball, and his batting average for the season was .344. John played semi-pro ball around Jersey and what he learned was put to good avail while covering that hot corner. He is

West Indies. Harry hits a long hard ball and leads the team in triples and home runs although his batting average for the year was only .254. Johny Lazorko, who hails from Jersey City where he played seim-pro ball for 5 years before wearing the Navy blue was our right fielder. Johnny is a little fellow and he leads the team in stolen bases. Although not a long distance hitter, he has the speed to turn a single into a double and is always good for that extra base which means trouble for the opposition. His batting average for the season was .333.

*Steeerrike!!*



known to the boys on the club as "The little man with the pep, vim, and vigor."

In the left field we find Richard "Ace" Parker who is one of our few southpaws. "Ace" played high school ball in the town of brotherly love, Philadelphia, Pa. Although probably the weakest hitter he covered the pasture like an old timer and finished the season with a .206 batting average. From Chester, Pa. where he played semi-pro ball for 3 years comes Harry McLaughlin. He bats and throws right handed and was one of the finest fly chasers to play in the British

Taking command of all the boys was an old timer in the game, Ralph, "Pappy" Pastell, who comes from Tarrytown, N. Y. He coached, managed, and procured a good deal of the equipment that gave the boys on the club the chance to play. Holding the team together was a hard job at times, but Pappy's tactful handling of the club always had the boys ready to go at game time. Pastell's ability was recognized and rewarded when he was chosen to manage the All Star Team.

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# SOFTBALL

THE 30th softball team was organized by William Bluthardt, SF3c, shortly after we settled in Trinidad. The first selection of players was predominantly from A Company, but as the team developed most of the other companies were represented. Because of the tropical climate and the working schedule, the majority of the games were played on Sunday mornings. In the latter part of 1943 we received permission to use the Army's St. Clair diamond which had the lighting facilities for night games. Going was tough at times — plenty of heat and sweat, squeezing in practice between our work, but Bluthardt's ceaseless efforts to muster ten men for a contest always rewarded us with a spirited and exciting game.

Games were played in every area of the base and at Scotland Bay our ten tangled with Fort Reed and the Eighty-Third Battalion, coming out on top. We split a couple of games with the Section Base, defeated Escort Repair and A & R shop, but lost two games to the crack N.A.S. team. The most interesting and perhaps most beneficial games were played between the "Old Timers" of Co. A and the Officers' Team. This contest could always be counted on to provide many laughs and there was always the prize of beer furnished by the losers.

In Trinidad our crack team consisted of Manager Bluthardt at first base or catcher, Captain Darlak at third base and pitcher, Flack shortstop, Drum second base, Henne pitcher, Leszczynski left field, Kontowtt center field, Guigle and Newberry shortstop, Mann pitcher, Kuhn rover, Babidge and Erickson left field, Carlson and Harback right field.

Upon our return to the States, many other excellent players have joined the team: Herstad, Kosinski, Thurber,

Smith, Baggio, Wiezoreck, Driscoll and Fulgum. At Quoddy Village, Maine we opened the present season and played many games against our own individual company teams, the 3050 C.B. Detachment and Station Force. During our short stay there we displayed our usual good form and left Camp Lee-Stephenson undefeated. At Camp Thomas we have taken on all comers and have captured the A B D championship. With this new championship under our belt we feel sure of a future as successful as the past.

Our account of softball would not be complete without a detailed account of the Officers' Team. This team was first organized in Trinidad and in addition to the above mentioned games with the "Old Timers" there were the hotly contested games with the Officers' Team of the Eighty-Third Battalion. This series finally ended in a stalemate with two victories for each team. The rubber game was scheduled but, unfortunately, the 30th left for the States two days too early to decide the championship. In Trinidad, the team was composed, more or less regularly, of Dr. O'Grady behind the plate and Beck or Jones on the mound. The infield was made up of Seekatz on first, Bohrer on second,

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*Champs of Trinidad.*



# BASKETBALL

A PROUD group of boys, members of the 30th basketball team, mounted the stage of our local "Earl Carroll" theater in Trinidad one night in December, '43 to receive a plaque on which was engraved "Winners of NOB Basketball Tournament, 30th CB's, Trinidad, B.W.I., 1943." Behind this scene were five months of development of our basketball team from a gang of fellows interested in

twenty-four teams. Our first few games were won easily. What a team we had! But we soon discovered that the teams we had met were the poorest in the league. One practice game took us to Port of Spain, meeting the Army Medicos on the USO court. That was a close contest which was decided in our favor only in the last minute of play. Dick Eley, wiry forward from Company D, led

*Champs of Trinidad.*



playing, to a smooth working team which had overcome all opposition.

The one member of the team responsible for its initial organization was Bernie Iskra, tall, lanky center from Company B. Bernie loved to play basketball and talked Lt. (jg) Moore into coaching the boys who wanted to work off excess energy. You might wonder about starting a basketball season in August, but that, like everything else operated backwards in Trinidad.

Our team started in the NOB league which was a round-robin affair composed of about

the team to victory that night and cinched the title of team captain.

The team members became fixed at a total of nine "steadies". Bernie Iskra held the job at center and took many a ball off the backboard in defensive play. Dick Eley was becoming well known in the entire league as an outstanding forward, his favorite play being right down the center and into the "bucket." Herb Weiss handled the other forward position and ran Eley a close second, especially in deceptive play. Johnny

*Jump ball.*



Pitell got in plenty of his "sideline" shots even though his specialty was guarding the basket. "Shorty" Prchal was always on hand wherever the ball was, which is what a guard is expected to do well. No matter how tall his opponent, Shorty would always be up on a jump ball and very often took the tip off. Confidentially, he held onto the hair on his opponent's chest while jumping over him to get the ball. "Handsome" Herstad was always on hand to take either the center or guard position when the first stringers tired (that rum got the best of them). "Gallop" Sodja played a good game at guard and usually went into the game as a steady reserve, many times scoring spectacular shots which amazed everyone including the coach and himself. Johnny Bubnick played as a reserve forward and often stimulated the team when the game lagged. Trinidad didn't slow Bubnick's pace and all of us will remember John's favorite expression, "Here I am, right back!" Last but not least was our other reserve forward "Flash" Swanson, who played little but was one of the most faithful in attendance and the most spectacular in going the full length of the floor no matter what got in his way.

Many practice games were played in preparation for the final games in league play. The NOB officers gave us a real drubbing, 29 to 9, in one such game which helped us to plan our attack against them in the finals of the tournament. Our team was proud of playing a "clean game" and was often handicapped in playing a rough game. Even Herb Weiss started throwing punches one night, much to everyone's amazement, when an opposing player became too offensive.

Before the league ended an All Star Navy team was picked to play the Army champs in deciding the top team of the Islands. Our own Dick Eley helped spark the Navy Stars to a win over khaki boys in copping the BWI Championship.

As the round-robin tournament was completed we found ourselves in a mere fifth place with teams above us in totals won which we had beaten. The league was run over a period of several months and was therefore a poor criterion in picking the best team since personnel often changed.

Finally the eight top teams of the league were picked in a playoff series to determine the Champions of NOB.

Our first playoff game was a tough one with our friendly rival, the 83rd Battalion which had lost to us in both previous matches. We took an early lead, however, and the game was never in doubt as we romped home to a score of 42 to 30. The semi-finals found us matched with the Supply Depot outfit over which we had eked out a close one in tournament play. The game proved to be an exciting one and was decided by the final whistle in our favor, by only one point. We hadn't thought it possible to be in the finals and, of all things, to be matched with the NOB officers who had beaten us twice before. The day before finals was pleasantly spent picnicing at famous Manzanilla Beach. Any conservative person would seek peace and quiet before a championship game but not us. We had a great time swimming, drinking beer and getting sunburned. Apparently the outing was good strategy as the boys relaxed and had their minds at ease. The following night the going was tough and the game see-sawed back and forth. The officers tired, however, near the end as we put on a finishing drive which copped the championship. A proud and happy team left NAS gym that night, proud of starting with so little and ending with so much.

Before the Battalion pulled stakes in BWI we had one last get together on a boating trip near the base. Swimming was the favorite pastime and included lake swimming in the caves near Point Gourde.

Few of us realized how members of the original team were to scatter, once we arrived in good old USA. Herb Weiss left for V-12 training, "Shorty" Prchal went California way to some Pacific area, "Flash" Swanson left for special training at a school for Chaplains, and Bernie Iskra found himself a civilian again but confined to a Veterans Hospital. To those who have left our little circle we say "Bon Voyage," as those of us left will do our best to carry on, upholding the spirit of good sportsmanship and entertainment that we have all enjoyed in the past.

# BOWLING

FEW BATTALIONS are as fortunate as ours in securing facilities for an adequate bowling program. No effort was made to organize a keggers "union" while in training in the States. Most of us were busy changing addresses and bidding the home folks adieu. However, the Naval Air boys at our home away from home had been provided with six fine alleys which were made available for our use on competition nights.

Early in our stay at Trinidad, an abortive attempt was made to initiate bowling. Teams were organized and schedules posted. The enthusiasm shown worked in reverse, however, as there were not enough alleys to accommodate the 30th Battalion League. But interest in bowling dies hard, and we finally formed a workable organization a few months later. By common consent, Chief Dardano was chosen League president. Joe Darlak, Chief S. L. Fisher and Don Small were elected vice-president, secretary and treasurer, respectively.

A twelve team league was formed consisting of two teams representing each company, one team of officers and one selected from company chiefs. The teams and leading captains were as follows:

TEAM	CAPTAIN
Officers	Lt. (jg) Bohrer
Hdqtrs. No. 1	W. D. Stone
Hdqtrs. No. 2	I. D. Collins

A Company No. 1	J. E. Darlak
A Company No. 2	E. N. Cox
B Company No. 1	F. P. Sims
B Company No. 2	C. Longendyke
C Company No. 1	W. E. Ford
C Company No. 2	O. J. DeLisle
D Company No. 1	D. A. Small
D Company No. 2	S. B. Rachfalski

A twenty-four week league schedule was inaugurated Monday, August 23, 1943. Being limited to six alleys, teams were split into an "early" and a "late" shift. Bowling enthusiasm was maintained at a high level during the entire schedule. Attendance proved excellent and only when "shoving-off" scuttlebutt got too rampant to ignore was it decided to curb the program.

Initial fees had been levied making cash prizes available to the leading teams based on the number of games won.

## FINAL TEAM STANDINGS

TEAM	WON	LOST	TOTAL PINS
1. Co. C No. 2	51	18	55246
2. Co. B No. 2	47	22	54867
3. Co. D No. 1	40	29	49500
4. Co. B No. 1	40	29	47568
5. Co. D No. 2	39	30	49342
6. Co. A No. 1	34	35	49573
7. Chiefs	33	36	50722
8. Hdqtrs. No. 1	33	36	50170
9. Officers	33	36	47440

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Keblers.







*Afternoon workout . . . neath sweltering palms.*

## BOXING

It is only natural that the sport of sports in an outfit of a thousand men, brought together for the twofold purpose of building and fighting, should be boxing. But it is most unusual that there would be in the 30th Battalion, where the average age is 35 years, so many experienced and talented pugilists.

Boxing commenced in intra-mural form at Camp Bradford. The nucleus of our present squad was evident, even at this early date. Here Mellinger made his first Seabee ring appearance. He also directed the matches in which Alfonso, Mulick, Kelley, Flaherty, Carpenter, Careadio, and Clement competed.

It was not, however, until we arrived in Trinidad that boxing began to flourish as a team sport. At Staubles Beach, DeLaura defeated a native fighter and Mellinger displayed his usual winning form by getting the nod over a lad from one of the local ships. Then on to Waller Field where Kelley and Mulick began their long series of successful ring encounters.

Intra-mural boxing hit the peak in April, 1943. Kirshy, McQuade, Greene, Threlfall, Lambert, Ames, Hamilton, Cafano, White, Stewart, Yochym, Carpenter and Herlihy were the outstanding participants. White of

Headquarters Company gave an excellent showing by defeating Barkhouse of Company C. Mulick T.K.O'ed "Rocky" Burke. In the welterweight class, Kelley defeated Read of Section Base after winning by default from Herlihy. Gurkin defeated Greene in the 5th bout of the evening, and Hamilton defeated Knapp for the heavyweight title.

Of course, the most professional exhibition of the evening was put on by Landolina and Mellinger who boxed three clever and hard hitting rounds of no-decision fighting.

At this period in our boxing history Chiefs Campbell, Feldman, and Bertagna were usually on deck to do the refereeing honors. Lt. Meier handled most of the arrangements, ranging from prizes to late chow for the fighters.

There was no one more interested in the 30th's boxing than Walter J. Smith, better known to all hands as "Smitty". Although he left us in Trinidad to become a part of C.B.M.U. No. 559, he will be remembered for his conscientious efforts to further the boxing endeavors of our Battalion.

And since we are mentioning ring characters, a word about Al Palladino. Al's competitive boxing career took place over a long



"... their weight in wildcats."

period of years before he joined the 30th. The list of champions he fought and defeated is known to those among us who have followed the ring game with true interest. As a handler and trainer, masseur and coach, his assistance to our boxers has been invaluable.

On returning to the States it was noticeable that for the first month or so the men were more interested in liberty than boxing. However, it took only the challenge of the Station Force at Quoddy to get out our boxers en masse. Although Landolina lost two very game fights to Cramer, of 3050; Kelley, Herlihy, Burke, and Mulick went undefeated. Both Kelley and Mulick showed 4.0 form during our stay in Maine as each chalked up K.O.'s and decisive victories.

The last contest in which our men participated before the writing of this article was held in Brunswick, Maine. Both Mellinger and Landolina won by K.O. route, and Kelley took an undisputed decision from a capable British opponent, Burke lost a close one and Mulick drew.

For you that have never experienced the excitement of weighing in, meeting your opponent, having your hands taped, feeling your palms grow damp, listening to the referee's instructions, and coming out at the first bell, it's difficult to present the thousand and one memories, reveries, and reactions that boxers have. Perhaps a 30th boxer would have a mental picture similar to the following: How tough it was to get in condition in Trinidad! And how did those Ben-

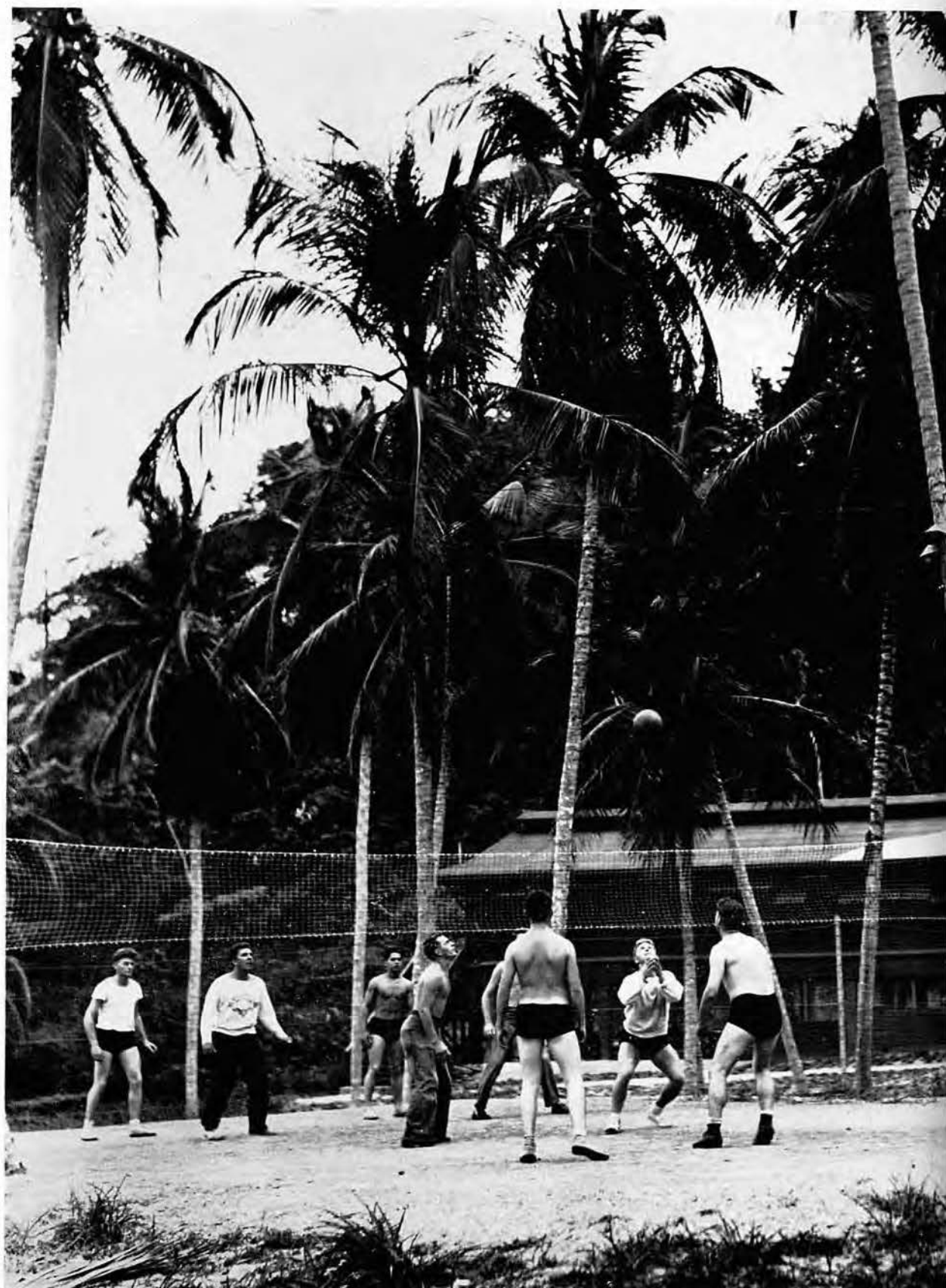
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Break clean!



# MISCELLANEOUS SPORTS

*Mess cooks at . . . play.*





*The Sea-Wolf.*

*Manzanilla.*



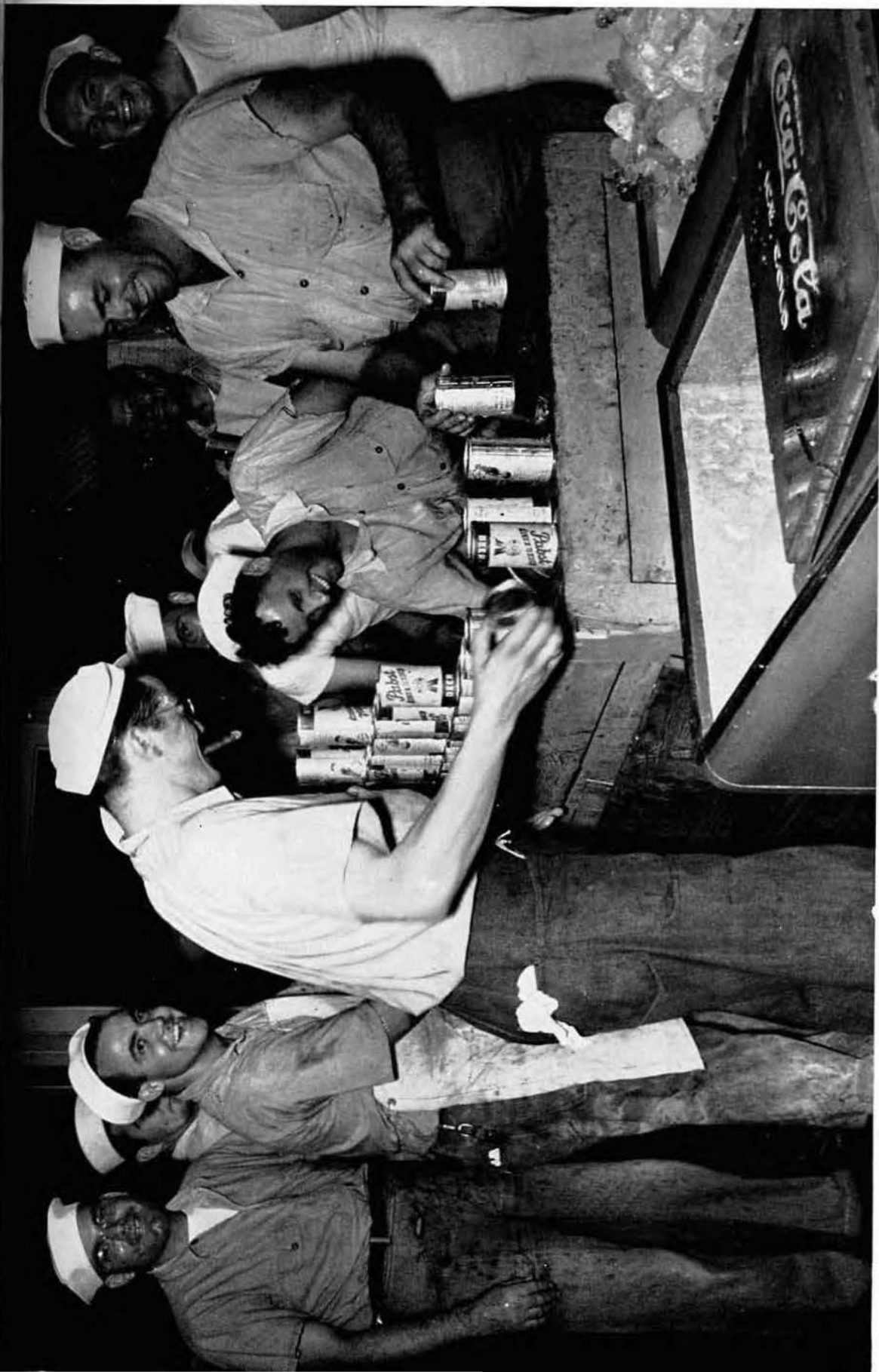


*Jamboree at Scotland Bay.*



*Barefooted handball.*

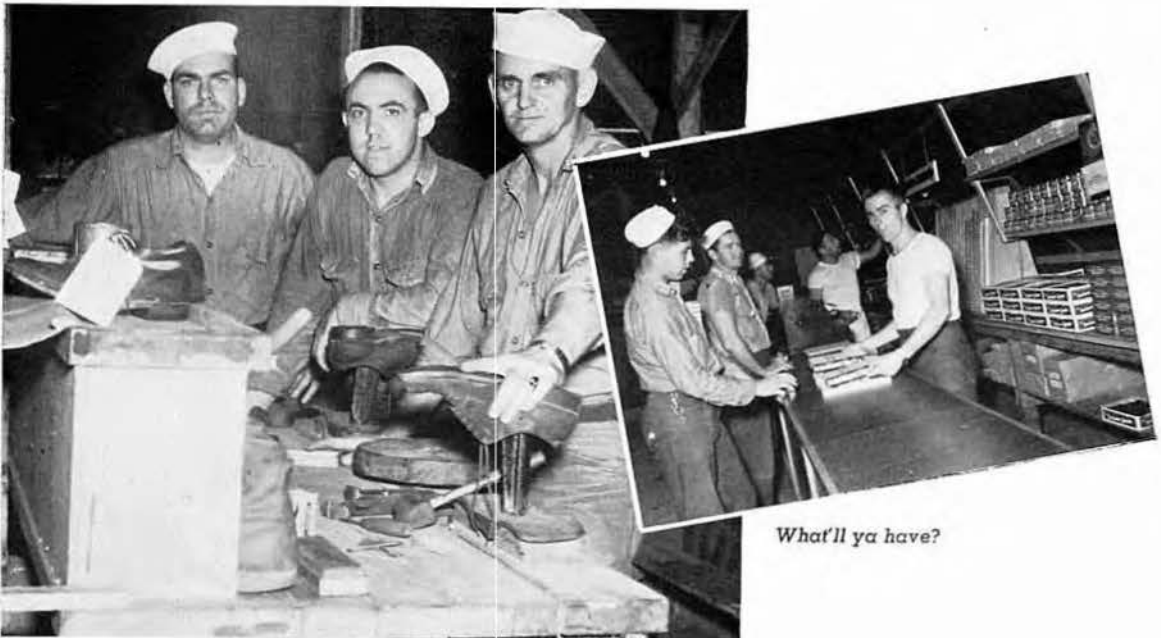
# S H I P , S E R V I C E



On the house.



*Goldwyn-Mayer.*



*What'll ya have?*

*Keepers of the soles.*

*Ye olde clip joint.*



*A stitch in time.*





OUT OF the grey of Tent City arose the first formation of our Ship's Service organization. Lt. R. H. Windbigler (then j.g.), took the helm. Harold Heal was Purchasing Officer, W. O. Brunner handled the funds and Jack Shurack stepped in to take the position of "general custodian" and cashier etc., which he held all during our cruise. Amidst the pines and Quonset huts, the 30th operated a tailor shop, barber shop, and laundry and prepared for the days to come.

Upon our arrival at Camp Hollyday, Gulfport, Miss., the tailors immediately went to work and our barbers went over to the Station Force shop and showed the boys how hair should be cut. We worked in such a manner until the orders came to leave and we looked eagerly forward to the prospect of operating our own Ship's Service on Island "X".

In Trinidad the tailors and barbers once again set up their shops beneath the barracks and tended to the needs of all comers. "Tony" Pacifico, "Larry" Addelson and "Al"

Marcus pressed, hemmed and sewed away many a day in their small shop which was destined to operate in the same location all during our stay in Trinidad. Later, V. Granata was added to the altering force, replacing Marcus who joined the ranks of the "Gestapo." We all shall recall our bargaining with "Abie" and how the bell of his aging cash register used to ring as he salted away the fruits of our labor. The story says that Addelson found his register (vintage 1900) while on one of his various excursions to Tunapuna. When the beer garden was being cleaned up every morning, many of the men wondered if Costello and Addelson ever found any of the shillings which they so furiously hunted for.

"Ye Olde Clippe Joint," operated by "Cy" Clapp, "Bill" Warick, "Jim" Costello, was an open-air affair and many of our choicest locks were shorn by these "tonorial artistes." Some time later the shop was closed in, electric fans, one regular and two ersatz barber chairs were installed and added to

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*Windbigler, Shurack Ltd.*



the piles of out-dated magazines, the men waiting outside and the usual "barber shop bull session," to make it much like the shop back home.

A short way up the road a tent was erected and there a complete and efficient cobbler shop was established, employing "Jim" Gallagher, "Al" Stanchfield, and Clark King. Here the G.I. shoes were repaired and our dress shoes kept up to snuff. None can forget the constant running conversation (or squabble) which "Boot" and "Jimmy" kept going or how the boys used to come in coated with the black dust from the shop. After our regular Ship's Service facilities were established, the Cobbler Shop was moved there and Herman White was substituted for King.

February 1, 1943 the two new Quonset huts were ready and our Ship's Store opened for the first time. In the beginning the supplies were limited but due to the diligence of those concerned, business grew quickly and soon expanded to the fine, adequate proportions which we enjoyed for the duration of our stay. In the store, Russ Gentzsch and Warren Callahan were behind the  
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*Two for a shilling.*

# DANCES

*May Dance.*



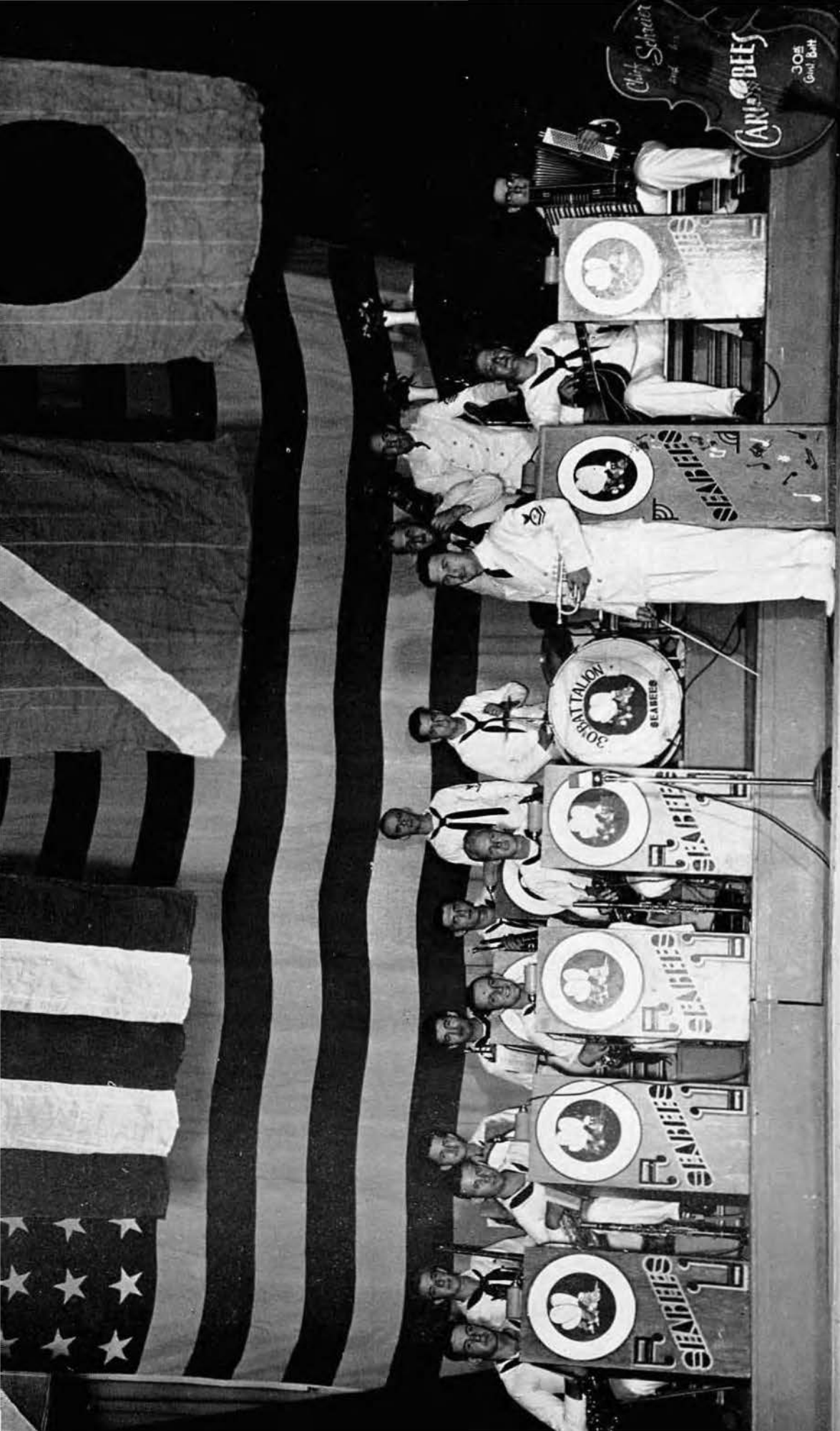
*Flag Dance.*



*Harvest Dance.*

*Anniversary Dance.*





Our pride and joy.



## THE BAND

*The band.*

ONE organization of which we have been universally and consistently proud has been our brass band and orchestra. The brass band was the first of these to be organized back in the early days of Bradford. First efforts, although admittedly a little corny, did give promise of the good things to come as the talent was there and only needed time and practice to whip it into the shape it eventually assumed.

The brass band made its first appearance at Camp Bradford just one week after organization. The dance band was organized by Chief Schreier at Gulfport and within two weeks made its debut at the Community House. This was not only their first engagement but also their first broadcast. This was the beginning of the famous "Cari-bees" who have given us so many hours of enjoyment.

When we reached Trinidad, we found that there were many orchestras among the various military personnel on the Island. It was wisely decided that we would not enter the

stiff competition until our band had had time to reach the high standard of playing of which it was capable. It was no easy task for the members of the orchestra as they all had other assignments and therefore all practicing had to be done at night. However, when we finally made our first appearance at the USO club we were amply repaid for all our hard work, as the band was an instant and overwhelming success. From that night on the orchestra was in constant demand and we could play every night as far as opportunity went.

The "Cari-bees" is really all-American in its personnel, even having one member from the Canal Zone. Beginning with the brass section we have Chief Schreier from St. Louis, Mo., on first trumpet. He is also director of both the orchestra and band. The Chief has contributed much to both organizations and without him neither would have been the success that it is. On second trumpet we have Peter Troyan from Perth Amboy, N. J., who is also the band's write-up

man. The third trumpet chair has been occupied by two men: at present it is S. G. James of Portland, Me., who succeeded Gordon Egan of Elmira, N. Y.

S. E. Sanders from Kennebunkport, Me., holds down the first trombone with V. T. Randall from Eugene, Ore., who is on second trombone and doubles on bass fiddle.

The reed section is composed of R. G. Riopel of Freehold, N. J. on first alto, Don Newberry from Taft, California, playing second tenor, E. Chiccatano of Vineland, N. J., playing third alto, and on fourth tenor we have R. C. Broer from The Dallas, Ore. Broer is also nursemaid to all the musical paraphernalia.

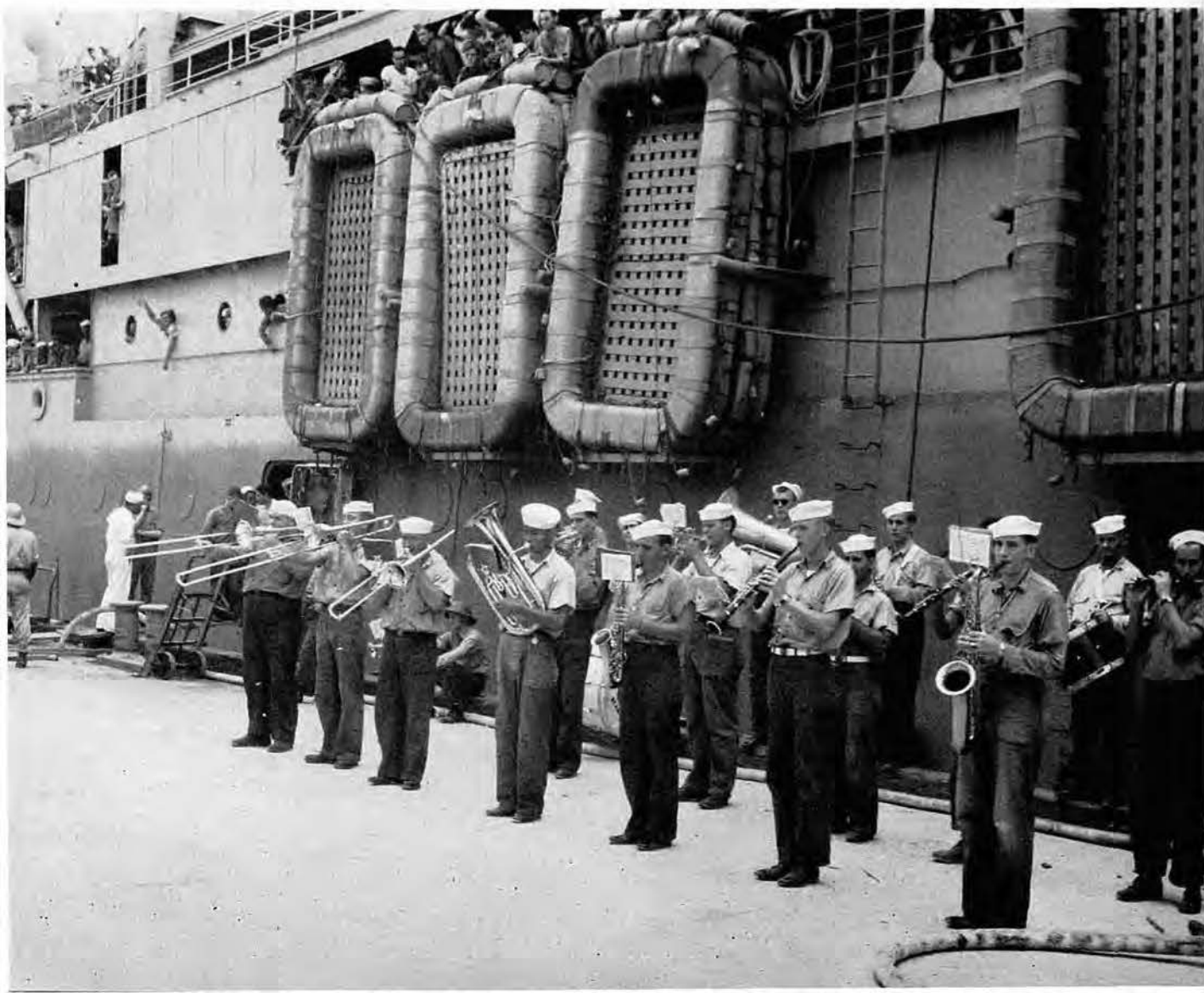
In the rhythm section we find L. C. Hanel of Portland, Ore., on drums, C. C. Clement of Balboa, C. Z. on bass fiddle, and guitarist D. E. Bull from Los Angeles, California. Un-

til transferred out of the Battalion just before our return, Russ Cramer filled the piano spot very capably. A real addition to this group is Jimmy Curran who has added so much with his fine singing of popular songs.

The orchestra not only played for dances and parties at every establishment on the Island, but also frequently broadcast over the local service station from the USO. In the latter part of our stay in Trinidad, they also played weekly for the men in the Battalion theatre. On the trip back to the States the band did much to relieve the tedium of the trip by their daily afternoon concert on the fantail. We also attracted quite an audience on our stop in the Canal Zone where we serenaded the dock workers.

Upon our return from leave, the men were so busy that it was impossible to get them  
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*Homeward bound.*



# CALYPSO

"Hol' eet mon."



*Devil's Island chain-breaker.*

No book on our life in Trinidad would be complete without a reference to the calypso which is the Trinidadian folk-music. There is no one in the outfit who will ever forget the shows put on by Lord Executor, King Radio, Atilla the Hun and the Growler at the various areas on the Base. They will always remain as one of our outstanding memories of our stay in Trinidad.

The form in which the calypso is generally sung is one which allows for an endless continuity. Each repetition offers great variety for syncopation which is fully developed by the calypsonian. An opening statement followed by a development which in a popular song would be described as a chorus is usually employed, but the calypsonian, unconsciously or otherwise, does not give a definite sense of finality to the closing bars thus affording an opportunity for repetition. Here is an example — "Ole Lady Yuh Mashin' Me Toe," by the Growler:

Opening Statement:

"De new dance dey got in dis Town  
Making ole women feel dat dey young!"  
(repeat)

Chorus:

"Ole Lady, yuh mashin' me toe;  
Ole Lady, stop it isn't so!

Yuh crazy, leave de people dance,  
Read yuh Bible an' give de young girls a  
chance."

Second Verse:

"One nigh ah went up in de Buildin'  
To hear de Blue Rydym play de new swing;  
An Ole lady came and ask for a set;  
She dribble on my stomach and had it wet."

Third Verse:

"De ban' strike up a nice Castilian  
She went up to dem and tell dem to scam.  
She say! 'Buddy Williams' don' get me  
blue,  
Play 'Brackley Behind' for de Suzy Q!"

Then the chorus, another verse and so on until the calypsonian thinks his audience has had enough or his imagination is exhausted. The chorus is repeated by the accompanying musicians before the calypsonian sings each verse and it is during this pause in his singing, if he is improvising new lyrics, that his quick mind drafts the outlines of the next verse. While he is singing the verse he applies the final touches as he goes along and so the calypsonian, remarkable as it may seem, often does not realize what words he has sung until he has actually sung them.

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# SHOTS AT RANDOM



*Manzanilla Beer Bust.*

*1730 plus two.*

*Queen of the Caribbean.*





C.P.O. panel.



Nostalgia.



Misspent youth.

*Yehudi Menuhin.*



*So on into the night.*



*U.S.O.; P.O.S.*



**CHAPLAIN'S  
CORNER**





*In memory of others.*

THE Navy has always realized the importance of taking care of not only the physical well being of the men but also the spiritual part of their life. Chaplains have always, therefore, been an integral part of the organization and their contribution to the happiness and peace of mind which has so much to do with that intangible thing called morale is of great value.

Throughout the history of the Chaplains' Corps their services have been such as to build up a respect for the great possibilities for service with both officers and men.

Obviously, the primary duty of the Chaplain is to take care of the religious needs of the men. Each member of the Corps has entered the service with the first thought in mind of giving an opportunity to the men of his own Faith to have the ministrations of his religion. Due to the nature of the Navy it is patently impossible to furnish each man of each ship or station this opportunity at all times. The Chaplain soon learns that it is his duty to furnish this opportunity as often as he can either through arrangements with other chaplains or civilian clergy. Although ready and willing to take care of the other duties assigned to him and to help in any

way he can, it is from his carrying out of this primary purpose of his existence as a Chaplain that he receives his greatest satisfaction and reward.

When the Construction Battalions were formed, the total complement was of a size

*Archbishop of Trinidad at Memorial Day Services.*





*Midnight Services at our theatre Christmas Eve '43.*

to enable a Chaplain to be assigned to it as one of the staff officers. His duties here are approximately the same as they are on a ship. Beside the duties that are his as Chaplain he acts as a liaison between officers and men, attempting to maintain the balance between the rights of the individual and the rule and exigencies of the Service. To him are referred the troubles of a family nature, whether financial, health or personal. He is the contact with all social agencies and, in as far as he is able, the final appeal when all other avenues are closed. Many times, (and they are what bother him the worst, too) he can do nothing but at least he can always listen.

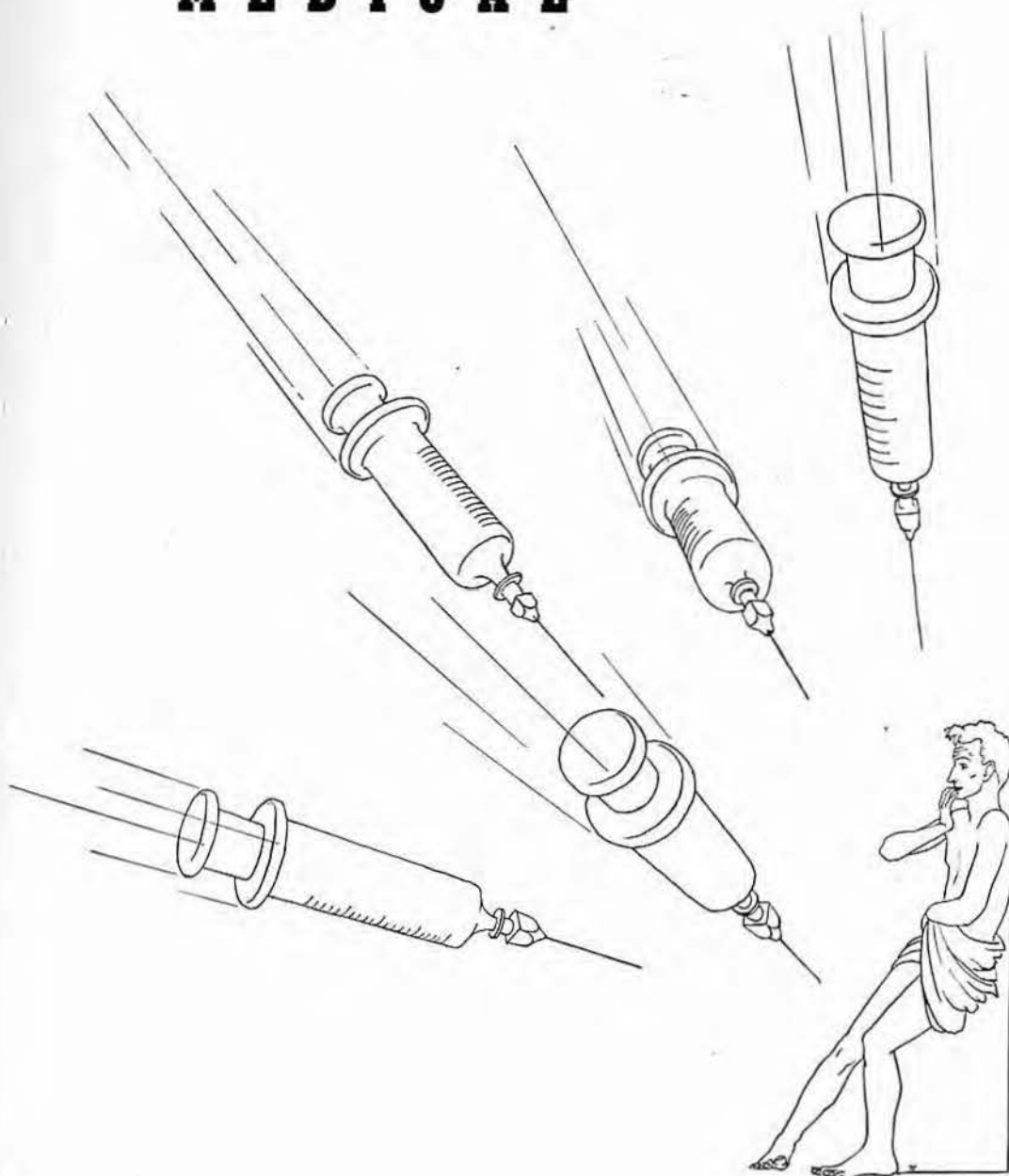
In a Battalion, the collateral duties of the Chaplain will ordinarily include Welfare and Recreation, supervision of Battalion newspaper and library, and Education Officer. With all, his is an important place in the organization and he contributes much to the life of the Battalion.

What has been the religious history of the Thirtieth? As full and varied as the other phases. Chaplain T. S. Severtson reported aboard as the first Chaplain of the Battalion just before we shoved off from Gulfport.

When we arrived at Trinidad he was the only Navy Chaplain on the Base and therefore, not only conducted services for those of his own Faith but made arrangements for the other services to be conducted. Originally divine services were held at the gymnasium at the Air Station until the Thirtieth Area theatre was built, when we had our own services. When the rainy season came it was necessary to move under cover and the lecture and military room was converted into a chapel. This was done through the interest of the men who built a sanctuary at one end of the room, with a beautiful matching altar, pulpit and credence table made of pine and mahogany. So beautiful was this altar that we brought it back to the States but were forced by our many moves to donate it to Camp Endicott, where it is still giving honor and glory to God on behalf of the men of the Thirtieth. With the continued development of the Naval Base, other Chaplains reported aboard, the first of whom was Chaplain Cunningham, who became so well known to the Catholic men of the Battalion through his never-failing kindness and willingness to help them.

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# MEDICAL







THE Medical Department is the oldest department within the Battalion organization. The doctors and the corpsmen were all at N.C.T.C. Allen and assigned to the 30th Construction Battalion weeks before the Battalion itself arrived. To support this statement one need only to recall the "boot days" of Bradford, and it will be remembered that the medicos were open for business the day you arrived. Can anyone forget the harpooning he received during the routine immunization at the Sick Bay?

In as much as this book is a history of the Battalion it seems that mention of the personnel of the Medical Department is quite in order. This may seem superflous, but it is well known fact, that time has an unfortunate habit of dimming faces and completely eradicating names.

Our first Senior Medical Officer was Lt. Comdr. Aaron I. Grollman (MC) USNR, a well known surgeon in Cincinnati, Ohio before enlisting in the Naval Reserve.

It was he who organized the Medical Department and laid the foundation for the smooth functioning organization it became. He was replaced in April of 1943, while in Trinidad, by Lt. Robert J. Roach (MC) USNR, who engaged in private practice in Erie, Pa. before enlisting in the Naval Reserve.

Perhaps many of you will recall him more easily than you do Lt. Comdr. Grollman because of his longer and more intimate tour of duty with the battalion, as well as his ever present wit, admittedly "corny" at times and oft repeated, but a definite lift in times of stress. There are others of you who will definitely remember him as the doctor who inaugurated the practice of "sun-worshipping" behind the Sick Bay, particularly you fellows who had bad cases of "crud," Trinidad rot, fungus, etc., etc., and who benefitted by this heliotherapy.

You may also recall he and the Jr. Medical Officer working out industriously (?) at "Palladino's Health Farm", a project endorsed by him from its inception. He was

*Sick Bay.*



*Consultation.*

transferred after the Battalion returned to Davisville and it was indeed a sad loss.

The Junior Medical Officer was with the Battalion from "boot" to "boot" one might say. He was Lt. (jg) and later Lt. Joseph A. O'Grady (MC) USNR of Beacon, N. Y. He listened, quite briefly at times, to your complaints from Bradford to Davisville, which you will admit is quite a space of time. Dr. O'Grady was transferred when we returned to Davisville and it was with real regret that we bid him good-by. We appreciated not only his faithful and conscientious medical care but also his interest in every phase of Battalion life. We are sure, knowing him, that whatever his duty he will fulfill it well.

Now we must include the Dental Officers, without whom no good Medical Department is complete. Our first competent "man with the drill" was Lt. D. A. Alexander (DC), USNR whose home was in Norfolk (stifle the boos, boys) but who practiced in Arling-

ton and Washington, D. C. Most of you remember the good work he turned out with the field equipment in the shack up by the mess-hall. He left the Battalion to go to the Naval Hospital at Trinidad in August of 1943. No doubt many of you were treated by him over there, in the more modern dental office atmosphere. His relief was Lt. (jg) and later Lt. Sidney Weinstein (DC) USNR

to show pictures of his wife and baby, and make purchases at the Ship's Service Store could never be forgotten.

We now turn to the hard working and many times unappreciated (at least that is their story) corpsmen. These are the fellows who dole out the aspirin, treat the minor cuts and bruises, and act as "all around good guys" — which they are.



*Inhale.*

of Birmingham, Alabama. He continued the dental work in the Battalion and managed to finagle the more modern equipment used in the Sick Bay in Trinidad. In fact, he has made sure in every camp that the Battalion had the best possible equipment available. Dr. Weinstein remains today, the only member of the medical staff left of the group who returned from Trinidad. His eagerness

Back in the early days of the battalion during that pleasant and invigorating period at Bradford, you first came in contact with them. They lived with you, ate with you, and were buddies to many of you and friendly and helpful to all of you.

Our first CPhM was Willard O. Dobson, who was transferred out of the Battalion just before we left Bradford. He was replaced

by Chief Carthal M. Harper whom most of you will remember as the man who appeared every time Roach or O'Grady belated "Chief." It was he who kept the organization running as smoothly as it did, for in his quiet, unassuming way, he was very efficient.

Next were our three 2nd class Pharmacist Mates: Ernie Austin, Joe Messina and Jim Persons, all whom are now Chief Pharmacist Mates and deservedly so.

Austin you will remember as the big fellow with the mustache and "Bertha" who, among many other duties, herded the patients to the hospital. He also was one of the pillars of the Battalion paper, the Caribbean, to which he contributed a column entitled "Doc Says." Without a doubt he was one of the most respected and well liked men in the Battalion.

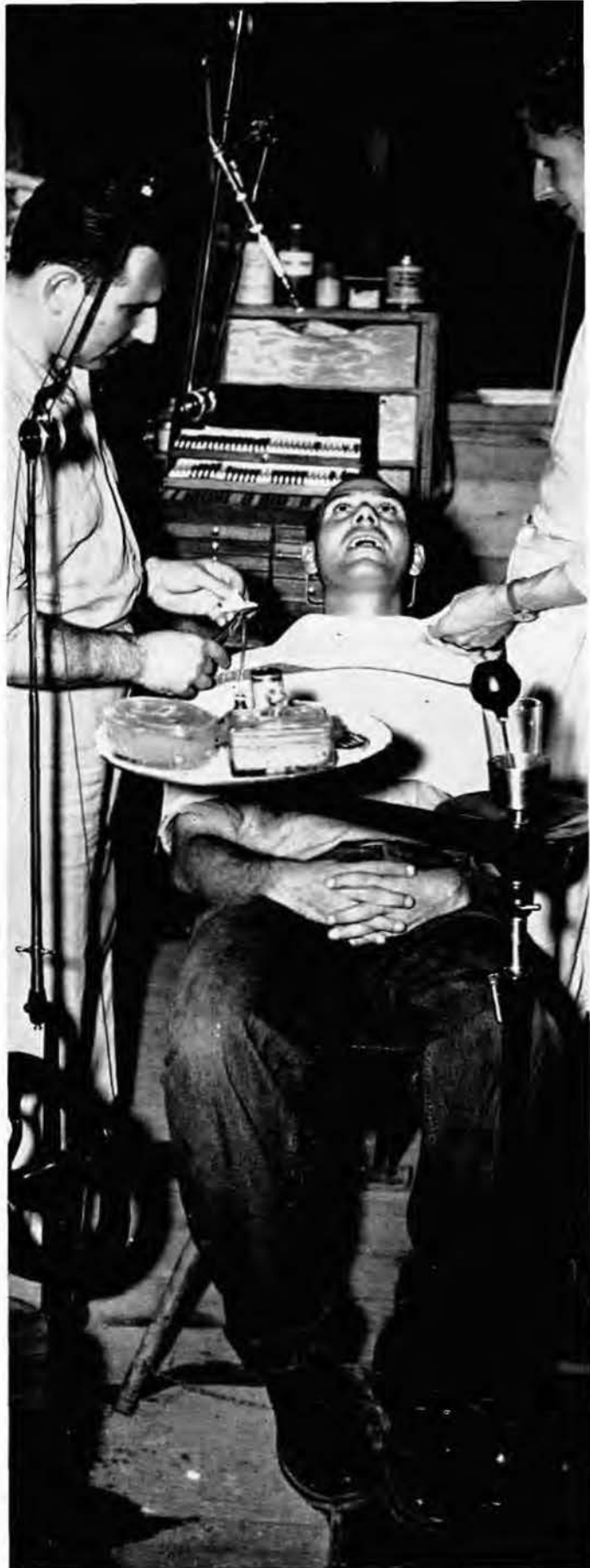
Messina, or "Joe", as he was known to everyone, will long be remembered for his extra-curricular activities. Besides being an excellent corpsman and pharmacist he also dabbled in dog tags and small boating. The latter, much to his disgust, on many occasions, capsized. Needless to say he was one of the most popular men in the camp.

Jim Persons, our dental technician, was a tall and silent boy who assisted the Dental Officer and a good job he did too, as you fellows who had your teeth cleaned by him well know.

In the HAIC department without which no Medical Department is complete, we had Harry Ritter and that "fighting man" James J. McMulkin.

Ritter who is now a PhM1C was the efficient lad who never was too busy to take care of an ailing comrade. His willingness to work and friendly manner were well known throughout the Battalion.

The other half of the HAIC department was upheld by the man with the most nicknames in the Battalion, such as "fighting man," "bubbles," and "muscles." No doubt



*Roughing it.*



he will long be remembered for the daily strenuous workouts he engaged in at "Palladino's Health Farm", trying to rid himself of the corpulence caused by the easy life (?) in Trinidad which marred his otherwise sylph-like figure. As everyone who knows him realizes, Mac was one of the best.

Now we come to the foundation of the Medical Department, the two boys who did most of the work (so they say). They were the two HA2C Jim Burian and Bob Fosbender.

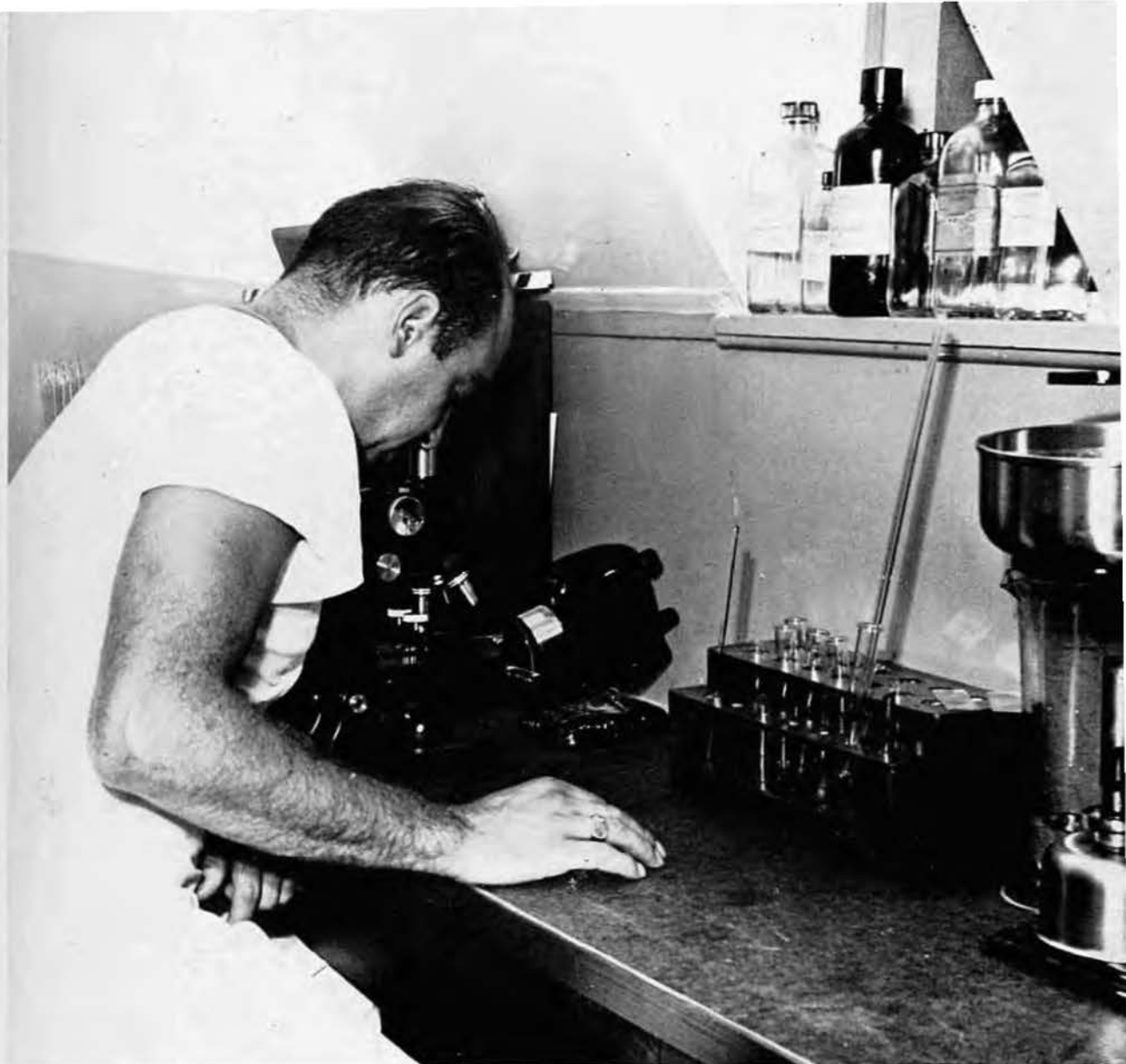
Burian was the quieter of the two who was hauling in all the mail from Chicago and environs. Jim is a conscientious and able corpsman as all of you who had contact with him will testify. He was raised in rate to PHM 3C before we left Trinidad, a promotion richly deserved.

Last, but not least, came Bob Fosbender. He was the "baby" of the outfit, and many of you will recall his exploits. He probably will always remain famous in military circles for doing what so many enlisted men dream of. Bob was a willing and capable corpsman and most of us were very sorry to see him leave the Battalion.

Perhaps it would not be a bad idea to give you a rough idea of the work of the Medical Department for perhaps some of you harbored doubts about such a reality existing. Unfortunately, exact data is not available but the statistics that are quoted if not accurate, certainly err on the side of conservatism.

During our stay in Trinidad over 700 patients were admitted to either the N.A.S. Dispensary or to the Naval Hospital, 60 of whom were surveyed back to the States for further treatment and disposition. A conservative average daily sick-call would be 75 men and there were occasions when it reached as high as 150 per day. Using the average figure, that would give 28,000 as the rough number of visits to Sick Bay during our stay there, besides consultations too numerous to mention. This, despite the fact

*Luxury.*



*Wot's hoppnin', Joe?*

that in our first six months we were handicapped by being in the tent. These figures do not include any treatments given before leaving the States, which would bring the figures up a few thousand more. It's not such a bad record, is it?

Following an established policy, the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery transferred all the medical staff to other duty upon our return to the States. Although those who have departed remain in our memory and affections, the new group has quickly estab-

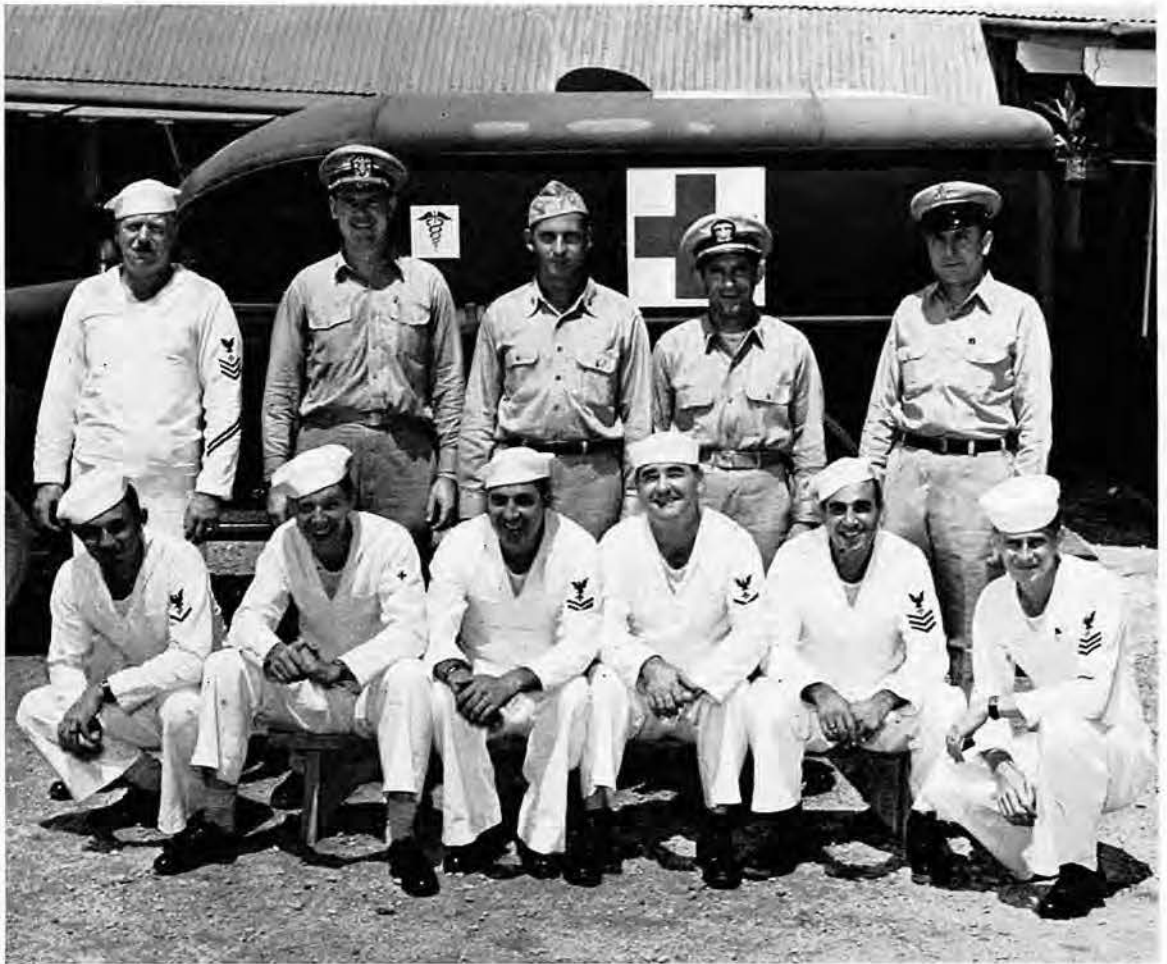
lished itself as a force and influence in the battalion.

Lt. Thomas Carnecelli of Boston replaced Dr. Roach as Senior Medical Officer and just as we were getting to know him, he was transferred to Camp Endicott and was succeeded by Lt. (jg) Harold E. Elrick. Dr. Elrick was evidently not meant to be permanently a member of the Battalion as he was transferred to sea duty soon after our arrival at Camp Thomas. Lt. Comdr. Ralph N. Shapiro is now Senior Medical Officer. His

previous duty in Brooklyn Navy Yard and N.C.T.C. and twenty years in private practice in Newark, N. J. assures us that our physical well-being rests in capable hands.

Dr. O'Grady was succeeded by Lt. (jg) Phillip Knapp of New York City, who is now our Junior Medical Officer. In a few short months he has succeeded in becoming so well known that he has been described as

Holder was the first class man and we all regretted to see him go when he was transferred to sea duty. The three second class men are A. E. Gaudreau, who came to us from the 96th Battalion, P. R. Haulard, the dental assistant, from the Air Station at Miami, and N. G. Lebeau who was previously with the fleet Marines at Camp Le Jeune. One of the outstanding events in the

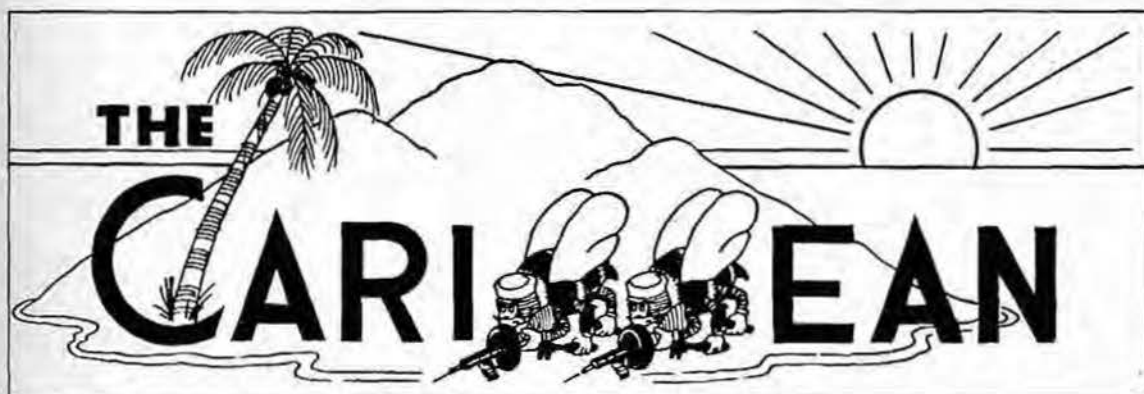


*Pill Rollers Lt'd.*

"fabulous." He has taken over not only Dr. O'Grady's medical position but also his position as catcher on the officers' softball team.

The Corpsmen who have reported to the Battalion are headed by the Chief PhM E. C. Peterson (known from Connecticut to Canada as the "demon") who came to us from the Receiving Ship in Boston. H. M.

Medical Department since the new gang joined us was the promotion in rating of B. J. Heder, H. J. Lawhorne, W. A. Futch, J. J. Kelleher and P. A. Kaiser from HA1C to PHM3C. These men came from Camp Le Jeune also and with the new crew in charge of the Medical Department, we feel sure that wherever our path may lead, we are in good and capable hands.



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ALL members of the Battalion are familiar enough with the above masthead to know that this has to do with our excellent Battalion newspaper, "The Caribbean." Born March 1943, as a four page mimeographed sheet, the newspaper was edited by Leonard Barr as a sideline to his regular duties in the Personnel Office. However it was evident that the job had to be full time if it was to be handled adequately and Frank Crehan was appointed editor.

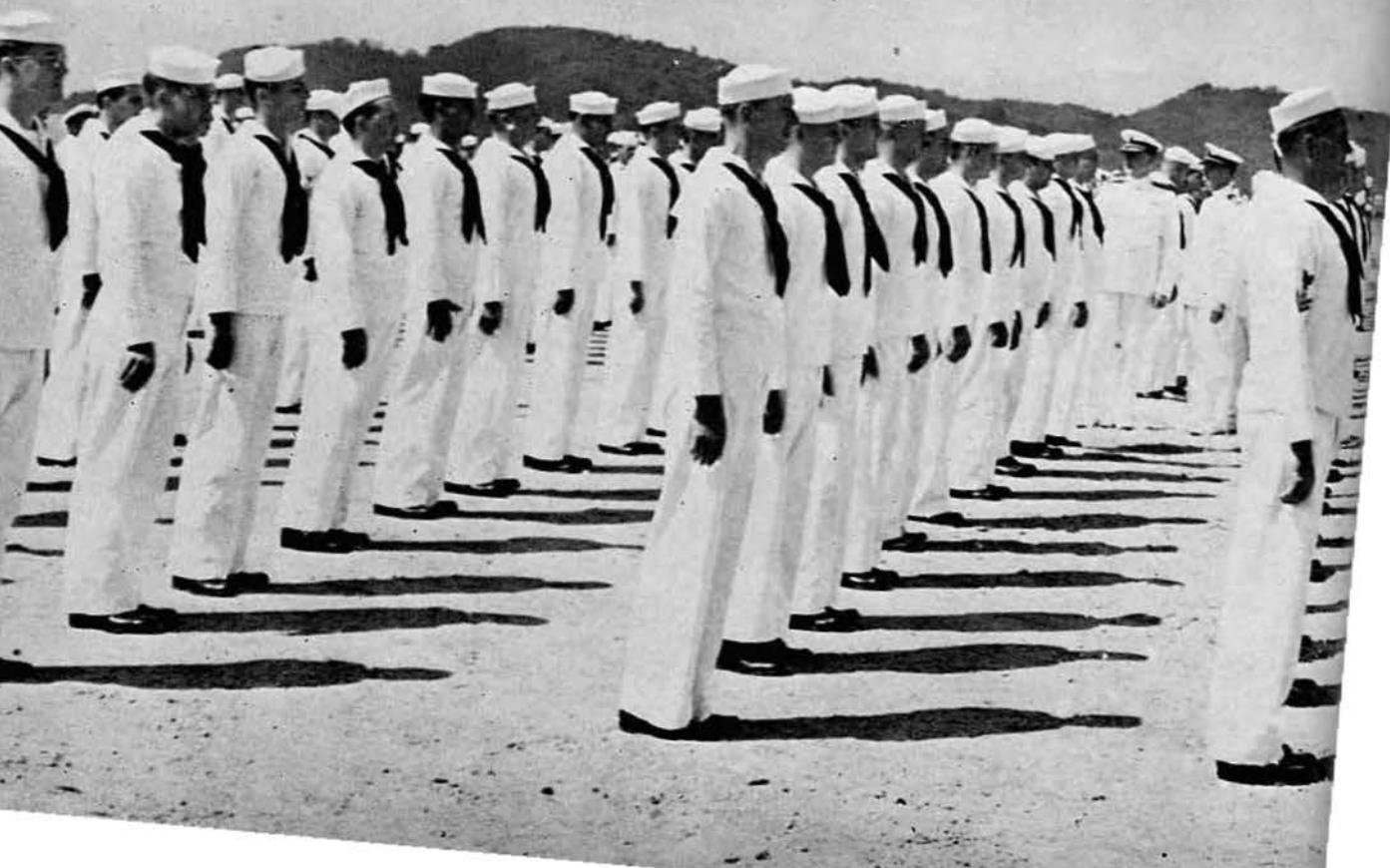
After five issues, due to the untiring efforts of the editor and staff plus the finances from Ship's Service and the cooperation of the Commander, the Executive Officer and the Chaplain, the "Caribbean" blossomed out in printed form, definitely in the big time. That first printed issue lists Commander Paul E. Henrion, as publisher, Lt. Comdr. H. E. Smith as Editorial Director, Chaplain Severtson, Editor-in-Chief, with F. S. Crehan as managing editor, and the following associate editors, A. M. DiLauro, J. A. Hlavaty, K. T. Taylor, J. D. Garvin, H. F. Newcombe, J. F. Fernbacher, E. E. Dixon and E. W. Austin. The greatest improvement was, of course, the opportunity provided to print pictures of the men and activities of the Battalion.

Despite the high caliber of the publication, the editors did not rest on their laurels and it continued to improve with each edition. As time went on there were added such features as "Doc Says," "Passing By," "Tinymites," "Dribbles From D," and "Dear Nancy." Together with such stand-bys as "The Chaplain's Corner," "From the Bridge" and "Letter from the Reader," and current news stories of happenings in the everyday life of the Battalion, all went to make up a paper to rank with the best. An indication of what the men thought of it is found in the fact that over a thousand copies of each issue was mailed back to the States and compliments flowed in from every source from the Bureau of Yards and Docks to the families and friends of the men.

After meeting, more or less successfully, a second and fourth Saturday deadline for eight months, "The Caribbean" finally sang its swan song with the second January publication as the outfit prepared to shove off for the States. If any future publication of the Battalion equals the high standard of the Caribbean, the editors can rest assured that they have a successful paper.



# MILITARY



"HOOLDD and S-Q-U-E-E-Z-EEE, aim-at-6 o'clock" — with these familiar phrases drawled at us at Allen and Bradford, we made our debut as "fighter-builders." After two years of Navy life we are still in the debut stage but are still hoping to be given a chance to prove that the 30th Seabees can fight as well as build.

Remember firing the .03 at Bradford? Old man weather was against us there; for every time our turn came to fire, the heavens opened up with rain that would dwarf even "California Dew." One afternoon showed every promise of being perfect for firing conditions, so off we marched to the range only to see a perfect blanket of fog roll in between the targets and firing line. The lucky 30th foiled again.

Gulfport found us with our own prized ordnance equipment — "Now we will go places," was in our minds. A pistol range

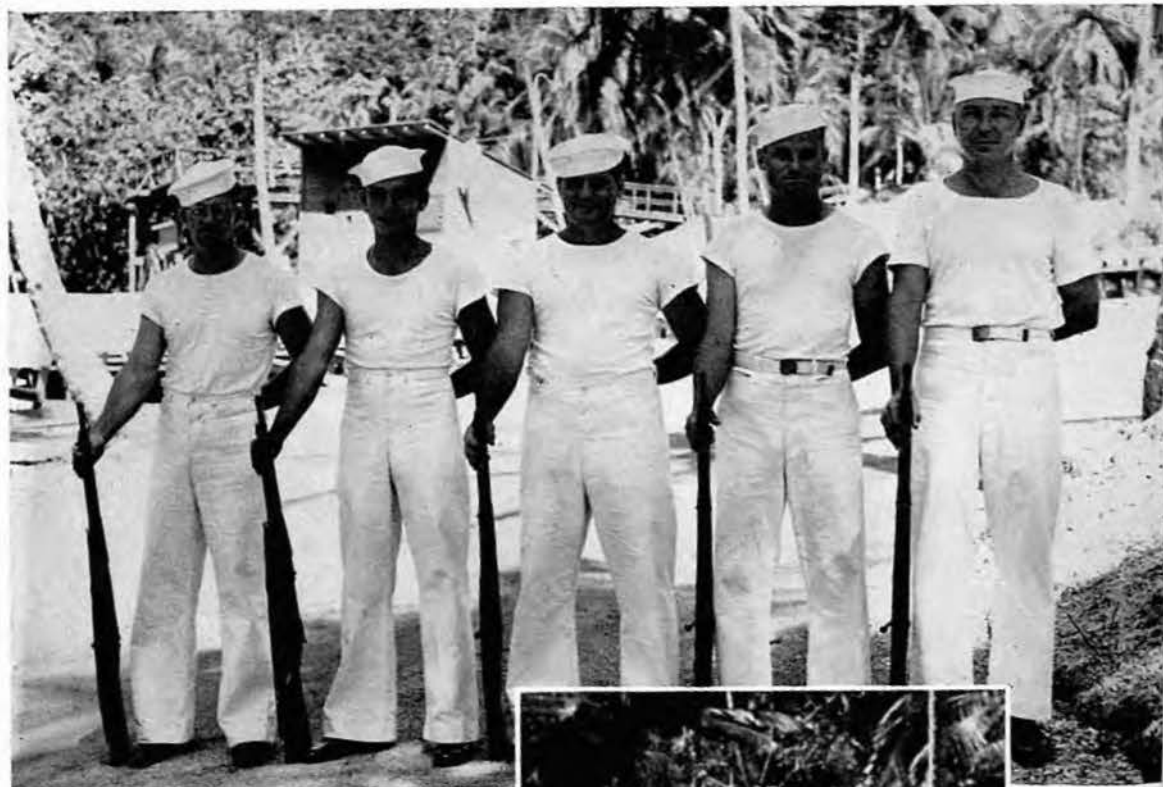
was started and completed where the officers and chiefs vied for top honors. One definite decision on security problems was reached on the pistol range at Gulfport — the commissary chiefs should stay in the galley when fighting was to be done.

Here, men assigned to the Armory really got their teeth into ordnance work and showed plenty of promise. But just as finishing touches were being added to a rifle range, the battalion moved overseas. The scuttlebutt was right again, we waded ashore on a gangplank under full packs and loaded rifles, ready for whatever jungle snakes might be sniping at us — What a disappointment!

Remember maneuvers? Who could forget digging trenches and foxholes, sprawling out in the jungle under a tropical moon, dreaming of a good dinner missed, the folks back home, or what the real thing would be like? Warrant Officer DiFuria would

*Our armorers.*





*Conquered by the marines.*



*Station No. 5 calling . . . .  
Station No. 5 calling . . . .  
Station No. 5 calling.*



*Conquerors of the marines.*

never concede victory to the Marines, for his command repulsed the invasion of Macqueripe. After all, what officer wouldn't fight to the last drop of blood to defend Macqueripe? For several days after maneuvers the armory boys were seen peering in G.I. cans. No, they weren't cobos, just looking for missing rifles.

Some of us went regularly to the rifle range on Sundays as we still hadn't given up hope of being trained fighters as well as builders. We were given some 20 mm's to put into operation which upped our ego considerably even though enemy planes were scarcer than good whisky.

Fifty caliber machine guns became popular on the base and we were proud to man our four. Training on the '50's included a day well spent at HMS Benbow learning

proper sighting. Another day was spent practice firing along with the Army at a sleeve target. Nothing pleased us more than the results — 13 hits in the sleeve for the Navy to 1 for the Army.

A new military program was in the wind — a larger rifle range was required. All approvals from seaman second class up to the commandant to construct a real rifle range were obtained, when the short lived program was put on the shelf to collect dust. A pistol range was our only consolation. So we built one in our own back yard. There was not adequate space for the range without a great deal of earth moving. But 30th Seabees "Can Do" ingenuity went to work and built a platform fifteen feet above the deck with a trestle leading to the target.

Our Commander must have believed the "fighter-builder" stories to the letter when he challenged the Marines to rifle and pistol

matches. Now was our chance to show the Marines in Trinidad that we were real blood brothers to Seabees in active theatres of war.

The first match was held using our rifles and firing the Navy standard sharpshooter-expert course. The enthusiasm ran high and the wagers ran higher, because whatever unit lost would certainly lose their prestige as "fighting men." The day of the match found many rooters for each team on hand and reminded one of a golf tournament as the crowd followed from one firing line to

A moral victory was won by the Seabees and the wagers by the Marines. Remember the uncalled for announcement some private made that night at the NAS movie about beating the Seabees? Just remember that he neglected to announce the relative scores. At the range after the meet, Captain MacArthur, the C.O. of the Marines was heard to say to his men: "Starting Monday you men will spend two weeks practice firing on the range."

It was difficult to arrange a pistol match with the Marines who were somewhat shy



*Digging in.*

another. An alibi shot that was allowed only as good sportsmanship, unfortunately won the match for the Marines with a score of 1704 to 1702. High individual score went to Sgt. Wright of the Marines, second place to F. A. Manges of D Company. Individual scores out of a possible 250 were:

SEABEES		MARINES	
Manges .....	225	Wright .....	229
Jordan .....	218	Vekios .....	214
Kuhn .....	206	Smith .....	206
Genuario .....	205	Whittington .....	210
DeGruchy .....	218	Ratliff .....	215
	—		—
	1072		1074

of the Seabees at this point. Arrangements were, however, finally made and the team was composed of an equal number of enlisted men and officers. We were secretly confident of winning this match — especially so after Manges shot 275 out of 280 at one practice session. More spirit was added to this match when Major MacArthur (just promoted from Captain) challenged our C.O., Commander Geiger to a match with the stakes set as a dinner at Macqueripe for all the officers participating. A slight wind blowing added to the trembling from

over enthusiasm. Tenseness settled on even the crowd as familiar orders rang out, "lock and load, ready on the firing line, targets." Smiles of triumph appeared on the Seabee faces as the contest drew to a close — we were out in front by a large margin. The final score — 993 to 923 — what a beat-

Commander Geiger made the afternoon events complete for the fighting builders as he successfully trounced Major MacArthur with a score of 211 to 202. The Major took an early lead but failed to show consistently on the black, finally losing to the Commander. Ask any of the officers on the team how they enjoyed the dinner so generously pro-

Just before the battle . . .



ing for the Marines! Too bad that wagers weren't doubled this time. Individual scores showed each Seabee had outshot his Marine opponent and were:

SEABEES		MARINES	
Manges .....	264	Wright .....	253
Webster, Ens. ....	251	Smith .....	243
Maginnis .....	243	Roth, Capt. ....	233
Moore, Lt. (jg) ..	235	Butcher, Ens. ....	194
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	993		923

vided for the winners at Macqueripe and they'll say, "the victory was sweet."

Marines are not easily defeated and were back for more, so arrangements were quickly made to fire the final match with Garand M-1's before the 30th left. The usual enthusiasm of the Seabees was noticeably absent because of scuttlebutt about returning to the States. We didn't like Garands —

as far as we were concerned the Marines could keep them. This time the Marines were on their home grounds and were sure of the kill; the Major couldn't afford to lose this one. As the match progressed the khaki-clad boys gained slightly but consistently at every position. The Marines team had been shaken up, with veterans doing the honors. Spectators kept a running score and kept everyone informed of how they were ahead. Final score gave the Marines 1054 to 1026 for the Seabees. Even in defeat the bluejackets looked good — it took a team of better than experts to beat them. So ended the rifle-pistol matches in which the fighter-builders gave a good account of themselves.

Scuttlebutt ran high as the boxes and crates were piled around the Armory and rifles were crated for shipment — we must be moving out if rifles were crated. Sure enough, the Armory boys knew what was

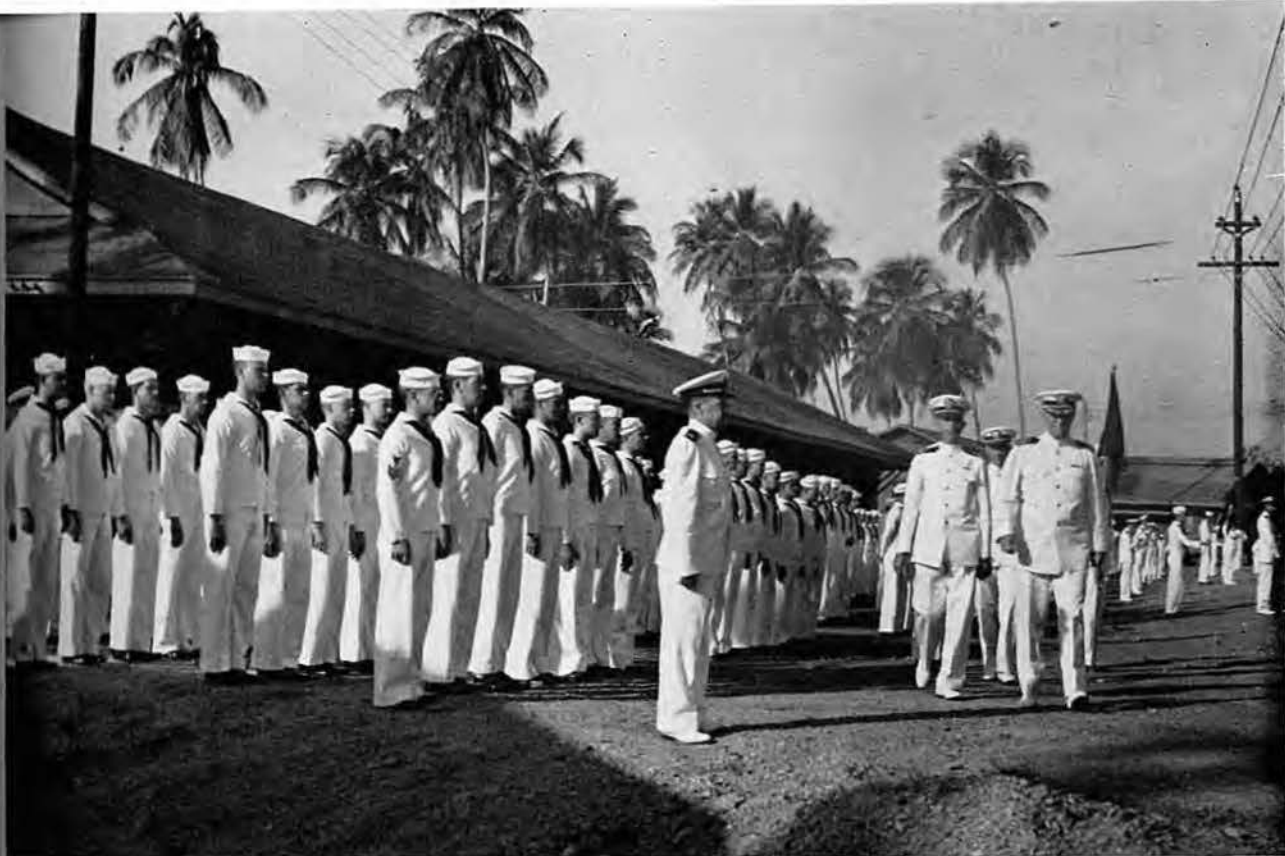
going on — we moved out at last. One fact was brought out by our stay in Trinidad — never build an Armory at the top of a hill. What a grind it was to lug a heavy rifle up that hill after drill.

Now we are ready to start a new phase in the ordnance department, the spirit of "Can Do" as fighter-builders still goes for us and needs only the test to prove it.

THE history of our Military Training began, and will probably end with close order drill. However, in the beginning we did get on to extended order drill, manual of arms, bayonet practice and judo tactics. One of the vivid memories of our time in boot is the hike under the guidance of the Marine instructors. As far as we are concerned, the only consolation to that was that the instructors had to go along too.

*You had a good job . . .*





*Last inspection.*

Mention must be made of the maneuvers that we went through at Bradford as part of the military training. Each company was divided into two platoons of defenders and four platoons of assault troops. The attacking group came in landing barges to take the beach which was defended by trenches and emplacements. As the barges reached a good six feet of water the instructors began to order the men to jump. Most of the men only got wet up to their ankles — they landed head first in the water. Whether the defensive or offensive forces won is still in doubt. Such was our military experience at Camp Bradford.

The outstanding military event of Trinidad came soon after our arrival there when maneuvers of all units on the Island took place to repel an invasion. Our part consisted in protecting our own area except for the contingent sent out to repel the invasion of Macqueripe — all that group except one were ruled casualties of a gas attack as soon as they arrived. Anyway, we

spent one night in the hills of Trinidad roughing it. The rest of the military history in Trinidad consisted of drill on Sunday morning, held then as the men were on a six day work schedule. In the latter part of our stay, we did have the custom of the companies taking turns standing colors on Sunday mornings. This was an impressive and instructive ceremony.

Upon our return to Endicott, we again took up military training in earnest. It began with the inevitable close order drill and just when we had progressed to the more interesting aspects of the course, the Battalion was transferred once more to Quoddy Village where we began the close order drill all over again. Since then, except for standing two reviews which we passed with flying colors, our military program has more or less been marking time. However, we realize that if ever put in a hot spot we are going to be eternally grateful for all the training that we have received.



**OFFICERS  
COUNTRY**





It is with real pride that we list those men who came into the Battalion in the enlisted ranks and have since advanced into either warrant ratings or commissioned ranks. We think it is but another indication of the high calibre of the men of the Thirtieth that the list is so long. To these men go our good wishes for success in their future careers in the Navy and also the assurance that we will always follow their progress with interest.

Knowing the Battalion as a whole, we still think that, given the opportunity, there are many men left who would be of value to the Navy if they should be needed in more responsible positions. It is just as true in the Navy as it is in civilian business life, that to climb the ladder of success a man must be given the opportunity to demonstrate his ability to prove that he can produce. We are sure that that ability is present in the outfit.

In addition to those who have been accepted for the V-12 program and are on their way to commissions, the following have already received the appointments shown:

HENRY HOFFMAN .....	from CCM to Lt. (jg)
KENNETH TAYLOR .....	from SK2c to Lt. (jg)
JOHN HLAVATY .....	from CM1c to Ensign
STEPHEN KIELTYKA .....	from CCM to Ensign

A. D. ALEXANDER  
Lt. DC, USNR

J. F. BARRETT  
Carp. CEC, USNR

A. I. GROLLMAN  
Lt. Commdr. MC, USNR

T. W. BECK  
Lt. (jg) CEC, USNR

R. J. ROACH  
Lt. MC, USNR

D. D. WEBSTER  
Lt. (jg) SC, USNR





JOHN STRICKLER ..... from SF3c to Ensign  
 ROBERT BERTAGNA ..... from CCM to Ensign  
 ERNEST WRIGHT ..... from CM3c to Ensign  
 CARL GOULD ..... from CEM to Ensign  
 WALTER D. STONE ..... from CM1c to Ensign  
 D. MACKESSY ..... from CSK to Pay Clerk  
 ELIOT WRIGHT ..... from SK1c to Pay Clerk  
 JAMES D. CONNOLLY ..... from CCM to Carpenter  
 O. E. ROWE ..... from CCM to Carpenter  
 F. H. HUNT ..... from CCM to Carpenter  
 R. P. LACHOMAS ..... from CCM to Carpenter  
 W. H. JOHNSON ..... from CCM to Carpenter  
 F. E. JOY ..... from CEM to Carpenter  
 LEROY ASH ..... from CEM to Carpenter  
 JAMES L. CAIRNS ..... from CCM to Carpenter  
 WILLIAM RENO ..... from CCM to Carpenter

TO: THE MAN IN THE RANKS  
 FROM: ANON. OFFICER

When they hand me my final discharge papers  
 And I am a Civilian 1/c  
 And can walk down Main Street with a sprig of mistletoe  
 on my coat tail,  
 If anybody asks me to make a last salute,  
 It will certainly be  
 To the Man in the Ranks.

He is the one that deserves the final salute;  
 He stands in line for chow, and it's sometimes fit to eat;  
 He stands in line to board a bus, and sometimes gets a seat;  
 He stands in line for sick bay, and sometimes they do not jab  
 a needle into his arm;  
 He stands in line for pay, and sometimes he does not have to  
 make out a new pay receipt and go to the end of the line;  
 He stands in line for liberty, and sometimes they have not lost  
 his liberty card.  
 He stands in line for the movies, and sometimes the show does  
 not smell.  
 And when he stands in line to get his honorable discharge  
 I'd like to be there to give my last salute  
 To the Man in the Ranks.

By all means he should get my last salute  
 Because of the way They have treated him.  
 They put him in a tent at Bradford, and he had to climb into  
 his seabag to keep warm;  
 They put him on a train for Gulfport, and he spent two nights  
 in a dirty day coach while others on the train had sleepers;

J. P. STEWART  
 Lt. CEC, USNR

H. C. BRUNNER  
 Ens. CEC, USNR

A. DI FURIA  
 Carp. CEC, USNR

B. ZELONKY  
 Lt. CEC, USNR



They left his Christmas mail in a pile when he shoved off, and when he got it months later, the cookies were stale; They did not feed him all day on the train, and then left him standing on the pier in the snow with ice falling off the building onto his head because they could not figure out anyway to get him aboard the transport; They stowed his whites in the hold, and then made him go below to swelter in a tropical port because he was out of uniform; They put him to work with pick and shovel, and then would not give him a rating because he was not working at his trade; They made him drill on Sundays, because the military part was so important; They would not let him fire his rifle at the range because Seabees would not have to do any fighting; They sent him from one place to another, and ended up with his pay accounts in another country so that he had to borrow to go on his 30 day leave; But They will finally give him his honorable discharge, and when They do I would like to be there to give that last salute to The Man in the Ranks.

*"Shots the Photographer Never Caught"*

Lower "D" piping Commdr. Henrion and his staff up Coconut Hill the morning they broke out their white tropicals.

J. A. O'GRADY  
Lt. MC, USNR

L. P. BAIRD  
Lt. (jg) SC, USNR

F. J. BARRY  
Lt. (jg) SC, USNR

C. N. BOHRER  
Lt. (jg) CEC, USNR

T. S. SEVERTSON  
Lt. (jg) ChC, USNR

H. S. HOFFMAN  
Lt. (jg) CEC, USNR





Overman trying to laugh off the sunburn he acquired at Manzanilla.

Windbigler, Officer in Charge of Jeeps and Bicycles.  
The plaster cast on Thornton's arm after he cracked his finger in the ball game.

Zelonky ordering "Salute, dammit, Salute."  
The cutaway shoe that "Pappy" Tomb always wore on drill days.

Smith's lectures on uniform regulations.  
Beck trying to keep from having his picture taken.  
Doc Grollman's open forum sessions in the old BOQ.  
McComb's crew cut and the ever present black cigar.  
Doc Alexander and his little chits at embarkation.  
Barry scanning the color of the ink on pay receipts.  
Baird, if we needed it and it was on the island, could and would get it for us.

Heal, always on the lookout for new jobs and more equipment.  
The amount of food that DiFuria consumed at Commdr. Henrion's banquet.

Martini and his Raiders capturing the cook from the dredge "Indiana."

Chaplain Severtson's ravishing appetite during the rougher parts of the voyage out.

Barrett cooking up deal after deal in order to land another good man on the Dock detail.

Jim Stewart introducing a new ice crushing technique the night before we left the Macqueripe annex.

Doc O'Grady's limp after Roach finished the butchering.  
Jonesy earning the monicker "Commando" at the first obstacle at Bradford.

Brunner and his "Good Show Lad" & "Mighty fine at that."  
"Butter" and "Fire Power" as ordered by our Commdr. Henrion.  
The round table discussion on the relative merits of Texas and New Jersey.

Commdr. Geiger's banquets at Eastport, with Knapp and Schreadley showing how it could be done.  
The military touch added to the maneuvers by Fagre's body-guard.

Doc Roach and his story about the Queen's Park Hotel.  
Overman returning enthusiastic over his visit to Carrera, the Prison Island.

"Tony" DiFuria stemming the gas attack at Macqueripe and going on to save the beach for the Marines.

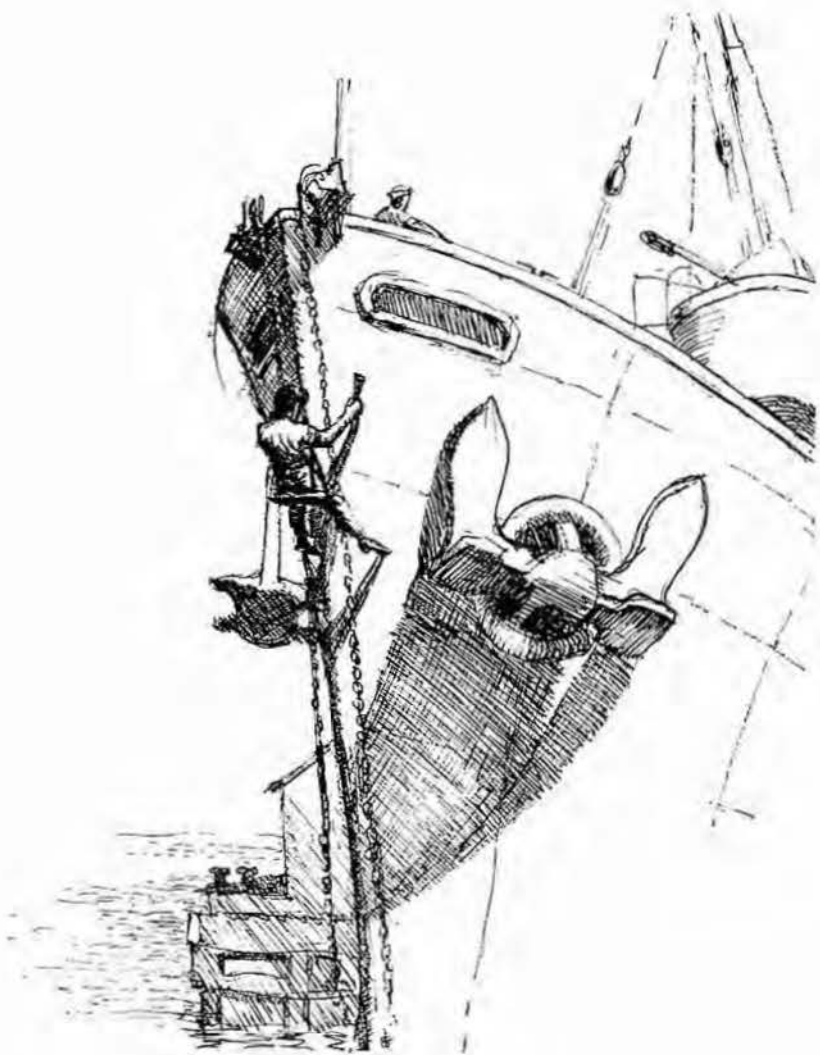
Parker — Now you see him, now you don't.  
The winning ball teams that Moore always seemed to produce.  
Meier finishing up the Chic Sale at Quoddy just in time to move away from it.

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O. E. ROWE  
Carp. CEC, USNR  
J. D. CONNOLLY  
Carp. CEC, USNR

W. RENO  
Carp. CEC, USNR  
E. G. WRIGHT  
Pay Clerk, SC, USNR

# S U P P L Y   A N D D I S B U R S I N G







"... 'n a red hot cook was he."

SHORTLY before the Battalion broke boot, the Supply Officer, Ensign (later Lt. (jg) L. Phillip Baird) called a little group of storekeepers together. In so doing, he launched the Supply Department of the 30th Battalion.

The original group consisted of Chief, Jackson Chance; two storekeepers first class, G. L. Rhodes and W. R. Lovinger; Pat K. Luter, C. B. Perkins and John Coleman and Charles Scott-Smith storekeepers second class; and Wilbur V. Forney SK3C and Richard D. Collins S1C.

At this time our commissary group was working in conjunction with the station force and were receiving further indoctrination in the Navy way of feeding a thousand or more hungry men.

Our first assignment was to learn the Navy methods of supply and accounting. To accomplish this we were assigned by Mr. Baird to "cover" various supply activities throughout Camps Bradford, Allen and the Amphibious Training Center at Little Creek, Va. This was a very valuable experience and proved to be as instructive as the Supply and Disbursing School conducted at Camp Bradford, where most of us had learned our "A.B.C." in Navy supply procedure.

The days flew along, the Battalion broke boot and tent city became our home. We met the usual needs of the Battalion and by that time our galley was hard at real work in



That extra 5 per . . .

the famous "double feature" mess hall and galley in the tent area. Chief Commissary Stewards Boudreau, Murphy and Salerno together with such fine men as John Tvardzik, Eddy Dreher, Johnny Devers, Tex Cameron, Jimmy Waters, "Jim" Verette and many others were arriving at Navy standards in their work. Remember the horrible long chow lines at tent city? They were truly epic and why outright murder, mayhem and assault were never committed by members of the stampeding hordes will always remain a mystery.

It was at Camp Hollyday that the Battalion was, for the first time "on its own." The Supply Officer was held accountable for the provisions consumed which necessitated the setting up of a regular commissary ac-





*Seabee Doughboys.*

count and has been the basis of all our food handling ever since. One of the major jobs at Gulfport was the checking of stores packed for our future use. We had the usual supply problems at this time and fulfilled all requests to the best of our growing ability. By this time we had Graham Porterfield S2C with us.

Once again we were ordered to move, this time to an east coast port where we lost no time in boarding a troop ship and in a few hours were making our way to Island X. Aboard ship the supply gang set up our future stock records for anticipated stores. As usual the commissary boys were holding their own with the ship's galley crew. We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Day dinner aboard ship as a result of the combined efforts of the ship's galley crew and our own "belly robbers." This meal did much to bring back our faith in the Navy—, believe me, Mac! Even the Navy has a Santa Claus.

The shores of our destination came into view after being out to sea for a little over two weeks. We were heartened to see the green-brown hills and valleys of the island of Trinidad, B.W.I. as we slowly made our way to dock. The Island was to become our home, our place of work and play for the twelve months to come.

Our real work began the moment all lines were made fast. The stores began pouring

out of the hold and we immediately stowed for inspection and checking. We set up a temporary warehouse and began moving all stores from the transit shed as soon as they were identified as 30th Battalion gear. Then came the issue of office equipment, foul weather gear and general tools. We were saturated with work day and night. In a few days all of our stores had to be moved to a permanent warehouse and after achieving that tough assignment, we gradually set up our supply organization in the field.

Mr. Baird soon contacted all supply activities on the base and made it possible to procure stock from all available sources. At first we functioned as a supply unit solely for the Battalion but it was not long before Mr. Baird took on additional duties as Supply Officer for Public Works. Those were busy days. We had a tremendous amount of requests to fulfill ranging from sail makers needles to complete household furnishings for a cottage for B.O.Q. We were constantly co-operating and co-ordinating our work to meet the demands of all activities.

Little by little we, like our stores, grew and our reputation for either having "it" or being able to get "it" became a by word of the Island. Merchant ships and fighting ships, large and small, sent their Supply Officers to our ever open door. We served the Army and Coast Guard. In turn we called



*Above the din and the clatter.*

on various activities occasionally, besides having a healthy local purchase account. As Public Works became a reality and not a fanciful myth, our responsibilities increased. For instance, ours was the task of supplying ice to the thirsty thousands of Naval personnel. Our spare parts department, handled so ably by Chief Chance, developed into a real service and became an integral part of the supply system on the base. We worked closely with the contractors and succeeded in co-ordinating our common problems to complete satisfaction. Mr. Baird eventually became Supply Officer for the 11th Construction Regiment and as such was responsible to Commander Leonard Miscall for the procurement and distribution of supplies necessary for any function or activity within Regimental jurisdiction.

We were fortunate in having Ben. W. Childers, CCM, with us at this time. Ben's affable and genial manner of conducting business with the rank and file added greatly to our success. Our personnel picture was slowly changing to meet new demands. Three of our storekeepers were farmed out, Smiling Jack Coleman, to the Public Works Board of Labor, "Perk." Perkins to New Construction lumber yard, Pat Luter to Curacao, N.W.I.

Some twenty odd native laborers besides two native typists (males, you nasty

readers) were added to aid us in our work. Five lads who had served their apprenticeship as storekeepers in the galley issue room as jack o' dust were added to our group. They were, Tom O'Keefe, SK 3C, the song and dance man, Freddy Wright SK 2C, the old salt, George Kelley SK 3C, young Dempsey, Charley Petelle SK 3C, "Pa" (for some unknown reason) Charley Morton SK 3C, the cobo sad sack, and Obie Obremski SK 3C, a sure fire feather merchant. We borrowed several specialists for sundry details. They were Sam Hinkle BM1C, in charge of all tool maintenance and repairs, Tom Alderson CCM, the tobacco spittin', ridge runner, in charge of carpentry, repairs and construction, A. Grosemann, MM2C, the junkie, and Mel O'Neill MM2C, loaned to the automotive and spare parts department and Roy Fine, now SK 3C, and doing very well ever since, (although Roy is a tailor at heart). Among other borrowed personnel were Leroy Neff SF1C, the ice boys: Jack Curran SK 3C, Bill Horton S1C, Bill Bejcek S1C, Charley Moses S1C, Winnie Wells CM3C, and Bill Homans CM3C.

The outfit built us a new warehouse and once again we moved our stores, lock stock and barrel, this time to a central location convenient to all hands. Our new warehouse was a honey and although a typical standard size Navy warehouse, the interior was

especially designed to fit our particular needs. We had a place for everything and everything in its place — squared away at all times.

In the meanwhile the fame of our galley had spread to every corner of the Island. Sunday dinners had become a real treat and mates, marines and soldiers from far and wide found the way to our popular mess hall as "guests." Occasionally we had picnics and barbecues that were fit for a king and duly appreciated by our own personnel as well as legions of others. The huge regimental barbecue held at Scotland Bay will stand as an all time high for picnics in Navy history.

One of the highlights, (created toward the end of our stay in Trinidad), was the storekeepers party held in typical American style at the Princess Hall in the Port of Spain. The party was a lu lu from the word go and all hands "made" the social column in the Trinidad Guardian.

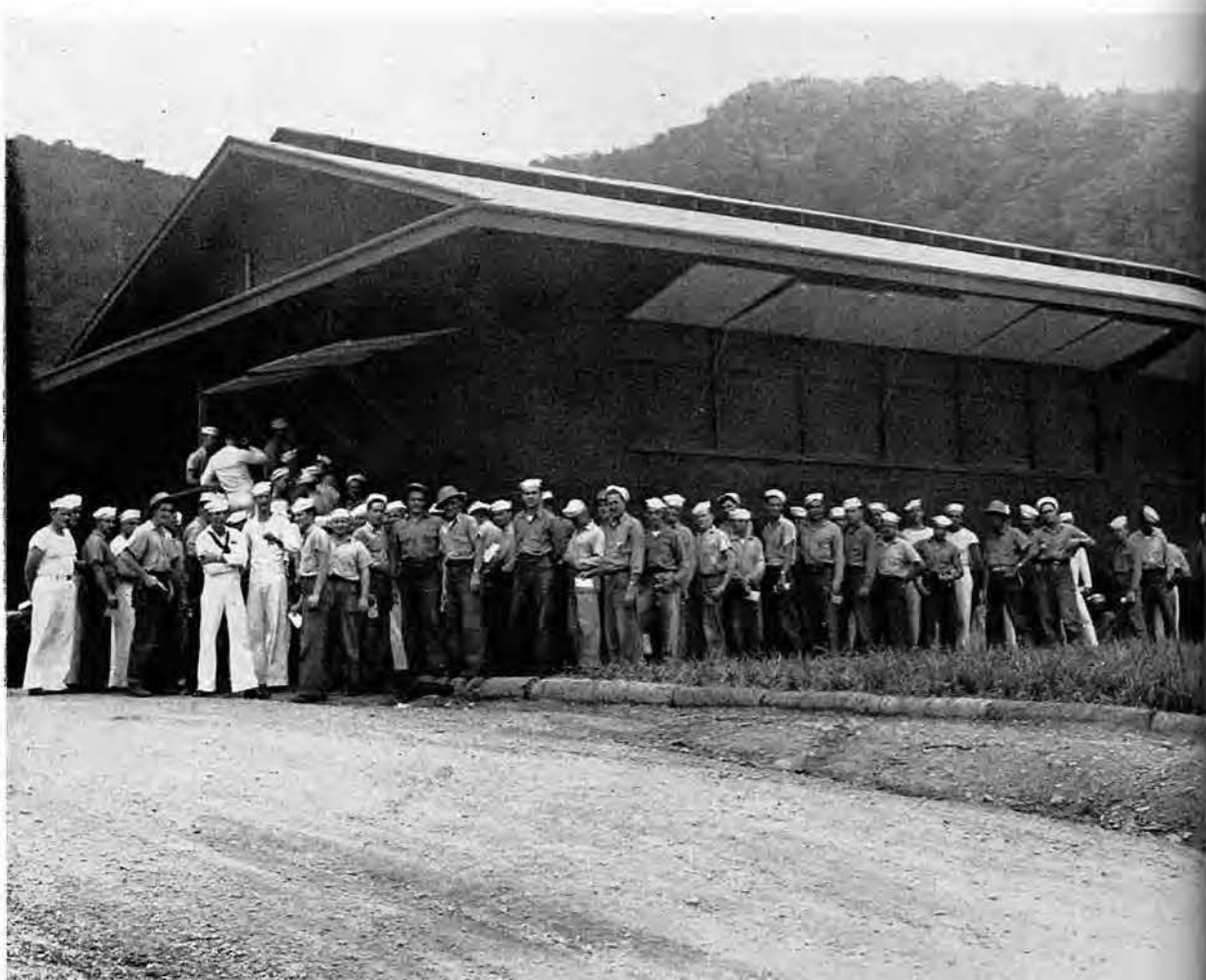
The day came when Mr. Baird received orders to leave us. This was indeed our mis-

fortune as Mr. Baird was well liked by all of us. Time and time again he had proved himself to be an excellent leader and never failed us as our division officer.

Lt. (jg) Don Webster became the next Supply Officer and as such carried the Supply Corps back to home, sweet home. Since arriving in the states, and enjoying a sojourn in Quoddy Village, Maine, we are standing by, business going on as usual on a small scale, waiting for another Island X. Mr. Webster has been transferred and we now have Ensign Robert B. Winkelman to carry us overseas and to new experiences in supply work.

THE Disbursing Office of the 30th Construction Battalion was organized in September 1942 at Camp Bradford, Norfolk, Va. The personnel consisted of eight men: J. D. Mackessy SK1/c, Eliot G. Wright SK2/c, Harry H. McConnell, Elmer J. Sabino, Kenneth Taylor, and Edward L. Kitts all SK3/c; Roland G. J. Potvin and Herbert Weiss, both Sea 2/c. We were interviewed by Ensign F. J. Barry,

*Oh happy day.*



the Disbursing Officer, accepted and told the nature of our first assignment, which was to originate a pay account for each man in the battalion. As there were no previous accounts to turn to we had to start from scratch. We looked through service jackets, and other papers made up at recruiting stations all over the country, secured the necessary information and at the end of two weeks of endless work we had the accounts skeltonized. We were soon to find out that our work had just begun. Every man in the outfit came in to register allotments of every sort which meant another two weeks of day and night work for our office. Every allotment had to be typed, posted to the accounts, checked and double checked before submitting them to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts for payment. Just when this was finished the Battalion was ready to break boot camp, which brought up the subject of pay. Computing pay at that time was a real job as there were no machines on which to calculate. It took us two days to prepare for our initial pay day. Prying

*The eagle screams.*



the men took from two to three hours. In the pay line the receipt had to be fingerprinted, checked off the money list, checked for errors, and finally the cash counted and recounted before being given to the men. About fifty thousand dollars were paid out twice each month, pay days being held on the 5th and 20th.

From Camp Bradford we moved to Gulfport, Miss. where we busied ourselves organizing the smooth pay roll and keeping the accounts up to date.

Notice finally came through that we were to go overseas. On December 1942 we boarded ship. The Disbursing Office files and accounts were stowed in a convenient spot and the second day at sea we were all called in to work on the closing out and recapitulations of the accounts, preparing for the quarterly report.

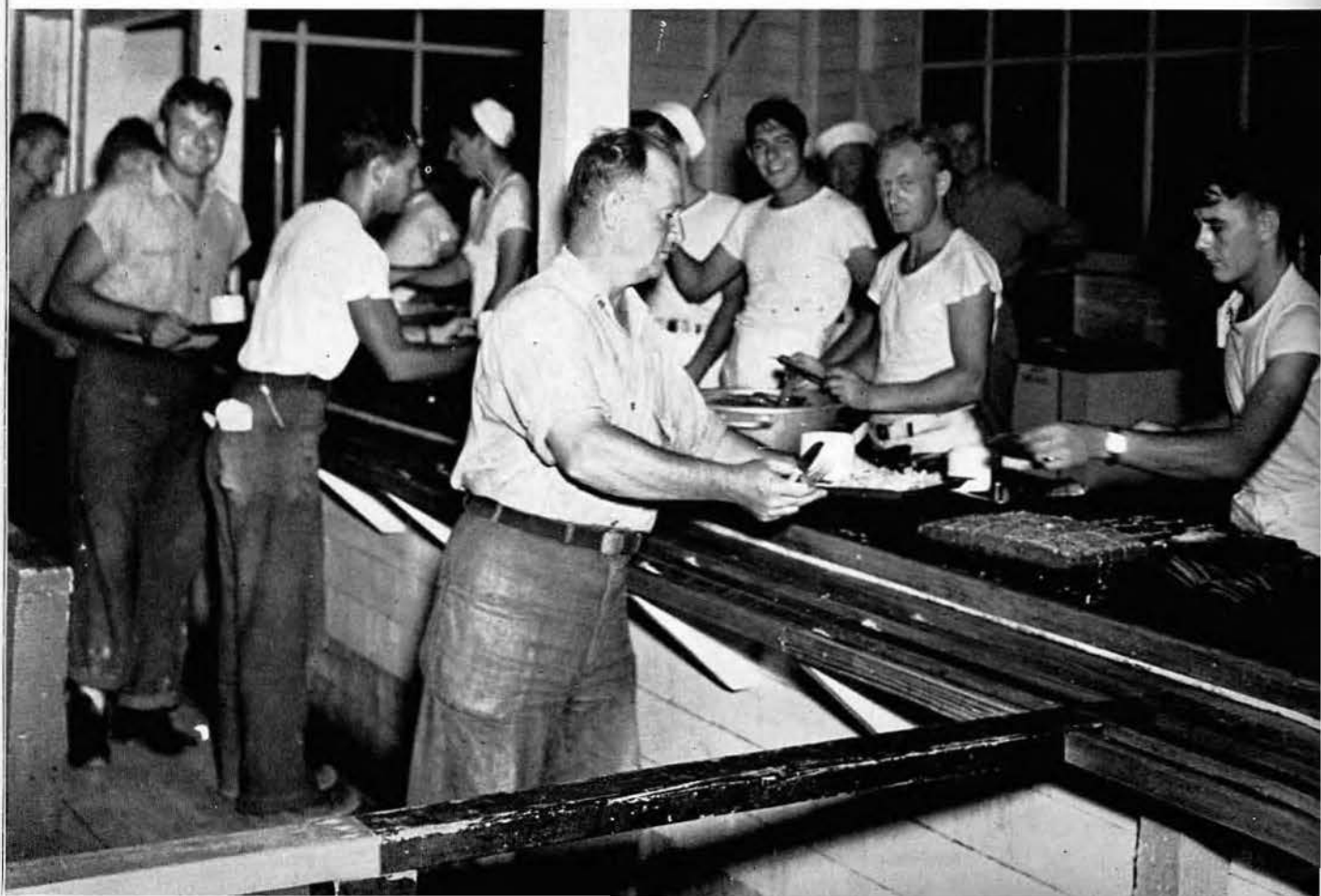
While in Trinidad, B.W.I. our office was kept busy making changes in the rolls. Practically every man received a change in rating, sea and foreign duty pay of 20% had to be given every man, and the pay was in B.W.I. currency. All this necessitated the conversion from the U.S. dollars to the new currency, returns had to be prepared, new allotments registered, old ones stopped and a hundred and one other routine duties.

In July 1943, Lt. (jg) Barry received orders to report for duty elsewhere and Ensign Donald D. Webster arrived to take over the duties as Disbursing Officer of the 30th. Kenneth Taylor now SK2/c, received a Lt. (jg) commission and left for New York City. J. D. Mackessey received a Chief Storekeeper's rating, Wright SK1/c, McConnell and Sabino SK2/c and Potvin and Weiss had jumped to SK3/c. Kitts left to take over new duties on the civilian payroll. In October 1943 Eliot G. Wright received his warrant of Pay Clerk. In November 1943 a new face appeared in the office, that of Vincent P. Riggs SK1/c who enlisted in the Navy while in Trinidad, being a former employee of U.S.E.D. In January 1943, Mr. Webster was transferred to our Supply Dept. and Ensign Harold Rosenzweig took over the Disbursing duties.

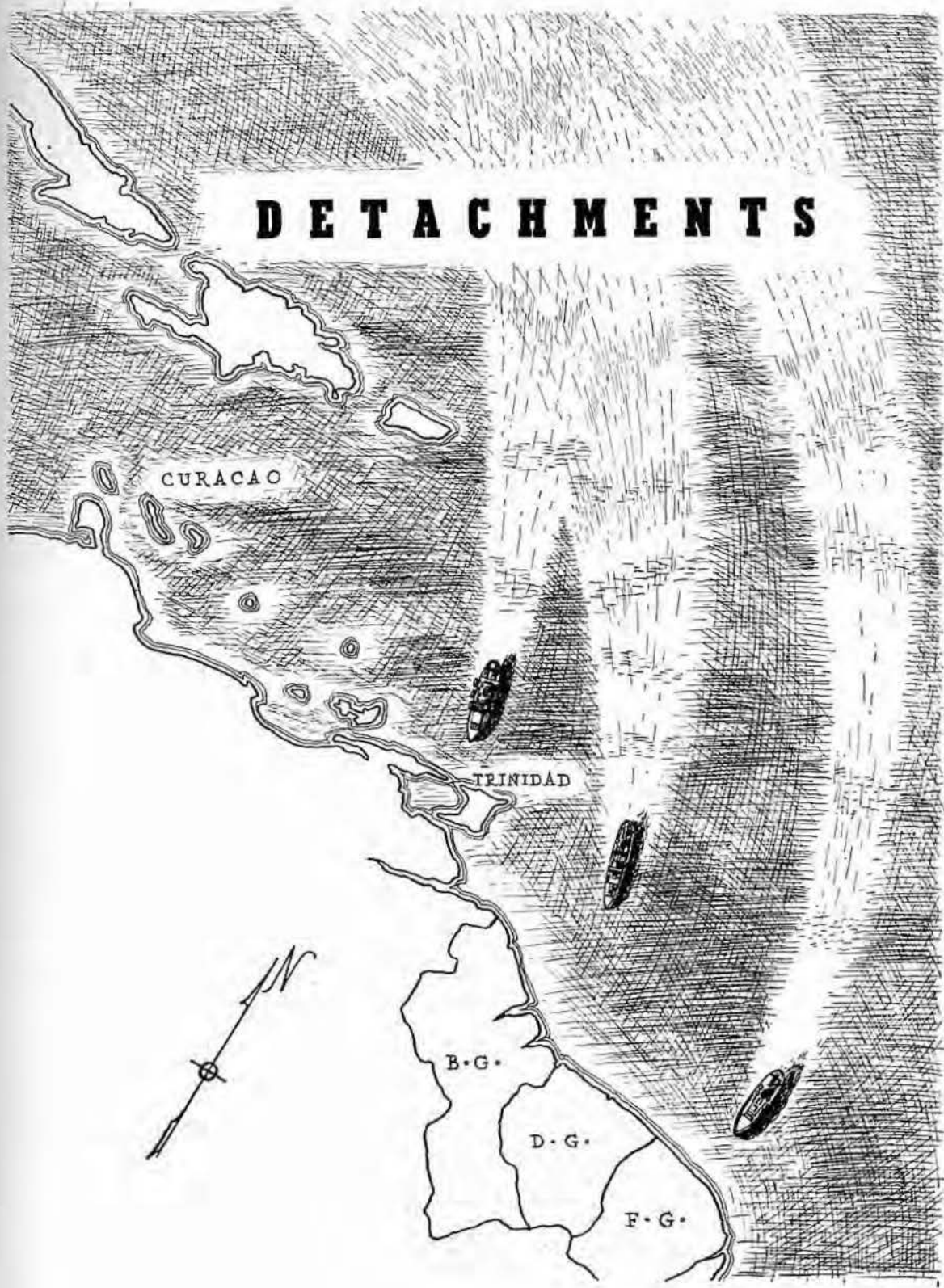
We were finally told that our work in  
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*The all-important features of supply and disbursing.*



# DETACHMENTS





# BRITISH GUIANA

We hardly had an opportunity to shake the salt out of our hair after our little voyage from the States when the call came thru for men to travel farther, into the comparative wilderness of the Demerrara jungles of South America for the purpose of completing the construction of the Naval Air Station located there. Two drafts of nine men each were organized and on a damp, misty morning in the early part of February set out for the unknown region of British Guiana. The contingent was warmly welcomed by the Skipper of the base for the arrival of the detachment meant the rapid completion of the numerous structures and facilities of the station.

The men were immediately assigned to their respective duties working with the civilian supervisors whom they were to replace. The workers on the base were all "citizens" of the colony and accepted most casually the change of supervision caused by the advent of the Sea-bees. Most of the useful memories that shall be harbored forever by members of the detachment can be directly attributed to their sometimes exasperating but always interesting relations with the native workmen under their command. The workmen presented a problem in supervisory relationship that was completely new to the Seabees and there were numerous misunderstandings and failings — for the first 2 or 3 weeks, after which we more or less accepted the natives in their true light, especially after the torrents of rains and infernos of sun had more or less reduced us to the identical level of energy

*Kaietur.*

that we had first assumed to be laziness in our charges. Can we ever forget the expressions "Yes, Chief." and "Just Now?" We soon learned that the simple "just now" in response to an urgent demand could mean the execution of that order in the allotted time of seconds minus, but in all probability would take from two hours to two weeks for the completion of the request. The native manpower furnished for the base consisted



*Jungle Jollies All.*

of a variety of races and then some. Outstanding for their intelligence were the East Indians, followed by the Portugese, Chinese, Dutch Guianese, Negroes and the countless number of blood mixtures that defied interpretation.

Due to the higher wages paid at the base (approximately 30% higher than the remainder of the colony) only the highest calibre of skilled labor was employed. The Seabees fell into a completely supervisory capacity and in this found their virtue of patience taxed to the limit. The native workmen were extremely courteous but seemed to be always finding fault with one or another of the rules we were forced to set up.





Port engine away.

These were necessary because they all lived permanently on the base. The following incident will serve to illustrate the problem of understanding the native thinking. At the start of constructing the base, temporary shacks consisting of poles lashed together and covered with a palm leaf were constructed for quarters for the natives. Later in the year, a housing project was completed which contained Navy-type barracks, toilets, showers and mess halls, all of which was far beyond any comfort known by the natives. When the time arrived for the transfer of the natives to their new and modern quarters, a surprising number of them had to be literally forced to leave their dirty, squalid little shacks for the comparative luxury of their new homes. This group seemed to fully appreciate the neighborly qualities of the rats, insects, snakes, and the like that infested the roofs of their shacks.

Due to the limited number of personnel aboard the station, the Seabees were appointed to various and sundry collateral duties including safety engineers, fire marshals, salvage engineers, supply and material men and many, many more, all in addition to their regular work on the station. The actual construction work executed by the natives and supervised by the Seabees, was carried on for seven days a week; from 0700 to 1700 each day. These hours were particularly difficult due in part to the fact that the working hours of the station made it possible for the beer garden to be opened at 1630. That last half hour of work was really stark, unrivaled, bitter hell on those days

when the temperature would soar to a gruesome 165 degrees.

The detachment had the opportunity to salvage a "JRF" which overturned upon landing in the mighty Essequibo. Later in the year one of the Navy's huge "PBMs" met with disaster in the form of a submerged log and expressed her indignation by sinking on the main ramp in very deep water. With very little salvage equipment available, and taking into the consideration the weight of the plane and its cargo, the odds against raising the plane were heavy, but three sleepless, harrowing days and nights of work saw the stricken vessel under control and out of the operation area. The cargo of the plane was removed, all equipment and installations were saved as were the separate units of the plane itself. In view of the hazards involved, due to the swift tide and the ever present danger from gas and fumes, the entire detachment was extended a letter of commendation by the Commanding Officer of the station for the fine job they did.

The normal tasks and projects were carried out on schedule and the review of our stay at the colony reveals that the detachment completed the following works:

Nose Hanger	Native Housing
Refrigeration Plant	Warehouses
Water Distribution and Purification	Barracks
Industrial Repair Building	Incinerators
Chapel	Roads
	Pistol Range
	Open Air Theater

In addition to the above, the detachment was charged with the maintenance and upkeep of the entire station.

Recreational facilities were ample, everyone had the opportunity to participate in all available sports. Hunting, fishing and sailing parties were organized as soon as the pressure of the first phase of construction was over. One of the most popular trips, and one which every member of the detachment was privileged to experience was the overland flight to the awesome, breathtaking, beautifully picturesque waterfall of "Kaieteur," one of the highest waterfalls in the world, having a clear drop of 841 feet. Due to the location of the station and the

complete lack of transportation facilities, liberty was extended only once every five weeks — said liberty lasting a total of 4 days. The trip into Georgetown was made by water and consumed a total of 4 hours. It was a wonderful liberty town, due to the scarcity of the familiar service uniforms and the resultant lavishness of the generosity offered by all. The most popular means of transportation while on liberty was the bicycle. At first this seemed to us to be a novelty, but it later proved to be a matter of convenience and even necessity. Many an enjoyable evening was spent at the restful Belair, a club a few miles from the town, but always worth the trip.

We can imagine in the years to come sitting back and seeing the pictures of British Guiana flashing by in our imagination. The thrice weekly trips of the river steamer which docked at our pier only long enough to drop off our mail from the local sources and then leave with a derisive hoot at our lonely outpost. The trips to the Mazuruni and the fabulous Penal

Settlement located there. The godly beauty of the jungle when the ground mists would lift in the morn revealing the somber majestic awe of the jungle mysterious. The boys from the Armory killing the 14 ft. cumudi which had wandered onto the base. The nigh unbelievable tales of the Coral, the Bushmaster, the Libaria, some of the deadliest snakes to be found in any clime in the world. The black, earthy color and odor of the rivers when stirred by the passage of a boat. The gold nuggets brought down from the gold mines and the handful of diamonds, including a 6 carat gem, that were continually passing thru on their way to civilization. The electric eel that we found one morning in our fish trap and the kick that the men received by proving that there is definitely a shock in the creature. The "Paria" fish which frequented the rivers and that forced us to build our fresh water swimming pool. The discovery of the jaguar in our pump house and the resultant slaying of same, then having to endure the presence

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*Aquacrane.*



# CURACAO

"You men have been selected for detached duty to Curacao, N.W.I." Thus spoke Commander Henrion, then OinC of the 30th Battalion, to a group of fourteen men in his office on a Sunday afternoon early in February of 1943. Inside of three hours the men were packed and after hasty good-byes to their shipmates, were shoving off to board the ship for Curacao. The next four days were spent riding the blue Caribbean, the men becoming acquainted with each other and assisting the Armed Guard whenever general quarters was sounded.

Early in the afternoon of the 4th day out, the men obtained their first sight of Curacao. It is an island 28 miles long and eight miles wide, bleak and barren, and composed of coral and lime rockland. There the average rainfall is 20 inches a year, and water is so brackish it cannot be used for drinking purposes. Drinking water is obtained from the sea and distilled in huge purifying plants. So barren is this island that practically no agriculture is carried on and food has to be imported.

Peter Stuyvesant, Dutch Governor of New Amsterdam was also Governor of Curacao and Aruba which have belonged to the Dutch almost continuously since 1634. Coming up the river to the harbor of Willemstad, capital of Curacao, one sees reminders everywhere of the Netherlands, as if a piece of the Old World had been transplanted to the New. Homes are painted in gay tints of blue, green, pink, yellow and other colors and their fine gables and doorways bear the mark of Dutch trimness. Adding to the strangeness were the difficult to pronounce Dutch names, Dutch newspaper and magazines and the Dutch food.

The population is a conglomeration of over 40 different nationalities, the majority of which are of colored ancestry. The official language is Dutch and the natives speak a patois consisting of Portugese, Dutch, Spanish and other words known as "Papiamentu." This strange language is spoken nowhere else in the world.

Ensigns F. Sagendorph (CEC) USNR and Smith (CEC) USNR (later jg) were officers

Willemstad.



in charge of new construction. The men were informed that their first job was to remodel the Administration Building and to build additions of heads to all barracks to replace a general head which had been condemned. Arrangements were made with U.S.E.D. to supply all materials possible and that which couldn't be supplied was to be obtained through open purchases. Material was such a problem that it developed into a permanent assignment for two men.

New construction consisted of the following jobs: cement block additions to barracks, plumbing fixtures, sewers, water mains, conversion of old heads into training buildings, painting the warehouse and paint shack, new bakery, scullery, galley, and butcher shop, extension of the theatre stage for boxing ring, conversion of two B.O.Q.'s into barracks, 40 ft. steel signal mast, ammunition dump, concrete vaults for papers and equipment, remodeling of O.O.D. and Post Office, conversion of Sick Bay into training building and Dispensary into Chapel and Recreational Hall. We painted all buildings to blend with and carry out the "Dutch" motif.

New jobs were frequent and varied and the men never knew what their next assignment might be. At one time half of Ship's Company was broken out to unload a ship which had gone aground on a nearby island. Approximately 20 of the 30th were part of this assignment which lasted for three

weeks. This was our first experience at stevedoring and all hands were cited in a letter of commendation from Admiral Chandler to the "Skipper" for a job well done. On another occasion when the U.S.E.D. was experiencing some labor difficulties constructing a warehouse on the base, all hands that could be spared were assigned to this project to rush completion of the job. Assistance was given to the Dutch Public Works in the construction of a pontoon bridge by assigning one man familiar with pontoon construction to them for a period of three weeks. In addition to our regular duties, the detachment also contributed their share towards the entertainment and general welfare of the base. As a result, this unknown group of Seabees soon acquired a reputation as being a valuable asset on the island.

Practically all plans and sketches were made by the men. At one time A. J. Carr CSF was called upon to design a nose hanger for the Air Field, which was to be erected as soon as material would be available. As soon as plans were completed and approved, material was gathered and stored. Since leaving the Island, we understand that this project has been started by the men of the CBMU outfits. Much work was done by the 30th detachment at the Air Field, such as remodeling of officers' quarters, addition to mess hall, new galley and scullery and cement block ammunition and paint shed.

*West Point.*



Work was so extensive at this field that it was necessary to detach one man on temporary duty status to this base and he was assisted by men stationed at the field.

On three different occasions men were sent to Aruba for temporary duty and during that time built an Officers' Club, erected 2 Quonset huts, constructed a Marine barracks and a head for the Coast Guard.

Four months after our arrival a new Public Works was formed. In addition to new construction, we took on the added burden of maintenance of the base. Lt. Sagendorph was now first lieutenant of the base and upkeep in the hands of the Public Works Department. Early in July an additional 25 men from the 30th arrived and were welcomed with open arms. Even with these additional men, the work often necessitated working seven days a week.

With the formation of Public Works men were assigned from the base command to this department to assist in carrying out the various duties which included: fire department, generator watch, maintenance of oil burners, refrigeration, water supply and plumbing, electrical shop, telephone and switchboard maintenance, ship fitters shop, carpenter shop, paint shop, and motor pools, which had increased from five vehicles and three drivers to fifty vehicles and thirty men.

Electrical accomplishments at Curacao were too numerous to mention in detail, but the following data will serve as an idea of the excellent work done by the electrical wizards of the 30th detachment. Battery telephones were replaced by 40 dial system phones; an emergency generating unit was built in case of regular power failure, the inexperienced men were taught the handling of more modern power methods. We installed shore connections, enabling small vessels to use electrical energy produced on shore. There was also the installation of stage lighting in the theatre; emergency repairs aboard tankers; and the maintenance of all electrical equipment and telephones.

At times the men assigned to Public Works from the base would vary from 80 to 100 men. Their cooperation with the men of the 30th was remarkable, and many strong friendships arose from the close working



*Natural entrance to harbor at Willemstad.*

relationship both on and off the base. The off-base jobs consisted of maintenance work at the Air Station, Officers Staff House, Naval Headquarters, supplementary Air Station, Admirals' Home, Aruba and the recreational beach.

For recreation we had weekly swimming trips to the beach, movies nightly and the "Bees" formed a baseball team. When ashore there was the "Trenon Club," "American Hotel," West End and Seamen's Club at C.P.I.M. and the old familiar "Delicatess" a spot popular with all hands. The men held two dances at the USO which by far exceeded any dance held there. The only problem was too many gals but the men "carried on" in true CB fashion.

Early in December, Ensign Brunner, who was formerly a Warrant Officer in the 30th

and had been transferred to the 83rd came aboard to assume the duties of Lt. Sagen-dorph. With the advent of Ensign Brunner from British Guiana, the scuttlebutt was that the men of the 30th would not be in Curacao much longer.

It was not until the first of February 1944 that the last group of men from the 30th left Curacao to return to Trinidad, only to discover the outfit had already pulled out for the States. Eventually the remainder of the detachment caught up with them at Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island, a week after they had gone on their thirty day leave.

The leave was all the more enjoyable because of the feeling of having accomplished a real job. We had transformed a dusty, unpainted camp into a trim, ship-

*Refinery.*





*Willemstad Harbor.*



*Pontoon bridge at Willemstad.*

shape naval installation, with buildings painted different colors to blend into the surroundings, oiled roads, adequate sanitary facilities, a fine chapel and recreation hall and all paths and roads landscaped. It was hard but satisfying and enjoyable duty.

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To the men of the 30th, who were left behind, to the men of the CBMU's stationed at Curacao, our best wishes and good luck, knowing that they will carry on as the men before them.

# SURINAM, DUTCH GUIANA

ON FEBRUARY 16th, 1943, four of our operators: Anthony Mazzellam, MM1/c; Samuel McCleary, MM2/c; Arthur Ritchie, F1/c; Kenneth Smith, MM1/c, left Trinidad for Surinam, Dutch Guiana. They were flown by Army transport to Zandery Field, D. G., then transported by truck to the Headquarters Co. Army Barracks, 22 miles from the air field and one mile from Paramaribo, the capital of Dutch Guiana. Here the boys were to work for the time being on a newly surveyed Lighter than Air Field. They were under the supervision of U.S.E.D. which was officiated by Army officers.

The boys lived in the Army barracks and ate in their mess hall. Here they became accustomed to the different environment, saluting officers and the colors with or without being covered, as is the custom in the Army, and going to the PX for their supplies instead of Ship's Service.

The detachment from the 30th Battalion consisted of seven men and their work was to assist the station personnel in the different airfields in their particular specialty. At various times, the men operated heavy equipment, supervised drainage crews, and bridge building crews, and worked at the saw mills. In the course of their stay, the men of the detachment gained much experience in the various jobs to which they were assigned and contributed their bit towards the development of the bases.

Surinam is a low swampy country with no hills or mountains. The soil is very soft and loamy. The locks, which keep the water backed up in the canals so as to flood the rice paddies, make it extremely hazardous as far as construction was concerned. A hole three feet deep anywhere would produce sufficient water for mixing any amount of concrete. The weather was very changeable and during the rainy season it rained all day and most of the night. During the dry season (as the natives call it) it rains only once a day.

Surinam is of historical interest to us inasmuch as during the early colonial days in America, it was traded by the English to the

Dutch for New York. The heat was much greater than that of Trinidad and mosquito netting came in very handy for anyone wishing to sleep. As elsewhere in the tropics, it was infested with numerous diseases, elephantiasis being the worst, and a great number of the natives were hopelessly infected with it.

The German freighter which was sunk crossways in the channel in an effort to block the bauxite ships from using the already shallow channel, still lies in the position where she was scuttled by the Germans at the time of the Holland invasion. More tons of the precious ore have been moved than ever before, but the Germans who attempted this sabotage are now in the already bulging prison camps.

The following nationalities were represented and make up the bulk of the population: white Dutch, dark Dutch natives, Germans, Jews, Chinese, Javanese, Japanese, Hindu, some French and Juka (jungle natives whose chief industry is lumbering). There are also a variety of languages, but the two principal ones are Dutch and Talkie-Talkie, which might be called a "pidgin English." It's made up from Dutch, French and English. The following phrases that linger in memory will serve as examples:

## TALKIE-TALKIE

Meneur .....	Mr.	Meaddie .....	Middle
Massia .....	Mrs.	Scoff .....	Plane
Spicidee .....	Nail	Water Pass	
Hambra .....	Hammer	Level (carpenter)	
Da. Hello and goodby		Scopel .....	Shovel
Pae you so		Saure .....	saw
Where you go		Si-Wonnie	
W.C. ....	the head	What you want	
Wucktee .....	Stop	Si-Talkie	
Drie .....	Turn over	What did you say	
Boom		No-Saby-error	
Good, fine, excellent		Don't undersand	anything

Bauxite, the most important product, comes from three main mines, Mango, Parinam and Bellington, each guarded by a small detachment of the U.S. Army.

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# CONSTRUCTION







*Trouble shooters.*



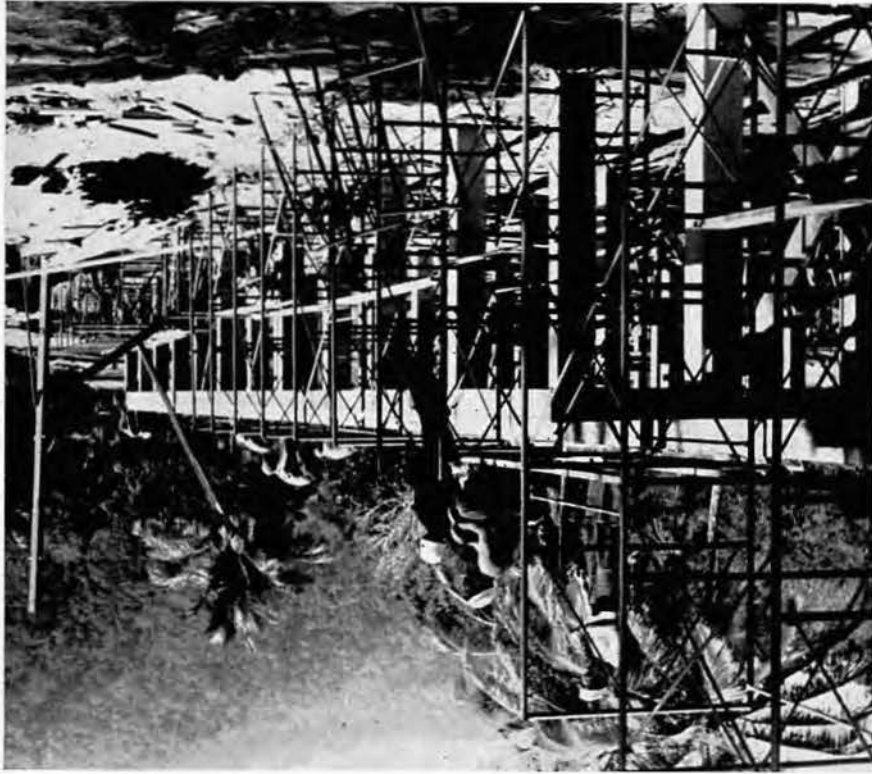
*Wiping.*



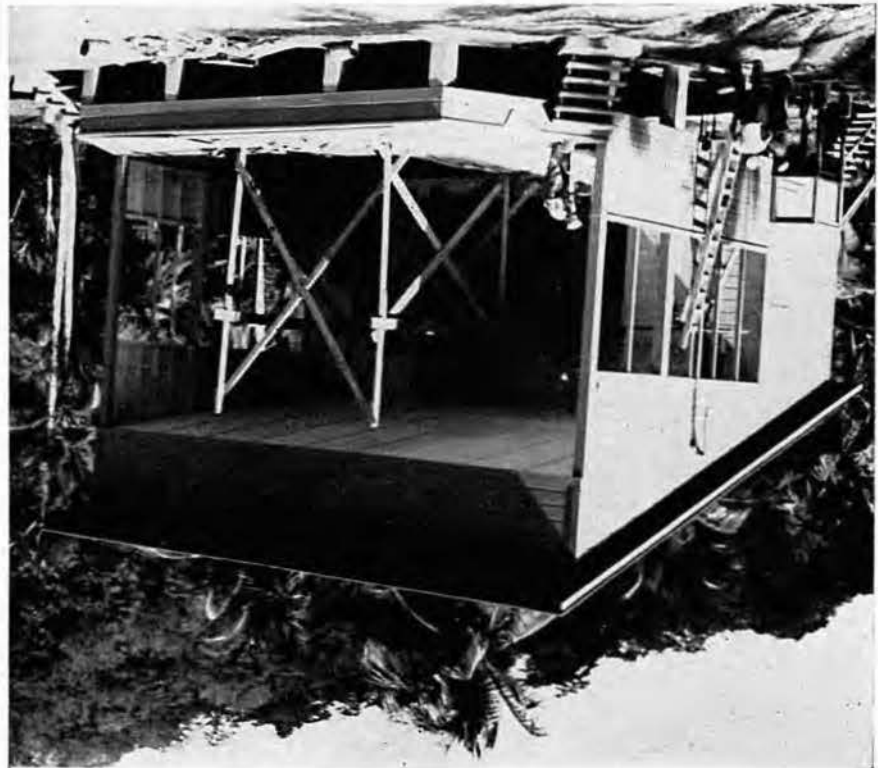
*Drainage Problem.*

*Drainage Control.*





B. O. Q.



Our theatre.



*Armory.*

*P. W. Warehouse.*



We construct . . .

*Poetry in timber.*



*For more and better chow.*

... We maintain

Potential power.



Black gold.

*Natives at work.*



*Glorified head.*

*The smith a mighty man . . .*



*Watts and kilowatts.*



*The Command.*

## Public Works . . .

*The Execution.*



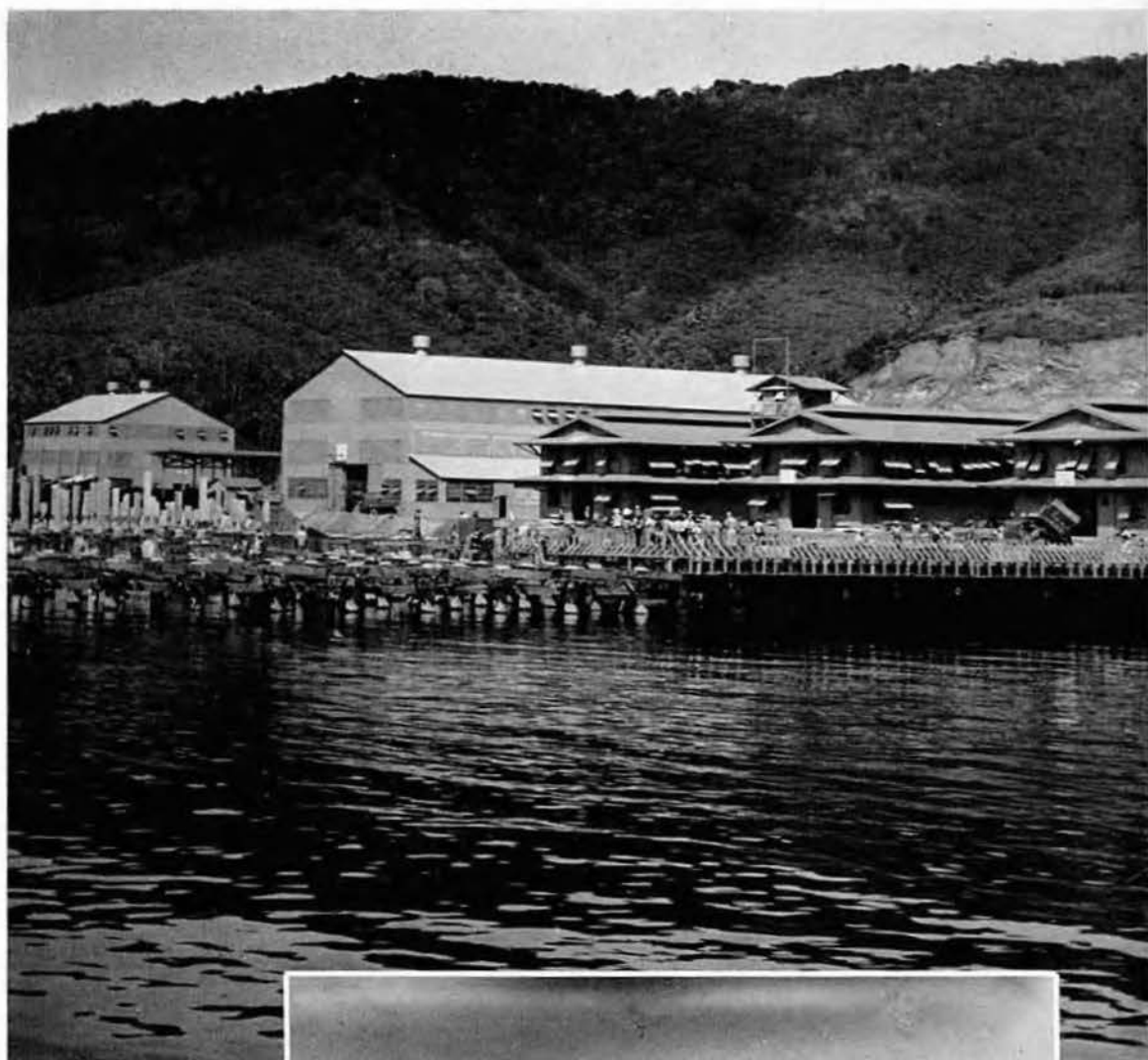




*The Commandant inspects.*

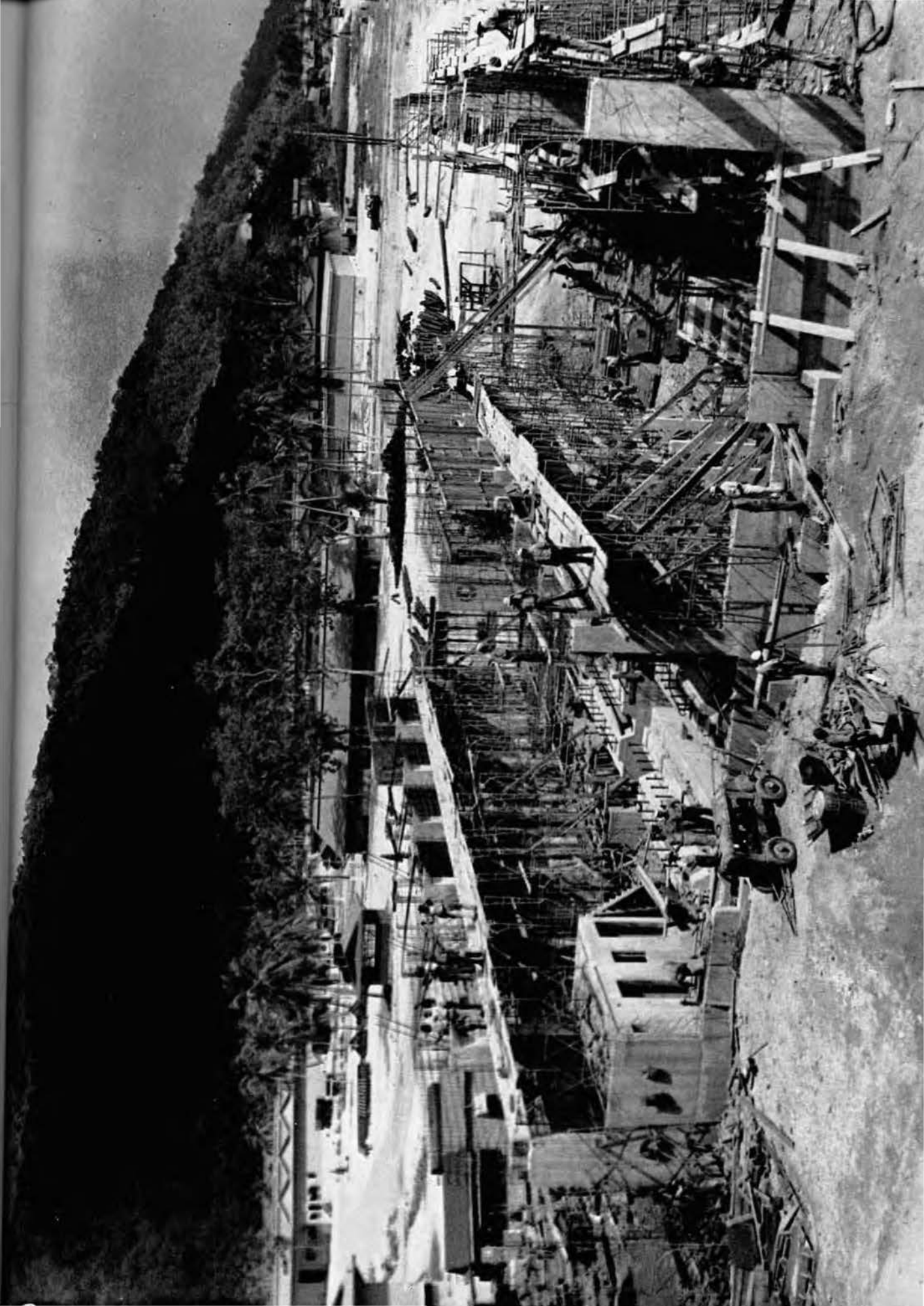
*Quarry Hill — Maracas.*





*Future berths.*





*Bottoms up.*



*With two dozers and a prayer.*

*The road.*



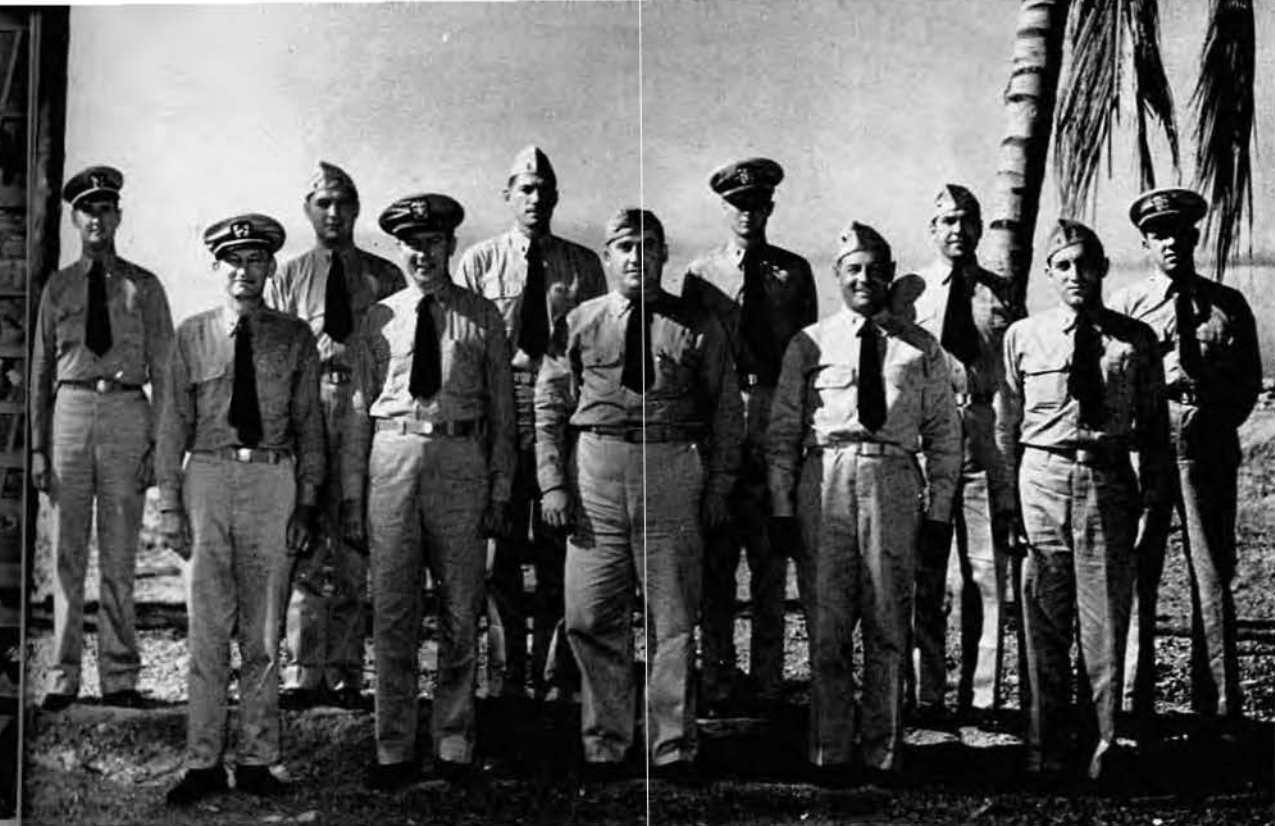
*Trails and Trials.*



*Education in communication.*

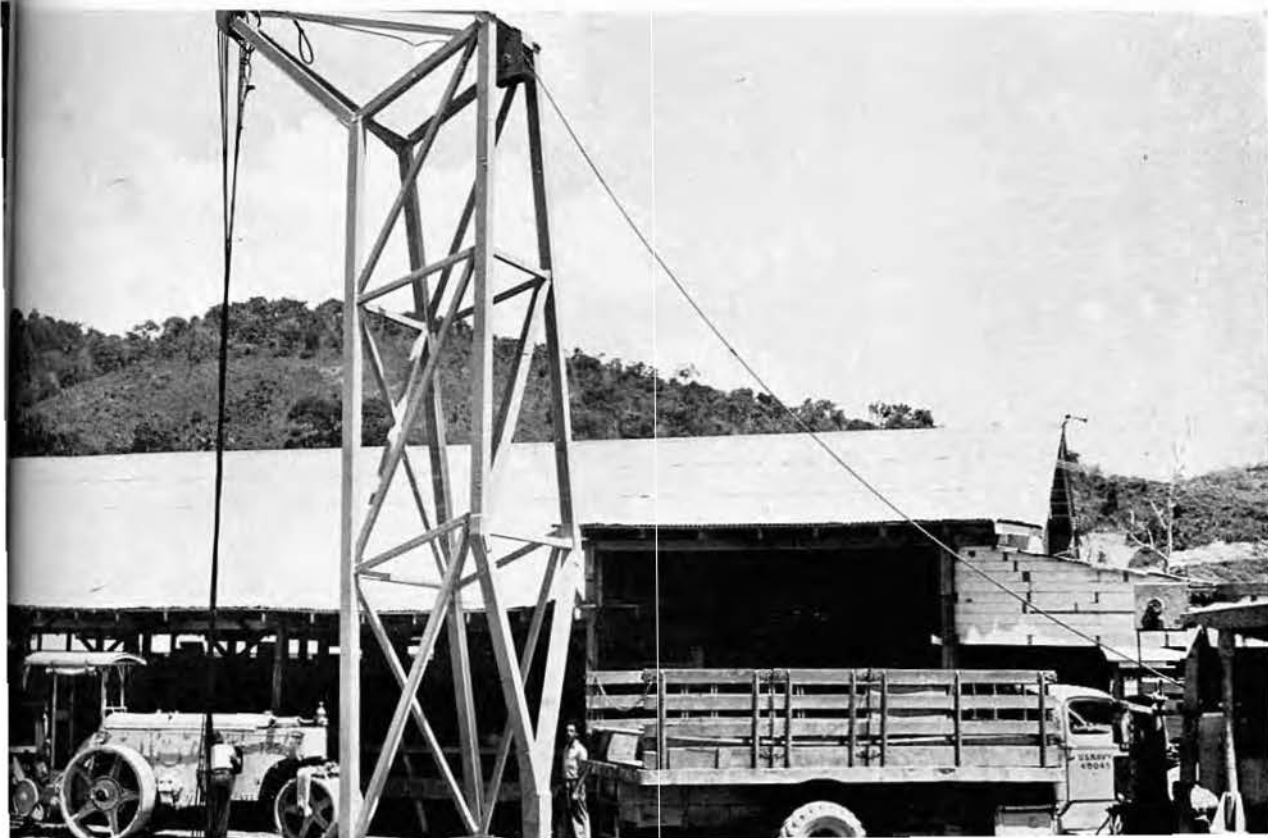
*Number please.*





*P. W. Staff.*

*Dickey's "doodler."*

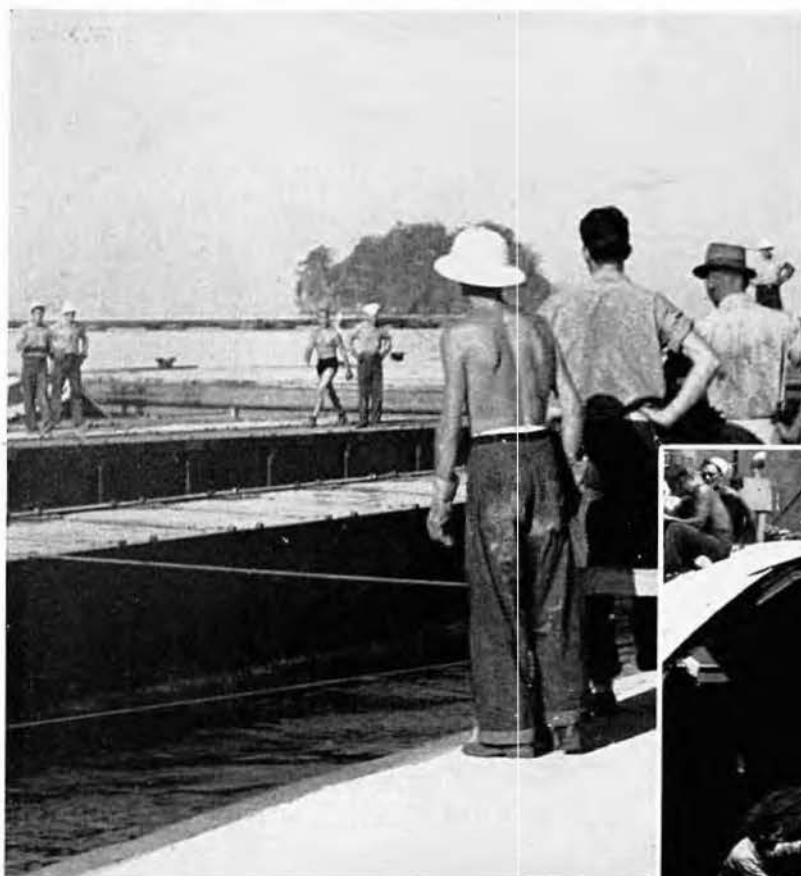




*The skeleton appears.*



*30th officers' home.*



*Pontoons and barge.*



*Net gate barge.*





*At home.*



*On location.*



*Fire in the hole.*



*Before the rains.*



*Future headquarters.*

*Station 28 plus 72, second section.*

*3-ply.*



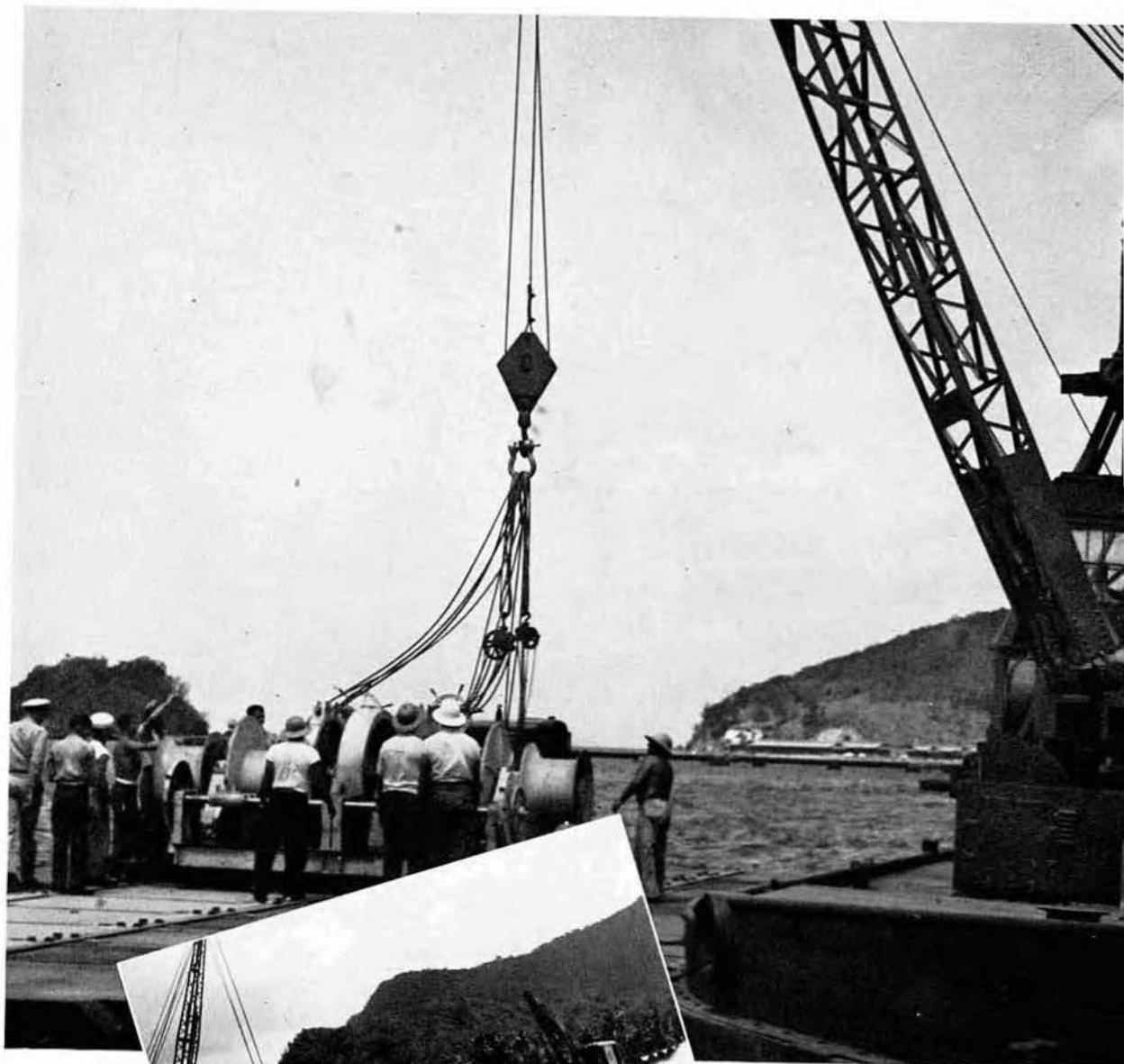




*We fuel the fleet.*



*We berth the fleet.*



*The Mary Ann assists.*

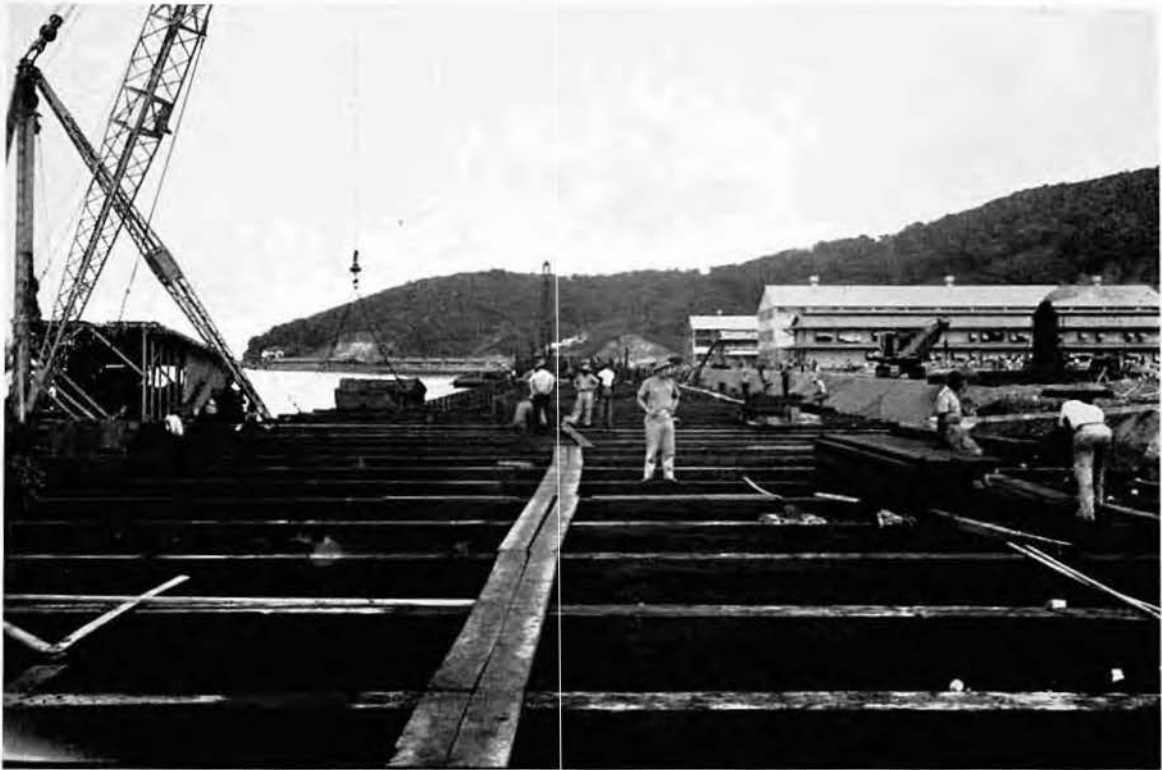
*Splash!*



*The quay wall grows.*

*Team work.*





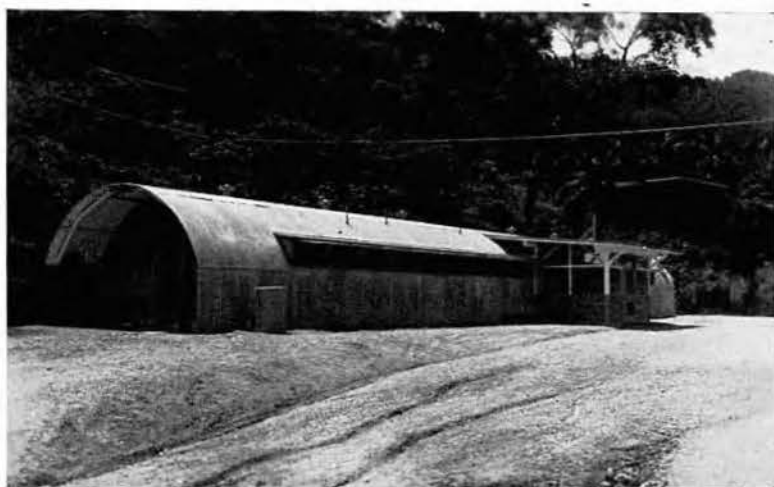
*Symphony of Bents.*



*Pretzel benders.*



*From dredge to dozer.*



*Light duty.*





*Powder in the hills.*



*Crazy Mountain.*



*Point Gourde aggregate.*



*Western Main Road.*

*Barrett's beauty.*



*Batching plant.*



*P. W. Garage.*

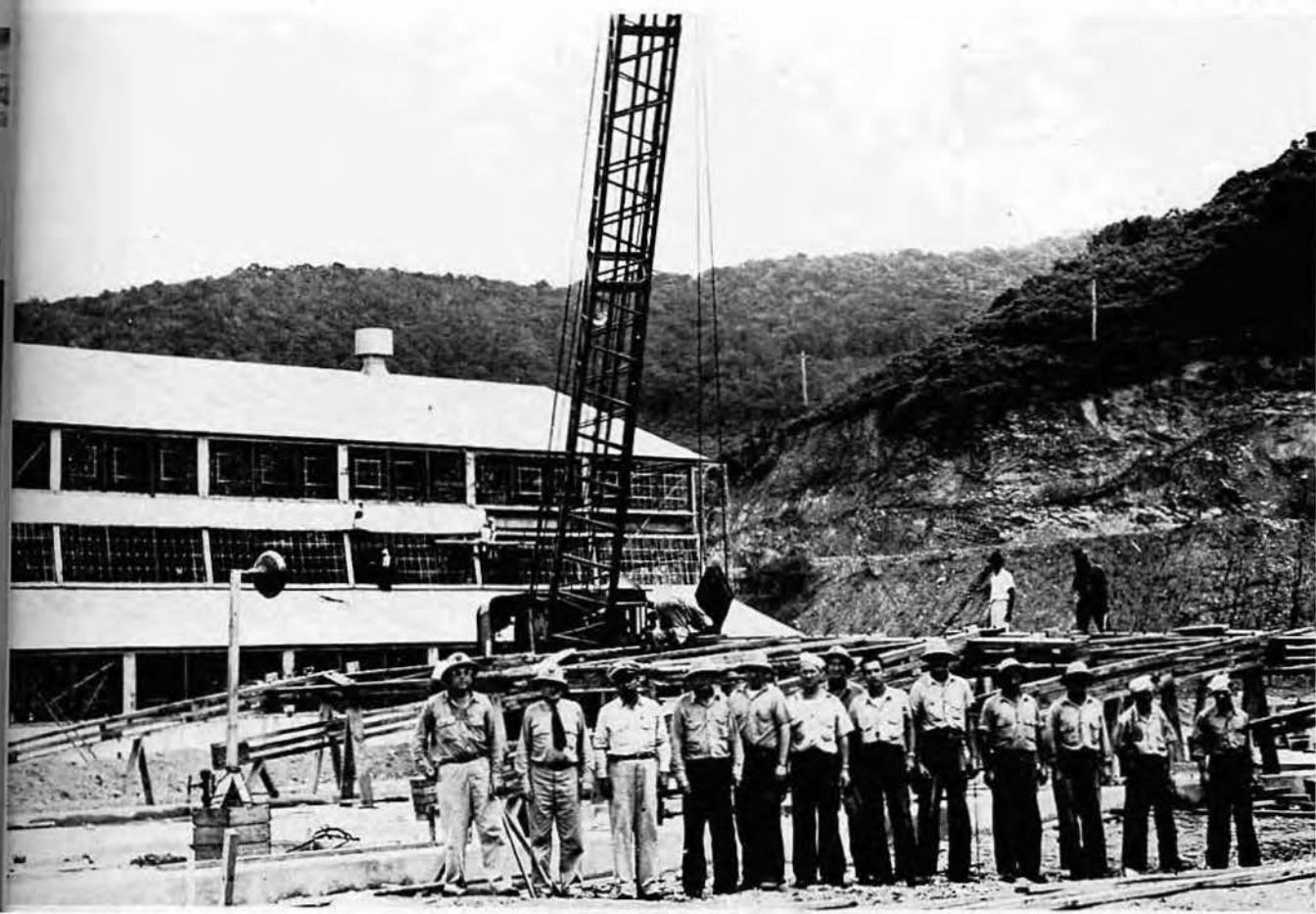
*House of power.*





*Frankenstein.*

*At Escort Repair.*





# LUCKY BAG





*Bridge of sighs.*



*Third square.*



*The Admiral and Doc.*

*Beautiful, beautiful brien eyes.*





*Don' play de oss, mon.*



*Sweetest trumpet this side of . . .*



*Handy Andy.*

*The last mile.*





*Yehudi.*



*Iguana with friend.*



*The Pipers.*



*The Piped.*



*Chaquaramas.*

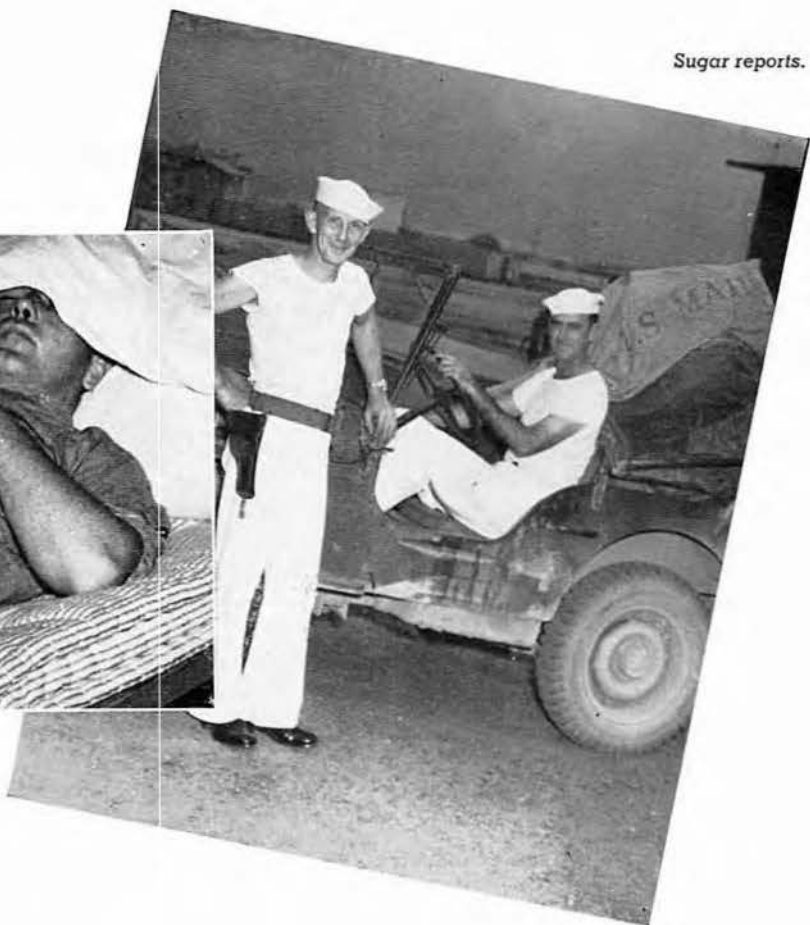


*Safeway.*

*Sad Sack.*

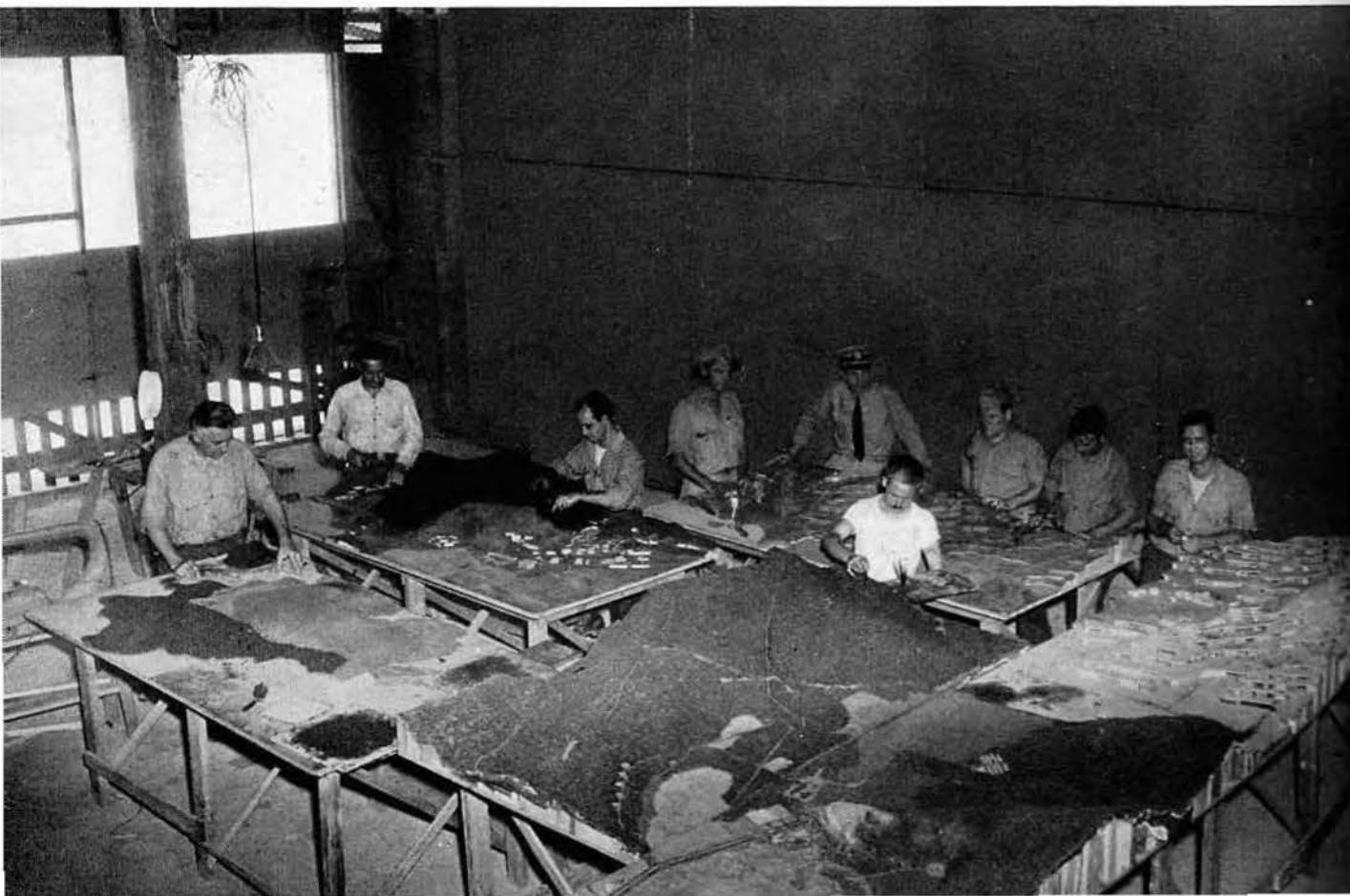


*Sugar reports.*





*Camouflage.*

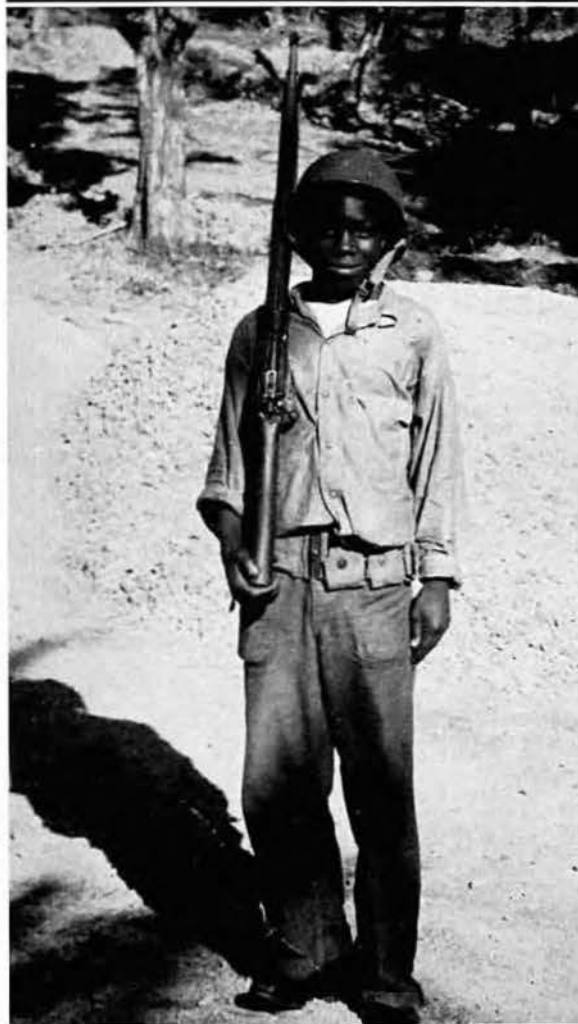


*Premier.*



*Mascot??*

*Orderly 1/c*







*Native loges — British Guiana.*



*Frederick Street.*

*No jeeps to Macqueripe.*



*Saman — an acre of shade.*

*Bamboo arch.*

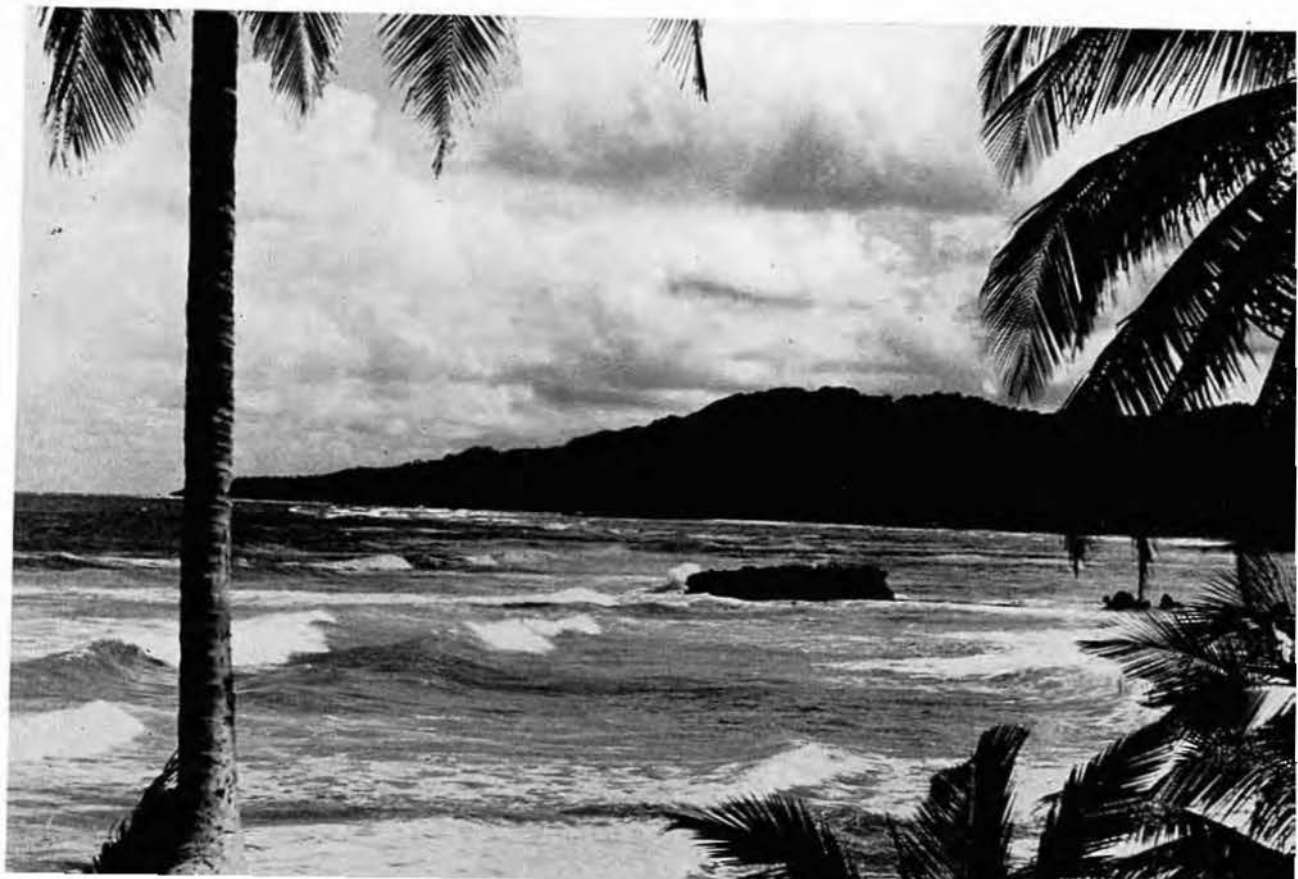






*Oropuche River.*

*Northern Range.*









*Saddle Road.*



*Hello chief.*

*Trial by fire.*





*Inlet to Manzanilla.*

*Plantation life.*











*Hello Joe.*



*San Fernando.*

*Local Belles.*



*Hey Ryan.*





*Constable with friend.*



*Casting*



*... for Mopsy.*



*Yellow Cab.*

*Stairway to Carrera.*



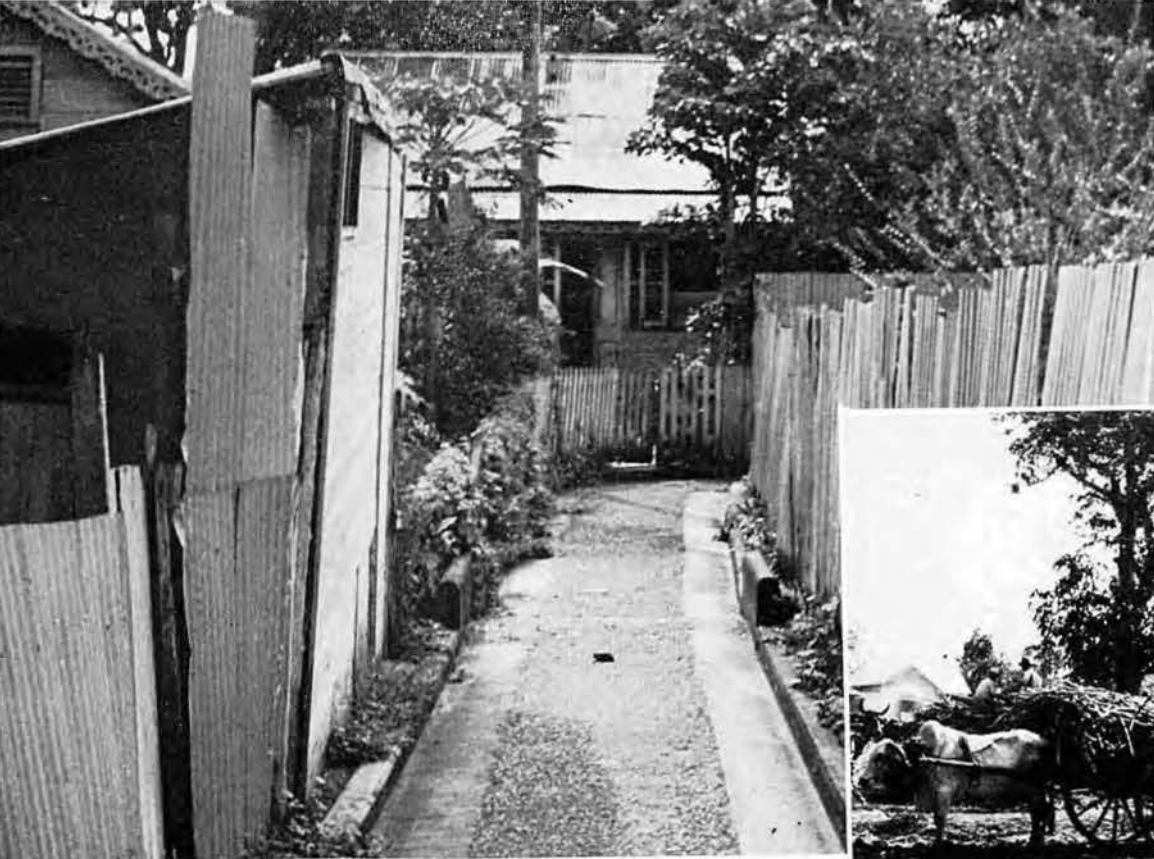
*Lil Mopsey.*

*Ole Lidee.*



*I will rise again.*





*Levantile.*

*Back street.*



*Potential rum.*



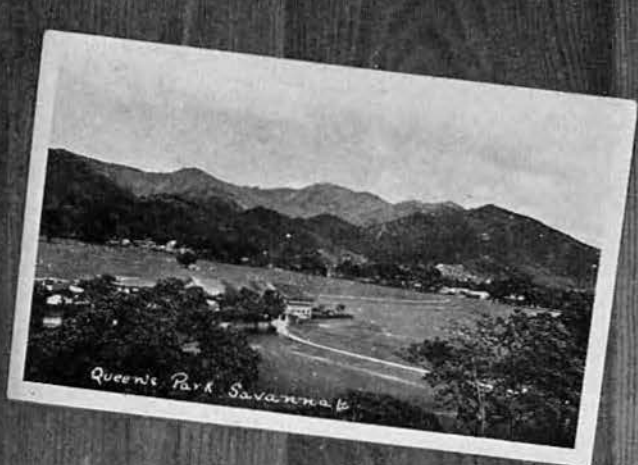
*And they went  
down to the  
sea . . .*



Bullock Cart.



Native Woman



Queen's Park Savannah



St. John's Island



#### THE SONG OF THE HUMMING BIRD

Where your skin is burnt to a parchment  
In the scorching noonday sun  
And you wake up some bright mornings  
With a screaming case of runs  
Where the vampire bats and scorpions  
Almost make you lose your wits  
And the whistling jabbering natives  
Tear your jagged nerves to bits  
Where the crickets own your closet  
And devour your Sunday clothes  
And the way to kill the blighters  
Not a blooming fellow knows.

Where your feet are sore with fungus  
And the ache is getting bad  
Although it hasn't killed you  
Still you almost wish it had  
Where your dreams are full of ox-carts  
On a road that's four feet wide  
And every damned pedestrian  
Seems intent on suicide.

Where you see a bunch of natives  
Like a blooming jamboree  
And you learn it's just a barber  
Doing business beneath a tree  
Where the snakes and spiders haunt you  
When you go to bed at night  
As you lie there naked and sweating  
While the gnats and skeeters bite.



Where you're wakened every morning  
By the native chatter  
Till you rush out to the doorway  
Wondering what in hell's the matter  
Where the youngest and the oldest  
Greet you everywhere you go  
With that never ending query  
"Have you got a penny, Joe?"

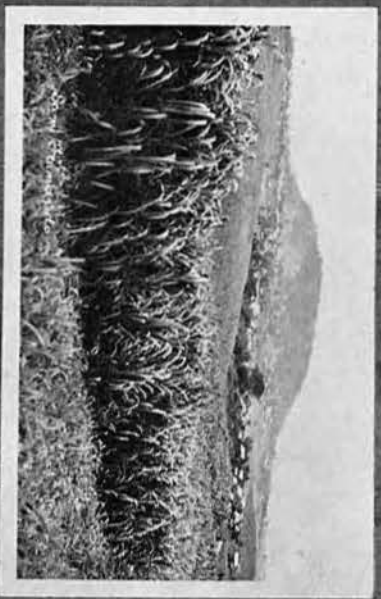
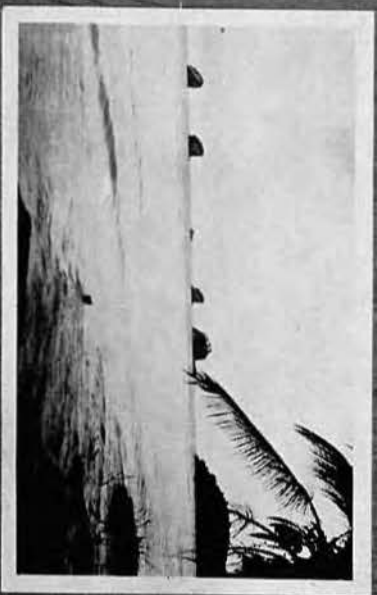
Where you lose your vim and vigor  
And you always have a cold  
And your muscles get all flabby  
Like a man that's getting old  
Where you meet all sorts of people  
From the finest to the scum  
And you drink yourself half crazy  
On the lousy two bit rum.

Where the gentle winds do scamper  
In a pleasant tropic clime  
And the sky is clear and cloudless  
Yet it rains most all the time  
Where the old men wear the diapers  
And the kids no pants at all  
And there never is a springtime  
Or a winter or a fall  
Where the air is full of odor  
And the odor's always bad  
Relax "MON" and take a drink  
For you're stuck in Trinidad.









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Feature of today's meeting is a lecture by Dr. D. W. Duthie on manure. Dr. Duthie, who has published a leaflet entitled: "Mulch if you can't get Manure", will throw new light on a difficult problem which faces nearly all gardeners.

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#### DID YOU EVER

Kiss someone and feel like kissing, and want to kiss more, and kiss again? If you did then it is because tests have proved the person loyal. But if you feel like kicking him at sight, it is because he is a toady. (Some such Toads hang around Victoria pave) AVOID A TOAD. C. Ajit gives a square deal.

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Joseph Williams (known as Gentle Williams) was fined \$7.50 for beating his mother, Lydia Williams. He was also ordered to pay the costs, \$3.84, or serve one month's imprisonment, and to sign a bond in the sum of \$26 to keep the peace for six months.

Mr. J. T. Clarke prosecuted and Mr. R. S. Persaud defended. — F. E. Jones.

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#### TO TAKE ADVANTAGE

Of another's poverty is a sin of old, but get friendly with C. Ajit and defy poverty. Then no one can take advantage of you.

INVEST NOW

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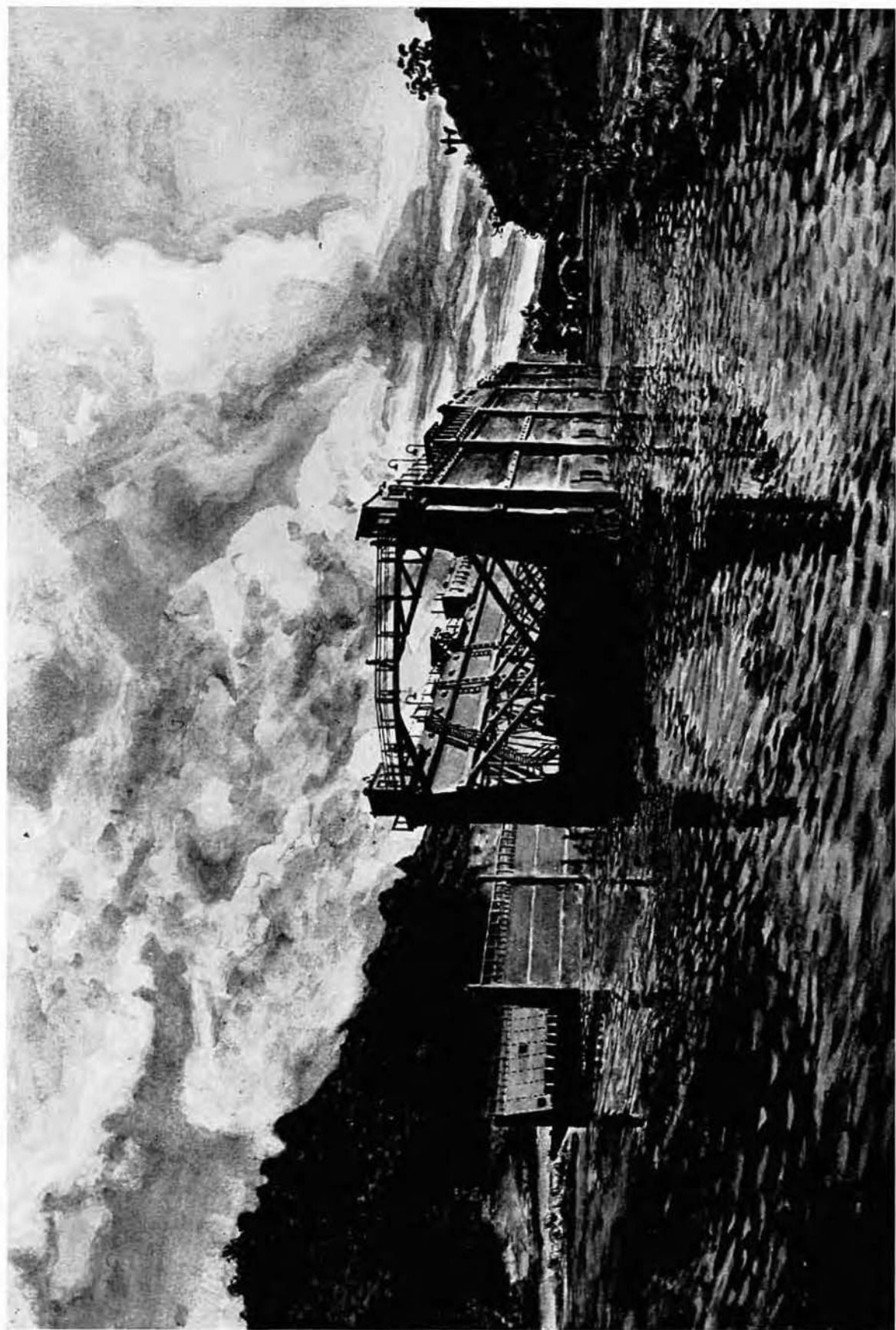


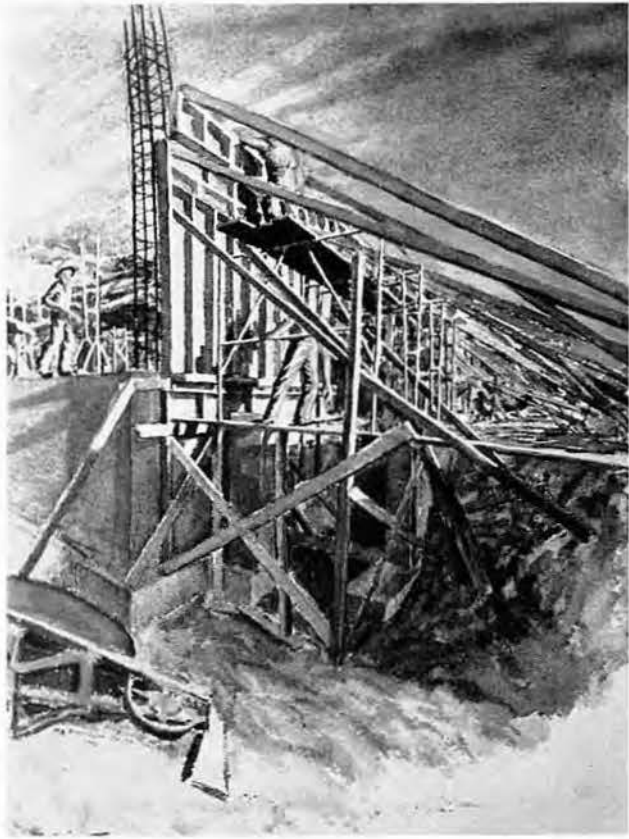
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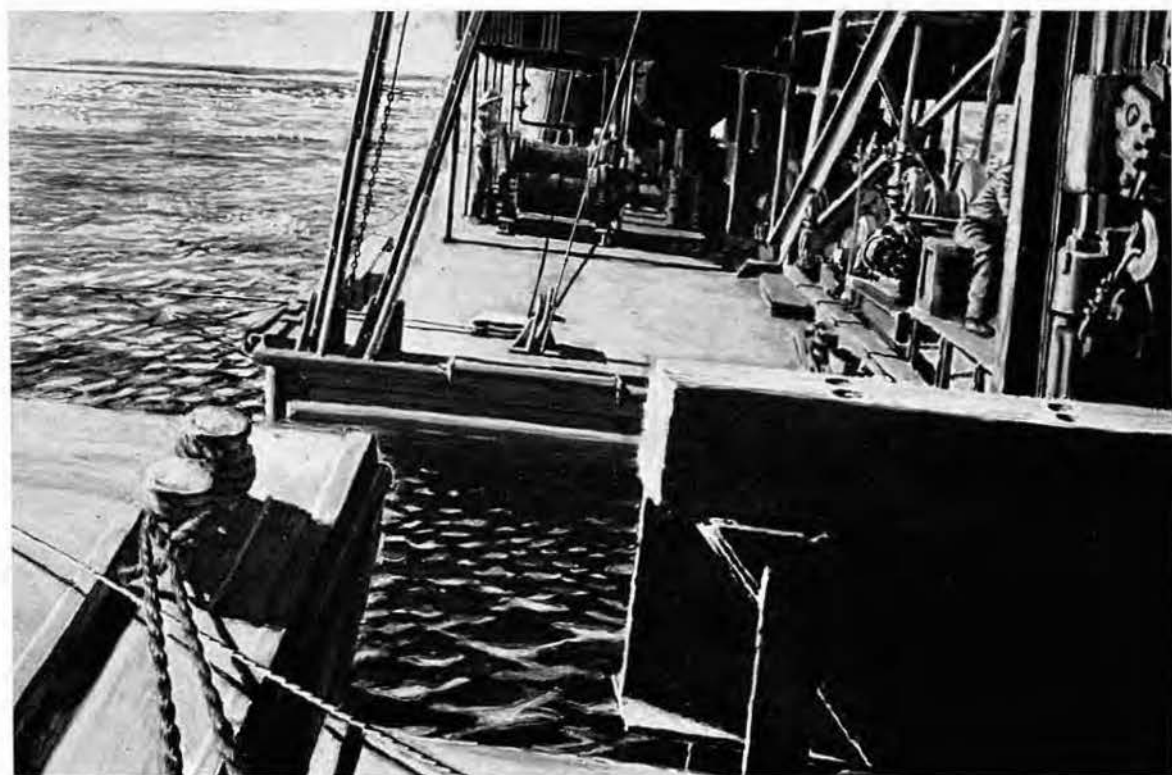
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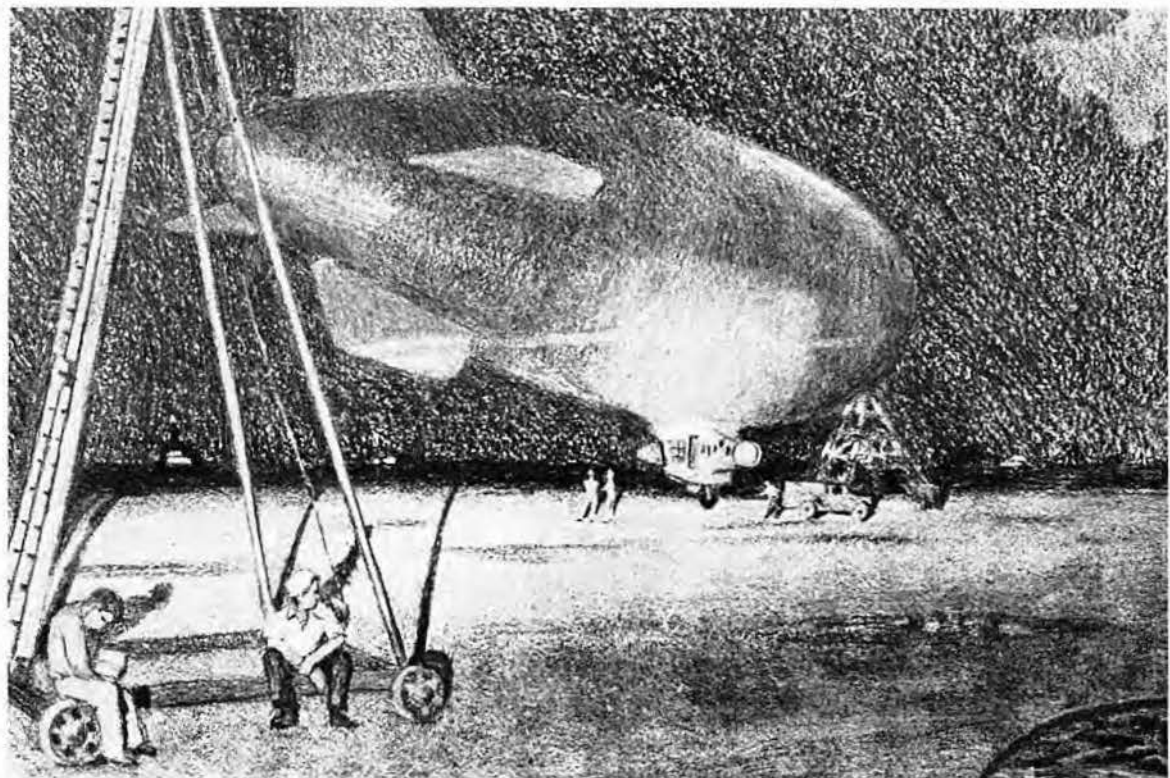
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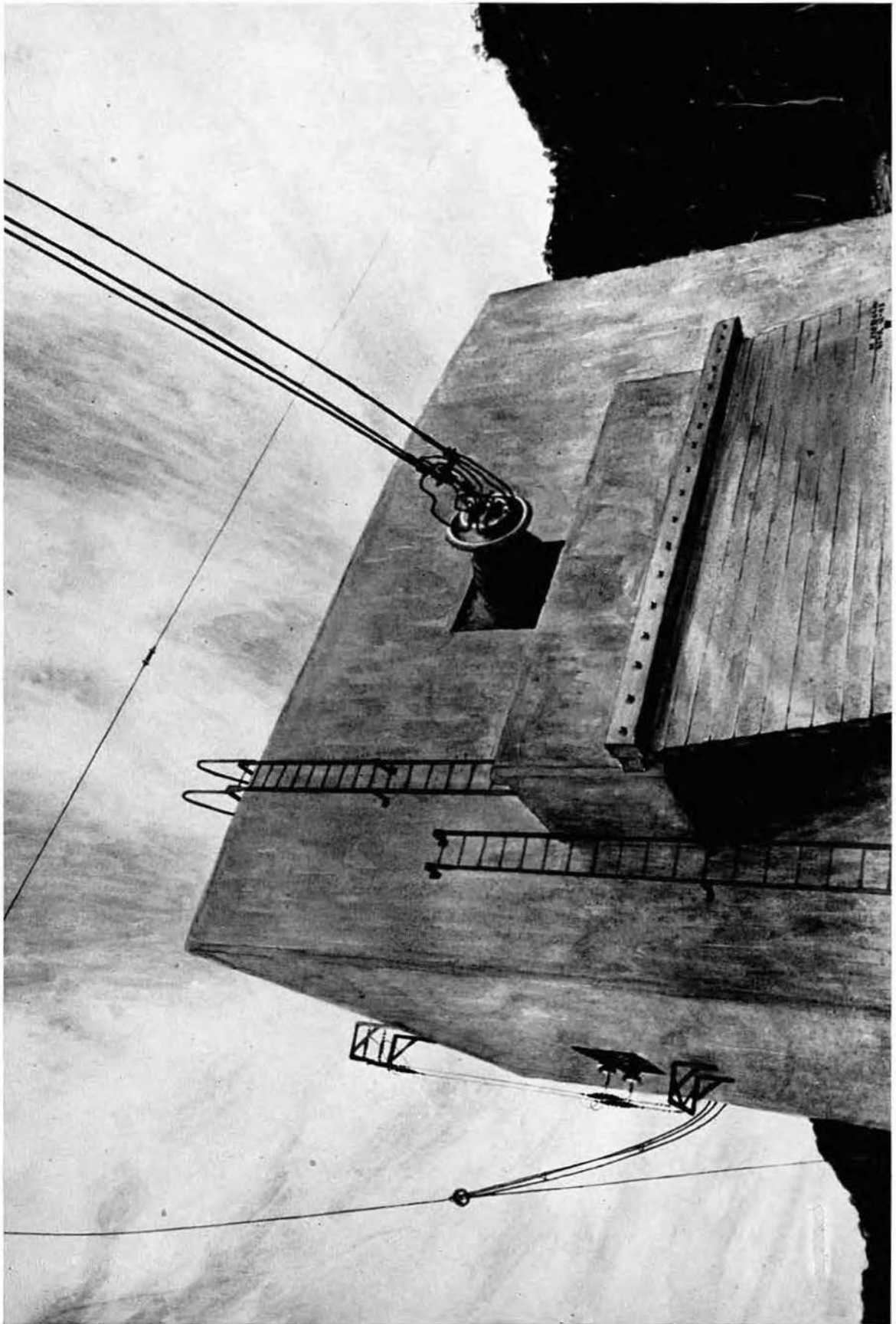






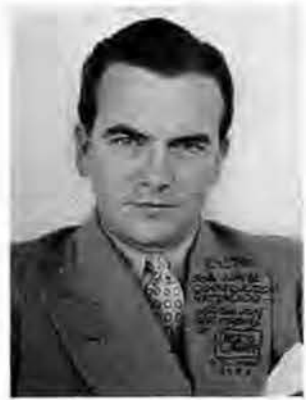








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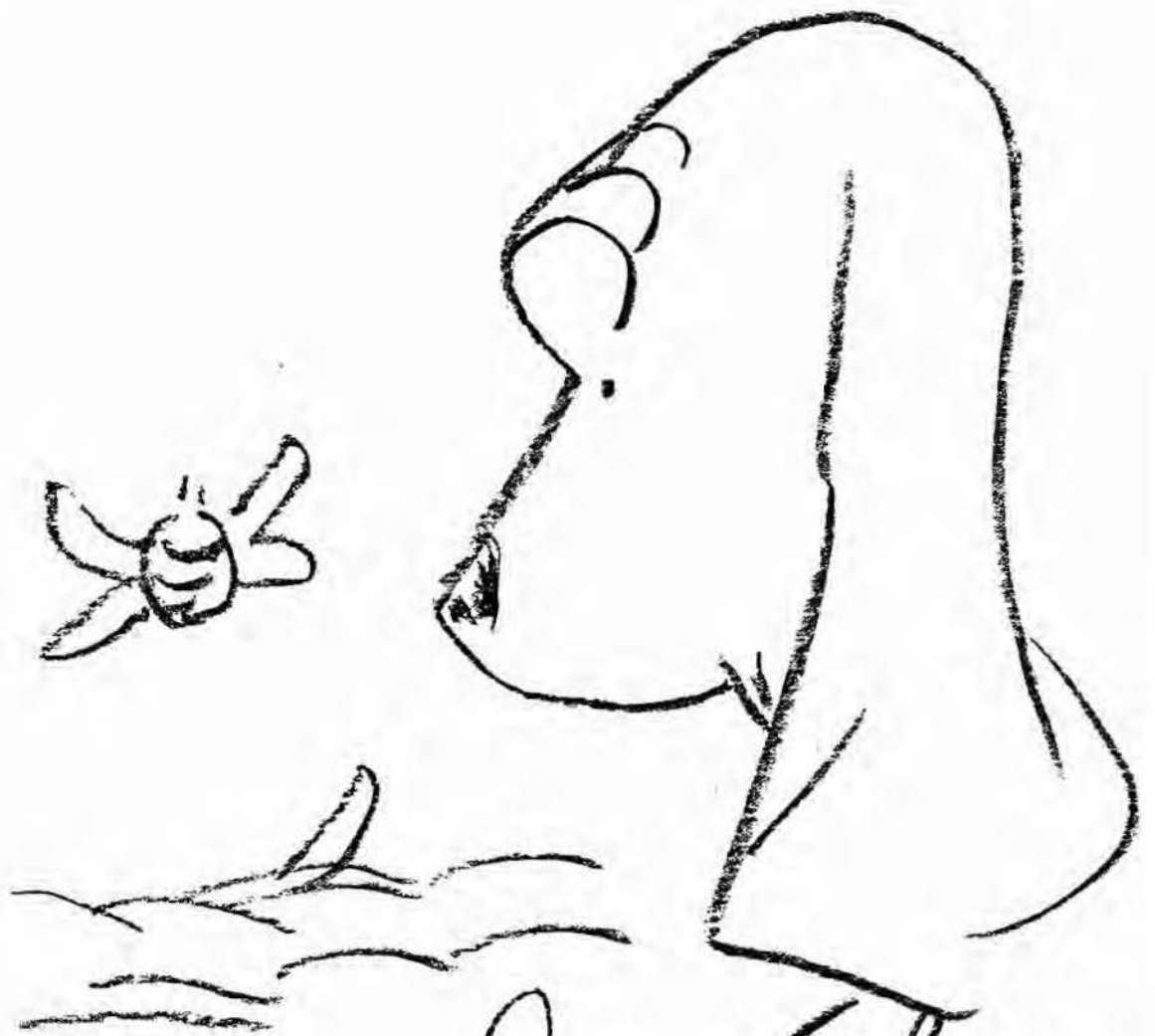


WOW! PIPE THE ASSEMBLY JOB ON THAT FRAMEWORK! STREAMLINE JOINTS AN' EVERYTHING!

THAT CHASSIS IS YELLIN' FOR EXPERT MAINTENANCE—AN' WHAT A CHASSIS! CAN DO!

A BIT OF NOSTALGIA ON "HOW THEY BEGAN TO LOOK" WHEN THE 30<sup>th</sup> NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION WAS SWEATING IT OUT ON TRINIDAD, B.W.I.

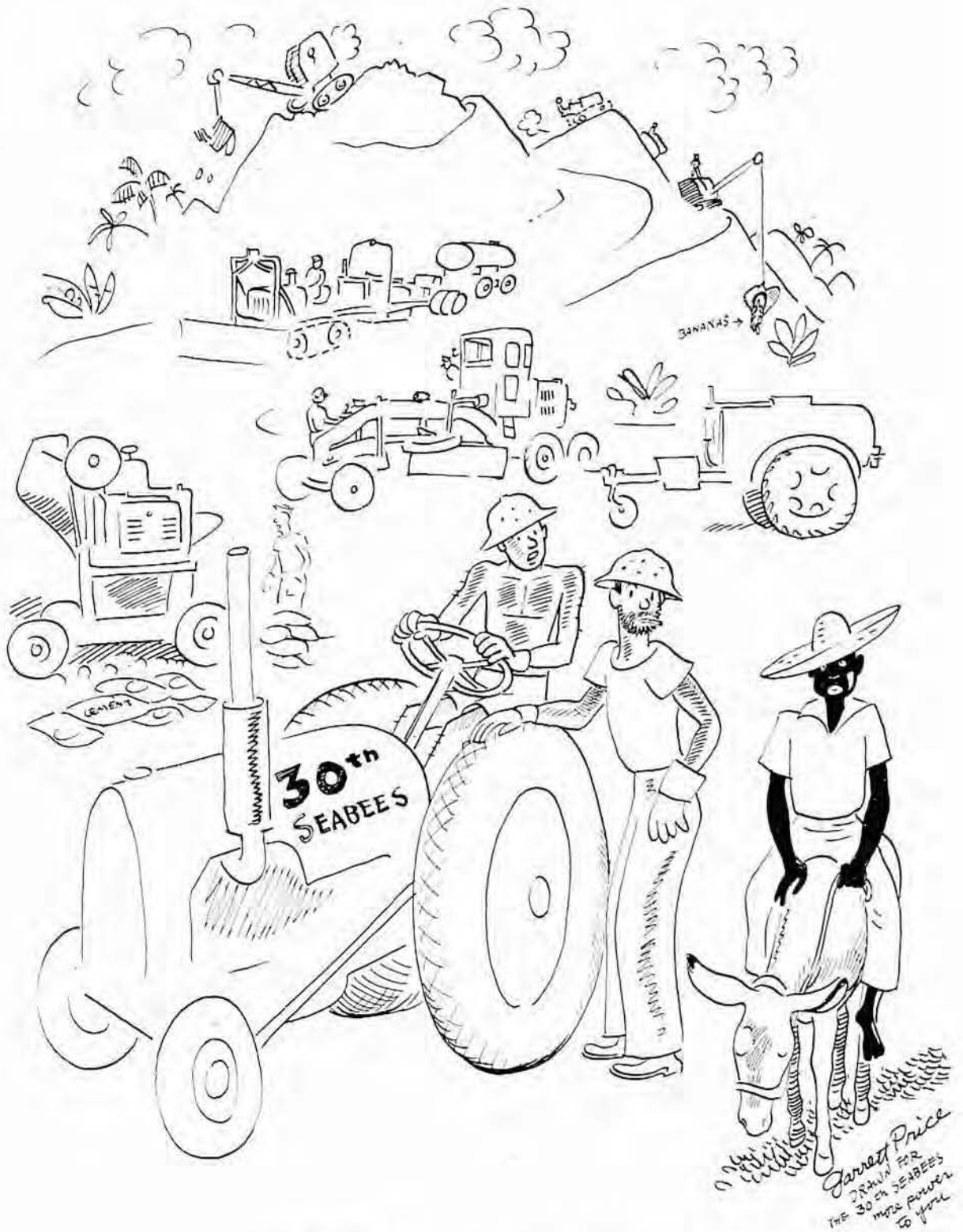
with the best wishes of  
**MILTON CANIFF**  
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Janet Kuper



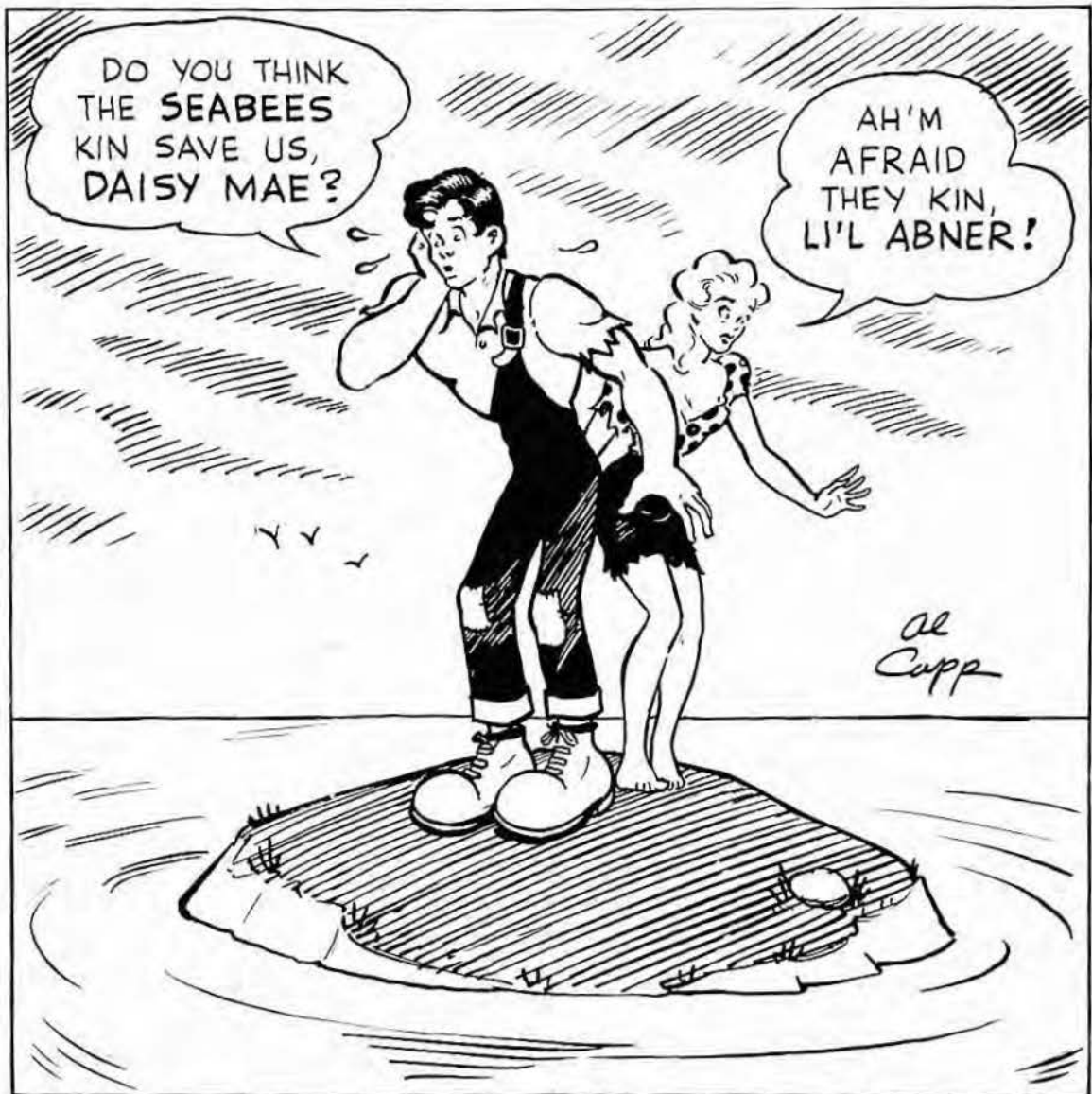
Young man, did I hear you say, "Can do"?



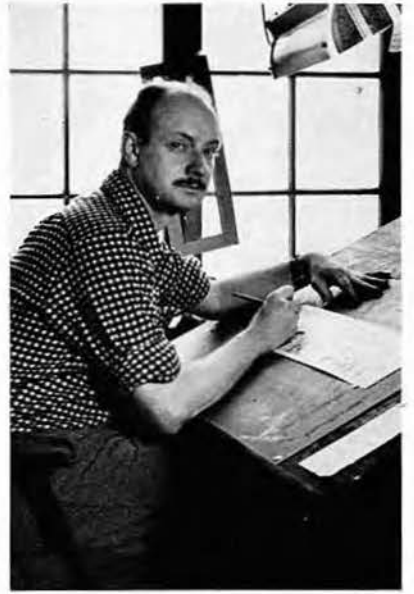
"Look at that Ed — you sure see some strange sights in this part of the world, don't you?"



AL CAPP



P. WEBB



*"Pssst! What about that good old Seabee motto?"*

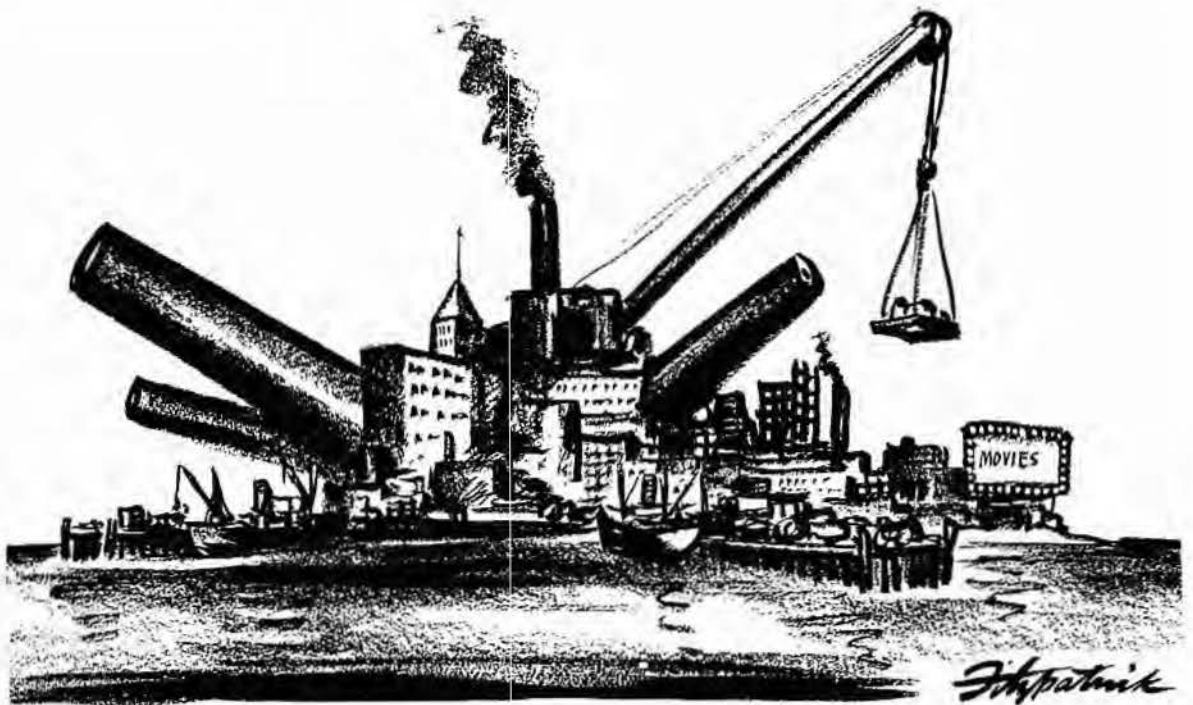


*"Gran'pappy would make a mighty handy man fer  
the Seabees . . . he kin git things done in  
a jiffy."*

**MONDAY**



**TUESDAY**



*A day in the 30th Seabees*

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# **IN MEMORIAM**

. . . Eternal rest grant unto them, o Lord, and let  
perpetual light shine upon them

BILL BESEN

JIM SHERIDAN

FRANK DOLE

RALPH FENNELL

## HISTORY

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mosquito control, laundry, blacksmithing, sheet metal shop, machine shop, lubrication, rock crushing and numerous others.

Of all the pleasant memories of Camp Endicott those of our liberty nights will remain the longest. Every other night ashore and extra hours on several weekends made frequent trips to Providence, Pawtucket, Fall River, Boston and even New York possible, and provided the men with much in the form of pleasure during their off duty hours.

We received the news of our movement to Quoddy Village, Maine with mixed emotions. We hated to leave behind such fine liberty but were anxious to escape from the rules and regulations that had changed considerably during our absence from the States. So, to the tunes of the Station force band, we proceeded to our train and chugged along through the New England States to "dear old Maine." That train trip was one incident we all would like to forget — eighteen hours of dreary waiting as the train crept jerkily northward. Many had cricks in their backs which lasted for weeks as a result of attempting to fold into a position suitable for sack duty in the uncomfortable chairs. The ordeal finally ended, we pulled into Camp Lee-Stephenson to be greeted by a great burst of ominous silence. Stowing our gear and in a column of files from the right we marched quietly into the chow hall for our first Quoddy breakfast. Expecting bear steak for our first meal in the rugged north, we had to be content with beans again. The first view of our living quarters at Quoddy put us in mood to forgive and forget everything. Exploring our new home we found the buildings divided into four room apartments, complete with private bath, kitchenette, and bed rooms. There were even shades on the windows. Lack of range and refrigerator didn't dampen spirits as we had no desire to cook and no beer to keep cool. So we were all set.

This feeling of well-being was quickly dispelled, however, as we became acquainted with some of the "boot" regulations for which Quoddy is remembered. More than a few of us felt that wrath of the "awkward

squad" for such misdemeanors as walking on the wrong side of the road, wearing sleeves rolled up or the right cap at the wrong time, etc. The physical and military training department of Quoddy had ideas of their own which were inflicted on us promptly and thoroughly. Blisters, sore legs and stiff backs became common ailments. Though the period was short we did a rather sizable and competent job of construction, excavation and grading work on the base.

Our stay in that section of the country sometimes known as 25 miles from 20 per cent was not, however, all grief. We had Eastport, Calais, and St. Stephens, Canada to remember which bring to mind the "Bucket of Blood" at Milltown, "Burns" at St. Stephens, and the "Dust Bowl" at Eastport together with the cordiality of the natives of the locale.

Looking back, Quoddy is about the best place to come from that we know. Only time would tell if the experience was worthwhile but it was with no regret that we stood at the train, listened to the padres' prayers and then with the dust of Quoddy clinging tenaciously to our boots, happily boarded the train and headed for Camp Thomas.

And now at Camp Thomas we confidently await any further assignment that may be given us. After almost two years together we know ourselves well enough to realize that if given the tools and materials, we, as a group can tackle and finish any job directed our way. It has been an eventful tour of duty and looking back, we feel sure that each of us is a better man for having been a member of the Thirtieth Battalion.

## BARBECUES

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all hands were called upon to make the regimental barbecue another successful affair. With the assistance of Chief Murphy, and the stewards from the 80th and 83rd battalions the problem of feeding 4000 men was soon solved. New and more elaborate pits were built by Chief Dwyer and his men, cold storage trucks were lent by the base commissary officer and every means of transportation was made available to the men. Here there were added attractions in

the form of swimming, diving, baseball, tennis and boating. The end of day found a weary but smiling regiment of Seabees wending their way back to camp.

Whenever we see the cheery red of a charcoal fire, our mouths shall water, and once more barbecue life in the "Land of the Humming Bird" shall live again.

## BASEBALL

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Since arriving back in the States the team has grown from a small squad of 10 to a respectable 18 men. The addition of Al Mann, catcher; Dick Eley, left fielder, Frank Soard, pitcher; Joe Leszcynski, second base; John Pitell, right fielder; Clin Myers, third base; and Joe Mazer, short-stop, gives the team an ample supply of substitutes, always so important in maintaining a successful team. Although we have played but few games since our return, all have been won in typical 30th fashion. The many changes that have taken place in the 30th have naturally affected the ball team, but with the foundation so well laid and the winning tradition so firmly established by this original team, we can look to the future with high hopes of continued success.

## SOFTBALL

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Weinstein at shortstop and Barbour on third. In the outfield were Fagre, Moore, Meier, Thornton and the Chaplain.

With the changes in officer complement have come many changes in the team lineup but the yare probably for the better. Circumstances have certainly changed because whereas before it was doubtful if we could field a full team, now we have substitutes. Those who are active (?) on the team at present include: Captain Knapp, Jones, Seckatz, Carter, Quasius, Ninteman, Martini, Weinstein, Wingleman, Fagre, Chaplain Whalen, Meier, Rosenzweig, Findlay and Moore. The team began the season in Camp Lee-Stephenson where they emerged victorious in their series with the Station Force Officers and the Officers' Team of C.B. Detachment 3050. At Camp Thomas we have

played the Officers' Stewards twice, C.B. Detachment 1047 three times and Station Forces Officers and the 30th Chiefs once. We make our share of errors but also seem to be able to win our share of games.

## BOWLING

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10. Hdqtrs. No. 2	26	43	44711
11. Co. A No. 2	20	49	35295
12. Co. C No. 1	17	52	44157

For individual performance meriting awards, the following men received cash prizes:

### HIGH SINGLE

1st Prize	Morrison	Score 255
2nd Prize	Ewing	Score 242

### HIGH MATCH

1st Prize	Longendyke	Score 619
2nd Prize	Engles	Score 586

### HIGH AVERAGE

1st Prize	DeLisle	Score 169
2nd Prize	Renker	Score 166

### HIGH TEAM SINGLE

1st Prize	Co. C. No. 2	Score 967
2nd Prize	Chiefs	Score 890

### HIGH TEAM MATCH

1st Prize	Co. B No. 2	Score 2512
2nd Prize	Co. D No. 1	Score 2397

The Naval Air Station alleys were sanctioned by the American Bowling Congress and each bowler was given a 1943-1944 A.B.C. membership card of the Major League. The A.B.C. also indicated the number of leagues using these alleys placed Trinidad as one of the largest bowling centers among servicemen on foreign soil.

The curtain which dropped on bowling on January 24, 1944 ended a period of high good fun and fellowship on the bowling alleys. The triple benefits of entertainment, exercise and competitive comradeship received from our bowling nights in Trinidad would be hard to estimate. Ardent "keglers" are now torn between the desires of becoming heroes at an active front or settling for a permanent base with bowling facilities.

Time will tell.



## BOXING

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bow lads do it? Watkins and the rest? What a beautiful boxer that little Sarette was the night he fought Lee in the exhibition match in our theatre! And how poorly conditioned most of the lads were when fresh off a ship. Pavlovitch, sparring partner of Billy Conn, broke even in two bouts with Mike Mellinger. Landolina, although outweighed by 18 pounds, knocked out the colored champ in the first round — What a lot of Blood! And those steak dinners after the fights, down at Murphy's beanery; breaking training for a few brews, listening to the kid who could only see out of one eye, as he gave out with the system he'd use to "moider that bum the next time." And then the walk down the hill to the barracks, and the fellows telling you what a good fight you put up, and feeling all proud inside — Yeah! That was great! And that Station Force challenge at Quoddy; and how Soup Campbell trained us, Palladino rubbed us down, and the road work we did in the mornings and evenings. Then beating the daylights out of the gang up there. And all the officers and men, how they liked it! And, of course, we knew we were the best Battalion in the Navy, even if Landolina did lose a couple of close ones to a very game kid, named Cramer. But Landy wasn't really in condition until we whipped the Limeys at Brunswick — Lord, you should have seen him and Mellinger that night; a veritable V day — and how! I guess this boxing is a pretty tough game, but you show me anything else that does one-half as much for morale, esprit-de-corps, what-have-you as a good night of 30th Battalion boxing. You show me another sport that wins half as many friends and admiration as you get after fighting a game, tough fight — whether you get the nod or not. You show me that sport, brother, and I'll go out for it.

To Lt. Meiers, our first "Major Domo" and to Lt. (jg) Webster who so capably took his place, we offer our thanks and appreciation for their kind and wise guidance.

Is there a man among us who isn't all for the "boys?" Of course not! So, best of luck, Champs.

## SHIP'S SERVICE

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counters, while Jack Shurack could be seen bustling about the place whenever he was not in Port-of-Spain purchasing supplies or hunting up new bargains. The end of the Quonset hut opposite the Cobbler shop employed "Eddie O'Keefe as he passed out coke, root beer, toddy and fruit juices to the rapidly dehydrating men. These same coolers, so expertly made by our mechanics, provided cold, thirst-quenching beer every evening from 17 to 2100. The beer garden finally opened about mid-February, presided over by Bernie Iskra, much to the relief of the men who had walked by this construction for so long with parched tongues.

The Ship's Store started with the basic allotment of supplies brought with us but soon branched out into, not only the necessities of comfortable living, but also the luxuries of native and neighboring handicraft to be sent home as gifts. Our Ship's Service not only took care of all the needs of our own Battalion, but it is their proud boast that no ship's crew was ever turned away or went back to sea minus any item that would contribute to the comfort of the men that was in our power to provide. Such was the service rendered that the men of the Battalion have often since remembered the "good old days" of Trinidad as they stood in line for chits for everything from laundry and tailoring to beer and movies. Due to these factors, it soon developed into a big business with a front office in the Administration Building presided over by Kaseman as bookkeeper, buyer and general factotum.

Not only did the Ship's Service in all its activities give the men superlative service at practically cost prices, but it was the source of all the income to the Welfare Fund which has played such an important part in our Navy life. Each month the profits were turned over to the fund and from it came the wherewithal to finance the Battalion paper, the barbecues, a Christmas present for each of the men, and all the other projects which contributed so much to the "comfort, amusement and contentment of the crew."

Many of those who contributed so much to the success of our Ship's Service have since left the Battalion, but we are sure that those who are left will form a nucleus of the group who can and will carry on just as successfully in the future.

## THE BAND

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together until the Battalion moved to Quoddy Village, where every means of recreation and entertainment had to be exploited. The Battalion put on a dance in the good old Thirtieth manner and one of the largest contributors to its huge success was the Battalion orchestra. From that night on we were again deluged with offers to play at many events from service men's dances to High School proms. However, after only one outside appearance the Battalion was again on its way and the people of Maine were forced to go back to hill-billy music for want of something better.

Once again the "Cari-bees" are marking time but stand ever ready to contribute their part to the entertainment and reputation of the 30th Battalion.

The brass band also contributed an important part to the life of the Battalion. Besides those who were in the orchestra, it is composed of P. Draper, of Craibi, Ariz., on French horn, A. W. Freeman, of Duxbury, Mass., on trombone, R. P. Girrior, from Buffalo, N. Y. at the drums, R. W. Lytle of Framingham, Mass., on the tuba. R. B. Shaw, of Wallington, N. J., plays base drum, W. H. Whiteside, Corvallis, Ore., on trumpet; Vicent Astolf, Lock Haven, Pa., on trumpet; Willis Johnston, Freeport, N. Y., on snare drum; H. R. Giroux, Lewiston, Me. on snare drum, H. A. Parker, Whitestone, N. Y., on saxophone, with C. A. Tarantino of San Francisco, California as drum major.

The brass band was always on deck for colors and to help us with the various reviews and ceremonies. We also remember with pleasure their morning concerts on the trip back to the States. Since our return they have continued to help us to reach that goal of all Battalions to be a snappy military outfit as well as good builders and fighters.

## CALYPSO

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Calypso melodies are usually simple and easy to learn. As a result of this and because there is a big "stock in trade" of basic popular tunes which, composed many years ago, are revived every now and then with new words and perhaps a few musical alterations, almost any Creole can, after listening to scores of calypsoes in a "tent", whistle or hum the most outstanding tunes without further aid. These tunes then, literally become popular overnight. In accordance with custom a calypsonian's lyrics are sung at will by the public but not by any rival composer while all tunes are the common property of all calypsonians, to be used as required.

The calypso is built up around every day happenings — the scandals, the complaints, the love lives of the people. It is a form of criticism, a living witty comment on contemporary events, the equivalent of the Americans' topical jokes and cartoons. When something out of the ordinary happens here the cartoonist comes into play; in Trinidad it is the calypsonian that we turn for a commentary on events of the day. Thus we have calypsoes on Schmeling's defeat of Joe Louis, King Edward's abdication, Adolph Hitler, Rum and Coco Cola, a ride in a small boat to an outlying island, and so on through practically every happening of international, national or local interest.

While a great measure of the calypso's appeal is found in the witty lyrics the music of the calypso can stand on its own legs. To hear the music of the "le'gos" and not experience the urge to move with their rhythm is next to impossible for anyone with an ear for music. We who have become familiar with the calypso in its natural setting and as rendered by the masters of this type of music will always remember them and appreciate them as an integral part of the native life of Trinidad.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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One of the outstanding religious events in Trinidad during our stay there was the Memorial Day services held in both the

Catholic and Protestant churches of Port-of-Spain, with the American servicemen taking the part of altar boys and choir. Representatives of all branches of both Army and Navy took part in the observance for our war dead.

In December, after over a year of duty with the Battalion Chaplain Severtson was relieved by Chaplain John S. Whalen, USNR, who has been with the Battalion ever since. It was under his guidance that we celebrated Christmas of 1943 in Trinidad, with midnight mass in our own theatre and Protestant candle-light Services at the Air Station. Since returning to the States we have used the facilities of the various camps at which we have been located.

To the Chaplain Navy life means an entirely new experience from what he ordinarily has been accustomed to as a civilian but his opportunities for good are tremendous and he learns quickly to distinguish between the rough exterior and the inward goodness of the men with whom he comes in contact. For him, as for all the men from civilian life the change means adjustment but his compensations are many and his reward is great.

## OFFICERS COUNTRY

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Bohrer and Beck, the favored sons of Public Works with their private ice box with daily deliveries.

Doc Weinstein and his burning desire to buy all and everything at a Ship Service Store anywhere.

"Big" Charlie and "Little" Charlie having a bottle of beer with the boys at the last beer garden barbecue.

Webster, his Limey shorts and the "Black Pearl."

Fagre's pet alligator and the way Martini acted when he found it in his closet.

Seekatz and Commdr. Geiger in their daily Preventative Maintenance Critiques involving past and future operations on the Pontiac. The outstanding ability of Jenkins to "salvage" needed materials.

The service flag "Fire Chief" Schreadley put up for his wife.

Meier and Leay doing a combination adagio dance and clean-up detail.

Overman's "Left Flank, March" that piled up the drill squad at Endicott.

Barbour quoting verbatim and at will from the Landing Force Manual.

The Mast Action held on a certain group of Officers, as a sequel to Grollman's farewell party.

McComb walking home from "Four Horseman" party.

Heal and his constant battle with Shurack for top honors in Ship Service.

Chaplain Whalen doing great credit to the cloth at second base but looking as if he were standing in a hole.

Rosenzweig and the Quoddy milk bill.

Doc Elrick knocking himself out doing a Polka with the Camp Showgirl.

Kingsbury hitting the dispensary on the second bounce.

Winkelman and his Tomain Domain.

Doc Shapiro trying to make supper at Endicott and an 1800 ball game.

Albrink, his liberty and his sack time.

Schreadley, Seekatz and the \$38 Lost Weekend.

Findlay completely absorbed in his Wine Mess accounts, probably casting out the nines.

Doc Knapp congratulating the ball players in a crisis.

Ninteman and Quasius playing cribbage by the hour.

Carter whose drawl belies his actions.

The never ending Carioca games at the hut at Camp Thomas.

The C. O. of the St. Lucia Air Station asking Overman to wangle an airplane from Trinidad for his use.

Brunner's Toucan and the unholy wreck it made of all of its keepers.

The Padre and his bulldog ferocity on questions of faith and morals.

Jenkins crawling blissfully into his sack at Chagaramus, ignoring the pile of coconuts heaped on same.

## SUPPLY AND DISBURSING

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Trinidad was finished and soon after a ship was at the dock waiting to return the 30th to the U.S. Our trip back was much like that going down. It seemed that our task of disbursing was never finished. The men had to be paid immediately upon arrival in the States and we worked all the way up on the ship. On this pay day we passed out over one hundred and thirty thousand dollars and seventeen thousand in checks. The boys were well prepared to enjoy the 30 day leave that followed.

Soon after our return to Endicott, we left again this time to Quoddy, Maine. There Chief Mackessy made the warrant of Pay Clerk and now both he and Mr. Wright are doing duty with the sea-going Navy. Weiss went to V-12 training and Edward Maynes CM3/c and Charles Ferrick SK2/c are now doing their part in keeping the accounts straight.

On 1 July, 1944 the Navy Dept. put into effect a complete new pay system. By that time the Battalion had moved once more to A.B.D. Camp Thomas, Davisville, R. I. Since arriving here the personnel of disbursing has been busy day and night closing out and submitting returns in the old pay system and putting the new into effect.

Our office personnel has changed much since its inception but never an error has been found by the Auditing Division and we feel sure that the same successful record will be maintained in the future.

## BRITISH GUIANA

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of the slain jaguar's mate for the next few months. The shooting of the cuyman which had been molesting and frightening our native workers. The three toed sloth that didn't care too much for us and left in a hurry when we turned our heads one night. The malaria that lurked outside our boundary waiting eagerly for us to visit. The open air theatre and the "horse operas" that plagued us for so long, and how we sat thru three nights of steady rain to fully enjoy the beauty of "DuBarry," "Stage Door Canteen"

and "Casablanca." The dances on the station when we would all rush down to see what the USO had brought with them. The midnight trip to the little native village for church services on Christmas Eve, all accomplished in the usual downpour of the heavens. The infrequent but pleasant air trips to the Army Base in the well known "Duck." And lastly, the marvelous collection of the unknown woods of the world with their attendant colors and inner beauties. The list of memories stretches on and on. It was tough and lonely, but the compensations were many.

After 12 months of duty we returned to the main force and thence to our beloved America. We extend to those comrades that we left behind the hope for continued success and a prayer that their tour of duty will be as helpful and unforgettable as ours.

The detachment at our station consisted of the following men:

Lt. (jg) A. J. P. Martini	David Cameron
Ensign H. C. Brunner	Herman Martin
Paul Rechenberg	Albert Martin
Albert Olley	Richard Roy
Arthur Ritchie	Loyse Carson
Francis Locker	George McCaffrey
Kenneth Preis	John Raymond
Ferdinand Santucci	Leroy Crane
Harold Teggart	Kingsley Beldin
Robert Porter	Samuel Caldwell

Earl Young

## SURINAM, DUTCH GUIANA

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Lumber is the next leading industry, consisting of 126 different types, classified by names. Some of them are: Mahogany, Purple Heart, Green Heart, Brown Heart, Warrie, Rose Gree (from which the witch rose hair oil is made), Poisentre, Gedu, Cedar, White and Red Snake wood, Bulltre (hardest), etc. Each tree, after being cut, is squared on the spot, then dragged by manual labor through paths carefully bedded or corduroyed with small, round timbers, to the nearest water passage. Then they are loaded in raft-like forms to mills, sometimes many miles away.

Rice is the main agriculture produce, grown mostly by the Javanese and Hindus.

The Dutch money is called goulden (one dollar) and gilders (more than one) or as the boys nicknamed them "gliders," for going so fast. Their currency was as follows: pennies, nickels (which were square), dimes, quarters, half goulden (paper), one goulden, 2½ gilders, 5 and so on. An American dollar was promptly exchanged for one goulden and eighty seven cents.

Surinam also has the richest or most costly road in the world, a million dollar

highway. It is approximately three or four miles long, running between Onverwhact and Zandery Field, U.S. Army. It was made through swamps and jungle by felling mahogany trees crossways and filling the remainder of the needed elevation with bauxite, which is a very valuable product from which aluminum is made. The expensive material used on this road caused it to be called "the million dollar highway of Dutch Guiana."

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