



**CONSTRUCTION  
BATTALION**

*Yearbook*





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The Commanding Officer,  
Officers and Men,  
16th Naval Construction Battalion,  
Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, California.

I am glad to have this opportunity to congratulate members of the Sixteenth Naval Construction Battalion on your second anniversary, for I have followed with a special interest your fine record of building, fighting, and repairing in the Hawaiian Islands and elsewhere in the Central Pacific.

You men of the Sixteenth Seabees were of the first in this area to make the Jap feel the sting of your hammers and the bite of your shovels. By your tenacity and courage, by your ability to work under pressure and overcome obstacles, you have contributed to the larger task of pushing the enemy into his own back yard.

The motto of the Seabees has grown from "Can Do!" to "Can Do - Will Do - Didi!" This typifies the growth and spirit of the Sixteenth Battalion. I know you will carry on in this spirit as you have during the past two years.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. NIMITZ  
Admiral, USN  
Commander in Chief  
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## Foreword

DECEMBER 1941. Wake Island. Forerunner of Bataan and Corregidor.

There was no turning back for the civilian workmen on Wake. There were no appeals—only a flag to defend. They faced death, and chose to take up arms and fight against that death.

Out of this bloodbath arose the Seabees. Men who would build and defend what they built. Men from every trade, from every county and town. Men to don the Navy's blue and wear it proudly. Men of all ages—able to build, fit to fight—eager to do both.

First slowly, then in an increasing torrent the Seabees spread outward from our land—to Iceland and India, Britain and Burma, the Ellices, the Gilberts, the Marshalls. Each step more dangerous than the last—each a shining age in the glorious story.

These men are the Brothers and the Fathers and the Sons of America. They give back-breaking effort and toil and sweat. They die if they must.

These are the Builders, the men who go ahead of the bombers, make berths for the ships, build so that others may fight.

These are the Seabees—building a Highway to Tomorrow.





*We have been carpenters and plumbers, accountants and attorneys, teachers and technicians, buyers and builders, and a hundred other trades and professions. Our names are English, Irish, Scotch, Greek, Italian, German and French. We speak with a Boston brogue or a Southern drawl or a Hoosier twang. We are Republicans and Democrats, liberals and conservatives. We are red-headed, blonde, brunette and bald.*

*But our great common denominator is our Americanism, and our privileged membership in the United States Navy. We have learned much during the past two years of discipline and hard work and deprivations; but more than that, we have formed friendships for life; we have learned something in the tradition of Jones, Perry and Farragut; and—most important—we have done our share fully and gladly toward final victory.*

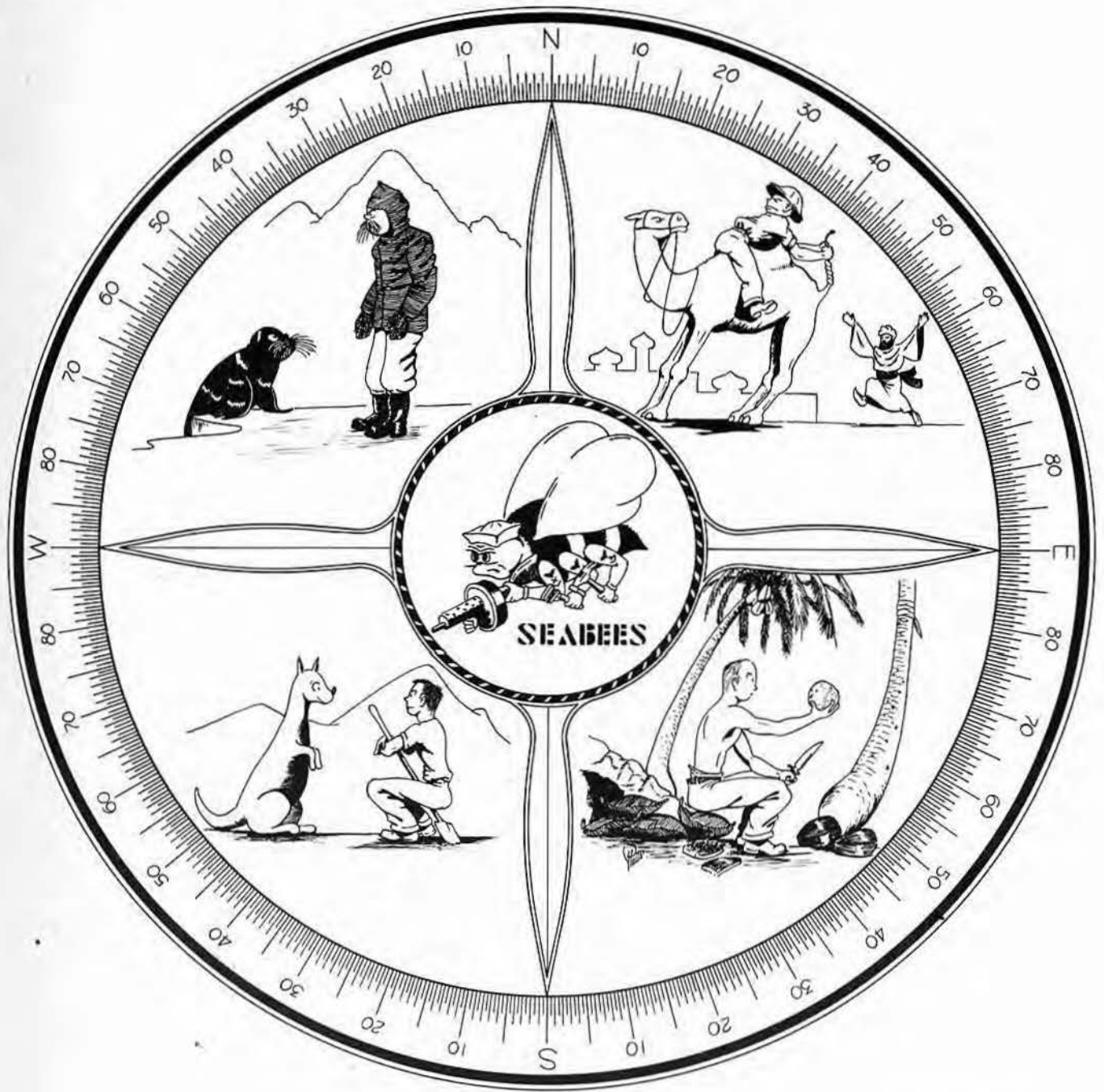
*We have had many bad days, days of disappointment and poor food and tired muscles; days when nothing seemed more important than to get back home again as soon as possible. But we have lived through them, and each has received from those adversities a little more of the spunk and determination to see this thing through as quickly as possible.*

*And so today we stand ready as always. Anxious for our homes and our loved ones, tired though we may be, we will still give all we have to save our country.*



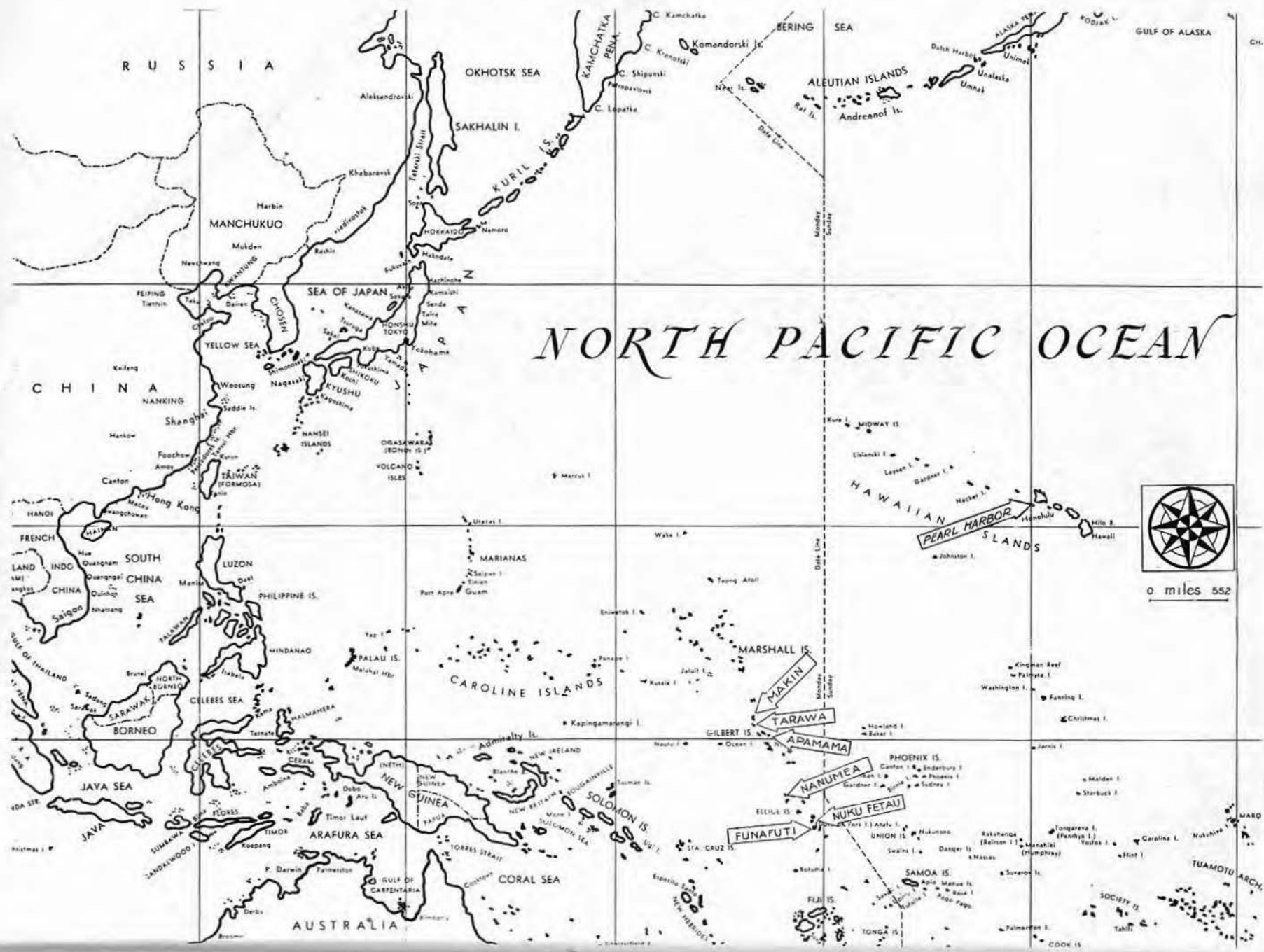
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*"...they do their vital work and retire, away from the cameras and the bands. But like all those who quietly toil and serve, they have their passions, too, and their despair and joy; and death, usually quite unmarked, finds them in the end."*

—The SATURDAY EVENING POST, Feb. 6, 1943



# NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN



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*"O beautiful for pilgrim feet,  
A thoroughfare for freedom beat  
Whose stern, impassioned stress  
Across the wilderness!"*

—KATHERINE LEE BATES

To all the officers and men of the 16th  
U. S. Naval Construction Battalion,  
this history is respectfully dedicated.

AUGUST 2, 1942 TO MARCH 1, 1945



THE SIXTEENTH was born on August 2, 1942. On that day, before the Hon. Ralph Bard, Undersecretary of the Navy, and Captain J. G. Ware, USN, the newly-formed and freshly-trained officers and men were commissioned, bound for better or for worse into a battalion of builders—builders who would be ready to fight.

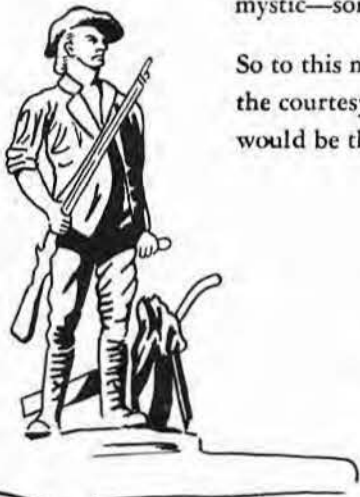
From 43 States, Alaska, Quebec, Hawaii and the District of Columbia they had come. Torn from civilian ways, thrust through examinations and interviews—these men of many trades and backgrounds were thrown together. All had the same chow, the same bunks, the same "Hip-hip-hup" of the drill field. The carpenter and the plumber and the clerk were side by side—each a little fearful of the future, each day gaining a little more of the Navy way.

They learned to shoot. They drilled at close and extended order. They sweated in the heat of the south. They learned to work together. They learned to obey orders. Over and over they did the same things, the distasteful things, the dreaded things. And each day found some new feature added, some different thing which made the Seabee from the man—the undetermined mystic—something which makes every American a fighting American.

So to this mixture of East and West was added the dash of the North and the courtesy of the South—to this was added the pride of the Navy. This would be the mold matter. From this charge into the fiery furnace would

come a new being, a vital force that would thrust its weight across a continent and an ocean, destined to break new trails and leave finished roads behind.

*"Come then, let us go forward with our united strength."*—CHURCHILL







ON THE OCCASION of the Second Anniversary of the Sixteenth U. S. Naval Construction Battalion, I wish to congratulate the entire personnel of this organization for the splendid record of accomplishments since leaving the Mainland. This record has been made possible by the combined personal efforts of each individual member of the battalion and, therefore, each of you is entitled to a pride of ownership in that record.

Recognition of the battalion has been received from the highest officials in the Central Pacific Area. That this has been earned evident from a review of the list of important projects, each successfully executed within the allotted time.

The forward bases which you built in the Ellice Islands made possible the offensive action against the Gilberts and subsequently the Marshall Islands, the beginning of the Central Pacific Offensive.

The projects constructed in the Hawaiian Area are of a more permanent nature and the many landmarks built by the Sixteenth attest to the skill and ingenuity of the officers and men of the battalion and all of you who are a part thereof can well be proud.

JUDGE S. WALDREP  
Comdr., CEC-V(S) USNR  
Officer-in-Charge



One of the outstanding traits of the expert building trades mechanic is the pride he takes in his work. This characteristic has been prominent in the work accomplished by the enlisted personnel of the 16th Battalion during your two years of overseas duty. Your buildings, roads, air strips, docks, ship repairs and countless other major and minor jobs have been completed rapidly and well. The individual pride you have had in a job well done has created a remarkable record of achievement for the battalion.

It is sometimes difficult for the individual Seabee to see just how his efforts are contributing to the successful conclusion of the war. Many of you have had irksome jobs or work not commensurate with your talents. You have at times lived, messed and worked under conditions that were extremely trying to say the least. In spite of these hardships you have produced. Your combined efforts have made many tangible contributions towards winning the war. Your record of completed construction work speaks for itself. Every one of you can point with pride to that record and know in your own heart that you helped create it.

I consider myself exceptionally fortunate to have had the opportunity to serve with you. You have made it possible for me to be proud of my share in the battalion record.

E. B. HICKEY  
Lieut. CEC V(S) USNR



*Our Original Commanding Officer*  
COMMANDER LEONARD MISCALL  
CEC, USNR

*Our Original Executive Officer*  
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GEORGE W. STUBBLEFIELD, Lieut. Comdr., CEC, USNR. 1345 Jarvis Ave., Chicago, Ill. Graduate Purdue U. Reported for active duty on July 5, 1942.



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RALPH L. SLATER, Lieut. Comdr. (MC) USNR. Philadelphia, Penna. Graduate Jefferson Med. College. Reported for active duty June 29, 1942.



HALBERT Z. BAKER, Lieutenant, CEC, USNR. Readsboro, Vt. Graduate Rensselaer Poly. Institute. Active duty date, July 14, 1942.



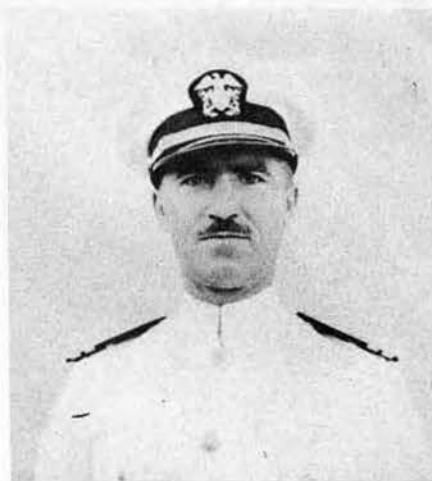
IRVING CLORFEINE, Lieut. Comdr., (DC) USNR. 4901 8th Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Graduate of N.Y.U. Reported for active duty Jan. 5, 1942.



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ROBERT K. FOGG, Lieutenant, CEC, USNR. 5083 Westminster Terrace, San Diego, Calif. Graduate of Michigan State College. Active duty date, July 18, 1942.




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EDWARD P. GOULD, Lieutenant (jg) CEC, USNR. Reported to battalion on July 10, 1944. Detached on September 15, 1944.




RAY GLORE, Lieutenant (jg), CEC, USNR. Walton, Ky. Attended U. of Cincinnati. Active duty date April 26, 1942.




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HERBERT G. MOORE, Carpenter, CEC, USNR. Reported to battalion on July 10, 1944. Detached on September 15, 1944.



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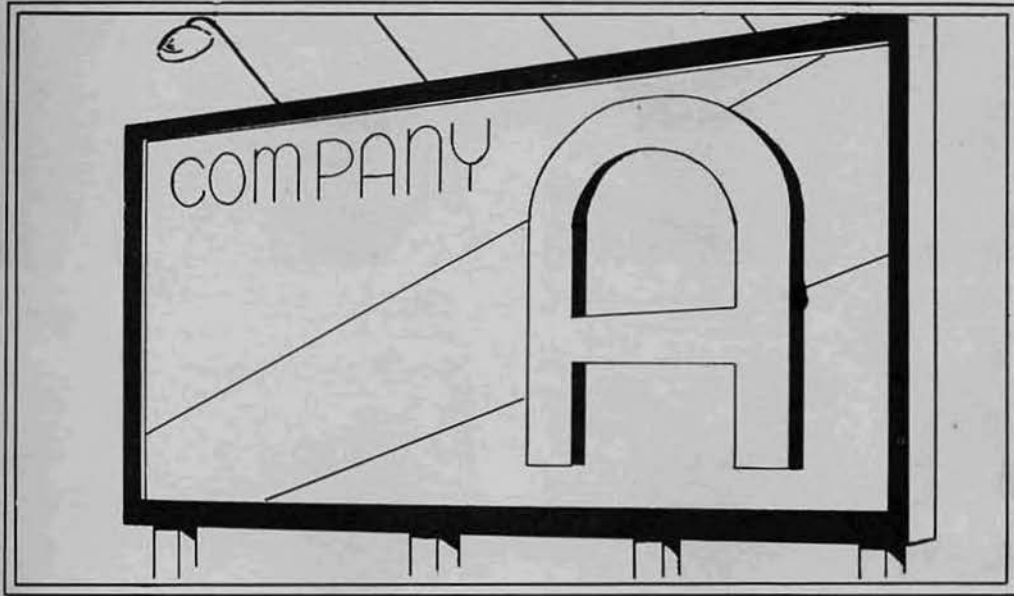
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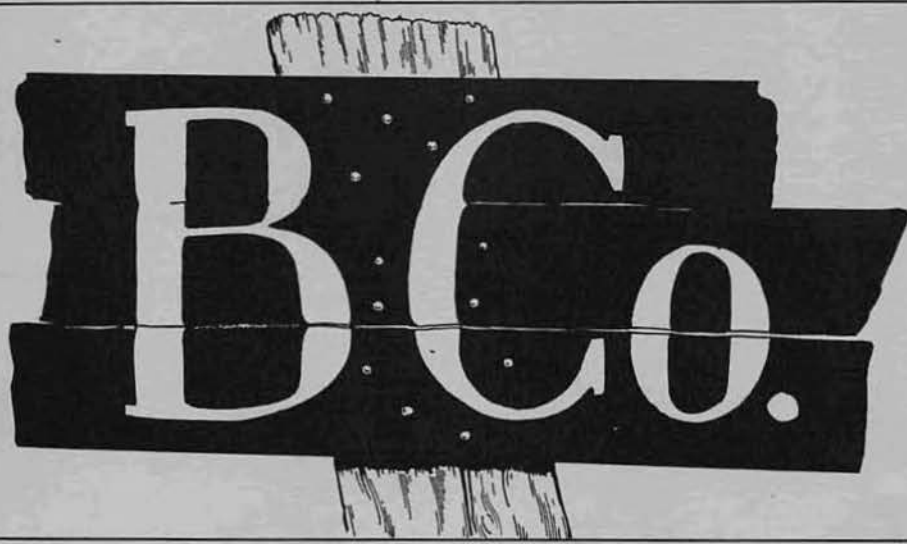
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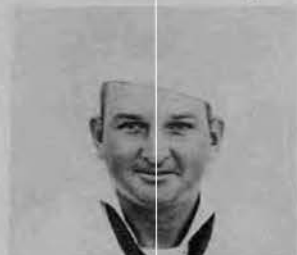
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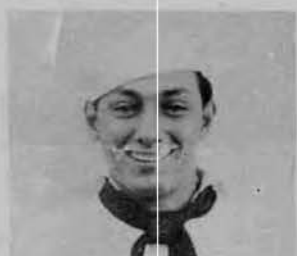
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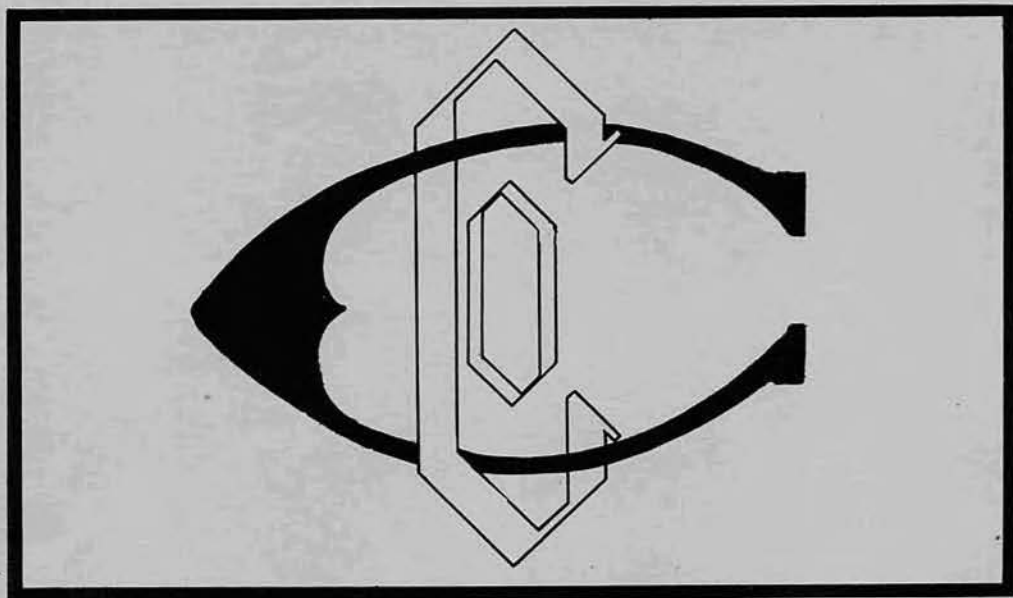


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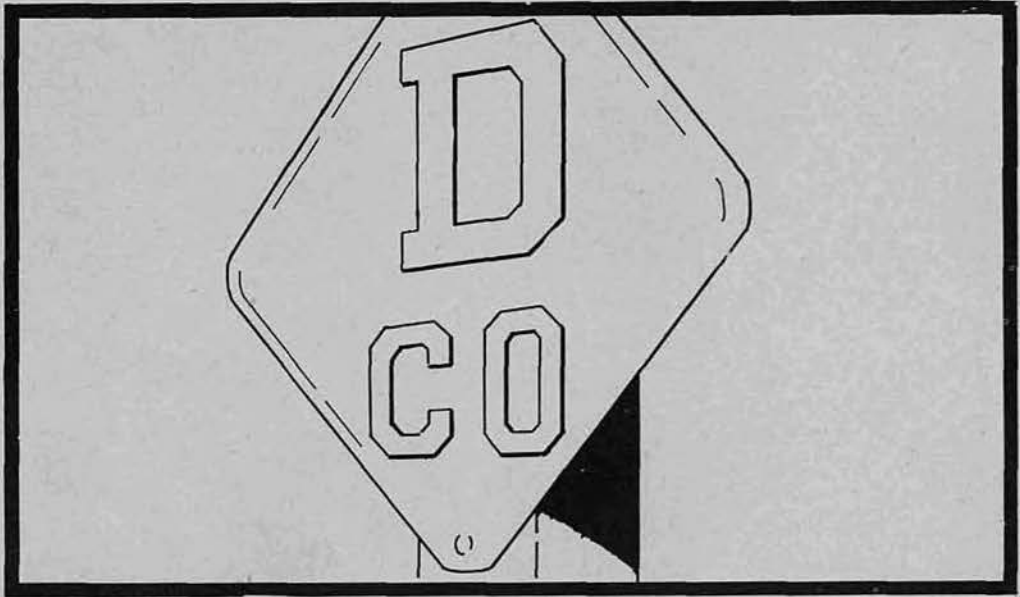
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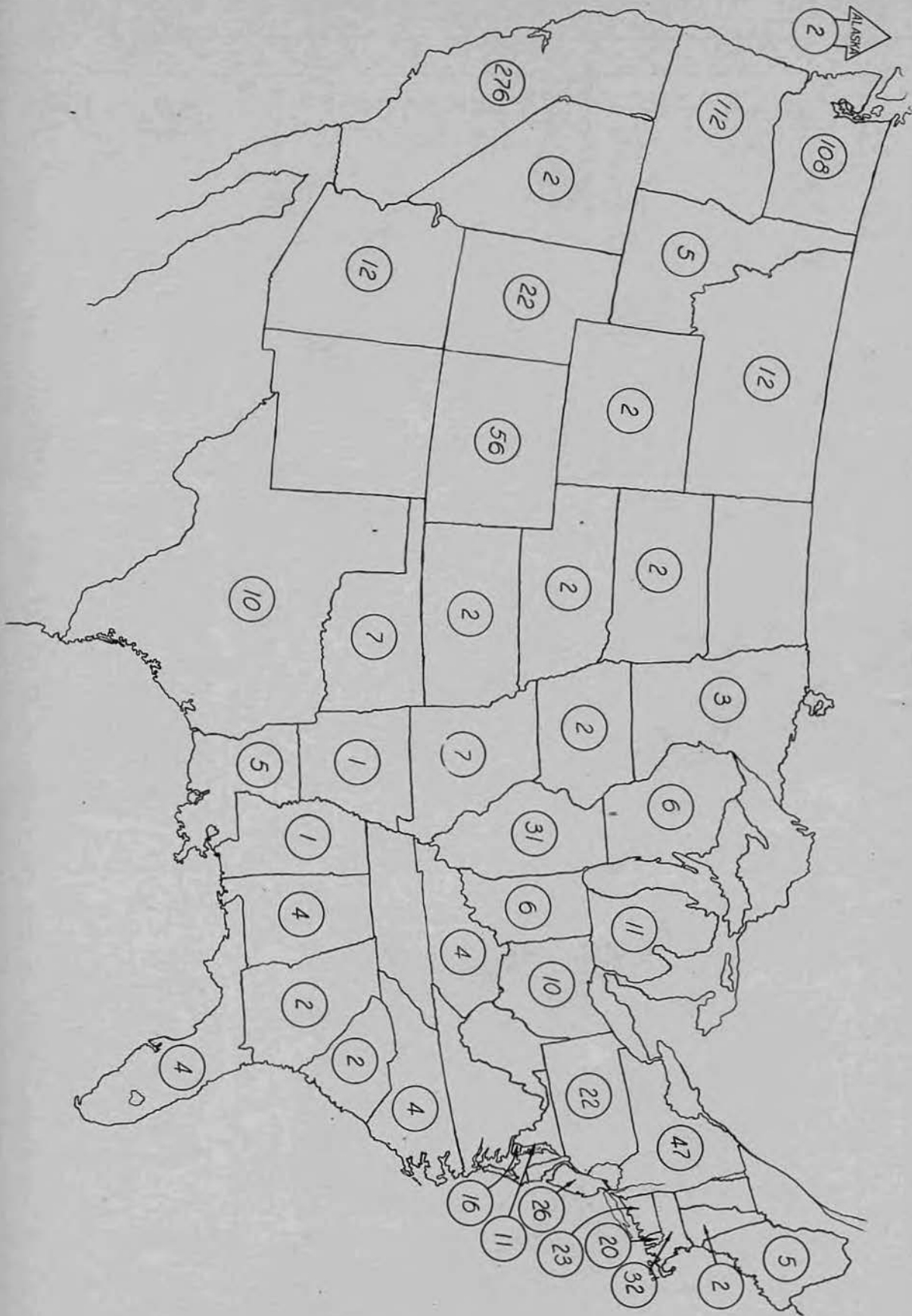
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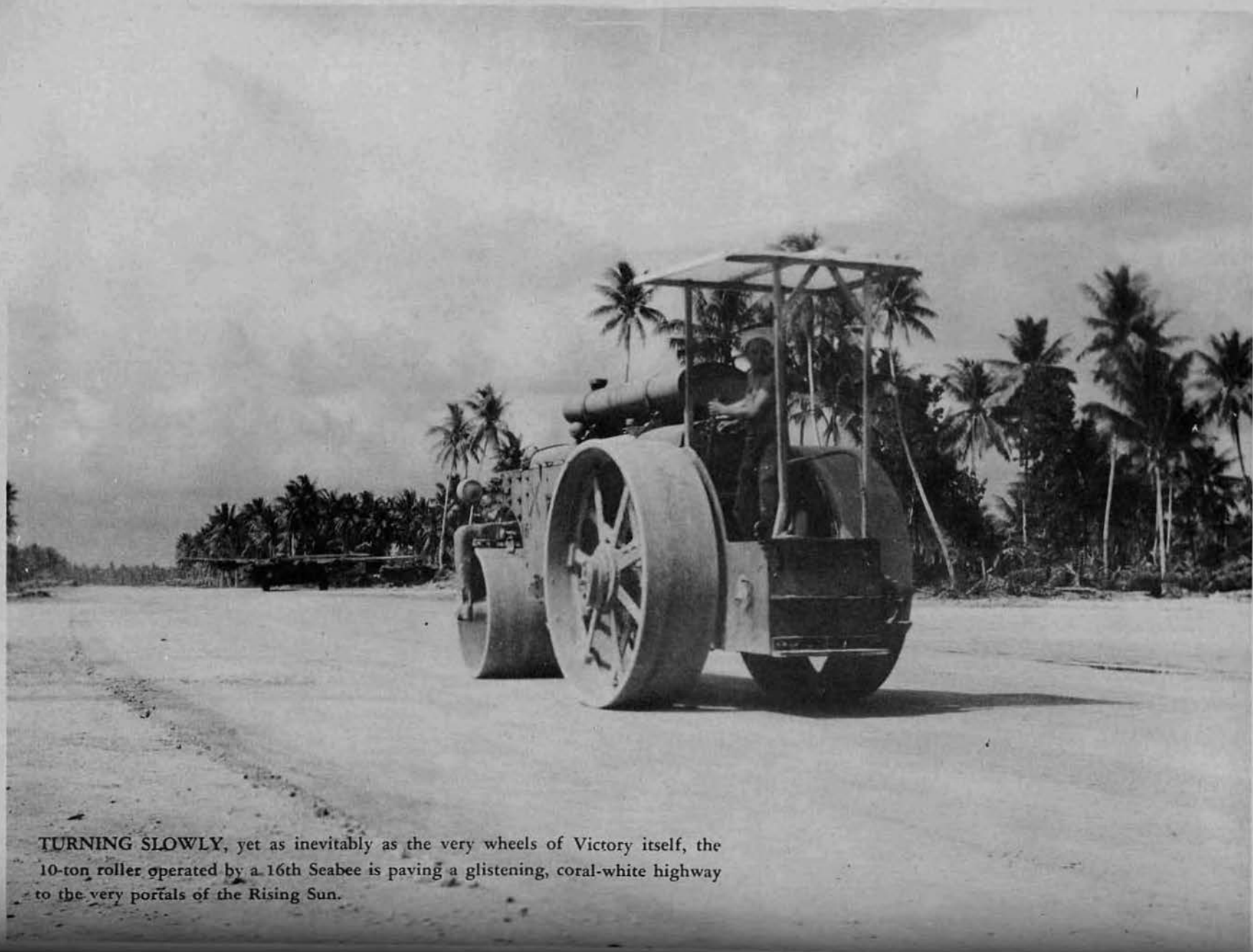


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# BATTALION ART LOG, By K. O. MILLER





**TURNING SLOWLY**, yet as inevitably as the very wheels of Victory itself, the 10-ton roller operated by a 16th Seabee is paving a glistening, coral-white highway to the very portals of the Rising Sun.





# Herald

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### Clever Seabees Solve Material Shortage Problem

When a battalion moves as fast and as frequently as the "gypsy-like" Sixteenth, it's impossible to have a material shortage.

### Shellbacks Win American League Upset Bulldogs In Thrilling Series

Coming into the final stretch of a successful season, the Shellbacks captured the league title from their strongest contender, the Bulldogs. The Shellbacks to be a well organized and superior team. The "Little Series" against the Redmen finished with the Shellbacks winning.

### Sixteeners From Makin, Tarawa Rejoice Batt'n; Daring Seabee Feats Told By War W

### Shellback Five Sets Fast Pace In All-Seabee League

Scoring four rousing victories in as many starts, including a 42-30 win over the high-favored, pace-setters, the Shellbacks basketball team has put leadership on the Pacific court.



OVERSEAS: 23 Months, 17 Days  
nd White rounds, upsetting the Seawolves in that

### Battalion's Heroism In Saving Blazing Transport Revealed For First Time

The first press notice covering the heroic transport while enroute to Island in "Beelines," Camp Peary, account at an earlier interview with the vessel.

### Battalion Praised On 2nd Anniversary 'Not Closed'... Cmdr. Waldrep

### Commander In Chief Inspects Seabee Camp In Surprise Visit To Islands

The Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, making military officials representing the Pacific area, paid a brief visit Thursday afternoon, July 27—the second day of the

### Sixteenth Seabees Tackle Rugged Job; Site Layout Resembles Dust Bowl

### "Shanghaied" 16th 'Bees Recall Daring Naval Fleet Action In South Pacific

### Battalion's "X"-Isles; es At Island Outposts

out on the battalion's tiny Central Pacific "X" quintet of 16th Seabees recently returned from

### CPO's Mobile Lube Rack Wins 'ard Cap't; Plans Go To D.C.

as the mother of invention, claimed another major step forward in breaking war bottlenecks last week when 16th Seabees added the first mechanism designed to reduce shipping problems at the place

### Cited For Speedy LST At Island "X"

pairs made to a crippled LST during urgent beaching "X" in the Central Pacific war zone were received by less petty officers. er, Commander of the LST while special endorsements

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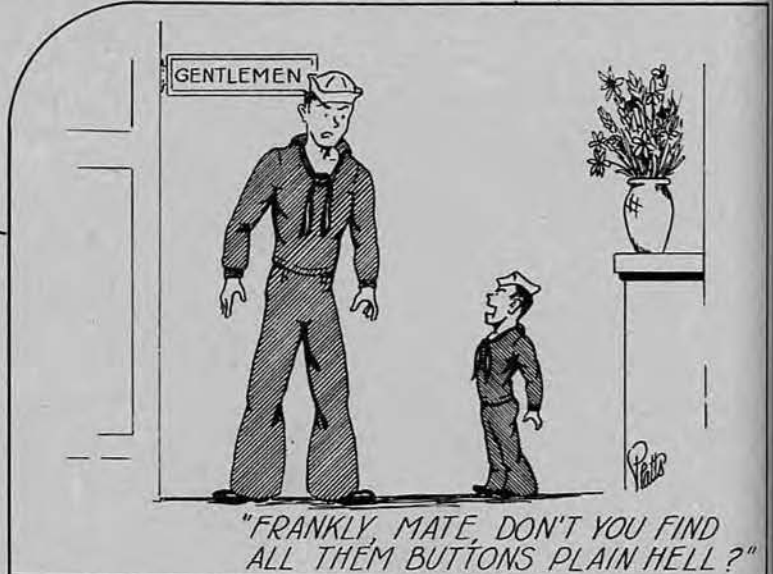
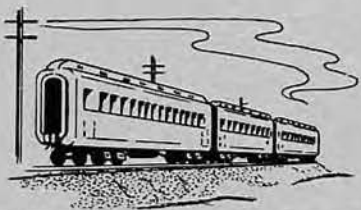
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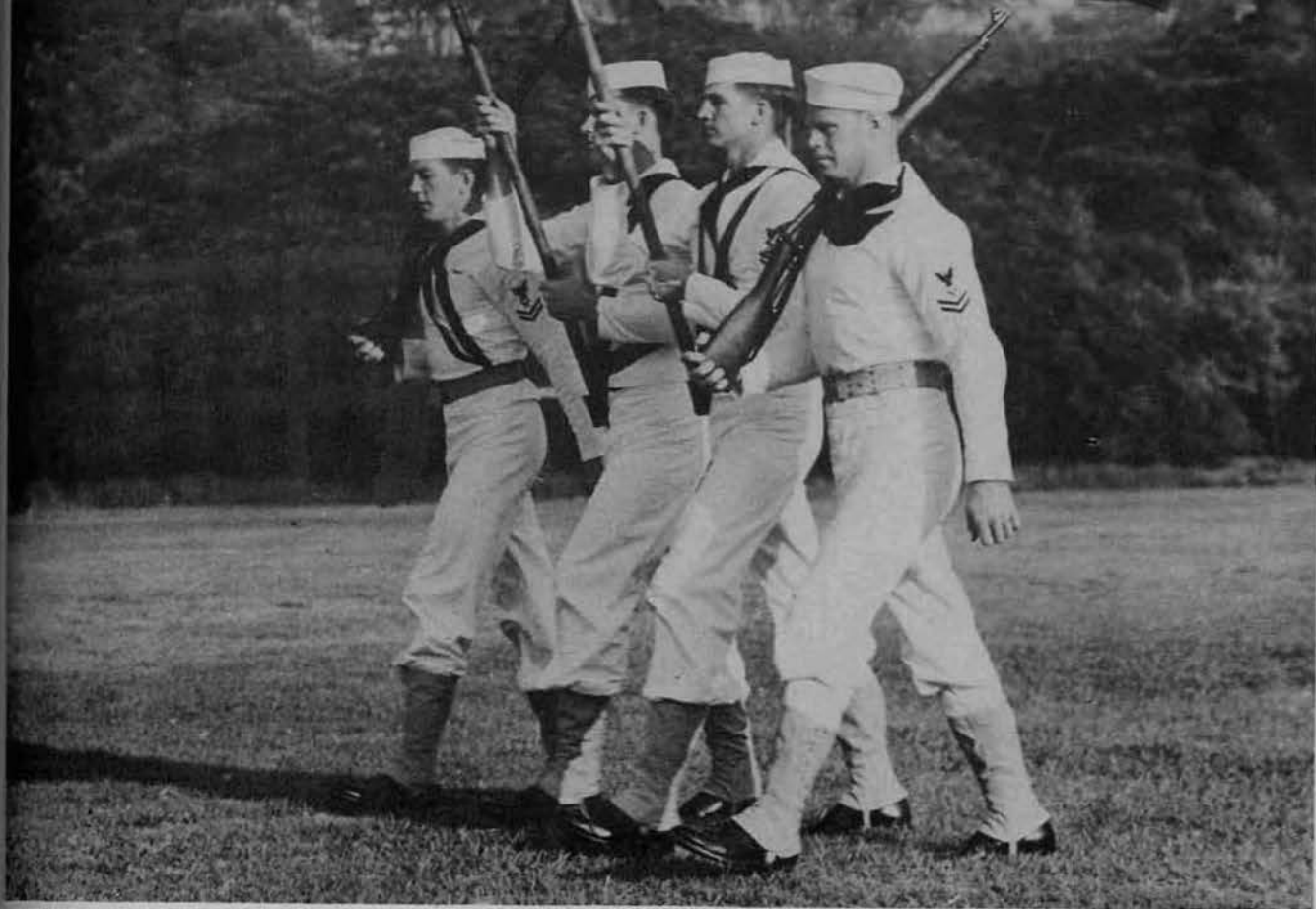


"FRANKLY, MATE, DON'T YOU FIND ALL THEM BUTTONS PLAIN HELL?"





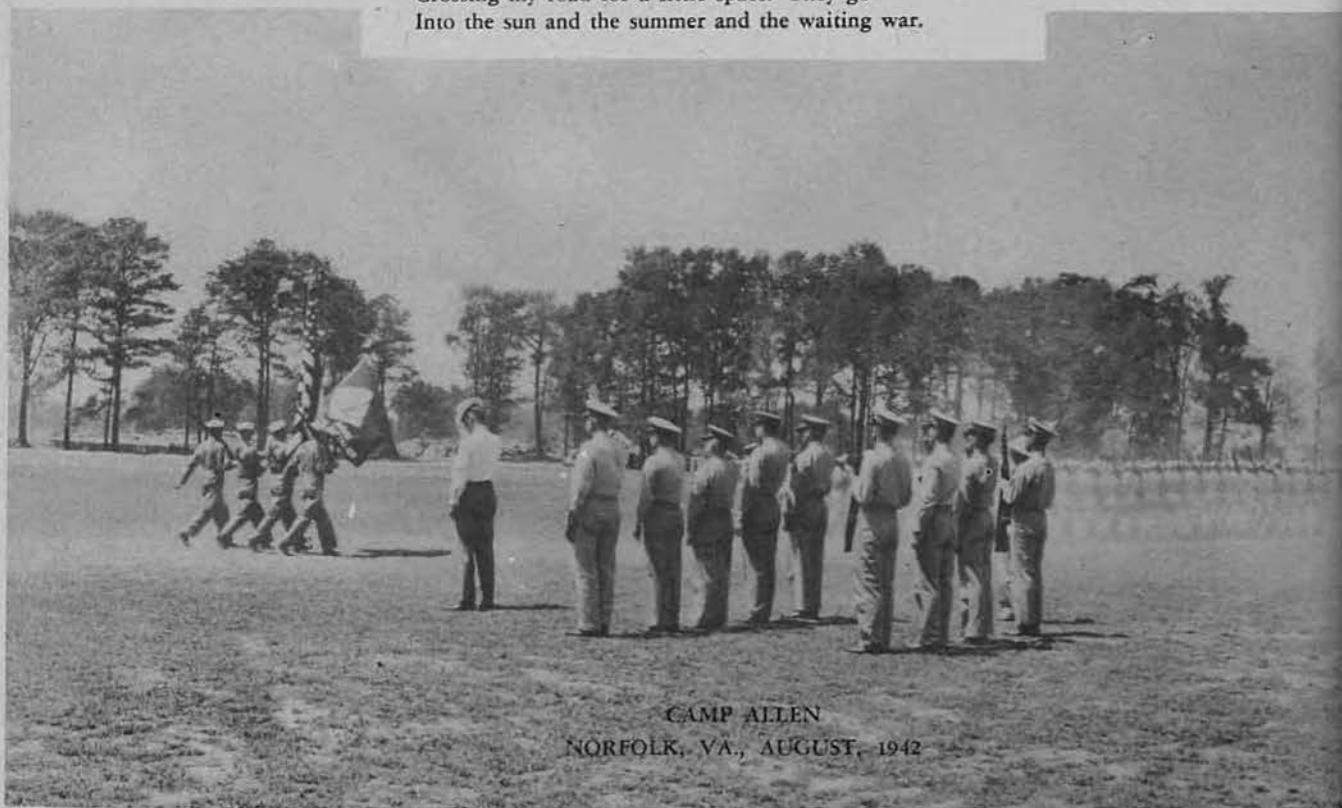
*Color Guard*







The platoon moves past me into the mists of summer  
And disappears into the darkness of our time,  
A body of men, none known, none recognized,  
Crossing my road for a little space. They go  
Into the sun and the summer and the waiting war.

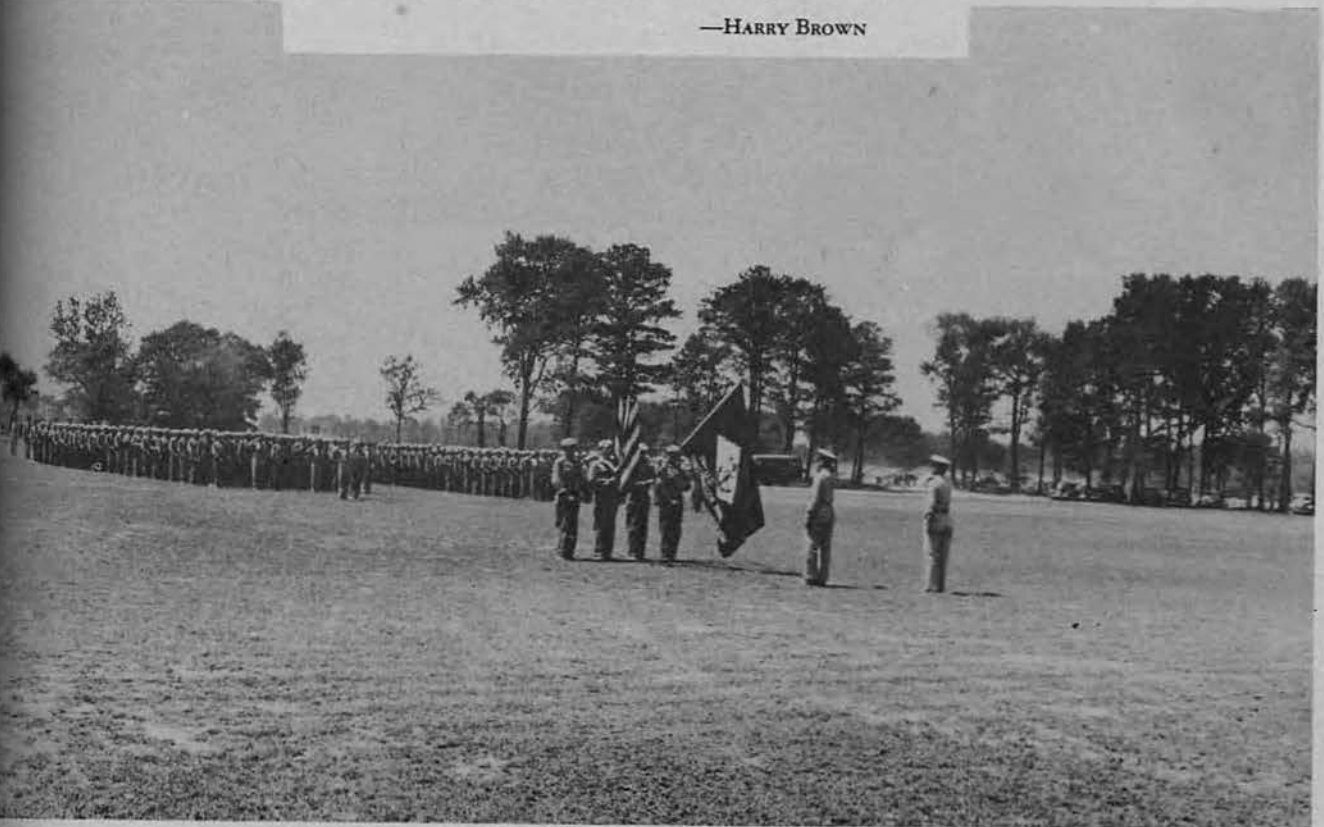


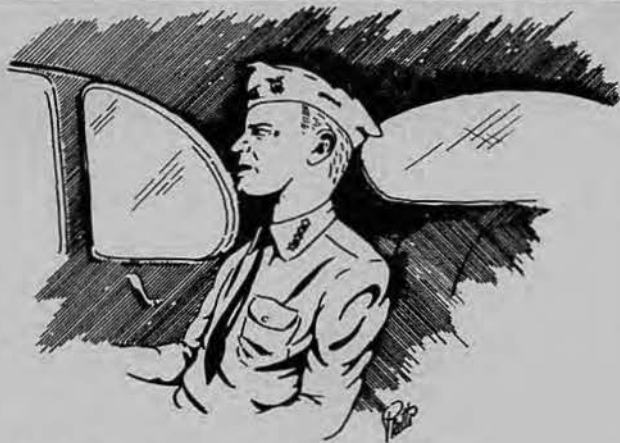
CAMP ALLEN  
NORFOLK, VA., AUGUST, 1942



And something said, 'They come and they go away,  
The patient and the small. They go away into the sun,  
Their names are forgotten and their few works also,  
But when they go they take their weapons with them,  
And they leave behind them houses heavy with honor.

—HARRY BROWN

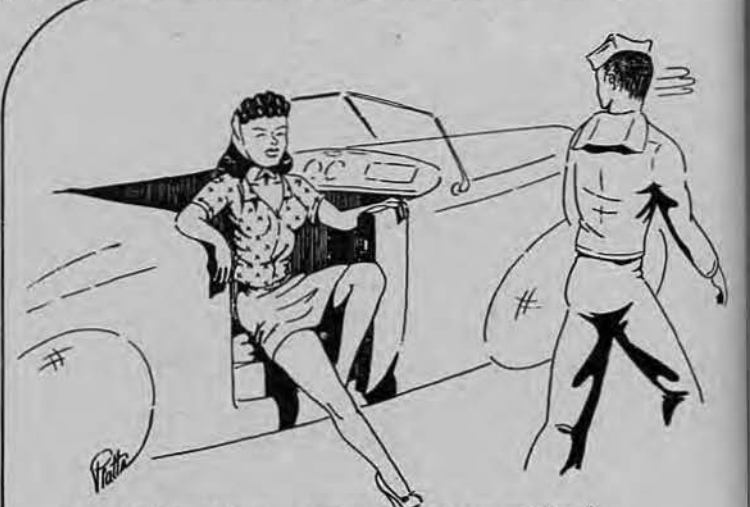




" I WONDER WHAT RANK DOES RATE A SEABEE SALUTE ! "

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## ENROUTE TO FIRST ISLAND "X" ...



SIXTEENTH SEABEES testing their sea legs for the first time. For many it was the first glimpse of the Pacific—also flying fish.



SCULLERY VOLUNTEERS. Reward: Ice cream, pie, iced watermelon and scuttlebutt from a friendly crew. Disembarking dinner, tasty frog legs.



THE SPACIOUS dining hall provided an excellent place for evening happy hours. Sixteenth Seabees entertained civilian workers and vice versa.



ANOTHER VIEW of the jam-packed dining saloon. Heavy blackout curtains confined the bright lights to the inside for this merry-making.



MEMBERS OF the battalion orchestra tune up during an informal rehearsal on "B" deck. Speedy liner made this voyage in four days.



OLD SALTS never overlook the opportunity to acquaint the gullible with the non-existent "Sea Bat." Here a sucker receives a healthy swat.

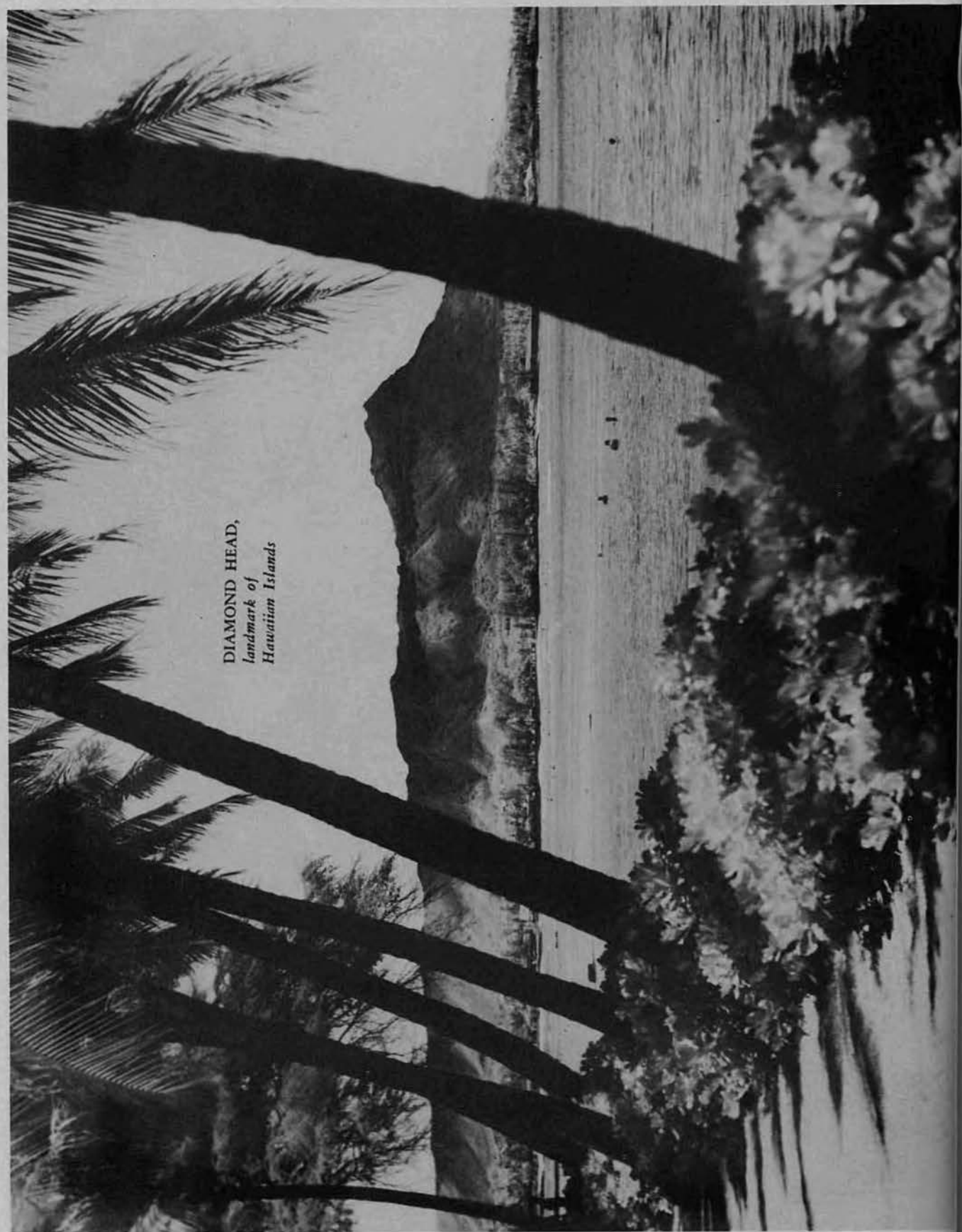


# SPORTS HASH...



# ... AND ENTERTAINMENT





DIAMOND HEAD,  
*landmark of  
Hawaiian Islands*

KING KAMEHAMEHA,  
*father of  
Hawaiian Islands*

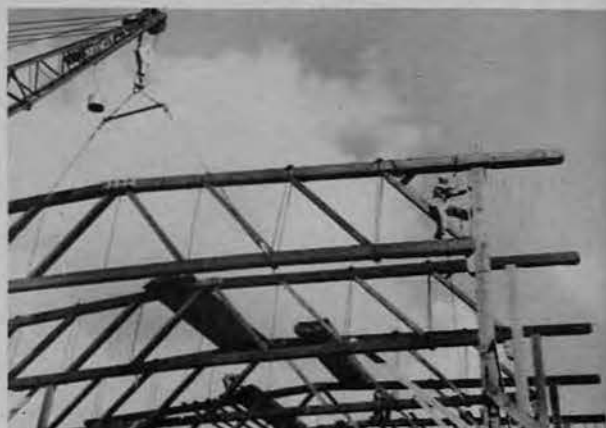




## FIRST MAJOR JOB OVERSEAS...



THE FIRST MAJOR construction assignment tackled by the Fighting-Building Sixteenth Seabees was the erection of warehouses, repair shops and utilities at an island base. This picture was made on the 15th of October, 1942.



WITH CUMULUS white clouds and the ever present blue skies forming a backdrop, a Sixteenth Seabee helps crane operator set one of the huge trusses into place as work proceeds on the first warehouse.



HALF COMPLETED when this picture was made, busy Seabees are shown finishing the roof while others swarm around the sides ready to start work on the bulkheads. This area was later used as battalion operating base.



PICTURE ABOVE SHOWS the first completed warehouse. 60 x 160 feet in size, the battalion later completed a similar building and also added smaller buildings including huge repair shop.

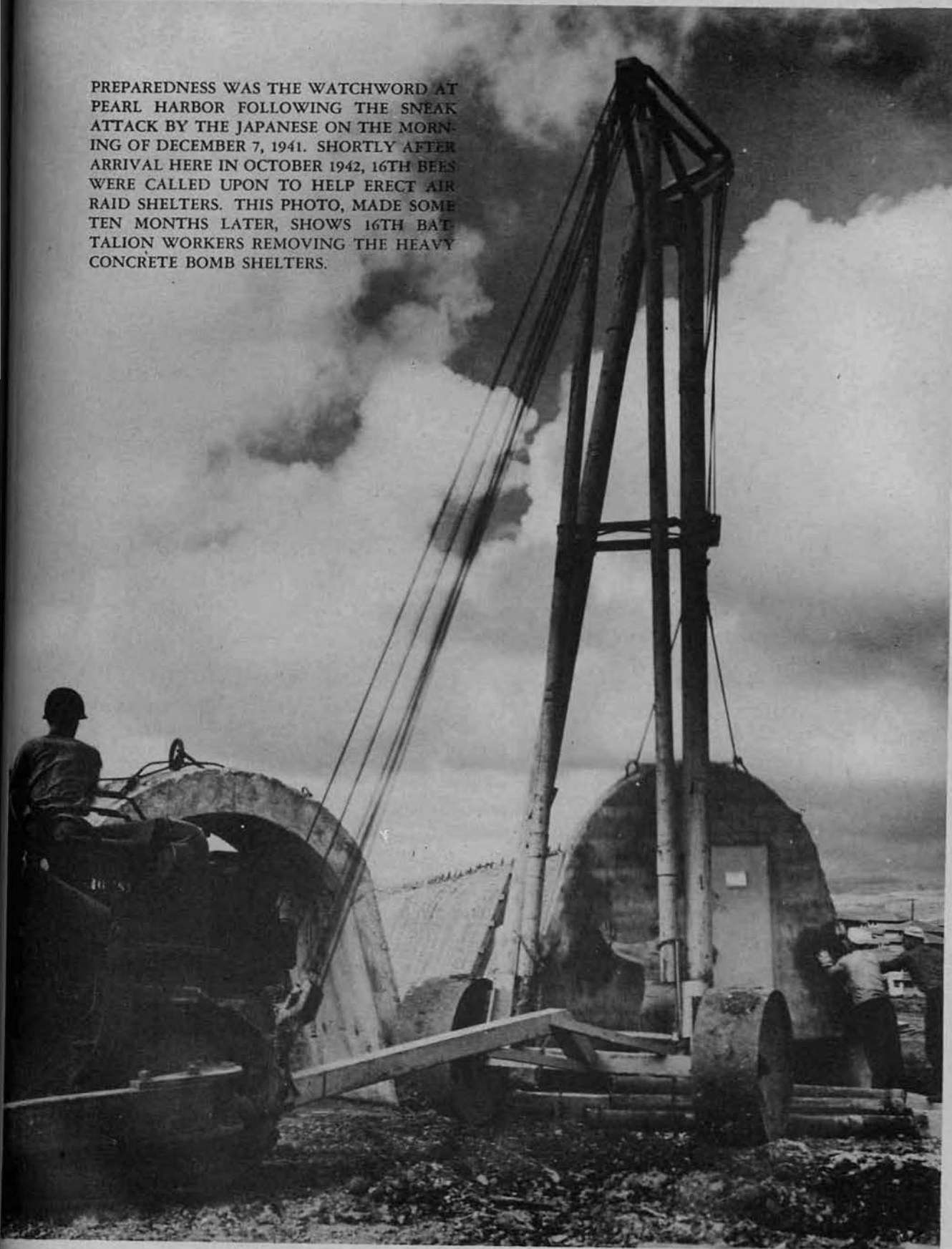


IN CENTER of picture beyond carryalls in foreground can be seen the foundation for the second large warehouse.



JACK WATSON, battalion painter, is shown adding the finishing touches to the completed project. Complete water and sewage system, plus all electrical installations were designed and completed by 16th Seabees.

PREPAREDNESS WAS THE WATCHWORD AT PEARL HARBOR FOLLOWING THE SNEAK ATTACK BY THE JAPANESE ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 7, 1941. SHORTLY AFTER ARRIVAL HERE IN OCTOBER 1942, 16TH BEES WERE CALLED UPON TO HELP ERECT AIR RAID SHELTERS. THIS PHOTO, MADE SOME TEN MONTHS LATER, SHOWS 16TH BATTALION WORKERS REMOVING THE HEAVY CONCRETE BOMB SHELTERS.





Ready on the firing line!

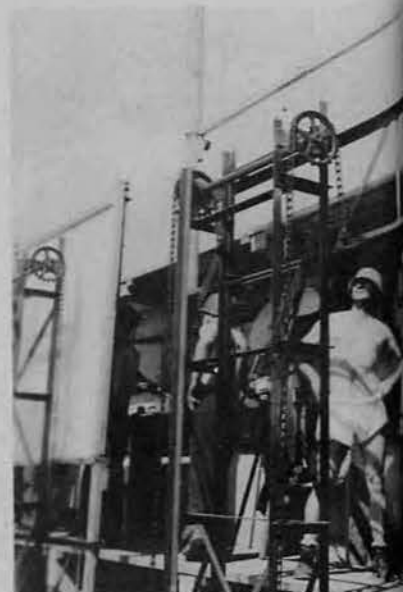


Checking results.



Drawing a bead on the bull.

## AT THE FIRING RANGE



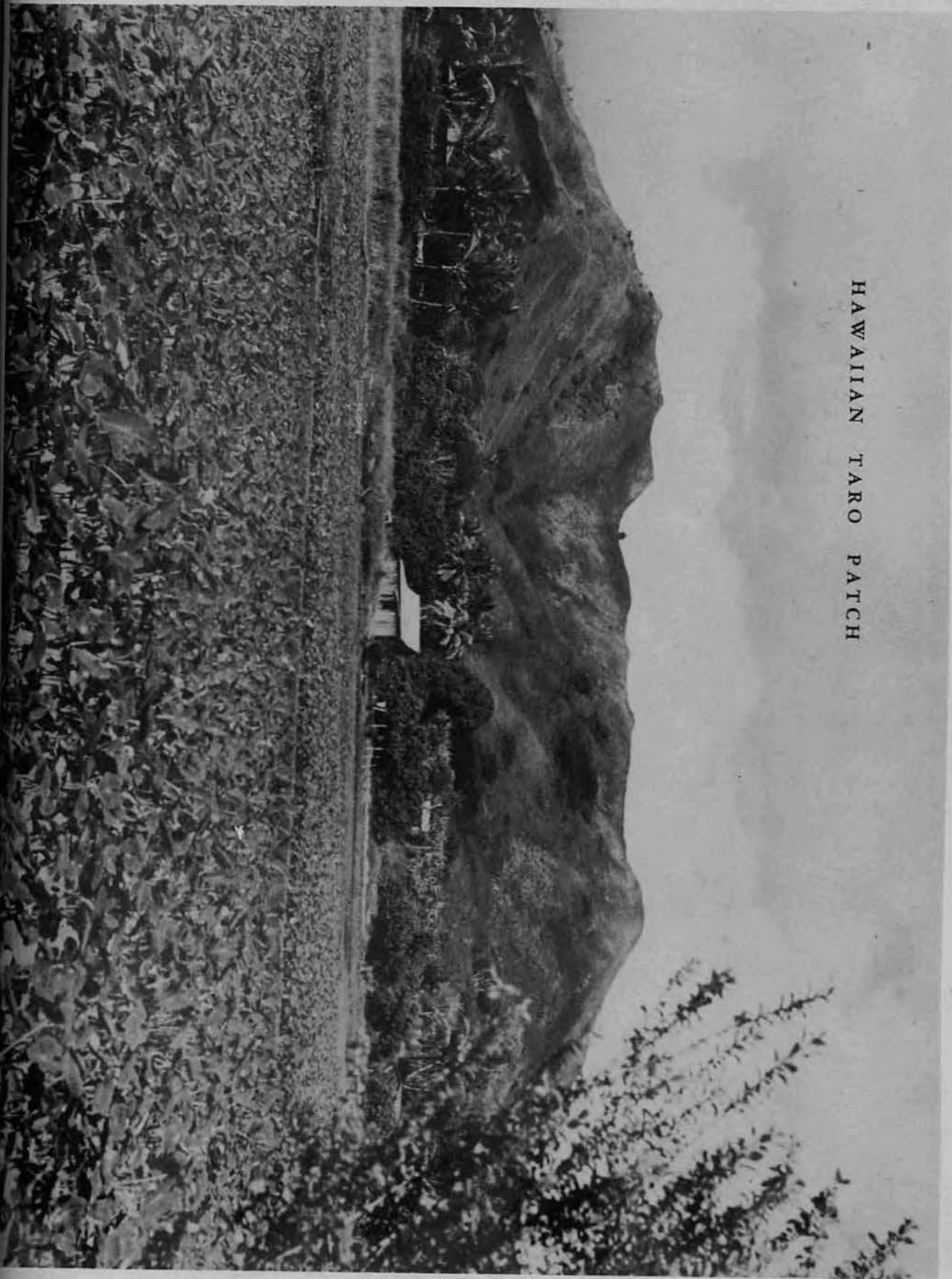
"Maggie's drawers" on No. 9.



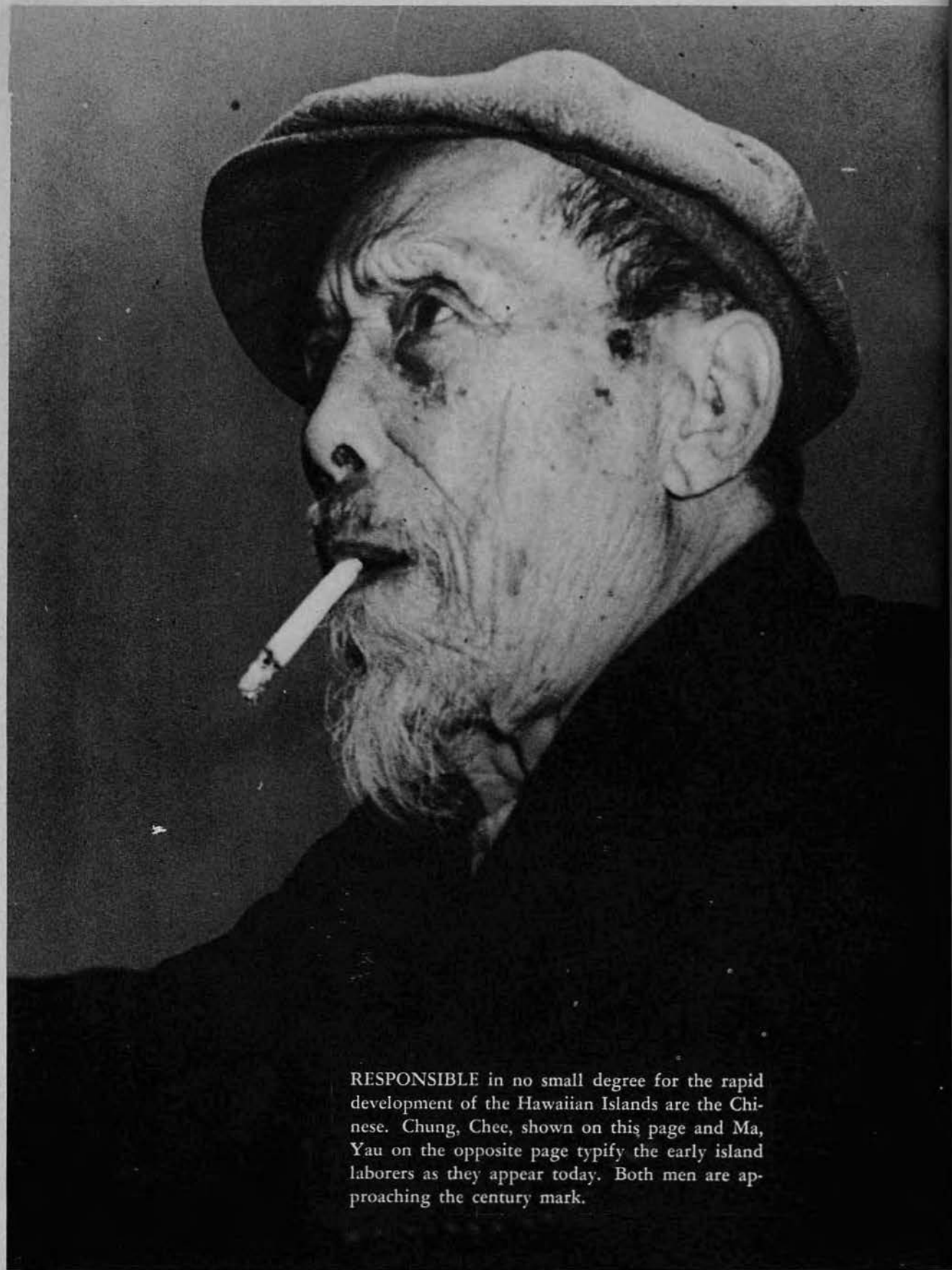
Individual high scorers.



HAWAIIAN TARO PATCH

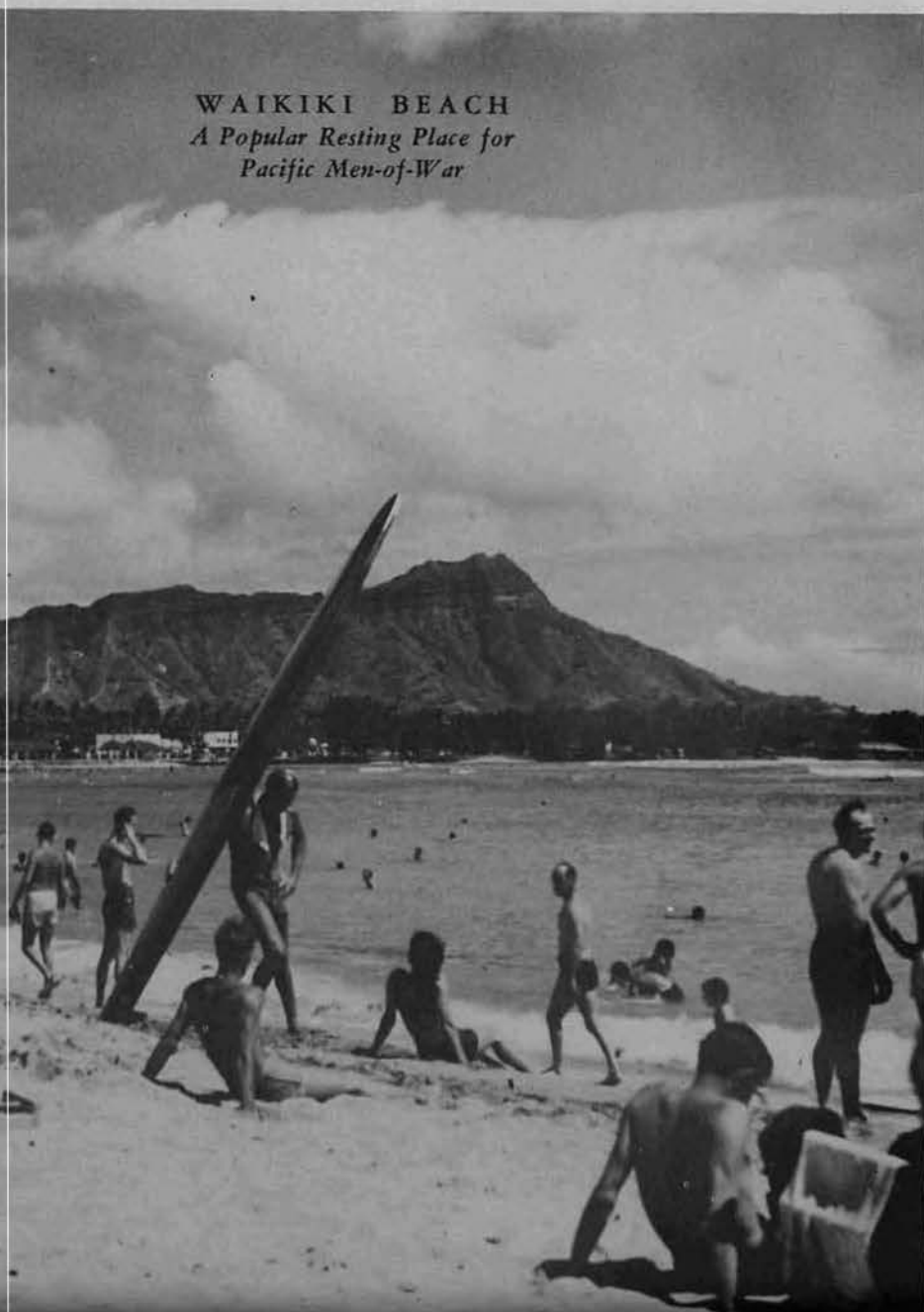






RESPONSIBLE in no small degree for the rapid development of the Hawaiian Islands are the Chinese. Chung, Chee, shown on this page and Ma, Yau on the opposite page typify the early island laborers as they appear today. Both men are approaching the century mark.





WAIKIKI BEACH  
*A Popular Resting Place for  
Pacific Men-of-War*

## SEABEES IN JUNGLE TRAINING ...



A "MUST" FOR ALL jungle fighters is mastery of the art of ju-jitsu. Daily workouts were included in the tough course for Seabees in this area and Sixteeners lost little time in catching on to the century-old Jap body assaults.



WARY 16TH SEABEES, Dayton Jones and Paul Kubica, crossed up the tree "sniper" who planned to halt their advance with this sand bag barrage. Many direct hits were scored by the unseen "foe," however, but the Seabees emerged without a casualty.



BARBED WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS scattered through the dense jungle slowed down the advance considerably. It required expert maneuvering to slip through the traps unscathed. To add to the discomfort, machine gunners sprayed the area with live shells.



SEABEE JUNGLE FIGHTERS storm a Jap village. During this operation, jungle fighters had to keep a constant eye peeled for army engineers who played the role of Jap snipers. Discounting minor cuts and bruises, all Sixteeners returned from the training uninjured.



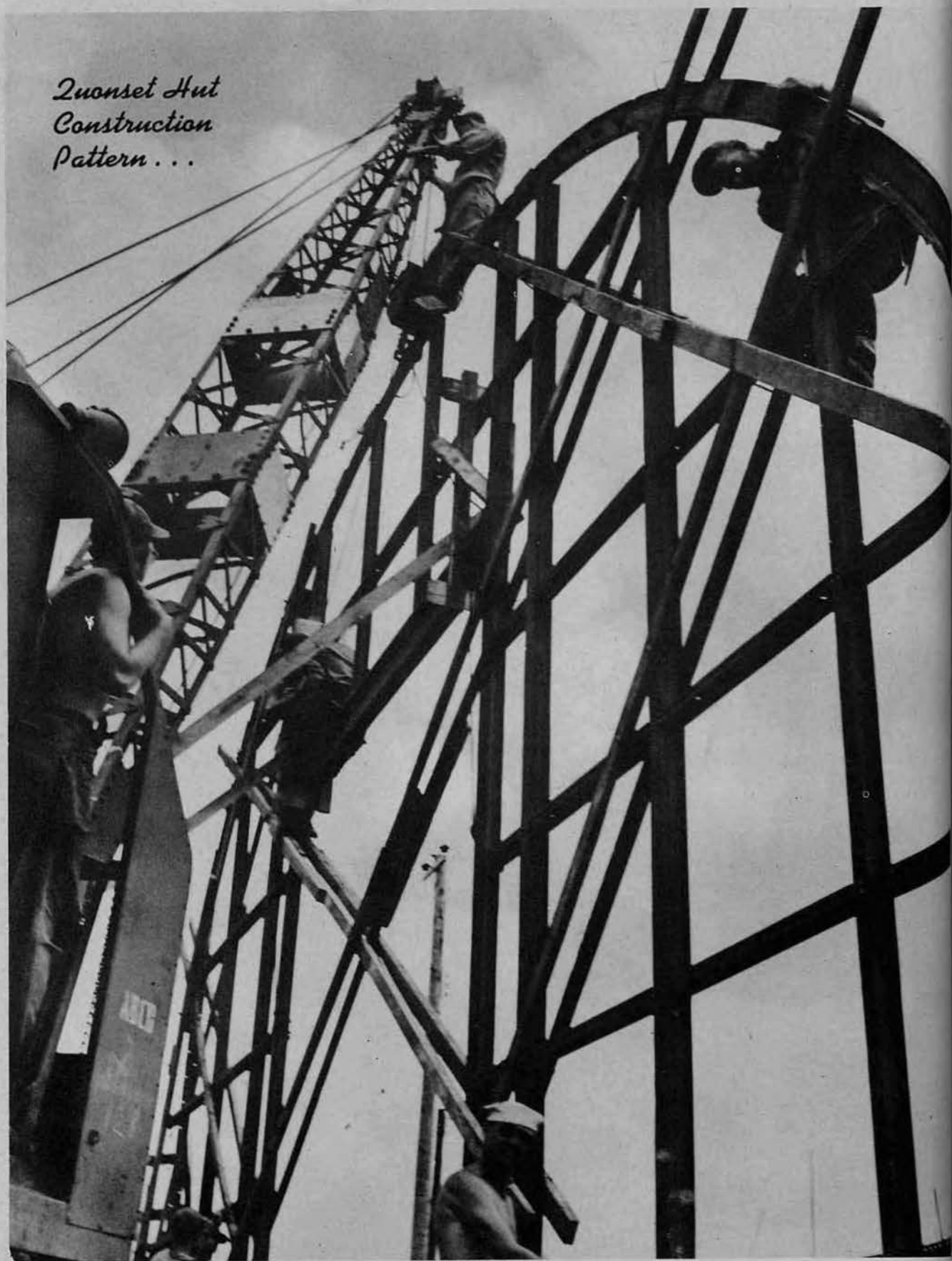
SEABEE STORM OVER crudely constructed pontoon bridge under cover of heavy smoke screen. Twelve fast-working Sixteeners set a new record for pontoon bridge construction, completing the 50-yard span in exactly nine minutes.

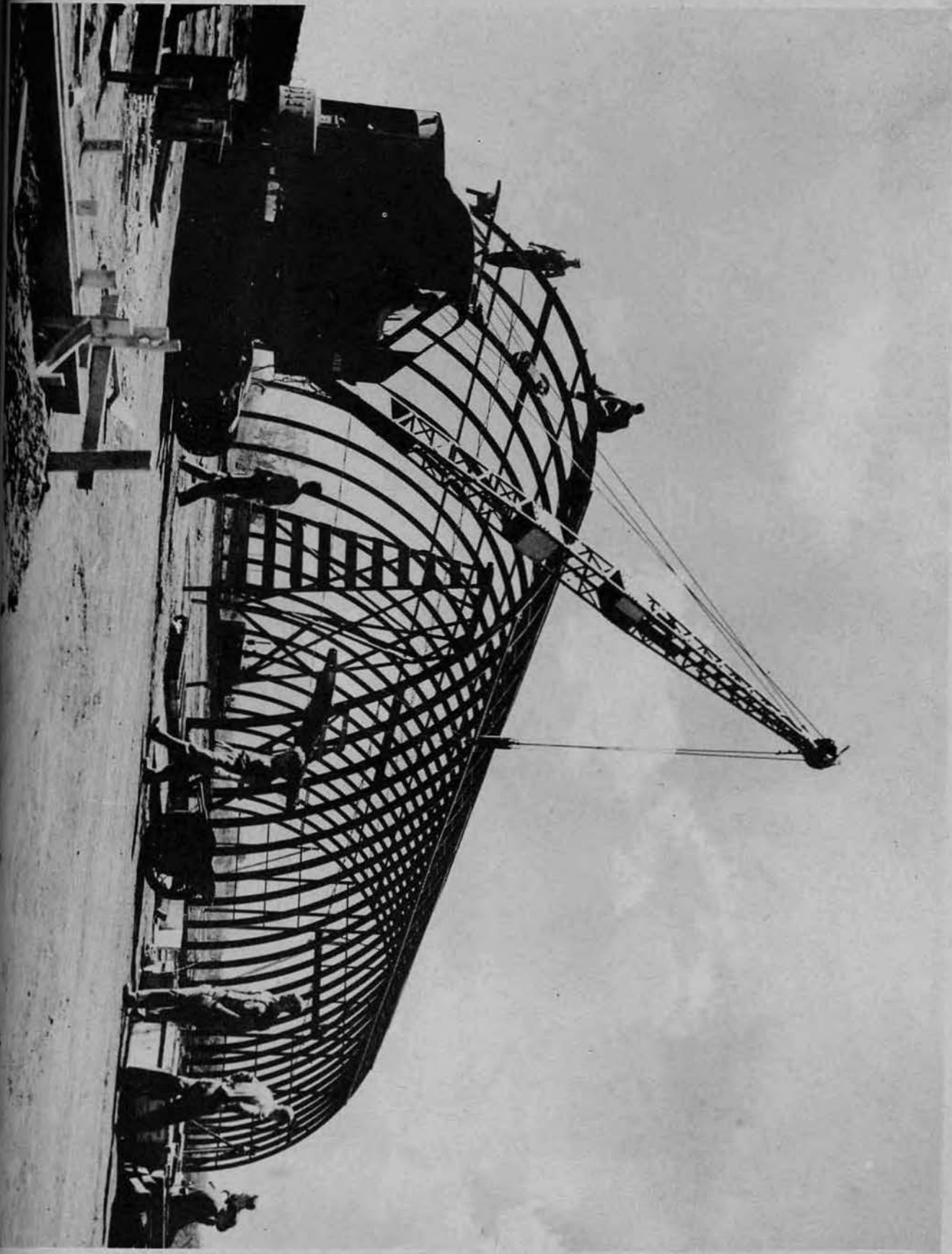


ONE LITTLE SLIP by this Sixteenth Seabee shown crossing the treacherous cable bridge would result in serious injury. Many Commandos, not quite as fortunate as the Seabee pictured above, were blown from the bridge by heavy dynamite charges.



*Zuonset Hut  
Construction  
Pattern...*







MEMBERS OF THE BATTALION ORCHESTRA from left to right, rear row: Paul Gaidel, John Slaughter, Alvin Haas, James G. forth, F. A. E. Thompson, Don Speenburg, Harry Himes and Lucien Maurice. Front row, left to right: Lou Gruenewald, Flord M. Cain, Flood Morss and Gilbert Anderson.



MEMBERS OF THE SIXTEENTH BATTALION Boxing Team from left to right, rear row: Lieut. E. B. Hickey, Coaches "Red" Chinery, Mike Monahan and Joe O'Neill and Athletic Director, Lieut. Fred Joyce. Middle row, left to right: Don Sullivan, featherweight; Paul Neal, middleweight; W. A. Jones, welterweight; Lou Bouchard, light-heavyweight, and Clarence Dodd, heavyweight. Front row, left to right: Jacob Huston, featherweight; Vince Ardito, featherweight; Sumner Rittenberg, featherweight; Tom Rannalli, lightweight and Dick Ingram, featherweight. Angelo Florio, light-heavyweight, was missing when above photo was made.





SIXTEENTH BATTALION SHELLBACK COURTMEN left to right, rear row: Bob Abrahamson, Fred Atkins, E. L. Ollom, Dick Brache, L. Aber, F. Hall and Coach Art Ahonen. Front row, left to right: D. Unumb, F. Hifko, Jim Griffith, Warren Costello, L. Hanley, J. Dave and P. MacNab. Absent when photo was made were: F. Bambery, R. L. Jones and W. A. Johnston. Ably coached and managed by Art Ahonen, Sp(A)1c, the Shellback court team turned in an enviable record, finishing a busy season in a deadlock for first position. Registering twelve victories against two setbacks for the season, the Shellbacks bowed out to the Bulldogs in the first round of play in the All-Seabee Central Pacific basketball playoffs. Averaging nearly 15 points per game, tall, rangy Bob Abrahamson chalked up a total of 209 points to lead the league in individual scoring.



AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, ALL-SEABEE CENTRAL PACIFIC AREA, the Shellbacks, left to right, rear row: Tom Brady, outfielder; Jerry Kleven, outfielder and coach; "Lefty" Kochevar, pitcher; Johnny Chutko, outfielder; Sam Cox, pitcher; Frannie Oliver, outfielder; Charlie Burger, pitcher; and Henrik Stafseth, pitcher. Front row, left to right: Oscar Eastin, pitcher; Will Copperstone, infielder; Doug Printz, outfielder; Walt Copperstone, infielder; Coach Colby Wood, infielder; Bob Kleven, Capt. and infielder, and "Spud" Kenneally, catcher. Climaxing a brilliant diamond season which saw the 16th Battalion Shellbacks win thirty-seven games in fifty-seven starts, Coach Colby Wood's Green and White nine walked off with top honors in the 1944 All-Seabee Central Pacific baseball crown.



## 16th SEABEES ON THE JOB IN HAWAII...



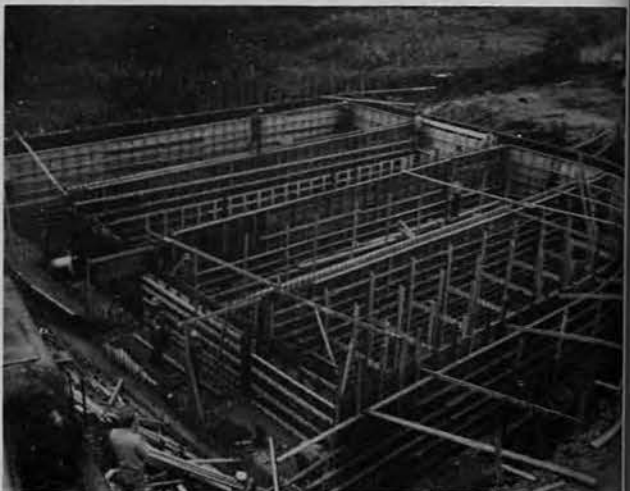
DESIGNED TO REDUCE shipping problems at the busy Navy Yard, the mobile grease rack for finger lifts shown above was constructed by Chief Petty Officers, C. E. Colvin and Perry Brown.



ENTHUSED OVER THE ingenious mechanism, Navy Yard officials sent original plans to Washington, D. C., to be accepted as standard equipment at all Naval Supply Depots.



ABOVE PICTURE SHOWS side view of 6000-man septic tank constructed by 16th Seabees at new island Quonset camp. This was the first major project undertaken following the battalion's return from down below.



Above photo taken from boom of crane shows structure of huge tank. The four compartments had a capacity of more than 500,000 gallons. More than 600 yards of cement were required to complete the job.



Dinah, popular battalion mascot and puppies.



Dinah and puppies, two months later.

## OMEWHERE IN BEAUTIFUL HAWAII...



RETURNING TO HAWAII February 15, 1944 the battalion moved into a muddy, oozy, tent area. Some few days before, the area shown above was full of tall waving sugar cane.



IN THE LATE AFTERNOON the sun shone brightly to dry up the mire. During the night and early morning heavy rains would inundate more than half the camp area. No washing or drinking water was available and heads consisted of pit latrines.



ON MARCH 10, the battalion moved from tent city to a Quonset hut camp constructed nearby. Some few months later, when the camp had been developed into one of the finest of its kind the battalion was moved to a new area.



PHOTO ABOVE SHOWS a small section of the new camp. When this project was completed the battalion was moved to a new camp area.



## 16th SEABEES ON THE JOB IN HAWAII...



SHORTLY AFTER RETURNING from down below, the battalion was called upon to construct a huge 3600-man camp. Photos on this page show heavy equipment operators grading the area.



A SCREEN OF RED DUST fills the air as bulldozers and carryalls charge back and forth during preliminary grading work. Orders called for erection of 13 large barracks, two galleys and two mess halls, large outdoor theater and complete recreational facilities.



BATTALION CARPENTERS are shown above erecting small cottages at Camp Erdman, rest center for Naval officers. More than 65 buildings were included in the plans. In addition to individual cottages, 16th Seabees also constructed a theater, officers dining hall and recreation hall.

## 16th SEABEES ON THE JOB IN HAWAII...



CABLE LAYING PROJECTS were numerous during the early days overseas. 16th Seabees are shown above laying heavy cable in area near Pearl Harbor.



ANOTHER VIEW of 16th Seabee electricians at work on the cable project. These same men were later called upon to install and erect radio towers, huge switchboards and power plants.



BLASTING FOR CORAL at one of the island's numerous airfields. 16th Seabees helped enlarge, repair and maintain important air strips on this teeming island.



HUGE CORAL PITS similar to the one shown above were worked day and night by battalion powdermen and heavy equipment operators.



A SMALL PART of Camp Andrews, Navy rest center constructed by 16th Seabees. Nearly two score of the small huts shown above were erected to complete this project.



LANDING DOCK shown above was constructed by 16th Seabees for Admirals and high ranking naval officials.





INSEPARABLE as a Marine Raider and his trusty Garand rifle, the Seabee and the bulldozer have proved themselves among the most important and versatile combat weapons of the war.

# HERE AND THERE WITH...



CAMOUFLAGING

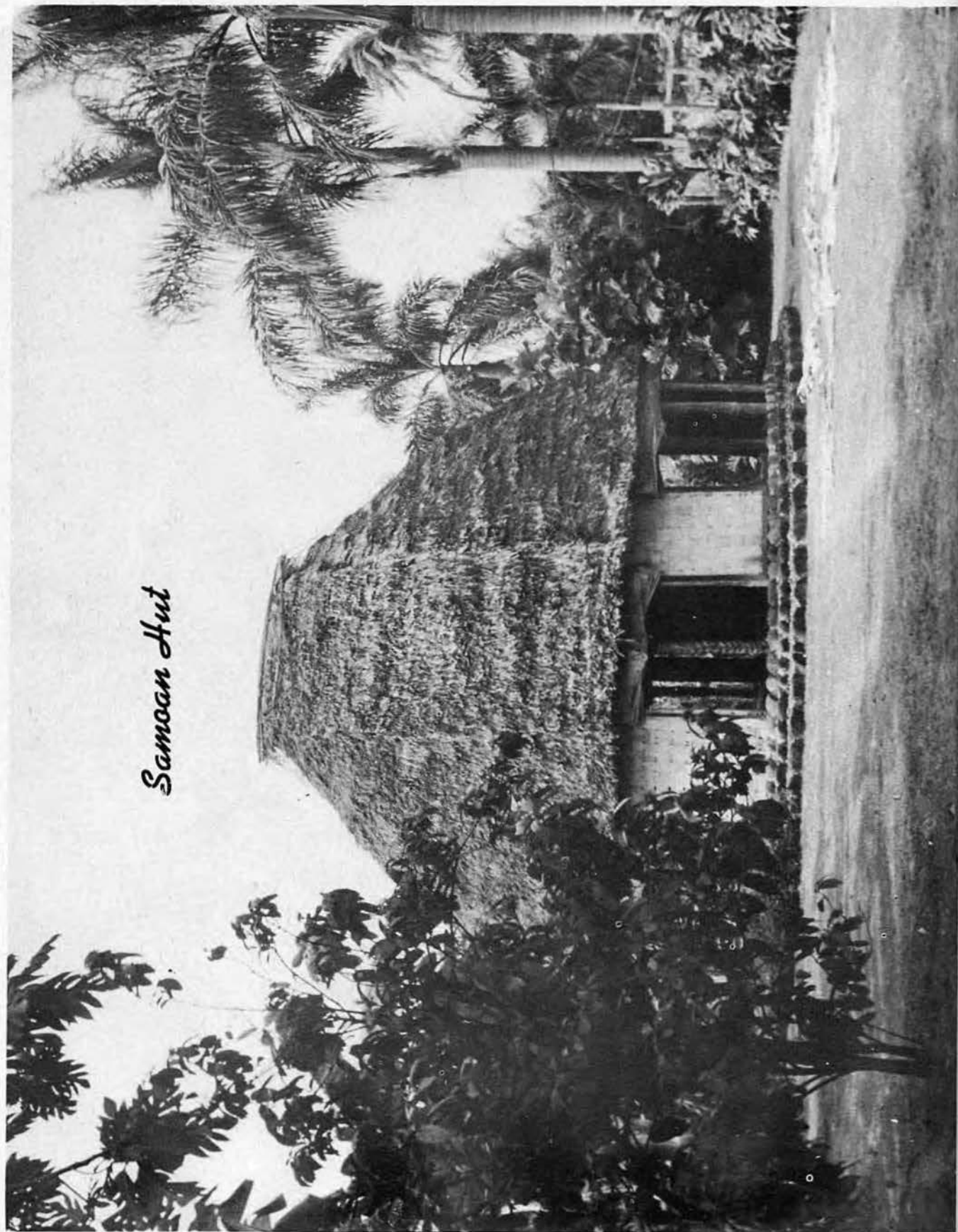


LINEMEN AT WORK



Portable grease truck designed and built by 16th Seabees

*Samoa Hut*





## BATTALION DIVERS KEEP A DATE WITH DAVY JONES..



LIEUT. ANTON, batt'n diving officer and Lieut. Nordquist of the Navy Yard stand by engines as divers prepare gear for first official navy diving test.



ARRIVING AT THE PROPER depth required for the final rigid examination, 16th Battalion divers lower heavy anchor. The same men pictured here later helped raise the USS Oklahoma.



ROY QUISENBERRY, BM1c dons weighty diving suit and flashes a smile of confidence before going down for the test. B. G. Hensley, husky Seabee at right holds diving helmet.



JOHN NOWAK and John Burrow assist diver Jack Molesworth into heavy diving gear while Roy Quisenberry looks on. Complete diving suit weighs 165 pounds.



WITH THE HELMET firmly clamped and all hose attachments secure, Molesworth prepares for the dive. W. W. D. Smith, BM1c, in white hat set an all-time underwater welding record some few weeks after passing diving test.



GOING DOWN! Battalion divers roamed Davy Jones' locker for more than 30 minutes at a depth of 16 fathoms to qualify as second class divers. Two tenders are required above water for each man diving.



## PIPELINE PROJECT...



**NOT TO BE OVERLOOKED** as a vitally important war-time project was the laying of the gas pipeline by Sixteenth Seabees. This major job was undertaken in April 1943.



**A GENERAL IDEA** of the terrain covered during this project is shown in picture above. Majority of the line was laid in road shoulders where jack hammer operators had to chisel through coral rock.



**MOVING ALONG** a busy highway, a crane is shown maneuvering a heavy long piece of pipe. Not one flaw has been reported in the entire 11 miles of line.

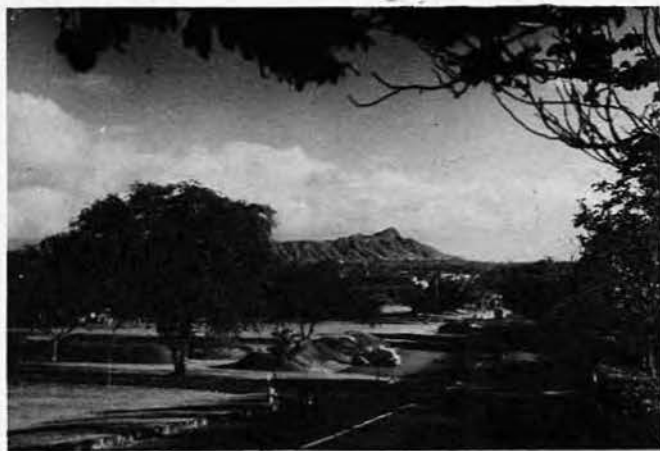


**LITTLE DIFFICULTY** was experienced in crossing the island's numerous hills and waterways. Pictures above show deep ravine which line had to cross to reach its destination.

# HAWAIIANA . . .



Picturesque setting in rural Hawaii.



Diamond Head from U. of Hawaii.



Scene along Ala Wai Canal.



Typical Hawaiian roadside scene.



Royal palm driveway.



Hibiscus, flower of Hawaii.

## 16th CONSTRUCT NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT ...



THE LARGEST SINGLE, major construction job assigned the Sixteenth Battalion in Hawaii was the erection of a Naval Supply storage area. This task was undertaken in Feb. 1943. Surveyor Durlinger is shown above "shooting angles" for the roadway.



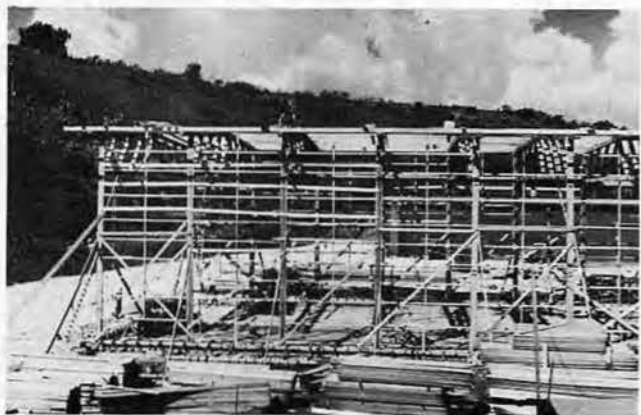
INCLUDED IN THE PROJECT was the construction of a one and one-half mile, three lane, paved roadway. Dynamite blasts similar to the one shown above helped to clear the way for road graders.



FOLLOWING BLASTS like the one shown above, huge shovels and trucks were employed to clear the rock later to be used for the road bed. Truck shown in picture is 25-yard dump—the very largest of its kind used on the island.



HERE A HUGE CRANE is shown setting one of the trusses into place on the first warehouse.



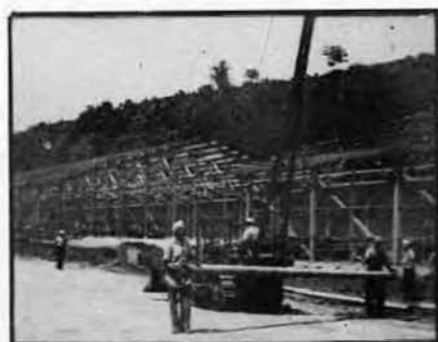
ANOTHER VIEW of warehouse construction. In addition to the buildings, Sixteenth Seabees installed complete water system, sewers and power distribution system.



STILL ANOTHER VIEW. Sixteenth Seabees hit the ball on this important project, turning over first warehouses to Naval Supply one month ahead of schedule. For more pictures of Gulch project see following pages.

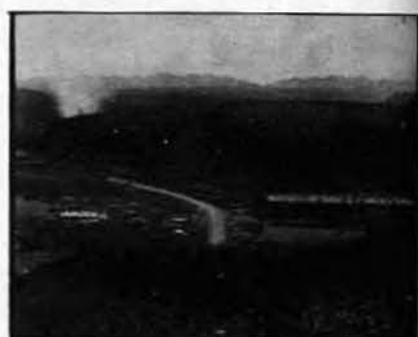


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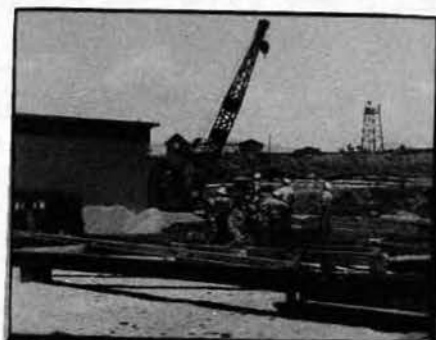
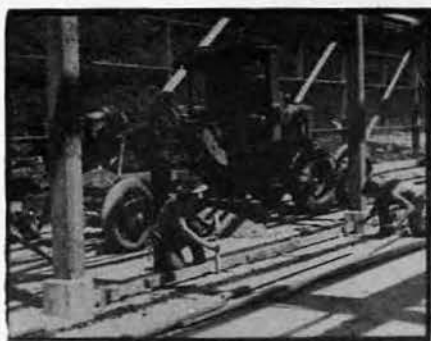




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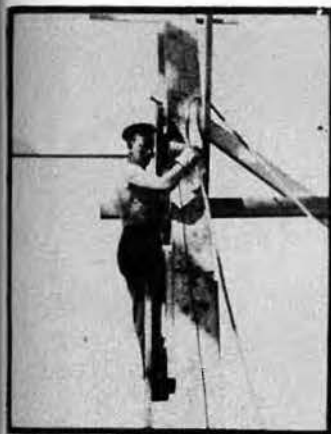


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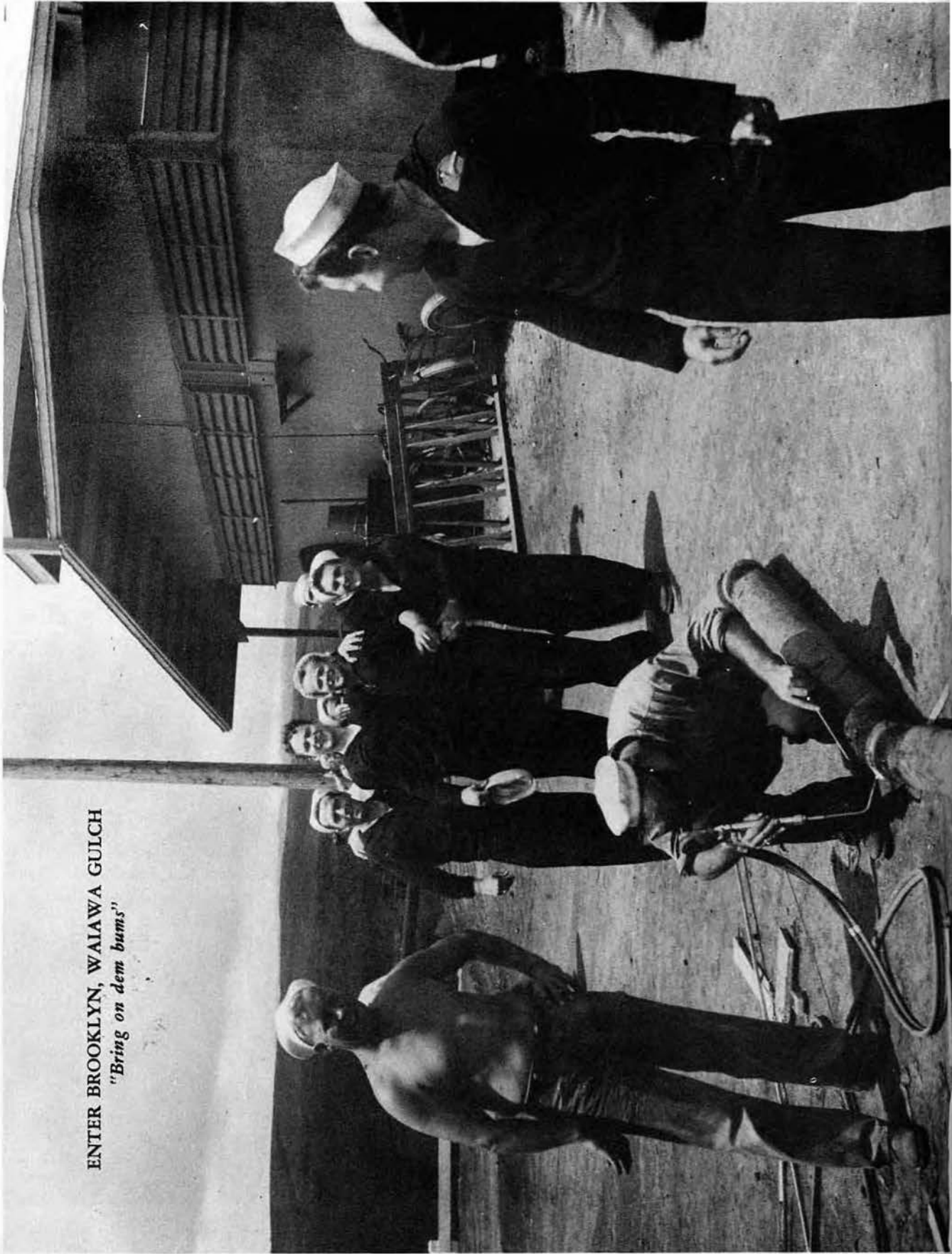


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ENTER BROOKLYN, WAIAWA GULCH  
*"Bring on dem bums"*



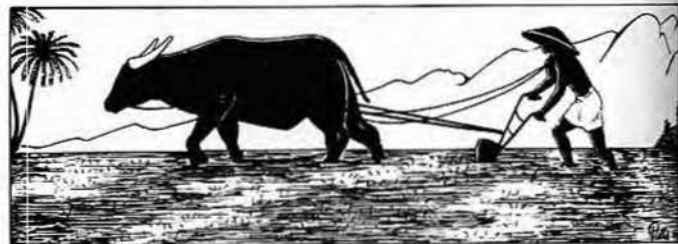
**CAMOUFLAGING BASES** was another important rush job completed by Sixteenth Seabees. In addition to air bases, Sixteeners also performed excellent camouflage jobs on various other military installations.



# AGRICULTURE IN SUNNY HAWAII...

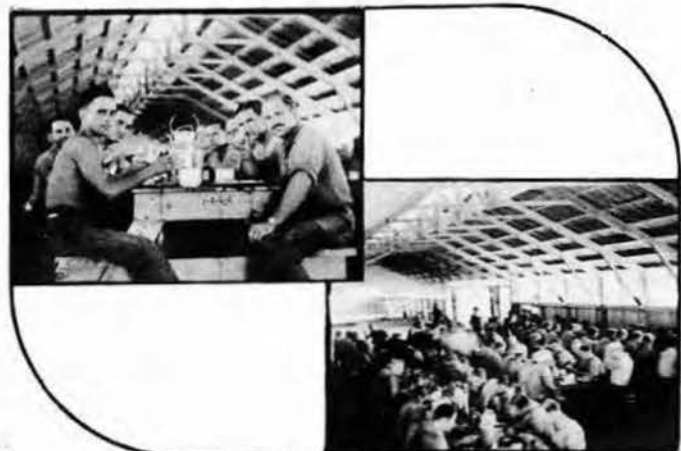


PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL products grown year round in sunny Hawaii are shown on this page. At top left is huge pineapple field with closeup of sun-ripened fruit at right. At lower left is shown native papaya tree while photo at lower right shows a small section of huge sugar cane plantation.



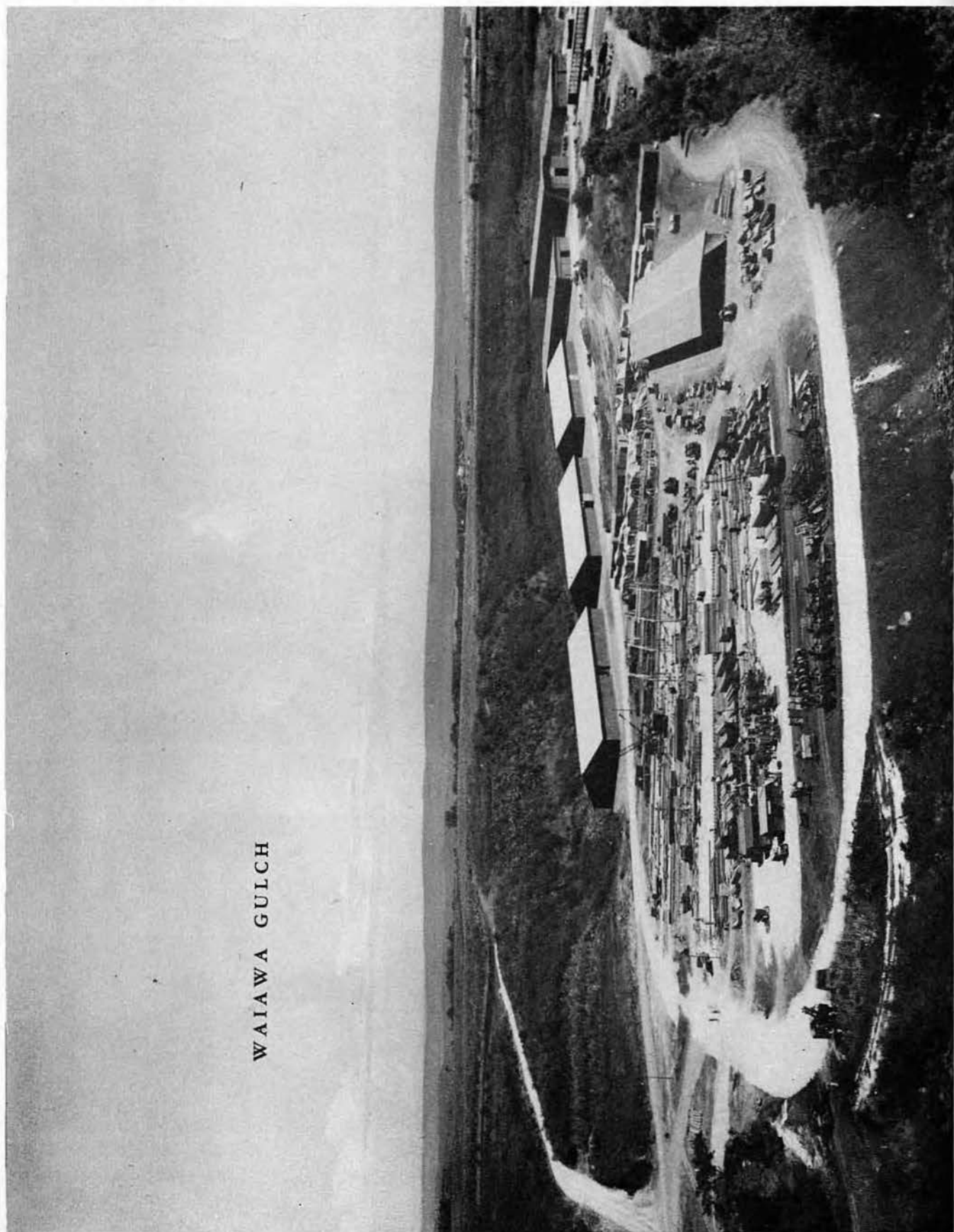


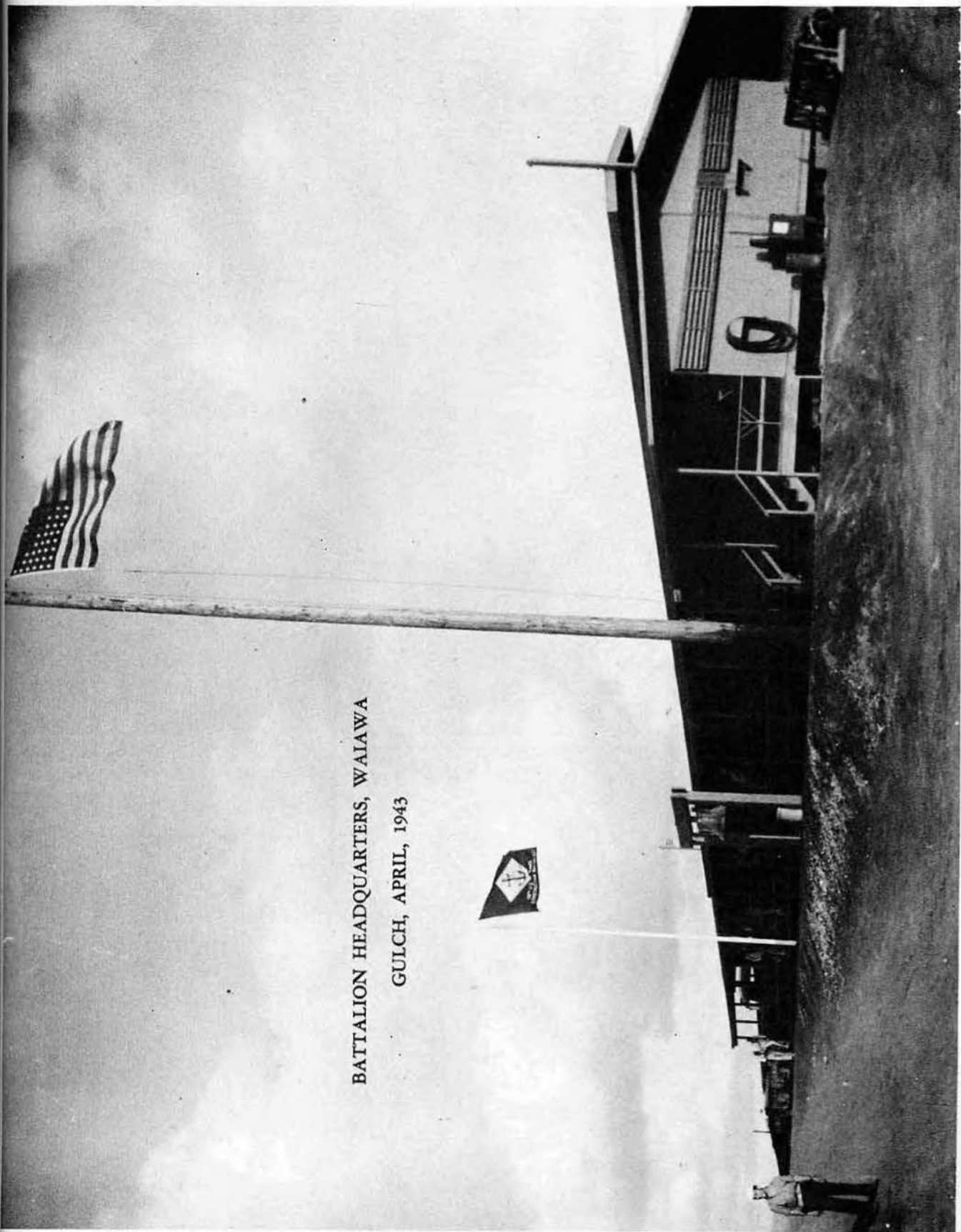
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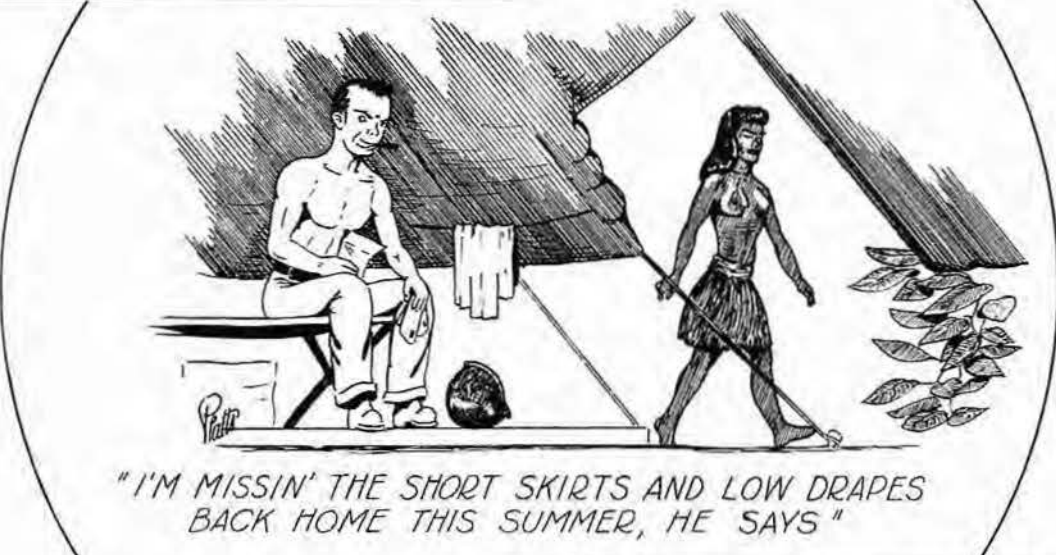
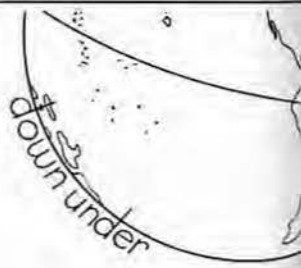
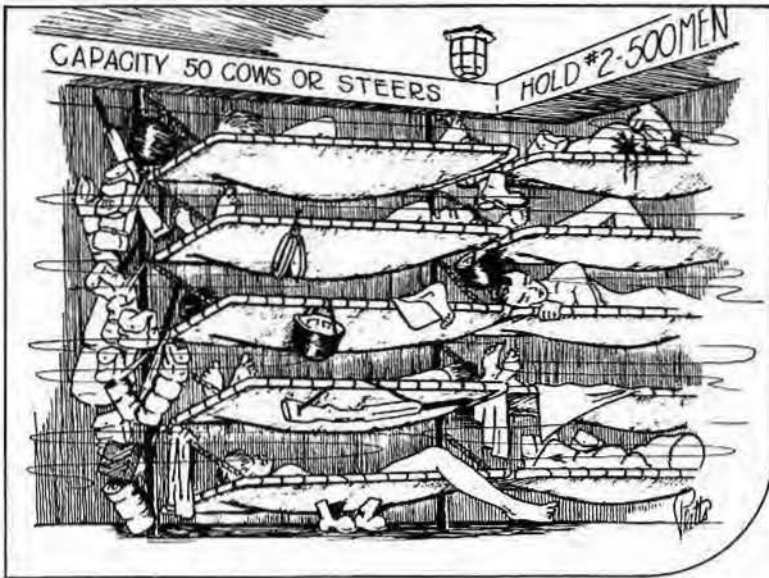
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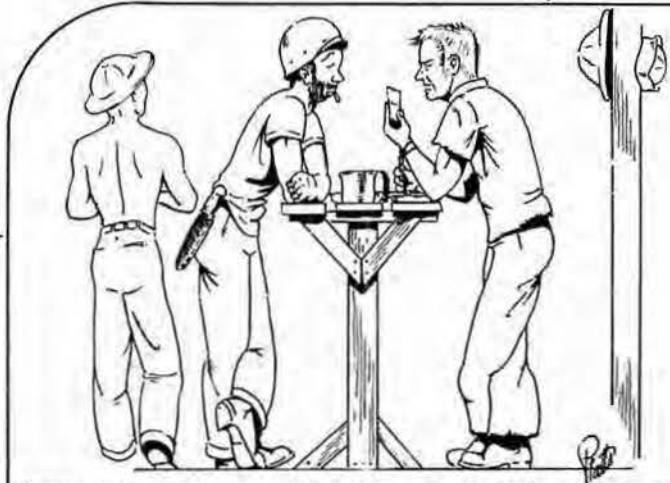


BATTALION HEADQUARTERS, WAIAWA

GULCH, APRIL, 1943



"I'M MISSIN' THE SHORT SKIRTS AND LOW DRAPES BACK HOME THIS SUMMER, HE SAYS"



"TONGUE, TONGUE, TONGUE! THERE MUST BE SOME MEAT ON 'EM BESIDES THIS BLUE PLATE SPECIAL"



## 16th SEABEES SAVE BLAZING TRANSPORT DURING TRIP TO ISLAND "X"

Skillful and heroic action on the part of alert Sixteenth Seabees averted possible heavy loss of life and material damage when fire of undetermined origin broke out suddenly in a forward hold of the Liberty Ship S.S. Henry Bergh while enroute to Island "X."

Voluntarily entering the gas-filled hold after the entire crew was overcome by fumes, Sixteenth Seabees took over the fire fighting, battling gamely for four hours before successfully bringing the blazing hold under control.

Remaining doggedly at their stations, knowing that any moment the gasoline and dynamite might explode and blow the ship to steel splinters, a total of 64 16th Bees were removed from the hold on stretchers while nearly one dozen were later confined to the Sick Bay for emergency treatment.

The blazing hold contained two solid layers of filled gas drums, lumber and heavy equipment. The tanks of all vehicles were full of fuel and one truck contained 15 cases of blasting caps. The next hold contained 15 tons of dynamite.

Examination during unloading operations at Funafuti revealed that the fire had burned through the lumber and had reached the tops of the gasoline drums when the hold had become sufficiently flooded to extinguish the blaze.

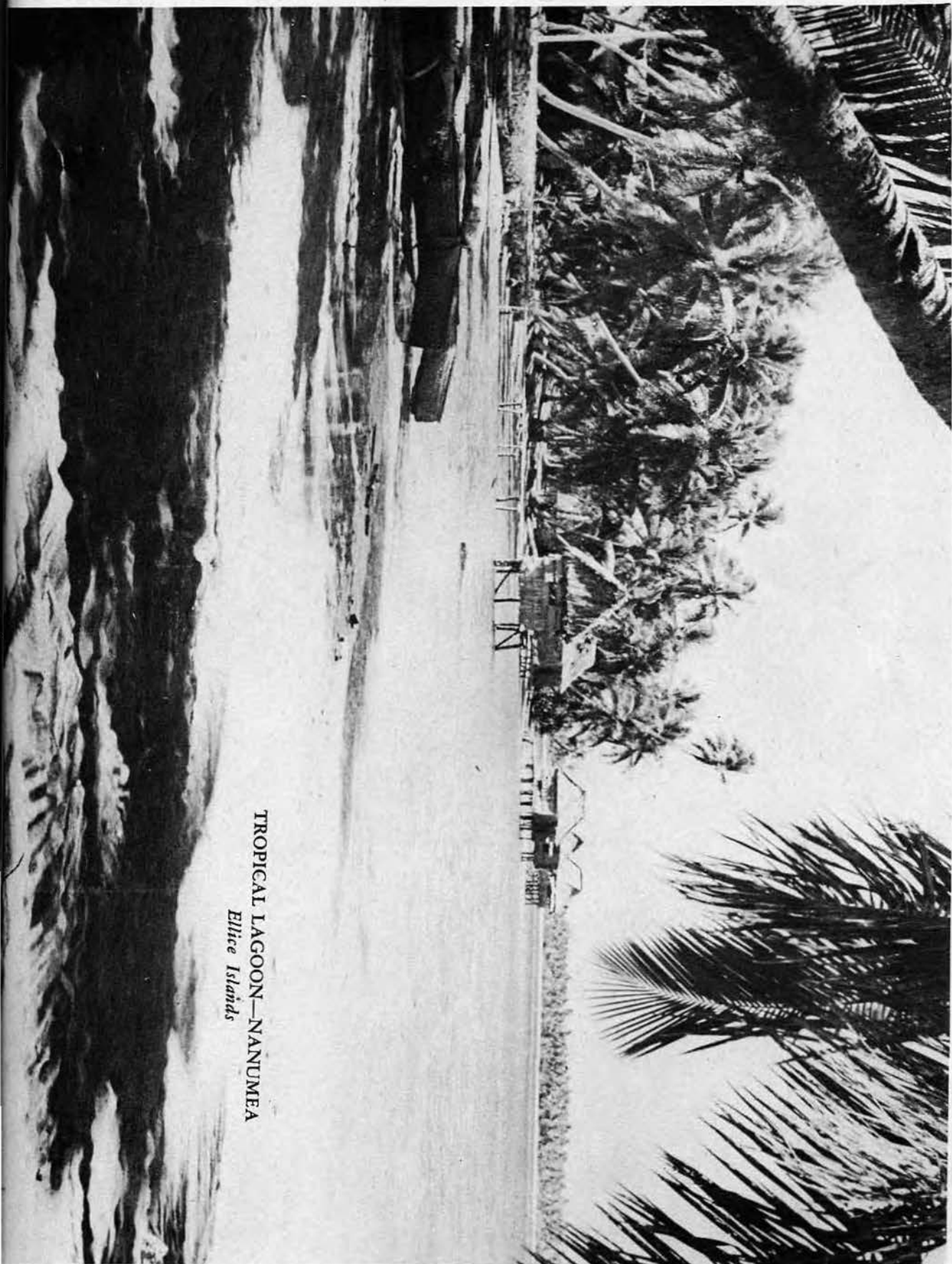
In picture at left Capt. Chambers is shown inspecting damage. S.S. Henry Bergh was later destroyed when it crashed on a reef off San Francisco.





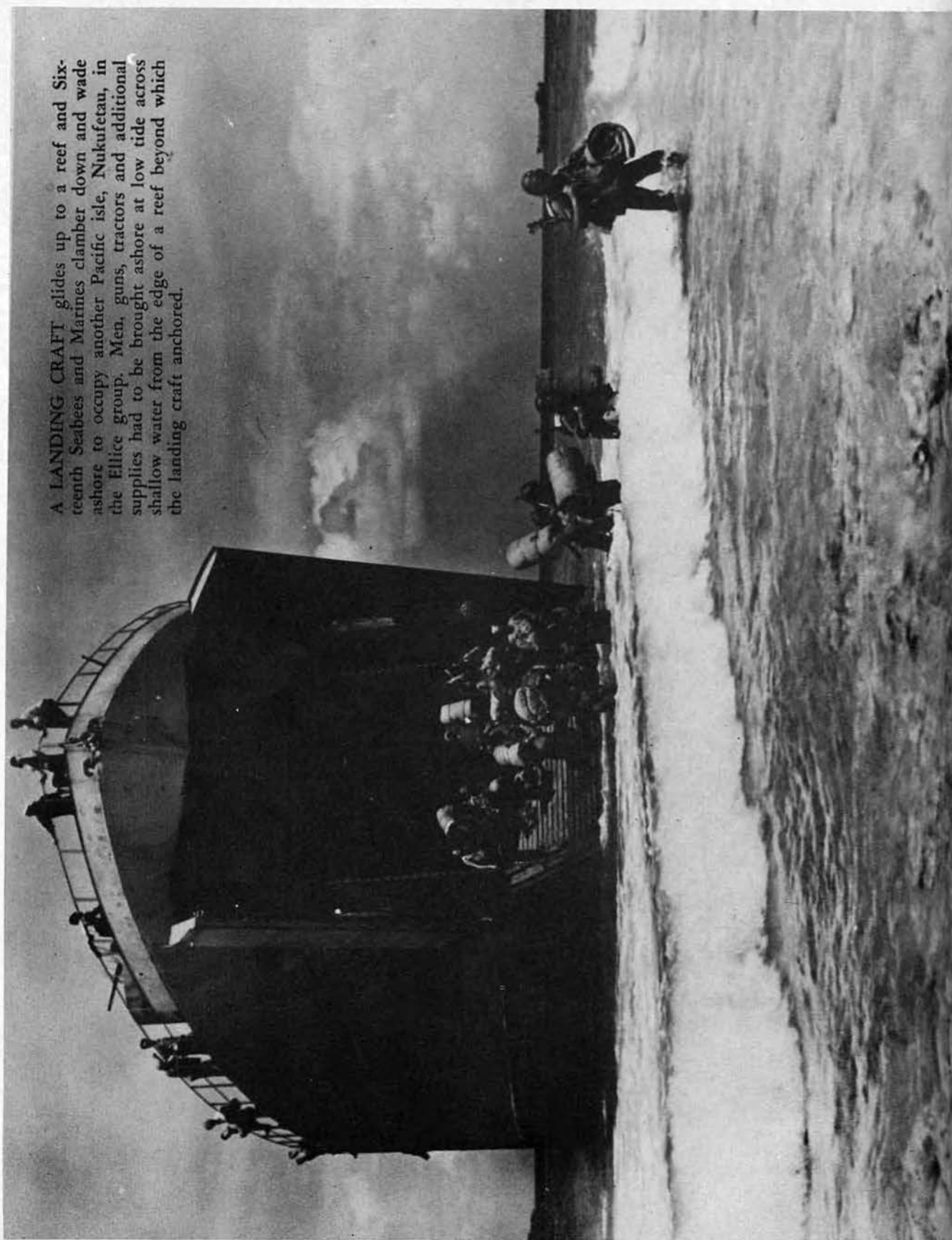
Talofa...





TROPICAL LAGOON—NANUMEA  
*Ellice Islands*

A LANDING CRAFT glides up to a reef and Sixteenth Seabees and Marines clamber down and wade ashore to occupy another Pacific isle, Nukufetau, in the Ellice group. Men, guns, tractors and additional supplies had to be brought ashore at low tide across shallow water from the edge of a reef beyond which the landing craft anchored.





## OCCUPATION OF NUKUFETAU...



**STREAMING ASHORE** from an LST anchored at the reef, the first detachment of 16th Seabees pour ashore at Nukufetau.



**SHARP CORAL ROCKS** and deep, hidden holes made the journey to shore a hazardous one for men assigned to lead the way.



**FOLLOWING UP** the working crews, bulldozer operators filled the "cribs" with coral rock. Roadway was three-quarters finished when this picture was snapped.



**THE LAST DETACHMENT** of Seabees to arrive at the tiny coral island are shown unloading here. Overloaded LST's were unable to reach the end of the roadway.



**SOME WEEKS LATER** huge rocks were blasted away and holes filled as Seabees prepared to build coral roadway from the shore to reef.



**COCONUT LOGS** were used for "cribbing" and foundation for the road. Crews assigned to this detail often worked during high tides.



## ISLAND "X" NATIVES...



Native trader in pau pau.



Makin island maiden.



Young native worker.



"Belle of Nukufetau."



Nanumea lass.

# NATIVES AND PRIMITIVE SIVA-SIVA...



BEFORE A TYPICAL South Pacific backdrop, this Siva Siva trio warms up with a specialty number. The husky native walking at left has just finished sprinkling the lassies with sweet smelling water.



GETTING DOWN to the finer points of the zany dance the Chief comes forth to lead the entertainers in diggin' spree that slows jitter-bugging down to a walk.



SOUTH PACIFIC NATIVES, carefree and always ready for fun-making, find extreme delight in staging regular "Siva-Sivas." Native women are shown piling gifts for friendly Seabees and Marines.



THE NATIVE CHIEF and menfolk usually open the festivities with a wild variation of the Siva-Siva and then give way to the ladies.



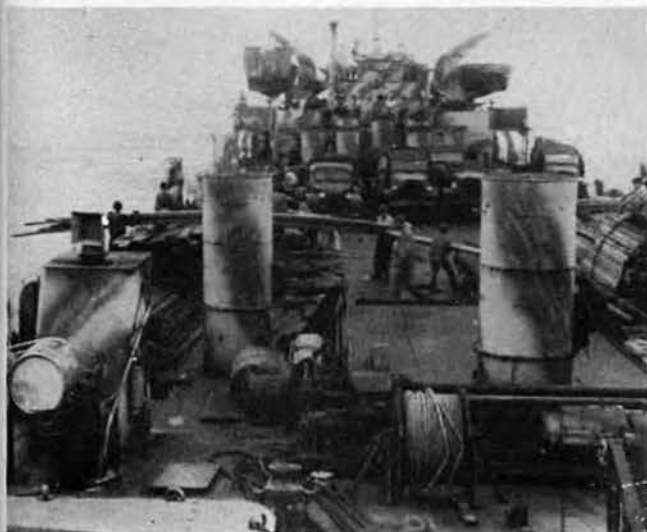
South Pacific native belle

WITH U. S. NAVY DESTROYERS patrolling in the background, the first detachments of Sixteenth Seabees and U. S. Marines stream ashore at Nanumea, Ellice Islands. The occupation represented the northernmost thrust made by American troops in the Pacific area and presaged successful invasions of Japanese strongholds in the Gilbert and Marshall islands.





## UNLOADING OPERATIONS AT ISLAND "X" ...



UNLOADING SUPPLIES from LST's required brute strength and brawn during the early days at Island "X." The working party shown above is unloading lumber by casting it over the side. Some weeks later "ducks" (shown below) were used to great advantage by unloading crews.



CARRIED TO SHORE by the tide, natives pitched in to help Seabees load lumber on waiting trucks. During high tides swirling lumber made this detail a risky one. Waters were shark infested and natives were careful not to go too far beyond the reef.





## CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS FROM DOWN BELOW...



GLIDING PAST THE WAITING SEABEE in her maneuverable pau-pau (outrigger canoe), this native Miss brings her young one with her for the long-awaited visit with Seabees from "Amelica." Below some of the ladies remove their Sunday garbs to wade ashore.



**CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS FROM DOWN BELOW ...**



## 16th SEABEES HACK OUT A BOMBER STRIP...



**TIMBER!** A roaring, power-packed bulldozer rams another coconut tree to make way for the planned air strip. During the early stages of the work on island "X" 16th Seabees worked feverishly from 12-18 hours daily.



**WHEN THE TOWERING** palms were uprooted and felled to the ground, Seabees moved in with axes. Men assigned this job had to work fast for bulldozers, carryalls and cranes were standing by to clear the debris for the proposed bomber strip.



**NEARLY 50,000 TREES** were knocked down when this picture was made. Rig in the foreground was used to load roots on trucks. The island was so small, much of this debris had to be thrown into the ocean to conserve space.



**BULLDOZERS, CRANES** and trucks clear debris as numerous fires are set to burn out underbrush and coconut fronds. Men worked long 12-hour shifts under a blazing sun while equipment rested only when taking on fuel.



**TRACTOR AND CARRYALL** shown in foreground are grading foundation for bomber strip. Equipment of this type roared continually day and night to complete the vital air strip in record time.



**IN THE FOREGROUND,** picture shows clearly the large rock used as foundation for bomber strip. Over this was rolled layer upon layer of glaring, snow-white coral. Ten-ton rollers packed the coral as hard as concrete highway.



## 16th SEABEES HACK OUT A BOMBER STRIP...



WHILE A BULLDOZER stands by to spread the coral rock, a dump truck deposits its load. Salt water played havoc with truck springs and body bolts during the early stages, but Seabee mechanics and welders were able to keep 'em rolling.



GRADER SHOWN ABOVE was an invaluable piece of equipment to Sixteenth Seabees during bomber strip construction. Sharp blade scraped loose coral rock from surface and made smooth surface for solid packing by 10-ton roller.



BEFORE SURVEYORS' STAKES had been removed on the eighth day of bomber strip construction, the first part of a Marine fighter squadron settled on the strip for a landing. Strip was long enough for fighter planes but had to be extended for huge bombers.



THE FINISHED STRIP as it appeared when Liberator bomber squadron appeared overhead November 12. Fighter and bomber pilots declared it was one of the finest strips ever hacked out of a coconut forest.



WHEN THE FINAL LAYER of coral was put on the strip every available piece of equipment was used to pack it concrete-hard for the arrival of the Liberator bombers. Trucks raced up and down day and night while water trucks were also put into use.



ON THE MORNING of Nov. 12, some few hours after a damaging Jap raid, the Liberators came in for the first landing. It was from this very strip that the Liberators first started pounding Jap bases in the Gilbert & Marshall isles.



## CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS FROM DOWN BELOW...



LIEUT. COMDR. RALPH L. SLATER, Chief of Batt'n Medical Corps, is shown in front of underground Sick Bay at Nukufetau. Native first aid man was trained in Samoa.



A NAVY PATROL PLANE settles down on the air strip at Nukufetau for the first official landing. Planes were always a welcome sight during those early days when the Japs dominated the airways.



SEPTEMBER 19, 1943 was the big day in the lives of Sixteenth Seabees on the isle of Nukufetau. Here's the first of several Grumman fighter planes to settle down at "home" base on this date.



SILHOUETTED AGAINST blue and white skies, a huge Liberator roars over the glistening air strip at Nukufetau. The date: November 12, 1943. The significance: Beginning of the end for Toio's forces in the Gilbert and Marshall islands.



ELECTRICIAN MATE Frannie Oliver climbs a coconut tree shooting for trouble on the island's communication system. Heavy winds and numerous tropical storms kept the linemen busy.



THE FIRST OF SEVERAL huge fuel storage tanks nears completion at Island "X."

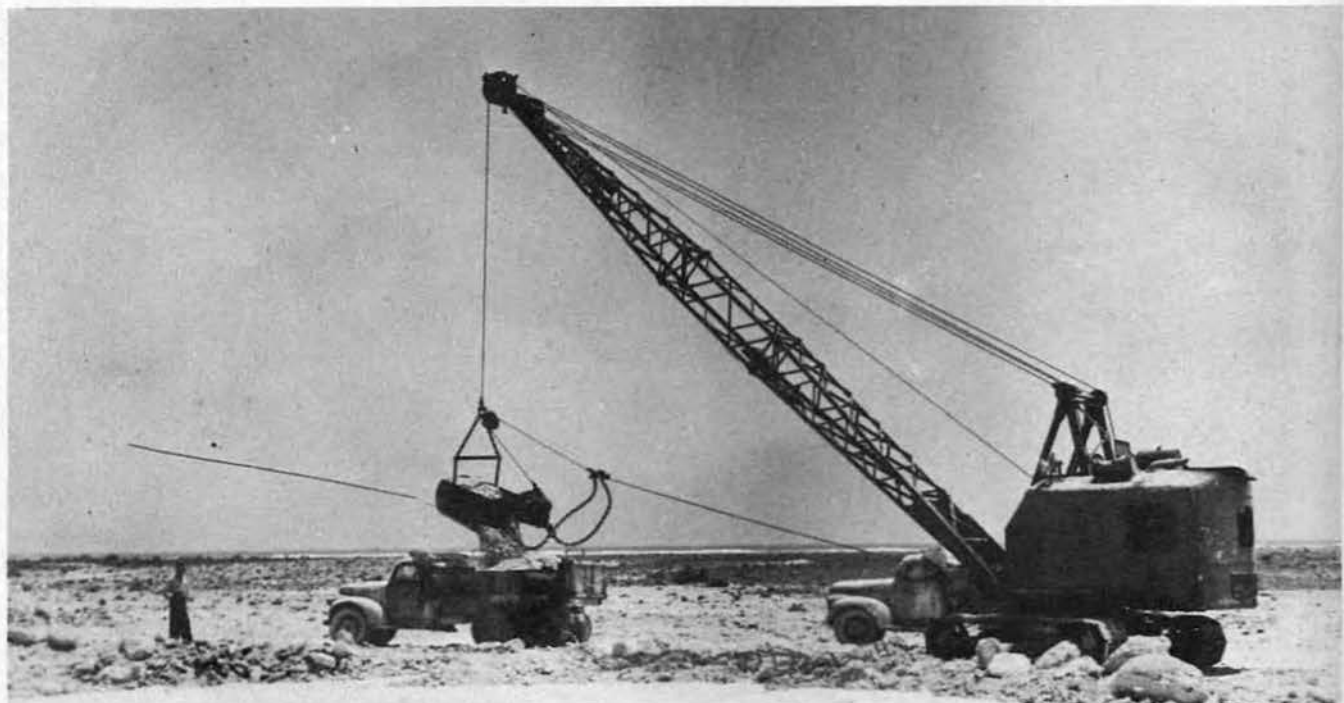


WHILE SIXTEENTH SEABEE heavy equipment operators are hard at work in the background, Marine Corps gunners keep a sharp eye peeled for Japanese bombers. One Marine anti-aircraft battery on Nanumea was credited with two Jap heavy bombers.



ALWAYS A WELCOME SIGHT at the tiny coral island outposts was the arrival of cargo and mail planes. Before the air strip was completed, mail was flown in regularly by Navy PBV-5 flying boats.

## CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS FROM DOWN BELOW...



INVALUABLE DURING EARLY operations at Island "X" were the expert dynamiters and powdermen. Pictures appearing on this page show crews setting charges to blast live coral from reef. When sufficient amounts were blasted loose, heavy equipment operators would move in to rush the coral rock to the planned bomber strip.



TO SPEED UNLOADING OPERATIONS at Island "X" 16th Seabee powdermen blasted a huge channel to join the blue ocean waters with the natural protective lagoon. Pictures on this page show a small part of the operation. Removed from the water by heavy draglines, the live coral was used to advantage on the air strip.





## CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS FROM DOWN BELOW...



NEXT TO A HUGE mail delivery with plenty of letters from home—movies—good bad or indifferent ranked No. 1 as a morale builder on Island "X." 16th Seabees are shown above constructing open air theater on Nanumea.



TAKING EVERY PRECAUTION against tropical diseases, mosquito control units worked regular shifts seeking out swamps and insect breeding places on Nukufetau. Seabees are shown above spraying oil on stagnant pool.



WITH TWO ENGINES SHOT OUT and the gasoline tank riddled with anti-aircraft fire, crew members of this Liberator miraculously escaped serious injury following a forced landing on the reef at Nanumea. Seabees are shown removing it before high tide.



INGENIOUS SEABEES constructed various novel washing machines from spare parts and scrap lumber at Island "X." The one shown above worked efficiently—when there was a strong breeze.



SIGN PAINTERS never overlooked the native population on Island "X" when caution signs were ordered by the base commander. W. C. Jones and C. E. Norwood are shown in above photo.



IN THE MIDDLE of a thick jungle setting, 16th Seabees Nukufetau rush construction of the first mess hall. A build of this type is usually completed in one day.

## CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS FROM DOWN BELOW...



**NATIVE WORKERS** shown above are helping 16th Seabees clear camp area. Strong, tireless men, their assistance was invaluable during the early stages of the operation. Paid on the British wage scale, they received two shillings or 33 cents per day.



**THE ABOVE PICTURE** of native father and child was made by a staff photographer during 16th Seabees' visit to Lakena, native isle. The man is suffering the effects of elephantiasis, dreaded tropical disease common among south Pacific natives.



**EVERY MONDAY MORNING** friendly native women called for and delivered the weekly wash. During the early days "lava-lava" (cloth) was used as payment but later British officials operated concession, charging a flat monthly fee.



**THIS CHUBBY** little fellow posed obligingly when the battalion photographers happened his way during the tour of the native island. Native children were husky and developed rapidly.



**FAMILY PORTRAIT.** Posing in front of their grass shack bedecked in finest wearing apparel, this native family preferred a serious mood for the Seabee photographer. Albinos, similar to the one shown here are rare among south Pacific natives.



**NATIVE MEN** and outrigger canoes were employed extensively by 16th Seabee powdermen at Island "X." Capable of diving great depths, the natives were used to place the underwater explosives where they would do the most good.

## CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS FROM DOWN BELOW...



**CONSTRUCTION OF CAUSEWAYS**, necessary to link the many tiny coral islands, is usually a project of major importance when Seabees move in to prepare a base for operations against the enemy. Picture above shows how many Pacific islands are joined.



**THE "STIFF LEG,"** shown in the picture above was invaluable for this particular assignment. 16th Seabees on Nukufetau completed this project in record time—despite occasional washouts during monsoon season.



**COCONUT LOGS WERE** heavy and cumbersome and required Seabee brawn and muscle to lay foundations for the road bed. This is only one of the many uses Seabees found for the numerous coconut logs.



**THE PROJECT WAS NEARING** completion when this photo was made. After Seabees completed construction of coconut log "cribs," bulldozers filled the forms with coral rock.



**ABOVE PICTURE,** snapped during low tide, shows completed 1000 ft. causeway. During rough, heavy tides the causeway would be completely inundated.



## CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS FROM DOWN BELOW...



**16TH SEABEES SETTING** up first reefer on Island "X." Cold drinking water was a luxury and like most everything else at the island outpost had to be rationed. Canteens were usually filled under the friendly cover of darkness.



**ADMIRAL C. W. NIMITZ**, Commander in Chief, Pacific Fleet, at right, and Col. Norman, USMC, at left, congratulate Lieut. E. B. Hickey for the excellent work completed by 16th Seabees on the island of Nukufetau.



**ONE OF THE AIRCRAFT** repair hangars constructed by 16th Seabees for Marine and Army fliers at Island "X" is shown in above photo. Seabees machinists often assisted air corpsmen install new motors in heavy Liberator bombers.



**DURING THE EARLY DAYS** at Island "X" fresh drinking water was one of the most precious possessions. Several hundred barrels were divided among the detachments and had to be doled out with care until distillers were in operation.



**A SMALL PART** of 16th Seabee equipment destroyed by Jap bombers during raids on Nanumea is shown above. Note deep holes cut in solid steel counter balance by flying shrapnel. Some few trucks were also knocked out of action as a result of the raids.



**FOLLOWING A DAY'S** work under the blistering tropical sun, Seabees found pleasant relief under the open air showers. During rainy seasons, water troughs on trees provided an abundance of fresh water.



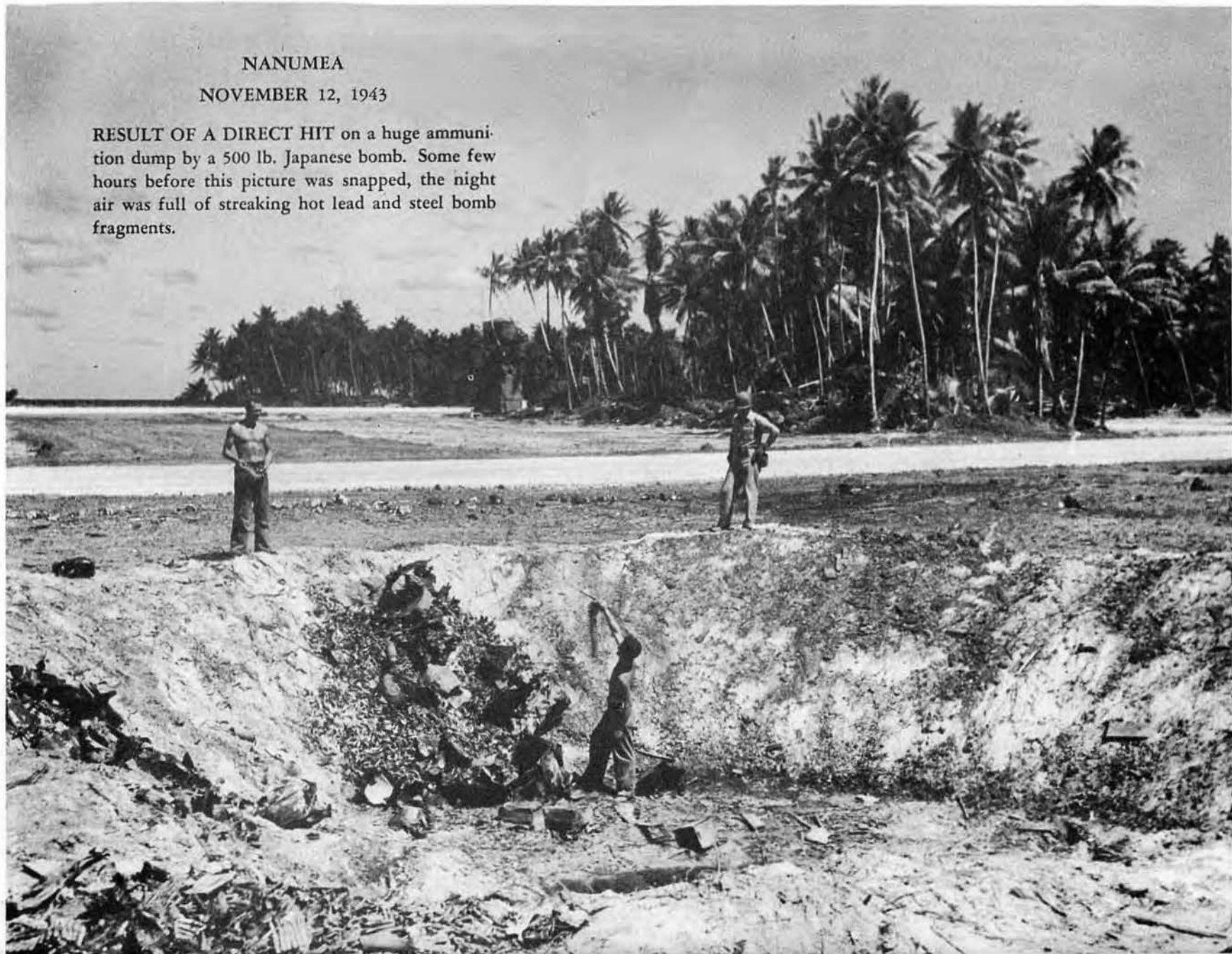


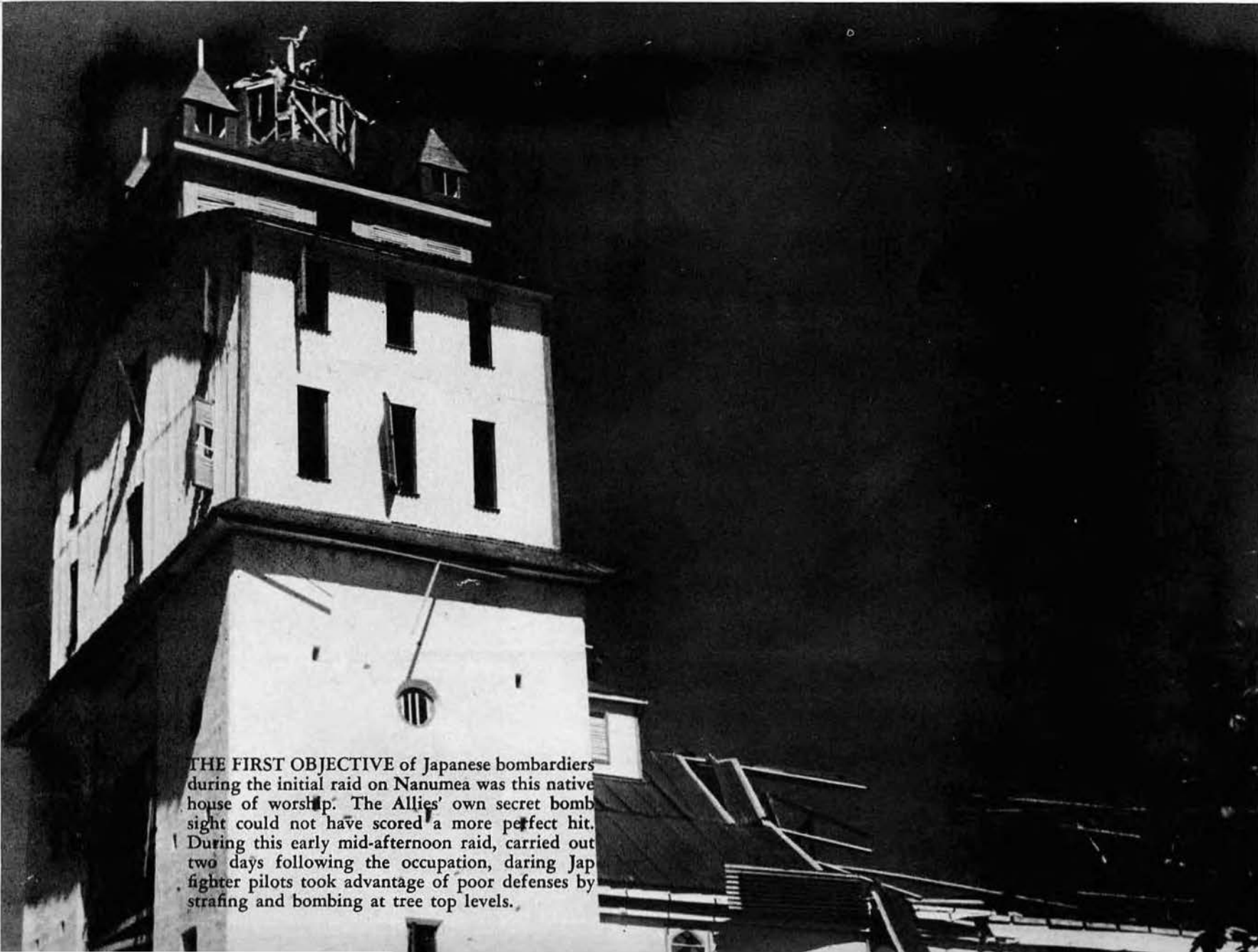
This fighting grows more hideous hour by hour:  
Who can be brave against the war in the dark?  
By ROBERT HARRINGTON

NANUMEA

NOVEMBER 12, 1943

RESULT OF A DIRECT HIT on a huge ammunition dump by a 500 lb. Japanese bomb. Some few hours before this picture was snapped, the night air was full of streaking hot lead and steel bomb fragments.





THE FIRST OBJECTIVE of Japanese bombardiers during the initial raid on Nanumea was this native house of worship. The Allies' own secret bomb sight could not have scored a more perfect hit. During this early mid-afternoon raid, carried out two days following the occupation, daring Jap fighter pilots took advantage of poor defenses by strafing and bombing at tree top levels.



## CAMERA HIGHLIGHTS FROM DOWN BELOW ...

### *Japanese Bombers*

#### *Raid Nanumea . . .*

LOW-LEVEL PRECISION BOMBING and strafing by Japanese bomber and fighter forces from the Gilbert and Marshall islands, reduced the beautiful Nanumea native church, shown here, to splintered wreckage. Japs picked out this target during the initial raid, taking advantage of poor defenses to rake the tiny coral island from end to end.

NATIVE NANUMEANS possessed keen, sensitive ears and during the early days at Island "X" proved invaluable by warning working parties well in advance of approaching enemy airmen.

EVIDENCE of their very sensitive ears was manifest the day a squadron of Navy Grumman Wildcat fighters paid a surprising, yet very welcome visit to the island outpost.

FOXHOLE CONSCIOUS Seabees and Marines peered from small, shallow holes surprized to see natives gazing skyward with broad grins of relief and satisfaction. "Amelican blanes—lele," they said. American planes roar with a high whining, racing pitch. Native ears detected the differentiation immediately

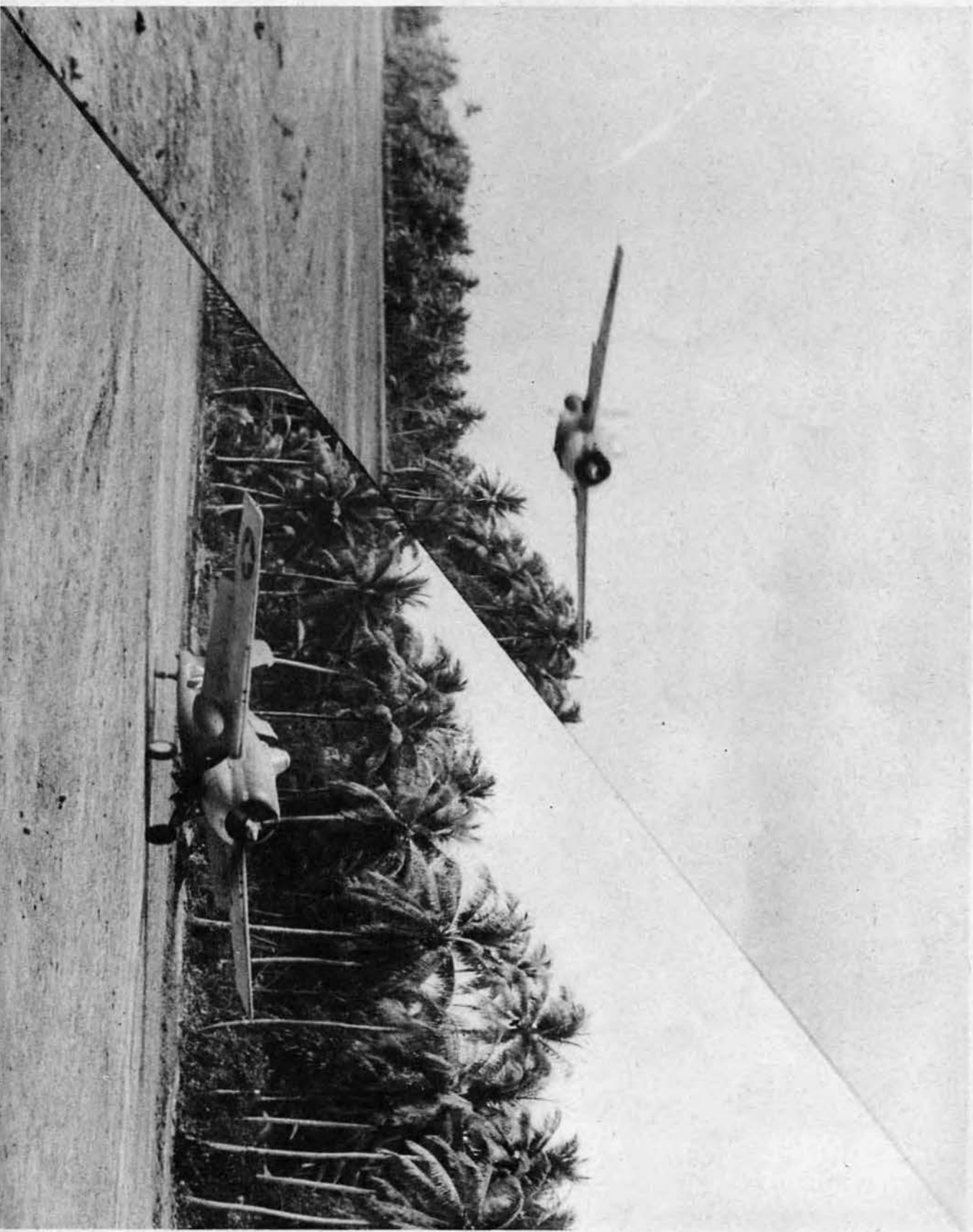




LEAD THEM WHO, DAUNTLESS, MOUNT THE HEIGHT  
OF THE EMBATTLED AIR,  
THROUGH PIERCING SHELL, THROUGH SEARCHING LIGHT.  
HOLD AND BE WITH THEM THERE;  
KEEP THEM IN LIFE OR DEATH  
MINDFUL OF ONE WHO SAITH,  
WHERE THE WILD BIRDS SHALL GATHER  
NOT THE LEAST SPARROW FALLS  
WITHOUT THE FATHER.

—DUNCAN SCOTT





## 16th SEABEES VISIT NATIVE ISLE...



SHORTLY BEFORE our ships arrived to remove us from our Pacific Island "X," sight-seeing parties were arranged to visit for the first time, the native isle of Lakena, shown above.



PART OF THE WELCOMING party which greeted 16th Seabees upon arrival at the friendly native isle is shown above. Natives were free with gifts and good cheer.



THE "DUCK" USED to transport Seabees to the native isle across the lagoon made a big hit with the young set. Natives enjoyed riding anything, but naturally preferred the speedy little jeep.



NATIVES WERE anything but superstitious when it came to having their pictures snapped. Here a group of young boys and girls turn on their best smiles and expressions for the cameraman.



ELDERLY LADIES, TOO, proved they were not camera shy. Because they wore complete dress on auspicious occasions only, the women were more than willing to have their pictures snapped in such elaborate holiday wear.



HIGHLIGHT OF THE VISIT was the luncheon prepared and served by natives. For some weak-stomached Seabees, the raw wild pig and fish spread failed to "set" very good. The smart boys carried K-rations for this picnic.



# CHRISTMAS, 1943 ON ISLAND "X"...



TO TEST THEIR long-neglected, seldom required, cooking skills, scores of turkeys were dropped into the laps of our galley crew some few days before Xmas. The holiday feast was complete with all the trimmings... a most welcome change from K-rations. spam and ox tongue.



MAIL DELIVERIES arrived on schedule... particularly those valuable packages of Xmas cheer. The boys are shown unloading sacks of Xmas packages. More than 100 sacks were received in one single delivery shortly before the holiday.



WARMING UP FOR the Xmas season, the battalion orchestra is shown here during a rehearsal. Music was always welcome even in its crudest form for radio musical programs were limited to the selections of one Miss Tokyo Rose.



WE DON'T KNOW whether it was the holiday spirit or the heat of the south Pacific tropical isle that prompted this group to pose for such a picture. The boys are rather light-complexioned to pass for "gooks."



IN THE CENTER of the picture may be seen the very closest thing to the familiar Xmas tree we all knew before the war. Natives joined in the holiday spirit exchanging gifts with 16 Seabees.





## SURF FISHING ON ISLAND "X"...



EQUIPPED WITH LONG, razor-sharp spear and dip net, native boys on the island of Nukufetau set out to make a haul on tropical fish. The first thing the native boy learns is the means of providing food.



A SCHOOL OF FISH is found near the edge of the reef. The fish come in with the surf and are temporarily trapped in deep holes. Before another wave comes rolling in to release them, natives go to work with the net.



REMOVING THE FISH from the net, native boys are shown above stringing catch. Tropical fish have weird shapes. Majority have brilliant luminous colors and many varieties are considered highly poisonous.



POSING FOR THE photographer, the native boys proudly display their morning's haul. During certain seasons, the entire village turns out at night to spear the tropical fish.



## SEABEES IN DARING RESCUE...



SIXTEENTH SEABEES were right on the job at Nukufetau when the pilot and crew of a Navy SBD crash landed in the ocean. Early arrivals are shown approaching the treacherous reef in an effort to spot the unfortunate airmen.



ARRIVING AT THE REEF where surging waves roll in more than six feet high, members of the rescue party are forced to turn back. The pilot has been spotted and the party is standing by to render assistance.



COMING INTO VIEW for the first time, the pilot of the ill-fated aircraft is shown at extreme left. Crashes of this type were rare at Island "X" but Sixteenth Seabees were usually on the spot to avert possible loss of life.



EXHAUSTED AND SUFFERING slight shock, the pilot is carried to shore by Seabee stretcher bearers. Air corpsmen hold Seabees in high esteem and have expressed amazement more than once over the way Seabees hack out airfields in jungles.

Some months later, Sixteenth Seabees at Nukufetau rescued a fighter pilot who ground looped and turned upside down in a taro patch. When found his head was in a foot of mud and water.

Sixteenth Seabees on Nanumea meanwhile effected a similar rescue when a crippled Liberator crashed on the reef after limping home from a daring raid over Tarawa more than 200 miles away. Wounded and suffering severe shock, the entire bomber crew, save one, was assisted safely to shore by fearless Seabees. One badly wounded member of the crew was dashed to his death on the reef before the very eyes of willing but helpless Seabees.



FRESH FROM MILADY'S island milliner, the gay Siva-Siva frocks and chic chapeaus adorning the attractive Pacific isle beauties are the very latest in mid-summer tropical wear. The fine coral rock face powder, introduced for the first time by model Sepoima at left, is used for formal occasions only.





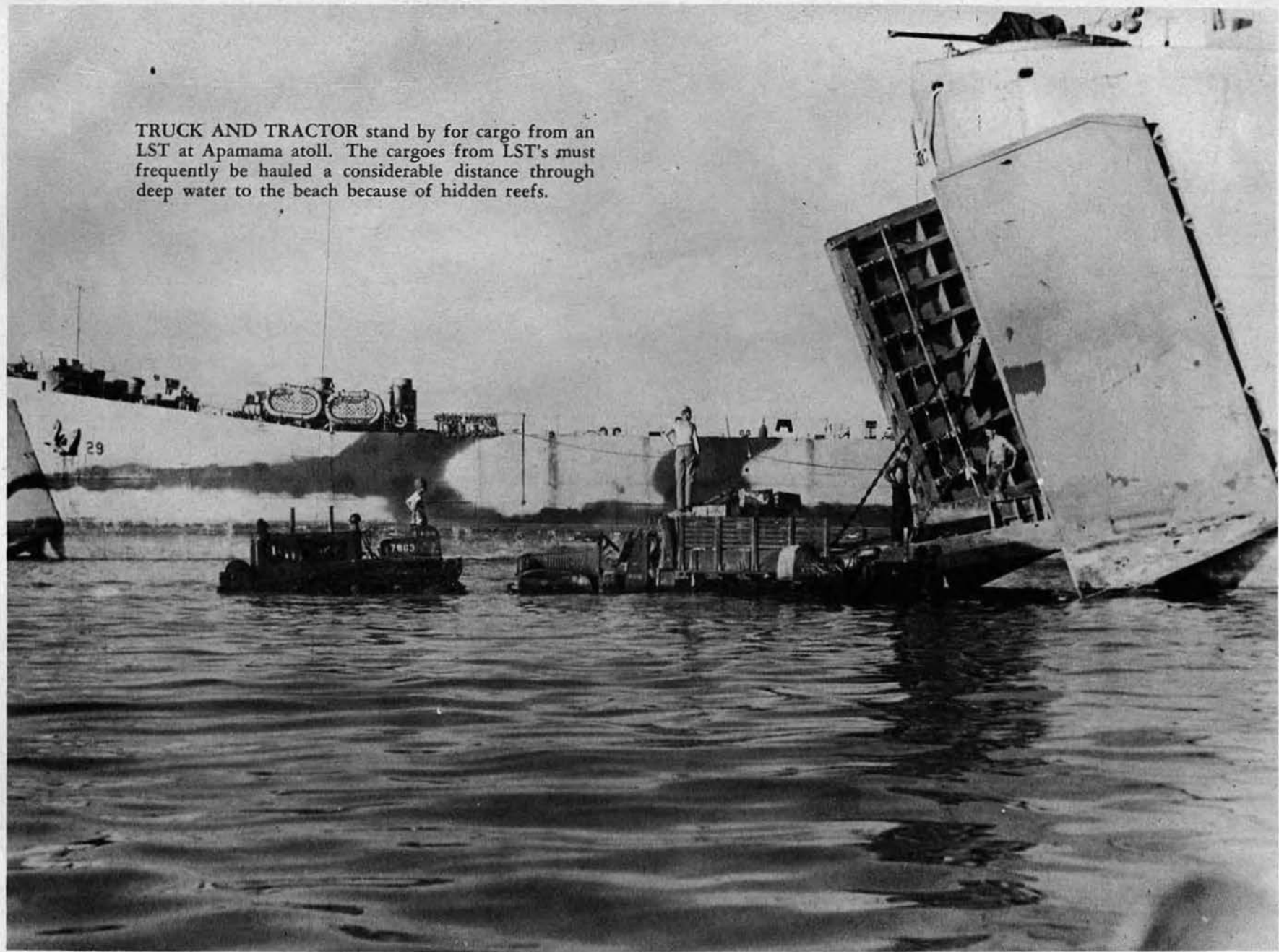
**BUILDINGS ON THE WHARF** on Butaritari Island, Makin Atoll, after being leveled by aerial bombardment. Sixteenth Seabees performed construction miracles on this island as well as Tarawa, erecting vitally necessary fuel storage tanks, plus speedy repairs to the airstrip.



WORKING SIDE BY SIDE, Marines and Seabees roll drums of gasoline and fuel oil through the water at Apamama, another atoll in the Gilberts. A small detachment of Sixteenth Seabees delivered another rush order on this tiny island by completing repairs and installations in record time.



TRUCK AND TRACTOR stand by for cargo from an LST at Apamama atoll. The cargoes from LST's must frequently be hauled a considerable distance through deep water to the beach because of hidden reefs.





SMOKE AND DEBRIS FLY into the air as Marines use dynamite to blast a Jap snipers' pillbox in the cleaning up operations on Tarawa. At another end of the island, Seabees were busily engaged in repairing the bomb-gutted airfield.



THIS IS A VIEW of Tarawa looking toward the airfield. Palm trees have been shattered by the heavy bombardment by naval craft and aircraft. Bulldozers, with Sixteenth Seabees at the controls, were invaluable in restoring the island to a major operating base.





WITH THE PROTECTION of heavy concrete and mesh steel, the Japs counted heavily upon guns of this type to stave off invaders at Tarawa. One direct hit from a naval craft, plus heavy bombardment from the air sealed its doom as a military weapon.





NOT MUCH IS LEFT of this Jap plane found demolished on the airfield at Tarawa. Terrific bombardment that preceded capture of Tarawa wrecked many aircraft on the air strip.

THIS IS ONE of the heavy turret type guns used by the Japs to defend Tarawa. It was put out of action during the early stages of the engagement. The body of a Jap can be seen outside the hole in the riddled concrete block house.





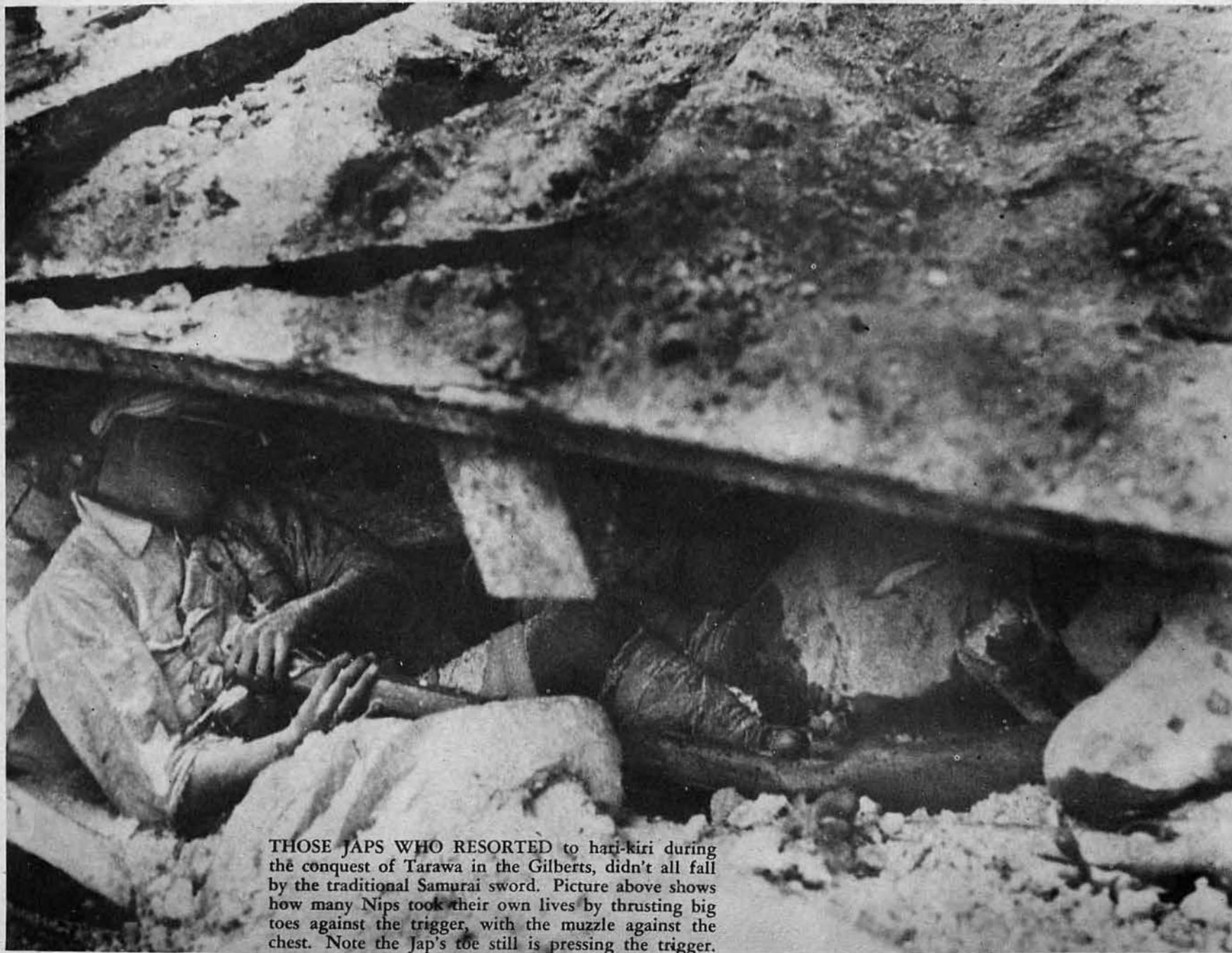
IN THE EARLY STAGES, immediately following the bloody campaign, Sixteenth Seabees and Marines shared the bomb shattered camp area.





MARINE PRIVATE STANDS over Jap sniper who crossed his peep sight during the first day of battle on Tarawa atoll. Another dead Nip warrior can be seen in the same ditch near the sniper.





THOSE JAPS WHO RESORTED to hari-kiri during the conquest of Tarawa in the Gilberts, didn't all fall by the traditional Samurai sword. Picture above shows how many Nips took their own lives by thrusting big toes against the trigger, with the muzzle against the chest. Note the Jap's toe still is pressing the trigger.

# 1 Seabee Song

We're the Seabees of the Navy,  
We can build and we can fight,  
We'll pave the way to victory,  
And guard it day and night.

And we promise that we'll remember  
The Seventh of December.  
We're the Seabees of the Navy  
Bees of the Seven Seas. . . (Interlude) . .

The Navy wanted men,  
That's why we came in,  
Mister Brown and Mister Jones,  
The Owens and the Cohens and Flynn.  
The Navy wanted more  
Of Uncle Sammy's kin,  
So we all joined up,  
And brother, we're in to win.



With best regards and highest  
appreciations to the Sixteenth  
Naval Construction Battalion  
from the USS Pensacola.

R. S. Dees,  
Captain, U.S. Navy

