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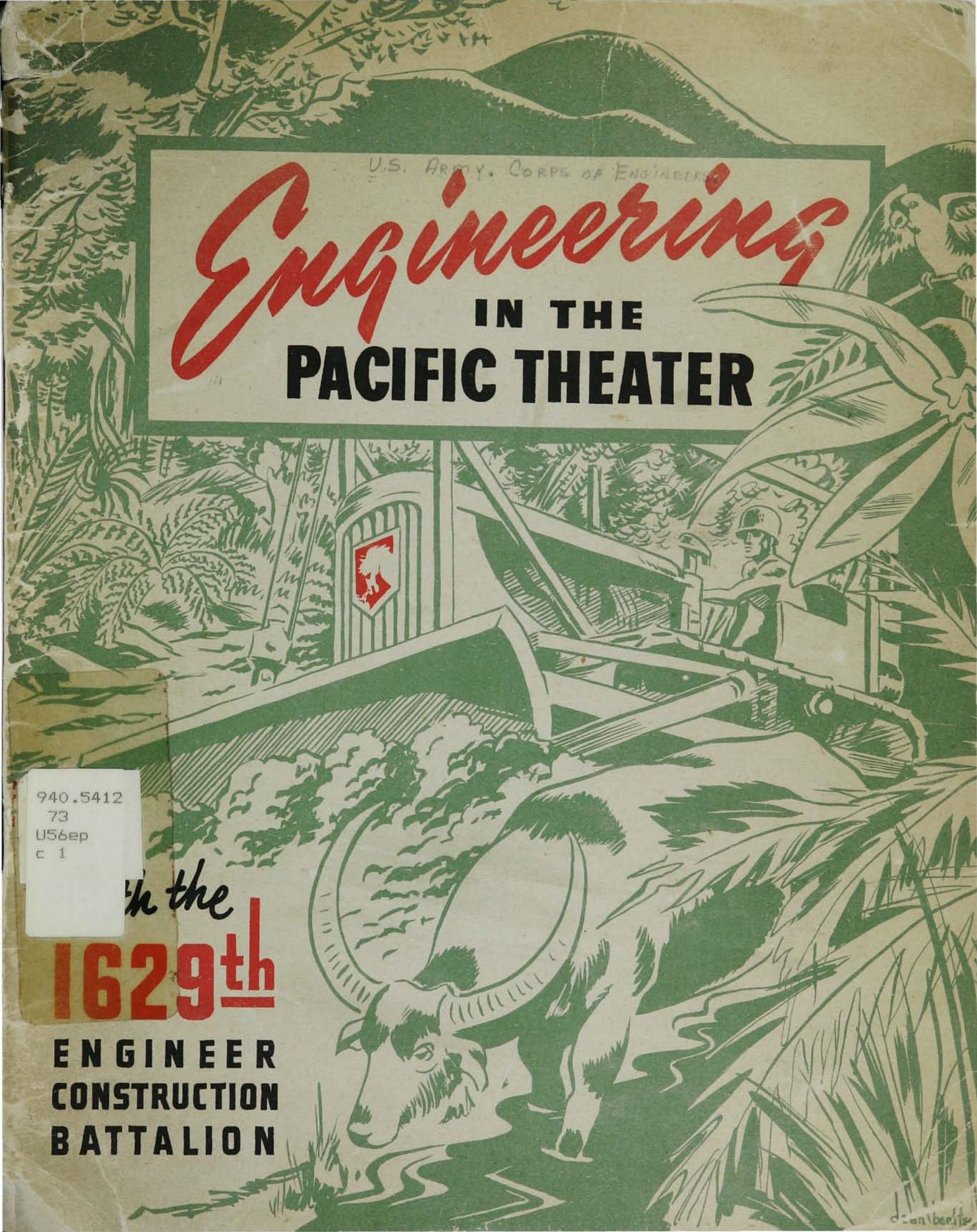
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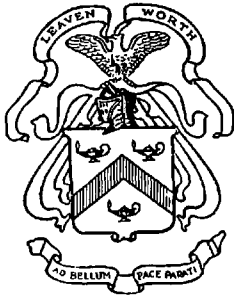
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# History of 1629<sup>th</sup> ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

In preparing this book we have in a small way attempted to present a personalized history of our Battalion.

## Battalion Insigne



“THE SNORTING HORSE”  
Horsepower—Horse Sense  
Workhorse of  
Luzon and Honshu

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# Prologue

## ORDERS



THE 1629th Engineer Construction Battalion, along with a number of other construction battalions, was organized for the purpose of furnishing support to combat operations in all theaters of war. In the zone of communications, temporary landing strips for bombers, warehouses for medical, quartermaster, and ordnance supplies, and many roads and docks had to be built to keep the materiel moving to the front, also, facilities had to be enlarged to handle the ever increasing flow of troops and equipment.

The need for construction engineers was deemed so great that in the summer of 1944 the Corps of Engineers was given top priority among all non-combatant units. Men were called from all components of the army. Men from the Military Police, Ordnance Department, Signal Corps, Field Artillery, Medical Corps, and from the Combat Engineers, as well as from Engineer basic training battalions, were transferred from their outfits and shipped to Fort Lewis, Washington. Here, most of these newly converted Engineers went through a specialist's school, to better fit them for a specific job in the units to be formed.

On 2 January 1945, the 1629th Engineer Construction Battalion was activated, with Lt. Col. Douglas A. McKenzie, commanding.

10 March 1945 was to be the readiness date for the battalion. Therefore, training problems had to be quickly ironed out.

That short ten-week period had to suffice to bring each man's



training and qualifications to the minimum standards set by the War Department for Overseas Movement. Men were required to fire the M-1 rifle for record, throw hand grenades, fire the bazooka, water cooled 30 cal. machine gun, rifle grenades, and in general, learn to handle the various weapons with which the battalion was armed. The machine gun ranges at Yakima were used to train men on the 50 cal. air-cooled machine gun for anti-aircraft firing. Training films, reading of the required Articles of War, morality and sex lectures, camouflage training, and POE furloughs, were all crowded into the busy days that followed.

Then the battalion, on a four week unit training problem, had to prove its capabilities in the field. For the first four days



we functioned under combat conditions in an area known as Harris Woods, a thirteen mile hike from North Fort Lewis. Few construction assignments were handled there, but we did have our first experiences with simulated combat conditions. At the close of the four day period we put our camp on our collective backs and hiked to our new bivouac site at McChord Field. Here, we finally got a chance to demonstrate how well we could do a job of construction.

An emergency air strip, 6000 feet long, quickly took shape, with outstanding work being done by the surveyors, the demolition crews, and all the heavy equipment men. A stretch of road was widened, straightened, and graded. A handball court was added to the Field gymnasium. A crash station



was added to the buildings on McChord Field landing strip. At the same time "B" and "C" Companies alternated at the forestry fire road project at Porter. The greatest hindrance to the completion of all our projects on schedule was our inability to procure enough equipment to do the job. On February 15th Lt. Col. Wilbur Corkran relieved Col. McKenzie as Battalion Commander. We hiked back to North Fort Lewis on February 22nd.

We were brought back to McChord Field on 1 March 1945. This was a welcome move. We were given more and better equipment so that we could finish the job on which we had made such a grand beginning. This time, however, we lived not in pup tents, but in garrison barracks.

On March 8th our alert order was published, and our readiness date was changed to April 17th. Several new projects were undertaken. Timber was cleared from our former bivouac area, and a building that had been partially destroyed by fire was rebuilt. Carpenters and electricians were sent to Baker Docks and the AAF Intransit Depot #1 in Tacoma to perform a number of greatly needed improvements. The work accomplished by our men on this assignment was highly commended by officials in charge of these installations. On March 17th we went back to North Fort Lewis to begin our final ETS problem.

In five days three wards of a hospital were erected, complete with access roads and a spur line railroad. Each of the letter companies erected one ward of the hospital. H&S Company handled the surveying, road building, and the electrical work. We also operated our own gravel pit, which supplied the road building necessities. This test problem was ended on March 21st.

With the completion of our training program the job of packing and crating battalion property for our movement overseas was the primary task. Shakedown inspections of each man's clothing and equipment were made to determine their combat serviceability. We still had a few days to spare, some of us were granted additional three day passes.

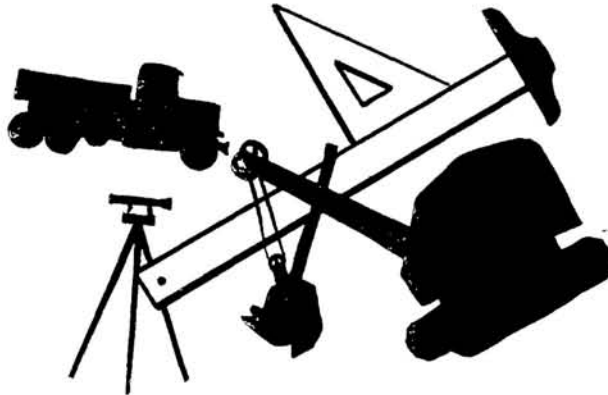
Major J. L. Rogers assumed command of the battalion just prior to our movement from Ft. Lewis.

At 1700 on 17 April 1945, the 1629th departed North Fort Lewis on two troop trains, enroute to Camp Stoneman, California. Thirty-three hours later we were lined up outside

the dispensary at Camp Stoneman, waiting to get our first series of disease preventive shots to protect us while in the tropics.

At Camp Stoneman we were advised to raise our insurance policy to the maximum of \$ 10,000, and to allot most of our pay to our wives or families. We completed our series of shots on April 25th.

On the morning of April 26th, the battalion departed from Camp Stoneman, bound for San Francisco and a troopship. We were finally on our way to the wars.



## My Darling—

AT SEA—  
April 26th

We're on our way at last! We left Camp Stoneman and its famed "Burma Road" behind us at eight o'clock this morning. The first lap of our journey was a hike from camp to the dock in Pittsburg, California, where we boarded the SS Catalina for the short run up to San Francisco.

Upon reaching port there we spent just enough time on the dock to be visited by the Red Cross ladies with their never more welcome coffee and doughnuts. Then it was time to leave. We hoisted our duffle bags to our shoulders, shouted our name at the checking officer and climbed the gangplank to the deck of the SS Robin Doncaster.

Shortly after seven o'clock we shoved off. We had a send-off from an army band, too, honey. Nothin's too good for us. At 1935 hours we passed under the Golden Gate Bridge and our pay took a 20 per cent jump. I don't know about the rest of the guys, but I had trouble swallowing the lump in my throat, and I couldn't help wondering how long it would be before I'd be passing under that bridge again, headed the other way. Most of us stayed "top-side" (that's Navy talk) until it was too dark to see the shore line any longer.

Our first night at sea was rough! A lot of us got sick in a hurry. Your landlubber fella was one of the first. And our distress made a lot of other guys green around the gills too. But everyone managed to survive the night, and by morning we were all able to sit up and take a little nourishment.

April 30th

Pay day! Plenty of poker and crap games going on today. In fact, there was so much gambling that the troop commander put the kibosh on that kind of entertainment for the rest of the voyage. Our ship broke down today and we floundered, listing badly to the port side.

May 2nd

A Navy tug came alongside and took on the job of towing us to port. Two sub chasers gave us protection and we altered our course toward Hawaii.

May 7th

Germany surrenders! War ends in Europe!! 1629th arrives at Pearl Harbor! What a day for the Allies! Tonight we had movies on deck. It was great to have lights around us at night after eleven nights of blackout. A special VE Day issue of "Cruise News", our daily ship's paper, will keep the day in our memory.

May 10th

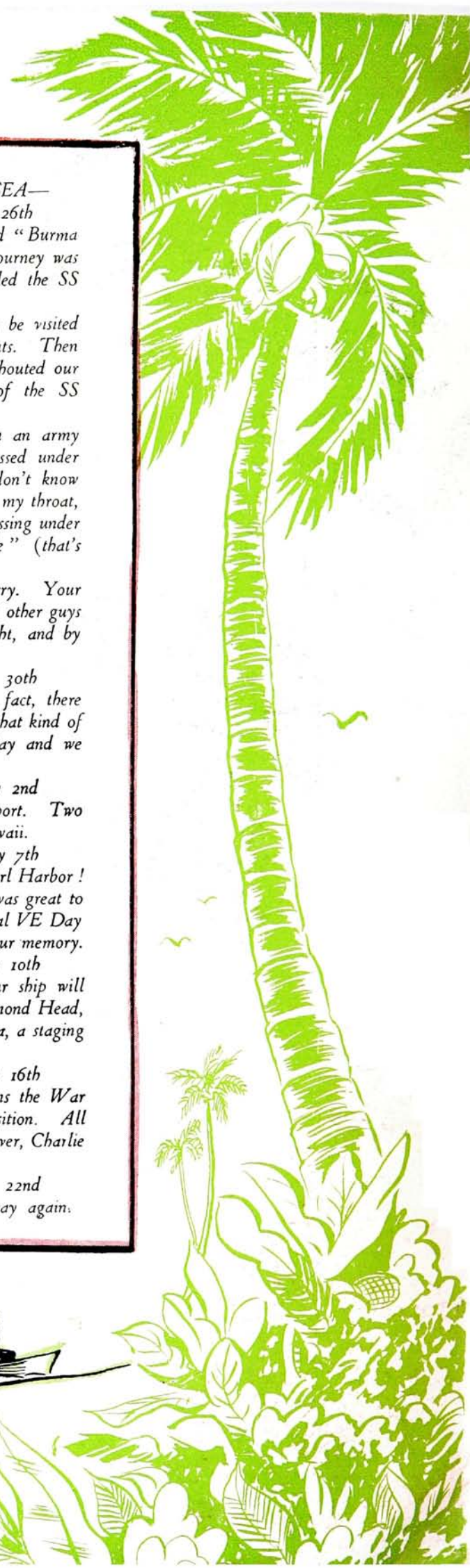
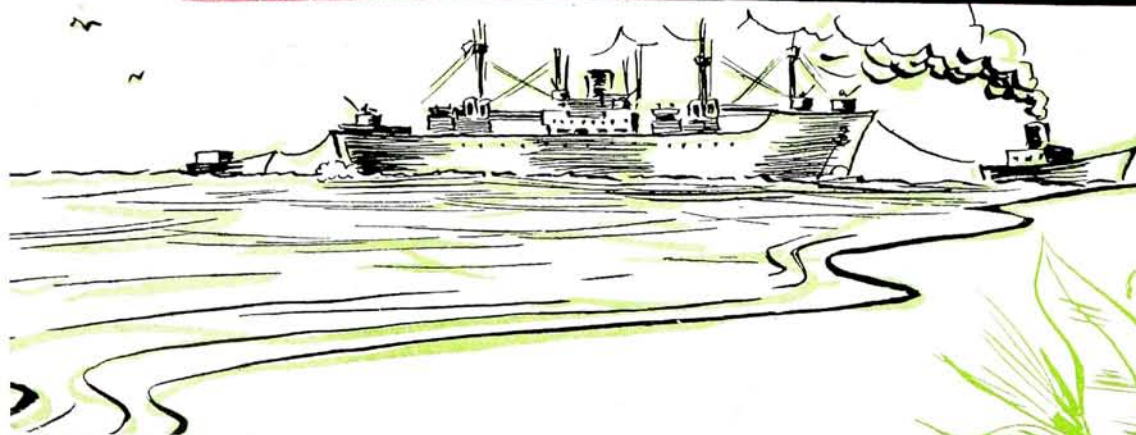
This morning we came ashore at Pearl Harbor. Repairs on our ship will take some time, and in the meantime we'll vacation at Waikiki, Diamond Head, and other places we've only read about 'til now. We camped at Aiea, a staging area just a short distance from Honolulu.

May 16th

Did I say "vacationed"? We're right back in training. It seems the War Department has dreamed up a new way of assaulting an enemy position. All morning long the drill field echoed with cries of, "Able here, Baker cover, Charlie follow me". And it's 110 in the shade here, with no shade!

May 22nd

The good ship Robin is all patched up so we must be on our way again.



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# EXTRA

## CRUISE NEWS

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### EISENHOWER CONFIRMS GERMAN SURRENDER

# GERMANY Surrenders

Five years, 8 months and six days of the bloodiest war in world history came to an end today at General Eisenhower's Headquarters at Rhims, France.

Colonel General Gustof Jobl, Chief of Staff for the German Army surrendered the Reich unconditionally to the Western Allies and Russia.

Surrender came at 8:41 PM Eastern War Time or 3:41 PM Hawaiian time today.

Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz ordered the capitulation of all fighting forces and called off the U-Boat war.

Isolated pockets of resistance were still reported to be holding out but it is believed this is due to the failure of the surrender order to reach all German forces still fighting.

The greatest, bloodiest, costliest war in human history that began when Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939 came to an end today after 2,319 days of barbaric ferocity.

Estimates place casualties, killed, wounded and captured at 40,000,000.

Surrender pact was signed for the Allies by Lieutenant General Walter Bedell Smith, Chief of Staff for General Eisenhower; General Ivan Susloparoff for Russia, and General Francois Sever for France.

America greeted the announcement of Germany's Unconditional Surrender with a mixture of emotions. Gaiety, solemn prayer in streets, and a feeling of excitement swept from coast to coast. People did not wait for official announcement. People shrank in the streets. A snow storm of waste paper was in Washington, President Osmaena of the P... er a decisive step along the road to fi... emphatic that the United Nations tely crushed.

JOHNSON ISLAND

ENIWETOK

May 31st  
This afternoon we dropped anchor off Eniwetok, one of the atolls in the Marshalls. Sure have a flock of ships at the anchorage here. It seems there are more vessels here than at Pearl Harbor. The island itself is barren. What a battle there must have been here.

June 5th  
In the dead of night we passed quietly between the islands of Yap and Truk, a pair of Jap-held islands. The passing was made without incident.

June 6th  
At ten this morning we entered the anchorage off the isle of Ulithi, in the Carolines. The number of vessels at anchor here made Eniwetok look like a small harbor in comparison. We saw ships as far as the eye could see.

June 7th  
Left Ulithi today in a convoy of twelve transports. We had the last of our boxing shows on deck today too. We had a swell card, the bouts lasting all afternoon. I dropped five bucks betting on the wrong man. At evening chow we took our first atabrine tablet. That's to suppress symptoms of malaria.

June 10th  
We're in the Philippines, honey. Guess that's our destination all right. As this is probably our last Sunday aboard ship, our Chaplain held communion services this morning. That's something I'll not forget. All those GI's sharing communion on number three hatch of the Doncaster. The first island we sighted was Samar. Later in the day we passed Leyte, where several of the other ships left our convoy.

June 12th  
Our long voyage came to an end today, honey. Shortly after sunup we sailed by Corregidor and the Bataan peninsula. We entered the harbor of Manila at 10 AM. The harbor was littered with ships that had been sunk. We could see the larger buildings of downtown Manila, but they were just shells, ravaged by bombs and fire.

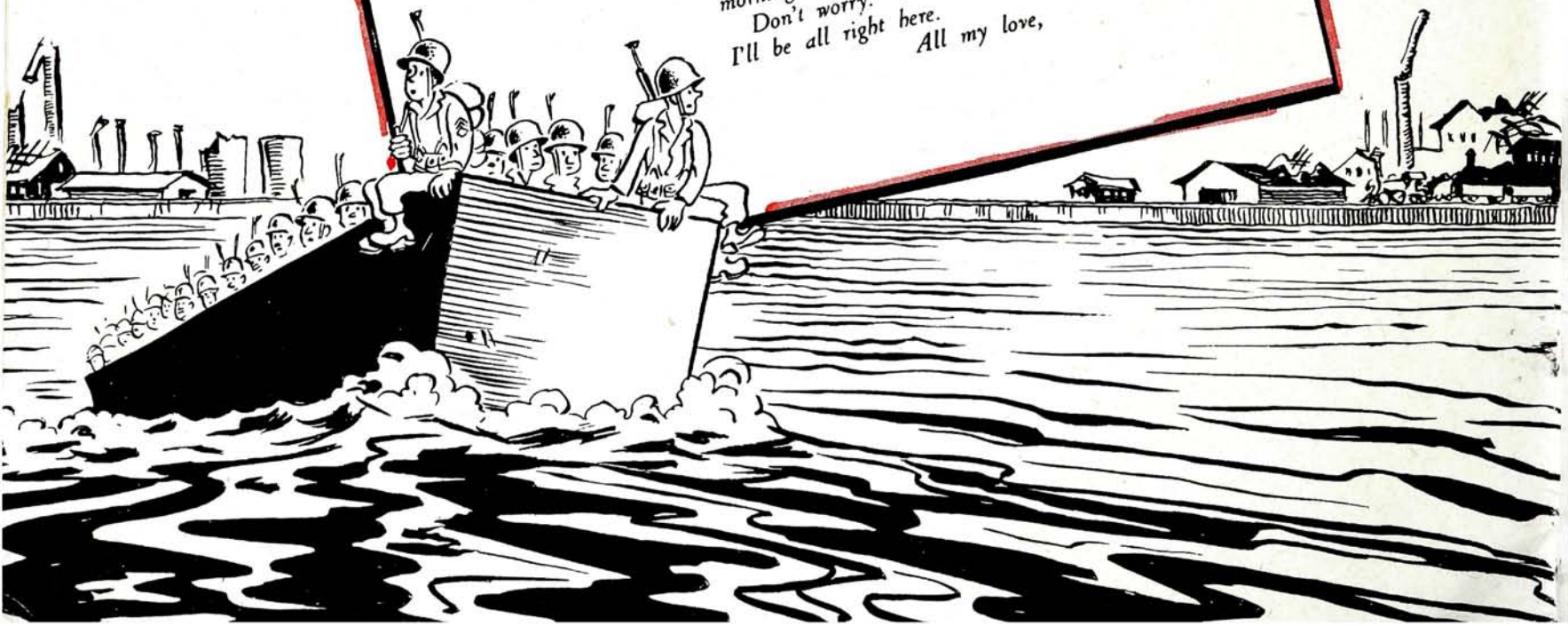
June 13th  
This morning we came ashore.  
As I look back on it now, honey, it was a pretty nice trip. A guy gets to know his buddies when he sleeps alongside them on deck under the stars for seven weeks. And we had lots of things to keep our minds off ourselves and our homes. Movies in the troop mess, jam sessions at dusk, our daily paper, setting-up exercises in the morning, singing of hymns at morning, and many others.  
Don't worry. These are friendly people. And I'll be all right here.  
All my love,

ULITHI

YAP

TRUK

MANILA



*U.S.A.T.*  
*"Robin Goin' Down Faster"*

NEPTUNE'S STEPCHILD

When veterans tell of an Iwo attack  
Or boast of Okinawa's deadly flak  
Top their tales—with one bolder, vaster—  
Your harrowing cruise on the Robin Doncaster.

Tell of privations—and the perilous course  
Of the steadfast, dauntless, one ship task force  
That boldly sallied (under tow) to the fray  
At seventeen knots—no less (per day)  
While tyrannies tumbled in fields afar,  
She roamed the Pacific, in search of the war.

That hull of a ship, scorner of disaster,  
The glorious, battling, Robin Doncaster.  
Let no man deride, belittle, or mock her,  
This proud refugee from Davy Jones' Locker.

— T/5 EDWARD BAYER —

# So...THIS IS IT!

THE Battalion debarked from the SS Robin Doncaster in landing craft on June 13th, 1945 in Manila Bay. It was a bright, hot day, and they packed us into the craft until we were riding on the boat's sides. By the time we unloaded at the North Harbor Pier everyone was dripping with perspiration.

Here we were, finally on the Philippine Islands.—What did the future hold for us?

The open gondola type car we loaded on was narrow gauge, and reminded us of the "Toonerville Trolley" comic strip. As we entered Manila, the Filipinos welcomed us with smiles and shouts of "Got cigarette, Joe?" and "Victory Joe!" with appropriate hand signals. Here were the marks of warfare that we had only read and heard about, and it wasn't a pretty sight.

We unloaded from the train at the Calle Samson crossing and fell into battalion formation to march to our bivouac area. Most everyone agreed that it was one of the roughest hikes we ever made, especially after loafing so long aboard ship. Full field pack in the hot noonday sun and the pace was well over 106. It finally ended in the middle of a rice paddy with a sigh of relief, as we took off our packs.

## "Gypsy Camp"



After a lunch of "K" rations we laid out our bivouac area. We had mail call, the first since we embarked at San Francisco (a most welcome formation.) We had a few scares during our stay by Japs infiltrating the front lines that were only seven miles away at the time. They didn't bother us in our area but several were captured and killed in our vicinity. At night we could hear artillery fire in the distance blasting Japs out of their caves in the hills.

## "The Death March"



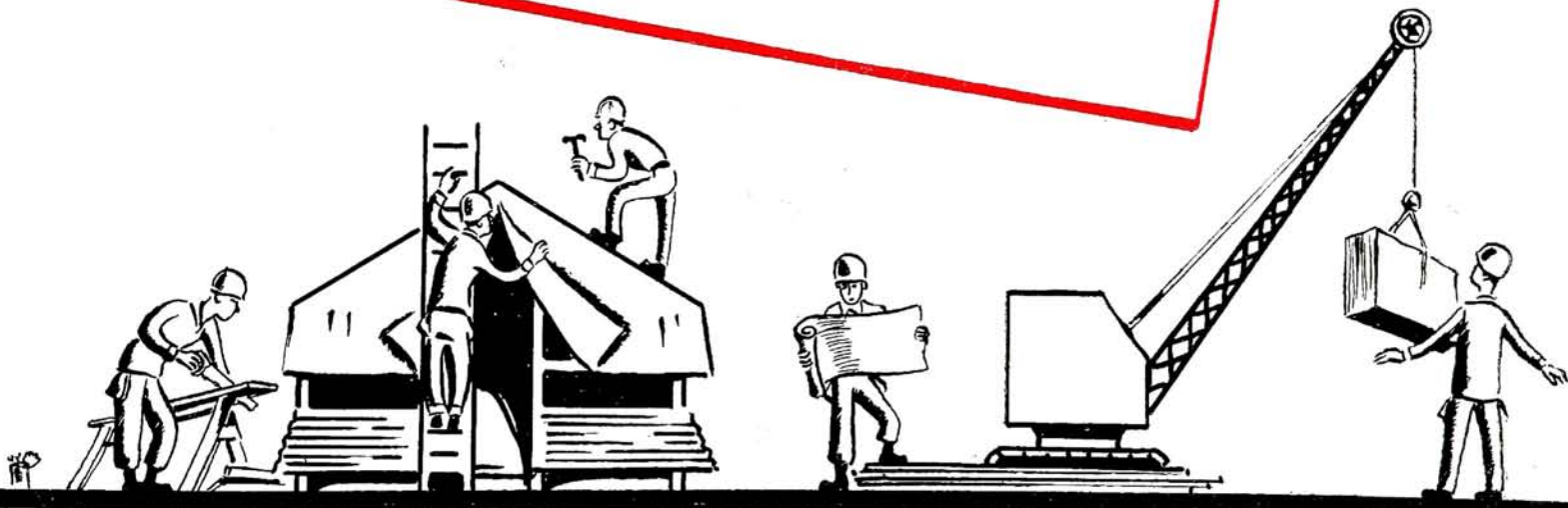
There wasn't much activity during our stay at Grace Park because we had to wait to draw vehicles and unload our "TAT" equipment from the ship. Finally word came that we had been assigned a permanent site and we moved to the Quezon City area.

# Dear Mom & Dad-

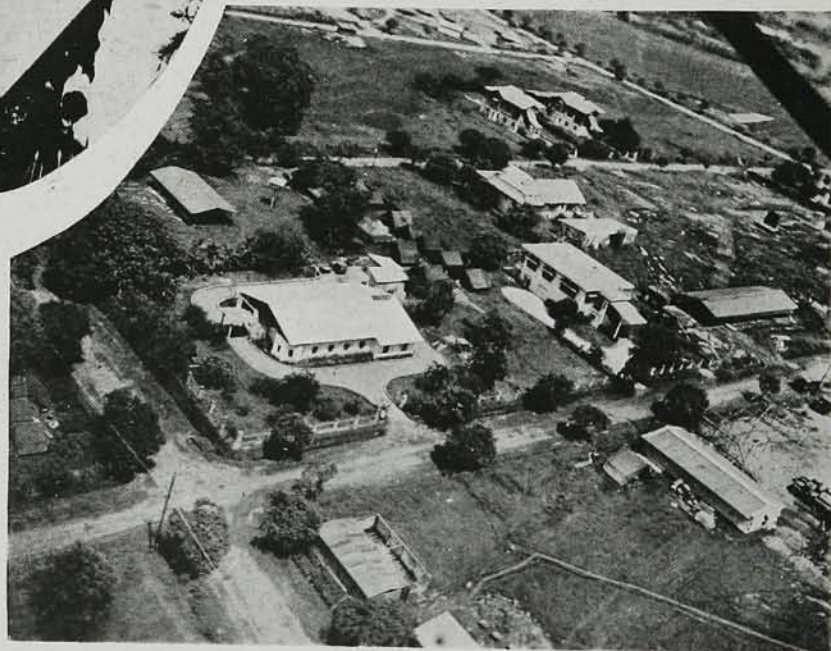
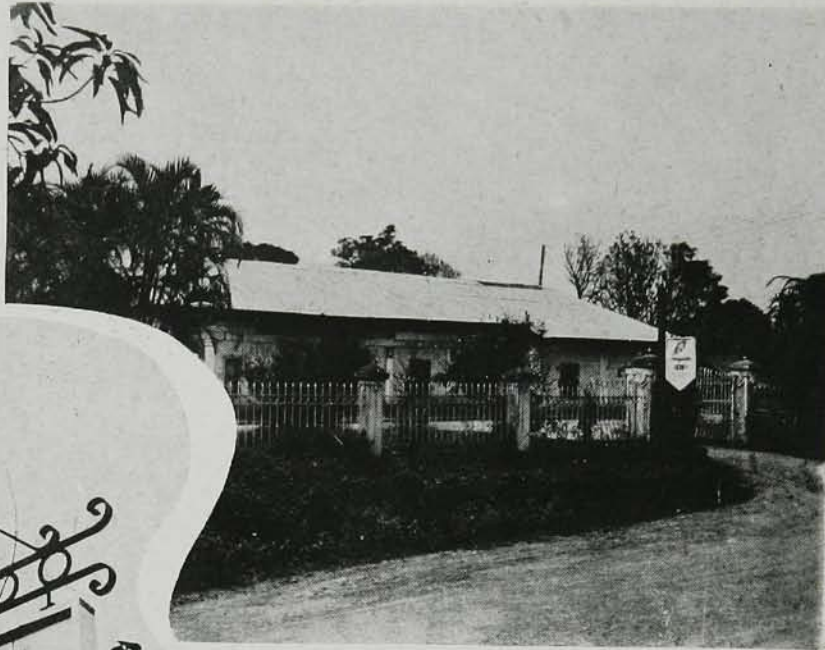
What a relief to get out of that rice paddy and into our new area. We are now in Quezon City, a new suburb of Manila. It was a nice residential district before the war, but the Japs blew up quite a few of the homes. We are well set up and you can quit worrying about how I'm living now.

We no longer eat "K" rations. Instead, we have our own mess halls and the food is pretty good. Of course, I'd much rather be home packin' away the stuff you put out. We have a battalion aid station where the Medics have a swell place to take care of us in case we get sick. Our Chaplain has a service for us every Sunday and it seems to add a little touch of home. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday nights we have free movies, and they show a lot of pictures before you see them at home. The PX is set up now and we are able to buy our odds and ends. They get us a case of beer and four cartons of cigarettes a month for only \$4.40. Since we got here we have been terribly busy building our area, un-packing equipment, and getting in new stuff. It has been an awful lot of work. Now that we have been assigned a job we know that we are doing something in this war.

Glad to hear that you and Dad are doing so well—



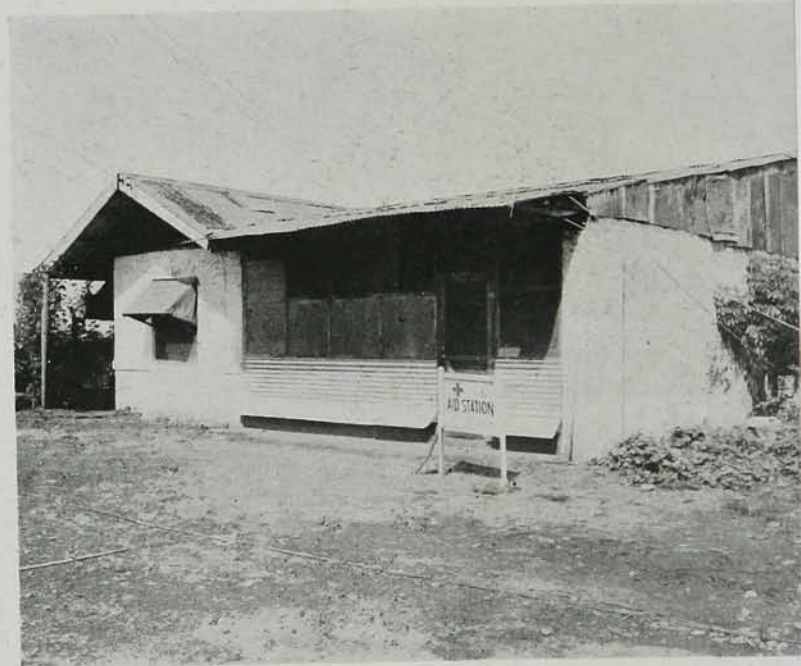
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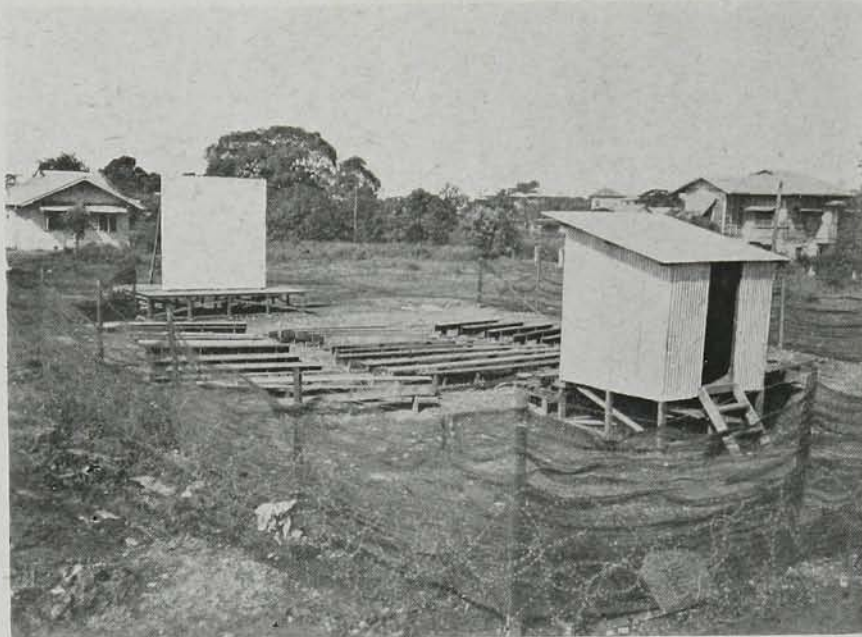


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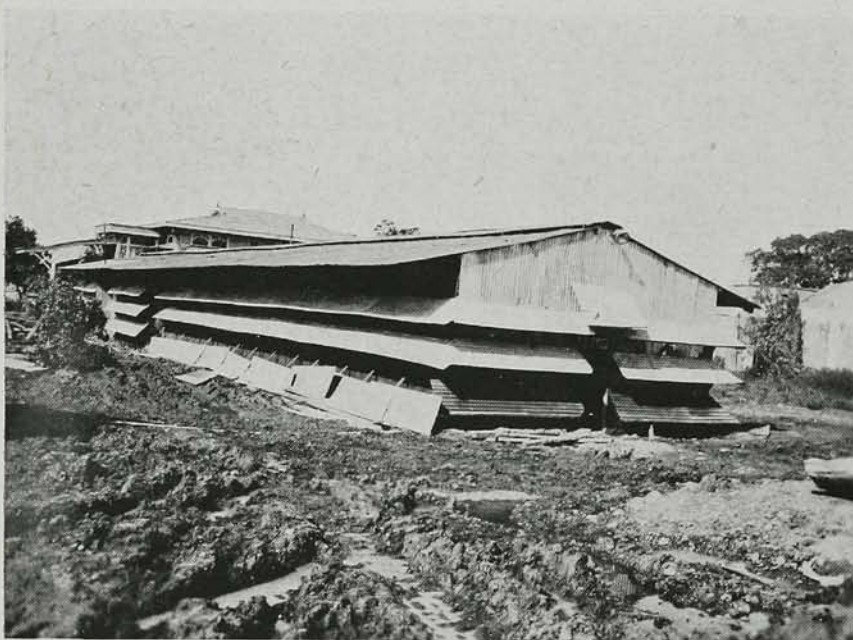


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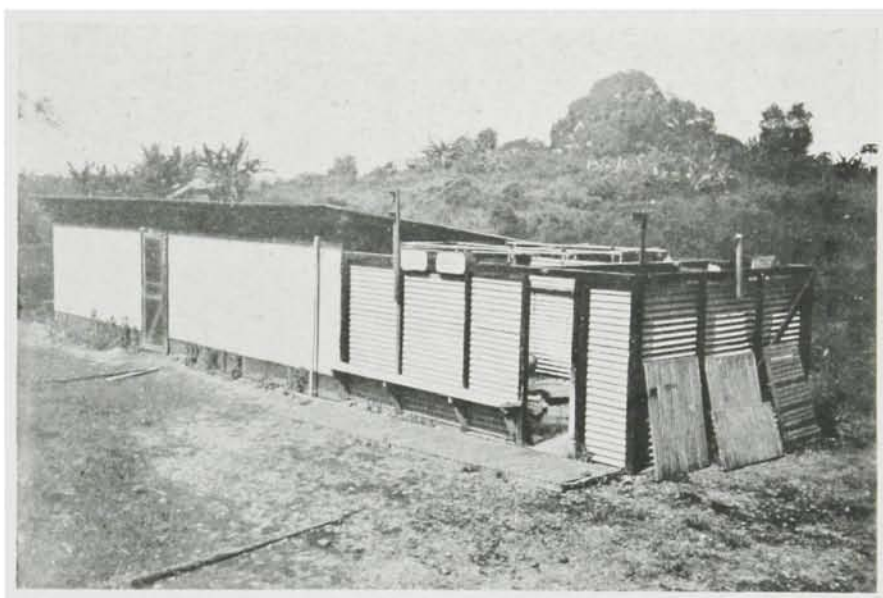


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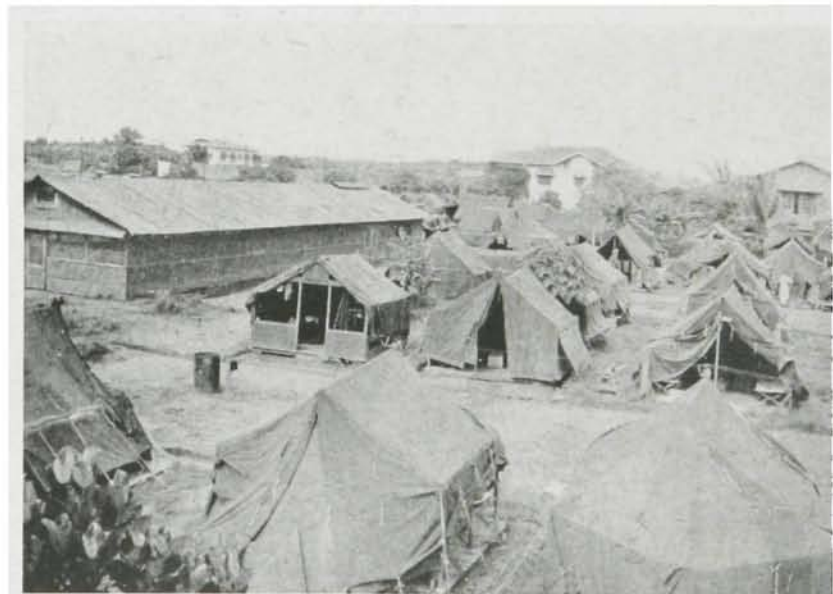
Section of Heavy Equipment area, Quezon City, Philippines



"B" company showers and latrine



"C" company orderly room and camp

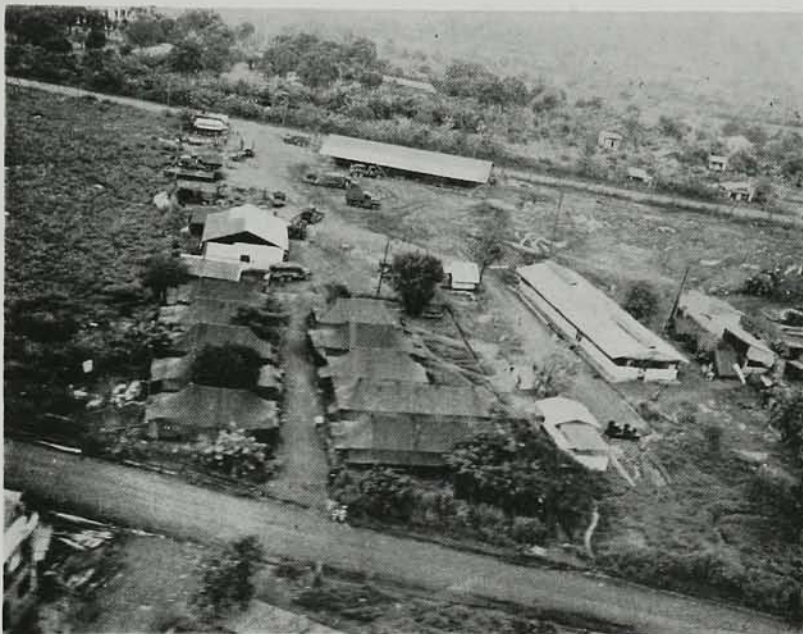


"A" Company mess hall and camp



Bn. Hq. installations, Quezon City

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H & S camp, Manila Heights



"C" Co. camp, Quezon City

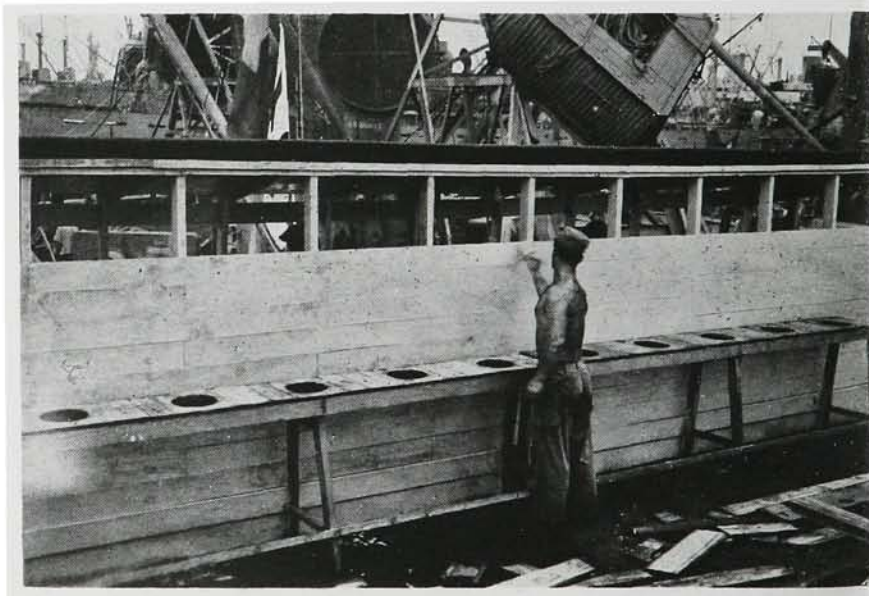
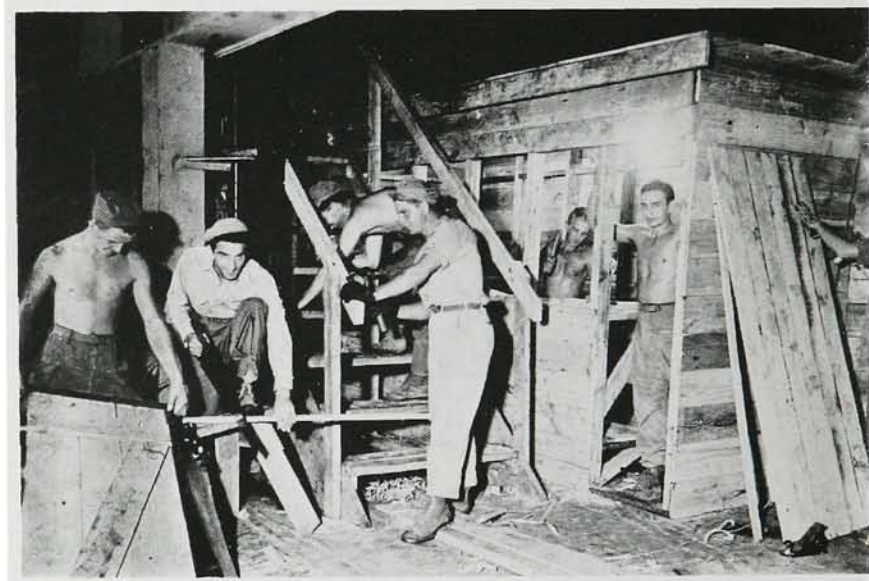
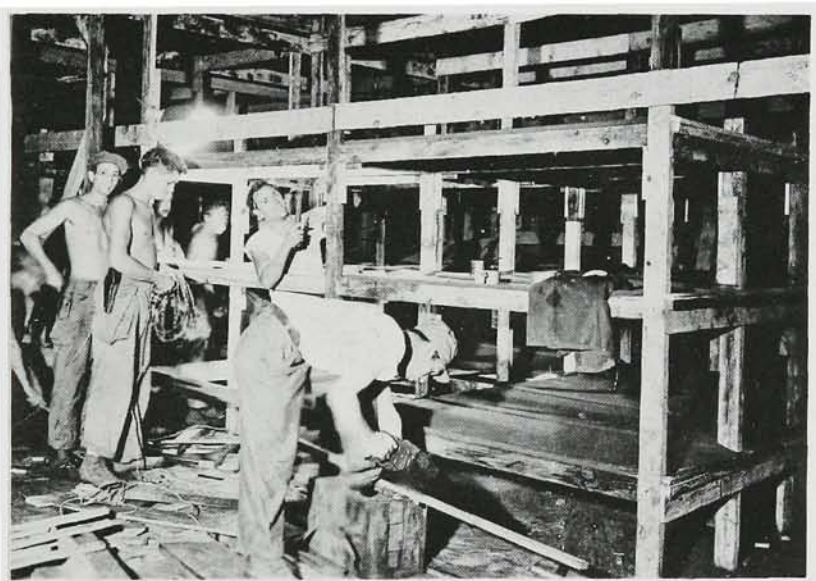
# 1629th Engineers Convert Liberty In Record Time

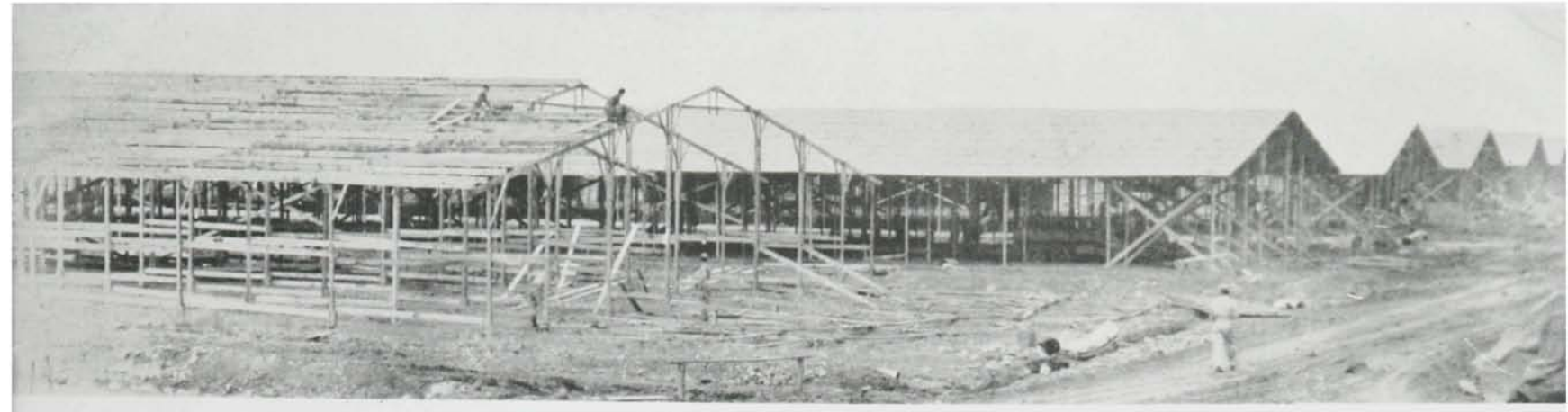
MANILA — The several hundred GIs who travel home aboard the SS *Carole Lombard* can thank the 1629th Engr. Const. Bn., commanded by Capt. S. J. Wells.

After the men in this outfit heard that Liberty ships could be converted into troop ships, 800 of them volunteered to work on the *Lombard*. With around-the-clock, seven-hour shifts they finished the job in a record 72 hours.

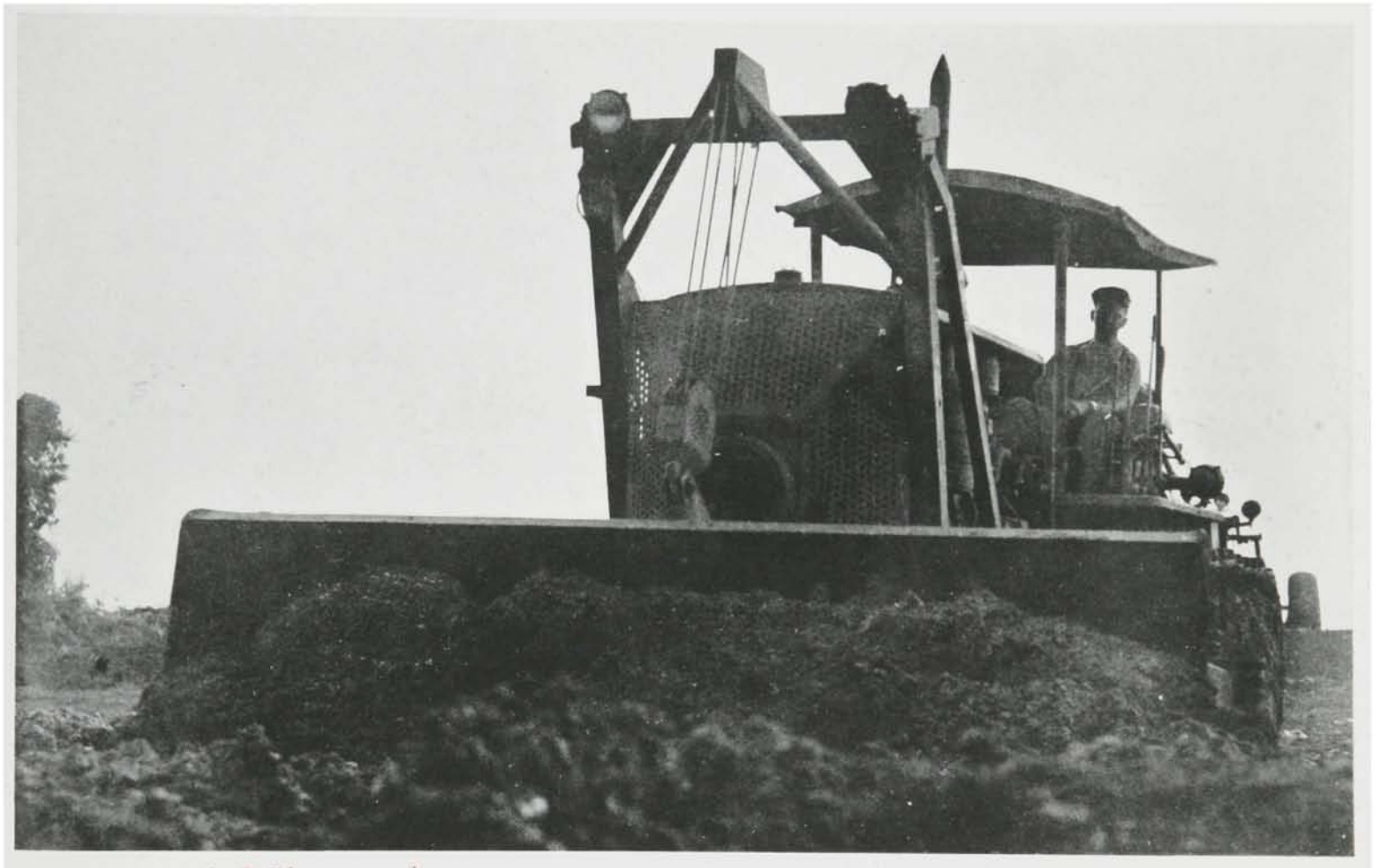
The unit came to Manila last May and engaged in warehouse construction. After finishing that assignment they were placed on the waiting list to join the 8th Army in Tokyo for occupation duty. It was then that they decided to do something about the plight of the veterans crowded in replacement depots for lack of shipping space.

Those who have seen the *Carole Lombard* say it is even better than the SS *Otto Mears*, first ship to be fitted here with troop accommodations.





Converting Zablan airstrip into "acres of warehouses"



Bulldozer at work

Medical Depot No. 1, Manila



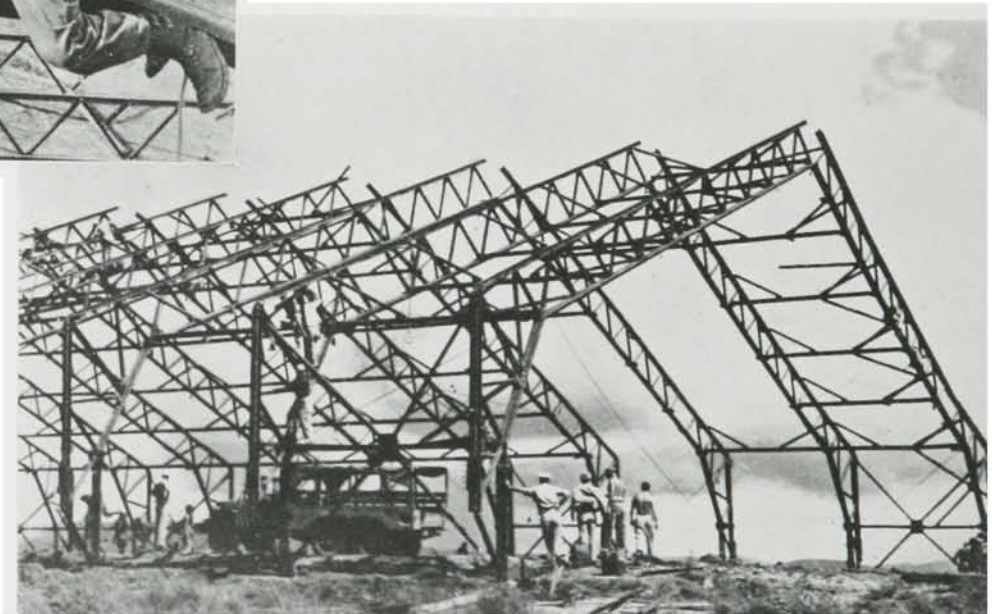


Cranes at work on hangar



Riggers at work on hangar

Partially completed hangar



# OPERATION and FUNCTION

FOR you who understand not the workings of a Construction Battalion, allow me to set before you a simple story of a sample project and how it was accomplished. Truth is stranger than fiction and whereas you may not believe this story, and it is better that you don't, it still could have happened. But my purpose in writing this is not for the sake of fiction, but to tell you about the functioning of an Engineer Construction Battalion.

At 2200, 6 July, a telephone call (they always come at an ungodly hour) was received by the Executive Officer with a verbal order from Colonel ....., Hq USDAKI, one of the thirteen headquarters we are under, to build a latrine. Oh, not an ordinary one for field conditions, but perfectly streamlined, tile floors, flush toilets, etc, etc. Seemed sort of silly, but that's what the Colonel said, and further.....to have project under way by 0700 in the morning. It was, needless to say, for a General's quote *CAMP* unquote.

After the project was explained to the Commanding Officer, who was not too pleased with the assignment, the project was turned over to the Operations Officer, according to code known as S-3. He in turn called forth his section of skilled and semi-skilled designers, who during the dark steaming jungle night produced, before the first faint glimmer of a splendid tropical sunrise, plans and specifications for a latrine to please even the most unpleasant of Generals.

But long before the plans were completed, the efficient supply section (S-4) had obtained through channels and also by means not-so-channel (our usual method) everything necessary for the job. To do this and get results on such short notice is, may I add, a remarkable feat. But the S-4 section does this sort of thing every day and we think nothing of it.

The Operations Officer chose.....Company to do the work, your Company of course, for they always do the best job and this had to be good. Captain..... the Company Commander had also stayed up all night to organize his men, arrange for hot steaming chow in the field, get a Medic lined up in case of accidents, call for the necessary heavy equipment, and to make sure that each and every man was awakened with a cheery "Good morning, time to get up" by the 1st Sergeant.

My aching back, I do wish you could have seen that untouched, untrampled, stinking rice paddy

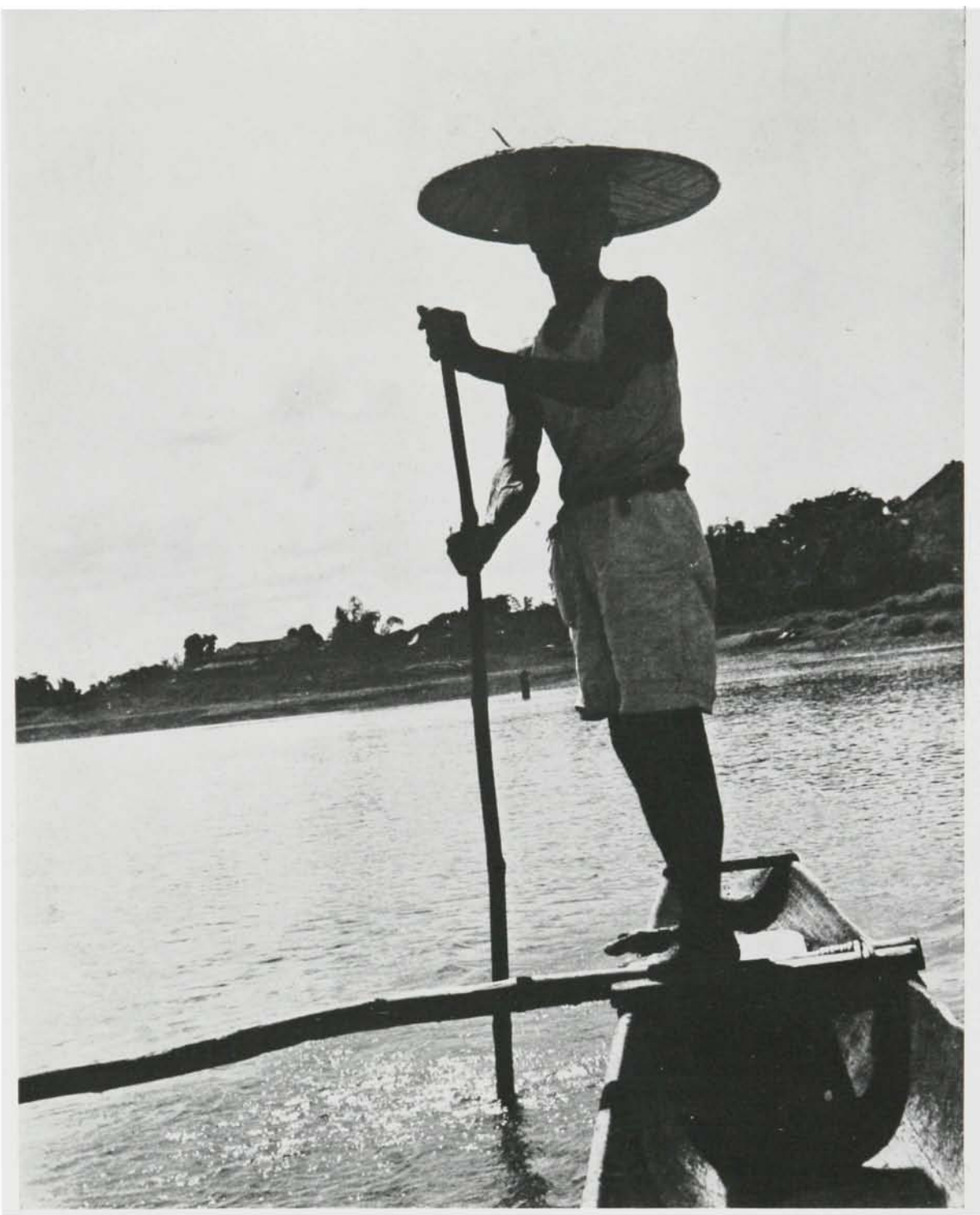
at 0659 on the morning of 7 July. In the near distance could be heard the sound of artillery. All about the site were hordes of Filipino guards to protect the working party, and another equal horde of women selling bananas. And then, before you could drop your hat, a well organized troop of men and equipment had spread over the site like a magic carpet, (1629th of course) and as the synchronized watches of Officers and NCO's landed on 0700, a veritable hum of activity began. The S-3 survey party, running levels like mad (quite mad), convoys of trucks arriving from S-4 with materials, bulldozers, blades, pans, cranes, shovels, cement mixers all were operating in the most efficient manner, and of course not getting in one another's way. Carpenters, plumbers, stone masons, electricians, welders, blacksmiths, and even a photographer from battalion (recording for history, you know) were all showing *such* a fine spirit of cooperation and business-like plying of their trades.

It was a remarkable demonstration of ability, planning, and skill of "closely knit teamwork", and do you know that before 1700 the damn s— house was completed? So you can see from the receipt of that verbal order to the final finished project the smooth and logical flow of the operation of a construction outfit.

But such projects are not without their little accidents and awkward situations. During this day, one man fell off the roof and broke his neck, two men were shot and mortally wounded by Jap snipers, and three men went AWOL. Because of exceptional work, two NCOs were promoted and for the opposite type of work one man was reduced to a buck private. Because the company was three seconds late in getting to work at 1300, the company was restricted for a week and two lieutenants suffered company punishment, all because the "umpty umph" Construction Group's "dog robber" was there and ran and told the Colonel. The company received a letter of commendation for superior work from three headquarters. But the final event happened at exactly 2200 that evening when the same Colonel called again saying he was sorry but there was a slight mistake, and General so-and-so had given him the wrong location. Would we put the latrine at San Juan General's quarters instead of Santa Mesa? And you wonder why we get nervous in the service?



Filipino boatman



Plowing by Caribao-power (the local beast of burden)



Ipo Dam. Manila watershed

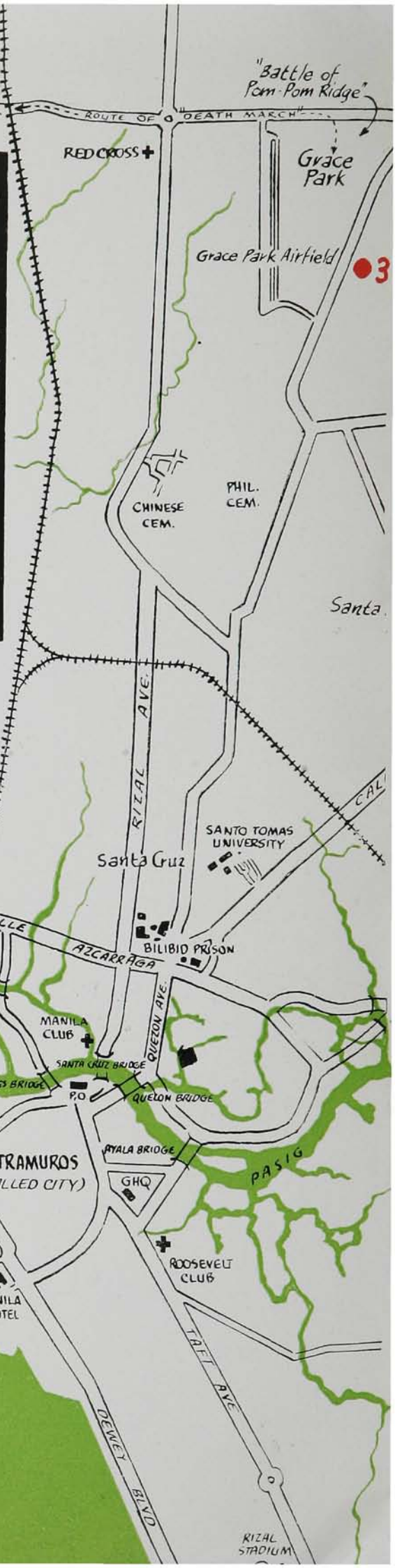
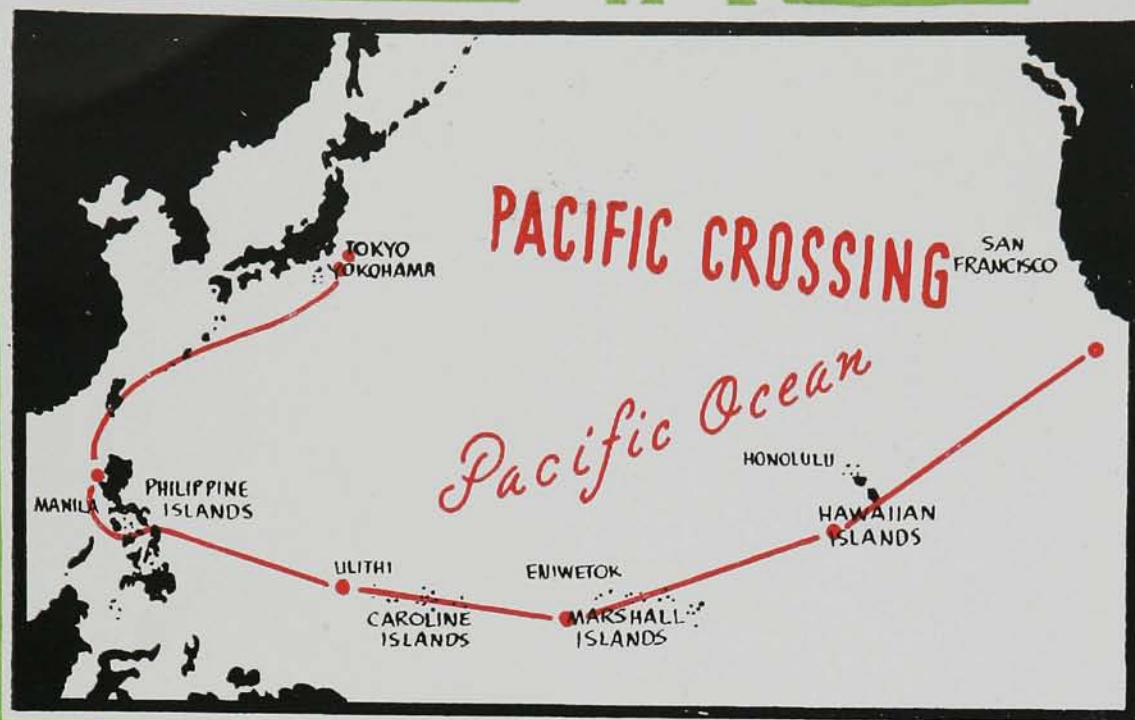


Filipino laundry women delivering  
their hand-beaten river washing



Planting rice on Luzon





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  - 10. QUARRY SITE
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- ROAD MAINTENANCE

MANILA NORTH HARBOR

MANILA SOUTH HARBOR

RIZAL STADIUM



THANKSGIVING DAY, 1945

Around the middle of this year, most of us fellows down here in the Pacific had figured on spending quite a few more months, if not a year or more, on this side of the world. Our assumption was reasonable, we thought, for even though our forces were moving steadily toward Japan, there were many obstacles yet to be overcome. Namely, the Kamikaze, the Jap holdouts in the Philippines, the heavily fortified islands of Yap and Truk, the costly invasion of the enemy homeland, the tremendous Nip forces yet in China, the rumors of Jap fanaticism and willingness to die to the last man in order to "save face", and too many others to enumerate in this small space. Yes, we were justified in thinking it was going to be a long war. But we had reckoned without Uncle Sam's ace in the hole, the atomic bomb. Its utter destructiveness was so terrible, that at the date of this writing its effects and potential benefits to mankind are as yet unknown. The sons of The Rising Sun quickly capitulated after two small doses of this atomic medicine, and our hopes for a speedy journey home were greatly increased. Most of us will be seeing our loved ones before the spring of next year due to this seeming manifestation of Divine Providence, so, should we happen to be paging through this book a few years from now, let us remember Him, who made it possible, for today is a Day of Thanksgiving.

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# OFF TO JAPAN

SOON after the excitement of V-J Day had worn off we all wondered whether or not the battalion would move to Japan for occupational duties. Eventually alert orders were received and winter clothing was issued. We expected to move to Aomori on northern Honshu in a few days. After waiting for movement orders for about a month they were suddenly cancelled. A long period of waiting followed, during which, many of us were able to enjoy some excellent sight-seeing trips. Finally, on 6 November, definite alert orders were received for movement to Yokohama and assignment to the Eighth Army.

There was the usual hustle and bustle of checking, drawing, and turning in equipment, and we found we were to move out by LST. On 10 November we loaded

each company with equipment on the following LSTs: H&S-816, A-831, B-981, C-128. We had built a comfortable and convenient area in Manila and many of us hated to leave. Then again, some felt, since we had come this far, why not see Japan as well?

Everyone was surprised at the conveniences and quarters we were given aboard the LST. The consensus of opinion was that our quarters and food were far superior to those aboard the Doncaster. Traveling at night with no blackout precautions was a new experience, but the old "Mae West" was still present to make us a little uncomfortable. This trip we didn't lie on deck to sun ourselves, but rather we stayed below to keep warm. The change from a tropical to a temperate climate was, for many, a chilly experience. Despite a choppy sea and a rolling ship, comparatively few were seasick.

Finally, on 19 November we entered Tokyo Bay and anchored in Yokohama harbor. The following day we unloaded at the LST docking area.



# Finis To The Odyssey

AS LST 816 came steaming into Yokohama Harbor on the cloudy morning of November 20th, its rails were lined with silent but observant GI's. This was it, the day that was to be the consummation of all those months



of toil, sweat, and anxiety. During those long months, from the moment we stepped on the gang-plank in

Frisco, to the present, we have had many occasions to use one of our pet phrases, "This is It!". There was that night, when on board the USS Robin Doncaster, about two weeks out of Honolulu, our listening devices picked up a Jap sub. Nobody slept much, the silence was so profound, you could hear the guy next to you straining his ears. Perhaps he was saying to himself, "This is It!". Then, when we hit the beach at Manila, surrounded by a scene of utter devastation, with the noise of the big guns of the First Cavalry, a few miles up the road, ringing in our ears, there was some guy popping off with, "This is It!". When that good, strategic, bivouac area picked for the 1629th by some of the Brass Hats up at higher headquarters, turned out to be a six inch deep rice paddy; boy, you can bet your life that we thought that was "It!". Most of us had been in the army for about three years, and if, three years before this momentous date, we had been told that the waning months of the year 1945 Anno Domini, for us, would be spent in the home of our most dire enemy, in the land of the Rising Sun, we would have appeared incredulous. But here we were, incredulous or not, this was really "It!".

We finally docked at about three in the afternoon, and were instantly surrounded by a crowd of friendly and curious sons and daughters of Nippon. These same friendly people, who, if our meeting had occurred a few months earlier, would have been at our throats. There were cries of "cigaretto, Joe?", and "chocoletto, choom gum, Joe?". How familiar these queries were, and reminiscent of our days in the Philippines, where we had been asked for the same things. Only now, these were aliens who were begging, and not our allies, as the Filipinos had been. In the

Philippines, the average GI Joe had been very generous, but now he seemed to be a little suspicious, and naturally so, because weren't these nice, courteous people, the same ones who had committed all sorts of rapacious acts against our little brown cousins to the south. How could we, after four years of reading, hearing about, and even actually witnessing the results of their wantonness, feel kindly disposed towards them? The answer lies not in foolhardiness, but to sum it up briefly, in our way of life. I dare say that there is not one American soldier who would knowingly commit an unkind deed toward any child. In America, we have been taught, as far back as we can remember, to respect, love, cherish, and protect the weaker sex and its young. That is why one, then another, and finally practically the whole bunch were seen returning the smiles of some little girl or boy, and finally reaching down into the many cavernous pockets that go to make up the GI's Combat Uniform, and coming up with one type of goodies or another. One of the chief doctrines of our way of life is that all children are innocent, and the children of God; regardless



of race, creed, or color, or even the actions of their elders.

Just at about this time, the officers, with

the help of their topkicks succeeded in breaking up the crowd, and packing us, bag and baggage, into the waiting trucks that were to take us to our new home. During the half hour ride through war-torn Yokohama we began to have visions of another rice paddy which would also have an excellent strategic position. But, Lo and Behold, the trucks stopped in front of a group of long two story wooden buildings, that were anything but displeasing to the eye. We unloaded our gear and then hastened inside to pick a room with a southern exposure. Once inside, we discovered that there was no heat or electricity, and worst of all, no usable latrines or drinking water. However, we were grateful to have a roof, other than canvas, over our heads for a change. Just as we were starting to get settled, stretching out on the straw matt-



ing that covered the floors, and lighting up those delicious cigarettes, the first sergeant came

around in quest of the eternal details that are as much a part of the army, as the OD uniform. All of the electricians were put to work trying to give us the necessary illumination required for a night's work, some of us were sent back to help unload the ships, while others were given the responsibility of guarding our valuable supplies. No one got any sleep that night, and when dawn broke, we stopped only long enough to grab a cup of Java with which to wash down the K rations, and then got right back to work.

Our new home, which was in the district of Isogo, Yokohama, had formerly been a housing project for the Dai Nippon Aircraft Company workers, whose factory was about a quarter mile away. Incidentally, this aircraft factory made an excellent location for our Motor Pool, which is an essential part of any Engineer Outfit. Its large concrete floor was a Motor Officer's dream of an ideal layout for his equipment. The chief electrician saw in the partially damaged second floor, a perfect site for his shop, away from all the hubbub of the battalion in action, and yet large enough for the many experiments which had in the past been instrumental in the attainment of our reputation for high speed and efficiency in our operations. Yes, it looked like the 1629th was finally getting a Good Deal for a change. The boys wasted no time in making their rooms as homey as possible, replete with pin-ups, and tables and chairs. At first, it was a bit crowded with six men living in a room, twelve by fifteen. However, after a couple of weeks, the carpenters made double decker bunks, which just about doubled the living space in the rooms, and enabled us to put in a couple of more chairs. Then they tore out the mats, which were by that time becoming dirty; and laid nice clean wooden floors. There were four big buildings, each accommodating one



company; and the mess hall. Over the mess hall was a large room which we had planned to make into an enlisted men's club; but for the first month before the Chapel was built, it served in that capacity. Just outside the entrance to our compound was the caretaker's house, which he very heartily donated to be transformed into an Officers' Mess.

After the first couple of days of freezing in those cold barracks, something was finally decided to be done about the heating situation. A Tech Sgt from S-3 (Operations) was put in charge of the project, and plans were immediately drawn up. S-4 (Supply) filed the necessary requisitions for the equipment with the big supply depot in downtown Yokohama. After a few days we received fifty seven oil stoves. It was all they could possibly allow us under the circumstances. (What the circumstances were, I have never been able to figure out.) At the time, the battalion strength was down to six hundred and thirty men. Since there were six men to a room, it was not possible to put one stove in each, so they were placed along the corridors at intervals of fifty feet. This new arrangement did not entirely solve the problem, but it was much better than no heat at all. The plumbers were then put to work installing a big one hundred horsepower, steam boiler with pipes and radiators to replace the unsatisfactory stoves. By the middle of January all the buildings had adequate steam heat, and we began to appreciate the comfort of our new home.

On the other side of the road running along the rear of our barracks is the Sugita electric train station. This station is six miles from Yokohama Central, which in turn, is about forty minutes ride on the Express, to Tokyo. It was no uncommon sight to see the platform lined with G.I.'s on pass, and civilians on more serious errands, awaiting the 8:30 "Toonerville Trolley". Among my readers, there are undoubtedly some, who are familiar with the Times Square rush hour in New York, and may think it awful. However, if those same readers would just take one ride on the "Trolley", at any time during any day of the week, they would think differently. Those



crowds in New York would suddenly become orderly groups of commuters, in compari-

son with these Japs, who somehow always manage to get aboard, no matter how full the train



already may be. The "Trolley" usually consists of two cars, the same size as our ordinary subway cars. I am not very familiar with the interior of one, as far as the furnishings are concerned, because I have never seen one empty, or with less than fifty passengers. One peculiar feature about these trains is the fishy order which seems to cling to all of them. It is due to the fact that practically all the Japanese people carry their lunches with them when expecting to be away from home all day. These lunches are usually without much variety, and generally consist of either fish and rice, or rice and fish.



What better time is there for a person to eat, than when he is hungry? That is the way these

people reason, and that is why one will see them with their lunch boxes open, skilfully working the Japanese version of the chopsticks, called the Hashi, in the strangest places. Another distinctive feature about the Japanese commuter, is that he or she is usually shouldering some kind of an improvised pack, or baby. I have yet to see a Japanese mother carrying her baby in the conventional occidental manner. Instead, it is always strapped on her back, facing the mother's neck, except when being nursed or fed.

About the second week in December, some of the boys and officers felt the need for an extensive recreation program to help take their minds from the fact that they were away from home, and might continue to be for the next few months. After scouting around the neighborhood for a couple of days, one of the fellows discovered Sugita Schoolhouse. It had a gymnasium, which, if we were back in the States, wouldn't have rated a second look. The biggest drawback to the hall was its low rafters, which impeded our practicing any long and high shots at the baskets. Faced with this difficulty, our

coach was forced to place a great deal of stress on short passes so as to supplement our inability to use the long shot. After a few weeks of intensified practice, it was noted that what we had thought to be a handicap, was really a blessing in disguise. Due to the peculiar style of play that we were forced to use, the team was very quickly and easily blended into a well-knit unit accentuating teamwork. But the supreme test for any team is an actual contest, and that is the reason everyone looked forward to our first game with a great deal of interest. We were to play a team composed of eight officers of the battalion, all of whom had played at one time or another, college, semi-pro, or professional ball. There were a great many bets placed on the game, and the boys with the supposedly wise money were laying three to two on the officers. However, these smart money men regretted their hasty judgment of the enlisted men's team. The officers had not bothered to get in too much practice during the week before the game, and therefore their defensive play was not attuned to cope with the smart pass-work and coordination sported by the underdog. The final score was twenty eight to twenty five; and the backers of the favorites were forced to shell out. Imbued with this newly found confidence in themselves, the battalion team went forth to new victories, acclaimed by their half thousand followers, as unbeatable. Now, with the season drawing to an early termination, because of the departure for home by most of the players, we can look back with



satisfaction to our first and last sporting season in Japan.

While in the Philippines, the 1629th received a very high efficiency rating from higher headquarters. This appreciation of our efforts had been justly earned too, because during our stay down there we had accomplished seemingly impossible tasks, and in less time than had been allotted. We Engineers are very proud of this commendation, for we know that our outfit will be remembered for the part it has played in the victory. Our reputation had preceded us to Japan, and upon our arrival we

were greeted immediately with many various projects to accomplish. Nor did it



occur to any of the men to slow down on the job because the war was over. The pace we had been setting down there in the war zone had been terrific, and I personally think that we would have been justified in thinking about easing up now. But the 1629th didn't function that way, it was used to getting things done, and in a hurry too. So when the call came to go to work, we pitched right in and gave it all we had, as usual. Our battalion commander was very fortunate in having under him an organization composed of men who had been masters in their own individual trades in civilian life, and who fitted as essential cogs in a big machine. I dare say that there has never been another outfit like ours, lacking a really skilled technician in none of the many fields covered by its functions. Yes, the old 1629th has been one in a million, a jewel among stones.



records and note the number of "can't be

done" jobs that we did, you may get some idea.

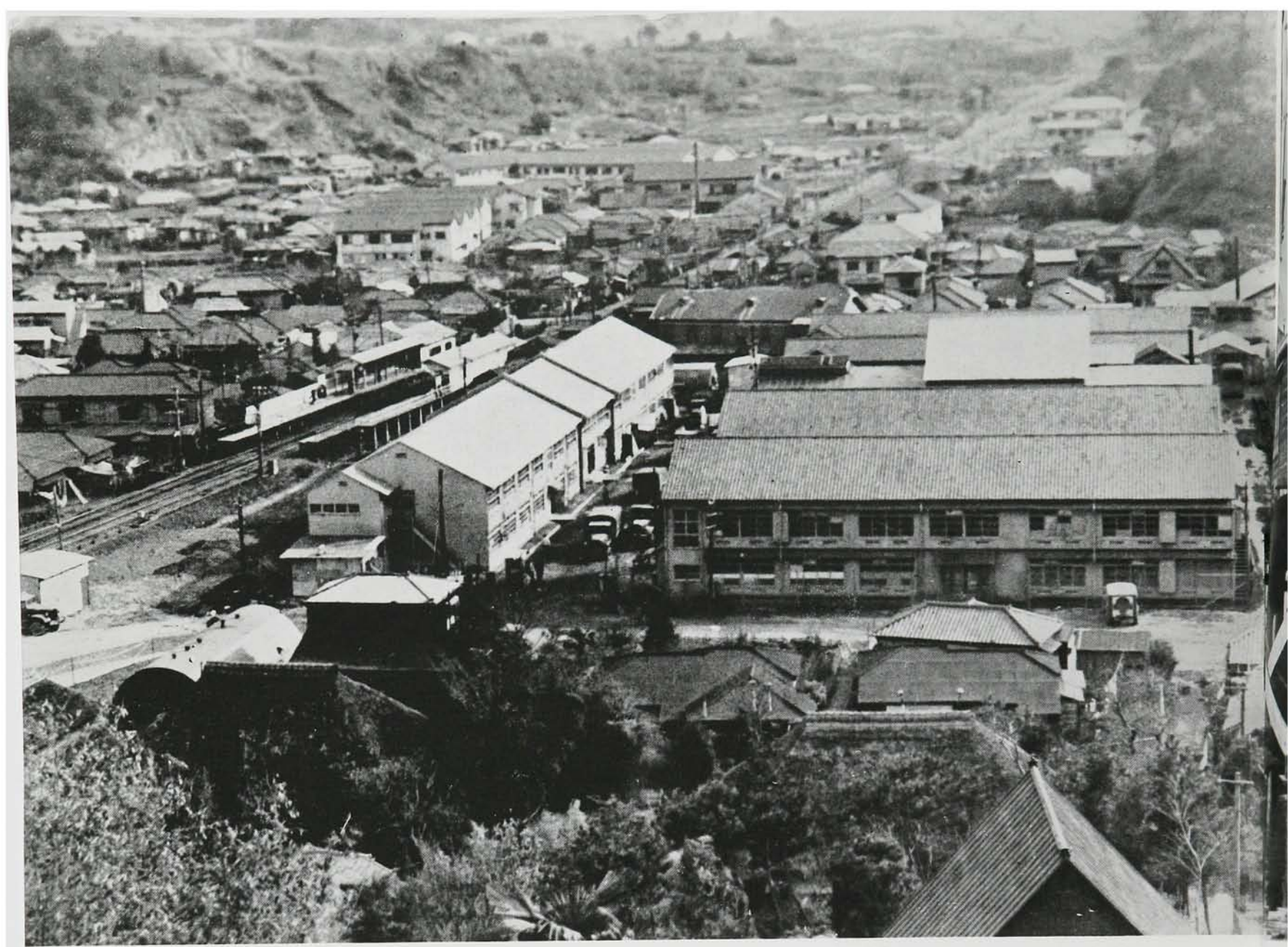
It is drawing near the middle of February, and our battalion strength has dropped to less than four hundred men, half of whom are low-point replacements. Most of the old crowd is home by now, or practically there, and the few of us that remain are awaiting shipping orders which should be forthcoming in the next week. All of us got to know one another pretty well after those long months of close companionship, and can look back and honestly say, "That was a pretty good outfit". The men we fought, toiled, and played, alongside of were good Joes,



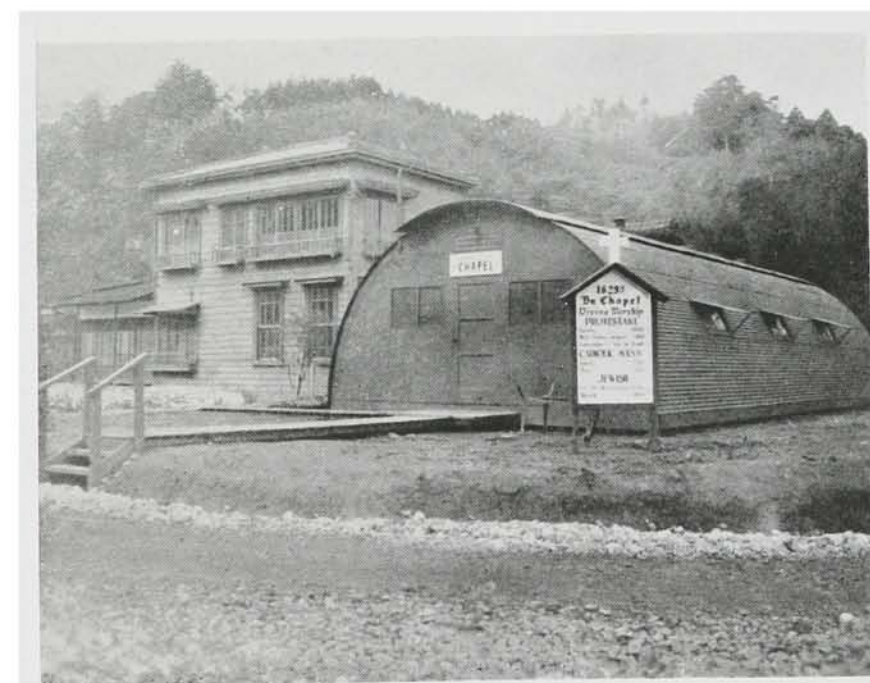
and will often enter our thoughts in the future. So it is with regret that I draw this brief account

of our activities to a close, and with the sincere hope that someday we will all meet again under more pleasant circumstances. It has been a long and arduous journey, this Odyssey of ours, but it has provided us with many cherished memories which will never be forgotten.

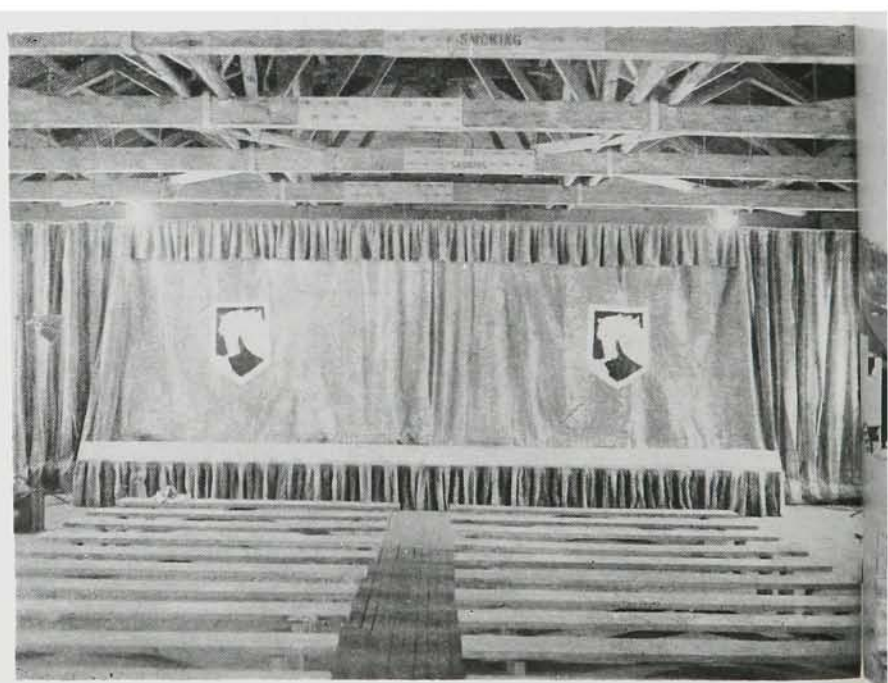
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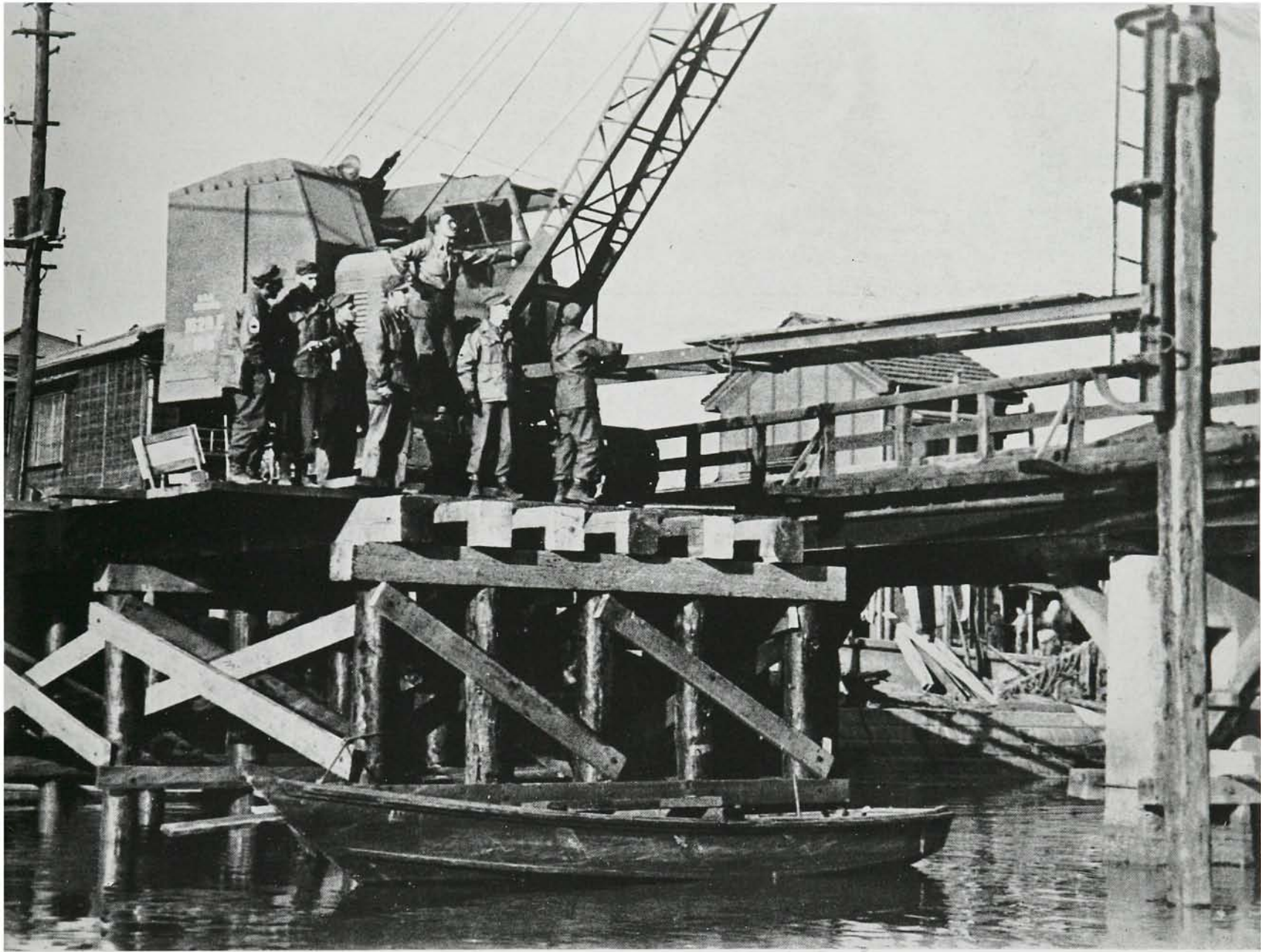
Battalion area, Sugita, Japan



Chapel and Officers' Mess, Sugita, Japan



Battalion auditorium, Sugita, Japan



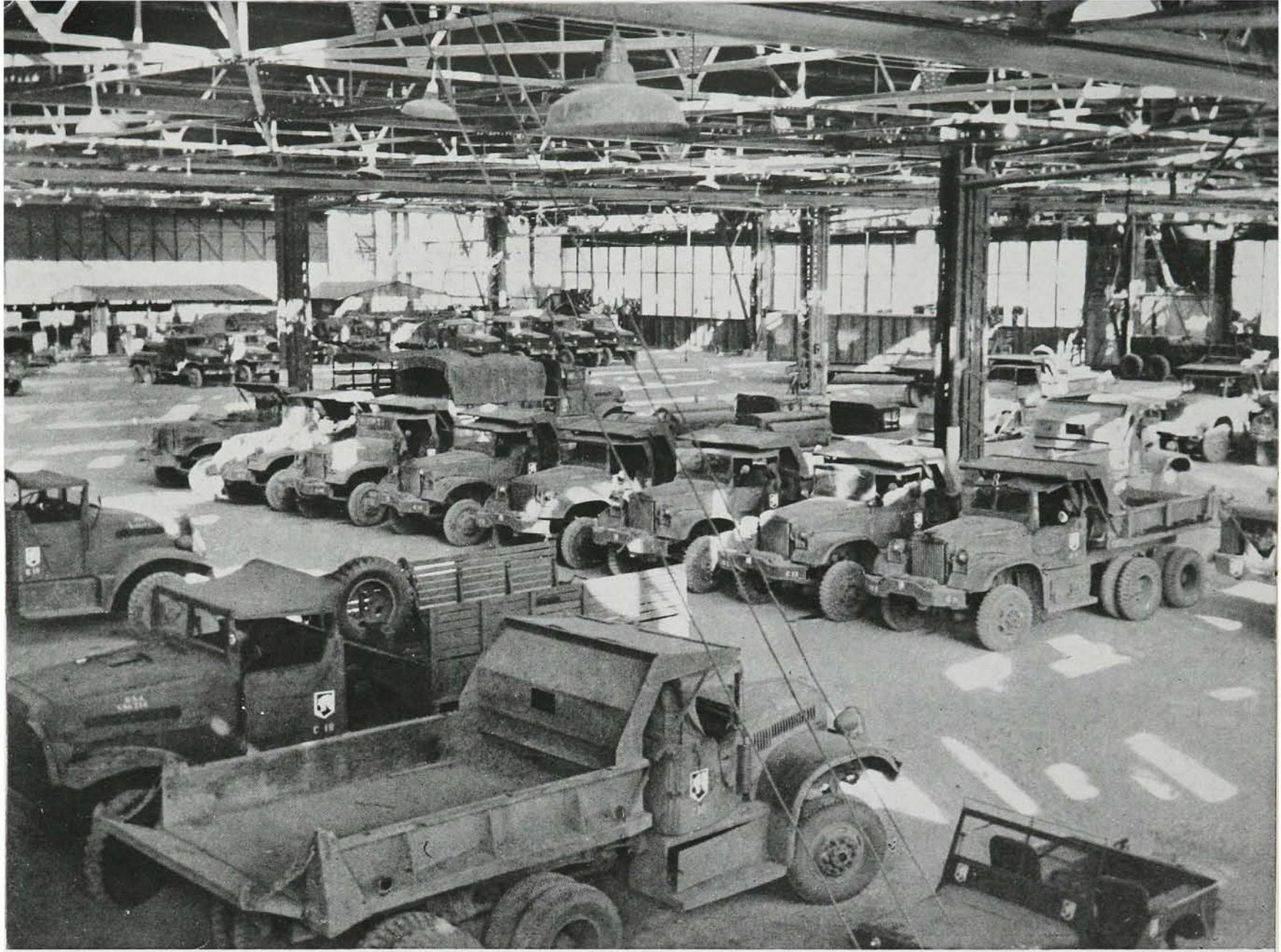
Bridge construction in Japan



Military stockade project, Yokohama



Grading the Yokosuka Road (Japan)



Motor Pool (Japan)



Entrance to Motor Pool (Japan)



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Hutchinson, Minn.  
T/3 Milburn Standifer — Crane Shl Opr  
Elk, N. Mex.  
T/3 Alfred Taylor — Crane Shl Opr  
Pasadena, Calif.  
T/3 Wm Thompson — Crane Shl Opr  
Kearney, Mo.  
T/3 Arthur Wolf — Crane Shl Opr  
Chicago, Ill.

T/4 Avon M. Drury — Dozer Opr  
Pensacola, Fla.  
T/5 Buster Gallatin — Comp Opr  
Carr, Colo.  
T/5 Victor Koshuta — Comp Opr  
Lansford, Pa.  
T/5 Robert Sass — Comp Opr  
Orange, N. J.  
T/5 Harry Threatt — Comp Opr  
Lancaster, S. C.

#### REPAIR SECTION

M/Sgt Kenneth McBride — Mach Shp Frmn  
Springfield, Ill.  
T/Sgt Melvin Berger — Mach Shp Frmn  
Lehighton, Pa.  
S/Sgt Mario Malatesta — Mach Shp Frmn  
Hoboken, N. J.  
S/Sgt Donald Williams — Mach Shp Frmn  
Camden, N. Y.  
T/4 Oliver Armbrecht — Diesel Mech  
Waterloo, Ill.  
T/4 John Curtzwiler — Mach  
Defiance, Ohio  
T/4 Jay Deming — Diesel Mech  
Rockford Bay, Idaho  
T/4 John Furst — Genl Mech  
Burlington, Kansas  
T/4 Elbert Gustafson — Auto Mech  
Telluride, Colo.  
T/4 Walter Hicks — Welder  
Houston, Tex.  
T/4 Harry Haffner — Blksmith  
Chicago, Ill.  
T/4 Frank Korenic — Mach  
Milwaukee, Wis.  
T/4 Charles Leach — Welder  
Six Lakes, Mich.  
T/4 Glen Long — Welder  
Seattle, Wash.  
T/4 Woodrow Nickel — Mach  
Everton, Mo.  
T/4 Laird Peterman — Welder  
Leechburg, Pa.  
T/4 John Maloney — Diesel Mech  
Grand Rapids, Mich.  
T/4 Henry Stonerook — Auto Mech  
Sandusky, Ohio  
T/4 Warren Tinnapple — Mach  
Columbus, Ohio  
T/5 L. S. Adams — Mach  
Stanton, Texas

T/5 Albert Close — Tool Rm Kpr  
Manhattan, Kansas  
T/5 Dennis Hobbs — Auto Mech  
Woodsville, N. H.  
T/5 Mark Klaff — Welder  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
T/5 Harry Mader — Auto Mech  
Strousberg, Pa.  
T/5 Euselio Martinez — Mach  
San Francisco, Calif.  
T/5 Willie Maxey — Pipefitter  
Dixon, Texas  
T/5 Arthur McPherson — Welder  
Portsmouth, Va.  
T/5 Francis Nucera — Welder  
Freeport, Pa.  
T/5 Ralph Shaw — Welder  
Flat Rock, Ind.  
T/5 Harold E. Talley — Auto Mech  
Lynwood, Calif.  
T/5 Harvey Throngard — Mach  
Minneapolis, Minn.  
T/5 Ladislaus Triff — Mach  
Cleveland, Ohio  
Pfc Bernie Clemens — Genl Mech  
Shreveport, La.  
Pfc James E. Menger — Genl Mech  
Detroit, Mich.  
Pfc Santino Falzarano — Mach Hlpr  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Pfc Herbert Tolton — Genl Mech  
Hibernia, N. J.  
Pvt Cecil Johnson — Mach Hlpr  
Weatherford, Texas  
Pvt Robert Cox — Genl Mech  
Pontiac, Mich.  
Pvt Ray O'Connor — Genl Mech  
Chicago, Ill.  
Pvt William Turner — Genl Mech  
Auburn, Ala.

#### MEDICAL DETACHMENT

S/Sgt Howard E. Weeks — Med NCO  
Emporia, Va.  
Cpl Richard Edwards — Med NCO  
Bressler, Pa.  
T/5 Ramon Guenther — Dent Tech  
Millinton, Mich.  
T/5 William G. Knowles — Med Tech  
Salisbury, Md.

T/5 Francis R. Rush — Sur Tech  
Waynesburg, Pa.  
Pfc Leo J. Doyle — Sur Tech  
Saugus, Mass.  
Pfc Jesse W. Petray — Med Tech  
Santa Rose, Calif.  
Pvt Earl D. Guter — Trk Drv  
Abingdon, Ill.



# A COMPANY



LT. CARL E. VOLZ — Commanding Officer  
Scranton, Pa.

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Winchester, Mass.

Company Clerk Cpl JOHN P. McSHANE  
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## HEADQUARTERS PLATOON

T/Sgt Anthony E. Krafcheck — Plat Sgt Mercer, Pa.	T/4 Charles L. Robinson — Elec Philadelphia, Pa.
T/Sgt Paul C. Calhoun — Asst Penn Yan, N. Y.	T/4 William T. Shadoan — Plumber Eliho, Ky.
T/Sgt Robert C. Evans — Elec Frmn Oak Grove, Ore.	T/4 David Wilson — Hvy Equip Opr Philadelphia, Pa.
T/Sgt Edward R. Kaiser — Mach Sup Hot Springs, S. D.	T/4 William H. Watt — Hvy Equip Opr Saylesville, R. I.
T/Sgt Robert E. McCredie — Elec Frmn Miami, Fla.	T/4 Jack A. Wever — Deml Frmn Sutherland, Neb.
T/Sgt Ronald D. Powers — Mtr Sgt Jefferson City, Mo.	Cpl Donald K. Sando — Clerk Dayton, Ohio
T/Sgt Julian B. Renaux — Plumbing Sup Rochester, Minn.	Cpl Dominic A. Saporito — Draftsmn Elizabeth, N. J.
T/Sgt Calvin E. Skinner — Carp Frmn Meridan, Miss.	T/5 Harry E. Burnside — Trk Drv Stanford, Ky.
S/Sgt Lalo N. Baros — Mach Sup Santa Cruz, N. M.	T/5 Clifford E. Blaylock — Cook Greybull, Wyo.
S/Sgt Duane Bond — Mess Sgt Danville, Ill.	T/5 Troy C. Davey — Armorer Waymesville, N. C.
S/Sgt Jerome K. Goldberg — Sup Sgt Hartford, Conn.	T/5 James E. Finnegan — Comp Opr St. Paul, Minn.
S/Sgt Leo Hiatriides — Mach Sup Astoria, Ohio	T/5 Lonnie J. Helms — Trk Drv Stanfield, N. C.
Sgt Kenneth O. Kjenstad — Quarryman Long Beach, Calif.	T/5 Donald R. Hibbs — Mech Monticello, Ind.
Sgt Roy F. Neff — Mech Frmn Hecker, Ill.	T/5 Charles L. Leviero — Mail Clk New York, N. Y.
T/4 Albert J. Bancroft — Mech Lemont, Ill.	T/5 Paul A. Lumbard — Trk Drv Buffalo, N. Y.
T/4 Lee F. Brannon — Cook Mountain Barg, Ark.	T/5 Stephen Pataffi — Trk Drv Brooklyn, N. Y.
T/4 Lester W. Burkes — Struc Std Wkr Aline, Okla.	T/5 Elloite W. Roberts — Trk Drv Hartselle, Ala.
T/4 Charles I. Cather — Carp Guthrie, Ohio	T/5 David H. Riddell — Trk Drv River Rouge, Mich.
T/4 Raymond L. Cox — Baker McCleary, Wash.	T/5 Leroy Stanford — Trk Drv Ripley, Miss.
T/4 Andrew B. Conner — Mech Syracuse, N. Y.	T/5 Archibald Y. Simpson — Trk Drv Detroit, Mich.
T/4 Nicholas J. DePietro — Cook Chicago, Ill.	T/5 Phillip J. Sikardi — Welder Wilmington, Calif.
T/4 Ronald G. Epling — Hy Equip Opr Akron, Ohio	T/5 Adolph S. Tortoriello — Blksmith Brooklyn, N. Y.
T/4 Orville A. Hallback — Plbg Frmn Cloquet, Minn.	T/5 Albert G. Tiggelaar — Cook Chicago, Ill.
T/4 Darrell E. Konter — Welder Ambridge, Pa.	T/5 Lawrence J. Tinney — Sup Clk Elkins Park, Pa.

T/5 Charles M. Vaughn — Sht Mtl Wkr  
Greenville, S. C.

T/5 John C. Whalen — Comp Opr  
Boston, Mass.

T/5 Arthur W. White — Trk Drv  
Ecorse, Mich.

T/5 Charles M. Waters — Trk Drv  
Redfield, Ark.

Pfc William D. Fries — Bugler  
Charleroi, Pa.

Pfc Fay H. Johnston — Cons Wkr  
Eddyville, Iowa

Pfc Sheldon A. Johnson — Trk Drv  
Silverton, Ore.

Pfc Leonard F. Koch — Tool Kpr  
Excelsior, Minn.

Pfc Franklin R. Legro — Cook  
Kankakee, Ill.

Pfc Ronald H. Rappe — Trk Drv  
Denver, Colo.

Pfc Burr C. Reeve — Cons Wkr  
Endicott, N. Y.

Pfc Eng C. Shing — Cook  
Camden, N. Y.

Pfc Robert W. Scoggings — Cook  
Texarkana, Ark.

Pfc John N. Story — Cook  
Lake City, Ark.

Pfc Lucian W. Stone — Trk Drv  
Blue Island, Ill.

Pvt Ralph Betker — Cons Wkr  
Chicago, Ill.

Pvt William Buchanan — Trk Drv  
Shreveport, La.

### FIRST PLATOON

LT. THEODORE J. RUCKEL — Platoon Commander  
Glendale, L. I., N. Y.

M/Sgt Arlie H. Gaines — Plat Sgt  
Lamesa, Texas

T/Sgt George A. Douglas — Asst  
Philadelphia, Pa.

T/Sgt Robert D. Harris — Asst  
Dayton, Texas

Sgt Horace H. Bays — Cons Frmn  
Pine Bluff, Ark.

Sgt Ernest A. Matthews — Cons Frmn  
Niles, Calif.

Sgt Walter T. Seaman — Cons Frmn  
Wilmington, Del.

T/4 Roger Moore — Rigger  
Ft. Plain, N. Y.

T/4 Carl G. Zieg — Brdg Carp  
Omaha, Neb.

Cpl Herbert E. Burton — Cons Frmn  
Salem, Mass.

Cpl Patrick W. Pachell — Cons Frmn  
Youngstown, Ohio

Cpl Samuel J. Shepherd — Cons Frmn  
Hilts, Calif.

Cpl Edward W. Vogt — Cons Frmn  
Sacramento, Calif.

T/5 Raymond J. Cash — Elec  
Colwyn, Pa.

T/5 Marion F. Duffin — Mason  
Salt Lake City, Utah

T/5 Roy G. Eckberg — Carp  
Chicago, Ill.

T/5 Lazarus Feldman — Carp  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

T/5 Floyd L. Gaines — Trk Drv  
Georgetown, Ohio

T/5 Leo V. Green — Carp  
Whitesboro, Texas

T/5 Mathias C. Haas — Mason  
Hastings, Minn.

T/5 Frederick G. Habben — Deml Spec  
George, Iowa

T/5 Andrew J. Hammond — Carp  
Mt. Landing, Va.

T/5 Robert Harris — Trk Drv  
Glady, W. Va.

T/5 Lincoln W. Johnson — Deml Spec  
Grasslat, Pa.

T/5 Robert F. Marek — Tool Kpr  
Chicago, Ill.

T/5 Lloyd F. McGaw — Carp  
Quincy, Mass.

T/5 Pete G. Morales — Carp  
San Antonio, Texas

T/5 Allan W. Osterlund — Carp  
Pacific, Wash.

T/5 Alfred J. Owens — Carp  
Lebanon, Ore.

T/5 Dominick J. Perella — Trk Drv  
Dunmore, Pa.

T/5 Raymond N. Seagren — Deml Spec  
Minneapolis, Minn.

T/5 Robert Sedovic — Plumber  
New York, N. Y.

T/5 Albert G. Seemet — Deml Spec  
Camden, N. J.

T/5 Albert Stringer — Mason  
Philadelphia, Pa.

T/5 Bernard E. Tyner — Carp  
Lakeland, Fla.

T/5 Joseph V. Verdi — Carp  
Cochecton, N. Y.  
Pfc Louis Bayron — Carp  
New York, N. Y.  
Pfc Keith L. Pontius — Carp  
Syracuse, N. Y.  
Pfc Charles S. G. Reese — Carp  
Seattle, Wash.  
Pfc John Tirro — Carp  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Pfc Jerry P. Ziegler — Trk Drv  
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Pvt Robert W. Berkey — Elec  
Belview, Wash.  
Pvt Thomas A. Esposito — Hammer Opr  
Buffalo, N. Y.  
Pvt Victor Koshuta — Hammer Opr  
Landsford, Pa.  
Pvt George A. Martello — Hammer Opr  
Brooklyn, N. Y.  
Pvt Earl A. Robinson — Cons Wkr  
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M/Sgt Ralph E. Kipers — Plat Sgt  
Augusta, Kansas  
T/Sgt William R. Smith — Asst  
Akron, Ohio  
Sgt Wayne J. Connolly — Cons Frmn  
Bellingham, Wash.  
Sgt George P. Hoffman — Cons Frmn  
Tuckahoe, N. Y.  
Sgt Merle G. Strong — Cons Frmn  
Vandergrift, Pa.  
T/4 Harley V. Bowen — Brdg Carp  
Texas City, Texas  
T/4 Lloyd Leckenby — Rigger  
Tucson, Ariz.  
Cpl Kenneth D. Everett — Cons Frmn  
Forest, La.  
Cpl Earl R. Pearce — Cons Frmn  
Newport News, Va.  
Cpl Ted Wilson — Cons Frmn  
Knoxville, Tenn.  
T/5 George W. Barnard — Mason  
Staten Island, N. Y.  
T/5 Frank L. Bush — Carp  
La Coste, Texas  
T/5 Thomas F. Donahue — Carp  
Cranston, R. I.  
T/5 Milton M. Fassnidge — Tool Kpr  
San Antonio, Texas  
T/5 Joseph W. Fenton — Carp  
Philipsburg, Pa.  
T/5 Weldon C. Ford — Carp  
Johnstown, Pa.  
T/5 Robert E. Hamilton — Carp  
Norfolk, Neb.  
T/5 Ferris J. Hatch — Deml Spec  
Clallambay, Wash.  
T/5 Erwin L. Hoover — Plumber  
Marysville, Pa.  
T/5 Stanley J. Jarzab — Plumber  
Bayonne, N. J.  
T/5 Charles H. Jones — Carp  
Thomasville, Ga.  
T/5 Roy C. Kindig — Elec  
Clearfield, Pa.

T/5 Carl A. Longnecker — Elec  
Olney, Ill.  
T/5 Armando Lopez — Mason  
Brawley, Calif.  
T/5 Herman Mansfield — Carp  
Oakland, Ky.  
T/5 Houston T. Montgomery — Carp  
Columbus, Miss.  
T/5 Theodore A. Parks — Trk Drv  
Kansas City, Mo.  
T/5 Joseph R. Ryerson — Deml Spec  
Greenwood Lake, N. Y.  
T/5 Paul W. Smith — Trk Drv  
St. Louis, Mo.  
T/5 Archie L. Swofford — Carp  
St. Paul, Minn.  
T/5 Jesse L. Troncoso — Deml Spec  
Kansas City, Mo.  
T/5 Warren E. Waters — Trk Drv  
Beaver, Utah  
Pfc Donald D. Brinkman — Trk Drv  
Vermillion, S. D.  
Pfc Henry D. Butterfield — Hammer Opr  
Ogden, Utah  
Pfc Leonard Jacobsen — Hammer Opr  
Benton Harbor, Mich.  
Pfc Theodore K. Lord — Carp  
Oil City, Pa.  
Pfc Herman Lucero — Trk Drv  
Denver, Colo.  
Pfc Roy A. Paine — Carp  
Saugus, Mass.  
Pfc Otis N. Rash — Mason  
Waterford, Calif.  
Pfc Reynaldo J. Romero — Trk Drk  
Donna, Texas  
Pfc John G. Seibert — Carp  
Lancaster, Pa.  
Pfc Robert E. Seitzer — Carp  
Omaha, Neb.  
Pfc Sidney Wasserman — Elec  
Chicago, Ill.  
Pvt Preston H. Edwards — Carp  
Henderson, N. C.

### THIRD PLATOON

M/Sgt William H. McCarthy — Plat Sgt Chicago, Ill.	T/5 Patrick H. Murphy — Trk Drv Alliance, Neb.
T/Sgt Ralph Garrett — Asst Goose Creek, Texas	T/5 Joseph H. Newman — Carp Detroit, Mich.
Sgt Clarence W. Aper — Cons Frmn Rock Falls, Ill.	T/5 Morris Pollak — Mason Brooklyn, N. Y.
Sgt John M. Holton — Cons Frmn Portland, Ore.	T/5 Harry J. Simpson — Elec Binghamton, N. Y.
Sgt Robert L. Rasmussen — Cons Frmn Des Moines, Iowa	T/5 Steve J. Walenga — Plumber Oak Park, Ill.
T/4 Carl M. Helmy — Brdg Carp San Diego, Calif.	T/5 Wilson C. Weber — Carp Howard, Pa.
T/4 Otis A. Page — Rigger Ft. Worth, Texas	T/5 Malcolm P. Whitthorne — Carp Whitlock, Tenn.
Cpl Morgan L. Foster — Cons Frmn Denver, Colo.	T/5 Edwin H. Wiederhoft — Mason Truman, Minn.
Cpl Frank V. Schweda — Cons Frmn Sandoval, Ill.	T/5 Stanley A. Zalewski — Tool Kpr Utica, N. Y.
Cpl Everett C. Wooten — Cons Frmn Columbus, Ohio	Pfc Vito Caldarella — Hammer Opr Brooklyn, N. Y.
T/5 Louis F. Bevsek — Mason Milwaukee, Wis.	Pfc Alfred J. Conca — Trk Drv Boonton, N. J.
T/5 John M. Cardone — Carp Brooklyn, N. Y.	Pfc Verlon Z. Emerson — Trk Drv Sheridan, Ark.
T/5 Wilbert I. Coutz — Elec Wheeling, Va.	Pfc Everett C. English — Carp Morganton, N. C.
T/5 Elmer A. Day — Trk Drv Chamblee, Ga.	Pfc Robert C. Hallberg — Hammer Opr Vicksburg, Miss.
T/5 Johnson W. Howell — Carp Greenbrier, Ark.	Pfc Marvin M. Muraskin — Hammer Opr Brooklyn, N. Y.
T/5 Sidney L. Hunt — Carp Quinlan, Texas	Pvt Harold A. Guin — Carp Bell Gardens, Calif.
T/5 William H. Knight — Carp Detroit, Mich.	Pvt Fleming F. Henderson — Rigger Waycross, Ga.
T/5 Kazmierz Krul — Deml Spec New York Mills, N. Y.	Pvt Chester C. Mowry — Hammer Opr Providence, R. I.
T/5 Sylvan A. Meier — Plumber Clinton, Iowa	Pvt Arthur Peck — Deml Spec Hewlett, L. I., N. Y.



# B COMPANY



LT. WINSLOW F. POTTER — Commanding Officer  
Twin Falls, Idaho

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Pitcairn, Pa.

Company Clerk Cpl. HOWELL M. BRAMLETT  
Atlanta, Ga.

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M/Sgt Kenneth G. Dixon — Plat Sgt Hollywood, Calif.	T/4 James C. Ward — Surveyor Ozark, Mo.
T/Sgt John Pisansky — Asst Plat Sgt Minneapolis, Minn.	T/4 Edward O. Williams — Cons Mach Opr Leonardo, N. J.
T/Sgt Carl D. Sticklely — Cons Mach Sup Keyser, W. Va.	Cpl Karl G. Hornig — Clerk Baltimore, Md.
T/Sgt Arthur E. Sieloff — Mtr Sgt Chicago, Ill.	Cpl Eugene E. Sevening — Lt Tr Drv Norfolk, Neb.
T/Sgt Wm. P. Hanby — Plumber Foreman Watertown, N. Y.	T/5 Henry C. Atkinson — Cook Landis, N. C.
T/Sgt Gordon N. Sutherland — Elec Foreman Marysville, Wash.	T/5 Harold F. Baber — Tr Drv Lima, Ohio
S/Sgt Charlie M. Hidde — Carp Magazine, Ark.	T/5 Nap G Bastien — Baker Washington, Pa.
S/Sgt David W. Johnson — Cons Mach Supt Harper, Kansas	T/5 Donald Brown — Eng Opr Schenectady, N. Y.
S/Sgt Jay H. Leshner — Mess Sgt Treverton, Pa.	T/5 Woodrow W. Brumgard — Plumber Hanover, Pa.
S/Sgt Odus W. Packer — Cons Mach Supt Denver, Colo.	T/5 Herbert Cowart — Trk Drv Baton Rouge, La.
S/Sgt Leonard L. Wright — Sup Sgt Sacramento, Calif.	T/5 Wm. A. Darby — Eng Opr Ft. Worth, Texas
Sgt John P. Giblin — Elec Langdon, N. D.	T/5 James F. Galvin — Trk Drv East Hampton, Conn.
Sgt Richard F. Rice — Chief Mech Wheatfield, Ind.	T/5 Lloyd B. Gilbert — Blksmith Derby Line, Vt.
Sgt Bruce A. Richmond — Cons Mach Opr Moundsville, W. Va.	T/5 Clifford J. Heil — Clerk Mentor, Ohio
T/4 Harold R. Bell — Cook Bennett, Iowa	T/5 John H. Kendall — Eng Opr Scranton, Pa.
T/4 Wesley A. Bell — Cons Mach Opr Queneno, Kansas	T/5 Emil P. Knoll — Trk Drv Glendive, Mont.
T/4 Wm. R. Bertrand — Struc Stl Wkr Detroit, Mich.	T/5 Meyer H. Koufer — PX Clerk Des Moines, Iowa
T/4 Robt. W. Blanchard — Cook Naylor, Ga.	T/5 Henry A. McCracken — Sht Mtl Wk Attleboro, Mass.
T/4 Julius J. DeCecco — Plumber Clifton Hts., Pa.	T/5 David McKenzie — Eng Opr Pittsburgh, Pa.
T/4 Harold S. Derck — Baker Shamokin, Pa.	T/5 Byron B. Mathews — Sup Clk Andalusia, Ala.
T/4 Luby R. Moore — Deml Spec Princeton, N. C.	T/5 Kenneth Mulpergel — Sign Ptr Baltimore, Md.
T/4 Harmon H. Pearson — Auto Mech Fort Smith, Ark.	T/5 Allen R. Perkins — Trk Drv Walla Walla, Wash.
T/4 Ward Slocum — Cons Mach Opr Perry, N. Y.	T/5 Milton L. Redd — Trk Drv Seattle, Wash.
T/4 Wesley G. Von Ronn — Draft San Francisco, Calif.	T/5 James J. Schroeder — Trk Drv Evansville, Ind.

T/5	James F. Shelton -- Armorer Battle Creek, Mich.	Pfc	Lawrence L. Piatt -- Cons Mach Opr Omak, Wash.
T/5	Wm. G. Summers --- Cook Fulton, Miss.	Pfc	James Pappas -- Trk Drv Beacon, N. Y.
T/5	James S. Swan -- Trk Drv Philadelphia, Pa.	Pfc	Vernon W. Root -- Carp Flint, Mich.
T/5	Charles W. Wasko -- Trk Drv Chicago, Ill.	Pfc	Mathew S. Rutkowski -- Cook Niagara Falls, N. Y.
T/5	Carl H. Weisenfelder --- Trk Drv Beaumont, Texas	Pfc	Paul E. Stewart -- Trk Drv Portland, Ore.
T/5	Wm. H. Wood --- Trk Drv Eau Claire, Wis.	Pfc	James H. Smith -- Lt Trk Drv Fibre, Mich.
Pfc	John G. Busemeyer -- Trk Drv Akron, Ohio	Pfc	Wilburn Turner -- Hy Equip Opr Austin, Texas
Pfc	Guy R. Lowery -- Trk Drv Mt. Morris, N. Y.	Pfc	Robert J. Wendel -- Trk Drv Pittsburgh, Pa.
Pfc	Carmen S. Marinelli -- Trk Drv Erie, Pa.	Pfc	Earl F. Williamson -- Trk Drv Dubuque, Iowa
Pfc	Walter C. Neumann -- Tool Kpr Fredonia, Wis.	Pvt	Wm. C. Calkins -- Trk Drv Ventura, Calif.

### FIRST PLATOON

LT. PHILIP B. BASSER -- Platoon Commander  
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M/Sgt	Stanley B. Parrish -- Plat Sgt Lebanon, Ore.	T/5	Dean Hurt -- Carp Clemons, Ky.
T/Sgt	John Sekelik -- Asst Plat Sgt Carnegie, Pa.	T/5	Raymond Landers -- Deml Spec Pensacola, Fla.
Sgt	William C. Ingalls -- Rigger Bedford, Ind.	T/5	John Marks, Jr. -- Carp Youngstown, Ohio
Sgt	William M. McClure -- Cons Frmn Weir, Miss.	T/5	Christos Orestis -- Carp Lewiston, Maine
Sgt	Chester A. Wiggin -- Cons Frmn Lewiston, Idaho	T/5	Leslie E. Paavola -- Elec Chisholm, Minn.
T/4	David Farber -- Cons Frmn Beaver Falls, Pa.	T/5	Walter J. Ryan -- Plumber Salem, S. D.
T/4	Herman H. Harms -- Bdg Carp Minonk, Ill.	T/5	Meyer Shack -- Deml Spec Brooklyn, N. Y.
Cpl	John Billy -- Cons Frmn Salem, Mass.	T/5	Douglas L. Singleton -- Carp Dillon, S. C.
Cpl	Nicholas Shvaykus -- Cons Frmn Little Falls, N. J.	T/5	Roy B. Snyder -- Carp Hawthorne, N. J.
T/5	Howard B. Adams -- Bdg Carp Wilson, Va.	T/5	Chester J. Stasiowski -- Trk Drv Fall River, Mass.
T/5	Chester J. Bogacki -- Deml Spec So. Plainfield, N. J.	T/5	William P. Story -- Stonemason Paris, Tenn.
T/5	Dominick R. Delio -- Rigger Brooklyn, N. Y.	T/5	Harold Tegelman -- Carp Winneconne, Wis.
T/5	Carlton S. Fegreus -- Trk Drv Worcester, Mass.	T/5	Jeff Owen -- Carp Albert, Texas
T/5	Hubert A. Fulcher -- Cook Burlington, N. C.	Pfc	Marion C. Anderson -- Cook Burbank, Calif.
T/5	Russell F. Gabert -- Elec Marshall, Mo.	Pfc	Norman H. Arnall -- Carp Donna, Texas
T/5	Robert C. Gack -- Elec San Francisco, Calif.	Pfc	Alfrit L. Colledge -- Carp Toledo, Ohio
T/5	John Halchuck -- Stonemason Philadelphia, Pa.	Pfc	Kenneth E. Cowan -- Plumber Lancaster, Pa.

Pfc Edward Muranko — Carp  
Steubenville, Ohio

Pfc Melvin Pikus — Rigger  
Chicago, Ill.

Pfc Bernard H. Prah — Cook  
Chippewa Falls, Wis.

Pfc Antonio Reyes — Carp  
Beaumont, Texas

Pfc William Vanderbur — Carp  
Arcadia, Calif.

Pvt George W. Barbour — Plumber  
Fieldale, Va.

Pvt R. E. Hertensteiner — Tool Kpr  
Sheboygan, Wis.

Pvt R. R. Furtwangler — Carp  
Parma, Mich.

## SECOND PLATOON

M/Sgt Wm. O. Worthy — Plat Sgt  
Goose Creek, Texas

T/Sgt Norman M. Henry — Asst Plat Sgt  
Vicksburg, Miss.

Sgt Archie E. DeSollar — Cons Frmn  
Beardstown, Ill.

Sgt Harry N. Flowers — Rigger  
East Point, Ga.

Sgt John Zadnick, Jr. — Cons Frmn  
Clarksville, Pa.

T/4 Lee E. Walker — Cons Frmn  
Spokane, Wash.

T/4 John R. Williamson — Bdg Carp  
Rotan, Texas

Cpl James A. Holcomb — Cons Frmn  
Deercreek, Tex.

Cpl John J. Joy — Cons Frmn  
E. Boston, Mass.

Cpl Wm. F. Kulkman — Elec  
Bronx, N. Y.

T/5 Theodore A. Bowles — Stonemason  
Graham, N. C.

T/5 William B. Burke — Rigger  
Jersey City, N. J.

T/5 Frank J. Coffero — Carp  
Nashwauk, Minn.

T/5 Vincent J. Frohling — Deml Spec  
Nauuat, N. Y.

T/5 Edward Hickman — Hammer Oper  
Warren, Ky.

T/5 Thomas C. Mayberry — Elec  
Nashville, Tenn.

T/5 Michael P. Metrishyn — Carp  
Dickson City, Pa.

T/5 Kenneth R. Meyer — Trk Drv  
Pathogue, N. Y.

T/5 Joseph J. Montgomery — Plumber  
New Orleans, La.

T/5 Richard L. Mullins — Deml Spec  
Burlingame, Calif.

T/5 Johnnie O. Murray — Carp  
Jamestown, N. Y.

T/5 Luther D. Parker — Rigger  
Waterloo, Ala.

T/5 Decker W. Patterson — Carp  
St. Joseph, Mo.

T/5 Robert J. Piersol — Plumber  
Champaign, Ill.

T/5 Troy W. Russom — Trk Drv  
Caruthersville, Mo.

T/5 John J. Scobell — Elec  
Buffalo, N. Y.

T/5 C. J. W. Smith, Jr. — Plumber  
El Paso, Texas

T/5 Donald E. Spurgeon — Carp  
Waterloo, Iowa

T/5 Leon Taylor — Stonemason  
Clinton, Tenn.

T/5 John R. Vineyard — Carp  
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Pfc Wayne C. Atter — Hy Equip Opr  
Robinsdale, Minn.

Pfc Frank A. Ciccone — Carp  
Inwood, N. Y.

Pfc Tony C. Ferrara — Carp  
New York, N. Y.

Pfc Louis Friedman — Tool Kpr  
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Pfc Donald W. Jordan — Mail Clerk  
Dunmore, Pa.

Pfc Paul S. Petruzzo — Trk Drv  
Fitchburg, Mass.

Pfc John Price — Trk Drv  
Long Beach, L. I., N. Y.

Pfc Joseph J. Trapani — Carp  
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Pvt Frank Hallup — Carp  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Pvt Danois G. Mirabal — Stonemason  
Las Cruz, N. M.

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Sgt Arthur A. Runge — Cons Frmn  
St. Louis, Mo.

Sgt Wm. T. Stephenson — Cons Frmn  
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T/4	Fred Eckles --- Rigger Sheffield, Ala.	T/5	Aubrey S. Sarrazin --- Plumber Fort Wayne, Ind.
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Cpl	Troy H. Curtis --- Cons Frmn Bass, Ark.	T/5	J. M. Weindorfer --- Stonemason Philadelphia, Pa.
Cpl	Clinton S. Sills --- Cons Frmn Nashville, Tenn.	T/5	C. H. Weisenfelder --- Trk Drv Beaumont, Texas
T/5	Harold B. Barton --- Carp Petersburg, Ill.	T/5	James W. Welch --- Stonemason Gilliland, Texas
T/5	Adam E. Bennett --- Carp Simpson, La.	T/5	Roy W. Wolf --- Carp Washington, D. C.
T/5	Mike H. Gunsorek --- Carp Adena, Ohio	Pfc	Harry S. Antwarg --- Carp Baltimore, Md.
T/5	Thomas L. Grace --- Hy Equip Opr Oakland Beach, R. I.	Pfc	Thaddeus S. Kareta --- Trk Drv Westfield, Mass.
T/5	William L. Grimecy --- Carp Lancaster, Pa.	Pfc	Cecil E. Langston --- Carp Bakersfield, Calif.
T/5	Basil D. Hornbeck --- Trk Drv Clarksburg, W. Va.	Pfc	Milton L. Martin --- Carp Portland, Ore.
T/5	George T. Kessler --- Carp Rochester, N. Y.	Pfc	Miles E. Minick --- Rodman Cleveland, Tenn.
T/5	Emil P. Knoll --- Trk Drv Glendive, Mont.	Pfc	John J. Mysliwy --- Rigger Chicago, Ill.
T/5	Irving H. Ling --- Carp Sioux City, Iowa	Pfc	Clinton E. Rehrig --- Trk Drv Philadelphia, Pa.
T/5	Jack L. Maccagnano --- Carp Buffalo, N. Y.	Pfc	John A. Savarese --- Trk Drv Rosebank, S. I., N. Y.
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T/5	Robt. R. Mortimer --- Plumber East Hartford, Conn.	Pvt	C. L. Seawright --- Rigger McDonough, Ga.
T/5	Francis W. Murray --- Cook So. St. Paul, Minn.	Pvt	Fredrick H. Warren --- Carp Warrington, Ore.



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T/Sgt James D. Bulger — Plumber Cherryvale, Kansas	Cpl James E. Flow — Trk Drv Graford, Texas
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T/Sgt Fred Munger — Mason Franklin, N. C.	T/5 Clyde C. Bechtel — Mech Hummelstown, Pa.
T/Sgt George Posten — Elec Corning, Iowa	T/5 E. I. Delliacono — Sht Mtl Wkr Malden, Mass.
S/Sgt G. A. Denney — Cons Mach Opr Boise, Idaho	T/5 Sam Diproteo — Cook Middleton, Conn.
S/Sgt Robert G. Elfrink — Mess Sgt Leopold, Mo.	T/5 Robert J. Divine — Compr Opr Oron Park, N. Y.
S/Sgt Benj. Garland — Cons Mach Opr Northridge, Calif.	T/5 H. E. Fitzgerald — Blksmith Warren, Pa.
S/Sgt James Shively — Sup Sgt Dodson, La.	T/5 William H. Fox — Trk Drv Muncie, Ind.
Sgt Robert H. Naslund — Mech Frmn Two Harbor, Minn.	T/5 Albert Goldberg — PX Clerk Reading, Pa.
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T/4 William E. Peck — Deml Spec Charleston, W. Va.	T/5 Russell B. Tomczak — Trk Drv Chicago, Ill.
T/4 Edward Reed — Plumber Chicago, Ill.	T/5 Kenneth B. Taylor — Trk Drv Tacoma, Wash.
T/4 H. F. Samman — Cook Amarillo, Texas	T/5 Thomas Williams — Cook Seattle, Wash.
T/4 Paul Simmons — Elec Vickery, Ohio	T/5 Ralph N. Wilson — Trk Drv St. Louis, Mo.
T/4 Edward C. Snyder — Mech Buffalo, N. Y.	T/5 John Zuzel — Trk Drv Montandon, Pa.

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Pfc Jack Cabral — Tool Kpr  
Marced, Calif.

Pfc Benj. J. Dugo — Bugler  
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Pfc George H. Estes — Trk Drv  
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Pfc Foot Chung Chin — Cook  
Melrose, Mass.

Pfc Herman Hemphill — Clerk  
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Pfc Arthur L. Little — Tool Kpr  
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Pfc Fred J. O'Connell — Cook  
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Pfc Donald C. Phelps — Trk Drv  
Lewisburg, Ohio

Pfc John K. Rote — Trk Drv  
Aurora, Mo.

Pfc Walter K. Storseth — Cook  
Marysville, Wis.

Pfc James Thomas — Trk Drv.  
Plant City, Fla.

Pfc William Vigoda — Tool Kpr  
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Pfc Ravel L. White — Tool Kpr  
Highland, Ark.

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Vermillion, S. D.

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Sgt Felix J. Scholer — Cons Frmn  
Burlinton, Pa.

Sgt Wallace M. Snow — Cons Frmn  
Brecksville, Ohio

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Penargyl, Pa.

Cpl T. J. Scarduzio — Cons Frmn  
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Girardville, Pa.

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T/5 Joseph J. Mathias — Brdg Carp  
St. Paul, Minn.

T/5 Raymond E. McLean — Carp  
Seattle, Wash.

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New York, N. Y.

T/5 Michael F. Minahan — Cons Frmn  
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Petersburg, Va.

T/5 Charles M. Nape — Trk Drv  
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T/5 Earl B. Panosh — Mason  
Elgin, Ill.

T/5 Thomas A. Peebles, Jr. — Elec  
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T/5 Robert Sorenson — Brdg Carp  
Madison, Wis.

T/5 Ransom Stewart — Tool Kpr  
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T/5 Norman Tirsway — Deml Spec  
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T/5 Louis Weisman — Mason  
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Pfc Oscar B. Montieth — Hammer Opr  
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Pfc Dolph Ravel — Trk Drv  
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Pfc Floyd E. Riley — Cons Wkr  
Waynesboro, Tenn.

Pfc William F. Thibault — Cons Wkr  
Maldon, Mass.

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<p>M/Sgt Earl J. Doiron — Plat Sgt Alexander, La.</p> <p>T/Sgt H. H. Stockstill — Asst Carriers, Miss.</p> <p>Sgt Charles L. Felts — Cons Frmn Memphis, Tenn.</p> <p>Sgt Joseph Gendron — Cons Frmn Nenteford, Miss.</p> <p>Sgt Jay R. Packard — Cons Frmn York, Pa.</p> <p>T/4 George H. Munro — Brdg Carp Cut Bank, Mont.</p> <p>Cpl W. R. Hollenback — Cons Frmn Bankerhill, Ind.</p> <p>Cpl William F. McAlonan — Cons Frmn Akron, Ohio</p> <p>Cpl Jim P. Porterfield — Plumber Vivian, Iowa</p> <p>T/5 Dewey Anderson — Cons Wkr Ephriam, Utah</p> <p>T/5 Edward Bayer — Tool Kpr St. Louis, Mo.</p> <p>T/5 Lavert M. Cabaniss — Brdg Carp Sweetwater, Ala.</p> <p>T/5 Jerry M. Ellis — Elec Rockford, Ill.</p> <p>T/5 John S. Hischak — Deml Spec Harticoke, Pa.</p> <p>T/5 John W. Hull — Cons Frmn Oakland, Calif.</p> <p>T/5 Leander F. Lais — Brdg Carp Wilmont, Minn.</p>	<p>T/5 Stephen J. Mascola — Carp Youngstown, Ohio</p> <p>T/5 Sam L. Meyers — Trk Drv Garden Grove, Iowa</p> <p>T/5 Francois Patricio — Mason Sells, Ariz.</p> <p>T/5 Joseph Piscopo — Carp Brooklyn, N. Y.</p> <p>T/5 Donald A. Rawson — Trk Drv Palo, Iowa</p> <p>T/5 W. L. Richardson — Brdg Carp Macon, Mo.</p> <p>T/5 Joseph A. Ryan — Plumber Nanuet, N. Y.</p> <p>T/5 Aaron R. Scofield — Trk Drv Boon, Iowa</p> <p>T/5 Claud Sheffield — Deml Spec Tomkinsville, Ky.</p> <p>T/5 John E. Stocklinski — Mason Elizabeth, N. Y.</p> <p>T/5 Harold F. Vezelis — Carp Rochester, N. Y.</p> <p>T/5 Frank Vellone — Elec N. Hollywood, Calif.</p> <p>T/5 Max D. Weaver — Elec Logan, Utah</p> <p>T/5 Howard M. Wolf — Mason Chicago, Ill.</p> <p>Pfc Chris V. Sullens — Plumber Portland, Ore.</p> <p>Pvt Reino R. Konsti — Hammer Opr Cattle River, Minn.</p>
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<p>M/Sgt Robert J. Bohs — Plat Sgt Kalamazoo, Mich.</p> <p>T/Sgt Joseph E. Carl — Asst Shawnee, Kansas</p> <p>Sgt Arthur J. Bean — Cons Frmn Richland, Kansas</p> <p>Sgt Austin L. Crocker — Cons Frmn Marshall, Ill.</p> <p>T/4 Leon Blum — Rigger San Francisco, Calif.</p> <p>T/4 Winton H. Stockley — Brdg Carp Kenton, Ala.</p> <p>Cpl Ward J. Flannigan — Cons Frmn Stuart, Neb.</p> <p>Cpl William F. Matesevic — Cons Frmn Enhaut, Pa.</p> <p>Cpl Harold E. Ryder — Cons Frmn Brooklyn, N. Y.</p> <p>Cpl Richard A. Skrable — Cons Frmn Teaneck, N. Y.</p> <p>T/5 Earl F. Bender — Mason Mabie, W. Va.</p>	<p>T/5 John J. Donovan — Elec Somerville, Mass.</p> <p>T/5 Jessie D. East — Brdg Carp Getterburg, Ky.</p> <p>T/5 Ralph L. Fuqua — Brdg Carp Howard, Pa.</p> <p>T/5 Manuel Howard — Carp Estinnett, Ky.</p> <p>T/5 Wesley C. Jenkins — Plumber Statesville, N. C.</p> <p>T/5 Floyd L. Kreger — Carp Detroit, Mich.</p> <p>T/5 Richard A. Kussatt — Mason Weathersville, Conn.</p> <p>T/5 William F. Lee — Deml Spec Akron, Ohio</p> <p>T/5 William H. Mathes — Plumber Decatur, Ill.</p> <p>T/5 Earnest J. Miller — Tool Kpr College Park, Ga.</p> <p>T/5 Howard E. Peterson — Trk Drv Akeley, Minn.</p>
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T/5	John W. Roberts --- Trk Drv Greenup, Ill.	Pfc	Marcus L. Castillo — Trk Drv San Fernando, Calif.
T/5	Peter R. Schoepp --- Deml Spec Bronx, N. Y.	Pfc	Joseph L. Hamilton --- Cons Wkr Glidden, Wis.
T/5	Woodrow W. Seymour --- Deml Spec Detroit, Mich.	Pfc	Carl A. Lindell — Carp Brooklyn, N. Y.
T/5	Jack D. Shively --- Plumber Dodson, La.	Pfc	H. P. Masciangelo --- Carp Fairport, N. Y.
T/5	Thomas I. Skidmore — Mason Reading, Mass.	Pfc	David L. McFarland — Carp Zanesville, Ohio
T/5	Woodrow W. Sibley --- Elec Natchitoches, La.	Pfc	Joel D. Perky — Hammer Opr Dayton, Ohio
T/5	Bert C. Smith --- Elec Warren, Ohio	Pfc	K. T. Pritchard — Carp Chicago, Ill.
T/5	William H. Wilson — Trk Drv Allisona, Tenn.		

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# BATTALION PROJECTS

## Luzon

Medical Depot #2  
Quartermaster Depot #17  
Mariquina Engineer Depot  
Zablan Quarry  
Santa Mesa Road Maintenance  
21st Replacement Depot  
Liberty Ship Conversion  
Rock Storage Site

## Honshu

Matsuya Building, Heating Installation  
Yokohama Base Signal Depot  
Bridge, Pile Bent, 40 T, 199', One Lane  
USASCOM-C Military Stockade  
USASCOM-C Building, Heating Installation  
Base Exchange Bottling Plant  
Reconstruction of POL Storage Road  
Gorokuso Building, Electrical Wiring  
Yokosuka Road Maintenance  
Yokohama Base Chapel, Heating Installation  
Rehabilitation of ARC Commissary  
Mitsubishi Warehouse, Hot Water System  
Bridge, 20 T, 88', Two Lane  
Ikego, Electrical Installations

Construction and Operation of Asphalt Plant  
Repair of Maritime Building  
Base Signal Depot, Warehouses  
Construction of L. S. T. Landings  
Construction of Transmitter and Power Building  
Nozawayama Department Store, Plumbing  
Repair of Buildings, Central Pier, Yokohama  
Floodlighting of Piers, North, Central, South  
USO Billets, Steam Heating  
Tomioko Seaplane Base, Steam Heating  
Road Survey, Sign Installation  
Repair of Building, Yokohama Girls School  
523rd Q. M. Motor Pool Area  
71st Q. M. Base Depot, Electrical Wiring

# A Personal Message



*As we enter another phase of our work here in Yokohama I would like to extend my greetings and good wishes to all men, past and present, of the 1629th Engineers.*

*I know that this book will be a very worthwhile and interesting account of our experiences and we all shall look back with pride on the job done and the associations and friendships made. I wish to express my grateful appreciation to all Officers and Enlisted Men for their fine spirit and cooperation which has never failed.*

*My best wishes to all of you as you leave the Battalion and go back to civilian life. May you have all the success you so richly deserve.*

*Frederick J. Wells*

FREDERICK J. WELLS  
Captain, C. E.  
Battalion Commander

# ★ ★ ★ **POSTWAR FOR US** ★ ★ ★

The overwhelming majority of us were at heart civilians — civilians in uniform. We think we did a good job at this game of soldiering. At least, we have victories in combat and construction to vouch for our efforts. Now we revert to type, in academic terminology, to the civilian we always were, without much ado.

We hope to return to our families and friends, to live in a peaceful and prosperous world. We dream of a certain amount of comfort and security — all the things for which we feel we sacrificed in the gigantic war effort.

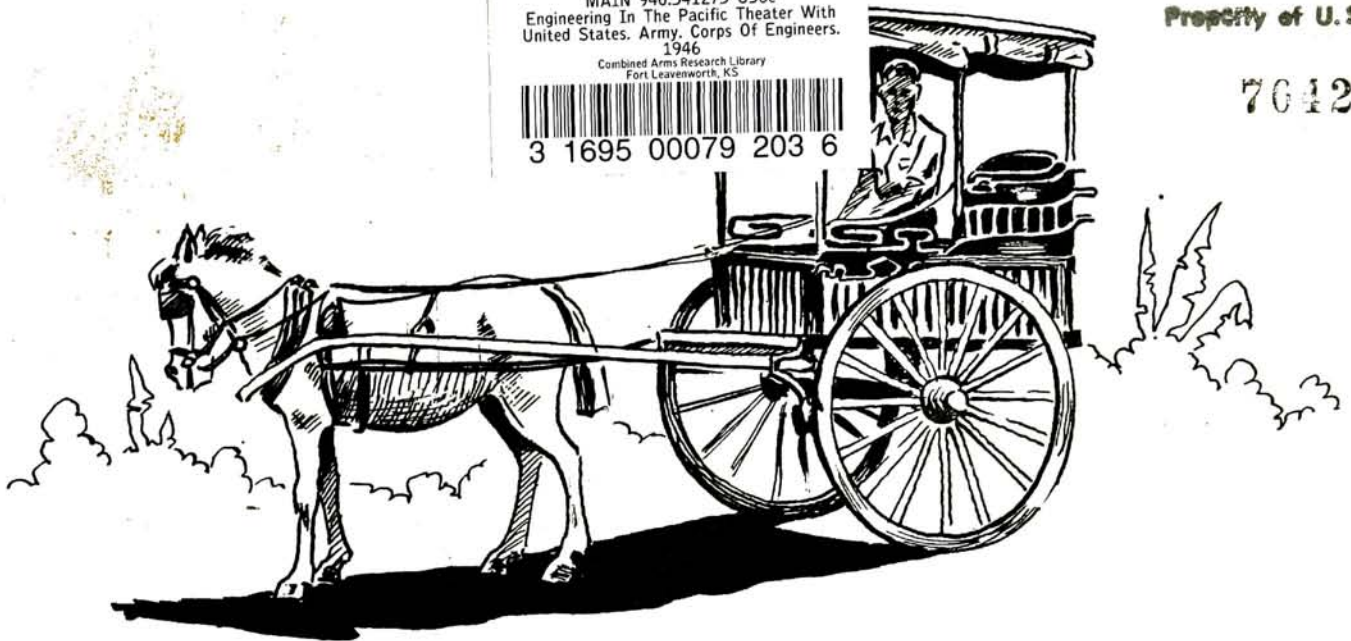
Sometimes we feel that the world for which we fought has not materialized. Yet, we know we didn't fight in vain. For had our enemies won, we know, all hope for the future would have been abandoned. Instead of political bickering amongst the victorious nations, we know the world would have been a strait jacket of the militarist Facist power.

Some of us have fears of returning to a world of unemployment and economic dislocation. We have a recurring, haunting thought of the terrors of the world of the atomic bomb. We who greeted it so jubilantly, who went into ecstatic joy at the dropping of the first missile on Hiroshima, now pause to contemplate its possible return to us — its creators.

We did our share of griping at the Army and yet we know that we were in the best fed, clothed and most pampered army in the world. We are so happy at the prospect of civilian life again that we are prone to overlook what will occur to us later on; that we have passed through a most fruitful and adventurous period in our lives, that the army life of slap-happy, carefree buddies and comrades was not entirely distasteful.

We await civilian life and dear old America impatiently. We hope to meet each other again at some Veterans' Convention, where we can discuss the "good old days". Until then, best wishes from all to all.





**LEST WE FORGET**

*Upon resumption of the civilian way of life, we hope that the book will be a constant source of inspiration and a transmitter of satisfaction of the past played by us in World War II.*

*We cannot deny that from the time we set foot on the gangplank at San Francisco through the days of anxiety on our long voyage across the Pacific, we were under Divine guidance by the hand of the Almighty. Though invisible, His presence was, nevertheless, felt while stalled on the high seas, while traveling without and, later, under convoy to our destination.*

*We acknowledged His care and protection while assuming our task in the Philippines a short distance from the enemy lines.*

*We were called to duty and were given a task and our share in winning the war. We went where our country sent us and carried out our assignment.*

—Chaplain



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