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Maintenance Unit No. 597*



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“..... The accomplishments of the Seabees have been one of the outstanding features of the war. In the Pacific, where the distances are great and the expeditious construction of bases is frequently of vital importance, the construction accomplished by the Seabees has been of invaluable assistance. Furthermore, the Seabees have participated in practically every amphibious operation undertaken thus far, landing with the first waves of assault troops to bring equipment ashore and set up temporary bases of operation. In the Solomon Islands campaign the Seabees demonstrated their ability to outbuild the Japs and to repair airfields and build new bases, regardless of conditions of weather. There can be no doubt that the Seabees constitute an invaluable component of our Navy.”

From the official report by ADMIRAL ERNEST
J. KING, Commander in Chief, United States Fleet,
and Chief of Naval Operations.

LIEUTENANT Jerome N. Lawlor, a veteran of World War I, hails from the "Sleepy Hollow" country of Washington Irving on the banks of the historic Hudson, claiming North Tarrytown, N. Y., as his abode; at least, that is where his wife and three children are awaiting his return. The Lieutenant conducted a consulting engineering business, operating extensively throughout Westchester county, also serving in the capacity of Township and Village Engineer in his home community. Lt. Lawlor is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (the Annapolis post-graduate school), and after graduating with a C.E. degree went into construction work as a contractor's field engineer in the building of part of New York City's vast subway system. Later he became interested in municipal engineering and public works construction. In early 1941 he went to Bermuda in the employ of Ford, Bacon & Davis, engineers, who were consultants to the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in the development of an Advance Area Air Base.

"Island X" in the Marianas is the Skipper's second foreign duty assignment, the first being a fourteen month tour, completed in September 1943, at NAS-NOB Argentia, Newfoundland, as assistant to the Officer in Charge of construction and Assistant Public Works Officer.

In November 1943, Lt. Lawlor was selected as Executive Officer of the newly commissioned 144th NCB, in which office he served until the Battalion's decommissioning and the formation of CBMU 597.



Officer in Charge
DETACHED
13 JUNE 1945

The Skipper Says....

AN ANNIVERSARY is a time of congratulation and also a time for stock-taking. This holds true equally for an organization as it does with an individual.

As your Officer in Charge, it gives me a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to be able to congratulate the personnel of this Unit on a splendid job, well done. We have had our share of work and play, sunshine and rain, but in the final summing-up of the accomplishments of the past year, the credit side of the ledger shows a more than satisfactory balance, and a record of which we can all be proud.

In reviewing our activities it is gratifying to know that we have completed each and every assignment in a competent and expeditious manner. The first year has been a testing period; a testing of capabilities and characters, of training and experience, and the results attained are due to the coordination and cooperation in all departments. As a result, when a difficult task arises our Unit functions as a machine, each part fulfilling its assigned operation. "Gung-ho" is our watch word.

My message to All Hands is, "Carry on with the Seabee 'Can Do' spirit so that we will continue to put every ounce of energy we possess into building and maintaining our section of the super American highway known as 'The Road to Tokio'."

ASSUMED COMMAND
13 JUNE 1945

Executive Officer

LEUTENANT Lee O. Nordbye calls Minnesota home, and while not as vociferous a booster as are the Texans, he is sure that Minneapolis is a very splendid part of the United States. He has traveled over a large portion of the country and says he knows whereof he speaks.

Heavy construction was his job in civilian life. Soon after the beginning of the current unpleasantness he was directing and over-seeing the construction of huge war plants in the Middle West.

Entering the Naval service in February 1943, Mr. Nordbye was assigned to the Naval Aircraft factory at Philadelphia, Pa., for duty. In October of the same year he was assigned to the 137th Naval Construction Battalion, which organization was decommissioned February 29th 1944, at which time Lt. Nordbye became the Executive Officer of CBMU 597.

Following the war the Lieutenant, with Mrs. Nordbye, plans to comply with the advice, "See America First" before returning to Minnesota and the construction business.



Administrative Officer

LEUTENANT (jg) James B. Ward calls North Carolina home, but has lived in so many parts of the state he is a little vague about exact locality. His experience before entering the Naval service in April 1943 was with the Tennessee Valley Authority as engineering geologist, which position he held from the time he was graduated from the University of North Carolina.

Before the formation of CBMU 597, Lt. Ward was assigned to the 144th Naval Construction Battalion as Company Commander. He has been Administrative Officer of this Unit since its formation.

His post-war plans include a trip at least, with Mrs. Ward, to South America, and possible location there on a more or less permanent basis depending upon activity in his vocational field.



Company Officer

LIEUTENANT (jg) Frank T. Cody operated his own electrical contracting business in New England before entering the U. S. Navy in July 1942. Making his home at Hanover, New Hampshire, his company was engaged in defense work before his entrance into the service.

Before being attached to CBMU 597, Lt. Cody was attached to various outfits including the 19th NCB, NCRG Fleet Marine Force, 121st NCB, 4th Marine Division and the 137th NCB.

Lt. Cody's son is also in the Navy, serving aboard a destroyer, and has seen action in various battles in the Pacific.

The Lieutenant's post-war plans include an early return to the state of New Hampshire, where he hopes to be known as a native son for the rest of his life.

Maintenance Officer

CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER Joseph N. Rizzi, affectionately and unofficially known to personnel of CBMU as "Uncle Joe" is from Tarrytown, New York.

During the first World War he served with the 110th Engineers, an Army unit, in France, where he received the Silver Star Medal, the John J. Pershing citation and the Purple Heart.

Enlisting in the Navy in May 1943, he served with the 137th Naval Construction Battalion before being assigned to CBMU 597, and has acted as Welfare and Recreation, Company and Maintenance Officer with his Unit.

Mr. Rizzi's son, Joseph, Jr., is now serving in Italy with the U. S. 5th Army.

Post-war plans include a speedy return to his home, wife, a daughter and two sons. He plans to engage in his old business as contractor and builder, with the emphasis on the construction of new homes.



C B M U 597



Unit History

FIRST of March, 1945: One year old today! Three hundred and sixty-four days, one hour and twenty minutes of productive labor, generously interspersed with fun and good times, have been chalked up in the history of CBMU 597. For twelve months CBMU 597 has had a part in shortening the war, a small part, to be sure, in the broad historical sense, but an exceedingly important part to those concerned.

The nucleus of the Unit came from the decommissioned 137th and 144th Naval Construction Battalions; the balance of the personnel was received from a number of other Units, including the

134th N.C.B., 135th N.C.B., 92nd N.C.B., Casual Draft 2275, Station Forces at Gulfport and Port Hueneme, and the Receiving Station at Pearl Harbor.

Confusion, attendant upon organization of the Unit, was quickly eliminated and life at Gulfport, Mississippi's Camp Hollyday soon fell into the old Navy groove of duty and liberty, with occasional leaves granted a few of the men.

March 20th found the Unit marching briskly out of Gate No. 1 toward the rifle range, some thirty-three miles away. Seventeen miles were covered the first day, and that night was spent at the

Bivouac area. The following day the remainder of the distance seemed to stretch interminably, but late in the afternoon the range area was reached; the only



casualties being sore feet and a few blisters. Men who had failed previously to qualify with a rifle or carbine were given the opportunity to do so officially during the week's stay at the range.

Almost immediately embarkation rumors began to circulate, beginning the competition as to who would wear the crown of "Scuttle-butt-king." At the end of the first year certain characters stand out for their unfailing interest in starting gossip, usually of a wildly exciting nature, but the mythical crown has never found a permanent resting place.

At the "Range" the Unit's cooks and bakers had their first opportunity to prove their proficiency-in-rating, which they did to everyone's satisfaction. Many times since being over-seas, wistful comments have been heard concerning the excellence of the chow during that spring week at the rifle range.

M. A. A.'s and O. O. D.'s



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Heavy Equipment



Front Row: M. M. Bybee, MM2c; C. Moore, MM1c; J. J. McGilliuddy, CM1c; K. V. DeLap, MoMM2c; J. P. Self, MM3c; J. C. Shapland, MM2c; W. F. Lawson, MM3c; J. Siano, CM2c.
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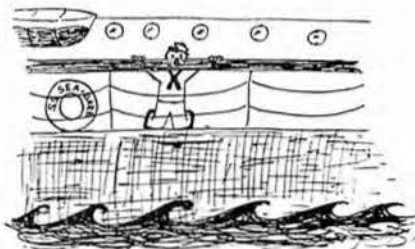
Fifteen men and one officer were recalled from leave, and preparations were made for embarking for Port Hueneme, California, on April 15th. (Regardless of conveyance, one always "embarks" in the Navy.) After a pleasant and only moderately eventful trip, including a few "recreation stops," across the southern part of the United States, the Unit arrived at Camp Rousseau during the early morning hours on April 19th. (It would be hard to convince any Service man that train travel in the United States ever comes to an end except between the hours of midnight and sun-up.)

In the minds of most of the men, probably the next month was among the most hectic periods since Boot camp. Being outfitted with tropical issue, obtaining pieces, and the general last minute preparations kept everyone exceedingly busy during daylight hours. At night Hollywood was an irresistible attraction with its "Hollywood Canteen," the opportunity to meet the movie stars in person, and to see the places glamorized by the movie magazines.

On April 27th orders were received by the Unit attaching it for duty to Acorn 39, under the command of Commander Clark Bucknam, (A3) L, USNR, and in far too short a time the Unit was alerted, personnel restricted to

the Camp area and preparations completed for embarkation on May 24th. As a final fling, a beer party was arranged at the Port Huenele Wet Canteen, the first of such parties later followed by similar affairs at Hawaii and the Marianas. Costs of the parties have been paid from the Welfare fund.

The novelty of embarking and the attendant excitement helped to dissipate the lump that seemed to appear in everyone's throat as the shoreline of the United States



faded into the distance. The Sea-Barb, an Army transport, provided few of the comforts of Navy life, but outside of sea-sickness and the inefficiency of the chow set-up the trip was pleasant and enjoyed by the novice sailors.

Diamond Head and Waikiki beach were sighted the afternoon of the 29th of May, and the morning of the 30th the disembarkation order was given. Camp was established at Iriquois Point, better known as "Tent City" or "Dust Bowl."

Transportation



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Following the usual orientation period, the work of outfitting each man and the Unit for the job that lay ahead began and continued throughout the following month and a half. Welcome interruptions to the routine came now and then with sightseeing trips around the island of Oahu, and liberties spent in Honolulu. The Island paradise pictured in the travel folders seemed to have been lost in the shuffle of war, but the tropical vegetation and scenic splendors of Oahu remained unchanged for all to see and enjoy.

Soon the stevedoring job began, and the endless lists of supplies were converted into mountains of equipment and materials, all of which had to be packed into and onto ships, which sank lower and lower in the water as the weight of the load increased, until by sailing time the decks were almost awash. Only after landing at the Marianas did those who worked so hard to load the freighters fully appreciate the careful planning that foresaw the need for countless thousands of different items.

Lt. Cody and eight men embarked with the first supply ship on the Fourth of July. Slower than the personnel ship, which carried most of the balance of the Unit, the S. S. Ole Rolvaag joined the convoy at the Marshall Islands in August for the balance

of the trip to the Marianas.

Leaving a rear guard of twenty-eight men, led by Chief A. H. Boileau, who were to come later via another of the cargo vessels, the Unit boarded the S. S. Santa Monica July 23rd. Sailing the following day, the officers and men of the Unit rejoiced over the fact that they had been assigned to a Naval transport. No less crowded than the Army transport, the eating arrangements and chow aboard the Santa Monica were far superior to the accommodations on the Sea Barb.

On July 28th at 2240 the personnel of the Unit was duly initiated into the Mysteries of the Order of the Royal Dragon, having crossed the 180th Meridian. There seemed to be no perceptible change other than it continued to be hot.

Reaching the Marshall Islands on the 2nd of August, the Santa Monica lay off shore at Eniwetok for a week's time, until August 9th when the convoy got under way again, arriving at the Marianas the 14th of August. Later that month the rear guard at Iriquois Point embarked on August 28th.

From the 14th of August until the 4th of September, when the Unit disembarked at its "Island X" in the Marianas, probably will be remembered by those concerned as the longest period of

Carpenters



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time ever compressed into twenty-one days. Some of the time was whiled away by various of the men and officers in deep-sea fishing.

Forty-four days during which time it is alleged that the poker game on Hatch Number Two never stopped, elapsed from embarkation to the time the Unit was landed in Higgins boats on the Island. None of the men are likely to forget the breathless feeling that accompanied the act of crawling over the rail of the S. S. Santa Monica and descending the landing nets. The small waiting boats bobbed like corks. Loaded down with equipment, the men's respect for the art of transferring from a large vessel to a small boat increased immensely.

Gathering in a former school yard and overflowing into someone's one-time meadow near bomb and shell-torn buildings, later converted by the Unit into usable structures, the first day was spent in erecting tents and breaking out cots and locating gear. By morning of the second day ashore, what had been open spaces appeared as a well regulated Seabee camp. Sentries were posted at once to protect the camp and personnel from enemy patrols, known to be still roaming the Island. Enemy encounters never materialized, but a particularly glum Jap cow was efficiently dispatched, presumably to the home

of its honorable ancestors. The guard explained that his challenge went unanswered . . . and it was a dark night.

Almost immediately a frenzied period began, during which work continued on a twenty-four hour basis. In addition to the effort involved in reconstructing the ruins of the former school house into a usable chow hall, providing bathing and washing facilities, building heads, establishing a power plant and an electric light system for the camp area, personnel of the Unit was divided into two groups and assigned twelve-hour shifts as stevedores at the beach. Despite the fact that most of the men had had no especial training in stevedoring, records were established that resulted in special commendations for the Unit.

During the period from the time the camp was established until the 17th of September chow consisted of K and C rations.



Plumbing, Welding, Pumps, Water



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Purification, Blacksmith, Metalsmith



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neither of which is relished by anyone who has existed on such a diet for any length of time.

Using canvas tarps to cover the shell holes in the outer walls and roof of the school, a chow hall was established and equipped and the first meal served to the mid-night-to-noon shift on September 16th. Using canned and dehydrated rations, the cooks and bakers not only provided edible meals, but established a reputation for themselves and the Unit. "The best chow on the Island" was heard from officers and men from all outfits, and it proved to be a problem to provide for all of those who appeared at chow time, but rarely was anyone turned away.

Later another section of the building was reconditioned and used for a recreation room and Ship's Service. Prior to that time these activities had been housed in a tent, even barbering and tailoring service being available. When the new shop was built a barber chair was constructed and mounted on an old Jap gunmount. For comfort of the patron and barber alike, the chair proved to be tops.

The rear guard from Hawaii arrived on September 20th, making the trip in 23 days.

The first fresh rations and the end of the stevedoring work came at about the same time, during

the first week in November, and were equally welcome.

Work on buildings—Quonset huts and work shops—had been under way for some time at the Naval Air Base, and now the work was speeded. Working parties commuted between the two areas, returning to the tent camp for meals and to sleep. In addition to the heavy schedule of work, time was found in October to erect a projection booth and moving picture screen, and movies were shown thereafter nightly. Sometimes the picture would be interrupted by the air raid siren, but upon the sounding of the "all clear" the audience would troop back to see the remainder of the feature. Rain never stopped a show; those present merely wrapped themselves in their ponchos and sat it out, even though the heavy rainfall often partly obscured the screen.

Thanksgiving was observed with a chicken dinner, the chickens being the roosters almost 80 of them, from the flock of baby chicks chaperoned by the advance party on the trip from Hawaii. Starting out with approximately 250 chicks, about fifty were lost enroute. Apparently exasperated with the heat and discomforts of ocean travel the survivors gave up the effort of holding onto their feathers, arriving at Island X belliger-

Machinists



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Electricians



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Second Row: T. Tomberlin, EM1e; W. E. Bernicke, CM2e; D. Y. Chan, EM3e; D. Jaffe, MM3e; G. P. Hornak, EM1e; L. R. Clapper, CM2e; E. W. Bosselman, WT1e; D. L. DiMenna, EM1e; F. Elliott, EM3e.
Third Row: L. W. Adamson, BM2e; J. B. Rawlins, Jr., EM2e; G. R. Barkley, MM2e; J. A. Murph, EM2e; H. Binus, MM1e; O. W. Neck, CEM; V. R. Goodman, CEM; T. E. Gibson, MM3e; G. B. Rusho, EM2e; O. D. Skutt, EM1e.

ently naked. By the holidays they were large enuf to eat and the roosters contributed to a welcome change of diet for all hands. Since that time some of the more enterprising of the fowls have grown more feathers, but none of them could be called well dressed according to chicken standards in the U. S. Most of the 77 hardy survivors lay eggs, small eggs, to be sure, but in proportion to their stunted growth. A few timid and battle-weary "Gook" hens have joined the flock, much to the delight of "Reveille," the rooster-in-charge.

The Personnel office, which had been functioning since the end of the first week on the Island, was moved to the Naval Air Base on the 18th of November, and the far from expertly made furniture and fixtures built by the Yeomen were discarded in favor of desks and tables of such superior workmanship that the new office resembled the movies' conception of a proper office.

The following month the old camp reluctantly was abandoned; first, certain of the work groups moved on the 11th, including carpenters, plumbers, electricians and mechanics, and those remaining moved two days after Christmas.

The entire personnel of the camp was on hand at the old

area on Christmas eve for an all-Unit party. A tree, faintly resembling the traditional evergreen, was erected at one side of the movie screen. Colored lights and reflectors made festive tree decorations, adding to the holiday illusion. A special program was presented by the men themselves, including a chorus singing Christmas carols, and various individuals in specialty numbers. Following the show and movie, beer and sandwiches were served at the Recreation room. Christmas day was a day of rest, marked only by Church services for those who wished to attend. Again the cooks and bakers proved themselves masters of their crafts with a Christmas dinner of roast chicken (not Unit chickens this time), pumpkin pie and most of the traditional accompaniments to such a meal.

It was with a feeling of regret that the Unit made the move from its tent camp to the Naval Air Base. For the first time since being organized the outfit had had a camp, built, maintained and lived in by themselves. None of the men will forget the contrast between the original muddy fields and the completed camp with its coral lined walks, attractive flower beds of many hued tropical vegetation, fresh water showers, pleasant chow hall, restful recreation hall and private

Base Sanitation, Excavation Roads & Strips



Front Row: F. M. Blaney, S1e; R. A. Taylor, CM1e; J. P. Pennington, MM3e; W. Ferguson, Jr., S1e; R. Grodi, Jr., S1e; J. F. Koshinskie, Jr., SF3e; C. A. Tier, III, S1e; W. E. Peterson, MM3e; C. M. Lovelace, CM3e; J. C. Teague, CM3e; R. J. Flanagan, S1e; R. L. Williams, MM2e.
 Second Row: T. M. McAdams, BM2e; C. M. Virgo, MM1e; L. F. Galusky, CM3e; T. F. Long, CM2e; C. L. Pinion, F1e; A. K. Lord, CCM; O. L. Bunting, CCM; J. M. Falkowski, GM3e; R. L. Cerra, M2e; R. H. Crowell, CM1e; E. R. Jestes, SF2e; B. Drust, S1e; E. A. Mallonee, CM1e.

Miscellaneous



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Second Row: H. G. Bullock, SF2c; E. I. Westerhoff, BM1c; O. G. Banks, MM2c; B. R. Phillips, CM2c; "L." "D" Miller, CMoMM; L. C. Fear, S1c; W. G. Gill, CM1c; F. H. Browne, CM1c.
Men on duty at times their various groups were photographed.

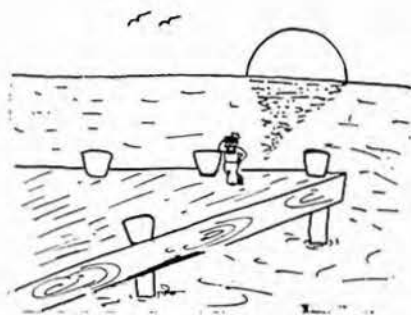
motion picture theater. The camp area housed some two hundred and seventy men, and to each of them the camp was the nearest thing to home to be found in a forward area, where many of the features mentioned are exceedingly rare.

Moving into Quonset huts at the Naval Air Base the group's entire energies went into the maintenance and construction work necessary to the establishment and upkeep of a Base housing several thousand men.

Among the more spectacular construction projects in which CBMU 597 workmen played an important part was an officer's club and chow hall; a fresh water distribution system; a chapel, complete with steeple; an entire system of surfaced roads, serving all parts of the Base, and housing facilities.

Marking the end of a successful year, on 1 March 1945 a birthday dinner-party, complete even to a huge decorated birthday cake, was arranged for all hands. Adding to the festiveness of the occasion, a huge sign reading "CBMU 597 Anniversary, March First" covered one end of the chow hall. Table covers, bouquets of tropical flowers and the music of a string band made the thoughts of war and all its implications fade into the background for the evening.

As the first year together drew to a close, officers and men agreed that it had been a good year; a year of work and worry and sweat and fun, but a year marked by the satisfaction of a hard job well done. As the Unit faces the second year of its existence it does so with unassuming self confidence. The proving period is past. Regardless of the job that lies ahead, CBMU 597 knows it "Can Do."



Commissary, Supply and Laundry



Front Row: J. Flora, S1e; E. V. Fish, SK1e; J. S. Stipp, CM2e; R. P. Brace, SK2e; R. W. Owens, SC2e; D. Bortnick, BKR3e; M. S. Gaston, SC1e; D. C. Nicholson, SC1e; P. P. Segretto, S1e.
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Overnight at Bivouac



The last lap



This is the Navy?



3 1/2 miles to go



Ready on the right



SEABEES AT WORK

We rode back, and in a hurry too! Gulfport, Mississippi



"Carry On"



Why mister Nordbye!!



"Bag loading detail, Report!"



Sightseeing



Deep in the heart of Texas



Pullman comfort?

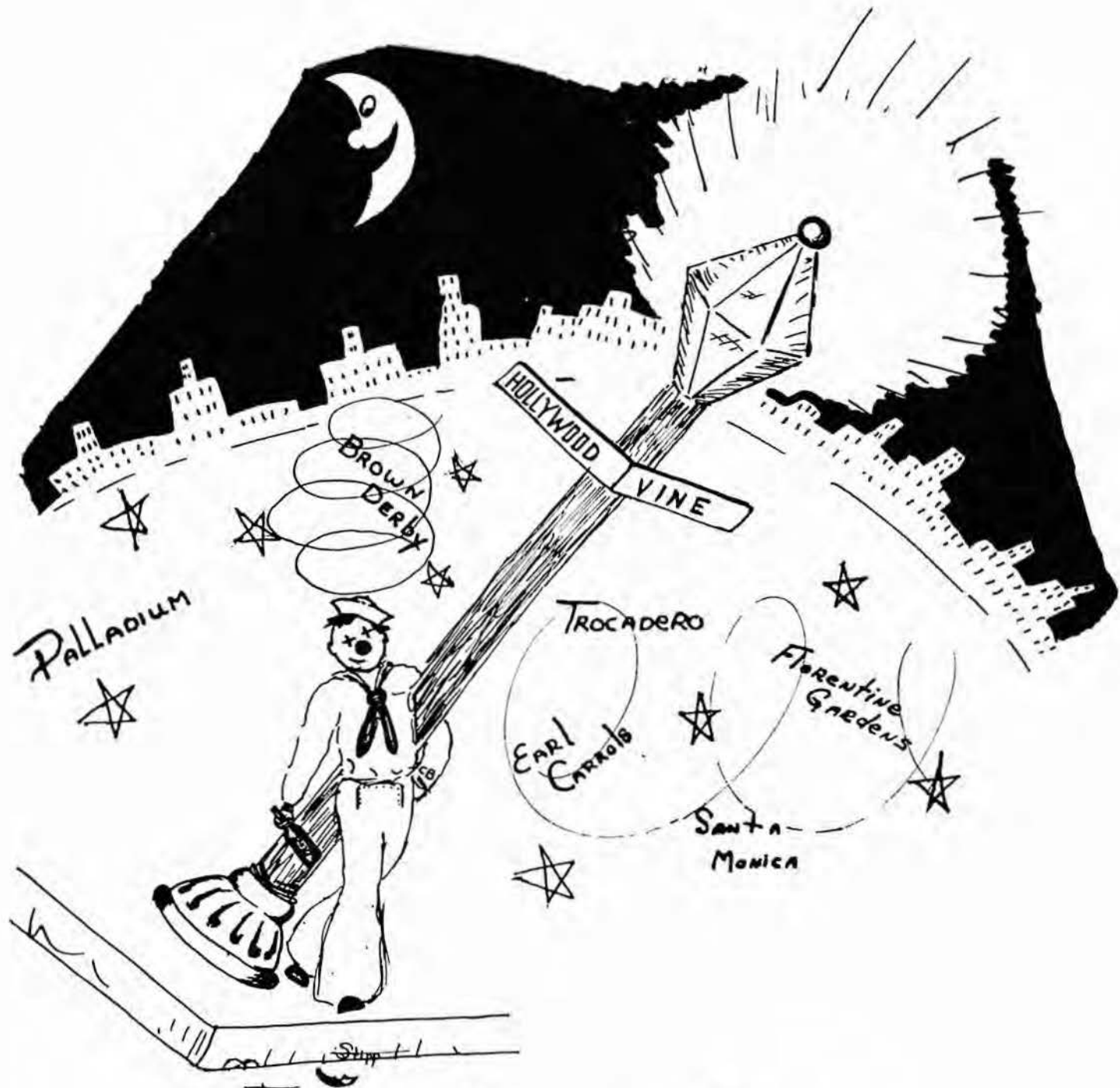


Romeos in blue

The law - and food

An eye for business

California, Here We Come!



Port Hueneme Days

IN MEMORIAM
WISTFULLY WE STILL DREAM
OF LIBERTY IN CALIFORNIA



Picnic-Nimitz Beach



The Dust Bowl



Paradise!



Romantic ? Hawaii Iriquois Point, Territory of Hawaii



The Breakers



The First Freedom

The Last Liberty Iriquois Point, Territory of Hawaii



Hobby Lobby



Next Man!



Main Street



Seabreeze Theatre



Early Days on Island X



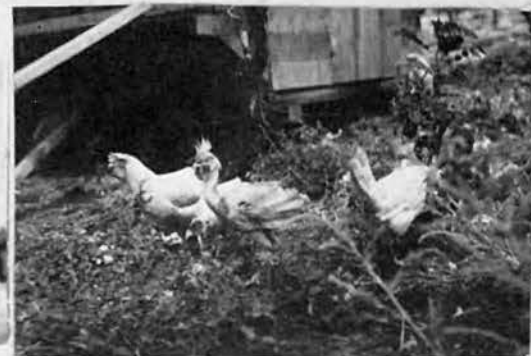
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12 on - 12 off



Chow Hall

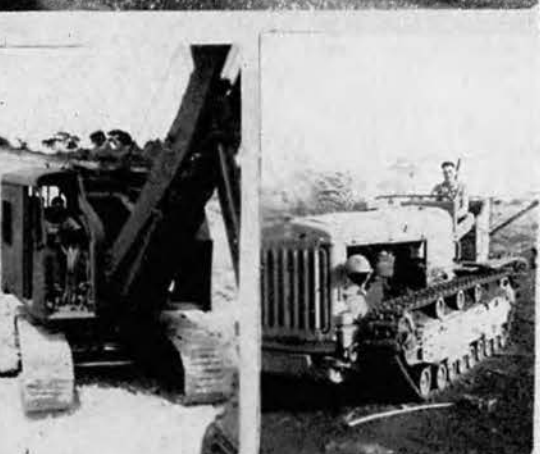
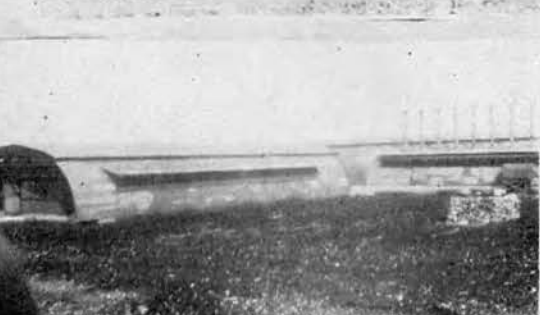


Not Acclimatized

Want a bath?



Original Camp



On the Job---- Naval Air Base



Fraternizing with the enemy



American Beauties



Fox Hole De luxe



And Afterwards Naval Air Base



Tori and Shrine



Invasion Beach

Snipers Nest

What we're here for



Japanese Super-Market



Shots Here and There



Stuff dreams are made of



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