

**F E A T U R E**  
**S E C T I O N**



# REALLY???



Listen chum, d'ja hear the latest?  
This is straight, I know,  
Because I got it from a good source:  
The third seat, second row.

It seems the Seabees' work is done  
And we are left sans project,  
So, you'll find our daily work  
Directed toward one object:

Clean our gear and get it set  
To transfer to another,  
Soon we'll board and merrily sail  
Across the sea to mother.

Aye, me mates, the jest is this,  
We'll soon be going home.  
For us the mighty battle won,  
And never more to roam.

Now listen chum, 'bout what I've said,  
T'll put you in a rut  
If you don't remember that  
'Tis naught but scuttlebutt.

# **TWO YEARS DISASTROPHE**

BY W. D. MULLENAUX

## **HYSTERICAL DATA**

October of 1943 was similar to October of any other year . . . the world was still turning on its Axis and the Axis was still turning on the world. The Moustache from Berlin and the Jaw from Rome considered the world their own private turkey and they were carving the best slices for themselves. Their brother rat in Tokyo . . . the one with the wrong slant in his eyes and the wrong slant on nearly everything in general . . . was invited to the feast too, and the rest of the world had nothing left but the wishbone and a few bedraggled tail feathers. That was the picture in October of 1943. All God's children had shoes . . . but they were wearing a little thin around the edges. The Sons of Satan were calling the tunes at most of the square dances.

Mac was still a civilian then . . . he hadn't yet gotten the old double cross from his "friends and neighbors". You know Mac; he's the guy in

the hut next door, or the bloke who beats the bass in the battalion band . . . or he might even be you. Now Mac isn't exactly a quiz kid, and yet he's not all gristle between the ears. It's true he's read more Hoyle than Emily Post, but he knows which knife to eat his beans with. He's getting along swell as a civilian trying to eke out a modest living on a buck-fifty an hour in the local war plant. He joined the Seabees because his conscience bothered him about making so much money, and because he wanted to do his bit for the cause, and also because they came and got him.

Mac was railroaded into service . . . I mean of course that the Navy bought him a one-way ticket to Camp Peary, Virginia. Dear old boot camp . . . how I miss the bloodhounds and cat-o-nine-tails. Mac's first contact with Navy life was a rousing chorus of "You'll be sorry" from a miserable group of boots strung up by their thumbs for talking back to a chief.

Mac caught right onto the easy leisurely schedule of boot camp. Nothing to do before breakfast except swab the deck, make up your sack, wash your face, comb your hair, brush your teeth, police the grounds, do a few hundred measly push-ups and other bone-crushing exercises, fall in for muster, stand around in the cold while the platoon chief beats his gums about your dirty barracks, so . . . you swab the deck again, go over the window sills with a toothbrush, clean the inside of the stove again and then gratefully march to the chow hall for a generous helping of hominy grits, fried beans and cold coffee. The rest of the day was spent in similar happy-go-lucky fashion.



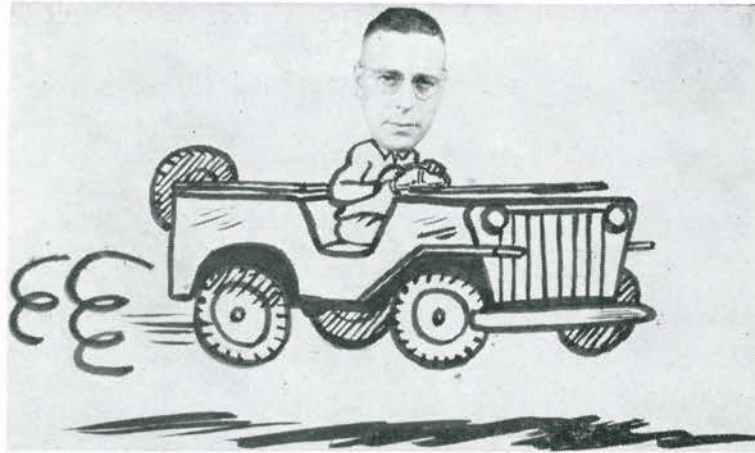
As the weeks passed Mac found that his body had hardened considerably (the bones were closer to the surface). His appetite had toned up until he felt that he could eat anything . . . and he often did. He whiled away his time drilling, marching, learning new games (such as hitting the deck on his belly and face at a full gallop . . . oh well, with chow the way it was he had no use for those teeth anyway!)

October faded away into November while Mac faded away to a shadow. The big moment arrived. Mac was assigned to the 145th battalion . . . the battalion to end all battalions.

And so, they said farewell to the majestic, swamp-ridden bogs of Camp Peary and entrained to the icy wastes of Rhode Island. Camp Endicott was a joyous place surrounded on three sides by Rhode Island and on the other side by Quonset Naval Air Station. The Navy fliers weren't satisfied to hedge-hop over the double decker barracks; they had to leave wheel tracks on the roof. Twice the roof caught fire from the exhaust flames of passing Corsairs. The barracks was always held in readiness for open house because they expected a pilot to drop in at any time.

Camp Endicott was clean. Trash cans were placed at convenient intervals to dispose of any old frozen toes or frost-bitten ears. In Rhode Island the thermometers are only marked up to ten degrees above zero . . . even the seagulls wear earmuffs.

Part of Mac's advance training included two weeks at Sun Valley. The wag who named that refrigerator SUN Valley must have been the same one who started calling "Tex" Pearce, "Tiny". The closest that valley ever got to the sun was the time the sky leaked a few sunbeams and all the penguins died of heat prostration.

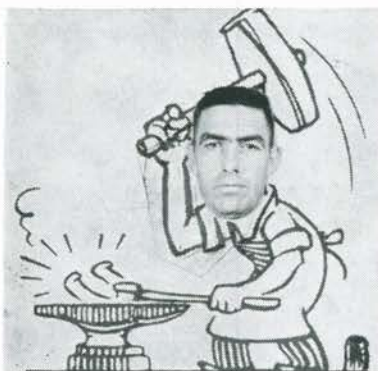


Mac and the boys were quartered in quonset huts. A quonset hut is an igloo wired for electricity. It was so cold there that if you put a pot of boiling water outside the door it froze so fast the ice was still warm.

No wonder Mac felt good when he learned that the outfit was transferred to California. California is the place where good Floridians go when they die. Mac liked Camp Parks the minute he felt the sunshine running off his rain coat.

Next stop was Camp Rousseau at Port Hueneme. Mac looked kinda worried every time he looked out at the Pacific Ocean; he knew that if the Horace Greeley who was directing the battalion west had any more funny ideas, the whole outfit would need water wings. Hueneme probably was a very pleasant place, but Mac didn't stay long enough to find out. The first thing he knew, he was hanging over the rail of the S. S. Howell Lykes feeding the fish. There was only one consolation about leaving the States; his pay was increased twenty per cent for overseas service. But the way Mac figured it, twenty per cent of nothing is still nothing!

You've seen these movies where the boys are on a big liner and they're all singing and dancing, and it's hard to walk across the deck without



pushing dozens of beautiful nurses out of the way . . . well, it ain't like that. I wouldn't say that the ship was crowded but whenever it lurched, nobody fell down. Some of the passengers were so far down in the hold they didn't see the sun during the whole trip. Even the rats down there carried carbide lanterns.

Crossing the equator was a lot of fun. The neophytes were initiated into the mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep. It was a gala occasion highlighted by such festive sports as breaking both a man's legs, then forcing him to do the Lambeth Walk pigeontoed. There was much hilarity and blood-letting. The resulting deaths of 18 men helped to reduce overcrowded conditions. There was more food available too . . . Instead of just an orange for dinner, each man received an orange and one and one-half slices.

Figuring loss of weight conservatively at ten pounds per man, the ship was 10,000 pounds lighter when it dropped the hook at Espiritu Santo. Mac got his first close look at a South Pacific island at Espiritu, and if they hadn't discovered his hiding place in the hold, it would have been his last look. They stopped at Espiritu Santo only long enough to replenish their dwindling supply of oranges and then pushed on out into the Pacific again.





There is one island in the Pacific where the trade winds won't blow . . . seagulls detour hundreds of miles to avoid it . . . even the tide comes in only when absolutely necessary. This gem of the Pacific is called Banika (which is Polynesian for "It shouldn't happen to a dog"). Here lives the dreaded killer "Anopheles Annie," the malarial mosquito. Spending a night with Annie is like committing hara-kari with a broken arsenic bottle. She's a hypodermic needle with wings. Annie is president of the local blood-bank. Her theme song is "I've Got Me Under Your Skin".

Banika was crawling with insects of all kinds, and so were the men after a few days. Mac liked to take long hikes into the jungle but the chief always found him and brought him back to work. A chief is an enlisted man with delusions of gold-braid. He's like the bat . . . neither bird nor beast. He sleeps by day and drinks beer by night. He's the only man in the Navy who never makes the same mistake once. He wears an anchor on his hat and works with it in the seat of his pants.

The outfit spent a whole year on Banika. That year wasn't wasted though. Most of the men studied the customs and habits of the native population . . . but they could never catch a woman out alone.

Learning the native dialect was difficult, but after twelve months of

comprehensive effort, each man had a well-rounded vocabulary of "Haba Haba, Joe" and "Trade-um mattress cover for cat-eye?"

It was hot on Banika. The boys had a white Christmas all right . . . white hot. The only cold thing on the whole island was the breakfast coffee. Mac found that the only way to be comfortable was to wear a sun helmet and a pair of shorts . . . on extra hot days we wore only the sun helmet. The only difference between summer and winter was in the thickness of the coat on Mac's tongue . . . that, and the fact that he spoke with a southern accent in the summer. It was so hot there that the mama birds never knew whether they were going to hatch a fledgling or an omelet.

The battalion's next big move came in March of 1945. I remember it was March because the Christmas packages were beginning to arrive. Some of the boys shipped out on APA's, but Mac was with the majority of men who were assigned to two LST's. An LST is a freight train with a rudder. It not only rolls from side to side, but has a hinge in the middle. It rides like a roller coaster with the "D.T's". If you're not bow-legged when you start the trip, you are when you end it. Walking the deck of an LST is like trying to climb stairs on a pair of roller skates.

The two LST's joined a convoy at Tulagi. Joining a convoy is like hitching your wagon to a war. Mac knew he wasn't going along just for the ride. At the rendezvous point in the Caroline Islands he saw the Navy that the Japs had sunk three times. Admiral King had heard of the Jap scrap metal drive and decided to deliver a few thousand pounds to help the cause.

On April Fool's Day the United States Navy played host at a delightful



surprise party honoring the Jap forces on Okinawa. It was Easter Sunday and the Japs had no trouble finding the eggs . . . they were dropping all over the place. The Naval shelling was terrific. It sounded like Clancy's Bar on a Saturday night.

The First and Sixth Marine Divisions, assisted by the Tenth Army, went ashore to join the fun. A Marine is an atomic bomb with eyeballs. He hates everybody in the world except his mother and the Seabees . . . and some of them hate their mothers. His motto is "Semper Fidelis" which is Latin for "Blow it out your seabag". The only time a Marine is civil is when he's asleep . . . and most of them are insomniacs.

Mac and the outfit went ashore at Okinawa on L-Day plus two. The L stands for Lunacy, and the two means it was too damned soon to be going ashore. However, they pried him off the ship, and the invasion continued. Mac knew that the Marines were ahead of him because every little native kid he met told him what Tojo ate.

The first camp was set up between two airstrips and the bay. The Jap fliers would never think to look for us there. Now I know what a bullseye thinks about at a state rifle meet.

The first thing the boys did (after they built the officer's club) was to dig a foxhole. A foxhole is an underground apartment with hot and cold running chills and self-sealing tombstone. Every man carried his helmet with him at all times . . . if it wasn't rain falling, it was Jap bombs or planes. Condition red was announced so often that the boys always felt in the pink. It got so bad Mac couldn't go to sleep unless he heard the bombs falling.

Work continued as usual. The Army Engineers came ashore the week after the Red Cross girls landed. They tried to enter into competition with the Seabees, but the fliers preferred landing on our roads rather

than on airstrips built by the engineers. Mac tried to explain to them that this was the machine age, and that a roller could level an airstrip much faster than tamping it by hand; but they said if coolie labor was good enough for the Chinese, it was good enough for them. If all the engineers on Okinawa were laid end to end it would serve them right.

The battalion moved to a permanent camp at Yonabaru in July. That is, they thought it was a permanent camp until the typhoon hit. That typhoon was a lulu . . . after the wind died down the only thing still up was the cost of living. Chow was served that night aboard a battleship that had washed in from the other side of the island. To top it all off, some character wrote, "Gone With the Wind" on the movie bulletin board.

Japan surrendered in August while Mac was still on Okinawa. The Navy set up a generous point system for discharge, and with time off for good behaviour, Mac should be home again the first Tuesday in 1949.

See you then!

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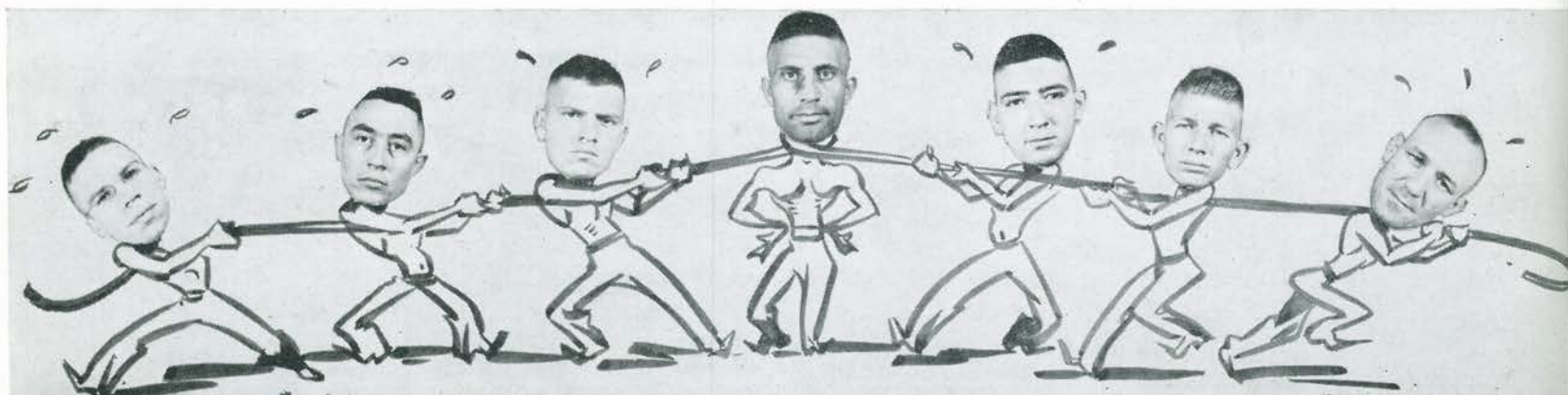
# 145TH BOASTED OWN "WONDER MAN"

Living under canvas for a year and a half overseas was no novelty for one member of the 145th battalion. He is Charles Ali, who was born in a circus and, until entering the service, had spent his entire 33 years in the show business. His family roster also boasts show people. His father was a "strong man" and was the first show man to pull an automobile with his eye lids. His mother was a tattoo artist; one sister owns a show of her own, and another sister concessions at another show.

Ali's wife is a tight wire and trapeze artist, and her mother, father, and sister, too, are in the show business.

Ali, who says his home is the "United States," as he has never been in one place long enough to call it home, has had many thrilling experiences in his career as a showman. Once, in one of the acts he has made familiar to men of the 145th, he was showing in Canada and allowed a rope to be placed around his neck with six mounties playing tug-o-war with the rope. The tug was stronger than Ali had bargained for, and almost finished his career.

Ali's acts, several of which men of the 145th witnessed at battalion shows, include the usual "strong man" stuff with a few extras thrown in such as biting nails in half, lying on a bed of nails, and the tug-o-war trick. Six of our own men pulling a noose around Ali's neck failed to bother him. His tattoo artistry while in the 145th is being carried back to every corner of the U. S.







## ANTARCTIC EXPLORER WASHES CLOTHES

One of the most unusual experiences of any Seabee is that of Hollis E. Richardson, who was in charge of the 145th battalion's laundry during its overseas tour of duty. But Richardson's unusual experience was not in washing dirty 145th's dungarees. It was before the war, when, as a civilian Richardson went to the South Pole with Adm. Richard E. Byrd. He was in charge of the dogs.

The expedition left Boston in October, 1939, with a crew of 28 men and 75 dogs. The explorers sailed on two ships, the North Star leaving first and the USS Bear following. Richardson was on the second ship in charge of the 75 dogs. Only three of the entire group of dogs did not get seasick. Healthy huskies are a job to take care of, Richardson says, but caring for sick huskies is a job he wouldn't even wish on a Jap.

For Byrd's Antarctic explorations, dogs were used almost exclusively for transportation and that is where Richardson came into the picture. For many years he had bred dogs in Franklin, N. H., as a hobby; had run them in many races, winning in Pennsylvania and Lake Placid meets. He heard that Admiral Byrd needed huskies for his expedition and went to Washington expecting to sell his dogs. But he came back a volunteer for the expedition at the rate of one dollar per year. He then had to pass a rigid physical and mental examination.

Experiences too numerous to recount were had at the two Antarctic bases 1400 miles apart. The expedition was exploring an area larger than the United States.

There are just two months of summer, January and February. The sun never sets and things warm up. In fact at one time the mercury rose to zero, while the rest of the year the temperature runs to a cool 68 degrees below zero. It is during the two summer months only that it is possible to get a ship to Little America.

Preparing to leave for home, the men waited two weeks while the Bear sailed outside the ice barrier trying to get in to take them aboard. Failing to reach the ship the men moved by plane 150 miles to another island where they were picked up by the ship.

Because the men were moved by plane it was necessary to abandon equipment and kill the dogs. This was the hardest part of the trip for Richardson.

The expedition left Grahamland, which is the east port of Antarctica, on 28 March 1941, and after 18 months at Little America, returned to the United States.



"You'll have to come back in the morning Mac. Sick call is at 0800."



# THE CROSSING

(By CHAPLAIN C. D. DENHAM)

We shoved off from Port Hueneme,  
On the California shore.  
'Twas a sunny day in April  
In the year of forty-four.  
But the sunshine wasn't shinin'  
Very brightly in our hearts,  
Cause the ship on which we sailed was  
Takin' us to far-off parts;  
And we thought of wife and kiddies,  
Mother, Dad, and Sweetheart too;  
And the thing that made it hardest  
Was the fact that we all knew  
We'd be gone for the duration,  
Seven thousand miles and more  
From the home we left behind us  
When we left Hueneme's shore.  
And a lump it started climbin'  
But we swallowed it back down;  
And we brushed away a teardrop,  
Never once a lookin' 'roun'.  
Offered up a prayer in silence  
That our Father up above,  
Thru long months of separation  
Would be near the ones we love;  
Keepin' them beneath the shadow  
Of His wings 'til our return  
From the far-off land of battle,  
Back to those for whom we yearn.  
And our lives unto the Father  
We committed ere the night  
Closed in silently around us,  
Shuttin' out the land from sight.

Then our reverie was broken  
By the grim reality  
Of a feelin' kinda sick like  
As we bore on out to sea.  
And our innards kept a churnin'  
Keepin' time to every leap,  
Every surgin' rockin' rollin'  
Of the ship upon the deep.  
I remember well that night of  
Ghastly faces wan and pale,  
Bendin' o'er the open heads and  
Leanin' out upon the rail.  
Many far into the mornin'  
Many on into the day,  
Kept a-heavin' though it brought them  
Only added agony.  
Quiet then became the waters,  
Calmer too, the ship became,  
But there lingered still within us  
That old feelin' just the same;  
Until finally the turmoil  
Of our innards settled down,

And we felt like shoutin' but were  
Far too weak to make a sound.

Strength came with the passing days and  
Life, though brighter many fold,  
Still was saddened by the fact that  
We were quartered in the hold;  
Packed like canned sardines together,  
Little more alive than they,  
Little more of life enjoyin',  
Little more of liberty.  
And the air was standin' still-like  
As we lay there row on row,  
And we all but suffocated  
In that stuffy hold below.  
And the stench was even worsen  
Than the smell of old latrines,  
That exuded from the hold where  
We were quartered like sardines.  
Sweat was pourin' off us faster  
Than it ever had before,  
And we lay there sweatin', cussin'  
Tojo, Hitler, and the war.  
We were burnin' like the devil  
Must be burnin' where he is,  
But we wondered if our burnin'  
Wasn't even worse than his.  
Hotter than all hell it was there;  
Maybe this is IT we thought,  
Surely hell could be no hotter  
Nor with agony more fraught.  
Now and then we'd come up gaspin'  
For a breath of freshened air,  
When a stand-to or a drill would  
Grant us respite from despair.  
Twenty days and one we suffered  
Thru the heat and misery,  
Bound for some port way down under  
On a troop transport at sea.  
Books and magazines they gave us,  
Games, and now and then a show,  
If perchance these things might help us  
To forget our common woe,  
But the deep humiliation  
Of full liberty denied  
And the endless chow line creepin'  
Aft along the starboard side,  
And the galley odors reekin'  
In our nostrils all the time,  
And the sloppy chow they fed us  
At the end of each chow line,  
Kept us mindful of the fact that  
We were not a lucky sort,  
Just a bunch of Seabee troopers  
On an army troop transport.

## RECONVERSION

When bugles sound their final notes  
And bombs explode no more,  
When we return to what we did  
Before we went to war,  
The sudden shift in status,  
In the ladder of success,  
Might make some worthy gentlemen  
Feel like an awful mess.

Just think of some poor ensign  
Minus his gold bars,  
Standing behind a counter  
Selling peanuts and cigars.  
And think of all the commanders  
With their oak leaves far behind,  
And the uniforms they're wearing  
Are the Western Union kind.

Shed a tear for some poor lieutenant  
If he doesn't feel himself,  
Jerking sodas isn't easy  
When your gold braid's on the shelf.  
'Tis a bitter pill to swallow,  
'Tis a matter for despair,  
Being messengers and clerks again,  
A mighty cross to bear.



"Hell No, I'm not the Battalion Blacksmith. I'm a cook."



### COCOANUT ISLE

Fates have cast me on coconut isle,  
A land of palms and fruit and honey;  
Here I'm living in heavenly style,  
I need not work, I need no money.

The days are bright and long and lazy,  
Nights are clear with a beautiful moon;  
And when dusk paints the horizon hazy  
I've a beautiful girl with which to spoon.

She's a lovely lass, a tropical goddess,  
With flashing eyes and tresses black.  
The loveliest gal in the isles, I guess,  
I wanna stay here; I'll never go back.

There's a deep lagoon in which to swim,  
And the ocean's surf on which to ride.  
Of the old U. S. my memory's dim,  
I'll never go back to the other side.

This dope I dish is on the level,  
You'll agree I'm really in the gravy,  
But you'd ought to know sure as the devil  
I'm the biggest liar in the whole damn Navy.

### SPAM

Jackson had his acorns, Grant his precious rye,  
Teddy had his poison beef—worse you couldn't  
buy.

The doughboy had his hardtack without his army's  
jam.  
All services on their stomachs move, and this one  
moves on Spam.

For breakfast they will fry it, for supper it is baked.  
For dinner what a delicacy, they have it pat-a-  
caked.

Next morning it's with flapjacks, or maybe  
powdered eggs.  
Where the hell do they get it all? They must  
order it by kegs.

Surely for the evening meal, they'll cook up some-  
thing new,  
But these cooks are sure uncanny—now it's in  
the stew.

And thus this tireless cycle goes; it never seems  
to cease,  
Spam in stew, Spam in pie, Spam in boiling  
grease.

We have had it tucked in salads, with cabbage  
or corned beef,  
We've had it for an entree, perhaps apertif;  
We've had it with spaghetti, with chili and with  
rice,

I remember such a happy day—we only had it  
twice!  
Back home I have an angel whose name I'm going  
to change,

I'll buy her a fancy home with a new-fangled  
range;  
But marital bliss is sure to cease if I ever ask  
for ham,

And find my eggs are looking up from a slice of  
that damn Spam.

# THE BANIKA ADDRESS

(With Apologies to Lincoln)

Two score and seven days ago our battalion brought forth upon this island a new project conceived in a foxhole and dedicated to the proposition that all Japs are created evil.

We are now ensnared in the heat, rain and mud of the island, testing whether this project or the Seabees will long endure.

We are altogether slipping and sliding as we do this, but in a larger sense we cannot cultivate, we cannot navigate, we cannot harrow this ground, for those great rains which make this mud here have made it impossible, far above the poor power of all but the "cats".

It is for us the Seabees, rather to be enslaved here by this menial labor which they in charge have thus so freely advanced. It is rather for us to be here sickened by the dish of hash, that from these cans we took our nourishment; nor no devotion to those cooks for our stomachs give an everlasting measure of commotion.

The world will little note nor long remember what we build here, but we shall never forget the hash and beans we ate here. Let us resolve that we shall not have sweat in vain; that this battalion shall have 30 days of freedom in the United States by Christmas; that this thought shall not perish from our hopes.



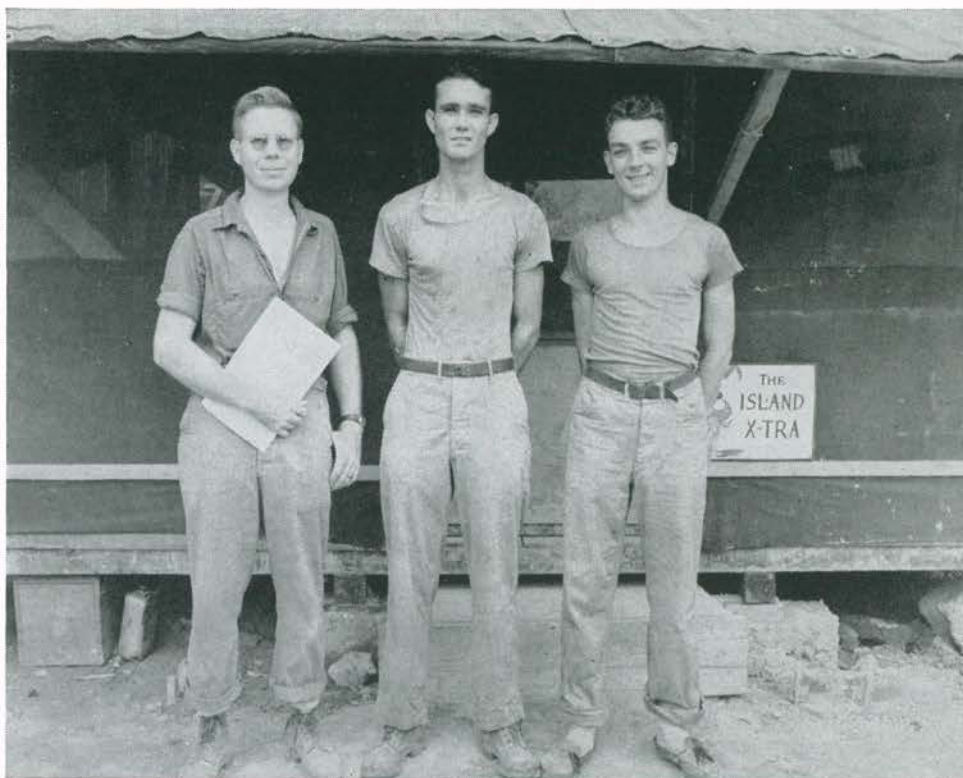
# THE ISLAND X-TRA



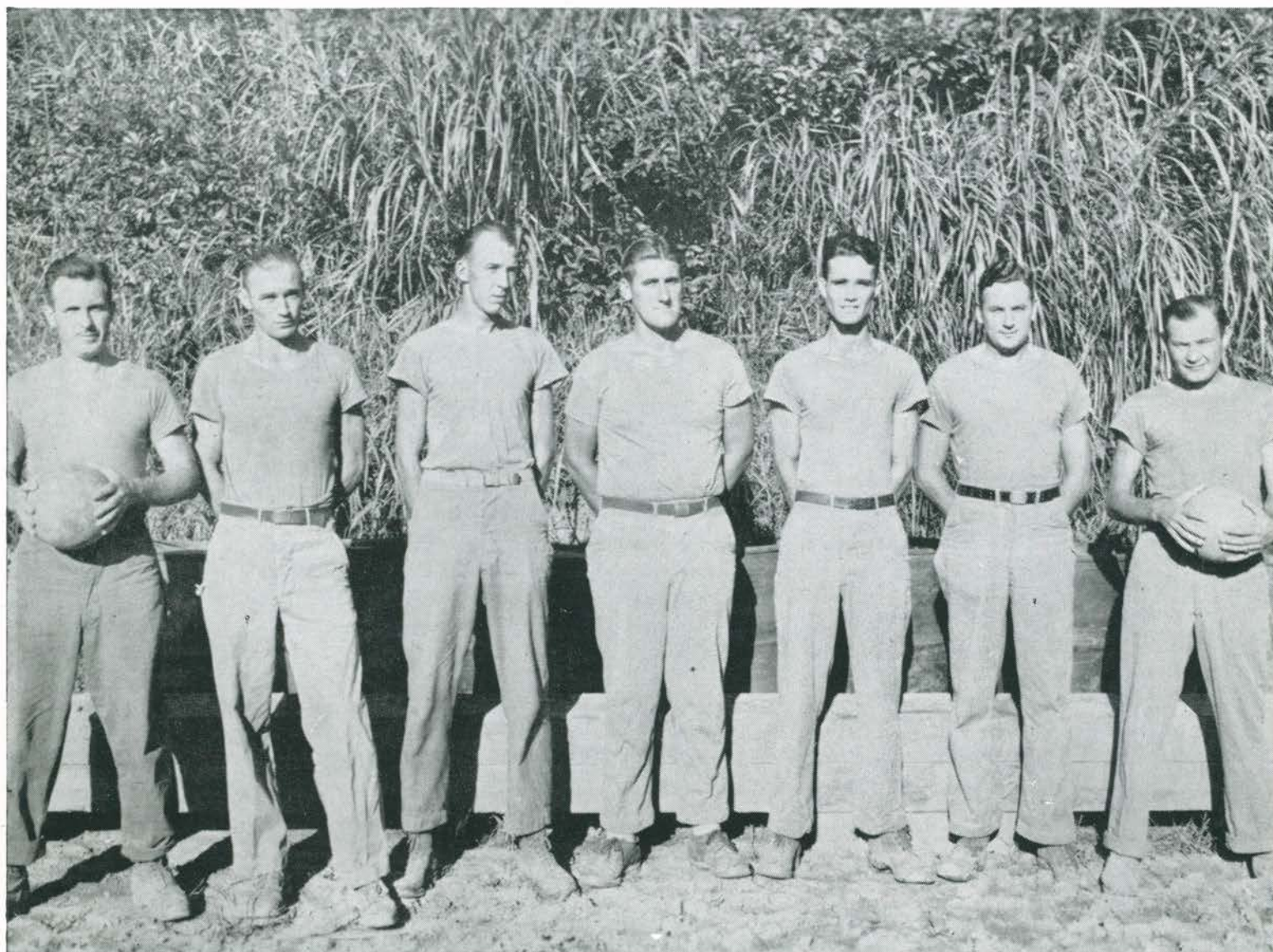
Founder and editor of the 145th Battalion's newspaper, the "ISLAND X-TRA" is J. R. Thompson, a newspaperman in civilian life. On December 17, 1943, the publication made its debut, heralding embarkation leaves for the 145th Battalion. The first issue announced Leo Nowak as winner in designing the Battalion emblem. Artist Nowak acted as staff artist of the paper during its entire career. Also in Volume I, Number I, was a message from the commander, and biographical sketch of him. Announcement of the formation of our basketball team—later to win championships across the country—was made.

Because of base regulations only three more issues of the paper were published before the 145th went overseas. Then a regular weekly schedule of publication was assumed, beginning on May 28, 1944. In addition to the regular ISLAND X-TRA, there were published some "extra" and special editions; and also for some time, a daily two-page edition of world-wide radio news. Soon after the 145th arrived on Okinawa the paper resumed publication with a new "tabloid" format.

Throughout its existence, a great many men assisted in the publication of the paper, but essentially the staff was composed of Leo Nowak as art editor; and (shown below, left to right): Editor Thompson; Feature Editor W. D. Mullenau; and Sports Editor George Zidek.







## VOLLEY BALL CHAMPS

Undisputed volley ball champions of the 145th are W. D. Wentzel, Johnny Walden, J. P. Meyers, H. W. Miller, W. D. Mullenau, Tom Beaumont, Walter Knorowski. Also players but not shown are Reuben Miron and F. D. Hoffman. This team won every series of games it played, and after winning the battalion championship went on to win the Banika championship beating First Division Marines, Sixth Marines, Fourth Base Depot, and several Navy and Seabee teams.





## BATTALION SOFTBALL TEAM

B company's softball team proved so outstanding in the battalion that it went on to become battalion representative in the Banika league. Pictured above, back row, left to right: C. S. Solak, F. M. Jacob, J. L. Thomas, J. A. Masino, W. B. Wojnarowski; front row: H. E. Justice, Robert Loube, H. L. Muhs, D. J. Spano, R. W. Predmore. Other 145th softballers not pictured are W. R. Markotay, N. L. Keeley, W. C. Wilkins, C. W. Marshall, J. Wisneski and G. F. Raymond.





## BATTALION BASEBALL TEAM

The 145th Battalion baseball team was quite active on Banika and won second place in the island championship tournament. Shown here, back row, left to right: J. Roman-chick, M. E. Edmondson, J. A. Masino, M. H. Muhs and J. L. Thomas; front row: H. C. Weller, G. S. Ballard, R. Loube, D. J. Spano and E. B. Witowski. Also on the team but not pictured, were Tommy Rock who was captain, Robert Shurlow, C. W. Marshall, C. E. Edgerton and W. T. Bruce.



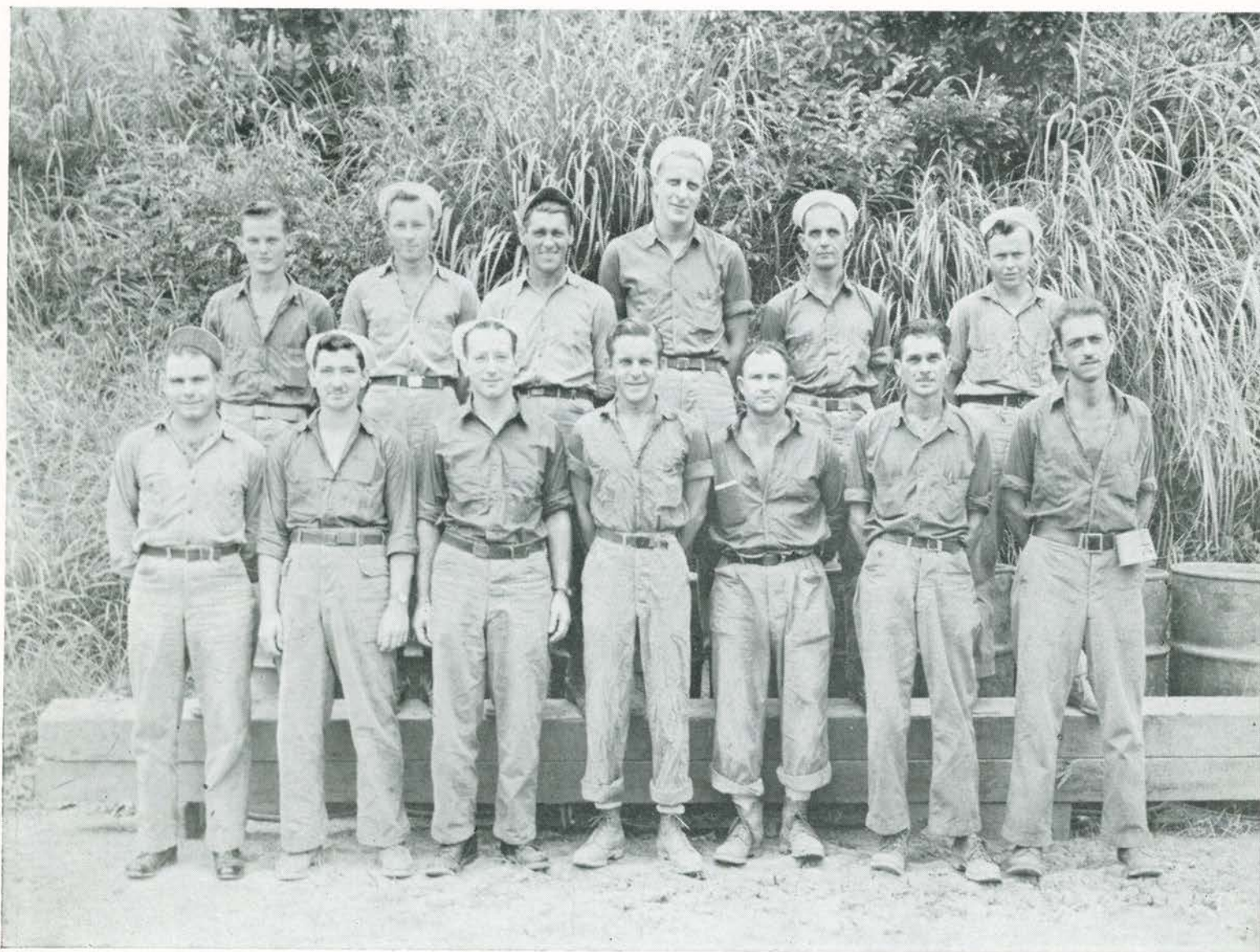


## M A S O N S

An active group, both on Banika and on Okinawa, was the 145th Masonic organization. Pictured here, back row, left to right: H. E. Witte, B. J. Spence, M. C. Baus, P. R. Wicklund, M. D. Long, G. H. Emery and C. E. Perkins; front row: H. F. Lancaster, W. R. Wilkinson, C. P. Herrick, K. H. Russ, W. B. McKinstry, R. N. Perkins, G. W. Coons and E. L. Olivo.

Other members not pictured here are F. Arnold, L. J. Berg, J. A. Butler, L. D. Cleckner, W. R. Coombs, Don Council, Carey L. Cruse (Lt.), D. V. Dold, F. B. Ewalt, M. J. Freeman, J. F. Glover, S. E. Goff, Don Halterman, A. Hartman, L. G. Johnson, J. G. Kadel, A. Kruger, R. Levesque, J. McKean, J. Meyers, P. M. Miller (CWO), A. T. Pettit, H. C. Shiphorst, L. A. Strickland, J. H. Wallace, R. A. Williams and J. A. Zahn.





## SAD SACK DADS

Sad Sack Dads was an organization of 145th Seabees who had children they had never seen. Most of the progeny of these stranger fathers were born after their proud but unseen Dad had come overseas. However, some were born just before their fathers shipped overseas and the Dads never had an opportunity to see them. A special membership card was issued to these unhappy Dads who appear above, back row, left to right: C. R. Hilton, R. J. Weister, F. M. Jacobs, F. D. Weber, R. W. Keller, S. E. Riner; front row: L. R. Shannon, Jerry Contois, M. Margulis, R. C. Wear, C. E. Perkins, M. D. Long and L. A. Anderson.



# RE-RATES FOR ALL HANDS



## MEMORANDUM

To: All Hands

Subj: Advancement in Rating

Ref: (a) BuPers circ. ltr. 679235-56

1. In accordance with reference (a) the battalion petty officers' rating board is abolished and the battalion complement thrown in the wastebasket. Every man in the battalion can now become a petty officer. Qualifications are not required.

2. Advancements in rating will be made in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) No man will be given a rating for which he shows any qualifications or aptitude. You MUST pick a rating about which you know nothing.

(b) Do not wait until you have been recommended by your company commander and project manager. Buttonhole both of them. Worry the hell out of them and any other officer or CPO who will listen. Be careful of which chiefs you pick on. You may get your ears pinned back.

(c) Go to the personnel office not less than five times a day and raise hell with the yeomen. Don't be bashful about it because they deserve it. This will show you can't be pushed around.

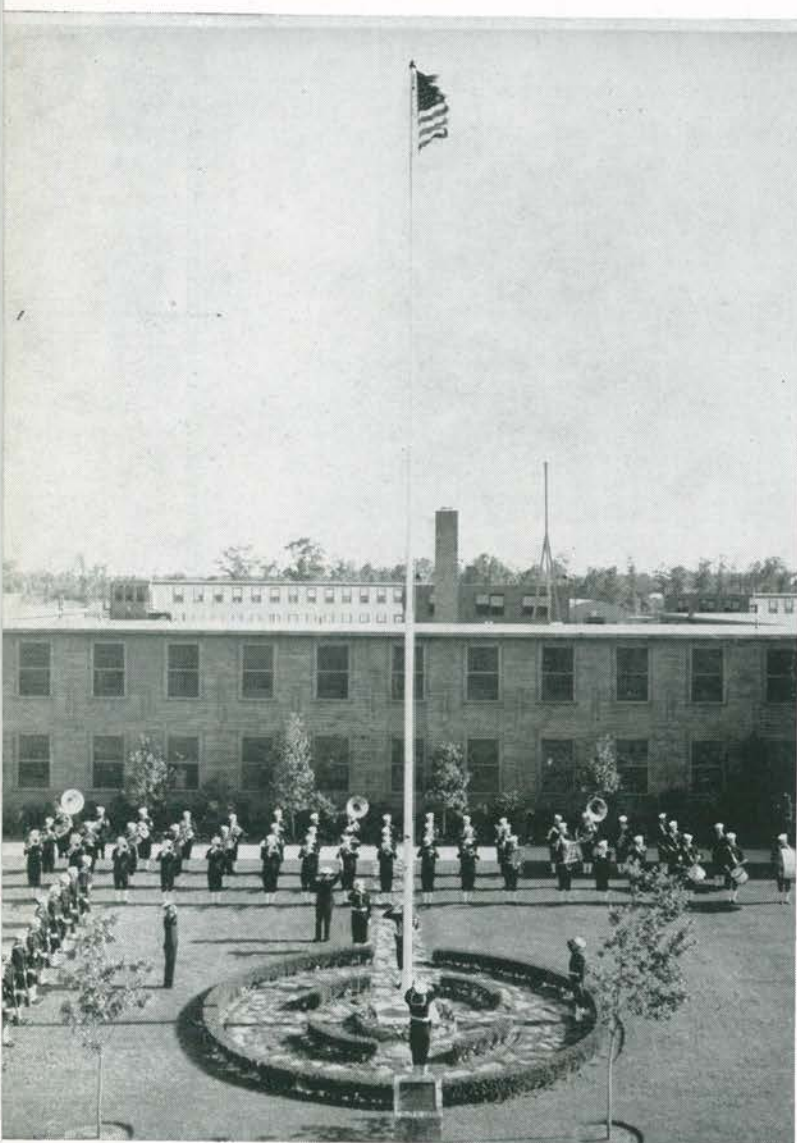
(d) Report to the personnel officer's quarters between the hours of 0230 and 0500. You must be tactful as the personnel officer is usually grouchy before breakfast.

(e) If by this time you haven't been killed some place along the line you will be made a Minor Irritation, 1/c to rank with, but after mosquitoes, gnats, flies, ants and other pestiferous insects.

(f) After a physical examination to determine your fitness for the rating you will be liberally treated with DDT.

Signed: JOHN H. CAIN,  
Cmdr. CEC USNR





## CAMP ENDICOTT

Upper left, Camp Endicott Chapel; upper right, equipment operations instruction; lower left, colors in front of Camp Endicott Administration building; lower right, Camp Endicott dedication ceremonies.





Port Hueneme, California, from where the 145th embarked on its overseas tour of duty, was one of the largest shipping ports on the west coast during the war. Millions of tons of supplies and equipment were shipped from there. All over the Pacific one found 'dozers, cranes, and cases stenciled "ABD HUENEME".

The 145th received final advance training at Camp Rousseau which is part of this bustling port.

**PORT HUENEME  
CALIFORNIA**



# AVERAGE OF 145TH WAS 29 YEARS



The ages of men in the original 145th battalion ranged from 18 to 48, average for the entire outfit being 29.3 years. Total age of the battalion in years was 30,185. Chief Jacob Cohn, 49, was the oldest member, while there were a number of 17 year olds on the other end of the ladder. Largest single age group in the battalion were the 19 year olds.



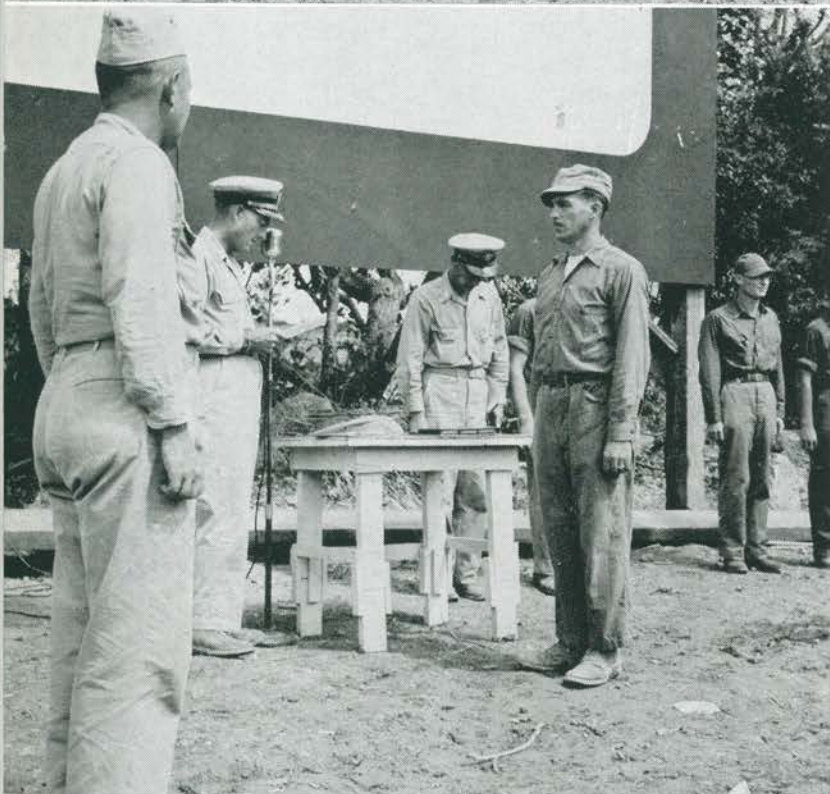
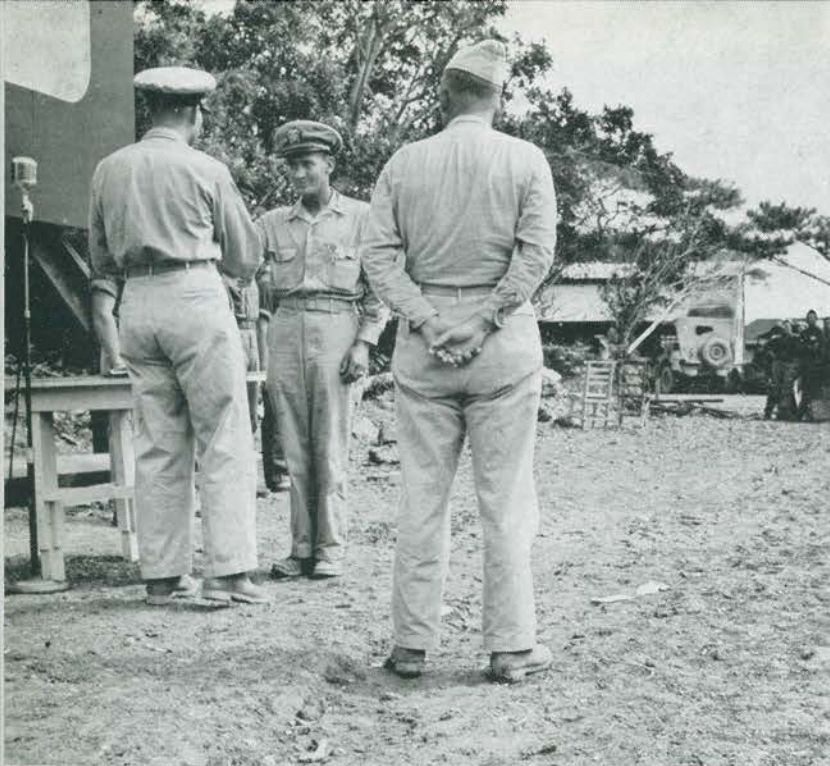
"No Mort, not thataway. You just push the leetle button."





## NATIVE KIDS





## PURPLE HEART AWARDS

On Friday, October 19th, Commander John H. Cain presented Purple Heart awards to five members of the 145th battalion at a ceremony in the theatre area. The award was given for wounds received as a result of enemy action. Winners of the award were Lt. A. L. Ewald, battalion senior medical officer; W. D. Wentzel, battalion fire chief; R. L. Vaughn, William B. Boehm and J. E. Skelton. A number of other 145thers received the award also, but the presentations were made at Guam and elsewhere when the men were evacuated from Okinawa.

Photo upper left shows the Commander making presentation to Dr. Ewald; center left, to Wentzel, and lower left to Boehm. Top photo, right, shows the men of the 145th gathered for the ceremony; and center right, all five recipients. Lt. Cmdr. J. W. Rockwood, executive officer, is shown at the left of the picture.





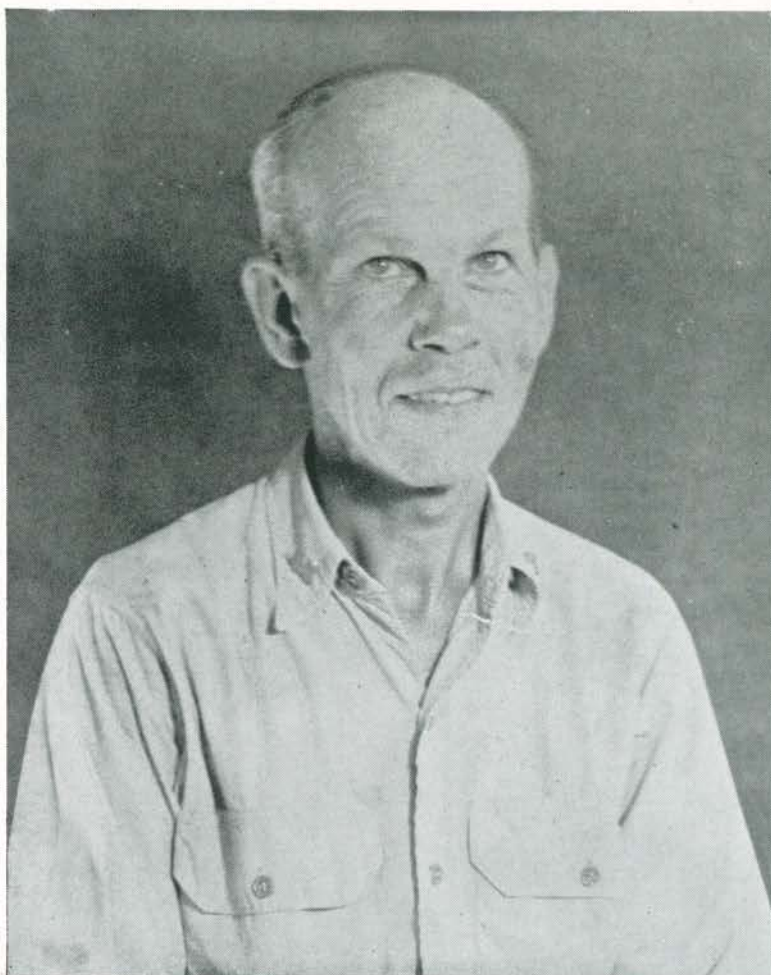


## CHAPLAIN BALDWIN

Chaplain William P. Baldwin of South Carolina was our last Chaplain. He came to the 145th the first of October 1945, and held the welfare department together during the battalion's disintegration. His was a tough job thru an unsettled period, but he did it well. He was preceded by Chaplain C. D. Denham who came overseas with the 145th but was transferred to the 33rd C. B. in August, 1944. Chaplain W. Ivan Hoy followed him. He was succeeded in November by Chaplain O. L. Daley.

## CHAPLAIN DALEY

Chaplain Oscar Levi Daley (the Oscar for the Protestants, the Levi for the Jewish fellows, and the Irish Daley for the Catholics) was the 145th's "Invasion Chaplain". He was with the 145th thru our final training period and the invasion of Okinawa. He left in September 1945 for discharge under the point system.







## CHIEF HARRIS GIVES HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW A SNOW JOB

Upper left: meet Chief Harris and his brother-in-law who came over for a visit. Chief Harris at once proceeds in fine Seabee fashion to tell a tale . . . a tale of how he suffered at the hands of the enemy. Upper right: "Old washing machine Charlie comes in from the left. As he comes over camp (center left), he breaks into a dive. He unloads his eggs and I'll swear the stuff don't miss me more than this far (center right). And you know what happened to me? Do you know what that '&—!\$\* son-of-heaven did to me? He got dirt in my eye." (lower left.)



# O K I N A W A



Okinawa was, strategically, the most important as well as the largest of the pre-war Japanese territories the U. S. invaded in the Pacific war. Located in the center of the Ryukyu chain, Okinawa gave us a large base within 300-odd miles of the Japanese home island of Kyushu, and within 400-odd miles of Formosa and the China coast.

Most of the island's half-million population was concentrated in the southern portion, the area in which initial landings were made. This portion of Okinawa had relatively good terrain and supported the principal industries which included sugar cane growing and refining, silk manufacture and fishing. The northern portion of the island was found to be rocky hills supporting little population and of negligible economic value.

Ranging in width from two to 18 miles, Okinawa at the time of the invasion had five good operational air fields, three of which fell into American hands immediately following the initial landings.

Although the climate of the island was temperate, temperature having a year round average of 70 degrees, Okinawa proved unhealthy because of the excessive humidity. The island boasted numerous anchorages and an excellent harbor at Naha; and small, but good rail and road systems in the southern part.

The population of the island included a mixture of Japanese, Malaysians, Mongols and aboriginal natives.



# HOW TO BEHAVE IN THE STATES

It's a grim prospect coming home after a long time overseas; leaving free and easy Seabee life for the more exacting ways of civilians; giving up the habitual informality of tents and heads for a cocktail lounge or family dwelling; guarding against rough talk where feminine ears may be listening. It should hold no terror, however, if you study the following rules:

Upon arriving in America you will be amazed at the large number of beautiful girls you will see. Remember, you are not in the Pacific. Many of these girls have occupations such as stenographers, sales girls, or beauty operators. Therefore, you do not approach them with "How much?" A proper approach: "Isn't it a beautiful day?" or "Were you ever in Scranton?" Only then do you say "How much?"

You are visiting at someone's home. If, after spending the night you are awakened by a gentle rap at the door informing you that the household is arising, the proper answer is, "I'll be there shortly." DO NOT SAY: "Blow it out your seabag".

At breakfast you will find cantaloupe, fresh eggs, fresh milk, etc. These things are highly palatable. If you wish some more butter you turn to the nearest person and say, "Please pass the butter." You do not say, "Throw the goddam goose grease".

No matter how urgent your situation you do not grab a shovel in one hand and a copy of Yank in the other and head for the garden. You will find that ninety percent of the homes in the States have one room in the house called a bathroom.

You are invited to someone's home. If, on arriving, you find that all the chairs in the living room are occupied, do not squat down in the corner or sit on the floor in the manner of a Solomon Islander or an Okinawan, and say that you are perfectly comfortable. Have patience and your host will soon provide a chair for you. Belching in company is strictly frowned upon. If you should forget about it, however, just say, "Excuse me." Do not say, "It must be that damned chow we are getting." When at dinner you will be amazed to find that each item has, in most cases, a separate dish.

In the Seabees you have learned to eat such combinations as meat loaf mixed with pudding, or spam, lima beans and peaches. You will get used to this "separate dish" system, and thoroughly enjoy your meals.

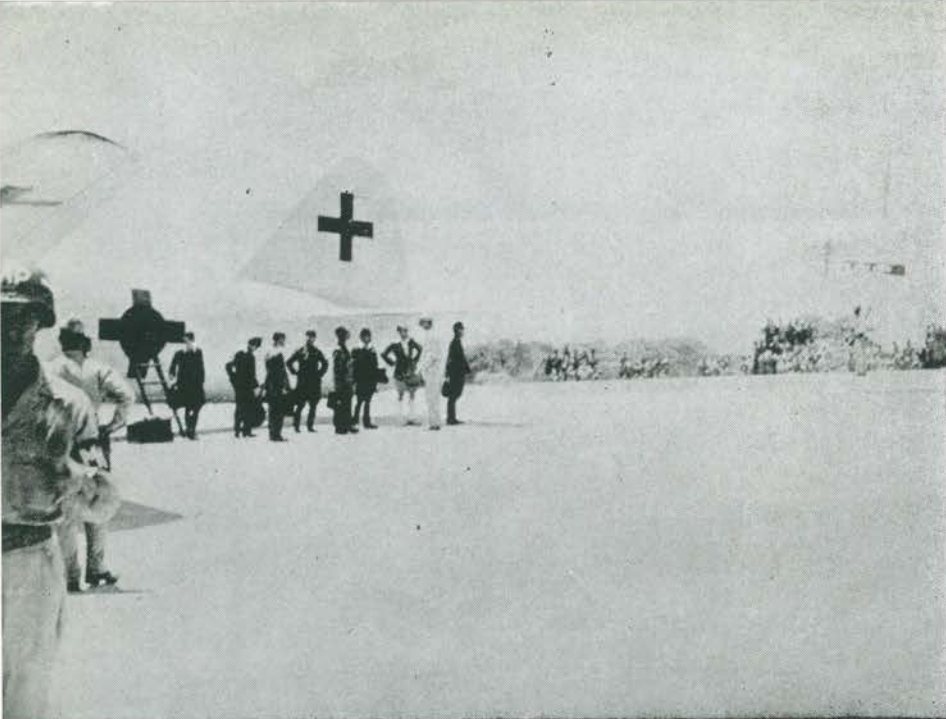
If you are entertaining at home and plan serving any stimulants, you must be very careful. It has been your experience overseas that such drinks as varnish remover and grapefruit juice, hair tonic, or an invigorating combination of torpedo juice and water, are highly acceptable. Your civilian friends are more discriminating.

If, upon leaving a friend's house after a visit, you find you have misplaced your hat, it is highly probable that it has been placed in the closet for you. You meet this situation by turning to your host and saying, "I don't seem to have my hat; could you help me find it?" DO NOT SAY, "Don't anybody leave this hut . . . some S O. B. has swiped my hat." At motion picture shows in the States seats are provided. Do not whistle everytime any female over eight and under 80 walks across the screen. If your vision is impaired by the person in front of you, merely move to another seat. Do not say, "Move your head, jerk. I can't see a damn thing." If the machine should break down or the picture stop for some other reason, do not shout, "All right, Cliff, let's get going." Cliff won't be within a thousand miles. Do not bring your flashlight to the movies. The ushers have them and besides there is no reel change-over where you can play your flashlight on the screen.

Upon retiring you may find a pair of pajamas laid out on your bed. Try to act as if you have used them before. A remark such as "My what delicate shades of blue they have" would do. But do not say, "Now how in the hell do you expect a Seabee to sleep in a get up like this?"

When someone greets you, answer "Good Afternoon" or "Good Morning" as the case may be. Do not say, "Hello, you goddam F. O."





## JAP SURRENDER ENVOYS AT Ie SHIMA

Pictured here are the Japanese peace envoys who, in August of 1945, flew to Manila to confer with General MacArthur on the surrender and occupation of Japan. They are pictured here as they stopped at Ie Shima off the coast of Okinawa.



The sixteen envoys transferred at Ie Shima from their own plane to an American C-54 which took them on to Manila, after dipping over Okinawa installations to give the Japs an eyeful of American might there.



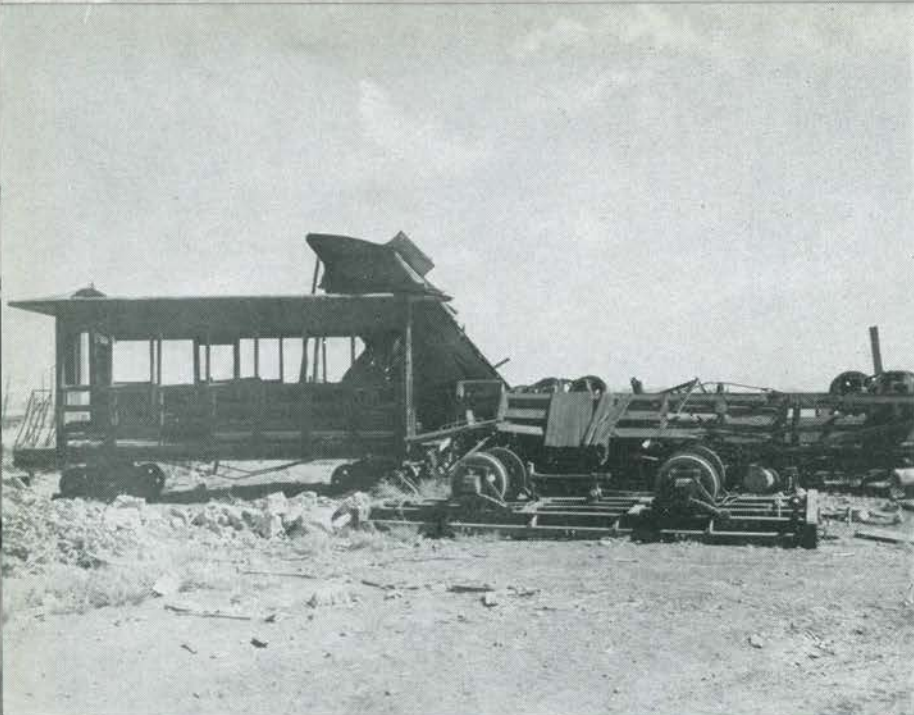
# OKINAWA ARCHITECTURE

Buildings on Okinawa in many cases were quite modern. Most large buildings were of concrete and built to withstand typhoons and 'quakes . . . but not shelling and bombing.



Private dwellings were of comparatively flimsy construction, except for the roofs, which were usually of heavy concrete tile. These heavy tops, supported by sturdy corner posts, held down Okinawa homes during high winds.

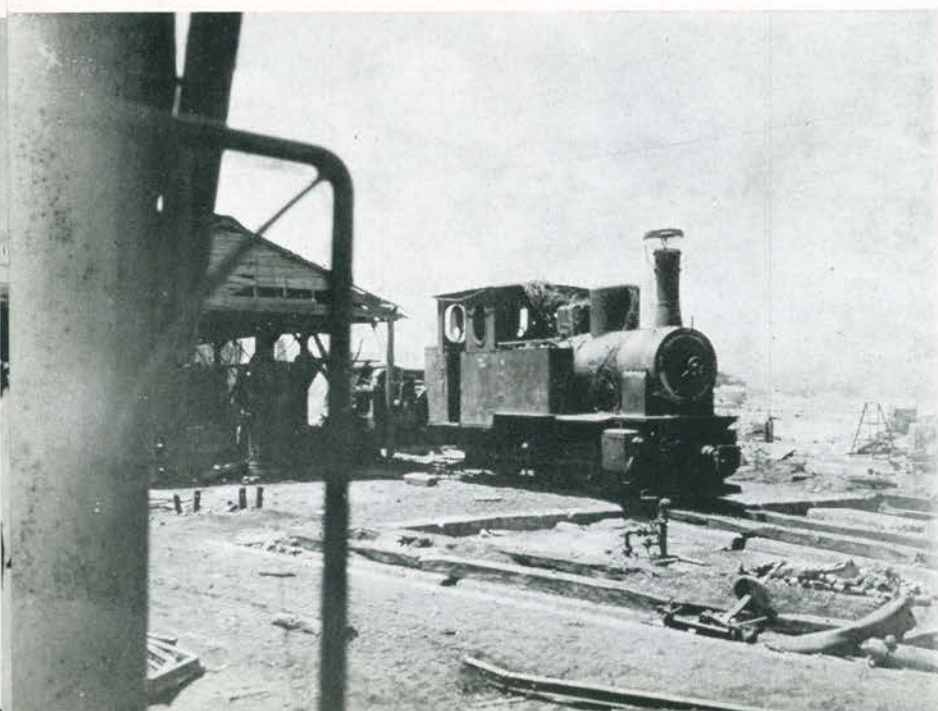
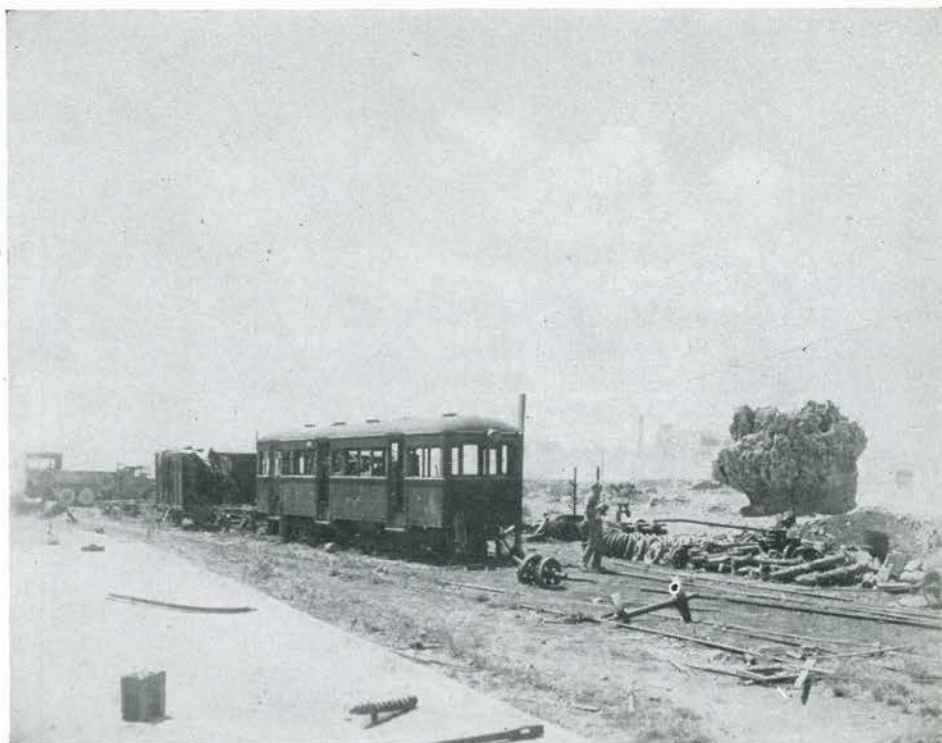




## THE NAHA LIMITED

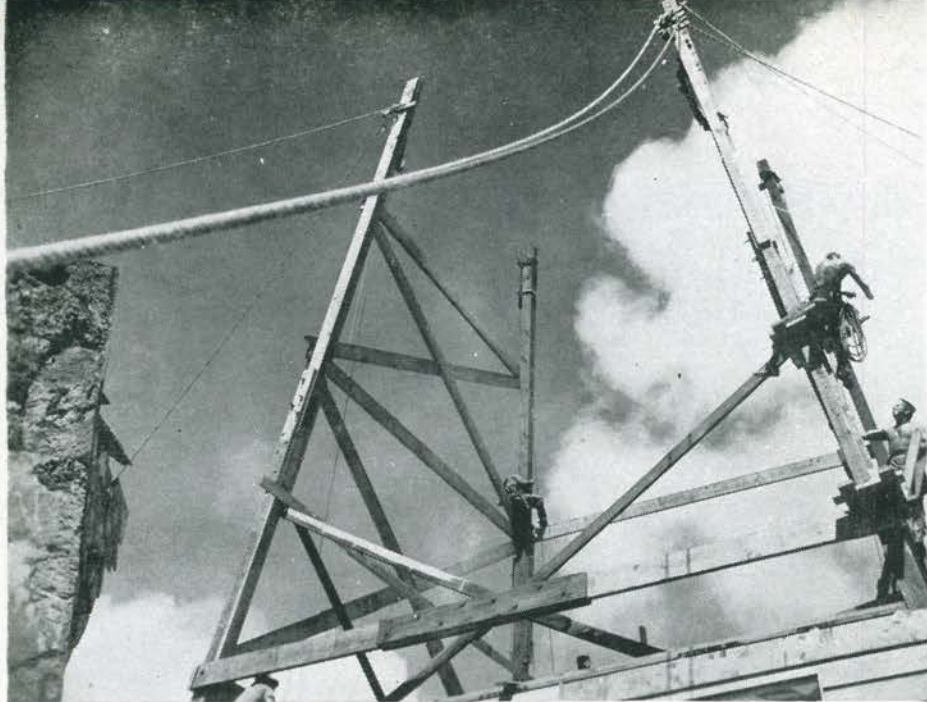
Lilliputian by comparison to American railroads, this little rail system out of Naha seemed almost ridiculous. Left, one of the "open air" passenger cars, and an overturned flatcar.

Right, a fancy enclosed passenger car in the Naha yards.



Left, one of the locomotives that pulled the tiny trains around Okinawa.



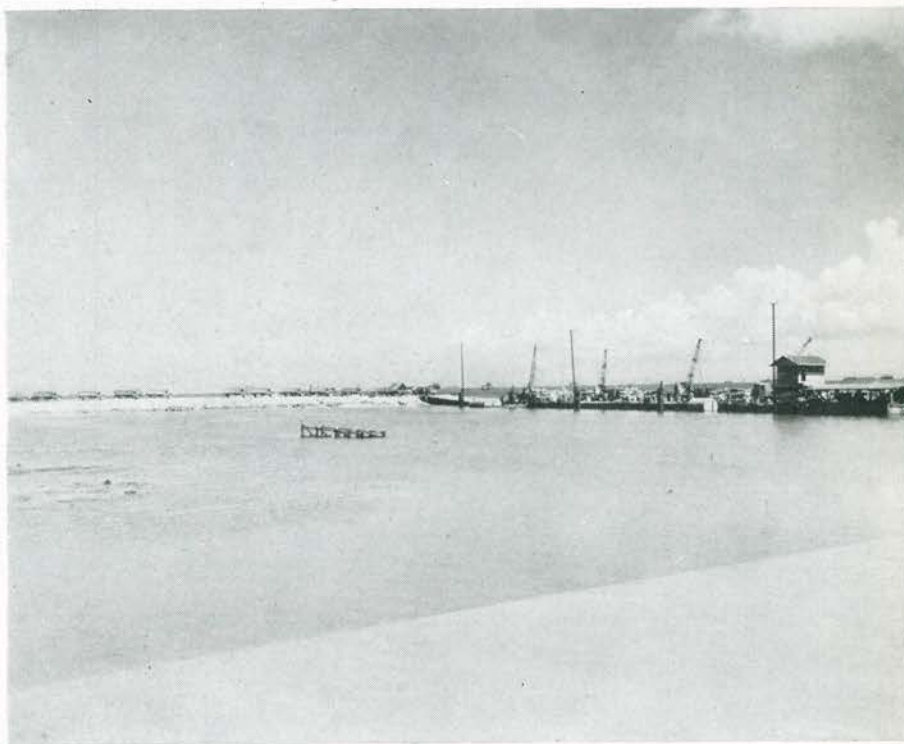


## S K Y W A R D

Up toward the clouds go 145th'ers as they build a port director's tower at Naha.

## S E A W A R D

Out the long causeways to the pontoon pier at Machinato go trucks for supplies vital to American Forces on Okinawa.



## H O M E W A R D

Across the bloody battlegrounds of Shuri, still dotted with the wreckage of war the cameraman looks east and homeward.



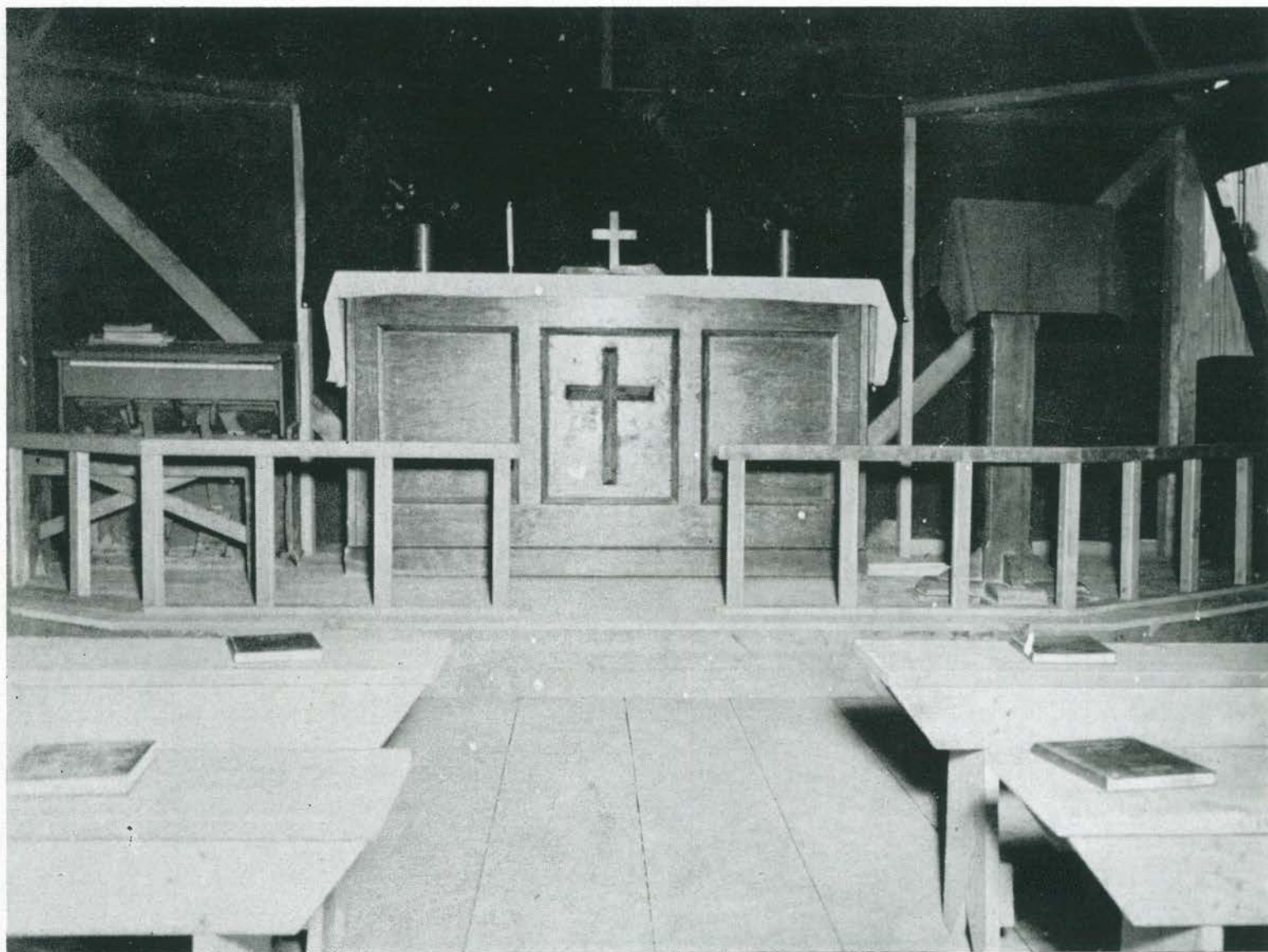


## ERNIE PYLE

"It's not that I have a premonition that death's going to catch up with me. It's nothing more than any foot soldier in the lines feels . . . you begin to feel that you can't go on forever without being hit. I feel that I have used up all my chances. And I hate it . . . I don't want to be killed."

That was Ernie Pyle talking before he joined in the Okinawa invasion. The "GI's Correspondent" had gone thru the London blitz, the North African Campaign, and the European war unscathed. But on the 18th of April 1945, a Jap gunner's bullet found him as he peered from a foxhole on tiny Ie Shima northwest of Okinawa. He was 44.



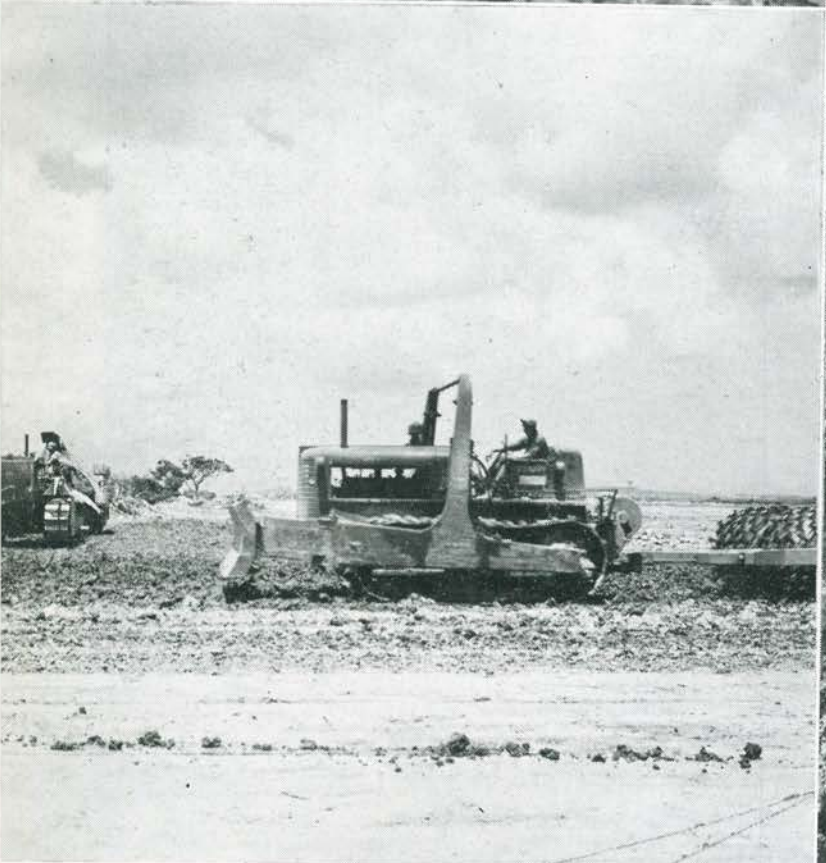


## CHAPEL

The 145th's first real chapel for services was constructed in October 1945, shortly after Chaplain Baldwin came aboard. Previous to this time services had been held in the theatre areas or in tents. The chapel was 50 by 16 with a canvas top. Wooden benches provided the seating and an altar was built at the front.

Shown in the above photo is the front of the chapel, all Seabee built even to the cross, candlestick holders, and vases, made from heavy artillery shell cases. First services were held in the chapel on Sunday, October 20.





## BULLDOZERS

Such a great factor in building the road to Tokyo were the bulldozers that they have become a symbol of the Seabees. Upper left, the debris of the village of Hiza disappears under the blade of the 'dozer; upper right, it moves earth by the ton; and, lower left, scrapes and rolls out air fields. Lower right, 'dozers blade away an approach for a bridge over the Bishi Gawa.

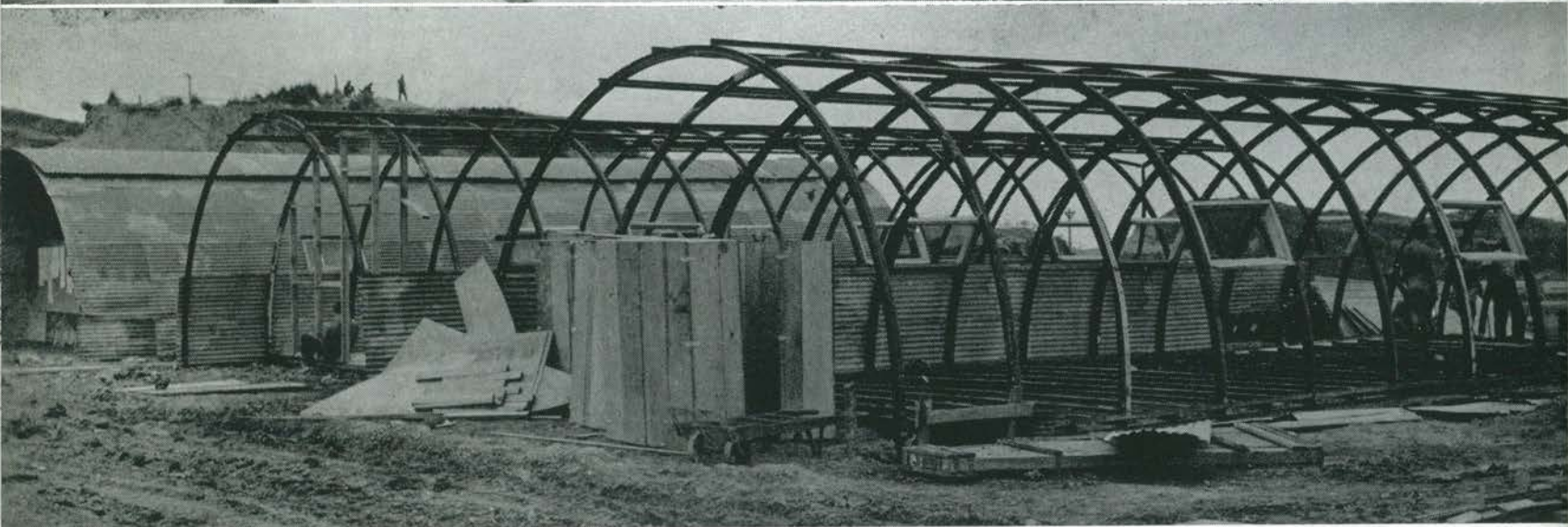
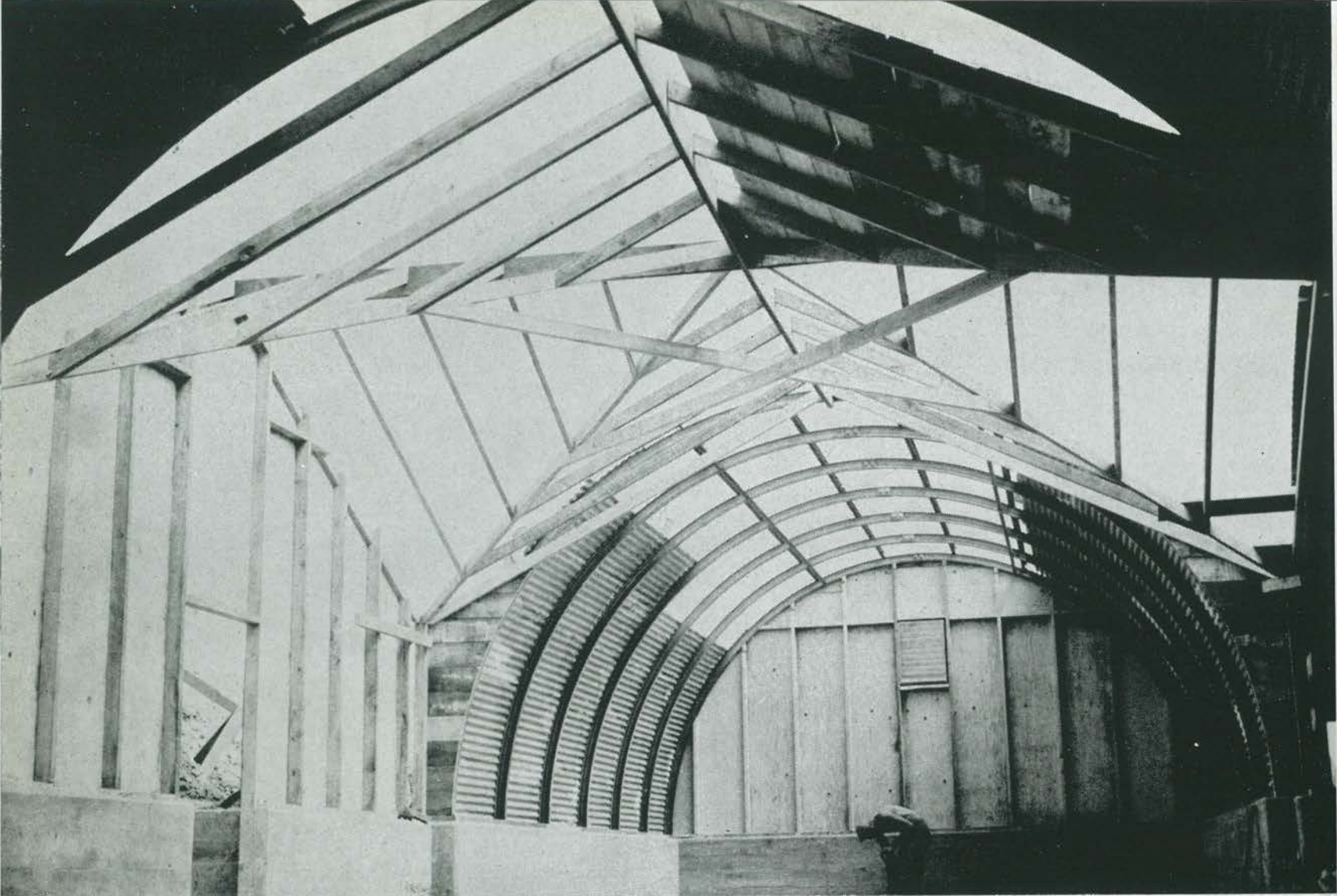




## CORAL

There was only one other thing as vital as the Seabees in the construction of the Pacific road to Tokyo, and that was coral. With it, Seabees constructed roads, air fields, camps, supply dumps, landing beaches, causeways, and every other facility where it could conceivably be used. When it came to moving coral, the 145th diggers were no pikers. On Banika in the Russel Island and on Okinawa, the 145th moved some 150,000 cubic yards of coral.





## QUONSETS

Erecting quonset huts is one of the things the Seabees do the best and the fastest. The 145th built 'em in the Solomons and on Okinawa for almost every conceivable purpose, and in a hundred different variations.





## NATIVE LIFE

Upper left: rural native life on Okinawa is primitive. Here grain is pounded in a bowl made from a tree trunk; upper right, Father minds the babies; lower left: weaving mats from grass; and lower right: time for tea.





## NATIVE LIFE

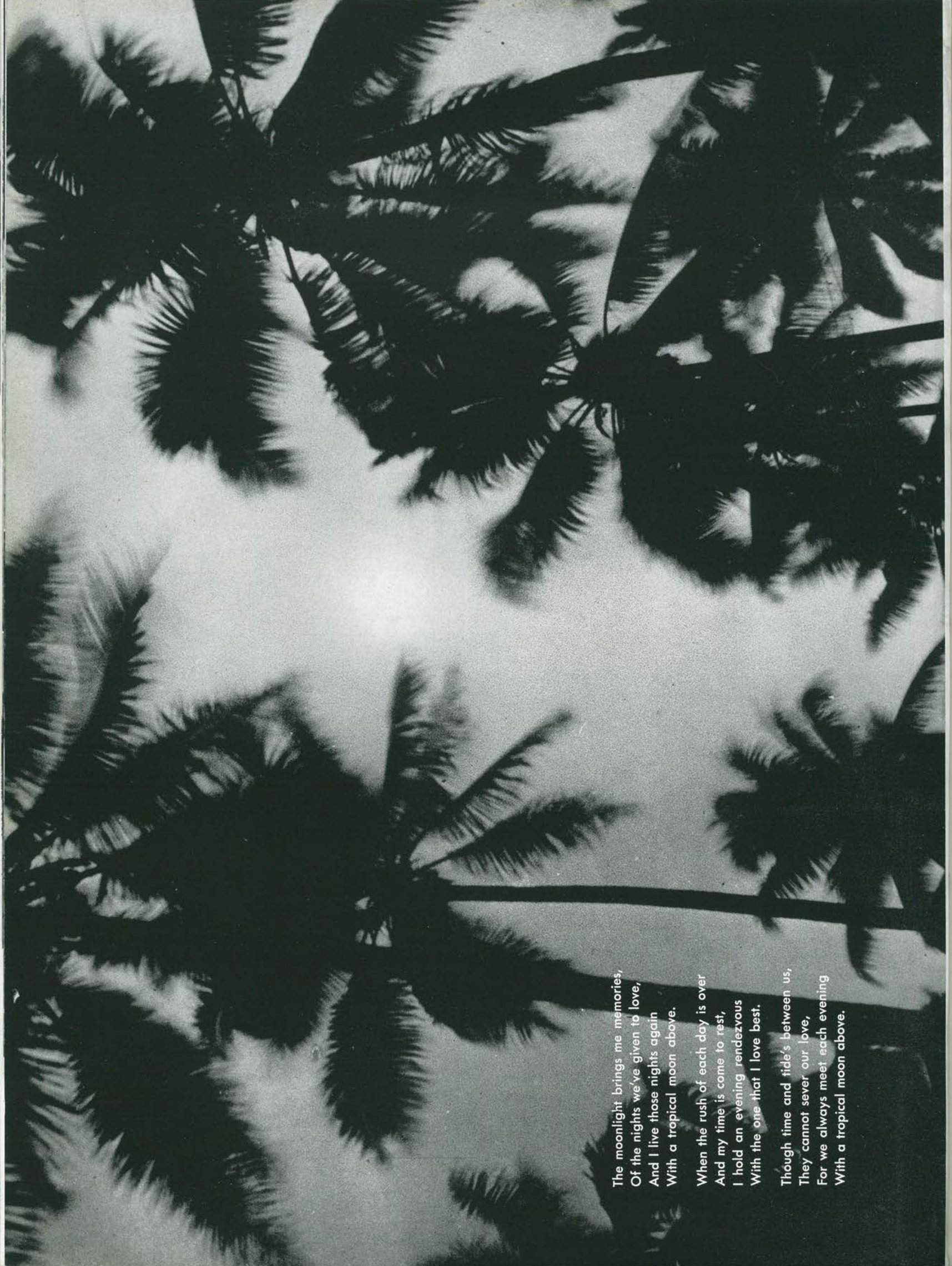
Upper left: Okinawa "Junior Misses"; and right: Grandma. Lower photos show the accepted Okinawa fashion of transporting youngsters.



*Salon*

**S E C T I O N**



A high-contrast black and white photograph of palm trees against a bright sky. The palm fronds are silhouetted against a very bright, almost white sky, creating a dramatic, graphic effect. The fronds are scattered across the frame, with some appearing more prominent than others. The overall mood is tropical and nostalgic.

The moonlight brings me memories,  
Of the nights we've given to love,  
And I live those nights again  
With a tropical moon above.

When the rush of each day is over  
And my time is come to rest,  
I hold an evening rendezvous  
With the one that I love best.

Though time and tide's between us,  
They cannot sever our love,  
For we always meet each evening  
With a tropical moon above.
















A black and white photograph of a rocky coastline. In the foreground, a dark, craggy rock formation juts out into the sea. Waves are breaking against the base of the rock, creating white foam. The sea extends to the horizon, with small waves visible. The sky is filled with large, dramatic, white clouds. The overall mood is somber and powerful.


The silent mists come sweeping  
In from the restless sea,  
And while the island's sleeping  
They bring you near to me.

Incessant pounding of the surging foam  
As it breaks on the reefs below,  
Carries me back to my distant home  
And your arms that I used to know.









last night as I lay and gazed at the blue,  
And dreamed in the tropic skies,  
My heart went back to home and you  
And the moon got in my eyes.

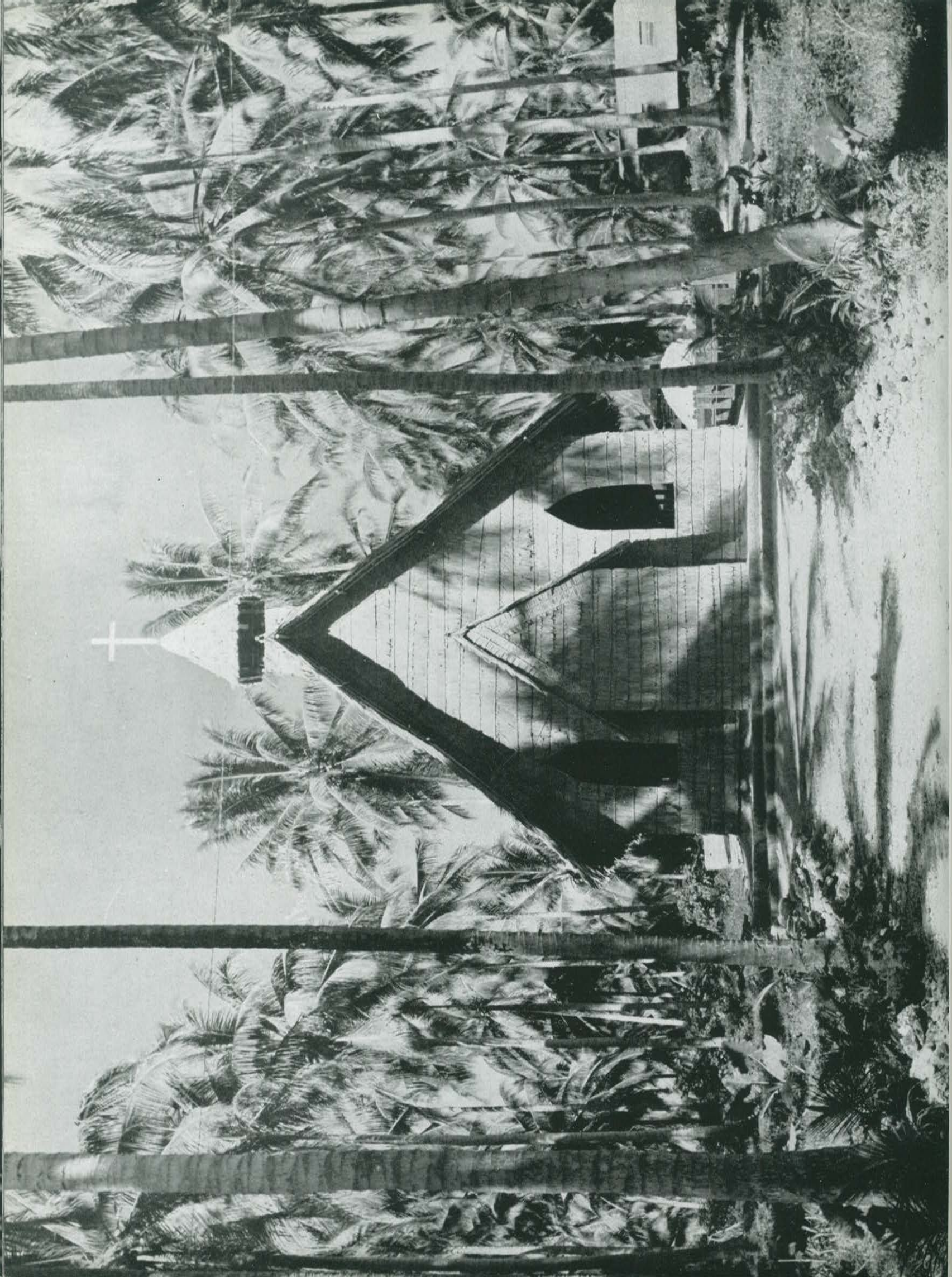
And side by side we lingered long,  
Our sweet rendezvous  
And thru the night there came a song  
And lulled us off to sleep

I awoke with a start and then it seemed  
I was back 'neath tropic skies,  
I knew then I had only dreamed  
And the moon got in my eyes.







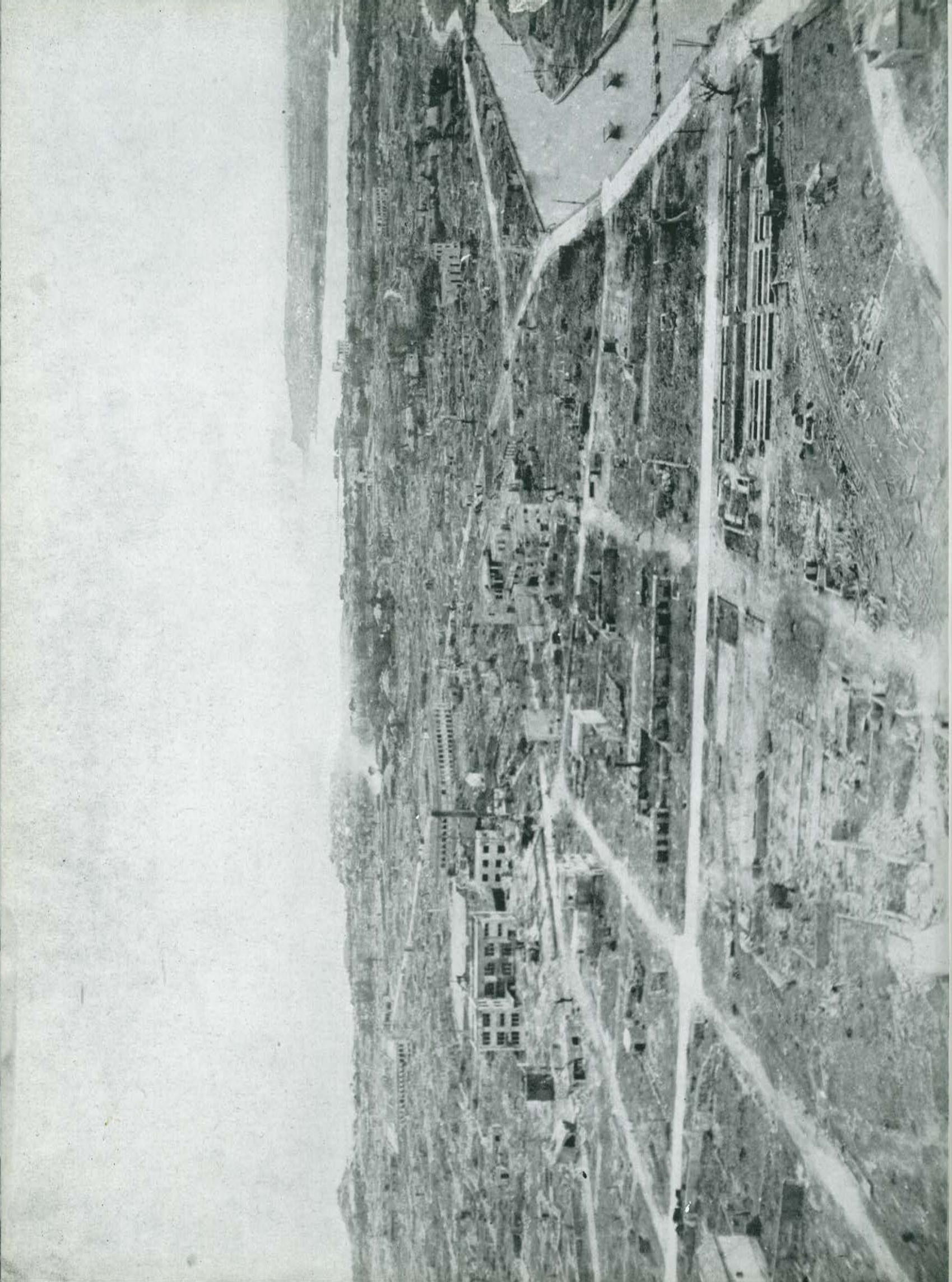




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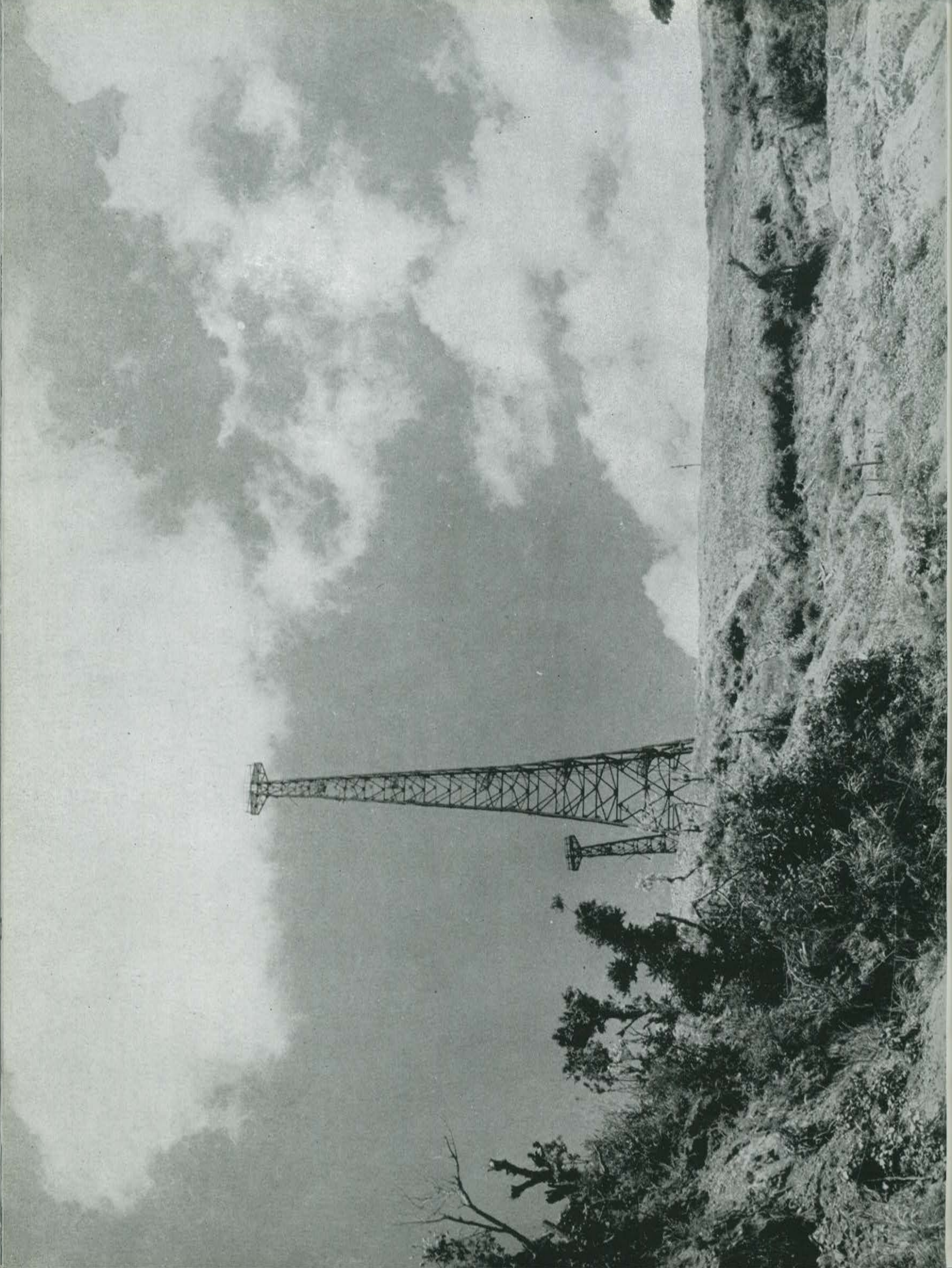
















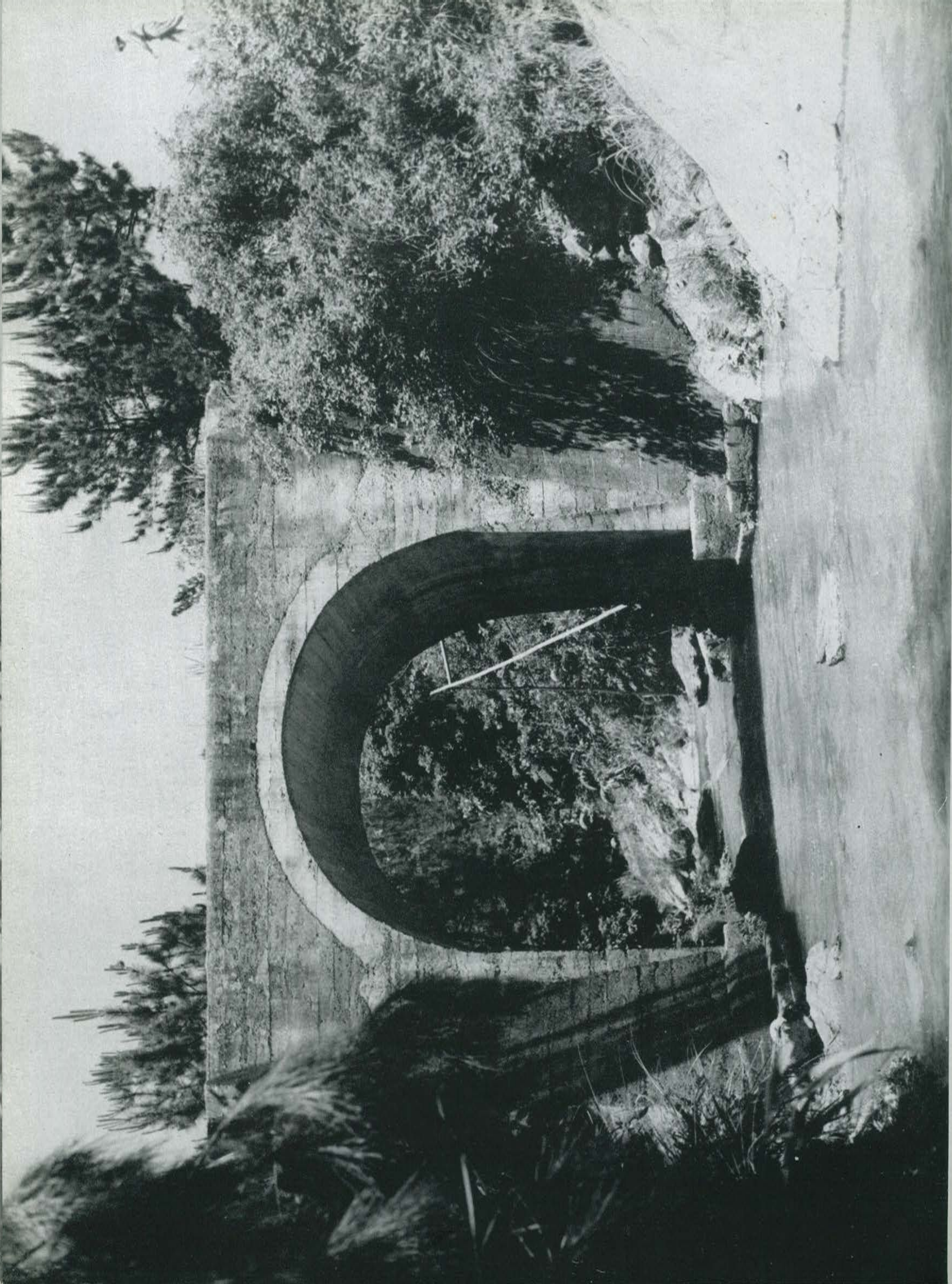








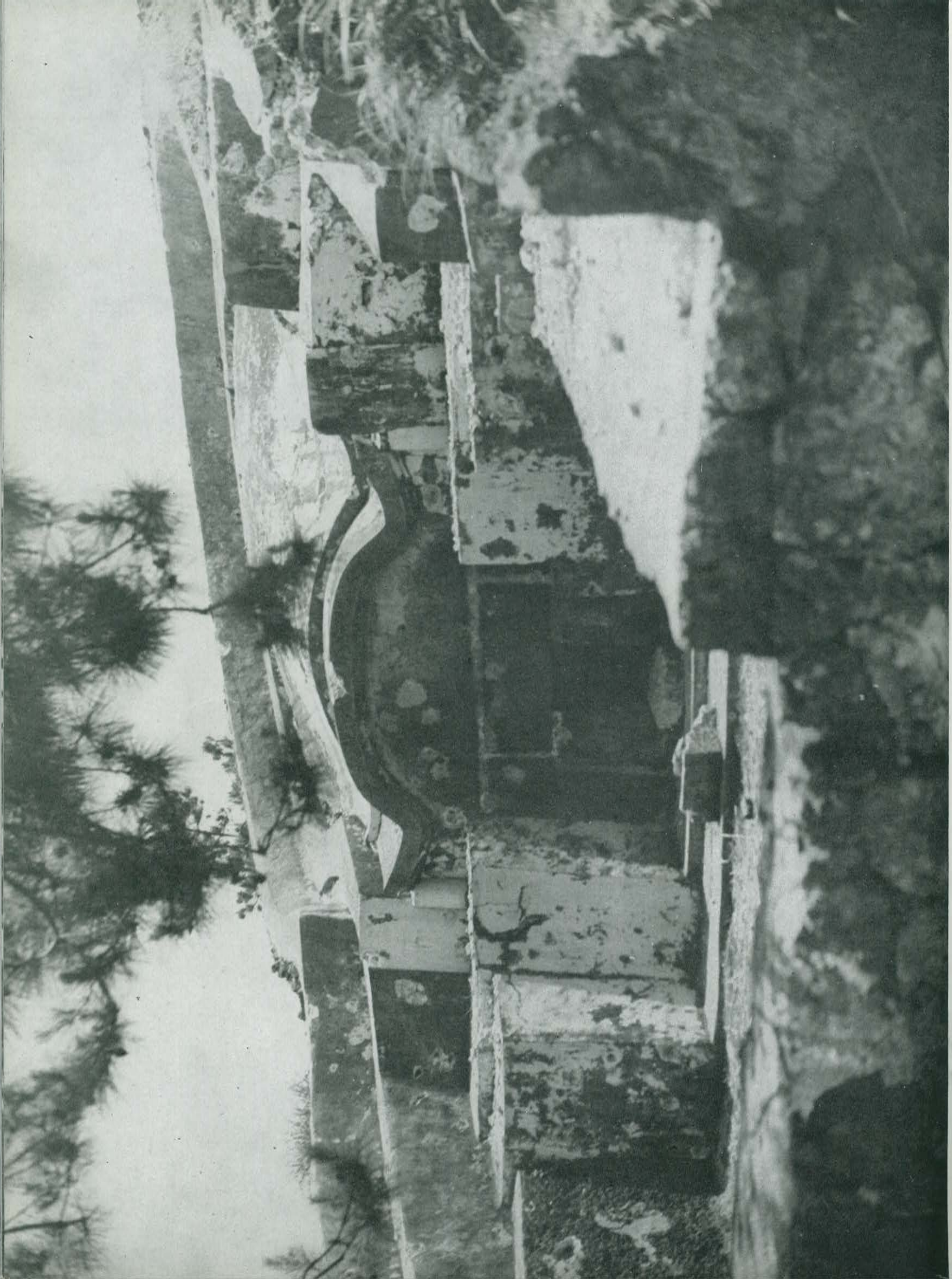




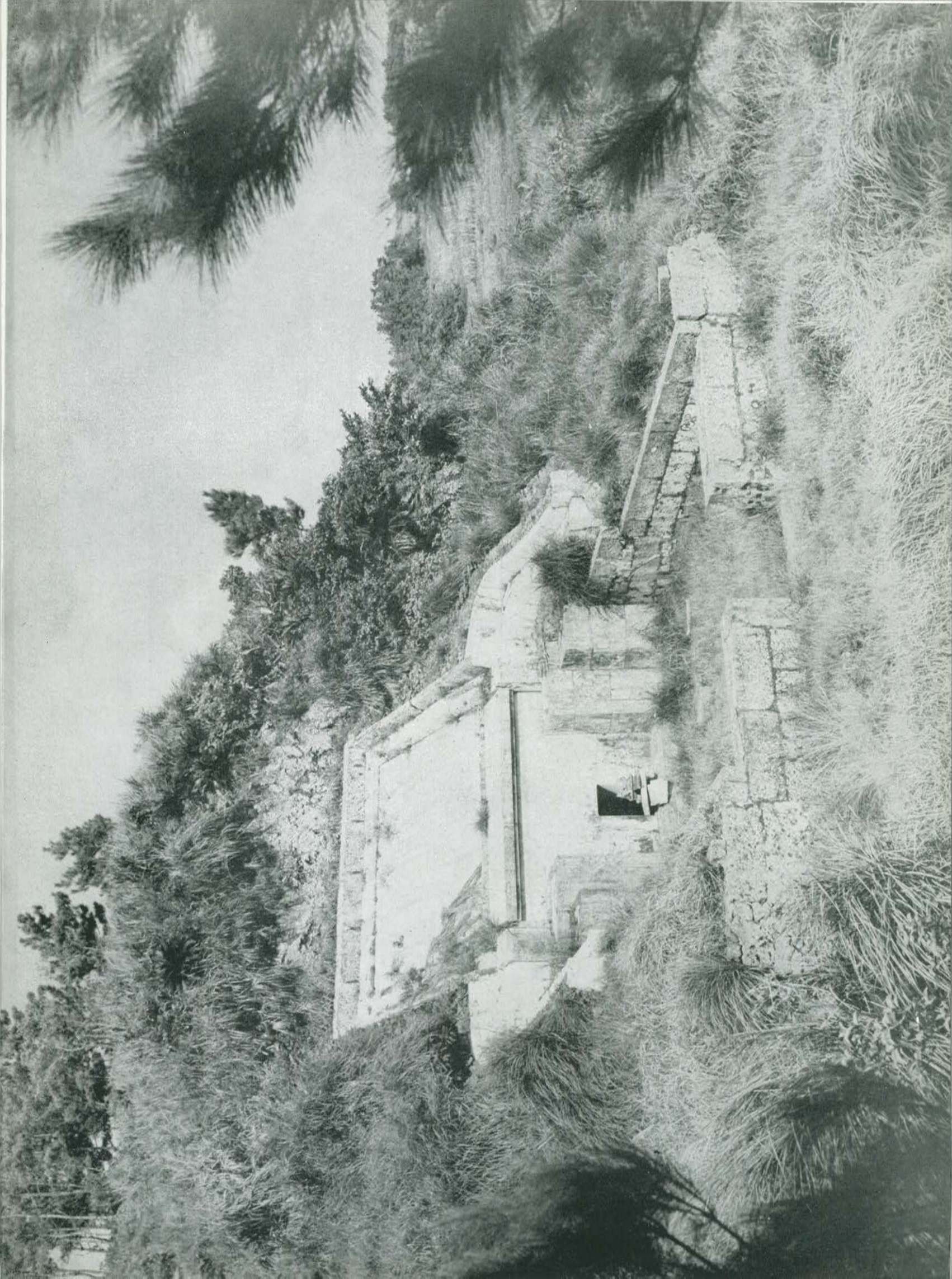




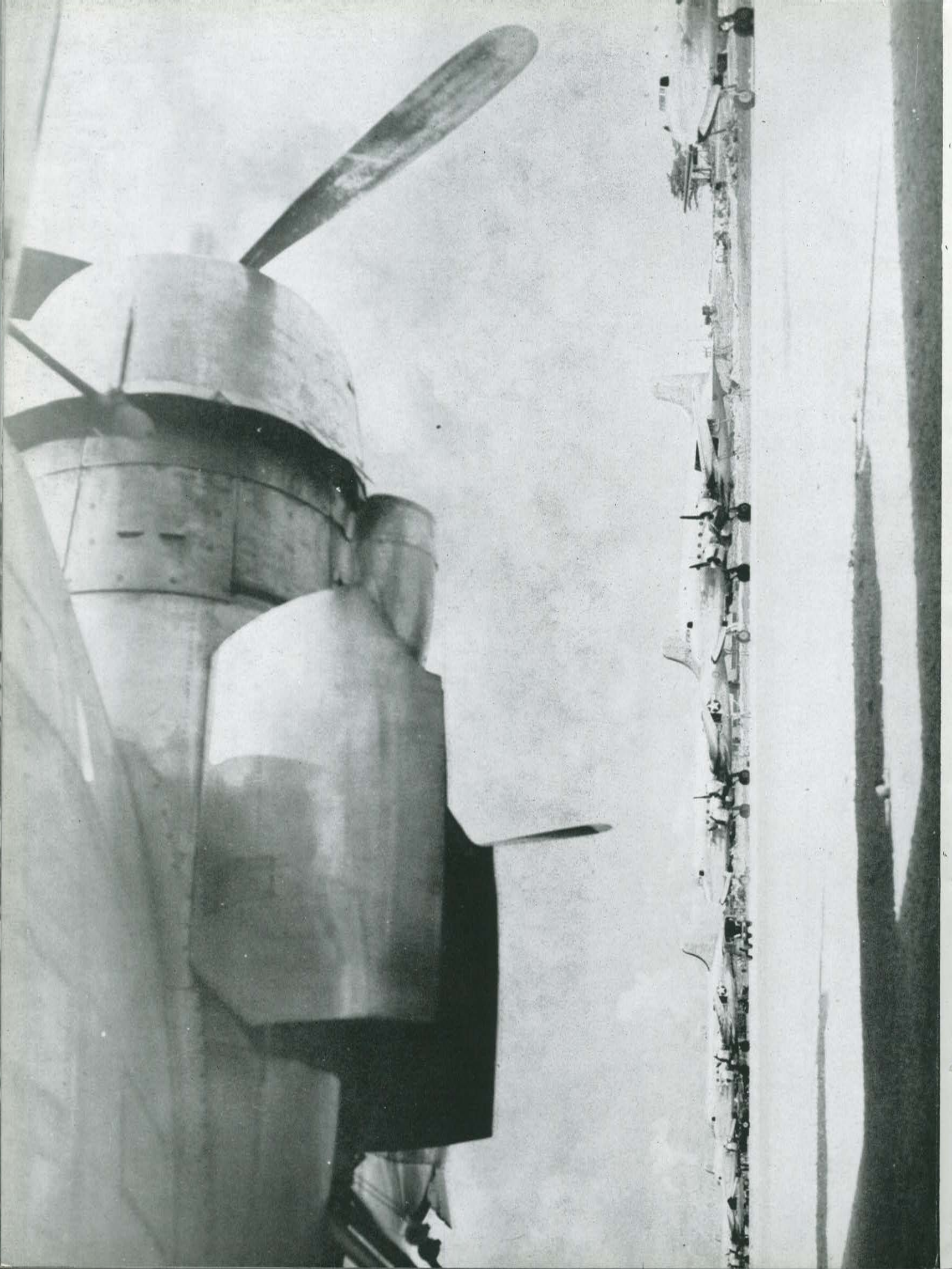




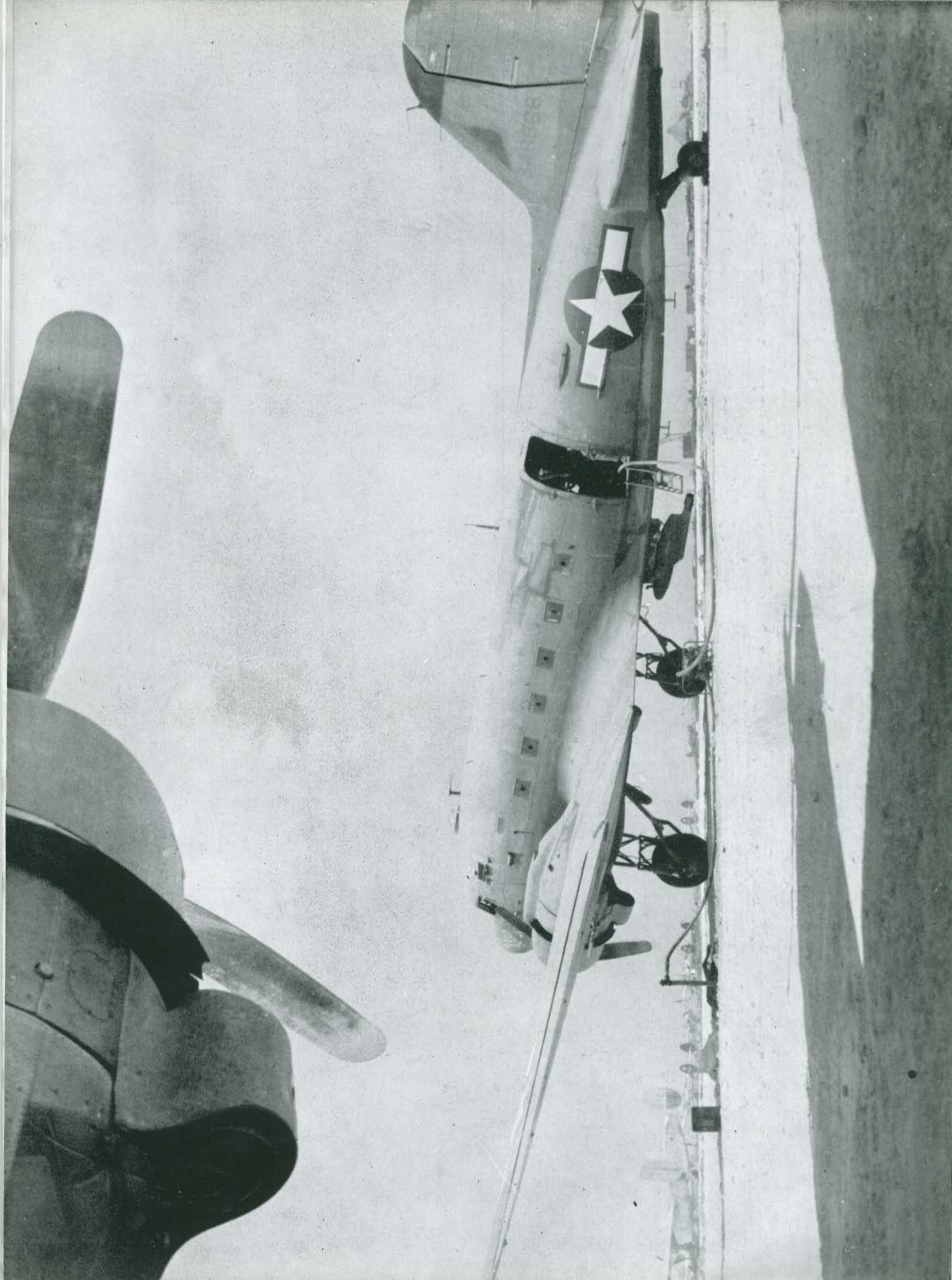




















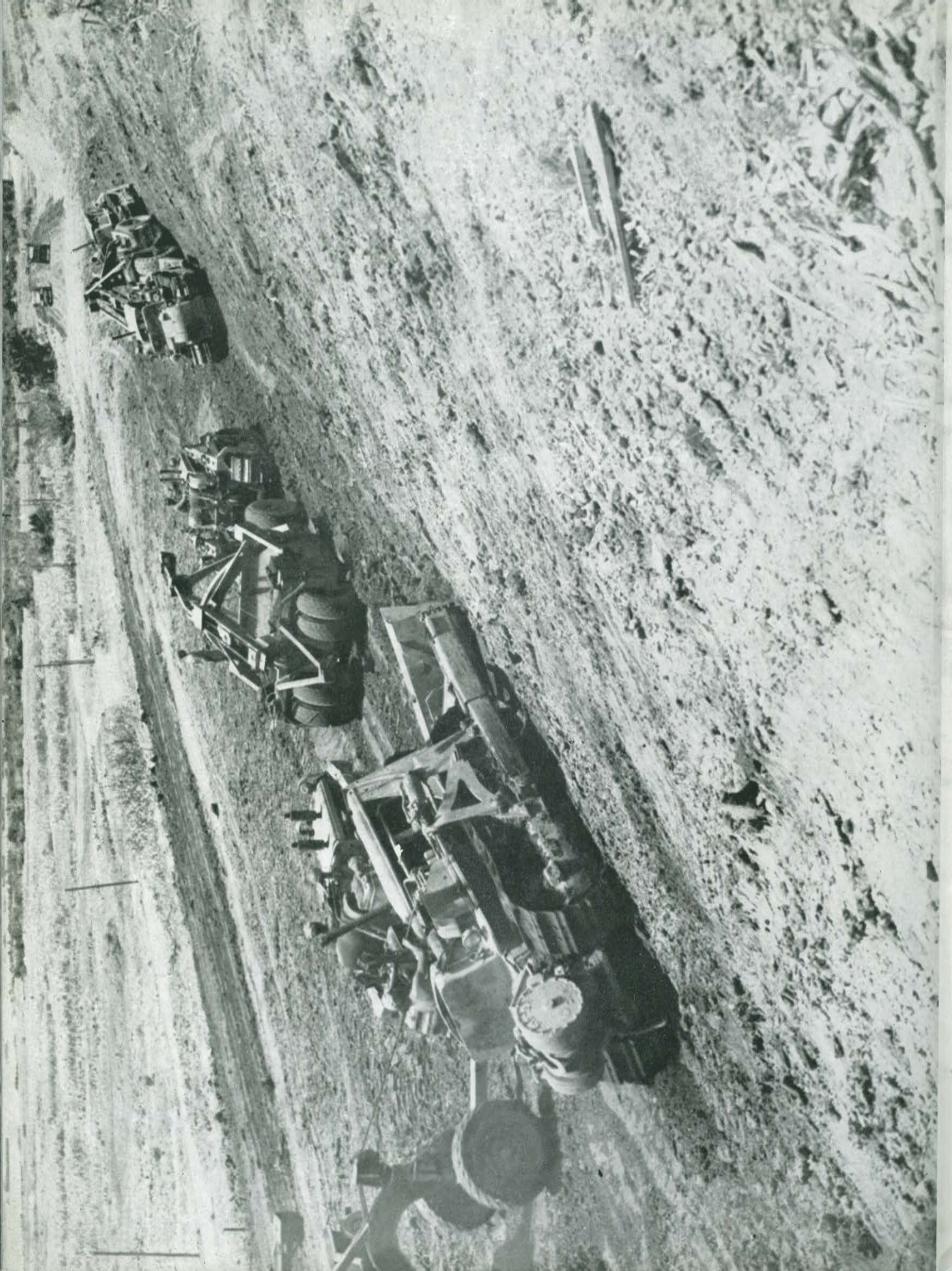
















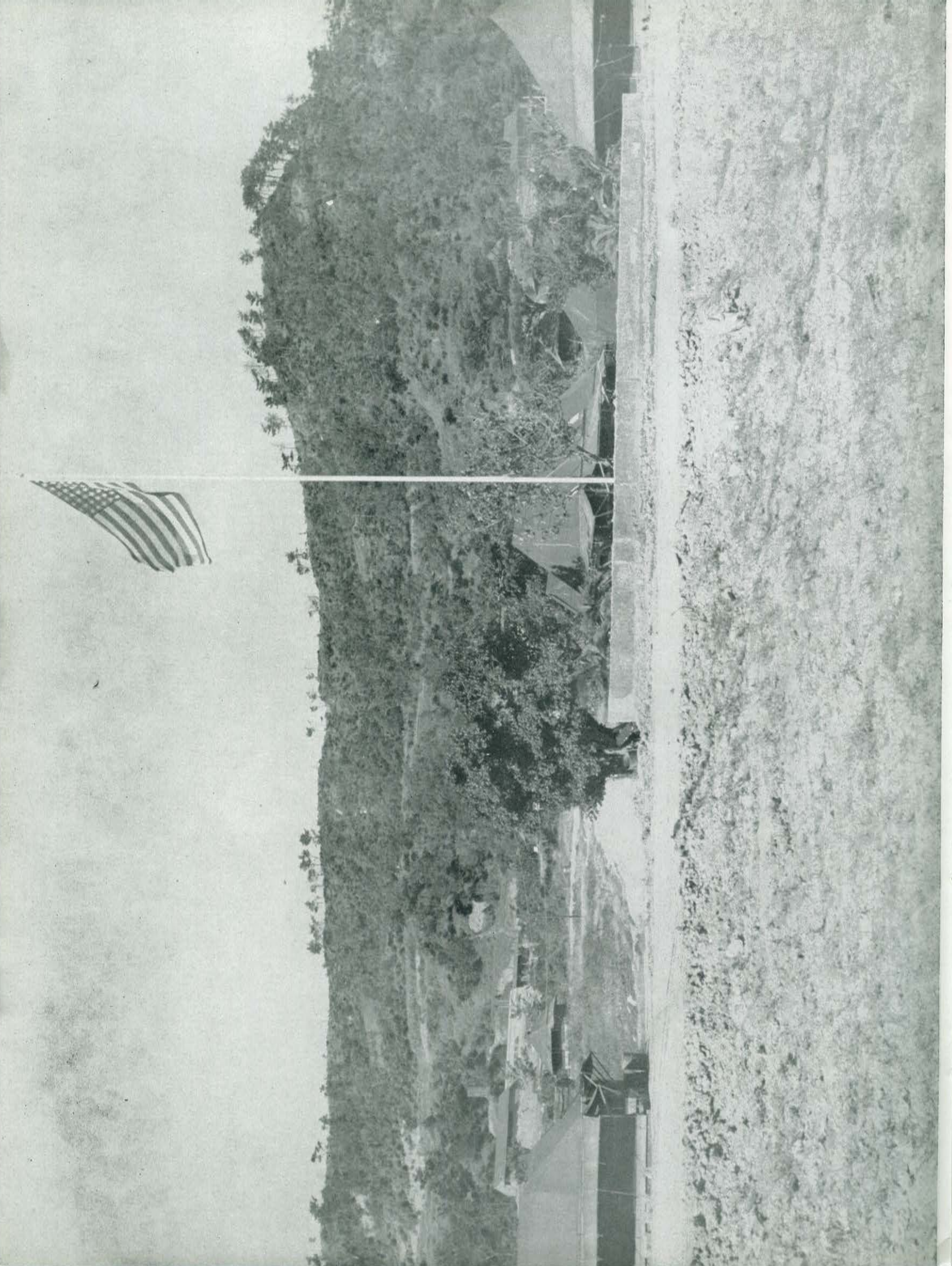




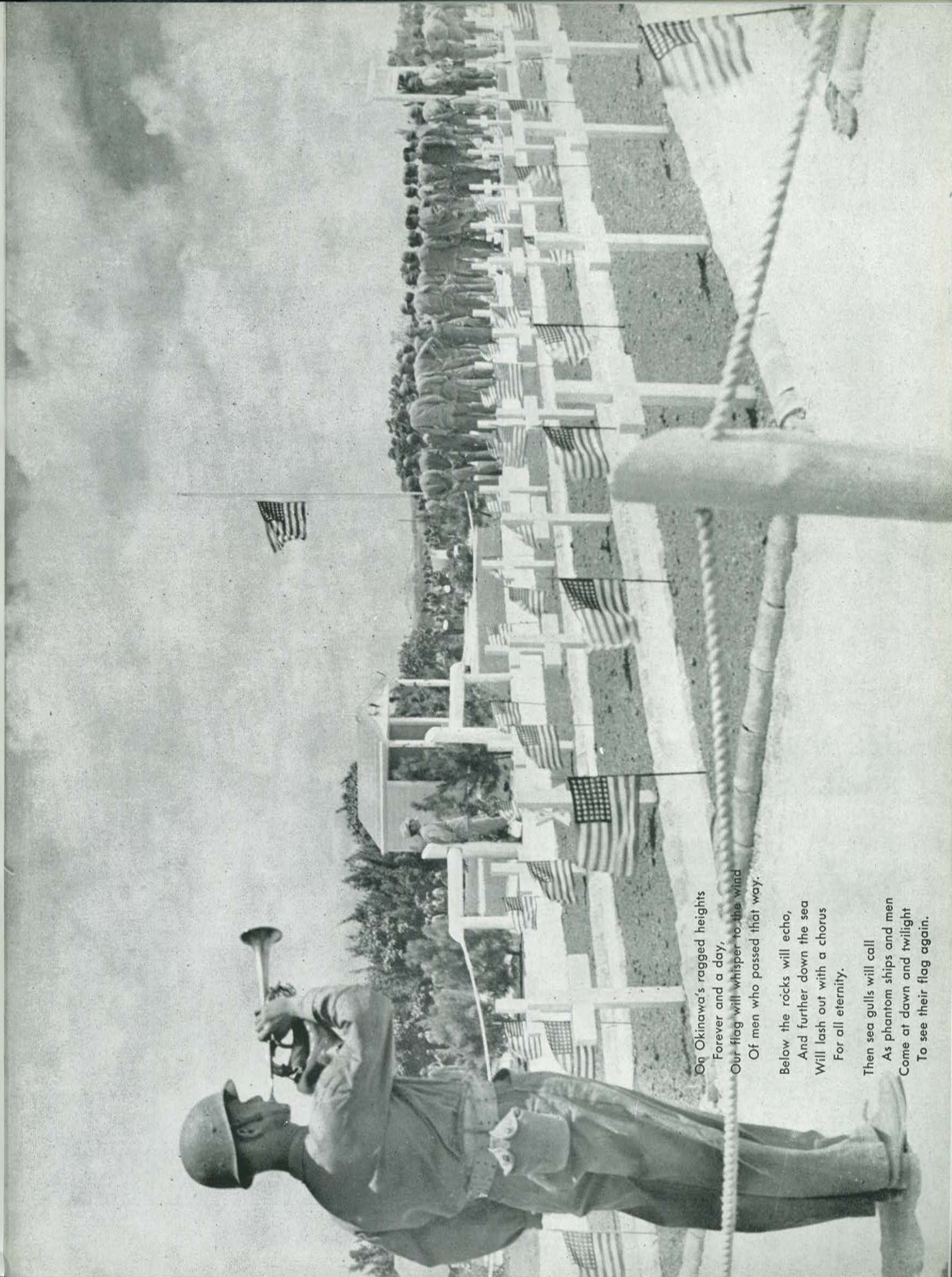












On Okinawa's ragged heights  
Forever and a day,  
Our flag will whisper to the wind  
Of men who passed that way.

Below the rocks will echo,  
And further down the sea  
Will lash out with a chorus  
For all eternity.

Then sea gulls will call  
As phantom ships and men  
Come at dawn and twilight  
To see their flag again.

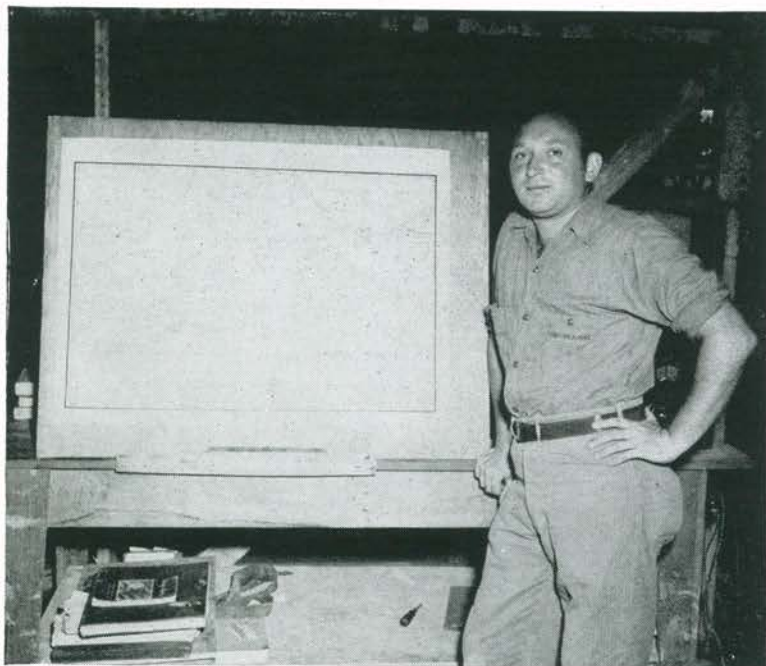


# THE SERVICE RECORD STAFF



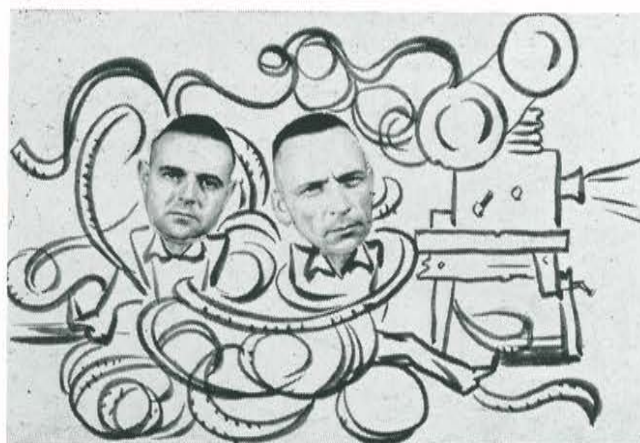
Pictured here are the men responsible for your "SERVICE RECORD". On the left is Editor J. R. Thompson, who wrote the script and planned the format; center is Librarian George Hofmann, who turned cartographer and drew the maps for the book. Below are Photographers H. C. Kulibert on the left and S. J. Korszak on the right who clicked their collective shutters a couple of thousand times for the good of the cause, and whose efforts comprise the major portion of the book. Sketches for the book were made by Battalion Artist Leo J. Nowak.

If a picture is actually worth a thousand words, then the "SERVICE RECORD" was at once a book of a million words. Thus, verbal discussion was held to a minimum. And besides, if we'd written everything that happened, we'd have made liars of a lot of letter writers.





**PRESENTING**  
**OFFICERS AND MEN**  
**OF THE**  
**145TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION**  
**BATTALION**







# SEABEES

Where the ice is rough, where the palms are wavy  
 The Seabees work for the U. S. Navy.  
 Never resting in calm or storm,  
 Over the planet the Seabees swarm.  
 Far away from their homeland hives,  
 From movies, neighbors, and kids and wives.  
 So they have no queens and they have no drones  
 And they buzz in very masculine tones.

Craftsmen bees  
 On risky missions;  
 Draftsmen bees  
 And electricians;

Diggers, riggers—gotta be bees  
 Full of "savvy" in the Seabees.

They are partly gob and they're part marine,  
 And they're good with a gun or a road machine,  
 And clever at making a motor mote  
 And building and landing a landing boat.  
 In fact, whatever you may require,  
 Is part of their business—under fire.  
 They toil and battle by day and night,  
 For the Seabees' motto is "Work and Fight".

Driller bees  
 And deisel runners  
 Killer bees  
 And tommy-gunners,

Drivers, divers, husky he-bees,  
 That's the nature of the Seabees.

They work when harried by flies—and planes,  
 They work when fever is in their veins  
 To finish anything they've begun  
 In half of the time it can be done.  
 They lay out fields and they dig out bases  
 In the dim, damp distance of lonely places.  
 Wherever the Seabees go they swing  
 A working wallop—a fighting sting.

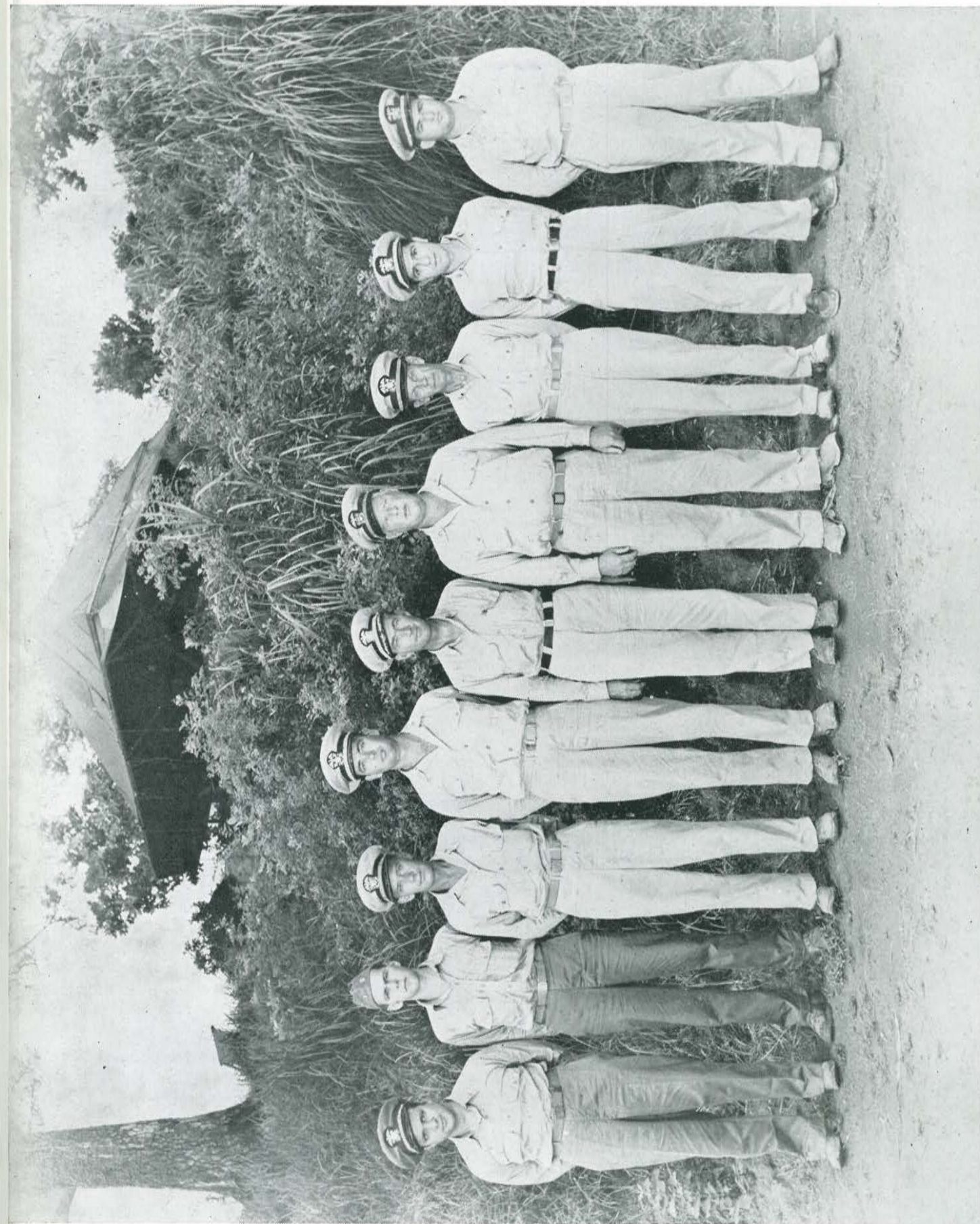
Swimmer bees  
 Who work in water  
 Grimmer bees  
 All set for slaughter.

In the Navy's work they're key-bees,  
 All around the world—the Seabees!

—BERTON BRALEY





## STAFF OFFICERS

Left to right: Lt. (jg) Sigmund E. Chessid, Ensign Therl J. Ockey, Lt. August L. Ewald, Lt. (jg) Wayne C. Morgan, Commander John H. Cain, Lt. Cmdr. R. E. Harrison, Lt. O. L. Daley, Lt. Joseph R. Megna, and Lt. Vernon J. Engerran.

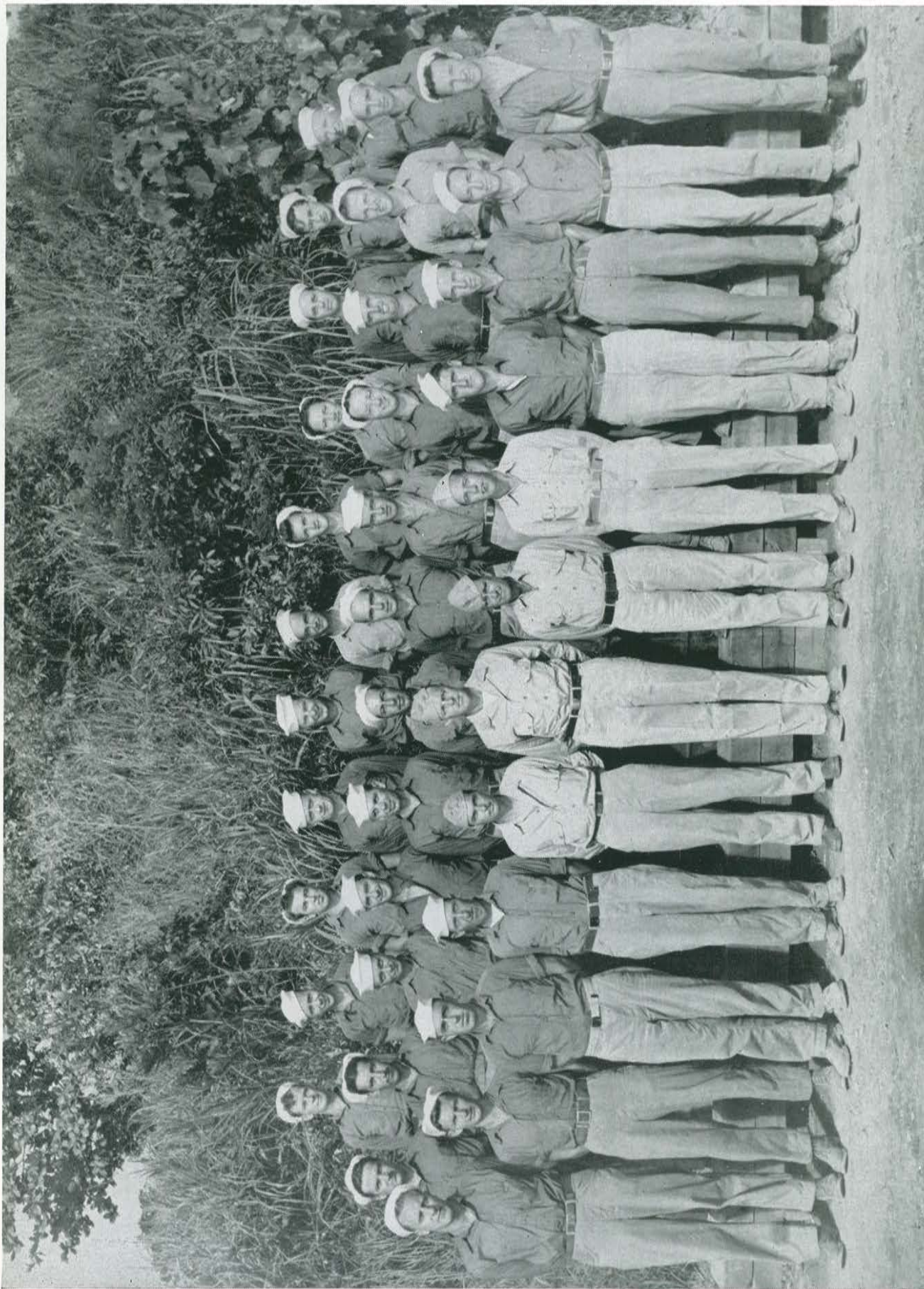




## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY OFFICERS

Left to right: Chief Carpenter Paul M. Miller, Lt. (jg) Robert W. Hewett, Lt. (jg) William M. Redd, Jr., and Lt. William H. Strong.

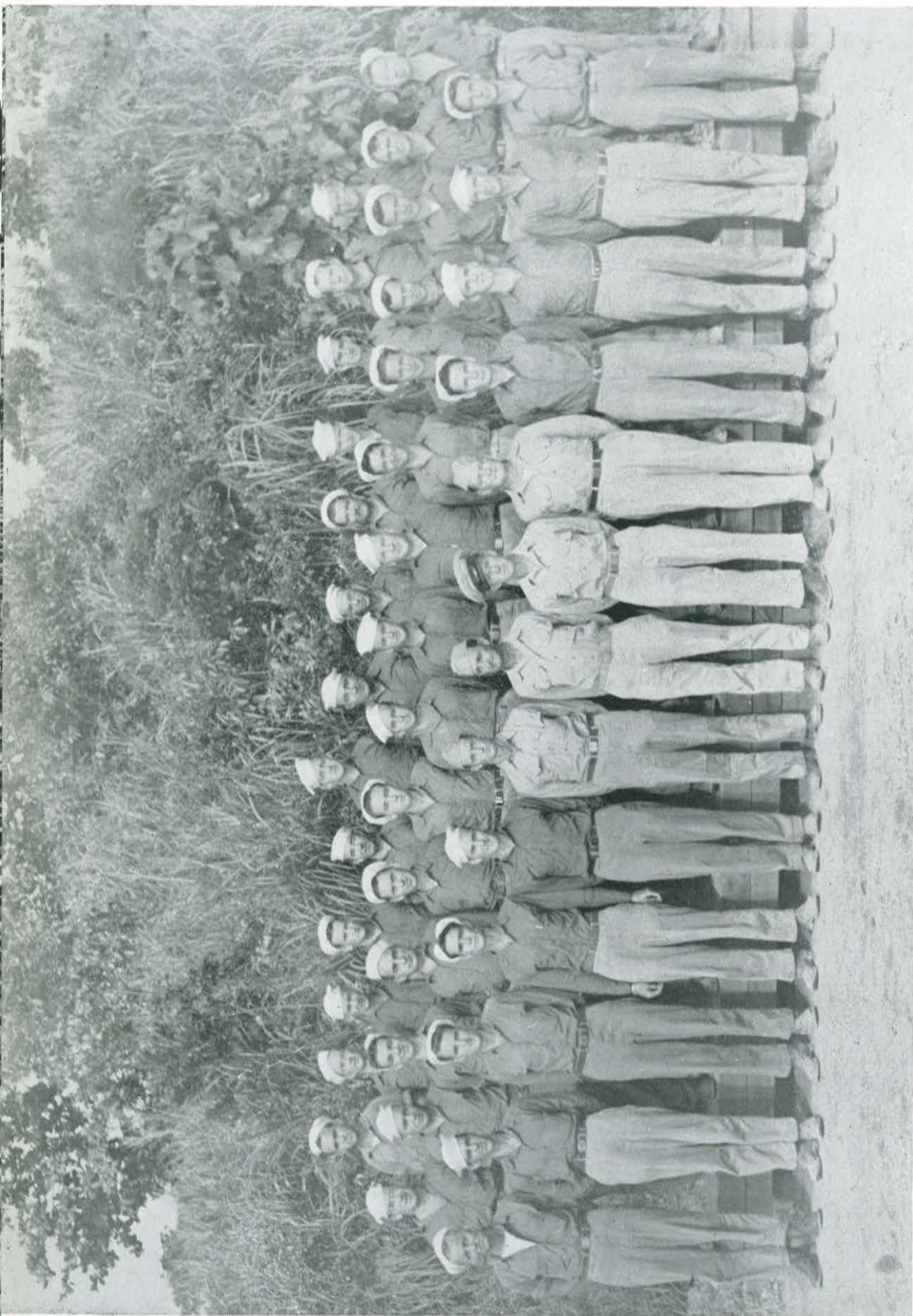




## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY—PLATOON 1

Back row, left to right: J. L. McCrave, R. E. Baker, M. E. Edmondson, N. W. Runyan, W. J. Knorowski, N. F. Hall, T. J. Cooper, C. Yulo, E. F. Hertz, E. H. Walaszek, G. W. Hofmann; second row: R. W. VanAllen, S. Favallero, W. C. Sharpe, E. J. Kelley, R. E. Wilson, J. Bruno, H. E. Richardson, W. T. McGill, M. Margulis, H. Y. Summerskill, W. T. Bruce, J. R. Waldon; front row: F. D. Weber, C. L. Lasure, M. Hughes, W. W. Sullivan, R. J. Underwood, L. J. Berg, H. E. Weed, G. W. Mahan, H. W. Miller, C. B. Myers, H. W. Buschman, J. J. Petty.

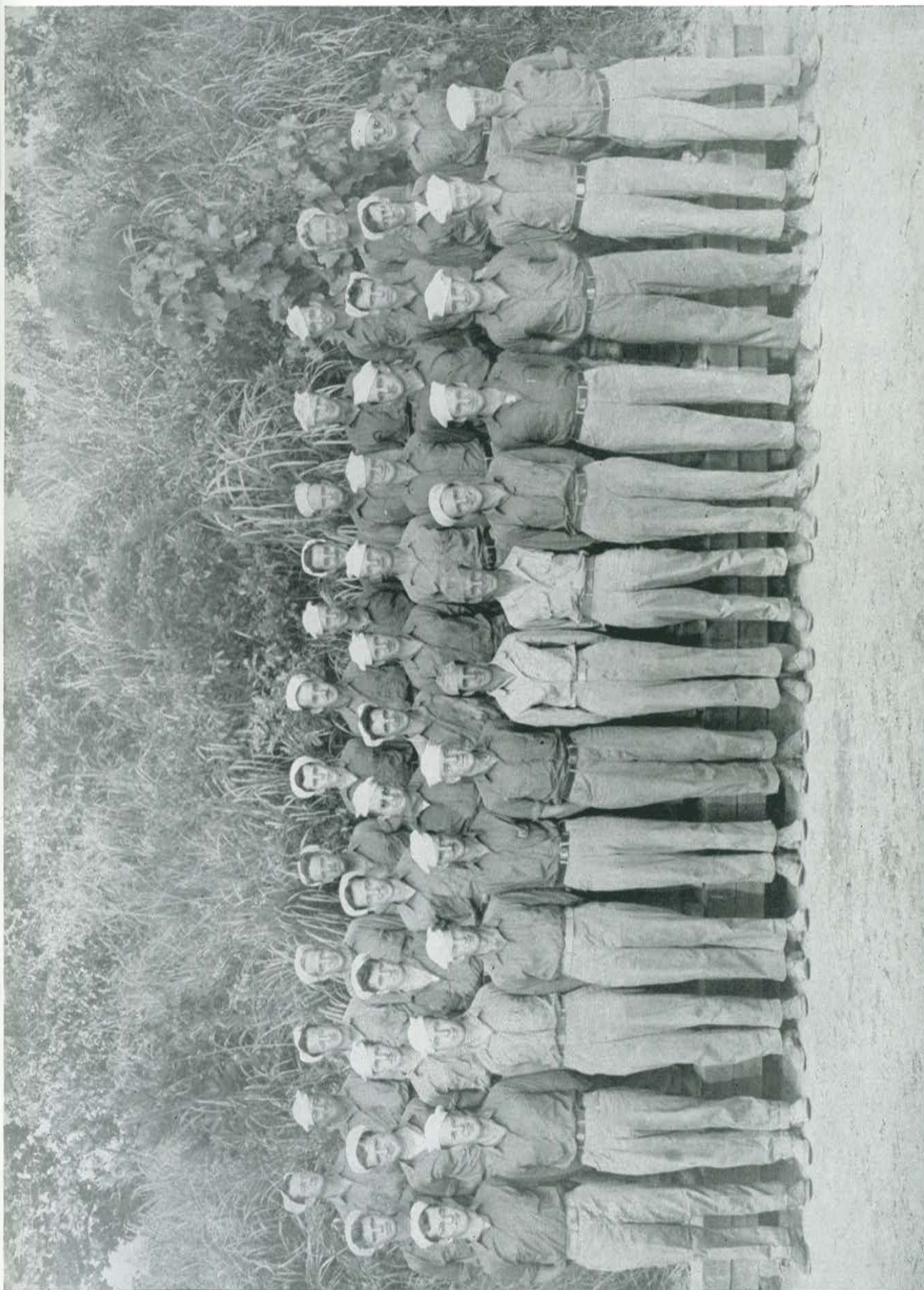




## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY—PLATOON 1

Back row, left to right: W. L. Conn, E. J. Erkkila, T. A. Karvonen, L. S. Blackney, J. H. Maher, E. L. Taylor, A. Gorski, K. R. Marlar, R. G. Ewig, T. K. Raulerson, D. Bleecker, R. H. Covalt, W. B. Russell; second row: H. F. Robinson, A. Witowski, G. E. Zidek, J. W. Williams, P. J. Kindel, L. S. Chapman, J. M. May, T. Beaumont, J. B. Keeler, D. R. Hammer, W. E. Haskin, S. E. Riner, L. A. Mairose, L. E. Carlsen, J. R. Thompson; front row: M. W. Strickland, J. H. Waddle, C. T. Boehler, W. D. Mullenau, L. A. Mombourquette, H. H. Roberts, M. J. Freeman, H. M. Hays, R. C. Taylor, J. B. Walsh, F. D. Hoffman, R. E. Koberstein, R. M. Christenson.

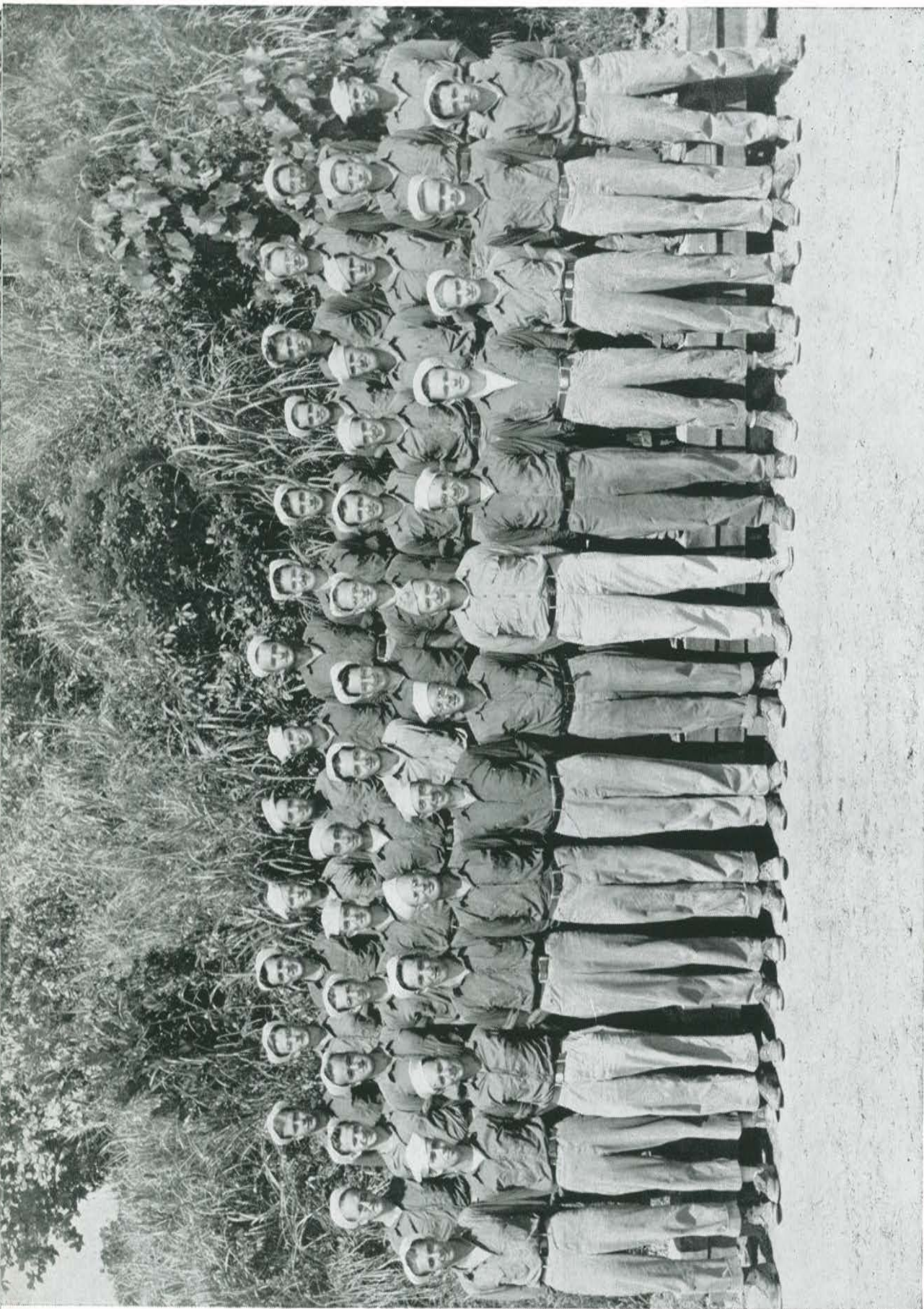




## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY—PLATOON 2

Back row, left to right: E. C. Reynolds, A. R. Landavazo, R. F. Frankowski, R. H. Langdale, J. C. Crowley, R. M. MacLean, S. P. Pestillo, C. L. Shook, V. F. DeVost, C. E. Perkins, C. A. Johnson, K. J. Bitney, H. B. O'Halloran; middle row: A. H. Barron, G. A. Mannetta, H. F. Frank, L. Capparrille, G. M. Harrington, S. R. Stillwell, K. R. Tyrell, W. D. Wentzel, R. Miron, C. E. Sawyer, L. J. Nowak, H. M. Friel, R. F. Regnery, G. Kohler; front row: J. L. Reagan, E. R. Johnson, H. C. Kulibert, R. A. Williams, F. H. Matsler, D. Halterman, W. F. Belschner, E. A. Hoppe, A. Zeidler, O. E. Sugden, J. J. Zambuto, B. P. Roth, F. L. Heath.





## HEADQUARTERS COMPANY—PLATOON 2

Back row, left to right: D. N. Buttram, J. D. Wood, G. M. Mamanakis, H. F. Craig, J. H. Wallace, V. A. Fishetti, B. C. Oldham, W. C. Schildt, R. J. Ritchey, M. N. King, L. D. Prohaska, R. P. Seibelt, C. E. Kemmer; middle row: E. T. Swope, D. O. Brown, F. D. Vana-core, K. H. Brown, H. A. Kelly, F. B. Peek, R. J. Prete, K. W. Fetterman, H. A. Aspinall, L. R. Yamek, R. A. McKay, J. P. Myers, F. J. Schell, C. B. Fink, E. A. Szatko; front row: L. A. Hildebrand, A. F. Bedtelyon, T. S. Scantling, M. Jost, A. S. Huser, H. W. Spindler, C. J. Berggren, J. E. Kuttler, G. H. Hoeninghau, H. C. Deem, D. A. McGuirk, R. P. Thibideau, J. R. Brochu.

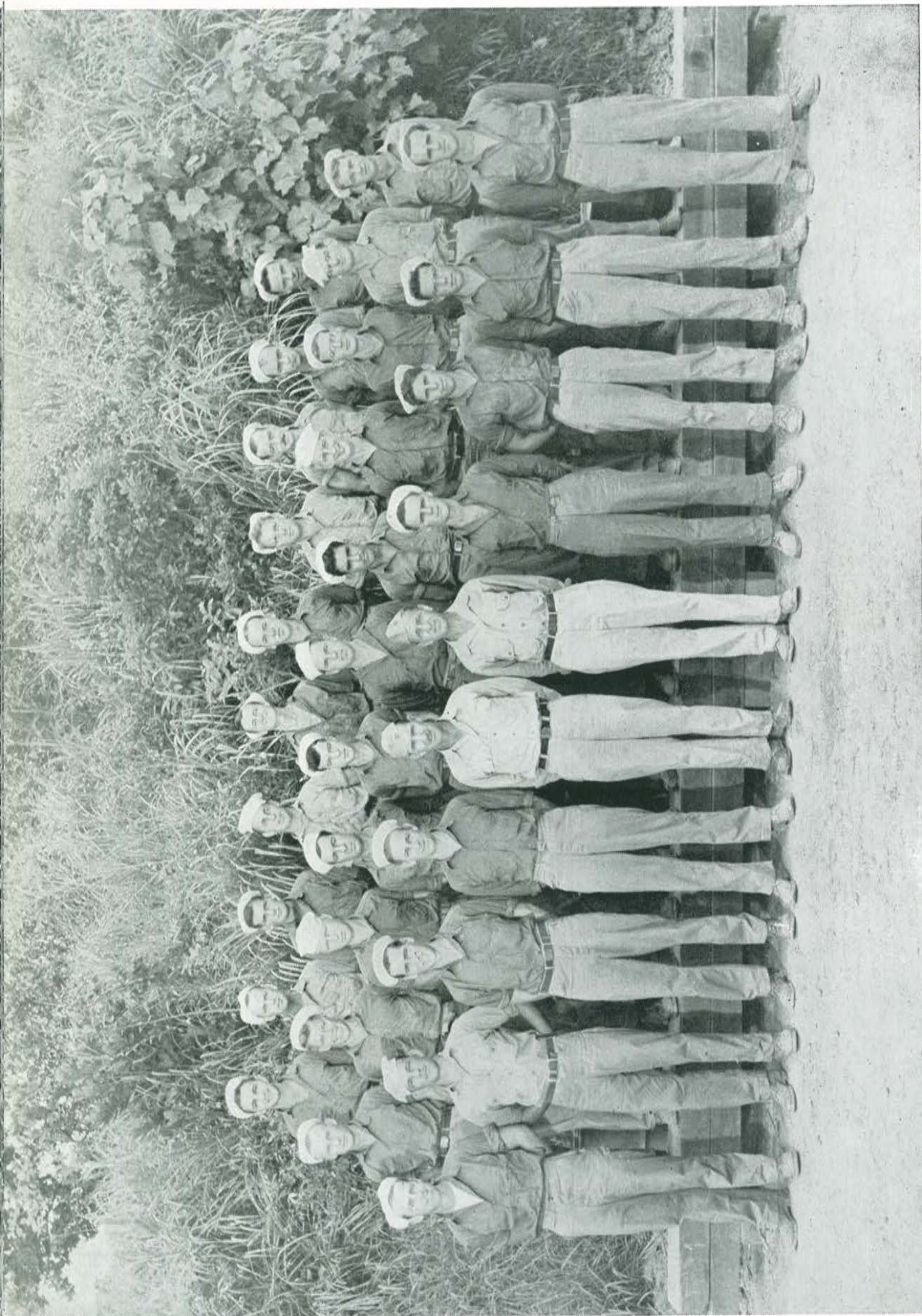




## COMPANY A OFFICERS

Left to right: Chief Carp. Walter C. Maynard; Chief Carp. Baxter T. McCall; Lt. (jg) Oliver P. Pope; Lt. Cmdr. J. W. Rockwood;  
and Ens. Robert H. Braun.

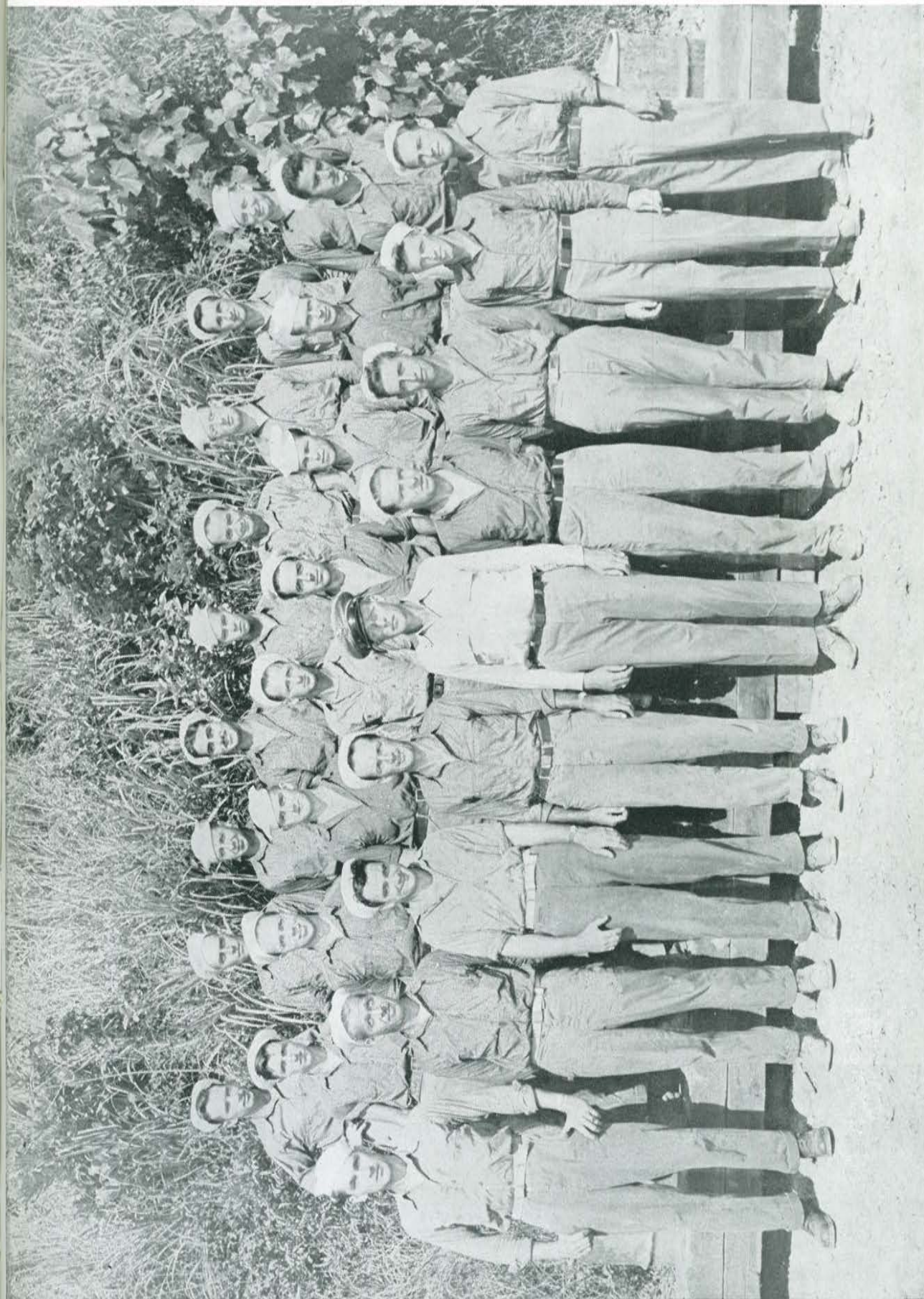




## COMPANY A — PLATOON 1

Top row, left to right: R. Tedesco, E. H. Wiswell, D. E. Renouf, B. F. Spence, A. F. Schultheiss, S. J. Garceau, V. L. Stovall, H. B. Mills, O. Duncan, W. E. Norton; second row: R. L. Vaughn, L. R. Pelt, O. E. Moore, A. J. Lofreddi, F. E. Crawford, R. A. Summeril, A. Rodriguez, E. E. Lord, R. W. Talbot, W. E. McShea, H. A. Stine, Jr.; front row: J. R. Gay, L. M. Burman, Jr., R. W. Hays, H. C. Weller, R. E. Turner, A. W. Ewan, B. Vavra, L. R. Lay, C. C. Killough, W. A. Watson.

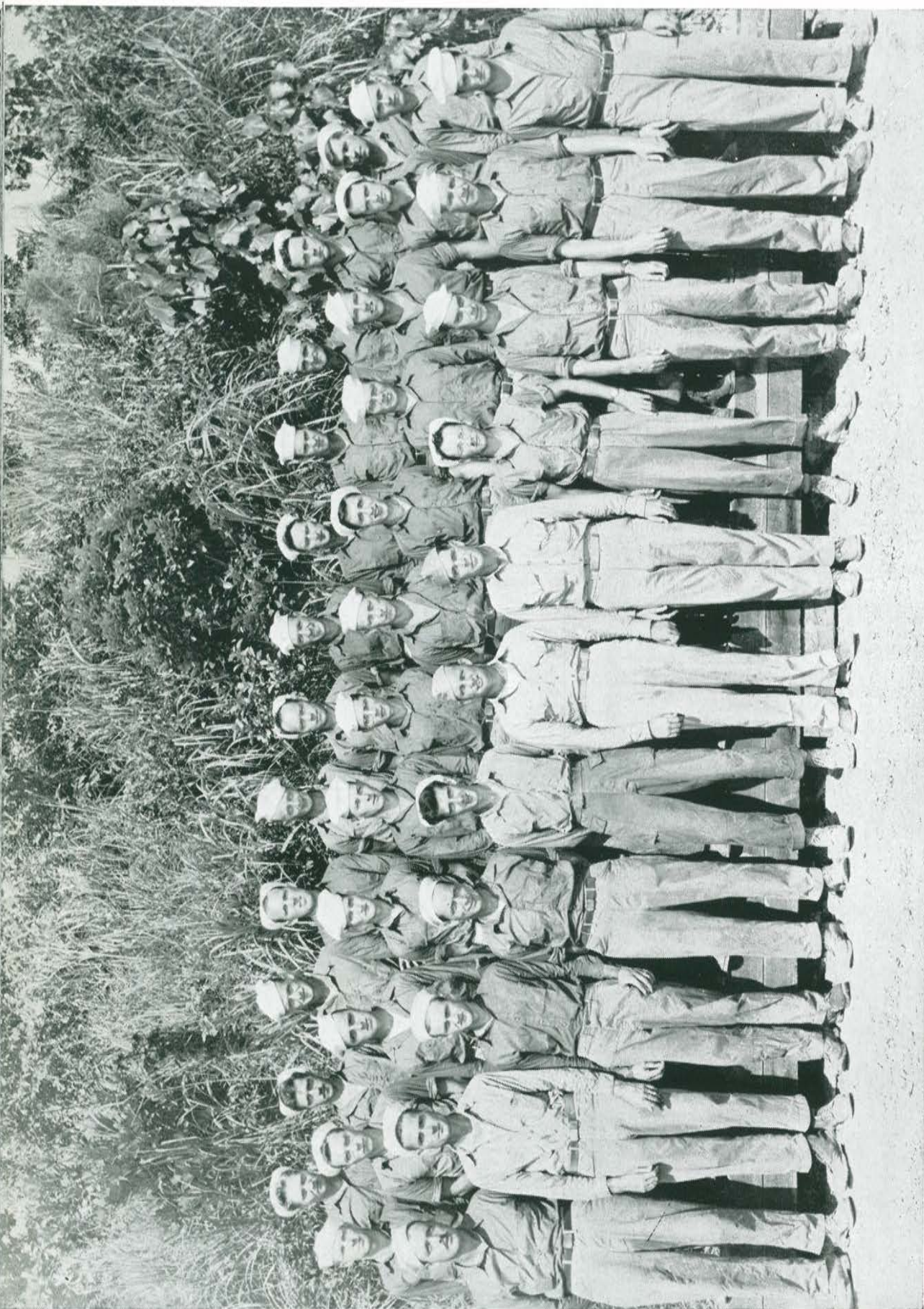




## COMPANY A—PLATOON 2

Back row, left to right: J. T. Hill, J. W. Bell, E. J. Yeaple, A. Trovato, A. M. Wallgren, G. H. Vleck, C. W. Rayburn, A. E. Baron, C. A. Spencer; second row: R. F. Vick, W. A. Hunt, W. J. Walker, T. L. Rock, C. A. Evans, A. W. Watson, C. H. Workman, H. E. Belt; front row: J. P. Zycowski, E. H. Godfrey, H. F. Moss, J. T. Mansfield, P. E. Johnson, C. W. Knight, E. A. Wentworth, L. T. Cheney, D. C. West.

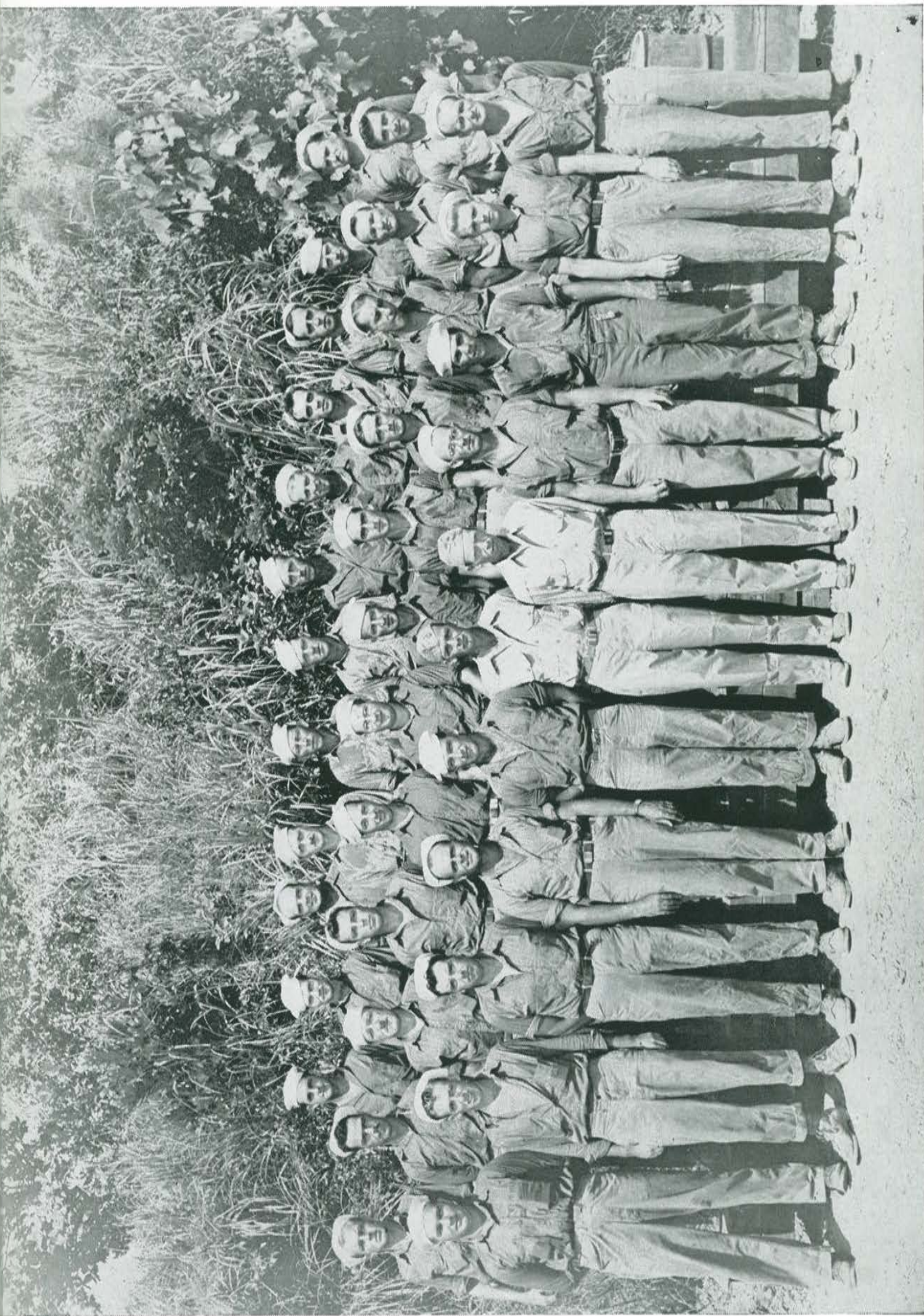




## COMPANY A — PLATOON 3

Back row, left to right: R. D. Wilson, A. A. Patenaude, Jr., F. W. Schween, J. E. Skelton, C. T. Eads, P. E. Taylor, A. L. Caouette, L. R. Mead, L. H. Sullivan, H. J. Wade, R. A. Tadlock; second row: O. S. Ponds, W. J. Stine, J. J. Wojciak, J. L. Mitchell, L. D. Shepherd, M. E. Smith, H. E. Jones, E. S. Olsowka, D. V. Dold, E. B. Witowski, C. G. Ferguson, J. F. Wisniewski; front row: G. H. Talbott, D. W. Teal, B. J. Lewis, C. L. Hoem, J. J. Sullivan, R. J. Walker, J. P. Farrell, J. R. Morgan, S. G. Allen, M. E. Engstrom, H. G. Owens.

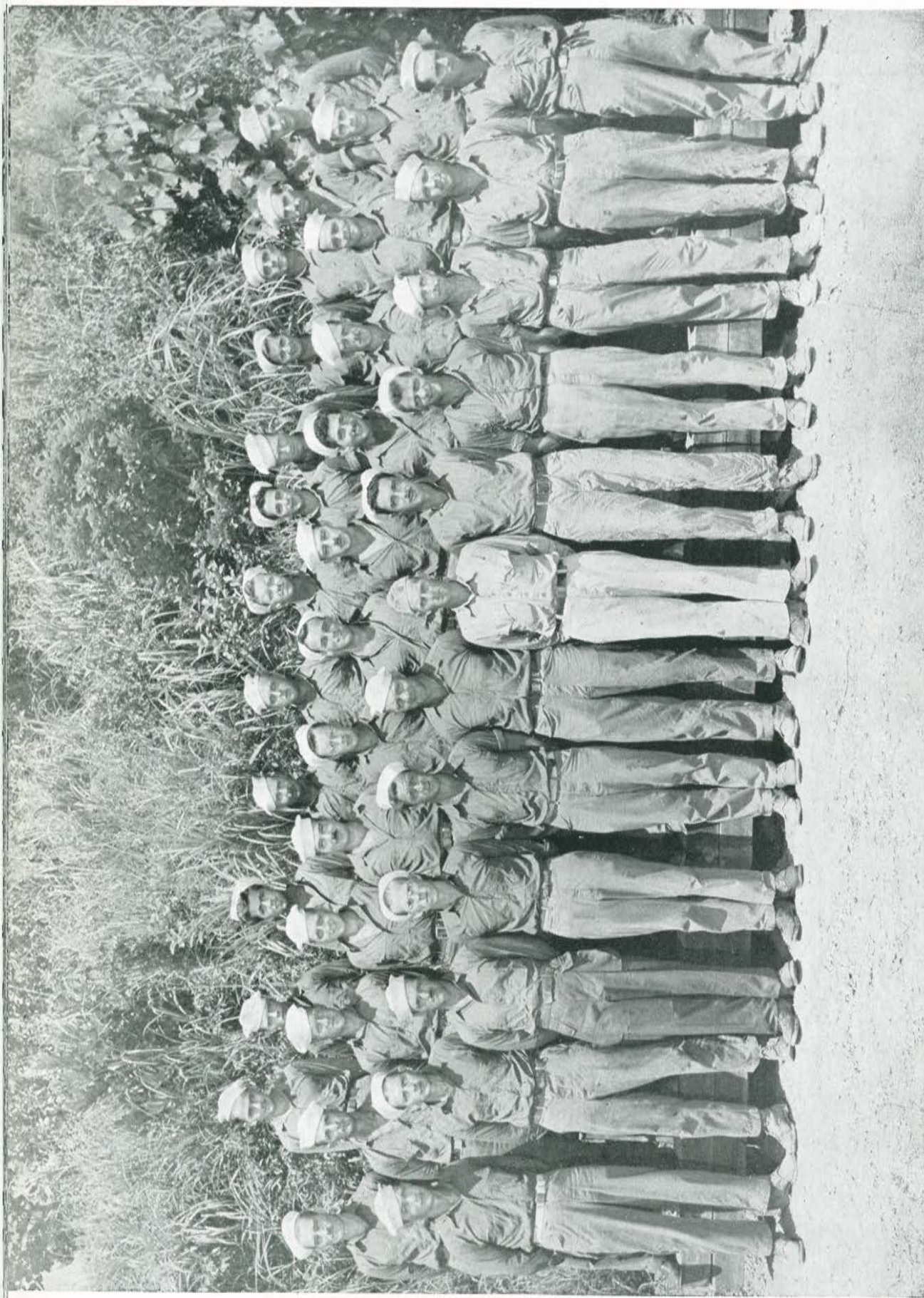




## COMPANY A—PLATOON 4

Back row, left to right: C. L. Mooney, C. J. Sabin, G. W. Babcock, C. T. Wise, E. E. Ahtonen, D. H. Wood, L. A. Weber, W. J. Sansing, J. Pallitto, A. J. St. Laurent, Jr., L. O. Brunelle, E. Pierson; second row: F. A. TeStrake, J. F. Williams, W. B. Boehm, W. Bjorne, R. J. Boufford, V. E. Kline, M. R. Tarter, L. Stephenson, W. D. Boroski, R. L. O'Neil, C. L. Harlan, S. Zivkov; front row: W. F. McMannis, E. E. Bingham, I. L. Castro, B. D. Jolly, A. D. Farren, E. I. Chester, H. G. Mercer, D. F. Sweet, W. B. Buckovich, P. E. Carr, Jr., A. M. McKenney.

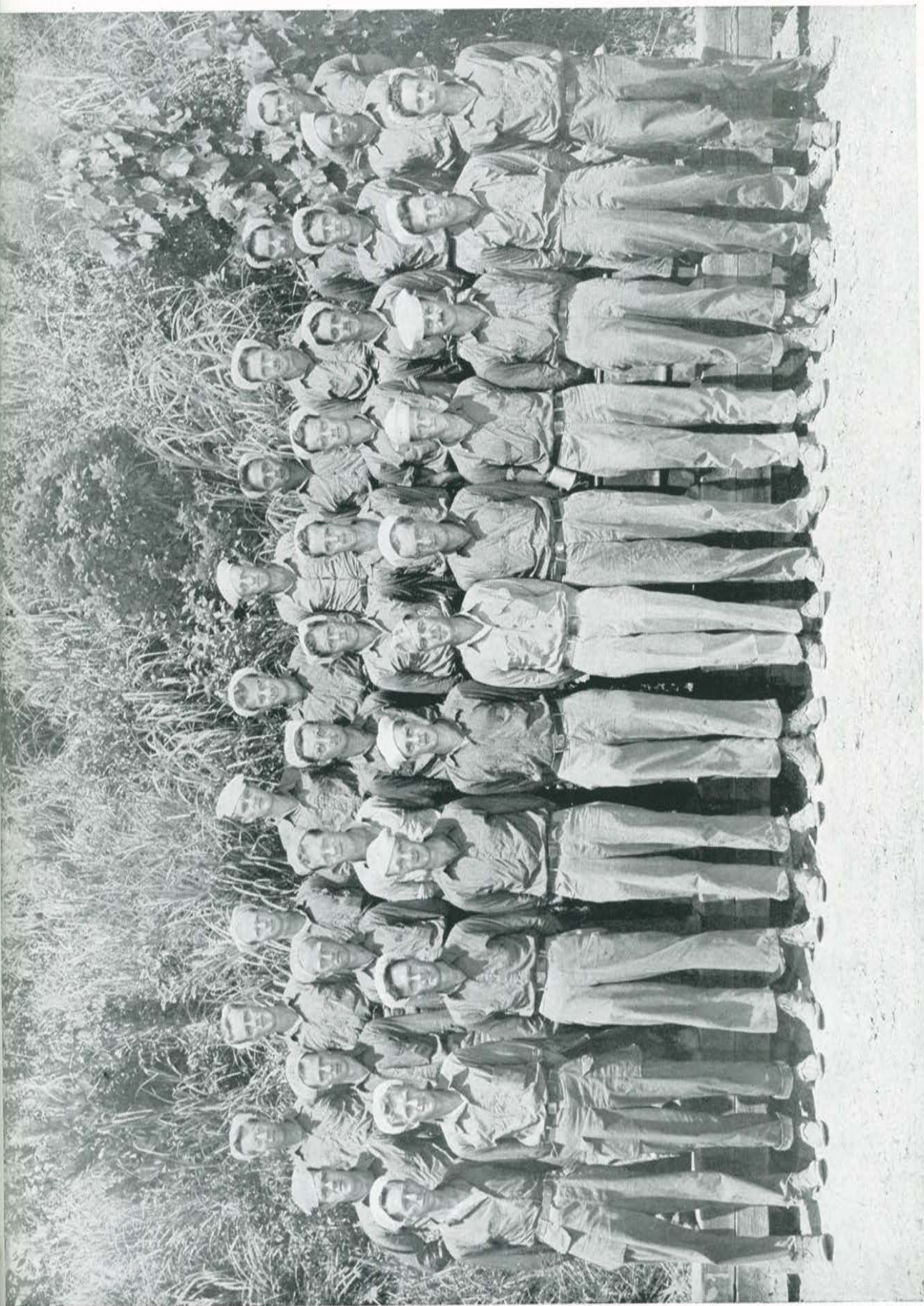




## COMPANY A—PLATOON 5

Back row, left to right: D. D. Baustian, D. A. Scheinplug, N. P. Robinson, L. G. Wilson, F. Muczynski, J. L. McKeown, C. J. Pignone, C. E. Herring, H. W. Ritz, R. C. Fite, D. P. Campbell, E. T. Withers; second row: H. T. Kelley, S. F. Jaskolka, A. L. Murray, A. P. Russell, J. Meister, J. H. Stephens, M. J. Zilles, Jr., D. T. Rowinski, J. J. Cresson, E. M. Harrington, W. S. Lurton, Jr., R. F. Shields; front row: B. J. Skelley, D. M. Miller, J. A. Toich, E. E. Nelson, W. K. Marfel, J. A. Jones, A. T. Gravelle, N. G. Lee, G. W. Weiss, E. J. Boss, S. G. Steele, L. L. Holley.





## COMPANY A—PLATOON 6

Back row, left to right: V. H. Riley, D. Richmond, M. E. Neal, R. H. Hoereth, E. C. Humphries, R. F. Ricker, J. Strianese, R. C. Travis, Jr., B. J. Rowland, O. A. McDuffee; second row: M. R. Skinner, Jr., J. F. Ziegler, D. F. Pauloo, L. C. Soder, J. J. Perger, R. L. Young, C. L. Remington, J. W. Brockson, J. A. Volpi, L. J. Funk, F. J. Harvey; front row: R. N. LeBlanc, M. J. Sibowski, H. H. Priester, D. M. Ehorn, A. Szablewski, C. L. Castor, E. V. Vorhees, C. I. Phillips, J. E. DeMar, J. C. Franck, R. Rhoades.

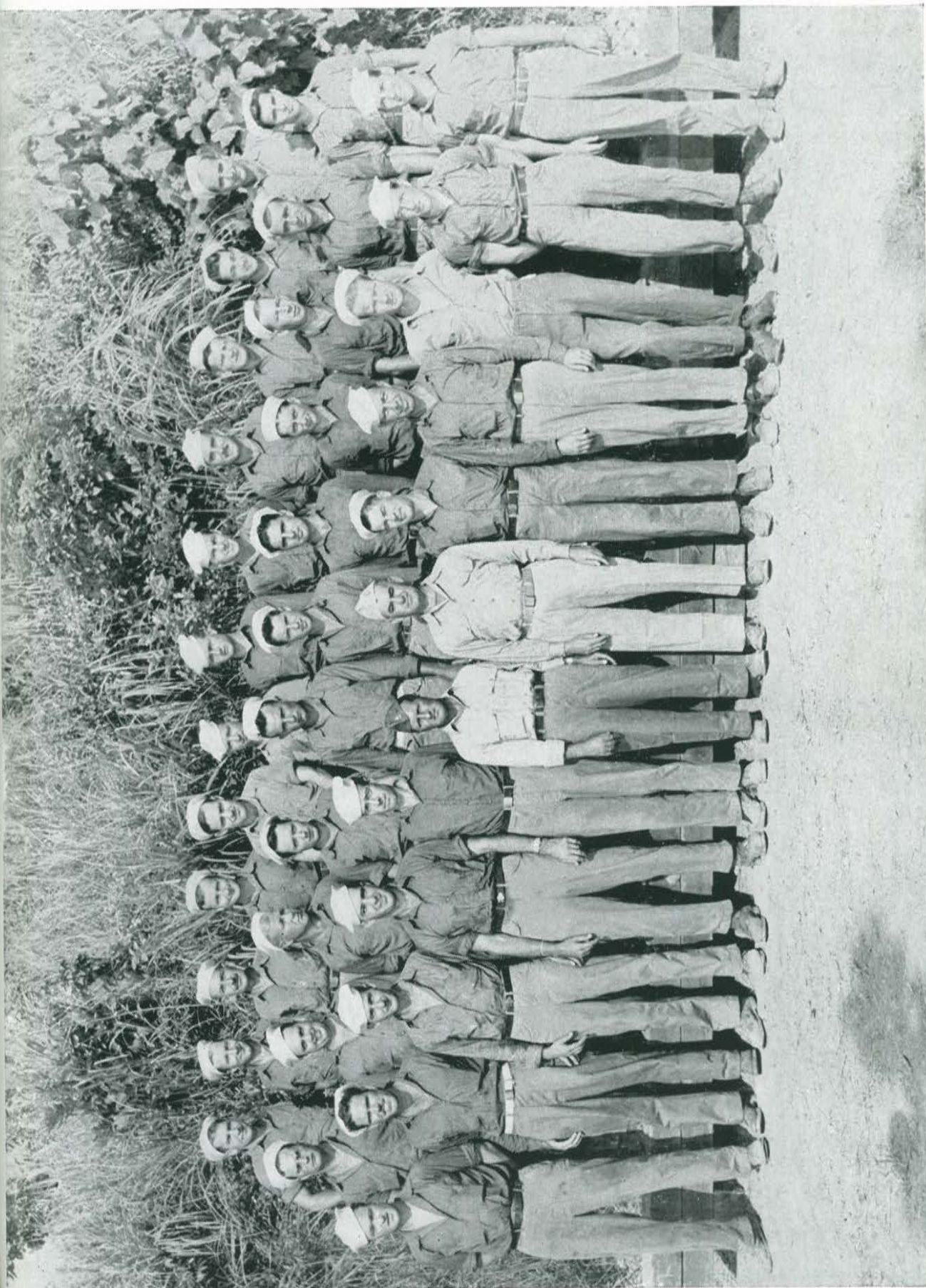




## COMPANY B OFFICERS

Left to right: Chief Carpenter John A. Roberts, Ensign James G. Kerr, Chief Carpenter Louis J. Adams, Lt. Milbern H. Davison, Lt. Richard D. Murphy.

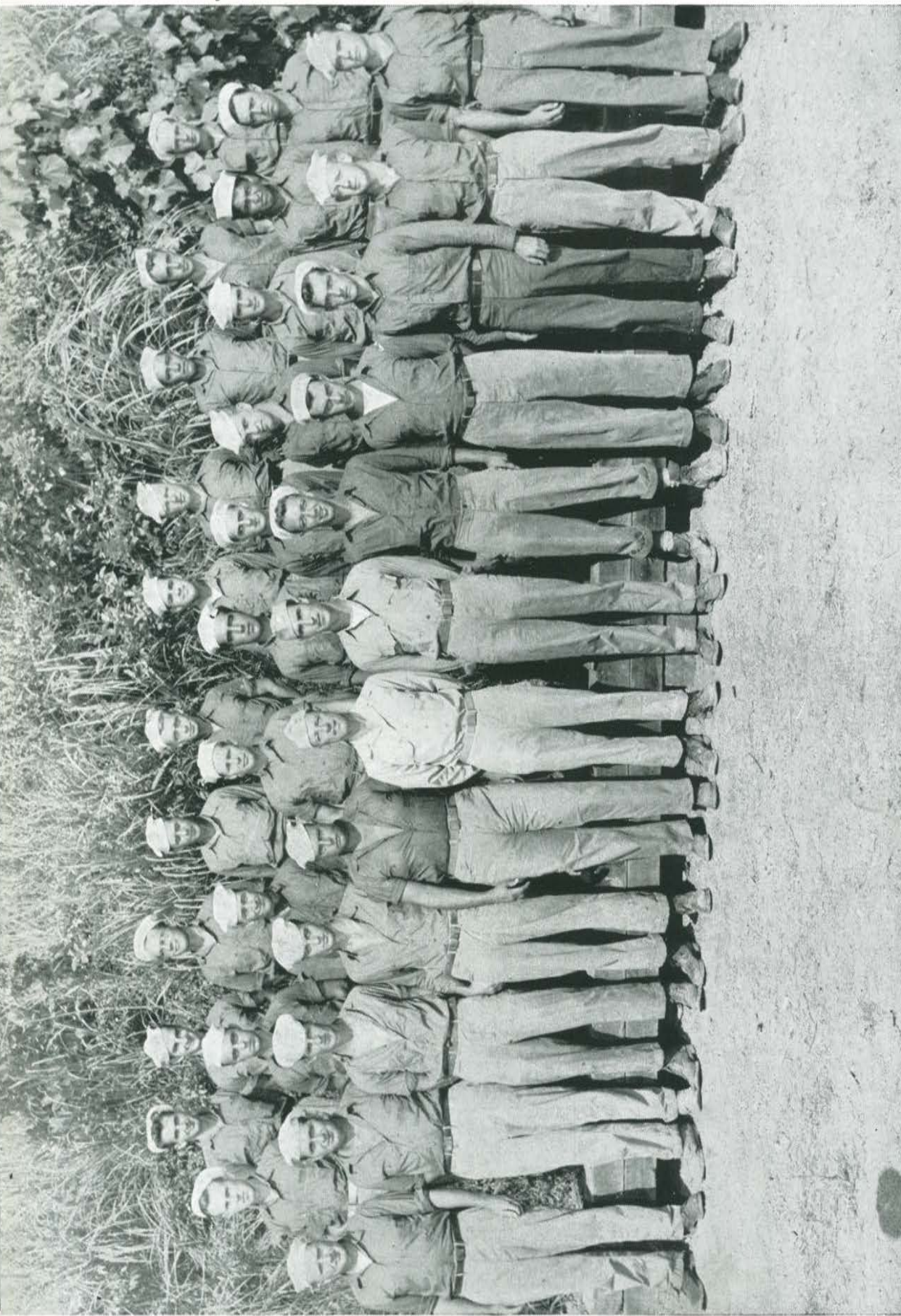




## COMPANY B—PLATOON 1

Top row, left to right, T. H. Smith, P. R. Wicklund, H. C. Rogers, G. V. Brecht, C. F. Mersing, R. H. Bonham, H. Thacker, N. I. Lipscomb, G. W. Gilbert, W. B. Wojnarowski, H. L. Wyland, J. Pfuhi; second row: G. L. Layfield, E. N. Lyon, W. E. Norton, A. J. Hall, N. C. Byrd, J. T. Toler, M. V. Romas, N. G. Nageldinger, V. T. Price, C. H. Mowry, D. Vojnovich; front row: W. H. Sifton, M. D. Seay, C. W. Clatty, C. W. Marshall, J. E. Bush, E. L. Mannor, S. Bernstein, W. C. Warner, L. M. Tozier, R. P. Peters, E. S. Marsh, J. J. Gilson.

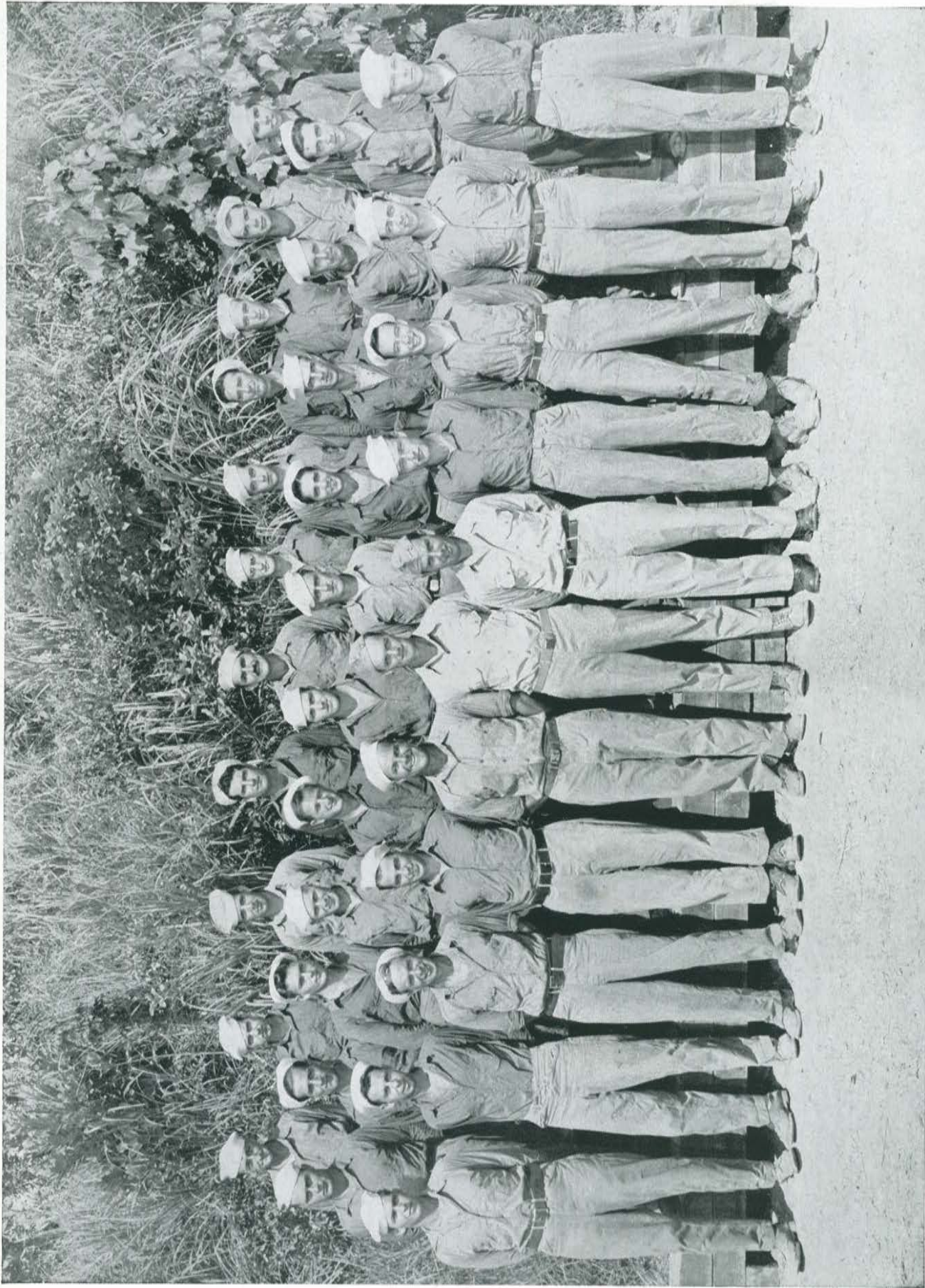




## COMPANY B—PLATOON 2

Top row, left to right: S. J. Korczak, T. Nowacki, F. R. Mills, M. C. Baus, E. J. Starks, V. C. Zeppetella, R. J. Majka, A. Nez, E. R. Bauer, J. H. King; second row: W. S. Kephart, D. W. Nida, W. I. Lowry, R. W. Norwick, C. T. Moya, J. E. Null, A. Rapinchuk, M. R. Magnan, H. Clah, E. K. Wilson; front row: D. East, R. R. Michaels, F. B. Perry, W. J. Nealon, D. M. Nabors, W. W. Robinson, R. W. Quicksall, R. C. Noel, R. I. Means, J. R. Ashenfelder, J. A. MacLeod, H. L. Mullenberg.

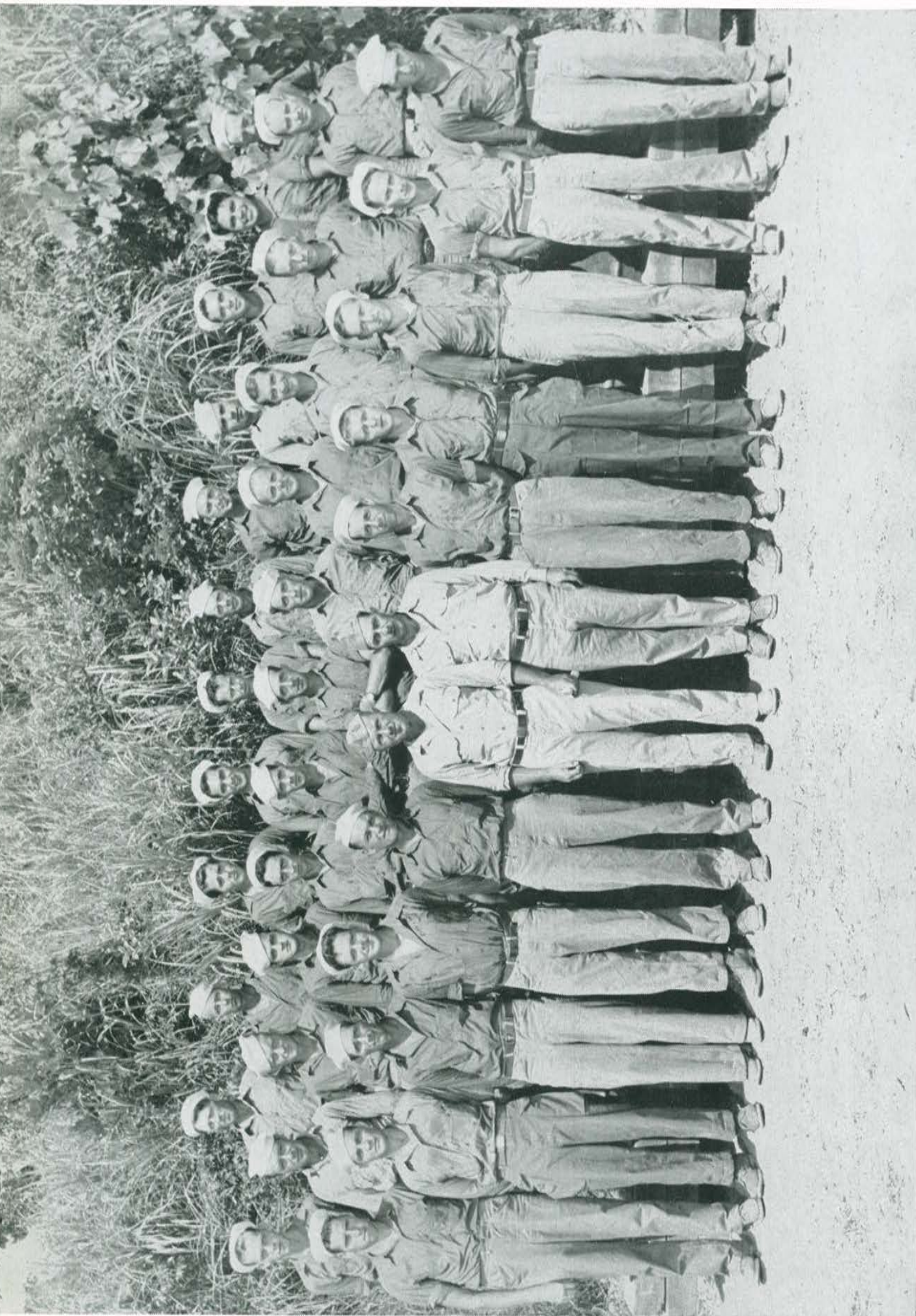




## COMPANY B—PLATOON 3

Top row, left to right: J. M. Meyer, E. C. Ogborn, F. L. Lawson, C. C. Keefe, J. A. Cybulski, R. H. Latting, J. L. Rayfield, A. J. Dougherty, J. W. Alvis, O. C. Rice, J. Sunday; second row: J. W. Johnson, D. S. Galante, R. J. Jorgenson, G. H. Millward, R. W. Predmore, P. Mirsky, M. M. Smith, H. L. Muhs, W. F. Wisneski, C. A. Kopper, J. T. Ciuba; front row: J. Mitchell, R. Loube, E. A. Gour, J. W. Lehr, H. H. Utpadel, K. A. Wassink, J. J. Horosko, N. A. Schaefer, D. G. McQuilkin, C. L. Samlow, L. G. Nall.

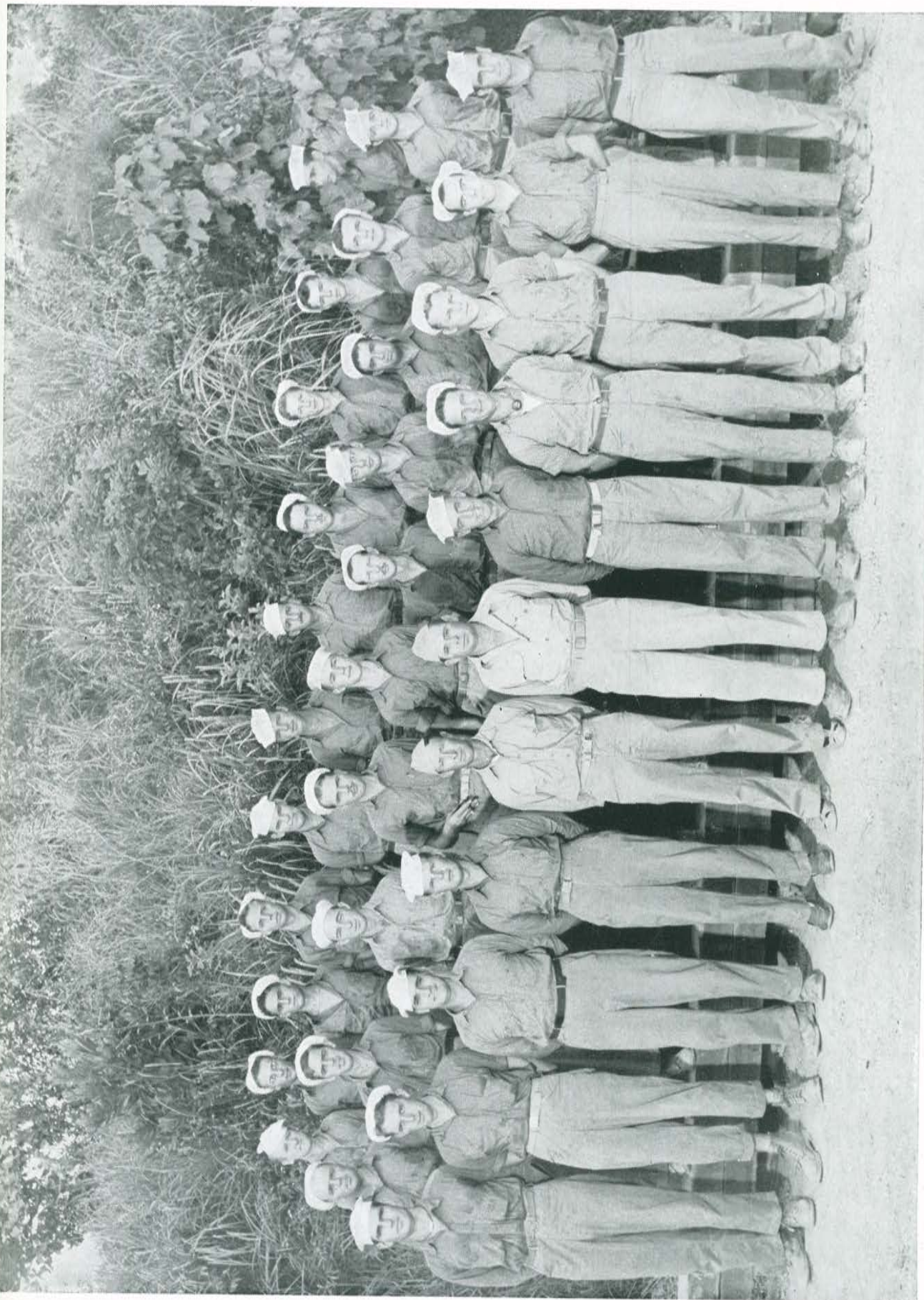




## COMPANY B—PLATOON 4

Top Row, left to right: W. H. Johnson, C. C. Henrick, H. W. McCarty, J. Lober, R. J. Menard, R. McMann, M. Fantoni, L. R. Shannon, F. E. Shreve, J. P. Padron, J. B. Stapleton; second row: H. A. McGee, G. J. Logue, E. A. Petrosky, D. E. Smith, J. F. Mowrey, W. B. Clark, R. L. Beveridge, G. H. Blanchard, K. W. Smith, R. G. Holmgren, W. Bailey, J. W. Matthews; front row: J. L. Selleck, L. L. Schaffter, E. J. Yount, T. R. McGuire, H. E. Justice, R. E. Bossell, N. A. LaDow, M. H. DesFosses, C. E. Vermace, F. W. Smith, R. A. Ackerman, C. F. Dial.

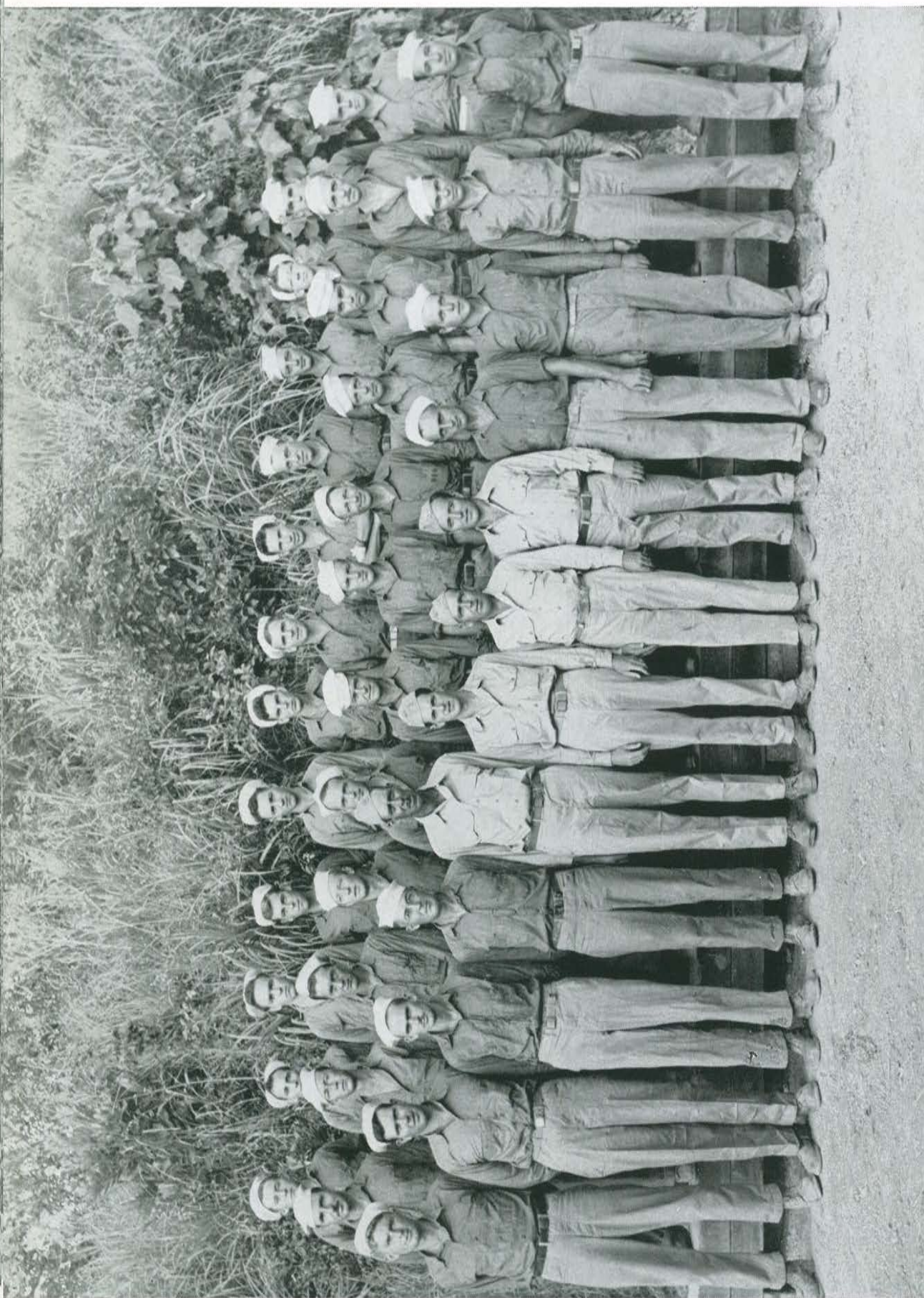




## COMPANY B—PLATOON 5

Top row, left to right: J. E. Anson, L. L. Long, J. A. Masino, J. A. Martin, S. E. Goff, A. S. Jakubowski, E. A. Bonita, L. J. Martineau, C. C. Malewski, W. R. Markotay, W. Tucker; second row: R. W. Perreault, F. H. Carroll, O. H. King, E. E. Costello, P. C. Marusak, B. A. Soulligne, W. C. Rankin, J. A. Lapierre, E. J. Mally, H. W. Lister; front row: O. C. Stanley, J. E. Newton, D. J. Spano, M. R. Ozakuski, H. F. Lancaster, W. R. Evans, D. Pugh, W. T. Speaks, H. C. Shiphorst, D. Mann, W. R. Roberts.

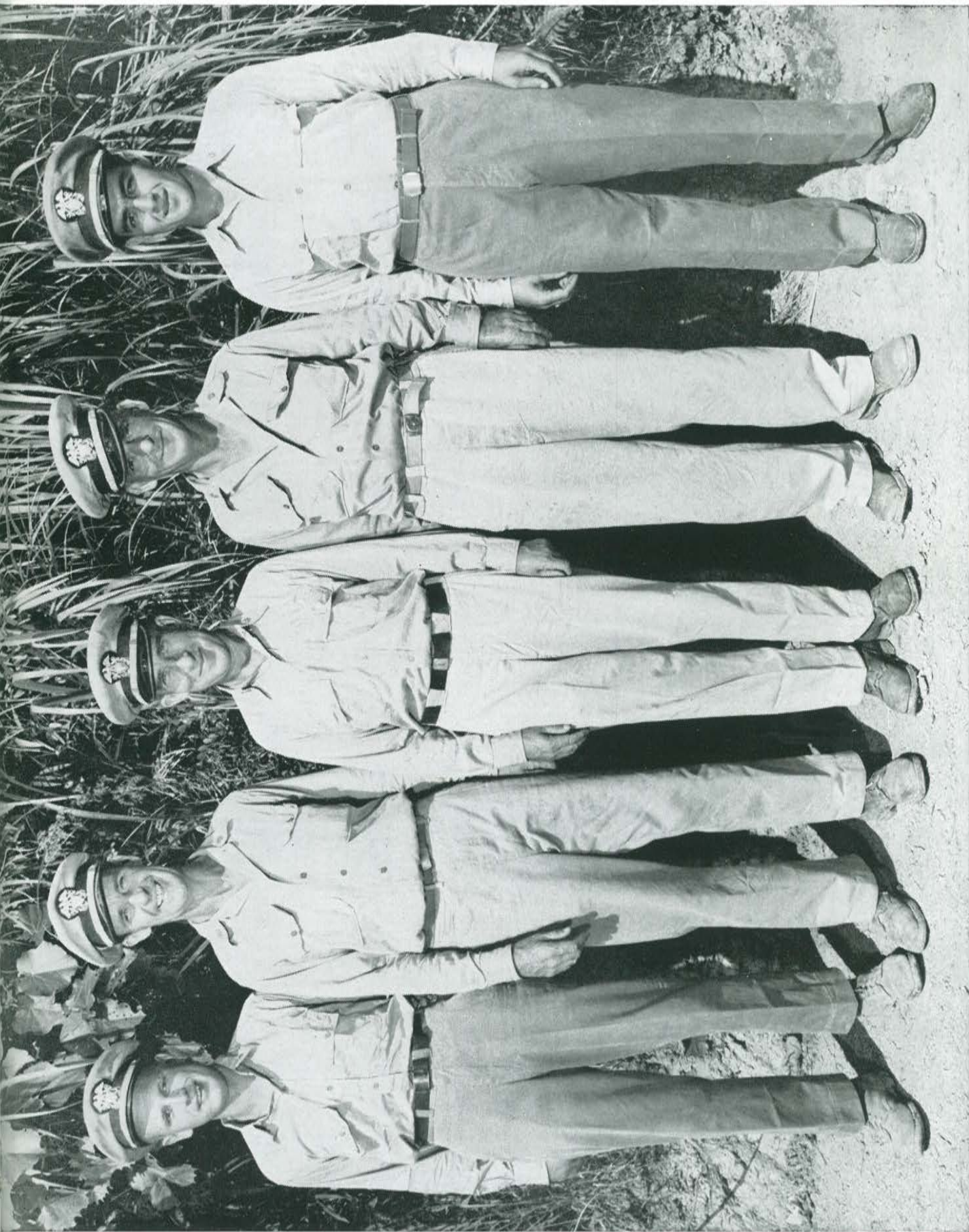




## COMPANY B—PLATOON 6

Back row, left to right: C. D. Walls, N. L. Keeley, C. LaFrance, J. LeBlanc, J. A. Skinner, R. J. Davis, M. J. Lee, L. W. Knight, J. B. Knott, L. A. Miller, J. T. Zukowski, R. E. Whitman; second row: W. W. Kline, L. D. Rich, G. F. Raymond, J. A. Wells, R. M. Dunbar, A. L. Kiker, H. W. Allen, C. F. Rogers, W. T. Anderson, W. L. McElhone, A. L. Krueger, J. R. O'Hara; front row: J. E. Matthews, B. Washburn, G. M. Kershbergen, J. A. Dwyer, L. R. Carson, G. L. Cooper, J. F. Hartigan, N. G. Allard, S. A. Kalicinski, J. H. Schneller, D. H. Shurr, C. B. Leighton.

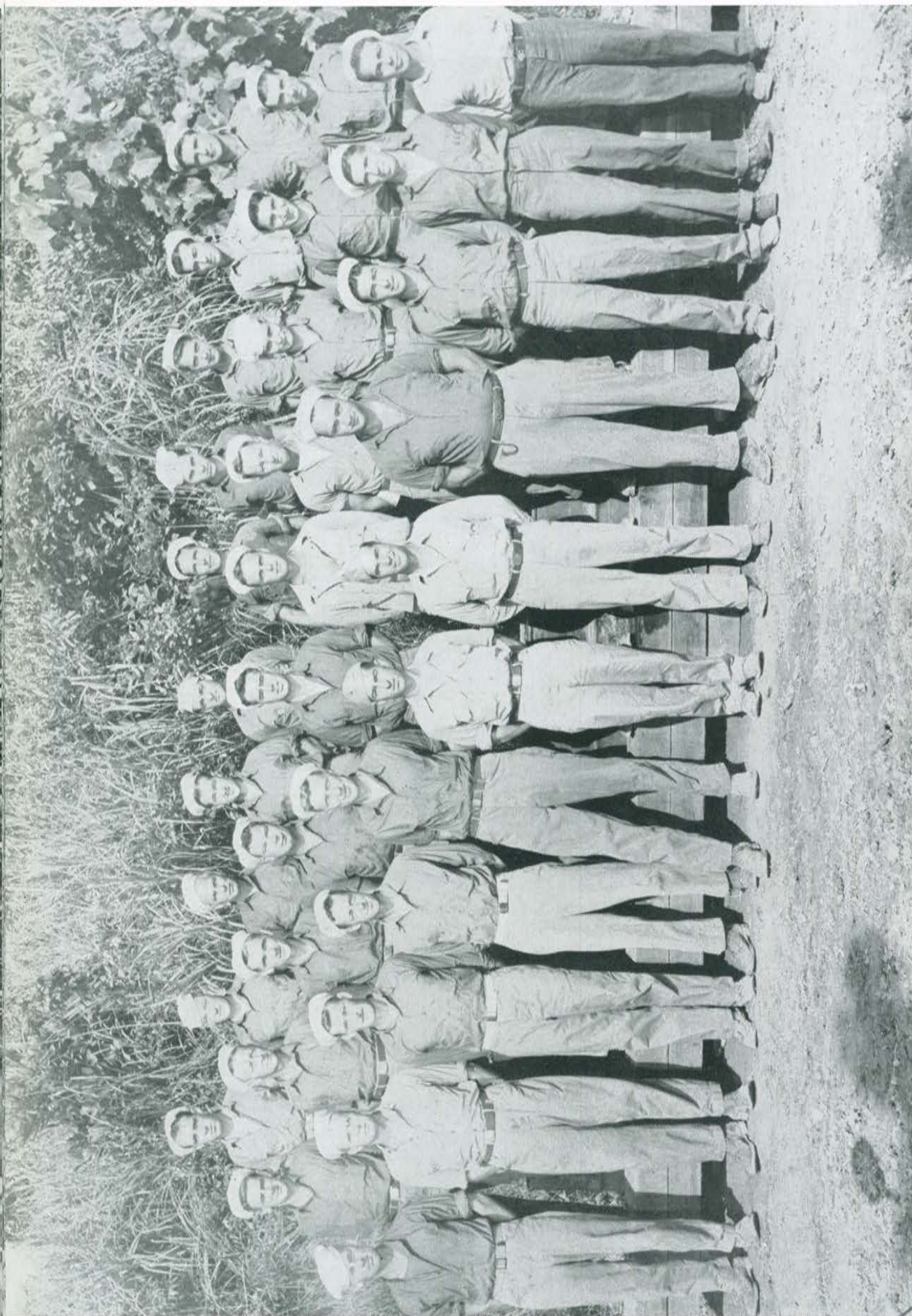




## COMPANY C OFFICERS

Left to right: Ensign William N. Johnson, Chief Carpenter Thomas G. Gill, Lt. George Low, Chief Carpenter Washington O. Bartlett and Ensign Hover J. Palazeti.

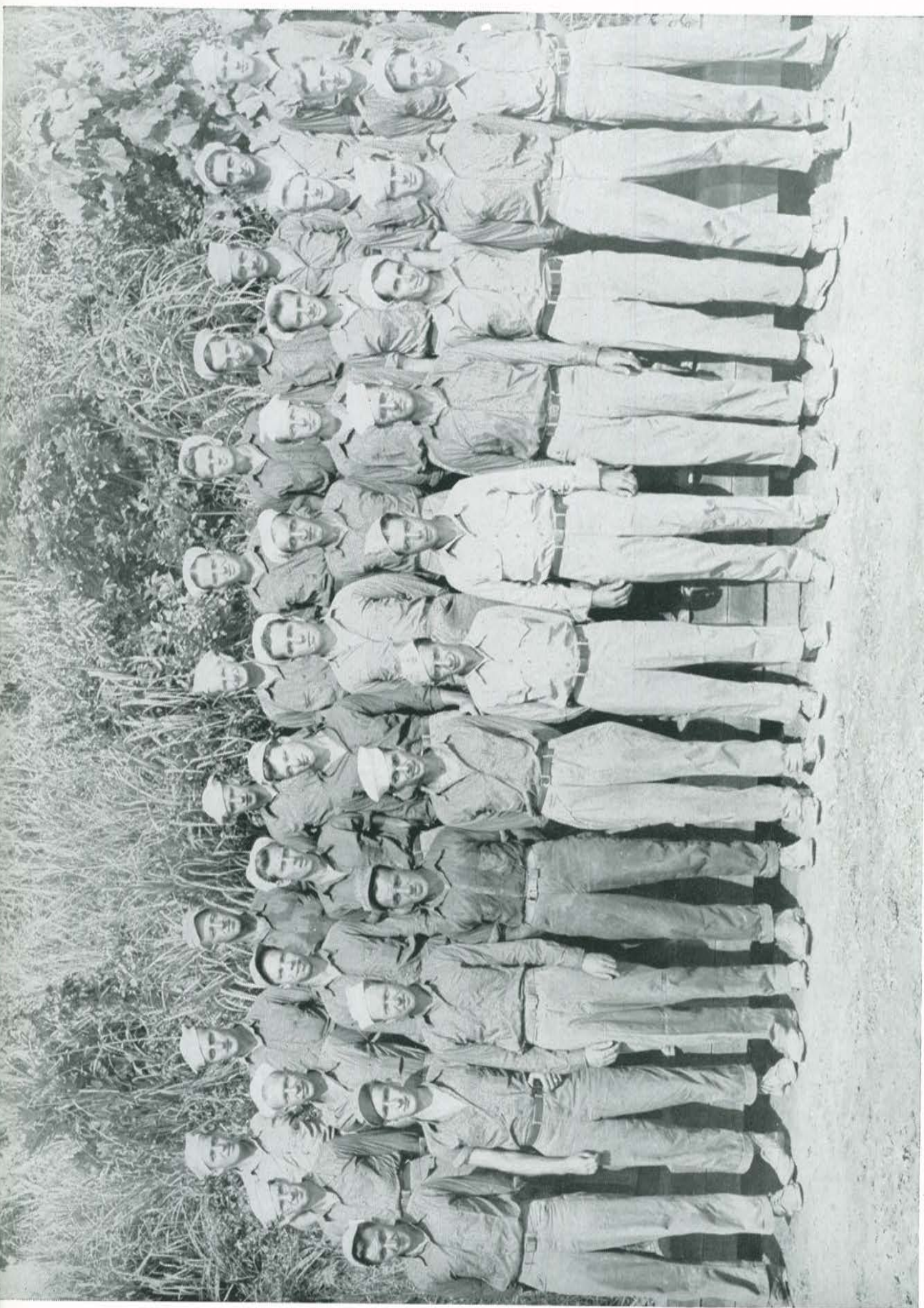




## COMPANY C—PLATOON 1

Back row, left to right: H. D. Kennedy, H. A. Irwin, I. G. Meek, F. E. Tatulinski, C. R. Richards, C. P. Ogle, W. R. Crane, L. R. Homuth, R. J. Hurdle, W. A. Robinson; second row: J. A. Will, J. E. Beard, S. G. Setka, R. A. Saulnier, J. L. Roddy, J. Sorokti, R. J. Weister, W. C. White, E. D. Hardy, J. Sparks; front row: J. M. Cox, D. V. Council, H. B. Morris, G. W. Bowker, R. E. Kelly, H. W. Steigerwald, F. S. Dobkins, J. G. Pearce, G. L. Tondreau, F. A. Barnard, T. J. Coates.

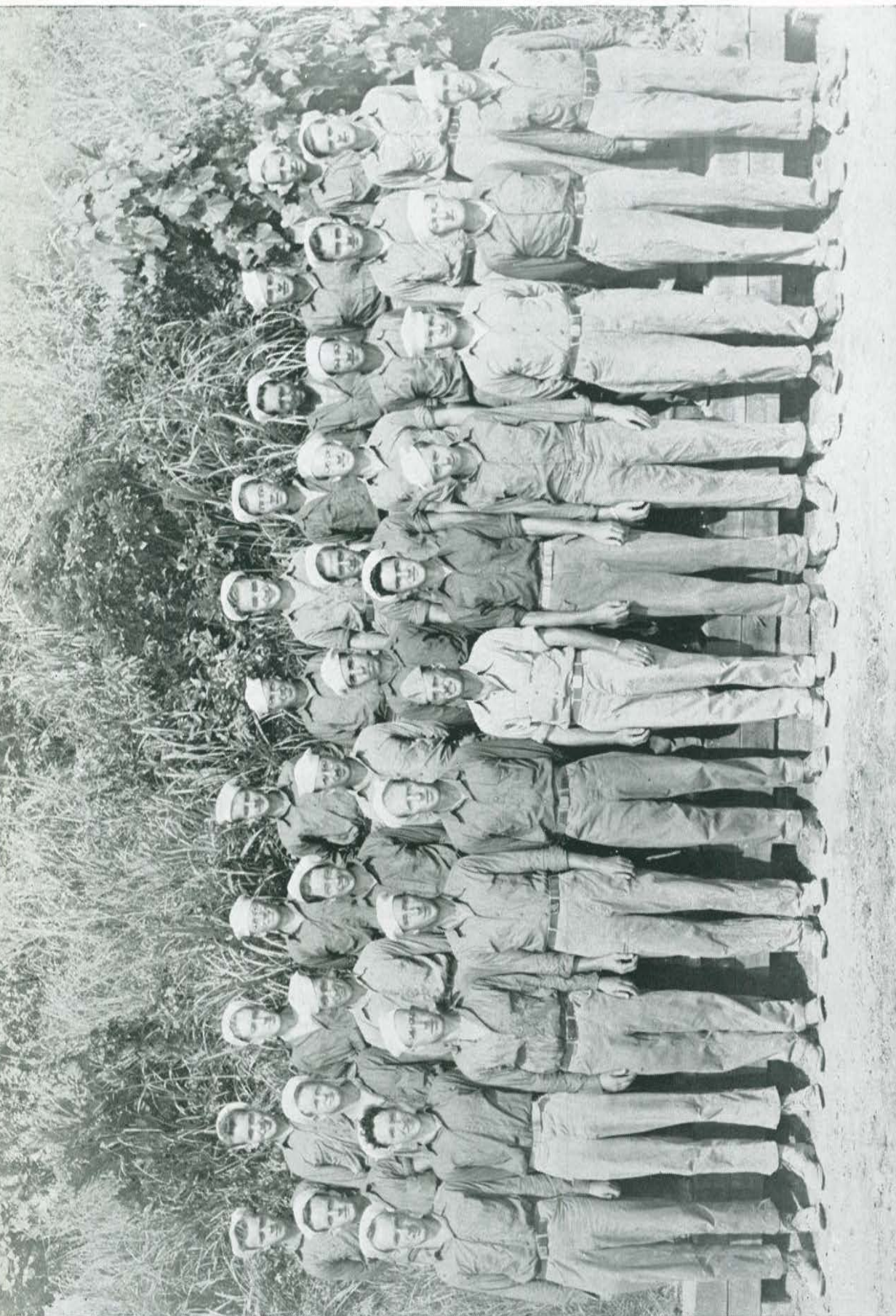




## COMPANY C—PLATOON 2

Back row, left to right: C. W. Knapp, V. P. Novak, W. E. Kyle, C. E. Heck, G. M. Mackie, L. M. Lawler, H. O. Jorzig, P. H. Goldschmidt, M. J. Swiergiel, C. Egerton, R. C. Kennedy; second row: W. R. Wilkins, J. C. Varner, R. E. Jeter, K. A. Beyers, C. A. Hunter, J. F. Thompson, J. Karlovit, S. Omiecinski, J. A. Gradel, W. H. Kane, R. R. Komenda; front row: R. L. Jonas, F. P. Heickman, T. Shelley, P. K. Hogan, M. D. Long, W. Burding, H. F. Fox, L. L. Ludlum, C. M. Howell, R. O. Guistino, K. L. Lemon.





## COMPANY C—PLATOON 3

Back row, left to right: M. C. Schnitker, G. W. Bryant, D. L. Wilson, P. A. Ciuffo, F. B. Meyers, L. M. Spratley, J. Slivko, J. C. Kaeser, L. N. Bassett, J. P. O'Hara, C. A. Gorton; second row: E. G. Tanner, R. S. Sims, F. M. Jacobs, A. A. Hartman, R. N. Perkins, J. C. DiNatale, J. T. Trond, L. H. Volberding, G. W. Coons, G. H. Emery, J. W. Cotter; front row: W. J. Locke, A. O. Cumley, G. C. Wagner, W. E. Lockaby, H. W. Conklin, H. W. Rowley, G. W. Fraleigh, C. Rohrbach, N. M. Kretzmeier, P. T. Ruff, R. S. Laird.





## COMPANY C—PLATOON 4

Back row, left to right: G. A. Russie, J. A. Fader, W. D. Steinhau, V. C. Salerno, E. E. LeBlanc, C. H. Paradise, E. A. Ochaba, C. S. Palmeri, L. E. Shafley, R. E. Armstrong, A. N. Skinner; second row: I. E. Tulloch, J. H. Jarrell, G. L. Filkins, W. P. Morrell, D. M. Jordon, C. V. Thomas, C. W. Jackson, H. D. Rufus, C. L. Slocum, A. W. Strickland, J. V. Madigan; front row: J. R. Wilkinson, B. J. Stacrelek, S. J. Stephens, E. J. Koza, J. F. Feeney, T. Rauker, J. E. Whalen, J. E. Stein, B. E. Arney, R. M. Shurlow, T. E. Fox, B. D. Yeager.

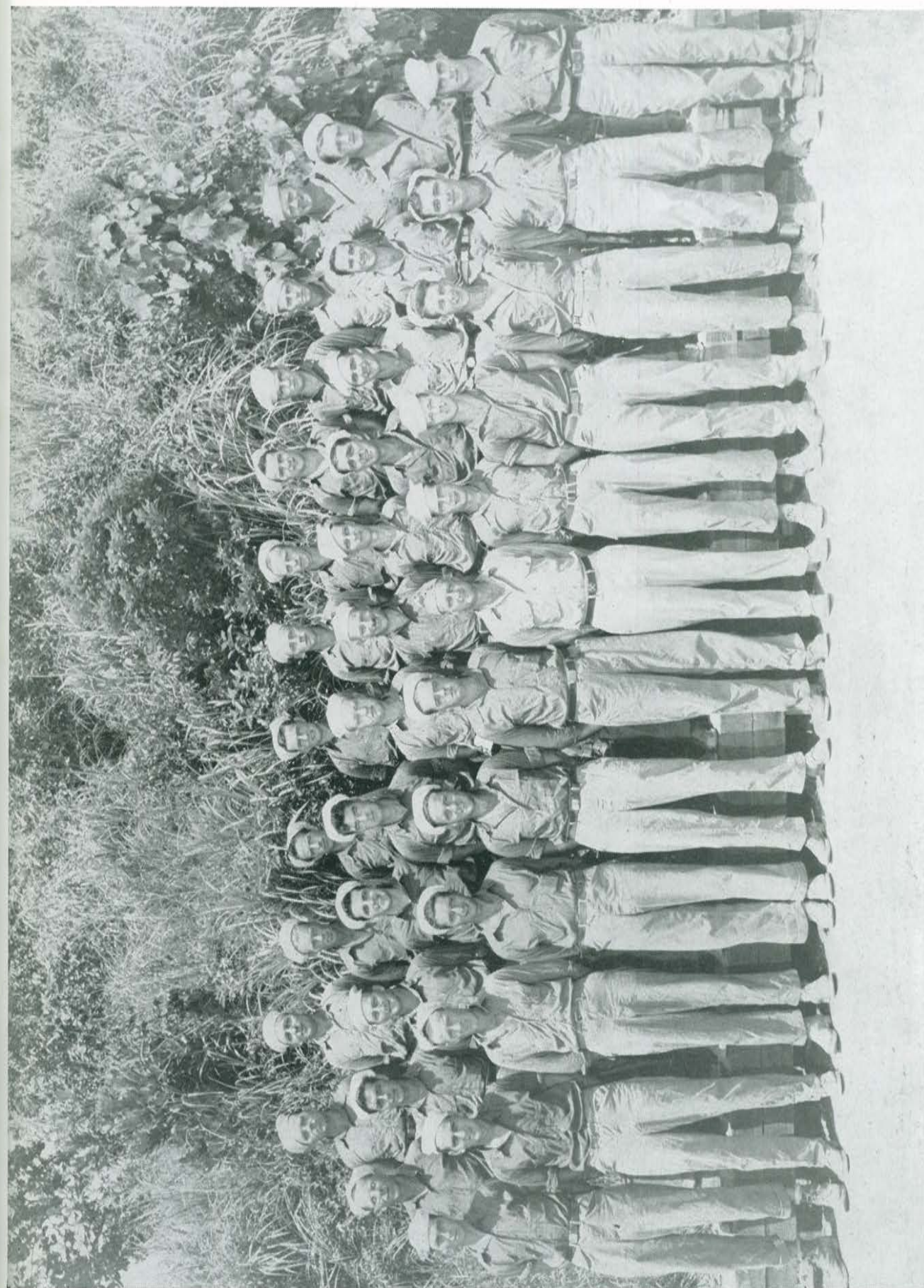




## COMPANY C—PLATOON 5

Back row, left to right: R. J. Garner, L. V. Provost, F. M. Cadorette, R. O. Champagne, L. F. Glowe, D. J. Oestrick, J. C. Wellborn, H. L. Steinmueller, T. J. Bonczar, W. M. McEvoy, W. G. Simmons; second row: W. J. Hulsart, L. J. Boydston, C. F. Brown, D. C. Barr, W. P. Bub, C. M. Rehrig, C. W. Ali, B. TenEyck, C. E. Koons, R. F. Thomas; front row: D. J. Ballou, K. A. Russ, R. F. Bukovac, C. E. Ray, W. S. Reece, R. T. Crawford, H. J. Lugt, W. J. McNally, G. W. Johnson, S. J. Begin, C. F. Crawford, F. B. Murie.





## COMPANY C — PLATOON 6

Back row, left to right: B. A. Fisher, J. P. Miller, S. K. Burbank, C. R. DeGroat, V. K. Back, R. F. Edgett, J. P. Holloway, S. A. Vasko, E. J. Weber, H. C. Tuley, J. H. Nintzel; second row: J. Zmayefski, A. J. Perry, R. J. Fadden, J. R. Kenney, T. A. Trainor, P. M. Benya, L. A. Strickland, E. E. Voss, A. G. Marsh, J. W. McKean, J. E. Smith, T. A. Scally; front row: C. R. Kendall, R. A. Bonser, B. L. Ryan, F. M. Bufka, W. C. Armour, A. C. Thomas, J. E. Arnold, J. L. Beckley, G. S. Ballard, H. R. Singer, H. T. Martin, G. A. Roberts.

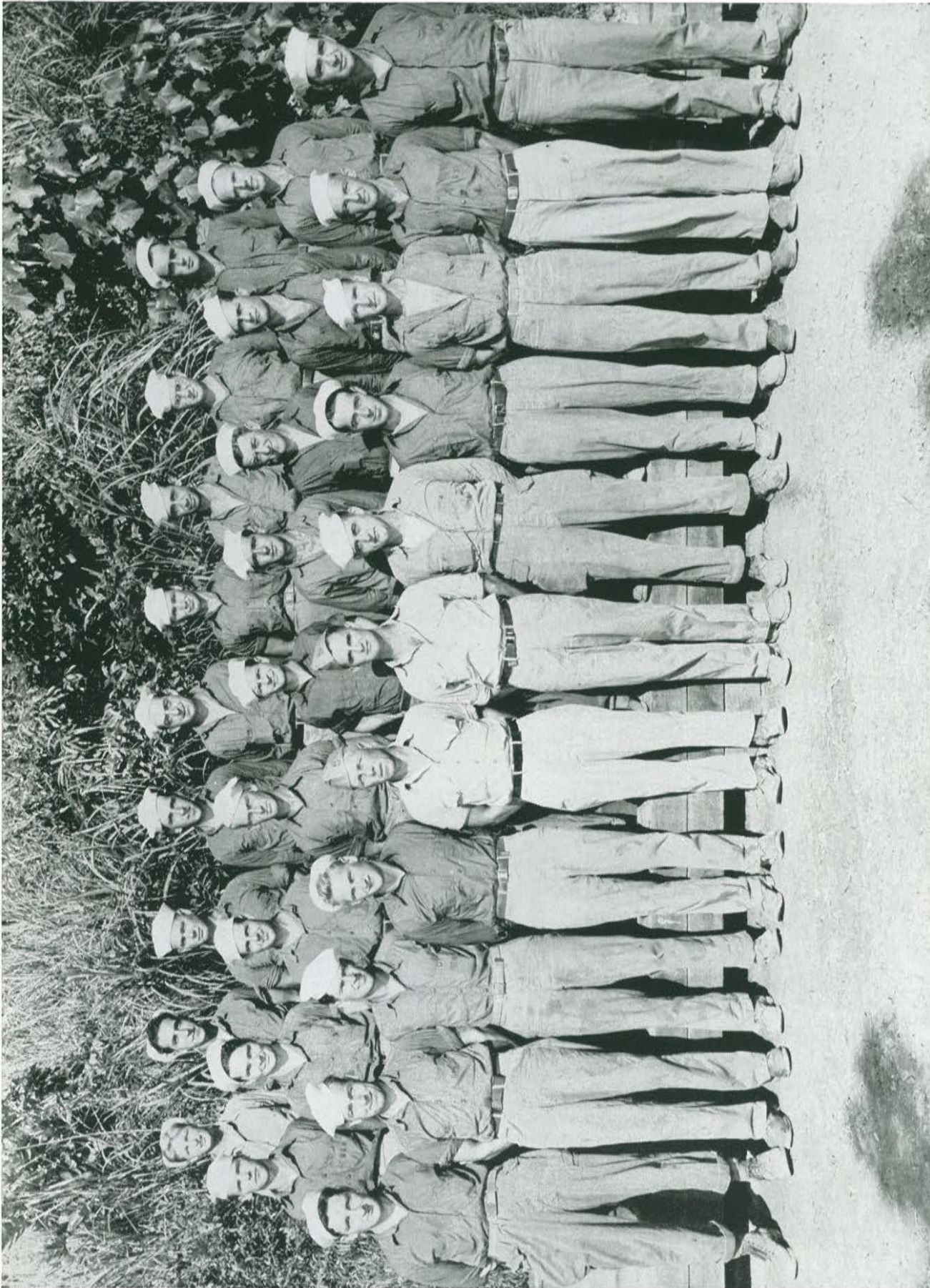




## COMPANY D OFFICERS

Left to right: Lt. Irvin C. Bentz, Chief Carpenter Richard R. McCall, Chief Carpenter Levi G. Johnson and Lt (jg) Garfield H. Laity.

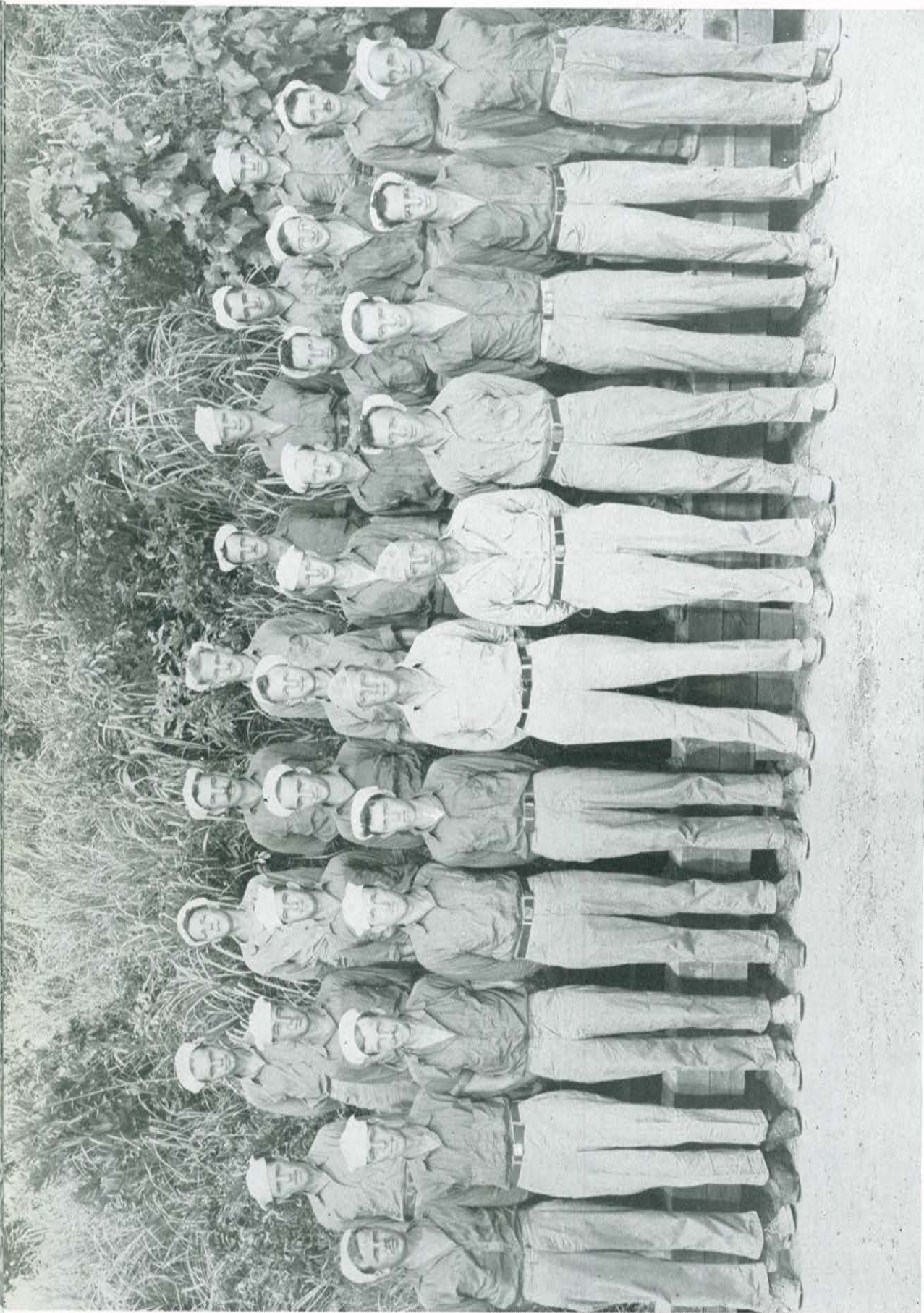




## COMPANY D—PLATOON 1

Back row, left to right: T. F. Luhrs, R. Nastasi, J. T. Martin, L. Bor'an, W. J. Owens, H. E. Ramsey, A. M. Smith, D. V. Norell, W. J. Mundell; second row: D. J. Asher, D. McBrayer, E. A. Bailie, V. E. Alexander, V. M. Swystun, D. Johns, F. Fait, G. C. Mahan, W. W. Morgan; front row: J. P. Martin, K. W. Klomhaus, C. Angel, D. O. Smith, D. W. Harris, G. P. Bowles, A. V. Stepputat, C. D. Est-ridge, F. J. Segler, L. B. Cleckner, R. R. Woolford.

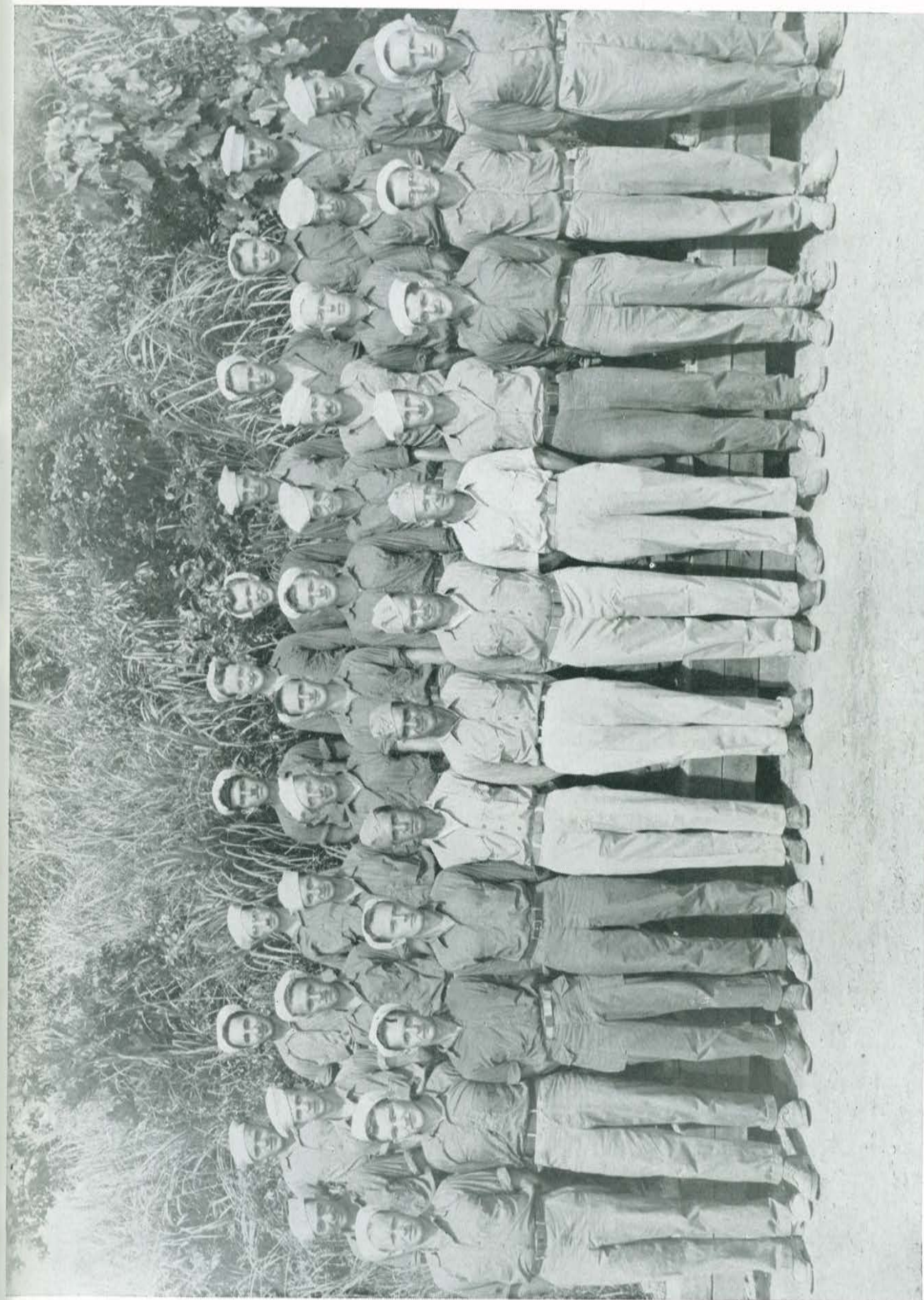




## COMPANY D—PLATOON 2

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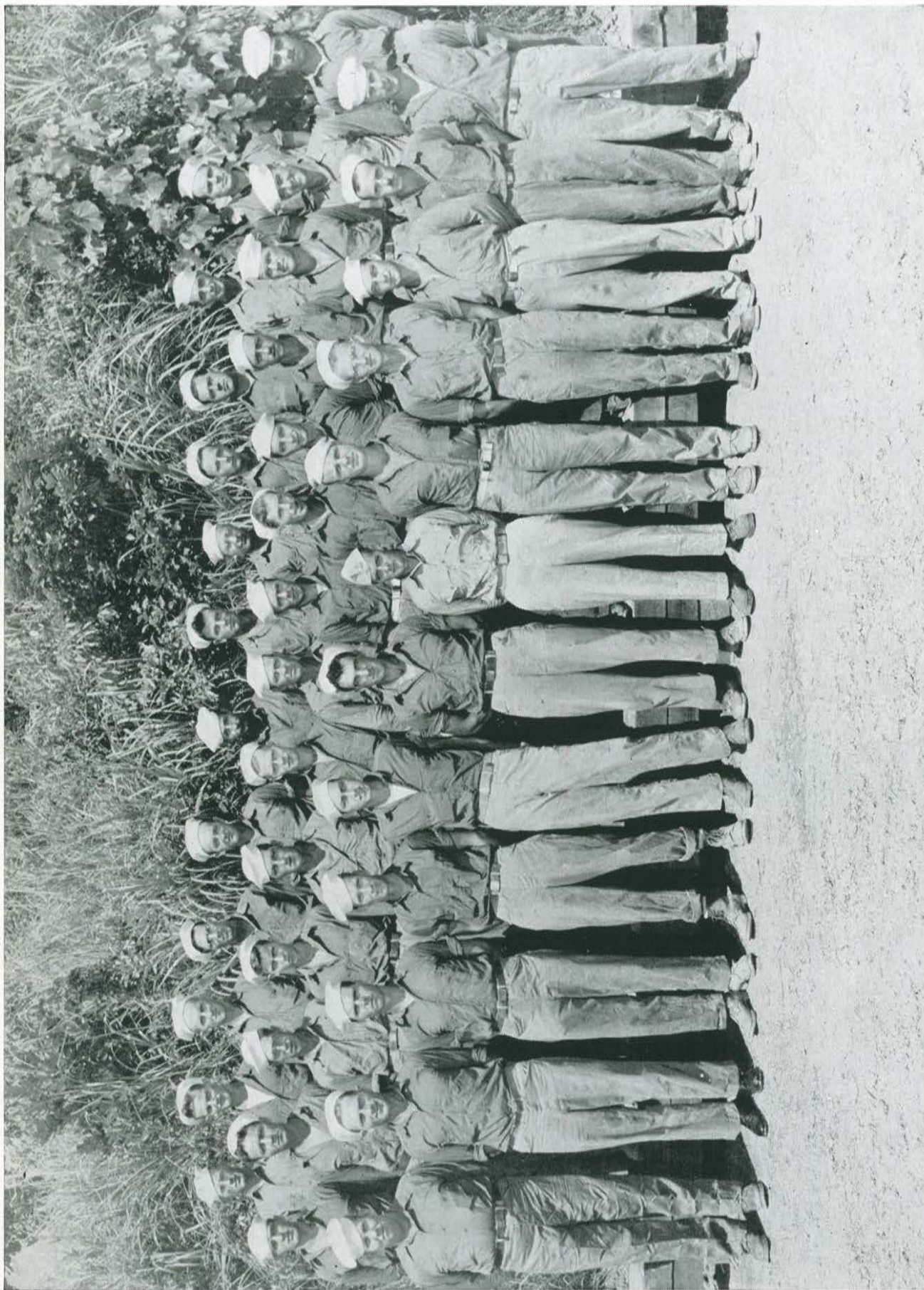




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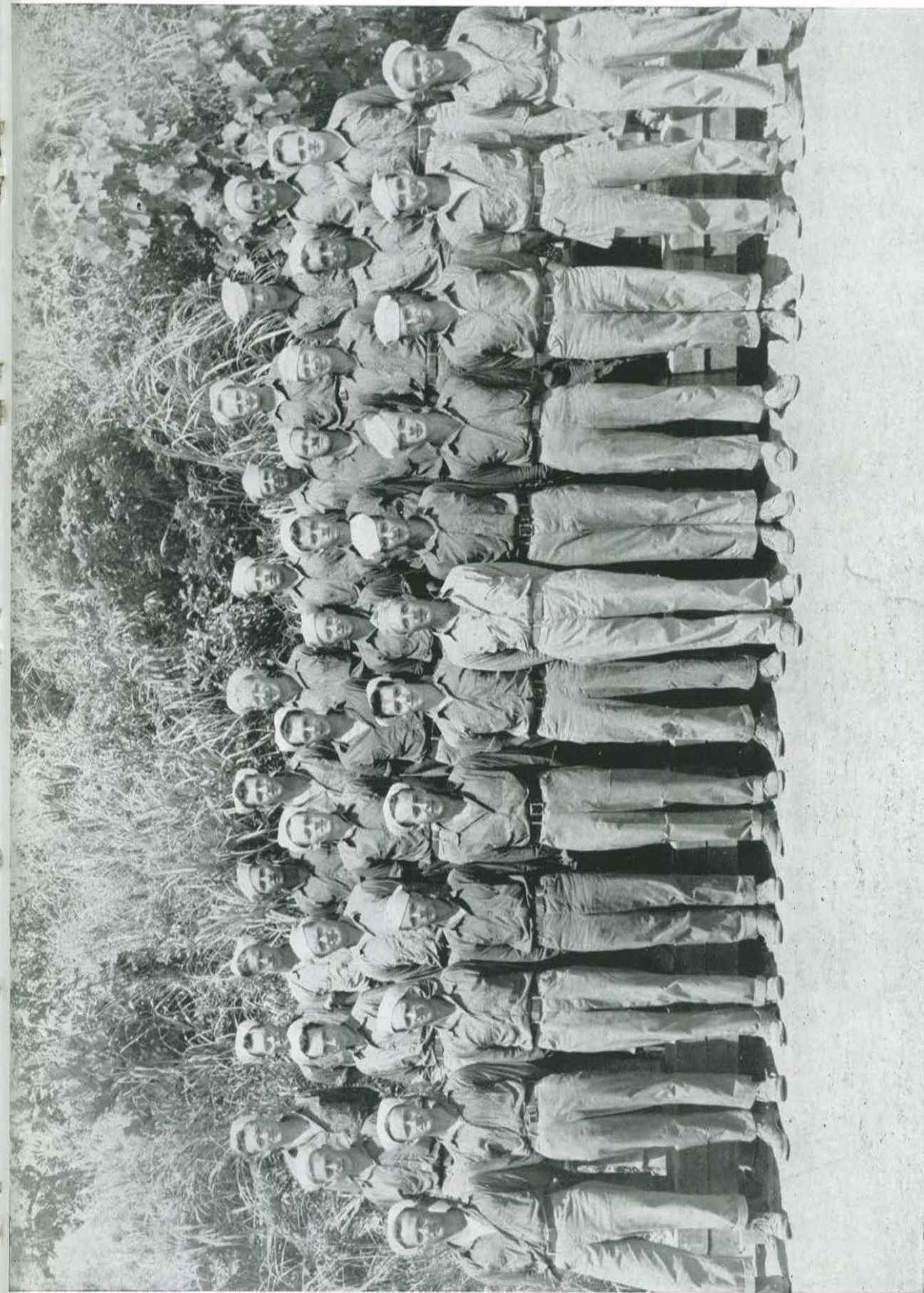




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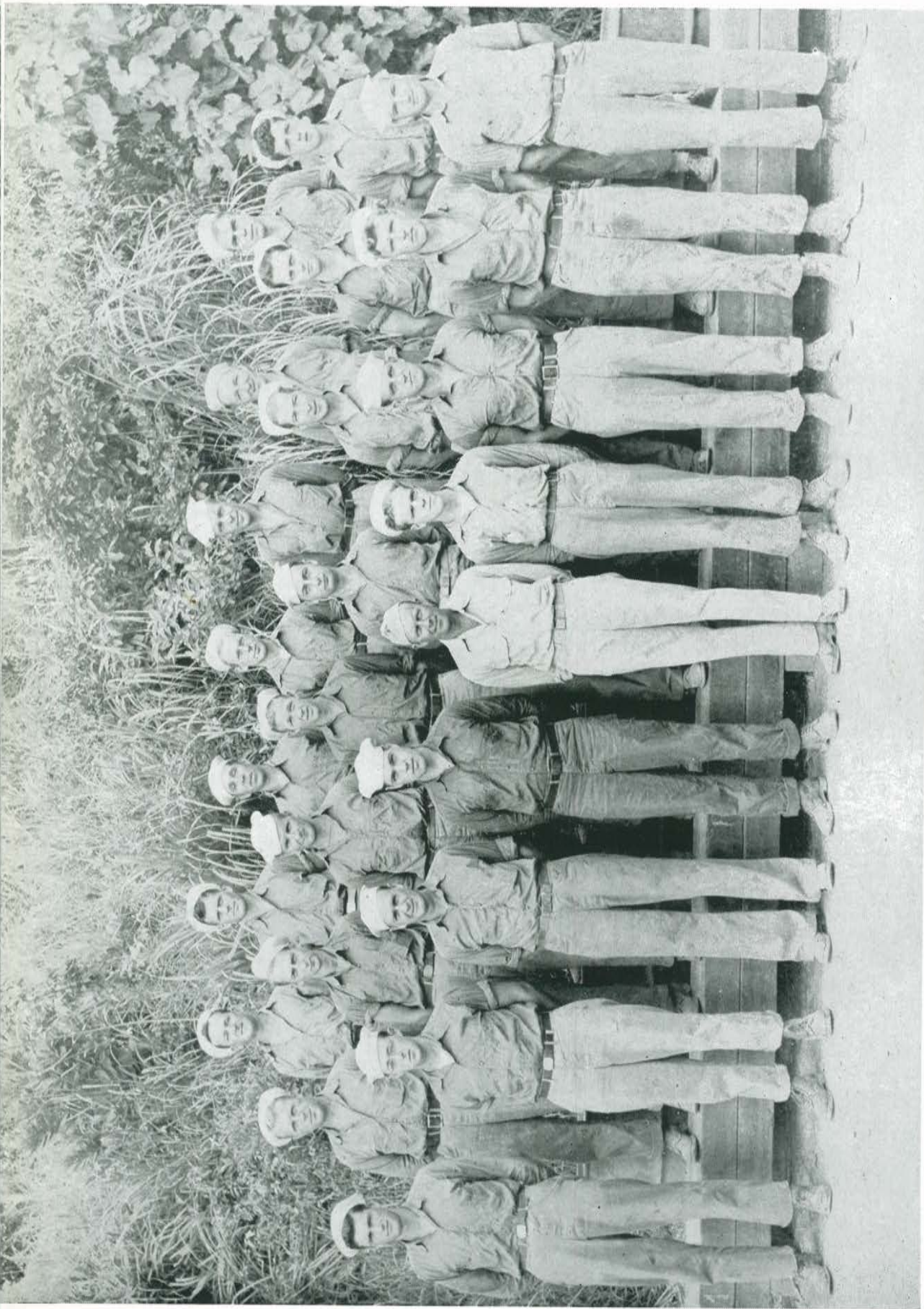




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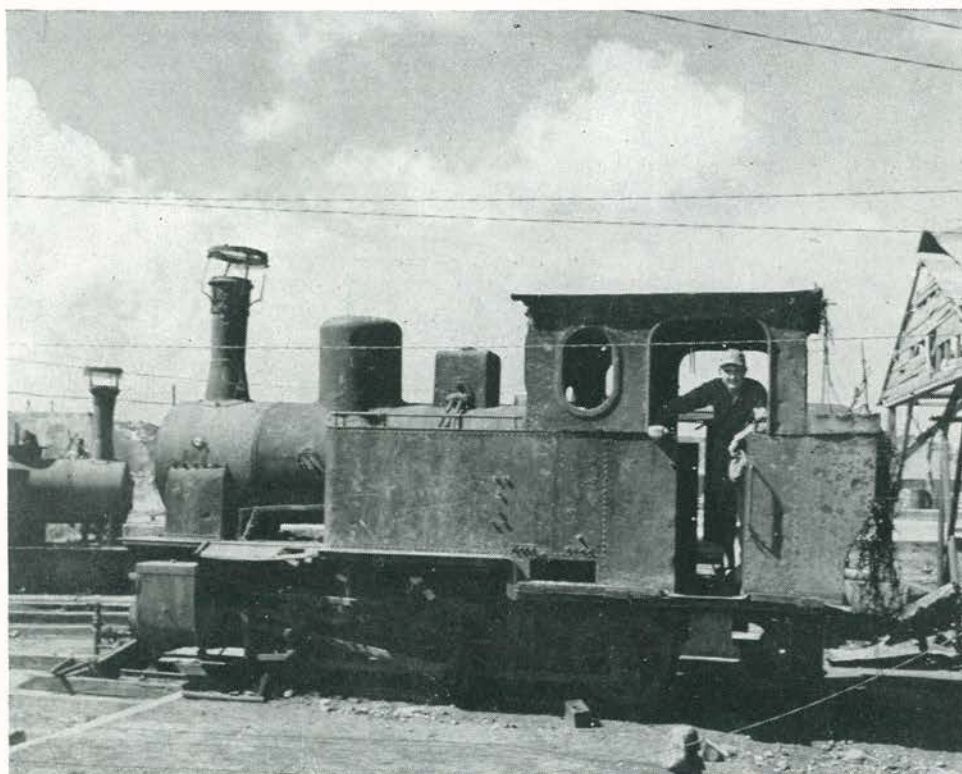
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