

YEAR BOOK



112th U.S. NAVAL CONSTRUCTION
Battalion



"SALUTE" TO THE BATTALION

On several occasions when the battalion has passed in review, I have found myself filled with a feeling of pride and humility. The feeling is perhaps difficult to describe but it is not difficult to understand. Passing before me are 1000 men from all parts of America, 1000 men plucked from homes and families and thrown together to work and fight, to live and die, for the preservation of our way of life. All the ideals, hopes, aspirations, discouragements, fears, and despairs of a great people are embodied in us. Passing before me, I see defects in posture, minor shortcomings in uniform, roving eyes, lines not precisely straight but I see at the same time strong men, intelligent men, each doing his best, limited only by the extent and quality of his instruction and indoctrination, and the capacity of his leaders. And the men who today are claiming victories on fronts all over the world share our shortcomings and strengths. We are no different than they. The stuff of heroes is in us! The makings of victory is in us! We ask no quarter for we need none. We acknowledge no superior for we have none.

So I salute the 112th Battalion; our shortcomings, which make us human; our strengths which make us great; our hopes which make us cheerful; our faith which makes us unafraid.

D. H. Taylor



LANDMARKS, EVENTS AND HIGH POINTS OF THE BATTALION

1st of JULY, 1943—We arrive at Camp Peary, Virginia, for "boot" training 2nd—Just call me "Baldy"
 4th—First holiday spent in the service and drilling at that 10th—"Happy Day," everyone receives indoctrination shots
 1st of AUGUST—We move to A-3 for advanced training 1st—"Old Salts" enjoy first Navy liberty 14th—
 Murines intensify our organized military training 20th—Battalion orchestra organized by Jack Kelly 29th—We
 receive out Battalion colors at our first dress review 1st of SEPTEMBER—"Cuddle Up" (pardon me) our embarkation
 leaves begin 10th—"Sad Day," expiration of leave and back to Navy routine 12th—We entrain from Camp
 Peary to 13th—We arrive at Quoddy Village, Maine, to establish a C. B. camp 20th—112th orchestra features,
 in first musical and variety show in the Village gym 30th—"Irish Pennants" galore in personnel and barracks inspection
 4th of OCTOBER—First issue of Village Beacon 8th—Wrestling and boxing smoker in the gym 22nd—
 "Jitterbug Joe Seabee" fancies in first USO dance held in camp 11th of NOVEMBER—Armistice Day Parade in East-
 port, Maine 12th—Station basketball tourney begins 22nd and 28th—We celebrate both for our Thanksgiv-
 ing 10th of DECEMBER—"Scuttlebutt" comes true as we leave Quoddy Village for cross country trek 16th—We
 arrive in Port Hueneme, California, for final overseas training 17th—"Liquid sunshine" greets all liberty hounds
 21st—Specialists are assigned jobs that they are best qualified for 24th—One-half of the Battalion "granted" two-day
 Xmas leave 31st—Other half of the Battalion "granted" two-day New Year's leave 2nd of JANUARY, 1944—
 Lt. Comdr. F. E. Wade reports aboard as Executive Officer 15th—Comdr. D. Y. Taylor reports aboard as Officer in Charge
 17th—Battalion secured; Dearest Darling, if you don't hear from me for a while it's because (Censored) FEB 24th—
 Depart from Port Hueneme for 1st of MARCH—We arrive on Oahu 3rd—Work begins on Moanalua Ridge Seabee
 camp 4th—Liberty in Honolulu and Waikiki, "Learn me to Hula, honey, learn me" 4th—Part of the Battalion
 leaves for Kaneohe Bay, the "Country Club of the Pacific" 30th—Shovel Scoops announce 80 re-rates 2nd of
 APRIL—Stingers baseball team organized by Don Carter 7th—USO Flying Squadron entertain enlisted men at first
 dance 14th—First officers dance held 23rd—112th wins Central Pacific Area All-Navy Seabee Track and Field
 Championship 26th—Tank detachment leaves for Kwajalein 15th of May—Stingers softball team enters Kaneohe
 league 16th—112th inaugurates Junior Seabees 28th—Seabees take 4th place in AAU Track and Field Meet
 1st of JUNE—115 men receive advancement in rate 14th—Ridge section enjoy picnic held at Nimitz Beach
 24th—Remainder of the Battalion moves to Kaneohe Bay 28th—First movie shown in our open-air theater 5th of
 JULY—5th War Loan Drive big success in 112th 28th—First anniversary review of the Battalion 1st of AU-
 GUST—President Roosevelt inspects Kaneohe Bay Naval Air Station 1st—Dinner and USO Show in celebration of
 first anniversary of Battalion 15th—Baseball team takes second place in Seabee league Lts. Stokes and Plattner
 win All-Navy Seabee Tennis Doubles Championship 24th—Battalion review before Capt. J. R. Perry, O. in C. of the
 2nd N. C. Brigade 24th—Happy Hooligans present USO Show in open air theater 1st of SEPTEMBER—Bat-
 talion Bond allotment drive begins under direction of Lt. Rathbun 6th—112th Theater enlarged to seat 1800
 23rd—R. Leake wins Central Pacific Area diving championship 6th of OCTOBER—Tank detachment returns
 14th—A. Co. enjoys bond drive award 28th—Comdr. Ransford, Executive Officer of Hawaiian Area Brigades, reviews
 the Battalion 4th of NOVEMBER—"Sob" Re-rate procedure changed (?) 18th—Stinger basketball team or-
 ganized 22nd—Touch football team places second in Station League 28th—One ton of turkey consumed by the
 Battalion on Thanksgiving 3rd of DECEMBER—Incentive for "Scuttlebutt", Battalion alerted 8th—Battalion
 secured 15th—Leave Oahu for Island "X", some say we are going to the Marianas Islands.