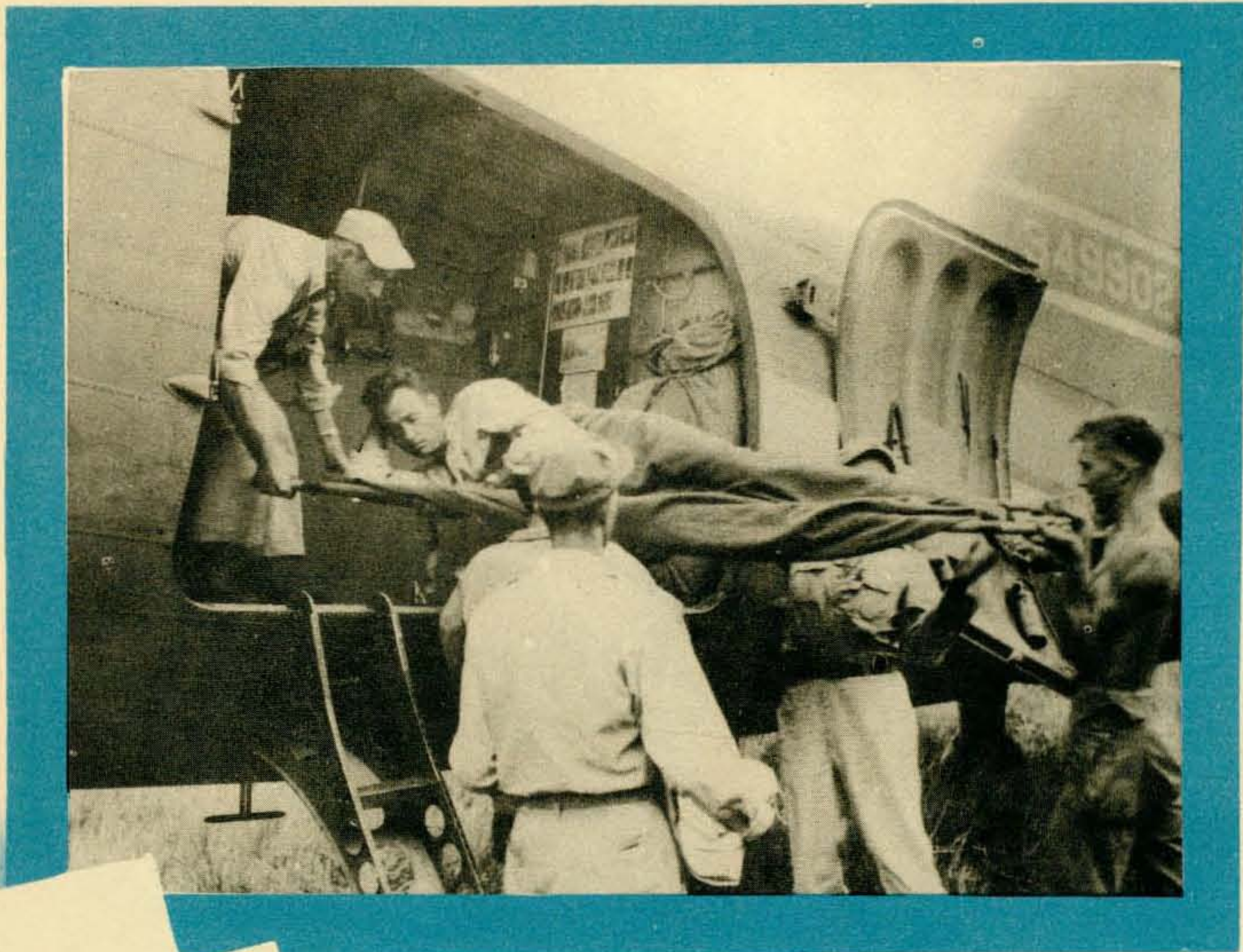


*Mission  
accomplished*

# Life Savers



## *Medical Evacuation*

Of all missions undertaken by Troop Carrier during the long tough road up from New Cal. to the Philippines, medical evacuation of sick and wounded from forward areas to rear area base hospitals has been of the greatest importance. Equipped with stretcher racks, stretchers, oxygen bottles, and carrying flight nurses and medical corpsmen, 13th Troop Carrier Planes have taken an active part in the splendid work done by medical evac. crews "up the line."

# by Air



Top Right :

A 13th Troop Carrier plane drops supplies to survivors of SS Peter Hurst, sunk off the Coast of New Caledonia in 1943. Watercolor by Corporal Marvin E. Goessl, Squadron Artist.



Bottom Right :

"Drop Mission," as painted by Cpl. Goessl, shows a 13th T.C. plane parachuting supplies to hard-pressed American troops during the battle of Munda, March, 1944.

HELLO AIR FORCE! WHY HASN'T  
SOMEONE TOLD ME ABOUT THIS  
HERE PEARL HARBOR BOMBING?!

13<sup>th</sup> INTELLIGENCE

WOULDN'T  
YOU LIKE  
TO KNOW

JAN 13<sup>th</sup>  
1945



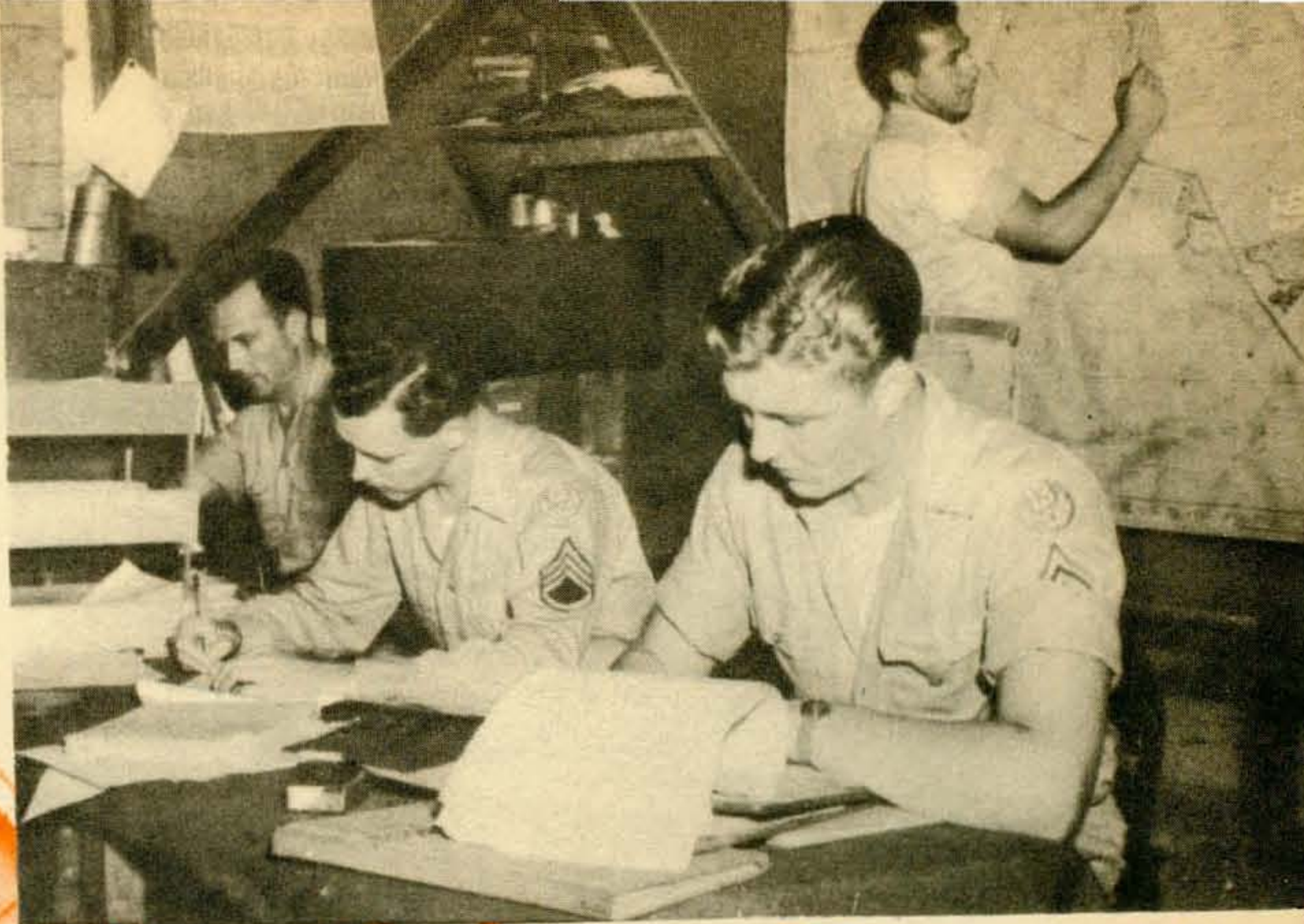
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# INTELLIGENCE



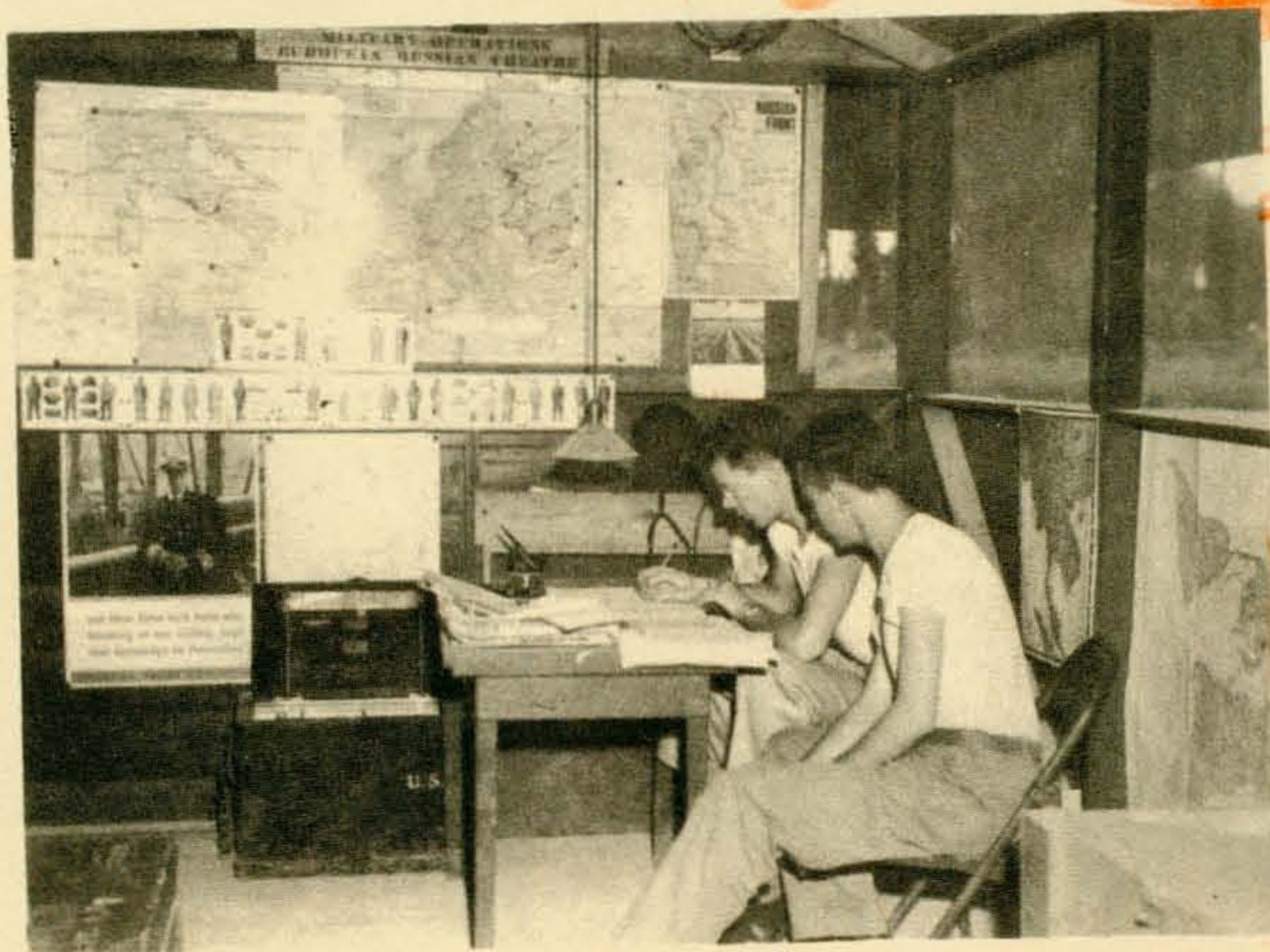
CAPTAIN WILLIAM YEOMANS  
INTELLIGENCE OFFICER



LT. ALBERT TIMM  
ASS'T INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

The "Secret Servicemen" . . . An indispensable adjunct to successful operations, Intelligence personnel keep track of enemy operations. Theirs is the responsibility of briefing crews prior to all missions, maintaining maps, issuing navigation equipment, and handling all important historical information. A diligent and trusted crew, they find it interesting to be in the "odd job" department.

Left to right: Sgt. Ralph Babcock, S/Sgt. Elmer Oehm, NCO in charge, Cpl. Frank Gordon, Pfc. George Rosen.



Capt. Yeomans and S/Sgt. Oehm prepare Squadron history at New Hebrides.





# Photo Section

## PART 2. ON THE LINE

Responsible for keeping those Pratt and Whitneys purring smoothly over many an empty ocean mile, Engineering can review an outstanding 2½ year operational record with pride. Credit goes to the mechs, the prop specialists, instrument workers, alert crews, engine change experts, and all the rest of the gang on the line for making the 13th Troop Carrier a damn safe outfit to fly with.



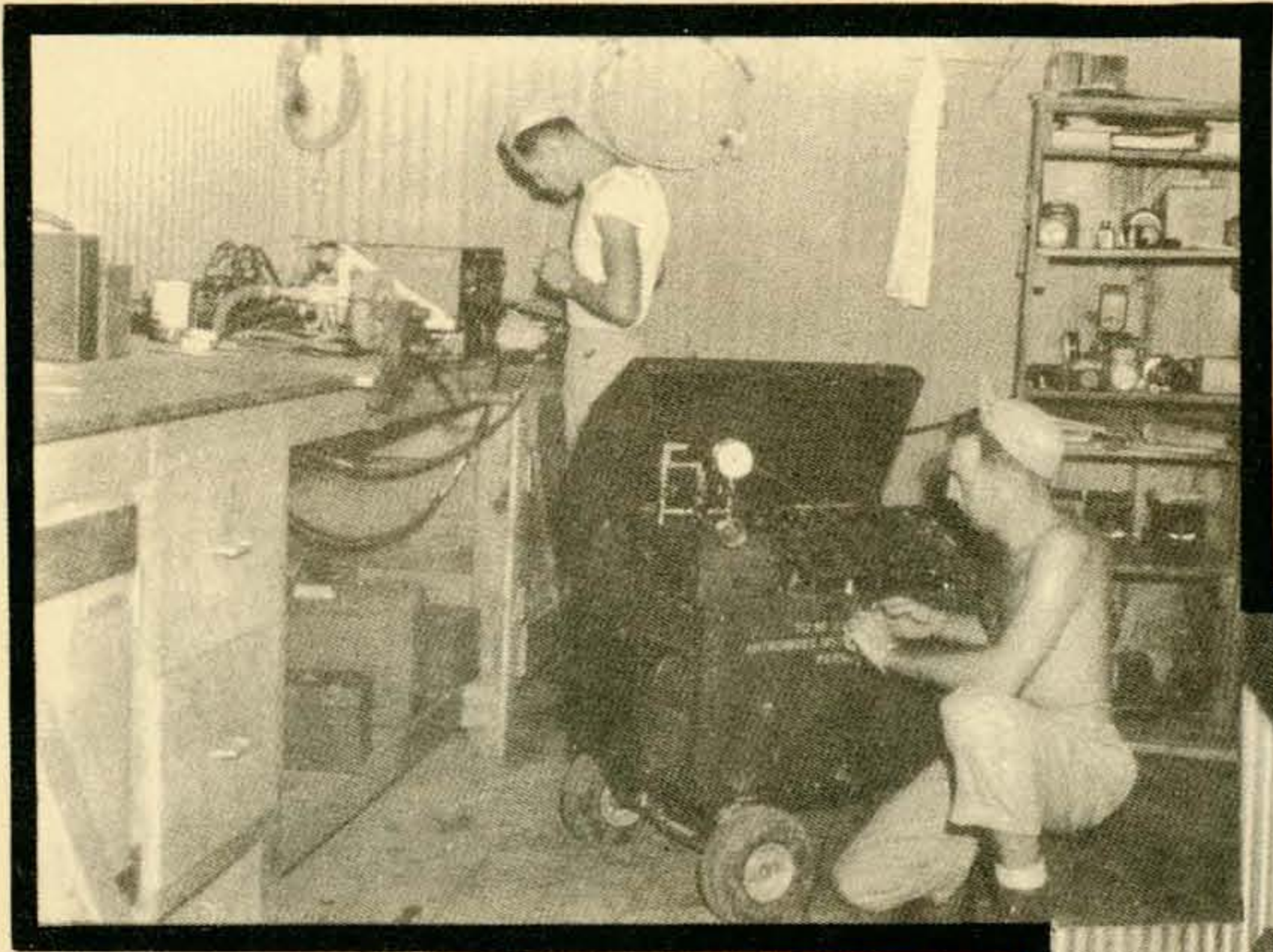
### ENGINEERING STAFF

T/Sgt. Charles Maguire,  
M/Sgt. Ernest Ando,  
Capt. Earl Dewey,  
T/Sgt. Joseph LaLonde,  
W/O Harold Mahacek,  
T/Sgt. Howard Bell,  
M/Sgt. Newell Pettis.



ENGINEERING OFFICE "ON THE LINE"  
AT WAKDE ISLAND, OCTOBER, 1944

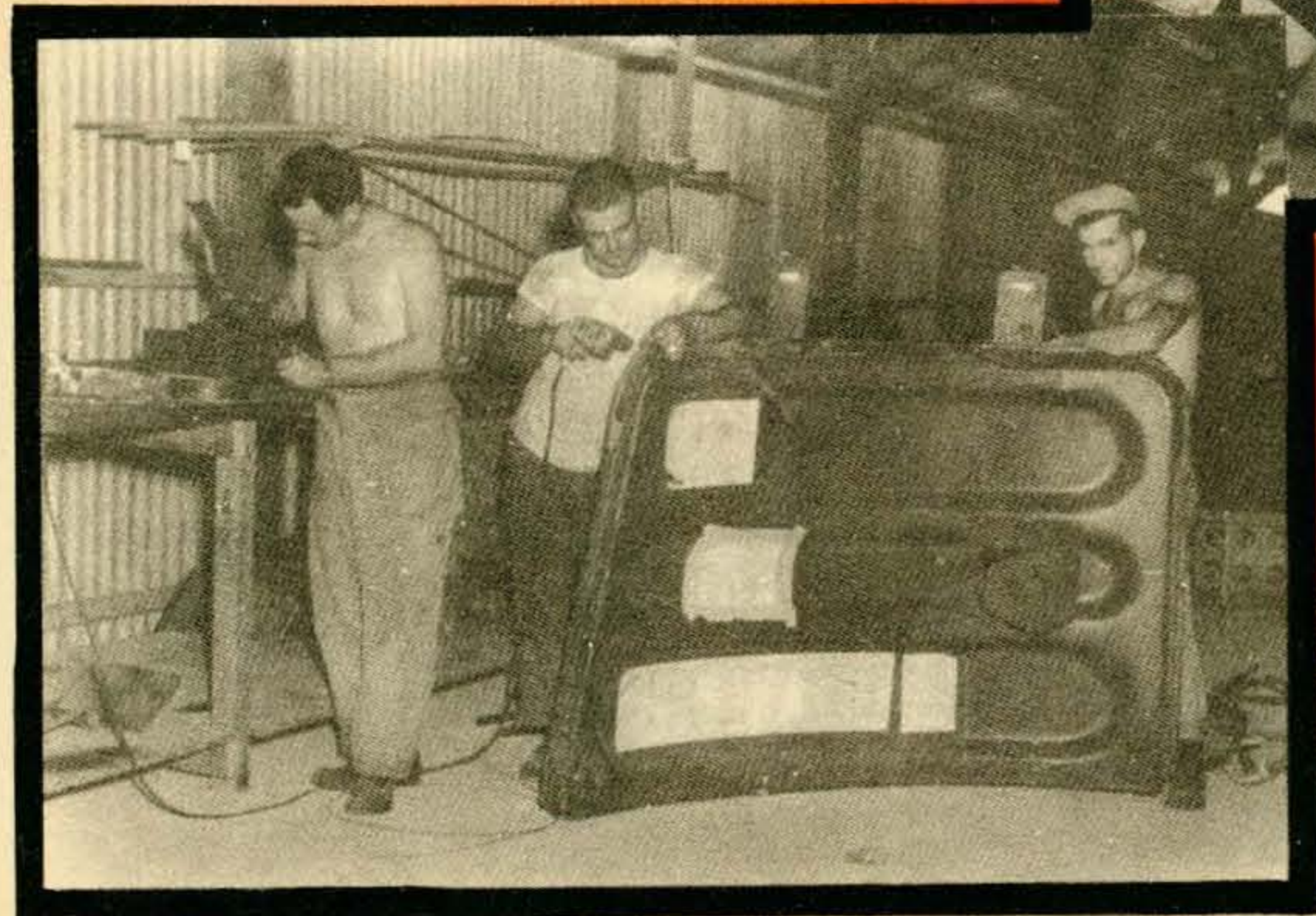




★ 1. S/Sgt. John Martinaga and S/Sgt. Ralph Wells, Instrument Specialists, keep the cockpit safe, dependable.

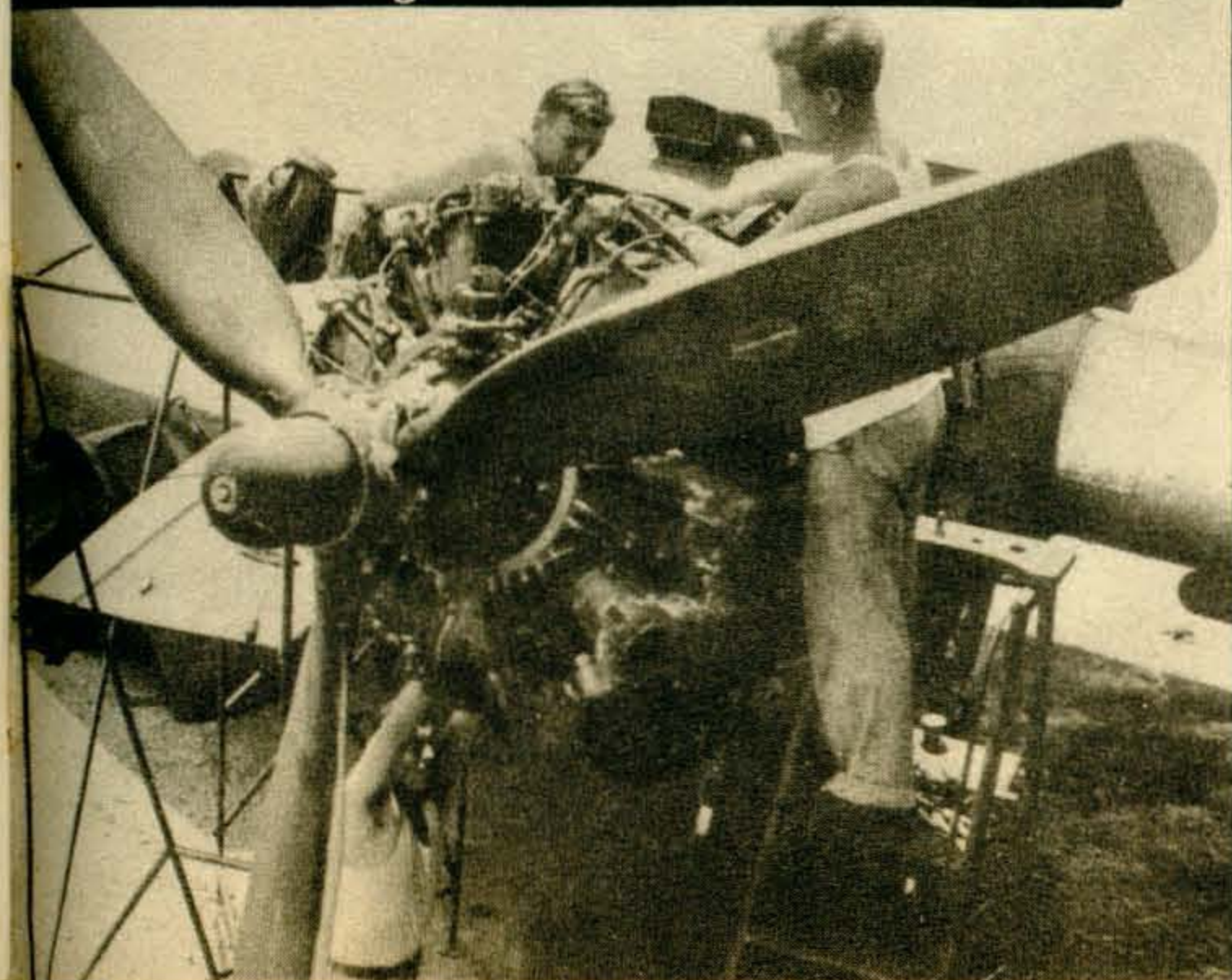
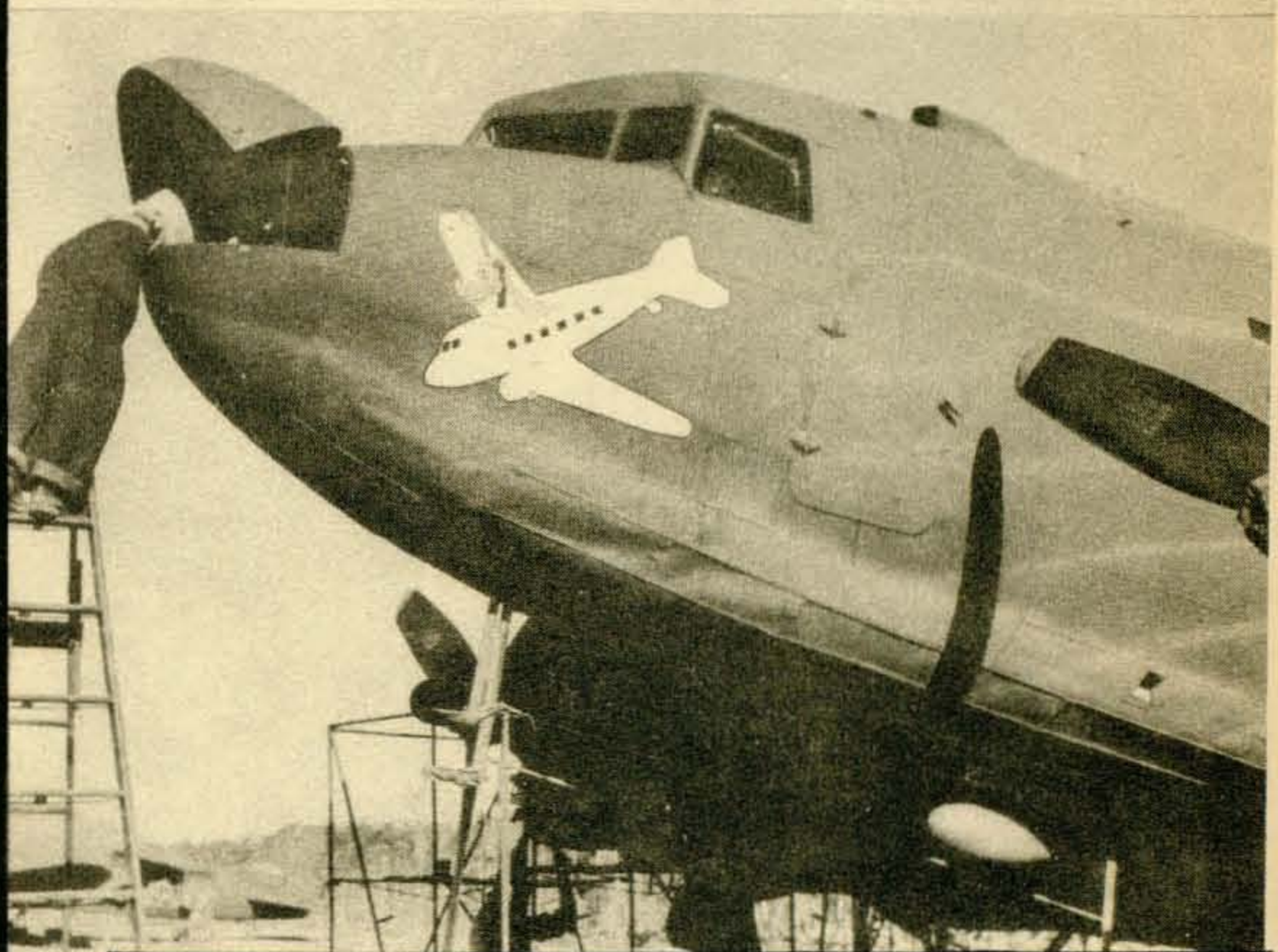
★ 2. Prop specialist Sgt. Lee Knoll inspects a new Hamilton Standard.

★ 3. A C-47 Cargo door undergoes repair at the hands of sheet metal workers S/Sgt. Wesley Holland, Cpl. James O'Shea, and Pfc. Thomas De Ambra.



# Check!

“Preventive maintenance” is the word for it—a thorough inspection every hundred hours insures safe brakes, reliable instruments, smooth engine performance under all operational conditions.



# double Check

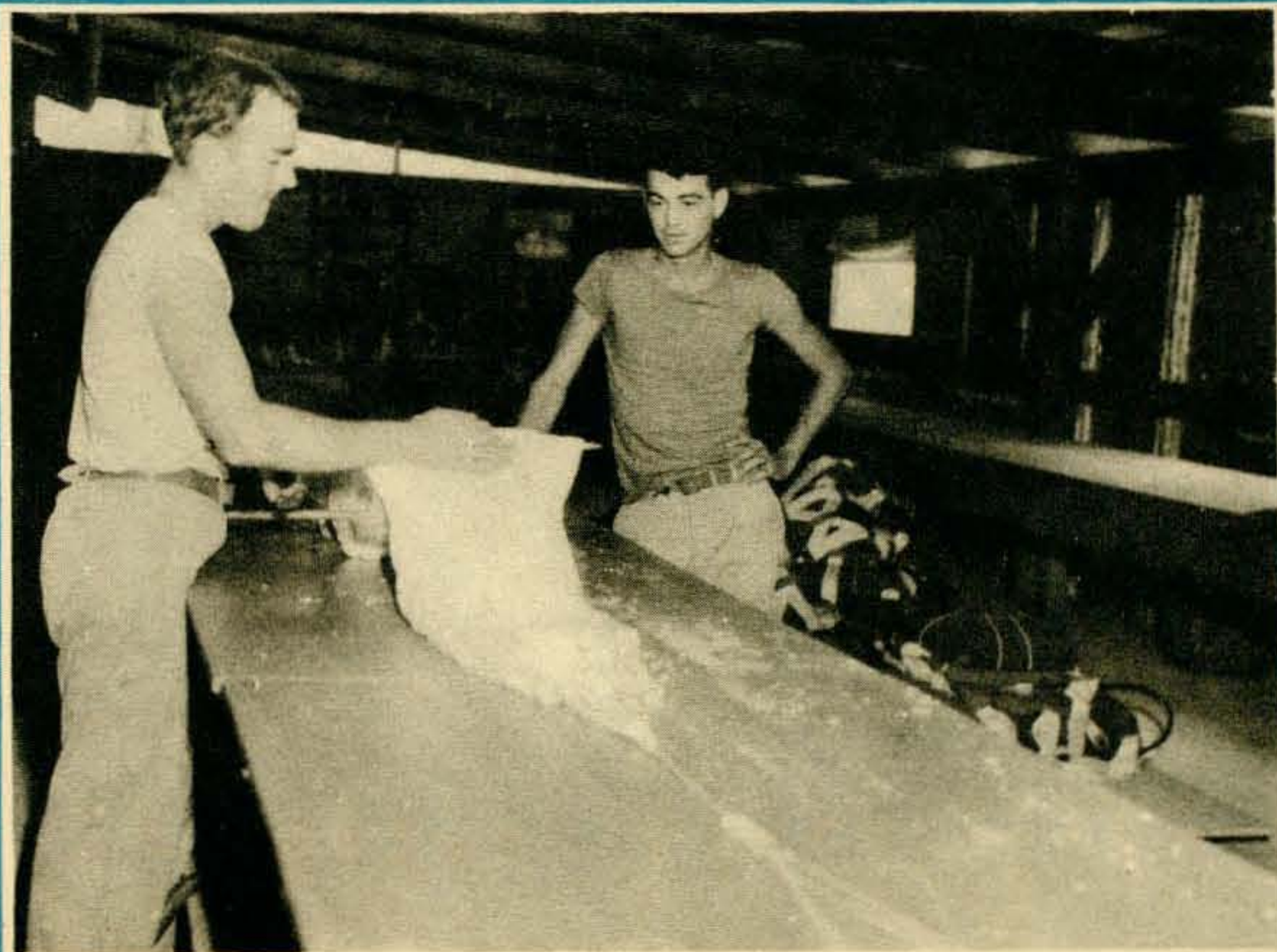
# PERSONAL EQUIPMENT



## PERSONAL EQUIPMENT STAFF

S/Sgt. Chester Labedz,  
Pfc. Norman Grant,  
S/Sgt. Joseph DeHaan,  
Pfc. William Snaman,  
Cpl. James Moore,  
Lt. Howard Shearer.

Always prepared for an emergency landing, water ditching or parachute jump, 13th air crews feel secure in the knowledge that the Personal Equipment gang keeps a close check at all times on chutes, life rafts, jungle kits, and Mae Wests. A behind-the-scenes job, Personal Equipment guards lives—"before it happens."



Sgt. Stanley Nogaj and Cpl. Moore  
pack parachutes at New Hebrides.



# COMMUNICATIONS

These are the "static chasers," radio operators and technicians responsible for maintaining communications, plane to ground, over a thousand or so watery miles most of the time. They get the weather for the pilot, send ETA's and stand by at all times for emergency messages. Indispensable, too, are the ground technicians, telephone experts, shopworkers, and juke box experts who keep the camp "on a sound basis."



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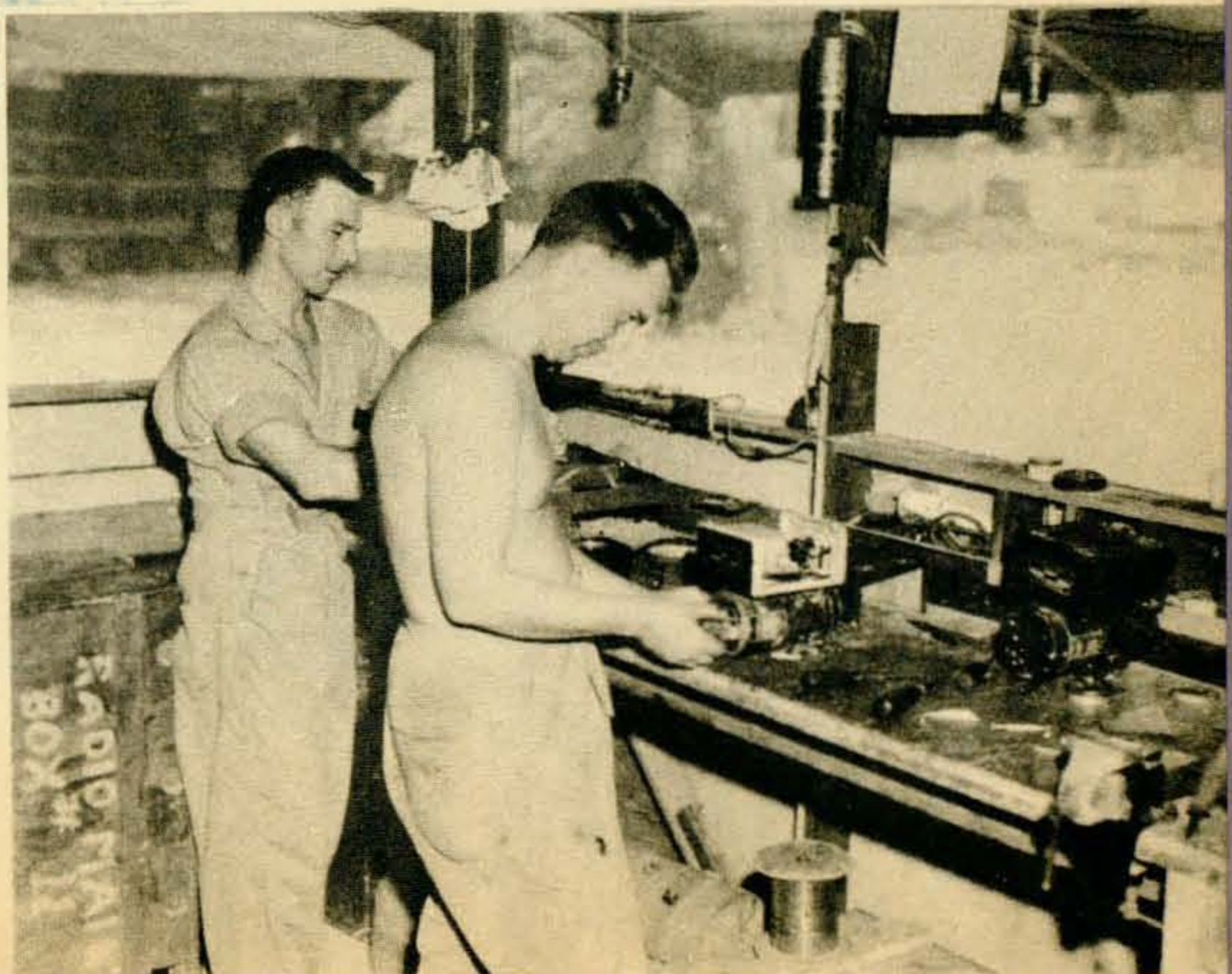
Radio Shop Maintenance Experts S/Sgt. Harry Wilkerson and Sgt. Morris Bakken.

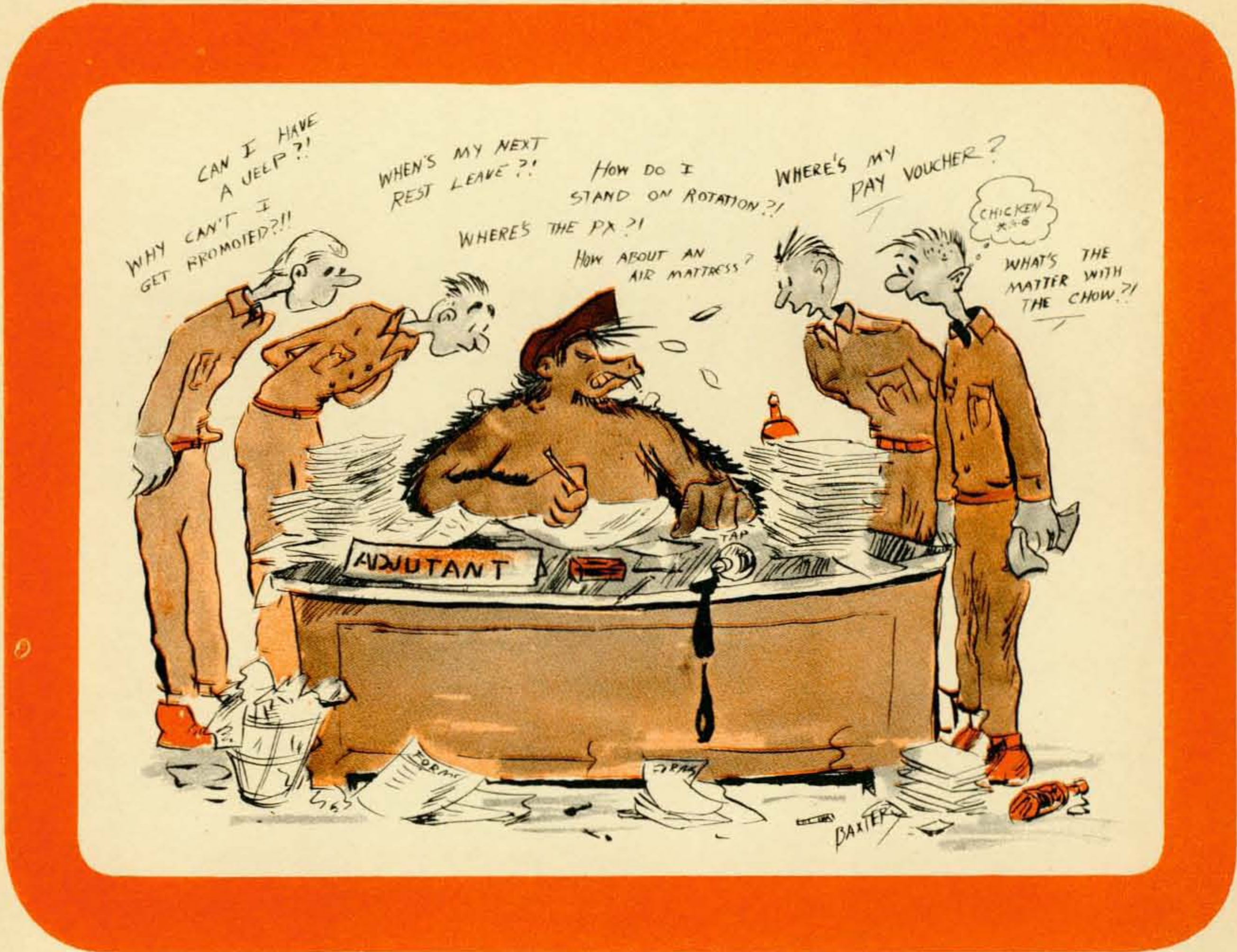


CAPT. GEORGE REYONOLDS  
OFFICER IN CHARGE



S/SGT. ALEX NEAL  
NCO IN CHARGE





CAN I HAVE A JEEP?!  
WHY CAN'T I GET PROMOTED?!

WHEN'S MY NEXT REST LEAVE?!

HOW DO I STAND ON ROTATION?!

WHERE'S MY PAY VOUCHER?

WHERE'S THE PX?!

HOW ABOUT AN AIR MATTRESS?

CHICKEN \*x-6

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE CHOW?!

ADJUTANT

BAXTER



# Photo Section

## PART 3. DEPARTMENTS

*These are the men  
behind the pen!*



Orderly Room—S/Sgt. Charles Enfield, Pfc. Harry Gordon, 1st Sgt. Demetrios Giokaris, Capt. Frederick J. Ross, Adjutant.



"GIO"



Personnel Section—Sgt. Fred Geier, Sgt. Louis Senta, T/Sgt. Gus Mazzone, Cpl. James Dean.

THE ORDERLY ROOM AT NEW HEBRIDES

# Squadron supply

Corporal Claude Fuselier and S/Sgt. Francis McAllister check in barracks bags on laundry day.



Sgt. John Ferguson and Cpl. Daniel Beacorn take inventory in Tech. Supply.

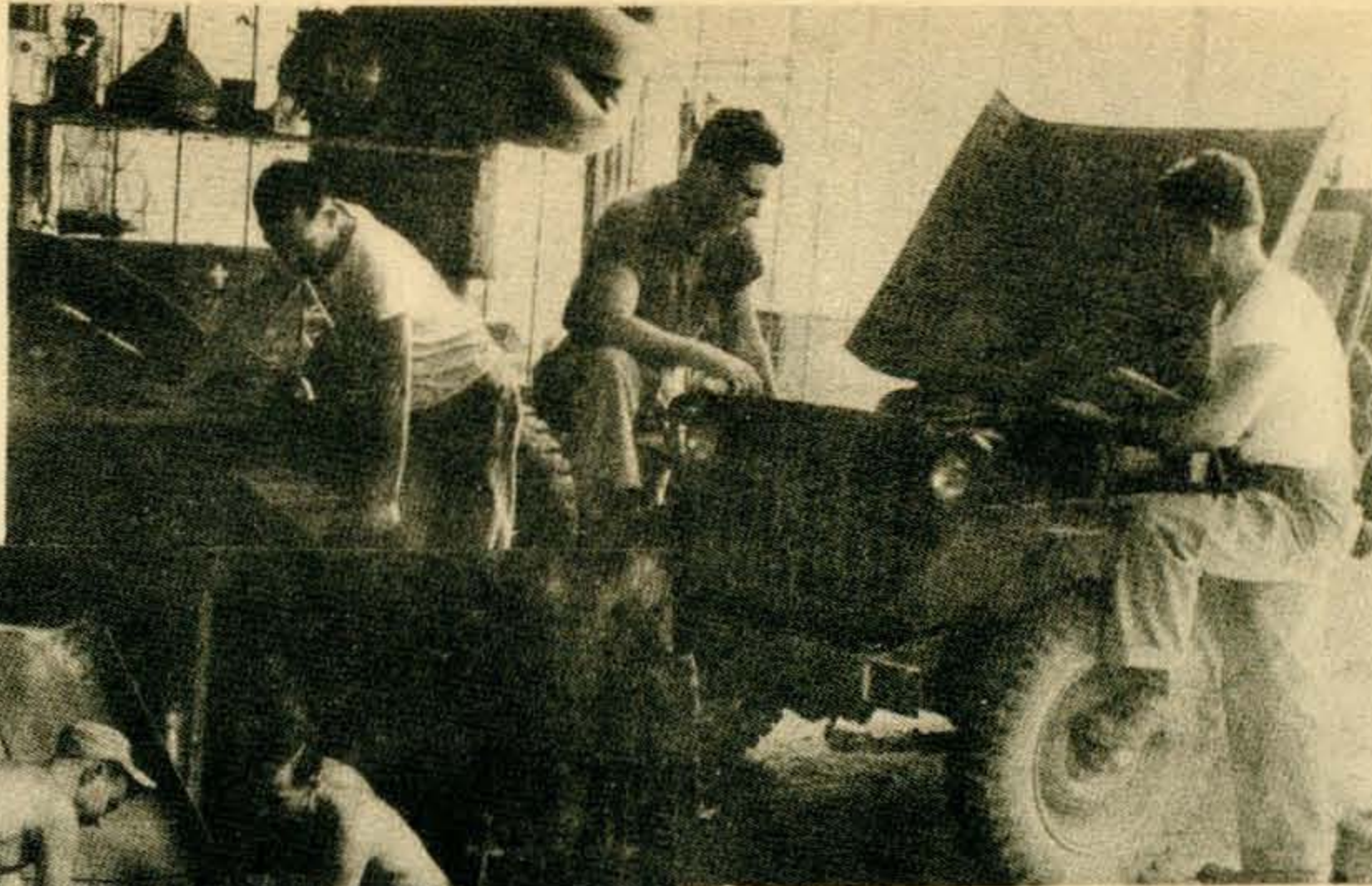


# Tech-supply

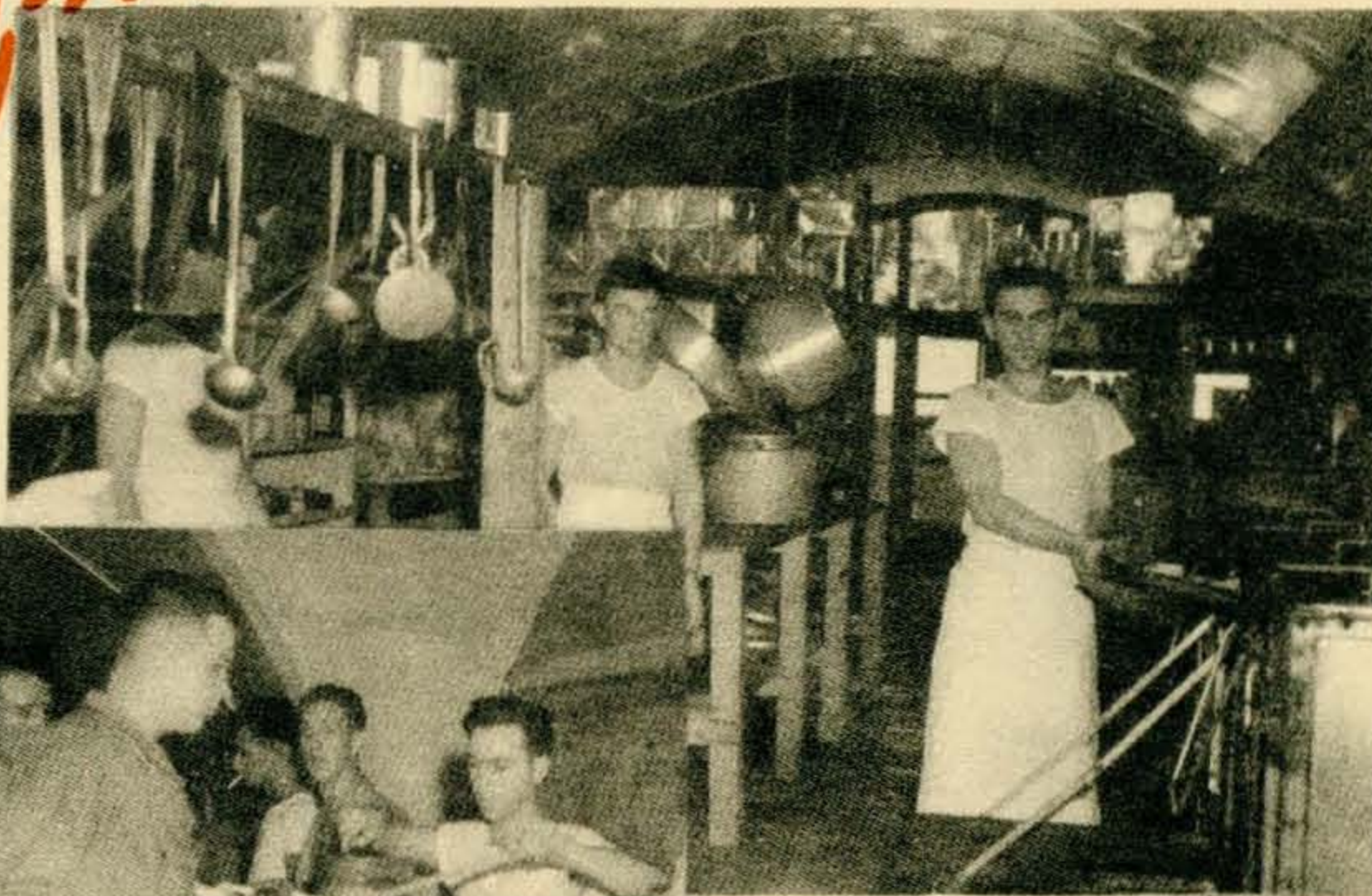


Top Right : Cpl. E. Windham, Sgt. Jim Delaney and Cpl. John McNulty ponder a jeep problem in the motor pool shed . . . .

Top Left : And Cpl. Owen Van Ness and Cpl. E. Windham do the dirty work.



# Transportation and Mess



Lower Right : Pfc. Russell Foster and Sgt. Silas Myers, veteran hashers, cook a batch of Spam for the boys at New Hebrides Island, 1944.

Bottom : Sgt. Silas Myers dishes it out "cafeteria style."





I GOT A SORE THROAT

Captain Paul J. Whitaker, known to the boys as "the doc," is our flight surgeon with over two years experience overseas. He handles squadron "sick call," keeps the pilots in flying and fighting shape.



# The Medics

Top Right : Corporal Mike Fabish and Sgt. Bill Boyko, Medics, administer first aid to Sgt. Silas Myers after a bad kitchen burn.



Lower Left : "Doc" Rosenberg, Captain, Medical Corps, is a mighty important guy when the teeth begin to ache.

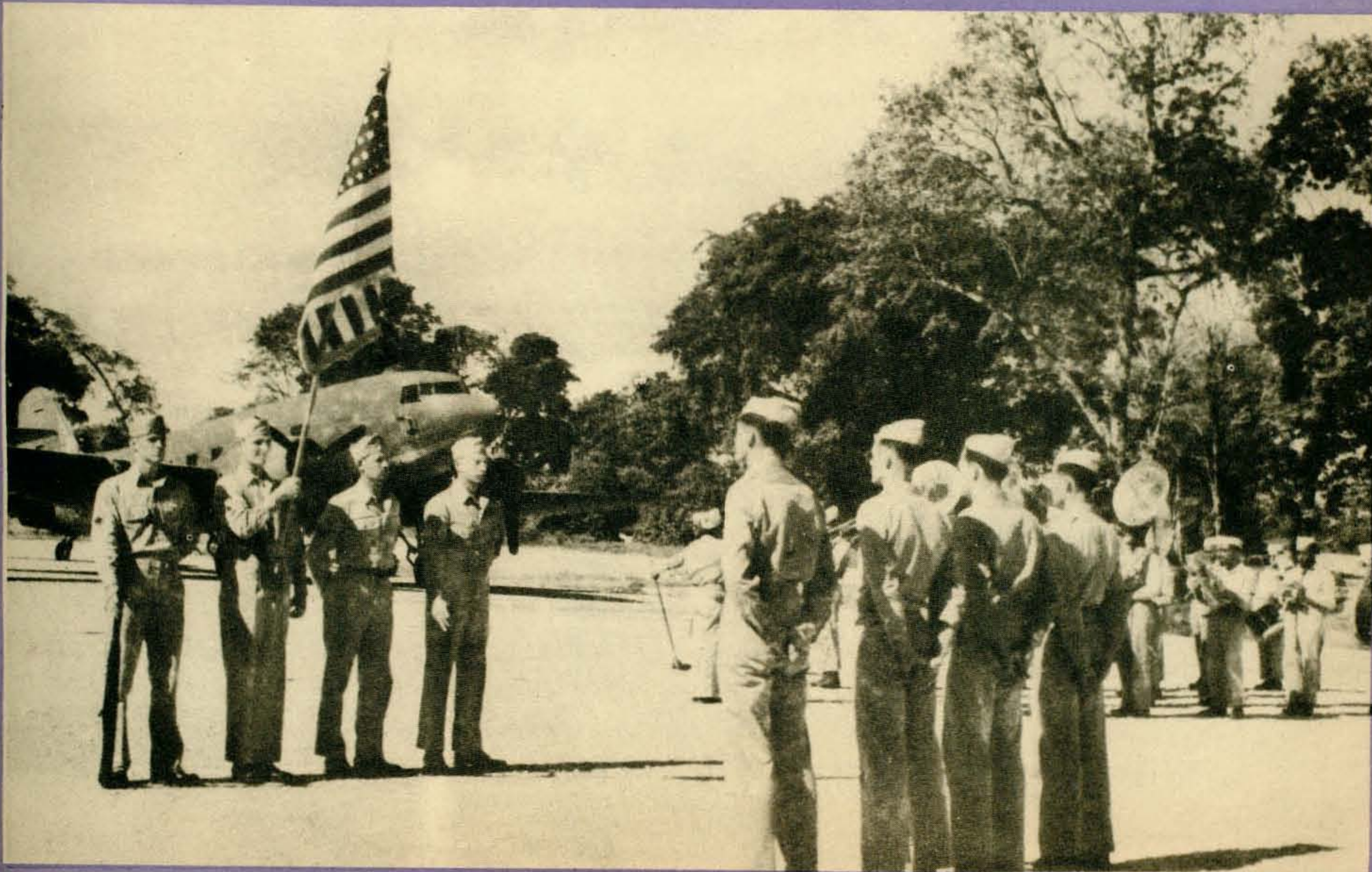
Lower Right : Staff Sergeant Joe Risky, Medical NCO in charge, is an expert with the sun lamp.

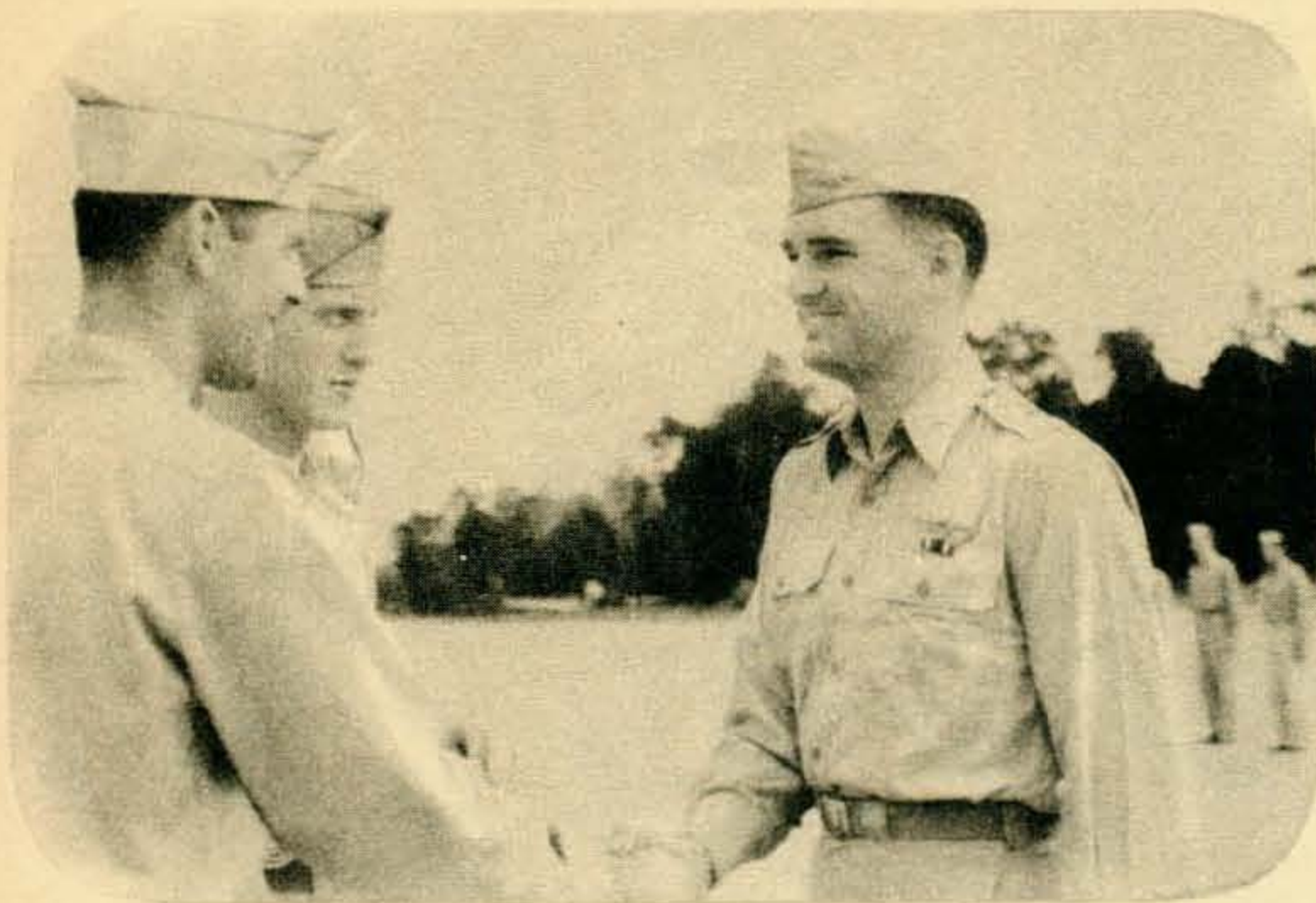


# Photo Section

## PART 4. PERSONNEL

To the American fighting man, the "Yank," seen in our own rank and file of airmen and ground technicians, has come, unheralded, the boredom of life in the tropics, monotony of "C" rations, and an omnipresent longing for home, peace, security. The man of the Thirteenth has, for the most part, seen tropical service many months away from home. Yet he has managed, somehow, to come through with a grin and an enviable pride in *his* squadron, *his* air force, and *his* way of doing things. We believe, if war must be fought, such is the only way to fight it. To the men who have expressed that belief in their squadron, to the personnel who have made us what we are, we dedicate the following section.





*Awards*

*and*

*Decorations*



By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, a Distinguished Flying Cross is awarded by the Commanding General, United States Army Forces in the South Pacific Area for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flights on transport missions. All of these flights were performed in combat areas where there was a possibility of enemy interception. Previous recognition that each has received makes his record one for emulation; his accomplishments being a credit to himself and the Army Air Forces.

**DISTINGUISHED  
F L Y I N G  
C R O S S**

(The number to the right of each name indicates Oak-Leaf Clusters to the DFC received).

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| Major Felder W. Cullum          | 1st Lt. Bruce Gilbert             |
| Major John P. Remaklus, Jr.     | 1st Lt. Richard E. Givens         |
| Captain John E. Allen           | 1st Lt. Robert A. Hammett         |
| Captain William M. Brandt (1)   | 1st Lt. David M. Hay              |
| Captain Robert L. Brauns (1)    | 1st Lt. Robert E. Johnson, Jr.(1) |
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# AIR MEDAL

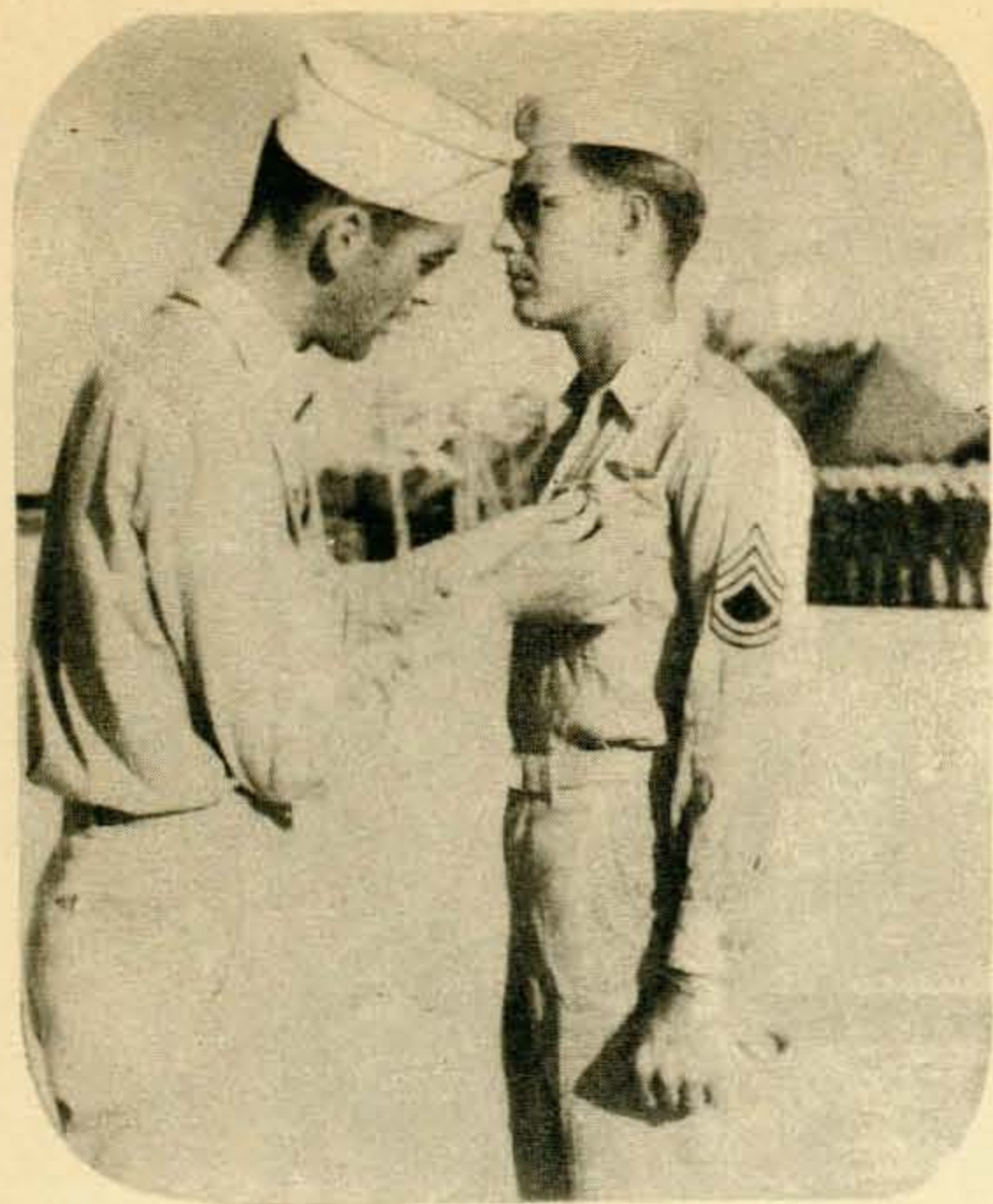


**AIR MEDAL** (The number to the right of each name indicates Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal received)

Major Fielder W. Cullum  
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 Major Clare C. Park, Jr. (3)  
 Major John P. Remaklus, Jr. (2)  
 Major Harold E. Wilson (1)  
 Captain John E. Allen (6)  
 Captain Buford C. Blount (4)  
 Captain William H. Brandt (3)  
 Captain Robert L. Brauns (3)  
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 Captain Paul E. Childs  
 Captain Paul B. De Courcey (3)  
 Captain Robert W. Drake (4)  
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 Captain William H. Jay (2)  
 Captain Albert A. Judd, Jr. (6)  
 Captain Lewis J. Mendenhall (5)  
 Captain Arnold L. Miller (7)  
 Captain Erling A. Nasset (3)  
 Captain Karl E. Peters (7)  
 Captain Cecil E. Petty  
 Captain Carl L. Sackett, Jr. (4)  
 Captain Roy H. Skeens (6)  
 Captain Edmund K. Smith, Jr. (3)  
 Captain James Walsh, Jr. (2)  
 Captain Paul J. Whitaker (1)  
 Captain Harold C. Wilkening (1)  
 Captain Henry W. Wright (4)  
 1st Lt. Floyd H. Abernathy, Jr. (2)  
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 1st Lt. James Buchen  
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 1st Lt. Roger G. Cady (1)  
 1st Lt. Lawrence F. Cannon (1)  
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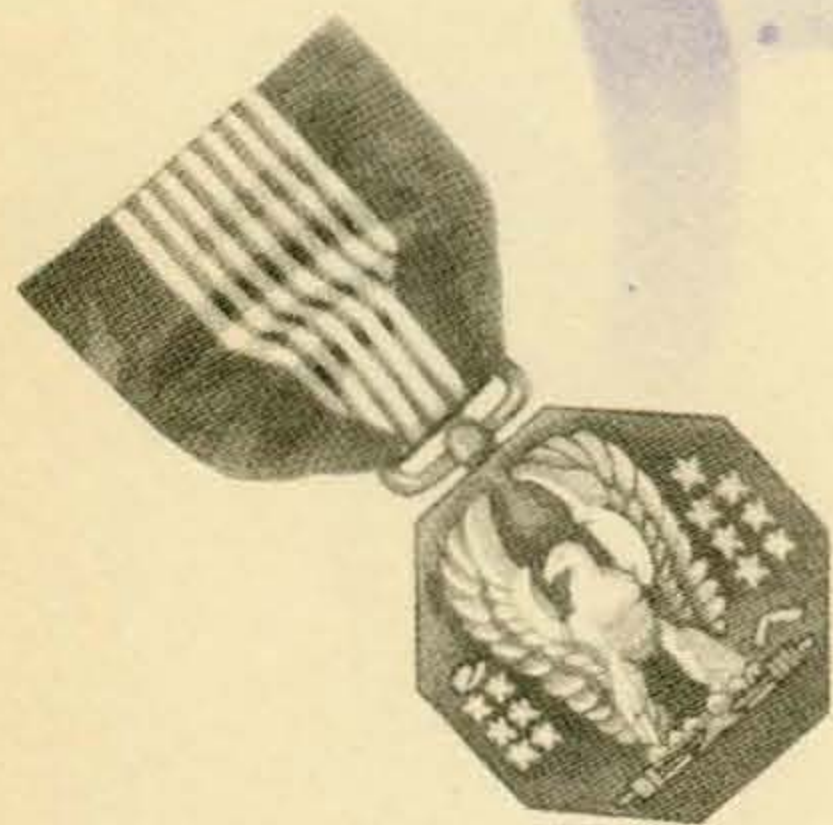
For meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the South and Southwest Pacific area, during which hostile contact was probable and expected. These operations consisted of transporting troops and supplies to forward positions and bringing wounded to rear area hospitals in an unarmed transport aircraft. Flights were accomplished over hazardous land and sea routes where inclement weather was frequently encountered, and landings were often made within a few miles of enemy bases. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights are worthy of commendation.

1st Lt. Frank R. Houpt (5)  
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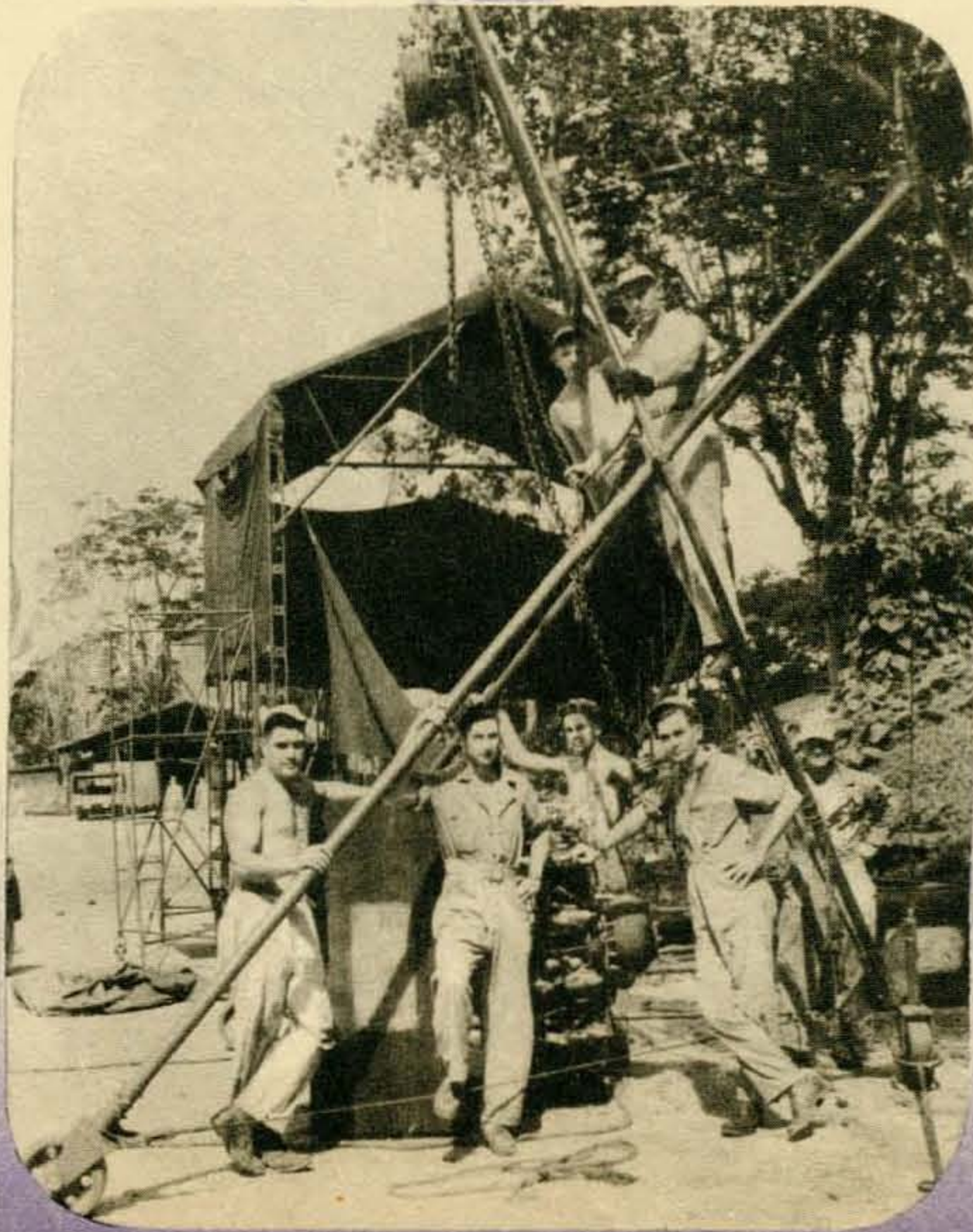
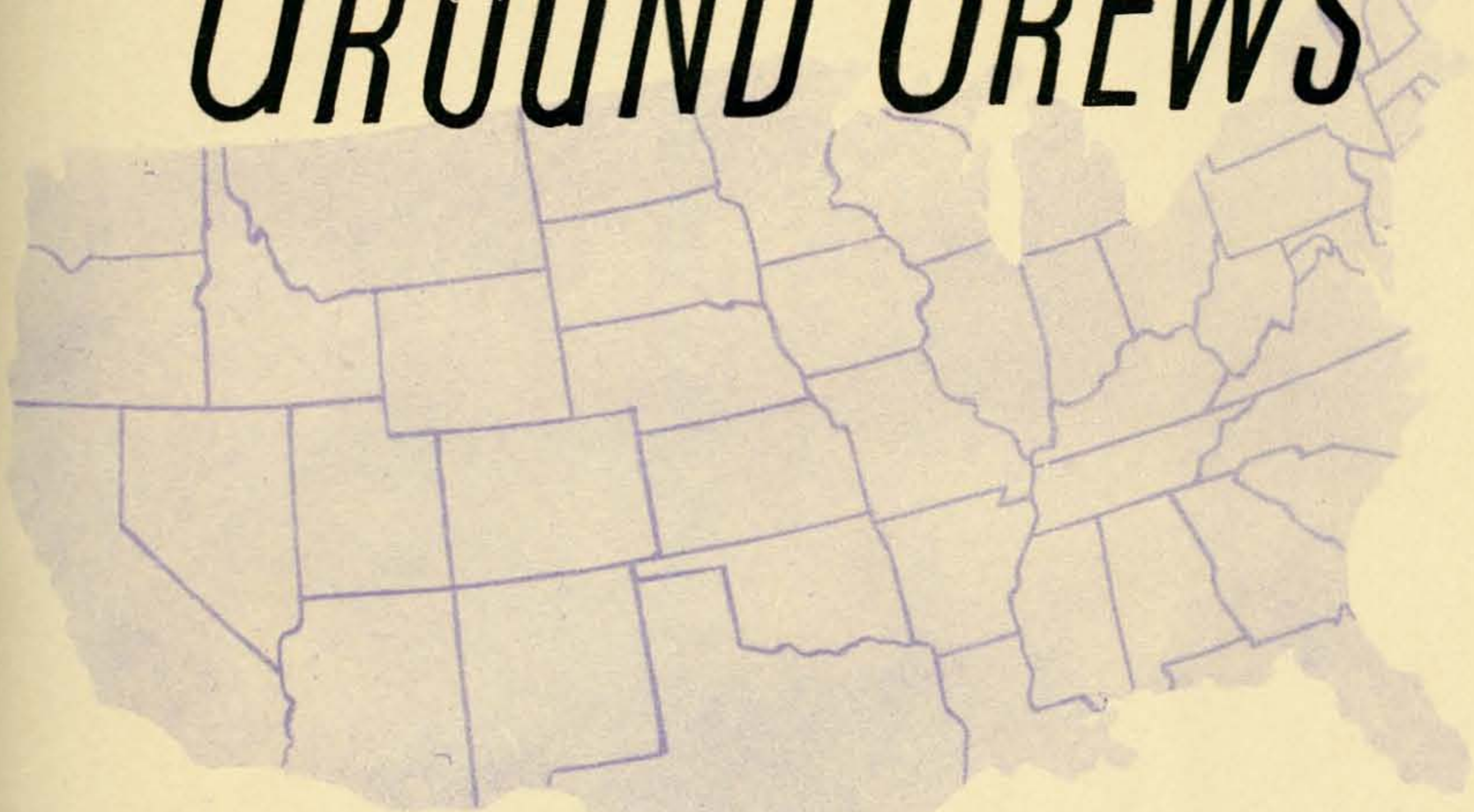
"By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved 2 July, 1926, a Soldier's Medal is awarded by the Commanding General, Far East Air Forces, to Technical Sergeant Elbert C. Harmon, 13th Troop Carrier Squadron." Colonel H. J. Sands, Group Commander, makes the presentation.



## *Citation*

For heroism at Wakde Island, on 11 October, 1944. This enlisted man, swimming with a companion in a heavy surf, was emerging from the water when he heard the other swimmer shout for help. Sergeant Harmon immediately went to his assistance and, although thrown back twice by the heavy surf, finally brought him safely to shore. Both enlisted men were heavily lacerated by the coral reef. The courage exhibited by Technical Sergeant Harmon in saving another man's life at the risk of his own reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

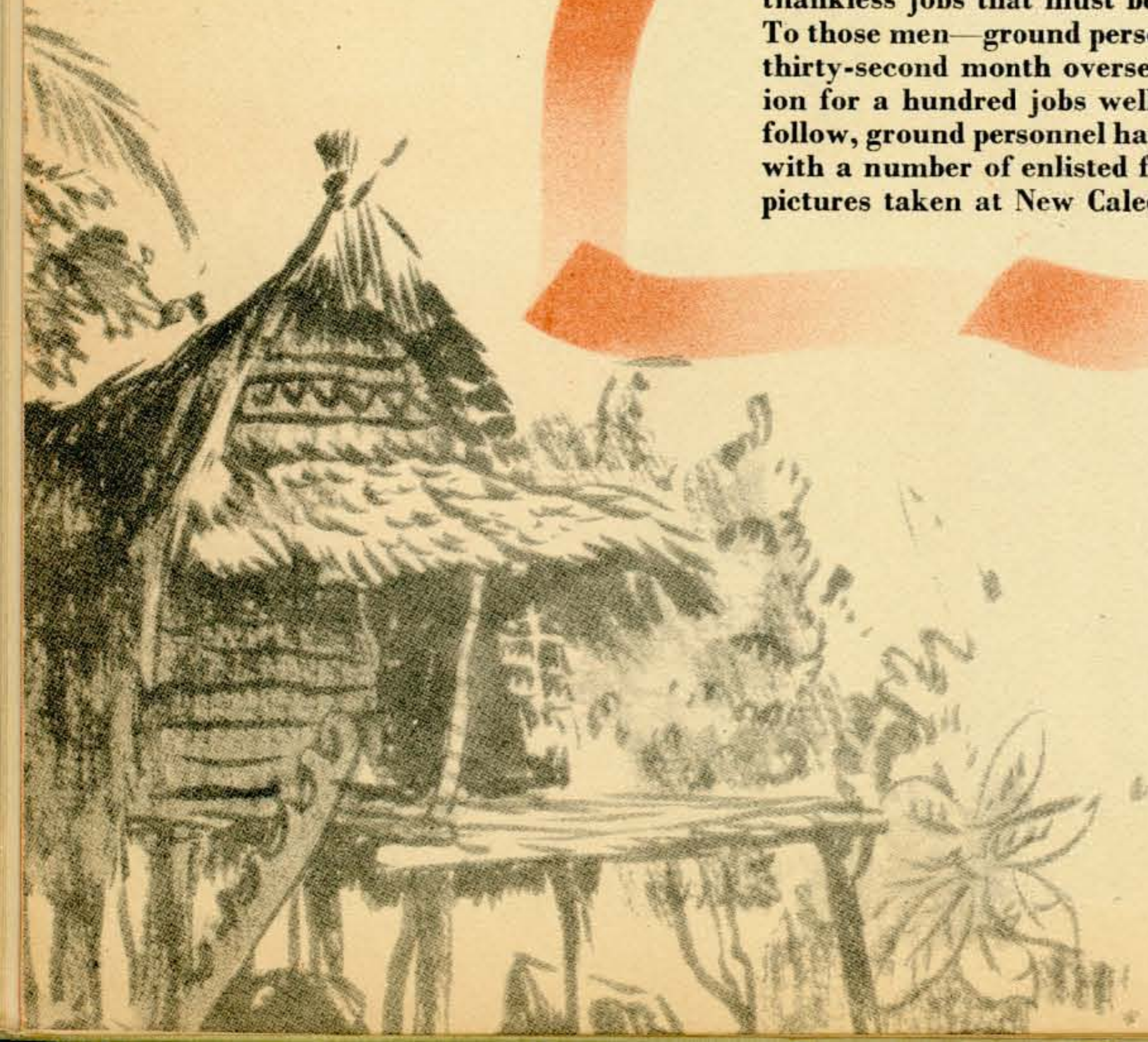
# GROUND CREWS





## *In Appreciation*

We are often reminded of the "men behind the men," the ground crews who help pull 100 hour inspections, pencil-pushers who punch typewriters and pacify the pilots in operations, the hounded mail clerk, cooks who live in a world of complaints, of a hundred other thankless jobs that must be done in endless routine. To those men—ground personnel who now enter their thirty-second month overseas—we extend appreciation for a hundred jobs well done. In the section to follow, ground personnel have been featured by states, with a number of enlisted flight crews, in a series of pictures taken at New Caledonia, August, 1943.





## PENNSYLVANIA

**Standing :**

Pfc. F. Mlynek,  
S/Sgt. J. Risky,  
Cpl. G. Schissler,  
Cpl. A. Schroth,  
Sgt. John Smith,  
Pfc. R. Tutella,  
Sgt. A. Eastburn.

**Front Row :**

Cpl. W. Davis,  
Sgt. D. Finelli,  
Cpl. J. Hladczak,  
T/Sgt. C. Maguire,  
T/Sgt. K. Marks,  
Sgt. F. Matela,  
S/Sgt. G. Miller.



## WISCONSIN— NORTH DAKOTA

Cpl. M. Goessl,  
S/Sgt. J. Paucek,  
M/Sgt. N. Pettis,  
T/Sgt. S. Reeves,  
S/Sgt. J. Schmitz, and  
Sgt. R. R. Brouse.



## ILLINOIS

Pfc. R. Cameron,  
Sgt. V. Deppe,  
S/Sgt. C. Enfield,  
Sgt. E. Gates,  
Pfc. C. Meyers,  
Sgt. J. Mika, and  
S/Sgt. J. Martinaga.



## NORTH CAROLINA

Standing :

T/Sgt. J. Holbrook,  
Sgt. R. Melton,  
Cpl. J. Moore,  
T/Sgt. H. C. Myers,  
Sgt. S. Myers, and  
Sgt. B. Wiseman.

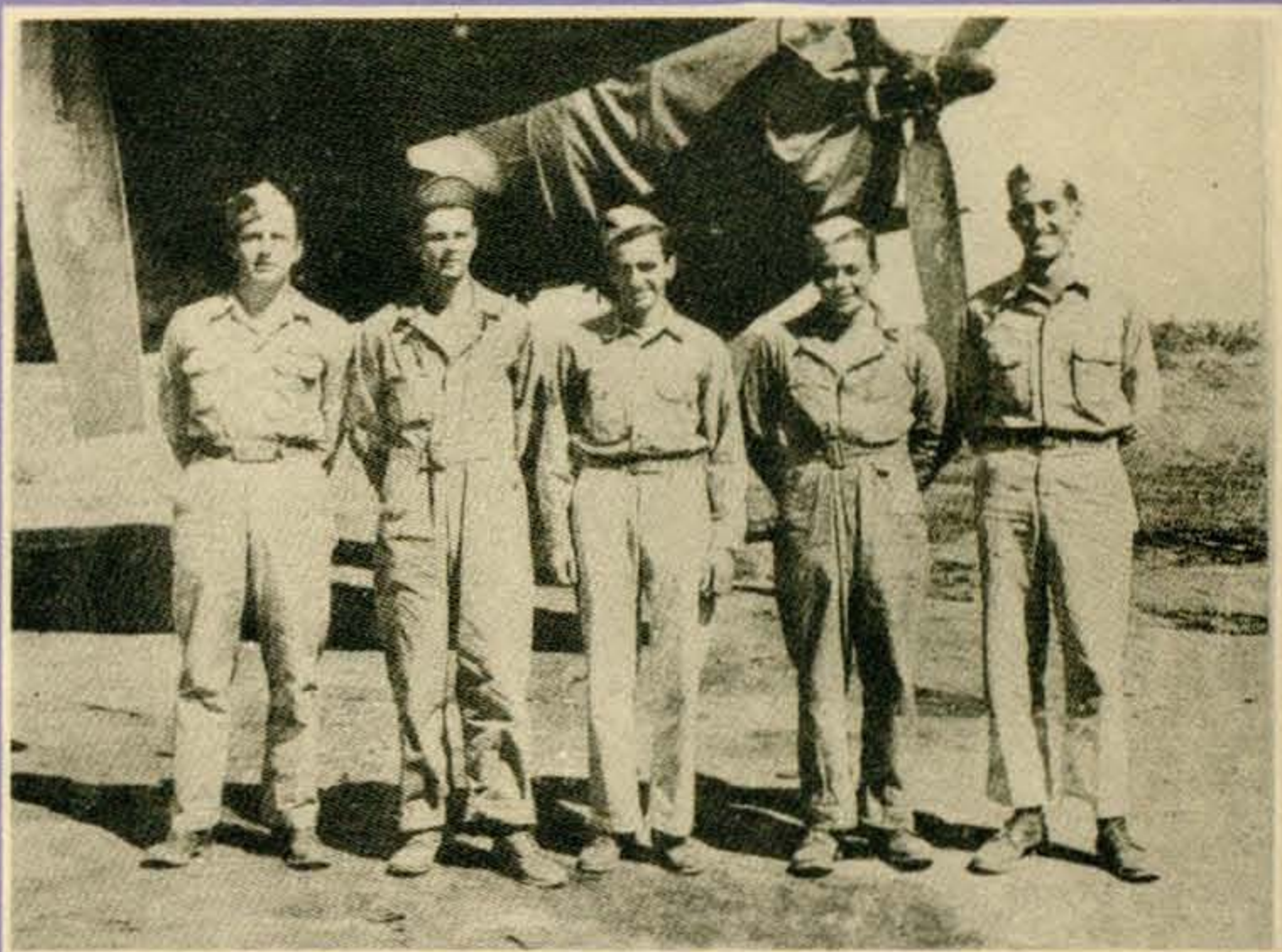
Front Row :

Pfc. H. Bass,  
Sgt. W. Byrd,  
Cpl. J. Eatmon,  
S/Sgt. R. Foster, and  
Pfc. D. Harper.



## RHODE ISLAND— VERMONT

S/Sgt. P. Bruce,  
Sgt. E. Robertson,  
Cpl. F. McDade,  
Sgt. R. Sinclair,  
and Cpl. R. St. Pierre.



## VIRGINIA

Sgt. J. Delaney,  
S/Sgt. E. H. Franklin,  
Cpl. L. E. Franklin,  
Cpl. G. Lee,  
Pfc. B. Sturgis,  
Cpl. K. Sydnor, and  
S/Sgt. H. Wilkerson.





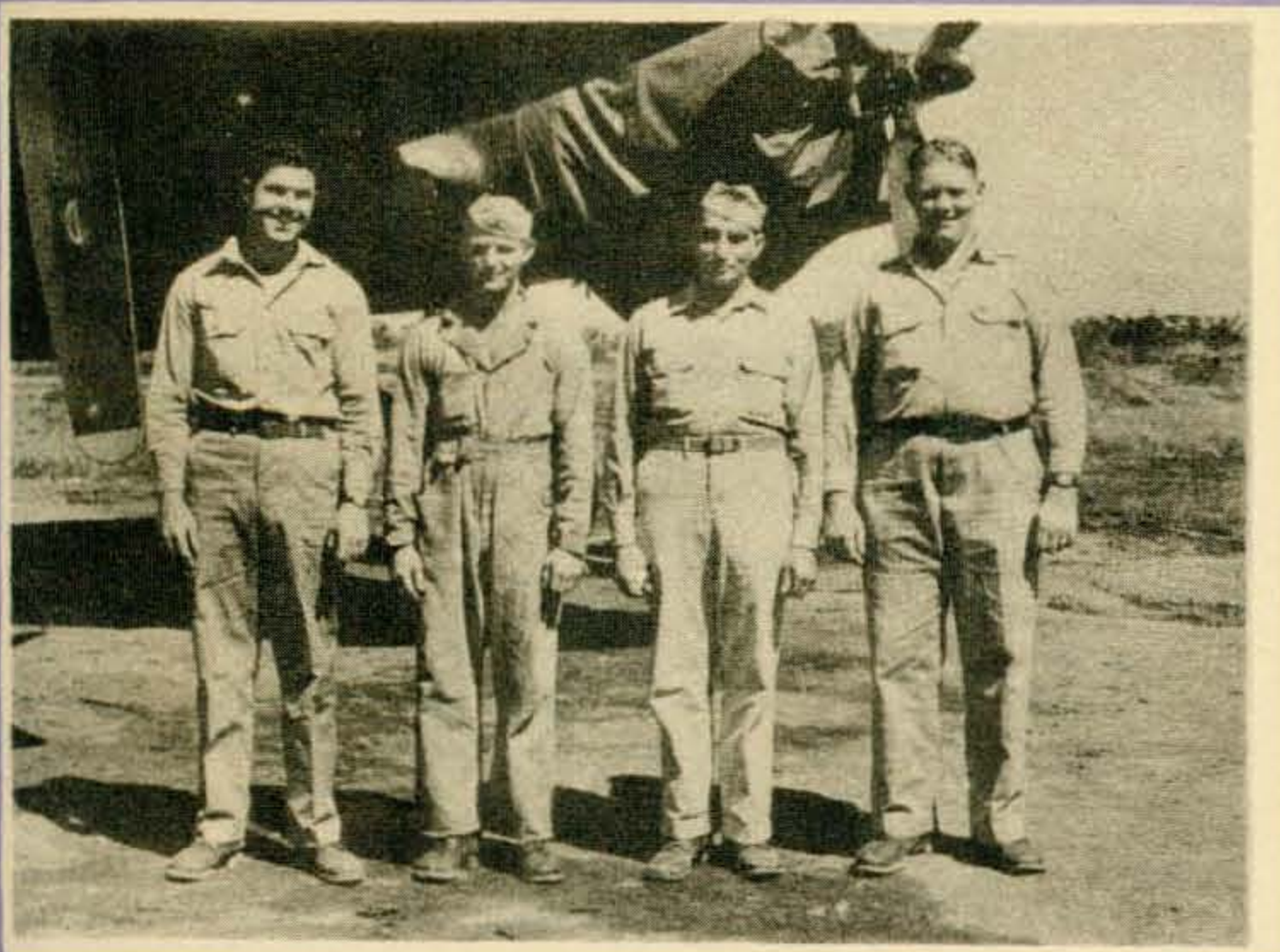
## NEW JERSEY

Standing :

Pfc. E. Lawence,  
S/Sgt. E. Oehm,  
Cpl. O. Van Ness, and  
Pfc. E. Yeager.

Front Row :

Pfc. F. Germershausen,  
T/Sgt. W. Geuther,  
Pfc. F. Fordon, and  
Cpl. E. Korty.



## FLORIDA

Sgt. C. Anderson,  
T/Sgt. H. Bowen,  
Cpl. L. Souder, and  
Cpl. H. Storbeck.



## SOUTH CAROLINA

Cpl. W. Chapman,  
Sgt. W. Gee,  
Cpl. W. Price,  
Sgt. W. Scott,  
S/Sgt. W. Shearer,  
T/Sgt. O. Smith, and  
Sgt. Roy C. Taylor.

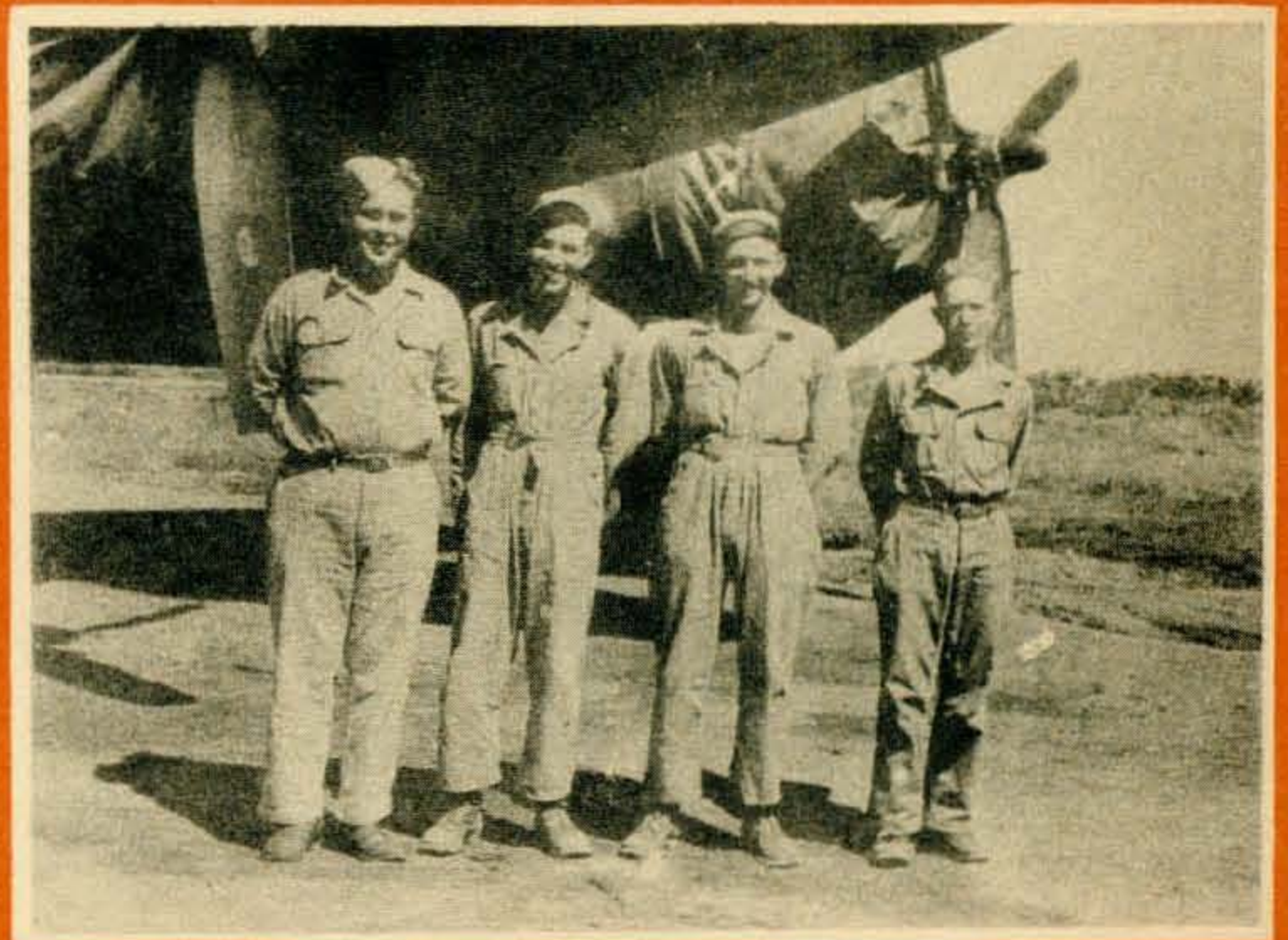
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Standing :  
S/Sgt. N. Malloy,  
Sgt. S. Nogaj,  
Pfc. S. Sidelko,  
Sgt. E. Sodergren, and  
Cpl. R. Termini.  
Front Row :  
S/Sgt. F. Barry,  
Cpl. D. Beacorn,  
Cpl. J. Bernhard,  
Pfc. T. DeAmbra, and  
S. Sgt. C. Hogan.



## ARKANSAS-KENTUCKY

T/Sgt. W. Angle,  
Sgt. O. Barker,  
S/Sgt. R. Bell, and  
Sgt. C. Davis.



## MICHIGAN

S/Sgt. D. Beckstein,  
S/Sgt. J. Bradford,  
Sgt. N. Christie,  
S/Sgt. C. Labeledz,  
T/Sgt. J. LaLonde, and  
Cpl. E. Podolsky.





## OHIO

### Standing :

T/Sgt. J. Whitehead,  
 T/Sgt. H. Larger,  
 Sgt. D. Myres,  
 S/Sgt. W. Palmer,  
 Cpl. V. Pasco,  
 S/Sgt. J. Petricola,  
 T/Sgt. B. Petry,  
 Pfc. A. Samiran,  
 Pfc. D. Uhl and  
 Sgt. W. Wade.

### Front Row :

Sgt. E. Amert,  
 S/Sgt. C. Beidenbach,  
 S/Sgt. W. Carruthers,  
 Sgt. H. Collart,  
 Cpl. M. Fabish,  
 S/Sgt. T. Fuller, and  
 Sgt. F. Geier.



## TENNESSEE— WEST VIRGINIA

M/Sgt. J. Cairns,  
 T/Sgt. W. DiBais,  
 T/Sgt. R. Elam,  
 Pfc. W. Staggs,  
 S/Sgt. R. Weekley, and  
 S/Sgt. R. Wells.



## GEORGIA

Sgt. J. B. Ferguson,  
 Sgt. M. B. Ferguson,  
 T/Sgt. S. Morgan,  
 S/Sgt. J. Pierce, and  
 Cpl. J. T. Wallace.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Standing :

T/Sgt. G. Mazzone,  
S/Sgt. F. McAllister,  
Cpl. J. McNulty,  
S/Sgt. R. Morin, and  
Cpl. L. Walsh.

Front Row :

Cpl. W. Bond,  
T/Sgt. W. Eaton,  
Cpl. G. Granger,  
Cpl. N. Leblanc,  
T/Sgt. L. Lindahl, and  
Pfc. F. Lord.



## INDIANA

S/Sgt. D. Cooper,  
M/Sgt. B. Grubbs,  
T/Sgt. D. Robertson,  
Cpl. B. Stiers,  
S/Sgt. D. Thompson, and  
T/Sgt. R. Wantz.



## TEXAS

T/Sgt. J. Hartline,  
S/Sgt. C. Hays,  
S/Sgt. T. McDaniel,  
Sgt. L. Muehr, and  
S/Sgt. C. Schertz.





## ALABAMA-LOUISIANA- MISSISSIPPI

Cpl. C. Fuselier,  
Sgt. J. Hopkins,  
S/Sgt. W. Goodwin,  
S/Sgt. J. K. Power,  
Sgt. J. T. Scruggs, and  
T/Sgt. J. Vaughan.



## CALIFORNIA

T/Sgt. Howard Bell and  
Cpl. Al Stainback.



## IOWA-MINNESOTA- OKLAHOMA

Sgt. E. Bacon,  
Sgt. M. Bakken,  
T/Sgt. T. Locke,  
Cpl. J. O'Shea, and  
Sgt. C. W. Storms.



OLD BOULDER'S DREAM !!!

# Photo Section



## PART 5. CAMP LIFE

While a realization of the good times we've had may now be difficult to visualize, camp life overseas with the Thirsty Thirteenth will, in time, hold a strong place in our book of memories. It is good, then, to have on hand a pictorial record of some of the high spots . . . . chow lines, a swim at the beach, native life . . . . a jam session at Duffy's Tavern . . . . our great basketball team, and many other highlights.





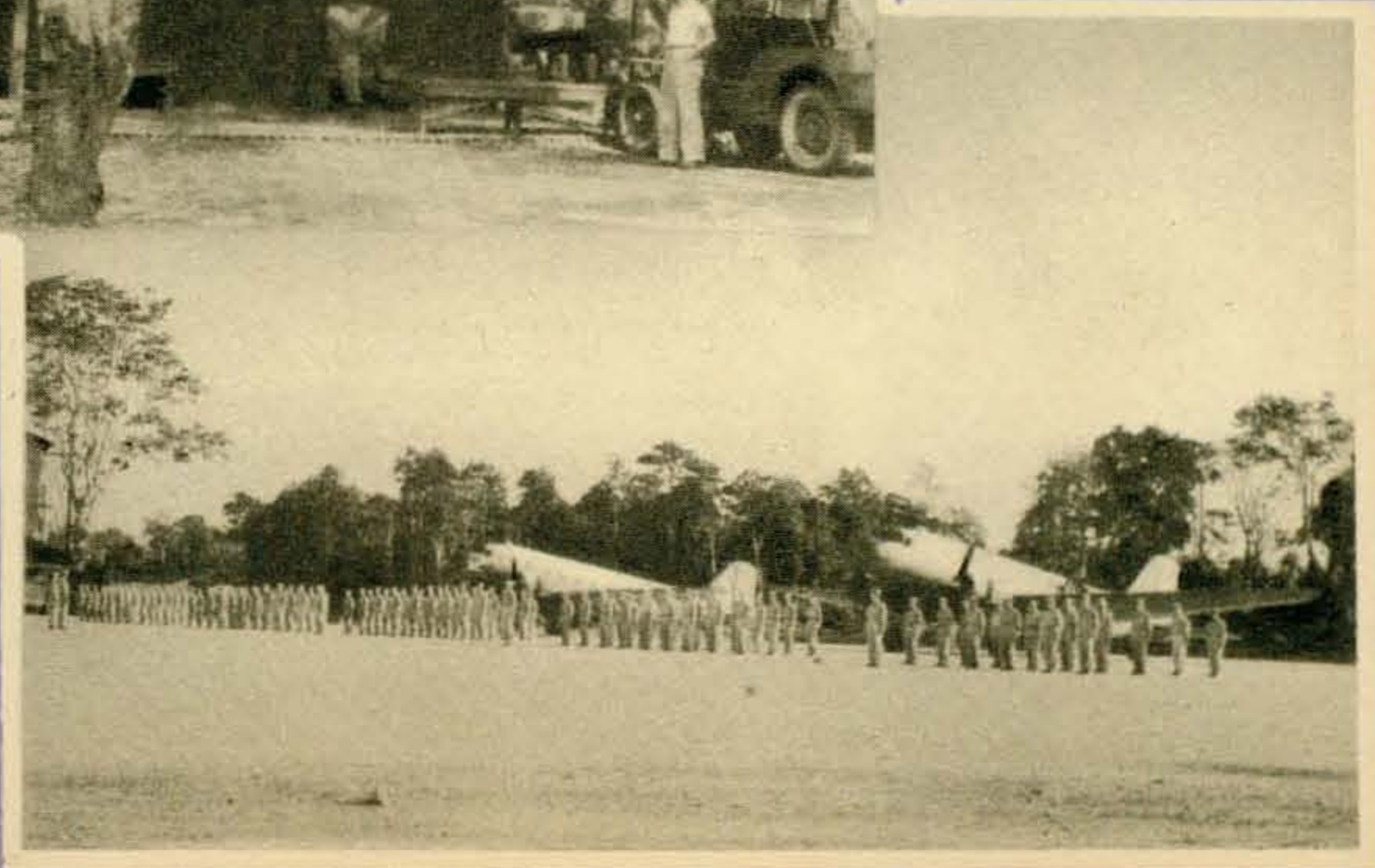
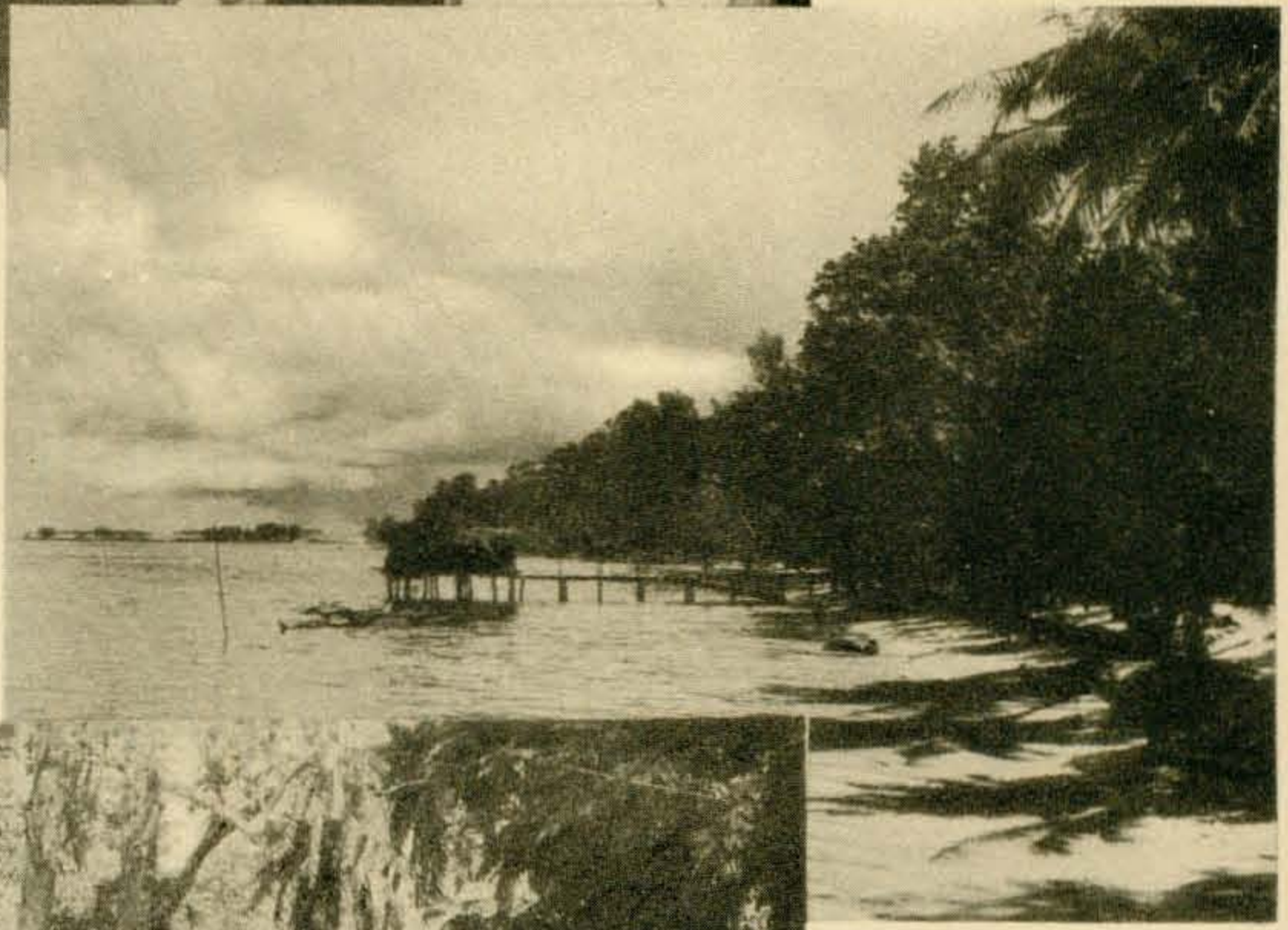


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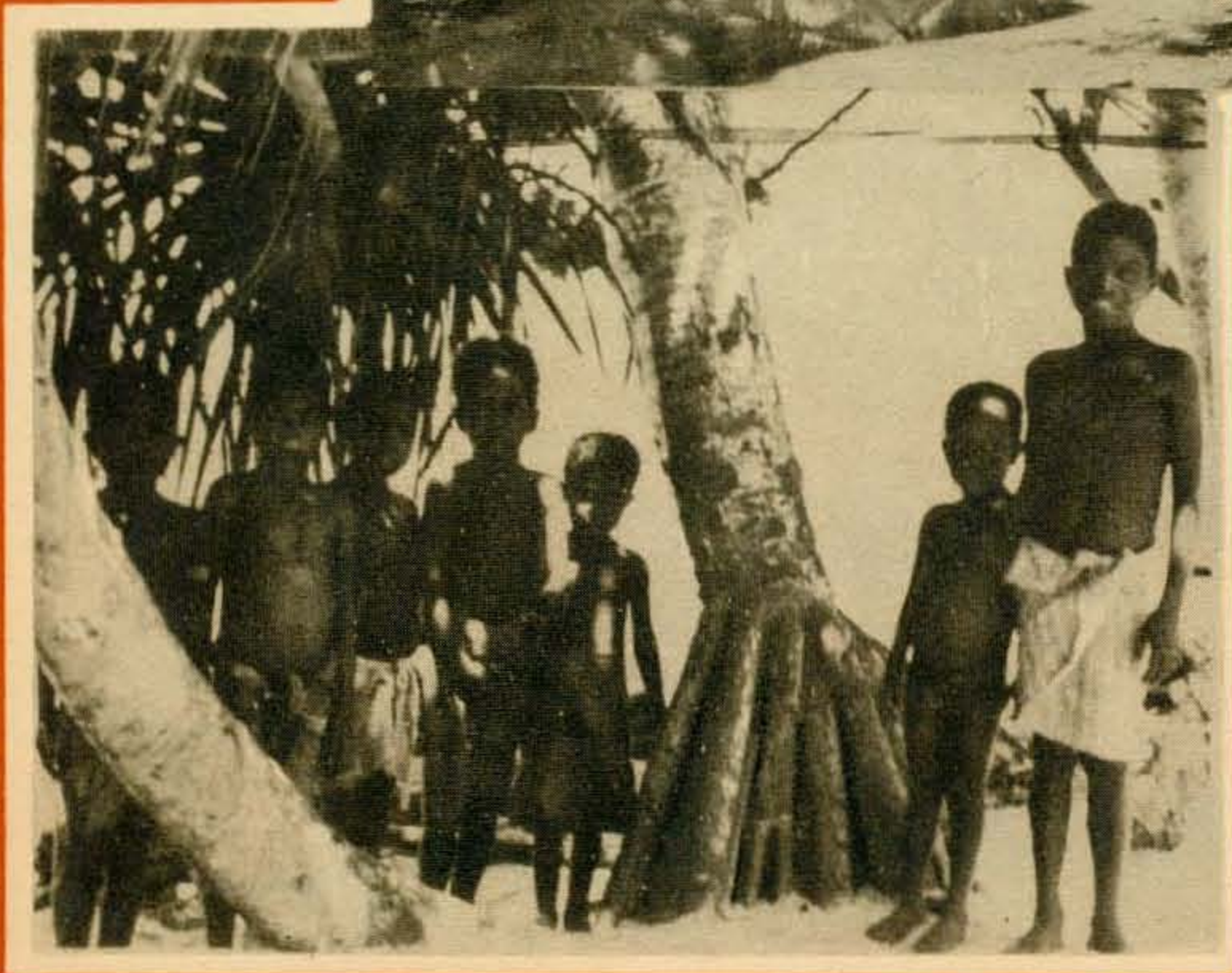




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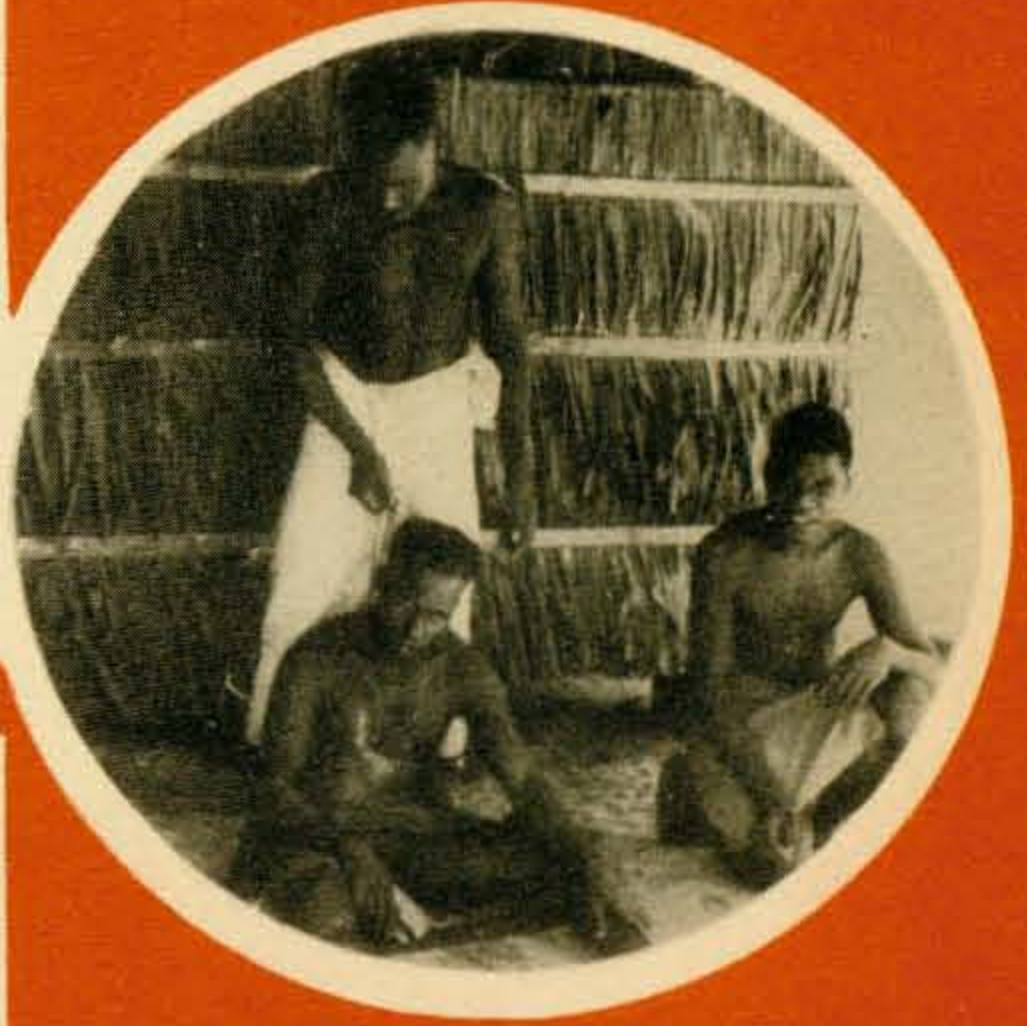


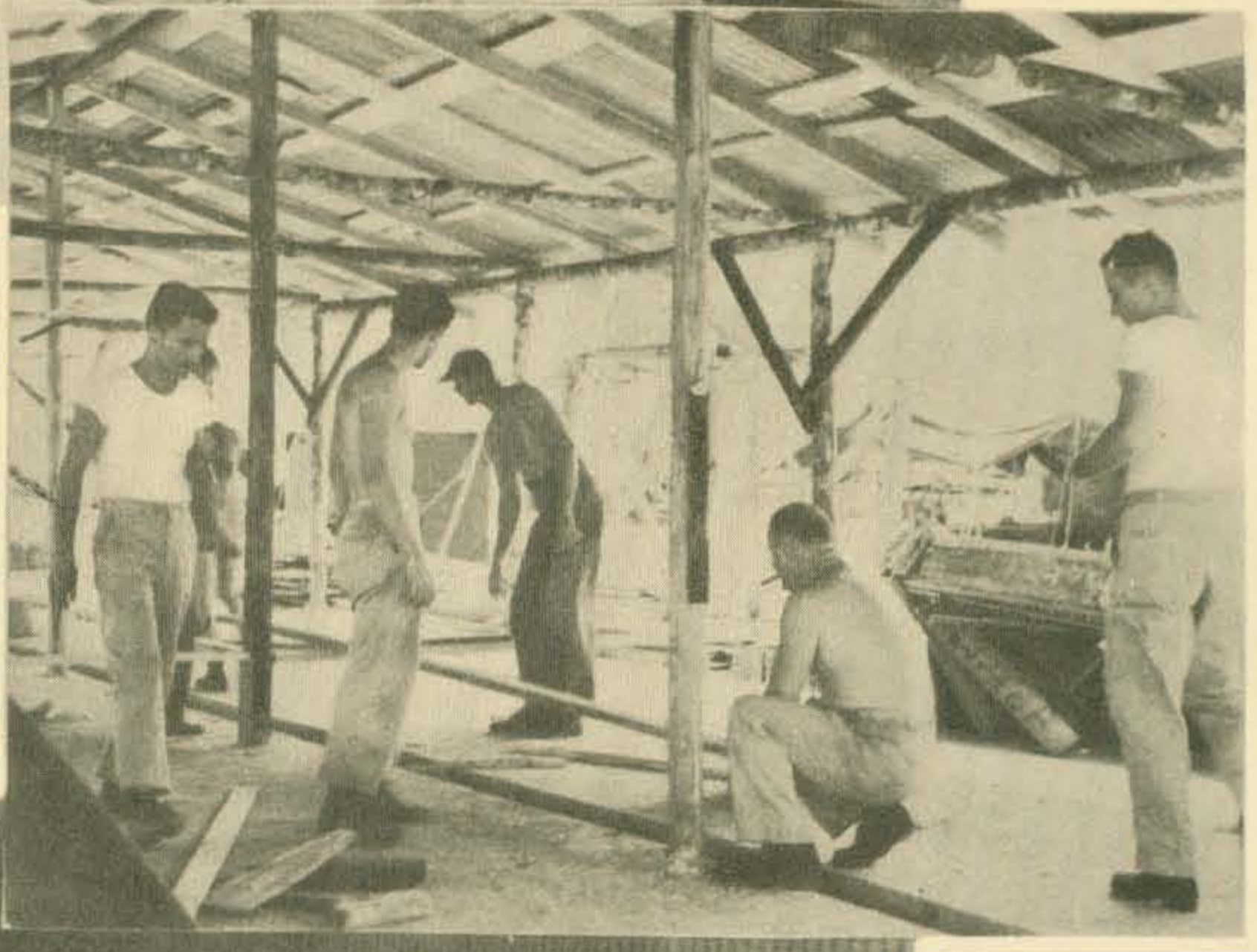
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# Stopovers





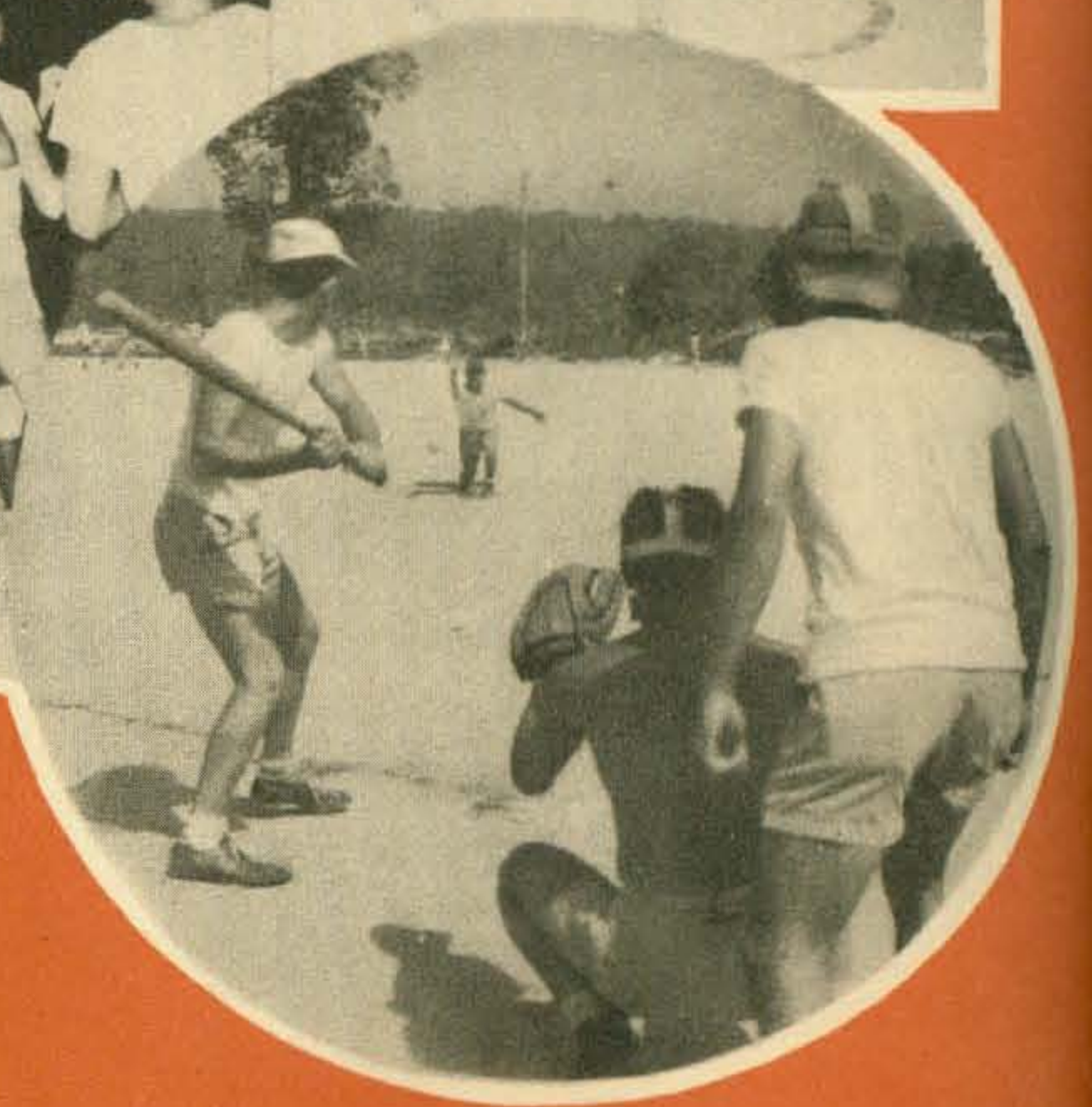
# *Biak*

SEPT 1944 • MAY 1945





13th Softball Team, standing left to right :  
Sgt. David Sandler, Pvt. John S. Carlson, Pfc. Bronwell, Pvt. N. Sturgis, Pfc. George P. Benedetto, S/Sgt. Joseph Paucek,  
Sitting, left to right :  
S/Sgt. Ted C. Fuller, S/Sgt. James R. Bradford, Sgt. Stanley R. Nogaj, Cpl. Roscoe L Termini, Cpl. James T. Wallace, Sgt. Freddie Geier, and Cpl. George E. Granger.



# GROUP CHAMPS



1. Basketball Champs, 403rd Troop Carrier Group, April Series.
2. Activation Day Champions, December 12, 1945.
3. All-star runners up for Biak Island Basketball Championship, May, 1945.




S/Sgt. Harry Wilkerson (Putty), Sgt. Robert Brouse (The Deacon)  
 Pfc. Gilbert Carrasco (Chow-chow), Cpl. Bliss Zener, Cpl. Daniel  
 Beacorn (Danny), M/Sgt. Newell Pettis (Swede), Sgt. Louis Senta  
 (Lou), S/Sgt. Frank Barry (Big Time), Cpl. Richard Cade, Cpl.  
 George Burdiss (Bagoose), Pfc. Keith Morey, S/Sgt. Tom McDaniel  
 (Mac), Sgt. Dominic Finelli, Special Service NCO, S/Sgt. Charles  
 Enfield, Manager, 1st Sgt. Demetrios Giokaris, Coach.







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 13<sup>th</sup>  
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 OR  
 A NIGHT AT  
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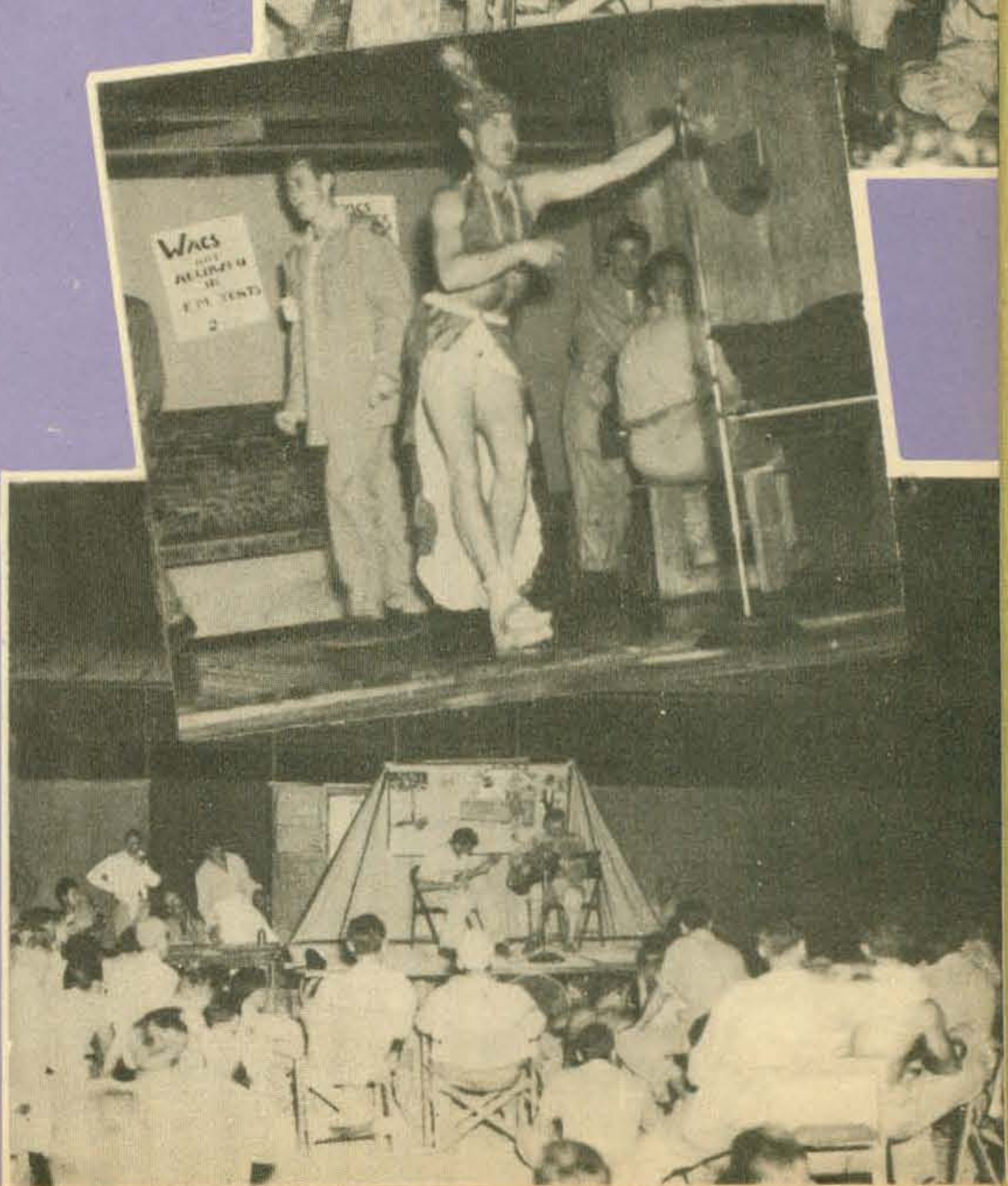
An active recreational program is a "must" in the camp life of any airforce squadron, home of men who need complete relaxation after three or four days' steady flying. And so, one fine day in December, 1944, was born the Thirsty Thirteenth Little Theatre Guild,



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THIRTEENTH  
LITTLE  
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Movies. A resounding success,  
entertainment "by the boys,  
for the boys" has become a  
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"Dramatis Personæ." We hope  
other outfits share the fun. . .





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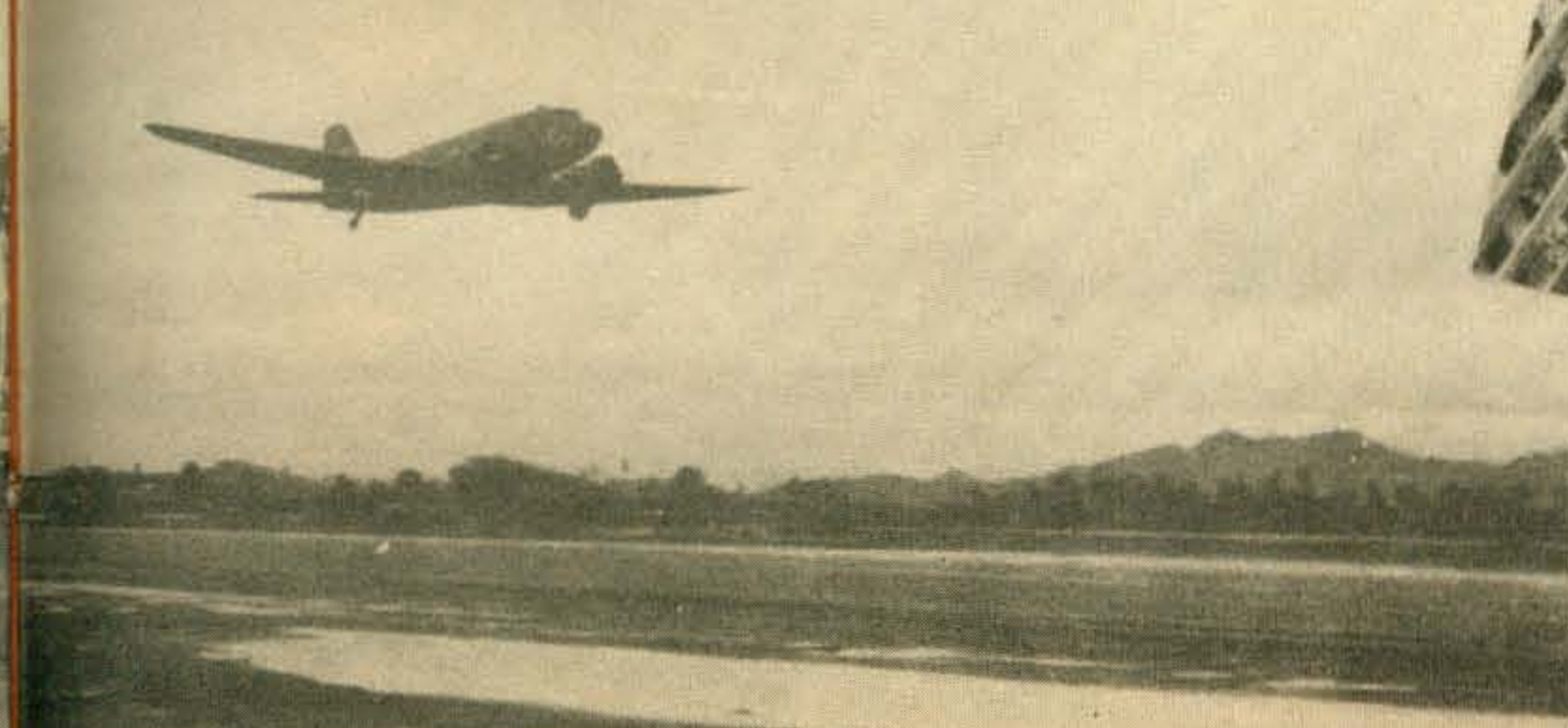
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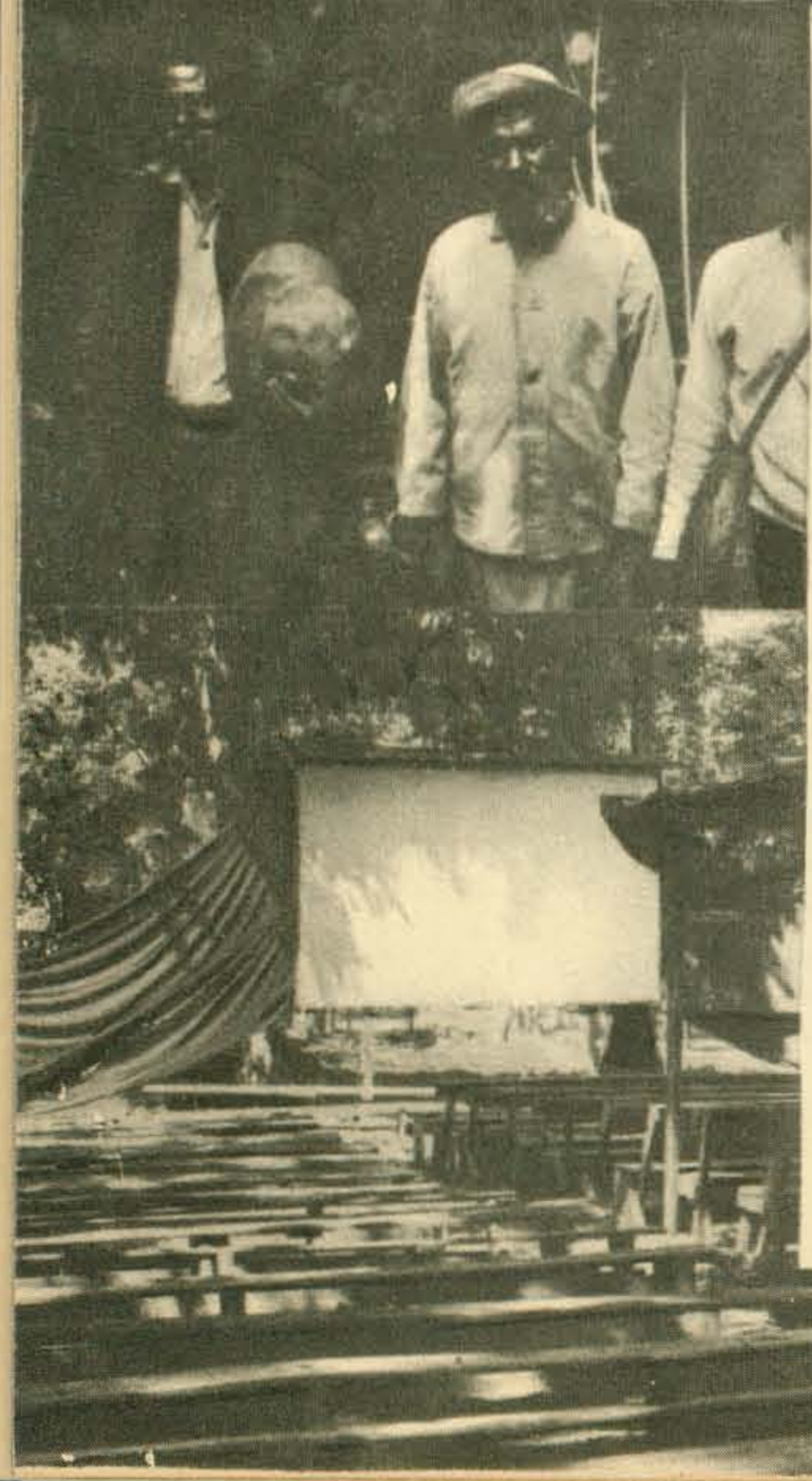


**THERE**



# EVERYWHERE





# 13<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron

## HISTORY

### FACTS CONCERNING MAINTENANCE

#### 13th TROOP CARRIER SQUADRON

Date Organized : December, 1940.

Departed for Overseas : October, 1942.

Airplane Hours Flown by all planes maintained by this Squadron since departing U.S. to 25th June, 1945—61,000 hrs. to July 1, 1945

Distance Flown (Includes planes flown by Marines, other A.A.F. Squadrons, but maintained by the 13th)—9,150,000 miles to July 1, 1945. Equivalent to 19 voyages to the moon and back, or, 363 times around the earth at the equator.

No. of Planes Lost which were being maintained by the 13th, from all causes:—

By 13th Crews ..	3
By 63rd Crew ..	1
TOTAL ..	4

Causes : By 13th Crews—2 Unknown (C-47 41-18573—C-47A 42-3605). (Enemy action possible)

1 (C-47 41-18592) became lost when radio compass rendered inop. by enemy action. Plane set down on reef. Crew and cargo of evacuees rescued after 11 days with no loss of life.

By 63rd Crew : 1 (C-47A 42-24418) Lost in hurricane.

Total 13th Crews Involved in Fatal Accidents in 4 years 6 months .. 2

Single Engine Flights due to Complete Engine Failure in Air .. 3

(Plane No. 41-18590 accounted for two of these. In both cases the left engine failed, on the same run : Guadalcanal to New Caledonia. Both times the same right engine pulled the plane into Santos in the Hebrides. Average duration of each single engine flight approx. one hour and forty-five minutes.)

Number of Planes Lost or Damaged by Enemy Action :

No. Lost by enemy action : Unknown (perhaps 2)

No. damaged by enemy action and repaired, 9

NOTE : All such damage was repaired by Squadron itself.



## *In conclusion*

### **SQUADRON COMMANDERS STATEMENT**

Thirty-two months ago, the grimness of war was a very real thing to the 13th men flying supplies into Guadalcanal under fire. A fighting spirit was born. This spirit, combined with a squadron tradition—the “Ol’ Boulder we love”—grew strong in the ensuing months. In the past two years, first as an impartial observer, secondly as an integral party, and recently as commanding officer, I have found this squadron to be an outstanding example of efficiency, cooperation, good fellowship, and good sportsmanship. With the utmost confidence, I say to you the future will continue to be a reflection of your record as a leader among troop carrier squadrons. I pledge myself to that end.

## *The End*