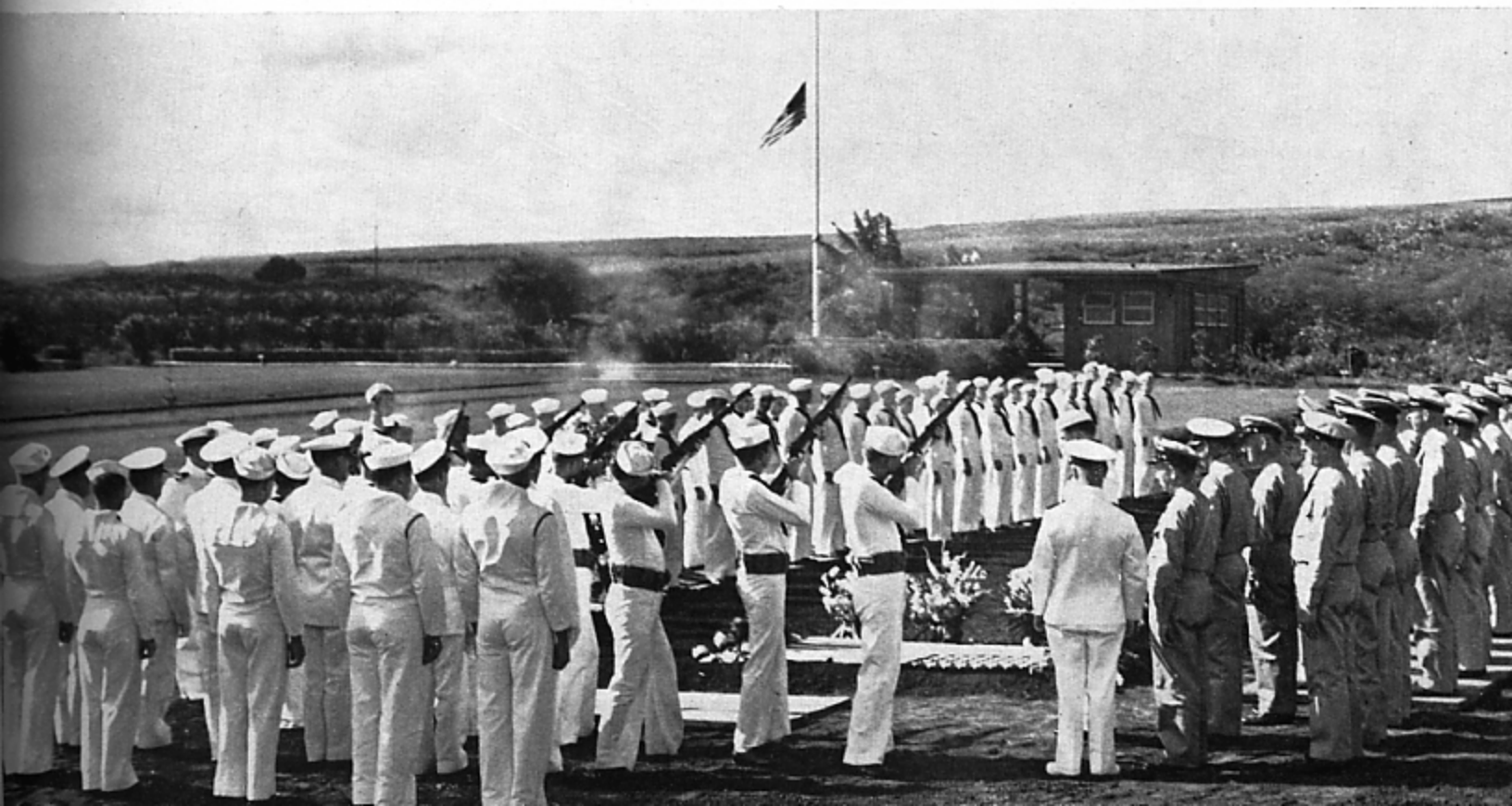


MEMORIAL SERVICES

Memorial services held on Decoration Day, 1944 . . . At Halawa Cemetery, Oahu, T. H. . . . Lt. Commander F. B. Campbell and our original Chaplain, Harold E. LeMay, observe a moment of silence . . . In honor of our three mates who died in the line of duty at Pearl Har-

bor . . . Below, the men are given a formal salute at the formal military rites.

Father Moran conducted Catholic services every Sunday for our Battalion . . . Services were held in the Red Hill theatre . . . Holy Communion received during the Sacrifice of the Mass.





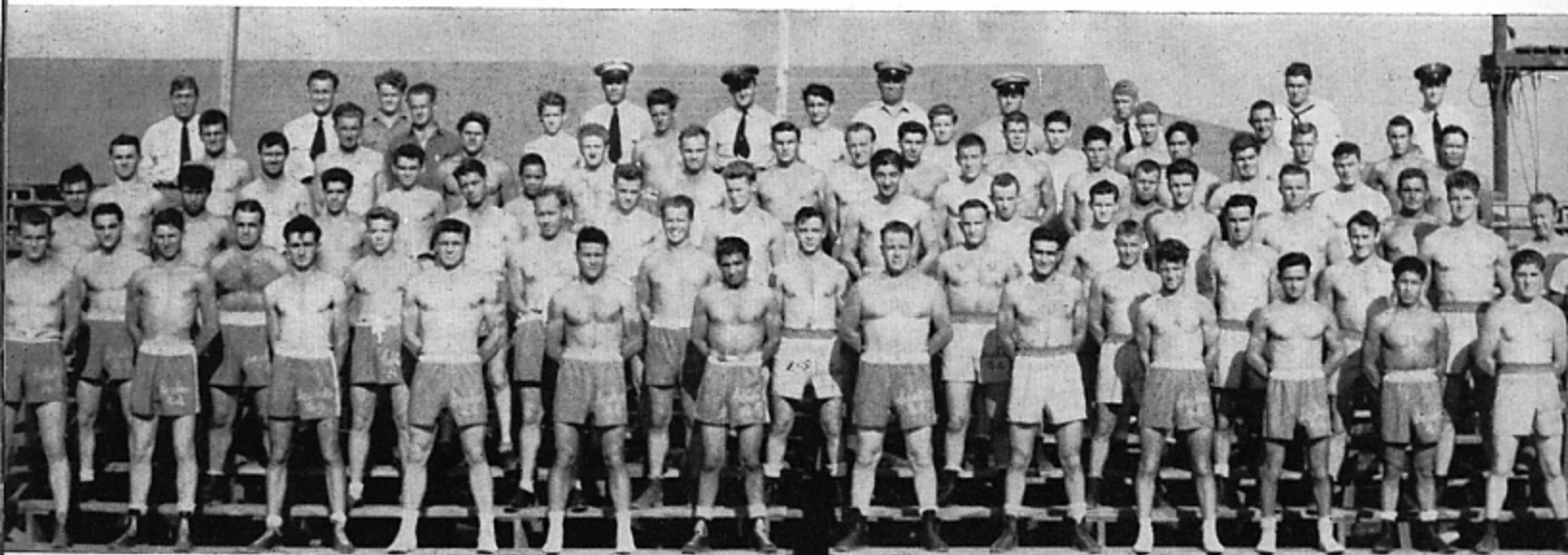
The officers had their picture taken when they first arrived at Aiea . . . The next group picture was taken 18 months later . . . During that period there were many changes in our Officer personnel . . . Officers' Country at Red Hill . . . Everyone was happy at the Battalion Officers' farewell party . . . The Officers' recreation room was a hangout during off hours . . .





Judo classes were held at camp . . . Special Marine instructors were present to teach the fine points of the art . . . The Chiefs' Club house was opened with a party . . . They had good food, beer and real women to dance with . . . Several of our officers visited the club on the opening night to quaff a friendly brew . . . The five gentlemen below were the officers' pet mess attendants.





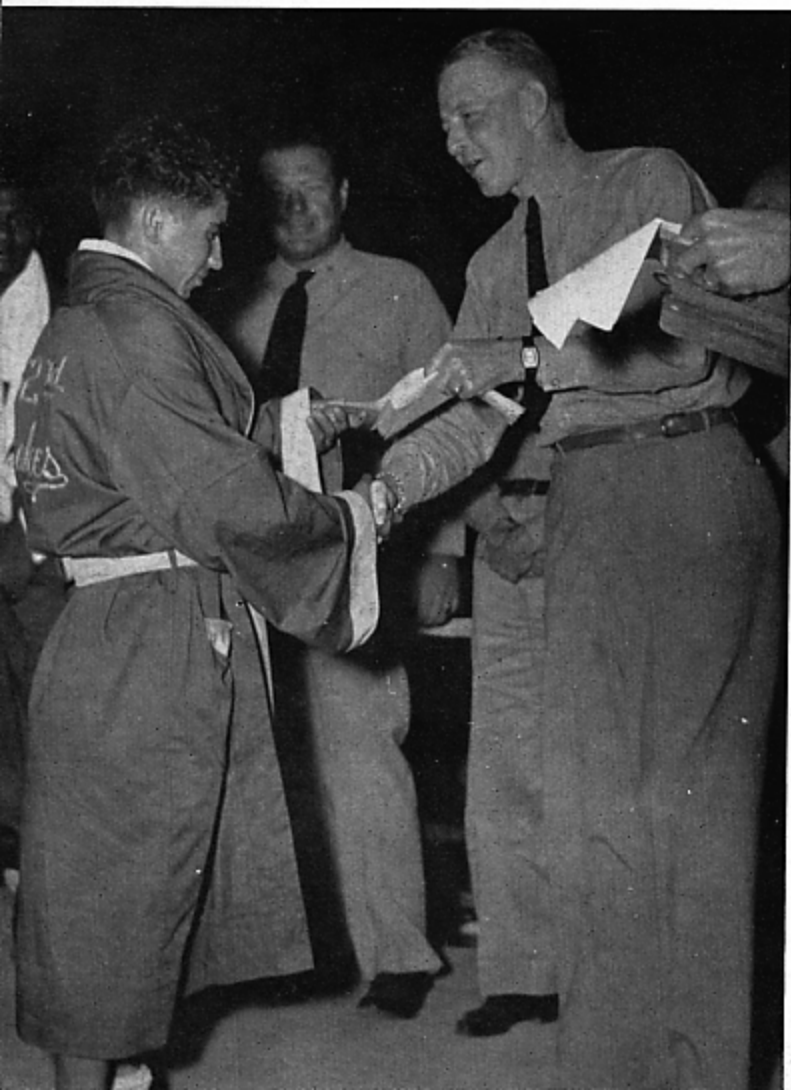
SIXTY SECONDS'

LEATHER PUSHERS

Our Minute Men boxers afforded many hours of relaxation and entertainment for members of the Armed Services from Davisville to Iwo Jima. Starting at Boot Camp and on through the Advanced Training period, our mittmen competed successfully in several inter-battalion smokers. On the trip from San Francisco to Honolulu aboard the Matsonia the monotonous days were broken up with bouts on deck that thrilled the men and made the war seem far away.

Interest in the boxing program reached a climax on Oahu with hundreds of our mates attending the weekly bouts held on the "Hill" at Nimitz Bowl, Civilian Housing and at other Battalion rings scattered throughout the island. Our boxers quickly became favorites at these shows, making an excellent showing for themselves in all their engagements.

One of the most outstanding shows ever witnessed on the "Rock" was held at CHA with over 20,000 howling servicemen and women and civilian war workers in attendance. There were 11 action-packed bouts, a bone-crushing wrestling match between World's Heavyweight Champion Bobby Bruns, and the masked "Green Hornet." The evening was topped off with the surprise, volunteer performance, of comedian Bob Hope. Hope presented songstress Francis Langford, Patty "The Body" Thomas and Jerry "Handlebar Hank" Colonna to the delighted audience. The veteran troupers put on their entire show, and completed the biggest evening of entertainment on Oahu since the beginning of the war.



Nimitz Bowl, the huge outdoor arena built at Aiea early in 1944, was named in honor of a real sports fan, Admiral Nimitz. The Admiral gave his enthusiastic support to all athletic shows for the enlisted men, and was himself a familiar figure at most of the events.

During our pre-invasion training period on the island of Maui, our boxers kept in excellent condition, traveling to the Puunene Naval Air Station Gym for workouts. After the fighting was over on Iwo Jima, the boys began to prepare for the island's first smoker. Held on July 17, 1945 at the new Sixty-second combination theatre and arena, the event drew a crowd of well over 4,000.



SPORTS PARADE





ALL-SEABEE TRACK MEET AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

CINDER MERCHANTS

Many of our boys left high school and college to enter the service, interrupting sports careers in which they would have made reputations for themselves. When in the service however, a greater percentage of the men entered in the various sports programs than in the average school.

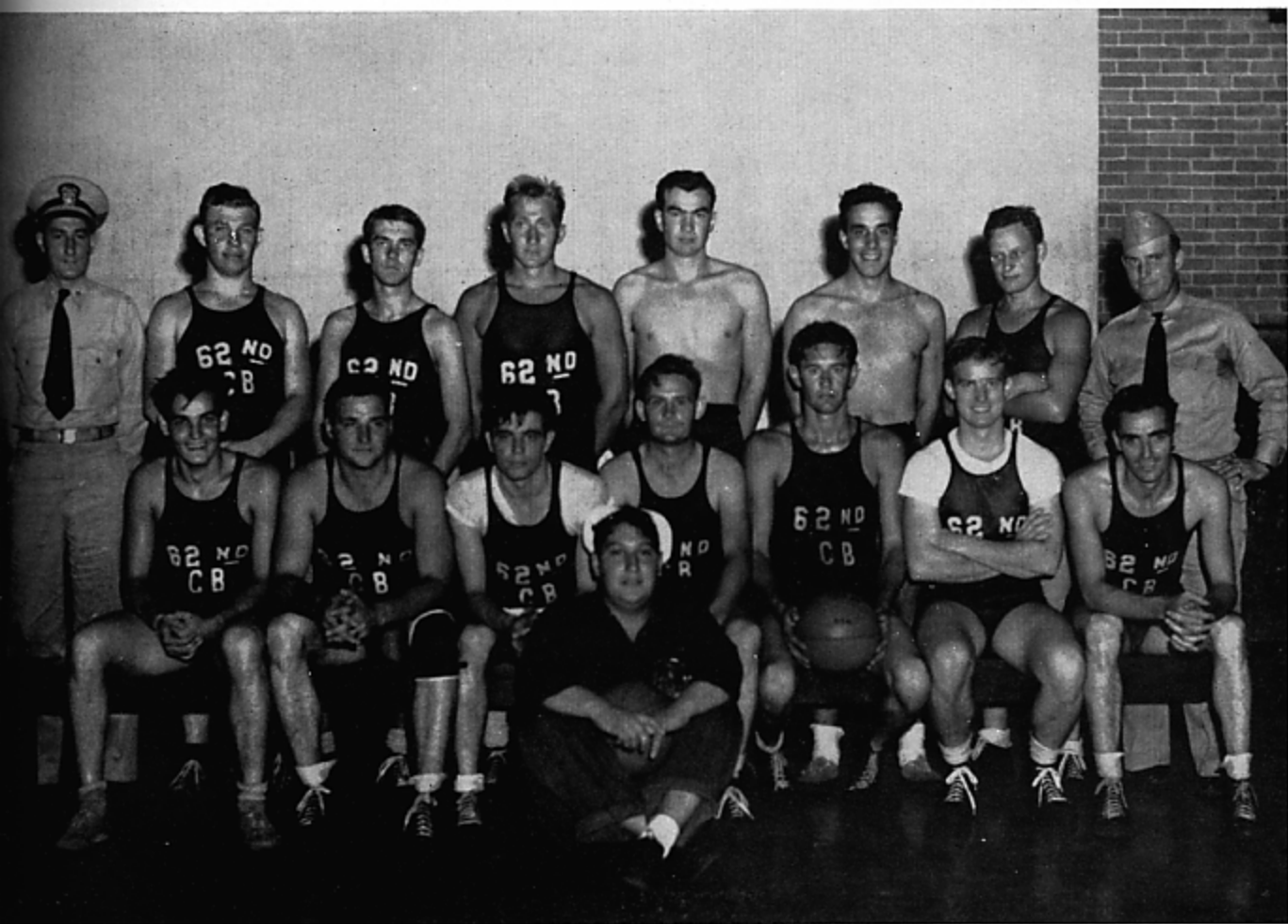
Very few overseas stations could offer the track and field facilities that were available on Oahu, at the Univer-

sity of Hawaii. The Regents of the University made their athletic plant available to the armed forces, thus providing events of a very high caliber for the general public.

The Minute-Men track team entered the All-Seabee Track meet with little preparation but they made a very creditable showing against nationally famous competition.



THE START OF THE
GRUELLING 880



BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC

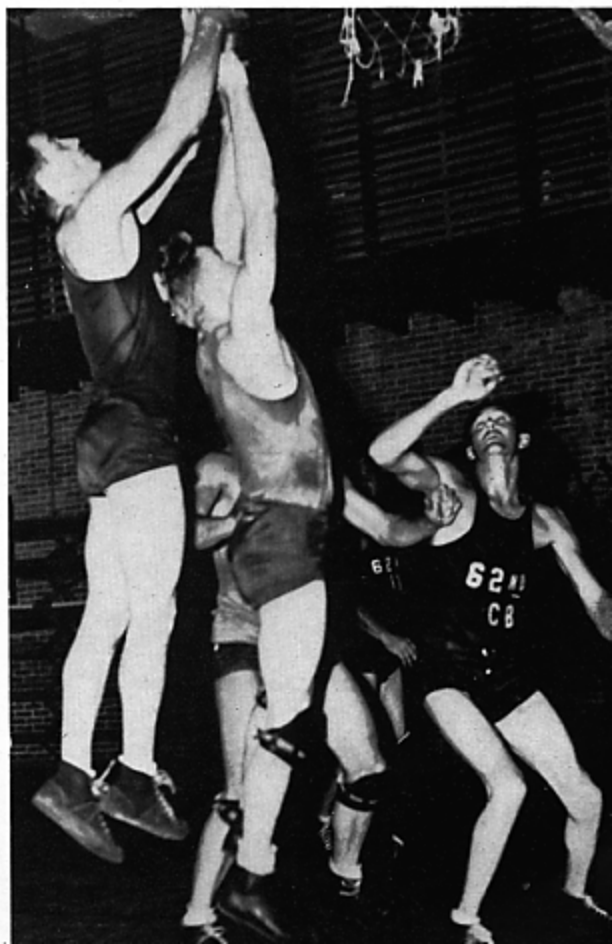
HOOP ARTISTS

We had enough outstanding basketball players in the battalion to enter a team in the fast Navy League and a second team in the tough All-Service League.

Our "A" team completed the Navy League schedule with 11 wins against five losses, and then went on to win the Central Pacific championship in the All-Seabee tournament playoffs. The "B" team knocked over many teams in its league. The battalion had just completed construction of our own court, with lights for night games and our newly organized league was just getting under way, when we were ordered to secure for movement to a forward area.

A new outdoor basketball court has just been completed in our camp recreation area here on Iwo, but as yet no organized league program has been put into operation. Possibly by the time this book has been delivered, basketball will be a major sport on Iwo Jima, as it is in the rest of the Pacific.

ART MARSHALL WINNER OF
THE ALL-SEABEE BEST
SPORTSMAN AWARD





HARDBALLERS

Many of the boys will remember our first baseball season, when we began practice with five old softball mitts, four bats, a dozen balls and no spikes or ball diamond. We practiced on the lawns at Moanaloa Park and lost half our precious balls in the nearby creek.

We moved back on the Hill when a new diamond was built and about the same time new equipment was issued and we had everything licked but the weather. While our bat boys scoured the pineapple fields for foul balls,

the tropical downpours kept the ball players running for cover.

We entered a 12-team All-Seabee league, finishing the first round in third place and moving up to second place in the final round. Our season's record for league and non-league games added up to 33 wins, two ties and 18 losses with an average of seven runs per game. We won all three games against the team that did win the league and also won a round-robin of Battalion teams on Red Hill.

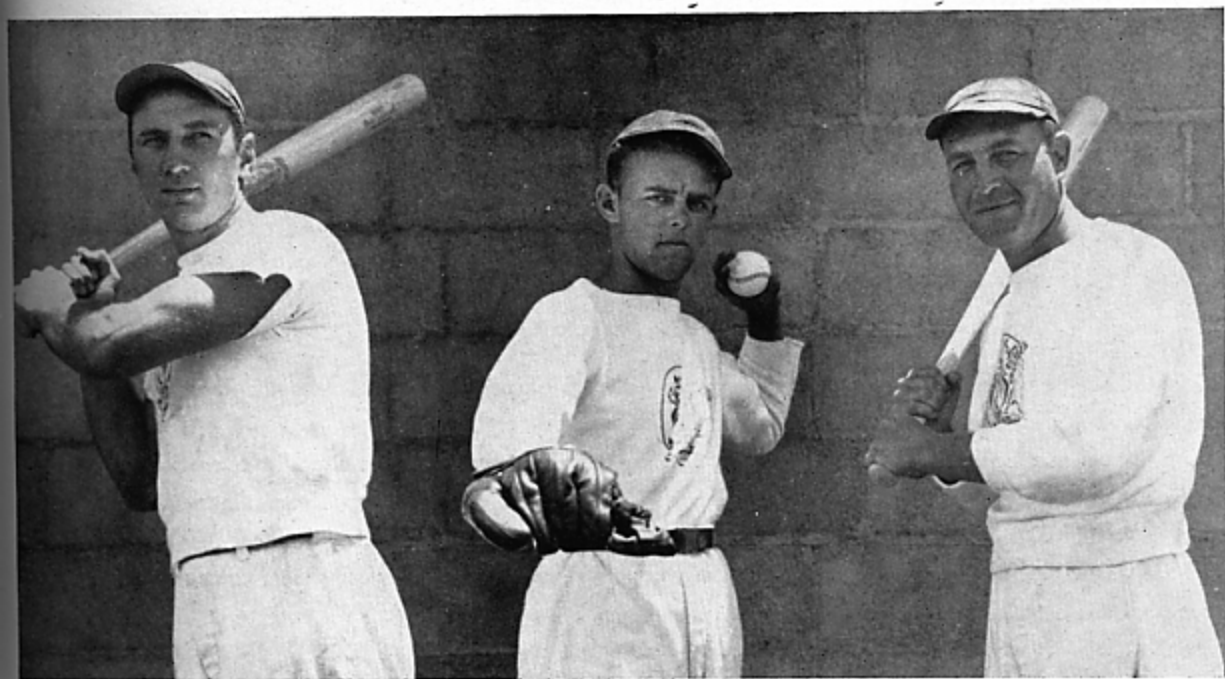
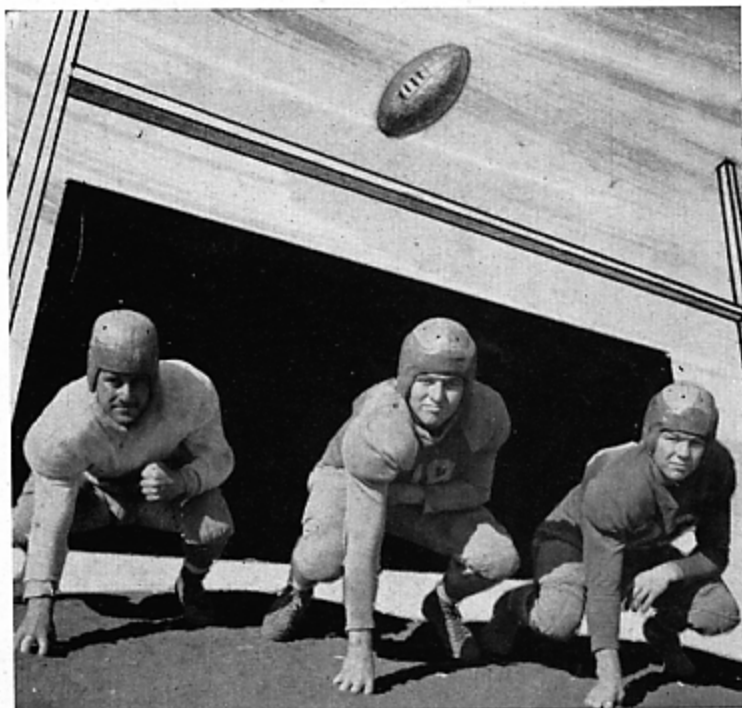


PETE AURIEMME STEALS HOME IN A GAME PLAYED ON THE RED HILL DIAMOND

PIGSKIN PUMMELERS

When the All-Star Seabee football team was organized to be entered in the All-Service League, three Sixty-second boys made the squad, two of them landing regular berths on the first team. While the Seabee team was composed mostly of men with only high school experience, the other teams in the league boasted many ex-college stars and several All-Americans.

Displaying plenty of the old Seabee "Can Do" fighting spirit this team of underdogs defeated three of the strongest teams in the league and tied another. Minute-Men Olive and Bartholow played outstanding ball at their respective positions of end and guard.



SIXTY-SECOND ALL-STAR ATHLETES

BASEBALL CHAMPIONS

The Seabee All-Star baseball team was made up of players from the 23 Seabee teams included in the two leagues. At that time the Seventh AAF had the most powerful aggregation of ball players ever assembled, with big league stars Gordon, DiMaggio, Judnick, McCormick, and Ruffing holding down regular positions.

The All-Stars played the Seventh AAF twice during the season before sell-out crowds, losing both games, but out-hitting the major leaguers in both games. Ted Kuduk played stellar ball for the Seabees in the second game, snagging four line drives to left field, and making the longest hit of the game.



SIXTY-SECOND MINUTE-MEN SOFTBALL TEAM

SOFTBALLERS

The Battalion's Minute-Men softball team held an enviable record in league play on Oahu. They suffered only one defeat in all their games, in league and non-league competition, and met the strongest teams on the Island.

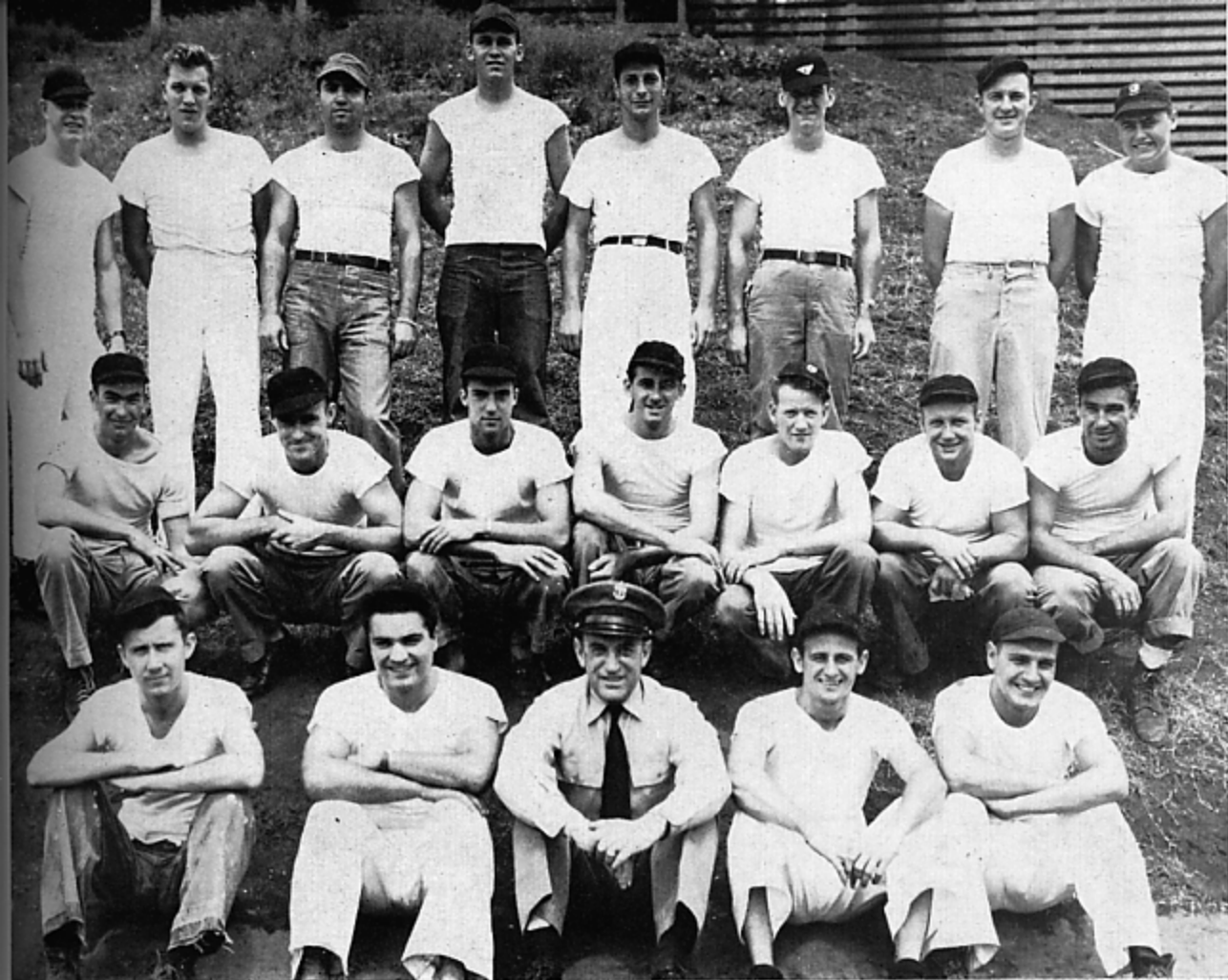
Those picnics on the beach at Maui, with beer and barbecued steaks after the game, are pleasant memories. On Kauai we played several games during our ten-

day stopover with ships' crews and Marines from troop transports.

On Iwo we had the first ball diamond in operation on the Island. Our two fields were busy from the day they were completed. Two softball leagues were organized and they played to crowds of enthusiastic servicemen every day.



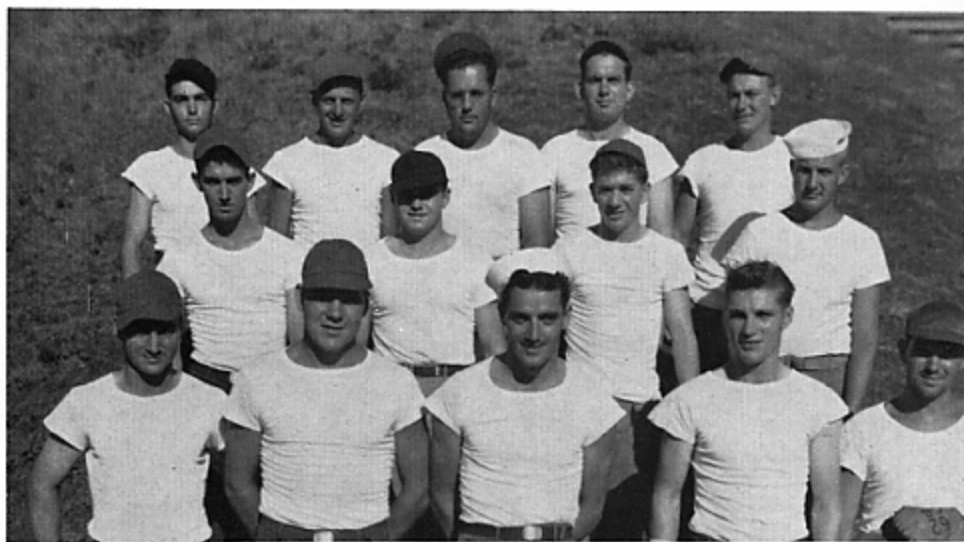
TOMMY HALL MISSES A FAST ONE



THE COOKS TEAM WON THE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN THREE LEAGUES

TWILIGHT DIAMOND DUET

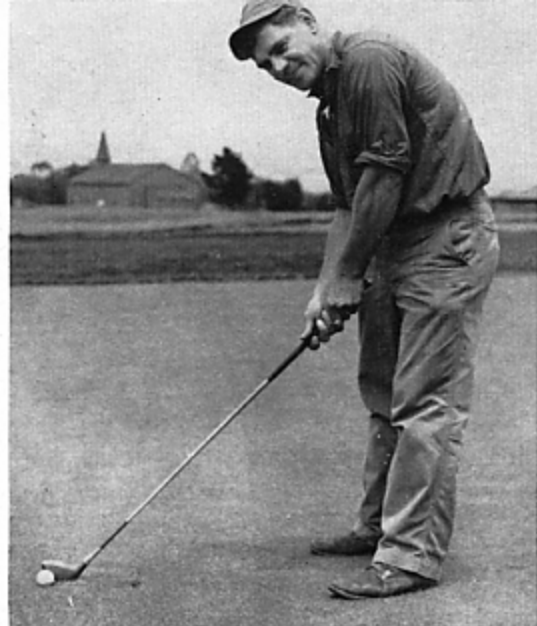
Softball was the most popular sport on Red Hill . . . Both from the player's and the spectator's standpoint . . . We had two teams in the Aiea League . . . Our own battalion had a twilight league with ten teams entered . . . In the Red Hill League we had eight teams in the 14-team league . . . Our teams won the first three spots in that league . . . On Iwo we had 16 of our own teams in the two leagues.



RIGHT, TOP: COMPANY "D" LANDED IN SECOND PLACE

BOTTOM: THE HEADQUARTERS TEAM WON THE FIRST ROUND ON RED HILL





JAKE STRAZISER



MINUTE-MEN DIVOT DIGGERS

GOLF AND TENNIS

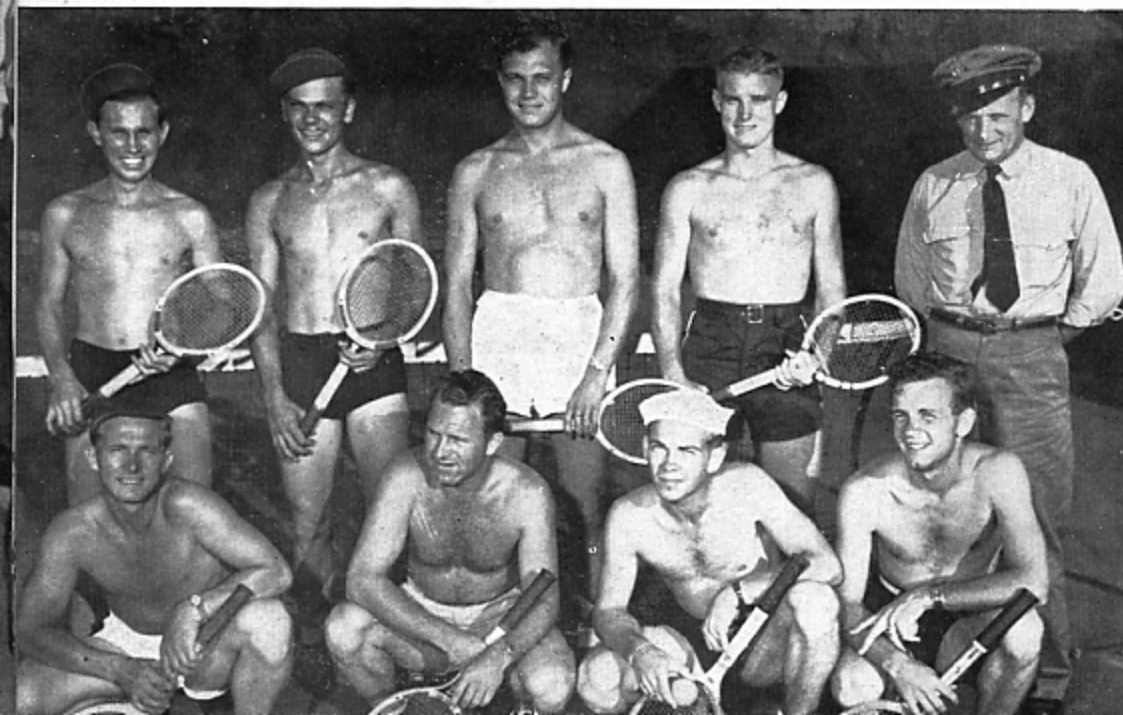
Our Golf team won honors in several Seabee tournaments and three of our men played on the All-Star team that competed against other Service teams. Jake Straziser was low man in the first Seabee tourney, and among the leaders in most of the matches.

We had our own tennis court at Red Hill which was busy from dawn till dark and we also played on the Regimental courts below the Hill. Thirty-five men competed in our own Battalion tourney and eight players entered the All-Seabee tourney, with several reaching the semi-finals.



SUNDAY THRESOME AT WAIALAE COUNTRY CLUB

SIXTY-SECOND NET STARS



LT. DUPONT, CHAMPION AND DR. SZYMANSKI, RUNNER-UP, WON THE DOUBLES



QUIVERS AND PINS



ROBINHOODS



HONOLULU BOWLING CENTER



CHAMPION PIN-KNOCKERS (CO. B)

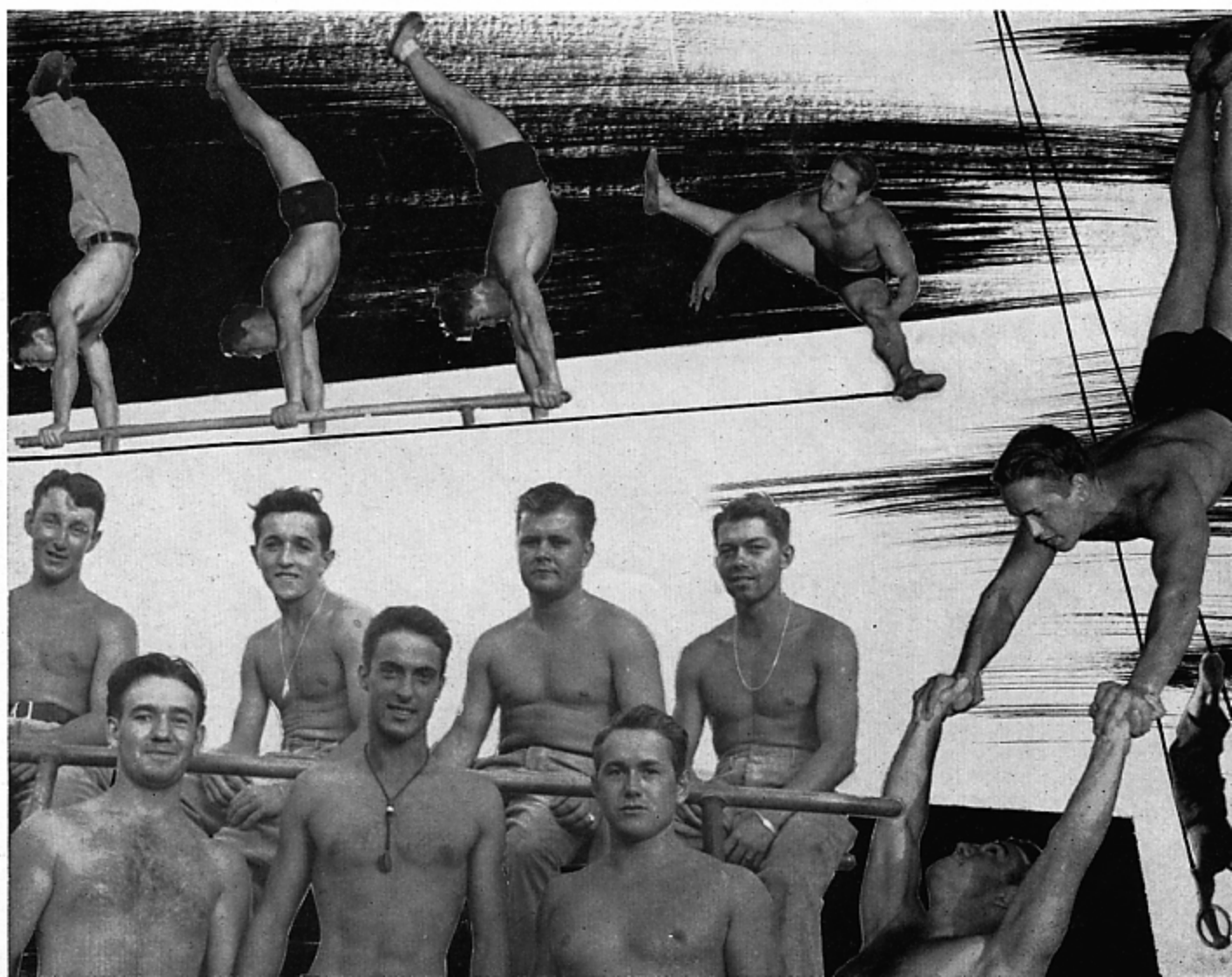
SIX-TEAM LEAGUE AT WAIKIKI





MUSCLE MEN

GYMNASTS





SWIMMING CLASS AT MAUI



CHIEF HUNT AND HIS JUNGLE HIKERS



VOLLEYBALL AT KAILUA

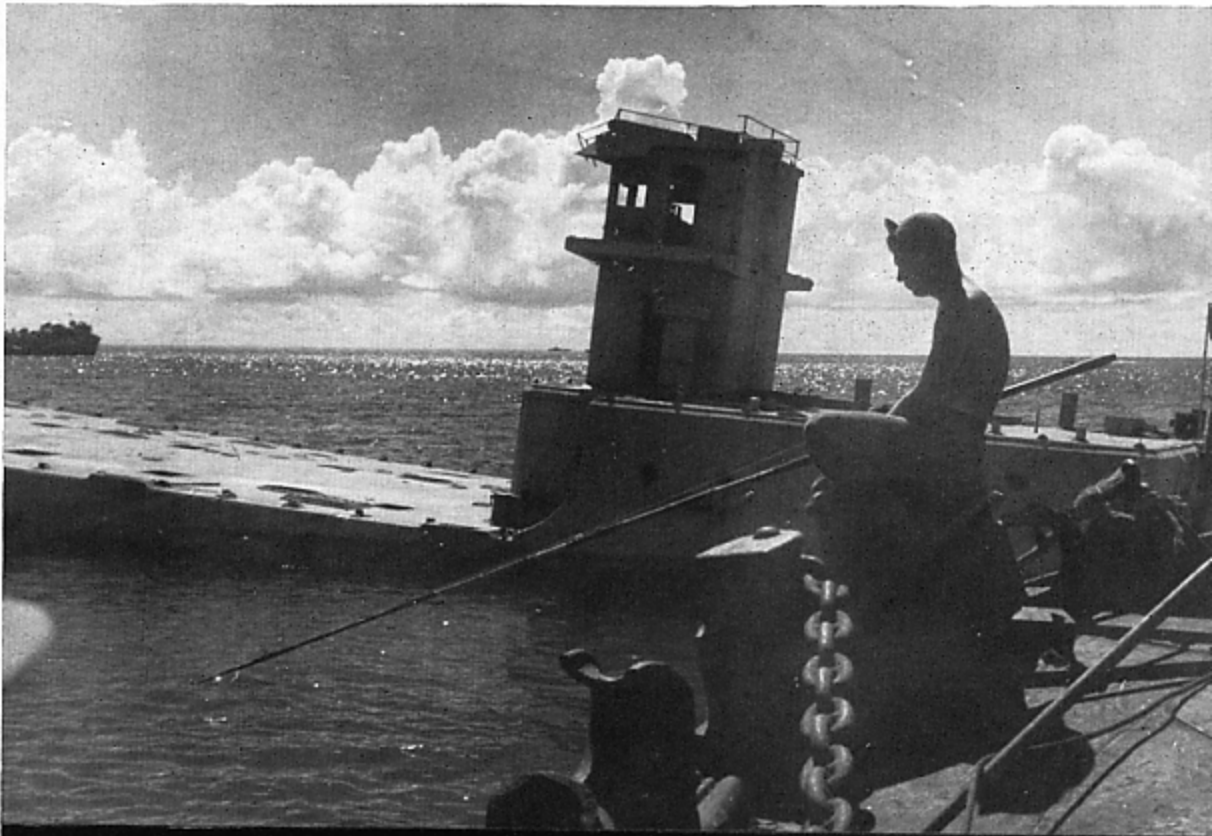
TOUCH FOOTBALL AT KAILUA



BARNYARD GOLF

IWO ADAGIO









FOOTLIGHTS

During our tour of duty at Red Hill we had more than our share of live entertainment . . . After the first year, we actually began to "watch the hands" during the "hula" shows . . . About that time first class stateside shows began to make their appearance . . . The picture above was taken at one of the first mainland shows . . . The boys just enjoyed looking at that pretty haole girl . . . In an area where Orientals were predominant, it always gave us a nostalgic feeling to see and talk to folks from our side of the pond . . . Ruth Nallifore and Sandra Shaw were favorites, playing several return engagements.



LOVELY "LITTLE NATALIE" ALSENA
SANG HER WAY INTO OUR HEARTS

WHEN THE "BLONDE BOMBER" GAVE
OUT WITH "THEY'RE EITHER TOO
YOUNG OR TOO OLD," IN THE
ALLEN JENKINS SHOW, THE HOUSE
CAME DOWN AROUND OUR EARS



THE HAWAIIAN HULA IS ALWAYS
DANCED BY EVERYONE BUT HA-
WAIANS

BETTY SMITH WAS A REAL WESTERN
COWGIRL IN THE TOM BOYD RO-
DEO SHOW



A LOT OF THE BOYS COULD HAVE
TOLD ENSIGN BLANCHARD WHAT
TO DO WITH HIS HANDS

NATHAN LIPSITZ WAS A LITTLE
WORRIED AS THE HAWAIIAN SING-
ER WORKED ON HIM FROM THE
FEET UP

