U. S. NAVAL HOSPITAL, AIEA HEIGHTS, T. H.

Christmas Menu 1945

Tomato Bisque *Salty Wafers*

Pickles *Olives* *Celery*

Roast Mainland Turkey

Old-fashioned Bread Dressing *Giblet Gravy*

Cranberry Sauce

Baked Spiced Ham

Snowflake Potatoes *Candied Sweet Potatoes*

Buttered Fresh Peas *Buttered Fresh Corn*

Buttered Hot Parker House Rolls

Iceberg Lettuce *Thousand Island Dressing*

Ice Cream

Fruit Cake *Mince Pie*

Assorted Fruits

Candies *Mixed Nuts*

Ice Tea *Coffee* *Grape Punch*

Cigars *Cigarettes*

LT. (jg) D. L. FINCH (HC), USN, *Commissary Officer*

WING KIT LUM, *Steward*

M. L. TRAYAH, *Chief Commissary Steward*

Christmas Greetings from the Commanding Officer

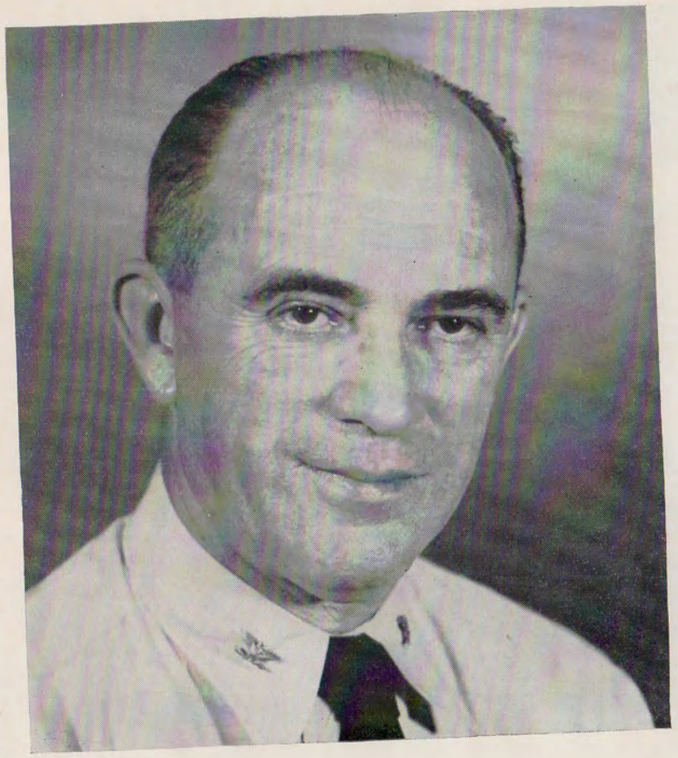
This is Aiea Heights fourth Christmas and the first Christmas which has been observed under other than active war conditions. The Victory has been ours and all those who have served at Aiea during the past year should feel grateful for the opportunity so afforded to aid and mend the brave men who won that victory.

At this time I wish to congratulate you all on the excellent manner in which you have availed yourselves of this opportunity for service. You have caused this hospital to be long and affectionately remembered by the thousands of casualties who have received treatment here and you may well take pride in that achievement.

The heartiest Christmas greetings and a Happy New Year to all hands and to our dear ones at home. May another Christmas find you all reunited with your families. With Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men.

L O Stone

CAPTAIN (MC), USN



CAPTAIN O. A. SMITH
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United States Navy
Executive Officer

CAPT. R. W. TAYLOR
Dental Corps
United States Navy
Chief of Dental Services

CAPTAIN D. M. TEGROEN
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United States Navy
Chief of Medical Services

COMDR. W. J. GERMAN
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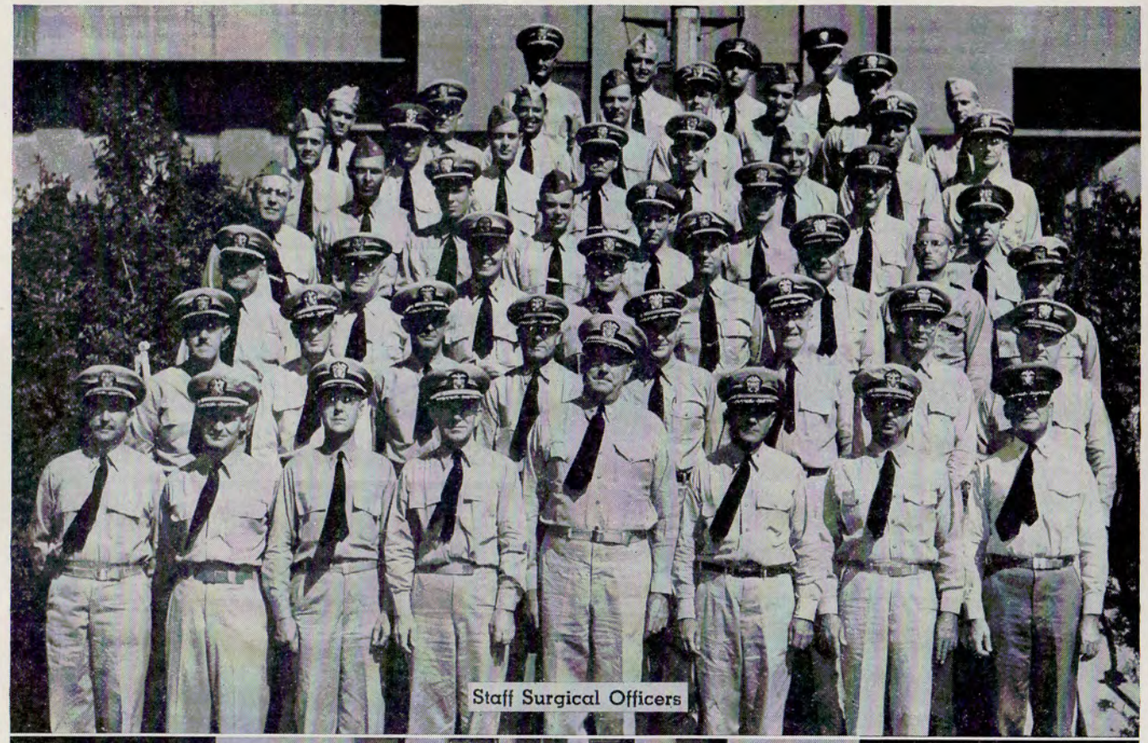
United States Naval Reserve
Chief of Surgical Services



Staff Surgical Officers

Staff Medical Officers

LT. COMDR. MARY L. BENNER
Nurse Corps
United States Navy
Principal Chief Nurse

LT. COMDR. C. S. FAY (HC) USN
Administrative Assistant

Staff Officers Of The Navy Nurse Corps

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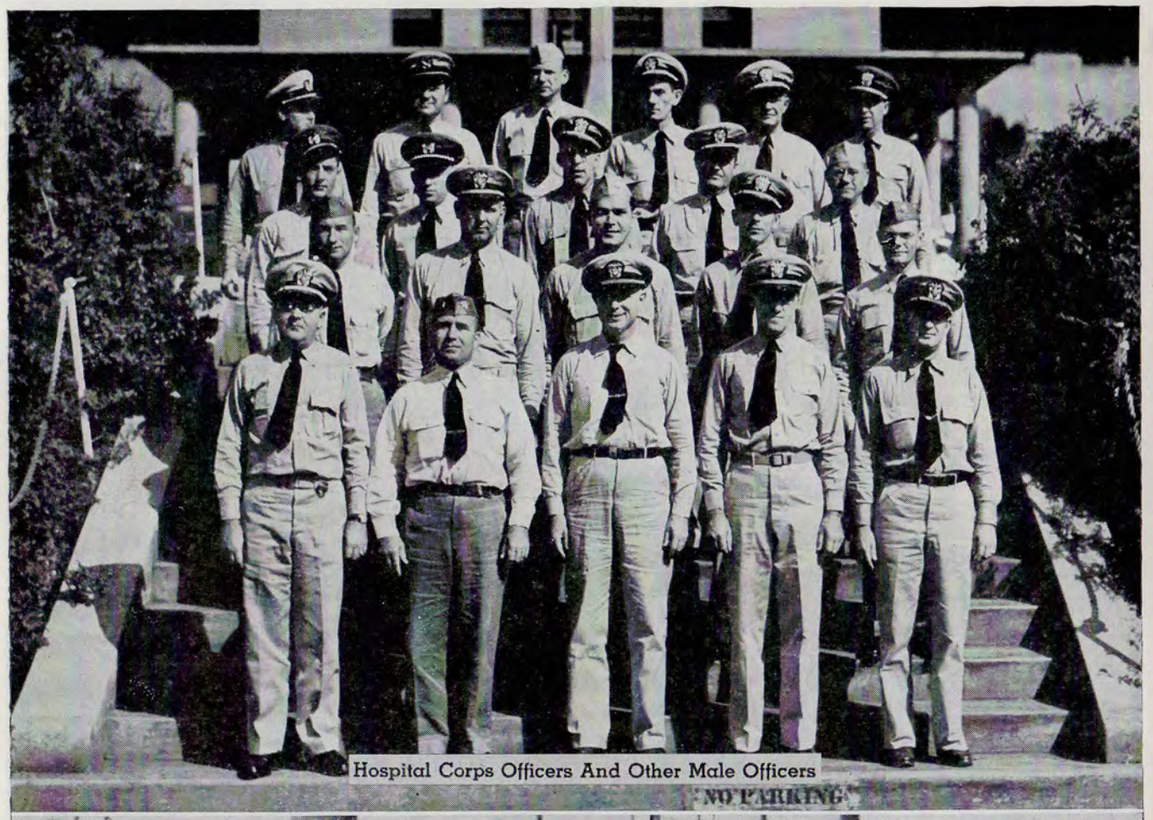
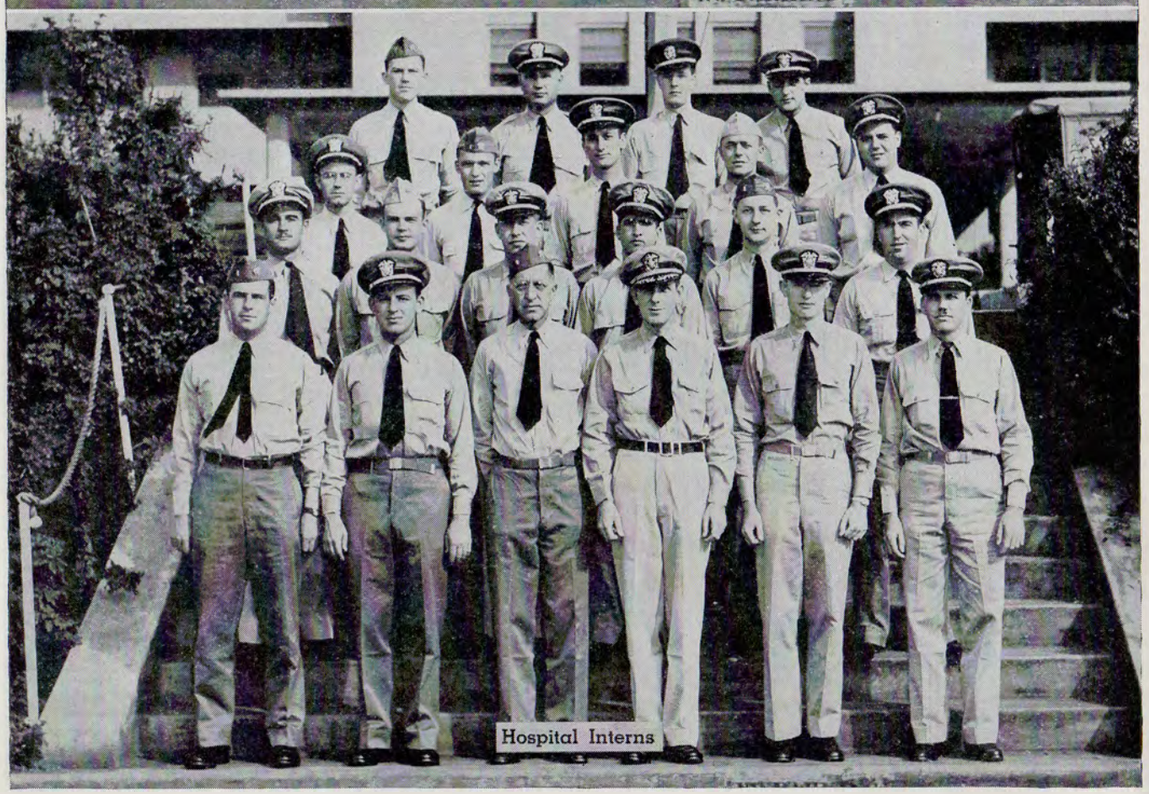


Hospital Corps Officers And Other Male Officers

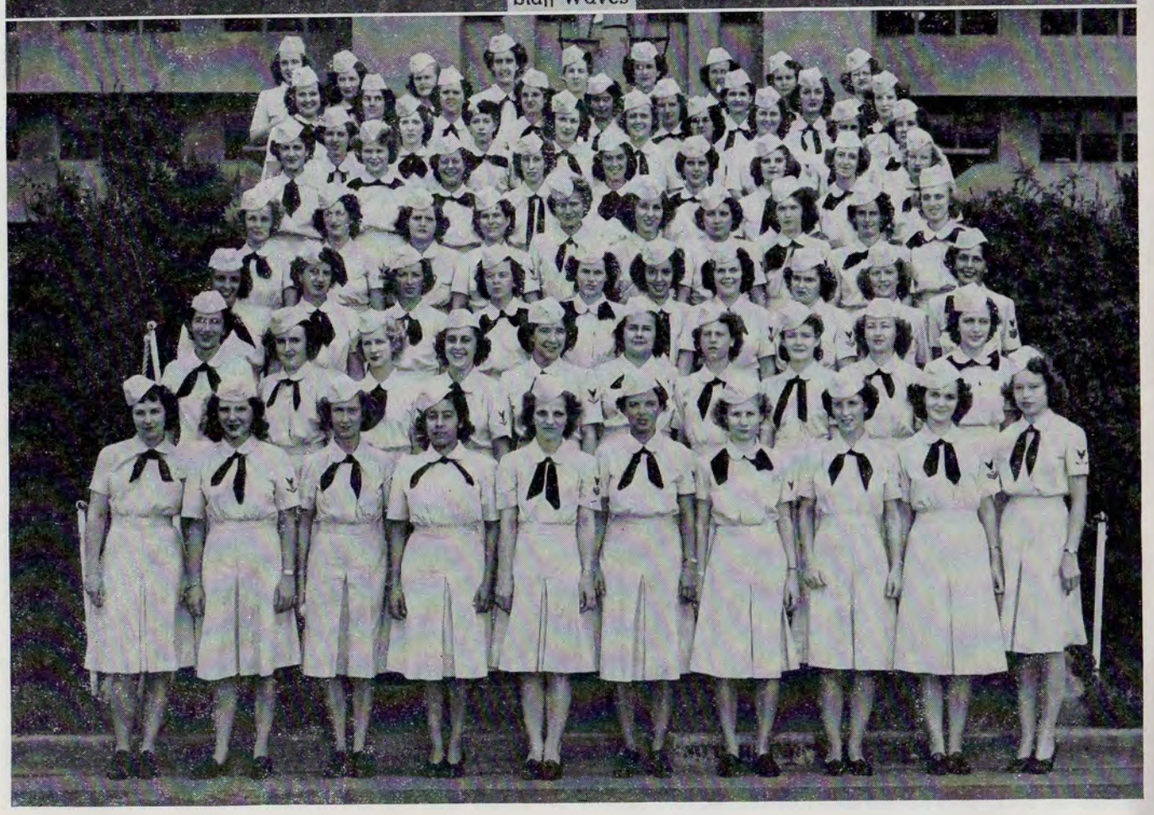


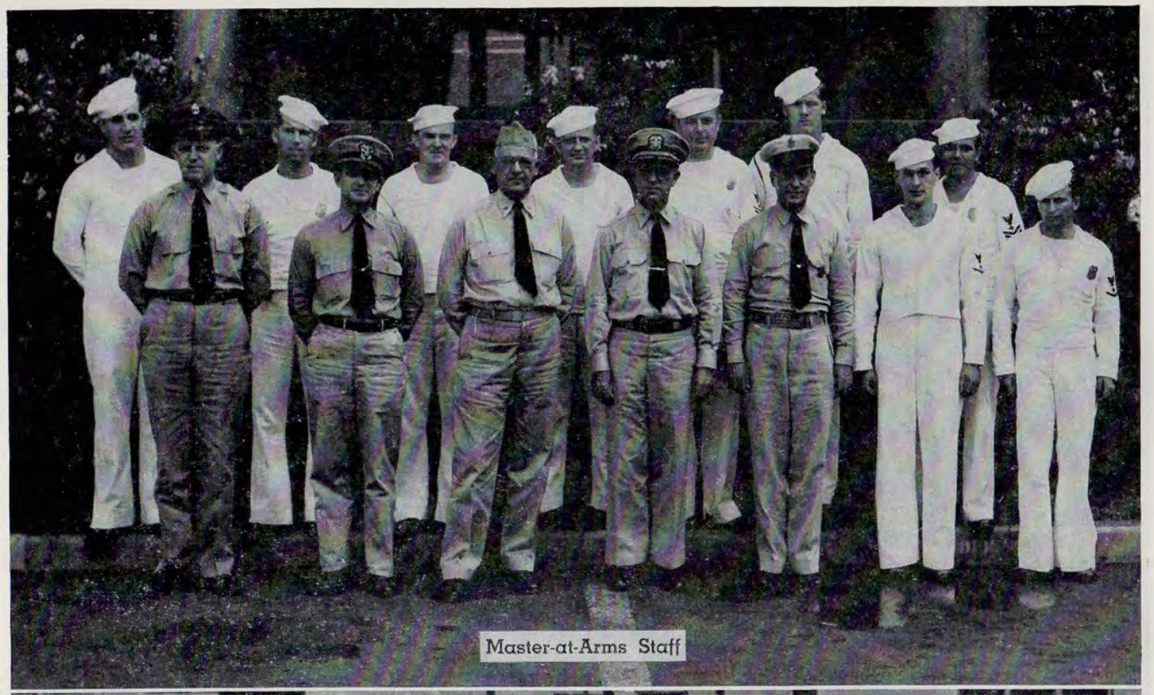
Hospital Interns

Wave Officers

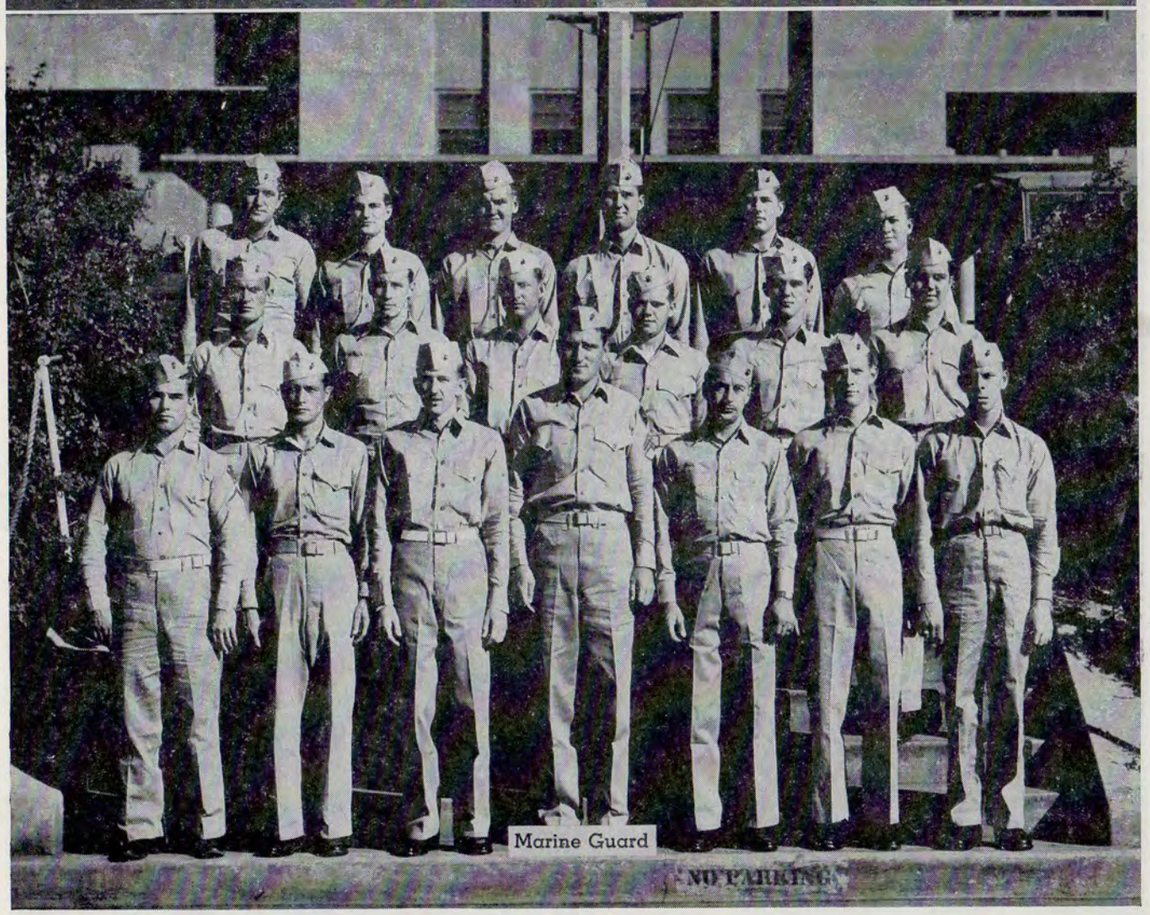
Chief Petty Officers

Staff Waves





Master-at-Arms Staff



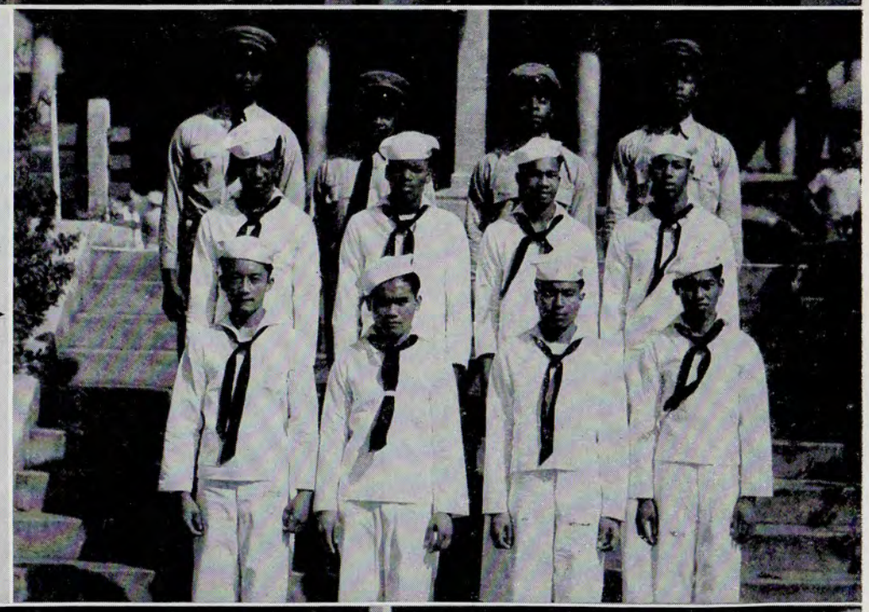
Marine Guard

Occupational Therapy Staff

Red Cross and Grey Ladies

Fire Department Staff

Mess Attendants



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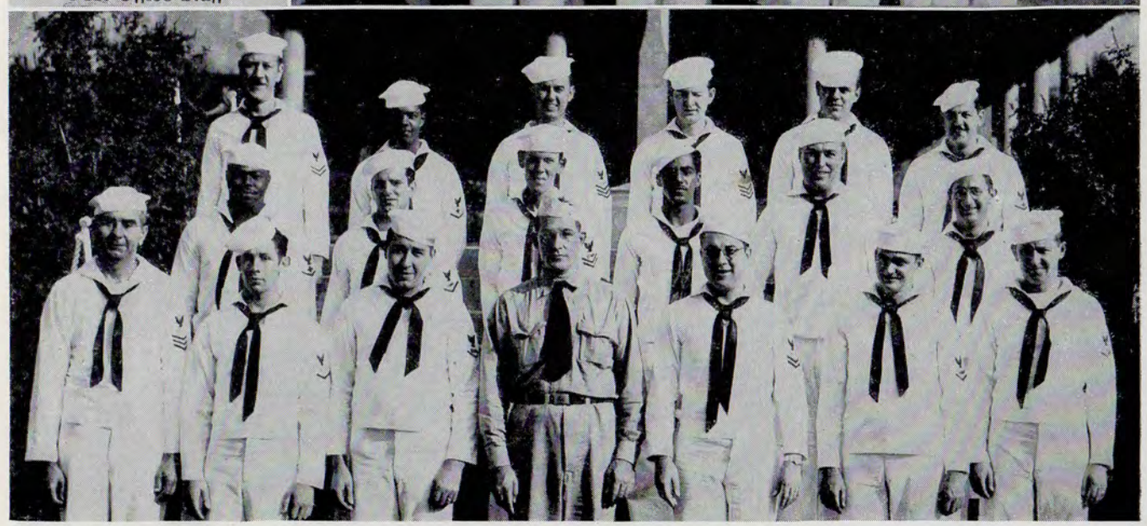
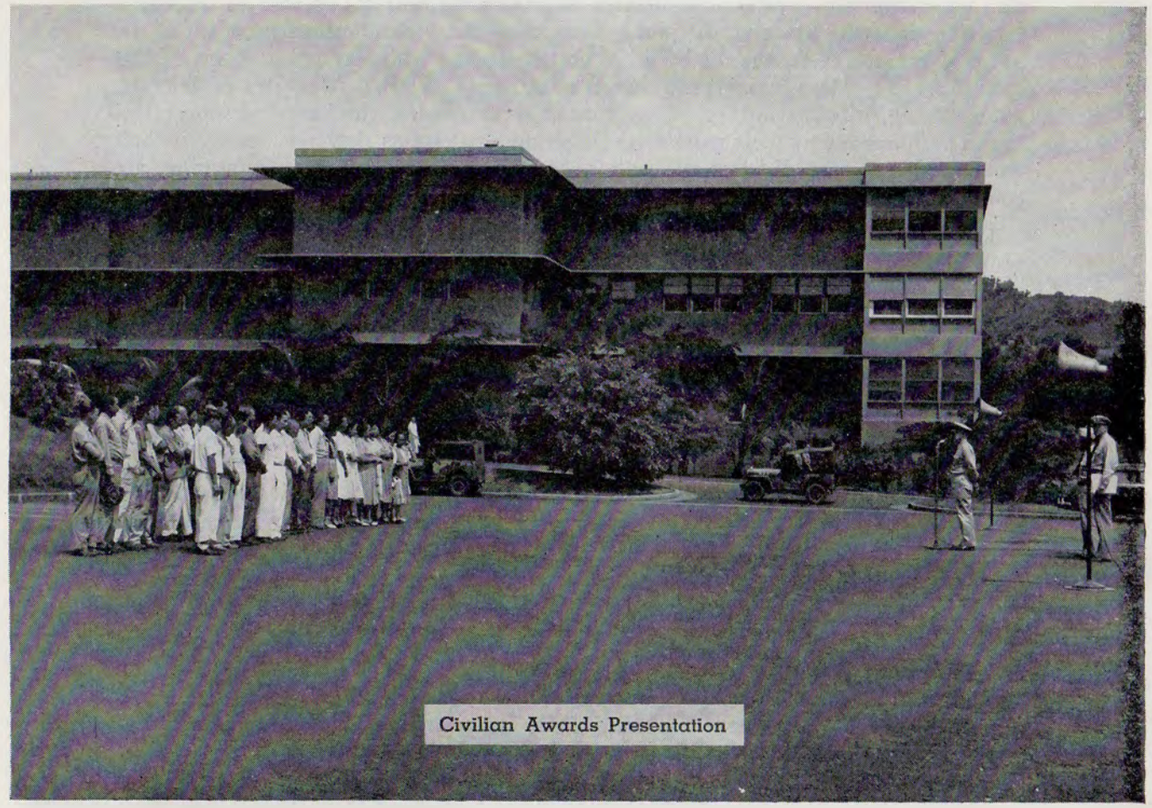


Dental Department Staff

Disbursing Office Staff

Hospital Corps Office Staff

Medical Supply Depot Staff



Civilian Awards Presentation

Hospital History

Throughout the Pacific war the Naval Hospital at Aiea Heights has been the center of the Navy's medical department in its care, treatment, and rehabilitation of personnel wounded in the many battles of the conflict against Japan. Located high on Halawa Ridge overlooking Pearl Harbor, the Aiea Heights hospital was commissioned on November 11th, 1943. Rear Admiral J. J. A. McMullin (MC) USN, was the first commanding officer. Captain L. O. Stone (MC) USN, is the present medical officer in command. Captain O. A. Smith is the executive officer.

With the beginning of the central Pacific offensive at Tarawa the hospital assumed an important role in waging the war. After the several island invasions leading to Japan's doorstep and decisive naval engagements, wounded sailors and marines began to arrive at Aiea in great numbers. The hospital has cared for over one hundred thousand patients and well over half of these were wounded in battle.

Some of the great leaders of the medical profession serving in the Navy have been members of the staff of the Aiea Heights hospital. Here their professional skill was unselfishly given in saving the lives of many thousand seriously wounded servicemen.

Aiea Heights is much more than just a large hospital, it is in the words of many of the patients "the next best place to home". Here patients find an atmosphere which is conducive to speedy recovery. Many forms of recreation are provided by the staff as well as volunteer Red Cross workers and other organizations.

Hospital corpsmen publish their own newspaper, a snappy six page weekly edition which contains stories and pictures of life at the hospital as well as the battle experiences of the patients. A unique feature of the rehabilitation program is the hospital art studio, conducted by a hospital corpsman who was a well known artist in civilian life. Here patients may receive instruction in the principles of fine art, woodcarving, block printing. Many wounded servicemen who have had some training in painting renew their work with brush and palette as they recover from their wounds. Many other lines of endeavour, from basket weaving to dirt farming, are provided the patients who come to Aiea.

The hospital maintains its own "victory farm" in which many fresh vegetables are grown as well as the tropical fruits of the Hawaiian Islands. Orchid culture has become a very popular hobby with many of the patients and staff members, as has raising bees in an experimental hive set up near the farm. Outdoor work provides needed exercise for many men who have suffered injury to their legs and arms.

Food is one of the greatest builders of broken bodies and the hospital commissary is well equipped and staffed to provide the best fresh food available. Patients eat in two large mess halls and serve themselves from modern steam tables, following the well established rule of taking all they want and eating all they take. Modern diet carts speed hot food to the hospital's 70 wards. One of the favorites with all servicemen returning from the forward areas is ice cream, a special recipe for fourteen percent butterfat ice cream is used at Aiea.

The hospital is equipped with tennis courts, swimming pool, bowling alleys, two theaters where all the latest movies and the best USO camp shows are shown. Two large and well stocked libraries provide ample reading matter for patients, and trained civilian librarians visit the hospital wards every day with the latest best sellers and magazines for patients confined to bed. Aiea Heights has its own baseball stadium, seating nearly three thousand fans, its team, the Hilltoppers, has had some of the baseball greats performing for the entertainment of the patients who flock to the "mile high" diamond twice a week for league games. Other sports such as boxing events, softball games and swimming meets are provided by hospital corpsmen during their leisure hours.

The hospital boasts of its own radio network. Each patient has a set of earphones beside his bed with a choice of two radio stations. In addition to the Honolulu stations the patients may also listen to shortwave broadcasts from the States, special recorded shows provided the armed forces, play by play descriptions of sporting events by their local newscaster and broadcasts which originate among the patients on many of the wards.

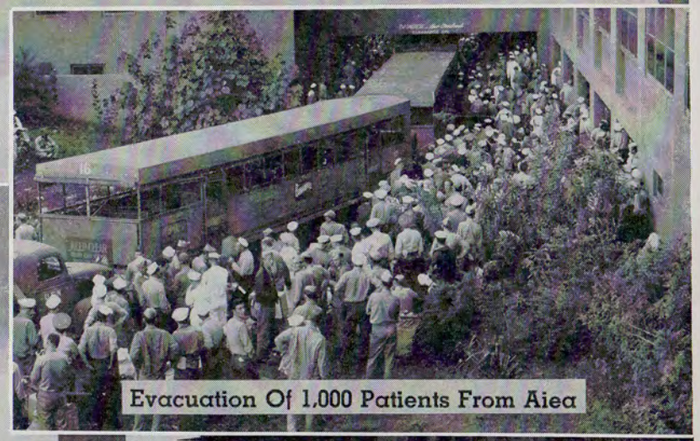
Over a hundred medical officers are on duty at all times to provide the best in medical care that money can buy. Almost three hundred nurses staff the hospital and over a thousand well trained hospital corpsmen are engaged in the care of sailors and marines at Aiea.

During the past two months, since the surrender of Japan, Aiea Hospital has been playing host to hundreds of RAMPs (recovered allied military personnel). Here the liberated Yanks spend twenty-four hours (or longer if they desire) on their homeward flight. They are provided new uniforms, good food (thick T-Bone steaks with all the fixings), money, and in short everything they want. A special department has been set up at the hospital for the speedy handling of these men and every effort is made to make their short stay enjoyable and comfortable.

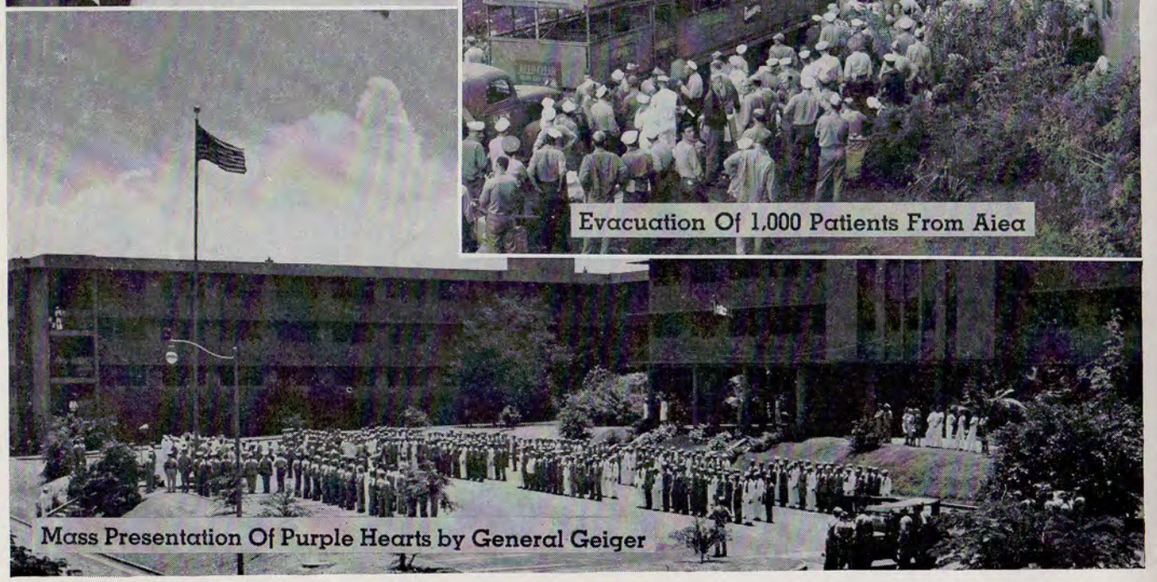
Aiea will continue to play an important role in the care and treatment of the men of the fleet. Recently the Navy's Surgeon General, Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, urged that the hospital be retained by the Navy as one of the permanent post war establishments of the Pacific Ocean Area.

Captain Lhamon Takes Command From Captain Hargrave In Colorful Ceremony

Celebration Of Liberated Nurses At Aiea



Evacuation Of 1,000 Patients From Aiea



Mass Presentation Of Purple Hearts by General Geiger

Liberated Nurses Return From Philippines

Young Racps, Ages 5 and 3, At Aiea

Ramps Have Their Chow At Aiea

Liberated Canadian Missionaries At Aiea

Flight Nurse Cares For Wounded On Their Way Ho

Chaplain's Editorial For Christmas:

After many years of war, the world at large will be privileged once again to celebrate the Christmas season during a time of peace. To be sure, we ought the more be able to catch the true spirit of that first Christmas, when the song of the angels was heard by Judean shepherds, as they sang "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Possibly war conditions made it rather difficult for many of us to sense the true meaning of Christmas joy, because the separations, anxieties and heartaches of war far outshone the mirth of the usual Christmas season. No doubt the poem verse penned by Henry W. Longfellow, "And in despair I bowed my head, There is no peace on earth I said, For hate is strong and mocks the song Of peace on earth, Good will to Men" was often in our mind and thought, and an evident truth in war times.

However, this Christmas season is different, and no longer should such thoughts occupy our minds, if ever at all, because our Christmas bells will peal the glad note that peace is heralded anew to a waiting world. These bells will tell the glad refrain of that better and other thought of Longfellow when he wrote "God is not dead, nor doth He sleep. The wrong shall fail, the right prevail, with peace on earth, good will to men."

Such, I believe should be the spirit of this new Christmas season, now that peace has come to a war-weary world. True, we can scarce so soon forget the reality of the devastation and havoc wrought by the hosts of war-lord Thor, that overran peace-loving nations and paralyzed the country-side with terror and left bloody ruin wherever they passed. The wreckage of war fills our eyes with tears as we vision fields of produce in waste, cities pilfered and in ruins, homes broken, loved ones gone, never to return, and millions starving and homeless. It is true, we are aware of these conditions, and no doubt they have a tendency on the one hand to dampen our spirit of joy, but on the other hand they cause us, too, to realize that there is greater reason for joy because of the turn of events in our day, some parallel to events of other days.

For once again, we are reminded that right prevailed and God is the ruler still, and the parallel of another day is ours to note when we recall the joy of the first Christmas brought to the humble shepherds of Judea, who heard heaven's message imparted to them by an angel, who said, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

Fear fled, when the shepherds were assured by heaven's messenger that the world was to receive the gift of God's love, Christ the Savior, the bringer of Peace.

Today, our fears too are stilled as we sense with the shepherds the importance of heaven's message to earth, the joy of peace.

Fear gone, and faith confirmed the shepherds hastened to find the source of joy, and when they found the babe they returned and shared their joy with others.

If our fears are gone and our faith confirmed, we too should be willing to share our joy with a world that awaits the message of a lasting peace in this new Christmas season.

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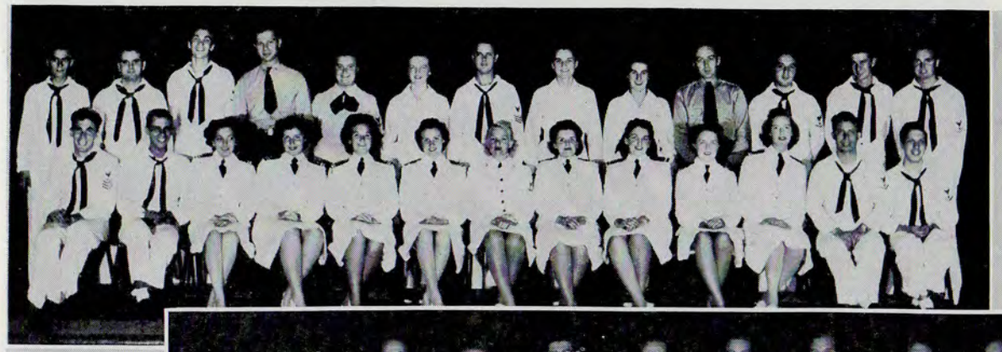
CHAPLAIN TINKLENBERG

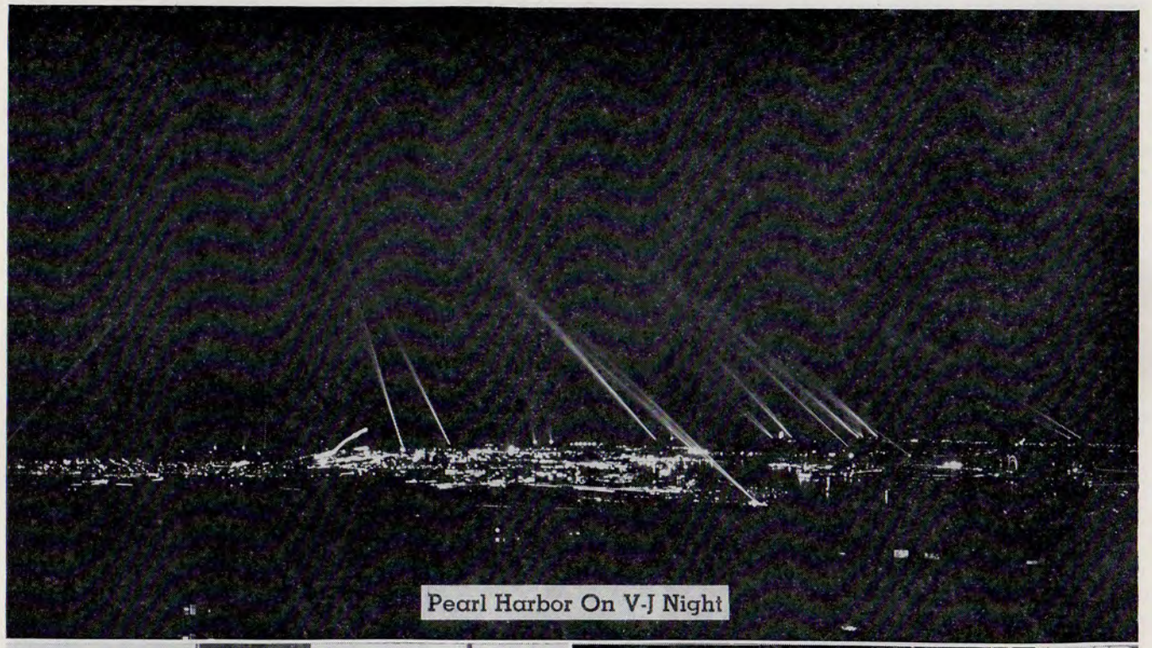


Catholic Choir

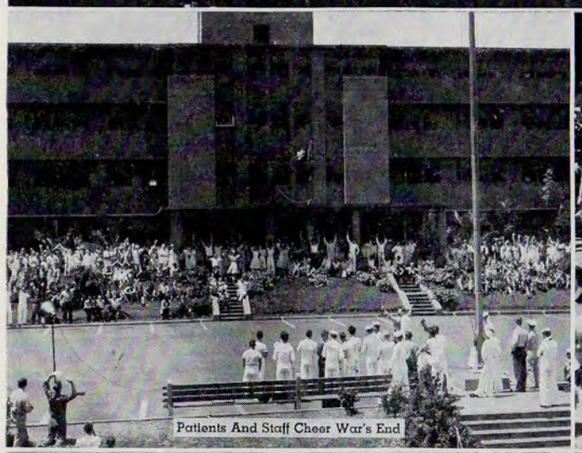
Protestant Choir

Easter Services

Captain Patton's Funeral Services

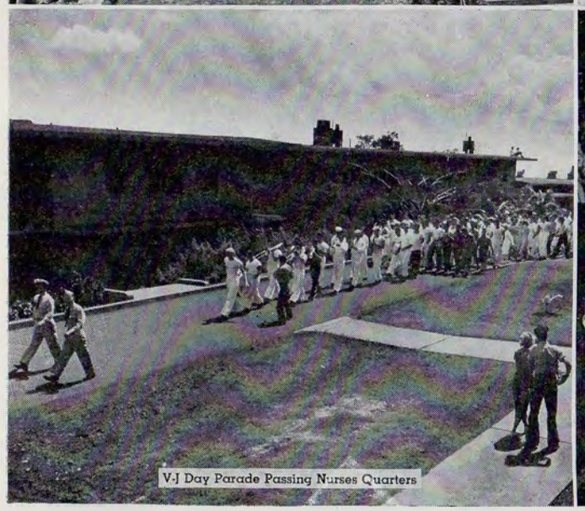


Pearl Harbor On V-J Night



Patients And Staff Cheer War's End

Waves In V-J Parade In Honolulu



V-J Day Parade Passing Nurses Quarters

V-J Dance In Parking Lot

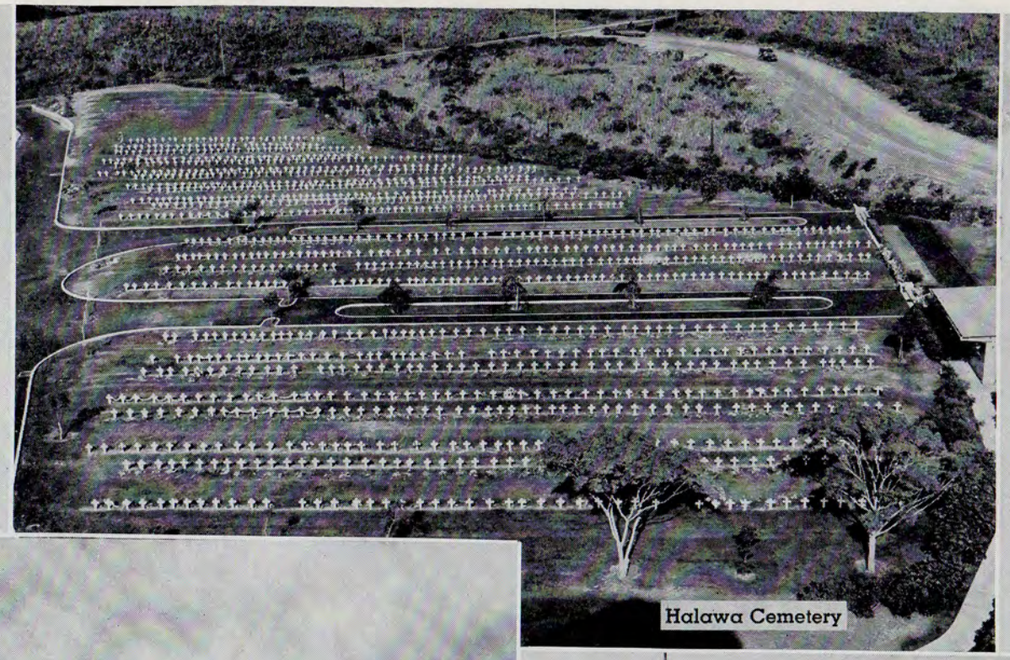
Red Cross Canteen At Hickam Field

Red Cross Worker Serving Patient

Patients And Staff Have Chow At Red Cross Party

Patients Enjoy Miniature Horse Race At Red Cross Party

Electric Train Built By Patients And Staff At Aiea



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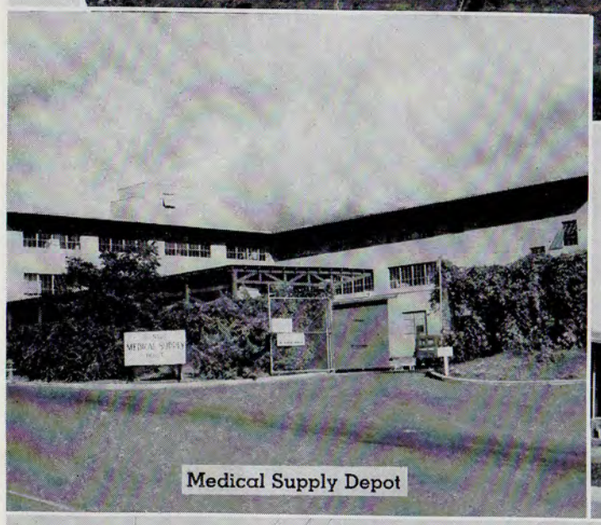
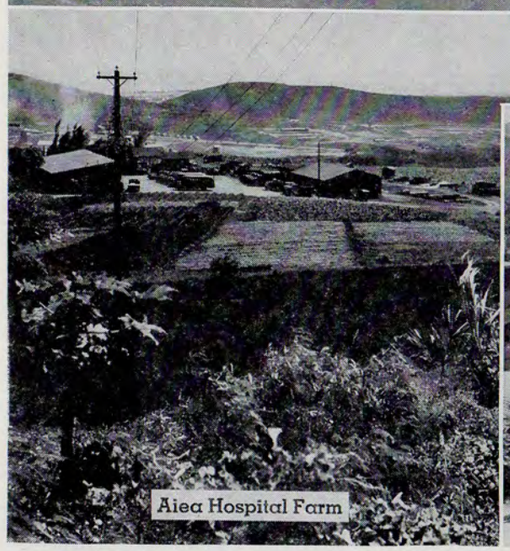
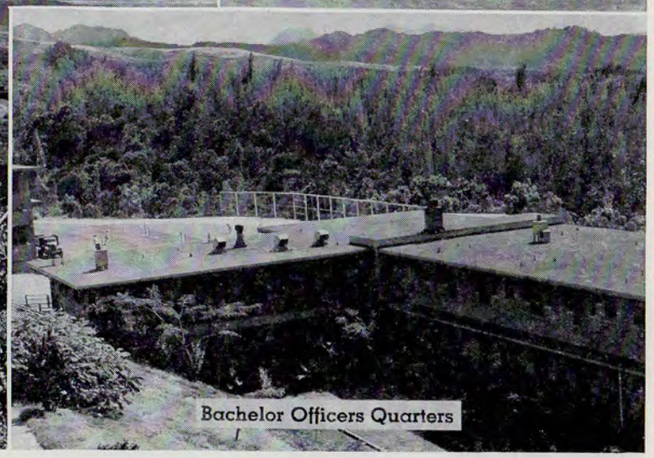


Medical Supply Depot

American Red Cross Building



Aiea Hospital Farm



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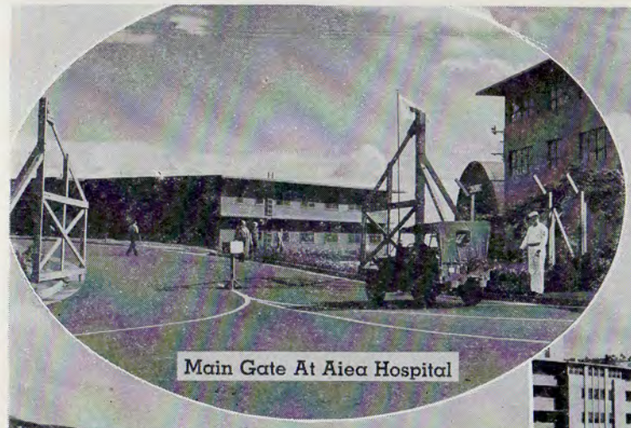
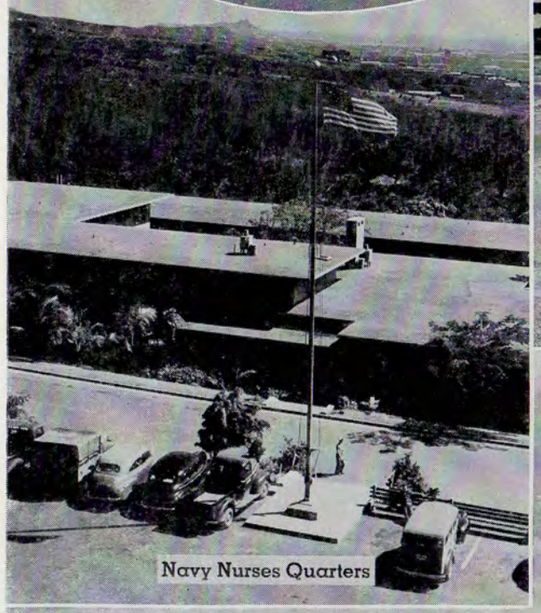


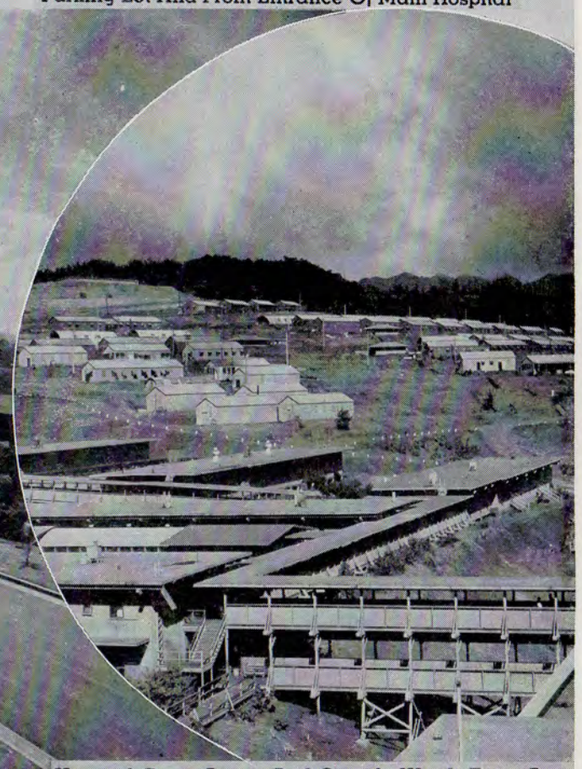
Main Gate At Aiea Hospital

Parking Lot And Front Entrance Of Main Hospital



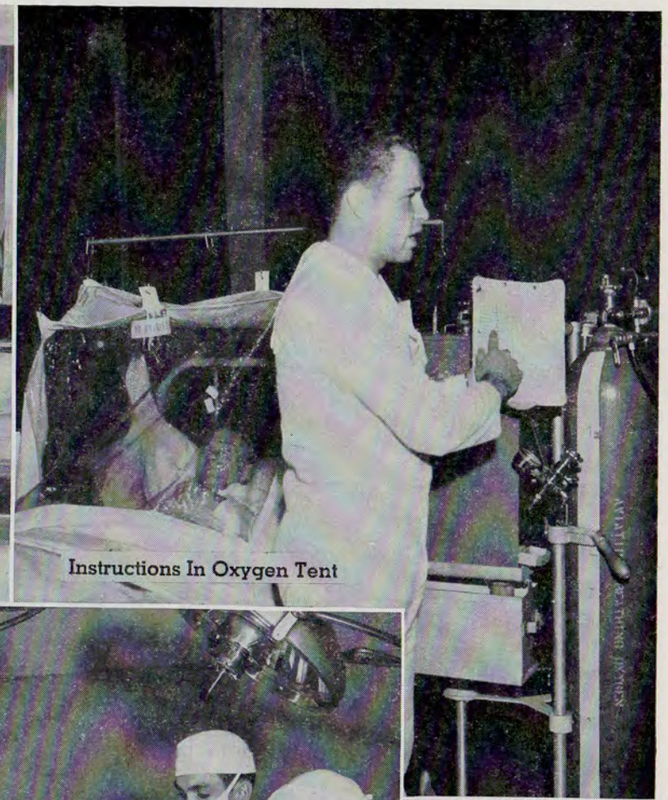
Navy Nurses Quarters

Hospital Corps Quarters



Hospital Corps Annex And Outside Wards From Atop The Hospital

X-Ray Unit



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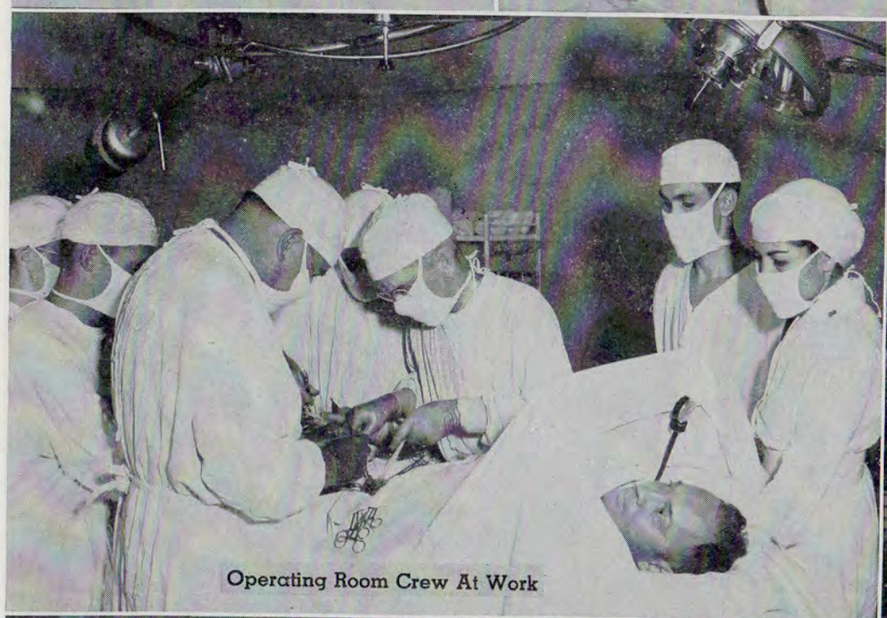


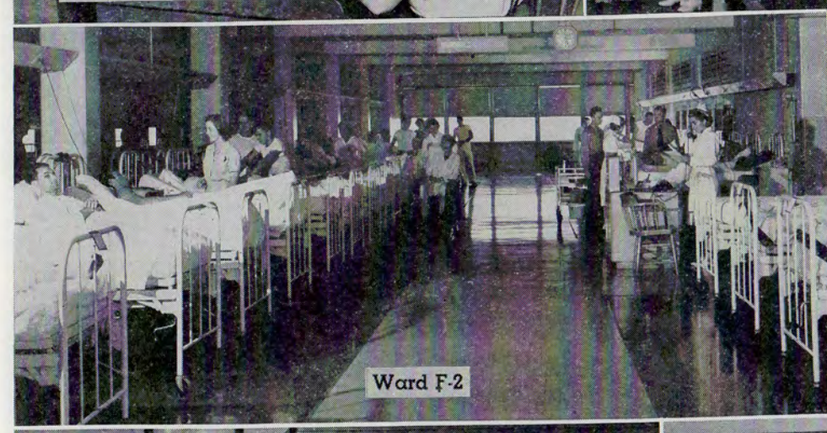
Operating Room Crew At Work

Recording Of An Interview On The Ward

Dental Prosthetic Clinic

Post Office At Work

Occupational Therapy



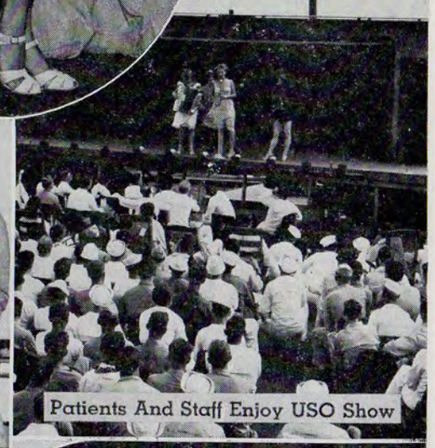
Ward F-2

Radio Room

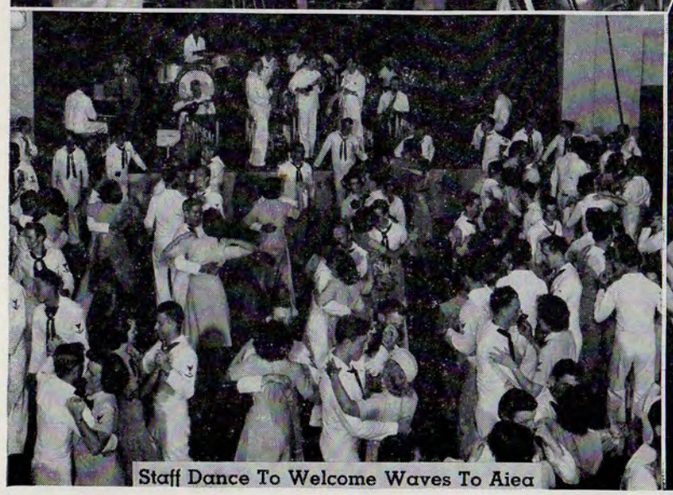
Laundry At Work

Seven O'Clock Detail

Marine Group Entertain On Ward At Aiea



Patients And Staff Enjoy USO Show



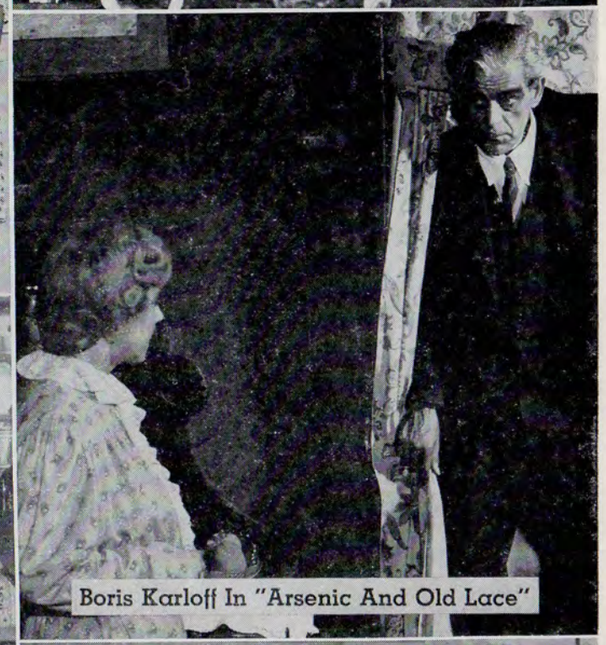
Staff Dance To Welcome Waves To Aiea

Jack Carson And Chili Williams Entertain

Curtain Call Of "Girl Crazy"

Charles Butterworth In USO Camp Show

Grant Mitchell In "The Late Christopher Bean"



Boris Karloff In "Arsenic And Old Lace"

Patients And Staff Enjoy USO Show In Rain

First Wave Chief At Aiea

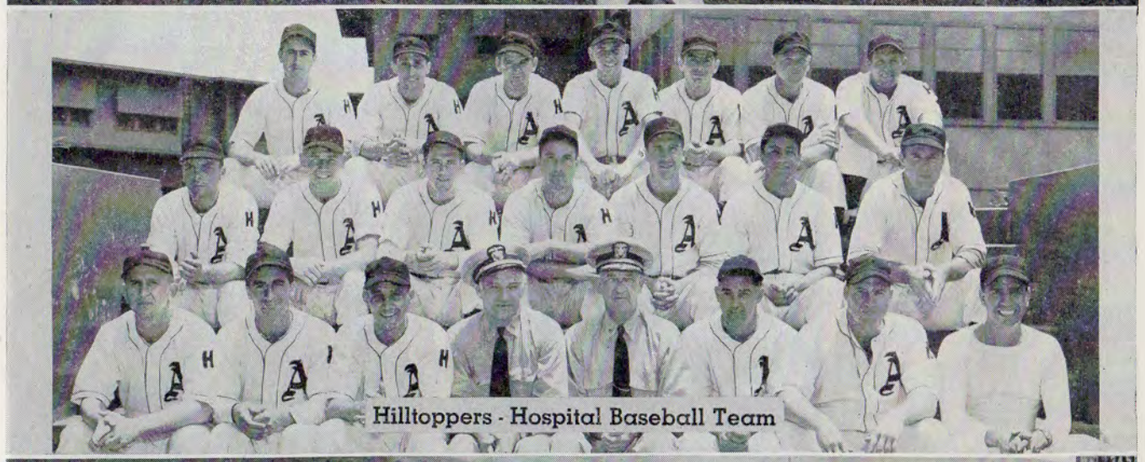
Checking In At Aiea

Waves Make Their Own Bunks

Waves Model Uniforms

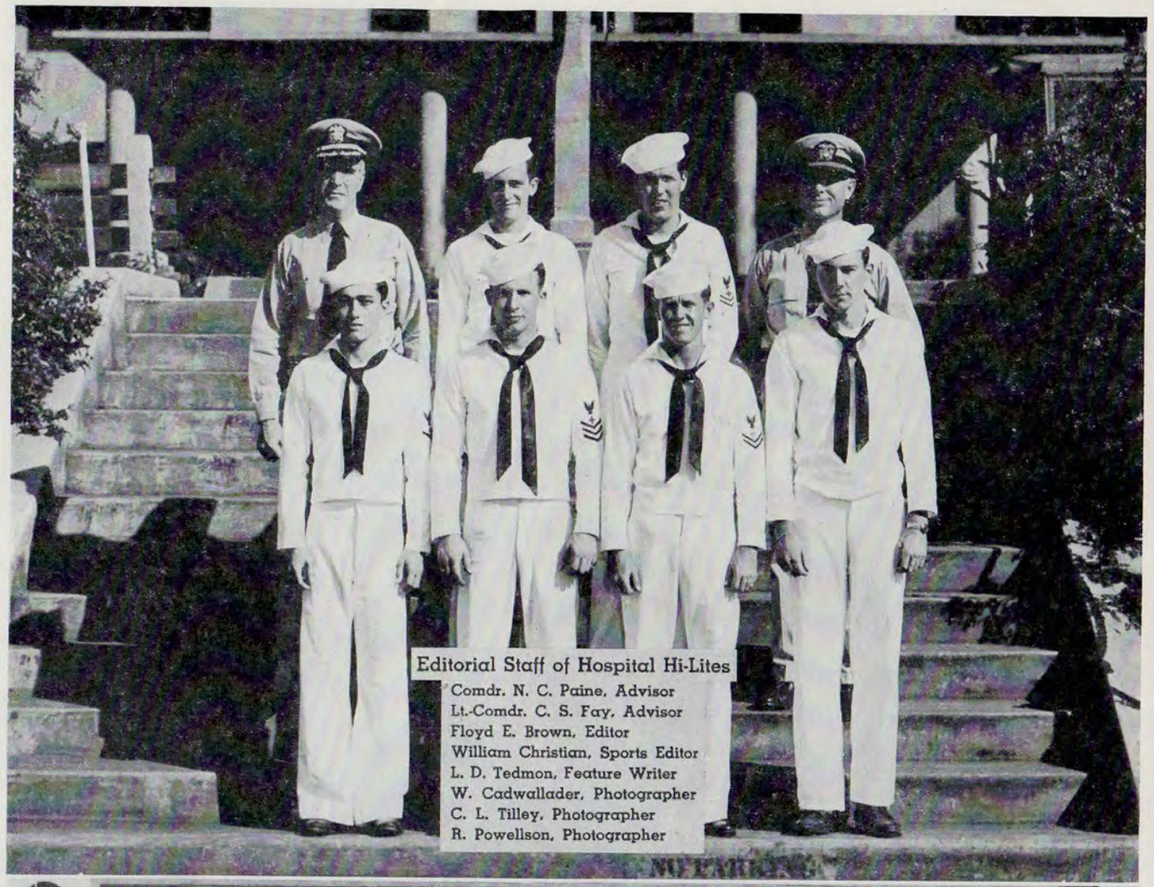
First Waves At Aiea

Nurses Softball Team



Hilltoppers - Hospital Baseball Team

Waves Softball Team



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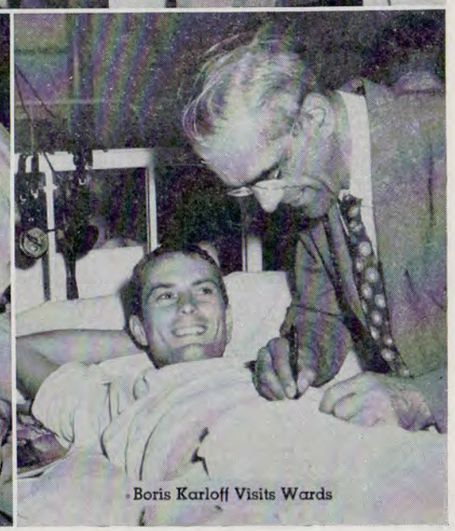

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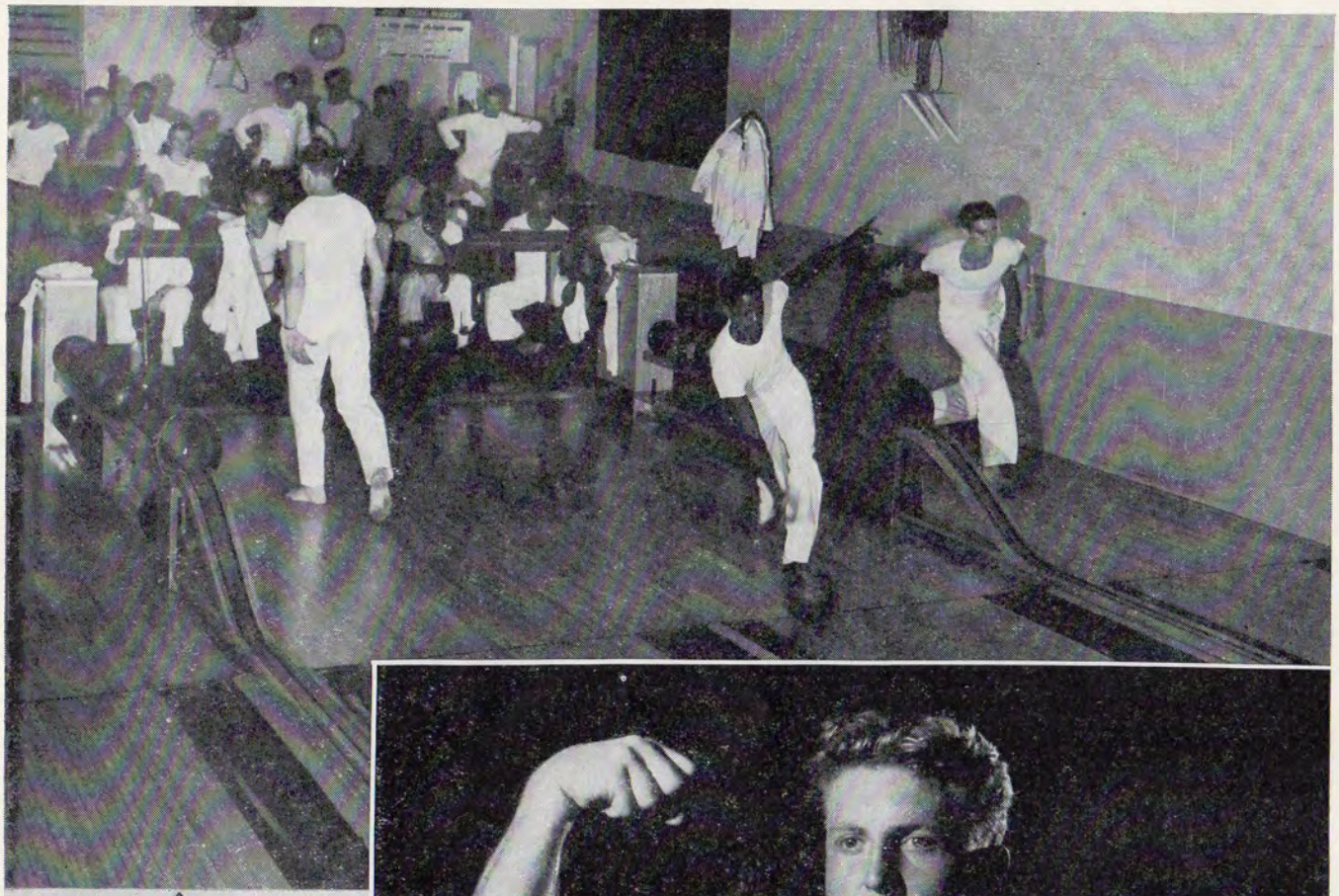

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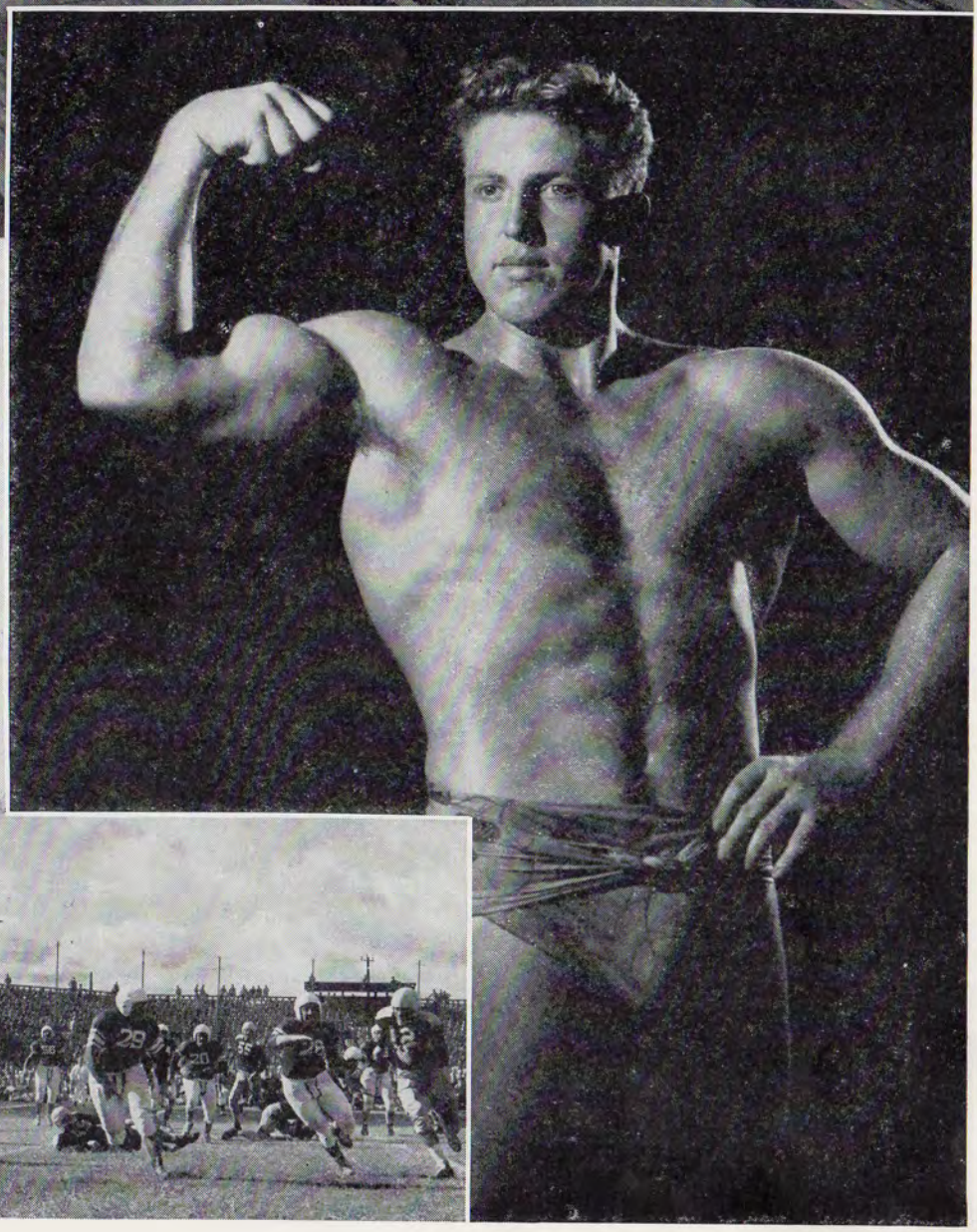

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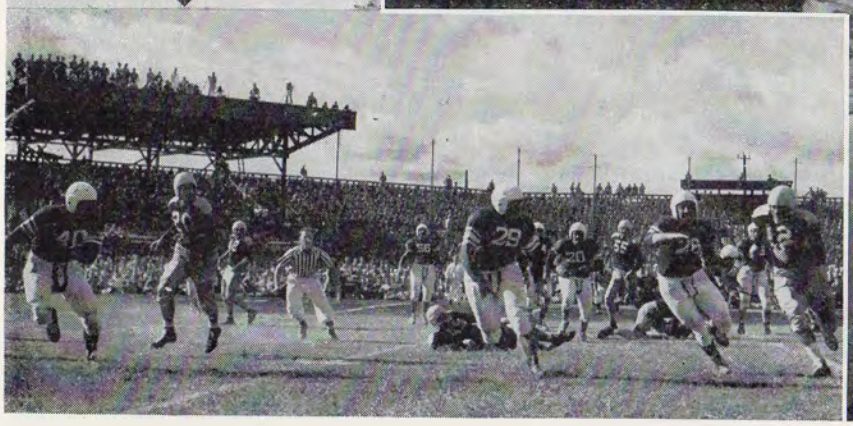
Action In Army-Navy Football Game At Furlong