



EIGHTY-FOURTH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION

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Somewhere in New Guinea
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Dear Folks,

I don't exactly know to whom I am writing, so I'll address you this way. However, I do want you to know that I appreciate getting your Monthly Service Bulletin, and I am very thankful that some thoughtful person mailed it to me. Thanks, again!

We are relatively new-comers to this Island of New Guinea as compared to some of the other Gallahassians, but I guess we have a part to play in winning this war, too. We've only been overseas now about five months now, but already results are being accomplished from our work.

After leaving the "States" the Eighty-Fourth spent several weeks at sea and then landed in Brisbane, Australia. A couple of weeks were spent there and then we sailed up here — then, a jungle-land knee deep in mud with rain every day.

Today we have good roads, good quarters, mess halls and galleys, a ship's store, laundry, barber shop, tailor shop, cobbler shop, a ball diamond and an excellent outdoor movie with shows three times a week.

Also, there are electric lights, telephones and all the conveniences we had at home. Yes, there are a couple of things that we miss a lot — girls and believe it or not, ice cream.



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Most of the Construction Battalions have a regular ice cream machine, but we missed getting one some way or another.

There is very little of which I can mention about our work. I look to be here several months yet, but of course this can change very suddenly. The climate around here is a lot like things at home. It is getting pretty warm now as it is getting close to the summer season. Lately, it hasn't rained so much, but for a while it rained every day.

Mail service from home usually takes eight to twelve days. We usually get our mail (first class) about Tuesdays and Fridays although we send for it every day. All things considered, we are getting along just fine although Tallahassee would look very good to me now.

As yet I haven't run into any of the fellows from home, although I did meet a college class-mate in Brisbane. Perhaps I'll see some of these later.

Again I want to thank whoever sent the bulletin to me for it certainly was enjoyed. He's hoping that this war will soon be over, and we'll all be hoping to find Tallahassee the same.

Sincerely,

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