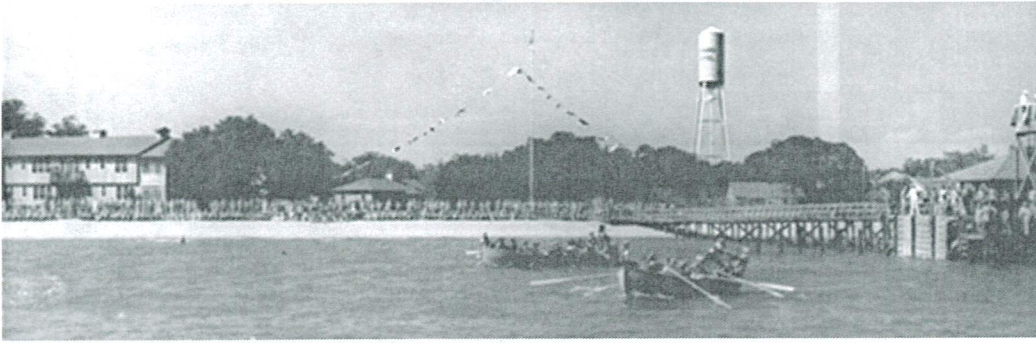
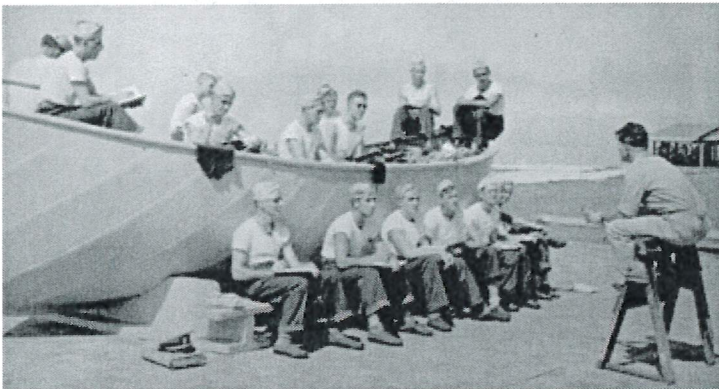


- Training classes were held in basic seamanship, repair mechanics and shipwreck rescue exercises.
- The training objective was for the soldiers to be able to serve on 24 specially modified auxiliary ships that operated as floating aircraft depot repair and maintenance shops during the War.



Survivors loaded, crews get away from simulated shipwreck to avoid sinking ship.

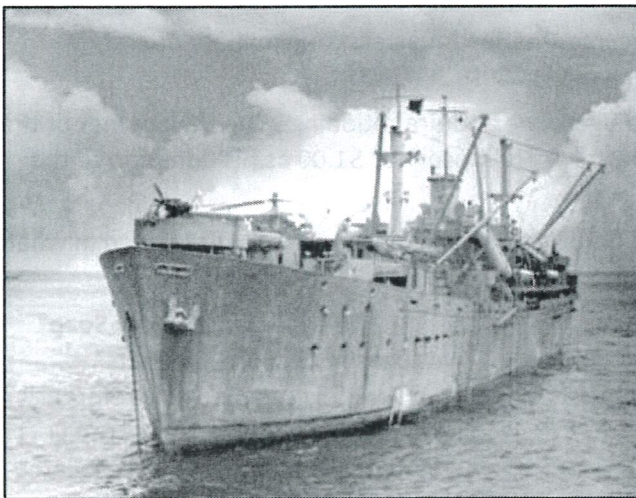


Merchant Marine Officer teaching lifeboat skills to the Army crew members (Julep Point in background).



Guest rooms used as barracks for the troops.

After completion of training at the Grand Hotel, the airmen were sent to the Pacific aboard ARF's (Floating).



Maj. Gen. Herbert A. Dargue

This is off Iwo Jima in March, 1945, and the ship shows some wear.

You can clearly see **Sikorsky R-4B** on deck; there are two, when you study the photo.

