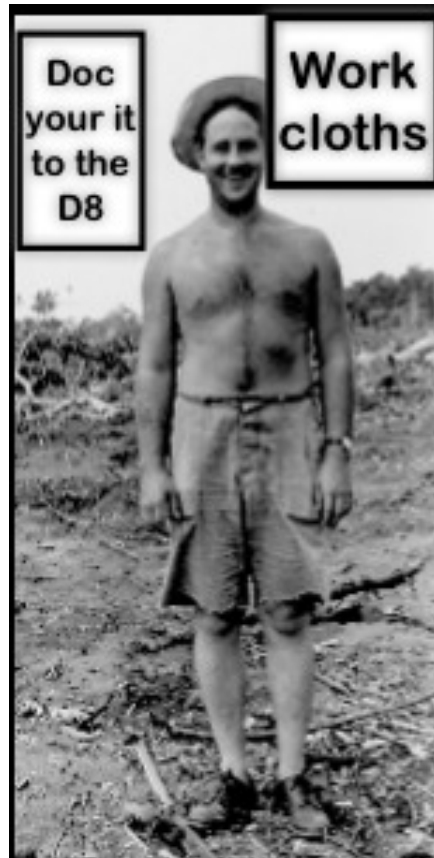


Chapter 9 Constructing an air strip.

We received orders to put in a landing strip as it was determined that they could save money, it was costing them every time they visited us, as they had to use Jatos to take (jet assisted take off) off from from the water, it also would be safer when landing!

We got very little instructions how to do this but a promise to supply us with any thing we needed

With our 17 men a D8 Caterpillar and some dynamite which we never used we were on our way.





Tuesday: Tarumpitao Point

Tuesday's mission ventured to the southwestern extremity of the **Philippines** to service the station at Tarumpitao Point on the island of Palawan, facing the South China Sea. Although the Intertropical Convergence Zone was frequently a factor in flight planning, it rarely interfered with the mission other than to give the pilots an occasional stint of enroute instrument time. Tarumpitao had its own airstrip constructed adjacent to the station by Coast Guard civil engineers, so it is said, and there was never a doubt in the mind of any pilot who had flown in and out of the strip that its designer hated aviators. To begin with, the grass runway

I left the station before the air strip was completed, but when I left it look like it was ready for planting rice.