Lex Hall 502 San Bedroave San Antonio Texas PLISH-FERRIES WERE LISED THE ROAD TAKES SHAPE

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The Alaska Highway

"We Will Try

We Will Dare" "We will try, we will dare" is the motto of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, builders of the Panama Canal. They tried, they dared, they succeeded. But it was no cinch. They smashed the highway into being, thousands of them, using the finest road-building



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equipment ever assembled. They pushed through almost every conceivable type of country except desert.

Long just a dream in the minds of men, The Road was brought about by the war. It took flaming battle fronts around the world to awaken both nations to the inestimable value of a link with America's "overseas province."

The two governments forgot about red tape, the hypothetical boundary line between the two countries, and turned on the green light.

The men employed in building The Road are a true cross-section of Americans. There are cooks, clerks, farmers, merchants, lawyers, doctors, professional soldiers, sailors, truck drivers, miners, mechanics and accountants; in fact, men from nearly every trade and profession. Before they went north, most of them had only a rudimentary knowledge of road construction. Some of the units were white, others colored. Among them were a sprinkling of Mexicans, Chinese and Indians.

They came from Maine to California, and from Washington to Florida, representing all greeds

and colors. Some came from camps located in the "deep south" and their slow southern drawls contrasted sharply with the close-clipped words of Canadians.

To these men, many of them in their twenties, construction of The Road savoured of high adventure. It was pioneering of the type their ancestors had done in the winning of the west. Adventure in the north had been dramatized in movies and pulp magazines.





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