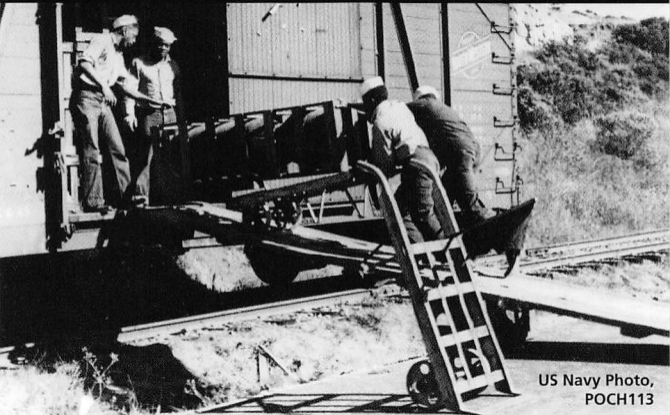


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Port Chicago Disaster

Concord, California
July 17, 1944

During World War II, African American sailors served in separate (segregated) units. Most of them worked as cooks, loaders, or stewards. At Port Chicago, they worked under unsafe conditions to load ships with weapons and ammunition. One night, the ammunition exploded killing 320 men.

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