pleased with the substantial and attractive nature of the war buildings, added new refinements usually found only in permanent base hospitals, such as the wiring of every bed for radio, installation of bed lamps and the use of battleship linoleum, not usually considered for temporary structures.

Prefabrication of Navy hospitals makes it possible for officials to have parts stored in advance at strategic points to be shipped immediately wherever needed for speedy construction. The fact that this war has brought about new medical conditions, including shorter hospitalization periods due to the use of sulfa drugs and blood plasma, makes it impossible for the Navy medical corps to estimate its needs far in advance and emphasizes the advantages of prefabrication. *All such units are demountable and can be moved after the war, if desired, to be used in other locations by the Veterans' Administration.*

Actual construction of the Coast hospitals was undertaken by the Northwest Coast Products Company of Portland, Oregon, now operating as the Prefabrication Engineering Company (Preneo), also of Portland. The buildings were designed and contracted for by Modulok, Inc., which also negotiated and supervised construction. The prefabrication work was done by Northwest Coast Products Co. (subsidiary of the C. D. Johnson Lumber Co.) at Toledo, Oregon, and the Pacific Manufacturing Company of Santa Clara, California. Panel assembly was all done at the last named company's plant. The buildings were assembled at the three different naval bases. Erection work at the Northern California base was done by Wenco Construction Company of Los Angeles. Assembly at the Southern California bases was performed by Wm. Simpson Company and the P. J. Walker Company, both of Los Angeles. These leading Coast construction contractors have expressed themselves as greatly impressed not only with the wartime advantages of this prefabrication system but also with its peacetime possibilities.

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