

CHAPTER 7

The World War II Years: 1940 to 1949

During the 1940s, the city of Dunedin was busy engaging in the war effort. Marines were stationed in town to train on the Alligator tank that Donald Roebling developed and produced. Hostesses and Junior Hostesses made the Marines feel welcome.

Civilians took up volunteer positions with the Red Cross and Civil Defense. They participated in rationing measures and held scrap and war bond drives. They also adhered to strict dim-out and blackout restrictions to protect the coastline.

The Dunedin Police Department consisted of a police chief and two police officers. B.C. Skinner built his Citrus Concentrates Inc. plant, which was the largest and most modern citrus juice plant in the world. He produced citrus concentrate which shipped worldwide.

Top: U.S. Marines in front of their barracks; Middle: Alligator tanks being tested; Bottom: Dunedin Police Officer Eugene Sheets, 1940s
(Source: DHM)

