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TOUGHEST SINCE GUADALCANAL

In the fiercest combat action Naval Construction Battalions have participated in since Guadalcanal, resolute Seabees played a major part in repelling the sustained 17-day Jap counter-attack on Bougainville.

Two battalions, bivouacked just off the Torokina fighter strip, were subjected to especially heavy fire, according to information newly received from the field. "In order to remain alive in the bivouac area between 8 and 24 March, 1944," an official report stated, "it was necessary for all hands to spend some of the daylight hours in foxholes and to sleep in foxholes each night."

These extreme conditions did not prevent the Seabees from completing all emergency repairs on the Piva fighter strips, which had taken a heavy battering. During the entire 17-day period, no naval facility was out of commission for more than thirty minutes.

Combat Repair Crews

Airfield repairs were made in the midst of shellings. Entire repair crews suffered the narrowest of escapes. Every member of one party was thrown to the ground by a shell which burst less than fifty feet away.

A large percentage of each new crew assigned to the combat repair work had to be evacuated. All men in the repair groups who survived the ordeal have been recommended by Major General R. J. Mitchell, USMC, for appropriate awards.

Throughout the assault, the Seabees continued work on a hospital, a P-T base, boat pool repair facilities, and other important naval base structures. They replaced infantrymen in handling rations and unloading cargo. And they furnished a combat team of approximately four hundred men to be held in reserve for front-line duty.

Commended By Admiral

Their work "in the face of continued enemy opposition has been of the highest order and reflects great credit upon (the battalions participating)," said Rear Admiral O. C. Badger, USN, Commander Service Squadron, South Pacific Force.

"This command," Admiral Badger continued, "takes this opportunity to commend the --th Regiment for the excellence of their performance."

The Seabees had been commended earlier, (SNS, No. 19), by Major General Mitchell, USMC, Commander Aircraft, Solomon Islands; Captain H. S. Sease, USN,

Commander Air Center, Torokina; Major General O. W. Griswold, Army Commanding Officer, and Captain O. O. Kessing, USN, Commander, NAB, Torokina.

Credit Every Officer and Man

Referring to the commendation from the Commander Aircraft, Solomons, Cmdr. L. V. C. Deichler, CEC, USN, of the Naval Construction Regiment, told the Seabees: "This commendation belongs to and was earned by every officer and every man in each of the four construction battalions who served at this base during the period. The splendid spirit of the men and their willingness and eagerness to perform to the best of their ability every duty assigned to them, no matter how hazardous, was, in this officer's opinion, in accordance with the best traditions of the Naval Service."

SEABEE STARS

Colonel Howard E. Fuller, U.S. Army, didn't worry too much when he was promoted to the rank of brigadier general while at Tulagi during the invasion of the Solomons, and was unable to secure his "stars".

The general called in a couple of Seabees, gave them two 50-cent pieces and almost immediately received his two silver stars - fashioned from the coins.

NEW CONSTRUCTION RACE FORECAST IN PACIFIC

"There are indications that new air fields are being hastily constructed by the Japanese in an attempt to stem the tide of United States sea power rolling westward," said Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal in his first press conference.

This new development means that once again Seabee skill is pitted directly against the building ability of the Japanese. On one memorable occasion, the First Battalion took up a similar challenge and helped complete an airfield on Espirito Santo before the Japs could finish theirs on Guadalcanal, although the enemy had started months earlier. The successful invasion of Guadalcanal has been credited in large part to the fact that Allied airmen, operating from the Espirito Santo field, were able to soften up Guadalcanal while the Japanese still were unable to use their own airstrip.

Secretary Forrestal stated that American planes now "are striking almost at will" in both the North and Central Pacific and that there was no Japanese naval interference with the hard-hitting missions of our battleship-carrier task forces.

American ability to operate 1,500 miles within enemy territory in the Pacific Ocean, he said, had reduced Japan's so-called outer defense bastions to a "nominal perimeter."

"Another significant gain," he stated, "has been the virtual neutralization of islands with the defense perimeter, which the enemy formerly was able to use as staging points from which to send reinforcements and supplies to her beleaguered outer garrisons."

SEABEES HELPED SET INVASION STAGE

The active role the Seabees play in the invasion of Europe will be only part of the story of the contribution the Naval Construction Battalions will have made to this greatest amphibious operation of all time.

For months, Seabees stationed throughout Great Britain have been building bases and naval installations.

A typical assignment for one detachment was the building of a 1,000-man hut camp, roads in and out, the construction of a sea wall and ramp, and the general renovation of a number of old buildings.

The group won the commendations of the commanding officer of the base for completing its work in highly satisfactory fashion and for working "long hours and in the face of many obstacles."

"Among those deserving special commendation," added the C.O., "are Lt. (jg) R. H. Lubker, CEC, USNR; J. L. Gray, CEM; H. L. Huffman, CEM; E. W. Wheeler, CEM; J. I. LaBrecque, CCM; G. W. Lutherman, CCM; W. C. Smith, CM1c; F. T. Mitchell, CM1c; W. B. Peters, CM1c; and M. A. Belenger, SF1c.

BUILDERS GAVE MAGNIFICENT PERFORMANCE, SAYS COMAIRSOPAC

The Seabees' outstanding work in the Pacific is continuing to win recognition from the highest ranking officers of all services. Vice Admiral Aubrey W. Fitch, USN, who, until his recent detachment, was Commander Air, South Pacific, has sent this dispatch to the Commander Service Squadron, South Pacific Force:

"On the day of my detachment as ComAirSoPac I extend to you and your Seabees my full appreciation for their magnificent performance in the construction and development of combat air bases. Their accomplishments permitted us to obtain absolute control of the air in the South Pacific area."

PACE IN PACIFIC TO BE MAINTAINED

"Operations against Europe will in no way impair the pace, or the nature, of events to come in the Pacific," said Lieutenant General Alexander A. Vandegrift, commandant of the Marine Corps, in a radio address this week.

"We now stand on the threshold of bigger and more difficult landings than we have ever yet attempted," he warned.

SEABEE MOHAMMEDS

When the LST couldn't reach the island, the Seabees simply stretched out the island to reach the LST!

It happened when an LST landing at an advance base missed the channel and grounded about 60 feet from the beach.

The incident occurred during the late afternoon. The ship had to be gotten off the sand bar by 0230 (high tide), the following morning.

Detachment 1034 (Special) immediately ran two pontoon barges between the LST and the beach. They finished the causeway by filling in with coral sand. Unloading operations began at 1930. Seven hours later (0230 the next morning), 2,800 drums of gasoline, 100 tons of barbed wire, 40 tons of droppable tanks, 20 tons of sand bags, and 80 tons of additional cargo had been discharged. As the men took time out for coffee and sandwiches from 2320 to 0010, the Seabees' actual working time was six hours and ten minutes.

TEAMWORK

Much of the dramatic news of Seabees in action has reached the public press through the willingness of the Marines, the Army, and the fleet Navy to give credit where credit is due. When the Seabees have done a particularly good job, the other services have given them proper credit in their news releases. The Seabees should do no less for their brother services.

Undoubtedly through oversight, reports are received from Seabee sources which concern themselves only with the work performed by the Seabees and do not mention that other units also participated. These reports eventually find their way into public print and give the impression that the entire credit is due the Seabees.

To avoid such unintentional errors, all Civil Engineer Corps officers and Seabees are urged to give the Bureau of Yards and Docks complete news accounts of joint operations, so that Seabees, too, can give credit where credit is due.

JAPS GUESSED WRONG ON ALLIED BULLDOZER POWER

Under-estimating the amount of mechanical power the United States and Britain could throw at her has been Japan's greatest miscalculation, says War Correspondent Frank L. Kluckhohn of the New York "Times".

"Bulldozers, levellers and tractors capable of rapidly building great supply bases as well as air bases of tremendous size are playing a great part, as are superior planes, guns, tanks and new weapons in showing the enemy warlords their mistake," the correspondent continued.

MORAL: SNAP JUDGMENT DOESN T PAY

An eleven-foot, half-ton shark literally lost his head when he snapped at a tasty morsel of fish dangled before him by Navy Seabees. The builders, practical in their fishing as in other things, had "loaded" the bait with a stick of dynamite and a blasting cap.

The high-powered fishermen were W. D. Lyons, QM1c; R. M. Koctar, CM2c; T. C. White, SF3c; F. W. Gilley, CM1c; and J. G. Stine, MM2c; all of the 73rd Battalion.

NO PLACE TO GET THE JITTERS

How does a treed 'coon feel when the hunters start aiming at him?

John R. Gavin, EM2c, recently underwent a test of nerves in a Southwest Pacific combat zone which made him virtually a blood brother of the 'coon.

Gavin was operating in the vicinity of the Japanese lines when he saw an American pilot bail out of a falling plane.

Moving through the jungle toward the general area in which the flyer had landed, the Seabee and a few of his mates found the officer dangling in a huge tree, a perfect "bull's eye" for enemy snipers. The helpless pilot, severely bruised and with a badly broken arm, hung eighty feet above the ground.

The tree in which he was caught was more than four feet around. A regular safety belt wouldn't circle it. The Seabee started the slow climb up using only an improvised rope sling.

Gavin's mates formed a security patrol to ward off snipers as the Seabee hacked away at the heavy growth of tropical vines which limited his progress to inches at a time. Working under the double hazard of being picked off by a Jap sharp shooter and accidentally severing his rope safety line as he cut through the creepers, Gavin could climb only twenty feet the first hour. Two and a half hours passed before he could reach the injured man.

As soon as he could untangle the parachute shrouds, the Seabee hauled up water and morphine for the feverish flyer. Next he fastened a line to the wounded man and lowered him to the ground, from where he was carried out by stretcher.

Then Gavin himself came down, unscathed after three hours as a prime target.

TAKE IT EASY

Shovel operators Kenneth C. Doty and Grant Gates, members of a detail of a battalion on special duty at Tarawa, drew one of the toughest assignments ever tackled by Seabee heavy equipment operators, according to the battalion's publication, Hive Herald.

"Their job was assisting demolition squads in clearing land mines and bomb duds. On several occasions the Seabees dug as deep as 35 and 40 feet before uncovering unexploded bombs.

Another Seabee bulldozer operator, also assisting the demolition squad, came within an ace of being blown to bits. In a mine-infested area near the lagoon, the Seabee threw his 'dozer in low gear and leaped from the driver's seat. Seconds later the 'dozer struck a huge mine and blew into a million small pieces."

JAPS, TAKE WARNING

(Keith Wheeler, writing in the Philadelphia Bulletin, comes up with the following piece on one of the Seabee battalions at Bougainville.)

The Seabee outfit commanded by Commander Charles T. Wende of Chicago built the Piva fighter strip in three weeks.

They went into the Bougainville jungle swamp with tree-dozers, draglines, axes, spades, earth movers, dynamite and sweat. They drained the swamp into the sea, smashed down, blew up and hewed the tangled undergrowth and giant yellow balsam, teak and mahogany trees. They moved 80,000 cubic yards of earth in eight days.

They built a sawmill, sharpened bayonets for the combat troops, designed and built refrigerators for a Fijian battalion.

Also they fashioned their own inner defense line of trenches and pillboxes and, as a matter of individual enterprise, built themselves the deepest, most solidly buttressed bomb shelters on Bougainville.

They had reason. In the early days the Japs bombed the American perimeter something like 60 times and the target was always the airfield and its adjacent works. Later when the Jap offensive began, the Nips' favorite artillery range was the airfield and its adjacent works.

Commander Wende's Seabees were the adjacent works.

On their most ambitious day the Japs lobbed 400 six-inch shells at the airfield and, Nip marksmanship being what it is, more than 100 of these fell among the Seabees.

At last the Seabees decided to live in their dugouts entirely, except when they came out to repair the damage while it was still being inflicted.

At last the Seabees decided they deserved a little luxury. All Seabees

are convinced they deserve luxury and usually they possess it. When they want electric lights or fans, spring beds or motor boats, banjos or floors in the mess hall, they build their own.

This time they decided they needed ice cream. Lieutenant Sidney Mauk, of New Rochelle, N. Y., and his machine shop crew took the matter under advisement.

They coopered a 50-gallon wooden tub from native teak sawed in their own sawmill. They took a 30-gallon stainless steel cooking kettle and welded up a latticework paddle arrangement to go inside it. They put the kettle inside the wooden tub and rigged a bearing and shaft to rotate the kettle.

They took the fan belt from a worn out bulldozer, the one-lung air-cooled engine from a portable generator, the transmission and differential from a bomb-wrecked jeep.

They connected the engine to the transmission by belt and the transmission to the differential by shaft and the differential to the inner kettle by universal joint.

They filled the outer tub with ice from the refrigerator, filled the cooking kettle with 30 gallons of powdered ice cream mix and water, cranked the one-lunger, put the jeep in high and let her whirl.

In 30 minutes the mixture was getting stiff and they had to shift into low. In one hour and ten minutes, the pull was so stiff that it stopped the engine.

They took off the lid and dug out 30 gallons of the smoothest, creamiest and coldest ice cream you ever saw.

Said S. A. Koept, CM3c, who designed it:

"If the Japs shell that I'll go out there and wring their necks with my bare hands."

Said Commander Wende:

"I'll go with you."

DOG GONE

Dogs of the Army's famous K-9 corps don't want anything to do with Cat Island.

Facilities on the island had been taken over by the Army as the Cat Island Dog Reception and Training Center when the Seabee camp at Gulfport was slated to close. An Army announcement said that the camp had been declared "surplus" and will close June 30, but Seabees who had undergone extensive training at the semi tropical island off the coast at Gulfport believe there's another reason--not enough trees.

"PROMOTED" TO CHIEF

Goodloe M. Partee, Jr. of the 105th Battalion is probably the only Seabee ever to be "promoted" from ensign to chief. Here's how it happened:

Partee, a CMLc, applied for a commission while the 105th was still in the States. Months later, after the 105th had been at its "Island X" some four months, he handed in a re-rate application for chief. On April 17 the board notified him that his application for chief had been approved. Meanwhile, however, his commission as ensign had been made effective February 29, so that when Partee was promoted to chief, he actually had been an ensign for 47 days.

ALL FOR 15 CENTS

"Somewhere in the New Hebrides," a 1029er received a package - battered and worn - a package he had mailed to his folks in Cleveland, Ohio, while he was stationed at Hueneme.

Before going overseas, he had purchased several gifts and sent the package to his parents. When the gift arrived there, the postal authorities sent a card to his parents notifying them that there was 15 cent charge due. The parents were out of town at the time and when they returned they immediately made inquiry at the post office only to be advised that the package had been returned to the sender.

The package went to San Francisco, then to Hueneme, back to Frisco, and then overseas to the somewhat bewildered sender.

WISE OLD OWL HAS NOTHING ON MARSHALL ISLAND BIRDS

Now that the Seabees and aviation engineers have rebuilt a devastated island in the Marshalls into one of the most formidable bases in the Central Pacific, thousands of birds are returning to their native nesting places, wrote Correspondent Mark Hellinger, former Broadway and Hollywood columnist, movie script-writer and producer of musicals, in a special dispatch to the New York Daily Mirror.

After observing that the birds had disappeared from the island during four days of continuous Allied bombing and shelling, Hellinger said: "The birds are back. These are smart birds; they know when things are safe."

THE WORLD'S LARGEST

The Navy now has more than 1,200 fighting ships in its fleet, Rear Admiral E. L. Cochrane, Chief of the Bureau of Ships, has disclosed. Four years ago, Admiral Cochrane said, the fighting fleet consisted of 380 units.

NEW VEIN GRAFT MAY CUT AMPUTATIONS BY 50 PERCENT

The necessity for amputations of the arms and legs of wounded men may be reduced by 50%, it was disclosed recently by three New York scientists, who have devised a method of using vein grafts to mend severed arteries.

The method, approved by the War Department for use on the battle fronts, requires for maximum efficiency in war areas the setting up of vein banks for storage of segments of blood vessels, preserved by a quick-freezing process also perfected by the scientists, Dr. Arthur H. Blakemore, Dr. Jere W. Lord, and Dr. Paul L. Stefke.

The new technique, which can bridge even gaps of great size in the arteries, involves the use of two small metal tubes which are made of vitallium--an alloy that can be left indefinitely in the human body without causing damage.

Into these tubes, a segment of vein is inserted. The tubes are then placed at opposite ends of the vein so that there is an uncovered stretch in the center. The vein segment is cut long enough so that at each end it can be turned back over the metal tubes to form "cuffs". When this has been done, the vein-lined tubes are inserted into the severed artery, thus forming a bridge across the break. At each end the artery is tied over the end of the tubes with silk thread. The segment of vein is then ready to convey blood across the arterial gap. The vein graft soon becomes attached to the artery, and in time, takes on some of the characteristics of an artery.

ONE WAY TO COME HOME

Piloting a small boat through the wintry waters of the Bering Sea and the North Pacific is a mean trick even for the most seasoned sailor.

But a detail of Seabees--self-styled "dry-land sailors"--defied "williwaws" and mountainous seas to sail a sixty-five foot fishing boat from the Aleutians to the United States.

CBM David Murphy was in charge of the six-man detail that delivered the thirty-five ton, Diesel-powered vessel safely to its owners in Seattle.

RIGHT IN HIS LAP

H. L. Simon, SF1c, was "surprised, amazed and just plain scared", reports the 39th's "Shore Lines", when, while the Seabee was using a cutter on the outlet of a clogged water truck pipe, a catfish flowed out with the water and landed in his lap.

The surprised Mr. Simon retained sufficient presence of mind to capture the "sea devil" alive. He's keeping it as a pet.

NATIVES KEPT THE FAITH

How a Seabee chaplain convinced natives of a newly-occupied "Island X" he was a priest in spite of his military uniform was told by Kenneth D. Bloss, CM1c, serving in the same Seabee battalion.

After Allied forces had crushed the Japanese garrison and the Seabees had established their camp, the chaplain, Lt. Daniel F. Meehan, ChC, USNR, visited the native village. Surprised to find the islanders entirely familiar with the Christian church, Lt. Meehan attempted to draw them out on their background. But the natives, ill-treated by the Japanese, still were skeptical of anyone in military uniform. They didn't believe the chaplain really was a priest until Lt. Meehan proved his case by reciting mass for them in Latin.

Reassured, the villagers told how years ago an Australian Catholic Missionary had come to the island. By his kindness and intelligent teachings, he had won the natives to Christianity. Then the Japs came. Before the ruthless invaders imprisoned and eventually killed him, the missionary managed to tell his most trustworthy church members to hide the candle sticks, altar stones, and other valuable church fixtures in the hills. The natives kept their secret until the Allies won back the island.

Now, said the Seabee, all of the religious articles have been brought back to the village and, cleaned and polished, look as nice as when the Australian missionary first brought them with him.

CHOCOLATE SOLDIERS

More than 300,000,000 bars and packages of chocolate and hard candies were shipped to servicemen overseas in the first three months of this year, according to Col. George F. Spann, CO of the Jersey City Quartermaster Depot.

UNSUNG HEROES

(The following story was written by Sgt. James F. Moser, Jr., a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.)

Somewhere in the Southwest Pacific (Delayed)-It doesn't have a tricky name - nor is it very imposing. But there are many satisfied customers at this Navy and Seabee camp.

The outdoors laundry run by two partners, Lloyd M. Lewis, S2c, and James H. Dixon, S2c, sports one oil barrel washing machine, plenty of wood to keep the water boiling, a scrub table, two oil can buckets, one brush, and enough soap. It gets all clothes clean.

It's Seamen Lewis' and Dixon's first day as owners. They brought the "business" from George P. Devcich, PHM3c, and Elwood D. Earl, for \$10. They lost \$3 on the deal. Devcich, on being questioned, admitted the washing machine had cost him only \$7.

The machine, made by Seabees, is made from a gasoline drum cut in half, with the two sealed ends soldered together. An upright iron rod with a handle bisects a piece of flat steel fastened across the top, giving the barrel the old ice cream freezer effect. The top half of the drum holds the water, with iron pieces fastened onto the upright rod to whip the clothes around as the handle is worked to and fro.

In the lower half of this unique machine a fire is constantly burning. The surrounding jungle makes fuel no problem.

The wash price list, on the first page of a nickel tablet, reposing on the bottom of an upturned bucket, reads: Socks - 10 cents; Towels, large - 15 cents, small - 10 cents; Skivvies (undershirts) - 10 cents; Khaki shirts - 15 cents, etc. Said Devcich:

"It's a good racket. My partner and I made money, all right, but it was too much work!"

Lewis sighed, "It is pretty rugged work, when you have your regular duties, too. But Dixon and I'll have to get our money back.

"We put the clothes through an all-morning wash, then scrub them out. Next is two rinses. Then we hang them on the line and let the sun do the rest."

Only man to have previous laundry experience is Devcich. As a civilian, he was employed by a laundry service in Chicago.

FIGHTING GRANDPOP

Two new grandchildren await George Dinsmore, MM1c, when he returns to the States. Dinsmore is now on Green Island.

'BEES "RECOMMISSION" SEAPLANE

A squad of 10th Battalion Seabees whose efficient salvage and repair work had a wrecked seaplane back in operation within eight days have been officially commended.

The plane, precariously lodged on a coral head, had two large holes in the hull. "Failure to successfully remove it intact," the citation pointed out, "could easily have resulted in a serious and difficult problem of disassembly of the plane and shipment of parts, representing a loss of the plane's services for many months."

Although, the commendation continued, "many similar cases are on record where less skillful, less intelligent and less efficient work has resulted in the loss of the plane involved," the Seabees' efforts were completely successful.

Officers and men who participated in the salvage and repair operation, and in whose service jackets copies of the commendation were placed, are Lt. T. C. Crist, CEC, USNR; A. J. Dykes, MM1c; E. G. Montgomery, MM1c; E. C. Floerchinger, CCM; W. R. Greive, M1c; P. E. Hughes, MM1c; C. R. Hohnson, SF2c; H. H. Miller, M2c; H. Reno, GM1c; and B. R. Wallace, BM1c.

SHORT SPORT SHOTS

BASEBALL..Senator James Mead of NY, member of Senate Military Affairs Committee, tells baseball magnates not to worry.. "Baseball will carry on through the season" ..advises players to stay with game..New Senate 4-F Bill has amendment helpful to essential sports.. "Baseball is essential," said Mead..Clyde Shoun, veteran Cincinnati southpaw, pitched no-hitter against Braves..Losing pitcher was Jim Tobin, only other major-league pitcher with no-hitter this year..base on balls to Tobin ruined Shoun's bid for "perfect" game..Day previously, Bucky Waters had no-hit game spoiled by fluke single after two out in eight..Stan Musial, Cardinal outfielder, and Allie Reynolds, Cleveland pitcher, accepted by Navy..Ernie Bonham, Yankees star hurler, classified 4-F because of fractured vertebra in back..1-Aers include Yankee shortstop Mike Milosevich; Dodger catcher, Mickey Owen..Indians' rookie catcher, Russ Lyon; Pirates' outfielder, Tommy O'Brien, rejected..Athletics recalled catcher William (Buster) Mills from Toronto..Pvt. Joe Gordon, ex-Yank, transferred to Air Transport Center..

RACING ..Triple Crown (Derby, Preakness, Belmont) seems certain for Pensive.. Victory in 54th and richest Preakness netted Owner Warren Wright \$60,075.. \$3,369,385 bet in single day set new record at Belmont..Devil Diver took Metropolitan Handicap..Alsab pulled up lame in first 1944 start..18-year-old jockey apprentice Harry Pratt booted in four straight winners at Suffolk Downs..Delaware Park bans daily-double.

TRACK ..Navy's unbeaten track team scored impressive victory over combined North Carolina A.C. and North Carolina Pre Flight..Michigan's trotting twins, Bob and Ross Hume, stole spotlight as Michigan overpowered Illinois and Purdue in triangular track meet..Army, Navy favored in I. C. 4-A meet at Philly..30 colleges entered 403 athletes..Gallopig Parson Gil Dodds will pass up outdoor track season to undertake preaching tour.

FOOTBALL ..College football outlook uncertain..Chairman of Rules Committee refuses to call meeting until after war..coaches think changes necessary, want out-of-bounds kick offs stopped..may make own rules..Boston Yankees purchased George Catego, former Tennessee All American and Ted Williams, ex Boston College fullback, from Redskins..both 4 F.. 'Skins will train at San Diego for seventh consecutive year..Cecil Isbell, pro star and former All-American from Purdue, returns to Alma Mater as head football coach.

BOXING ..Hammerin' Hank Armstrong on come-back trail blazing through opposition..pounded out 10 round victory over Ralph Zanelli at Boston..S/Sgt. Joe Louis says Max Baer was toughest opponent..hit Max with enough right hands to stop freight train.

ROWING ..Navy's varsity and jayvee crews outrawed Mass, Inst. Tech. (MIT), Cornell, and Columbia.

SIDELINES ..Camp Endicott Seabees held Cleveland Indians to 5-5 tie..game scheduled for seven innings, called end of eighth..Seabees leading 5-2 in fifth when Roy Cullenbine hit round tripper with two aboard to tie count..Seabees scored runs in second inning on 5 walks, two hits..pulled triple steal on major-leaguers.. Hugh East, former Giant hurler, held Indians to six hits, two walks..struck out five.