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## INVASION SHORTENS PACIFIC WAR PRESIDENT SAYS

Allied strategy of eliminating Germany first and then concentrating on the Pacific can result in the Japanese being forced to unconditional surrender or to national suicide much more rapidly than has been thought possible, President Roosevelt said in a radio address opening the Fifth War Loan campaign.

Cautioning listeners that the road to Tokyo still is long, the President nevertheless painted an optimistic picture.

"We have deprived the Japs of the power to check the momentum of our ever-growing and ever-advancing military forces," he said.

"We have reduced their shipping," the President reported, "by more than 3,000,000 tons. We have overcome their original advantage in the air. We have cut off from a return to the homeland tens of thousands of beleaguered Japanese troops who now face starvation or surrender. We have cut down their naval strength so that for many months they have avoided all risks of encounter with our naval forces."

## REPAIR HIGH OCTANE LEAK UNDERWATER

Escaping gas bubbles which seeped into their helmets, causing nausea and burning their skin, made the underwater repair of a leaking high octane line a tough assignment for divers of CBMU 541.

The Seabees solved the burn problem by covering their skin with lubricating oil before submerging, but the nausea-producing effect of the fumes continued to be an unpleasant stimulant to close the leak as quickly as possible.

The four-inch line, submerged in thirty feet of water in a nearby bay, had been severed by a concrete sea anchor. To repair it, the divers used shallow water equipment and worked underwater in pairs, staying down for an hour at a time.

Thirty-five feet of damaged pipe was removed and replaced. Threading, installation of new flanges, and testing all were done underwater. The line was ready for service the next day.

The 541'ers who handled the job were Ensign A. P. Minwegen, CEC, USNR; Alfred P. Metz, CMM; George W. Beach, CCM; Roy T. Dinsmore, SF1c; Carl R. Jensen, MM3c; Harold R. Tomlinson, MM3c; and Edward King, S1c.

## SALUTE

Bernard Jordan, SC3c with the 118th Battalion, is a member of the first family in the United States to have ten boys in the services in this war. The ten are divided among the Navy, Army, and Marines.

## COMMENDED FOR ATTEMPTED RESCUE

His attempted rescue of an Australian pilot from a wrecked and burning plane earned C. A. Willet, CM3c, the thanks of all Royal Australian Air Force personnel stationed on Momote Airfield in the Admiralties. A letter of commendation from Group Captain Gordon Steege of the RAAF praised the Seabee for his disregard for personal safety.

Commander I. S. Rasmusson, CEC, USNR, OinC of Willet's battalion, added commendation for eight other Seabees who acted with Willet. These men were J. P. Boardman, J. A. Lang, J. E. Francisco, T. L. Colangelo, R. C. Bass, J. M. Gallagher, L. H. Smith, and J. J. Donovan.

### SHIVER HIS TIMBERS

When they come aboard the 73rd Battalion's "Island X X," visiting Admirals will receive the full salvo naval etiquette requires.

The Seabees don't have any large guns available, so they have tied sticks of dynamite to trees. When an Admiral appears, he will be given a thunderous nineteen-trunk salute.

### MAKE ISLAND X MORE COMFORTABLE

Ingenuity plus a well stocked scrap pile have provided many extra comforts for the 47th Battalion.

The battalion's cooking is done by steam. A reconditioned water distillation boiler supplies enough steam for all cooking requirements and, in addition, is used to sterilize and clean mess gear.

The unit's steam scullery was made from two oil drums, angle iron, and pipe. The angle iron frames guide the trays over rollers salvaged from wrecked planes. Pipes are arranged in the drums so that boiling water and steam spray from four sides.

Another gadget that makes life easier for the cooks is a meat grinder, put together from an old case and gear housing from the power plant of a B-24 bomber gun turret and a drill motor.

Shower heads are ex Jap 27 millimeter shell cases, cut, flared, drilled, and soldered.

A heavy duty lathe is the result of an expert blending of scrap iron, a machine gun tripod, the transmission from a Jap truck, and a one-cylinder motor.

Ice plants, ice cream freezers, steel bending brakes, incinerators,

witchboards, electric fans, and other time-saving appliances also have been built from scrap and salvaged military equipment.

### ADMIRAL HALSEY GETS NEW POST: PRAISES OLD COMMAND

In a ringing "Well Done" message to his victorious, all-services South Pacific fighting team, Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., USN, told his men that they had "met, measured, and mowed down the best the enemy had on land and sea and air."

Admiral Halsey, who is being assigned to a new and as yet undisclosed command, added further praise in his farewell to the South Pacific Force. "You have sent hundreds of Tojo's ships, thousands of his planes, and tens of thousands of his slippery minions whence they came, never again to attack our Flag nor the flags of our Allies," he said.

"You blasted the Japs in grim victory at Guadalcanal," the Admiral continued, "you drove him back and hunted him out, you broke his offensive spirit in those smashing Bougainville-Rabaul blows at his ships and planes and troops in November, and you smeared him and rolled over him easily to occupy Emirau. Now carry on the smashing South Pacific traditions under your new commander, (Vice Admiral John H. Newton, USN), and may we join up again farther along the road to Tokyo."

### NATIVES COOPERATION HELPS COMPLETE DAM

By Lieutenant C B Middleton CEC USNR

Two hundred native women carrying sand, stone, and cement on their heads constituted the 11th Battalion's "transportation system" on one of the early "Islands X" as the Builders constructed a dam and reservoir at the head of an almost inaccessible gorge.

The new water system, intended to supply the needs of the island airfield, a large marine camp, and a station hospital, had as its source a large stream flowing through an uninhabited plateau a mile above a native village. The village's own water system was inadequate and the Seabees planned to connect it with the new supply line.

To get materials to the site of the dam and reservoir, at one end of a steep, narrow, rocky gorge, and at the foot of a seventy-five foot falls, the Seabees had to build a corduroy road for about half a mile, erect a twenty-foot bridge, and break a tractor trail through the jungle, part way through the bed of the stream itself, to within 500 feet of the building site. For the remainder of the distance, even a tractor trail was not feasible.

The actual construction of the dam and reservoir was done by natives under Seabee supervision. Work progressed normally until it became time to pour the five-foot-high spillway section, which stretched seventy-five feet across the stream and formed the 75,000 gallon reservoir.

The Seabees decided to pour the spillway in three twenty-five foot sections, each to be completed in one day. The problem was to get the materials from the

stock pile at the end of the tractor trail to the mixer in a constant flow as there was no storage room at the site itself. The mixer already had been carried up -- part by part.

The native laborers were consulted. Since the village was to benefit by the work, the natives decided, each villager would marshal his mother, wife, daughter, sisters, cousins and aunts to lend a helping hand (or head).

The first day on which the spillway construction was scheduled, two hundred women appeared at daybreak. They made baskets out of palm leaves, filled them with sand or stone, and carried them, or a bag of cement, on their heads or slung from poles.

The older women made and filled the baskets, cooked the taro and canned meat, and, throughout the day, accompanied by laughter and native songs, the material moved in a steady stream from the stockpile to the site of the dam. Partially as a result of the novel relay system, each section of the spillway was poured in twelve hours.

#### WHATEVER GOES UP

Stationed on a South Pacific "Island X", Frank W. Correy, Jr., MM2c, found himself with a craving for coconuts one day. He offered a native a shilling to go up a tree and get him a few. The native countered with a price of two shillings.

"I asked him," says the Seabee, "how come he got two shillings, when the other boys were doing it for one.

"'Me plenty smart boy,' he replied, 'Go 'long Mission school. One shilling for trip up -- one shilling for trip down!'"

#### IMPROVISE TELEPHONE SERVICE

A motor-driven automatic telephone ringing device constructed by the battalion's electricians has replaced the 47th's old-style hand generators.

The unit is composed of a five bar magneto, removed from a telephone sub-set and coupled to a 1/4 h.p. A. C. motor. A switch starts and stops the motor, and a ringing key separates the ringing power from the operator's telephone circuit.

The battalion's switchboard is of the magneto type, while the island's main exchange had only common battery lines available for connection.

A tie line circuit was designed by Cmdr. R. W. VanStan, CEC, USNR, OinC of the battalion, to provide inter-exchange service.

## CHOW A GOOD INCENTIVE

When CBMU 521's galley burned half to the ground, the three-man detail assigned to renovate the building decided they'd be better off making a fresh start entirely. First razing the old galley, they had an entirely new one built in three and a half days.

The Seabee carpenters were C. C. Johnson, CM3c; J. E. Garnett, CM3c; and B. A. Eckwerth, SF3c.

## HELP SPEED RESCUE

At the request of the Marines, three Seabees of the 76th Battalion bulldozed nearly a mile of path through the almost impassible, thorny undergrowth and boulders of an "Island X" mountain slope to help speed the descent of a party of stretcher-bearers bringing in an injured Leatherneck.

The three cat-skinners were: A. F. Ternan, MM1c; C. J. Rains, MM2c; and C. I. Woodman, MM1c.

## NEW CARBINE WRENCH

Ernest M. Barnette, Jr., GM1c of the 62nd Battalion, has been commended for ingenuity in a letter from the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance.

Barnette designed and made a carbine bolt assembly wrench that sharply reduces the time usually required to disassemble and assemble the bolt of the carbine rifle.

The wrench also has been submitted to Army ordnance for consideration.

## MUST REQUEST MUSTERING-OUT PAY

More than a third of discharged Naval and Coast Guard personnel eligible for mustering-out payments have not made the necessary application, the Navy Department revealed recently.

These 45,000 men and women each have \$100, \$200, or \$300, depending on length and place of service, awaiting them at the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts' Field Branch in Cleveland, Ohio.

Many of the eligibles apparently do not realize an application MUST be filed with the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, Field Branch, Cleveland, before payment is made. Selective Service boards, various veterans' organizations, and local representatives of the Veterans' Administration are glad to assist in the preparation of these applications.

## HOMECOMING

Home in Arlington, Virginia, for the first time in two and a half years, Dee Harden, CPtr, settled down in an easy chair and reached for his pipe.

As he lifted it to his mouth, the veteran Seabee paused and looked again. The bowl still contained the ashes from the last pipeful of tobacco Harden had smoked before he started for camp.

Mrs. Mary Harden, his wife, had carefully watched over the pipe and its contents so that Dee would find everything exactly as he left it on January 3, 1942.

Mrs. Harden, who for some time had been expecting her husband to return to the States, also had the refrigerator crammed with beer and ginger ale waiting on ice since last September.

### C EST LA GUERRE

Bob Shulman, pharmacist's mate attached to a Seabee unit, has taken up a new hobby .... collecting butterflies. You could have knocked his mother over with a butterfly net when she received a box of specimens from the South Pacific.

"Why," she exclaimed, "Robert used to collect GIRLS!"

Someone had to explain that this type of specimen was unavailable in Shulman's immediate vicinity.

### AS THE AUSTRALIANS SEE US

"The Navy's troops but everyone's heroes," is the way War Correspondent Denis Warner, describes the Seabees in the Brisbane, Australia, "Telegraph". Warner says they are "the super construction gangs of the Pacific war, the men who convert battle-torn islands into formidable bases, not while you wait, but while you watch".

### ARMY THANKS 88TH FOR COOPERATION

Embarking for a new "Island X," the 88th Battalion took with it the praise and thanks of the Army units with which it had been working at an advanced base.

Capt. R. A. Garters, Island Signal Officer, testified to the Seabees' skill at constructing pole lines. The speed at which they worked, he said, "was amazing, and the quality of their work of the highest order." The manner in which the Builders carried out their assignment, he told them, was "an outstanding example of (their) high standard of efficiency."

Lt. Col. J. M. Reidy expressed his satisfaction at having a detachment of the Builders in his battalion's area, congratulating the men on their conduct and the friendly relationship which existed between them and the GI's.

Col. George J. Schultz and Capt. Edward F. deLeon thanked another detachment of the 88th for their "invaluable assistance" in the construction of a road,

and for "advice and assistance in the construction of gun sites, living quarters, and Mess, Supply, and Maintenance areas."

### NEW TWO-HOUR CURE FOR BATTLE-STRAIN SHELL-SHOCK

Physical effects of battle-strain and shell shock now can be overcome in two hours, permanently and with no after-effects, according to Dr. Daniel Blain, Deputy Medical Director of the War Shipping Administration.

The new cure is effected through the use of ergotamine tartrate, a drug. With several hundred successful tests on merchant seamen already on record, the drug and directions for use are being distributed to every merchant ship for treatment of crew members suffering from battle or "convoy" fatigue. Details of the new method also have been turned over to the Army.

Credit for the discovery of the new use for ergotamine tartrate should go to Dr. Robert G. Heath, the Deputy Medical Director said.

### QUICK THINKING

Lloyd Holly, EM1c, of CBMU 564, is not in the hospital today only because his buddy, Ed Kohler, EM2c, used his head to pull Holly out of a tight situation.

Working on an emergency cable repair job during a storm, Holly, drenched to the skin, was paralyzed when he came in contact with a hot line. Instead of acting on his immediate impulse to pull his friend free, which instead would have gotten them both in the same spot, Kohler grabbed a long piece of lumber with which he pried his mate loose.

Exhausted and with a burned hand, he administered first aid treatment to Holly before reporting to the hospital himself.

### ICE PRODUCER

Because M. G. Smith, CEM stumbled upon an old discarded reefer on a particularly hot day, practically every serviceman on CBMU 521's "Island X" is benefiting.

With the reefer as the nucleus, the Chief decided to build an ice-making machine. A. J. Farineau, EM1c and F. L. Caswell, EM2c, volunteered to act as his assistants.

The three salvaged a condenser coil and an old rebuilt compressor from the junk pile; rewound and rebuilt a surveyed motor; fabricated the expansion valve and pulleys; and pieced together copper tubing wheedled from the store of a passing vessel. The brine was made from calcium chloride, used to settle the dust on the island roads.

A. Haugen, M2c, performed all the sheet metal work, while W. Bell, CM1c built the housing for the freezing unit.

The machine produces half a ton of ice daily. It supplies the needs of the 521 shops, offices, water barges, officers' and general mess; other base units; the Base Hospital; and Administration and Base Welfare offices.

### SUDS FOR SEABEES

Because of servicemen's unslackened thirst for beer, the Army Exchange Service is seeking the cooperation of breweries producing less than 100,000 barrels annually. Large brewers have long been setting aside fifteen percent of their production for the armed services, but now the help of smaller manufacturers also is needed. The beer requirements of some military personnel, an Army Exchange spokesman said in explanation, "are fantastic".

### SEABEE SMITHIES

Machinists of Detachment 1007, who have run up an enviable record in the maintenance and repair of heavy construction equipment, refused to be stymied by an unusual request for a set of horseshoes. They not only forged the shoes from scrap material but also shod the horse--the only one on the island.

When the owner of the horse expressed a desire to have the animal shod--for the first time--Charles Leiner, F1c, Lloyd Kaulback, F1c and Leo Greene, M2c, fashioned a perfect set. Greene fitted the shoes in a thoroughly "professional" manner.

The 1007th machinists believe they have had the somewhat dubious honor of being the first Seabee outfit to be called upon to supply that type of "heavy equipment."

### CBMU S MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION

A tough job without much glory -- that's the lot of the CBMU.

Seventy-seven of these compact public works units, now serving overseas, are keeping already-established bases in tip-top fighting trim while freeing scores of battalions for new construction assignments.

Although most CBMU's don't move in with the first waves of assault troops, one unit operated the pontoon causeways which were used in the Anzio landings. A number of ~~others~~ also have seen action on Bougainville, New Guinea, the Treasury Islands, and in Italy.

### CARRIERS RENAMED FOR BATTLES

A group of escort aircraft carriers are being renamed "to perpetuate the names of successful naval and army battles and actions--most of them outstanding in the present war", according to a Navy Department announcement.



Six of the nine ships already renamed commemorate engagements in which Seabees participated: Kwajalein, Admiralty Islands, Bougainville, Roi, Gilbert Islands, and Cape Gloucester.

### UNDER TWO FLAGS

From a last-ditch stand on the beaches of France with the Canadian Army to duty on an island "somewhere in the New Hebrides" as a member of the Seabees has been the round-the-world jump of forty-year-old John R. Colleran, MM2c.

Enlisting in the Canadian Army in 1939, Colleran soon saw action in France. He was evacuated from the beach at St. Vallerie, sent back to Canada, and given a medical discharge. Several months later, he enlisted in the Seabees and was assigned to Detachment 1029.

### SPECIAL INGREDIENT

Credit for CBMU 521's new washing machine goes to Frederick Mertens, S1c; Irving Herry, S1c; L. Wackenhuth, MM1c; and C. F. Joern, CSF.

The new clothes cleaner was built from an oil drum, a one-cylinder gasoline motor, a chlorine drum set in an old chlorinator frame, and salvaged piping.

Several unprintable words, the Seabees add, also went into the machine's construction.

### A NAVY PILOT SPEAKS

"The Seabees are the best organization in the armed services," said Lt. (jg) Curtis L. Layton of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, home on leave after more than 900 hours of combat flying in the South Pacific.

"I never saw anything like them," the Navy pilot said of the Fighter Builders.

Describing living conditions on his various bases on Florida, Rendova, Bougainville, and Treasury Islands as "not bad", Lt. Layton pointed out, "The boys who have the rough living conditions are the ones who go in on initial landings.

"After they've held an island for a couple of weeks," he remarked, "it begins to get livable. You should see some of those places we've held for some time -- they look like big cities."

### IT HAPPENS . . . OCCASIONALLY

"The closest thing to perfect island duty," is the way L. L. Blanchard, MM2c, describes his tour of duty in the Hawaiian group.

"There were no mosquitoes," says the lucky Seabee, "no flies, no snakes, no storms, no swamps, no marshes, no diseases, no bombings, and no shellings."

There were: cocoanuts, marvelous fishing, good swimming, two movie theaters featuring the latest films, a 3500-volume library, two completely stocked Ship's Service Stores, plenty of beer, ice cream every day, delicious food, direct-line airmail service, and for anyone who came up with a splinter in his finger, a modern hospital.

Blanchard, who operated the island's evaporation unit, made his only complaint in this connection. "I never could quite get the drinking water the right temperature," he says, "It was always a little too cold!"

### SAME OLD ROOST

When the 117th Battalion landed at its "Island X" somewhere in the South Pacific, one of the mates--C. C. Jones, CM2c--felt right at home. One of his last jobs as a civilian was converting a barracks into a school house and building bomb-shelters on the same "Island X". Today Jones is helping to tear down the same bomb-shelters and erect new barracks.

Jones says he feels much better working with an outfit that can defend itself than he did in the days when construction men in those parts were just clay pigeons.

### BATTLEFRONT CHAPEL

The sun still shines through colored windows onto the altar of a chapel the Seabees built.

Jap mortars and the concussion of an exploding ammunition dump twice blew the windows out, but because the Seabees had fashioned them out of painted tracing linen, they were undamaged. The sections could not fall out because they were only painted, too -- grey lines to simulate the leading.

Despite the fact the church was constructed within rifle distance of the front lines, a group of Chaplains has described it as one of the finest in the southwest Pacific.. Seventy-seventh Battalion Seabees built it from timbers cut from teakwood and mahogany logs. The ornamental poles and woodwork, such as the simulated pipe organ background for the choir loft, were made from slender palm trunks. Comfortable wooden benches seat the congregation while a beautifully designed mahogany altar and pulpit stand on the stage.

The chapel is lighted by electricity, the light shades having been cut to a Gothic design and ornamented with crosses cut out of vegetable and fruit cans.

## CHRISTMAS MAIL

Plans have been announced for handling another record volume of Christmas packages for servicemen overseas.

The period from September 15 to October 15 has been designated "Christmas Mail Month." Within this time limit, packages may be mailed overseas without presentation of a serviceman's request. Present size limitations apply: five pounds in weight, fifteen inches in length and thirty-six inches in length and girth combined.

Only one such package will be accepted from the same person to the same addressee during any one week. Perishables will not be accepted and every effort will be made to discourage mailing of fragile articles.

## ALL FOR ONE

Proof of the cooperative spirit of the Seabees was seen in the recent work performed for the 110th by a detail of men from the 126th. Cmdr. T. H. Jones, CEC, USNR, O-in-C of the 110th, commended the men for the "efficient manner" in which they performed their duties while on temporary duty with his battalion.

"The men of the 126th Battalion," Cmdr. Jones wrote, "...were a well organized and well disciplined group. They reacted in an excellent manner under all emergencies."

## DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO REMEMBER

An unusual but thoroughly practical application of the "Can Do" spirit is related by Timothy J. O'Connell, MME1c, Seabee veteran of the African and Italian campaigns.

"I was laid up with a broken ankle and had a cast from my hips to my toes," said O'Connell. "I could move about slowly and painfully, and then only with the aid of crutches.

"Then, for the first time since I'd been on the binnacle list, the Jerries came over and the air raid siren sounded. I was so excited that I forgot the crutches completely, and ran to the shelter.

"After the raid was over," the Seabee grinned, "they had to carry me back to my tent."

## MUD IN HIS EYE

Running for shelter while mud pelted from the skies was one of the unusual tribulations of war experienced by Lt. Harvey S. Dutcher, CEC, USNR, during his tour of duty in the Mediterranean.

The unusual downpour, Lt. Dutcher said, was caused by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius which, while awesome in its display of pyrotechnics, spread a thick blanket of volcanic dust over the area. The almost incessant Italian rain, mixing with the dust, resulted in what could only be described as a "mud-storm."

## SHORT SPORT SHOTS

BASEBALL:..American League pennant race hottest in years..Yankees had worst road trip in twenty years, won only five games of twenty, lost seven in a row, and dropped from first to sixth..League-leading Browns with 30 wins and 23 losses only six and a half games ahead of last-place Athletics..In National, Cardinals with 34 wins and 15 losses are six games ahead of second-place Pirates and fifteen in front of tail-end Cubs..Cards set new NL record for double plays in twin bill with nine against Reds..in second game, three successive Cardinal batters, Walker Cooper, Whitey Kurowski and Danny Litwhiler lined identical home runs over left field wall in same inning..Next day, Cards handed Reds 18 to 0 shellacking, worst licking in NL since '06..They're neither too young or too old' is theme song of majors this season..Reds signed fifteen year-old, six-foot, 195-pound pitcher, Joe Nuxhall, youngest pitcher ever in big time; Giants and Dodgers signed several seventeen-year-olds, Red Sox gave \$15,000 bonus to Dick Callahan, nineteen-year-old New Orleans high school pitcher, for signing contract; Braves purchased veteran outfielder Ab Wright from Minneapolis..Wright's last appearance in majors was with Indians in '33..June 15 trading deadline saw little action..Reds bought pitcher Harry Gumbert from Cardinals, Jim Konstanty, top right-hander from Syracuse; released pitcher Bill Lohrman; Dodgers handed veterans Johnny Cooney and Lloyd Waner unconditional releases, sold or optioned several others to minors..Giants picked up left-hander Johnny Gee, six-foot nine-inch pitcher, on waivers..Gee originally cost Pirates \$75,000 in cash and players..Babe Ruth recuperating after operation of knee to correct injury sustained during ball playing career..Pirates' hurler, Nick Strincevich, classified 4-F..Bucky Walters became first major leaguer to win ten games this season..veteran Red started twelve games, finished eleven and has but three defeats.

RACING:..First triple dead-heat in history of stake racing in North America occurred at Aqueduct June 10..Bossuet, Wait A Bit and Brownie finished in tie for first in seven-furlong Carter Handicap..Jockey Ted Atkinson rode five winners in one day at Aqueduct..Alsab slated for retirement at close of '44 racing season..Bobby Permane, sensational apprentice rider, suspended for ten days for "cutting-in".

FOOTBALL:..Brooklyn Tigers swung six-man trade with Redskins..Tigers got Ray Hare and Courtney Driscoll, backs; and George Smith, center..Skins took Merlyn Condit, Howard Calliman, backs; and Joe Ungerer, tackle..Pacific Coast Conference football coaches agreed to permit forward passing from any spot behind line of scrimmage and eliminated intentional out-of-bounds kickoffs..Lt. (jg) Byron (Whizzer) White, former All-American from Colorado U. received Bronze Star for courageous service with destroyer squadron in SoPac.

TRACK:..Led by Claude (Bud) Young, sensational Negro freshman, Illinois captured 23rd National Collegiate Athletic Assn. Track and Field championships..Young took 100-yard dash in 9.7, ran away from field in 220 in 21.6, took second in broad jump.

GOLF:..Sammy Byrd, ex-Yankee outfielder turned golfer, won Philadelphia War Bond tourney with score of 274, ten strokes under par for the 72-hole contest and seven strokes ahead of second-place Craig Wood.

BOXING:..Hammerin' Hank Armstrong scored two-round TKO over Bummy Davis.

SIDELINES:..CBMU 521 Basketballers split even in two game series with Aircraft Carrier five played aboard flattop..S/Sgt. Joe DiMaggio now with Air Forces in Central Pacific..Ted Lyons, who refused commission in Marines before earning it in training camp, now a captain somewhere in Pacific.