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## SEABEES AT TINIAN

Seabees already are at work repairing the 4500-foot Ushi Point airfield on newly-invaded Tinian in the Mariannas according to an AP dispatch from the front.

The report said the airfield, captured less than twelve hours earlier, was receiving small artillery-spotter planes.

## HITCH HIKER

How a member of the Pontoon Causeway Detachment 1006 became probably the first enlisted Seabee to make a landing on the Normandy beachhead has just been relayed by the detachment's OinC, Lt. Wesley C. Pietz, CEC, USNR.

Arriving at the beachhead at H-Hour plus 8 on D-Day, with a jeep and trailer aboard a Rhino ferry, Verner H. Smith, Jr., MM1c, ran a towline from the jeep to a U. S. Army truck.

The truck driver failed to stop when he hit the beach but continued inland, towing the jeep and trailer-- and Smith. The cavalcade was well on the way to the frontlines before the Army driver realized he had brought along a guest.

"Needless to say," Lt. Pietz noted, "Smith made a hasty retreat back to the beach."

Veterans of amphibious operations at Sicily and Salerno, the detachment set up the first Navy kitchen in France, supplying chow on the morning of D plus 3.

## AVERTS DISASTER

Patrick Donnahue, S1c of the 5th Special, was hauling depth charges in his truck when flame suddenly enveloped the vehicle's gas tank.

The Seabee realized that if the tank blew up it would ignite the depth charges and set off the whole dock area with its hundreds of tons of high explosives.

Donnahue quickly peeled off his parka. With it, he beat at the flames until the fire was extinguished.

"The whole thing took only a minute", said Leslie M. Kerrison, CBM, who witnessed the scene. "It was over so quickly that I didn't even walk over. It wasn't until a few minutes later that my knees gave way and I had to sit down as I suddenly

realized what a terrible catastrophe would have followed if Donnahue had obeyed a natural impulse--and ran away.

Later at the sick bay where Donnahue was getting his burned arm dressed, the Chief proposed turning in the former's name for a possible award. Donnahue shrugged off the suggestion. "Forget it, Chief," he said.

#### MAN WITH A HORN

The night before a detachment of Seabees embarked for France, Jack Wruble, battalion bugler, received instructions from the battalion's OinC to blow 0330 call through the window of the Warrant Officers' hut to make sure they would not oversleep.

Wruble either got his directions mixed up or couldn't see well in the dark. When he let loose his blast it was through the window -- of the Skipper's hut, right over the Chaplain's head!

The Seabee says he was slated to go to France anyhow.

#### CBMU 504 SETS SALVAGE MARK

The Seabees long ago proved themselves top-flight builders. Now, as the war in the Pacific moves closer to Japan, many rear bases are being dismantled and moved into the new forward zone, and the Seabees are demonstrating their ability as salvage experts as well as construction men.

When one such base was dismantled recently, 105 officers and men of CBMU 504 completed the salvage of facilities in what is believed to be record time. Taking down 404 wooden frame buildings totaling 1,880,000 cubic feet, they proved that one Seabee carpenter working with a crew of eighteen unskilled natives could dismantle and remove nails from lumber at the rate of 1,000 square feet or 10,000 cubic feet on all types of wooden frame buildings in eight hours. The Seabees recovered about 70% of all lumber originally used in the frame buildings.

The detachment also dismantled 95 quonset housing huts totaling 716,000 cubic feet, and recovered 100% of the material.

Ten quonset hut warehouses were dismantled, totaling 628,000 cubic feet storage. All of the material was recovered. Two skilled Seabee carpenters and fourteen natives dismantled one warehouse in sixteen hours. One Seabee and seven unskilled natives crated one warehouse in twenty-four hours.

In addition, the men dismantled electrical and refrigeration equipment, all plumbing, and a tank farm. Dismantling the tank farm, the Seabees took down sixteen 500-barrel bolted steel avgas tanks and connecting installations and assembled them

for shipment in eight days by working two eight-hour shifts per day, using five Seabee riggers and four unskilled natives per shift.

### SAVE PILOT; DECORATED

Two Seabees who risked exploding ammunition and flames to aid in the rescue of a wounded pilot from a crashed and burning fighter plane have been awarded Navy and Marine Corps Medals for heroism.

Upon observing the plane crash into the jungle near the airfield where they were stationed, Gene E. Powell, CSF, and Willie E. Walker, MM1c, of the 37th Battalion, immediately rushed to the scene of the accident. Despite the exploding ammunition and the intense heat from the blazing plane, the Seabees assisted another serviceman in extricating the unconscious pilot from the cockpit and removing him to safety.

### EXHAUSTION FOILS ATTEMPTED RESCUE

A gallant but futile effort by two Seabees to save the lives of three Army men was brought to light by the publication of an official commendation from Lt. Col. J. B. Phillips, USA, to Joe Michl and Ray Gallaher, both seamen assigned to duty with the 36th battalion.

Two Army enlisted men and one officer had been sucked under by the undertow while swimming in the ocean. "Seamen Michl and Gallaher, without thought of their own safety, rushed to their rescue ..." said Lt. Col. Phillips.

"Seaman Michl dived for one of the enlisted men, but was unable to find him. He then attempted to locate the other soldier but was unable to do so. He continued his search until exhausted.

"Seaman Gallaher obtained a hold on the officer, but was unable to bring him to shore. He battled the waves and current for at least fifteen minutes, several times losing his grip .... Only after he had reached the point of exhaustion, did he release the officer. He was so tired, he was unable to reach the shore unassisted. One of our men threw him a life preserver, and assisted him to shore.

"The action of these two men was in the true tradition of our armed forces."

### DESIGNS FOR LIVING

Anticipating nightly visits from the Luftwaffe, Seabees operating on the Normandy beachhead have built their foxholes with an eye toward comfort as well as practicability.

The most popular one-man model, designed by Joseph J. Cataldo, MM2c, has the tent pitched directly over the dugout. Buttressed with sand bags and planking, the foxhole is provided with a cot on which the occupant may relax (?) while sweating out air raids.

Another one-man model is the "Deluxe", brainchild of William M. Minchin, SK2c. At the first note of the air raid siren, the Seabee simply rolls down a slight incline under one-half of his pup tent onto a cot in his sandbagged and plank-protected shelter.

The "Utility", a two-man model, offers companionship to its occupants but has a drawback: it requires much labor and material. Designed by CCM George H. Francis and CBM Sanford E. Crosby, the "Utility" is constructed by digging into a dune or burrowing into a side hill. Lined with sandbags and planks, the dugout has a cot for each of its tenants.

Not elaborate but satisfying the personal needs of Lt. L. A. Gemmell, ChC, USNR, the battalion's chaplain, is the "Padre's Chateau", a one-man model which also serves as an office and council room. Furnished with shelving and a bunk, the "Chateau" has sidewalls constructed of logs salvaged from glider field obstructions. It is protected overhead by a log roof under a covering of sandbags. A replaceable window cut into the log roof can be used as an emergency entrance for anyone deciding to visit the Chaplain in a hurry.

#### **SOUVENIR WORKSHOP OPENED BY 115th**

Conceding that practically every Seabee has been bitten by the souvenir bug, the 115th Battalion has constructed its own hobby shop and opened it to all men in the unit.

The new workroom is equipped with tools and a stock of excellent-quality native wood. A drying room assures replacement of lumber as the original wood is used.

The shop has 22 benches plus an additional sheet metal bench for men doing soldering and metal work. The battalion also offers instruction in the use of power tools so that even novices can turn out their own momentos.

#### **BUSTED**

A final entry has been made in the service record of Oscar, Virginia-born racoon who has been the mascot of several Seabee battalions.

Recent depredations had hurt Oscar's Navy record which dated from the time of his adoption at Camp Peary and official punishment has been dealt him. He is now in confinement at an English zoo, according to "The Invader," a Seabee newspaper published in England.

The following account of his trial and disposal has been copied from Oscar's official service record, "The Invader" states:

"25, June, 1944.

"Deck Court:

"Offense (1) While being a P.A.L. did absent himself from his station, to which he had been regularly assigned, and did remain absent from 2400 18 June, 1944, to 2400 19 June, 1944, total of 24 hours. (2) While so serving aboard the ---- Battalion, did, on or about 19 June, 1944, in a neighboring yard, feloniously, wilfully, and without justifiable cause devour two (2) medium-sized chickens, fowl then being very scarce in England, the country then being in a state of war.

"Finding: Specification proved.

"Sentence: To be reduced from the rating of First Mascot to Third Mascot. To be sent to the Paignton (England) Zoological Gardens and there to be confined for the rest of his natural life.

"And so," moralizes "The Invader," endeth the naval history of one Seabee. Let all others take heed: it is indeed dangerous to chase English chickens."

### HI YAH BUD

Seabee G. W. "Pat" Johnson, of CBMU 571, and his brother, S/Sgt. Harvey, of the Army Engineers, were stationed on the same Southwest Pacific island for two and a half weeks before either learned of the other's presence. Last time they met was nine months ago at their home in Bremerton, Washington.

### ALMOST AS GOOD AS A JEEP

Ranking high among the many examples of Seabee ingenuity is an electric scooter built by two inventive members of the 112th Battalion, Harry Ventresca, EM1c, and Charles Staig, EM2c.

The scooter's junk-pile ingredients included three 12-volt surveyed airplane batteries, a broken putt-putt frame, a cast-off bilge pump motor, some lengths of bicycle chain, two small scooter wheels, parts for a mechanical brake, two starter buttons, a decrepit ammeter, and odd bits of wire. A few bolts, several pieces of scrap lumber and other odds and ends rounded out the collection.

When they found that each of their salvaged batteries had one dead cell, Ventresca and Staig shorted them out and made a source of 24-volt power for the cleaned and reassembled .9 horse-power motor.

The two Seabees estimate the scooter's top speed is better than 20 miles per hour, and that it can cover 25 miles on a single charge. When the machine is idle, a rebuilt battery charger renews the batteries.

### FOUR WIN NAVY AND MARINE CORPS MEDALS

Navy and Marine Corps Medals have been awarded to four Seabees who aided in the rescue of 10 survivors of a PBV which crashed into an Alaskan Bay last November.

The four, all members of the 51st Battalion, are Roy A. Shook, S1c; Moses

Dunton, MM1c; Oluf T. Hoff, CM2c; and CCM Harvey C. Luchau. Awards were made at Hueneme.

(An account of the rescue appears in Seabee News Service, Issue #10, January 31st.)

#### POLLY WANTS A LETTER

If the postmaster of the 117th Battalion has his way, the postoffice's information section will soon be taken over by "Saipan", a brilliantly-plumaged macaw.

Tired of answering repetitious queries for mail, the mail clerk is training the bird to screech "No, the mail's not in yet!" to inquisitive Seabees and "All the mail's gone up to the BOQ" to questioning goldbraids.

#### FOUR BRONZE STAR MEDALS FOR BOUGAINVILLE HEROISM

Two Civil Engineer Corps officers and two Seabees have been awarded Bronze Star Medals by Admiral William F. Halsey for their part in operations on Bougainville earlier this year.

The officers are Commander L. V. Clark Deichler, CEC, USNR, Officer-in-Charge of a battalion on the island, and Lieutenant (j.g.) Louis K. McLean. The enlisted men are Chief Boatswain's Mate E. F. Prehoda and Henry S. Utley, SF3c.

Commander Deichler was decorated for assistance in "the planning for and the construction of the vitally important Piva bomber and fighter airstrips, which gave our aircraft operational bases close to enemy installations.

"In addition," read his citation, "he personally supervised numerous emergency repairs on these airfields, the Torokina airstrip, and the adjoining tank farm, many times directing the work while under enemy bombardment. By his initiative and resourcefulness, he contributed materially to the collapse of Japanese air power in the area and enabled our forces to inflict severe damage on Japanese installations."

Lt. (jg) McLean (then Ensign) was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his action in leading a repair party on an airstrip which had received approximately seventy-five enemy artillery shell hits. "Although exposed to continuous enemy fire," his citation said, "he courageously led a repair party in rapidly restoring the field to service after each hit. So effective was the work of this group that on no occasion was the use of the field interrupted for more than thirty minutes."

Chief Boatswain's Mate Prehoda received his Bronze Star Medal for participating in the same emergency repair job. His citation said, "His quick action and unselfish devotion to duty contributed materially to the success of our air forces against the Japanese."

Ship Fitter Utley's citation read: "... the aviation gasoline system at the airfield where Utley was stationed was damaged five times by enemy shelling. Each time that a storage tank or pipe line was shattered by shrapnel, gasoline under pressure saturated an area of approximately two hundred feet. On each occasion, disregarding the danger of explosion and the continuous shelling, Utley led a damage repair party in effecting immediate repairs. As a result of his prompt action, no part of the gasoline system was out of commission for more than thirty minutes, thereby enabling our aircraft to operate without interruption."

### LIKE SON LIKE FATHER

In July, 1943, Edward Davidson left his home in Louisville, Kentucky, to join the Seabees. Three months later, his father, Dan, also enlisted in the ranks of the Fighter-Builders with the hope that someday he might meet his son.

Assigned to the 13th Battalion, the senior Davidson's hopes were realized when the battalion reached its new "Island X". His son is stationed on the same island.

### SEABEE SCOUT PARTY SAW FRONT LINE DUTY IN FRANCE

The eventful reconnaissance mission of a party of Seabees in Normandy had its full share of thrills even before it culminated in the capture of a German fort and 330 prisoners, Lt. Frank Lauer, CEC, USNR, one of the two officers who led the group, revealed.

The Navy shore party of 52, which included Coast Guardsmen and members of the Fleet Navy as well as Seabees, reached a Normandy beach along with an Army division on D-Day. German opposition apparently was heavy; Lt. Lauer reported that casualties on the beach were high.

"We went forward with the Army Division until we reached St. Mere Eglise," he related, "then we joined another Army unit until we reached Montbourg. We were in the front line trenches, in the thick of everything.

"We stayed on with an Airborne Division until we reached Valognes, fighting and digging in all day with no sleep at night as the Jerries kept up their bombardment all night with their 88's....

"On June 24 we moved up to Glasier and from our point atop a hill we could watch Cherbourg burn and our artillery raising hell. On June 25 at 1 p.m. we entered Cherbourg under heavy sniping of machine guns and rifles. June 26, the German Admiral and General surrendered at 10 a.m. but the sniping was still very bad.

"Our little party made quite a name for itself in Cherbourg," the Lieutenant concluded.

## SET 'EM UP AND KNOCK 'EM DOWN

The Third Special's transportation crew have set up a used six-cylinder truck engine in the battalion's garage, for use as a training unit. Teaming up in twos, the garage force will tear down and reassemble the motor to familiarize themselves with the correct procedure.

## QUICK WATSON THE NEEDLE'

"The Case of the Missing Chlorinator" which stumped the experts on a Pacific "Island X" has been satisfactorily solved by two Seabees of the 16th Battalion.

During the hasty construction of a nearby camp, installation of the important sewage chlorination unit had been overlooked. Following a check for the necessary equipment and material, the 16th learned the units were not available, and called upon their expert sanitary engineer, Chief Bob Carnahan.

In less than two days the problem was solved. Carnahan, ably assisted by Joe Karl, WT2c, plus about \$40 worth of scrap metal, tubing and various other parts, assembled an efficiently operating unit. Total cost of new factory-made unit is about \$3200.

## THE ROUGH AND NARROW PATH

Getting supplies ashore on the rocky Aleutian beaches is no easy task under the best of conditions, but when it had to be done during the height of a winter storm, it put "Can Do" to the acid test.

"For two weeks we had been trying to make the landing with badly needed supplies and equipment," wrote Louis M. Siems, QM3c, who was assigned the job of piloting the LCM for the landing.

"The cove where the landing was to be made was about 500 feet at the opening while the only possible landing spot allowed but two feet of clearance on either side at high tide during good weather.

"The breakers were about ten feet high and pounding hard," the Seabee continued, "and since I knew we would hit the reef on the way in, I had the LCM loaded up full. I knew there wouldn't be but one trip.

"Headed for the beach, I caught a breaker and hung on. About eighty-five feet out I hollered to hang on and then I felt the bottom being torn out on the reef. We hit the beach hard and the next icy breaker came over. I could feel it from the time it hit the back of my neck until it finished filling my boots.

"We dropped the ramp and the unloading began. All the boys got soaked but we got those supplies ashore," Siems said. "Luckily the tide was going out because the cooling system on the engines were clogging up faster than we could clean them out. If the tide had been coming in we probably would have lost her completely.



"As it was we had to be towed back to port", he concluded, "The damage? A hole in the bottom you could pass a good sized rocking chair through and two engines well sanded up."

#### NOT SPAM BUT !

Al Porter, SK2c with the 118th Battalion "somewhere in New Guinea", received a heavy package from home recently. As his envious mates crowded around in anticipation, Al tore away the wrappings, then turned to the onlookers and offered them the contents.

"Shuddering as they recoiled in horror," the 118th's "Pillar News" said, "the ungrateful wretches cried 'NO!' with one voice .... the cans contained Vienna Sausage frankfurters, which we rarely get more than three times a day."

#### 104<sup>th</sup> BEATS SCHEDULE ON AIRFIELD JOB

Another Seabee battalion demonstrated its mettle in airfield construction and at the same time displayed a spirit of cooperativeness that won the praise of Army engineers.

Wrote Lt. Col. R. C. Blair of an Army Aviation Engineer Regiment to Cmdr. K. P. Coykendall, CEC, USNR, OinC of the 104th Battalion:

"The excellent performance of your battalion in the construction of the bomber taxiway for the ----- airdrome contributed materially to completion of the initial project ahead of schedule ...

"The cooperative spirit of you and your officers in their relations with other organizations engaged on the airdrome construction greatly facilitated .... and simplified .... the problems of coordination.

"I would be pleased to be associated again with you on construction where speed and results were essential."

Cmdr. Coykendall also was individually commended by Vice Admiral T. C. Kinkaid, USN, Commander Seventh Fleet, for the excellence of his services rendered during the construction of the airdrome.

#### QUICK THINKING REWARDED

For quick thinking which averted an accident which might have killed himself and two senior officers while the three of them were riding a heavily loaded truck, L. S. Wilson, GM2c, of the 81st Battalion earned a commendation and a recommendation that he be promoted to GM1c.

## NORMANDIE SEABEES HAVE UNIQUE LIVING QUARTERS

A Seabee detachment in Normandy has named its new base, located in a destroyed arsenal and small craft repair center, "Camp Efford II" after its base in Great Britain, reports Lt. (jg) John P. Cowan, ChC, USNR, who accompanied the men on their trip across the Channel. And, says the Chaplain, the same qualities that have given Camp Efford its rating as one of the best in England now are making Camp Efford II among the best in France.

"The men are living happily and fairly comfortably all over the place - some in the cabins of boats, some in bunks under a vast shattered roof formerly over the repair shop, some in very comfortable quarters in a small rectangular space where the buildings are more or less intact," he adds.

A galley and mess hall have been set up. "Tables are arranged restaurant style in the small mess hall, and the overflow goes through a window to outdoor tables overlooking the harbor. It would remind you for all the world of a prosperous vacation eating place on the Riviera.

"Sea breeze, sunshine, water - and to complete the picture, a piano sends forth its dulcet sounds to cheer the diners. The Jerries had other things besides music on their mind when they left, and generously left the piano behind them."

The Seabees are, as usual, doing well for themselves in the souvenir line, the Chaplain reports. "Abandoned ammunition is all over the place, and the boys are gathering in a plentiful supply of German helmets, rifles, insignia, duffle bags, etc.

## PRAISES 16th SPECIAL'S INITIATIVE AND SPIRIT

For its "initiative and spirit shown in discharging cargo", the 16th Special Battalion, (Company B-2), has been commended by J. W. Windle, Master of a transport unloaded by the Seabees.

Captain Windle called special attention to the work of Thomas P. Stewart, BM1c, who he said had "displayed exemplary leadership".

## PONTOONS INTO DUTCH OVENS

A set of Dutch ovens capable of producing 130 pounds of bread or pastries daily have been constructed from a pair of discarded pontoons by Seabees of CBMU 572 and 573.

The oil burning ovens, using a combination of gasoline and kerosene for fuel, are fed on a gravity system adapted by Roy A. Redd, SF1c, who also constructed the oil burner units from odds and ends of available material.

Use of the metal pontoons was decided upon by Benjamin White, CCStd, and Edward L. Klapper, CM1c. Plans were drawn by William E. Yohe, SF2c, and construction supervised by W. O. Herbt V. Nordholm, CEC, USNR.

Approximately 3,200 fire bricks were used in the project.

### SEEKS REVENGE

A 48-year-old Seabee who enlisted last fall to avenge the death of his daughter, a WAC lieutenant, moved a step closer to his avowed intention to see action in this war.

A veteran of World War I, during which he was a Captain, Francis E. "Pop" Cheney, GM2c, successfully applied for transfer from a Special Battalion in training to an outgoing battalion.

### NEEDS ONLY INCHES TO FELL TREE

An appreciative audience of more than 300 servicemen will testify that F. R. Sommers, S2c, of CBMU 541, is a logger who can "call his shots."

Sommers' outfit had to take down an 85-foot teakwood which stood in the middle of a highly congested camp area. Only a foot's clearance was available on any side of the dead tree.

Hundreds of "sidewalk superintendents" gathered around as Sommers was asked where he thought the tree would fall.

The Seabee, a woodman of 18 years' experience, jiggled some bits of coral in his hand. Throwing a piece on the ground, he said "Right there!" Sommers was asked where he would cut his notches. He jiggled his coral a little more and tossed another piece at the tree, about ten feet up from the ground. "Right there!" he replied.

The trunk was notched and G. S. Gillis, F1c, another ex-logger, "looped" his way up to remove branches which would have interfered with the fall. Then, with a guide line attached to a winch, the two Seabees and their assistants, J. B. Hungerford, EM1c, G. O. Keller, MM3c, and J. E. Dove, EM2c, began alternately sawing and tugging. The heavy tree slowly toppled over. It landed squarely on the piece of coral Sommers had thrown on the ground.

### EFFICIENT

Army orders at the advanced base at which the 86th is stationed are that tin cans must be flattened before being dumped into pits or disposed of at sea. The Seabees have met the situation by fashioning a can-flattening machine from scrap materials. The device destroyed 40,000 cans in three hours on its trial run.

## SHORT SPORT SHOTS

BASEBALL:..St. Louis teams still leading respective leagues at three-quarter mark.. Cardinals with 62 wins, 24 losses for .727 average, extended lead to 14 games over second place Reds..Dodgers and Braves shared tail-end position, 28 1/2 games behind..Browns' record of 54 wins, 41 losses for .568 average enough to give them 4 game over second place Yankees..Athletics bringing up rear 13 1/2 games away.. Stan Musial, Cards' outfielder, leading leagues in hitting with .352..Giants' Mel Ott and Cubs' Bill Nicholson, tied for home run honors with 21 apiece..Nicholson also leading in runs-batted-in with 67..Giants and Cubs set new major league record when they used 14 pitchers, 7 each, in nine-inning game..Cubs batted around in 8th inning without making a hit and no Giant errors (statisticians still trying to figure that one out)..Nicholson tied two major league records in series..hit four home runs in one day, three in one game; also hit four homers in four official times at bat..Nelson Potter, Browns' hurler, suspended for 10 days for using "spitter" ..Jimmy Dykes, White Sox manager, signed new two-year contract..Tex Hughson, Red Sox pitcher, became first ALer this season to win 16 games..Gil Torres, Senators' third baseman who returned to Cuba when ordered to register for Selective Service, will re-join club and await draft call..Braves' second baseman, Connie Ryan, one of stars of All-Star game, joined Navy..Picked squad of American Assn. sluggers crushed Milwaukee Brewers, 18 to 0 in most top heavy beating in 10-year history of league All-Star play..George Stirnweiss, Yankees' second baseman, has stolen 29 bases in 32 tries.

RACING:..Twilight Tear, Calumet's filly, won \$80,600 Arlington Classic for 11th straight..now touted as better than Regret, only filly ever to win Kentucky Derby.. Coupled with Pensive, Tear was 1 to 10, shortest price in 16-year history of race.. Count Fleet, wonder horse of '43 and winner of 5 major 3-year-old stakes, retired to stud..never out of money in 22 starts, Count took Wood and Withers plus Triple Crown (Derby-Preakness-Belmont)..twisted ankle in June '43, winning Belmont by 25 lengths, hasn't run since..\$1,786,144 bet at Hagerstown meeting set new track record..Daily double at Arlington paid \$1043, largest pay-off of Chicago season.

BOXING:..Heavyweight Lem Franklin of Chicago, out almost an hour after KO by Larry Lane..now in hospital with entire right side paralyzed..Veteran heavyweight Tony Shucco took 10-rounder over Georgie Parks..Bee Bee Wright won 10-round decision from Frankie Wills.

SIDELINES:..London sportswriters assert Olympics produce too many "international brawls" and should not be held for at least 25 years after war..Ernie C. Quigley, former major league umpire, named director of athletics at U. of Kansas..Sammy Byrd captured Michigan PGA golf title..Golf pros campaigning to kill stymie.. Bruce Cabot, film actor recently discharged from Army, bought minority interest in pro football Philly Eagles.

SERVICEMEN'S SPORTS:..7th A.A.F.'s baseball team, sporting former major-leaguers in line-up, trounced All Seabee Stars 10 to 1 at Pacific "Island X" ..Seabee Central Pacific boxing champs took 5 out of 8 contests held at Nimitz Bowl..S/Sgt. Tommy Loughran, former light-heavy champ, expecting discharge from Marines.. Lt. Raymond Frick, U. of Penn., '40 football captain, POW in Germany..Capt. Harold Simmons, co-captain of '38 football team at Lafayette, killed in action in France.