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"ISLANDS X" REPORT

Seabees formed part of the spearhead which drove into Southern France this week and thereby maintained their record of having participated in every major amphibious strike American forces have made.

Details of the extent of the Seabees' latest operation are lacking; however, the fact that pontoon detachments took part indicates they moved in on "D" day when the need for speed in getting combat vehicles ashore was greatest. "Unloadings," says the latest communique, "have exceeded expectations."

Presumably the Seabee pontoon experts included men with experiences gained in operating pontoon causeways at Sicily, Salerno, and Normandy.

At the same time, other Seabees some 600 miles to the northwest were converting the bomb and dynamite blasted facilities at Cherbourg into usable structures some even superior to what they were before the Nazis destroyed them. A delayed dispatch from this port states:

"Already hospitals, barracks, offices and other vital establishments have been renovated by the busy hammers and saws of the Construction Battalion men, many of whom fought their way to Cherbourg from the beachhead with the initial army forces."

On the other side of the world, Seabees were hard at work developing the newly won bases at Guam and Saipan. Meanwhile, accounts written by Marine Corps Correspondents telling of Seabee activities during the initial stages of Guam's recapture are just reaching the States.

One of these relates how the Seabees at Guam built emergency roads and worked on the beaches all day, then moved into the front lines area to back up assault troops at night. At one time, heavy equipment operators braved sniper fire to bulldoze a 1000-yard road up a steep ridge so that tanks could follow and blast at Japs entrenched in caves.

Another vital job performed was the landing of equipment and supplies. The Seabees were credited with "contributing materially" to the engineers' speed record in unloading more than 4,000 tons daily. All the while, they were subjected to a rain of shrapnel.

To the south, the auspicious beginning made in the Admiralties by the Fortieth Battalion when it won a Presidential Unit Citation has been carried on by other Seabee units until today, a major base stands ready to support new air and naval thrusts at the Japanese lifeline.

Likewise, in the central Pacific, Seabees have strengthened the captured bases in the Gilberts and Marshalls to the point where they will serve as efficient staging points for future offensives.

A few statistics reveal the extent of the Seabees' activity all over the world. By June 30, 1944, more than \$3,230,000,000 had been spent on the construction of advanced bases overseas since the beginning of the emergency. Add to this nearly \$5,700,000,000 for shore facilities constructed in the United States, and you get an over-all investment of nearly nine billion dollars since July 1, 1940. That is roughly 14 times greater than the estimated value of the Navy's shore facilities before the Emergency.

FILARIASIS NOT PERMANENT, NAVY DOCTOR STATES

Seabees suffering from filariasis will find encouragement in the recent statement by Cmdr. Omar J. Brown, MC, USN, that when proper precautionary measures are taken this tropical disease usually wears itself out without leaving any permanently harmful or unsightly after-effects.

Fear of either impotency or sterility as a result of filariasis are unjustified, asserted Cmdr. Brown, who is attached to the Bureau of Medicine & Surgery. Furthermore, he added, rumors that the disease is incurable and invariably leads to elephantiasis are wholly unfounded. Such cases are the exception rather than the rule.

While it is true that no entirely satisfactory medical or surgical treatment has yet been discovered, the natural defensive mechanisms of the body are usually capable of completely overcoming the infection, the Navy medical officer said, producing a "spontaneous cure" with gradual disappearance of swelling and symptoms provided the infected men are removed from filarial areas where reinfection can occur.

At present, the commander said, it is not possible to predict the time limit during which this disease will run its course and permit the individual to resume his place as an integral part in the military organization.

GUAM SEABEES WERE ON 24-HOUR WORK-FIGHT SHIFT

Seabees who went into Guam with the Marines worked by day, fought by night, and inbetween times still found opportunities to display the ingenuity for which they have become famous, according to Sgt. Harold A. Breard, Marine Corps Combat Correspondent writing from the newly-conquered island.

During the first few days of the battle the Seabees acted as part of the Marines' shore party. Besides working on the beaches all day and doing some emergency road building on the side, at night they moved into the front line area to back up the assault troops. At one time, when Marine tanks had to move up a steep ridge to blast Japs entrenched in caves, the Seabees braved sniper fire to bulldoze a 1000-yard road up the incline. The tanks followed in their wake.

The battle for the island was still in its infancy, said the Marine Corps correspondent, when the Seabees tired of the tarpaulin-covered galley their cooks had thrown together on the beach when they first came ashore. Instead, the builders set up the "Guam Greasy Grill," reputed to be the most elaborate galley on Guam. The Grill was built of odds and ends of lumber, sheet metal and canvas, and screened with mosquito netting. A carpenter's crayon was enough to produce the sign above the doorway announcing the name.

PURIFIER

If any of your friends have shown a sudden interest in getting Mediterranean duty lately, it may be that they have heard of the new order which prohibits Seabees and other Allied troops in Rome from consuming non-alcoholic beverages.

Italian bars display signs reading "Sale of soft drinks to Allied troops is forbidden." The reason is that typhoid and dysentery might easily be spread in drinks which do not contain in some form that well known disinfectant, alcohol.

"BEACHHEAD" MacDOUGLASS

The Very Reverend "Beachhead" MacDouglass has delivered himself of his one and only pidgin-English sermon in the interests of cordial relations with the Melanesians, and has resolved hereafter to stick to his role as plain CCM Charles T. MacDouglass of the 61st Battalion.

The Seabee Chief, who had traveled on special orders to a small island neighboring the 61st's base, had treated the natives to a feast of GI rations. The islanders, in return, invited MacDouglass to stay and have supper in the village.

"Beachhead" dined well and, after dessert, felt impelled to lift his voice in song. He began with "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds." The natives not only joined in lustily but were so impressed by his hymn-singing they insisted he stay over and preach at their chapel the next morning.

When MacDouglass arrived at the thatched church, about 500 islanders had crowded inside and around the chapel. Somewhat doubtfully, he moved down the aisle to the pulpit. The native preacher solemnly handed him a bible and motioned him to begin.

The chief chose a selection from Isaiah 55 and tremulously opened his mouth.

"I don't know yet what I preached about during the next twenty minutes," he confesses, "but the natives enjoyed it. That was the main thing."

A MARINE WRITES

"When I move into the Philippines I want to be damn sure there's a Seabee outfit close by so we can have something larger than a mortar path through the

jungle," wrote a wounded Marine veteran to D. F. Jacobberger, S2c, according to the 119th Battalion's Scuttle Scoop,

"The day the Seabees stop operating is the day I want to be on a nice open plain where we won't need airfields, camp areas and roads," the letter concluded.

TANK -- AND CREW -- WELL OILED

Seabees working on Guam's Agana Airfield, captured by the Marines only the day before, didn't look twice when a tank with Jap markings rolled by. "What the hell," said one of the men, "Some mechanic has fixed himself up a Jap tank and is having a joy ride." Everybody laughed because the guy inside had been foolish enough not to put proper identification on it.

But, wrote S/Sgt. Bill Burnett, a few yards down the road the hatch popped open and a Jap head poked out!

The Jap took a quick look around, fired two pistol shots in the air, and pulled down again into the tank which rumbled on.

"By that time," the Marine Corps Combat Correspondent continued, "we had the wind up and a couple of anti-tank guns opened fire.

"Our first shell caught the tank as it left the highway, but nobody could figure out why the Japs hadn't strafed our men before we caught up with them."

One of the Marines suggested perhaps the reason might be that the Nips had drunk "a month's supply of saki ration at one sitting."

REAL FIRST AID

Withing seven days after Seabees pitched into the job of converting a badly-battered three story building in Cherbourg into a Naval hospital, Navy surgeons were operating on wounded sailors in the surgery and the wards were filling with other patients.

Nearly every room in the building had been scarred by artillery fire. One thousand window sashes were **warped** and broken and more than 200 doors had been blown from their hinges by the concussion of heavy explosions.

One of the first assignments handed to Lt. Cmdr. Jesseh Kopp, CEC, USNR, OinC of a Seabee battalion and Public Works Officer for the Cherbourg Naval area, a detail of Seabees headed by CCM L. A. Malone did the job in a manner which official observers described as "outstanding".

RISING SUN SETTING

Acting Secretary of Navy Ralph Bard in a recent weekly war review revealed that American Naval forces in the Pacific now control a 3,500-mile front covering more than 8,000,000 square miles.

Mr. Bard said the area stretches from the Marshall Islands on the east through Bougainville in the Solomons, the Bismarck Islands, the north coast of New Guinea, to its extreme western strip, and north to Paramushiro in the Kuriles.

HALF A SHIP

Anyway to get home is a good way.

So thought three Seabees of CBMU 510 who were assigned to stand engine room watches and keep up the steam on the stern section of a Liberty ship which had broken in two during an Alaskan storm. The trip, from their "Island X" down to Seattle, required a month. The three, E. F. Lambrecht, J. A. Gierke and L. G. Woodard, didn't mind though because every hour brought them closer to the States.

TOP THIS ONE

Nothing stirs the inventive genius of Seabees like ice cream and many are the contraptions they have built for making it. But, in our humble opinion, none can match the freezer produced by the "Fighting Fortieth."

The 40th turns out ice cream on their South Pacific Island "X", with the same ease that you would drive a car, according to Lieut. William T. Maley, CEC, USN.

"They took two discarded oil drums and cut one of them down to fit inside the other. The inner drum was rotated by a two horsepower engine salvaged from a broken down generator set, and this in turn was attached to the transmission from a Chevrolet truck," explained Lieut. Maley.

"When the 'mix' was first put in, the contraption operated in high gear, but as it thickened, it was necessary to throw the transmission into 'second'. Finally, when the boys had to shift into low gear, the ice cream was done."

JOB HELP READY

"This time the Navy is going to take care of its own. And the best way to do it is to see that our men get good jobs -- jobs that will last after the war."

This promise, made by Rear Admiral William R. Munroe, USN, Commandant of the Third Naval District, was coupled with the Admiral's announcement that the Navy is planning to help men make the transition from military to civilian life by establishing special "discharge centers" where, at the government's expense, they may live in hotel-like surroundings until they either have found a job or made other plans.

The first center already has been established on the spacious ocean-front site of the former Lido Country Club on Long Island, New York, the Admiral said. In slightly more than a month's operation, 500 veterans have passed through and at least 75 per cent have obtained the kind of job they wanted before packing up to go home. The other 25 per cent were not seeking jobs because they wished further vocational or educational training.

Most of the men now using the Long Island center's facilities are disability cases coming from near-by hospitals, Admiral Munroe explained. When demobilization begins, all Navy men will be entitled to similar help.

The average stay of veterans at the Lido Beach project has been ten days, but those who wish can remain as long as three months.

TOO BUSY TO BE SCARED

Japanese mortar shells were bursting all around them for three days, but Seabees operating three crawler cranes on a reef off one of the invasion beaches on Guam went about their work as though engaged on some safe civilian project, wrote Sgt. Harold A. Breard, Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.

"They were too busy transferring supplies from landing craft to amphibious vehicles to pay much attention to the shrapnel that churned the shallow water around them and rattled against their machines," the sergeant's dispatch said. "Those Marines up front needed ammunition and chow and the crane operators were determined that the Leathernecks have plenty of both."

The Seabee operators worked all day and far into the night. What little sleep they got was snatched in the cabs of their cranes.

When unloading operations were completed, Breard said, the Seabees had contributed materially to the engineers' speed record in getting equipment and supplies ashore -- better than 4,000 tons daily.

Breard quoted 52-year-old MM1c, H. S. Hatcher, dean of the operators, as saying that he was too busy to get scared most of the time.

"But I got plenty jumpy," Hatcher remarked to the Marine correspondent, "Whenever work slacked off."

SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED

Proof that the Seabees' sting is being felt right in the heart of Japan is evidenced by Tokyo Rose's nightly propaganda broadcasts. Rose's blabberings are now directed to the Army, Navy, Marines -- and the Seabees.

THE COBBLER'S SON GOES BAREFOOT

Ordered to convert a three story shell of a building into a barracks, a crew of Seabees at Cherbourg, working more than 14 hours daily for two weeks, removed tons of rubble, led in electrical lines and completely changed the building's interior.

Hot and cold showers, barber shops, ships service stores and other facilities were installed to accommodate more than a thousand sailors.

Henri L. Gauthé, CCM, in charge of the job, had only one complaint. "Look at those showers," he demanded, "there aren't many of them in Cherbourg. We've been so busy building them for the rest of the Navy that we haven't had time to put up any for ourselves. But that's the Seabees for you."

MARKING TIME

Forty-five Seabees awaiting assignments at a stateside Naval Air Station kept busy by doing odd jobs around the station and outlying fields.

The odd jobs included clearing and mowing 10,700 acres of grass using air-field grass blitizers and 3,096 acres of grass with cutter-bar mowers; painting and repairing 1,288 wooden field markers, 18 wind tees, 11 sets of pylons; resurfacing 30 crushed-rock landing circles; repairing 14,700 rods of fencing; and reconditioning three miles of railroad spur.

SEABEE 'NAVY' GROWS

The newest addition to the steadily-expanding 'Seabee Fleet', the "Deutsche See Warte", has been put into "commission" by enterprising Seabees operating on the Normandy invasion coast.

A four-cylindered gasoline-powered cabin launch, the "Deutsche See Warte" was found by CSF Raymond W. Collins and several other Seabees in a ship repair yard at a recently captured port on the Cherbourg peninsula. Repairs were quickly completed.

Although the retreating Nazis had sabotaged the marine railway, the Seabees with the aid of a few ropes and cables, three crow bars and three bulldozers managed to launch the vessel successfully.

A smaller diesel powered open launch and a rowboat also have been salvaged and "the men are scouting the possibilities of tying the three together for week-end liberties in England."

WATERTENDERS BECOME FIRE-FIGHTERS

Greeted by the explosion of a 90 millimeter shell as they came alongside a burning ammunition barge, a three-man crew of a CBMU 521 water barge disregarded the probabilities of other and greater explosions to extinguish the fire.

The Seabees, Frank Schubert, MM2c, Henry Stephens, SF2c, and Red Myers, S1c, were on their way to water a ship when they saw smoke rising from the ammunition lighter. Quickly changing their course, the CBMUers reached the barge just as the shell exploded. They started their pumps immediately, and soon had the fire under control.

No sooner had the flames aboard the barge been extinguished than the trio noticed a detail of men fighting a fire near an important warehouse on a nearby island. Making for shore, the Seabees arrived in time to assist a bucket brigade in quelling the flames before they could reach the supply-jammed warehouse.

BOOK OF THE MONTH?

A 40-page pictorial guidebook on Japan, "for the benefit of future tourists," will be published this fall and circulated in occupied Asia, the Japanese Domei agency reports.

It will be printed in Chinese, Thai, Malayan..and English.

--AND IT WORKS

Not satisfied with improvising an air power washer, three Seabees of the 13th Battalion raided the battalion scrap heap to provide an extra-deluxe touch to their home-made laundry -- a highly-efficient wringer.

According to 'The Black Cat', battalion publication, the three, P. Q. Watson, C. E. Watson, and J. N. Foreman, used the following "ingredients":

Two pieces of radiator hose; two steel shafts; four bearings; two coil springs; two four-inch V-belt pulleys; one V-belt; and about ten lineal feet of two by fours.

An "unidentified" gear box, attached to the fore end of the prop shaft, furnishes the power for operation of the wringer.

ON THE JOB

When an Army plane zoomed low overhead, Leonard Preuninger, S1c, and Donald Leggett, Y3c, of CBMU 521, looked up just in time to see it clip the top of a palm tree and hurtle into a row of tents a few hundred yards away.

Among the first to reach the plane, the Seabees helped pull the crewman out of the wreckage to safety. Although the flyers **luckily escaped injury**, several **men sleeping in the tents were hurt**. Volunteers rendered first aid until the arrival of corpsmen.

ONE GOOD TURN DESERVES ANOTHER

A job that brought pleasure to everyone was the 82nd Battalion's enviable assignment recently when the Seabees, stationed at an advanced South Pacific base, built and furnished a Red Cross Canteen just off the airfield.

Wrote ARC assistant Field Director James W. Blazek: "It is with grateful thanks the writer has accepted building and furnishings ... Both have surpassed any other such set-up in this section of the world, and gone so far beyond our own conception of a canteen, we are unable to express our thanks in words ..."

WORTH WAITING FOR

After two years of patient waiting for an opportunity to get a crack at a Jap, Martin Tonnesen, MM2c, finally realized his ambition despite the obstacles placed in his path by a seemingly unkind Fate.

When, after 24 months of straight construction and maintenance work, word came through that his outfit was to participate in the Marshall Islands operations, Tonnesen was elated.

It was then that Fate first stepped in. On his first liberty in his tour of island duty, the Seabee returned to the dock to see his transport heading for the open sea. But, with the help of a Coast Guardsman and a motor launch, he succeeded in overtaking the vessel.

The huge invasion fleet anchored in Kwajalein lagoon. As the assault troops stormed ashore at Roi and Namur, Tonnesen was convinced that Fate had relegated him to the role of spectator. Sitting on the deck of his ship, he followed the bitter fighting with the aid of binoculars.

The next stop was Eniwetok. Again it appeared that he would be frustrated. Landing in an early wave, he and his mates were pinned down for two hours on the beach by enemy machine guns. But then they went to work -- unloading supplies, hauling ammunition to the front and carrying wounded to the beach for treatment and never getting a glimpse of the enemy.

Finally, on one of Tonnesen's many trips to the front, Fate relented. A by-passed Jap leapt out of his foxhole. When the smoke cleared away Tonnesen had fulfilled his desire. The Jap had sped to an early meeting of his ancestors.

UNACCUSTOMED LUXURY

"Man, these are the first barracks I've slept in since leaving the States. For nearly two years I've lived in either tents or foxholes," said F. J. Dyer, SF2c, as he stretched out luxuriously on his bunk at a South Pacific base.

Dyer was in on the invasion of Guadalcanal in 1942, helped complete the fighter strip, which was reputed to have saved the island from recapture by the Japs, and also worked on Henderson Field.

After a rest in New Zealand, the Seabee moved to Tarawa where he manned an anti-aircraft gun aboard ship during the landing operations.

Assigned to a Marine detachment, Dyer later went into Saipan on D-Day. He received neck and back injuries from flying shrapnel and was evacuated to a naval hospital. Recovered he was assigned to the 62nd Battalion -- and the comparative luxury of barracks.

CALIFORNIA DEW?

The 79th Battalion has a practically fool-proof method of forecasting weather conditions on its northern "Island X".

"If the clouds are above the mountain," says 'The Maintainer', the battalion publication, "it will rain. If the clouds are below the mountain, it will rain. And if it isn't raining at the time, you know darn well it's going to rain!"

CHOW HOUNDS

Four-hundred-pound turtles and a huge fish constituted a typical day's catch on deep-sea fishing trips in the Society Islands, according to CSF Stanley O. Downs, recently returned from the tropics.

Downs didn't get to eat the largest catch he made. The great fish had just broken water when three 10-foot sharks appeared. Each of them slashed at the Seabee's prize and the fish's body disappeared, leaving only the head.

"The head measured 18 inches across," Downs said. "Those sharks beat the whole outfit out of a swell meal."

IF YOU HAVE THE STEAK

A steak can be cooked with a blow-torch in about three minutes. Authority for the information is Lt. Alexander M. Zak, CEC, USNR, who turned the trick on the Normandy beach-head. Lt. Zak, executive officer of a causeway detachment, lived, slept and ate on the pontoons for four days and nights under the fire of German artillery, mortars and bombing planes.

RESCUE CRASH VICTIMS

As John W. Regan, SF2c, and a woman companion were driving along a Montana highway, they saw a plane, engines missing and sputtering, nose dive toward the earth.

Speeding to the wreckage, Regan and his companion, Miss Angeline Fradet, found a crewman staggering about near the debris. The Seabee helped him into the car and drove to a nearby hospital while Miss Fradet remained to lend aid to other survivors.

As soon as he reached the hospital, Regan directed doctors to the scene of the crash and notified police and military authorities.

Regan, who was on leave from the Public Works Office at Hueneme, and Miss Fradet were credited with being largely responsible for saving the lives of the five of the eleven-man crew not immediately killed in the crash.

THE PRACTICAL VIEWPOINT

David K. Copeland, S1c, of the Fifth Battalion, picked up a heavy load of lumber one day and started his truck down the steep, icy three-mile hill which led to his destination.

The lumber carrier picked up speed and began to sway precariously. Copeland clamped on the brakes -- only to find there weren't any brakes!

Desperately the Seabee tried to shift into a lower gear, but the carrier was going too fast. The effort threw it completely out of gear and Copeland found himself zipping down the hill with no control over the machine. He tried to jump but the door was locked.

At last the lumber carrier coasted to a halt at the foot of the hill. Curious buddies surrounded the exhausted Seabee. What was on his mind during his wild ride down the hill, they wanted to know.

"All I could think of," admitted Copeland, "Was what if the carrier is wrecked? I kept hearing my C. O. saying: 'ninety days in the brig!'"

HEALTHY APPETITE!

At least seven Seabees will never complain about chow. Charles H. Cowling, GM1c, and six mates of the 38th Battalion are convinced they are alive today only because they hankered for the chow turned out by the battalion's cooks.

Cowling was in charge of a crew power-drilling holes for dynamite in the face of a 60-foot volcanic cliff. It had been raining steadily and small rocks kept falling from out of the darkness. After several hours of laborious drilling, Cowling's stomach informed him it was time to eat--so he called to the crew to knock off for chow.

Returning to the job after midnight, the Seabees were unable to locate their drills. After a vain hours-long search in the dark they returned to camp.

The following morning they returned to the cliff and discovered the reason for the disappearance of their equipment: while they had been in the messhall the entire cliff had buckled, burying the power drills under hundreds of tons of volcanic rock.

SHORT SPORT SHOTS

BASEBALL:..As far as betting commissioners are concerned, NL pennant race is over..bookmakers are refusing to quote odds against Cardinals, 17 games in front of second-place Pirates..Cardinals are almost certain to top '07 Cubs record of 116 victories..set NL record this week by winning 80th game of season on earliest date in history..Billy Southworth, who led Red Birds to two consecutive pennants, now on way to third, signed precedent-breaking two year contract renewal..Browns, making Eastern swing, steadily increasing lead..hold 7 game advantage, widest margin this season..Red Sox, Tigers and Yankees fighting it out for second place..Yankees and Indians knocked out 35 hits for a total of 58 bases in nine-inning game..Johnny Lindell, Yankee outfielder, tied major league record by lacing four doubles in one game..Senators burgled five bases in one inning, with two players making steals of home..Reds bought Birmingham Barons' manager and catcher, Johnny Riddle..Bucky Walters became first NL hurler to chalk up 16 wins this season..Pirates ran winning streak to 11 straight, tying with Cubs for season's longest in NL..Giants have dropped 11 straight..Athletics bought Harold Peck, outfielder, from Milwaukee for cash and players ..Eddie Yost, 17-year-old high schooler, playing third base for Senators..Dixie Walker, Dodgers, and Stan Musial, Cards, in tie for major league batting title with .357..Bill Nicholson, Cubs, leading home run hitters with 27, also tops in runs-batted-in with 90..Army rejected Pirates' southpaw, Elwin (Preacher) Roe..Yankees' catcher, veteran Rollie Hemsley, reports for induction into Navy..Max Marshall, Reds outfielder, also on way to Navy while Chet Ross and Max Macon, both of Braves, called by Army.

FOOTBALL:..Eastern Intercollegiate AA defied National Collegiate AA..made several drastic revisions in football rules..abolished "dead ball" fumble, permitting recovered ball to be advanced by defensive team; will allow forward passing from any point behind the line of scrimmage; prohibited out-of-bounds kickoffs..Sammy Baugh, formerly of Texas Christian, to captain West team in Washington Redskins' pro East-West charity game..Andy Farkas, one time Detroit U star, will lead East..Seven players selected for College All-Star football squad ruled out of contest by Navy directive which forbids participation of Navy personnel in any event requiring absence from station for 48 hours or more..Detroit Lions traded Tom Colella to Cleveland Rams for Bob Keene; sold Bob Hall to Boston Yankees..Frank (Bruiser) Kinard and Clarence (Pug) Manders, co-captains of Brooklyn Tigers.

SIDELINES:..Jimmy McDaniels scored TKO over Aaron Perry in 4 rounds..latter ordered for induction..Byron Nelson took PGA medal with two-round total of 138..Devil Diver won \$16,800 Whitney Stakes for his fifth straight triumph..Williams Helis, New Orleans oil man, paid \$100,000 for 7-year-old stallion, Valdina Orphan..Gunder Hagg ran 3,000 meters in 8:18.2 despite strong wind..Hagg's world record for distance is 8:01.2.

SERVICEMEN'S SPORTS:..Stateside rumors had Joe DiMaggio applying for medical discharge because of stomach disorder..Army officials disclosed Joe in hospital undergoing observation but expected to return to duty..Marine Lt. Alex Santilli, one of Fordham U's greatest linesmen and hero of Fordham's 2-0 victory over Missouri in '42 Sugar Bowl, killed at Saipan..Sgt. Robert Smidl, former junior tennis doubles champion, killed in France..Detachment 1007 will enter team in New Zealand Rugby League..4th Battalion's Penguins won first half of All-Seabee Central Pacific League race with 17 wins, 3 losses..Stan Juscen, 41st Batt, pitched no hit, no-run game against 103rd..second no-hitter for Stan who hurled his first at Kodiak..Dodgers beat Great Lakes ending latter's winning streak at 16.