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## SECRETARY FORRESTAL CONGRATULATES SEABEES ON 3RD BIRTHDAY

The Seabees have "paved the way for the success of . . . every major amphibious invasion in the European and Pacific theaters," Secretary of Navy James V. Forrestal told the Navy construction men as they celebrated their third birthday on December 28th.

The full text of Mr. Forrestal's congratulatory message follows:

"Three years ago, on December 28, 1941, the Navy's Seabees were organized to build the advance bases the Navy needs to press its attack against the enemy. Today, on their third anniversary, they can look back on a record of fighting and building that has won the admiration of the American people and the respect of other branches of the service. They likewise have provoked some highly satisfactory consternation and bluster from the enemy.

"The Seabees were first organized as a regiment of some 3,300 men, officered by the Civil Engineer Corps. Immediately, they proved their worth in building the bases which strengthened our supply line to Australia. A demand came back for more Naval Construction Battalions. America's skilled workingmen, from approximately 60 different trades, answered the call, with the result that today, more than 234,000 Seabees, and approximately 8,500 Civil Engineer Corps officers have been trained. More than three-fourths of them are now overseas, and other thousands will follow.

"They have participated in every major amphibious invasion in the European and Pacific theaters. By their unloading of supplies under fire and by their construction and repair of airfields, roads and other shore facilities, they have literally paved the way for the success of each.

"Therefore, on this third birthday of the Seabees, I extend my congratulations to an organization which chose for its motto the words, "Can Do," and then proceeded, by courage, skill and hard work to live up to it."

## THEY FELT A BIG BLOW COMING UP

The 76th Battalion was pounding its ear about midnight when Leonard I. Olson, MM3c, and Vern E. Nickerson, MM3c, went to work saving 1,100 tons of dynamite --- and perhaps the 76th Battalion.

Olson and Nickerson, posted as sentries to guard the dynamite dump, surprised a suicide-bound Jap who was creeping toward the pile of explosives with a grenade.

The guards gave him half a chance. They told him to halt.

Two shots rang out, the Jap dropped, the grenade rolled harmlessly to the ground --- and the guards apologized for having failed to plug the Jap squarely between the eyes --- at midnight.

### GIANT TANK FARM

The 26,460,000-gallon capacity of the 100-acre tank farm recently completed by the 58th Battalion makes the fuel storage center one of the largest in the South Pacific.

The farm was servicing ships two months after ground was broken for the first tank and within the first 60 days of operation more than 225 vessels were refueled.

More than 27,000,000 gallons of fuel were handled during the month of October alone.

### WHEW!

When John Ostricki, S1c, says he was "scared stiff," he means it!

The Seabee was on Tinian when a heavy calibre shell landed three feet away, showering him with loose earth.

"I was petrified," said Ostricki. "For a few moments, I couldn't move or talk!"

And if the shell had exploded he wouldn't have been able to say that much.

### SCUTTLEBUTT CURE

A series of "briefings" to tell men of the 135th Battalion what may be ahead for them has kept scuttlebutt to a minimum. Lt. Comdr. Paul C. Gillette, CEC, USNR, OinC, began the "confidence" sessions even before the 135th left the States, telling the men all he could within the limits of security as to likely geographical factors, construction problems and the type of work they would be called upon to perform.

"It has played havoc with the Navy's traditional scuttlebutt --- the men like to know as much of the facts as they can," battalion personnel say.

## CAUSEWAY DOUBLES AS TUG

A Seabee causeway doubled in brass for a Navy tugboat to keep afloat a damaged landing craft at Peleliu, related Ensign T. C. Royce, CEC, USNR, and later four Seabees made temporary repairs which enabled the LCT to move to a repair ship.

The landing craft had run aground in a strong current during the Palau Islands invasion, Ensign Royce recounted, and when it floated off at high tide, it had several gaping holes chopped in the hull by jagged coral.

"It was able to get off the rocks and over alongside the causeways," he said, "but it was taking so much water it would have sunk had it not tied up to the causeway."

Volunteers who in three days welded on temporary patches and helped overhaul the equipment, enabling the LCT to reach repair facilities under its own power, were Raymond D. Johnson, SF2c; T. R. Ruple, MM2c; R. J. Pearl, CCM; and C. J. Seltenmeyer, CM2c.

## 302nd RECEIVES COLORS IN FIELD

Veterans of seven Pacific amphibious invasions ranging from the Marshall Islands to the recent Philippine landings, Seabee pontooners of the 302nd Construction Battalion stood at attention while Commodore John R. Perry, CEC, USN, Commander of the Hawaiian Area Construction Brigades, presented colors and battalion flag to Lt. Cmdr. William B. Dallas, CEC, USNR, battalion OinC.

The ceremony which took place at the Seabee Amphibious Force Pontoon Assembly Center on Intrepid Point, Pearl Harbor, marked the first time in that area that a military unit received its colors in the field, the Hawaiian Area Brigades headquarters said.

Commissioned last August 26, the 302nd is composed of several detachments of seasoned Seabee pontoon units.

### THE UNINVITED

A Seabee battalion on Tinian was enjoying its first picture show. The men crouched forward expectantly as, in a tense scene, a Nazi officer fired upon a Frenchman. The German shot once and replaced his pistol in its holster.

Automatically, the watchers relaxed. But the sound of shots continued, and with considerable more realism.

The audience made its decision as one man. Hundreds of Seabees hit the deck simultaneously.

Patrols discovered that Jap snipers, who had been hiding in the hills, had attended the movie too.

## PAY RATES

A Seabee battalion in the Philippines has some two-hundred bare-footed, straw-hatted civilians working for it, doing odd jobs around the airfield. Most of this work consists of sorting large rocks from the gravel, cutting down brush and grass in camp, and filling similar details so that the Seabees themselves can be released for more important construction assignments.

The wage scale for the civilians is two pesos and 25 centavos for a chief foreman, (usually a village leader or Chief); one peso, 75 centavos, for a foreman; one peso, 45 centavos, for a sub-foreman (usually in charge of ten men); and one peso, 25 centavos, for ordinary laborers.

A peso is equivalent to about fifty cents in American money.

## FIFTH TRY SUCCESSFUL

After four previous attempts to carry out the mission had been blocked by enemy sniper fire, Seabee O. L. Bourland, GM1c, and a Marine escort party blew up two disabled General Sherman tanks stalled on a Peleliu reef. The demolition job was requested by a Marine tank unit to prevent the Japs using the two Shermans as temporary pillboxes.

## SAIPAN PICNIC

Outlook for a Fourth of July celebration for a Seabee unit on Saipan looked glum indeed --- but it looked far worse for a group of wounded Marines.

The Seabees had, somehow, rounded up some cokes, ice cream and cake with just barely enough to go around, according to T/Sgt. William K. Terry, a Marine Combat Correspondent.

The rare delicacies were transferred to the Marines as soon as the Seabees learned the wounded had arrived.

## WON'T REST ON HIS LAURELS

The 135th Battalion's Adelard Boucher, MoMM1c, went through 19 months of the first World War, gathered the DSC, the French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star and personal citations from three generals --- and he's still going strong. In addition to doing his own part in this war, he has a 23-year-old son with American forces in Germany.

## CREDITS HIS MEN

"This is your commendation. I am very happy to wear the ribbon for you, and I am very proud of the 95th Battalion. Remember, it is your commendation.

With these words, Comdr. William L. Johnson, CEC, USNR, OinC of the 95th,

passed along to his officers and men credit for the construction accomplishments on a Central Pacific island for which he had just been commended by Admiral Chester W. Nimitz.

The citation credited Comdr. Johnson with "outstanding service in the line of his profession .... in connection with the construction of facilities at a U. S. Naval Air Base in the Central Pacific."

#### THEME SONG

The morning after a prolonged Jap air raid had kept Seabees and Yanks on Tinian and Saipan manning guns or huddling in foxholes most of the night, the announcer on Saipan's radio station jocularly dedicated the day's first musical number to "all American servicemen" on the twin islands.

The selection was Frank Sinatra's recording of "I Didn't Sleep A Wink Last Night."

#### 73rd SEABEES WIN MARINE PRAISE

Seven members of the 73rd Battalion who made repairs to cranes and barges to keep supply barges operating despite heavy enemy fire have been commended by a Marine commanding general.

The Seabees were: James V. Loveless, CSF, Edward W. Boeck, CMM, Arthur E. Nicholson, MME1c, Louis G. Parisi, MME2c, Bernard H. Johnson, MME1c, Gerald H. Cloninger, GM1c, and R. A. McDonald, SF3c.

#### IT WORKED

Eighteenth Battalion Seabees recently ground the face plate of an HD 14 tractor 20-inch flywheel on a 10-inch lathe. The Seabees installed Jap bicycle sprockets and chains to prevent slippage.

#### SHORT CUTS TO SAFETY

Two Seabees of the 50th Battalion, working as armorers, have perfected devices for safety and convenience in handling weapons.

Sigfred Scheflo, Ptr1c, has designed a simple instrument to extract jammed misfires from the breech of 40 MM automatic antiaircraft field guns. A model and drawings of the tool, which already has passed field tests by Marines, have been sent to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds for further tests.

J. R. Shaffer, BM1c, suffered enough broken finger nails in detail-stripping a

carbine bolt assembly --- studied it out and came up with a small steel clamp which greatly facilitates the stripping. A former machine-gun tester in the Rock Island arsenal, Shaffer also has built a light-weight mount for .30 caliber heavy machine guns which knocks seven pounds off the weight of the gun's standard mount.

### DINNER MUSIC

Since various companies of the 17th Special eat on different schedules each day, bugler John Hamilton has provided each unit with its own "theme song" in addition to the standard chow call.

All Hamilton has to do is knock off a few chords of "Tea for Two" before blowing the regular chow call and headquarters company personnel know it's time for them to eat.

The selection of "Wagon Wheels" for the transportation company was a natural, but the rest must have been picked out of a hat; the remaining companies respond to "Tuxedo Junction," "Indian Love Call," "Chiri Biri Bin," and "Short 'n' Bread."

### LUCKY SEABEE

On Guam, a Jap ambushed a Seabee, tossed a grenade.  
The grenade hit a tree trunk, bounced back, killed the Jap.

### MAINTENANCE MEN PROVIDE NEEDED SKILLS

When Captain F. W. Priestman, USNR, commended CBMU 554 on its first birthday recently, he said something that applies equally to every CBMU'er.

"Many of you," said Captain Priestman, "would much rather be out fighting the Japs, but you are highly skilled craftsmen, men with judgment and ability, men already trained to do jobs the Navy needed urgently. Your specialized skill therefore has contributed immeasurably more to the war effort than your ability to use a gun. You are men who have ability and who have readily and quickly adapted yourselves to the military way of life.

"Far above official recognition of your very fine performance is your own satisfaction, as individuals and as a team, that you have contributed your skill, and your effort, in producing very visible and effective contributions to the war effort."

### ANGAUR SEABEE PONTOONERS COMMENDED

A detachment of Seabees of the newly-formed amphibious 302nd Battalion and their officer-in-charge, Lt. Samuel Jacobs, CEC, USNR, have received two commendations for their work during the assault operations against the Japanese-held island of Angaur in the Palaus.

The commendations, which came from Commodore D. W. Loomis, commander of a transport unit, and Colonel Ray A. Dunn, U. S. Army island commander, lauded the outstanding performance of Lt. Jacobs, his officers and men in placing pontoon causeways and operating pontoon barges under "difficult and hazardous circumstances." Col. Dunn's letter also noted that the Seabees "efforts and cooperation contributed much toward the accomplishment of our common mission."

### HALF CENTURY WAIT

When Chaplain John Przewoznik landed on "Island X" with the 18th Special joyful islanders kissed his hand and welcomed him to their neat, thatched chapel.

The Micronesians, converted to Catholicism by the Spaniards half a century ago, had not had mass conducted by a Roman Catholic priest for fifty years.

### NECTAR

As a merciless tropical sun beat down on their transport, 200 Seabees of the 50th Battalion, jammed their way into the mess hall to play "Bingo" for a grand prize longed for by every man on the ship.

The prize, obtained by the transport's chaplain --- a canteen of ice water.

### IMPROVISED SAND-BLASTER

When Chief Carpenter Curtis F. Veach, CEC, USNR, of CBMU 549 needed a sand blaster, his men built one from a cement mixer, a portable air compressor, a Jap air tank, a burner from a decontamination unit, and several lengths of rubber hose and iron pipe.

The cement mixer and the burner are used to dry the sand; the drum of the mixer revolves while the sand is subjected to the heat from burner using fuel oil under pressure. The compressor supplies air to the burner and to the air tank in which the dried sand is placed.

### 95th's DEMOLITION TEAM PERFORMS

A 95th Battalion crew headed by Lt. E. V. Ryan, CEC, USNR, and CMM R. J. Black recently completed a demolition job of more-than-average difficulty.

The structure to be demolished, said Lt. F. E. Hudson, CEC, USNR, the 95th's Senior Construction Officer, was a two-story building, 150' x 50' x 30', which had been used by the Japs as an administration headquarters.

Two-thirds of the building had been set aside for officers' living quarters; the

remaining section had been a communications center. This latter third had been built to absorb heavy shelling and bombing.

Concrete was of low strength, exceptionally well reinforced with steel. Walls, approximately two feet thick, were heavily reinforced with one-inch bars spaced six inches on centers. Apertures were protected by doors of armor plate. The roof section was more than five feet thick, with layers of one-inch reinforcing steel placed on four-inch centers.

To reduce the less-heavily-constructed officers' quarters, 480 holes were drilled at critical points. Staggered, spaced holes were drilled in the floor beams. This group was loaded with an average of one stick of 1 1/4" x 8" gelatin of 40 per cent strength per foot of drilled hole. Pressure caps were used at the base of each column at the floor joint. These were in bundles of eight sticks with a sand bag placed on top of the powder charge. The complete assembly was wired in parallel and the charge set off by a 440 volt electrical circuit. No misses were experienced. The remainder of this section of the structure was reduced in a similar manner.

The heavily built section provided a more difficult problem because of its proximity to living quarters, quonset huts, and tents.

The drilling pattern on the walls was planned to create a break on a line 40 degrees from the front of the structure. The entire face of the front wall was drilled and loaded uniformly. This charge resulted in settling the roof at about a 45 degree slope, and the roof then was drilled and blasted in a conventional manner.

The reinforcing steel was a constant source of annoyance, Lt. Hudson said. Cutting torches were used to eliminate matting. Steel was handled by bulldozers and disposed of by rolling to prepared pits in a nearby lagoon. Concrete was used as fill on road projects.

#### IDEA FOR BATTALION NEWSPAPER EDITORS

When the staff of CBMU 626's newspaper ran out of Hectograph Master Carbons, Seabees Leo A. Brault and W. F. Collins, Jr., substituted a page torn from an old issue of "Life." They could get excellent reproductions, they found, by typing copy on the page, placing it on the drum of the machine, and running off the newspaper in the regular manner.

#### ELEMENTARY

Electricians of the 50th Battalion, are still blushing.

As several of them milled about a darkened building, heaping abuse on the heads of the linemen who installed the wiring for fumbling the job, discussing the complicated things that could be wrong with the lights, a new arrival walked in, screwed the bulb tighter into the socket, smirked "let there be light" and walked out.

## **"FLAME THROWER" CLEARS DITCHES**

With machine cutting of drainage-ditch foliage in CBMU 563's station area impossible because of the nature of the soil and the shape of the ditches, the unit developed a special "flame thrower" which burned out the vegetation.

Under the guidance of Chief Carpenter Louis R. Cranley, CEC, USNR, and CSF Harry L. Crouch, the men salvaged discarded gear to build the device and then, to give it mobility, mounted it on a jeep trailer.

The Seabees report they used "a Wisconsin air-cooled type A. B. washing machine gasoline engine, a gear type fuel pump, and a 10-gallon-per-hour fuel oil burner nozzle with connecting hose and handle assembly."

The supply tank is a 55-gallon oil drum. Distillate is used as the burning agent.

The device also has been valuable, says 563, as a power spray for mosquito control purposes.

## **OinC OF 302nd COMMENDED**

Lt. Comdr. William B. Dallas, CEC, USNR, OinC of the 302nd Battalion has been commended by Vice Admiral R. K. Turner, USN, commander of the Pacific Fleet Amphibious Forces, for service in the capture of Saipan and Tinian June 15 and August 1.

Text of the commendation said in part: "By his tireless energy and devotion to duty, he caused the emplacement of pontoon causeways on the landing beaches and maintained them under adverse weather conditions, thus greatly aiding the landing of large volumes of supplies and equipment."

## **FOR A BUDDY**

Ted Martin and John Ornellas, Jr., grew up side by side in Oakland, California. They joined the Seabees together, took part in the invasion of Guam.

Soon after the landing, Martin was killed by a Jap land mine. Grief-stricken Ornellas, a painter in civilian life, devoted himself to a gesture of solace for Martin's sister, painted two oil sketches as final remembrances of his buddy.

One sketch pictured the area where Martin lost his life, with his bivouac tent sloped beneath a tropical palm and the blue Pacific in the background. The other painting showed the section of the Naval cemetery in which the Seabee was laid to rest, with an American flag overhead caught in the soft Pacific breeze.

"I sketched a whole section of the cemetery rather than just Ted's grave," Ornellas said, "to assure his sister that he is not alone, but rests with many like him who made an equal sacrifice."

## FIVE-STAR RANKS APPROVED

Seven top fleet and field commanders and over-all chiefs of both services have been boosted to five-star ranks. Named as "Admirals of the Fleet" were: Admiral William D. Leahy, President Roosevelt's personal Chief of Staff; Admiral Ernest J. King, Commander-in-Chief of the Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations; Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet and of the Pacific Ocean Area.

Designated as "Generals of the Army" were: General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff; General Douglas MacArthur, Commander in the Southwest Pacific; General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Allied Commander in Western Europe, and General H. H. Arnold, Commander of the Army Air Forces.

General John J. Pershing holds a permanent five-star rank --- that of "General of the Armies."

### ROPED IN

One way to catch a fish, according to CCM J. S. Shaver of the 95th, is to lasso it.

On a recent deep-sea fishing party, Shaver hooked a small one; was reeling it in when a large "ono" fish snapped at it and became entangled in the line.

As the "ono" came closer to the boat, following the smaller fish, Shaver made a turn and a half on his leader, effectively securing the big fellow.

Hauled aboard, the catch measured five feet, eight inches; weighed 74 pounds.

### WHAT WAS IT YOU SAID TO HIM, CHIEF??

CSF C. E. Morgan doesn't believe in giving a grenade-bearing Jap too much time to think things over, according to PFC Joseph M. Purcell, Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.

Morgan, with a Seabee battalion probing the ruins of one of our recently "acquired" Pacific islands, was confronted suddenly by a lone Nip soldier.

He asked the man to surrender and fired a fatal burst at him just as the Jap drew back to toss a grenade --- "all in one breath."

H. B. Dunstan, SF1c, a fellow-prober, attracted by Morgan's firing, dropped another Jap who attempted to flee from the ruins of a building.

## EASY-TO-BUILD RAID ALARM

An effective air raid alarm system, not dependent on the camp electrical system, serves the 135th Battalion at its Pacific base.

The mechanism, built by Hubert M. Howard, EM1c, and John Alexander, EM2c, consists of a battery type #30 radio tube, an audio transformer, three condensers, and a radio potentiometer, operating from dry batteries. The resultant audio frequency oscillator, fed into a 35-watt P. A. system, can't be missed by anyone anywhere near the camp.

The same apparatus produces the "all clear" signal, a steady clear tone being employed instead of one in which the pitch is varied.

## BARGAIN BILLS

For the first time in over two years, the 18th Battalion is enjoying its own movies.

The boys waited eleven months for projectors to arrive from the States and then, when they did come, parts were found to be broken and wires fused from the heat.

"During the first week of operation," said Comdr. L. E. Tull, CEC, USNR, OinC, "sometimes you could even see and hear the picture at the same time. Breakdowns averaged sixteen per showing.

Some of the repair jobs were of the ticklish variety. The first was one which required aluminum welding accurate to .002 of an inch. It was done by a welder working under a tent fly minus the proper tools.

The lens was broken. It was replaced by the reflector of a sealed beam headlight.

"Spare parts?" said Comdr. Tull, "There were none! The men made them as they needed them. They never gave up.

Now the 18th has a show every night. Even double features sometimes. That's when the plank seats, sand bags, coral rocks, empty oil drums and ammunition boxes get a trifle hard. "But," one 18'er remarked, "Double features! Golly, you can't beat that in the States!

## THOSE THINGS GIVE ONLY WATER MATES?

There was water, water everywhere and very little to drink on a crowded transport, according to PFC Joseph M. Purcell, Marine Corps Combat correspondent, but Seabees aboard soon had the situation well in its cups.

The Seabees, under charge of Lt. (jg) R. I. DeBell, dug into the ship's hold and produced five of their portable salt water distillation units, set them up on deck and produced more than 9,000 gallons of fresh water per day for the rest of the voyage.

## SHORT SPORT SHOTS

FOOTBALL:..Green Bay Packers' victory over New York Giants in division playoff gave Packers their first National Football League title since '39 and their 6th in league history..Although less than 6000 fans at Polo Grounds watched Randolph Field wind up unbeaten season with win over 2nd AAF in "Treasury Bond Bowl," banks and banking concerns underwrote contest by purchasing almost 80 million dollars worth of War Bonds, 21 million dollars more than was raised at Army-Navy game..National Football League will invoke 5-year ban against any player signing with new pro leagues.. Don Hutson, Packers' incomparable end, named as All-Pro end for 7th consecutive year in AP poll..Only rookie to crash squad was Philly Eagles' back Steve Van Buren.. other choices: Len Younce, (G), and Bill Paschal, (B), Giants; Clyde Turner, (C), and Sid Luckman, (B), Bears; Frank Kinard, (T), Tigers; Riley Matheson, (G), Rams; Al Wistert, (T), Eagles; Joe Aguirre, (E), Redskins; and Frankie Sinkwich, (B), Lions.. Redskins Sammy Baugh and Frankie Filchock teamed up to set new NL record for passing efficiency... "Flingin' Frankie" and "Slingin' Sammy" completed 170 passes in 299 attempts for a percentage of .568.

BASEBALL:..Veteran right-handers, Bucky Walters and Ed Heusser, both of Cincy Reds, led National League last season in victories and earned runs respectively..Official figures revealed Walters' 23 wins topped circuit while Heusser's 2.38 earned run average, compiled while winning 13 and losing 11, was .02 of a point better than Walters, who finished 2nd in that department..Walters was charged with but 8 losses as he duplicated his '39 and '40 feats of leading loop in games won..Team pitching honors went to World Champion Cardinals with remarkably low earned run average of 2.67.. Rookie Ted Wilks of Redbirds had best winning percentage, 17-4, for .810, including year's longest victory string, 11..Only 3 hurlers besides Walters turned in 20 or more wins: Mort Cooper, Cardinals, with 22 against 7 losses, and whose 7 shutouts led league; Rookie Bill Voiselle, Giants, 21-16, iron man of circuit with 313 innings and 41 starts, both highs, and also strikeout king with 161 victims; and Truett (Rip) Sewell, Pirates, 21-12.

SERVICEMEN'S SPORTS:..Cpl. Billy Conn and his troupe of boxers touring Army bases in ETO rescued unconscious American fighter pilot from burning plane after latter's plane crashed in swamp somewhere in Italy..Third annual "Lily Bowl" football game between Army GIs and Navy Gobs in Bermuda will be played January 7..teams, wearing uniforms borrowed from West Point, Annapolis and Fordham, will attempt to break series tie of one victory each..Capt. Joe Routt, former All-American football guard at Texas A & M, reported missing in action.

SIDELINES:..Army's unbeaten eleven, awarded Williams Trophy emblematic of national collegiate football championship, selected as '44 team-of-year in annual AP poll..Sports-writers also named Washington Senators, "flop-of-year"; Twilight Tear, 3-year-old filly, "horse-of-year" ..Carl Snavelly, Cornell head football coach since '36, signed 5-year contract as head coach at U. of North Carolina..Welker Cochran captured national 3-cushion billiard title by defeating defending titleholder, Willie Hoppe, 50-44, in 31 innings..Ex-Navy, Sammy Snead moved back into No. 1 pro spot by winning Richmond (Cal.) open, beating best golfers in wartime circuit for second time since starting comeback.

DISA AND DATA :..Bill Alexander, celebrating his 25th year as Georgia Tech's football coach, only coach ever to have teams play in Rose, Sugar, Orange and Cotton Bowls..As student at Tech, Alexander couldn't make varsity team his first 3 years..Sammy Baugh who has completed more passes than any man in Pro League, also has had more of his passes intercepted but owns record for intercepting most passes in one season, 11..When Lou Boudreau, manager of Cleveland Indians and a graduate of Illinois, addressed Illinois squad before Ohio State game in Cleveland Stadium, he urged team to win but requested that they not dig in too hard with their cleats when in the shortstop's territory.