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## THIS WEEK IN THE PACIFIC

A powerful blow against Japan's industrial lifelines in Formosa climaxed a five-day attack by Navy carrier forces on Nippon's already dented inner defense line.

The October 11-12th strike topped an offensive during which the Philippines, Formosa, the Ryukyus and Marcus all felt the Navy's wrath.

In the Formosa attack alone, carrier-based planes (estimated by Japan at more than 1,000) of Admiral Halsey's Third Fleet destroyed 396 Japanese planes, and sank or damaged 63 surface ships. American airmen bombed and strafed Formosa from end to end. Admiral Nimitz reported they did "extensive damage to hangers, buildings, oil dumps, warehouses, docks, and industrial establishments . . . ."

Formosa is one of the largest islands in the Pacific, 249 miles from north to south and ranging to 93 miles wide. Only 575 miles from Japan proper, its attack represents one of the closest large-scale assault on the Empire yet launched.

The day before the first strike at Formosa, Admiral Marc A. Mitscher's carrier planes had attacked Luzon in the Philippines; 24-hours earlier, they had bombed the Ryukyus Islands, at their nearest point 200 miles south of Japan, for eight hours; on October 8th, when the four-day offensive had begun, the Third Fleet had pulverized the defenses of Marcus Island, 1,135 miles southeast of Tokyo.

Meanwhile, in the Palaus, Marines and Army assault units had been pushing forward, landing on Arimaskuku, the twelfth island in the group to come under American domination since September 15th. The Seabees have readied at least one large airfield and work on American naval installations on several of the islands is progressing rapidly. The Japanese, however, still are strongly entrenched in the northern Palaus. It is believed that sizeable garrisons remain on Koror and Babelthup.

On Morotai, 300 miles south of the Philippines, where General MacArthur's invaders landed on September 15th, a small garrison is still holding out. A Japanese attempt to land reinforcements by barges was broken up by fighter planes and patrol-torpedo planes.

## DISCHARGED CB S NOT TO BE RE-DRAFTED

National Selective Service has directed local boards not to re-draft honorably discharged servicemen except under unusual conditions. Under the new instructions, all honorably discharged men will go into 1-C and will be retained there unless the director of Selective Service finds circumstances "warranting a reclassification".

Another draft change is the abolishment of the "limited service" classification. Selective Service explains that men no longer are being called by the armed forces unless they are fully qualified for combat duty.

The third revision is a change in classifying men in the 38 to 44 bracket. They now will be tagged 4-A . . . . "not acceptable for induction into military service." Previously all men in this group had been classified the same as other registrants, except that the letter "H" followed their classification.

#### MALARIA NOT LIFETIME AFFLICTION

The fear that once a man has had malaria he will have it all his life is debunked in a recent War Department statement.

According to the announcement, the most commontype of malaria rarely lasts for more than one to two years and three years is the maximum time when proper treatment is given. The persistent, incapacitating effects of chronic malaria, such as are often seen in natives of highly malarious areas, have rarely developed in the armed forces, it is stated.

#### CAN'T HELP IT

There's something about a junk yard that a Seabee can't resist.

James Scibetta, GM2c, and Gerhardt Helmich, CM1c, of the 13th Battalion went for a stroll through a nearby junk yard and as a result now are the proud possessors of home-made wood lathes.

Helmich scavenged the scrap pile and came up with quite an assortment: a piece of one-inch steel shafting; roller bearings; a fan belt; and the wheel from the conning tower valve of a submarine. He bought an electric motor; fastened a wood block on the motor shaft; and using cutting tools made from discarded files, turned out a pulley.

With his lathe partially assembled, Helmich, using the pulley and the fan belt to drive the shaft, made three other pulleys of various sizes to enable him to change the operating speed of the lathe.

He turned his face plate, spur center, and cup center on his own lathe -- a remarkable feat considering that he did it by hand and was working with hard steel stock.

Scibetta stumbled over a few odd pieces of aluminum in his junk-pile search and, being a frugal person, decided to make use of them.

"I had no intention of making a lathe," said Scibetta, "but when I saw a couple of pieces of aluminum from an airplane motor that I could use for my head and tail stocks -- I got started."

With the aluminum and a few other scraps, Scibetta built his lathe and now, utilizing the armory's grinder for power, spends his spare time in woodworking.

### SIGHT-SEEING SEABEES TAKE TIME OUT FOR RESCUE

Two colored members of the Army Engineer Corps were rescued by five Seabees of the 28th Special Battalion after the former had been caught in a treacherous undertow and carried out to sea.

First to brave the surf was G. B. Spillet, BM2c, and Phil Hoeffler, SK3c. Spillet was forced back, but Hoeffler fought his way to the serviceman nearest the shore. Towing the helpless soldier, Hoeffler worked his way back to the surf where Charles Anderson, SK3c, and D. O. Thompson, SK2c, helped the pair to shore.

Meanwhile Murray Reiss, SK3c, swam out to the other soldier and towed him ashore with the aid of a heavy fish line. Again Thompson and Anderson assisted in the rescue when the men reached the surf.

After administering artificial respiration and first aid, the Seabees continued their interrupted sight-seeing tour of the island.

### JUNK PILE DERRICK

Efficiently loading and unloading cargo and materials from boats and trucks on Betio Island in the Tarawa Atoll is a stiff-leg derrick contrived of a motley assortment of Japanese and American junk and gear salvaged by Seabees of a Maintenance Unit.

Credited with transforming the collection of scrap into a smooth-working machine is CCM C. A. Frank.

A Japanese winch was salvaged from the bottom of the lagoon where it had rested for four months. Power was supplied by a Model "A" Ford motor which later was replaced by an International truck motor. Another drum, also fished from the lagoon, was mounted ahead of the original winch and power was transmitted to it through a marine reverse gear which was picked up on the beach. Drive chains came from a badly damaged Jap locomotive.

Control handles for the winch and the swing drum were made from parts of a Jap drill press. Wrecked Jap guns provided the bolts used in assembling the power unit. The sled upon which the stiff-leg is mounted is made of timbers taken from a Jap marine barge ways. The plating and reinforcing of the timbers were made from three-quarter inch steel boiler plate found in Jap dugouts. A Jap 50-ton oil jack provided the center pin for the mast.

The boom was taken from a wrecked Northwest crane. All the shives used were removed from American stump pullers. The stiff-legs were made from six pieces of pontoc angle iron. Other parts, such as hog rods, turnbuckles, and intermediate shafts were scavenged from wrecked equipment found on the island.

### OF COURSE NOT

When the 27th Battalion staged a War Bond Rally recently, sales totaled \$38,075. This probably had no relationship to the fact that, as special incentive to bond purchases, chits entitling their holders to extra beer purchases were issued. The scale was two bottles each for the first and second \$25 bonds; one additional bottle for each extra \$25 bond. It was necessary, the battalion reports, to establish a limit of 22 bottles for any single customer.

### BUILD IN MIDST OF BULLETS

The best grandstand seat for the fighting that went on for the northern runway of Peleliu Airfield in the Palau Islands was held by a small group of Seabees who during the midst of the action built a 63-foot air control tower in that area.

The pre-cut tower, reported Captain Earl J. Wilson, a Marine Corps Public Relations Officer, went up on schedule despite sniper bullets and occasional mortar shells from Japs on a nearby hill.

CCM James A. Norcross, who worked on the tower, said that from its commanding height the men watched the naval bombardment, the dive bombers, and the tanks plastering the Jap positions. The Seabees also were able to see the flash of the big artillery guns located across the airfield from them and to see the explosions in the nearby hills after the shells had passed directly overhead.

### LEARNING THE ROPES

At 53, Warrant Officer Harry H. McClure, CEC, USNR, is the oldest officer in the 26th Special. But at home he's still the junior member of the McClure family's sea-going partnership. His father, Herbert J. McClure, is still going strong at 76 -- the skipper of a supply ship operated by the Maritime Commission.

### DOUBLE RESCUE

Seabees of the 78th Battalion participated in two rescues during one week, assisting in the rescue of a seriously-injured pilot stranded on a tiny coral island after a plane crash and probably saving the lives of three natives whose canoe had overturned during a sudden rain squall.

Apprised of the pilot's predicament by a note dropped from a low-flying plane, George Tracy, BM2c, coxswain of an LCV carrying a Seabee survey party, immediately changed course and headed for the island. Enroute they overtook two men in a rubber raft who had been sent to the rescue by a plane crash boat when coral reefs made it too hazardous for a larger vessel to navigate through to the island.

Due to a strong wind the men had made little progress and were near exhaustion when the Seabees came upon them. A tow line was made fast to the raft and the LCV continued on its course.

Reaching the island the LCV was able to come to within 50 yards of the beach before it became necessary to put the raft in use again. The crash crewmen put in to shore and after administering first aid to the flyer placed him aboard the raft and returned to the LCV. Meanwhile the ramp of the landing craft had been lowered and the raft and its occupants were lifted aboard.

Moments later the Seabee craft was heading full speed towards the base hospital. Latest reports disclosed that the injured flyer was well on his way to recovery.

The second rescue came shortly after the first. While sailing through a squall, Elmer Olsen, MM3c, coxswain of a motor boat, sighted a capsized native craft in the distance. Drawing up alongside, the Seabees found a native in the water attempting to save his belongings by lashing them to the boat, and his wife straddling the upturned bottom, holding a grass woven shelter over her back to protect her infant child.

After assisting the frightened mother and child into the motor boat, the native wasted little time in righting his craft and emptying it of water, a difficult task because of the heavy sea. Lt. Cmdr. F. G. Cameron, battalion executive officer, assisted in keeping the two boats from crashing into one another.

The canoe was towed to a nearby island where the mother and child were transferred to their own craft. During the towing operation, the husband had remained in the canoe.

#### GOOD ARGUMENT

"Three on a match" may be only a silly superstition but it would be hard to convince Roy D. Stickler, SF3c, Seabee veteran of the Bougainville campaign.

"All I know," says Stickler, "is that the worst moment I had overseas was when a Jap shell hit in our tent. We had just lit three cigarettes on one match."

#### FAST

The Seabees have established the reputation of getting things done in short order, and Seymour L. Davidson, S2c, is doing his best to uphold the tradition, reports Sgt. Leodel Coleman, a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.

Davidson, a diver and under-water welder, was called in on the job when an LCI ran up on a reef and sank at an advanced base.

"The commodore gave us fourteen days to put that LCI back into floating condition," Davidson told the Marine Corps Correspondent. "The dock officer promised

the commodore it would be ready in seven days. -- We did it in four!"

### COMING EVENTS.

Anticipating future possibilities, the 130th Battalion is conducting a class for Seabees interested in learning Chinese.

### ANTS LOSE CONTROL OF LOUD SPEAKER

A host of migratory winged ants recently selected as a likely nesting place, the loud speaker baffles of the public address system of the 140th Battalion on an island in the Southwest Pacific.

Annoyed by the vibrations of frequent announcements, the insects went into a huddle and decided to stuff up the horn with a paper-like substance of clay and wood pulp. The application effectively paralyzed the diaphragm, and shattered the sensitive apparatus when power was applied.

In the ensuing battle of wits, Seabee electricians won by cutting diaphragm discs of fish paper and shellacking them to the voice coils; and to further put an end to this menace to communications, pieces of plastic screening were installed in the small ends of the horn. Apparently the ants find this plastic screening impalatable, and the flexibility of the screening foils all efforts of the insects to build their clay pulp wall over the horn.

Thus the Seabees are again welcoming the blaring announcements of "Chow Down."

### ROCKETS EFFECTIVE IN PACIFIC

Not only are rockets now being used on most fighter planes, says the New York "Herald-Tribune", but one of their most effective applications has proved to be in assault boats invading islands in the Pacific. Rockets have been used effectively against enemy tanks for some time, since the introduction of the "bazooka".

The War Department is stepping up its production of rockets and has announced an expansion program involving \$150,000,000 to meet its needs for this weapon and for heavy ammunition. A third of the expansion program is already completed, the department revealed, with the rest well under way.

The Navy also is increasing its use of rockets, employing great numbers of all types monthly. Navy Secretary James Forrestal announced recently that the Navy was letting contracts at the rate of \$100,000,000 a month "for rockets alone." Mr. Forrestal explained, however, that many of the rockets were being manufactured for the Army.

### COULDN'T BE STOPPED, FOURTH SPECIAL TOLD

Nightly bombings, loss of sleep, lack of equipment, mud, and heavy seas all failed to stop Seabees of the Fourth Special, according to Col. C. H. Nichols,

Port Superintendent of an advanced base, who added that the Specialists managed to "get results under the most miserable conditions."

"In the early days," said Col. Nichols, "we were bombed night after night by the Japs, causing us to lose lots of sleep. We never had enough of any kind of equipment. The island was a sea of mud. Working in an open roadstead caused constant interruptions by reason of heavy seas.

"In spite of all these things you (the Fourth Special) have succeeded in handling an enormous (more than any other port in the Area) amount of shipping, and you have never lost your cheerful, good-natured, optimistic attitude."

### PUZZLER

For two years Aaron J. Hittner, EM1c, has wondered --ever since that day when his Guadalcanal-bound transport was attacked by Jap dive-bombers and he sprawled for the comparative safety of a nearby hatch.

"I tumbled down the hatch holding a piece of candy in one hand and a cigar in the other," he explains. "The first bomb scored a near miss and in the excitement I ate the candy bar, paper and all. But what I've been trying to figure out for twenty-six months is ... what happened to the cigar!"

### SUPER BOMBER PRODUCTION HITS NEW HIGH

Production of long-range super bombers in September was the "greatest yet in a single month," the War Production Board revealed last week in announcing that total output of all aircraft was 7598 planes.

The actual number of B-29 and B-32 superbombers produced during the month was not disclosed.

### SWING THAT HOOK

Although 14 of his 19-man gang had been farm hands, and some of them had never seen a ship before entering the service, CBM Fred Krummel, Jr., today is quite confident that they will give a good account of themselves "against any gang on any waterfront."

The 19-man crew, all Negroes attached to the 26th Special, started off by establishing a new stevedoring record while training at Hueneme where they loaded an average of 12,500 feet of heavy lumber per hour for 10 hours.

Claiming the title of battalion champion stevedore gang, Krummel's crew now is setting up daily records at their advance base "Island X."

Krummel, who had 16 years of stevedoring experience in New Orleans prior to joining the Seabees, is really proud of his gang's exemplary work, but not half as proud as the men themselves.

"The boys take great pride," the chief said, "in the fact that, because of their ability, they are called upon to handle the heavy lift jobs."

### TROLLEYS BECOME "SECRET WEAPON"

American engineers fighting near Aachen recently flung two "secret weapons" into German lines. The new contrivances, dubbed "V-13" by the engineers, were streetcars, loaded with 88-millimeter shells and dynamite.

The Germans apparently figured not even the mechanized Americans could use a streetcar, reports the United Press.

But the tracks ran down hill, and the Yanks found it easy to send the loaded cars down the grade. They launched their first one just about dusk. It blew up with a tremendous crash right at a point where German patrols frequently had infiltrated during darkness. No German patrol made an appearance that night.

The next afternoon, the engineers launched the second trolley. It went off at the same place.

The inventors of the new "weapon" announce that if the Nazis have a week's supply of patrols, they still have a week's supply of streetcars on hand and a good steep grade along which to roll them.

### JAZZES UP PRODUCTION

When the 13th Battalion's gear was unloaded at their "Island X", they found their juke box damaged beyond repair. Jim Doris salvaged the motor from the machine, picked up a rifle-sling, found a couple of wheels and -- presto -- the 13th Battalion had a metal polishing machine.

### A LA CARTE

Beef steak was sizzling on the frying grille when the explosion of a small gasoline stove turned the "Island X" galley of the 40th Battalion into a roaring inferno.

A length of fire hose, a hastily formed bucket brigade and a crew of hungry construction workers brought the blaze under control before any appreciable damage was done.

As the chow line reformed, a husky smoke-grimed bulldozer operator shook his fist under the nose of the quaking cook who had been the unintentional arsonist.



"Next time," the cat-skinner growled, "burn the joint down after chow. I don't like my steak well done."

### JOINERS

More than 92 per cent of the men in the 67th Battalion have joined a well-known veterans' organization. The 67th says it hopes to be the first Seabee battalion to have 100% membership in either the Veterans of Foreign Wars or the American Legion.

### BRIDE'S CAKE

Somewhere in the States, relates "Naval Aviation News", is a young bride whose Seabee husband is fond of chocolate cake. With his birthday approaching, she was faced with the problem of providing him with a nice fresh cake for the occasion. But he was thousands of miles from home and a long trip through the mails wouldn't do a chocolate cake much good.

Finally she hit upon the solution. A few days later, an airmail letter arrived at the office of the chaplain of her husband's battalion. Would he please see, it asked, what he could do about getting one chocolate birthday cake to one MM2c on a certain Sunday?

Not having a recipe book handy at the moment, the chaplain relayed the message to the Seabee unit's executive officer. The latter, in turn, enlisted the services of a Bkr1c, who whipped up a four-pound masterpiece, properly inscribed.

### WRONG INGREDIENTS

South Seas glamour? Don't make Chief Gordon R. Hughes laugh. Here's how the Chief sums up his most vivid recollections of twenty months overseas at three "Islands X":

"The mud at Espiritu Santo -- the land crabs and rats on the Russells -- and the shelling on Bougainville."

### 34th PRAISED FOR LONG RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT

For performing "outstanding feats of construction ... under great difficulties," the 34th Battalion has been commended by the Commander Naval Bases, South Solomons Sub-Area.

The commendation read, in part: "On the occasion of the completion of your work in this area ... I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate you for the splendid record you have made and the outstanding reputation which your battalion enjoys. During this period your battalion has accomplished many outstanding feats of construction, too many to mention in detail, which will stand as a monument to your ability and efficiency for many years after U. S. Forces leave this area."

## GRENADE TOSSER

The right hand never knows what the left is doing, particularly if the hands belong to a Jap.

L. O. Byrd, MM1c, and P.H. Johnson, MM2c, found that out on Saipan. In search of spare parts for captured enemy trucks, the two Seabees entered a cave that had been used as a Jap warehouse. Waiting to greet them was a Jap soldier crouched cross-legged on the floor and holding a grenade in his hand.

Byrd dived for the Jap and grabbed his wrist. His adversary lifted his other hand. It contained another grenade. Quickly he pulled the pin with his teeth and rammed it against the wall.

The Seabees dived for the cave's exit. They made it just as the grenade exploded.

Then Byrd re-entered the cave, this time carrying his carbine. He used it to good advantage.

## DOWN UNDER

The deepest spot recorded in the Pacific by the Hydrographic Office is in the Mindanao trench, off Mindanao Island in the Philippines. Here the water is known to be 5,900 fathoms (35,400 feet or 5.9 sea miles). This depth was discovered by the German cruiser Emden on 29 April 1937.

The deepest spot recorded in the Atlantic is the Milwaukee depth, of 3,780 fathoms, reported by the USS Milwaukee north and west of Puerto Rico. (Any U. S. ship which reports a new depth or any other unusual hydrographic feature has the feature named for it.)

## HAPPY DAY

Navy personnel throughout the world will have the traditional turkey dinner with all the "fixin's" on Thanksgiving Day, November 23. The Navy has purchased 12 million pounds of choice young tom turkeys for its three "turkey days" -- Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's--which will allow about one pound for each man in the U. S. and one and one-half pounds for those afloat or overseas.

## TRAVEL TIME NOT COUNTED IN OVERSEAS LEAVE

Travel time will not be counted in the leave which may be granted to enlisted personnel upon their return from combat or overseas duty, under provisions of BuPers Circ. Ltr. 254-44. Those who have served one year or more outside the continental limits of the U. S. may be granted 30 days leave.

If service outside the continental limits has been less than one year, leave may be granted at the rate of two and one-half days for each month of service or fraction thereof. All such leave is computed exclusive of travel time.

Dates of departure from and return to the continental United States are used for determining the amount of leave to which personnel are entitled.

## TEMPTING OFFER?

George Brownley, attached to the 28th Special now on a Pacific island, received a letter from his draft board telling him if he didn't get into an essential industry immediately they would be forced to draft him!

## LEGION OF MERIT FOR CAPTAIN BICKELHAUPT

For supervising the construction of Naval bases which proved "an important factor in ejecting the enemy from the North Pacific," Captain Ivan A. Bickelhaupt, CEC, USNR, has been awarded the Legion of Merit. Vice Admiral Frank J. Fletcher, USN, cited Captain Bickelhaupt for "outstanding ability, foresight, and leadership (with which) he overcame difficulties of procurement, inadequate transportation, and the vicissitudes of sub-arctic weather conditions . . . ."

## FRESH VEGETABLES FOR PACIFIC FORCES

Servicemen in the western Pacific soon will be eating fresh vegetables grown "in their own backyard", according to a representative of the Foreign Economic Administration who has just completed an agricultural survey of the Marianas.

Ten thousand acres of Tinian, Saipan, and Guam will be planted with sweet corn, cucumbers, egg plant, watermelon and other garden truck within the next few weeks. Corn on the cob is expected to be the No. 1 item.

It is estimated that at least 5000 tons of vegetables will be produced monthly.

## MUST HAVE BEEN THE CLIMATE

The Japanese Domei news agency said the deaths of seven Jap rear admirals had been announced by the Yokosuka Naval Station, one of Japan's four major yards. According to the United Press, the dispatch to the controlled press of East Asia gave no details how the officers met their deaths.

## POPULAR NAME

The name Johnson carries a lot of weight in the 95th Battalion. Twenty-one men answer to it, including the unit's OinC, Cmdr. W. L. Johnson, CEC, USNR.

## FORK IN THE ROAD

Norman Burhans, SK1c, and Norman Abraham, SK2c, have more than just their first names in common. Before the war they were in business together, then joined the Seabees together early in 1942, went through boot, were shipped overseas, and served with the Third Battalion and the Second Regiment, still together.

It appears however that the two have reached the "parting of the ways", reports the Second Regiment's "Beachcomber".

"The two boarded ship for Stateside leave which may separate them for the first time. Burhan's wife, a WAC, is stationed in Santa Monica while Abraham's wife is in Mill Valley, Calif."

### SHORT SPORT SHOTS

**FOOTBALL:**..Sports spotlight centered on pigskinners..Navy reestablished its bid for national No. 1 spot by rolling over Penn State, 55 to 14..Army, also bidding strongly for title, whipped Brown, 59 to 7..Notre Dame, rated as one of top teams, dumped Tulane, 26 to 0..Among week's upsets were Iowa Seahawk's 12-6 triumph over previously undefeated 2nd AF eleven..Michigan took Little Brown Jug back to Ann Arbor with 28 to 13 thumping of Minnesota..First full day of pro football saw Baughless-Redskins hold Phila. Eagles, rated as East's best, to 31-31 tie..Redskins' hopes for Eastern title revived when "Slingin' Sammy" notified club he would "commute" via plane from ranch to game site..Young Irv Comp and old Don Hutson, Green Bay's new passing combination led team to fourth straight with 34 to 7 win over Pitts-Chic combine..New York Giants beat Boston Yanks 22 to 10..veteran Ken Strong, returned to pro competition after many years, gave impressive kicking exhibition; contributed 6 points with 2 field goals..Ex-Marine Frankie Sinkwich spearheaded Detroit Lions to 19-14 victory over Bklyn. Tigers..Cleveland's revitalized Rams dumped Luckmanless-Chicago Bears, 19 to 7.

**BASEBALL:**..By winning World Series, Cardinals became first NL team ever to hold championship title five times..Major Leagues' 41st play-offs saw 15 new records established, 11 old marks tied..Browns' pinch-hitters proved particularly impotent.. Of nine used in six games, eight fanned; six in succession..In contrast, Cardinals Ken O'Dea set new series records by getting three hits in three pinch hitting roles..Each Cardinal player received \$4334 as winner's share while Browns' picked up \$2842 each, out of smallest player pool since 1933..Baltimore Orioles of International League captured "Little World Series" from American Assn's Louisville Colonels, 4 games to 2..San Francisco won Pacific Coast play-offs, beating Los Angeles, 4 games to 3..Sporting News named Marty Marion of Cardinals and Bobby Doerr of Boston Red Sox as most valuable players in respective leagues.

**SERVICEMEN'S SPORTS:**..Big George Earnshaw whose high hard one fanned many an AL hitter while he was helping the Philly Athletics win three consecutive pennants from 1929 to 1931 helped strike out three Jap planes during an attack on Truk and won a special citation from Admiral Nimitz. Now a Lieutenant Commander, Big George was gunnery officer aboard an aircraft carrier participating in the assault..Another sports luminary in this week's news was Quentin (Monk) Meyer, Yale's 1943 star halfback. Meyer, a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, made the most important broken field run of his life and then added a 500-yard swim during the first night of the attack on Peleliu. An artillery fire observer and signalman, Meyer was cut off from his main observation post by Japs. Hiding his equipment, Meyer surprised the Jap snipers with a run across the open beach and out into the ocean. In a waterproof case strapped to his side, Meyer carried messages giving the location of Japanese shore gun establishments which were later knocked out by warships on the information provided by Meyer.

**SIDELINES:**..English members of International Olympic Committee urged that next Olympic games be held in London..Joe Louis, returned to states after seven months overseas tour in which he engaged in 97 boxing exhibitions before servicemen, now on 21-day furlough..Boxer Larry Lane, whose KO blow resulted in death of Lem Franklyn, absolved grand jury..Georges Carpentier, former French boxer, reportedly arrested in Bordeaux area and charged with collaborationist activities..Twilight Tear won her 13th victory in 15 starts this year by taking \$10,000 added Queen Isabella Cap at Laurel.. Lee-Stephenson's Seabee nine hung up record of 14 wins, one defeat in season's play.