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FIVE MILLION YANKS ON FIGHTING FRONTS

More than 5,200,000 service men of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard now are overseas or on duty afloat, the War and Navy Departments have revealed.

Secretary of War Stimson disclosed that 3,637,000 American soldiers are overseas. The Navy announcement stated that as of 1 April, 1,566,000 members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard were serving afloat or on foreign duty.

More than 7,466,000 Americans are expected to be at the fighting fronts or on duty afloat by the end of the year.

HIGH PRAISE FOR THE SECOND SPECIAL

"Their performance reflects great credit upon themselves as a unit, and upon the Navy," wrote Major General R. G. Breen, U. S. A., Commanding Officer of an Army Services of Supply unit, in forwarding another letter of appreciation of the work done by the Second Special Battalion over a period of a year.

The basic letter, written by Colonel Frank V. Schneider, said in part:

"I wish to take this opportunity to express appreciation for the wholehearted cooperation and for the excellent manner in which this battalion performed its duties during the past year.

"On arrival of the 2nd Construction Battalion (Special) at this base, early in March 1943, the need for port operating personnel was extremely acute and it was necessary to call upon it for stevedoring operations before debarkation had been completed. Without hesitation, personnel was made available for port activities to the full ability of the unit.

"In order to exert the maximum effort in the movement of cargo through this port, it operated the required administrative and housekeeping duties with a minimum of personnel and every possible man was made available for port operations. Although the normal hours of duty were ten hours a day, seven days a week, the battalion was frequently called upon to work additional hours. It always did so willingly and cheerfully. The quality of work was at all times superior; even though on occasions it was called upon to perform tasks which were foreign to the normal mission of a Special Battalion.

"I wish to especially commend Commander McCarthy, the original Battalion Commanding Officer and his successor, Commander Barrett, both of whom at all times

rendered sincere and whole-hearted co-operation.

"Please convey to all members of this organization my appreciation for the splendid and efficient service rendered by them.

BUILD CITY IN THREE DAYS

Proof that experience pays off in speed is found in the construction feat of the 77th battalion in building a "city", complete with water-works, drainage systems, roads and streets, power plants and communications in three days' time.

According to the battalion's newspaper, "Spirit of 77," the most outstanding accomplishment was the construction of the mess hall and galley, with Lieut. Sidney Mank, CEC, USN, acting as construction officer. A complete galley, with a concrete floor and a sheltered place where the men could eat, was in operation three days after the project was begun. Two days later, the entire mess hall, with clean, coral sand for the floor, and tables and comfortable seats made of good lumber, was in use.

SHARPSHOOTERS

A home-made pinball machine is helping to bring Main Street to the recreation tent of a Seabee battalion now working in the jungles of New Guinea.

The mounted mahogany box has all the standard accessories: carefully drilled holes for the balls, "obstacles", a spring, a plunger, and a ball return device. A portrait of a native girl with outstretched arms invites the ball to drop in the jackpot space.

The Seabee scoring system allows 5,000 points for "Camp Peary", 10,000 for "Camp Parks", 25,000 each for "Hollywood" and "San Francisco", and 50,000 for "Home". A player who clicks for "Survey" gets an automatically doubled score.

The machine lacks only one necessary gadget, observer's say: a buzzer and light for "Tilted".

45TH S NEWSPAPER SCORES IN CONTEST

Competing against hundreds of the best Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard publications, the "Forty-Fiver," published on "Island X" by the 45th Battalion, has won an "Honorable Mention" in the 1944 Newspaper Contest sponsored by Camp News Service. The award was in the "Overseas Mimeograph" division of the contest.

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Feature Writers; C. M. Cross, CM1c, Staff Writer; C. O. Schenk, CM1c, Art; and Otis Thomson, SF1c, and C. A. Weaver, Y3c, Distribution.

JAP RESISTANCE IN SOUTH PACIFIC PARALYZED ADMIRAL HALSEY SAYS

"If the Jap's back is not broken -- and it is broken in this area -- his spine is very severely weakened," said Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr., USN, following a rapid tour of the theater from which he is retiring as Allied commander.

He asserted that the enemy in the South Pacific has lost 4,800 planes, 150,000 men, and too many ships to count. The Japs have only 15,000 men left in the area, including Bougainville, the Admiral estimated for press representatives, and of those only about 2,000 are first line troops.

SEABEES FIGURE IN NEW NOVEL

The effect of the coming of Seabees and other American fighting units to a placid South Pacific island is the theme of a new short novel, "Lost Island," written by James Norman Hall, co-author of "Mutiny on the Bounty."

Hall, who has lived in Polynesia for the past twenty years, has written a story which John Chamberlain, New York "Times" book reviewer, describes as "partly a hymn to ancient Polynesian ways, partly a tribute to the ability of American Seabees, engineers, bulldozers, stone crushers and graders to bring a miniature La Guardia Airport into being on a coral atoll in practically no time at all."

"As for the island," said reviewer Chamberlain, telling of the Seabees' whirlwind progress, "there is nothing left of it apart from the air station it becomes. Even the sea birds have to be driven off; they get in the way of the incoming planes."

Less close to fact is the incident in which "three daughters (of an island resident) get into trouble with as many Seabees."

PARENTAL BLESSING

The New York Herald-Tribune, in a story about service men marrying Antipodeans, relates how a 38-year-old Seabee decided he wanted to marry a girl from New Zealand. When the chaplain pointed out to him the disadvantages of a war marriage, he retorted: "Well, I have my mother's permission."

OVERCOME OBSTACLES TO INSTALL WATER SYSTEM IN THREE WEEKS

Despite torrential rains that transformed the densely-jungled area in which they were working into a quagmire, the pipeline crew of the 118th Battalion succeeded in installing a complete water system in three weeks.

Working under the supervision of CSF Clyde Fread, the 20-man crew built a four-inch pipe 2,000 feet along a mountainside; cleared a large area of jungle, and installed five pumps and chlorinators; and six wooden tanks, each holding 15,000 gallons.

From these tanks, another four-inch pipe was laid several thousand feet down to the camp area and the entire area encircled by the pipeline so as to furnish water to all parts of the camp. All pipelines in the camp area were laid underground to prevent their being crushed by heavy construction equipment.

Total gravity pressure of about forty pounds per square inch -- resulting from a 118 foot drop between the dam and galley -- compares favorably with the thirty-five pounds per square inch maintained in most city hydrants.

Through the efforts of the pipeline crew, the 118th Battalion now enjoys a continuous flow of water. Furthermore, provision was made to continue service in the event of a breakdown in the dam.

88TH DOUBLES AS SPECIAL

Proving themselves capable cargo handlers as well as a crackerjack construction crew, 88th Battalion Seabees have earned the praise of two transport masters whose ships they unloaded recently.

Captain W. J. Olsen wrote:

"I wish to extend my compliments to you.... for the safe and efficient discharge of our cargo under adverse conditions. The entire cargo was discharged without damage and no major injuries to the personnel and vessel's gear. As the entire cargo, including many heavy lifts of a hazardous nature, was discharged in an open roadstead to landing and pontoon barges with the vessel and barges surging to the swell, the successful achievement with inexperienced personnel is highly commendable.

A similar letter from another transport skipper, Captain F. E. Swint, said:

"I am not without very real appreciation of the efficiency and dispatch with which you .. have handled the unloading of this ship. In an open roadstead, this was accomplished without injury to personnel, and without damage to cargo, ship, or ship's gear."

WILL SEND HERO MATE'S SON THROUGH COLLEGE

Members of the 26th Battalion, who spent back-breaking months on Guadalcanal, Tulagi, and Munda, have subscribed \$1,350 in war bonds for the education of Darel Philip Arnold, son of Theodore S. Arnold, who died in a bombing attack while manning a gun on a freighter at Guadalcanal April 7, 1943.

Arnold was killed only a few days after learning of his son's birth and while he was still collecting bets that his child would be a boy.

EVEN VERSATILITY HAS ITS LIMITS

Having learned from their Seabee friends that Americans buried their loved ones in stout wooden caskets, Samoan natives decided it would be sacrilegious to lay away their recently-deceased village pastor wrapped only in a piece of Tapa cloth.

The high priest approached a 2nd Battalion chief, Shorty Williams, with the request that a coffin be built.

"Sure," said Shorty, "but I haven't any lumber."

"Oh, that," pooh-poohed the high chief. A few minutes later a party of lumber-laden natives deposited a pile of boards at Williams' feet.

Shorty looked and gulped -- the natives had simply lifted the lumber from the Seabees' own stock.

Mindful of the existing cordial relations, he held his peace and went to work.

When some of the Seabees turned out for the funeral, the natives, partly to show their gratitude for the coffin and partly because they were impressed by his solemn features, informed another of the Navy men, Jim Nichols, that he had been chosen to succeed the late pastor.

It took all of Jim's persuasion and Shorty's influence to decline the "invitation."

GREETINGS

When Seabee Dee Belveal telephoned home from Camp Parks after a year and a half in the South Pacific, his son, Billy, 4, had the right answer.

"I'm not very good, but I'm awful happy," he told his father.

MARINES ARMY DID THE JOBS

The story of how bulldozers cleared a path for tanks through the Cape Gloucester jungle, originally reported by a war correspondent of a New York newspaper and relayed to battalions in the field by SNS, credited the feat to the Seabees.

According to Lt. Cmdr. J. T. Redd, CEC, USNR, O-in-C of a Naval Construction Battalion in New Britain, Marine Engineers were the ones who turned the trick. Cmdr. Redd adds that another press report on the repair of two Cape Gloucester airfields assumed the work was done by Seabees. This report, which was carried in SNS, should have named two Army Engineer Battalions as the units which rebuilt the landing strips. The Naval Construction Battalions did not participate in these projects.

INGENUITY HELPS ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE SHOP

Although the Fourth Special's electrical maintenance shop is operating with many tools made from salvaged iron and junk parts, the Seabees have been so successful in their repair work that other Army, Navy and Marine Corps units have been bringing in their motor and generator work for Seabee handling.

The Fourth Special's equipment includes a press made from a compounding truck jack; testing growlers (both inside and outside) made from an old transformer core and magnet wire; and an automatically controlled electric oven.

The oven's heating units were made from an old Jap resistor. The automatic oven control was improvised from parts of a salvaged pyrotherm of a water heating unit. Insulation in the oven was from a quonset hut, and the oven lining came from scrap metal.

The battalion's electrical maintenance shop is run by A. A. Anderson, CEM. The Seabees who designed and constructed the oven were F. L. Lyon, CEM; F. A. Truan, EM2c; and B. F. Green, EM1c.

GUADALCANAL SOCIETY NOTES

The guests of honor were a delegation of newly-arrived Navy nurses and the hosts were Seabees as Guadalcanal recently celebrated its first formal dinner-dance.

"While veterans of South Sea jungle fighting gawked in amazement," reports Sergt. Alvin M. Josephy, Marine Corps Combat Correspondent, "the Seabees borrowed an Army orchestra, decked out a recreation hut, and set to work on a menu such as men scarcely dare dream about in this land of K rations and stew.

"Juicy T-bone steaks -- 110 of them -- were mysteriously procured as the piece de resistance of a meal which included French fried potatoes, scalloped corn, string beans, heart of palm salad, vanilla ice cream with chocolate sauce, sugar cookies, hot rolls and coffee."

Name cards appeared at each plate and the Seabees also produced printed and die-cut menus at each place. Foot powder was sprinkled on the concrete floor for dancing.

The party was complete even to after-dinner favors for the ladies. The builders presented them with bracelets -- custom designed and hammered out of scrap airplane aluminum.

SAYS ARMY TO NAVY THANKS

Officers and men of the 9th Battalion have been thanked for their cooperation at an advanced Army Air Base by the Army C. O., Colonel Walter M. Williams.

"The aid so cheerfully given in helping us to construct and maintain our Air Corps maintenance and repair facilities and construct our hardstands and taxiways has made our task much easier than would normally have been possible," said

Colonel Williams. "We at the Army Air Base will always be indebted for these services so cheerfully given."

FROM A FRIEND

In the South Pacific a native named Talui didn't forget the Seabees who had come to his island and built an advanced base. He particularly remembered Leo Banasky, MM2c, who had befriended him, so when he got Banasky's new address, he sat down and laboriously wrote:

"Alofa tele mo oe (Much love to you). I am very sorry this time and I not seen you everyday if I go to your tent near the lagoon. How I am very well this time I wrote this letter to you. But my think you are also with me as then I know your sure loving to me. Sometime I come over to your tent and I tell you remember some stuff wanted if you regard to my wife and my daughter and son. I am not forget you every day and you tell my loved to your wife and children. Your write to me if you arrived into your home. And no more Japanese air plane come over. Maybe you are make me happy and the sky a gray. That is all. Your loving friend. Goodbye sir. Talui."

Selected by British officials as one of the natives "most likely to succeed," Talui had been sent down to Samoa to receive a free education in government schools.

BRICK AND MORTAR

"The backbone work of the Seabees accounts for many of the front-page stories of Jap flotillas sent to the bottom."

The Journal of Engineering Societies of New England paid this tribute to the Navy's advance base builders in a recent issue.

"Thus in a world bent on destruction," the article continued, "the Seabees are busy building, repairing, salvaging and fighting to maintain what they have wrested from the jungle and the waste. The construction industry has reason to be proud for it is delivering the brick and mortar foundation of victory. When victory comes it will be due in no small part to the Seabees' heroic achievements."

ENEMY SCRAP PROVIDES POWER SAW FOR SEABEES

Besides its regular power saw, the 9th Special's Carpenter Shop has a "Tokyo Model," rigged up primarily from captured equipment. The improvised tool features a Jap two-cylinder upright gas engine, a carburetor from a Jap truck, and a Jap gas tank as motor parts. To these the Seabees added a Mandel shaft from a salvaged Higgins boat, two conveyor rollers used as a carrier table, and the blade from a Jap saw.

ANOTHER GOOD JOB OF SHIP REPAIR

For "prompt, intelligent, and untiring assistance in all repairs" to a transport damaged in Blanche Harbor, Treasury Islands, two Seabees and a CEC officer have been commended by the ship's master.

Lieutenant J. N. Janes, CEC, USNR, D. J. Fowler, CEM, and R. Lowenhardt, EM1c, comprised the emergency repair squad.

F. A. Highmen, the transport's captain, wrote in a letter of appreciation to the O-in-C of the Seabee battalion, "It is considered the casualty suffered would have been difficult to rectify, the repairs achieved would have been less satisfactory, and the time necessary would have been greatly increased, had not the technical knowledge and skill of your personnel been available."

A FAMILY AFFAIR

CBMU 554's "Confused Banner" offers this super fish story and claims to have official Navy photographs to prove it.

A group of Seabees were deep-sea fishing several miles off "Island X" when one of the mates hooked into what felt like a wild and thrashing submarine.

Quoting an eyewitness, "Confused Banner" said: "We couldn't see what it was--but we knew it was a whopper because in its efforts to get away it turned the boat (a 50 foot motor launch) completely around! In doing so, it caused its own doom, for some 10 lines dangling from the side of the boat became entangled round the fish so that its escape was impossible.

"Through the joint efforts of the 24 men on board they succeeded in bringing the giant piscatorial catch near the side of the boat and were able, through herculean efforts, to raise its head out of water."

Half a dozen shots from a German Luger and an '03 rifle, carried by two of the more cautious mates, put an end to the fish's struggles.

Efforts to haul the giant catch aboard failed and the fishing party returned to shore, towing its catch.

The monster turned out to be a Tiger Shark, 14 feet long and 30 inches in diameter, weighing between 700 and 1000 pounds--according to the opinion of several "expert" weight-guessers.

"That was nothing," said "Confused Banner" editorially, "Some four and a-half hours after being caught, the shark's belly was ripped open and 36 baby sharks--some three feet long and ready to launch their own aquatic careers--were found inside."

One particularly lively youngster was taken to the Island "Aquarium" where he survived for three days. The others died shortly after the autopsy on Ma Shark.

A SLIGHT TRANSFUSION

The 77th's heavy equipment department was faced with a big job of "dozer" work without having replacements for D-8 oil cooling systems. The problem was temporarily solved, however, by Chief Carpenter's Mates S. W. Rugeley and R. L. McDaniels by a vital transfusion from a jeep to a bulldozer.

This is how it was done: the frame of the old oil cooler was cut out and the jeep radiator was welded to the inside of the frame. The filler cap was brazed up solid and two 3/4" L's were brazed on to the radiator connections. Then, connections of 3/4" hydraulic rubber hose were run from the L's to the oil lines and the invention was complete for operation.

CHALLENGERS INVITED!

A 25-man crew, composed of 22 Seabees of the 39th Battalion and 3 from the 48th, under the supervision of Lt. G. C. Wallace, CEC USNR, are claimants to the title of the "World's Fastest Water-Main Layers."

Recently the men laid 2035 feet of twelve-inch B & S Cast Iron pipe in eight and one-half hours, which they believe to be a record for this type of pipe and unequalled by any battalion or contractor.

A back-hoe was used to open the trench and kept well ahead of the crew while a crane placed the pipe in the trench at the rate of one joint every four and one-half minutes. A crew of three men kept busy yarning the joints while four men brought up the rear with the jointing compound and really pushed the pipe layers.

DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS

When the painters in the sign shop of the 105th Battalion, stationed somewhere in New Guinea, grew tired of the men in the adjacent electrical shop continually poking their noses through the wire mesh to see what the painters were doing, the latter decided to do something about it.

They painted a small clear sign: DANGEROUS -- DO NOT FEED THE ANIMALS, and tacked it on the wire mesh facing them. The back of the sign faced the electricians. Now whenever the electricians hold onto the screen and poke their noses through inquisitively, the sign is nothing if not descriptive. The painters don't mind the electricians staring now: it gives them a good laugh. And the electricians, unaware of what the sign says, grin back foolishly, so everyone is happy.

WOES OF THE ISLANDERS

Life must indeed be tough on the South Pacific natives. First they get themselves in the middle of somebody else's war, and then the Seabees come along and upset their economics and their love life.

The newest difficulty springs from the Seabees' ingenuity in the making of souvenir gadgets far superior to those the natives have been using (1) for currency, and (2) to make a hit with their dusky girl friends.

Writes R. C. Neal, SF2c, of the Ninth Special Battalion:

"Many species of tropical shell can be found along the coral reefs that fringe nearly every islet. The natives made beads and other ornaments from these, strung on fiber strands. This furnished an idea to one enterprising young man who started the practice of stringing these shells on strands of wire stripped from discarded telephone cable....the patterns and designs developed by the Seabees were never dreamed of by the natives."

Also putting native handiwork to shame are the souvenirs fashioned by the Seabees from plexi-glass, that substance used for the rounded noses of bombers and hoods for fighter planes. Salvaged from scrap piles, this material substitutes for currency among Seabees who use it for such items as picture frames, watch bands, and knife handles.

"Hunting knives," writes Neal, "deserve a chapter by themselves. The handles are usually made of built-up rings of laminations of vari-colored plexi-glass, with guards of aluminum filed into shape from salvaged bits. Blades are usually made from captured Jap bayonets, ground to proper length, with an occasional deluxe model fashioned from a machete blade."

The native Romeos, their girls have discovered, are coming up with strictly second rate stuff.

SETTING EM UP

Working seven days a week, often in torrential rains, eight Seabees of the 118th Battalion, erected seven large two-story barracks in fourteen days.

The fast-working carpenter crew, working under the direction of CCM Vinal T. Randall, CCM William M. Schultz, and CSF Arnold A. Glenn, and supervised by Carpenter Richard J. Watson, CEC USNR, in five weeks also constructed a large galley, with two long mess-halls; four 16x50 tents; eight quonset huts; a large structure for the MAA and the band; a sick-bay tent; housing for gear locker; a GI house; a boiler room; a power plant; a garage; a repair shop; and a large drying tent.

The roof boards, nailed on in heavy downpours, were the toughest part of the job. Extra cleats had to be used to prevent the men from slipping off the wet wood of the sloping roofs.

LOT OF BAGGAGE

For every man in the Central Pacific, the Navy has to provide eight tons of supplies every month, Rear Admiral J. J. Gaffney, USN, head of the Navy's Pacific supply system, declared recently.

The ninety-six tons per man per year, Admiral Gaffney said, included everything from ammunition to underwear. To supply 100,000 men for a year, he added, would require a ninety-one-mile line of 960 ships, each carrying 10,000 tons.

KEEPING EM ON THE BEAM

Having seen the Seabees in action has made it "easier to understand the traditional Seabee reputation" wrote the Commanding Officer of an Air Patrol Squadron in a letter of appreciation to the OinC of CBMU 525.

Noting that numerous requests for assistance in compensating and calibrating aircraft compasses and radio direction finders had been made, the commendation said that "at no time has this squadron ever received a refusal due to weather conditions, or to any other reason..."

George H. Curran, CM2c, and Edward J. Carmichael, CM2c were specifically commended for their devotion to duty and "their interest in a line of work far distant from their own.

"Both men have shown ingenuity and adaptability to the credit of their organization," the commendation concluded.

PAGING DANIEL BOONE

Prohibitions on the use of firearms for hunting haven't discouraged two Fourth Special Seabees.

C. E. Mize, Cox., and J. M. Caraeff, BM2c, brought down a flying fox bat with a sling shot, after spotting the bird at night with a flashlight. Incidentally, it was no picayune catch -- the bat's wing spread measured 40 inches.

GEZUNDHEIT

Sneezing may spread germs but a sneeze was the means of reuniting two old friends who hadn't seen each other in more than three years.

According to the 112th's "Shovel Scoop", Sam H. Couch, MM3c and his friend, W. Hebert, of the Fleet Navy, habitually say "Whiskey" when they sneeze.

"When Sam "whiskeyed" the other evening in the movies, Hebert recognized the rare sneeze with a 'Hi, Sam!' The men come from Louisiana and haven't sneezed or "whiskeyed" together since 1940."

SHORT SPORT SHOTS

BASEBALL:..With slightly more than one-quarter of pennant race completed, pre-season favorites, Yankees and Cardinals, even money vs field to win flags..In AL only 5 1/2 games separated last place team from Yankees..Cardinals were 3 games ahead of second place NL team and 13 in front of cellar-dweller..Al Unser hit pinch-hit home run with bases loaded and two out in ninth inning to give Tigers a 6-2 victory over Yankees..Nelson Potter, Browns' hurler, pitched perfect game for 8 2/3 innings, weakened and blew game..Cincinnati's Ray Mueller became the first catcher since 1941 to pull unassisted double-play..Mueller ran out on diamond after Dodger batter fanned, trapped runner between first and second, tagged him out..Pirates left 28 men on bases in double loss to Dodgers..Dodgers traded pitchers Bill Lohrman and Fritz Ostermueller to Syracuse for outfielder Goody Rosen..latter with Dodgers in '38..Ostermueller and Lohrman refused to report to Syracuse..Fritz sold to Pirates, Bill traded to Reds..Billy Johnson, Yankees' third baseman; Calvin McLish, Dodgers' rookie hurler; George Caster, Browns' No. 1 reliefer; all accepted by Navy..Charles Metro, Tigers' reserve outfielder, inducted by Army..Mike Chartak, Browns' outfielder, quit war job to rejoin team..Pitcher Al Javery, Braves, 4-F.. Stan Spence, Senators' outfielder, had perfect day with six for six.

TRACK:..Claude (Bud) Young, Illinois Negro athlete, won Big Ten titles in 100,220 and broad-jump..leading in 220 hurdles when tripped and fell on last jump..Jesse Owens only track-and-fielder to take four events in games..Michigan won meet with 70 points ..Bob and Ross Hume, Michigan's running twins, locked arms in home stretch to win mile in dead heat.

RACING:..Fans continue to flock to tracks, setting new attendance and betting marks ..52,029 jammed Belmont Park, saw Aletern set new mile-and-quarter mark to win \$50,000 Suburban..Largest crowd ever at Charles Town watched 20 to 1 shot, Royal Fleet, win featured Decoration Day purse..34,368 thronged Suffolk Downs, bet largest handle in Mass. racing history as Mintlock, 6 to 1 outsider won featured handicap.. Heaviest favorite of year, Twilight Tear, 1 to 10, won Oaks for fillies at Belmont.. Exterminator, winner of 1918 Kentucky Derby, passed 29th birthday..New York's first two War Relief racing days netted \$252,766.

BOXING:..Joe Baski, duration heavyweight champ, trounced Lee Savold in 12..Henry Armstrong's KO of Aaron Perry also knocked latter out of Garden bout with Bummy Davis..Armstrong signed to meet Davis..Willie Pep, featherweight champ, recently discharged from Navy for physical disability, was scheduled to meet Juan Zurita, NBA lightweight champ, in overweight' bout..Zurita accidentally shot self through left hand, can't fight for ten weeks..Cleo Shans, Los Angeles, ended Baltimore's Harry Jeffra's comeback winning streak in 10 rounder..Heavyweight Lou Nova, originator of the "Cosmic" punch, hung up his 11th straight comeback win with 7 round KO of Jimmy Webb.

SIDELINES:..Navy Cadets captured three of five sports events from Army..won at track, tennis and golf, lost lacrosse, baseball..Glenn Dodds, former Tulsa U. football star, made history at AAF OCS at Miami, won both military and athletic awards ..Michigan won Big Ten tennis title..Wilbur Moore, Redskin's backfielder, discharged from Marines..Winston Guest, famed polo star, in boot at Marines' Parris Island.. Army breaking up powerhouse sports teams at Army posts..Soldier-sports luminaries being sent overseas to buck up morale of combat outfits..Eastern Collegiate football coaches made "gentlemen's agreement" to outlaw deliberate out-of-bound kick-offs.