

# SHOVEL SCOOPS

"WHEN THE MARINES ENTER TOKYO, THEY WILL MARCH ON THE ROAD THE SEABEES BUILT"

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## TWO JAPS CAPTURED

Four KP's, A.C. Stedham, S2c; C.J. Studebaker, S1c; V. P. Smith, S2c, and E.D. Swift, S2c; out on a "day off" stroll were credited with the capture of two Japanese Monday. The Nippons were hiding among the stalks of an expansive cane field when taken prisoner.

"We had decided to go swimming," said Studebaker, "so we had to cross a cane field due ahead of us. Stedham was walking a few feet in front. It was he who discovered the Japs and in a few quick jumps and a short run was back with us. There are two Japs sitting on the ground up ahead!" Stedham told us in an excited half-whisper."

Studebaker continued, "Fortunately my gun was cocked and as one of the Nips got up and deliberately walked away I fired. The shot went over his head and the Jap collapsed on his knees shaking in every part of his underfed body. His buddy was just as scared and set trembling like a feather in the wind. Both of them" said Studebaker, "motioned with their hands not to shoot."

Studebaker stated further that they forced the Japs to strip off their clothes in order to make sure they had no hidden weapons. Nineteen hundred Yen, two small religious books, a wallet, photographs, a pack of stolen American Cigarettes, and two packages of pipe tobacco, pliers, a knife, and one campaign bar were among the items found on them.

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## C.B. MAGAZINE

A bi-monthly magazine, published for and by the Seabees will soon make its appearance in the same field with "Yank", "Leatherneck" and "Midpacifican."

The staff of this publication is now being formed and will carry many names of note.

Name of the new magazine, date of first issue and other facts have not as yet been released.

## HUNTS FOOTPRINTS

C.H. Redding, CEM, of B. Co. has been hunting. Not souvenir hunting, but footprint hunting. Chief Redding has good reason for this peculiar pursuit.

When the invasion of this Island was in progress his brother, Guilford Redding was fighting with his buddies on the beach. Before the battle was over Guilford was wounded seriously and evacuated to a Naval Hospital.

Today Chief Redding has no doubt crossed his brother's footsteps some where in his movements on the Island. However, the Chief is probably as anxious to find the Jap who got his brother as to identify the spot where the action took place.

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## S.S. OPENS

The grand opening of the 112th Ship's Service facilities became a reality Saturday. Newly set up, cobbler, tailor, and barber shops went into operation along with a well stocked Ship's Store. The Ship's Store was open from 1400 to 1900, and the various shops from 1000 to 2000 which will be the daily schedule for the future, excepting Sundays.

One of the last reorganizations which took place in the Battalion before we left our last Island X was the merger of Ship's Service under the Supply Corps. This reorganization meant that, cobbler, tailor and barber work are to be done free of charge. All previous funds and assets of Ship's Service were turned over to the new organization. Only Ship's Store will continue on a profit basis, and profits will still go to the Welfare and Recreation fund.

The men serving you in the Ship's Store are G.B. Hunt, SKD1c, Don Horton, SKD3c, and Sammy Paine, Y3c, Glen Webb, SSMB3c, and Edward Sullivan, S1c, will take care of that crop of wool you call your hair. S. DiSabatto, SSMC2c, and M. L. Kennedy, SSMC3c, will be in charge of repairing your shoes. Willie Hymanson, SSMT2c, and L.V. Lorette, SSMT3c, will command the Tailor Shop.

Clothing and Small Stores will be handled at the Ship's Store. Hours for the well

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# THE SKIPPER SAYS M-DAY

## BOMBS OVER TOKYO

We welcome the resumption of Shovel-Scoops. Because of urgent demands for personnel and construction on this Island X, all overhead activities must necessarily be curtailed, and our paper must share the burden with the rest. As all hands undoubtedly know, the work to which we have been assigned is extremely important and the time available is extremely short. It will be necessary that all hands work and work hard. It will also be necessary that many work at trades in which they may not be rated or experienced and for which they did not enter the service. Nevertheless, the work remains to be done and all manpower must kick in where it can best help the present job. Because of the foregoing, assignment of personnel must be more centrally controlled than it has been in the past. Personnel must report as directed by the Plan of the Day. The Plan of the Day carries all personnel distribution orders over the Executive Officer's signature and deviations therefor must not be made except in emergency circumstances. This procedure is not new, but present situation requires more strict observance of that fact. Cooperation by all hands can result only in adding new credits to our record and more bombs over Tokyo.

"Somebody said we're moving straight dope, too!" "Ah, you're kiddin!" "Naw", this is it!" yes, it was "it" all right. And being typical CB's we commenced the arduous task of "procuring" and packing everything in sight that wasn't bolted down and reinforced with concrete. You know, of course, that "procuring" is the polite word used to mean, "taking something that you think you need more than somebody else needs it". No one ever steals anything in the Seabees.

Everyone participated wholeheartedly in the work, and "overtime" (civilian word) was common. The censors put in more than their share of hours expediting the mail handling and processing the boxes of extra clothing that each man was dispatching homeward. Stray bits of scuttlebutt were pounced on as one would pounce on a large thick piece of steak after having a couple of months of K-rations.

We had a wild ride down to the docks enjoying ourselves along the way hooting, and hollaring.

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### WHAT'S WRONG WITH HITLER

LONDON (CNS)---Reports concerning Hitler's health--or lack of it--have been as thick in this city as GI giblet gravy. If all of them are true, the German fuhrer is suffering from the following maladies:

- Concussion of the brain.
- Coronary thrombosis.
- Tumor of the throat.
- Paranoia.
- A broken arm.
- An earache.
- Flat feet.

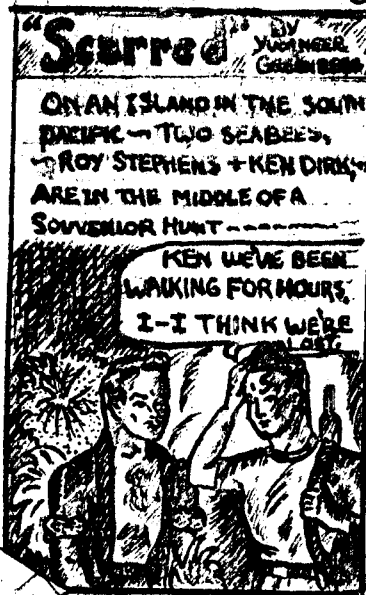
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### GOOD JOBS AFTER WAR

WASHINGTON (CNS)-----

"The training Seabees receive should qualify them for good jobs after the war," Cdr S.E. Mitler told a recent meeting of the American Merchant Marine Conference.

"With American Foreign Trade after the war likely to be plentiful," Cdr. Mitler said, there should be ample opportunity in the ranks of longshoremen for Seabees "who have already proven their worth and properly served their apprenticeship."



# The Chaplain Speaks



## THOUGHTS ON FREEDOM

February is the birth month of America's two great fighters for freedom: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. The Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument in our nation's capital are not only tributes to these great champions of freedom; they are also mute reminders to every American of Democratic background.

Perhaps we engaged in this present conflict on the periphery of our fighting front in the Pacific are in a better position to appreciate the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial than many of those who walk the streets of Washington City. Some things can be seen better from a perspective of distance; they become clearer and more valuable when we lose them for awhile. The pursuit of this war has demanded that we, for a time, forfeit our individual freedom, and become a part of a totalitarian economy. We know better what we are fighting for because we know what we have lost.

The winning of the war will not insure for us and for our children freedom and justice and peace. These must be written into the terms of peace. And there must be freedom and justice not only for us, but for every people, small or great --- else there shall be no lasting peace. Let us not only fight for this now, but let us live for it when the war is over. It is God's will that we should be free spirits within free bodies!

### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO:

Frank Dalby, Y3c  
James Daniels, Cox  
Edward Evans, M1c  
Thomas Gross, Slc  
Glena Gurganus, Slc  
Howard Henry, GM2c  
Samuel Lucas, CCM  
Theodore Michaud, B1c  
Clifford Norman, M1c  
Raymond Carr, CM3c  
Walter Christian, C1c  
Fred Catney, CM2c  
Ralph Hall, Slc  
Aram Hesson, SK3c  
Robert Hoffman, Slc  
Raymond Jett, Slc  
Floyd Jett, Slc  
Orrigo Palmerini, Slc  
Raynold Saar, CCM  
Carl Carder, MM3c

### ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS TO:

William Almy, CM2c, and Mrs. Almy of Pawtucket, R.I.  
Lester Hammond, C1c, and Mrs. Hammond of Jackson, Miss.  
Casimir Hatz, Slc, and Mrs. Hatz of Chicago Illinois.  
John Hecko, Cox, and Mrs. Hecko of Chicago Illinois.

### Xmas Mail Still Being Received

It may be a little late but Preb Dow, M1c, has compiled quit an interesting array of figures on outgoing and incoming mail received during the Xmas season. Although it is over a month since the holly was taken out of the windows at home Christmas mail is still being received. Between 1 Oct. and 1 Dec., during the Christmas rush, the outgoing parcels, numbered close to 7,800 pieces. Incoming parcels received between 15th Oct. and 12th Dec. numbered close to 10,500.

During this time the incoming and outgoing letters, including the Christmas Cards increased considerable. For the period 10th Nov. to 1st Dec. the outgoing letters practically doubled, averaging well over 3,000 pieces a day.

## The Tall and Small

A small, black, homeless kitten found in the tallness of a cane field ran onto something a little taller in the person of R.E. Lincoln, Slc, six ft. six giant. When interviewed Lincoln and the cat were being guarded by E.C. Franklin, Slc. The kitten could hide in Lincoln's pocket, up his pant leg and even in the palm of his hand. Prone to hide from onlookers and the bright sunlight the kitten would crawl up Lincoln's pant leg to a point where you couldn't see him at all. Once however his thin black tail was exposed below the edge of the pant leg.

The cat not being allowed in the camp area has found a home at Transportation where Lincoln is waiting for it to grow up.

## Divine Services

### PROTESTANT

#### Sunday:

0930-1815, 112th Chapel  
0800 West Hall at West Field

#### Wednesday:

1815 Bible Study Class  
at 112th Chapel

#### Thursday:

1815 Choir Practice at  
112th Chapel

### CATHOLIC

#### Sunday:

0700-1630 Island Command  
1800 Naval Air Base Chapel

#### Tuesday:

0530 Catholic Mass in  
112th Chapel

### JEWISH

#### Friday:

1900, 112th Chapel

### LATTER DAY SAINTS

#### Sunday:

1830 Island Command

# SCUTTLEBUTT

The Corpsmen and Yeomen are now on friendlier terms. The rerates helped, and then too the Corpsmen are finally getting their BOOT TRAINING. Yeah, they march every afternoon. The Yeomen just adore that.



The Storekeepers (D) don't seem to think "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes", but the Engineering Department doesn't agree at all, especially if the smoke comes from burning cane.

Sure, and there's a shepherd in A Co. too. His bosom buddies help make him feel at home by calling, "Ma-a-a-a-yo."



Francis X., D Co. clerk, was seen out in the SUNLIGHT with a shovel, rake, and what have you. Which just proves there IS a MANPOWER shortage.

C Co. clerk, Wild Bill, was out raking too. No, Dalby wasn't - HE'S GOT HIS RATE.



Some guys have it, some haven't, but Surgi of D Co. is always right there. His mates look at him reclining in his comfortable iron bed and dream just dream.



Then there's the tale of the Chief who was so preoccupied that he didn't notice the motor patrol until it was practically on top of him. Chief "Garwood" Harding can be thankful for his powerful lungs; otherwise the motor patrol might still be parked on his foot.



The comment of the week came from one of D Company's brighter boys who asked, "Did the loud speaker break down? They haven't called for "Sol" Schneck all evening.

## Sports

### STINGERS WIN



Last Sunday the 112th Stingers won from the Marine Engineers, on their diamond, by the score of 5 to 3. Frankie Munoz pitched a no hit no run game for the first five innings. Then Tillman took over the mound. It was the last inning before the Marines got their only hit, coupled with three walks and an error to score 3 runs. "Concrete" McCormick hit a home run in the 5th inning. Good support from the infield sparked by "Hank" Greenberg featured the Stingers first victory.

BOX SCORE:	AB	R	H
*Burrough, SC	0	0	0
Kuroc, SC	2	2	1
Fricano, C	2	0	1
Greenberg, SS	3	1	0
*Tillman, P	0	0	0
Munoz, P	3	0	1
Kuffel, 3B	3	0	1
Niehaus, 2B	3	0	0
Hulka, LF	3	0	0
Crimaldi, CF	2	0	0
*Fransen, RF	1	0	0
Morrison, RF	2	0	0
McCormick, 1B	2	2	2
TOTAL	27	5	6

\*Substituted in sixth inning.

Score by innings	R.	H.	E.
Stingers 220	0	10	0
Marines 000	0	3	1

## "SCARRED" BY HAL YUANEER + GREENBERG

WHY YOU ARE NOT JAPANESE! WHO ARE YOU??

OF COURSE WERE NOT JAPS, WERE AMERICAN SEABEES WERE

SHUT UP YOU FOOL! IT MAY BE A TRAP

NO! I AM NOT JAPANESE. I HATE THEM. I AM SIRENA. WHEN I WAS YOUNG I LOST MY PARENTS, AND WAS ADOPTED BY MISSIONARIES. LAST YEAR THE JAP CAME AND DESTROYED OUR VILLAGE

MEANWHILE CLOSE BY A JAP. WATCHES THEM

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