

Midget Two-Man Jap Sub Raised By Guadalcanal Seabees

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GUADALCANAL — (Delayed) — A midget two-man Japanese submarine, scuttled by her crew during the second battle of Savo Island, was raised here in five hours by eight enterprising Seabees. The submersible was sunk 300 feet off-shore in 20 feet of water.

The Seabees discovered the submarine a few weeks ago while clearing an old Japanese ammunition dump near Cape Esperance. Probing for an easy passage through coral for their Higgins boat, they scraped what they feared was a floating mine. Investigation disclosed they had run over the periscope of a small submarine.

The sub was examined under water by two men who wore diving masks made from old gas masks into which had been fitted a rubber tube from an air compressor carried on a boat. Two unexploded torpedoes were inside, but the long stay under the water rendered them harmless.

Special one-inch cable rigging was spliced and hooked to tractors driven by marine engineers. Two men then donned the diving masks and attached two lines to the stern, one to the bow of the submarine. The Marines started their tractors and pulled hard, but failed to move the submarine.

Another diving examination showed the submarine to be wedged fast in the sand bottom. Eight sticks of dynamite were planted

under the submarine and when set off, the sub was blown free. The tractors then pulled it ashore.

STORK DELAYS TRIP

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The prospective arrival of the stork in the family of Finnish Minister Hjalmar J. Procope, who has been ordered to leave the United States, may delay his return to Finland. Mme. Procope is expecting her third child within two or three weeks.



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