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**Chives...**

Chives (*Allium schoenoprasum*) are cultivated for the onion-flavored, edible leaves, and for the heads of lilac-colored flowers which may be used in arrangements. Cut leaves for soups and salads; use in cream cheese mixture; with mashed potatoes; in hamburger; or with eggs in omelettes. Chives can be frozen fresh, or dried for winter seasoning.

Dear Mr. Balazs,

My mother, Melba Hutchison, had asked us to make you a negative of the picture of the 9 men on French Frigate Shoals - please find it enclosed - as well as a 5x7 B+W photo. The original photo was only 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" ... therefore the graininess in the

5x7. There are 2 negatives here - # 10 is slightly blurred, # 11 is a good neg - I'm also sending along a copy of a newspaper article that my Dad had clipped years ago.

I do apologize for taking so long in getting these things ready for you.

Sincerely,  
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French Frigate Shoals

front row 3<sup>rd</sup> from left Joseph E Hutchison

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**Isle Made  
For War Now  
Is Unwanted**

By KEYES BEECH

Chicago Daily News Foreign Service

HONOLULU, Oct. 14.— French Frigate, the air field lifted out of the sea in the most fantastic construction project of the Pacific war, is now an unwanted child.

Abandoned by the Navy, unwanted by the Territory of Hawaii, which owns French Frigate Shoal, the tiny air base has been returned to its original inhabitants, the birds and the fiddler crabs.

There was a time when this deserted place, 550 miles northwest of Honolulu, might have influenced the course of the war.

The Battle of Midway demonstrated to Navy strategists the need to get fighter planes from Oahu to Midway, 1,300 miles distant, in a hurry. The catch was that no fighter planes at that time could carry enough gasoline to fly nonstop to Midway.

French Frigate, an almost forgotten shoal approximately midway between Oahu and Midway, was the answer, providing an air field could be built there. Crescent-shaped, 18 miles long and two to three miles wide, French Frigate Shoal is an outcropping of a submarine mountain range that runs all the way from Midway to Hawaii.

The Seabees built the field and its installations, but it was P. N. A. B. (Pacific Naval Air Bases), the vast construction combine which built Navy bases all over the Pacific, that dredged up the coral fill.

The result was an unsinkable aircraft carrier, 3,100 feet long and 250 feet wide, ringed with sheet metal piling to keep it from washing away. The field cost nearly \$2,000,000.

The fact that it never paid off was nobody's fault except the Japanese. They never again attacked Midway.

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