SWIMMING SPLASHES

There was a big turnout last night considering that it was only the trials night.

The badges worn by the officials last night were worth seeing—in fact were part of the show.

The lighting was a great deal brighter last night than is usual at swimming meets.

The decorations, flags, bunting and so on were especially effective last night.

Red, orange, white and green lights on the starting and finish buoys greatly aided the long distance swimmers.

One of the army divers wanted to do the "frog" dive as an optional number but Victor Ligda said there was no such dive.

Dr. Charles R. Barton, official announcer, had his voice tuned in great form and performed creditably.

Three bands helped to enliven the proceedings of the evening.

Credit for all the unusual features in connection with the staging of the meet goes to Lieut. Col. H. L. Landers, U. S. Army.

The newspaper folks and the diving judges were provided with tables and chairs on the starting barge.

Every detail was taken care of. Even the competitors were provided with special badges.

The music alone, furnished by the army bands, was worth the price of admission alone.

Canvas covering was up on the back of the starting barge to shelter the officials in case of rain.

There were shrill yells from the girls in the stands during 440 yards for women.

The 1500 meters was such a long event that the bands had plenty of time to render half a dozen selections.

A. E. Minvielle, Sr., was at his usual job of rowing the boat on the course for tired swimmers.

Dad Center wore a smile a mile long when Mariechen Wehselau broke the island record for the 440 yards.

The first call for the initial event of the evening was given at 7:30 p. m.

At the first part of the evening there was only a small crowd but the seats filled up when the program started.

Good weather, with a slight wind helped to bring out a large crowd.

Starter "Knute" Cottrell kept up his record of perfect starts by getting them all away together.

Late in the evening Col. Landers ordered the gates thrown open and every body come in for the finish.

The army swimmers in large numbers thronged the starting barge.

Among others present at the meet last night was the half moon in the western sky.

Later in the evening a rain storm drove some of the fans under cover.

The events were run off in rapid fire order except for the slight delay during the liquid sunshine.

The rain did not interfere with the swimmers though it sent the fans home.

The Outrigger Canoe club swimmers talked "pig Latin" while on the barge.

The swimming events were over early though the polo match carried the program through beyond 10 o'clock.

MILLS TESTS NOW UNDER FULL SWAY

The athletic efficiency tests which have been been made an annual affair at Mills school are under way this week. The boys are required to run the 100 yards dash, 220 yards dash, 440 yards dash. The shot, high jump and the running broad jump will fill the bill for the field tests.

These tests were first originated by "Banty" Given, former Mills coach, in the form of the hexalthalon meet. Later they were revived by Coach "Dutch" Hemmerly, now athletic director of Mills, as the efficiency tests. The purposes of these tests is to get materials for the Mills track team, and to encourage more students to participate in track and field work.

There is much raw materials in the school, especially in the lower classes. Under careful training and development, these will make promising athletes in the years to come. The efficiency tests are the best means by which the coach can size up the team. Many athletes were selected in this way last year, and Coach Hemmerly expects to do the same this year.