

PREPARING The Japs are fortifying for a last ditch stand—Under Secy. Harsh

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ISNT IT? The time for a decisive Pacific battle is ripening.—Tokyo Radio.

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MARINES IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA

Peleliu Cleaned Up By Battling First Division

Pendleton Marines Give 762 Pints of Blood To Hang Up New World's Record

Tarawa Shotgun 'King,' Injured On Saipan, Back

A famed fighting Marine who blazed away at the Japs with a double-barreled shotgun while leading his men through the bloody carnage of Tarawa...

And "Tim" Crowe stayed on his feet, continuing to give orders to his men, despite chest wounds so severe that his condition remained critical for weeks.

He's Lt. Col. Henry P. (Jim) Crowe, who told a Navy doctor just before going ashore at Saipan: "I'll see you on the beach. I may be leaning up against a tree, but I'll be on my feet."

Col. Crowe was seriously wounded shortly after leading his men to the beach but he did stay on his feet and continue to give orders until taken to an aid station.

The colonel, who battled Japs on Guadalcanal as well as at Tarawa and Saipan, said: "I'm afraid the public is in for a bitter surprise if it counts on the conclusion of the European war to bring the Japanese struggle to an early end. We are just beginning to fight in the islands."

A Marine for the past 27 years, Col. Crowe said Tarawa was the toughest yet—"bar none."

"It was on Tarawa that I came to know that the 'old Marine Corps' as we have been wont to call it, is no more," he declared. "The youngsters—the new Marines—are just as gallant and every bit (Continued on page 2)

By Pvt. William Hesok Jr. CAMP PENDLETON—Marines here set what is believed to be a new world's record for mobile blood units Monday by donating 762 pints of blood, it is announced by Navy Capt. D. L. Whitehead, post surgeon.

The serum contributed topped the previous high of 681 pints set a week ago at NAS, San Diego, and

marked the second time in a month that Pendleton Marines have cracked a record in donating blood.

During a previous visit in August the Red Cross' San Diego Mobile Blood Bank collected 610 pints here, which was then a new record for similar units.

Monday's donations were made by members of the 4th Trng. Regt. (Continued on Page 2)



LIFE SAVER. This is where blood given by Leathernecks of area really counts. Picture, taken during Saipan battle, shows corpsman administering life-giving plasma to wounded Marine while another at right waits his turn.

Control of Mt. Umorbrogul, One Small Pocket Still Held by Japs As Leathernecks Mop Up Island

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced Wednesday that Marines pushing their conquest of strategic Peleliu, in the Palau 515 miles east of the Philippines, control the entire island with the exception of Umorbrogul mountain and a small pocket to the northeast.

Battle-hardened Leathernecks of the 1st Div. reached the "beginning of the end" of the bloody battle for Peleliu by severing communications between the Japanese north and south pockets of resistance this week.

With the battle in its closing stages, a communique from Adm. Nimitz' Pacific Fleet headquarters revealed that U. S. casualties in the Palau totaled 5500. Enemy dead counted exceed 7000.

U. S. casualties were: USMC Army Dead ..... 520 184 Missing ..... 401 5 Wounded ..... 3638 769

(The communique said most of the Army casualties were sustained on Angaur.)

American losses compared with 1036 killed in the brief fight for Tarawa, and 3049 dead at Saipan, the most costly of Pacific invasions.

Marines, who opened the campaign Sept. 15, were joined this week by soldiers of the 81st Army

Div., which conquered Angaur island to the south.

Japs continued to bitterly resist every foot of Marine advance. For some days the Marines had been halted in their attempt to take Umorbrogul mountain by frontal assault. Sunday night, a daring thrust was made along the narrow coastal strip flanking the mountain fortress and Marines advanced more than 2000 yards beyond the captured village of Garekoru.

The troops moved up in force behind a tank patrol which knocked out a pair of pillboxes and killed at least 30 Japs, a JAP dispatch revealed. Meanwhile, units which (Continued on Page 3)

Service Housing Given Approval

Of 5000 temporary type dwellings for Navy and Marine families on the west coast authorized this week under an \$18,000,000 national housing agency program, 2500 have been allotted to San Diego county, it was announced by Rep. Ed V. Izac upon notification by Secy. of Navy James Forrestal.

Construction of the new dwelling units in San Diego county will begin as soon as sites can be obtained, it was disclosed.

Nazis On Isles Give Up As Marines Head Ashore

3rd Div. CG In Washington Post

Maj. Gen. Allen Hal Turnage, who commanded the 3rd Mar. Div. in the Bougainville and Guam campaigns, has been appointed director of Marine Corps personnel, HQMC, according to the Army and Navy Journal.

He succeeds Brig. Gen. Littleton W. T. Waller jr., whose assignment to an undisclosed overseas post was announced two weeks ago.

For more news about Seagoing Marines, see stories on USS Texas and USS Nevada on page 4.

By MTSgt. John W. Black, Combat Correspondent

PHILADELPHIA—Details of their capture of 850 Germans while occupying three strategic islands off Marseilles during the invasion of southern France were revealed by members of the Mar. Det. of the cruiser, USS Augusta, here for reconditioning following months of fighting in the European theater.

Outnumbered nearly 10 to one, 80 Marines from the Augusta and the USS Philadelphia took over the islands of Ratonau, Fomeguos and DIT within minutes of the completion of surrender negotiations Aug. 24.

The three-hour trip from ship to shore in a minesweeper, said Capt. Francis R. Schlesinger of Franklin, N. H., in charge of the contingent, was as tense as any beach assault. The Germans had not yet capitulated and there was no assurance that they would.

"They had been firing at our warships all morning," said Capt. Schlesinger, "and a launch was shelled the previous day when it

tried to put some naval officers ashore under a flag of truce. In front of our minesweeper was a destroyer, hoping to arrange surrender before any landing was made. On the shore, we could see the heavy batteries. The tension was pretty high."

When the Marines' ship was about 1000 yards offshore, a small boat, flying a truce signal, put out from land. Two German officers

boarded the American ship. Half an hour later, they left, and the Marines followed them in. Flying from Ratonau now was a huge white flag.

By sunset, the 90 Marines had rounded up 600 prisoners. Able-bodied Germans were enclosed within a barbed wire stockade.

"There were all kinds of troops," said 1st Lt. William H. McDardel of (Continued on Page 2)

Defenses On Peleliu 'Thickest' Of Pacific

WITH UNITED STATES MARINES, PELELIU ISLAND (Delayed) (UP)—The Japanese were dug in deeper and closer together on Peleliu than on any island the Marines have ever hit.

"You can count more defenses per square yard than on any other island in the Pacific," said Lt. Col. John W. Scott of Elkton, Md., 1st Mar. Div. staff officer.

He had in mind Tarawa, Saipan, Guam, Cape Gloucester and all the other Marine landings when he made this judgment of Peleliu's defenses.

The afternoon heat is extreme. One corpsman said the Marines in his outfit were swallowing up to 20 salt tablets daily to replace salinity lost in perspiration.

Marines who finished the conquest of the southern end of Peleliu said Japanese army officers in a cave on a high promontory committed suicide when the Marines

closed in. This followed the example of self-destruction on other Pacific islands, but was the first such incident reported at Palau.

There are so many traps—Marines and Japanese—jammed on this island that a Marine officer estimated that each man had only 18 square yards to himself, even counting the extensive mangrove swamps.

Marine Following in Father's Footsteps

Pvt. Robert L. Herrule, 18-year-old son of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. Leo D. Herrule, has attained the first objective in his plan to follow in his father's footsteps by completing recruit training at MCB.

Before entering the Corps in June, Pvt. Herrule attended Boyden's Preparatory School in San Diego. His father is one of the Corps' most decorated officers.

Sea School To Select Veterans

Two hundred returned combat veterans will be selected from the R&R Center in October for training in Sea School at MCB, it was announced this week by Capt. Joseph E. LaBonte, CO of the school. The selecting was ordered in a directive from the Commandant.

Sea School had the largest "break-up" in its history last week when 119 graduates were transferred to the various receiving stations.



NAZI SURRENDER FLAG. Capt. Francis R. Schlesinger, who commanded 90-man Mar Det. which captured 850 Germans on three islands during Southern France invasion, presents trophy to Rear Adm. Loyal A. Davidson.

# Pendleton Sets New Record For Blood Donations



**DONOR.** PFC. Donald Gore of Milwaukee gives pint of blood to help Camp Pendleton set new world's record for one day's donations. Standing from left, are: Capt. F. L. Whitehead, USN; Col. J. N. Frisbie; Red Cross Nurse Eileen Jacobson and Lt. Comdr. E. L. Woolsey, USN.

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and Field Sig. Bn. at Dispensary 16-D-1.

Lt. Comdr. E. L. Woolsey, senior medical officer of the dispensary, attributed much of the success to an old-fashioned pep rally. The rally, called by Maj. Robert C. Walker, CO of the Field Sig. Bn., was highlighted by band numbers and talks outlining the purpose of the donations.

Scores of Monday's donors were Marines who have had combat experience overseas and know from first-hand experience the vital role played by blood plasma in combat areas.

## Word Received From Captured Marine

The second letter in three years has been received by Mrs. Peggy McMurray of San Diego from her son, Sgt. Cloyd C. McMurray, who as a member of the Guam garrison, helped defend that island and then was taken prisoner.

The Leatherneck, now in a prison camp at Osaka, Japan, said he was working six days a week and that his health is good.

Navy corpsmen stationed at the dispensary assisted the Red Cross nurses in collecting blood, thus aiding in the setting of the new record.

Health records of the Leathernecks who volunteered were examined prior to the blood extraction, and while some were turned down for physical reasons, a larger number were rejected because they were under the minimum age of 18.

## Nazis Surrender As Marines Head For French Isles

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Portsmouth, Va., second in command of the Marine unit, "from veterans down to 14-year-old boys. The old timers seemed to be glad their fighting days were over but the youngsters were pretty defiant."

During the night, one of the sentries walked along the enclosure, softly singing "Der Fuehrer's Face." "And he wasn't forgetting the razzerberics either," said Lt. McDaniel.

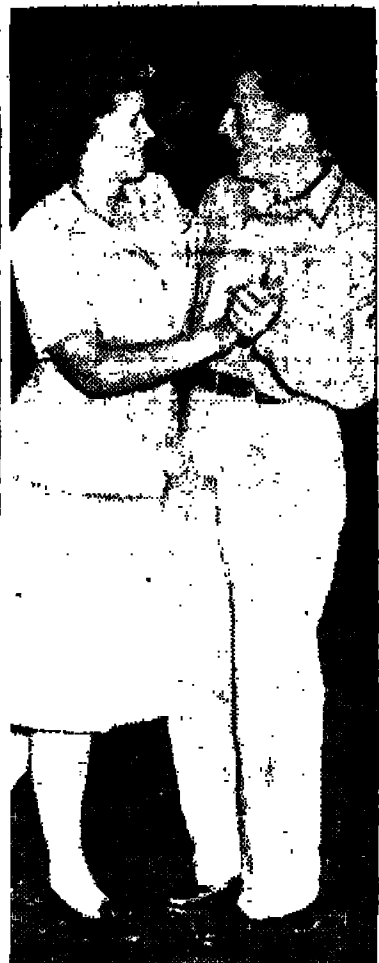
Among the stragglers rounded up by a patrol led by 1st Sgt. Memory H. Smith of Jacksonville, N. C., were 11 Frenchwomen, five of them nurses who had been tending the wounded.

On the day after the landings, prisoners were taken aboard infantry landing craft and conducted to an Italian port.

The only living things we left on the islands," said Lt. McDaniel, "were six horses and two dogs."

## Maj. Joe Foss Returns Home

Maj. Joe Foss, first flyer in this war to tie Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record of 26 enemy planes downed, returned this week from his second tour of combat service in the Southwest Pacific. At Santa Barbara, where he stopped to get his first glimpse of his three-month-old daughter, it was reported that he was privileged home for a recurrence of malaria contracted during the old Guadalcanal days.



**PARTNERS.** Pvt. Mary Boucher of Base Wk Bn. and Corp. Robert Rindael, back from overseas and in the R&R Center, team up at an outdoor MCB dance for veterans awaiting furloughs.

## Pacific Veterans Flock To Outdoor Dances On Base

The morale of veterans returned from Pacific battles and awaiting furloughs to their homes—some for the first time since entering the Corps—won't suffer at the hands of Base WRs.

To keep Leathernecks in high spirits during their brief stay at MCB, outdoor dances are scheduled every two weeks on the basketball courts. Pacific veterans flock to the dances to take advantage of the opportunity to practice a few fancy steps before arriving home. For many it is the first time they have seen WRs.

Waltzing and jitterbugging contests are held at each dance and prizes awarded. Refreshments are furnished by the Base recreation department.

## Tarawa Shotgun 'King,' Injured On Saipan, Back

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as good fighters as we ever had in the history of the Corps. Between the 'new' and the 'old' there is no difference."

On Tarawa, Col. Crowe (then a major) was given a tough assignment because the command wanted a front-line commander capable of "on-the-scene tactical innovations and inspirational leadership." He supplied both.

Carrying the same shotgun he used later on Tarawa, Col. Crowe rallied his men out of cover on Guadalcanal with the battle cry: "God damnit, you'll never get the Purple Heart lying in a fox-hole! Let's go get 'em!"

The famed Marine leader enlisted in 1918 and was made a Marine Gunner in 1934. He was on the all-Marine football team in 1924-27 and 1929-32 and the National Rifle and Pistol team in 1925-27 and 1929-30.

He has been awarded the Navy Cross, Silver Star and Bronze Star but of all his decorations he values the Good Conduct Medal with three stars most highly.

"Any Marine who does his job, no matter how menial the task, if he does it well, is a Marine and a good one," he said.

Many a man who married his wife because he admired her carriage has worked like a horse for her.

## MCB Slates Kyser Show

### 'Old Professor' Opens Air Season In Base Theater

Kay Kyser's "Kollege of Musical Knowledge" radio show will return to MCB for the sixth time Wednesday for shows at 1415 and 1900 at the Base theater. This broadcast will mark Kyser's first appearance on the show since his summer vacation.

The "Old Professor" is playing this return engagement here because his last show at the Base on June 28, 1944, was not broadcast because it conflicted with a national political convention in Chicago.

The afternoon rehearsal show Wednesday will be played before approximately 700 Sea School students and returned combat veterans from the R&R Center.

### SEATING HOURS

Doors will open at 1830 for the evening show and broadcast, with several hundred recruits seated by platoons first. MCB and Area FMF personnel must be seated by 1850.

Kyser's "good neighbor" policy with MCB dates back to Feb. 28, 1941, when he made his first appearance here. He has conducted anniversary broadcasts here in February every year since.

Contestants on the program's weekly quiz show will be 12 recruits.

### Hourly Shellings

USNH, OAKLAND—PFC. Oney L. Mahoney of Hamilton, Ill., wounded on Saipan, recalls that the Japs like to do things on the hour. They would shell Marine positions at the start of every hour during the night, he said.



**SMOKED UP.** Equipped with gas masks designed to protect against all known war gases, P1Sgt. Doris Thomas and Corp. Marian Huffman find their way through a smoke screen in Base gas school. (Photo by PFC. E. J. Wishjin).

## WRs In Base Chemical Warfare Class

### OPA Lists Prices For Snack Stands

For protection of Marines and other service personnel who seek quick "snacks" in downtown San Diego, OPA has set these ceiling prices: hamburgers, 20c; hot dogs, 15c; pop corn, 15c; cold drinks, 10c; milk, 20c; shakes, 30c; sodas, 20c; sundaes, 20c; fried sea food, 20c; french fried potatoes, 10c; pie, 10c; donuts, 5c; baked pork and beans, 20c; coffee, 5c; peanuts (bag), 10c.

Any higher prices than those listed should be immediately reported to OPA.

"Conscience" gets a lot of credit that belongs to cold feet.

Eighteen Base Marines were prepared this week to pass on to other members of their respective organizations their knowledge of chemical warfare, having completed the 36th MCB class conducted by Maj. William Ronaldson in preparation for the always-possible gas attack that could be launched by a desperate enemy.

The class was closed last Friday with a field demonstration using smoke pots, WP (white phosphorus) anti-personnel grenades, thermite incendiaries and CN (tear gas) bombs.

Attending the class were two NCOs from each Base battalion, including the WR Bn. and medical units, and representatives from

the MCB fire department and RR Det.

Maj. Ronaldson pointed out that although the deadly sting of poison gas has thus far been held in leash, chemical warfare in its many other applications has already played a vital part in lashing at both ends of the Axis line.

"Both sides have spent millions of dollars in preparation for chemical warfare," he said, "and the U. S. is prepared with every known form of poison gas. We are equipped with the best mask in the world."

Graduates of the last class are: 1st Sgt. Harry E. Lockwood; Gy Sgt. George T. Lippincott and Lance Cpl. J. Keith; Drum Major Cecil C. Ward; 1st Sgt. Glenwood J. Manning; P1MSgt. Clarence C. Rybicka and Huron (Italy); 1st Sgt. Doris L. Thomas; 1st Lt. Taylor; 1st Lt. Paul; 1st Lt. William H. Dietrich; Edward Strickland Jr. and Theodore H. Price; Corp. Edward H. Masters; Aaron A. Baldwin; Charles E. Lauer and Milton J. Huffman; and PFC. James L. Gracia.

## Corporal Saves Hit Officer Under Fire

GUAM (Delayed)—After abandoning his amphibian tank when it suffered a direct shell hit off this beach during the first hour of operations, Corp. George T. Bell of Rocklin, Cal., braved flames, exploding shells and enemy mortar fire to return 30 yards to the tank and rescue a wounded officer from the top. After applying a tourniquet to the officer's leg, Corp. Bell took him off the tank and held him up in the chest-deep water for 30 minutes until a rescue boat arrived.—1st Sgt. Gordon D. Marston, combat correspondent.

## Flying Marines Keenly Interested In Resuming Education When War's Over

By 1st Sgt. Gerald D. Gordon  
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—A majority of both the air and ground crews of the 4th Mar. Air Wing are hoping for a chance to complete their educations through the government schooling plan for servicemen after the war.

A recent poll of several aviation squadrons has made this clear. In many cases the Marine airmen anticipate resuming their college and university courses. For others, it means going back to high school and then on through college with

federal assistance.

The opinion is practically unanimous among 4th Wing men that competition for jobs will be much keener in the post-war era—the chief reason for their desire to resume studies.

Typical comment from pilots is that of 21-year-old 2d Lt. Stanley C. Silt of Steubenville, O., who stated: "I had three years at West Virginia Univ. I'd like to get my degree—that is, providing I can get some aid from the government."

1st Sgt. George W. Townley of New York City, who is in charge of classification, says that requests already are pouring in from the

men about information on the proposed government plan to aid servicemen complete their educations. Some of the men even now are taking correspondence courses from the Armed Forces Institute, Townley explained, a system under which the government foots half the bill and the "students" will receive educational credits at colleges and universities when the war has been won.

1st Sgt. Joseph V. Campbell of Philadelphia expressed the enlisted man's sentiment when he said: "I'd like to get a college degree in some general course, just to learn what it's all about."



**FOUNDING PELELIU.** As supporting Naval and air units pave the way with high explosives, Marine-laden assault craft form the first wave and move in on Peleliu. Smoke from bombardment obscures the shore line.

Soon after landing and establishing a mile and a half long beachhead, Leathernecks overran Peleliu's airfield, from which U. S. fighter planes are now operating. It is largest and best strip in the Palau archipelago.

# Marines Mop Up Japs In Final Peleliu Push

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 launched the original flank assault down to the nearest ridges whose southern approaches had proved virtually impregnable. By Tuesday night they had driven almost to Akarakora Point at the northern extremity of Peleliu, while other Marines cut off the retreat of strongly entrenched Japs entrenched on Umorobogal. The AE reported that the northern advance was made against heavy automatic weapons and artillery fire.

The advance broke the deadlock where Marines had been held up at Umorobogal mountain, while capture of a small unimproved island off the east coast eliminated night flank fire on the advancing Leathernecks. (Umorobogal is a 100-ft. rise.)

One of the Marine spearheads pushed north along the western peninsula of the island, securing all roads on that side. Capture of Amiangal Hill, a coral knob, threw a block across the peninsula's eastern road.

The Marine advance, spearheaded by tanks, squeezed by the fort



**TANKS ON PELELIU.** After carving out a beachhead, Marine assault forces repulsed several counter-attacks by Jap tanks before taking island's airfield. Marine tanks take up positions on the enemy-built airport amid debris of Jap planes and equipment.

## New Bill Boosts Pay For Warrants

Some pay for commissioned warrant officers has been boosted from \$150 to \$175 per month and credit for longevity allowed under act not formerly signed by Pres. Roosevelt to amend the Pay Readjustment Act of June 15, 1942.

The amendment is retroactive to June 1, 1942.

## Record Day Honors Taken By Recruit Platoon 773

**CAMP MATTHEWS - Platoon 773** dropped but one of its 54 members on the last record day here for take qualification honors with a mark of 99.1 per cent. Recruit platoon 773, which dropped but two of its 51 members.

Pvt. James P. Hardin (Plat. 773) topped in a yard of 322 out of a possible 340 for high individual scoring honors of the week. His closest competitors were Pvt. James Woods of Bell Co., with a yard of 321 and Hqs. Quartermaster with 319, both of Platoon 771.

School range coaches of Platoon 773 and 774 were PFCs Kenneth W. Irwin and Russell E. Chapman. First DIs are PFCs R. M. Simpson and LaV. C. Willis.

## Base Postal Classes End

### 250 Marines, WRs Trained for Duty In U. S., Pacific

A total of 250 recruits, WIs and overseas veterans have been trained for postal work by Base instructors and are now on duty at posts scattered throughout the Pacific. The Pacific Mail was established this week upon receipt of orders from HQMC in disbanding the MCBS postal school.

The last of 45 classes conducted here since Aug. 28, 1943, ended Sept. 8 and graduates were transferred to Sgt. Franklin where they were to receive assignments from the Fleet Post Office.

Base classes, all conducted by Staff Sgt. Orville K. July under supervision of Maj. Max P. Johnson, postal officer, were of four week duration. Three weeks of instruction during which all forms of postal work were discussed, were followed by one week of practical application in the post office of the Base, ED or the RVN Det.



**PFC RUBY MARTIN**  
 111 "How often Ruby"

## Woman Cobbler Helps Keep Base Marines Walking

PFC Ruby Martin of Plaza, Ill., is now busy with her feet getting a boot out of her work. Her job is to repair shoes, burnish them, trim heels and seat heels in the MCBS cobbler shop.

PFC Martin, a shoemaker in civilian life, says she is old out for the job. "It's the work I like doing and the work I know."

After recruit training at Camp Lejeune, she reported to MCBS her first tour of duty and went to work as a messenger in the Base adjutant's office and later as a file clerk.

Her habits were soon discovered, however, and the shortage of cobbler on the Base made her a natural for the shoe repair job.

## Lone Marine Knocks Out Enemy Tank

**SETHAN (Delayed)**—PFC Frederick W. Cramer of Seagam, Wash., was the victor in one of the most uneven battles of this island when he single-handedly knocked out a Jap tank with his pistol and a handful of grenades.

Unable to hit the ports of an on-rushing Jap tank with his machine gun, the Leatherneck jumped up and ran alongside pouring pistol shots through the narrow slits and

killing the Jap commander. When one of his enemy tank crew threw open the turret hatch, PFC Cramer was ready for them. He tossed grenades inside killing the occupants and demolishing the turret.

The Leathernecks then went back to the business of fighting Jap infiltrators and was later killed by an enemy bullet.—TSgt. Pete Zurlinden, combat correspondent.

## Jap Army Only Lightly Hit Yet, Says Vandegrift

Coming operations in the Pacific will dwarf anything completed in the area thus far. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, the Commandant said in a speech at Atlanta.

He said that regardless of what happens in Europe, the hardest battle of the war against Japan remains to be fought.

"In these offensives, our forces will be up against a still dangerous Japanese Navy and a Japanese Army as yet only lightly hit," Gen. Vandegrift continued. "The tenacity, skill and fanaticism of the enemy's troops have never been, and must never be, underestimated. The roads, in any and all directions we take, will be uphill. The going will be tough."

Whether the objectives are small islands or the great China coast, our home fighting men will have to land against hostile fire, clear out beachheads and drive the enemy inland while reinforcements, weapons and supplies are poured in for the push, the general stated. He concluded that we can assert with confidence that the defeat of Japan is certain, "because every task assigned to our fighting men in the Pacific has been well done."

## European Escapee Eager To Meet Japs In Battle

**CAMP PENDLETON**—TWO Heinz Gelles of St. Louis, Mo., a Japanese interpreter with a pony but still here, would rather fight the Germans than the Japs but decided on the latter and joined the Corps as the quickest route to action.

Gelles' father, an Austrian, died in a German concentration camp, and his mother may still be alive.

## Casual Company Disbands Today

Once the largest company on the Base, 2nd Cas. Co., Cd. Bn., dwindled to 175 men during the past week and was ordered disbanded effective today. Men of the organization will now be carried on the rolls of 1st Cas. Co.

At its peak, 2nd Cas. Co. was composed of 2200 men, most of whom were veterans returned from Pacific actions. Since establishment of the R&R Center, need for the company has continually decreased.

## Five End Studies In NCO School

Five DIs were to graduate today from the NCO School in ED with the seventh class to complete the three-week course at the school. Six others were enrolled Monday, five of whom joined ED from the Camp Pendleton Training Command.

Today's graduates are: Cpl. Sgt. Stanley K. Plene, Sgt. Donald H. Anderson, Corp. William A. Johnson, George Brown Jr. and Charles H. Atkins.

## Holds Lowest WR Serial Number

**PABLO ISLANIA** Sgt. Daily one of Atlanta, Ga., holds the distinction of having the lowest serial number in the Women's Reserve and of being among the first women to enlist. She enlisted one week to the day after the announcement, Feb. 13, 1943, that the Corps was extending its invitation to women to become part of its ranks. Sporn in on the 20th, she was put on active duty in the Procurement Office in Atlanta.

She is now assigned to MCAS, Pugh Field in Myrtle Beach, S.C., office, where she performs administrative duties. PFC Louise L. Mott.

# They Didn't Have A Chance—But Marines On No. 1 Wouldn't Quit

By TSgt. Jeremiah A. O'Leary  
Combat Correspondent

GUAM (Delayed)—The Marines on No. 1 machine gun didn't have a chance, and they knew it that night on the ridge, but they manned their guns one after another until 10 of them were hit.

It was a pitch-dark night, when the Japanese made one of their strongest efforts to shove the 3rd Mar. Div. into the sea. No. 1 gun and its crew were dug in on a ridge overlooking the Japanese positions. From the gun-pit, the Leathernecks could see the flash of the Jap mortar shells as they left the tube. They could see the shadowy figures of enemy infantry as they darted about in No Man's Land.

The men at No. 1 gun didn't have a chance because the Japanese could see them, too. They stood out, silhouetted against the sky. It was their post. They had to stay there.

The enemy knew what an American .30 caliber machine gun in the hands of Marines could do to their attack formations. For the enemy commander, it was essential that the gun be put out of action. He did it, but he paid threefold in bullet-riddled troops before No. 1 was blown into twisted metal.

Corp. John G. L. Nilsson of Newton, N. J., the gunner, was wounded mortally when a Jap mortar shell hit him. These mortars were the force which finally knocked out the gun. The enemy foot troops couldn't do it with all their subsequent charges.

PFC Richard N. Groat of Spencer, Mass., the assistant gunner, was hit next—by a Jap sniper.

PFC Paul A. Jobe of Greensburg, Pa., crawled up to the trigger, got off a burst that riddled the sniper, then was killed himself by machine gun fire. One of the ammunition carriers took over the gunner's position and vainly tried to locate the Jap gun. He, too, was wounded by enemy fire.

Still another Marine crawled up to that fire-torn gun pit. He was PFC Hodge D. Smith of Trussville, Ala. He died before he could reach the trigger.

Now and then, the Japs' barrage of mortars and bullets would let up, as if the chafy commander couldn't believe that there were men who would climb up on that exposed ridge to man a gun that was so thoroughly raged. Maybe he couldn't believe that the gun itself still existed.

But another Marine, the gun section chief, Corp. William A. Neharg of Blytheville, Ark., crawled forward during the lull and commenced spraying bullets at the Japs. The barrage started up again with new fury and Neharg caught a piece of shrapnel. He was carried to the beach and MGSgt. Israel Margolis of Philadelphia took over the trigger.

He lasted a long time and gave the enemy leader hell with No. 1, but a mortar finally got him. They pulled him out of the shattered pit and he died in a matter of moments.

That was the last of No. 1's valiant crew but it wasn't over yet. The company first sergeant, Herbert Sweet of Troy, N. Y., who didn't have to do it, darted up the ridge, threw himself down behind No. 1 and put her back in action again. He and Margolis had been friends.

More mortar shells rained down and 1st Sgt. Sweet was wounded by a shell which should have demolished the gun but, miraculously, didn't.

PFCs John J. Doerr of Harrison, N. J., and Albert J. Newby of Hickox, Tenn., left their rifle pits and dashed over to No. 1. Before they got there, another Jap mortar ended it. The shell exploded squarely atop the machine gun, killing Doerr and wounding Newby before they could fire a shot.

When the smoke cleared away, the other Marines could see that No. 1 would never fire again.

Marines call the gun "her" because a machine gun is a woman; the men treat their guns like ladies, they love them and take care of them. They stood by No. 1 until there weren't any of them left. But they never had a chance.



MAIL KING, Texas opened up its heart to a native son and PISgt. Bruce Redman, right, was swamped with 1000 letters and packages in a week at USNH, San Diego. He sorts his mail with the aid of PFC Frank J. Smith, left.

## Flood Of Mail Received By Leatherneck In USNH

USNH, SAN DIEGO—PISgt. Bruce Redman of Colorado Springs, Texas, hadn't received a letter for nine long months until a buddy, PFC Frank J. Smith of New Orleans, La., suddenly wrote to the sergeant's home town newspaper and told of his plight.

PISgt. Redman claims the title of "Marine Mail King," having received his 1000th letter in a single week.

Within five days after publication of a three-paragraph story in the Colorado Springs newspaper, PISgt. Redman had received 500

letters and packages. "After that," the sergeant said, "I just quit thinking of answering all of them personally."

The flood of mail included food, cash, a radio and eight playbills.

## Art Works Placed In WR Buildings

CAMP PENDLETON—A group of framed pictures by California artists, presented by the San Diego Fine Arts Gallery, are now being placed in lounges of buildings assigned to WRs at this camp.

## Smokes, Candy Free For 2nd Div. Men

AN ADVANCED PACIFIC BASE (Delayed)—Marines who stormed ashore on Saipan and Tinian are still receiving plenty of cigarettes, candy, chewing gum, smoking tobacco, toothpaste, soap and similar items completely free, thanks to the PX Dept. of the 2nd Mar. Div. here.

Assault Marines who invaded Saipan and Tinian carried with them two days' supply of candy drops, chocolate candy, gum, cigarettes and matches, along with their rations, and as the battle progressed on both islands, additional supplies were brought ashore and distributed at the fronts. Each man received a pack of cigarettes daily, plus a bar of candy.

These items, plus razor blades,

shaving cream and tooth brushes, have been distributed free in generous quantities—even since the battles ended, said 1st Sgt. Everett R. Zook of Kingston, Mo.

Eighteen men worked along with the Div. QM in seeing that these PX items were properly distributed during the combat phases on both islands. In addition, PX men established and operated a hand laundry for 2nd Div. hospital patients throughout the campaigns.

The 2nd is now enjoying a rest period, 1st Lt. Ross V. Swain of Springfield, Ill., reveals that within the next few days 17 PXs will be open, with such items as chocolate milk, canned juices, wrist watches and fountain pens for sale—1st Sgt. Fred Feldkamp, combat correspondent.

## Fighting Artist Scheduled For 'Halls' Program

Sgt. Harry Jackson, a former actor on the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show, will be back on the program when it goes on the air this afternoon to play his own part in a dramatization of his experiences during the battles for Tarawa and Saipan where he was twice wounded.

Sgt. Jackson, recently designated as the Corps' official artist, has just returned from the Pacific and expects to soon be assigned duty in San Francisco where he will prepare some of his art work for Corps publicity purposes. He is regarded as one of the nation's finest young artists.

Before shipping overseas a year ago, Sgt. Jackson played the parts of other Leathernecks in dramas of their actions produced by the "Halls."

Special music for this afternoon's radio show, on the air at 1500 from the Base theater, will include singing of the Bing Crosby arrangement of "Old Glory" by a chorus of nine WRs and the singing Invaders, composed of seven male voices. The arrangement was loaned especially for "Halls" presentation by the singing star.

The "Halls" orchestra will be under the baton of WO Fred A. Lock, Special Music Arrangements are by Pvt. Ivan Dillmore.

## FUN with Prof. Colonna's Mustache

—IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC



When Jerry Colonna toured South Pacific bases with his show follows, 1st Sgt. E. M. Bickel of Maple Hill, Ill., matched winks with the professor—but lost out by a hair to anyone else.

—AT MCAS, MOJAVE



Still entertaining Marines, the professor went to Mojave and had his mustache imitated by Pvt. Lyndon Fuller (left) and Capt. Patricia Hoffman. Did his probably judge? Anyway, they look like

## Guam Action Takes Lives Of Four Marine War Dogs

Four Marine war dogs were killed in action during the Guam campaign and at least two others, "Poppy" and "Pat," turned up after being reported missing in action.

"Poppy" was missing for three days during front line action but made his way back to camp and was treated for a bullet wound in his left ear.

"Pat," a German shepherd handled by PFC Ben F. Dickerson III of Alexandria, Va., was so intent on his quarry that he moved forward out of sight of his patrol and was whisked up as missing. He was found several days later with an AA outfit.

A canine cemetery was established in a Guam fire bunker for the four slain Devil Dogs.

## Duty Changes Of Base Officers

Capt. Jack L. Howe, Col of 1st Cavalry Div., has been assigned to the Transportation Div. at Washington, D. C. His duties have been assumed by Capt. J. H. ...

Guard Battalion  
Capt. ...

Dispensary Changes  
The ...

Chaplain's Office  
These ...

WR Changes  
On the ...



... with PFC Ben Dickerson

## Hostess House

Wednesday, Oct. 1  
Thursday, Oct. 2  
Friday, Oct. 3  
Saturday, Oct. 4  
Sunday, Oct. 5

# Navy Heavyweight Home

**NEW YORK**—The Navy has authorized disclosure that the USS Nevada has docked here and discharged its crew for leave after five months in the Atlantic and Mediterranean theaters which included every major European engagement involving sea support.

Capt. Powell M. Rhea, USN, of Fayetteville, Ark., the ship's skipper, reported that D-Day was the "hottest" engagement the Nevada was in during her tour of duty in European waters. The battle of Cherbourg, when the ship was "straddled" 27 times by German gunnery (near-misses landed on both sides of the ship simultaneously), was a close runner-up.

Army officers became so confident of the Nevada's gunners, the captain related, that at times the ship—firing from more than 15 miles at sea—was aiming at targets only 500 yards in front of ground troops.

Officers and men stayed at their battle stations for 80 hours during the initial invasion period. On D-Day the ship fired 2300 14-inch shells and 400 5-inch shells, approximately 2500 tons of ammunition.

At dock here, the Nevada proudly displays the Purple Heart, a memento of Pearl Harbor where she was put out of action for 12 months.

## Home No. 1 Subject For Marines Aboard Texas

**ABOARD THE USS TEXAS OFF SOUTHERN FRANCE** (Delayed)—"May all talk about home on D-Day, before H-Hour and after it."

Conversation turns to the probable success of the invasion, the dimly glimpsed sight of assault forces in the misty hours before dawn, the sight of white beaches

and the green hills of the French coast—but all backed by a single thought: How much quicker will this job get us back home?

Sgt. Kenneth R. Check, a member of the Mar. Det. from Floyd, Tex., commented: "The folks back in Texas are going to get a great kick out of this little show. Not only got the Texas herself here, but they tell me the Army's throwing a Texas division in over there. That ought to cinch matters!"

Another Leatherneck, 1stLt. Edward E. Hammerbeck of Duluth, Minn., was hopeful: "This ought to be the straw to break the German back. Statue of Liberty, here I come!"—1stLt. Weldon James, PRO.

## Two Base Students Return From Guam

PFCs, Frank E. Patrakovitz and Jacob A. Medvitz, graduates of the Japanese Language School, were visitors at the school upon return from duty at Guam and Saipan. After 30-day furloughs they will enroll in V-12 training.

## Island Named For Amtracs

**CAMP PENDLETON**—A new type amphibian tractor, the Water Buffalo, has left its name in the South Pacific. A small island off Cape Gloucester is named for the animal.

Sgt. John Gerald Carr of Wilkes Barre, Pa., today told how "Buffalo Island" got its name.

Troops fighting on Cape Gloucester were being harassed by Jap fire from pillboxes on the small island and five Buffaloes were ordered to take it. Sgt. Carr was in on the show.

Despite enemy fire, the Buffaloes clanked up onto the island, smashed the pillboxes, their conducting files and shoved off without even stopping. The island then got its name.

## Gasoline Coupons Expire Tonight

Exchange of all outstanding B-2 and C-2 gasoline ration coupons for the latest series of B-5 and C-5 coupons should be made immediately at the ration board by MCB and Area AFM personnel, ration officials advised. B-3 and C-3 coupons expire at midnight tonight. Rifle range personnel may exchange invalidated coupons for current ones at the Camp Matthews ration office.

# Midway Remains Front-Line Bastion

**By Lt. Milburn McCarthy**  
**MIDWAY** (Delayed)—A little more than two years ago Midway Island and the surrounding waters were the scene of one of history's crucial battles.

Most experts agree that had we lost the Battle of Midway in June, 1942, Hawaii and even the West Coast of the United States would have been open to invasion.

Our Pacific front has moved westward since that time—in the Southwest Pacific, the Solomons, Central Pacific and through the Aleutians. But in this area the front is just where it was two years ago—at Midway. Between here and Japan itself there is



**MAN'S JOB**, Corp. Margorie Jackson not only was sole WR to complete combat training course but is now an instructor. She's shown climbing ship's net at Mojave.

## WR Made Of Stern Stuff —She Teaches Men How

**MOJAVE**—Swimming fully clothed with full pack, rifle and helmet isn't easy, but it's all part of the day's work for Corp. Margorie Jackson, a swimming instructor in the combat training pool here.

A qualified instructor of fighting Marines, the 22-year-old WR got the job after completing a 45-hour combat course in which she was the only girl in a class of 17 men. She marched to classes in platoon

formation and mastered the techniques of life-saving, abandoning ship and handling rafts. During one session of raft-tipping, she was the only member of the class who successfully floated her gear.

Products of her skill as an instructor are three Marines recently returned from overseas duty. The corporal aided them in overcoming a fear of water, caused by their being shipwrecked, and in one week all three of her students were swimming with ease.

## Marine In Ocean 19 Hours After Fall From Ship

**SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS** (Delayed)—Nineteen hot-filled hours after he had tumbled in his sleep from the deck of a ship at sea, PFC Milton B. Bankhead Jr., of Oakland, Cal., was rescued by Marine fliers.

Bankhead, aboard a ship leaving the Marianas, was asleep on the deck when he dreamed he was falling through space. Then he was awake, thrashing about in the water. He shouted for aid, but the ship faded into the ocean blackness. All he had to keep him afloat was a kapok jacket.

Thirteen hours later, a pair of torpedo plane pilots—1stLt. Hub Mudgett of Helena, Mo., and Capt. E. Jenkins of Marshalltown, Ia. spotted him and radioed his location.

Lt. Col. Robert W. Clark of Santa Barbara, Cal., a fighter operations officer trying his flying skill in a light Grumman amphibian plane, flew to the scene. It took a few more hours to find Bankhead.

Although he had been in both the Guadalcanal and Bougainville campaigns, Bankhead said neither experience could match his harrowing adventure at sea.—1stLt. Paul T. Kimball, PRO

## Four Decorated At Air Station

**MCAS, SANTA BARBARA**—Four members of this station's personnel were decorated by Col. L. H. M. Sanderson, CO of an air group, during a parade and battalion review recently.

Col. Frank D. Weir, CO of the station, was given the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star for his services on the staff of the 3rd Amph. Force in the South Pacific.

Capt. James E. Swett, who already holds the Medal of Honor and the DFC, received the Purple Heart and a Gold Star in lieu of a second DFC.

PfM1/c, Robert N. Falstein, corpsman serving with an air group, was given the Commendation ribbon.

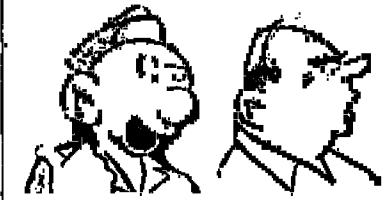
PfSgt. James C. Faulkner, who holds the Navy Cross, received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered in the Makin raid.

WR: "I like the Corps; travel broadens one."  
2nd WR: "I thought it was the show."

## The Wolf by Sansone



## Seagoing Duo In Last Adventure



The seagoing adventures of MCysgt. G. I. Cunningham and Corp. Stanley Swabo will be absent from their usual spot on the back pages of The Chevron after this week. The 'Gunny' and Swabo have been with their creator, Cysgt. R. W. Cunningham, in the Pacific for some time but circumstances have now arisen which make it impracticable to continue this popular feature. However, Cunningham writes that he hopes at some time in the future to begin drawing his strip again.

## Bus Schedule

**Editor's Note**—At the request of base personnel, the MCB bus schedule is repeated here. It may be clipped for handy reference.  
**Route:** Leaves Gate 3, goes south to Maintenance, circles back and turns west past Sea School, through north archway of theater, then west to Officers' Club, back to front of Admin. Bldg., then past Gate 3 down Bellemo ave. to Santa Domingo ave., past MCO Club to WR area and Gate 4.  
**Schedule:** The bus runs at 30-minute intervals from 0700-0900, from 1120-1320, and 1500-1800. It may be boarded at any point along the route.

nothing but 2600 miles of ocean. The enemy has made no further attempt to take Midway. American Marine and Navy forces stationed here have been on the alert all that time, ready to throw them back again should they try.

Military security here is strict. Even the names of men stationed on Midway cannot be given.

The editor of the local daily paper, The Midway Mirror, calls it "the most westerly daily newspaper printed in the world." He points out, too, that "if we were 80 miles further west we'd be over the date line, and be the most easterly paper. That gives you some idea of where we are: west of everything and east of nowhere."

The closest land areas are the Aleutians, 1600 miles to the north; Wake, 1200 miles to the southwest; Johnston, 1000 miles to the southeast, and Hawaii, approximately 1000 miles eastward.

There is a radio station here, a two-wattler with a range of five or six miles. From six to 10 every night the men can tune in and get rebroadcasts from the States, recordings and local news and variety programs.

The waters around Midway offer some of the finest fishing found anywhere. Twenty-seven men are assigned permanently to the fishing detail, to augment the food supply for the local mess halls.

Marine flyers on Midway are frequently bothered by birds that fly into their props and wings. There are more than a million birds here and the total amount of their droppings is so great that it affects the drinking water—giving it a slightly brackish taste.

Capt.: Corporal, where did you file those discharges? They're not under the "a's."  
WR: I filed them under "a" for congratulations, sir!

# All Marines Heroes In Heavy Fighting For Mt. Umorbrogul

## Enemy Digs In For Last Stand Against Marines

Veterans of Guadalcanal And Cape Gloucester Proud Of Unit's Replacements

By Leif Erickson

PURPLE BEACH, Peleliu Island, Palau, Sept. 24 (Delayed) (AP) (via Navy radio). The 1st Bn. of the 1st Mar. Div. is setting up bivouac amidst captured Japanese entrenchments after nine days of bitter fighting against Nipponese dug in Umorbrogul mountain.

"I never saw a place like this island," said Lt. Col. Stephen Sabol of Campbell, O., whose battalion drew the hottest sput in one of the Pacific war's toughest island assaults. "Every man in my outfit was a hero in this show."

"I was scared stiff up those damned hills. Once I went up to the top of a bare rock. There wasn't any cover at all. The Japs started laying mortar shells all around us."

Sabol put the palms of his hands together in a gesture of prayer.

"All I could do was to keep praying the next one wouldn't drop."

### NO 'BOOTS' HERE

Wisecracking Sgt. Arthur Dooley of Maywood, N. J., a hardened veteran of Guadalcanal, boasted, "There wasn't one yellow guy in the whole outfit."

"We started for this place with only 250 Guadalcanal guys still with us. We told the boots we were carrying an awful load with them along. Boots, hell! There wasn't one guy who wasn't on the ball."

"That's right," agreed short, good-looking Sgt. Peter Abdella of Cohoes, N. Y., who won the Silver Star at Cape Gloucester. "Everybody was pitching all he had. With all the stuff coming our way they had to be."

"They lost four close buddies on Peleliu."

"I don't feel like crying or anything like that," said Dooley. "We'd all decided we'd more likely get it than not. So it doesn't mean so much to us, but I keep thinking what it's going to be like for their folks."



DECORATED. Fifteen members of Base Gd. Bn. receive decorations in ceremonies conducted by Lt. Col. J. L. Perkins, Bn. CO. Two Leathernecks received Purple Hearts

and the remaining 13 were presented with Presidential Unit Citations, won as members of the 1st and 2nd Divs. during periods for which those two divisions were cited.



GUAM FLAG. Found concealed in a pillow case in a native hut, flag held by PFC. Leon J. Oliver of Pawtucket, R. I., is believed to be one that flew over the Marine Barracks on Guam prior to Jap invasion Dec. 8, 1942.

## 15 Guard Battalion Men Presented Decorations

Fifteen members of Base Gd. Bn. were presented Purple Heart Medals and Presidential Unit Citations in a decoration ceremony conducted last week by Lt. Col. J. L. Perkins, Bn. CO.

Presentations were made in the presence of assembled units of the battalion in the organization's area.

Purple Hearts were presented PFCs. Raymond F. Imig of South Milwaukee, Wis., and Angelo Pass of Cokesburg, Pa.

Two Presidential Unit Citations,

for having served with both the 1st and 2nd Divs. during the period for which they were cited for action at Guadalcanal and Tarawa, were presented PFC. Franklin W. Elliott of Phoenix, Ariz., and Pvt. Harry S. Hande of Philadelphia.

Other citations were:

1st Div. Unit Citation — PFCs. James L. Mason of Grand Junction, Colo.; Fred E. DeVecca Jr. of Pottsville, Pa.; Otis W. Pack of San Diego.

2nd Div. Unit Citation — Corp. James W. Mann of Chula Vista, Cal.; PFCs. William Jandt of Philadelphia; Henry Valentine of Trinidad, Colo.; Rudolf J. Simon of Summit, Ill.; Robert McNamara of Port Angeles, Wash.; Robert H. Midgley of Crafton, Pa.; Chester J. Niesinski of Chicago, and Harold A. Holmes of San Diego.

"You say that sergeant is excited?"

"Yeah, he joined the Marines to let the world see him."

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SMALL APARTMENT for couple (no children), within 25-mile radius of MCB. Call Sgt. Hayden, Base Ext. 249.

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REFRIGERATOR of any make or model. Lt. Lynde, MCB Ext. 250.

#### LOST

BOWLING BAG across from Camp Elliott. Please Victor Anderson, A Co., Camp Pendleton, Area 12, Camp Pendleton.

## MCAD Trains 'Jungle Luxury' Crews

### Tropical Morale High, Thanks to 15-Man Teams

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Life for Marine Avn. personnel in Pacific jungles gradually is taking on a touch of home atmosphere.

Ice cream, fresh water free of contamination, fresh food preserved in electric refrigerators, free laundry service and electric lights—these are some of the comforts they now enjoy.

And the Leathernecks who are assembling and maintaining much of the equipment which produces these tropical luxuries were trained at the Construction and Maintenance School here.

#### COMBAT TEAMS FORMED

Every three weeks the school graduates electricians, refrigerator maintenance experts, plumbers and carpenters equipped to employ their specialties under combat conditions. Fifteen-man combat construction teams are formed from the classes and sent into the field.

They work on the premise that men provided with fresh food and water and comfortable living quarters will be healthier and their morale higher, thus enabling them to withstand the rigors of jungle life.

The 15-man teams are composed

of a construction chief, six carpenters and general construction men, three plumbers and water purification specialists, two electricians, one refrigerator maintenance man, one painter and sign

lettering man and a clerk.

School instructors are Capt. Joseph K. Doliva, 1st Lt. Rob R. Bittman Jr., and WOs. Stanley W. Lindbloom, John R. Pilott and Melvin F. Godwin.



PRACTICAL. Students in school at MCAD, Miramar, learn how to operate and maintain everything from portable laundry unit, such as group is inspecting here, to tropical ice cream makers. (Photo by Sgt. Gene Locke).

## Blind Hits On Hidden Jap Tank Made By Marine

TINIAN (Delayed)—Sgt. Nicholas P. Lorentz of Los Angeles destroyed a Jap tank during the battle for this island—and never saw it.

Sgt. Lorentz, a tank gunner, fired several 75mm. shells into a concrete building as his tank roared by the structure in pursuit of fleeing Japanese infantrymen.

He had no chance to inspect the results of his marksmanship, but Leatherneck ground troops moving into the area later found that a Jap tank that had been hiding in the building had been demolished by Lorentz's shells.—Sgt. Charles R. Vandergriff, combat correspondent.

## Overseas Service Okehed For WRs

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Roosevelt approved legislation Thursday to permit Women Reserves, Waves and Spars to serve outside the continental limits on a volunteer basis. The bill limits their service to Hawaii, Alaska and Navy bases in this hemisphere.

## Bonds To Become Cashable At Banks Starting Monday

Capt. Melvin H. Huss, Base War Bond officer, this week said that new regulations making War Bonds easily cashable should serve as a stimulus in promoting the sale of bonds among MCB personnel and Leathernecks in San Diego area.

Capt. Huss pointed out that, starting Monday War Bonds may be cashed at any bank or trust company which has qualified as a paying agent under the recent Treasury Dept. circular No. 750. Previously, bonds could be cashed only at federal reserve banks.

Through a campaign conducted by 2d Lt. Mary M. Cochrane, War Bond figures for Base WRs have been boosted from 37.7 per cent in February to 78 per cent at the present time. Base WRs, however, still lag behind the 82 per cent national mark for Reserves, the captain said.

## New Bathing Beach Opened for Marines

CAMP PENDLETON—The new San Onofre bathing beach, prepared for use of all Marine personnel at this camp, was opened recently with a Wit Bn. beach party.

The beach is equipped with bathing houses and showers, athletic gear and PX buildings and is patrolled by members of Gd. Bn. and lifeguards from the Physical Training Center.

# Navy Secy. Lauds Marine Fighting Courage

High praise for Marines, who have never let a day counter-attack succeed against them, was voiced by Secy. of Navy James Forrestal in his weekly naval war review press conference in Washington.

In discussing the Pleiku incident, Secy. Forrestal said:

"Fighting on this island has been particularly stiff. Beginning with three counter-attacks on Sept. 16, the Japanese have repeatedly re-

## Not Superstitious — Just Cautious

**Pleiku (Delayed)**—Front-line Marines are no more superstitious than others, but there's one little notion that can't be suppressed, especially here on Pleiku after such a battle as Saipan.

"Better put your helmet on, Ma'am—I gotta bunk."

On goes the helmet, no matter how hot and tired the boy.—Sgt. Dick Tenolly, combat correspondent.

acted against our landing. All of their counter-attacks have failed. "From Guadalcanal to Peleliu, the Japs have never staged a successful counter-attack against the Marines. On occasion, the initial impetus of their push has enabled them to overrun tactical positions, but they have never decisively broken the Marines' line or long held the tactical advantage.

"These counter-attacks have repeatedly ended with the Marines reporting the enemy repulsed and their own attacks frustrated. Such a record against fighting men of the Japs' (satellism) speaks eloquently of the steady courage and proficiency of the Marines."

## Aid Under Fire

**USNH, MARIE ISLAND**—A tourniquet was applied to the leg of Pfc. Lester Stagg of Henderson, Ky., when he held it out to a corpsman in an adjoining trench on Guam while both were pinned down by heavy Jap fire. Pfc. Stagg's left foot had been blown off by an enemy grenade tossed into his hold.



**GALLOPING GAS TANK.** Groundcrewmembers of Maj. Joe Foss's squadron on Emirau built this from a damaged belly gas tank. Astride tail, steering, is Sgt. Andrew J. Moyulhan. At the controls is Sgt. Robert H. Oatley.

## Marine Airmen Hold Field Day On Island Beach

**SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS (Delayed)**—"Field Day" has a new twist at this atoll encampment of the 4th Mar. Air Wing.

According to S1Sgt. John T. Kirby of Washington, D. C., a combat correspondent, Leathernecks enjoy turning "beach-comber" for a day.

Periodically, all available hands spend an afternoon ridding the sandy coral beach of debris. The task is accomplished in a few hours, where a smaller crew might work for days without appreciable improvement. Frequently, a crane or amphibian truck is used to remove heavier flotsam.

## LIKE CONEY ISLAND

Flouting coconut logs, sharp pieces of coral, refuse from passing ships—everything is removed to make room for off-duty games and sun-bathing.

Actually, the work is necessary to protect the camp's log embankment from damage by heavy floating debris.

But, inevitably, within a few days, the tides carry another load of rubbish ashore. And the work is begun again.

A consolation, say the untiring Leathernecks, are the occasional souvenirs and rusted evidences of former Jap occupations of the island littered by more industrious "sand legs."

# First RD Training Award Goes To Californian

First award of an engraved silver identification bracelet to the recruit selected as outstanding among those completing boot training in RD each week was made yesterday to Pvt. Harry A. Loun of Long Beach, Cal., a member of Platoon 771.

The bracelet was presented by Col. John Croff, CO of RD, at commanding officer's inspection of graduating recruits yesterday morning.

The other recruit considered for the award was Pfc. Robert F. Street of Aberdeen, Wash., a member of Platoon 772. The two were selected by their platoons as better men of the platoons completing boot camp today.

Final selection was made Tuesday by a board of RD officers headed by Lt. Col. Max Coy, CO of the 1st Trng. Regt., who compiled the list of questions given the two recruits in their written examination. The questions concerned subjects taught in boot camp.

Lt. George E. Kittredge II conducted field tests to observe posture, drill and carrying out of the manual of arms.

Before his induction, Pvt. Loun was employed as a civil engineer by the Board of Harbor Commissioners of Long Beach.

Pvt. Street was a structural designer for the Grays Harbor Shipbuilding Co. in Aberdeen.

Pvt. Loun's DIs were Pfc. Lloyd E. Williamson and Sgt. Jack W. Coy. Pvt. Street's were Sgt. Donald E. McAlexander and Pfc. Francis H. Cronkite.

The honor man system of recognizing the outstanding recruit of each graduating platoon will be continued. Award of the bracelet was initiated to further stimulate competition with a view to increasing efficiency of recruit training. In recording their impressions of



Corp. Jacob and Mimi Horowitz.

## Chance Meeting Reunites Twins

**SAFE AT PLEIKU, TOO.** After two years' separation, Corp. Jacob and Mimi Horowitz, 26-year-old twins, met by chance recently here, their home is in Ellenville, N. Y.

Corp. Jacob, who enlisted in August, 1942, is stationed at Fort Bliss, Tex., while his twin, who was sworn in as a WAF in March, 1943, is in the 1st Dep't, HQMC.

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boot training in their written examinations, Pvt. Loun said, in part:

"Prior to entering the Corps I was afraid that the training would be too tough for me. I have enjoyed the discipline and physical exercise. . . . The training has started to make a man of me and

as it continues I will become more of a man and a leader."

Pvt. Street said: ". . . I have quite to learn that being a good Marine was not a matter of training already 'expert' individuals but just doing what was ordered to the best of your ability."



**REUNITED.** WO. Virgil A. Hickie is welcomed back to Guam by native old friends. He served on Guam before returning there during recent re-conquest of island.

## Old Timer Back In Guam On Duty For Third Time

**GUAM (Delayed)**—In these occupation and the fury of war have changed this island almost beyond recognition, according to WO. Virgil A. Hickie of the civil affairs staff of Maj. Gen. Henry L. Lamm, island commander. Hickie, whose home is in Kirkland, Wash., served on Guam twice previously.

"The appearance of the natives has changed, too," Hickie said. "The treatment they received from the Japs for two and a half years, their lack of medical care and lack of food all show."

Hickie first served on Guam during 1928 and 1929. He returned in 1938 and remained until June, 1941, as assistant police chief. At that time he was a first sergeant, and his family was with him in Agaña.

As a member of the civil affairs section, Hickie's job will be planning officers for the native community.

Although he came ashore here,

## Campaign Photos Not Available

**WASHINGTON**—Requests by Marines for sets of photographs of campaigns in which they participated cannot be granted, the Div. of Public Relations has advised all stations.

Numerous letters asking for photographs have been received in recent months. Many of these letters stated that notices had been posted at various stations advising that such sets could be obtained. The division, however, is unable to comply with these requests and all will be refused.

four days after D-day, Hickie didn't get an opportunity to see his former home in Agaña until five days later. All he was able to find were the steps and part of the shell-shattered porch. He also found the house number, 870, and a Jap hop's identification plaque.

Hickie joined the Corps in 1920 and has served in New York City, Norfolk, Quantico, San Diego, Seattle, New Orleans, Marie Island, Pearl Harbor and Panama.

## Dive Bombing Attack Like Movie at Home

**USNH, SAN DIEGO**—Aboard a transport under attack by Japanese dive bombers, 1st Sgt. William E. Baxter of Lookout, W. Va., didn't realize it was the "real thing" until AA fire started bursting around the planes.

The Marine said "It was like watching a movie at the neighborhood theater back home."

## With Marines In Action . . .

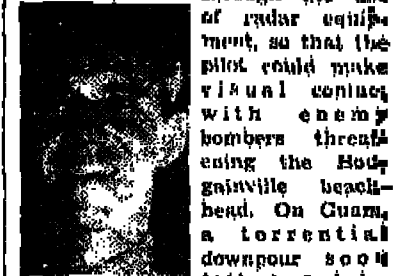
**USNH, OAKLAND**—When 10 Marines were out one morning in the Marshalls to hunt Japs killed in an attack during the night, a very few Jap planes in the center of the beach tried to throw two grenades but was killed, recalls Pfc. Thomas M. Bather of Indianapolis.

"The Japs realized that a ready water supply would come in very handy, said Pfc. Everett P. Peabody of Allagash, Me., so they did their best to chop down the big water tower that was still standing in Agaña, Guam.

Sgt. Magnus A. Chauvin of Houma, La., summarized his three campaigns thus: "Living conditions on Guadalcanal were the worst. The Tarawa battle was the toughest and liveliest, but fortunately the shortest. Jap fire was heaviest at Saipan." Pfc. Louis A. Feiz of Cleveland, O., lost his life near Mt. Tapochan on Saipan while trying

to get help for his wounded buddy, Pfc. James L. Long of Louisville, Ind.

Tsgt. Robert L. Ward of South Bend, Ind., now at Cherry Point, was a member of the 1st Dep't for efficiently directing a night fighter platoon through the use of radar equipment, so that the pilot could make visual contact with enemy bombers threatening the Hooeyganville beachhead. On Guam, a torrential downpour soon filled foxholes and Marines



either had to expose themselves or drown, reports 1st Lt. David H. Lewis of San Diego. Fortunately the Japs decided to charge and Marines killed most of them.

## Only Two More Weeks For Xmas Mailing



**DO IT RIGHT.** Only two more weeks to go for overseas Xmas mailings—and mailing won't do much good unless you wrap and address carefully. And—finally—how to expedience and send gifts that are practical for use on Pacific atolls and in demand.

Add M-month to your list of alphabetical dates and give it importance second only to V-Day. That's a way of reminding you that if you want to mail a Christmas gift to a Marine overseas, you'll have to do it not later than Oct. 25.

The Navy expects to lay about 25 million Xmas packages on the line to Marines, sailors and Coast

Guardians overseas by Dec. 25, and all the Dept. asks is that you observe a few simple rules about careful wrapping and addressing.

Packages must not exceed 5 pounds in weight, 15 inches in length or 36 inches in length and girth combined. Perishables will not be accepted and foods and narcotics of a fragile nature are strongly discouraged.

Your human instincts—which will be to send things as non-military and home-like as possible—is good, but how to the Navy's sound advice. There are things that are illegal (Kickapoo joy juice, for example); things that are wonderful but impractical (chocolate layer cakes); and things that sound right but just won't fit: money belts and electric razors.

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**BEACHLEY MEN.** Here's three of MCB's men, recent participants in the 11th Naval Dist. tennis tourney. They are (from left) PFC George Steid, MTSgt. Leslie Cuskey and Corp. Harold Brogan. Brogan reached the tourney semifinals before being eliminated.



# Leathernecks Invade Naval Training Center For Championship Ball Game

## District Title At Stake; Series Tied at One-All

MCB's victory-inspired baseball team today makes the trek to Naval Training Center in quest of the diamond championship of the 11th Naval Dist. following the Base's ninth inning 1-0 conquest of the Sailors here on Wednesday.

The last-minute triumph gave the Leathernecks an even break on the two-out-of-three playoff series to decide the pennant, the Base having lost Monday to the Bluejackets, 4-3, in a game at NTC.

Thus it is that this afternoon's contest is THE crucial one.

Manager Harry Hughes, who broke up Wednesday's ball game with an all-essential single, has indicated that he will pitch tanky Ray Yuchin against the Sailors. It was Yuchin's stout arm that held NTC to six widely-scattered hits in the mid-week encounter.

### STORY BOOK GAME

Wednesday's diamond battle was the kind you read about in books; the kind you see in movies. Scoreless until the last half of the ninth, "Nippy" Jones, Base second sacker, singled to centerfield. Next man to bat was third baseman, D. C. Moore, who laid down a perfect sacrifice bunt, putting "the Nipper" in scoring position.

The "big gun" in the Marines' offensive—J. Wellington (Wimpy) Quinn—then took his turn at the plate and got aboard through an error on a hard-hit ball to Eddie Beckman, NTC third baseman. It was then that Manager Harry Hughes, playing first base, found himself with the golden opportunity.

The veteran diamond artist watched two pitches go by. The overflowing stands were clamoring for a hit. Bailing left-handed, Hughes swung at the third ball and sent it down the first baseline—a

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sharp single into right field. And that was the ball game. Jones scored standing up.

Marine hurler Ray Yuchin again showed that he has plenty on the ball and again proved his ability as a "clutch" pitcher in the up-attack contest. Several times he found himself in the pin, but steadily and methodically buried his way into the clear.

In all, he gave up six hits, while the Leathernecks collected seven singles off the offerings of Pete Jones. At times, it appeared the Marines might literally "throw the game away"—a total of six men died on base. However, when the ninth inning came up, the Leathernecks seemed to take the field with a new confidence: a confidence that gave them victory.

### DIFFERENT STORY

Monday's game, however, was a different story. The Base outfit played a ragged brand of baseball on several different occasions. That coupled with the fact that the breaks definitely were against the Leathernecks, gave NTC the first game of the series, 5-3. Speedball artist Ray Minor started on the mound for MCB but was replaced by Rudy Fugh in the fifth frame. The Sailors made 10 hits off the

confined huddling of Minor and Fugh; the Base collecting nine from Paepke and Pippin. But all that is history—today's game is the payoff and the Marines are determined to win.

Last week's scores:

At NTC:	Base	5	Marines	3
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## Edenton Marines Baseball Champs

MCAS, EDENTON, N. C.—Another top-flight Marine baseball team that's the way to describe the local Leatherneck outfit, current champions of the Albemarle Service League.

The Marines played a total of 48 games during the past season and chalked up a total of 28 victories. The Leathernecks garnered the league title in a two-out-of-three playoff series with nearby Harvey Point, losing the first game 3-1 but taking the remaining contests, 3-2 and 3-1.

## Klamath Names Ring Coach

MR. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—One of the nation's top-ranking amateur boxers—light-heavyweight Lee Poteet—will coach the Marine pugilists here, it was announced this week.

MTSgt. Poteet, it was disclosed, already has begun working out his fistful hopefuls, giving them the

benefit of his ring experience. The sergeant's boxing career began in his home town of Temple, Tex., where he fought for the Central Texas Athletic Club. It was under this organization's banner that he won the Dallas district Golden Gloves light-heavyweight crown and later won the Chicago district laurels in 1911. The latter fight saw Poteet battling as a Marine.

While stationed in Chicago, the sergeant also was the Ninth Navy Dist. champion in the 170-pound class.

### FUGHT OVERSEAS

Overseas with an aviation unit, the Texas scrapper fought in many exhibitions and claims the mythical Southwest Pacific light-heavyweight title. On his return to the United States, he continued his winning ways, walking off with his weight honors in the West Coast Leatherneck tourney held at Mojave.

MTSgt. Poteet expects to have a well-rounded boxing team here at Klamath since several Marines with professional ring experience already have turned out to try for berths on the squad. The sergeant also disclosed that exhibition bouts and scheduled matches with other teams in the area already have been planned. This phase of the boxing program is being directed by 1st Lt. Francis C. Hogan.

MTSgt. Poteet, himself, expects to turn pro when the war is over. "There's money to be made in the game," he said, "and I think I can turn the trick."



**CHICAGO CHAMPS.** Recent winners of the baseball championship at NATTC, Chicago, the Marine Det. defeated a Navy team two out of three for life. First row from left: MTSgt. Dale E. Schaffner, Sgt. John M. Hornsby, PFC Leonard J. Wojcicki, Sgts. John A. Darsey and Robert D. Harriet. Second row: Sgt. Morris Kelpen, MTSgt. William J. Redford, Capt. Anton J. Tomasek, PFC Robert H. Howas and Sgt. "Duke Leatherneck" mascot.

## 'Tough Marine'—Both In Battle And Ring

By Alan M. Joseph Jr. Staff Correspondent

(COMM. Delayed)—Tough little Mike Lane, 24-year-old former Pacific Coast prize fight promoter and trainer of Max and Ruddy Baer, has another one for the boys at home to add to the record he's made for himself as a jungle scout with the 3rd Mar. Div in the Pacific.

Mike, who on Marine records is Corp. Michael M. Janic of Wall, Pa., and Oakland, Cal., only claims three Japs this time. But the attending circumstances make it quite a story.

It happened at the height of the Ryuma fighting. With official

status, Mike was caught in the brush by a Jap ambush when a Marine patrol party first scurried out with his short, powerful arm and hoisted him over his shoulder. He started back to the aid station when the wounded Marine suddenly called out, "Janic, there's a Jap."

Mike wheeled. With the Marine still on his shoulder, he cradled his tommygun against his hip and killed the Jap. Nearby, another Leatherneck fell wounded by the still-heavy enemy fire. Mike picked him up, hoisted him on his free shoulder and plunged on.

According to Sgt. Vincent C. Rogers of St. Louis 2, Mo., a member

of Corp. Janic's outfit, the one-man gabulance was crashing through the underbrush with the two injured men on his shoulders when he came face to face with two Jap riflemen.

Balancing his burden to free one arm, he raised his tommygun again, pressed it against his hip with his elbow and dropped both Japs. When Mike finally reached the rear aid station and lowered the wounded men from his back, one of them looked up at the doctor and said, "That Janic's a tough guy."

Which is what the boys back in the West Coast fight camps might say, too.

## THE SPORTS FRONT

By Pvt. BILL ROSS

Marines, it seems, not only have sufficient courage to face enemy gunfire—but they also have the courage to make predictions on sports events.

Like the World Series, for instance.

Thus this week's column takes on a somewhat out-of-the-ordinary appearance in that we turn "inquiring reporter"—at least for the moment—to determine Mac Smith, coach's ideas on just what's going to win the World Series and why.

To make the entire project more interesting, we asked the question at several Marine establishments in the San Diego area—and it was asked before the American League pennant race had definitely been decided.

May we now present "The Sports Front's" walk-in-talkie?"

We found MTSgt. Henry E. Beckman at North Island where he is the NCO-in-charge of reception and welfare of Lt. Col. Marjorie West.

"The former Philadelphia Pa. Marine was very definite. "I was asked about the series: 'St. Louis Cardinals are superior to any team in the American League and they will come out the winner. The Cards are playing a first-class baseball—while the St. Louis Browns and the Detroit Tigers are playing a third and fourth-class grade of 'pre-war ball'."

So spoke MTSgt. Henry E. Beckman at North Island.

Another North Islander, Sgt. A. J. Skopiec of 2nd. With Tex., says he'll take the Browns and he has plenty of reasons why.

"The Indians," he said, "are a great fighting ball club and have shown a rugged team spirit and a will to win throughout the entire season. True, they've never won a pennant, but this year they are in an excellent position to catch the flag. And they will make a more powerful bid because a victory this year

means more to them than it does to any other club.

"Beats," the sergeant concluded, "I'd just like to see them win—and I'm not from St. Louis either."

Pvt. Orlan Russell of Cleveland, Oh. was watching the fights at Ford Bowls Ballpark when he was asked his opinion on the series outcome. Now stationed at USNH, Russell is a life-long baseball fan who likes the Detroit Tigers.



"Their ace—the holy," he declared, "is the fact that they're a 'clutch' team and can play when the going gets tough. Add to that the fact the Tigers have a couple of pitchers named Newhouser and Trout, and I don't see how they can lose. Of course, they still have to win a few more games in the American League before they get the chance to beat the Cards."

"But Mac," he emphasized, "they certainly can do both."

Pvt. Russell, you can see, really is a Tiger fan.

Corp. Charles Skopiec, now at USNH, is a veteran of Marine action in the Southwest Pacific. There were several lipras out there,



he said, when he wondered if he'd ever see another baseball game. But how the heck, he said, you'll think it's going to be the Detroit Tigers who top the world series moiety.

"They have the pitching, they've got the backing—and they're looking to win," he said.

"Pitcher Hal Newhouser—the league's top pitcher—certainly will spark the Bengals into a world championship. However, it should be a good series and go at least six games. But anyway I look at it, I see the Detroit Tigers—and that's that."

We will devote a portion of next week's column to a further discussion of the world series prospects of the likely contestants in baseball's classic. See you then.



# Curtain Rings Down On Boot Boxing After Tonight's Card



**CONTACT!** Pvt. Henry Long, MCAD, Miramar, connects with a solid right that sends Coast Guardsman Eddie Bathe reeling back toward the ropes in bouts at USNH, San Diego. (Photo by PFC. Edward J. Wishin).

## Miramar Marines Stellar Boxers At USNH Matches

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Leather-slugging Leathernecks from MCAD, Miramar, last week stole the show in a triangular boxing card held here between the Marines, Coast Guard and Naval Rep. Base.

Team scores were not kept on the evening's slug-fest, but the top fights were the two bouts involving boxers from Miramar. Main event of the night was between Corp. Johnny Campbell and James (Tojo) Flemming, colored fighter from Naval Rep. Base.

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Campbell opened the bout in a flashy manner, displaying plenty of power behind a series of fast rights. Throughout the three rounds, the Leatherneck fought a cool battle and the victory never was in doubt as he had his opponent on the canvas twice. The bout was in the 135-lb. weight classification.

Stand-out performance on the supporting card was turned in by Pvt. Henry Long, who bested Coast Guardsman Eddie Bathe in their three-round go. Long spent the first round feeling out his opponent but turned on the heat in the second and third stanzas. The Marine was given an unanimous decision.

The evening's program—which included intermission music by Bill Martin's Coast Guard swing band—was witnessed by approximately 2500 service men and women.

## Capacity Crowd At Boxing Show

Boxing's fall season opened at MCB's fight stadium Thursday night with a program of three bouts highlighted by the scrap between Pvs. Jerry Fly, 171 pounds, of the Japanese Language School, and Robert Bankus, 155, of Sea School.

Fly won the decision after flooring his opponent in the first and second rounds. Pvt. Robert Murphy, 154, of Shoe and Textile School, scored a technical knockout over Pvt. Tom Allen of the Japanese Language School in the second round of their contest.

The final bout on the card was an exhibition affair between Pvt. Sam Conovel, 161 pounds, of Field Music School, and Everett Lopez from Consolidated Aircraft.

It's good-bye to "boot" boxing in RD following tonight's fistie potpourri in the recruit amphitheater.

After an uninterrupted run of approximately three years—during which time thousands of Marine trainees saw action in the RD ring and still thousands more watched the slug-fests—boxing bows out after this week, it was announced officially.

Reason given for the abandonment of the program is the lack of recruits now undergoing training at RD. It had been hoped by Recruit Depot athletic personnel that the bouts could be continued despite the drop in "boot" traffic—but after tonight's bouts at 2000, the program will be no more.

Corp. Marty Schwartz and PFC. Quentin Breece, who supervised the ring activities for the past year-and-a-half, have arranged a top-notch card as the RD fistie finale. It is expected that the main event of the evening will be between Pvs. Leo Danion and V. D. Mitchell, who fought a draw with each other last week.

Best crowd-pleaser on last Saturday's card was the bout between Pvs. Jerry Salabey of Ganado, Ariz., and Clarence Millard of San

Diego. Salabey was given the decision but the fight was close all the way. It's expected the two will be rematched this week if arrangements can be completed.

In all, three knockouts were scored. Pvt. Martin Brouwer of

Portland, Ore., TKO'd Pvt. Paschel Foberson of Dyersburg, Tenn., in the third round of their contest. Pvt. Kenneth Sherman of Spokane, Wash., KO'd Pvt. George Bullich of Fresno, Cal., in the second round, and Pvt. Eldon Nunamaker of Fresno, Cal., KO'd Pvt. Fred Laucenst in the second round of their go.

### Other results:

Pvt. Richard Dillehay of Nampa, Ida., decisioned Pvt. James Ferre, Pvt. Elmer Currie of Coeur d'Alene, Ida., and Pvt. Russell Phillips of Englewood, Cal., fought a draw; and Pvt. Joe Diaz Jr. of Los Angeles drew with Pvt. Bob Dorth of Wenatchee, Wash.

### Did the Job

USNH, SAN DIEGO—PFC. Edward J. Lattuca of Buffalo, N. Y., recalled that aboard an assault boat a Marine with a carbine pinned down a Jap light artillery crew ashore until a BARman put the enemy unit out of action.

## WR Softball Team Scores Two Wins

The Base WR softball team continued its highly successful season last week by scoring two more victories, defeating the Consolidated Bombardeers, 8-4, and the NTC Waves, 6-3. The latter game went eight innings and was a nip-and-tuck affair all the way.

Sparking the Base offensive in both of last week's contests was PFC. Mary Miskrecki of Meriden, Conn., who connected for a home run in each game.



# Football Starter Awaited

## Seasoned Ends Cop Berths On Lejeune Squad

CAMP LEJEUNE—It was doubtful this week that the Camp Lejeune Marine football team would open its 1944 season this Saturday as had been planned. Lt. Col. William W. Stinchey, athletic officer, had hoped to arrange a contest for Sept. 30, but so far no opponent has been found.

Meantime, strengthened by the addition of Bert Stiff, former All-Eastern back from Penn. (the local grid squad has opened its second week of practice. Chief power in Coach Bill Osmauski's eleven at this early stage lies in its ends. John Yonakor, former Notre Dame All-American, and Norm Getchell, former Temple star, will hold down the flanks in the Leatherneck lineup.

Battles are raging for the other positions with Stiff slated for the fullback slot and "Junie" Kleinhenz, who starred here last season, a likely starter at quarterback.

There are several outstanding grid stars on this base, but their extensive Marine training program makes them unavailable for grid play.

## Battalion Teams Round Into Shape For Oct. 7 Debut

MCB's four battalion football teams this week were rapidly attaining top-flight playing shape for the opening of the Base gridiron season set for Oct. 7 on the local field. All of the elevens have been working out at least three times a week and their practice sessions have been showing results. Capt. C. R. Church, Base athletic officer, explained.

"It's still a little early in the season to say which team has the best prospects," the captain said, "but



PFC. WARELE ... with sex straight.

## Six Consecutive Wins Hurled By Miramar WR

MCAD, MIRAMAR—The manpower shortage being what it is, this story might well be of interest to major league baseball scouts—if they're interested in feminine ball players.

PFC. Dorothy Warele has pitched her team—the "Miramar Grapes"—to six consecutive diamond victories. The brown-haired, pretty mound ace is undefeated in both league and non-league play this year, and has never been seriously threatened by the opposition in any of her victories.

And if the hurling record isn't enough:

PFC. Warele also is the team's leading hitter, with a nifty .458 average at the present time. Her last time out, she won her own game with a double and a home run, both with runners scoring ahead of her. Dorothy—whose home is Los Angeles—first played softball in Flint, Mich., where she attended high school and later played ball with a women's labor organization team.

### Ex-Gridster Missing

SOUTH PACIFIC BASE 1314. Walt Mayberry, former Florida Univ. football player who now is reported missing in action, has been awarded the Air Medal for "meritorious achievement in aerial combat." He is credited with destroying four Jap planes, with a fifth listed as probable.

### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE (First Round)

Oct 7  
Gd. Bn. vs. S. and T. 1300.  
Ser. Bn. vs. Hd. Bn. 1500.

Oct 14  
Ser. Bn. vs. Hd. Bn. 1300.  
S. and T. vs. Hd. Bn. 1500.

Oct 21  
Hd. Bn. vs. Gd. Bn. 1300.  
Ser. Bn. vs. S. and T. 1500.

(Second Round)

Oct 28  
Ser. Bn. vs. Hd. Bn. 1300.  
Gd. Bn. vs. S. and T. 1500.

Nov 4  
S. and T. vs. Hd. Bn. 1300.  
Ser. Bn. vs. Gd. Bn. 1500.

(All games will be played on the local field.)

"I'm sure that each of the squads playing will display a fine brand of football."

Announced this week was the schedule of play for the respective teams this fall. Two games will be played each Saturday afternoon beginning Oct. 7 and continuing for six weeks. All of the contests will be played on the Base and will be open to all personnel.

Coaching staffs also have been chosen for the battalion squads. They are as follows: Gd. Bn., PFC. Joe Turner and Pvt. Wilton Allen; Shoe and Textile, PFC. Ray Sears; Ser. Bn., PFC. Casey Dropp; and Hd. Bn., PFC. Rudy Pugh and PFM2/c. Ervin Seiner.

## Lint Cards Hot 68 In Golf Meet

Faced by a sizzling final round 68 chalked up by Sgt. Merle Lint, team captain, MCB's golf squad last week finished second in the annual 11th Nav. Dist. enlisted men's links tourney. Blue-jacketed golfers from NTC won the championship, scoring a team total of 299 to 301 for the Base.

Low point man of the meet was NTC's Stanley Curtis, who carded an aggregate 138 to 140 by Lint.



**LEATHERNECK KEGLERS.** Top-ranking bowlers of the USNH San Diego league, the two Marine squads in the loop consistently have displayed championship legging ability in loop play. Seated (from left) are Corp. E. C. Trapp; SgtMaj. C. R. Dow; S1/Sgt. B. D. Cardinal; PFC. C. F. Cameron; SgtMaj. W. Ockenfels; ChPhM A. E. Zimmorman. In second row, PFC. E. R. Martinez; Sgt. R. E. Rogers; PFC. R. O. Spencer; PFC. R. B. Douglas. All bowlers are members of USNH Mar. Det. (Photo by PFC. Herb Alden).

(From The Chevron, Oct. 3, 1942)

President Roosevelt visited both the Base and Camp Pendleton on his whirlwind tour of war establishments in the San Diego area on Sept. 25.

The largest single payroll for RD was paid out this week when more than \$400,000 was distributed to recruits and permanent personnel.

Two Leathernecks formerly stationed at Camp Elliott, Sgt. Norman C. Pearson and Corp. Gordon Miller, have been awarded the first Navy and Marine Corps Medals for heroism.

An athletic program designed to condition officers of RD and to teach them methods of hand-to-hand fighting was inaugurated Tuesday.

# After Japs Are Swept From The Sea, What?

One of the less-publicized features of the recent Quebec conference was the lack of optimism about a complete and early victory in the Pacific. Newspaper correspondents reported there was a general tendency to regard the war with Japan as one that may endure a very long time and develop through many phases.

One interesting feature of the discussions among top-ranking military, air and naval leaders of the big powers was a division of opinion on just what would prove to be the knockout blow.

In general, the naval and air chiefs, thinking in terms of battleships and bombs, figured the island empire could be knocked out within a measurable number of months—once the whole weight of Allied fleets and air forces can be brought to bear.

The soldiers are inclined to figure that's only about half the problem. Information in circulation at the conference was that Japan is now estimated to have about 11 1/2 Army divisions of 20,000 men each (a total of 2,260,000) distributed as follows: Southwest Pacific, 22 divisions, 440,000 men; Thailand and Burma, 15 divisions, 300,000 men; China, 37 1/2 divisions, 750,000 men; Manchuria, 21 1/2 divisions, 430,000 men; and Japanese mainland, 17 divisions, 340,000 men.

The way the Japanese are strengthening their positions in China seems to bolster the argument that it will not be sufficient to clean up the Pacific islands, sweep the Japs from the sea or even to bomb Japan as Germany has been bombed. Many Marines are among those who feel that the war

will not be won until the Japanese Army has been defeated on the Asiatic continent and the whole occupied area cleared of Japs.

No one denies that the Navy has the right idea at the moment—to push the attack with the utmost vigor against the Japanese homeland.

But what happens after that may provide the answer to how long the Pacific war is going to last.

# Safety Valve

## Disability Pay

Editor, The Chevron—Can I draw partial disability pay from the government after my discharge and apply for limited duty status now if I am totally deaf in one ear, but not as a result of enemy action overseas? My ear was perfect when I entered the Corps 2 1/2 years ago. While overseas 18 months I had a running ear and there is now a scar on my ear drum. The doctor says I will never hear out of that ear.

NAME WITHHELD

MCAD, Miramar.

Editor's note—Apply to your medical officer at Sick Call and ask for permission to go before the survey board for determination whether you should be discharged, placed on limited duty or returned to active duty. No action can be taken on partial disability payment until you are ordered discharged. At that time the Red Cross will prepare your claim for filing with the Veterans Administration in your home state.

## No Field Scarf Tradition

Editor, The Chevron—Marines wear their field scarves outside their shirts, while Army personnel "tuck" their ties in. Do you know of any traditional background for the existing regulation in either case?

PFC. ALAN W. STEPHENS

Editor's note—The QM General's office says that the conventional practice of wearing scarves outside the shirt was followed for many years in all branches of the service. About 1930 the Army discontinued using narrow scarves and adopted a wide pattern which was found to interfere with the activity of the wearer when the wind blew the scarf. The Army then directed that such scarves be tucked in. There is apparently no tradition involved.

## Just a Maneuver?

Editor, The Chevron—Being a Bougainville veteran who had many close friends killed or wounded on that island, as well as getting a Purple Heart there myself, I'm speaking for several thousand men I know will take offense at the front page publicity you gave Bougainville as "just a maneuver," because of a few publicity-hungry G.I. vets.

Manning a defense line waiting for the Jap to try and get through is very maneuverish for those people in that part of the line where the Jap doesn't come and certain elements of the Bougainville landing force engaged only in this type of warfare—a few bullets on Guam must have been a contrast to them.

Rash statements of individuals should be relegated to the inside pages if they must be printed.

NAME WITHHELD

R&R Center, MCB, San Diego.

Editor's note—The Chevron has printed statements of men who thought Bougainville the worst of all campaigns. Even men who've gone through the same battles together disagree as to which was toughest.

## Transportation for Wife

Editor, The Chevron—Is the wife of a first sergeant entitled to government transportation home when her husband is shipped from the San Diego area to foreign duty? 1st Sgt. JONES

MCE, San Diego.

Editor's note—Yes, a first class ticket for the shortest direct route home, she may apply for a draft of the Transportation office here. Or she may go home on her own funds and apply for reimbursement either at the local recruiting office or by writing to the Quartermaster, HQMC, Washington, D. C.

## Shipping-Over Pay

Editor, The Chevron—Is a USMCR entitled to shipping-over pay if he re-enlists in the Reserve after having put in 2 1/2 years on active duty?

Pvt. EDWARD F. CONSTANTINE

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Editor's note—No. In order to obtain re-enlistment pay a reservist must enlist in the regular Marine Corps. If he does re-enlist in the regulars he will receive \$25 per year for each year of active service as a sergeant or below or \$50 for each year as a staff sergeant or above.

## You Have to be at Sea

Editor, The Chevron—There is a group of Marines here who had previous service from 1926-30 and all had sea duty. Are they entitled to wear seagoing patch (sea duty was in 1929)?

NAME WITHHELD

MCE, San Diego.

Editor's note—No. It may be worn only by Marines serving at sea.

## No Star for Sea Action

Editor, The Chevron—The other day I met a buddy just back from the South Pacific. He and I served with the 6th Regt. in Iceland. I know we rate the European theater ribbon but he was wearing a star on it. Said his topkick told him he rated it because of (sea action). I'd like to find out definitely about it. The Chevron is really sought after by ex-Marines on this Pre-Flight station.

A/C. F. M. WILDMAN

St. Mary's College, Cal.

Editor's note—The Navy is still preparing a list of individual ship actions which will rate stars on Area ribbons. Until this list is published such stars are unauthorized.

## Song For Marine Dads

Editor, The Chevron—I have had a phonograph record made of the first song I have had published. It is at the NCO club here and they all like it. It is called "Please Protect My Little Boy," and I think a lot of dads in the service would like it. Would you please try to get it on the "Halls of Montezuma" program?

Sgt. CHARLES L. WILEY

MCAS, El Centro, Cal.

Editor's note—The Mutual network, over which "Halls" is broadcast, uses only the works of members of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, or Broadcast Music, Inc.

## Poor V-12 Grades?

Editor, The Chevron—I have a friend who was in V-5, then transferred into V-12. Is there any way for him to transfer to the Marine Corps as a private after his V-12 training? If he should be put out of school because of his grades and sent to Navy's boot camp, could he ask to get into the Marines instead of the Navy?

NAME WITHHELD

Trng. Command, Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—If your friend fails in the V-12 program he will be placed in the Navy. There are no later-service transfers for enlisted men. If he completes training satisfactorily he will be offered a choice as Marine second lieutenant or Navy ensign.

## One Star Only

Editor, The Chevron—Could you settle an argument for us? A buddy of mine recently returned from overseas stated that the 3rd Bn., 1st Regt., rates two stars on the Unit Citation ribbon.

Corp. H. P. POLKOWSKI

USN Radio Station, Cheltenham, Md.

Editor's note—They rate but one star—for the 1st Div. unit citation. The battalion's other unit citation was by then Maj. Gen. Vandegrift and does not rate a star.

# Church Services

**MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant):** 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel, 0930 Services, Auditorium; 1015 Services, Chapel; Evening Vespers Service, 1830, Chapel. **(Catholic):** 0800 Mass, Auditorium; 0915 Mass, Chapel, Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) 0630, Chapel, Friday evening Service, 1900, Chapel. **(Confession):** Saturday, 1600-1700, Chapel; 1800-2000, Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 128, Regimental Depot. **(Jewish):** Chapel, 1100, (Christian Science) Sundays, 0930, Bldg. 125, 110, (Latter Day Saints) Services, Bldg. 125, RD, Wednesdays 1830, Bldg. 125, 111.

**CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant):** 1000, Theater. **(Catholic)** Mass, 0600, Theater, (Christian Science) Sunday, 1430, Room across from C.O.'s office in Ad. Bldg. **(Jewish):** 0915, Chaplain's Office, (Latter Day Saints) 0800, Armorer's School Bldg.; Thursdays, 1000.

**CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant):** Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel, (Catholic) Sunday Masses 0630, 0800, 1115, Mass daily, 1930, Confession before Mass. **(Christian Science):** 1400-1730, Chaplain's office, Wednesdays. **(Jewish):** Post Chapel, Thursday, 1830, (Latter Day Saints); 1930, Camp Post Chapel, Friday 1830, (Latter Day Saints); 1920, Camp Chapel; Mondays, 2000.

**MCAD, Miramar (Protestant):** 1000, Services; Communion 1st Sunday of month, (Catholic) 0700 and 0900, confession; 0730 and 0930, Mass, Barracks 522. **(Jewish):** Thursdays, 2000, (Latter Day Saints) Discussion meeting Tuesdays, 1900, (Christian Science); 1100-1500, Chaplain's office, Fri. days.

**CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant):** Post Chapel, communion at 0900, Bible Class 0930, Morning Worship at 1015, Vespers Service 2000; Wednesdays, Vespers Service 2007, Ranch Home Chapel, services at 1015; Infantry Training Center, Sunday morning worship, 0700; at Theaters, 14-T-1 at 0800, 15-T-1 at 0900, 16-T-1 at 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900, (Catholic) Post Chapel, Masses at 0630, 0800, 1115, confessions, Saturday, 1600-1800; Novena, Wednesday 1900; Hatch House Chapel, Mass 0915; Thursday and Friday, Mass 1945; Friday, confessions at 1630 to 1900; Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0700; at Theaters, 14-T-1 at 0900, daily at 0600; 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 1000, 17-T-1 at 0900; Confessions before each Mass. **(Christian Science):** Post Chapel, Monday 1500, Thursday, 1930; Study group, Mondays 1900, Infantry Training Regt., Row 28, Tent 1, (Latter Day Saints) Post Chapel, Sunday, 0900, Monday 1900, (Jewish) Post Chapel, Friday at 1900.

**CAMP GILLESPIE (Christian Science):** 1200-1300, Adm. Bldg., Wednesdays.

# In Memory Of An Ace

To Marine fighter pilots in the Pacific who now have to load their Corsairs with bombs to get any action, it's seemed like a long time since the Japs provided any aerial opposition. Actually it's been only months since the South Pacific skies were filled with Zeros which usually outnumbered many times over the few Marine planes that rose to challenge them.

This week marked the anniversary of a notable air battle of the early days of the war. On Sept. 23, 1942, Lt. Col. Harold W. Bauer, one of the outstanding fighter pilot commanders of the war, now missing in action, led his famed squadron 212 into the air over Guadalcanal against the Japs.

The Rising Sun emblem was everywhere. Scattered about were American planes, but they were few and far between. In a matter of seconds Col. Bauer shot down a bomber. Four Zeros followed in succession and he left a fifth smoking badly.

It was the first single big bag over Guadalcanal for a Marine flyer and Col. Bauer was given a captured Jap flag which Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger had offered the first pilot to bring down three Japs.

Under Col. Bauer's leadership the squadron continued to be a scourge of the skies. His brilliant fighting career ended Oct. 16 of that year when, after successfully leading 26 planes on a 600-mile over-water ferry flight, he sighted a squadron of Jap planes attacking the USS McFarland. Undaunted by the formidable opposition, he engaged the entire squadron alone and fought so brilliantly that four of the Jap planes were destroyed before he was forced down by lack of fuel.

Wherever airmen gather, they'll remember Col. Bauer and those Marine flyers of Guadalcanal.



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### ♪ AFTER THE BRAWL IS OVER ♪

A PLAN IS UNDER WAY TO RE-ACQUAINT THE SERVICE MAN WITH CIVILIAN LIFE. AUTHORITIES SAY THE CHANGE SHOULD BE GRADUAL, SO A SIX WEEK REFRESHER COURSE HAS BEEN DEVISED FOR THIS PURPOSE!

**MANNERS-REMEMBER?**

"PLEASE PASS THE MEAT"  
"PARDON ME"—"THANKS"  
"YOU'RE WELCOME"  
"HOW DO YOU DO?"  
"SORRY"

WHEN HE'S HOME—A FEW WELL-PLACED ROCKS IN HIS SACK WILL MAKE THINGS FEEL NORMAL!

INSPECTION EVERY DAY WILL KEEP HIM IN THE GROOVE!

AWOO!

HIC!

A LITTLE E.P.D. WILL DISCOURAGE THIS!

ALTHOUGH HE WILL NO LONGER BE BRIGGED FOR GOING A.W.O.L....

LIBERTY WILL STILL BE THE BIG PROBLEM!

THE "CALL OF THE WILD" WILL NO LONGER BE TOLERATED!

A FEW MORE HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS...

ARGGLE SPUT ZNXX

SPLAT!

THUMP!

CLICK!

CLICK!

WHAT A LOOPY!

A SITUATION SUCH AS THIS MIGHT EASILY PROVE FATAL, WERE A MAN NOT PREPARED FOR IT!

LIBERTY WILL STILL BE THE BIG PROBLEM!

BILL SHERIDAN '44

# Chevron Chick

It would take only a slight sales talk by Donna Reed (M-G-M) to make half the reserves in the Corps ship over in the regulars. Unless the Corps is looking for war-time strength during peace, this week's beauty better be kept off recruiting duty.



## FIELD NOTES by Cunningham

MAN, IT'S WARM IN HERE. THINK I'LL SLEEP TOP-SIDE TONIGHT

AH, WHAT A NIGHT...THE TROPICAL SKY FOR MY BED ROOM

DAMN

DO YOU TAKE SHOWERS WITH YOUR BLANKET ON OR IS IT RAINING OUT?

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**LEATHERNECK LINGO**

**STANDING LIGHTS**—Lights left burning all night.

**STRIKER**—A helper who really does the work.

**DOG-IT-DOWN**—Fasten a door or hatch closed with "dogs" (clamps or bolts). Strictly a seagoing phrase.

**SHORTSTOP**—Man who stops a platter of food from being passed to someone farther down the table. He doesn't last long.

**TAILOR-MADE**—Term applied to anything not issued by the government. Used even to differentiate regular cigarettes from tobacco and pipe.