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yet are cheerful—
Gen. A. A. Vandenberg.

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Naval Forces, Marines Win White House Praise

President Cites 13 Ships, Navy, Marine Airmen

Flying Guards Of Midway Among Units Cited By President For Success

WASHINGTON. — Thirteen ships and two Navy and Marine Corps aircraft units have been awarded presidential unit citations for combat action "above and beyond the high standard of our forces."

The units honored include Navy Torpedo Squadron Eight and Marine Aircraft Group 22, which participated in the Battle of Midway; the cruisers San Francisco and Atlanta, and the destroyers Laffey, McFarland and Spith, for service in the Solomons; the destroyers Bernadou, Cole and Dallas, which took part in the occupation of French North Africa; and five submarines, the Greenling, Guardfish, Nautilus, Trout and Wahoo.

The citations were read by the President in a ceremony at the White House.

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Air Group In New Quarters

NORTH ISLAND.—In a move to increase operating efficiency, Operations offices of ABQ-2 have been moved into new enlarged quarters here.

Coincident with the move, Maj. Kenneth A. Woolsey, former TWA pilot who established a distinguished safety record in passenger and mail transport flying, became operations officer.

He replaced Maj. Desmond M. Canavan, former North West Airlines pilot, who has been transferred to an eastern air unit where it is understood he will serve as a test pilot.

The new quarters are situated on the upper deck of the light control section on the apron side of the ABQ-2 hangar, and provide a full view of North Island fields.

The operations officer's private office has been sound-proofed so that conferences may be held with pilots even when planes are roaring on the line. Previously this had been virtually impossible.

The move is another step in the improvement program being effected by Lt. Col. Valentine Cephart, commanding.



ENDS WERE SHEARED from these hulls when an Army-type experimental plane scooted across MCB casual area, killing the pilot and three Marines. Six crewmen and 80 Marines were injured, but many were released after first aid. (Photo by Corp. John Jolokui)

Probe Air Crash Here

Three Marines Lost Life, 80 Others Injured

Failing in an attempted take-off, a four-engine Consolidated-Vultee Army type experimental plane Monday afternoon crashed through the metal fence separating Lindbergh field from MCB and plowed on 800-foot swath through huts in the casual area of Recruit Depot.

Three Marines and the civilian pilot of the plane were killed and 80 Marines and six civilians of the crew were injured as the big plane smashed through several wooden buildings before finally bursting into flames.

The plane demolished the southern half of Mess Q after it had flattened a nearby lecture shed, and then plowed into a group of huts at the southern end of the casual area, igniting them.

FEATHERS FLY

Hedding arising on racks was in the plane's path and the area was strewn with feathers and cloth.

An Army board of inquiry appointed by Lt. Col. R. J. Saunders, began an investigation into the crash Tuesday.

The dead:

Pvt. Oral Matzuda.
Pvt. Jerry M. Myers.
Pvt. George C. Thomas.
R. A. McMakin, civilian test pilot.

Marines listed as seriously injured were:

Pvt. Roy C. Wallis, Laurence E. Mankins, Leland J. Ellis, Littleton P. Whittington, James Carmady, Thaddeus S. Plova, Harold W. Anderson and Andrew Cowart.

Also injured were the six civilian members of the plane's crew; 22 Marines who were treated at the Base Dispensary for injuries not requiring hospital attention, and 50 others treated for minor injuries and who later returned to duty.

You Fighting? What For?

They're not outguessing madmen with machine guns in their hands for the privilege of being told what to say or when to say it.

They want to finish this war and go back to the same life in the same America they left behind, where the way life has always been lived brought new and better things . . . and always will!

That's freedom in America — and the thing Marines are fighting for. Interesting letters giving "leathernecks" answers to the question "What Am I Fighting For?" are still pouring in to The Chevron—and we want more of them. We haven't set a deadline for them because we want Marine readers in distant posts and stations to have their chance, too.

So there's still time for you to give us your answer. Soon, we'll look over the various replies and send \$10 to the writer of the one judged best. There'll be \$5 for the second best.

AIM TRUE

PX Beer Garden Adopts Coupons

Coupons instead of cash must now be used for all over-the-counter purchases at the PX beer garden except tobacco products.

PX officers put the new system into effect this week in the hope it would speed operations, Maj. J. B. Hendry, asst. PX officer, said.

A cashier is on duty at all hours the beer garden is open to sell the coupons needed to make purchases of beer, drinks, cookies, and other products dispensed. The beer garden is open every day in the week from 0800 to 2120.

Maj. Hendry said purchasers must save time and trouble by buying coupons in quantities and thus avoid having to stand in line, especially on pay days.

Firemen On Job Minute After Plane Crashes

Fire Controlled When City, Ryan Equipment Arrives; 4 Men Hurt

When it comes to fires, the Base Fire Department really knows what's "cookin'."

In answering the alarm Monday in RD when a plane crashed and started a conflagration among huts, they arrived at the scene about a minute later with a 32-man crew.

Four pieces of apparatus were put into operation and 2200 feet of hose poured 75,000 gallons of water on the blaze. The fire was under control by the time city fire trucks arrived. Fire Chief H. E. Lockwood said.

Watches were stood for 36 hours to guard against any re-kindling of the blaze.

Four firemen were treated for cuts and burns suffered in discharge of their duties.

Two Battalions In River Battle Highly Praised

Commendation Reveals Marine Superiority In Matanikau River Episode

WASHINGTON. — Citations for outstanding performance of duty in combat with Japanese forces on Guadalcanal have been issued by Maj. Gen. A. A. Vandenberg to the Second Battalion, Seventh Marines, and the Third Battalion, First Marines.

The 2nd Bn, 7th Marines, under the command of Col. Herman H. Hanneken, insured success of the drive against Japanese positions at the Matanikau River on 26 Oct., 1942, by throwing back with heavy losses a larger Japanese force which had penetrated American lines.

The 3rd Bn, 1st Marines, led by Lt. Col. William N. McKelvey jr., on 9 Oct., 1942, defended an outlying defensive position against Japanese attacks, and later, on 23 Oct., broke up a heavy enemy assault spearheaded by light tanks.

Lt. Col. McKelvey received the Navy Cross for distinguished service on Guadalcanal.

Col. Hanneken, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1919 for service in Haiti, was also awarded the Navy Cross and a

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Obey Orders

Wrong Uniform Brings Arrests

Approximately six Marines a week are picked up by MP's in the San Diego area for being out of uniform, 1st Lt. Rylander, Asst. SF officer, reveals.

Some of these men, dressed in winter service B, are ignoring a Base order which decrees the uniform of all Marines going off the Base in this area as full greens. This means that the blouse must be worn at all times in public.

Obey Orders

Base Restaurant Now Open Throughout Day

New hours are now in effect at the MCB restaurant. It is open on week days from 0530 to 1900. Formerly the restaurant was open from 0830 to 0930; 1130 to 1400, and from 1630 to 1900.

What's Cookin'

SATURDAY, 15 MAY

Halls of Montezuma broadcast, Station KGB studio, no audience, 2030.

Band Wagon, Harpo Marx, Gray Gordon orchestra, Base auditorium, 2000.

SUNDAY, 16 MAY

Church services, all camps. See page four.

Jack Benny broadcast, Theatre 12-T-1, 1900, Camp Pendleton.

MON.-TUES, 17-18 MAY

1450 Bandwagon, Theatre 12-T-1, Pendleton, both nights.

SATURDAY, 23 MAY

Semi-monthly dance, Base gym, 1400 girls, 1730.

See pages 13-15 for Sports.

Women Barbers Teach Men To Perform Two-Bit Blitz

CAMP PENDLETON.—The Marines are gonna look the part even in battle—or else!

And the ladies are the ones who are telling it to the Marines!

They're telling it at one of the world's most unique schools — a combat barber college here.

Because of the manpower shortage, women barbers were recently introduced at the camp. Now, they're teaching men from several Marine outfits how military haircuts get that way.

Men now being taught by the women how to trim hair in the field are: PFC, Edgar W. Collins, and Pvt. C. C. Cantley, Philip Slama jr., James K. Drury, Glenn R. Harper and William A. Brower.

Base Red Cross Offices Visited

James L. Feiser, vice chairman of the American Red Cross, and J. H. Whiting, RC military and naval welfare director, were visitors at the local field office last week.

They expressed satisfaction with Red Cross administration as conducted here by Mrs. Lois Achenbach, field director.

Behind Marines' Air Wing--Boys At Mesa

Service Group Supplies Tools Of Air Warfare

By Sgt. Wallace McLain

MCAE, Kearney Mesa.—You might call the personnel who make up the Service Group at this fast-growing base the "men behind the men behind the gun."

They pass the tools and ammunition to the Marine Fleet Air Arm which gives the "business" to the Japs. Although far removed from the combat zones, they are striking their own victory blows—but it's done with paper.

To simply refer to it as a service group is understatement. The term isn't broad enough to cover the multitudinous amount of work this unit turns out. Oddly, we have little to do with airplanes. We never see airplanes unless they're coming overhead. But we probably see more famed Marine pilots than any similar base. Every day or so someone of the caliber of Lt. Col. Richard Maugrabin, Maj. Robert Galer or Capt. Joe Foss comes through here. This is a Western terminal for air men as well as air equipment. It's not the most glamorous phase of Marine aviation. There's little of the thrills and romance but plenty of work.

CLEARING HOUSE

Sometimes this is referred to as a clearing house. Someone has to keep the records and files and lengthy reports on personnel and material filtering through here. Someone has to provide for them during their temporary stay. Someone has to see that they are properly channeled into the Pacific war theater. And that's the job of the Service Group at this aviation base.

It's easier to understand the function of this command when you get to know the men who make it click. They're both former Marine pilots. They know this business, figuratively and literally, from the ground up.

There is Col. Stanley E. Ridderhof, commanding. As far back as 1919 he was a pilot knocking around with Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger and other of the Marine aviation pioneers. Without the hoopla and red tape he's doing a big job here. And much of the success of this smooth-running organization can be attributed to his executive officer, Lt. Col. Francis E. Pierce.

HAND-TO-HAND

In a way, Lt. Col. Pierce is largely responsible for this set-up. It was his promotion and organization in the early stages, a few months ago, which whipped it into shape. He handles inter-office detail and the two officers make a smooth-working team. Much equipment and hundreds of men are funneled through here each month.

About three-quarters of the personnel in this Service Group is on a liquid basis. They are what we call "transients," and the turnover is terrific. They come here from Jacksonville, Lakehurst, Corpus Christi, Quantico and other training centers and they're mostly right in and right out. Unlike the other commands on this base, the Service Group has no raw recruits. These Leathernecks are specialists: parachute riggers, metalsmiths, aerographers, navigators, torpedo men—all standing by for other duty.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Housing for these "transients" is provided in six single-story barracks, including the Headquarters Squadrons ARS-1 to ARS-6. These regulating squadrons revolve around the Supply Group like spokes in a central hub. Today, for instance, seven machinist mates reported in from the Navy Pier in Chicago. Tomorrow, maybe it'll be an ordnance group from Jacksonville, or some radio men from another training center. It's the job of Service Group Headquarters to feed the men into the individual squadrons, which, in turn, house them and regulate their activities while on a temporary stay here.

Two Battalions Highly Praised

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Cold Star in lieu of a second Navy Cross for service in Nicaragua.

CITATION FOR 2ND BN.

"The Commanding General commends the 2nd Bn., 7th Marines for operations against the enemy on 24, 25 and 26 Oct., 1942. Having been ordered on 24 Oct. to occupy and defend a ridge line . . . on the Matankau river, the battalion moved into position through a heavy enemy artillery barrage. On the 25th, the battalion was subjected to further heavy bombardment so that considerable losses had been suffered prior to any attack by hostile infantry. At 0300, 26 Oct., the position was assaulted by an enemy force estimated at one battalion. After furious hand-to-hand fighting the enemy was able to effect a penetration on the left of the position by 0600. At this critical moment, the battalion demonstrated a degree of fighting morale considered worthy of commendation. At 0640, it counterattacked the ridge at the point of the breakthrough and at 0900 it had restored the situation. The success of this counterattack insured the success of the entire action, and the hostile force withdrew shortly, leaving half its number dead."

CITATION FOR 3RD BN.

"The Commanding General commends the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines for noteworthy performance of duty during the period of 8 Oct. to 3 Nov., 1942. On 8 Oct., occupying an outlying defensive position on the east bank of the Matankau River, the battalion organized the position to make it impregnable to enemy attacks which followed shortly. On 11 Oct., the battalion, after subjected to heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire, sighted and with the support of one section, Battery "D", First Special Weapons Battalion, knocked out one 15-ton tank as it approached their position. On 23 Oct., after an extensive preparation by hostile artillery, mortars and machine gun fire, the battalion, with the support of one section, Battery "D", Special Weapons Battalion, and with the fire support of the 11th Marines, halted the advance of, and completely disabled, nine hostile 15-ton tanks as well as accompanying infantry. On the 24th, light attacks by hostile forces were repulsed by infantry action. The Commanding General commends the officers and men of the 3rd Battalion for the fine soldierly qualities demonstrated by all personnel during a hazardous and difficult period."

—Aim True—

Purple Heart Given After Long Waiting

MCAE, Kearney Mesa.—PMSGt. Wilmer L. Bader, who will always be remembered as "Pearl Harbor," recently received an official authorization awarding him the Order of the Purple Heart for his part in that infamous attack.

Now attached to service group pay office here, Bader was stationed at Hwa, Oahu, T. H., when the Japs attacked from the air without warning.

Bader grabbed his rifle as the first enemy planes were swooping in for the kill, and continued firing his piece until it was blasted from his hands by strafing.

—Stand Fast—

Cable History

The Pacific cable was being laid just 39 years ago, and some difficulty was experienced with Japanese laborers at Midway Island so a detachment of U. S. Marines was ordered there from San Francisco. Their presence had the desired effect and the work was carried on efficiently.



MARINE AVIATION PIONEERS are Col. Stanley E. Ridderhof, left, commanding officer of MCAE, Kearney Mesa, and Lt. Col. Francis E. Pierce, executive officer, both tops in leadership. (Photo by PFC Art Shepman.)

Officers' Record Closely Linked With Air Diary

Kearney Mesa Leaders Followed Corps Aviation Since Earliest Stages

MCAE, Kearney Mesa. To recount the background of Col. Stanley E. Ridderhof and Lt. Col. Francis E. Pierce, commanding officer and executive officer, respectively, of the Service Group here, is to trace the colorful history of Marine Corps aviation itself.

Col. Ridderhof entered the Corps in 1917 and was a member of the famous Mare Island Marine team which defeated the Army's Casey Lewis football eleven in the Hapa Bowl New Year's day of 1918.

For almost a quarter-century he has been a pilot and closely associated with Marine aviation activities. He spent two years in Guam in the early '20's and assisted in constructing the first Marine aviation station there later acting as flying instructor at Tinsulan.

NICARAGUA SERVICE

Col. Ridderhof saw foreign service in Nicaragua with the 4th Regiment and received the Navy Cross and Nicaraguan Medal of Merit in operations against Sardinia.

While with the first Marine aviation unit to establish a base in the Hawaiian Islands he was present during the attack on Pearl Harbor and returned to command ARS-2 at North Island.

Lt. Col. Pierce typified the old saying "a good Marine loves a good fight." After 25-odd years of service, Pearl Harbor brought him out of retirement and back into the thick of things.

His service started in 1916, and in 1918 he saw his first action in Marfields, Nicaragua. He has received the Navy Cross and Purple Heart from the United States government for action in Nicaragua and received decorations from the Nicaraguan government for service operations.

COLORFUL RECORD

His foreign duty includes MARU, Quantanaro Bay, China, Santo Domingo and Nicaragua. He was present during digging of Panama Canal, and while on duty in Nicaragua was detailed as a Naval observer—the only Marine thus appointed to that post.

Lt. Col. Pierce received three promotions in as many days in 1917. He was commissioned a second lieutenant 1 June, a first lieutenant one day later, and a captain on June 3.

He began flying in 1921, and was shot while in the air over Nicaragua in 1923, receiving wounds which forced his retirement in 1925. After volunteering for active duty December 7, 1941, he shortly thereafter formed the reputation squadron which grew into this present service group.

Amphibs Prove Worth In Two Years' Tryout

Tractor Detachment Ends Second Year As Navy Orders First Steel Jobs

DUNEDIN, Fla.—Amphibian Tractor Det. here, where the majority of Marine personnel now serving with amphibian tractor units received early training, passed its second birthday 2 May.

In the two years since the advance detail of Marines traveled from Quantico to take over a shed of corrugated iron as their amphibian tractor headquarters, the "alligator," originally designed to search for lost aviators and others stranded in the treacherous bogs and creeks of Florida Everglades, has become a potent instrument of war.

FIRST ORDER

The Bureau of Ships of the Navy Department issued its first large order for steel amphibian tractors in January of 1941, after the Corps had given extensive tests in the West Indies to an aluminum amphibian.

Landing party operations in enemy territory depend upon the "alligator" for many important functions. Like the Leathernecks, who man it, the amphibian is at home at sea or on land. It swiftly transfers troops and equipment from ship to shore, then wades up the beach, ready to negotiate swamps or knock down trees. It lands supplies and ammunition and carries light artillery pieces to shore. The amphibian tractor is valuable, too, for the evacuation of wounded from beachheads to hospital ships.

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He'll Make It

An Italian soldier fighting in Tunisia wrote his family in Italy, saying: "Monday we were pushed back 10 miles; Tuesday 20 miles; Wednesday 30 miles, and it all goes well, expect me home soon."

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Saturday Morning, May 16, 1942

Brig Not Rose Bed

Hope Prisoners Kept Busy 16 Hours Of Day

By Phil Wade Lucas
Base Prison is no place to spend a vacation. You may like the word of Capt. J. M. Burns, Base Prison Officer, for that.

Other Marines have learned and there in boot camp will learn that a term in the brig is the price for violation of Marine regulations. Far in the long it's work, work, and it is work for those convicted of violations.

"The Base Prison," Capt. Burns said, "is maintained for Marines who think they can violate regulations and get away with it. They should know such thinking before it's too late."

SPRITELINESS PUNISH

Spontaneously clean, the prison is ready for inspection "21 hours a day." But, Capt. Burns added, that's no reason for Marines to want to be in there.

The day's duties in the brig begin at 0600 and end at 2100 when lights go out. In that 15-hour stretch minutes are busy practically every minute, Capt. Burns said.

"Idleness breeds mischief and our work day is so planned for them who break the rules and are sent to us for punishment that we just don't have any time left over to do any anti-social planning," Capt. Burns said.

Also, is the most common offense of the majority of those sent to the brig. Included in this category are those absent without official leave and those absent long enough to be charged with desertion. Other common offenses are drunkenness, ill-treatment of government property, insubordination, theft, etc.

BEHIND AND WATER

Such offenses are punishable by incarceration for periods ranging from five days to two months. The most common prisoner is a seven solitary confinement on a bread and water diet.

Sentences up to a year may be given to the Base prison. Other Marine units such as the FMF have their own brig. All persons sentenced are sent up at hard labor and that's what they get. Prison may also be imposed in addition to other terms.

Like soldiers do just about everything on the double. Under strict guard they help keep the Base clean. They help keep "they haul dirt and garbage, washing clothes and bunk linen are daily tasks of a 'must' nature."

When a man is sent to the brig he automatically goes in Class II. If, after two weeks, he has a good record he can advance to Class I. If he doesn't, into Class III he goes with virtually no privileges such as writing home or recreational activities. All wear dungarees with a telltale "P" prominently stamped in mark prisoners.

ATTEND CHURCH

Church services are held Sunday in the Class A squad room for all except Catholics, who are marched under guard to Sunday services at the Base Auditorium.

The prison compound recently has been enlarged. Added is a messhall, formerly used by the Base guard-of-the-day. All meals for prisoners are prepared in the prison galley, which is kept spotless.

"We don't like to have Marines in here, but if they break the rules we see to it that when they do come here they never forget their stay with us," said Capt. Burns.

Assisting Capt. Burns are: Sgt. Samuel Clayton, warden; Pl-Sgt. A. C. Page, in charge of prison mail; Sgt. H. W. Kiehn, in charge of schooling and supervision of prisoner chasers; Sgt. G. A. Strickland, records and property; and PFCs W. D. Weston and Grant Morgan, clerks.



UNOPPOSED LANDING by American forces on Russell Island earlier this year is followed by the unloading of supplies. Antiaircraft shells are piled at center, with damaged food in cases at right. Landing boats return for more stores. (Associated Press photo.)

Marine History In Air Related In New Booklet

Publishing Presents Illustrated Record Of Our Flyers Since 1912

Marine Corps aviation, credited with development of modern aviation, technology, comprised only five officers and 34 enlisted men when the U. S. entered World War I and before a remarkable expansion built it into one of the finest fighting organizations of all time.

A new book, "Flying With the Marine Corps," has been published, giving them interesting historical facts about the Marine Air Division for use by aviation models.

Compiled under direction of Capt. T. J. O'Mara, the publication presents the history of the Marine Corps in colorful fashion, with particular emphasis on aviation. It is replete with color plates.

When World War I ended, the magazine disclosed, there were 282 officers and 2180 enlisted men, and in the latest Marine flyers had started a new chapter in the Corps' history of fighting achievements.

FIRST MARINE PILOT

1st. Col. Alfred A. Cunningham, who entered the Marine Corps as a second lieutenant upon graduation from Annapolis in 1909, became the first Marine airplane pilot in May, 1912.

After his conspicuous entry into World War I, the Marine Aviation Division started to produce many new flyers who "lived up to a fine record considering the short time they had in which to prove themselves," the magazine said.

It was recommended in January, 1918, that Marine aviation units be stationed in northern France to both German submarine bases in Belgium. The Marines were sent there, but American planes were slow in arriving. As usual the leathernecks couldn't stand by while war was going on, so they talked the British and French into letting them use their planes.

PEACE FLYERS

After armistice, they flew into Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua, fighting those famous Marine campaigns with a glorious record. But there was peace-time flying, too, and they soon established themselves as an important cog in the Corps.

"They capitalized on the aerial combat lessons of the World War, carrying on the development of aerial warfare where the World War flyers left off," the magazine declared. "They instituted entirely new techniques and laid the foundations for the most important in-

Cooking Wasn't Fighting So They Skipped Overseas

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—Two Marine mess sergeants who served in World War I weren't content with assignments in the States and through strenuous efforts had their classifications changed so they could be transferred to combat areas.

And so it may be said that a "fighting man's life begins at 40," for Sgt. George H. Mills and William Lawrence McCarthy sr., both attached to an MP company here.

Beth Mills and McCarthy went through boot training at San Diego and were assigned to Terminal Island at Long Beach, Calif., for duty. They had enlisted in Class IV which put them in non-combatant service and limited their service to the continental U. S.

PERSEVERENCE PAID

Discontent finally resulted in their transfer to Class III to become part of FMF and eligible for combat duty. Both had to pass new physical examinations to be reclassified.

Mills, 41, served with the Army 27 years ago. His unit fought the Mexican forces which routed the Indians, N. M. In World War I he was a line sergeant and served overseas. He was a platoon leader at Valley, Pa., until 1918.

McCarthy, 43, has one son serving in the Navy at Midway Island and a youngest son home. He enlisted in the Corps in 1918 when he was a railroad fireman in Chicago. He trained at League Island, Philadelphia, saw duty at Quantico, Virginia, and was aboard the USS Mississippi in the Atlantic Ocean when the war ended.

novations in flying which are being used in this war.

In Haiti in 1919 and 1920 the Marines tried a modified form of air bombing, doing the best they could with the planes of that era. Many aviators believe that those experimental dives in Haiti were the beginning of modern dive bombing.

MARINES READY

Then came Pearl Harbor. The Marine flyers were ready, well trained, but were few and equipment supply was small.

They had their job to do, however, and do it they did. There was Wake Island, Midway, Guadalcanal just to mention a few. Those chapters are still being written as new aviation cadets read the magazine published expressly for them. They too, will be out there soon, fighting wherever Leathernecks and forces are operating, and writing new pages in this never-to-be-completed history.

Military secrecy provides disclosure of the exact strength of the air division today, but it may be said that it constitutes a large portion of a great organization.

Driving Course Opens At Base, Kearney Mesa

Gunner Teaches Driving Principles In Promoting Motor Transport Safety

A six weeks course of instruction in safer driving is now being given Base MT and PI drivers under direction of MarGun. M. R. Murray, Base Accident, Investigation and Prevention officer, and Sgt. Gerry Lockner, safety educational director.

Classes are held twice weekly on Monday and Wednesday nights from 1900 to 2000 in room 2 of the Base Auditorium. Attendance averages about 75 each class night.

MarGun, Murray teaches a similar class on Monday night at MCAL, Kearney Mesa, and Camp Gillespie under a similar school plan.

The instruction covers a battery of motor vehicle driver qualifications, accident causes and prevention, right-of-way, stopping, night driving, signals of pedestrian, the intoxicated driver, and accident handling.

"After the present course is completed we hope to be able to offer similar schooling to other Base units," said MarGun, Murray.

MPSS DRIVERS, TWO

MCAL, Kearney Mesa. — MT drivers here are going to school Wednesday nights to learn more about how to drive vehicles safely. Instruction covers all phases of driving, accident reporting, rights of pedestrian, accident causes and prevention.

The school is taught by MarGun, M. R. Murray, MCR accident, investigation and prevention officer, and Sgt. Gerry Lockner, AIF educational director.

—Snoot Straight—

Whiskey Rins

Several whiskey jugs broke out in episode of Y. 18 years ago and for authorities, unable to cope with the situation, called for the U. S. Marine, Capt. John L. Brown, with one of his men proceeded to the scene, furnished protection for the Federal agents and assisted them in destruction of stills.

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ADVICE? YEAH, HERE'S SOME

The weatherman broke his censored silence this week long enough to announce that San Diego had experienced its hottest May 10th since—well, anyway, long since. And that's one way of bringing up a pleasant subject. Sign that is here!

Summer means lazy liberty days at the beaches, sun-bathing and swimming in the surf. Newcomers to the southland, especially men from interior portions of the country, are tempted to overlook both, blissfully unaware of the dangers awaiting the unwary or uninformed.

Beaches of this area are generally well posted. If you see a sign warning you not to swim, just put it down in your back that it wasn't erected for fun but indicates a rip-tide or some other condition which makes surf swimming unsafe. Your best bet and this applies to the good swimmers, too—is to do your swimming in the vicinity of one of the many lifeguard stations. Don't feel too secure in your prowess as a fresh water swimmer—the ocean doesn't play the same rules.

Sun-bathing, too, has its dangers, particularly on the beaches where direct sunlight, unobscured with that reflected from the water and sand, contains two to four times more of the rays which cause sunburn than dry land elsewhere.

You'll enjoy sun-bathing and you can enjoy your liberty days to their fullest extent—by observing a few simple do's and don'ts. Don't over-expose to begin with; fifteen minutes is plenty for the first time at the beach. Do remember that your skin burns more rapidly while swimming and almost completely submerged than it does when you are lying in the direct sun. Be more careful when the sky is overcast—such days result in bad burns. Days when the sun is not even visible are usually the days when the worst burns result. Don't place too much faith in lotions, oils, creams, etc. Wear sun glasses to protect your eyes from the strain of intense light at the beaches. Finally, don't be so silly as to fall asleep while lying in the sun at the beach unless you are adequately covered.

Use profanity care and good judgment in your sun-bathing and surf-swimming and summer will mean many pleasant days. You'll only have to be careless once to find out we were right!

WE CAN'T GET ALONG WITHOUT 'EM

Women are becoming more and more important as far as Marines are concerned—and we're not necessarily speaking of the One and Only, either.

There's Camp Pendleton, for example, where women look over operating the barber shop some time ago. Those same women are now running a "combat barber college," where they're teaching Leathernecks how to dish out hair trims in the field. It's half of it to them here for a trim or hats off to them in the field for teaching a buddy how to run the clippers.

On the Base and at other posts and stations in this area, it won't be long before the Women Marines begin reporting for duty. They're the girls who're going to take over all sorts of tasks which free men for combat duty. If you're itching to slap a Jap, it may be due to one of these women that you'll get the chance.

Back to the One and Only—whether she be wife, mother or sweetheart—her letters of cheer and the knowledge that she's silently rooting for "her man" are making Leathernecks buckle down all the harder in their work of training or fighting.

There's an old quip about women to the effect that you can't live with 'em and you can't live without 'em. But every Marine knows we can't get along without 'em!



My FEM! Janet K. Rowe

If there are no secrets better kept than the secrets everybody guesses," then what revolves from the latest meeting of Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt should develop momentous surprises at home as abroad.

Everybody's guessing again. They guessed before when Churchill visited the White House. The African campaign resulted in a complete surprise. This time, they say, we will make the grand assault. The fact remains, the secret will probably remain as wrapped up as a ragoon coat wearer at a Yale game.

Some want to guess that the Allies will attack through the "soft belly" of Europe—the Balkans—perhaps even through a deal with Turkey. Others say Italy is the road to Rome, or perhaps up through the Caucasus to put insurmountable pressure on the eastern front.

JOHN ROBERT

Meanwhile, the complete rout of the Axis forces is becoming more apparent as the African booty and prisoner count daily. Perhaps more satisfied than any were the Vice Chiefs, who for the first time in this war were able to dig up unconditional surrender terms to the opposing forces in their sleep.

There may be some significance in the way the Axis forces are dismantling Italian ports.

THE RUSSIAN FRONT

Sensationalism which was so rampant during the winter campaign seems lacking in latest news of the Russian front. However, there is nothing to be desired in the matter the USSR is conducting its relentless aggression against the Germans. Their most immediate objective is Novorossiysk, the Black Sea port, which might lead to a new line of prediction that the Allies may move their winter campaign through the Caucasus and establish a permanent point in this area.

THE SOUTH PACIFIC

In the South Pacific, the war against the Japs continues in a comparatively static state, with the Army continuing to pound Japanese bases by air, hampering supply lines and establishing newly established airbases as fast as the Japs build them.

With the hints of a threat toward India by the Japs in disquieting news this week but not confirmed, that the Archipelago, New Guinea, British forces and been moved back on the India-Burma front. The Japs have been comparatively inactive lately and perhaps they are planning for a drive on India. A successful conquest here not only would hamper the South Pacific campaign but would be most disconcerting to Russian leaders.

THE HOME FRONT

On the home front, Congress took the initial step in peeling to end disloyal strikes through positive legislation. Apparently the unions are ill-equipped to dismount upon pledges of "no strikes for the duration" in the face of the recent Pennsylvania mine walkouts.

A House Military committee gave unanimous approval to a bill outlawing strikes in war plants and requiring periodical financial statements from unions having war working members.

Casualties

U.S. Navy 10,500
U.S. Marine Corps 2,400
U.S. Coast Guard 20
Total Wounded 12,900
Total Killed 2,420
Total Missing 20
Capt. John H. Westaby, Missing
Capt. J. H. Barker, 1st Lt. Edwin W. Haddock and 1st Lt. Eckert

THE SAFETY VALVE

Letters of general interest to Marines will be published. Please, if brief—sign your name, otherwise it will be withheld if you wish.

WEDDING STORY

Editor, The Chevron.—I enjoy reading your paper sent by my Marine son. He was just home on furlough and, oh, how we all appreciated it. The enclosed clipping tells what he did on Easter Sunday.
MRS. FLOYD BROWN
Menon, Ind.

(Editor's Note: The clipping told of the wedding of PFC. Robert E. Brown, rifle coach, and Mary K. Barber, Easter Sunday. They marched to the altar to the tune of "The Marine's Hymn.")

TAILOR SENDS FAPER

Editor, The Chevron.—Through the thoughtfulness of a Navy son stationed with the Marines at Kearney Mesa, I have been enjoying "The Chevron" more than a month, and read every page. I have good reason to be interested since I have a Marine son, too, stationed somewhere in the Pacific. I also have a son in the Army, but I do have a lot of admiration for the Marines. Success to them, and to your most interesting paper.
MRS. S. S. CAREY
San Francisco

ANOTHER TELLING

Editor, The Chevron.—As long as you are in search for the youngest sergeant major, maybe I could put

in the claim of being the youngest first sergeant, acting sergeant major, in the Corps. I enlisted 4 Nov. 1940, and was promoted to first sergeant 2 Dec., 1942, one month to the day after I reached 30 years of age. Let's see who can beat that!
1st Sgt. Wm. J. FLANIGAN
First Post Office
San Francisco

BUSINESS WAY

Editor, The Chevron.—May I comment on the Marine Corps Chevron? It is one of the most business-like papers of the 50 or more which I am lucky enough to receive in exchange for our Midprint Communiqué.
It reflects credit on the Marine Corps, which always has been, and thank goodness, is continuing to be, a very business-like outfit.
JONAH D. SIMMONS
Editor, Midprint Communiqué
Milwaukee

BEST WISHES

Editor, The Chevron.—I receive The Chevron regularly, and literally "eat it up." I have a son in Recruit Depot and to say that I am proud of him is putting it mildly. Here are best wishes to everyone in the entire Corps.
MRS. LUCILLE HANSON
Junction City, Kans.

Bow Wow Boot Camp Described In Magazine

New Leatherneck Issue Features Marine Dog Training, Other Stories

Each month "The Chevron" presents the latest aspect of the current scene of Leatherneck heroism.

Outstanding among enjoyable articles in the May issue of "The Leatherneck" is "Devil Dog School," an informative, interesting story on what dogs are being trained to do to help win the war.

Authored by Frank N. Tubert, who terms the dog school the "Bow Wow Boot Camp" at Camp Lejeune, N. C., the author asserts "the men who appreciate the Devil Dogs meet with Gyrenes on Jap-infested islands in the Pacific."

While some dogs are trained for guard duty in the continental limits of the U. S., others are being prepared for combat duty. And who he into the Japs hidden in machine gun nests in the jungle, Tolbert asserts, because it will be "pretty disconcerting for an enemy machine gunner if he knows that a keen-nosed, saw-toothed Doberman Timberer, as savage as any dog, is stalking him in the jungle and up to jump from behind any bush."

ONSLAW BEACH

"Onslow Beach," part of Camp Lejeune, is so rugged that many Marines who trained there and later saw action in the Solomon Islands it looks very much like a Marine Corps outpost in the South West Pacific. Sketches show just how rugged that part of the North Carolina coast is.

"Fights To The Invaders" is a story telling how the Filipinians continue their dogged resistance to the Japs in the Philippines.

"Weapons Quiz" is two pages designed to test your knowledge of weapons. Every Marine should have an interesting session with the double-barrel.

HOSPITAL CARE

A timely article deals with the work done at the front for wounded Marines by Navy Corpsmen. The author, M. F. Irwin, writes that "Marines at the front call them 'real heroes.'" The article recalls that it was in 1898 when an Act of Congress established them as a Hospital Corps. Prior to that time they were referred to as "nurses" and later as "boysmen." Now battle-torn Marines as well as others invariably call them "Doc."

No Liberty Without Card, Base Orders

The new type liberty card which organization commanders have been distributing to MCR personnel over the past few weeks goes into effect today and no one will be permitted to go ashore without one. Principal difference between the new and old cards is the addition of the holder's blood type. Although there is no mention of clothing to be worn, a Base order forbids anyone to leave on liberty unless attired in full greens and that uniform should be worn at all times when ashore.

Mail Address Changes

Rugged Marine

A U. S. Marine, visiting an expedition in Boston, attempted to mount a camel and the animal fell on him. The Leatherneck was taken to a hospital with a fractured collar bone. The camel died.

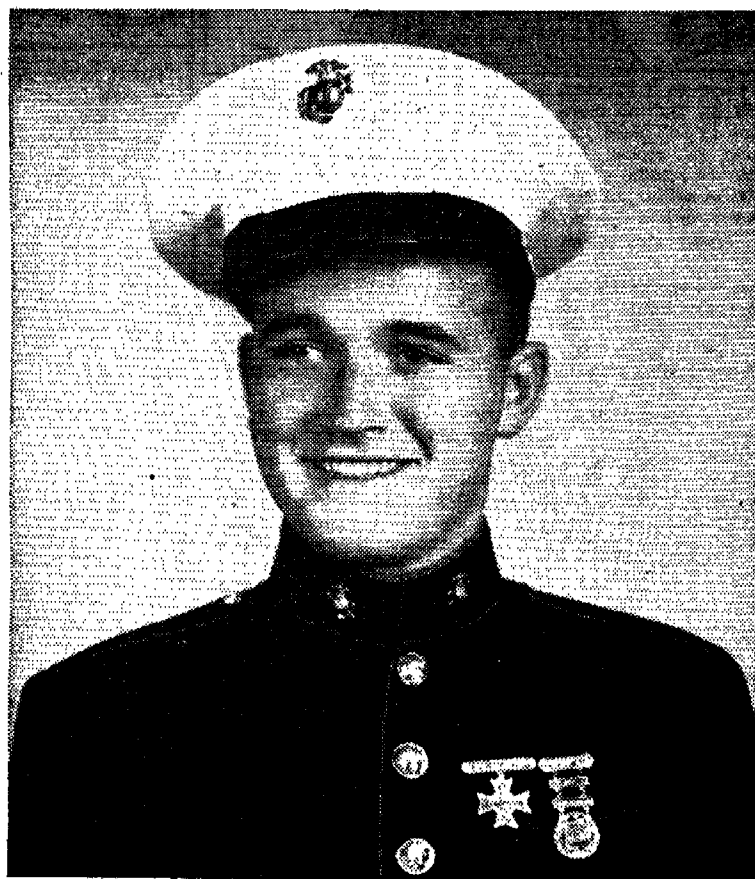
Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0500 Communion, 0600 Chapel, 0700 Services, 0800 Services, New Base Auditorium; (Catholic): 0800 Mass, New Base Auditorium; 0830 Mass, Base Chapel; Daily Mass in chapels every week-day at 10:30. Schedule of religious services: 1230-1300 Chaplain's Office, 1330-1400 Recruit Depot, 1530-1700 Chaplain's Office, Marine Corps Base, (Jewish): 1045 Mass Chapel, (Christian Science): Every Sunday at 10:30, Reception House, Bldg. 12, Recruit Depot Area.

CAMP LEJEUNE (Protestant): 1100 Morning Prayer, (Catholic): Mass 0615 Range School, 0800 Confessions, 0830 Mass, 1030 Mass, 1045 Range School, 1100 Mass, 1115 Range School, 1130 Mass, 1145 Range School, 1200 Mass, 1215 Range School, 1230 Mass, 1245 Range School, 1300 Mass, 1315 Range School, 1330 Mass, 1345 Range School, 1400 Mass, 1415 Range School, 1430 Mass, 1445 Range School, 1500 Mass, 1515 Range School, 1530 Mass, 1545 Range School, 1600 Mass, 1615 Range School, 1630 Mass, 1645 Range School, 1700 Mass, 1715 Range School, 1730 Mass, 1745 Range School, 1800 Mass, 1815 Range School, 1830 Mass, 1845 Range School, 1900 Mass, 1915 Range School, 1930 Mass, 1945 Range School, 2000 Mass, 2015 Range School, 2030 Mass, 2045 Range School, 2100 Mass, 2115 Range School, 2130 Mass, 2145 Range School, 2200 Mass, 2215 Range School, 2230 Mass, 2245 Range School, 2300 Mass, 2315 Range School, 2330 Mass, 2345 Range School, 2400 Mass, 2415 Range School, 2430 Mass, 2445 Range School, 2500 Mass, 2515 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Daisy-Mae (transporting my Joe over at the PX is a charm. She's blonde, kinda wee, and always smiling. So I'm engrossed. I have to be nudged twice before I notice Pete.

But there he is, big as life and twice as ugly. At a nod from me, Daisy-Mae also transports Pete to a hug of Joe.

"Hey, Pete," I salutes him. "Lo," he returns, kinda down-like.

"Smatter, Pete?" I requests. "Feet hurt," he gives me right back, grinning like a tank-plat climbing onto a stake-trap.

"Been to the Base Dance," he enlarges. "Sittin'. Brother! Ain't like no square dance, I guess you know, but y' don't wait none, neither. Main idea is a sorta foxylot like 'aint vittus' put to music, an' them USO gals takes you over like a tan o' bricks, jittin' the daylight outa you!"

"Brother! I goes over to the old auditorium, or th' new gym, I guess



"Is, ah' don't know as it'll stay, Joe's gonna look in. But no more 'n I steps foot in th' place I'm whipped up in th' storm, an' finds m' self in the middle o' th' floor, stalin' 'parma an' kipkin' m' feet opposite ways like a monkey gals th' wrong way ojan yoyo slick.

"Then I gits spoke ter by no less than Mrs. Deinghake, that swell lady as gits th' gals for th' party. an' is hostess up to Old-town USO. Now that was all 4-0; m' feet gits a rest as she can really dance. But I guess her feet didn't git no rest.

"Anyhow, I don't have time to whistle a bar from 'Over th' Sea' but o' frog-voice John Harrison yells as how we'll need some six men volunteerin' for somethin'; an' m' thinkin' I steps for'd.

"Oh, brother! It turns out t'be a Maypole dance, an' they gits six babes out there too. an' we (th' fellows) has to roll up our pantslegs, exposin' our hairy ol' bulgie' knees 'all assembled! But that ain't all—we gotta put huge all-day (all-week they shoulda called 'em) suckers in our pussies, also, as does th' females. Ha! Is this a sissy sight!"

"It wouldn't be bad, it 'ud really be hecomious, if only I ain't in it! But there I is, Duke,

there I is, right in there amongst 'em.

"I can't get no signals straight, an' I guess I messed up beecher Harrison's 'I'll Maypole dance, but all the 'messin' jiss made th' brethren an' sisters laugh harder, so mebbeos it was in th' groove.

"Anyways, I retires to th' punch bowl after this, where ol' Tuffy Griffith is jiss tastin' th' stuff, an' sayin' somethin' 'bout 'lavoris'—I don't get it. But th' punch tastes right pert 'tine.

"There is Heinie Mueller explainin' tiked Andrews what is wrong with Red's baseball team, an' Red explainin' t'Heinie what is wrong with Heinie's baseballin'—an' there is Wanda, an' Mary, an' Daisy-Mae searplin' th' ball for a partner. I takes 'em on—one at a time, naturally. They is poplar soon's I takes 'em on, it seems, an' I gits m' 'One, two, three—kick' an' I find somebody a-tappin' me on th' shoulder t'relieve me s'ne beauties, one b' one.

"It bein' about time for a ciggie, I strolls outta th'door with a bag, intendin' t'light th' smokin'

jump; but somethin' grabs me by th' nap o' th' neck, an' I'm hauled back into th' hall, unconscious-like by this-lere capper, who allows I gotta have a louse-cage on my skull first.

"I see a photographer from the Chevrons named Wiggin there a-takin' pictures, an' he's I'm mad at him for snappin' me with th' sucker an' pantslegs rolled up at th' Maypole. I grabs his chevron for th' pervasion—an' him with his han's fulla flash-bulbs, ha!

"By now the Base orchestra is waxin' hot, heavy, an' has some as is its band leader, ol' tech-sarge Bryaux; out is comin' th' most original boogie-woogie ever anyone heard. It is enterin' m' feet an' m' brain—well, anyway, m' feet. "Eshan is a-singin', an' I'm a hummin', an' a slow-eyed 'I number from up on th' hill is a-zarin' th' breeze in 't'ear, con-fidin'-like, an' I prackly tergets 'bout m' feet which is beginnin' t'buzz like after five hours in last Sunday's sun.

"Then 'Th' Marines' Hymn' ends festivities, an' Red signs off his baseball chinfeel, Heinie helps load th' gals into busses t'go home, an' Tuffy approaches th' punch bowl again, bravely.

Top Bailey keeps knockin' hisself out with such sayin's as

Ships, Aircraft Unit Citations

(Continued from Page One)

ran up a total of more than 225,000 tons of Japanese shipping sunk and over 70,000 tons damaged.

Four presidential unit citations previously have been announced: Wake detachment, 1st Defense Battalion, Marine Corps; Fighting Squadron 211 of MAC-21; the cruiser USS Houston, and the 1st Marine Division, reinforced.

The Wake detachment, and Squadron 211 were cited for their gallant defense of Wake Island against the attack of overwhelming Japanese air, sea and land forces.

The Houston earned her citation with her outstanding record in action in the Southwest Pacific previous to her loss on 28 Feb., 1942.

The 1st Marine Division spearheaded the successful landing assault in the Solomons, launching the United States' first land offensive in this war, and in the next several months inflicted severe loss on the enemy.

CITATION FOR MAC-22

"For conspicuous courage and heroism in combat at Midway during June, 1942. Outnumbered five to one, MAC-22 boldly intercepted a heavily escorted enemy bombing force, disrupting their attack and preventing serious damage to island installations. Operating with half of their dive bombers obsolete and in poor mechanical condition which necessitated vulnerable glide bombing tactics, they inflicted heavy damage on a large enemy task force. The skill and gallant perseverance of flight and ground personnel of the group, fighting under tremendously adverse and dangerous conditions, were essential factors in the unyielding defense of Midway."

"Ain't gonna never catch me at no such dance, an' I real-steps outta the gym, pickin' m' way ginger-like along I'm sack. Oh, brother!

"My footies are a-killin' me, But I guess you know they there Hake dances is really okay, Duke (grinn—grinn—grinn!)"

Pete is so obviously sincere, I watch the tears of pain and anguish cruising down his furrowed cheek, and opine, "Brother, you're not only just sayin' that!"



AS SCOUT INTERPRETERS, two Koreans, Cheung Keun Lee, left, and Rev. Yong Hak Park, spent a year on active duty in the South Pacific with a Marine Raider battalion.

Interpreters To Wait 'Til 'Tokyo Day' To Re-Enlist

LOS ANGELES.—A couple of interpreters with nothing to interpret, 2dLt. Cheung Keun Lee and Rev. Yong Hak Park are returning to civilian life after two months on Guadalcanal. The young Koreans served as scout-interpreters but had only one live Jap to interview and he was so weak from hunger that he gave little information.

"The Japs are good fighters because they are ashamed to be captured," said Lt. Yong. "They wanted to die so the Marines had to kill them."

The pair was attached to a Raider unit at the time they completed a year's duty in accordance with a government contract, and traveled 15,000 miles through the Pacific and South Pacific.

Rev. Yong intends to return to his pastorate with the San Francisco Korean Methodist Church. Cheung will remain in Los Angeles. Both hope to return to active duty when the time comes to move on Tokyo, they said.

Marines Reminded Of Mexican Goods Limit

Marine personnel visiting Mexico under the new special permit regulation are reminded they may not return with more than \$5 in merchandise not subject to customs duty. These purchases may be made as incidental to the visit and are not to be resold.

Residents and service personnel may acquire \$100 of merchandise not subject to duty if a stay of more than 21 hours is made as a bona fide tourist.

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New Corps Air Chief

Major General Geiger Becomes Aviation Director

WASHINGTON, May. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, who commanded Marine Corps aviation at Guadalcanal, has returned from the South Pacific to become Director of Aviation, U. S. Marine Corps.

Major Gen. Ralph J. Mitchell, 51 years old, who has been Director of Aviation since March, 1939, has taken over Major Gen. Geiger's duties in the South Pacific as Commanding General of the First Marine Aircraft Wing.

Gen. Geiger, 47, directed Marine Corps aviation from 1931 to 1935, and was awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a Second Navy Order for "Outstanding Achievement" in commanding Army, Navy and Marine troops at Guadalcanal from 8 Sept. 1942 to 4 Nov. 1942.

INFORMATION

During this period, the aviation unit under his command shot down 295 enemy planes in aerial combat and inflicted heavy damage on a number of others. Twenty-three additional planes were destroyed on the ground or water.

Further aerial attacks under Major Gen. Geiger's command resulted in the known sinking of six enemy ships, including one heavy cruiser. In addition, three destroyers and one heavy cruiser are believed to have been sunk and 18 other ships, including a heavy cruiser and five light cruisers, damaged.

— Have You Written Yours? —

Brothers Stick Fast As Glue

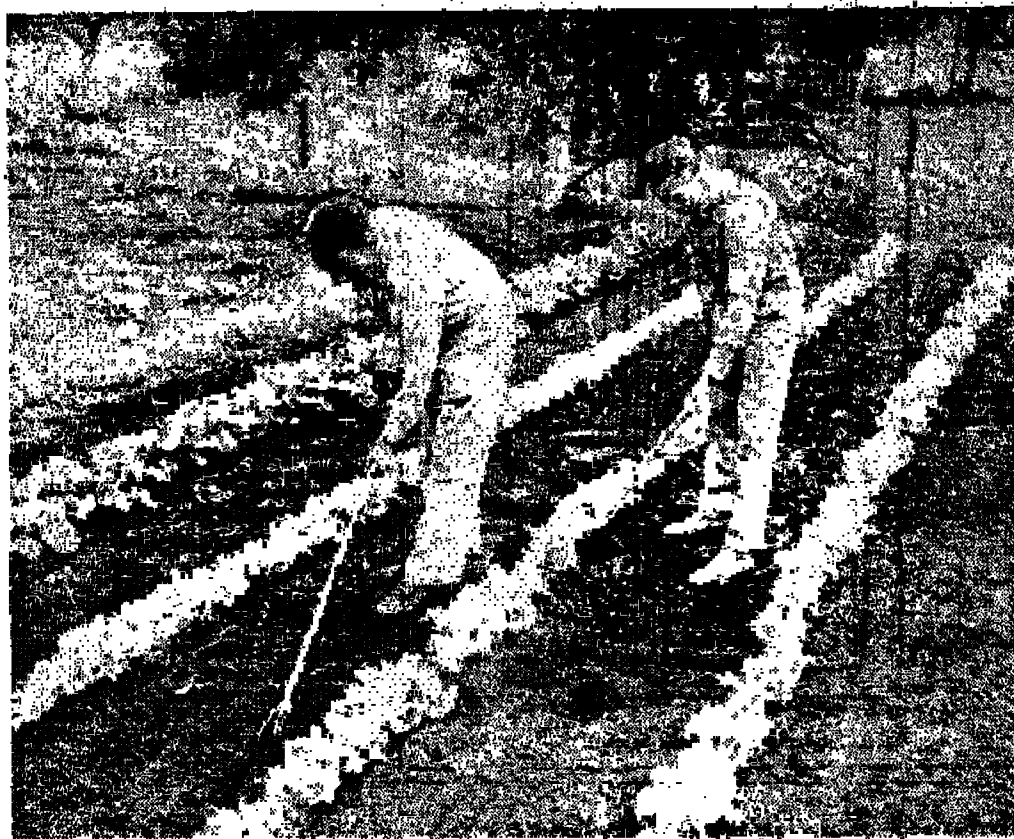
SEMIWITNESS IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.—Around here they're still talking about the great brother act the Jackson boys put up for their Marine comrades, and how a good time was had by all, except the Japs.

For the Jacksons not only stuck together all through recent fighting right on up to the battlefields of Guadalcanal, but they also were together when the Japs were passed out. Corps, Delbert James Jackson and Wilbur John Jackson received letters of commendation from the Deputy Commander of the South Pacific area.

The situation said: "After an important communication cable had been cut by enemy shell fire, Corps, Wilbur J. Jackson and Corps, Delbert J. Jackson, with one other man, proceeded by extreme darkness into an area which was being heavily shelled by enemy naval units. Located the severed cable and made effective repairs. Their courage and gallantry was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

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CONVALESCING MARINE OFFICERS are working a 14-acre Victory Garden which has replaced several flower beds at Naval Hospital annex, Banzai Santa Fe. Cultivating lettuce are 1st Lt. Karl G. Palmer and Capt. J. L. Winkler. (Navy photo.)

Convalescents Till Gardens

DEANARD SANTA FE, MARINE and NAVY OFFICERS convalescing at the Naval Hospital annex here are harvesting vegetables from a two-acre Victory Garden which has replaced several flower beds.

Many Offer Blood To Red Cross Reserves

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Thousands of soldiers, sailors and civilians volunteered to donate blood to the Red Cross blood bank during Red Cross Marine Corps week in Washington. The period from 4 May through 7 May was set aside for Marine Corps personnel and their families in Washington to make blood donations.

Telephone Line Put Up By Late Corporal

WASHINGTON, D. C. — War awards for heroism were won by the late Corp. Walter J. Taylor because he was killed at Guadalcanal. The awards were a Navy Cross for "extraordinary heroism" in action on Guadalcanal 18-21 Sept. 1942, and a commendation for "heroic actions" in action while serving with a Marine Raider Battalion on Tulagi 7-10 Aug. 1942.

Under very heavy mortar and machine gun fire, he repaired a break in a vital telephone line. When communication lines between the battalion command and division headquarters were endangered, Taylor, entirely alone and a great way from the forward observation post to the division command post despite heavy frontal and flanking fire.

Marines Find Fun In Rough Atlantic

By Sgt. Joseph A. O'Leary
SAN JUAN, P. R. — Hacking is not a word in a Marine's vocabulary when it comes to the entrance of San Juan harbor is a form of expression to describe the rough conditions.

Sgt. Joseph A. O'Leary is now first in line up the sport. After being a little bit to take things around the harbor of San Juan, each time he goes as far as he can and he is pleased the point where he could take the 30-foot duty beyond the harbor entrance to battle the huge combers.

Medal Awarded To Marine Officer

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, 1st Lt. Wagon R. Hunt, 23, of Philadelphia, Pa., who recently was promoted from second lieutenant, has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for saving the life of a fellow officer at the Bulwark Islands. The Marine officer went to the rescue of 1st Lt. A. L. Pollock, U.S.N., whose plane crashed last November.

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A program for free medical nursing and hospital maternity care for wives and children of all enlisted personnel in the four lowest pay brackets now is being prepared through the Children's Representative of the medical department are expected here to confer with authorities on the plan which may become effective in all states.

Mrs. Lois Schenck, field director for the American Red Cross, said she was advised by the local chapter that no definite provision yet has been made to relieve applicants now pending.

Although the present plan expires 15 June, proposed legislation may extend the projected program, a Base order indicated.

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How Lives Were Saved By Bold Guadal Buddies

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SAN FRANCISCO.—Guadalcanal still is being written into history at the scene of many an heroic military deed both by known and unknown Marines.

One of the shortest and perhaps greatest stories of unidentified heroes is told by Corp. T. Elkins.

An advance unit was making camp in a jungle clearing near nightfall when a Jap officer suddenly yelled in English: "Let 'em have it!"

Three Jap machine guns began blazing away at the Marine detachment.

IN EXPOSED SPOT

"I spotted one of the nests," Corp. Elkins said. "My buddy and I cleaned them out. They got us—a slug in the back, one in the hip and one in the left leg. I went down. The other fellows got orders to move back so our mortars could go to work on the Japs, but I couldn't move."

The mortars opened fire, and shells burst only 25 yards away from the prostrate Marine. Then two young Leathernecks came through the bursting mortar shells and gun fire to rescue the fallen corporal.

"That really took guts," Corp. Elkins commented. "They were exposed to fire from both sides, but they didn't get scratched. One of them is Donald L. Smith. The other's name is Otto. I don't know his last name, but I know he and Smith saved my life."

NATIVES SAMAJITANS

Two Guadalcanal natives were responsible for saving the life of PFC Edgar R. Butler. A machine gunner, PFC Butler withdrew from the front line to recover a machine gun, forgotten in the advance.

A Jap Zero plane, chased by a Grumman, spotted him and swooped down, the pilot letting go with his guns. The Marine was strunk in the left ankle by several slugs which ripped open his foot.

There he lay in danger of dying from hemorrhage and too far to call his comrades. But just then, two natives appeared.

The friendship of the natives and the Marines combined with a knowledge of first aid soon went to work. A tourniquet was administered, and the wounded Marine was soon carried to a first aid station.

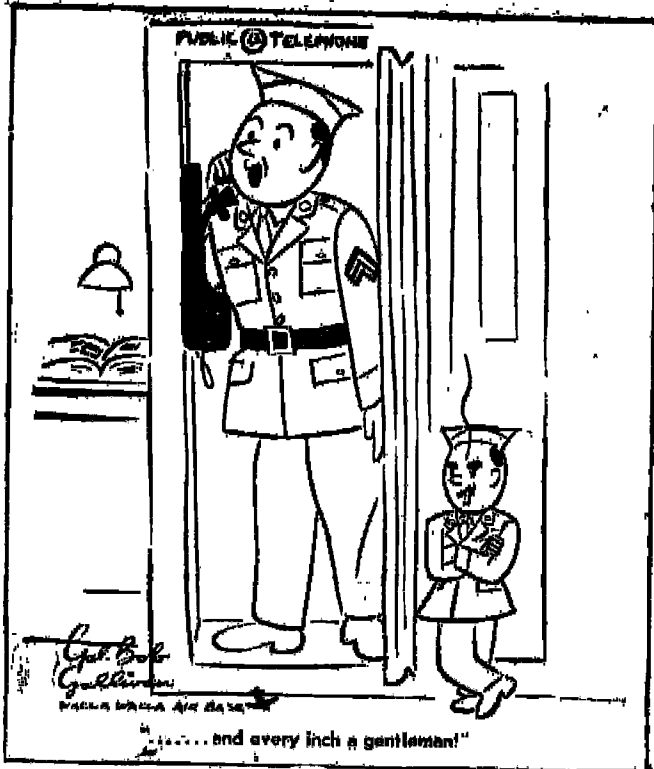
LAUDS ARTILLERY

Ask Pfc. Samuel L. Bandy what he thinks of Marine artillery and he'll tell you an experience on Guadalcanal. He witnessed an artillery barrage that lasted more than nine straight hours and "it was estimated the next day there were about 2700 dead Japs."

"They came up a ravine, trying to charge into our positions. We shattered that attack with a box barrage. A box barrage is when guns fire both in front and in back of the enemy at the same time while other pieces sweep through the center. . . . I never suspected gun crews could stand up that long under actual combat conditions."

GETS SEVEN PLANES

1st Lt. James H. Swett has been officially credited with shooting down seven Jap dive bombers during the enemy air attack on Allied shipping in the Guadalcanal Island area on April 7.



Faithful Sergeant Retires To Become Ryan Policeman

CAMP PENDLETON.—TSgt. Cletus Joe White was retired this week from active duty after 23 years' service in the Corps—but he'll still keep on doing his part in the war effort. He reports to the Ryan aircraft factory, San Diego, where he will be a police officer.

Prior to enlisting in the Marines in 1920, Sgt. White served in the Army from 1911 to 1919, participating in the Mexican campaign of the Pancho Villa period.

He has seen duty in Santo Domingo, Haiti, China, Hawaiian Islands and at various posts throughout the U. S.

A highlight of his Marine career was the two week-units when he cooked for former president Hoover at the then president's Rapidan, Va., fishing camp.

The retirement citation was read here by Lt. Col. Frank R. Worthington, executive officer of Marine Barracks, who congratulated the sergeant upon his long record.

Here's 'CO' You'd Just Love To Kiss

MCAB, Kearney Mesa.—Acting Sgt. Maj. John A. Enos of Service Group here is taking orders from a new "commanding officer"—and he loves it!

She's young and pretty Clara Fay, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fay, La Jolla, and a swing-shift war worker at Consolidated. The two exchanged wedding vows this week at the Mary Star of the Sea Church in La Jolla.

One of the youngest to perform the duties of sergeant major, Leatherneck Enos has just turned 21.

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Quick Action Earns Medal For Marine

MCAB, Mojave.—1st Lt. Dean S. Hartley of VMF-225, who took to the air because "I didn't think I'd like walking in the mud," recently was awarded the Air Medal here for saving the life of his section leader through quick action and superb flying.

The award was made by Lt. Col. R. B. Carney. Lt. Hartley is credited with four Jap planes.

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New NCO Mess Formally Opens

CAMP PENDLETON.—NCOs here formally opened their new field mess with a dance and show.

Prior to the event, Sgt. Maj. Philip R. High was elected president; SSgt. Marnie Adler, secretary-treasurer; 1st Sgt. A. Olkela, 1st Sgt. H. H. Walbert, CPO A. M. Buckenwehl and TSgt. H. C. Moore, board of governors.

Entertainment was provided by the Ringling Bros. and music for the dance by the 24th Marines orchestra. A dozen hostesses were provided by Oceanic USO.

The entertainment was under the direction of Lester Cutler, Hollywood, executive producer of Motion Pictures Associates.

Mail Address Correct?

Old Mission Bell To Be Camp Gift

CAMP PENDLETON.—An historic bell, cast in 1828 for Mission Las Flores on the old Rancho Santa Margarita, will be formally presented to this base Sunday afternoon at 4:30. The presentation will be made at the 118-year-old adobe ranch house of Rancho Santa Margarita, now Camp Pendleton.

Since 1867, the bell has hung in the Santa Fe Railway company's tower at San Juan Capistrano. In keeping with the Marine program of preserving and restoring all historic landmarks of the old Spanish land grant, the railway company is returning the bell to its original home.

Mail Address Correct?

Cartoonist Now Staff Sergeant

CAMP PENDLETON.—Sgt. Grant J. Powers, former New York artist and cartoonist, has been promoted to staff sergeant.

Assigned to temporary duty here, Sgt. Powers has been painting murals and historic scenes for the old Rancho Santa Margarita y Las Flores winery, built in 1810 and now used as a museum and reception center for enlisted Marines. The 115-year-old adobe ranch buildings are being restored by Leathernecks.

Abuse Of Free Mail Privilege Slows Delivery

Post Office Warns All Free Letters Must Bear Handwritten Instruction

Improper use of the "free" franking privilege and incorrect addressing by Marines stationed here are slowing down the distribution of outgoing as well as incoming mail. Personnel can assist in obtaining a better mail service by observing rules for mailing letters and packages.

One of the main troubles concerning letters is the large number of envelopes which do not have the word "free" written in the upper right hand corner. In sending mail free under the franking privilege, the envelope must be addressed in the envelope must have the full return address in the upper left corner and the word "free" in the upper right corner, both in the sender's handwriting.

PACKAGE DATA

Instructions of the Navy department, now in effect, require that no parcel be accepted for mailing to Naval personnel stationed overseas if it weighs more than five pounds, or exceeds 15 inches in length, or 36 inches in length and girth combined. Also, this mail going outside the U. S. will be addressed only to the Fleet Post Office at San Francisco, New York or Seattle.

In posting air mail, all packages and letters, other than standard sized and packed envelopes must be brought to the FO checked for inspection. Any item coming under this order will be returned to the sender if it is dropped in a mail box sealed.

Other Orders

Kearney Crash Kills Young Marine Pilot

MCAB, Camp Kearney.—1st Lt. Olin Eugene Krieg, 23, was killed here Tuesday morning when his plane crashed and burst into flames as he was going in for a landing. He leaves a bride of three months, Mrs. Mary Krieg, of 4806 Broadway Street. A brother, Capt. R. A. Krieg Jr., is stationed in Texas with the Army.

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Girl Friends Write As Often As Wives. Mail Clerk Tells Reporter

By Capt. Douglas W. Polisky
Public Relations Officer
SAN JUAN, P. R.—As far as mail is concerned, Marines stationed here are no different from those stationed in other parts of the world.
Yvonne Sam's mail has an A-1 priority with Leathernecks in Puerto Rico, and you can take that as a statement of fact, for it comes from Corp. John W. Bishop, mail orderly here, who is from New Albany, Miss.

ONE-SIDED WRITING

Here, according to Corp. Bishop, Marines usually send more letters than they receive. Between 800 and 900 letters come and go at this barracks each day. On the average, almost every Marine in San Juan receives a letter every other day.
Wives don't write any oftener than girl friends, Bishop says. Outgoing mail reaches its peak twice a month, in the vicinity of payday, when Marines purchase money orders and send money home. More money is sent home around the first part of the month than during the middle part.

Hometown newspapers, no matter how old, are always read thoroughly from the first page to last. Newspapers and magazines, with the exception of air mail editions, usually arrive by boat, but their tardiness doesn't prevent them from being good reading at all times.



OLD FRIENDS in the Marine Corps celebrated when Lt. Col. James W. Flett, (seated) Post QM, Camp Pendleton, was promoted to the rank of colonel. Presenting him with his silver eagle shoulder insignia is Lt. Charles W. Byers (standing, center). Two live baby eagles captured at the camp are given him by QMCs, Ernesto R. Beavers (left) and Louis A. Sullivan. Each of the four men has 25 or more years of service with the Leathernecks to his credit.

Eagles For This Colonel Prove To Be Real Thing

CAMP PENDLETON.—When the Post QM, Lt. Col. James W. Flett, was promoted recently to the rank of full colonel, old friends in the Corps presented him with the eagles which are the insignia of that rank.

The silver eagles for his collar were handed him by Lt. Charles W. Byers, while QMCs, Ernesto R. Beavers and Louis A. Sullivan amazed the colonel by presenting him with two live eagles. The baby birds were recently captured at the camp.

— Shoot Straight —

Newscast Replaces Scarce Newspapers

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.—"Good morning Marines and Army Nurses."

It's 6:30 a.m., and the same voice that for six years brought news and special events to Boston listeners of radio station WEEI is now bringing the latest press bulletins to several hundred American fighting men and women on this island outpost.

The audience which listens to the voice of Sgt. Arthur C. S. "Art" King isn't as large as the one he had in the Back Bay state, but it makes up for its lack of size in its hunger for news. Newspapers are scarce in this part of the South Pacific. Art King's daily newscast over the loud speaker system here is the principal contact with the outside world.

Malaria Control Keeps Plugging

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Navy is fighting malaria as hard as it is fighting the Axis.

For the first time in Naval history special units of especially trained officers and men are going into the front line to fight the disabling fevers which have taken more men out of action than wounds by enemy bullets.

Malaria control units are now part of all Naval and Marine amphibious forces in tropical war zones where epidemics threaten the health of the men and the success of their military missions. Entomologists, malarologists, sanitary engineers and hospital technicians, as well as medical officers, all trained for the war on tropical disease, are keeping Navy men and Marines on their feet to work and fight in areas where malaria might otherwise put them in hospitals.

Meanwhile the Naval construction battalions which accompany Naval combat forces into war zones have organized separate malaria control groups within their own battalions.

War Secrets Must Not Be Shared Even With Family

The following is another in a series on discipline and national security taken from an address by the Chief of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

There is danger of having faith in your fellow men. But what about the faith you have in your friends and relatives—in your mother and father, and the girl you are going to marry?

Of all Security lessons, this is the hardest to learn—that Service information must be shared with no one, not even with those you love.

Now that is not to say that you reveal no longer put your trust in these people in whom you may have confided all your life. But you must not share with them secrets

that are not yours to impart—secrets that belong to the Navy and to the Navy alone. It is no good arguing that you have absolute faith in the girl you are going to marry, and that if you cannot trust her, then you cannot trust anyone.

That is not the point. She will not have had the advantage of Security Instruction such as you have had. She may not properly understand what you are talking about. She may give away information without knowing she has done so. And remember that the first person an enemy agent contacts when he wants to know anything secret is the wife or girl friend of the man who knows that secret.

You may feel that your wife or mother has the right to know when you are in danger, a right to be told if you know that on a certain date you are sailing in convoy, or are going on a raid from which you may never return. And you may also feel that they have a right to know if this raid is cancelled so that their minds may be set at rest.

But this must not happen. The more people who know a secret, the less chance there is of it being kept. Get this quite clear in your minds, because it is the first rule of Security. Once you realize this, you will see that it is not only careless talk that costs lives. Too many people are of the opinion that careless talk is loud-mouthed conversation in public bars to perfect strangers, and that its opposite, careful talk, is a confidential whisper to your wife or sweetheart. But it is talk of any sort that must be stopped, no matter what the precautions that are taken.

Shark Hazards Lessened With New Repellent

Scientists Find Way To "Shoo" Sea Cannibals Away From Human Prey

WASHINGTON.—Hungry sharks may soon no longer be a serious physical or mental menace to men adrift in shark-infested waters as a result of the development of a "shark-repellent" substance.

The Navy Department disclosed that investigators have developed the product after numerous actual tests.

The experiments were begun in tanks at Woods Hole, Mass., continued off the coast of Florida, and culminated in field trials at Guayaquil, Ecuador. Hungry sharks were found to refuse a bait, which otherwise they would have taken voraciously, if a small quantity of the "shark-repellent" was suspended in the water nearby.

EARLY DISTRIBUTION

Arrangements already are being made for early distribution to all personnel operating in areas where the shark hazard exists.

Three identical fish baits, the regular food of sharks, were used in the experiments. A small amount of the "shark-repellent" was placed near one of these baits. In each of 25 experiments this bait, which is believed to be far more attractive to sharks than a man, was left untouched whereas other baits not near the "shark-repellent" were invariably taken.

In laboratory experiments when the bait alone was placed in a wire cage the sharks attacked it vigorously to the point of picking up the whole cage in their jaws. However, when the repellent was introduced into the cage with a piece of bloody bait, the shark approached cautiously and then turned away as if it were stung.



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Ground Readied For Women's Buildings Here

A lot of fuss and dust was raised this week on Lott field as trucks and bulldozers paved the way for construction of new Women Marine quarters.

It was a sad sight for the athletes—all this scraping and messing around with what was the Base baseball diamond, but a glad one for Base personnel who knew the sooner the girls got here the quicker the men will get a slap at the Japs.

MACHINES ROSE

The machines kept chugging, scraping, kicking up dust. They were in a hurry, for construction contracts on the two barracks buildings, a mess hall, officers' quarters, dispensary and PX are to be let so actual building can begin in about 45 days.

When the buildings are done, about 600 Women Marines will be able to move in. They'll have their own recreation facilities and will buy their own uniforms from their own PX with a money allowance.

The officers' quarters will house 20, including nurses.

—Write Home Today—

Honolulu Too Quiet For Cross Winner

HONOLULU. — This palmy, balmy island metropolis is too quiet for Maj. Jack Randolph Cram, who received the Navy Cross for piloting a Catalina PRY patrol bomber through Jap flak and Zero fighters to torpedo an enemy transport.

Maj. Cram said after his arrival here, "I want to be where there is something going on. I'd rather be in Guadalcanal than Honolulu."



PORTUGUESE NAVAL MISSION poses with U. S. Naval and Marine officers on a visit here this week. Front row, left to right, are Lt. Comdr. Jeronimo Henriques Jorge, Comodoro Fernando de Oliveira Pinto, Rear Adm. David W. Bagley, USN, Comdr. Liberal Da Camara, and Col. William C. James, commanding, MCB. Back row, Lt. N. C. Pals, USNR; Comdr. Maurice C. Sparling, USNR; Lt. (jg) Guy Greenwald, USNR; and Capt. Henry G. Gearing, USN. (Photo by PFC, Virgil M. Hanks Jr.)

Women Marines Take New Jobs

WASHINGTON. — The first detachment of women Marines assigned to duties which will release men now stationed here for combat service abroad reported for duty at Corps Headquarters in Arlington, Va., on 1 May.

This initial complement of 253 enlisted women Marines, clad in the traditional green Marine uniform, was sent here after completion of basic training at Naval Training School, the Bronx. They will be provided with living quarters at the new Arlington Farms housing development on the Virginia side of Memorial Bridge.

Parris Island Finds Genuine 'Mister 5x5'

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. — The boys in his platoon call him "Two-Bills."

He is Pvt. Alfonso Francis Twenty-Five, now in his last week of basic training.

The original family name was the Italian word, "Ventiquattro." During the last war his father adopted the English translation, "Twenty-Five."

—Shoot Straight—

Marine Corps Day Brings More Women

GUADALCALZ, Calif. — Again heading Marine Corps Day at the Victory House here, the local recruiting station aided the MC Auxiliary in another bond drive and obtained new enlistments for the Women's Reserve.

Nurses Never Lose Neatness

By Sgt. Theo. C. Link

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. — While rugged Marines griped and complained about the equatorial heat beating down on a transport plying the Pacific, a group of Navy nurses, trim and neat in their dark blue uniforms and white blouses, remained apparently cool and well groomed as if they had just returned from the corner beauty parlor.

The nurses, headed by Lt. Elna White of New Bethlehem, Pa., and Lt. Elna Disselkamp of Morris, Minn., were sent to a mobile hospital unit which handles front-line casualties.

Portugal Naval Officers Guests Of Marine Base

Visit Here Part Of Comprehensive Tour Of Naval Stations In U. S.

Three high-ranking Portuguese naval officers visited MCB during the past week as guests of the Navy, following by 400 years the visit to San Diego harbor of the famous Portuguese navigator, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo.

Comprising the Portuguese mission were Comodoro Fernando de Oliveira Pinto, Comander Liberal Da Camara, and Lieutenant Commander Jeronimo Henriques Jorge.

The visit to MCB was part of a comprehensive tour of United States naval establishments. Accompanying them on the tour is Lt. N. C. Pals, USNR, Navy liaison officer.

COMMODORE SPEAKS

They were welcomed to this area by Rear Admiral David Wofth Bagley, USN, commandant of the 11th Naval district, and to MCB by Col. William C. James, commanding officer.

Speaking for the naval mission, Comodoro Pinto said:

"We have been invited to the United States to appraise the war effort of your country and to further the existing friendship which already exists between our two navies.

"Portugal has always been a friend of the United States — ever since your republic was formed. I believe that the good relations between us will be maintained."

—Have You Written Home?—

Couple To Wed

Flourish which blossomed in a downtown flower shop will culminate here tonight in the marriage of Corp. Don Elliott, MT, to Edith Lee Savage, daughter of Mrs. Charles D. Savage. They will make their home at 3106 Kettner street.

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He's Going To Stay With Marines Now

"Once a Marine always a Marine" is a quip which Pvt. Carlo E. Payne apparently believes in with gusto.

Three years ago at 15, Payne completed his boot training before his current age was discovered and he was discharged.

Now at 17 Payne is back in boot camp again, once more going through the basic training which he says has changed very little since his last try.

—Saints Weekly—

Officer Has Served In Three Branches

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. — Thirty-two-year-old 2d Lt. Eugene M. Gordenev is now seeing his second world war and serving in his third branch of the American military services.

Gordenev was apprentice gunner in the Navy, a deck hand with the Merchant Marine, an assistant engineer in the Merchant Marine, a reserve (ensign) Naval officer and a Marine back private. He is now senior instructor at a training school here.

All Star Show On Tap Tonight

One of the top USO-Camp shows productions featuring Harry Marx, who can put the angels to shame with a harp; Lou Holtz, ace raconteur of the favorite "Lepides" stories; Danny Kay, one of Broadway's favorite comedians; Willie Shore and Gray Gordon and his orchestra move into the Base Auditorium tonight at 8:00.

Gordon and his 12-piece band provide versatile entertainment and his "jump" rhythms are familiar to jitterbugs and "alligators" throughout the nation.

The show also is scheduled for two performances at Camp Pendleton Monday and Tuesday, 17-18 May.

—Aim True—

'Arsenic' At Russ

That smash hit of murder with laughs—"Arsenic And Old Lace" with the original New York cast headed by Boris Karloff, plays at Russ Auditorium Sunday afternoon and evening and Monday evening, 20-21 May.

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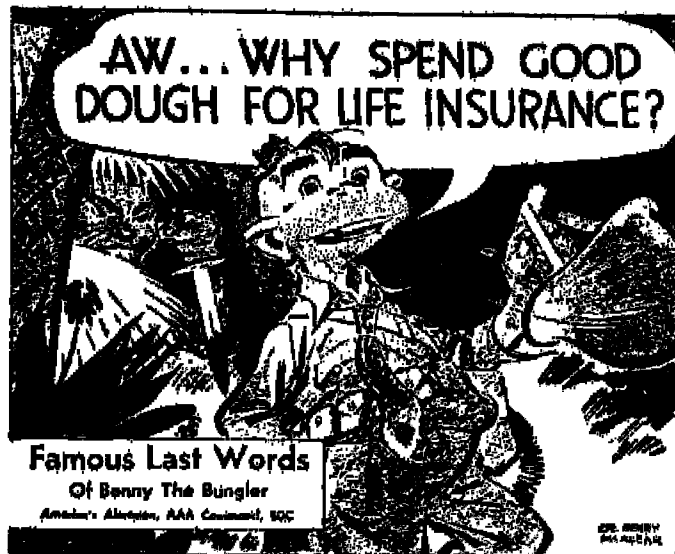
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Kearney Holds Regular Chapel

MCAR, Camp Kearney. — Religious services now are being regularly conducted at this base after the assignment of two permanent chaplains—W. F. Williams and R. L. Hurley.

Chaplain Hurley conducts two Catholic services each Sunday and daily mass. Chaplain Williams conducts Protestant services and evening vespers.

The fire house building is being utilized temporarily as a chapel. E. A. Russell, Christian Science representative, is available in the chaplain's office each Wednesday. (Complete program of church services is on page four.)

—March Forward—

Wasn't Wearing Stripes

At a rookie camp. Second day the commanding officer of the post praises the rookie who does not salute.

Officer: "Son, don't you know who I am?"

Rookie: "No, I just got down here a couple of days ago."

Officer: "I am the commanding officer of this post."

Rookie: "Gee, you have a helluva good job. Don't lose it up."

Combat Swim Tank Opened

CAMP PENDLETON. — Opening of the second combat swimming training tank is announced by Marine Gun. Melvin K. Archer. The 500,000 gallon tank will be used for recreational purposes from 1900 to 1900.

—Write Home Today—

Rifle Spoke Louder Than Marine's Words

SAN FRANCISCO. — He never had much to say. He always let his rifle speak for him.

This is what Sgt. Thomas M. Maltin Jr., recovering in a Naval hospital here, said of Corp. Marshall W. Hooper.

"There were times when he would deliberately stand up and draw fire from a Jap sniper. When the Jap would shoot at him, Hooper would snap a shot back at him almost instantly, and I don't believe anyone ever saw him miss."

"He would then step back behind a tree—work the bolt of his rifle—step back out in the open again and wait for another Jap to make the same mistake."

Corporal Stays By Gun After All Others Die

Hospital Patient's Tale Finished By Marines Who Saw Him Fall In Firing

SAN FRANCISCO. — The Japs were hitting hard because of superior numbers and Corp. Anthony Cassinello's fighting Marine unit had been wiped out but the young non-com continued the fight single-handedly and machine gunned the enemy until numerous wounds put him out of action.

Cassinello's story was revealed recently at a Naval hospital here where he was recovering from his wounds.

The 22-year-old corporal was in charge of two squads on Guadalcanal. The unit was well into Jap positions when flanking enemy machine gun fire cut down every man but Cassinello. Despite his own wounds, the Marine poured lead at the two Jap machine gun nests which he confronted.

SHOT IN NECK

Bullets caught the game fighter in the neck, in the shoulder and several other places, but he soon silenced one of the guns and then ran out of ammunition while trying to knock off the other.

Abandoning his position, the Leatherneck crawled toward the remaining Jap gun crew, as if daring them to come out and get him. His seemingly foolhardy action had the Japs guessing and they remained "stalemate" until a Marine rifle company moved into position and drove them away at bayonet point.

Pvt. Arthur C. McKechnie is another Marine who didn't stop when the going got tough. Secure in a Guadalcanal fox-hole, he spotted a Navy corporal downed by enemy fire.

WEAVES THROUGH FIRE

McKechnie jumped from his shelter and weaved through a curtain of fire. Perhaps his volunteer mission wasn't a success but the Marine proved himself a hero when his attempt was stopped only by the fact that four bullets ripped into both of his legs.

Pvt. Loren E. Krause pulled a wounded comrade off of danger despite two wounds from the same bullet. Another Marine was carrying a charge of TNT to toss into a cave, and to get near the entrance, he had to wade along the beach, lit by a bullet, he fell in the water.

Krause ran out to rescue his wounded buddy, was knocked over by the impact of a bullet that ripped through his leg and hit his head, but managed to reach his comrade and pull him to safety.

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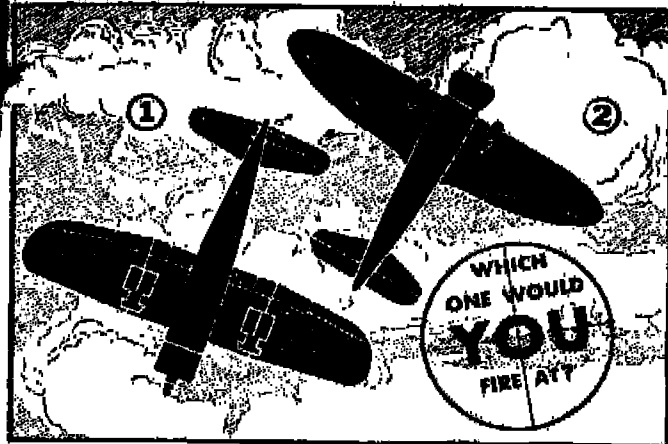
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TRUE AT NO. 2: It's the Nakajima 97 of the Japanese Navy, a single seat fighter powered by a radial engine. The low set wings are elliptical. The trailing edge of the tailplane is straight and the leading edge tapers to rounded tips. It has a fixed landing gear.

Rochester To Heckle Benny At Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON.—The Jack Benny radio show will originate here Sunday, 16 May. Jack brings his entire troupe of radio entertainers down from Hollywood to give Leathernecks the first camp show since he recovered from his bout with pneumonia.

Don Wilson, Dennis Day, Eddie "Rochester" Anderson, Mary Livingston and Phil Harris will make up the roster of stars to accompany "Boss" Benny to Pendleton for the afternoon's fun. In addition to the regular radio release, Jack plans to put on an additional show following the broadcast in order to give as many of the Marines a chance to see and hear the show as possible.

—Write Home Today—

Theatre Plans Friday Pictures

Beginning 31 May, the Base theater will inaugurate a new policy of showing pictures on Friday nights, unless live talent shows are scheduled.

First picture under the new program will be "Journey Into Fear," the Orson Welles production starring Joseph Cotton and Dolores del Rio.

Henceforth, attempts will be made to schedule all stage shows for Saturday nights. Pictures for Friday showing, however, are booked throughout May and June. Capt. P. L. Vanice disclosed in announcing the new policy.

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Film Releases Show Training

Current film releases feature several short subjects imparting reviews of Marine training methods. "We Are the Marines" is considered one of the best among the current group.

"Marines in the Making," an M-G-M release, presents top-notch training scenes and concludes with a Marine reciting the "Rifle Creed." The importance of boxing in training men for combat is forcibly demonstrated in Paramount's "Trading Blows."

—Obey Orders—

Big Name Bandsmen Serve Across Pond

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC.—It's a far cry from the "name bands" of the American hit parade to directorship of a 25-piece band in the field, but MTSgt Joseph Shariglass has bridged the gap.

Shariglass enlisted 20 July after playing three years with Clyde McCoy, master of the wailing trumpet. Previously, he had played with Woody Herman, Vincent Lopez, Carl Hoff and Len Rieheim.

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Radio Show Starring Ford To Portray Midway Scene

Second in a new program series of "The Halls of Montezuma" featuring citations over the air will be presented from the studios of Station KGH, San Diego, tonight at 2030 sans a studio audience, since Base auditorium will be the scene of the Harpo Marx show. Tonight's story is based on authentic events by which radiohead-gunner Corp. Charles W. Huber won the DFC.

Lt. Col. Francis E. Pierce, executive officer, Service Group, MFA at Kearney Mesa, will appear on the program to reenact the presentation officially made at Midway Island, where the wounded flying corporal was returned after being flown from Midway to Hawaii.

Pvt. Glen Ford, now starring in "The Desperados" at San Diego theatre, will be featured in the dramatization tonight.

Serving with Capt. Thomas F. Moore, his dive bomber pilot, Corp. Huber was wounded five times in the Midway Island fight 6 June in which Maj. Lofton R. Henderson gave his burning plane into a Jap warship. Wounded and with his guns jammed, Corp. Huber continued to swing his guns at attacking Zeros in simulated firing which kept them from sealing his ship a death blow.

Brothers Invited

Local Masonic Blue Lodges, York and Scottish Rite bodies, and the Shrine, who meet at the Masonic Temple have invited their Marine brethren and their guests to attend a celebration observing the first anniversary of their occupancy of the temple, located at 3rd and Cedar streets. There will be dancing, organ recitals, and card playing. The program starts at 1920.

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SAN DIEGO.—"Slim" Somerville, gangling screen and stage comedian, will aid in a drive by Marine and industrial bowlers to collect cigarettes and razor-blades for leathernecks in the Pacific war zone during a bowling meet at the Tower Bowl at 2000 tonight.

The undefeated "Elliott Leatherneck" will meet the best All-Star team that the Tower management can assemble.

Admission to the alley, where there is adequate seating space for 1,000 people, will be by donation of at least one package of either cigarettes or blades. Cash donations will be turned over to the Camp Elliott Recreation fund.

"Elliott Leatherneck" — victors in 10 consecutive match games against service and civilian competition, have been shooting in the neighborhood of 2,300 pins per series during recent weeks, and are anchored by PFC E. J. Miller, H&S Co., Inf. Bn., TC, who won a recent elimination contest to pick the Marine singles champion of the area. Other members of the team are Pfc. Sgt. John Schaeffer, Hq. Co., ACV, Pfc. M. Edwards, Co. A, Inf. Bn., TC, and Pfc. Leo Quigley, Hq. Co., Mar. Bar. The fifth man will be added from a list of several competent bowlers.

Write Home Today Elliott Desperate For Ball Batteries

CAMP ELLIOTT.—A hunt is on for pitchers and catchers for the camp baseball team and those who think they have the necessary qualifications are urged to contact the Athletic and Recreation office immediately. It's no secret that battery weakness is the major ailment of the Elliott team.

March Friendly — "Iron Men" Re-united FARRIS ISLAND.—Three of Brown University's "Iron Men" of football fame in the '20's, are together again.

Director of the athletic program here is Maj. "Tuss" McLaughry. Brown football coach 16 years. His assistant is Lt. Roy E. "Red" Randall, captain of Brown's undefeated team in 1926. Third member here is Lt. A. C. Cornsweat, all-American fullback and team captain in 1928.

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Victorious Base Trackmen Ready For Naval Meet

MCB Wins Solair Cinder Event With 51; Squares Away For Sunday Events

Track stars of the MCB backed up 51 points Sunday to win the Industrial Recreation Council-Solar Aircraft track and field meet at Balboa Stadium.

With this performance, Base trackmen appeared ready for 11th Naval's annual track and field meet at 1330 Sunday, Balboa Stadium. PFC Ray Sears, MCB track coach, expects to field 25 men against other Marine units, the Navy and Coast Guard.

Pvt. Robert Wall, Plat. 318, won the feature three-mile race Sunday in 17:15. Sears was second.

Placing second was NAS with 39 points. Others: Consolidated, 30; NTS, 5; Solar, 3.

MARINE WINNERS

Dash 100-yard, Stelling, 2d; 410, Forst, 4th; 880, Bender, Watkins, 1st and 2d. Mile run Mello, 1st. Time 4:47; 120 high hurdles, Clidgen, 2d, Grimes, 3rd, Lanker, 4th; 200 low hurdles, Clidgen, 2d, Webb, 3rd. Grimes, 4th; high jump, Grimes and Lanker tied for 4th; shot put, Valerstein, 4th; discus throw, Lanker, 2d; mile relay, won by Walker, Forst, Webb, Vick; maddley relay, won by Robinson, Bude, Sallise, Jamison.

Sprinter Points To Base Track Berth

Star sprinter of the Southwest Conference, Pvt. K. H. Stallings, has just completed recruit training and is awaiting transfer to OC class.

Stallings attended Texas A. & M. University three years. His best recorded time in the 100-yard dash was 9.6. Last year he was first in the annual Border Olympics and second in the S. W. conference meet. Stallings hopes to join the MCB track team and take part in scheduled meets.

Write Home Today Athletic Gear May Be Harder To Get

A warning that athletic equipment now in use at the Base must receive better care so that it will last longer was made this week by Capt. Charles Church, Base AO. Capt. Church said athletic gear of all kinds is becoming difficult to obtain. When the present supply is gone he may not be able to buy more.

Mail Address Correct? Former Jockey

A man who looked 'em home more than once is Pvt. Glenn C. Panikis, now undergoing recruit training with Plat. 308. Pvt. Panikis was a professional jockey at Illinois tracks for five years prior to entering the Corps.



THEY SLING MEAN pitch, these ABG-2 hurlers, and on Forrest Blain, left, and Max Hattie, depend the North Island teams' hopes for the Summer League crown.

THE CHEVRON Sports

Marines Stake 20 Men To Meet 11th Naval Entries

Seeking top honors, the Marines send a 20-man team into competition Sunday in the 11th Naval District's track and field meet at Balboa Stadium at 1330. Admission is free.

PFC Ray Sears, MCB track coach, said he believed he has assembled the strongest team possible and that he expects the Leatherneck trackmen to take first place.

All entries are enlisted men, except Lt. Paul Grimes, Cadet Elliott, entered in the high jump, the 120-yard high hurdles, and the 220-yard low hurdles. Other Elliott men entered are: Henry Clidgen and Henry Lanker. Other entries are MCB men.

Other entries: Arthur Jamison, Carl Webb, David Watkins, John Rife, Paul Mello, Robert Wall, Henry Marshall, Wilbur Penville, Douglas Bort, William Stallings, Dan Dalkell, James Gillespie, Frank Whalley, William Laker, Harry Vortessin, Raymond Staggs, and Ray Sears.

Boxing Talent Sought Here

Plans are being made for a MCB boxing team of at least 30 men and any MCB man with boxing experience is urged to contact Pvt. Ernest "Red" Andrews at the Base Athletic Office. The team will consist of men from flyweights to heavyweights.

"We plan to stage matches with other service units in the San Diego area and also intra-Base matches from time to time," said Pvt. Andrews. "We feel there's quite a bit of hidden boxing talent on the Base and we are anxious to bring it out."

Write Home Today Hawaii Bound

Members of the Third Defense Battalion of U. S. Marines, composed of 25 officers and 750 enlisted men, sailed from Charleston, S. C., for duties in Hawaii just three years ago.

THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC WADE LUCAS

SILVER LINING

Every dark cloud is said to have its silver lining. And the fellows on the MCB baseball team, picked about for a time by other service teams, believe these clouds are gone. The MCB players Sunday scored their third straight victory with wins over the strong ABG-2 team, 11-4, and over Santa Ana Army Air Base team (Joe DiMaggio), 2 to 1. DiMaggio's had only one single in two games against MCB.

THERE'S A REASON

There are several reasons for improvement of the MCB team. The boys are playing more as a unit; several new faces have been added. Brightest-looking star in Capt. Charles Church's team is a new hot, Raymond Yochim, Plat. 344, who had such a good year in 1942 with the New Orleans Pelicans of the Southern Association that the player-hungry St. Louis Cardinals grabbed him. Now Yochim is in the Marines and Catcher Jim Crandall of the MCB club vows Yochim is the answer to their collective prayers for a winning hurler. Yochim was in hot camp only a week before he faced DiMaggio & Co. and handed out them as they haven't been beaten up far this season.

DON'T BLAME HIM

Los Angeles fight fans are up in the air over the refusal of an ex-Georgia shoeshine boy, Beau Jack, to defend his lightweight crown there for a purse less than \$50,000. Beau Jack, holder of New York's version of the lightweight crown, has been going great guns. Included among his recent victims was Henry Armstrong.

BACKGROUNDS

Until recently, we never knew the exact backgrounds of all of our heavyweight kings. Now Fitzsimmons was once a blacksmith; Jim Corbett was a \$20-a-week bank clerk; Jim Jeffries worked in a boiler factory; John L. Sullivan was a professional strong man; Jack Dempsey rode the roads around the country; Max Baer was a butcher deliveryman; Joe Louis picked cotton in Alabama until he heard they were paying more money to make automobiles in Detroit.

Keep Clean

MCAB Athletics Get Assistance

MCAB, Camp Kearney.—Capt. T. A. Duffy has arrived here as assistant to Capt. Kenneth G. Lancaster, athletic and recreation officer.

Capt. Duffy is a former UCLA football and baseball star, and coached several Los Angeles high school eleveners. For the past 15 years he has been active in juvenile work in public, private and state schools. His most recent association was with the Los Angeles Board of Education.

Recruit Boxing

Six bouts were staged Saturday night at the weekly RD boxing shows. Four resulted in decisions, two in draws.

Results: John, Plat. 342, New Mexico, decisioned Conlanger, Plat. 345, Illinois; Moore, Plat. 355, Texas, and Burns, Plat. 343, Kansas, draw; Parker, Plat. 337, Indiana, and Landerker, Plat. 338, Missouri, draw; Malson, Plat. 312, Michigan, decisioned Apple, Plat. 338, Michigan; Hasson, Plat. 338, Texas, won over Lee, Plat. 337, Ohio; Zoyach, Plat. 337, Ohio, decisioned Deem, Plat. 339, Michigan.

Have You Written Home?

Kearney Blues Face Destroyer Base Men

MCAB, Camp Kearney.—Camp Kearney's Blues meet Ships' Republic of the Destroyer Base at Navy Field, 1000 today. The nine coached by Aaron Rosenberg, former All-American of U.S.C., fields a sharp team which already has a victory over the Kearney club.

Mail The Chevron Group

Quarter Century

The Sixth Regiment, U. S. Marine, was the first Marine unit to feel the effects of poisonous gases in World War I, just 25 years ago. While the Sixth Regiment was engaging the Germans at 1st Sgt. Alfred G. Slyke was buried under the debris of a fallen building but continued to command his gun's crew until released by another Marine unit.

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Boot Holds DiMag, Beats Army

Four Marines Swim Three Miles To Win Wristlets

Winning Run In Ninth Avenges Earlier Losses

Pendleton, AIG-2 Slug 15 Innings To Tie In Classic At Navy Field

With a boot, Pvt. Raymond Yochim, Flat 344, holding the Santa Ana Army Air Base team to six scattered singles, the MCB club Sunday avenged a previous loss by defeating the Flyers, 2 to 1, on the latter's field. A fortnight ago the SAAB club, featuring "Jolin" Joe" DiMaggio, trounced the MCB team, 20 to 2, here.

Yochim, property of the St. Louis Cardinals before he entered the Corps, handed out DiMaggios, holding the one-time \$40,000-a-year slugger to a measly infield single. The MCB team pushed over the winning run in the ninth when Mueller walked, Stubbs sacrificed and Sandy and Bedman singled.

Short score:

MCB	2	1	0
SAAB	1	0	0

Yochim and Crandall; Jacobs, Cal-jer and Langley.

ABG-2 3, CAILAN 2

SAN DIEGO.—Shortstop Joe Fin-draske's booming homer in the sixth inning with two bases aboard was the margin by which ABG-2 defeated Camp Cailan Sunday at Golden Hill here in a Summer Sandlot league game.

Short score:

ABG-2	3	2	0
Cailan	2	1	0

Fin-draske and Walker; Little and Glenside.

RYAN A. ELLIOTT 5

SAN DIEGO.—Ryan Aircraft sluggers were too much Sunday for the Camp Elliott team, winning 5 to 1 in a Summer Sandlot league contest at Golden Hill here.

Short score:

Ryan Aircraft	5	1	0
Camp Elliott	1	0	0

Hallenger, French and Soacht; Papp and Myers.

ABG-2 6, PENDLETON 6

SAN DIEGO.—Camp Pendleton and ABG-2 teams played 15 innings Saturday on Navy Field to a 6-6 deadlock before calling it quits. Pitcher Forest Main went the route for ABG-2, while the Pendleton team used Moore and Harrison on the mound.

Short score:

Pendleton	6	6	0
ABG-2	6	6	0

Moore, Harrison and Reul, Earley; Main and Glenside.

MESA A. S. D. STATE 6

MCAB, Kearney Mesa.—Coming from behind on relief pitching of Sgt. J. D. Hill, MCAB toppled San Diego State 6-0 last week.

The Staters led 6-1 in the fourth when Hill relieved Crockwell and allowed only two hits for the remainder of the game, while his ballers went to work on the State pitcher.

Short score:

MCAB	6	0	0
State	0	0	0

Crockwell, Hill, Barker, Wells, Toland.

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SUNDAY 16 MAY

Kearney Mesa vs. Santa School Marines at NAS, 1400, baseball.
11th Naval Truck meet, Balboa Stadium, 1330.
Concrete Ship vs. Elliott at Naval City, 1300, baseball.

ABG-2 vs. Ft. Rosendahl at Norman Main Field, 1400, baseball.
MCB Personnel vs. Elliott Bulldogs, Navy Field, 1715, softball.
Sable Family Photo, Stage A and concessions, Elliott Base, Hall 2, 1800.

TUESDAY 18 MAY

11th Naval vs. AIG-2, Navy Field at 1715, softball.

WEDNESDAY, 19 MAY

ABG-2 Bowling League, 4th and Cedar.

FRIDAY, 21 MAY

Camp Elliott Teams vs. MCB Personnel, Navy Field at 1745, softball.

— Aim True —

Kearney Party Series Planned

MCAB, Camp Kearney. A couple of fancy blowouts are scheduled for men of this base in the manner of farewell parties prior to their transfer to new duty.

Major D. L. Harris, CO, will be host to 11th Sq. next Wednesday at the La Jolla Beach Club. Since this is the regular recreation day, the afternoon program will consist of volley ball, swimming and other sports, and climax with a wolver roast and beer supper on the beach in the evening. Some 100 men and officers will be guests of Maj. Harris.

On 28 May at Navy Field, MAG-15 will be entertained by the recruited officers with special entertainment, dancing and eats in the evening. About 3,000 men and officers are expected to be on hand.

In charge of entertainment are Capt. Kenneth G. Lancaster, 1st Lt. Richard B. Daley, Sgt. Maj. Nathan J. Wolschansky, and 1st Sgt. Gene D. Chadwick.

— Shoot Straight —

Ping Pong Tourney Leaders In Finals

CAMP ELLIOTT.—Five winners of Monday night's table tennis tourney here will battle for winner and runner-up money 17 May.

In the consolation group, 10 will compete for first and second place. PFC Matthew W. Wilinski and Corp. Willis R. Keeney are expected to shine with the first group, while Corp. Robert Leonardis and Pvt. Howard Louck are figured tops in the consolation group. Matches start at 1800.

— Mail Address Correct? —

In April 1941

The Navy Department announced that U. S. Marine Corps and naval forces at Midway Island repulsed five Japanese attacks. It was reported that the island had been attacked each month since 7 Dec.

Challengers Wait As Other Teams Begin Softball

Kearney Enters Two In Naval League, Launches Intramural Ball Tourney

Base Hq. 11th softballers this week challenged any service team in this area -- especially Marine teams. Those interested in testing the ability of the Hq. softballers are urged to contact 1st Lt. Donald L. Strong, battalion athletic officer. "We feel we have a well-balanced club and the boys are ready to take on all comers," said Lt. Strong.

HURLS NO-HITTER

Behind the no-hit, no-run pitching of 1st Lt. John Schroeffer, RD softball team Tuesday set down Base Hq. Bn., 3-0, in 11th Naval's application tournament. Schroeffer also made one of his team's two hits.

Short score:

RD	3	0	0
Hq.	0	0	0

Schroeffer and Deelen; Fritz, Stewart and Smerech.

KEARNEY BEGINS

MCAB, Camp Kearney.—Two softball teams will be entered by this base in 11th Naval's "A" league. One club will represent the base while the other will be a Service Group nine. Opening games will be played next week at Navy Field.

Meanwhile, 10 intramural softball teams have been organized among squadrons and officers by Corp. T. J. Domnoske of the base recreation office.

TWO LEAGUES

MCAB, Camp Kearney.—Two leagues comprising 20 softball teams of officers and men of this base have been organized for regular Wednesday intramural competition. Trophies will be awarded winning teams.

— Be Courteous —

Hornet Marines Buzz Over Old Experience

The Marine detachment which served aboard the U.S.S. Hornet, famous "Shangri-La" from which Brig. Gen. Doolittle's raiders bombed Tokyo, held a reunion in West San Diego recently.

The Leathernecks were sent back to the United States after the Hornet was sunk in August, 1942, in an engagement with the Japanese, and the group was split up after arriving here.

At the reunion, the surviving David Dags toasted those who couldn't come back—the men lost in action. It was the first occasion the Hornet Marines had to meet, since their return here more than four months ago.

Four Marines Swim Three Miles To Win Wristlets

Four Marines have swum the three consecutive miles necessary at the Base pool to win engraved wristlets in the current contest. 1st Lt. Edward Rawling, RD athletic officer, will present the wristlets after they are engraved.

Winners to date are Pvt. Emory P. Smith, Robert Devine and Alvin Merrill, swimming instructors, and W. Sellers, Camp Elliott. Sellers won his before being transferred to Elliott.

Any Marine on the Base may compete. To qualify one must first swim a mile, then two, and then three. Attempts need not be made on consecutive days. Anyone may enter by contacting instructors on duty at the pool.

Lt. Rawlings again emphasized that those competing must do so on their own time.

— Salute Sparingly —

Poffenberger's In

PARRIS ISLAND.—Cletus Elwood "Binks" Poffenberger, former star pitcher for the Detroit Tigers, Brooklyn Dodgers, and the San Diego Padres, is now Pvt. Cletus "Boot" Poffenberger of the Marines. He arrived here recently to train for a different kind of pitching that bodes ill for the Axis. Poffenberger was with the Padres in 1942.

— Shoot Straight —

First Target Expense

Capt. Seth Baxter of the Continental Marines submitted a report in which he stated "Expended at exercise in Nantasket Roads, 8 Apr. '78, three pounds and a half of powder." It is the first known record of the expenditure of ammunition for target practice by American Marines.

— Be Courteous —

Another Service

Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, was almost completely destroyed by an earthquake 12 years ago. Chao reigned, U. S. Marines performed noble service in rendering succor to the victims, fighting the consequent conflagration, and preventing pillage. A Marine Corps officer, a U. S. Naval officer and two women, wives of Marines, were killed. Three Marine Corps officers and nine enlisted men were injured.

Women's Sports Props Ordered

Capt. Charles Church, Base athletic officer, was in Los Angeles this week to purchase athletic equipment for use of women Marines slated to take up duties at the MCB soon.

Purchased were badminton sets, tennis rackets and balls, golfballs, and other paraphernalia necessary in sports in which women compete.

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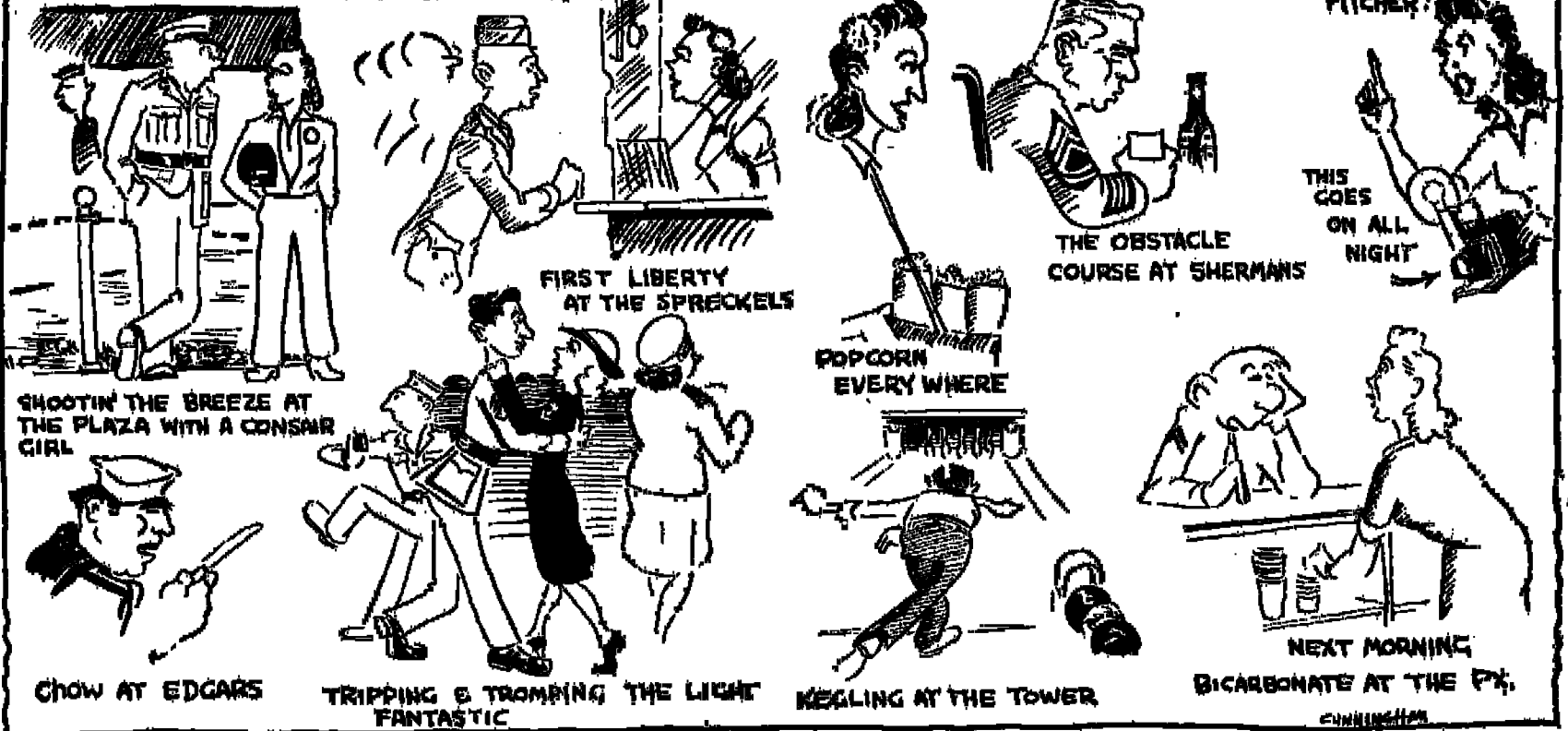
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The Outpost

This column is the second of a weekly series. The CHEVRON would appreciate suggested questions for discussion.

By PFC. ALVIN STANAGAN

QUESTION: If you were to be given your choice of the branch of service in the Marine Corps what would it be? Why?

Sgt. RALPH J. WHITEMAN, Chief operator Base Theatre, "I'd choose RADAR. It's a ten thousand dollar education you can't get at any college. What a Marine learns about such electrical engineering and radio in RADAR would make him a high salaried man after the war."

CORP. ALDEN P. VALA, DI, "Boots — boots — boots — they drive you nuts! If I could make out my own transfer it would be for a tail gunner in a PB2VS. I'm too old to qualify as a pilot, but I gotta get there some way, and to me being an aerial gunner is the most exciting assignment a Marine can get. I was a machine gunner in the army."

CORP. RICHARD BROE, Base laundry steward, "Here I'm a Chinese cowboy riding hard on gun and knives. I've had my application in for five months now for pre-flight, which if approved, would send me to U. of Washington or Saint Mary's. I'd make the grade all right — and I would see plenty of action now. After the war's over I'd be assured of a good job."

Pvt. WILLIAM M. CONNELLY, "Anything but Boot Camp — get me out of this place and away from those DI's. If I were old enough I would like to go to OC School, but I'm only 18. Until then, I'd be satisfied with the Raiders. They're rugged and tough — and their training is, too — and so am I."

CORP. GRANT L. SEWALL, Base Clothing, RD, "I'm in a good spot now, but the grass is always greener someplace else. If I had my way it would be classification or recruiting. I have a good knowledge and understanding of people, and I like to study characters — you certainly see them in the Marine Corps. And too, psychology was my major in college."



Composer, Band Leader Jurgens Now In Corps

Dick Jurgens, famous dance band leader and composer of popular hits, Wednesday entered RD as a private.

Jurgens broke up a successful 36-piece band last January to enlist. Jurgens composed such hits as "Elmer's Tune," "One Dozen Roses," "Careless" and "Million Dreams Ago." He wants to enter radio school.

Jurgens said he has given up music for the duration. He also had given up a motion picture contract to enter the service. Jurgens is in Platoon 387.

Boots Would Know

The Camp White Grenade relates the problem of the two girls who saw a dead animal beside the road: "It has two stripes," said the first.

Replied the other: "Oh, then, it must be either a skunk or a corporal."

Sergeants Made Raider Officers

CAMP PENDLETON, Oceanside. PISgt. Allen F. Hensley and Robert W. Mathews have been commissioned second lieutenants in a Raider battalion here.

Hensley enlisted in the Marines on 2 Mar., 1939, while Mathews enlisted 19 Sept., 1941. Both have seen duty in England with the Commandos.

Col. Joseph W. Knighton, chief of staff, administered the oath.

Shipmates Rib Bugler Waker

Add 1stSgt. George Ripka, HQ Co., Base Hq Bn., to the list of those convinced that The Chevron "does get around."

A fortnight ago an item appeared in The Chevron in which Sgt. Ripka was described as a man who awakens his company bugler to get his men out of the sacks in time.

Came a number of letters from old shipmates of Sgt. Ripka, who served aboard the USS Salt Lake City in 1929-30. One was from 1stLt. Tom Russell, former shipmate of Ripka. Lt. Russell added a double postscript saying he could hardly believe the Ripka of 1943 in the same Ripka he knew aboard the Salt Lake City. "Guess I've changed some," said Ripka.

— By Correspondent —

Dentist's Drill Was Like 'Music' Here

MCIAR, El Toro. — One place where the patients really needed patience was in the dental "clinic" of 1st John Stockton, USN, on Guadalcanal.

"My office was a tent. A small generator supplied the lighting. The drills were operated by foot-pumped power," Lt. Stockton recalled.

"Sometimes a nearby explosion upset the pumping rhythm, or some close hit might signal us to seek the protection of a foxhole." The patients never seemed to mind his drill, the doctor said.

"It was sweet music after the heavy cannonading."

Marines First U.S. Force To Occupy Jamaica

Our Men Proud Of Duty On British Isle Taken In Destroyer Trading

KINGSTON, Jamaica, B.W.I. — Marines recently celebrated the second anniversary of their arrival here and looked back with pride on their duty on the island.

No U. S. military force had served on this Caribbean island in an official capacity prior to arrival of Marines. It was the Leathernecks' job to lay groundwork for establishment of a U. S. base on a site acquired from Great Britain in the famous destroyer deal. Further, they soon found themselves official ambassadors of good will, charged with the duty of establishing friendly relations with the people of Jamaica.

WILL KHAKI

Despite the tropical conditions, their liberty uniform from the first was full khaki, and the people of Jamaica soon came to know the Marines by the shine on their shoes and the crease in their trousers. Both officers and men received frequent invitations to visit in Jamaican homes, and regularly made trips to other parts of the island, touring sugar factories, estates and plantations.

Despite the climate and tropical diseases to which they were exposed, the Leathernecks have had a low illness rate, and no fatalities.

How To Work Up Appetite: Jungle Marching

By Tsgt. Jim Lucas

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. — For three hours we had been marching through the mosquito-infested jungles on what the Marines call a "night problem."

Marching is their word for it, not mine. It covers walking at break-neck pace through country that has never known a path, down steep ravines and back up again, falling flat on your face in the brush, and sinking ankle deep in the mire; and fighting your way through a moonless night, made darker by the huge trees of the jungle.

Through all this you must be noiseless. The youngsters — just out of the states — fell, and repeatedly. There was no halt. The officers they got up again without so much as a grunt.

wanted to join the strong men of the outfit — the kind of men you can depend upon in a pinch and had deliberately planned the night hike. It was the third in as many nights, so there would be no rest. The officer at the head of the column was a "tough guy" and set a pace that only tough guys could meet.

It is the tropic's winter, with comparatively cool nights, but sweat streamed down dirty, grimy faces and clung to their filthy dungarees. Mosquitoes swarmed on their faces. Each man carried a head net, but few wore them because it made the problem of seeing more difficult.

We'd been out for three hours, when we walked into a clearing and marched through another camp. This was the acid test. From the tents came shouts from other

Marines: "Hey, Mac, what outfit you with?" "What is this, an invasion?"

From several hundred men in that line came not a sound. Stolidly they walked on, still at that break-neck pace, till they reached their own camp and quickly slipped into bed.

"They'll make good jungle fighters," 1stSgt. Francis Blum of White Platoon, Louisiana, declared. "That was the real test — marching through that camp. It's in the American boys' nature to want to shout back."

"Sure, those kids wanted to answer them taunt for taunt, but we've drilled them on the march, not in make a single unnecessary sound. It's their lives, and the success of the expedition. These kids can't be beat."

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