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Tarawa Japs Annihilated In Fiercest Of All Marine Actions

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WITH THE UNITED STATES MARINE ASSAULT FORCES AT TARAWA, Nov. 23 (Delayed)—Bloody, bandaged Marine heroes have broken the back of this lizard-shaped Japanese Gibraltar of the Gilbert Islands today after 60 hours of the toughest fighting in the century-and-a-half history of the corps.

In a four-hour push supported by naval gunfire, strafing and dive bombing, Marines cleared the vital air strip and confined the Jap defenders—Tojo's imperial marines—to the island's tapering tail and to a small blockhouse jocket on the north coast.

The Jap soldiers are not surrendering, but are beginning to commit hara-kiri. However, there

is every indication they will fight to the end from strong positions and that many more American boys will die before the last Japs are driven from Tarawa. (Since this dispatch was written Marines have cleared the island, suffering what Secretary Knox described as "very heavy" casualties.)

No victory in American military history was ever attained at a higher price.

Col. Merritt A. Edson of Marine Raider fame, chief of staff to Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, commander of the 2nd Div., said, "This is the toughest fight in the Marine Corps history. Nothing in any previous war or this one can compare with it."

Edson said that of two battalions (2000-3000 men) thrown onto the beach in the initial assault three days ago, only a few hundred men escaped death or injury.

Lt. Col. Evans Carlson, himself a famous leader

of Marine Raiders for their exploits on Makin Island and Guadalcanal last year, is here as an observer. "Guadalcanal was something," he said, "but I never saw anything like this."

The sweet-scented smell of death literally permeates the blasted, shell-torn beaches; scattered blockhouses and riddled plateau topped by splintered, topless coconut trees on this tiny island—only two and one-half miles long and 800 yards wide.

Until late this afternoon there was no time to bury the bodies of either the Marine or Jap dead—many of them killed in the first fierce hours of the assault landing.

There is no official count of casualties. Dead Japs are everywhere—in blockhouses, in the surf and scattered among tattered palm fronds which

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NO REMT
We propose to give
the Jap no rest
anywhere. — Adm.
Nimitz.

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SINKER
It was just sight,
track, shoot and
sink. — Lt. Comdr.
Morton.

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Lt. Gen. Vandegrift Appointed Commandant

Navy Award Presented

Ceremonies Honor Civilian Workers For Bond Record

High recognition of the 100 per cent backing given the war bond program by civilian employees of the Navy was received this week when the Navy's War Bond Honor Flag was presented by Maj. Gen. Clayton B. Vogel, commanding general EMF, 8th Div., in ceremonies on the parade ground.

The flag, ordered by Secretary of Navy Frank Knox, was received by

Col. William C. James, commanding MCB, in behalf of the employees, a group of whom was present to witness the ceremony.

Several thousand recruits, members of the Base Band and an honor guard from Sea School massed in front of the Administration building for the impressive program.

Col. James opened the program with the introduction of Capt. Gerald A. Eubank, USN, coordinator of war bond activities for all U. S. Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps personnel. Capt. Eubank briefly reviewed the accomplishments of service branches in the bond program during the past two years.

Gen. Vogel, introduced by Capt. Eubank, read the announcement of the award from Secretary Knox and made the presentation.

Civilian employees on the Base maintained a 100 per cent allotment signing with an excess of 16 per cent of total pay allotted for a period of two months. Minimum requirement to become eligible for the award is a two month record of 80 per cent in sign-ups and 70 per cent of pay assigned.

Gen. Vogel pointed out that civil-

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Schedule Transfers For Limited Duty

WASHINGTON — Limited duty personnel will be transferred to posts and stations on the East Coast of the U. S. to relieve combatant Marines on a ratio of two to one.

Transfers will be made within the limits of housing and messing facilities.



HIGHEST POST in Marine Corps passes on 1 Jan. from Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb (right) to Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift. Secy. of Navy Frank Knox extends congratulations.

Assumes Office With Retirement Of Gen. Holcomb

Order To Take Effect On 1 Jan.; Appointee Praises Corps In Talk

WASHINGTON Lt. Gen. Alexander Vandegrift, veteran of some of the fiercest fighting ever engaged in by the Marines in their 168 years of history, this week was named Commandant of the Corps by President Roosevelt to succeed Lt. Gen. Thomas T. Holcomb, who is stepping down from his post 1 Jan. after reaching the statutory retirement age of 61.

The new Commandant spoke from Washington Wednesday in his first radio address since returning from his command in the Pacific. Speaking on the Hills of Montezuma program, Gen. Vandegrift highly praised the fighting qualities of American troops.

He declared that he "felt more secure in his new post with the knowledge that the fighting men in the Pacific can do and will do anything that is asked of them."

He stated that he drew inspiration for his new responsibilities from the many acts of heroism of which he had first hand knowledge.

"I am fortunate to have served in the Pacific," he said, "fortunate in the knowledge I have gained of"

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Tarawa ... Victory's Cost High

"How were the Marines able to take Tarawa in 76 hours? Gentlemen, it was our will to die."—Maj. Gen. Holcomb M. Smith.

"No victory in American military history was ever attained at a higher price."—Richard W. Johnston, representing the combined American press.

"It was by far the toughest job I've seen."—Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson.

"Marines on Tarawa met the heaviest opposition of any landing in the Pacific war."—Lt. Col. James Roosevelt.

"It was the toughest fight in 168 years of Marine Corps history."—Col. Merritt A. Edson.

"The battle for Betio, the fiercest, bloodiest and most ruthless I have seen in the two years of the Pacific war, showed how long, hard and costly the road to Tokyo will be."—Henry Kays, London Daily Express.

"The Japanese made Betio the hardest nut any naval or military commander was ever ordered to crack."—Rear Adm. Harry Hill.

"The preparations for the attack were the most thoroughgoing that I have ever heard of."—Secretary of Navy Frank Knox.

Marines Blow Up Jap Dump In New Bougainville Raid

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN SOUTH PACIFIC, Dec. 3 (A.P.) — Between 600 and 700 Marines blasted against the Japanese supply area on Bougainville with measured success on 28 and 29 Nov. As operations in that area were extended beyond the beachhead.

In approaching the new Allied move in that sector, Headquarters termed the Leatherneck raid as "moderately successful." The Marines, moving against the Jap lines three and one-half miles southeast of the Empress Augusta beachhead, blew up an artillery ammunition dump and destroyed huge quantities of rifles, food and medical supplies.

Blood And Guts Beat Japs, Says Raider Chief

Col. Carlson Describes Early Tarawa Position As Extremely Critical

PEARL HARBOR, NOV. 20 (AP) — The position of the U. S. Marines (2nd Div.) who captured Tarawa was so critical on the first night that a determined Japanese counterattack might have exterminated them.

That was the blunt confession of Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson, three-time winner of the Navy Cross, as he paid high tribute to Leatherneck tenacity and courage in an interview here today.

"The boys were so determined they never could have been driven off. It was really a blood-and-guts battle just blood and guts," he said.

Col. Carlson made the initial landing on Betio Island in the Tarawa atolls as an observer and also made daily trips between the beachhead and flagship off shore in a small boat through Jap gunfire.

Back from the invasion scene, approximately 2500 miles to the south-

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War Bond Drive Goal In Sight

The "Pearl Harbor Day" bond campaign is well underway, and at week's end looked as if the MCB quota of \$35,000 would be reached by the closing days.

Capt. Melvin Elias, bond officer, was highly gratified so far over the results of the special Pearl Harbor Day memorial sale of bonds.

"I would like to remind Base personnel," Capt. Elias said, "that the Christmas shopping season is here. Nothing could be better than giving a war bond this year."

Prospective purchasers are reminded that bonds bought from outside agencies will not count in MCB's quota, and those who intend purchasing bonds are asked to contact the Base bond office.

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conditions out there and also because I have seen the magnificent teamwork of American men under fire."

His policy will be to continue that of the retiring Commandant in developing further Marine training in amphibious operations, he said.

HIGH HONOR

Pointing out that the size of the Corps has been expanded by 22 times in the seven-year administration of Gen. Holcomb, he stressed the value of the Corps' past training in amphibious landings in enabling our forces to carry out present operations in the South Pacific.

Holder of the nation's highest tribute, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for his leadership of the hard hitting Leathernecks who took Guadalcanal, Gen. Vandegrift arrived in this country only recently from the Solomon after commanding the 1st Marine Amphibious Corps which made the initial Bougainville landing.

Paying a battery of reporters and newsmen a welcome at San Francisco earlier this week, Gen. Vandegrift paid tribute to the men who made the landing at Tarawa when he said, "There are no finer troops than the Marines who made that landing in an assault carried to shore in open boats under heavy fire from enemy ground positions."

GOOD TEAMWORK

Discussing action in the Pacific he declared, "Allied successes in that area are due to international teamwork in the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, and in the air, on the ground and on the surface."

Famous for his long record of military and jungle for the Japanese, Gen. Vandegrift joined the Corps in 1909 when he was appointed a second lieutenant after two years of graduate study at the University of Virginia. He was promoted successively through the various grades to his present rank which he received in July this year.

He has served in Cuba, Panama, Nicaragua, Mexico, Haiti, China and in the South Pacific; at sea aboard the USS Minnesota, USS Virginia, USS Delaware and USS Chester; and at Marine posts in the United States.

NICARAGUA VETERAN

As a second lieutenant on duty with an expeditionary battalion in Nicaragua in Oct. 1912, he participated in the bombardment assault and capture of Chinlepa. In April, 1914, he took part in the occupation of Vera Cruz, Mexico.

As a first lieutenant in Nov., 1915, he participated in operations against hostile Cacos in Northern Haiti. From 1916 to 1918, and again from 1919 to 1923, he served with the Gendarmerie d'Haiti.

Gen. Vandegrift was Force Operations and Training Officer under Gen. Smedley Butler, at Shanghai, China, in 1927 and did duty at Peking and Tientsin.

SERVED IN WASHINGTON

From Jan., 1926, to Aug., 1933, he served as Assistant to the Chief Coordinator, Bureau of the Budget in Washington. From Sept., 1933, to June, 1935, he was assistant Chief of Staff of the FMF and became executive officer and then commanding officer of the Marine Detachment, at Peiping, China, until 1937.

He was on duty at Headquarters as secretary to the Major General Commandant, and assistant to the Commandant from June, 1937, to Nov., 1941, after which he joined FMF at New River. He was promoted to major general in March, 1942.

In addition to the Congressional Medal of Honor, Gen. Vandegrift holds the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon bar with star, the Navy Cross, Nicaraguan Campaign Medal,



RIFLES HIGH and packs on their backs, Marines wade waist-deep going ashore at Fanning August 1st Bay, on Bougainville Island. A beached landing craft lies in the foreground.

Marines Lose 1026 Killed, 2557 Wounded On Tarawa

Tarawa, the bloodiest fight in all the Marine Corps' proud history, cost the American victors 1026 dead and 2557 wounded, the Associated Press reported Thursday.

The breakdown of casualties announced in Adm. Nimitz's communique:

Tarawa—1026 killed, 2557 wounded.
Makin—85 killed, 121 wounded.
Ahehama—1 killed, 2 wounded.

It was indicated that nearly all of the men killed on Tarawa were Marines. Thus, in a comparatively few hours of fighting in the Gilberts, the Marine Corps suffered almost as many casualties as it did in the six-month campaign on Guadalcanal.

The Navy reported that in taking the two-mile long atoll and cracking Japan's central Pacific defenses casualties totaled 3772 dead, wounded and missing in the three island operations.

Heaviest previous toll among Marines was at Soissons, France, in World War I. In that engagement 70 per cent of the Marines were killed, injured or missing in action.

STRAGGLERS REMAIN

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CONTINUED PRESSURE

WITH U.S. MARINES ON TARAWA, Nov. 27 (Delayed) (A.P.)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander of the mid-Pacific Area, visited battle-scarred Tarawa atoll of the Gilbert Islands today.

After inspecting the battleground, still littered with wreckage and signaling of death, he said Tarawa was the most difficult attack United States forces had yet made in the Pacific, but it figured well for the future that we were able to erect this heavily defended Japanese position.

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Brig.Gen. Peck Cautions Marines

QUANTICO—Officer graduates of this base were recently cautioned by Brig.Gen. DeWitt Peck, director of plans and policies, that "harder work than any of you have seen lies ahead."

Brig.Gen. Peck, a veteran of World War I and the South Pacific, described loyalty as the most important attribute a fighting man can have. That loyalty should go down through and up through the ranks, he added.

Christmas Prizes

At Camp Lejeune, prizes will be given this Christmas for the best decorated area, for the best decorated mess hall and for the organization showing the most initiative and individuality in holiday decorations.

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west, both Col. Carlson and Lt. Col. James Roosevelt said perfect cooperation of all elements made the capture of Tarawa and Makin possible. While Army and Navy planes provided cover and naval guns engaged in shelling, the Marines landed at Tarawa and the infantry at Makin.

"I was on the beach only 15 seconds after our last bomb dropped," said Col. Roosevelt, Navy Cross winner for the August, 1942, raid on Makin.

BOOSTS MORALE

"We followed the bombs in by only 100 yards. You can't expect to clean out every enemy position by aerial bombing and Navy gunfire but you've no idea how it helps the morale of the assault troops to see those bombs dropping ahead."

Col. Carlson and Roosevelt joined in praising the "determination, tenacity and courage" of all the soldiers and Marines for the quick capture of Tarawa and Makin.

With the ground action in the Gilberts now reduced to mopping up, the Americans prepared to ward off enemy air blows with a naval spokesman asserting the enemy air force in the sector already showed signs of lacking the "will to fight."

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Ferocious Tarawa Fight Told In Gripping Eye-Witness Story

Shelving Reef Forces Troops To Wade Far

Wave After Wave Storms Jap Pillboxes Without Hesitation; Many Dead

They have used incessantly as cover for sniping. The assault was made against three designated beaches by three battalions landing teams going shoreward through a lagoon on the north coast of the fortified air base island of the Tarawa atoll. These battalions and others supporting the three landing teams went shoreward in Higgins boats and other landing craft under cover of naval and air attacks, but they encountered ferocious fire from Jap shore batteries and emplacements, of which few were affected by the bombing and shelling.

BOATS HANG UP

A shelving reef hung up most of the Higgins boats and wave after wave of intensity had to struggle to push through water peak deep under a murderous Japanese barrage. At low tide many of their boats did not reach the beach.

Gen. Smith and most of his staff were blown out of a boat when they attempted to circle the west tip of the island and land at a mental headquarters. The general was rescued by an amphibious tractor obtained by Maj. R. M. C. Thompson, who waded half a mile through water chest deep under Jap sniping to haul a rescue boat.

TAKE COVER

The Japs continued to fire at Gen. Smith's boat during a two-hour wait, but only the crewman was wounded.

Brig. Gen. James Underhill, assistant commander of the 4th Div., an observer, and Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Bourke, division artillery officer and commander of the 10th Regiment, were among those forced to take cover in the water behind the stranded craft.

In the initial landings on Nov. 21, one of the three landing teams was so powerfully opposed that only 150 companies were able to land. They held a beachhead 70 yards wide for more than 24 hours.

ENEMY HEAVY

I landed at the outer beach under Maj. Henry Morison Crowe and like the Marines I had to wait 200 yards shoreward through a machine-gun crossfire.

Maj. William C. Chamberlain, former Northwestern professor of economics, plunged shoulder deep into the water and with his men behind him began walking toward the shore in face of direct machine-gun fire and the fire of snipers hidden on the beach.

A Marine dropped at my side, shot through the leg. Another plunged dead a few yards ahead. I could see others dropping all around as all the other boats in the wave hung up on the reef. We reached the beach and I flopped on the sand behind a barricade with bullets zipping all around.

NO HESITATION

There was almost a curtain of fire. But I watched the Marines, platoons and companies, going over the beachhead without the slightest hesitation, though they knew they faced superior numbers in fortified positions.

There was a Japanese fort, in a reinforced concrete house, 100 feet from us. A squad went in with flame throwers and knocked it out. For hours the Marines kept going in, smashing emplacements.

At dawn the next day a destroyer, which had got into the lagoon, opened terrific fire on the biggest Japanese stronghold. Dive bombs



SIGHTS TRAINED: A Jap. Corp. William Coffron steadied his rifle across the base of a Bougainville Island palm tree. Camouflage conceals the Marine from enemy sight.

ers came in and then Lt. L. R. Largey did his stuff.

TANK ATTACK

He had four tanks to start off, but all were trapped behind the enemy lines and disabled when the Japanese threw back our first push.

Lt. Largey fought his way out of one tank, got out the crew of another, repaired one of the tanks, and drove out. Without stopping even to eat, he raced his lone tank up and down the beach, smashing Japanese pillboxes and emplacements.

Lt. Largey and the destroyer, whose fire was guided by Design Murray Broadus, liaison officer, probably saved the day on our endangered flank.

SNIPERS TROUBLESHOME

Because of the low altitude of the island, which is under 10 feet above sea level at all points, it was impossible to secure any point against enemy fire. Throughout the last 48 hours and probably through the next 48 Japanese snipers have been lurking and will take a toll.

From the outset the Japanese fought with amazing fury and even now with occasional surrenders and parades there is no indication of mass surrenders or evacuation. Instead the indication is the Japanese will fight to the death which means they will make a vicious defense of an area more than a mile long and subject only to frontal assault and aerial bombardment.

The Japanese defenses in this area like those throughout the island include heavy concrete emplacements, pillboxes with tank-proof walls three feet thick and bunkers made from coconut logs lashed together and filled in with coral sand. These make four-foot barriers which can withstand such punishment.

REINFORCEMENTS

Today's victory push began at 10:00 after the arrival of Col. Edson and additional light and medium tanks. Reinforcing Marine battalions landed in the relatively lightly defended west end of the island late yesterday and pushed east down an airstrip which forms a diagonal line across the island to a point where the powerful Japanese concrete and log combination emplacements held up Maj. Crowe's battalion. This battalion might have been outflanked but for the excellent supporting naval gunfire.

At the zero hour Navy Helcats strafed the Japanese-held area in successive waves. Infantry and tanks advanced only 15 yards behind the strafing planes while battleships and cruisers bombarded the Japanese-held area behind the lines.

Despite the intensity of our attacks the Japanese fought back with undiminished ardor. This was testified by the constant arrival of stretcher bearers with wounded and dead Marines. But when the east end of the airstrip finally was sealed and victory glow and painful no doubt, his victory—became certain.

HEROES GALORE

In these hellish 48 hours the heroism of Marine officers and enlisted men alike was almost beyond belief. Time after time they unflinchingly charged Japanese pillboxes, ignoring deadly fire and refusing to halt until wounded beyond the ability to carry on.

Men with gaping stomach and back wounds almost certainly fatal begged doctors to fix them up so they could return to their outfit, and one captain who was shot through one arm and both legs sent a message to Maj. Crowe apologizing for "letting him down."

Characteristically, officers throughout the division led the men into battle and as a consequence officer casualties in the battalions ran high. The commanding officer of one landing team was shot through the throat and killed instantly as he waded into the initial assault. His executive officer was missing, so an observer, Lt. Col. W. L. Jordan, took command.

STRENGTH UNKNOWN

The commanding officer of a flanking landing team, which was turned back except for two companies, was forced to land in central area and was unable to reach his troops until late yesterday.

The exact strength of the Jap defenders is unknown but is believed to number at least 5000 Imperial Japanese Marines.

A native said the Japanese had moved in 4000 soldiers and 5000 coolie-class laborers when they first occupied the island, but it is believed that many of the latter were shipped home.

Significantly, most captives, which probably total not more than 200 were laborers. The soldiers prefer hara-kiri.

BOMBERS ATTACK

On both nights Japanese bombers hit the island but only two to four planes were involved and casualties and damage were negligible. It is believed that this possibly indicates Japanese air strength is not necessarily a gauge to easy conquest.

Actually Tarawa is the name of the whole atoll and the main island is one of 26 and is named Beta. The rest are linked by channels of wading depth but are virtually free of Japanese and are under our control.

Marine Leader Used Shotgun

WITH THE MARINE ASSAULT FORCES AT TARAWA, Nov. 21 (Delayed U.P.)—In the midst of the bloody carnage that was Tarawa, there was an officer stepping up in his improvised command post blaring away at the Japs with a double-barreled shotgun.

That officer was Maj. Henry Pearson (Jim) Crowe, one of the most famous Marine leaders in the Pacific theater.

Maj. Crowe was picked for his assignment because the command wanted a front-line commander capable of "on the scene tactical innovations and inspirational leadership."

He supplied both. Nothing less would have completed his mission to smash across the island and at the same time contain the Jap forces pinned into the narrow tail of the island.

Carrying the same shotgun he used on Tarawa, Maj. Crowe rallied his men out of cover on Guadalcanal with the battle cry:

"God damnit, you'll never get the Purple Heart lying in a hole. Let's go get 'em."

Exhibition

NAVY PIER, CHICAGO—Members of the Marine Avn. Det. here recently staged a judo and bayonet exhibition which featured the Four Freedoms War Bond Show.

General Smith Tells Of Will To Die In Attack

Leader Credits Teamwork Of Air, Land, Sea Forces For Assault's Quick End

PEARL HARBOR, Nov. 22 (A.P.)—How were the Marines able to take Tarawa in 76 hours? "Gentlemen, it was our will to die," Maj. Gen. Holland McFerson Smith, commander of the amphibious forces (assault troops), said at a press conference today.

Praising the courage of the assault forces, Smith said that despite the heavy casualties suffered in the Gilberts invasion, the Marines were itching for another operation.

"Just before I left," he related, "some asked me, 'Where do we go from here?'"

BLACKHOUSES

The general described the defenses which the Japanese had considered impregnable.

"These blackhouses were of concrete 5 feet thick. Superimposed on top of that were angle irons. On top of that was 10 to 12 feet of sand and coral.

"I am talking about individual blackhouses of which the Japs had many. Nothing but a direct hit by a 2000 pound bomb would do any good."

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74 Japs Killed By Five Marines In Bougainville Battle

Single Jap Escapes Deadly Leatherneck Fire — Last Seen Heading For Tokyo After Two And A Half Hour Battle

BOUGAINVILLE, Nov. 24 (Delayed) (U.P.)—Five American kids and a combat patrol of 75 Japs gathered at a river yesterday afternoon for two and a half hours of the deadliest shooting you ever saw.

When quiet was restored, there were 74 dead Japs piled up in front of the American machine gun nest. For all anybody knows, the 75th is still running like hell for Tokyo.

All five Marines who participated in the head-pounding fracas lived to tell the story.

It's a yarn that makes Bullywood's best efforts seem very meager, but it has been officially verified at Marine headquarters.

Anyway, you couldn't doubt the word of PFC Joseph Lee, who fired eight belts—2000 rounds of ammunition against the Japs.

I also couldn't help but be impressed by the squad's leader, Sgt. Bernard Brown, dark-eyed, swarthy former policeman who has handled guns and men with authority for many years. The Marines followed his directions and decisions unwaveringly.

The others of the group are Cpl. Ozer Lewis Trull and PFC J. E. Barbo.

They told me their story as we sat on ironwood logs in the gloomy Bougainville jungle. Also present was their company commander, Lt. Jules M. Ruisse.

This is their story: Yesterday they were on the bank of the "Mia" River, a small but clear stream 10 feet wide, where overhanging branches from both sides shut out the sky. At a bend in the river there was an eight-foot plateau and there the five Marines dug foxholes and set up a machine gun.

Sometime previously, 75 Japs had been spotted heading toward the river, evidently bent on a counter-attack.

SPOTTED JAP

"We were just sitting around talking when Barbo saw a Jap heading our way," related Brown. "We heard machine-gun fire and all hit our holes."

In a few minutes the Japs appeared packing machine guns. They had selected a bushy point some 25 feet from the Marines where they evidently intended to establish a firing line extending to the Marines' flank and virtually push them into the river.

The Marines were armed with a machine gun, one Garand, four carbines and a few grenades. But they'd worked together nearly two years and were ready for this action.

HOW THEY WORKED

Lee worked the trigger on the machine gun; Barbo fed the ammunition belt and Trull pulled it through on the other side to prevent its jamming. Brown tossed the grenades.

"I held my fire until I saw the Japs clearly, then opened up," Lee said.

There was a small clearing through which the Japs had run. One Jap popped across the clearing in a quick rabbit run and fell as the first bullets erupted from the Marines in their foxholes. Others started across in twos and threes.

Lee kept firing, spraying the surrounding bushes for good measure. He was shirtless, helmetless and barefooted, oblivious to everything but his target. He jerked the elevation bolt from the gun and aimed it up and down, right and left.

"That's just like they do it in

the movies with Robert Taylor firing the gun," Brown told me. "It usually doesn't happen that way in actual fighting because the machine gun generally has a fixed line of fire."

Empty cartridges began to pile up in the shallow foxhole, practically burying Lee's legs.

Still the Japs kept coming and the five Marines dropped with sweat in the humid jungle air. Brown heaved grenades as far as 30 yards with occasional directions from Lee. He quickly ran out of his original supply and eventually made four trips to the rear for replenishment. He threw a total of 20 grenades and American grenades can bowl over a dozen Japs.

The racket was heightened by battle yells from the Japs living and moans from the Japs dying.

TRIED TO DIG HOLES

The Japs also could be heard frantically digging holes and trying to establish their firing line—they never succeeded because they couldn't get enough men past Lee's guns.

"They were so damn stupid we had them right," Brown declared, "but they kept trying to come through."

As the battle neared its conclusion, the underbrush was lit up by bullets. Movements of the Japs were clearly visible. Some were wearing leaf-covered helmets. They carried small packages of rice and had crates of ammunition strapped on their backs.

The Jap fire grew less and less until only a couple of Japs were firing. Then silence.

One hundred and fifty minutes after the battle started the only sound in the jungle was the Marines' conversation.

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—Bonds of Bondage—

Former German Ship Transports Marines

ENROUTE TO THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed) Conclusive proof that it takes quite a combination of forces to convey a unit of fighting men into the combat zone has been brought home to Marines aboard this ship.

The ship is a former German luxury liner confiscated by the Mexican Government, sold to a private shipping company in the United States, leased to the Government, and turned over to the Army for transport duty.

Now, protected by Navy gun crews, captained by a Merchant Marine captain, serviced by an Army sick bay, and carrying Marine personnel, she is doing her job well—Sgt. Theron J. Rice, combat correspondent.



CAMOUFLAGED HELMETS and jungle suits of Marine Raiders blend into the foliage of dense jungle undergrowth as this leatherneck party scouts on the beach at Cape Torokina.

'Strip Japs,' Say Allied Chieftains

CAIRO, Dec. 1 (A.P.)—President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill and President Chiang Kai-shek have held an historic five-day conference, have bound their nations in an agreement to beat Japan into unconditional surrender and to strip her of all her imperialistic gains of the last century, and have left for unannounced destinations.

During their purpose to drive Japan back into her home islands, the three powers outlined this specific four-point program:

1—Japan must disgorge all the islands she has seized in the Pacific since the beginning of World War I in 1914 (from which she gained, from Germany, the Marshall, Caroline and Mariana archipelagos in which she planted bases for her attack on the United States).

2—Manchuria, Formosa, the Pescadores (the 21 islands lying between Formosa and the Chinese mainland) and all other territories taken from China must be restored to her.

3—Korea is to be made free and independent "in due course."

4—Japan must be expelled from "all other territories which she has taken by violence and greed." (This would cover all the lands she has seized since Pearl Harbor, the Philippines, Wake and Guam; British Hongkong, Malaya, Burma and islands of the Pacific; the Netherlands East Indies and also French Indo-China).

Two Get Silver Star Medals

WASHINGTON Awards of the Silver Star Medal have been made to 2d Lt. Wilbur C. Conley and 1st Lt. Vito L. Murgola for action against the Japanese on Guadalcanal.

Recipients of the DFC recently were Capt. Austin Wiggins Jr. and 1st Lt. Bruce C. Telto and Abraham M. Daniels. 1st Lt. Donald L. Hegrick and Donald H. Russell have been awarded the Air Medal.

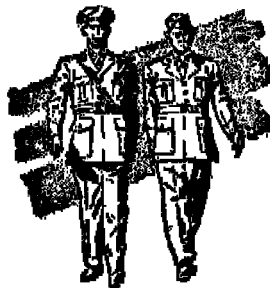
1st Lt. Leonard Baker Crosswell, holder of the Navy Cross, was honored recently with the American

Legion Award of the VFW, and American Legion posts of his home town.

WASHINGTON—Recent awards of citations and medals for outstanding actions in combat include a Gold Star for Maj. Elmer C. Childs Jr., in lieu of a second Navy Cross.

Posthumously awarded the Navy Cross were Morgan, Angus R. Cross, PFC Clarence L. Byrnes and Pvt. William E. Richey.

1st Lt. George A. Barles has been presented the Legion of Merit medal.



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NEW SERGEANT MAJOR of Base Hq. Bn., E. B. Dunkle receives congratulations from Lt. Col. Richard Livingston, CO. Looking on are Capt. John T. Stanton, commanding Hq. Co., and Dunkle's successor as first sergeant, H. B. Horn. (Photo by PFC, Ed Wishin).

Dunkle Becomes Sergeant Major Of Base Hq. Bn.

Former First Sergeant Overseas Veteran; Horn Takes Over Old Post

Recently promoted from 1st Sgt. of Hq. Co. to 2d Maj. of Base Hq. Bn., E. B. Dunkle is a man who has seen considerable action in the present war.

Sgt. Maj. Dunkle's first cruise was dated 20 Sept., 1928, when he enlisted at Seattle, Wash. After three months of boot training, he did sea duty and then was attached to the Naval Fuel Depot at P. I. Loma.

CHINA VETERAN

His first trip overseas took him to China as a member of a replacement detachment for the 2d Bn., 4th Marines, when he was promoted to PFC. In 1935 he returned stateside and re-enlisted at Mare Island. Then came duty with the 8th Marines and another overseas trip, this time to the Philippines.

It was while stationed at Cavite that he gained his sergeant's rating. Two years later he became a gunnery sergeant following his return to the states.

TOOK COURSE

Sgt. Maj. Dunkle went overseas for the third time when he shipped out with 1st Bn., 2d Marines, to make the initial landing on Tulagi.

Released from USNH early this year, Sgt. Maj. Dunkle attended First Sergeants' School and was assigned to Hq. Co. in August upon completion of the course. His old duties are now being handled by 1st Sgt. H. B. Horn, who received his training at Philadelphia and who has been in the service since 1926.

— Be Courteous —

Wanted: College Gal With A Typewriter

Misery loves company, especially if it helps him get his stenographic work done.

Anyway, these two ads appearing in San Diego papers this week give a new twist to matrimonial approach:

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Guadalcanal Just 'Whistle Stop For First Sergeant

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed) — Guadalcanal has been just a commuting stop to 1st Sgt. Ellis C. Smith. He has been to Guadalcanal 15 times already.



1STSGT. ELLIS SMITH

Date Needed To Get In Here!

MCAH, MC OFENTHO It's a lucky Marine who manages a date with one of the incoming women Marines, scheduled to arrive on or about 15 Dec.

The reason: the new Recreation room in the women's barracks. It will be the most popular spot on the station. Located on the main deck, it will have tables and chairs, desks, tips and drapes, piano and equipment for games.

The only hitch is that one male Marine must be escorted by one woman Marine.

1st Sgt. Smith landed at "the Canal" originally with the 1st Mar Div. in August, 1942. As a gunnery sergeant, he was then detailed for duty aboard an auxiliary Navy transport and went from that ship to another auxiliary transport. On this duty he reached the island 15 times.

When he was relieved from ship duty to become first sergeant of a headquarters organization, Smith returned to Guadalcanal on his way to islands further north. It's an old story to him now.

1st Sgt. Smith claims hits on 19 Jap planes, with at least one of them shot down, during his sea-going gunnery days. Since 1927 he has served in Cuba and Nicaragua. 1st Sgt. Edward Adolph, combat correspondent.

— Stop Loose Talk —

Recruits Donate 2500 Gallons To USNH Blood Bank

Marines from RI have donated 2500 gallons of blood to the Naval Hospital blood bank in the last two years, figures released this week reveal. This total will continue to be swelled by donations from 200 Marines each Saturday morning.

Blood donated at this hospital is used aboard all types of warships in their sick bays. Medical detachments on duty with the Marines in combat zones constantly replenish their supplies from the hospital's plasma bank.

— Stop Loose Talk —

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Versatile Warrant Officer Sets Yokohama As His Goal

VELIA LAVELLA—A return visit to Yokohama, Japan, is definitely on the agenda of Chief Warrant Officer John F. Powrozniak, a veteran of more than 17 years of service in the Corps.

CW. Off. Powrozniak visited Yokohama in 1937 while assigned to sea duty aboard the USS Pittsburgh. He recalls that the Japanese city "made a favorable impression" and adds that he hopes to make a "considerable impression on Yokohama upon his return there."

Qualified as an expert rifleman, pistol shot and automatic rifleman, the veteran demonstrates typical Leatherstock versatility by being an expert in woodcraft as well.

Recently this avocation came in handy—when he was directed to set up a new camp site on a jungle-like hillside. Gathering his crew, he disappeared into the designated area. Two weeks later the men to be billeted found what amounted to a city awaiting them. Consisting of the best features of rustic construction and canvas, coupled with coral rock and corrugated palm fronds, it followed as a matter of course that the section became "Powrozniak Park." 1st Sgt. Saul W. Spiegel, combat correspondent.

Base Corporal Stands In For Missing Stork

Motor transport drivers deliver the goods—and that includes substituting for the stork.

At least one Base driver, Corp. Clifton Drake, attached officially to a transport company construction crew, has turned that trick.

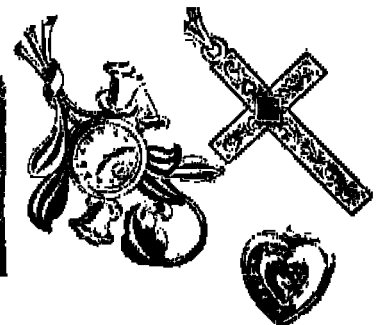
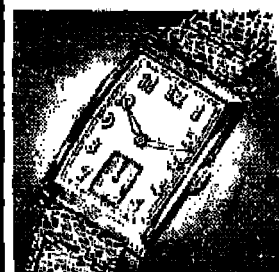
Corp. Drake saw "stork action" when Mrs. Drake gave birth to a 3-pound-12-ounce son Saturday night in the couple's San Diego home. Upon arrival of a doctor, the infant and mother were rushed to USNH, San Diego, and both are now reported doing well.

The father, somewhat weakened in the knees by his experience, is recovering on furlough.

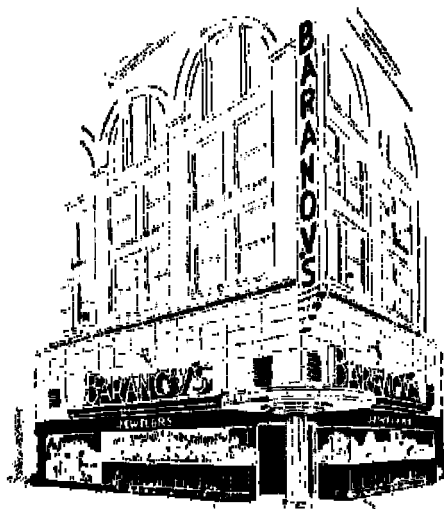
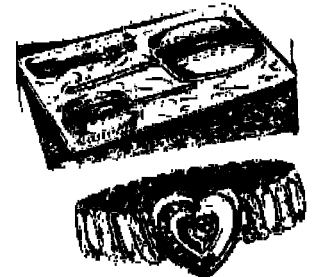


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THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

World at War

Biggest news of the week as it affects the entire war effort was the Allied Council of War meeting at Cairo, Egypt, attended by President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

Dubbed the China conference, for this was the first time that China had been so represented at a council of war leaders, the most important word to issue from the meeting was that Japan shall be stripped of her mandated and stolen islands in the Pacific.

TO MEET STALIN

Various news sources were reporting that following the Cairo meeting, the "Big Three" were on their way to a meeting with the Russian leader Stalin, perhaps at Iran. It was anticipated that the fate of Germany and her ally Japan would be sealed with the agreements reached.

As a prelude to the planned occupation of the aforementioned Japanese bases in the South and Central Pacific zones, Marines invaded and captured Makin, Aburatsubo and Tarawa Islands in the Gilbert group. They were bitter, bloody struggles that foreshadowed even grimmer battles to come when the Marshall Islands are attacked, for those mandated Japanese bastions have been ready with defense capabilities for the past 20 years, in comparison to the 15 month defense zone set up in the Gilberts by the Japs.

ATTACHES TAKE BONOA

Other news from the South Pacific war front comes from the New Guinea front with word that the Aussies have pushed north from Finisshafen and have captured Bona. This base was the seaward anchor of the principal Jap supply line on the Northeastern New Guinea coast, and its fall without a struggle has deprived the enemy of another hold on the Buna Peninsula.

The eastern anchor of the Germans' "winter line" across Italy fell before the blows of Gen. Montgomery's 8th Army, climaxing 48 hours of continuous fighting. The advance threatened to turn the flank of the enemy's entire defense system before Rome.

Roaring toward a climax was the showdown battle between Red Army forces and desperate armies of the Reich for the Kiev bulge, turntable of the whole campaign in Russia. Despite the loss by the Russians of Zhitomir and Kozien the limited Nazi success in the northwest Ukraine had shown no effect on the Russian drive through lower White Russia.

Russian confidence in the early

collapse of the German counter-offensive, west of Kiev, and resumption of the Soviet drive toward the pre-war Polish border, was based on the unbroken flow of Soviet reinforcements of men and machines across the Dnieper, through Kiev, to the threatened front.

Fighting Chinese troops, provided with air cover from their own and American planes, drove the Japanese from Changteh, the gateway to Changsha and the nation's vital "rice bowl" region.

British and American bombers continued their morale shattering raids on Berlin and other strategic points in Germany, as unopposed reports emanating from Switzerland told of the purported resignation of Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi foreign minister.

Juke Box

Musical hit tunes, the choice of the nation's Hit Parade voters, went into a scramble this week with numerous changes in their rankings.

Lovers of "Paper Doll" went on a voting spree and landed their favorite back into the No. 1 slot displacing "People Will Say We're in Love." New to the ladder of popularity was "Little Did I Know" which jumped the first two rungs and gained the 4th rating for its first appearance.

The parade listing: No. 1 Paper Doll, No. 2 They're Either Too Young Or Too Old, No. 3 Pistol Puckin' Mama, No. 4 My Heart Tells Me, No. 5 People Will Say We're in Love, No. 6 Sunday Monday Or Always, No. 7 Oh What A Beautiful Morning, No. 8 Little Did I Know, No. 9 Put Your Arms Around Me Honey, No. 10 How Sweet You Are.

— Bonds Or Bondsage? —

Menaces

Major menaces on the highway are Drunken Driving, Uncontrolled Thumbing and Indiscriminate Speeding. To put it briefly: Hit, Hike and Hug.

Gold Scores

(WEEK-END OF DECEMBER 20-21)

EAST

Navy 18, Army 6.
Pennsylvania 20, Cornell 14.
Colgate 21, Brown 14.
Yale 21, Franklin-Marshall 17.
Lafayette 68, Lehigh 0.
Harvard 14, Rutgers 0.

WEST

Great Lakes 19, Notre Dame 14.
Iowa State 32, Minnesota 0.
Ohio State 26, Nebraska 7.
Fl. Int'l 32, Kansas 7.
Miami 52, Xavier 7.
Pittsburgh Teachers 33, William Jewell 0.

SOUTH

Georgia Tech 48, Georgia 0.
North Carolina 33, Virginia 7.
Clemson 33, Wake Forest 13.
Maryland 21, V. M. I. 11.
N. C. State 21, N. C. State 7.
South Carolina 13, Wake Forest 2.
Vanderbilt 45, Tennessee Tech 7.
Clemson 33, Wake Forest 13.
Port Hanning 61, Camp Gordon 0.

SOUTHWEST

Texas 27, Texas A&M 13.
Tulsa 61, Arkansas 0.
Southwestern 21, Rice 7.
SMU 20, TCU 0.

PROFESSIONAL

New York 24, Brooklyn 7.
Cleveland 65, New London 14.
Chicago 25, Chicago Cubs 21.
Philadelphia 37, Washington Redskins 14.
T. A. Bulldogs 28, San Francisco 11.

PACIFIC COAST

U. S. C. 26, U. S. C. 15.
San Diego Pre-Flight 47, California 13.

March Field 13, San Diego NTS 8.

ROCKET ME.

St. Mary's 36, Utah 0.
Cincinnati 33, Center 0.
San Jose Army Air 30, Kearny Field 0.

Movies

A picture made for U. S. soldiers, in the sense of its being an informative piece of what the war is about carries a full scale message to the civilians of this country as well. "The Battle of Russia" (Special Services) is the most powerful film yet made about Russia's part in this war.

Red Skelton is his goofiest and gleeful Powell is at her lapping best in a comedy riot "I Dood It" (MGM).

In "His Butler's Sister," Deanna Durbin finally manages to get past her brother (the butler) and along a few for his master, with the usual eldritch-woo at the end. "Guadalajara Diary" (20th Century-Fox) is still the top choice in pictures.

The Home Front

From a serviceman's viewpoint probably this week's best piece of home front news was the effect that Congress got a seven-billion-dollar program designed to speed demobilization when it comes.

Upon suggestion by FDR, the bill would stipulate up to \$200 mustering-out pay, \$15 to \$25 a week unemployment compensation, depending on the number of dependents, if without a civilian job at any time during the first 18 months after leaving the service, and social security credits based on pay of \$100 a month for time spent in the service.

LAUNCH HEAVYWEIGHT

The Wisconsin, one of the heaviest vessels in maritime history, will slide down the ways of the Philadelphia Navy yard on 7 Dec., another of Uncle Sam's forceful answers to the treacherous Japs.

Social workers were blasted for their "mild" policies at Tule Lake as a House un-American committee went to work on the Jap relocation center. Army doesn't want to be burdened with the turbulent place, it was disclosed during testimony.

Tule Lake wasn't the only source of trouble in California. This week Tolson's prison warden was sus-

pended for permitting a convict to go to San Francisco unescorted.

Probably on the premise that it takes fat to keep a man warm, OPA is reducing meat point values by 30 per cent in December, but it warned the nation that spring supplies would be short and that meat point values would be upped again as early as January.

DOUBLE DRAFT

The combined Army-Navy draft call in January will approximate 300,000 men, or nearly double the figure the War Manpower Commission anticipated.

At Camp Shelby, Miss., three German prisoners of war were paroled by proxy. Names were withheld pending War Dept. approval.

Address Lyn Bari and Test Pilot Sid Luft were married this week. Joan Fontaine turned up in Hartford, Conn., as a nurse's aide.

QUALITY DOWN

Ordnance officers at Aberdeen (Md.) Proving Ground pieced together a story from tests that showed German war material to be deplorable in quality; likewise, Jap material, but in a much lesser degree.

Seattle felt its worst earth tremor in years this week.



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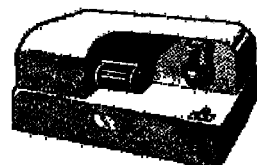
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CAMP MATTHEWS Highest score of the year for all recruits firing the M-1 rifle here was recorded last week by Pvt. George W. Long of Plt. 877 when he lined 'em up and squeezed 'em off on "F" range to card 331 out of a possible 340. Pvt. Long's mark equals the highest fired here since M-1 qualification trials started in October, 1942.

Before entering the Corps, Long was employed in a munitions plant which manufactured the cartridges he used to tie the range record.

Upon completion of his boot training, he is slated to become a rifle coach here.

TROPHY EYES

The Matthews trophy, awarded annually to the rifle range on which the highest score is made by a recruit, will come to Camp Matthews if Pvt. Long's score of 331 remains the best for the remaining month of this year.

The trophy is now held by Camp Elliott rifle range where Pvt. Herman Latal of Plt. 845 fired 332 last year.

Second and third highest scores fired on the range last week were recorded by Pvt. Steve C. Kuder of Plt. 882, with 325, and Richard D. Collier of Plt. 883, with 320.

Highest percentage qualification for platoons last week was turned in by Plt. 883, with 96.4. Plt. 885 followed in second place with 94.5 and Plt. 887 was third with 93.2.

Of the 1167 who fired, 1035 qualified for a percentage total of 87.2. Experts totaled 106, sharpshooters 261 and marksmen 834. Only 132 failed to qualify.

Plt. 883 was coached by PFC Robert A. Stubbs, Plt. 885 by PFC John M. Smith and Plt. 887 by PFC William J. Bolde.

Be Contention

Christmas Mailing Restriction Set

Mailing of Christmas greeting cards by members of Base personnel should be kept at a minimum, it was pointed out in a MCB memorandum this week.

During the last holiday season, the postal department was placed under a heavy burden by large volume of Christmas mail sent by servicemen.



FIRING THE HIGHEST score of the year with the M-1 rifle at Camp Matthews, 331 out of a possible 340, last week earned for Pvt. George W. Long (left) of Plt. 877 the congratulations of Maj. J. E. Snow, chief range officer. The 1942 record was 332. (Photo by PFC Ed Wight).

All Solomons Aviation Now Directed By Marine Chief

Maj. Gen. Ralph J. Mitchell, for four years director of Marine Corps aviation before transferring to command of a South Pacific wing last May, has been named commander of all Army, Navy and Marine aircraft in the Solomons area.

The appointment came by direction of Adm. W. F. Halsey and was in line with a standing policy of rotating an arduous front line senior command. Gen. Mitchell replaced Maj. Gen. Nathan F. Twining, USA.

Gen. Mitchell has an aviation background of 22 years. He transferred to that field at his own request in 1920 after serving at Guam during World War I. He was graduated from the Naval Academy as a second lieutenant in 1915.

For services against hostile bands in Nicaragua (1920-21) he was awarded the DFC, also the Presidential Medal of Merit. Other decorations include the Victory Medal, Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal, American Defense Service Medal and Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Ribbon.

His advancement record reads: Commissioned 1st Lt., March, 1917; Capt. in Oct., 1917; Maj. (temporary) in Sept., 1918; Maj. (permanent) in Dec., 1934; Lt. Col. in Dec., 1934; Col. in March, 1938; Brig. Gen. in March, 1942, and Maj. Gen. in Sept., 1942.

Words Or Roudage?

The foreman on a political job ran short of shovels and wired Washington, asking for more. The next day he received this reply: "Have no more shovels, tell men to lean on each other."

Raider Battalion Chief Back From Pacific Battles

Tells Tightening Of Jap Defensive Lines And New Tactics Of Assault Troops

SAN FRANCISCO Tales of lightened Jap defensive measures and new Marine Raider tactics were brought back from the South Pacific war zone this week by Lt. Col. Samuel R. Griffith, who led his Raider Battalion through some of the fiercest fighting in the Solomons—the assaults at Rairoko and Enogai.

Col. Griffith said the Japs are learning by early mistakes in jungle warfare and are steadily improving their defensive tactics, which were not highly developed at the outbreak of hostilities.

Enogai called for frontal assault and Col. Griffith's men found the Japs entrenched in pillboxes dug deep in coral and protected on top by coconut logs.

"It was a type of defense that took the utmost in each man's fighting skill and guts to penetrate," he said. "Under such conditions a gain of a dozen yards was of tremendous importance. Even so, the boys ran the Japs out of three such defense lines."

Stop Loose Talk

Information Sought By Marine's Mother

An appeal to locate Marines who served in an overseas unit with her son, who died of injuries received in Guadalcanal, was received at the Base this week from Mrs. Frances Cradler, 331 Golden ave., Los Angeles.

Her son, Corp. Laurence E. Carmack, was attached to unit 756. He went overseas 20 June 1942 after completing his boot training at Parris Island and further training at Camp Lejeune.

Corp. Carmack died 7 Jan. 1943 in a U. S. Naval hospital before his mother could see him.

Buy More Bonds

Even Split

MCAD, MIRAMAR Corp. Gene Tamey twirled Miramar's baseball team to a 5-1 victory over ABC-3 this week. In an earlier game the Miramar tossers lost to Coast Guard Patrol, 3 to 1.



MTSgt. R. F. HUTCHINGS

Purchaser's Job Demands Scrutiny

CAMP PENDLETON—Now that he is spending \$200,000 a month for PX merchandise here, MTSgt. R. F. Hutchings gives every sample offered by salesmen a close scrutiny.

Sgt. Hutchings does the buying here for eight PX stores and six mobile units. He served as a Marine during World War I. In civilian life he was in charge of the war contract division for Sears, Roebuck & Co. in San Diego.

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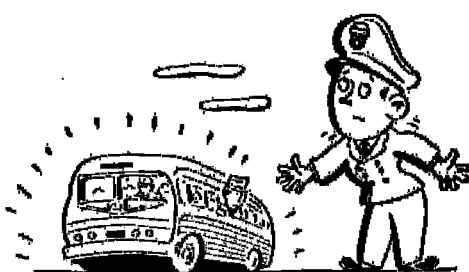
Ration Changes Set By Board

Food, gasoline and tires were affected this week by Base Ration Board notices concerning personnel living ashore.

Beginning 1 Dec., the value of Base ration coupons issued for supplemental mileage was increased from three to five gallons by ODT order. It doesn't mean more gasoline merely fewer coupons for the same amount. Holders of current issue coupons will continue to use them until date of expiration.

Periodic home travel allowance still remains at 600 miles a month, but those taking advantage will be restricted to grade 3 tires, the board has ruled.

Applications for Food Ration Books Nos. 3 and 4, heretofore handled directly at OPA boards, will be routed through the Base Board first, it was announced.



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CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES of the Base listened attentively and proudly this week to Maj. Gen. Clayton B. Vogel leaving rostrum followed by Col. William C. James, who congratulated them on winning the Secy. of Navy's War Bond Honor flag. Hundreds of 'boots' formed the background and the cheering section. (Photo by Pvt. Herbert Alden).

Decorations Put Police Wise To Marine Pretender

Misrepresentation doesn't pay, Louis Bodellos of Los Angeles learned rather painfully on Thanksgiving day when he got "the bird" from police for illegally wearing the uniform of a Marine Corps master technical sergeant.

Bodellos was picked up at his favorite free hangout, a USO center at 820 S. Main St., Los Angeles, in a sartorial setup that included enough trimmings to make any rooster turkey hang its pin feathers in shame.

His chest collection included the Purple Heart, Pacific Theater, Asiatic Service with three stars, Defense Bar with two stars and World War I with five stars ribbons. The

Promotion Given Air Commander

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Promotion of Lt. Col. Allen C. Koonce, commanding officer of MAG-45, to full colonel has been announced here.

DUTY CHANGES

WASHINGTON Recent changes in duty stations include Col. Thompson E. Condit who has been ordered detached from duty on the West Coast and to MCAS, Cherry Point.

Lt. Col. Samuel B. Griffith has been ordered to duty with Marine Corps Schools, Quantico; Lt. Col. Billy W. King has been detached from the San Diego area and ordered to duty in the Washington area; Lt. Col. Frank Frost has been ordered to duty in the field from his post at Navy Dept., Washington; Maj. Richard W. Wallace has been ordered from duty in the San Francisco area to the Div. of Plans and Policies, HQMC.

ASSUMES COMMAND

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA—Lt. Col. Helen N. Greau has arrived here to assume her first command. She will supervise the activities of Women Reservists at this air station.

Lt. Greau, daughter of the late Brig. Gen. William J. Nicholson, saw active service overseas in World War I as a munitions worker.

AT AIR DEPOT

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Capt. Bonnell Bates, an aviator in Naval aviation during World War I, has been made personnel assignment officer here. An advertising executive in civilian life, he formerly served as acting O-in-C of officer personnel, Division of Aviation, HQMC.

Navy Award Presented

Ceremonies Honor Civilian Workers For Bond Record

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Civilian workers of the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps are aware of the vital need to provide fighting dollars, stating, "They are investing more than 10 per cent of their gross pay in bonds, adding to more than \$20 million dollars in Victory every month, with a grand total thus far, since the start of the payroll savings plan, of more than \$200 million fighting dollars."

Capt. Enbank in his report to the assembled group said: "During the 3rd War Loan Drive, the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard turned over to the Treasury in excess of 30 million dollars for bonds sold, or almost 9 per cent of the total purchases over the nation. With slightly over 3 million in Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps families, including civilians, offered the opportunity to purchase bonds, this means that almost 3 per cent of the population purchased 9 per cent of the sales."

Col. James in his closing words pledged Gen. Vogel and Capt. Enbank, "you may assure the secretary of the navy that this flag, for which our civilian employees sacrificed and worked, will never be lowered from its staff because we failed to maintain our '99 and 10' requirement. I can promise you that civilian employees and the Marine personnel of this Base have hardly more than weighed anchor; we are just getting under way in our War Bond Program."

— Write Home —

Japs Imitate Battle Cry Of Civil War

NEW GEORGIA (Delayed)—The Rebel Yell, famed Southern battle cry of the Civil War, is being imitated by Japs here.

Marines who have battled the enemy in these jungle lands report that the Japanese resort to a horrible shout when counter-attacking. "It's blood curdling," one Marine said, "but after you've heard it once or twice, you realize the Japs don't fight as good as they yell."—Sgt. Ben Wahrman, combat correspondent.

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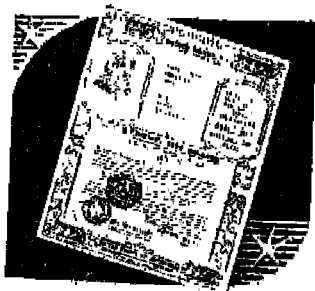
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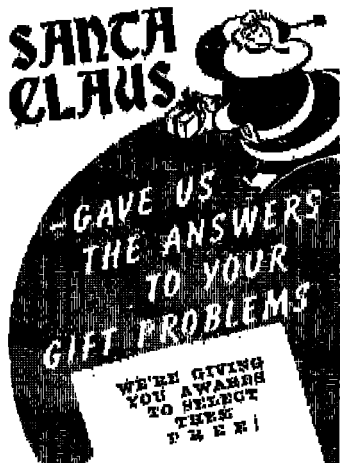
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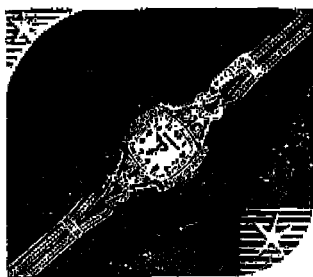
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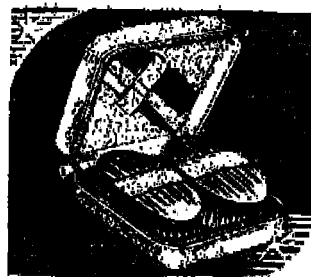


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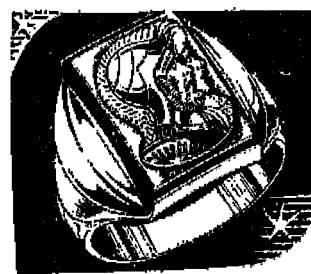
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Marine Tanks Spearhead Attack On Arundel Isle

Counter Invasion Of New Georgia Balked By Battle

By Sgt. Ben Wahman
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC (Delayed)—That new jungle fighting combination—Marine Corps tanks and Army infantry—which secured Munda airfield, also proved effective in driving the Japs from the little island of Arundel, thus wiping out the last Japanese chance for a counter-attack on New Georgia.

Arundel, a little island just off the northern coast of New Georgia, was but a few miles from the Jap stronghold of Kolombangara. The Japs used the island as a supply base when Marine and Army troops chased them from Munda to Balak and into the Kila Gulf.

JAP STEPPING STONE

First indications were that the Japs were using the island only as a stepping stone to Kolombangara. A handful of Army troops followed them to hasten their departure. Then came the news that the Japs were strengthening their forces on Arundel, and that a possible counter-invasion of New Georgia loomed.

Reinforcements immediately were rushed to the island. Heading them was the same Marine tank platoon which led the Army infantry into the Munda airfield after a 28-day battle.

It took just three days of desperate fighting to drive the Japs from Arundel.

1st Sgt. Thomas Jefferson Gardner, ranking non-commissioned officer of a tank platoon, which served as the spearhead of the American attack, gave this description of the action:

BATTLE LIONS

"After the Munda scrap, we took things easy for awhile. We were resting when word reached us that we were going to Arundel. Capt. Carlson (Irving P. Carlson) the platoon commander, sent the word down to me to get the tanks and men: him on Arundel, so we loaded on lighters and went over there.

"We reached there on 16 September, and those Army men really were glad to see us. Many of them were the same lads who had been with us at Munda, and it was sort of like old home week. We were glad to see them too, because they had shown us at Munda that they had plenty of courage.

"Well, we didn't waste any time. The Army had been losing men, and were having trouble with a Jap blockade, so Capt. Carlson told us about a new technique he'd worked out. We tried it, and, not wanting that blockade.

"Of course, it wasn't as simple as all that. Those Japs were tough fighters, but apparently they hadn't expected our tanks, and they weren't prepared for us."

— Day War Bonds —

Women Medics At Camp

Marine women at Camp Lejeune recently welcomed to the post the first women doctors—two WAVES medical officers. Their rank is denoted by the array of initials after their names: "W-V (S) (MC) USNR".

— Write Home —

Gulf is beginning to find its way into the lives of Marines in the South Pacific. A combat correspondent writes that "Yankee Base Country club" already has been formed.

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Oldest Marine Expedition Still Guards Iceland

Black Outpost Uneventful But Of Major Importance In War Against Submarines

SOMEWHERE IN ICELAND—For almost 30 months the Marine Corps' oldest expedition of this war has stood guard and manned lonely defense posts on bleak but strategic Iceland.

Lying athwart supply lines, Iceland probably has been the most uneventful war zone in the world. But the stillness does not measure its importance. The cargoes saved, the submarines sunk, will go unrecorded until after the war.

The Leathernecks serving at this post find the going both rugged and dreary. A day's duty includes installing defense positions, building and maintaining roads, and laying down barbed wire.

Severe weather prohibits outside relaxation, so everything is done indoors. Playing cards, making model airplanes, knives fashioned from parts of captured German planes. For months on end they rarely see the sun and wintry gales whip by up to 100 miles an hour.

Yet, in good weather, they find time to make friends with the Icelanders, carrying the "Good Neighbor" policy to even this Arctic section of the globe.—Sgt. John Worth, combat correspondent.



THE AIR MEDAL, one step removed from the Distinguished Flying Cross, is now being awarded members of the armed forces for meritorious flight after 8 Sept. 1939. It was authorized 11 May, 1912.

240-Pound Marine Exposes Self To Jap Sniper Fire

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC (Delayed)—PFC. William R. White, who weighs 240 pounds and takes a lot of feeding, recently killed a Jap strictly from hunger.

On Arundel Island, the pangs of hunger drove him to offer his bulk as a target for a well-concealed Jap sniper, whose fire threatened to keep him and his tank outfit hidden from the chow line.

Returning from a mission, the tank crew, led by trooperman White, had just begun a fast dash for the galley when sniper fire sent them to cover. Mingled with the well-directed shots was the tantalizing aroma of the hot, evening meal. They could see the food, but they couldn't see the sniper.

From White's viewpoint, to go without chow was unthinkable. He worked out his plan of action in a hurry.

Rising to full length, he calmly wagged his fingers in the general

direction of the enemy. The Jap fired and missed. White emptied his pistol at the sound, but the range was too great. The sniper fired again.

Stillering back to the tank, White obtained a Tommy gun. Then he stood up and repeated his gesture. The Jap's shot went wild, but White's return fire didn't. Five slugs did for the Jap. The food was still hot when White took his place in the chow line.

"After I killed him," White said later, "I realized how foolish I'd been and then I got so scared I darned near couldn't eat."—Sgt. Ben Wahman, combat correspondent.

Marine Sets 10-Year Expert Rifle Record

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA.—A record of 10 years as an expert rifleman has been set here by MTSgt. John H. Viar.

He first qualified in 1931 and since has requalified each year as an expert. Recently he shot a score of 328 out of a possible 340.

In 1941, MTSgt. Viar was an engineering chief at Wake Island, Haiti and Midway Island. He was on Midway on 7 December when the Japs attacked.

After returning to the U. S., he was transferred to this air station, where he is chief of the line crews and in charge of crash crews and rehabilitation of wrecked and damaged aircraft.

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WAKE ISLAND has much in common for these two Cherry Point, N. C., Marines—Col. Walter L. J. Bayler (left), who as last man off Wake authored a best-seller, and 2d Lt. MacDonald Carey, who played his part in recent motion picture hit based on that historic Leatherneck fight.

Movie Role 'Sells' Actor On Marines; Joins Author

CHERRY POINT, N. C.—From play acting to the real thing. That's the step 2d Lt. Edward MacDonald Carey, movie star, is taking in his latest role.

Lt. Carey played the role of a Marine pilot in the recent motion picture hit, "Wake Island". He is now attached to this air station, serving under the officer who really was the "last man" off the island before the Japs finally overwhelmed its heroic Marine garrison, Col. Walter L. J. Bayler, author of the best seller, "Last Man off Wake Island."

Lt. Carey says, "The making of 'Wake Island' was the turning point in my life. It introduced me to the Marine Corps. The men who took part in the picture were the finest group I ever met."

Enlisting in the Corps as a private at Los Angeles, Lt. Carey was sent to Parris Island 7 Dec., 1942, for recruit training. Upon completion of "boot camp" he was sent to OC at Quantico and received his commission in April.

He is now serving as ground officer in Marine aviation under Col. Bayler, training for duty overseas.—TSgt. J. P. Fox.

World War I Marine Fliers Hold Reunion

MCAS, FL. CENTRO—Capt. G. F. Courtney, Maj. Sq. engineering officer, was one of a group of World I fliers present at a recent reunion of members of the First Marine Aviation Force in the Hollywood Athletic Club.

Other old-time Marine fliers present included Col. MacIvair, the oldest member present, Lt. Ivan P. Wheaton, CSMarCpt. St. Gould, Bob Lytle, and Sgt. Eddie Abrams.

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GLAD TO ANSWER

Editor, The Chevron—We have a newspaper clipping of a letter from a soldier who wrote that "It was the Army that made the landing and it was the Army that took Munda."

We wish to know the number of Marines that participated in the battle of Munda. Being veterans of Guadalcanal recuperating here, we had the understanding that the Marines made the original landing.

THIS "MOO-MOO" BOYS from Balboa Park.

USNR

Editor's note—Like recent offensive actions in the Pacific, the capture of Munda was a joint Army-Navy-Marine blow. It is not possible to give you the number of Marines who participated in their units. A hand-picked unit of Marines landed on New Georgia seven days before the actual invasion began. They were to attack the Viti Harbor garrison when soldiers landed at Woodlark and Tolbiand islands. The Japs, taken by surprise, were driven over a 150-foot cliff and the strategic harbor secured. A combined force of Army troops and Marine Raiders made the hazardous trek from the anchorage to Dragon's peninsula to flank the Japs on Munda Point. Meanwhile, from nearby Rendova Island, heavy Marine field guns poured a steady stream of death across the water onto Munda. Marine aviators fought the Japs day after day over Munda, and a Marine fighter squadron was first to land on the air strip when it was finally captured. In the final assault on the airfield, Marine tank platoons paved the way for Army infantry attacks.

DRINKS IN "SHANGRI-LA"

Editor, The Chevron—After reading our latest edition of The Chevron (several months delayed) we were very sorry to learn of the "Cadeys" having to give up their beer on Mondays and not getting to drink over 15 minutes after 2000 with those "purity female" Marines. Tut, tut.

Here in "Shangri-la" we have the best of everything, including spun and corned beef. There is always entertainment, such as the "woodish" of desecration horrors and a sudden sprinkle of rain. Of course all this takes place while we are peacefully thinking of one little glass of ice cold beer, which would probably sell for \$10 a sip out here.

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TUGH GOING

Editor, The Chevron—Answering Sgt. Spiker's remarks in The Outpost, 31 Sept. issue of The Chevron, I wish to say he naturally thinks more of the Army since he is a part of it.

With reference to his remarks about men in drill I would like to know if that three-striper has ever been in combat or a combat zone with the Marines.

In the past few months we have been living in the same area with a few of the Army units and if we live any clearer than they do

it is because we take a bath more often.

Abyone who made the statements he did has, in my estimation, never been away from his mother's apron strings before. I wonder what will happen to a man like that when things really get tough?

STISGT. T. E. BENNETT,
Hq. Co, 3rd Bn.,
21st Marines, c/o Fleet P.O.,
San Francisco, Cal.

GETTING YOUNGER

Editor, The Chevron—During the past eight or nine months conjecture about the youngest sergeant major in the Marine Corps has been most prominent in your pages. We of Marine Scout Bombing Squadron 235 feel that the time has come to end all such speculation.

He is Sgt. Maj. Joseph E. Bell, who recently celebrated his twentieth birthday out here in the Southwest Pacific and three weeks later was promoted to sergeant major. The Scout Bombing Squadron to which Sgt. Maj. Bell is attached already has set an enviable combat record, one of its feats being the sinking of the first mass flight of scout bombers from Hawaii to Midway.

STISGT. PAUL J. CAVANAUGH
Marine Scout Bombing Squadron 235,
MAG 14, FAW, Navy 250
Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco.

Editor's note—Any more candidates?

GRATEFUL

Editor, The Chevron—Please convey through your paper my sincere appreciation to the officers and enlisted men who rendered kind and helpful service in me following the recent death of my husband, George Noel Miller, who died while on duty at the Base.

MRS. GEORGE NOEL MILLER,
707 G St., S. E., Washington, D. C.

Original Cartoons Decorate Exchanges

CAMP PENDLETON—Dedicated to Marines at this camp, several original cartoons and paintings contributed by nationally known cartoonists and artists now hang in the post exchanges.

Henry Clive of American Weekly fame contributed a front cover original which is on exhibit in a PX serving a combat regiment in training. Clifford McBride did one of Napoleon being pursued by a toy airplane. Vic Forsythe, who does desert scenes in his now as Clyde Forsythe, did one of Joe Jinks on Guadalcanal and Fred L. Fox, a ghost cartoonist who has also done a strip of his own, contributed another.

Japs Aid Marines In Water Search

NEW GEORGIA (Delayed The fresh water problem at Marine camps in this area is not so acute these days, thanks to the Japanese.

On one island, a party searching for a likely spot to dig a well found a Japanese bomb had fouled the spot already. The resulting crater made a nice well.

On another island, a Marine working party was intent on digging up a Japanese shell which had not exploded. Before they reached the dud, they struck water, and a good drinking supply resulted. Sgt. Ben Wahrman, combat correspondent.



CAMP ELLIOTT saw a 30-year veteran reenlist this month when Cysgt. Alvin L. Thomas took the oath from Lt. F. Wallace, CO of Hq. Co. FME. (Photo by Pvt. Frank F. Hoffman)

Veteran Gunnery Sergeant 'Ships Over' Once Again

CAMP ELLIOTT—Cysgt. Alvin Linton Thomas on 13 Nov. completed 30 consecutive years in the Marine Corps and "shipped over" for another four-year enlistment.

The oath was administered by Lt. Frank F. Wallace, commanding officer of Hq. Co., FME, San Diego area.

Cysgt. Thomas enlisted in the Corps in 1913 at the age of 17 in Indianapolis and received his basic training at Washington, D. C.

He has received three letters of commendation for action against the enemy at Pearl Harbor, Tulagi and Midway as well as the Presidential unit citation. He was decorated with the Purple Heart for wounds suffered at Guadalcanal.

Cysgt. Thomas, who was on duty with the Marine Corps during World War I, has served in Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua and Santo Domingo.

Mojave Air Station Gets New NCO Club

MCAS, MOJAVE Rounding out a complete program of PX enlargement, a new senior NCO club opened here recently. The clubhouse, located in the rear of the PX building, is decorated in a general aviation theme. Curtains carry large Marine Corps emblems and pictures of famous enlisted men in the Corps hang from the walls.

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Boot's Mistake Jangles Alarm In Recruit Depot

Chooses 'Prettier' Switch Of 'Two' When Ordered To Cut Electricity In Hut Area

There's a sadder but wiser "hoot" in RD this week.

It all happened Wednesday when a GI looked around, picked out a recruit at random, told him casually to run outside and pull the light switch on the telephone pole to cut off electricity in the hut area.

The enterprising recruit, arriving at the pole "on the double", was confronted with a problem. Instead of one switch, there were two.

He chose the prettier of the two, reached up, gave it a couple of healthy yanks and started back "on the double" to his area.

Practically on his heels, came the entire personnel of RD fire department, along with the ambulance, and a crash wagon. Following them in rapid succession, came the CO of RD, various members of his staff and a "jillion" loose gyrates.

The recruit, whose face by this time was red as the handle he had pulled, discovered that he had turned in a two alarm fire.

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Modification Made In Working Order

A modification of the recent order forbidding all personnel to engage in outside employment has been issued which provides that in cases of public emergency such employment may be secured upon written authorization by Commanding Officers.

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'FIGHT BALL' SQUADRON, one of First Marine fighter units to operate from Munda field and credited with 28 Jap planes shot down, recently completed its tour. From left, front row: 1st Lt. Robert F. Steinhilber, Lt. Henry C. Hackett, USNR (surgeon), Maj. Richard B. Baker, commanding, and Joseph M. Nelson, executive officer. Capt. Myron Spitzberger and 2nd Lt. Elmer L. Main Jr. Second row: 1st Lt. Robert L. Rathbun and Maurice Noonan, Capt. Joseph J. Howles Jr., 1st Lt. William F. Sherman III, Lt. Len

P. Waple and Foster H. Jessup. Third row: 1st Lt. William K. Dolbitts, Capt. William H. Hastings and William H. Lear, 2nd Lt. Peter A. Thompson Jr., Capt. Lester H. Smith, 1st Lt. Percy F. Asant and John E. Golden III. Back row: Capt. Jack C. Scott, 1st Lt. William A. Cantel, Capt. J. C. Austin and Colonel H. Dastwell, 1st Lt. William D. Armstrong, James M. Nettles Jr. and Andrew R. Hatcher and 2nd Lt. Edward F. Gaudette Jr. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Edwin M. Hart.)

Men In Field Can Buy Insurance

Personnel of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard who have been in service for more than 120 days and are serving outside the United States where it is not practicable nor feasible to have an examination conducted by a medical officer, may apply for national service life insurance under a modified procedure authorized by the Veterans Administration.

Under the procedure the CO of the man's unit may certify that it is not practical nor feasible to have the applicant examined, but that he is believed to be free of disease and physical defects.

— **By Courtland** —

She: "My husband is in the Navy."
He: "So your anchor's awash, eh?"

Combat Duty Set On Toss Of Coin

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Gambling with destiny on the toss of a coin, Lt. Raymond L. Cullen, (DC) USN, found himself a witness of the Japanese attack on Midway.

Now at this depot following two campaigns and many months of overseas service with the Marines, Lt. Cullen recalled how he and Lt. John Stockton, (LC) USN, while standing by in Hawaii, staked their combat future on the flip of a coin.

"We tossed, and I headed for Midway," said Lt. Cullen. "I got action first, but maybe it wasn't so lucky after all, because Dr. Stockton ended up on Guadalcanal and saw plenty of action there." Sgt. Wallace McLean, combat correspondent.

First Correspondent Missing In Action

WASHINGTON—Sgt. Robert W. S. Slinson, combat correspondent, has been reported missing in action in the South Pacific since 18 Nov. He is the first correspondent to be reported missing since the war's outbreak.

Prior to his enlistment in October, 1942, Sgt. Slinson was acting director of public relations for the Saturday Evening Post. Previously he served as reporter for the Philadelphia Inquirer, on the publicity staff of N. W. Ayer and Son, Inc., and as script writer for "Mystery History" on the Mutual Broadcasting Company network.

— **By Mary Bonds** —

A good man keeps hitting the bull's eye without shooting the bull.

Ministers' Sons Team Up Against South Pacific Japs

GUADALCANAL, (Delayed) — A couple of ministers' sons, two Marine Corps dive bombing pilots, are teaming against the Japanese in this combat zone these days. They are 1st Lts. George H. Lankenauer and Eugene L. Faw.

Recently Lt. Lankenauer had the unique experience of diving upside down on a gun emplacement near Jap-held Vila airbase. At about 2000 feet an AA shell burst directly beneath him and threw the plane on its back.

"We kept on coming, however, and I managed to right the plane and release the bomb about the same time," he explained after getting back safely to his base. "Meanwhile, the engine had cranked and I thought it was all over. But it started up suddenly as I pulled out of the dive."

CLONE CALL

Lt. Faw had his closest call when he insisted on participating in a raid on Vila despite a cracked collar bone suffered in a fall. He climbed into the cockpit with a pouch sling fashioned from a spare handkerchief.

"Coming down in the dive I thought my day had come," he related. "I reached for my flaps to slow up the dive as I approached the target and my sling got caught on my elbow. When I tugged at the sling I lost control of the plane for a few moments. AA fire was popping all around me."

"After what seemed minutes it was only seconds in reality—the sling came loose and I found the flap released. I dropped my bomb smack in the middle of a supply dump and zoomed upstairs to join my mates."

Probably one of the luckiest dive bombers on record is 1st Lt. Ray C. Holben, whose plane has come through seven dive bombing raids without stopping a single bullet or piece of shrapnel.

It wasn't because the enemy was

withholding fire when Lt. Holben was diving, either, because official reports credit him with hits in the assigned area on every mission through some of the toughest AA rings in this section.

He doesn't carry a good luck charm, so he thinks maybe the bottle he bought in the Hawaiian Islands some time back is keeping Jap missiles away.

— **By Mary Bonds** —

Chuckling of the week goes to the guys who picked out Cat Island, Gulfport, Miss., as a War Dog Reception and Training Center.



Why I Joined The Marine Corps League

I served in the Marine Corps in World War I with the finest bunch of men in the world. I love and respect the Marine Corps, all my old buddies, and the men who are now completing the job we started. I did not want to lose contact with my pals of the past or my friends who are in the Corps today, so I joined the League in order to keep in touch with what is going on in the Corps; to meet once a month and to talk out language with men who understand what "scuttle-butt" is; where I can also be of service to men less fortunate than I and, where I can contribute to our motto, "Semper Paratus."

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The further objects and purposes of the corporation are to preserve the traditions of the oldest branch of the nation's military service, which have been an inspiration to the United States Marines since 1776, and to band the members of the United States Marine Corps together in fellowship that they may be effective in promoting the ideals of American freedom and democracy which they have always defended; to foster a love of the principles which have been supported by the blood and valor of the United States Marines since the founding of our Republic; to aid, assist, and provide for, whenever and wherever possible, the fathers, mothers, and other dependents of deceased Marines; and to be ever mindful of the glorious history of the United States Marine Corps.

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Truck Strikes Down 'Pug'

Killed in the line of duty, or maybe it was in the line of pre-meditated liberty, Corp. Rumpus (Pug) Duffy was hurt this week.

Youngest of Marine Corps corporals at only 5, "Pug" was struck down by a truck in the RD area while making his sentry rounds. Neither blood plasma nor three shots of adrenalin were enough to snatch him from death after he was rushed to the Blue Cross hospital at Five Points.

The funeral services were military but quiet, presided over by his closest friend, Pfc. John W. Hanley, and members of the RD police shed.

If you haven't guessed it by now, Corp. Duffy was an English bulldog, official mascot and sentry in the RD area. Many a Marine, from Guadalcanal to those who slugged their way across the Gilbert Islands,

know "Pug" for his cocky, no-liberal trait.

He is survived by a more famous uncle, Pfc. James Jolly Plum Duff, Base mascot.

"Pug" joined up on 23 June, 1941, at NAS, Terminal Island. His record book, which has been forwarded to Washington, D. C., shows that he was promoted to rank of PFC while attached to a Raider Bn. and to corporal when he came to the Base.

At the time of his death "Pug" had a lot of back pay coming—490 bones, to be exact.

— Write Home —

Base Theater To Get All-Colored Revue

Another fun-packed show has been booked by the Base Theater with announcement of the USO-Camp Shows stage presentation of "Let's Go," an all-colored revue direct from the hot spots of Harlem.

Schedule for the Base Theater calls for four shows on 8-9 Dec., two shows each night. The first will be held for RD personnel at 1800 and the second for Base personnel.

— Buy Insurance —

Out Of Bounds

Two cafes were affected by 11th Naval District rulings this week. Clara's Cafe, 318 West "B" st., San Diego, was placed back on the "in bounds" list. Victory Cafe, 493 Broadway, El Centro, was declared "out of bounds."

Free Recreation Features Set In Los Angeles Area

Free recreation features for enlisted personnel spending the weekend in the Los Angeles area include dancing and other entertainment at Blue Carroll's Theater in Hollywood from 1400 to 1700 Sunday, a noon dinner at Mike Lyman's and matinee at the Paramount Theater. Tickets may be obtained at any Los Angeles or Hollywood USO. To attend the Hollywood or Pacific Mutual USO shows Sunday, tickets must be obtained by not later than 1100.

Other Sunday features include a free meal at 1800 at the American Legion Clubhouse, 162 No. Robertson Blvd., for which no ticket is necessary. And a stage show, "The Drunkard," at 1400 at the Theater Mart, 1019 Clinton st.

Saturday's headliner will be the Hollywood Cantata dance at Chhuenga Blvd and Sunset, attended by movie stars. Other dances are scheduled at the Hollywood Guild Cantata, Hollywood Legion Post No. 43, Knights of Columbus Hall, Beverly Hills Post V. F. W., and Beverly Hills Hotel.

Free revues and stage plays given every night are "Young For Fun" at the Music Box (matinees at 1130 Saturday and Sunday), "Save Me A Sailor" at the Mayan, and "The New Men The People" at the Assistance League Playhouse.

— Be Courteous —

Kay Kyser Broadcast Set At Air Station

MICHAEL MOJAVE—Kay Kyser and his orchestra will present their regular weekly broadcast 8 December at 2000. It was announced this week by Chaplain William Kettling.

A matinee performance for men who cannot attend the evening show is scheduled for 1415.

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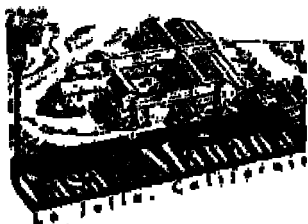
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General Vandegrift Heard On 'Halls Of Montezuma'

Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, newly appointed commandant of the Marine Corps, effective 1 Jan., made his first radio address since returning from his South Pacific command when he spoke on this week's "Halls of Montezuma" program.

The Guadalcanal veteran spoke from Washington on a program shortened to 15 minutes because of a special news broadcast at 1830 over all stations on Roosevelt-Churchill-Chiang Kai-shek conference in Cairo.

Dramatization of the actions which won Navy crosses for a Marine father and son, originally scheduled for this week, will be featured on next week's Halls of Montezuma broadcast from the Base Theater Wednesday at 1630.

Both air officers, the father is Lt. Col. Francis E. Pierce, who was decorated for his part in an air action in the Nicaraguan campaign in 1938. The son is Capt. Francis E. Pierce Jr., who was awarded the Cross After downing six Jap planes in the Philippines, where he was wounded while shooting down three planes in one day.

— Stop Loose Talk —

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Members of USMCWE in this area will be interested in a bulletin recently issued by Pacific Mutual (USO) of Los Angeles, 515 West 6th st.

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Screen Guide

BASE THEATRE
1730 - 2000

Sunday - Campus Rhythm, Downbeat
Monday - Let's Have Fun, Gordon-Lindsay; Dead Men Walk, Zucco-Carlisle
Tuesday - His Father's Millions, Buckle-Michael; McGuerins From Brooklyn, Rader-Hendrix
Wednesday - Halls Of Montezuma, Broadway; 1930 Stage Show, Let's Go, Revue; 1900 Stage Show, Let's Go, Revue; 1900 Stage Show, Let's Go, Revue; 1900 Stage Show, Let's Go, Revue
Thursday - 1930 Stage Show, Let's Go, Revue; 1900 Stage Show, Let's Go, Revue; 1900 Stage Show, Let's Go, Revue
Friday - H. M. Putnam, Dequiere, Lohr's Follies
Saturday - H. M. Putnam, Dequiere, Lohr's Follies, Rogers Baby Jr.

CAMP MATTHEWS
1745

Sunday - Out Of The Fog, Lupton-Carlisle
Monday - His Father's Millions, Buckle-Michael; McGuerins From Brooklyn, Rader-Hendrix
Tuesday - Campus Rhythm, Downbeat
Wednesday - Let's Have Fun, Gordon-Lindsay; Dead Men Walk, Zucco-Carlisle
Thursday - 1930 Stage Show, Let's Go, Revue; 1900 Stage Show, Let's Go, Revue; 1900 Stage Show, Let's Go, Revue
Friday - H. M. Putnam, Dequiere, Lohr's Follies, Rogers Baby Jr.
Saturday - H. M. Putnam, Dequiere, Lohr's Follies, Rogers Baby Jr.

CAMP KENNETH
1900

Sunday - The Leopard Man, O'Keefe-Marko
Monday - Five Graves to Cairo, Tom-Baker
Tuesday - Money Island, Grable-Montgomery
Wednesday - Young And Willing, Nelson-Bryward
Thursday - Texas To Boston, King-Manning

ROAD, MEXICAN
1745 - 2000

Sunday and Monday - Campus Dn, S&D
Tuesday - 1930 Stage Show, Wednesday - What's Happin' Cousin, Rochester-Wilder
Thursday - Dark Cupboard, Wayne, Traylor
Friday and Saturday - Northern Sunset, Plam-Dubline

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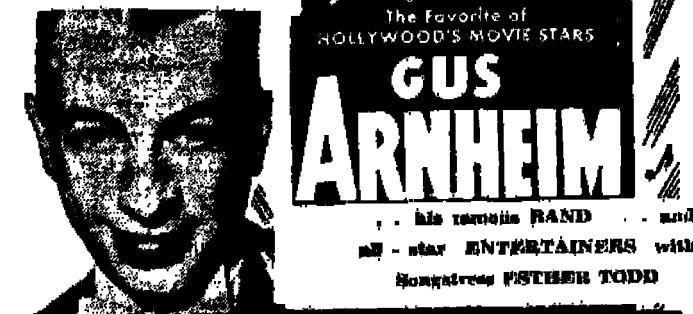
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Ray Sears Wins Naval District Cross Country

Marine Coach Gallops Course In Startling Time To Pace Hq.Bn.

Covering more than three miles of hilly, mixed terrain in the almost unbelievable time of 14 minutes 55 seconds, PFC Ray Sears, Bush track coach, won the 11th Naval District's annual cross country championship Saturday at Balboa park.

He finished better than a quarter-mile ahead of Corp. Mgt. Speed, the runner-up, and paced Hq. Bn. to team honors. As winners turned out it was virtually an all-Marine party. One sailor showed up for the gallop but he was far back in the pack.

FOUR OTHERS FINISH

The victorious Hq. Bn. team had a low count of 27 points against 48 for Sgt. and 51 for Sgt., identical order of finish in the recent Base meet. Contributing to the Hq. win were PFCs Elliott Knutson, who finished fourth, and Robert Telfer, fifth; PFCs Joe Hale, sixth, and Alfred Amos, twelfth.

Sgt. James J. McPoland, who reaped distance running fame as a member of the New York Athletic club, ran a creditable race to finish seventh in what was only his second gallop since joining the corps. Results:

First, PFC Ray Sears, Hq.; second, Corp. Mgt. Speed, Hq.; third, PFC Marvin Bohoff, Hq.; fourth, PFC Elliott Knutson, Hq.; fifth, PFC Robert Telfer, Hq.; sixth, PFC Joe Hale, Hq.; seventh, Sgt. James J. McPoland, unattached; eighth, PFC Kenneth Karpis, Hq.; ninth, PFC Mike Herman, Hq.; tenth, PFC Glen Wiseman, Hq.

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ABG-2 Pitcher Hurls No-Hitter

NORTH ISLAND—Forrest Main, Yankee farmhand, carved a niche in baseball's "Hall of Fame" for himself this week by hurling a no-hit-no-run game as ABG-2 defeated Ryan All-Stars, 4 to 0, in the Winter league. Main fanned 19 men and contributed to his team's balling attack with two bingles. Score:

ABG-2	4	8	2
Ryan All-Stars	0	0	1
Main and Southan: Boxburgh and Billings.			

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Wins Opening Game QUANTICO, VA. The Marine Corps base basketball team defeated an Army quintet, from Fort Meade, Md., 41 to 31, in its first game of the season.

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THE CHEVRON Sports



NAVAL DISTRICT cross country honors, team and individual alike, went to this Hq.Bn. squad last week-end. From left, back row: Pvt. Clarence Ciber, PFCs, Robert Telfer and Ray Winter, and Pvt. Alfred Amos. Front row: PFCs Elliott Knutson and Ray Sears, who won individual race honors, and Pvt. Joe Hale. (Photo by PFC, Ed Wishin).

Braddock's 'Toughest' Was Fightin' Marine Sergeant

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—"The toughest fight I ever had was with a Marine sergeant," wrote former heavyweight champ Jim Braddock.

The tough sergeant he was writing about was James ("Big Jim") Pearson, who at the time was a light heavyweight from New York City. The bout took place in Jersey City and was won by a TKO by Braddock in the second round. That was years ago. Today the tough "Sarge" is serving with an aviation unit in this area.

Boxing has always been a hobby of Sgt. Pearson and during his 18 years of almost continuous service

he became a veteran of service bouts.

He held the light heavyweight championship of Guam from 1923 to 1925. In 1930 he defeated Dan Searcy, holder of the Navy belt for the U. S. Asiatic Fleet and Land forces in the Orient and Far East, to become the champion of the West Indies.

In 1939 Sgt. Pearson completed 18 years of continuous service and was placed on the inactive list. In Dec. 1941, he volunteered for active service and today he is serving as a plane captain for speedy Corsair fighter planes.—Sgt. Harold Powell, combat correspondent.

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Opening Bout Steals Show When Boot Boxers Battle

Curtain-raising boys sometimes steal the thunder from main eventers, and it was that way last Saturday night in the weekly RD show when Billy Mazanti, 135-pounder of Plat. 1046, pounded out a decision over Tom Scrivens of Plat. 1061.

Two knockouts helped highlight the seven-bout card arranged for entertainment of "boots." Harry Deduch, 185-pounder of Plat. 1040, scored a three-round TKO over William Minkles of Plat. 1032. Orrie Lytle, 160-pounder of Plat. 1026, technically knocked out James Phillips, 333, in two beats. Other results:

Heavyweights—John Grimes, Plat. 1042, defeated James Miller, 333. Middleweights—James Robertson, 334, defeated Robert Robertson, Plat. 1042. Lightweights—Carl Cook, Plat. 1054, defeated Howard Brandon, Plat. 1044, and Harry McLean, Plat. 1061.

—Ray Deane—

Miramar Depot Remains On Top

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Depot basketball team continued to hold first place in the 11th Naval District's "B" league this week after losing out Camp Callan, 49 to 48, and the NAS Gulls, 50 to 48.

Hq. Sq. won the first-half title in the MCAD league by defeating Supply-6, 30 to 24. It was Supply's first defeat in 12 starts.

Lerma Wins Overseas Unit Boxing Crown

GUADALCANAL (Delayed)—Pvt. Ben E. Lerma Jr. holds the 155-pound boxing championship in a Marine Corps unit here after fighting five bouts in seven nights and winning all by unanimous decision.

He defeated Pvt. Leonard R. Wall in a championship bout that judges selected as one of the three scrappiest of the night. Sgt. Winthrop U. Gilly, combat correspondent.

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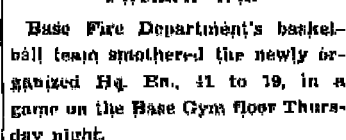
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Voker (17)	C	(3) Wadsworth
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Voker (17)	C	(12) Christensen
McCarthy (1)	C	(10) Polka
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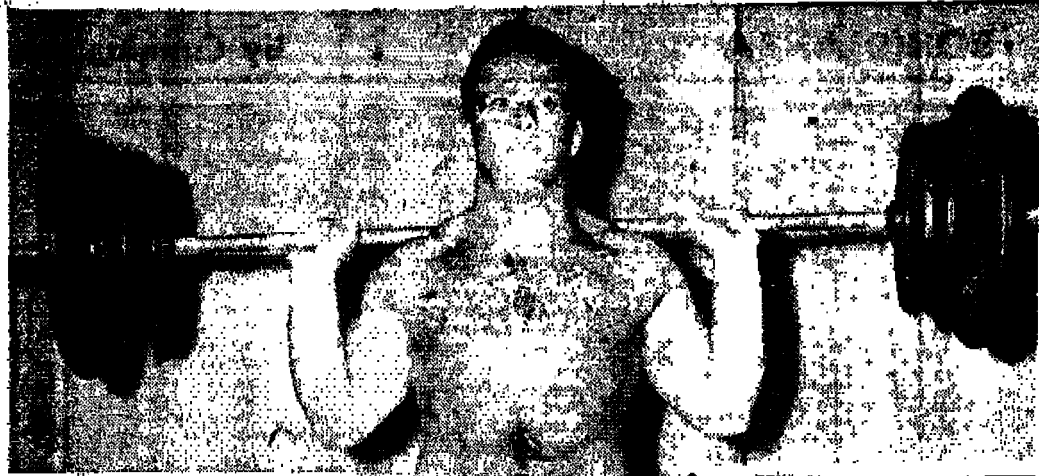
It was a "dream team," all right—a nightmare in bulging suits, oversized shiny drawers and cut-down dungarees. But they were all expert marksmen on the court. The lineup included FBCs, Sherman J. Kimsey and Darwin B. Pond, a former Northwestern university player who later went to OK school.

--- Bay More Bonds ---

MAJ. Samuel Nicholas, first leader of the U.S. Marines, was born in Philadelphia in 1744.

Saturday Morning, December 4, 1942





Sportsmanlike Marines Honored In New Zealand

Leathernecks Presented With Trophy; Dominion's Boxing Interest Aroused

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed) United States Marines not only have established their reputation as top jungle fighters but now have been officially recognized in sporting circles for "outstanding sportsmanship."

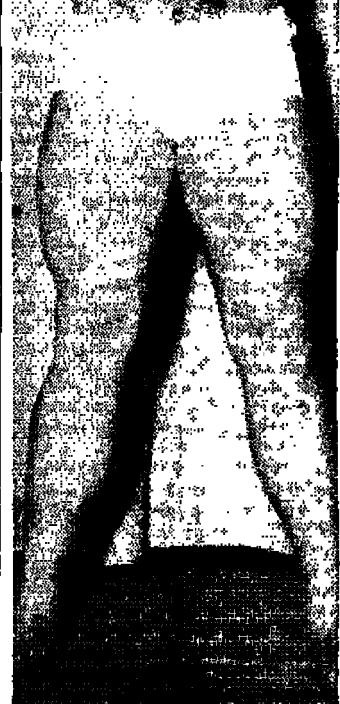
Recently Capt. C. L. Mullaney of the New Zealand Army, chairman of an amateur boxing association in the Dominion, presented a large loving cup to the Marines' commanding officer. The inscription said it was presented on behalf of New Zealand business men "in appreciation of the splendid spirit and outstanding sportsmanship" of Leatherneck boxers during their stay in New Zealand.

REVIVES INTEREST

In presenting the cup, Capt. Mullaney pointed out that Marine fighters have revived the lagging amateur boxing interest in the Dominion, with the result that whenever the Americans are scheduled to fight a capacity crowd is assured. Spurred by this renewed public enthusiasm, scores of New Zealanders have begun to train again, he said.

The Marines' commanding officer, an enthusiastic boxing fan, thanked Capt. Mullaney, and through him the sportsmen of New Zealand, for their trophy, and said it would be kept within the organization for all time "as a reminder of the fine time we had with such good fellows in New Zealand."

"We have enjoyed our association



Mojave Marine Ties World Mark In Prone Press

Though Only Middleweight, Sgt. Griffiths Outlifts Field of 40 Contestants

MCAS, MOJAVE Simpson, the guy with the slowing inertia, didn't have a thing on Sgt. Samuel Griffiths, combat conditioner at this station.

In a recent weight lifting meet at Los Angeles, Sgt. Griffiths, a middleweight contender, tied the world's record in prone press with a 340-pound lift and topped a field of 40 contestants in total poundage. His total in five lifts was 1365 pounds.

— Bo Gouricous —

El Centro Tennis Prospects Bright

MCAS, EL CENTRO - Prospects for a crack tennis team took a turn for the better at this Marine air station with Staff Sgt. Thomas B. Chambers going into action.

Sgt. Chambers, aerial photographer with VMG-155, is a former Southern California junior college champion, who has won several tournaments since he joined the Corps 2 1/2 years ago. He won the North Island singles and the La Jolla doubles in 1942. At New California last fall he played in a City of Nouries tournament and stroked his way through to another title.

— Write Home —

Remember Pearl Harbor with an extra War Bond purchase 7 Dec.

HUSKY Sgt. Samuel Griffiths, who tied world record in recent weight lifting competition at Los Angeles,

with your men in and out of the ring, and will always count you as good 'team mates," he said.—TSgt. Jim G. Lucas, combat correspondent.

— Buy More Bonds —

Ex-Distance Star

Col. Frank I. Fenton, operations officer at New River, is a former St. Ignace college (now San Francisco university) two-mile and cross country runner.

THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC. VICTOR H. LEEDING

Great Lakes exploded the myth of Notre Dame's football impregnability when Steve Lach, ex-Dukester, connected with a last-minute pass, but it wasn't enough of a direct hit to keep the fightin' Irish from grabbing the national marbles—that is, accepting Associated Press' weekly poll as final.

It was Notre Dame's first occupation of the throne since AP started its roundup of the nation's sports writers, in 1936. Iowa Pre-Flight gained considerable ground as a result of the upset and finished a strong second in the polling.

Jack of the Seahawks came Michigan, Navy, Purdue, Great Lakes, Duke, Del Monte Pre-Flight, Northwestern and March Field in that order.

BOWL LINEUP

Now the football fighters will mark time for New Year's and a "bowlish" good time that reads like this:

In the Rose Bowl, Washington vs. U. S. C.

In the Sugar Bowl, Georgia Tech vs. Tulsa.

In the Orange Bowl, Texas Aggies vs. Louisiana State.

In the Cotton Bowl, Texas vs. Randolph Field.

In the Sun Bowl, Southwestern (Texas) vs. New Mexico.

In the Oil Bowl, Southwestern (Louisiana) vs. Arkansas A. & M.

In case the scuffleball didn't

reach all of you, Army and Navy offered a short course in mayhem while doing football battle at Miele Stadium last week-end. Nobody expects them to play like a bunch of little Lord Fauntleroy's, but the extracurricular stuff was enough to cause one enthusiast to remark: "Fritzle Zivig never did any better in fighting."

Baseball went into its annual pow-wow at New York City with nine minor leagues trying to ignite a revolution against the czarist powers of Kenesaw Mountain Landis. They would dissolve the 36-year-old Minor League Pact.

SHORT PASSES

USO is sponsoring a combat area tour for a group of ball players headed by Frankie Frisch... Carl Hubbell is retiring from active baseball to head the New York Giants farm system... On the way overseas are 125 copies of the 1943 World Series film.

Navy took Elbie Klecher, first-year first sacker... It cost Conway Baker of the Chicago Cubs \$50 to take a punch at Sid Luckman of the Bears in last Sunday's pro grid fust, one that assured the Bears of a title shot against the Washington Redskins.

The Phillies are dangling a general manager's job before the eyes of Herb Pengborn... Camel Guard and Lou Klein of the Cards agreed on duration terms.

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