



YEAR
1944, our year of attack, has just begun. — Admiral Ernest J. King.

FACT
Action on an atoll is quick and decisive. — Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift.

Top Pacific Ace Lost

Lt. Hanson On Missing List After Downing 25

The greatest one-man Jap-killing spree of the Pacific air war ended last week when 1stLt. Robert M. Hanson of Newtonville, Mass., was reported missing in action.

Said by his mates to be only an average pilot until suddenly he found his pace on 14 Jan., Lt. Hanson in 17 days over Rabaul shot down 20 Jap fighter planes. With a total of 25 planes to his credit, he was only one short of the American record of 26.

The last chapter in the most meteoric air career in the Pacific was revealed in an interview with Lt. Creighton Chandler, West Point, Miss., sent from Guadalcanal by the Associated Press.

WRECKAGE SIGHTED

"I saw a Corsair make a strafing run at St. George Cape, New Ireland, but it pulled out late," Lt. Chandler said. "A wing caught in the water and she somersaulted. I went down low but saw only wreckage."

The pilot who disappeared in the somersaulting fighter plane was Lt. Hanson. Lt. Chandler's report plugged the pilot's camp at an advanced South Pacific air base into the same deep sadness that prevailed just a month ago when Maj. Boyington disappeared after equaling Rickenbacker's record.

During the 17-day period when Lt. Hanson rocketed to the top of current South Pacific air goes, he destroyed 20 Jap Tojos and Zeros in six missions. He bagged five in one day and twice downed four.

— Buy War Bonds —

Mobile Laundry Unit Training

CAMP PENDLETON—The first mobile field laundry in the history of the Corps is now in training here for overseas duty. "Something for nothing" is the motto of the 1st Separate Laundry Platoon, which operates in four modern trailer units capable of turning out rough dry bundles in two days or less. No charge will be made for the work.

Personnel may send any type of work desired, but must limit bundles to 20 pieces each because of a marking system. More than one bundle can be sent by anyone, however. The laundry, located on the east shore of O'Neill Lake, can handle a weekly business of 12,000 bundles weighing 4½ pounds each.

— Use V-Mail —

Furlough-Excited Recruit 'Checks' Traveling Papers

Getting that first furlough is enough to make any newly graduated boot walk on air, as it did Pvt. Joseph W. Jones of Mize, Miss., recently.

Dashing out of the office of the first sergeant of Hq. Co., Ser. En., with his furlough papers in one hand and an important letter in the other, Pvt. Jones ran down to the arcade and "mailed" his furlough papers.

Even the fact that he had to fold the papers to get them into the mail box didn't jar Pvt. Jones out of his trance. It was some minutes later when he noticed that he hadn't mailed his letter.

RD post office workers pulled him out of the jam by returning his papers.

Marshall Islands Conquest Complete



MARINES WARILY approach a battered Jap blockhouse on Namur Island hunting snipers that escaped the fierce pre-invasion shelling and bombing of the Marshalls. Stripped palm trees are evidence of the terrific blasting given the Japanese positions.

Jap Mid-Pacific Bastion Falls To American Troops

Powerful New U.S. Naval Air And Sea Base Rises From Wreckage Of Battle

With the seizure of Roi, Namur and Kwajalein and the occupation of all of the 32 island objectives in the Marshalls complete late this week, a powerful American naval and air base was rising out of the battle area wreckage.

From Pearl Harbor, Adm. Nimitz wrote a simple fifth to the Kwajalein invasion with the brief announcement that organized resist-

FINAL SCORE

The Japanese suffered losses of more than 23 to 1 as Americans seized the Marshall islands.

As the eight-day conquest of the Kwajalein campaign ended, the score was:

JAPANESE—8132 killed, 264 captured, a total of 8396.

AMERICANS—286 killed, 52 missing, 1138 wounded, a total of 1516.

ance on the atoll "has ceased and its capture and occupation have been completed."

Presence of a few individual Japanese still believed holding out in dugouts presented only a minor mopping-up problem. At Tarawa in the Gilberts, for instance, Japanese were pulled from holes weeks after organized resistance had ceased.

The 7th Army completed conquest of Kwajalein Island at the southern tip of Kwajalein atoll 78 hours after the first assault landing and three hours after the fall

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— Write Home —

Enemy Fleeing Toward Rabaul Before Marines

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC—Jap forces apparently were evacuating the Cape Gloucester area of New Britain and the enemy commander and his staff fleeing toward Rabaul late this week as Marine ground forces continued to expand their beachhead.

The latest Marine advance of several miles carried their spearhead to Cape Gaufré on the eastern side of Bergen Bay, nine miles from Natans point, giving the Leathernecks control of 125 square miles of western New Britain.

JAPS ON MOVE

As Marines have encountered no serious resistance since breaking Jap defenses around Hill 660 last month, it was believed that the Jap troops were being pulled out of the area.

Evidence found at the former elaborate headquarters of Lt. Gen. Ideo Matsudo in a wilderness town indicated that the Jap commander and his staff had left hurriedly. Huge iron tureens in the kitchens were still filled with soup being prepared.

Huge caches of Allied equipment and stores, much of which was seized in the Philippines, were found in Matsudo's jungle city, an elaborate layout in the midst of many miles of well constructed roads and raised paths.

Gen. Rockey Takes Over 5th Div. At Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON—Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey has reported in here as Commanding General of the 5th Mar. Div., FMF.

The general, who served as Assistant to the Commandant before his present assignment, is a veteran of service in France, Haiti, and Nicaragua, as well as at numerous Marine posts in the United States.

Previous experiences at west coast bases include a tour of duty from 1930 to 1934 as Operations Officer and Chief of Staff, MCB, and assignment in 1937 as Force Marine Officer of the Battle Force aboard the USS California, whose home port was Long Beach.

SERVED AT ELLIOTT

In 1940-41 he served as Chief of Staff, 2d. Mar. Div., when that organization was formed at Camp Elliott.

During World War I Gen. Rockey served with the 5th Regt. in France. For his actions in the Aisne-Marne offensive at Château Thierry he was awarded the Army DSC and the Navy Cross.

Prior to his appointment as As-

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Gen. Vandegrift Lauds Invasion

U.S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS AT PEARL HARBOR, Feb. 6 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, Marine Corps Commandant, today radiated his congratulations to Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt, who commanded the 4th Mar. Div. in the successful assault on Roi and Namur isles.

"The commandant has noted with admiration the gallantry and splendid work of the officers and men of the 4th Mar. Div. and reinforcing units in the attack on Roi and Namur," his message said.

"Completion of this successful attack brings our forces one step nearer our goal. The courageous conduct of all who participated is in keeping with the high traditions of this corps."

Highest Medal Presented Ace

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)

—1stLt. Kenneth A. Walsh of this city, who downed 20 enemy planes while flying with the famous Marine Fighter Squadron 124 in the South Pacific, was today awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Roosevelt.

4th Div. Takes Place In Ranks Of 'Tried'

The "new and untried" Fourth Marine Div. was highly praised for its part in the Marshall Islands attack by Maj. Gen. Holland M. Smith, who directed all Marine and Army ground troops in this invasion as well as in the recent Gilbert Islands conquest.

Aboard a joint expeditionary force flagship in Kwajalein lagoon after inspecting the Roi and Namur objectives taken by the Fourth Div., Gen. Smith said that "the Fourth Marine Div. attacked its objective with vigor and élan."

"They had a mission to do and accomplished it in fine fashion," he continued. "The light casualties suffered by the Marines were due in part to the tremendous coordinated air, ground and naval bombardment. Sound plans were brilliantly executed. This was a new, untried division as-

signed to Roi and Namur. It now takes its place with the First, Second and Third Marine divisions."

(The First Div. launched America's first Pacific offensive on Guadalcanal. The Second Div. stormed and captured Tarawa in the Gilberts, while the Third Div. went ashore and established the beachheads on Bougainville.)

Capture of Kwajalein atoll severed the supply arteries of the Japanese in the Marshalls, Gen. Smith stated.

"The rest of the islands will atrophy and die," he added. "It is evident that Roi and Namur were used as starting points for the shipment of ammunition, fuel and supplies throughout the Marshall Islands. Capture of Kwajalein atoll will have a serious effect on the Japanese in the Central Pacific."

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of Ebeye Island, the seaplane base to the flank of the central objective.

Seabees were rushing construction work on Roi and Namur Islands, captured by 4th Div. Marines early in the assault, while troops prepared to defend their newly won positions, if necessary.

TOO EARLY TO TELL

Aboard a command flagship in Kwajalein atoll, Rear Adm. Richard L. Connolly said, "It's too early yet to tell whether the enemy's navy will elect to fight."

While the last shots were being fired on Roi and Namur and while Marines were seizing six more small islands in the northern part of the atoll, Connolly and other officers directing the first devastating blitz against Jap soil toured the battle area.

The inspection party included Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt, commanding the 4th Div., which carried out the initial assault, and Maj. Gen. Holland M. Smith, commanding general of all Pacific amphibious troops.

EXCELLENT PREPARATION

Schmidt, whose command post was established ashore during the fiercest fighting, declared:

"Our casualties were comparatively light, but if I did not have excellent preparation, there would have been a tough fight. Our success was due to the excellent planning and coordination of the air, naval and landing forces."

He estimated 2500 Japs had been garrisoned at the main bastions of Roi and Namur. Marine casualties in contrast to the battle of Tarawa were exceedingly light.

Most of the Marine casualties were from explosions of Japanese ammunition dumps which honey-combed the eastern side of Namur.

MOPPING UP

Since the capture of Roi, Namur and Kwajalein Islands, a mopping-up operation, including the occupation of many small and some unnamed islands, has been in progress.

At Pacific Fleet headquarters, Pearl Harbor, Adm. Nimitz announced the fall of Gugegwe, Bigej and Eller (Ebbler) Islands after moderate resistance.

The capture of Gugegwe and Bigej gave the invaders control of Bigej channel, one of at least four channels into the 8-mile lagoon. The lagoon itself was in full control of the U. S. forces and harbored units of the fleet taken into the reef-surrounded waters as additional protection against possible enemy submarine action.

There were between 2000 and 2500 Japanese on Roi and Namur when the naval shells, aerial bombs and Marines struck. Namur apparently was the ammunition center for the rest of the Marshall Islands. Many explosions occurred both before and after Marines stormed ashore, and it is believed these blasts may have caused as many deaths among the attackers as the actual fighting.

Only one woman was found on the islands. She was a native crouching in a tunnel. Indications are that there were as many as 500 working on the islands before the invaders struck.

— Buy Bonds For Freedom —

Shoulder Patch Given Approval

HQMC, WASHINGTON—A new shoulder insignia—for Marines serving afloat—has been approved by the commandant for distribution through post exchanges and ships' service stores.

The design for the patch, submitted by a first sergeant at sea, consists of a gold sea horse superimposed on a blue anchor with a scarlet diamond-shaped background.



WITH CAUTION Marines advance toward the Cape Gloucester airfield behind a General Sherman tank, lest the heavily bombed area still hold live Japs waiting for a chance to take a few Leathernecks with them in death. Roadside brush offers excellent cover.

New Britain Japanese Fail To Stop General Shermans Witnesses Needed In Truck Crash

CAPE GLOUCESTER, NEW BRITAIN, 6 Jan. (Delayed)—The Japanese tried desperate measures to prevent the advance of 33-ton General Sherman tanks against lines of pillboxes in a heavy swamp.

The tanks had to wait part of one night while engineers built bridges to get them over deep bogs. Somehow the Japs got word and sent demolition men out to break up the attack.

The enemy infiltrated through the lines in the darkness and reached the road near the bog. They carried land mines, each supercharged with attached blocks of dynamite. Any one mine would have blown the tread off a tank, probably have destroyed the tank and crew.

Sharp-eyed Marines detected the enemy and opened fire. The next morning four Japs were lying there beside the road, their mines still gripped in their hands.—St/Sgt. Donald A. Hallman, combat correspondent.

Gen. Rockey Now At Pendleton

(Continued from page 1) sistant to the Commandant on 2 Aug., 1943, he was Director of the Division of Plans and Policies, HQMC.

Gen. Rockey's medals and decorations include: Navy Cross with Star, Army DSC, Second Div. Citation, Mexican Service Medal, Victory Medal with Aisne and Defensive Sector Clasp, Expeditionary Medal, Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal and Nicaraguan Medal of Merit, French Fourragere, and the American Defense Service Medal.

Limited Duty Status Changes Ordered

All Base personnel whose medical histories show that three months or more have elapsed since a recurrent attack of malaria or filariasis will not further be considered in a limited duty category, according to a Base general order.

Men who have not had a recurrent attack for three months will be held available for full duty in any location, with the sole exception that they will not be transferred to an endemic area until certified as physically qualified by medical authority. Until so certified, they will not be considered eligible for transfer to combat units, the order said.

The Pacific War theater encompasses almost 70 million square miles from the Aleutians to New Zealand and from the China Sea to the west coast of the Americas.

The first Marine plane landed on Guadalcanal 20 Aug., 1942.

Marines who witnessed the collision of two trucks at La Jolla Junction at 1945 on 27 Jan. should immediately contact W. Young at the F. H. LeBaron office, 608 Trust and Savings Bldg., 5th and Broadway, S.D. Telephone F-7484.

'Trigger Happy' Machine Gunner Mows Down Japs

NAMUR, KWAJALEIN ATOLL, MARSHALL ISLANDS, Feb. 4 (Delayed) (AP)—An officer thought PFC. Edward Dugeck of Philadelphia was trigger happy.

All the first night after the Marines landed on Namur, Dugeck kept up a rat-tat-tat on his machine gun just off a point.

Lt. J. R. Donovan of Peoria, Ill., sent word to "knock it off." Dugeck sent word back that he was shooting at Japanese.

The next morning Lt. Donovan went over to see what Dugeck had been shooting at. He found 35 or 40 Japanese piled up on the beach before Dugeck's machine gun.

The enemy had attempted to come around from another side of the island and infiltrate the Marines' foxholes during the darkness.

— The V-Mail —

President Orders New Decoration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (UP)—Pres. Roosevelt today created a new medal—the Bronze Star—to be awarded to Army, Navy and Marine Corps personnel for heroic or meritorious service not involving aerial flight.

The president ordered the secretaries of the navy and war departments to formulate regulations for its award. Pending that, it was believed that the medal was designed to provide a decoration for ground and surface forces comparable to the existing Air Medal.

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Student Sets New Machine Gun Mark At Training Center

Honors For High Mark Go To PFC, On Record Day

21 Leathernecks Qualify As Expert Gunners, 77 Finish In Lower Brackets

CAMP ELLIOTT—Establishing the most outstanding firing record in the history of the TC Heavy Machine Gun School here, PFC. Charles Leroy Phillips of Mount Gilread, O., fired a score of 355 out of a possible 400 for a new all-time high score on record day.

Twenty-one Marines qualified as expert machine gunners while the balance of the 77 Leathernecks in the class earned ratings of first and second class gunners. This class completed an eight-week course during which students were also outstanding in jungle warfare, amphibious operations, chemical warfare and combat concealment, according to Capt. Lynn C. Beyeler, O-in-C.

HIGH RECORDS

Scoring records of Marines who fired expert are: PFC. James J. Watts of Memphis, Tenn., 314; Pvt. William E. McPherson of Alliance, O., 334; Pvt. Arnold M. Gibbs, Houston, Tex., 322; Pvt. Joseph S. Moyers, Fonda, Ky., 311; PFC. Edgar E. Galloway, Sopora, O., 310; Pvt. Emil F. Frankowiak, Milwaukee, Wis., 318; PFC. Howard I. Sanders, Prescott, Ariz., 310; Pvt. Virgil D. Wagner, Oxford, Neb., 333; PFC. Mervin Z. Graham, Fort Wayne, Ind., 318; PFC. Julian F. Huasey, Hermosa Beach, Calif., 318; PFC. Kenneth A. Martinosky, Humboldt, Neb., 310; PFC. Donnell J. Doney, Green Bay, Wis., 323; Pvt. Alvin Bankston, Mount Top, Ark., 318; Pvt. Herbert W. Ninker, St. Louis, Mo., 330; PFC. Charles E. Brown, Troup, Tex., 324; PFC. David A. Kinkade, Geneva, Neb., 323; Pvt. Charles C. Causey, Gher, Miss., 320; Pvt. Jack W. Reddy, Villa Park, Ill., 321; PFC. Charles L. Phillips, Mount Gilread, O., 355; and PFC. Lyman F. Losey, Akron, O., 318.

2dLt. Lewis E. McDonald is executive officer and coordinator for the school. Class instructors were 2dLt. Jay O. Reed, PlSgt. George P. Miller and Corp. Lester A. Welty.

A fan dancer is a nudist with a cooling system.



FIVE STUDENTS in the deadly art of machine gunning, who qualified as experts in recent record day trials, snap in on their targets. From left, PFCs. Marvin Z. Graham, Edgar G. Galloway, Charles L. Phillips, Lyman F. Losey and William E. McPherson. PFC. Phillips set the new Camp Elliott TC high score of 355 out of a possible 400 score.

Recruit Sets New Range Mark At Camp Matthews

CAMP MATTHEWS—Dropping only 12 points in all phases of firing, Pvt. Norman A. W. Klüwe of Antigo, Wis., last week hung up a new calendar year high individual score of 328. Previously 326 was the top individual mark for 1944 range firing with the M-1.

Coached by PFC. John H. Conway, Platoon, 1192 turned in the week's highest qualifying mark, 96.6 per cent. Only two of 58 men firing failed to reach marksman's minimum. Corp. A. F. Vals is Platoon, 1192's Pl.

Rifle range records for the week follow:

2 Feb.
Leading platoons: 91.7 per cent, Platoon, 1171, Corp. J. O. Hansbuck, Platoon, 1171, and PFC. Floyd M. Murphy, school range coach, 91.5 per cent, Platoon, 1172, Sgt. B. J. Clement, Platoon, 1173, Donald E. Brown, coach, 91.5 per cent, Platoon, 1174, Sgt. J. C. Allen, Platoon, 1174, and PFC. George F. Loring, coach.
Leading individuals: 328, Pvt. Forrest E. Reeder of Wichita, Kan.; 319, Pvt. Wayne M. Makroth of Billings, Mont.; 318, Pvt. Rupert M. Young of Abilene, Tex.; and Eugene L. Young of Tulsa, Okla.

3 Feb.
Leading platoons: 96.6 per cent, Platoon, 1192; 91.7 per cent, Platoon, 1178, Corp. J. W. Pratt, Platoon, 1178, and PFC. Garnett J. Snow, coach, 91.5 per cent, Platoon, 1187, Sgt. H. C. Binard, Platoon, 1187, and PFC. John C. Whitman, coach.
Leading individuals: 328, Pvt. Klüwe; 323, Pvt. William Sabotchik of Chicago; 321, Pvt. Robert W. Leski of Clarklake, Mich.

Miramar Group Goes Over 'Dimes' Quota

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Exceeding its self-imposed \$100 goal, ARS-4 Personnel Gp. forwarded a check for \$127.45 to President Roosevelt last week as its contribution to the annual "March of Dimes."



SMOKE had barely cleared when this picture of a Marine 105mm. gun and crew in action on New Britain Island was taken. This was one of many heavy guns that laid siege to the Jap-held airport. (Photo by Sgt. L. M. Ashman).

Three Outfits Commended For Battling Blaze

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—All the outstanding feats in this rugged campaign are not performed in the tangled jungle of the front line. On this island, scene of bitter fighting in the opening days of the strike against Bougainville and now a favorite target for Jap bombers, three companies of Marines have been commended for "outstanding conduct . . . in fighting a fire in a fuel dump . . . which resulted from bombing by hostile aircraft."

The commendation was obtained in a letter from Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, recently in command of all U.S. forces here, to the officers and men of the three companies.

The fuel was exploded and set afire from a direct bomb hit on one of several harrowing nights. The island, only a few hundred yards offshore from Bougainville, had undergone 87 alerts and raids as this was written.

1stLt. Clair R. Marshall, San Diego, estimated that more than half of the fuel was saved.—TSgt. Maurice E. Moran, combat correspondent.

Awards Presented At Camp Miramar

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Marine and Navy personnel shared decoration honors during a ceremonial parade here Saturday, with six aviation members recently returned from overseas presented awards by Lt. Col. Francis E. Pierce, commanding Personnel Group.

DFCs went to Maj. Elmer L. Gilbert and Capt. Francis C. Pope, both of whom scored death-dealing blows on enemy ships in the Solomons.

A third dive bomber pilot, Maj. John E. Bell, was awarded the Air Medal, as was TSgt. Edison D. Desiring, radio gunner, who bagged a Zero.

Two Navy lieutenants (MC), George S. Irvine and William W. Gist, received individual commendations for medical work under fire while with Marine aviation units in the Solomons.

Stop Loose Talk
New Classes Start
Beginners' classes in Russian and Spanish will be offered by the Univ. of California extension division in San Diego starting this month. Spanish classes are held from 1900 to 2100 Thursdays and Russian classes from 1900 to 2130 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Information may be obtained at 409 Scripps Bldg. or by calling M-9718.

Marine's Story Wins Acclaim

MCAS, MOJAVE—"Squadron Leader," a story by Maj. H. S. Mazet, executive officer of this station, has brought its author additional recognition as a writer of national repute.

Maj. Mazet, who has written numerous fiction stories and articles, has received word that "Squadron Leader" has been selected among the 12 best stories by Story magazine for its Honor Roll. In addition to winning a place on the Honor Roll the story will be published at an early date.

'Land Ahoy—USO Sighted Ahead'

CAMP PENDLETON—Not all training in range estimation finds its outlet on the battlefield, a lieutenant colonel discovered here recently. At least not after several days at sea.

When PFC. Thomas Fagadore of Warren, O., grabbed a pair of field glasses to study the outlines of a California coast town where Marines were scheduled to disembark the curious lieutenant colonel asked him what he had located.

"The USO", the young Marine replied happily.

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FOOT SOLDIER

If news about troops taking part in the war were emphasized in proportion to the total number of combat fighters engaged, the foot soldier would get far more space than any other kind of fighter.

A much larger number of infantrymen meet the enemy than those of any other branch of the services. Unfortunately, people have been so fascinated with the new and wonderful weapons that have been developed in World War II that they are more familiar with the exploits of the airmen, the P-T boat crews, the griny men who man the tanks, or the anti-aircraft units which fill skies with flak.

In effect, they forget that the foot soldier and the arms which support him are elite troops by the very nature of the war job they do. They forget that the great battles of the war have been and are being won by foot soldiers. They have not realized how tough and demanding of muscle, brains and guts the infantryman's task is.

The various branches of the service, of course, are not engaged in a rivalry for newspaper space or radio time. The situation is simply that people have been enthralled by the spectacular work of machines which hit the headlines ten times as often as does the equally vital work of men.

The foot soldier with the rifle may fall to wondering sometimes, in view of the one-sided publicity, whether he's as important a cog as his officers and instructors try to make him out. The thing for him is to consider this matter, not from the standpoint of quantities of publicity, but to analyze any recent action and conclude for himself that infantry, given the necessary and proper support, packed the knockout punch.

General Vandegrift recently said that "the ability of the Marine to outshoot the enemy with his ever-present rifle has won many desperate battles and will win many more." He added:

"In these days when the phrase 'planes, tanks and guns' places the apparent emphasis on the larger weapons of modern warfare, we should not lose sight of the fact that it is the man on the ground, armed with rifle and bayonet, who eventually takes and holds the objective. The American people should realize that the rifle is still one of our foremost weapons of victory."

Civilians may overlook the part the infantryman plays, but the infantryman's buddies in other branches of service recognize his job for what it is—a vital, hard and utterly necessary task of modern combat.

THE VALUE OF BONDS

No much stress has been placed on War Bond buying as the material means of providing the weapons and equipment of warfare that the contribution to the spiritual means of attack is overlooked.

War Bond buying serves as one tangible, powerful assurance to the men in the foxholes that those who are still at home—either in or out of uniform—are marching along side them on the hard road to victory.

War Bonds are good investments. They provide the necessary funds to buy the machines of war and outfit the fighting men. Their purchase is a potent factor in the fight against inflation. But of equal importance with these is the evidence to men on the battlefronts that we who are still at home are willingly shouldering all the burden of the fight that we can. It is little enough to ask that we achieve this victory on the home front—one that costs not a drop of blood.

Razor Blade Eating Marine Battling Japs

By SMSGT. ANN BORDAGES
Continental Correspondent

CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain, 13 Jan. (Delayed)—Pvt. Daniel C. Harrington of Queens Village, N.Y., is a nice young man, only he eats razor blades.

"It is only a social accomplishment," explained Pvt. Harrington during a pause in battle. "There is practically no nourishment in razor blades."

The artillery was whamming away in the woods beyond the muddy clearing where Pvt. Harrington took his ease, but he paid no attention to it. A man who eats razor blades becomes pretty philosophical about things.

"I went along for years never thinking I would eat a razor blade," said Pvt. Harrington. "Then, in 1937 I left Fordham Prep and went to work as a soda jerk at Coney Island. In only

one year, I was backer at Francine's freak show.

"One day the glass eater did not show up. He had indigestion or something. So the boss says to me, 'How'd you like to eat razor blades?'"

"I was not enthusiastic. 'He said, 'It's easy. It's all in the way you chew them.'"

"That did not make my mouth water, but then he said, 'I'll give you 10 bucks more a week.' So I said, 'Okay, I'll try anything once.'"

"I ate a few razor blades and some glass—it was only a small piece—for practice. I did not get much sleep that night, but I was alive the next morning, so I started in my new profession. I ate four razor blades and one 100-watt light bulb a day. The bulb was broken up and part of it eaten at each show. I got \$25

a week. It was not a bad job at all."

Pvt. Harrington kept his gastronomic accomplishments a secret when he joined the Marine Corps, but the word got around after some doctors took X-ray pictures of him and said he digested the glass and steel in four hours without any apparent harmful effect.

"I took an occasional blade after that," he said, "but I just ate among friends or at a camp show."

Pvt. Harrington's gustatory talent has made him a sought after companion in liberty ports. For when money runs out, all they do is repair to a bar. There Pvt. Harrington casually picks up a whiskey glass, breaks it and eats it. After that, nobody needs any money.

"It is very convenient," said Pvt. Harrington.

THE SAFETY VALVE

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

MORE ON FURLONGHS

Editor, The Chevron—After reading a recent issue of The Chevron I'd like to say something on furloughs for men returning from overseas.

Marines returning from overseas get 30-day furloughs as a rule. But men getting furlough transfers are allowed traveling time.

A man living on the east coast gets a furlough from the west coast and must report back (6000 miles) in 30 days. But a man getting a furlough transfer and having only about 1000 miles to travel (one way) is allowed traveling time.

As for years served overseas, that has nothing to do with the length of furloughs. According to your article I was entitled to 45 days but only got 30. I was overseas for 3 1/2 years and saw action at Ford Harbor, Midway and the Solomons.

NAME WITHHELD, Camp Elliott.

Editor's note—Give that man \$10 for catching The Chevron with its britches at half mast.

All the dope given in the 29 Jan. issue regarding furloughs was correct except for the statement that time given was based on overseas service at the rate of 15 days per year.

The straight skinny is that men sent direct to Naval Hospital are entitled to a 30-day convalescent furlough with traveling time. If they are transferred to duty before receiving the furlough they then get only 15 days.

Since The Chevron published the original dope, we have received a copy of Circular Letter No. 624 from HQMC which states the EFMF, San Diego area, DOP and MarFair West "are authorized to grant officers and enlisted men who return from combat duty leaves of absence or furloughs for periods of one month immediately upon return of such personnel to the U. S."

QUESTIONS

Editor, The Chevron—I have been asked to consult you for answers to some questions that are on the verge of causing a controversy amongst us. I would greatly appreciate your answering the questions I list below:

Is it necessary to have a request from a Marine overseas for a definite article before a

girl can be sent to him?

Is mail going to the South Pacific censored or is just incoming mail censored?

Is it true that the wife of a Marine overseas can secure transportation to her home from the Marine Corps?

Does a husband, who is in the Marine Corps, have to make arrangements for a change in family status and an increase in family allowance due to the birth of a baby, or does the wife have to do that?

MRS. ELIZABETH ZAEHLER, San Diego 2, Calif.

Editor's note—No request from an overseas Marine is needed to mail an article to him. We understand the Army has such a regulation, however.

There is no routine censorship of outgoing mail.

Wives of Marines in the first three pay grades (from staff aide platoon sergeant up) and of class IV Marines may obtain transportation to their homes.

Either the husband or wife may ask for an increase in family allowance by writing to the Allotment Officer, HQMC, Washington, D. C., and forwarding a certified copy of the birth certificate.

SEEKS BUDDY

Editor, The Chevron—In the 13 Nov., 1943, issue of The Chevron you ran a picture of a former stock show magician. I recognized this man as a buddy of mine that I haven't seen since 1941. His name is SMSGT. Willard E. Kittelson.

I would appreciate it very much if he would contact me.

SGT. BENJAMIN E. KODADEK, Care FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's Note—For security reasons we are unable to run Sgt. Kodadek's full mailing address. If SMSGT. Kittelson will address a letter to Sgt. Kodadek in care of The Chevron, it will be forwarded.

NEWS-AND-HOHOHS

Editor, The Chevron—I receive The Chevron each week but never see one thing about the guard detachments. Maybe we don't rate good enough for The Chevron but we are still Marines.

Today we had CO inspection (every Saturday.) My hair was about 3/4 inches long on top and I was put on report and got 5 days' restriction. Could you give me some information on the length of a Marine's hair after he has been in 8 or 10 months.

BOCA CHICA MARINE, Boca Chica, Fla.

Editor's note—Section 1-28 of the MCM states that "military men will at all times wear their hair neatly and closely trimmed . . . and must not be over 2 inches in length." Length of service has nothing to do with this ruling.

Since combat correspondents are not assigned to guard detachments The Chevron has no way of securing news from them but would like to have it. If you or one of your buddies will write news about your detachment, show it to your CO for approval and send it along.

CITATION FOR SCATT

Editor, The Chevron—Are members of SCAT ground crews who did not actually serve on Guadalcanal entitled to wear Presidential Unit Citation ribbons the same as the flight crews?

NAME WITHHELD

Editor's note—Members of any unit of the First Marine Division reinforced who actually served ashore at Guadalcanal during the period 7 Aug. to 3 Dec., 1942, wear the ribbon with one star permanently. Members of SCAT ground crews who did not actually serve on Guadalcanal wear the ribbon without star only while attached to the cited unit, taking it off when detached to a non-cited unit.

CHURCH SERVICES

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion; Chapel, 0700 Services; 0730 Services, Auditorium; 1015 Services, Chapel; Evening Vespers Service, 1830 Chapel. (Catholic): 0800 Mass, Auditorium; 0930 Mass, Chapel, Daily Mass (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.), 0620-0700; Friday 1900 Chapel, Confessions; Saturdays, 1230-1600, Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 123, RD; 1600-1700 Chaplain's Office, Ad. Bldg. (Jewish); Chapel, 1100 (Christian Science); Sunday, 0930, Bldg. 123, RD; (Latter Day Saints): 0800, Reception Room, Bldg. 123, RD; Wednesdays, 1830.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 0930, Theater. (Catholic): Mass, 0600, Theater. (Christian Science): Sunday, 1830, Chaplain's Office, Ad. Bldg. (Jewish): 0915 (Chaplain's Office, (Latter Day Saints): 0800, Armorer's School Bldg.; Thursdays, 1900.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel. (Catholic): Sunday Masses, 0630, 0800, 1115. Mass daily, 1630, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science): 1800-1730, Chaplain's Office, Tuesday and Friday, (Jewish): Post Chapel, Friday, 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1830, Camp Chapel; Mon-

days, 1930. **SCAT, BIRMINGHAM (Protestant):** 1000, Services. (Catholic): 0700 and 0800, confessions; 0730 and 0830, Mass. Garbage, 0227, Jays-0430; Transportation 1800 Fridays at Chaplain's Office for services at Camp Elliott. (Latter Day Saints): Mondays, 1800, Pks. 322, Area ARS 3.

CAMP PENNINGTON (Protestant): 0900 Services, 15-R-1, 16-T-1, 17-T-1, Boat Basin; 1000 Services 13-T-1, 14-T-1, Seabee Camp; 1015 Services, Ranch House Chapel; Communion Services 1st Sunday monthly, 13-T-1, 14-T-1; 1900 Vespers Services, Boat Basin Marine Mess. (Catholic): 0800, 0900, 1000 Sunday Mass, 1630 daily Mass, 1730, 1830 Saturday confessions, 1000 Wed. Novena Devotions, 13-T-1; 0800 Sunday Mass, 15-T-1; 1000 Sunday Mass, 16-T-1, 0730 Confession, 0800 Sunday Mass, 17-T-1; 0630-0800 Confessions and Sunday Mass, Boat Basin; 0900 Sunday Mass (confessions before Mass), Ranch House Chapel; 0800 Sunday Mass, Seabee camp. (Christian Science): 1000 Sunday, 12-T-1; midweek testimonial Thursdays 1900, Bldg. 13-U-1; (Latter Day Saints): Tuesdays, 1800, Chaplain's Office; Bldg. 13-U-1, across from theater Area 13.



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Women Reserves Round Out Year Of Activity

3000 Take Over Marine Tasks In S.D. Area

More than 3000 women Marines in the San Diego area are celebrating the first anniversary of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve this weekend with dances, birthday cakes, special religious services and battalion reviews.

The Base WR battalion numbering over 300 women, headed by 2d Lt. Dorothy Miller, CO, was scheduled to pass in review before the Base commanding officer on the parade ground this morning. An invitational dance for both officers and enlisted personnel has been set for 2000 tonight in the Base gymnasium where a huge birthday cake will be cut in addition to other refreshments.

Sgt. Rae Parker, who was chosen as WR vocalist for the Base swing band, will make her debut here with MTSgt. B. La Roche's band tonight. Sgt. Parker has also prepared and directed a stage show which will be staged by women Marines for the occasion.

With over 14,000 women on the job or in training throughout the nation, the San Diego area will have 6000 Women Reserves when the goal of 10,000 has been met, it was announced this week.

JERGENS PLAYS

CAMP ELLIOTT — Sgt. Dick Jergens' orchestra will provide music for two dances for more than 600 WRs stationed here. A reception and dance will be held at WQQ at 2000 for WR officers tonight, and an enlisted dance will be held Tuesday at the parachute loft at 2000 with a birthday cake and all the trimmings.

BATTALION DANCE

CAMP PENDLETON — An invitational dance for enlisted personnel was given by the WR battalion here last night with a huge birthday cake commemorating the first anniversary of the Women's Reserve of the Corps. Another cake will be cut and served in the mess hall at noon chow tomorrow.

OPEN HOUSE

EL TORO — Open house to which civic, Red Cross and USO leaders from Los Angeles, Laguna Beach and Long Beach are invited will be held by WR officers from 1700 to 3900 at the Officers' Club Sunday. An enlisted date dance at which Col. William J. Fox, CO, and Mrs. Fox will lead the grand march as guests of honor will round out the celebration here.

MCWR Area Head Promoted

CAMP ELLIOTT—Capt. Lillian O'Malley Daly, assistant MCWR adjutant for FMF, San Diego area, received her promotion to major this week. She commands Women Reserves here and at Camp Pendleton.

Maj. Daly was one of the first women appointed to the rank of captain when the Reserve was organized in Feb., 1943, and was immediately ordered to Camp Pendleton. She was the first woman ordered to the area and is now the highest in rank on the west coast.

Maj. Daly was a member of the Marlhettes in World War I, after which she served in a civilian capacity at HQMC in the office of the Commandant. She left that position in 1928 to marry Lt. Col. Olden Daly who died in November, 1932.

Women's Director Given Promotion

WASHINGTON -- Lt. Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, director of MCWR, has been raised to the rank of colonel. Her new advancement, the second since entering the Corps with rank of major on 29 Jan., 1943, was observed at brief ceremonies in the office of Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, commandant.

Women's Reserve Unit Starts Duties

NATTC, MEMPHIS, Tenn. — A group of 10 Marine Women Reserves, vanguard of those to replace men working in Hq. Sq. of this air training center, were assuming their duties here this week.



"When do the WAVES relieve us for combat duty?"

Women's Reserve Observes First Anniversary

Commandant Gives Congratulations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—Tribute to the efficiency of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in taking over jobs from which thousands of combat Marines have been released for battle fronts was paid today by Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant.

The commendation came as the Women's Reserve prepared to observe the first anniversary of its inception Sunday, and was the first public statement by Gen. Vandegrift since he became Commandant regarding MCWR.

Gen. Vandegrift said that although he had had little opportunity to observe the activities of the Women's Reserve in the past year "inasmuch as I was overseas a

large part of the time," he had, since returning to the U.S. last November, "noted with great pride and satisfaction the many outstanding services being rendered by our women Marines.

"In freeing thousands of men to fight, they have proved eminently efficient in every task to which they have been assigned; they have taken the traditions of the Corps to heart and have developed an esprit worthy of the admiration of the most thorough-going veteran in our ranks," he continued.

"I wish to congratulate Col. Streeter and all in her command upon a most successful year. The first year may be the hardest, as is often said, but the members of

the Women's Reserve have met every challenge and have more than fulfilled every expectation.

"We go forward with added confidence in the assurance that the gallant women of the Corps will continue to make their substantial contribution to our progress until final victory is won."

The director of the Women's Reserve, Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, also spoke, in an anniversary message, of the "high standards of behaviour and efficiency" the women have set for themselves, and expressed confidence "that they will continue to fulfill their ambition to be a real help to the Marine Corps and, through it, to their country."

Marine Casualties

	Dead	Wound	Miss'd	U. S. War
USN	12,391	2384	8536	2397
USMC	3,332	5341	807	1918
USCG	210	78	44	1
	16,013	8603	9407	4316

- DEAD**
- Alabama: Sgt. Kosog R. Larkin, Fort Smith.
 - California: PFC. Floyd E. Narra-more, Fair Oaks; 1st Lt. Alfred G. Bush, Los Angeles; PFC. Charles J. Carr, Stockton; 1st Lt. Robert V. Currier, San Diego; Pvt. James J. Keiser, Newport Beach; PFC. Albert E. Kenney, Riverside; PFC. Ernest Garcia, Colton; Corp. Victor J. Lagalla, Denver; Connecticut: PFC. Philip W. Jaszewski, Waterbury; PFC. Fred J. Bajczak, Beacon Falls.
 - Idaho: PFC. James B. Kocher, Law-ston.
 - Illinois: 1st Lt. Lyman H. Grever, St. Charles; PFC. Theodore Allmann Jr., Chicago; 1st Lt. Thad D. Reed, Chicago; FMJr. Roy E. Kelle, Dulka.
 - Indiana: Corp. Charles M. Pentang, Indianapolis; PFC. Richard Routh, Newton Stewart.
 - Louisiana: PFC. Joseph J. Bruno, New Orleans; PFC. Caliste A. Collier, New Orleans; Sgt. William K. Katam, Oakdale.
 - Maryland: 1st Lt. Mason E. Clou-ster, Baltimore.
 - Massachusetts: 1st Lt. Frederic N. Hagan Jr., Boston; Sgt. John D. Vennart, Ipswich; PFC. Richard M. Parlee, Wallaston; 1st Lt. Matthew Allen, Concord.
 - Michigan: PFC. James C. White, Detroit.
 - Minnesota: Maj. Harold J. Jacobs, St. Cloud; Corp. John Abbas, Iron-mont.
 - Missouri: PFC. John P. Walsh Jr., St. Louis County.
 - Montana: PFC. Ernest S. Branton, St. Xavier; Pvt. Leroy V. Braden, Basin.
 - Nebraska: PFC. Thomas C. Kelly, Omaha.
 - New Hampshire: PFC. John R. Harriman, Nashua; PFC. William H. Harriman Jr., Hudson; Sgt. Carl J. Olyer, Nashua.
 - New Jersey: 1st Lt. Robert J. Davoy, Gloucester; Corp. John Witt-lans Jr., Lyndhurst.
 - New York: PFC. Frank E. John-son, Brooklyn; PFC. Floyd M. John-son, Losohlyn; PFC. Matthew A. Dal-lara, Brooklyn; PFC. Willis R. Jack-son, College Point; 2d Lt. Francis J. Chaffery, Long Island.
 - Ohio: PFC. Michael P. Vaska, Cin-cinnati; Sgt. Francis L. Bahman, Day-ton; TSgt. Wilbur C. Bowman, Lem-leville; Corp. William C. Childers, Columbus.
 - Oklahoma: Sgt. Loyd W. Postner, Pottawatomie.
 - Pennsylvania: 1st Lt. Eldon E. Leach Jr., Norristown; Capt. Vernon C. Robinson, Coatesville; PFC. An-thony Kusmer, Shermansville.
 - South Carolina: Capt. Philip A. Willett, Columbus.
 - Texas: 2d Sgt. Robert E. Ham-mann, PFC. William V. Van Mar-tion; Corp. Robert E. Butler, Houston; 1st Lt. William Houth, Salt Lake City.
 - Virginia: 1st Lt. Edgar L. Allen, Roanoke.
 - West Virginia: PFC. Carroll L. Burgess, Mounds; PFC. Melvin T. Hutton, Huntington.
 - Wisconsin: SMSGT. Donald E. Turk-er, Franksville; PFC. Winton D. Yadin, Delavan.
- MISSING**
- Arkansas: PFC. James E. Gillies, Luxora; PFC. James E. Johns, Fort Smith.
 - California: 1st Lt. John Kampf, Eagan; PFC. Jesse H. Barnes, Ar-dmore; 1st Sgt. Glenn Haggie, Stock-ton; Capt. Harvey E. Carter, Vir-dugo; Corp. Rolland E. Kimball, San Francisco; Pvt. Charles A. De-wis, Colton; Pvt. James R. Dyson, Sun-nyvale; Pvt. Humbert W. Glendora, Los Angeles.
 - Connecticut: Pvt. Robert E. Co-boske, Forestville; PFC. Russell T. Friedrich, Andover.
 - Delaware: Capt. Reynolds H. Knotts, Wilmington.
 - District of Columbia: Pvt. Warren C. Harris, Washington.
 - Idaho: Pvt. Raymond Mostek, Payet.
 - Illinois: Corp. Raymond A. Barker, Evanston; PFC. Robert S. Johnson, Chicago; PFC. Thomas J. McGuire, Peoria.
 - Indiana: PFC. Paul R. Gavitt, In-dianapolis; PFC. Billy J. Barry, Booneville; PFC. Thomas E. Jeffries, Judson.
 - Kentucky: Pvt. William C. Dem-mlon, Covington; PFC. Edgar R. Johnson, Lexington; PFC. Walter H. Jones, Carbon Hill; Pvt. Varden A. Williams, Georgetown.
 - Louisiana: PFC. Braxton J. Mor-seau, Basile; Pvt. Joseph J. Naffs Jr., New Orleans.
 - Maine: Corp. Curtis W. Kinney, Robbinston.
 - Massachusetts: Pvt. Edwin F. Benson, Boston; Sgt. Joseph A. Fer-rara Jr., South Boston; PFC. Pen-elope T. Hamilton, Marblehead; Pvt. Angelo M. Vellucci, Needham.

Marines Speed Communications

TREASURY ISLANDS (De-layed)—A detachment of Marines landed with the New Zealanders who took this group of islands just prior to the invasion of Bou-gainville.

The Marine task was to set up the communications system. As soon as the landing craft touched the beach, the signal unit took off for the jungles and started set-ting up telephone lines for the designated New Zealand command post.

As other American forces moved speedily in minutes after the first wave, communication lines were strung to their positions. Some 32 miles of wire were run out in fast time and the Marine opera-tion was effected without a single casualty. The Leatherneck com-municators were on the beach 20 minutes after the original forces landed.—Sgt. Gordon D. Marston, combat correspondent.

Marines Serve Japs Gasoline Cocktails

SOMEWHERE IN THE PA-CIFIC (Delayed)—Japs on Trawa-atoll had their own beer bottles tossed back at them in the form of "Molotov cocktails."

"We filled Jap beer bottles with gasoline, attached a rag fuse and threw them into Jap pillboxes," said Corp. Harold W. Briggs of Evarston, Ill., a demolition en-gineer.—TSgt. Mason C. Branson Jr., combat correspondent.

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MCySgt. IRA L. KESSLER

20-Year Veteran Serves As Small Weapons Expert

Recalls Having Shot Five Japs Before 0600 On Christmas Morning, 1942

CAMP PENDLETON — In the casual tone of a duck hunter recounting his luck, MCySgt. Ira L. Kessler recalls Christmas, 1942, on Guadalcanal with, "I shot five Japs by 6 o'clock that morning."

The master gunnery sergeant enlisted in 1923, fought in the Sardinia insurrection in Nicaragua, served two years aboard the USS New Mexico, a similar period on the USS Maryland, and, like most "old salty Marines," has "been around."

A specialist in the repair of small arms, Sgt. Kessler is maintenance and repair chief of Hq. and Ser. Btry., 4th Sp. Wpns. Bn., 4th Mar. Div.

His Stateside duties have been varied. "I helped General Smedley Butler plant the trees and shrubs at the San Diego Base," he said, also listing the assistant wardenship of the Quantico brig, platoon sergeant at Parris Island, and guard duty at several Navy yards and Marine bases.

The five Japs were slain during the Kokumbona River drive by the 8th Marines. Enemy riflemen had infiltrated the Marine lines during the night, and the quintet was dispatched, as Kessler put it, "by my good old trusty Springfield."

During an earlier 4-day push two snipers made the fatal mistake of revealing their tree-top positions to Kessler. He indicated that his mortar fire, and additional rifle bullets, made additions to Jap casualty lists.

— Use V-Mail —

Camp Lejeune Mail Soars During 1943

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C. — A total of 29,200,000 letters was received by personnel training at this base during 1943 while the camp post office handled 13,000,000 outgoing letters.

Tiny Battle Flag Guards Marine Grave

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed) — This is the story of an American flag and the six Marines who owned it.

Sgt. George W. Waters of Greensboro, N. C., a squad leader in a rifle platoon, wrote home to his sister and asked for it before his unit left the U.S.

He and the five men under him wanted the flag so that they could set it up on the first Jap machine gun nest they wiped out.

Their impatience increased when they weren't even with the first combat team to hit Empress Augusta Bay. They came in on nearly the last wave and it wasn't until early this week that they finally got their first chance.

Their squad was selected to make a reconnaissance patrol of enemy territory on Hill 1000, later to become known to the troops as Hellzapoppin' Ridge. They were to feel out enemy opposition preliminary to an advance by their company, down a slight slope which led to a knoll further on.

Waters as squad leader was in

Rapid Advance Thwarts Nip Try At Death Trap

Flame-Throwing Pillbox Designed To Snare Marines Outflanking Gun Positions

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed) — Marines, forcing their way into the strongly defended village of Kugubikopai, apparently upset Japanese plans for a Yankee death trap by capturing a cleverly placed, flame-throwing pillbox.

At the same time, the Marines recaptured a number of U. S. made weapons, believed to have been used by the Japs in an effort to confuse troops advancing through the jungle.

Lt. Col. Hector deZayas, Annapolis, Md., said the Japanese apparently had not had time to get the flame thrower into operation because of the rapid Marine advance.

The pillbox, on the flanks of two other machine gun bunkers commanding the Piva River approaches, appeared to have a machine gun opening on the river side, but actually was closed. Its only opening was at the rear of the others. Marines advancing to outflank either of the other pillboxes would have walked into the path of the flame thrower.

Remnants of American food rations also were found in the village and snipers, shot out of trees hours later, were found to be wearing Marine and Army cartridge belts. — TSgt. Theo C. Link, combat correspondent.

ENGINEERS OUT IN FRONT

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed) — Lest a scheduled advance against the enemy be delayed, Marine combat engineers left the safety of their own front lines to bridge a swift, treacherous branch of the Tarkina River.

Their act in the face of artillery and mortar fire was later described by a Marine officer as one of "incredible courage."

In charge of the bridge building was WO. Harry M. Beckelman, San Diego, who said: "I'm satisfied that each man knew he was walking into what might have been a suicide detail, but yet they went back."

He also paid tribute to tractor drivers, who had to sit atop their big "cats" virtually in full view of the enemy.

Second in command of the detail was P1Sgt. Harry M. Kimbrough, Sacramento. — TSgt. Maurice E. Moran, combat correspondent.

— Stop Loose Talk —

Postal Office Waits Claim Of Cash Loser

A sizeable sum of money found on the Base this week will be returned to the rightful owner upon furnishing of satisfactory identification and particulars. The person who lost the money should contact the Base postal officer's office, Bldg. 15, or telephone MCB ext. 482.

front with his men deployed about him. A little to the rear and his right was PFC. Howard Price of Youngstown, O. Young Price was especially anxious for his crack at the Japs. His brother, Richard, was killed on New Guinea in 1942. Suddenly Waters spotted a Jap rifleman. He killed him with one shot, but the shot brought on a storm of Jap machine gun fire which killed young Price instantly and wounded Waters in the thigh. The bullet pierced his canteen, the canteen cup and cover before striking him.

The other four of the squad, PFCs. George A. Lucas, Louisville, Ky.; and William Keller, Newark, N.J., and Pvt. Thomas S. Porter, Spokane, and Charles H. Zimmerman, Bridgport, Conn., started forward toward them, but Waters waved them back.

He knew that both he and Price lay in a fire lane and that for the others to approach would be suicide. But they were not to be denied. One of their number dodged back to the main lines, secured a



PALM TREES are used as telephone poles by Marines stringing communications line in sniper territory on Bougainville. Crew consists of PFCs. Eric Erickson, Richfield, Utah, on tree, and Edgar Rupkey, Fillicott City, Md. PFCs. James Gutierrez Jr., San Fernando, Calif., with sub-machine gun, and Joseph Beclart, Ewing, Neb., with carbine, stand guard.

Drill Sergeant's Medal Proposed

WASHINGTON — A bill authorizing the President to award a Drill Sergeant's Medal to every person who has served for at least one year as a drill sergeant in any branch of the service has been introduced in the House by Rep. L. Ludlow of Indiana.

The proposed medal would be of appropriate design, with accompanying ribbon. The bill provides that no more than one medal be issued to any one person, but for each additional year of service the President could award a bar or cluster to be worn as he may direct.

— Be Courteous —

Football Tactics Used In Attack

Football tactics, with NCOs acting as quarterbacks, were used by the Camp Pendleton-trained 4th Mar. Div. to clean up Jap pillbox positions on Roi and Namur islands in the Marshalls, United Press reported.

Marines led by Col. Franklin A. Hart, who co-authored the tactics with Col. Louis R. Joice, ended Jap resistance on Namur in 2½ hours.

— Buy War Bonds —

"The physical conditioning program is paying dividends," said Lt. Col. Dick Hanley, former Northwestern university football coach, after a visit in the South Pacific area recently. Lt. Col. Hanley is the Leathernecks' physical conditioning director.

length of rope and returned to the spot.

There, Keller fashioned a loop which he tossed to Waters. The latter put it under his arms and they hauled him quickly through the underbrush to safety. Price's body remained too far out to reach and they were forced to leave him.

When being carried back to a first aid station on a stretcher, Waters reached into his blouse for their treasured flag, and handed it to Keller with the parting remark: "Don't forget. Put it on the emplacement."

Waters has since been evacuated to another island and doesn't know that his boys have broken faith with him. Because, although the hill and all its positions have been taken, their flag flies from none of them.

It stands proudly at the side of a simple wooden cross which marks the spot where Price fell. "May His Soul Rest In Peace" reads the inscription on the cross. And Old Glory stands guard. — Sgt. Peter Pavone Jr., combat correspondent.

Tire Purchasing Certificate Rule Changed By OPA

Issuance of certificates for purchase of automobile tires is now based upon the purpose for which the car is used rather than the number of miles driven under a new OPA order which became effective 1 Feb.

Base Rationing Board officials will no longer be able to consider applications for tires from Base personnel holding "A" books and who do no essential driving, according to information from the board.

Formerly, "C" book holders who drove more than 800 miles a month were entitled to Grade 1 tires, but under the revised regulation issuance of tire certificates will be limited to those doing essential driving.

Prospective purchasers of cars with worn-out tires were cautioned that no new ones can be obtained unless the auto is to be used for essential driving. Most "A" book holders will be forced to rely on recapping their old tires in the future, it was explained.

— Write Home —

Refresher Course

WASHINGTON — 1st Lt. Smedley D. Butler Jr., Newtown Square, Pa., son of the late Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler, will complete a pilot refresher course at NATS, Pensacola, and then will be assigned as a flight instructor there.

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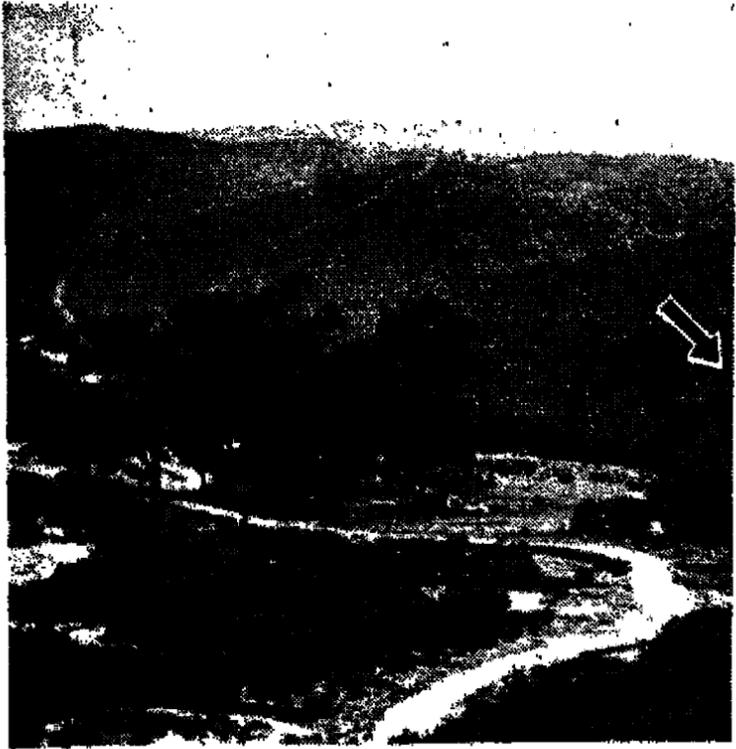
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Infantry Winds Up Two Weeks In Field With Night 'Battle'



RUGGED hills covered with dense brush surround Camp Sherwood (huts in trees), where Marines learn tricks of infantry fighting. Objective of night battle last week was shack off right of picture, indicated by arrow.



RIFLE BUTTS, clubs and rocks are taboo when the attacking patrol storms an objective in Infantry Tr. Sec. problems, but both sides are free to use their "dukes" in effecting a capture. Here "prisoners" are rounded up by white-shirted defenders. Problems are designed to teach art of self-defense at night in jungle. (Photos by PFC. Ches Turk).

Marines Taught Tricks Of Trade In Elliott Hills

Individual Combat Stressed As Toughened Leathernecks Go To School In Boondocks

INFANTRY BN., T.C. CAMP ELLIOTT—"If they're not on the ball when they hit 'Parker's', they will be!"

That's the word with officers and men of the Infantry Bn. Tr. Sec. here—a tribute to MarGup. Larry D. Parker and his crew of battle-tried instructors.

In fact, individual combat instruction and "Parker's" are synonymous terms in these parts. Parker's is really Camp Sherwood—some crude huts in a clearing on the floor of Penecitas canyon, eight miles from Camp Elliott proper.

The huts, like the Marines turned out with a knowledge of how to forage and fight in the field, give evidence of Parker's handiwork. He begged and borrowed odds and ends of scrap lumber and the improvements were constructed by him and his non-commissioned officer instructors.

SERVED UNDER DIAMOND

The Gunner is very proud of his helpers and their accomplishments. He's almost as proud of the fact that he's 40 and hasn't a gray hair—that's something the Marine Corps'll do for you—or of his claim that in 23 years as a Leatherneck no one ever bested him except the legendary MGySgt. Lou Diamond.

He "stomped me into the deck one" with a warning that young fellows shouldn't bother "old men" like him, the Gunner said.

But the pride and joy of his life is the progress which Marines make under his direction during their two weeks in the individual combat school. After completing basic recruit training, Marines are assigned to the Infantry Tr. Sec. and spend the fifth and sixth weeks of that training under Parker's wing.

The fifth week, they're at Little Spearmore canyon, where GySgt. C. M. Coffee teaches them the theory that makes the Infantry "Queen of Battle". For the sixth week, they move to "Parker's", where GySgt. Luther V. Raynes puts them through their paces in the field.

VARIED TRAINING

When those two weeks of strenuous training in the open are completed, the Marine infantryman has gone a long way toward becoming self-sufficient in the field. He knows the principles of concealment and cover, how to live off the land, how combat and night patrols operate, how to use his eyes at night, the principles of demolition, methods of offense and defense, water discipline, bivouacking in the



"BATTLE" over, MarGup. Larry D. Parker pours himself coffee. He and instructors discuss evening's maneuver.

open, and cooking methods in the field.

Every Thursday night, Parker and his instructors watch their second week "graduating" company defend the Penecitas canyon camp against attack by companies which will begin their two weeks of individual combat training the following week.

It was growing dark last Thursday night as the instructors completed deploying their defending force and the stationing of points to contact attacking patrols.

Gunner Parker, Sgt. Raynes and other instructors gathered in the little gallery they had built. Capt. Harold L. Oppenheimer, executive officer of the Inf. Auto-rifle and Riflemen's Tr. Sec., rattled up in a jeep and announced that his attacking force was on its way and would arrive in several hours. A week earlier, Maj. T. P. Wilson, O-in-C. of the Inf. Auto-rifle and Riflemen's Tr. Sec. had outlined the attack.

Sgt. Raynes offered to bet a case of beer the attackers wouldn't get through to the shack. (A nearby tumbledown shack was the evening's objective). It was strongly defended by both men and barbed wire.

Gunner Parker shared his enthusiasm.

"This A Co. is the best outfit I've seen in a long time," he declared. "They're really on the ball. I'd like to be going out with 'em."

The instructors fell to reminiscing, to wondering if they would

get into Elliott the next day for their pay, to hoping that the evening's problem would conclude quickly so that they could go to bed.

Capt. Oppenheimer was in the midst of recalling that during his 23 months overseas he had "never heard a hostile shot" and that in visiting various island outposts he had always arrived just after or left just before bombing raids.

A shot rang out. Then others. The firing became general.

"Well, some of them are here", said Parker, "but they'll never get through A Co."

The men stepped out into the night. Flashes from rifles pinpointed the hillside opposite the objective.

NON-COOPERATION

Yelled demands to surrender were met by a taunting "Come and get us."

One of the instructors gripped. "Wait until they run out of ammunition and start using their fists," he said. (Each man had been issued five rounds of blank ammunition.)

A group of A Co. men came up with some prisoners. Firing, yelling and scuffling continued in the thick brush. More prisoners were brought in.

The noise of battle subsided and Capt. Oppenheimer wondered what had become of his main force, the earlier action having been created by diversionary patrols.

The instructors walked over to a dry wash to break up half a dozen fist fights that were well under way.

Of a sudden, hell broke loose on the hillside above the shack. The brush was too thick to see more than occasional flashes but the crackle of rifle fire filled the night. A Co. hauled in more prisoners.

Finally, the problem was concluded. The attackers climbed into trucks, waiting only for a few men who were being treated by a corpsman for minor scratches and bruises.

DEFENDERS HOLD

The men of A. Co. headed for the brush to bivouac for the night.

Rain which had been falling all evening grew heavier as the instructors ducked into the dry warmth of the gallery for a final cup of joe.

"Did they ever get through to the shack?" queried Gunner Parker. "Hell, no," came the answer. "They just hit the barbed wire and bounced back."

A Co. had lived up to expectations. Another top-notch unit of fighting Marines would soon be headed overseas, there to provide the vital ground support needed by tanks, artillery and machine guns. The title, "Queen of Battle", would glow a little more brightly.

Medal Of Honor Winner Anxious To Fight Again

CAMP PENDLETON—PlSgt. John Basilone, only enlisted man wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor, has expressed a desire for more action.

Hero of the now legendary exploit of 24 Oct., 1912, when in command of two heavy machine-

gun units on Guadalcanal, he held off an entire Jap regiment for 12 hours, Basilone was last week acclaimed the "outstanding young man of 1943" by the U. S. Jr. Chamber of Commerce. He was presented with a scroll and a gold Distinguished Service Key during a broadcast in Los Angeles.

Brig. Gen. Robert L. Denig, (ret.), director of Marine Public Relations, spoke from Chicago on behalf of the award committee. He congratulated Basilone on his courage and devotion to duty. In reply the young platoon sergeant expressed his "gratitude for the opportunity to win the award."

—Written Home Letters?—

Barracks Started

CAMP PENDLETON—A contingent of 250 Waves is coming to USNH. Rancho Santa Margarita, at O'Neill lake, it was revealed with contracts let for construction of a two-story barracks costing upward of \$50,000.

Speed Of Seabee Units Is Legend

CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain, 2 Jan (Delayed)—Shortly after Marine assault units captured the Gloucester airfield, two privates were sitting on the edge of the bomb scarred landing strip eating canned rations when a flight of American fighter planes circled overhead.

"I wonder what they're doing up there?", the first private asked. The second quickly replied, "They've probably heard the Seabees have arrived, and are waiting to make a landing."—SttSgt. Joseph L. All, combat correspondent.

—Be Courteous—

Papa Gus came home and Maunna Gus looked at him shyly and said, "I've got Gus for you."



SHED A TEAR FOR BILL

Bill—that's me—leads a hard life. I'm nursemaid and dog-robber for every rookie, buck private and ordinary seaman that rides with me, which at times is too many for one bus. However, you're welcome, and no matter how thick you

come, I'll do my darndest to tuck you in somewhere. That's the least I can do for you chaps who may sour know what real hardship is. But when you come back, then I'm expectin' to give you some real service.

Bill—the bus drive



GREYHOUND

Ship Unloading Record Set By Pacific Marines

115 Leathernecks Complete Four-Day Job Of Beaching Supplies Within 12 Hours

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC (Delayed)—A unit, which set a world's record for unloading ships during the battle of Guadalcanal, held new laurels today after carrying ashore 1600 tons of cargo in a running tide in approximately 12 hours.

Only 115 strong, the Leathernecks, members of a group commanded by Col. Julian N. Frisbie of Clearwater, Fla., averaged almost a ton per man, per hour.

WINS WAGER

At the same time, Marines helped win a bet for Col. Frisbie from the Army's base commander at this Pacific outpost. The Army official told Col. Frisbie that the vessel, a Landing Ship-Tank, must be unloaded in 20 hours, then remarked that normally it would require 40 men four days to complete such a job under the conditions that prevailed.

The Marine colonel bet the Army commander that the ship could be unloaded in the specified 20 hours and, with the wagers placed, the Marines went to work. There was a running tide and the temperature ranged around 115 degrees.

CONSTRUCT ROAD

Starting at 1400, the Marines finished the job just 11 hours and 55 minutes later. During that time, they constructed a temporary road leading into the bow of the ship so trucks could be driven into the hold.

The cargo included gasoline drums, each weighing about 350 pounds. Because of their bulk, it is a man-sized job for five men to swing a gasoline drum aboard a truck. But Marines, in one hour alone, moved 612 drums. The unofficial record for even picked longshore crews in the U.S. is reported to be 145 drums an hour.—Sgt. Donald A. Hallman, combat correspondent.

Five Officers And Four Enlisted Men On Base Promoted

Promotion of five Base officers and advancement of four enlisted personnel to warrant ratings were announced this week.

Base Hq. Bn. promotions were: Lt. Col. W. W. Davidson, Base paymaster, to colonel; PJSgt. Alfred E. Jones and 1stSgt. Herbert B. Horn, both to warrant officers.

1stLt. Thor A. Rylander of Gd. Bn. was raised to captain. In Ser. Bn. TSgt. Jess B. Millard and SIF Sgt. Howard W. Von Berg were promoted to warrant officer.

RD promotions were: Capt. Temple Black to major; 1stLt. Edward F. Rawling to captain; and MGySgt. Ernest J. Jensen to warrant officer.

QM AIDE REPORTS

Col. Floyd W. Bennett reported to the Base this week as assistant to the Base QM officer, Col. Edward W. Banker, who is to retire shortly upon reaching the statutory age limit. Col. Bennett came to the Base from USNH, San Diego, after a tour of duty in the South Pacific.

2dLt. William K. Zimmerman, former assistant Base Exchange officer, was detached from Base Hq. Bn. Monday and transferred to RD. His post was taken by 1stLt. Leo J. Wilson.

DUTY CHANGES

WASHINGTON—Changes in status have been ordered for the following:

Cpls. Dudley S. Brown from San Diego to Field; Robert H. Pepper from Field to HQMC; Byron F. Johnson from Bogota, Colombia, to Cherry Point.

1c.Cpls. Edwin O. Schultz from Jackson, Miss., to New River; Bailey M. Coffey from Field to San Diego; and Thomas W. Ringwood, who remains at Quantico instead of going to FMP, as previously announced.



COMPARATIVELY NEW to Marine equipment are jungle hammocks, complete with overhead rubber protector, mosquito netting and zipper. These comfortable sleeping sacks can be slung between trees or lowered into an extra deep foxhole.

Jungle Hammocks Appear In Bougainville Campaign

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—Something new in Marine equipment—jungle hammocks—made their appearance in the Bougainville campaign.

The hammock can be slung between two trees, has an overhead rubber protector, and is complete with mosquito netting and zippers.

Many Marines dug extra deep foxholes and lowered the hammocks. During raids it was possible to recline in the foxholes with the maximum of comfort and safety.

Some Marines preferred hammocks above ground. During a night raid, one Marine in the darkness couldn't find the zipper and eventually slashed his way out with his knife.—Sgt. Gordon D. Marston, combat correspondent.

Blast Throws Marine 40 Feet

USNH, OAKLAND — Fortunately it was no light blast that threw PFC. John Hannon of Newark, N. J., from his ship at Bougainville.

Otherwise he would not have sailed through the air to clear 40 feet of burning oil surrounding the ship after the explosion. A lighter blast would have landed him in the middle of the blazing sea.

Hannon, now recovering here, was aboard a small Navy vessel participating in the attack on Bougainville when a group of 36 Jap planes attacked. A torpedo bomber scored a direct hit on a fuel tank.

Hannon was all set for a bath when he landed. The blast dented him, even of his shoes.

Veteran Parachute Rigger Is Promoted

MCAS, CHERRY POINT — The oldest parachute rigger in the Marine Corps has been promoted from master sergeant to warrant officer here. He is WO. George Hayes of the Third Aircraft Wing, a 22-year veteran who has seen service in Nicaragua, Santo Domingo, St. Thomas, the Virgin Islands, San Diego, Quantico and Cherry Point.



"That isn't necessary, Sluggo. Just answer, 'Here, Sir!'"
—The Hoist (NTS, San Diego).

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STRIKING SILVER identification bracelet near Camp Pendleton by Marine in 4th Div. Serial engraved X12823. Please communicate with parents. Mrs. H. Zoon, 2461 St. Pierre Ave., Alhambra, Calif.

IDENTIFICATION BRACKET, yellow gold. Name "Kenneth Q. Mock" on one side and "Hells" on the other. \$5 reward. Contact Sgt. Mock at Clerical school, MCB ext. 375.

Steak, Mail And Pay In One Day

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—After two months of fighting on Bougainville, rest-bound Marines came "home" to their old camp here to find several unexpected pleasures awaiting them.

Every man expected to walk four miles to the camp area after landing, but there were trucks waiting for them on the beach. Hardly had they taken off their packs when "mail call" was sounded, and men walked away with armloads of delayed Christmas packages.

As if that wasn't more than enough for one day, the men soon found themselves lining up to receive two months' back pay. Many a salty Leatherneck shook his head and said: "The old Marine Corps was never like this."

But that wasn't all. For chow the men had their favorite food—steak. That evening they topped the day off by enjoying a motion picture show. — TSgt. Earle W. Johnson, combat correspondent.

Six New Courses Offered In Base Cooking School

Only Unit On West Coast To Offer Instruction In New Methods Of Mess Work

Six new courses in food preparation are offered to Marines on the west coast by the recently activated Cooks and Bakers' School Co. on the Base, the only school in this area where such instruction may be obtained.

Courses open to officers are: Mess supervision, a one-month course, 192 hours; dehydrated foods, two weeks; course A, 88 hours on theory of cookery and 104 on practice of cookery.

COURSES SET

For mess sergeants: course B, 40 hours of theory and 240 of practice; dehydrated foods, two weeks. For cooks: course D, a two-month course, 84 hours of theory and 480 of practice.

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NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

The Home Front

War production is the biggest news on the home front with the latest model of the famed P-38 now able to fly the Atlantic, carry two 1000-pound bombs and climb 100 feet a minute to well above 50,000 feet. The new cruiser "Atlanta," fourth warship to bear that name, slid down the ways this week, successor to the "Mighty-A" which went down with guns blazing off Guadalcanal in November, 1942. First of the Navy's 2200 series of destroyers to be built on the West Coast was launched this week.

Even "grandma" is included— notably Mrs. Barbara Minakull, 51, of Tulunga, Calif.—whose rubber saving idea netted her \$417 from Lockheed Aircraft Co. where she is employed.

On the pessimistic side is the fact that 20,000 war workers in Michigan and Ohio are on strike. The Army moved in on strike-bound textile mills in Fall River, Mass.

Men fully recovered after being wounded in action and then discharged from service are now being re-drafted and given their former ranks, the War Department announced. Marine 1st Lt. Craig Reynolds will be back in films soon after being honorably discharged because of wounds received on Guadalcanal. Fighter Pilot Capt. William A. Baldwin will wed actress Kim Hunter. Ethel Barrymore returns to the screen after a 12-year absence.

The mustering-out pay bill has been signed and will start functioning about 15 Feb. Career as an anti-aircraft gunner ended for Pvt. Donald R. Hargrove of Nevada when Camp Callan officers learned he was only 13. He will return to eighth grade, he said.

Jack and Charles Goldberg, Beverly Hills delicatessen operators, were in custody this week as the government pressed an investigation into a Southern California black market which has dealt in millions of illegal rationing coupons.

The U. S. to Panama segment of the Inter-American highway may

be ready for travel in 1943. Nothing was said about the gas needed for such a trip.

Former Judge Warren Riggs of Central City, Neb., dreamed so realistically about Hitler, Hirohito and Mussolini being brought before his bench that the kick he aimed at Hitler crashed into his bedroom wall. Result: badly bruised foot.

The Army and Navy have launched a campaign to increase the use of V-mail 30 per cent.

Edgar Lee Masters, 74, one of America's best known poets, is recovering from pneumonia and malnutrition induced by poverty, in New York.

Movies

"The Song of Bernadette" with newcomer young Jennifer Jones making her cinematic debut in one of the most difficult roles ever attempted on the screen is the story of the little French peasant who is believed to have seen a vision of the Blessed Virgin at Lourdes, France. Charles Bickford and Gladys Cooper also are excellent. "Lost Angel" is almost a flippa experiment. It is the story of a child, Margaret O'Brien, who is turned over to a flock of Scientists who cram her with knowledge and philosophy and everything except what the normal child should know and believe in. James Craig, reporter, and Marsha Hunt, his girl friend, finally humanize the prodigy.

Juke Box

"My Heart Tells Me" is still out in front on the nation's Hit Parade, with "Besame Mucho" and "Mairzy Doats" making their debut this week.

The parade listing: No. 1—My Heart Tells Me; No. 2—Shoo-Shoo Baby; No. 3—No Love, No Nothin'; No. 4—Besame Mucho; No. 5—My Heart; No. 6—Paper Doll; No. 7—Mairzy Doats; No. 8—Oh What a Beautiful Morning; No. 9—When They Ask About You; No. 10—Break Jaw.



RIFLES HIGH above their heads, Marines made ashore through heavy surf at Cape Gloucester in their drive against strategic airstrips on New Britain Island.

World at War

U. S. guns in the Pacific from which most of the good news came this week—is the forcing of landings in occupied China from which heavy bombers will smash at Japanese, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced in Pearl Harbor.

Nimitz told the Pacific strategy plans return from an inspection tour of Kwajalein atoll where all Japanese resistance was brought to an end. The entire Marshall Islands were in U. S. hands.

NIKOPOL FALLS

Red armies have captured Nikopol, one of the world's greatest sources of manganese, and routed seven Nazi divisions from their lower Dnieper River positions. The Germans left 15,000 dead on the field and in the city after a house to house fight. The Russians are now within 50 miles of the point where the Nazis attacked the Soviet in June 1941. Germans are said to be attempting to evacuate their top men by air as they did before Stalingrad.

The U. S. has warned Finland to get out of the war or shoulder all responsibility for fighting at the side of the Nazis. Russians made two devastating air raids on Helsinki over the week-end and warned that this was but a sample.

ROME ROAD

German troops took a momentary offensive against American and British forces holding the Nettuno beachhead in a turn-the-tables maneuver this week, but no significant changes of position were noted. In order to relieve pressure the Fifth Army, which has been fighting the Germans street by street through the strategic bastion of Cassino on the Rome road, has thrown 30,000 men and 400 tanks strongly supported by artillery at the Nazis. Hopes of an early conquest of Rome for

the Allies are said to be fading with the latest enemy offensive. A sharply marked American hospital, a mile from any military objective, was a target for German bombing in the Anzio-Nettuno area. A total of 27 dead has been reported including women nurses. Army doctors and patients. Sixty-eight were wounded.

RECORD BOMBING

The invasion coast of France is still shuddering from near record aerial assaults paced by an American bomber attack of more than 1000 planes on Frankfurt. Planes were crossing the English channel in both directions all day one day this week with separate flights taking as much as an hour to pass one point. There is no let-up for the Germans at night either, for the RAF begins its forays soon after dusk, aiming at the swing and graveyard shifts in Nazi war plants.

Maj. Walter G. Beckham of De Funiak Springs, Fla., shot down two more Nazi planes to become the leading United States ace in the European theater with a total of 13.

Two U. S. submarines were reported lost in the Pacific this week. Their commanders were reported to be Comdr. James W. Coe of Richmond, Ind., and 1.1. Comdr. Francis E. Brown of Reno, Nev.

Around The World With Fighting Men Of The Corps

After Capt. Thomas Harry of Milwaukee, Wis., was wounded trying to locate a Jap machine gun position on Cape Gloucester, Pvt. Charles J. Schry took over the job. While one of his buddies covered him with an automatic weapon, Pvt. Schry crawled through the brush until he could see the slit in the Jap pillbox. He tossed two grenades into the pillbox from his concealed position 12 yards away, blowing three Japs inside to bits.

A newspaper story about PFC. John Strycharz of Easthampton, Mass., who was returned to USNH, Oakland, for treatment of wounds suffered on Tarawa, was instrumental in re-uniting his father and uncle, who had not seen each other in more than 15 years. Both contacted the wounded Marine when they read about him.

Asked at USNH, Oakland, what sent him back to the States from Vella Lavella, Pvt. Maurice J. St. Louis of Detroit replied "A Joe pot." While cleaning the parts of his rifle in a pan of gasoline, he leaned over and struck a match to light a fire beneath his coffee pot. The gasoline caught fire and the explosion set fire to his pants.

PFC. Alfred I. Garpett, Brooklyn, N. Y., told of how wounded PISgt. William F. Brazelton of Dallas, Tex., lay within 10 feet of Jap gun emplacements on Tarawa to direct Marine fire.

His unit forced to lie flat on their faces by fire from well-hidden Jap machine gun nests on Bougainville, PFC. Calvin Lichtenwaller of Chicago finally got impatient. Tucking extra clips of ammunition under his arm, he stood up suddenly and marched toward the enemy, his weapon spitting fire. The unexpectedness of the move caught the Japs unawares. The young Leatherneck came back to his foxhole three times for ammunition.

During a critical moment in an advance on Tarawa, the red-hot barrel of a machine gun had to be changed. The asbestos gloves had been lost, so PFC. Howard W. Blackford of Duenweg, Mo., changed the barrel with his bare hands.

During a recent heavy air raid on Empress Augusta Bay beachhead, PFCs. Alfred Paciotti, Parsons, Pa.; Ervin Talatko, Milwaukee, Wis.; and J. T. Townsend, Lakeview, S. C., were bottled alive when the igg roof of their homemade dugout fell on the sleeping trio. Their own faulty "engineering" was in blame, rescuers of the sleeping three determined.

Two Marines were saved from drowning within three hours during the initial landing on Cape Gloucester by Pvt. William W. Engelmann of Lockland, O. One had stepped in over his head when getting off a landing boat and the other was washed off the ramp of a ship while helping to unload it. The surf was five feet high that day.

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Jap Insignia, Use Of Weapons In Study Course

Solocons Veteran Takes No Chances His Platoons Won't Have Plenty of Battle Savvy

By PFC, Wayne Young

Recruits in Plat. 66 are catching all the prescribed training plus 19 additional written examinations and plenty of savvy on jungle warfare. That's because their DI, PISgt. L. H. Pepin, who was invalided home from the Solomons, believes that knowledge of as many details as possible is what saves lives in battle zones.

LEARN INSIGNIA

PISgt. Pepin thinks it important that the men he trains know that three stars worn on a Jap soldier's shoulder designate a superior private. Knowing that, they will not take any undue chances to capture such a "prize."

Contrary to U. S. practice, Jap officers and enlisted men wear their insignia in battle areas, he points out.

As for knowing Chinese insignia, the platoon sergeant thinks it is highly probable that some of his recruits might be fighting alongside soldiers of that nation in the not too distant future.

The DI also teaches his recruits a set of useful Jap phrases. He says the Japs lay traps for U. S. soldiers by use of a few American phrases, so he figures two can play that game.

JAP BAYONET

He also gives added training on the bayonet, using a model Jap weapon which he constructed. Chief purpose of this training is to acquaint his recruits with the hook at the base of the blade on the Jap weapon.

To make his training even more realistic, he is making a Jap soldier's uniform, complete with insignia.

Most of PISgt. Pepin's lectures and written examinations are given during his platoon's stay at the rifle range.

However, he presents each recruit with a study manual the first week. This contains information designed to counteract the false scuttlebutt passed out by "salty" boots of advanced platoons.

MARINE LINGO

Included in the manual is a dictionary of Leatherneck lingo, an explanation of Navy (jap), and illustrations of parts of the rifle and of the arm and hand signals, a section on military courtesy, instruction on laying out transport and light marching order packs, and drawings of U. S., Chinese and Jap insignia.

The final written examination given to his recruits includes questions on organization of Jap platoons and squads and descriptions of the physical characteristics and infantry weapons of the Japs.

His lectures are sprinkled with safety tips for men in battle zones. Don't throw away the tape from a used coffee can, he advises. Use it to seal down the safety lever on the hand grenades, a precautionary measure to prevent an explosion in case the cotter pin should be pulled out.

REPTILE JITTERS

Don't throw empty food cans out of foxholes, he advises. Men new to battle zones get jittery from the racket made by reptiles attracted to the food.

Prior to going overseas PISgt. Pepin was a machine gun and rifle instructor at Camp Elliott. In civilian life he had done aerobatics and comedy routines in vaudeville before joining the Corps in 1938.

A DI at the Base since May, 1943, he has given similar training to Plats. 656, 834 and 1097.

— Stop Loose Talk —

Marine pilots accounted for a good half of the 328 Japanese aircraft destroyed during the 27-day assault preceding Munda's capture.



JAP INSIGNIA is being explained to recruits of Plat. 66 by PISgt. L. H. Pepin, their DI, as part of the added training given to all his platoons. The Jap shoulder insignia held by all four is genuine. (Photo by PFC, Herbert Ahlou).

FIJI NATIVES BATTLE JAPS

Leathernecks Respect Dusky Jungle Men

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—Fijian troops, commanded by New Zealand officers, are fighting the Japanese for the first time and, already, skeptical, battle-hardened Marines have developed a profound respect for their allies' jungle fighting skill.

To those Fijians with three and a half years of intensive training behind them, the Japanese are mere amateurs in the ways of the jungle. Whenever they have met the Jap, the Fijians have caught the enemy off balance.

The first time the Fijians went out on patrol they met seven Japs, three the second time. The score: Ten Japanese were killed and not one Fijian injured.

Capt. J. W. Gosling, one of their Fiji-born white officers, is proud of his men, who can ghost through the jungle with the silence of lizards, and who have been known to set out on a two-week patrol with food for only four days.

Even the Jap is known to prefer trails but these men shun trails as the devil. The Marines who fought for this Emperor Augusta beachhead knew what a slow tortuous job it is to cover distance in the vine-barbered, swampy jungle. Yet the Fijians have been known to make 33 miles through the brush in three days.

In the brush, the Fijians use no compasses. "They wouldn't know how to read one," observed Capt. Gosling. "This jungle is much like the Fiji islands and has direction finders hidden all through it."

On one patrol far into Japanese territory, they found one cut tree. This one sign pointed the way for them to a Japanese position. The Fijians spread out, worked their way silently and unerringly toward the Japs, surprised and killed five riflemen and two machine gunners.

Their demeanor in camp is the exact opposite of their behavior in the jungle. They go about their tasks singing, smiling and shouting their greeting, "Bula!" to all who pass.

As a substitute for their own staple, the potato-like dain root, the Fijians are eating captured Japanese rice. Their officers say, though, that the Fijians will not be completely happy about this business of fighting the Japs until they find the kava root in the Bougainville jungles. Kava root is the chief ingredient in their non-alcoholic native drink.—Sgt. James E. Hague, combat correspondent.

Annoyed Sergeant Major Leads Ambush Of Snipers

CAPE GLOUCESTER, NEW BRITAIN, 3 Jan. (Delayed)—Jap snipers had been "annoying" him and his unloading party all morning at an amphibian tractor depot a short distance behind a line of Marines attacking a strongly entrenched Jap position.

In fact, one of his Marines had been nicked in the leg by a sniper, so Sgt. Maj. George A. Drummond of San Diego was in no mood to be trifled with, when suddenly he espied a movement in the tall kuni grass some distance away.

Signaling to two of his working party to follow him—PFCs Leonard J. Levy of New York and William J. Matte of Hartford, Conn.—he crept in a roundabout way to the suspected area.

His suspicions were quickly verified—there were six unsuspecting Japs intent on the course usually

taken by the amphibians. Deploying his men to either side the sergeant major and his companions closed in.

It was all over in about two minutes.—Sgt. Arthur E. Mielke, combat correspondent

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'Swamp Angels' Remove Wounded

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—When the Marine Corps adopted amphibian tractors, little did they realize that these mechanical monsters would some day be referred to as "Swamp Angels." That was the name given them by Marine parachute troops in the recent battle of "Hill 1000."

They gained their new title by playing an important part in evacuating wounded from an isolated area where it was impossible to operate other types of vehicles.—Sgt. Charles E. McKenna, combat correspondent.

Citations

AVIATION CEREMONIES

MCAS, HI, TORU—The DMC has been awarded here to Maj. Oils V. Galtoun Jr., Mobile, Ala., and Capt. Robert Ayres, Baltimore.

MCAS, MOJAVE—1st Lt. Samuel C. Beach, St. Jo, Tex., received the DFC and 2nd Lt. James H. Martin, Daytona Beach, Fla., was given the Air Medal at a ceremonial parade here. 7th Col. Eugene B. D'Boil received a commendation from the Secy. of the Navy.

MCAS, MOJAVE—The Gold Star in lieu of a second DFC was presented to 1st Col. Robert H. Richard of Cody, Wyo., in formal ceremonies here.

ARMY COMMENDATION

QUANICO—Maj. George W. Herrington, Reckton, Ga., has been commended by the Commanding General, U. S. Army Forces, South Pacific Area.

DECORATED IN FIELD

SAWYIERVILLE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Five fighters from a Marine Air Wing, including a general, a private and the pilot of a dive bomber who scored a direct hit on a Jap destroyer, were presented with decorations at a colorful ceremony here.

They were: Brig. Gen. Francis P. Mulenb; Rochester, N. Y., Gold Star in lieu of second DFC; Pvt. Dallas E. Johnson, Amarillo, Tex., Silver Star; 2nd Lt. John A. Hughes, San Francisco, Cal., DFC; 2nd Lt. Paul W. Lewis, Mt. Vernon, Ill., Air Medal; and 1st Lt. A. H. New, Greenville, S. C., Legion of Merit.

CHERRY POINT AWARDS

CHERRY POINT—At a recent review, Brig. Gen. C. A. Larkin, commanding the Third Wing, presented the DFC to Capt. John E. Spraker and a letter of commendation from Adm. Halsey to Lt. Col. Burdette C. Best.

OTHER CREATIONS

Navy Cross

Capt. Kenneth D. Franck, Burlington, N. J.

Legion of Merit

Cpls. Robert H. Pepper, Washington, D. C., and Perry O. Parmelee, Flint, Mich.

Silver Star

1st Lt. Raymond L. Murray, San Diego, and 1st Lt. Lloyd Chatham, N. J.; 1st Lt. Walter La. Sanford, Shelby, Mich.; Cpls. Billy S. Parks, Richmond, Cal.; Theodore J. Hauke, New Haven, N. C.; and Marshall C. Dominant, Wheeling, W. Va.; PFC Everett J. Rogers, Indianapolis.

Distinguished Flying Cross

1st Lt. William D. Robertson, Georgia; 1st Lt. John H. King Jr., Brookline, Mass.; and Lawrence M. Paulner, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; Capt. William M. Watkins Jr., Crystal Springs, Miss.; 1st Lt. Jean, Joseph, Mo.; Robert E. Flaherty, Waterloo, Ia.; and James N. Cupp, Fairfield, Ia.

Air Medal

Maj. Robert R. Runns, St. Paul, Minn.; Cpls. John F. Rogers, Belleville, N. J.; and William V. Moore, Weadon, Mo.; Sgt. Earl J. Craig, Springfield, Mass.

Jap Aerial Bomb Lands Squarely On Emplacement

First Known Direct Hit On 90 mm. Gun Scored By Enemy At Bougainville

USNH, OAKLAND — "It must have been fate."

Only in this manner can PFC George S. Hood, of Pittsburgh, Pa., explain a direct hit by a Jap 250-pound bomb on a Marine 90 mm. gun.

"Our captain told us that he could recall no other time in Marine history when a 90 mm. had ever received a direct hit," he said.

According to Hood, five of the gun crew were killed and several wounded when the impact of the exploding bomb set off 40 shells in the ammunition stack.

The hit occurred on the 30th day of fighting on Bougainville. Hood, who received concussion and shrapnel wounds, has been awarded the Purple Heart.

— Bo Courtens —

'Banzai' Charge Like Hari Kiri

CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain, 4 Jan. (Delayed)—Eight Japanese started a suicidal bayonet charge from a clump of trees 50 yards in front of a battalion CP.

Most of them were bare headed. Two were wearing only shorts. One was unarmed. All were yelling their frenzied "Banzai!"—ten thousand years for the Emperor.

2d Lt. Edward Jones of Whiteford, Md., cautioned his men to wait until the Japs reached a turn in the path 20 feet away, where they would all be hunched. Every one of the enemy was slain in the first round.—Sgt. Donald A. Hallman, combat correspondent.

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Pair Win Award For Mission On Jap-Held Island

Leathernecks Scout Enemy Territory Before Initial Landings On Bougainville

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Two Marines whose daring reconnaissance mission on a Jap-held island in the Bougainville group did much to insure success of the initial Marine landings there have been awarded the Silver Star for their gallantry. They are 1st Lt. William G. Shoemaker of Lynn, Mass., former football and hockey star at Boston Univ., and GySgt. James M. McGee of Dallas, Tex.

DODGE PATROLS

For three days and four nights the six-man patrol commanded by Lt. Shoemaker dodged Jap patrols as they observed enemy concentrations, estimated strength of Jap garrisons, searched for good landing beaches, studied terrain features, investigated the water supply, and looked for locations for air fields.

In constant danger of discovery by Japanese patrols, they had their closest escape the night before they left the island when they spotted an uncomfortable four hours floating some distance from shore in small boats while a Jap destroyer passed back and forth near them.

Tall, husky GySgt. McGee narrowly escaped discovery one morning when he awakened to find he had spent the night less than 50 yards from a large Jap camp.

LOSE BEARINGS

"With a native guide, I had been on a day-long mission observing Jap activities. We lost our bearings while returning to where the others camped. Rather than stumble through the jungle in the dark, we found a good spot and spent the night," he said.

"We were awakened in the morning by a bugler blowing the Japanese version of reveille. We got out of there in a hurry."

Citations for the men, signed by Adm. William F. Halsey, commend their conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in actions against the enemy while serving with a patrol operating in the South Pacific area in August, 1943.—Sgt. Winthrop E. Cady, combat correspondent.

Buy War Bonds

Two Heavy Cruisers Return To Fleet

WASHINGTON—Two heavy cruisers severely damaged in the Battle of Tassafaronga off Guadalcanal have again joined the fleet.

Again seeking combat with the enemy are the USS New Orleans, which lost its bow in the sea fight, and the USS Minneapolis, which was engulfed by flames from waterline to superstructure as the result of a Jap torpedo hit.

The V-Mail

New Outfits

CAMP PENDLETON—Activation of the Rocket Bn. and HQ and Service Btry., TC., was announced here recently. Maj. Valentine Hoffman, Capt. John B. Guggelsberg and Philip F. Santon are top ranking officers of the new outfit.

PLAYING nursemaid to a baby wallaby comes under regular duties of PFC, Robert Van Landingham in the South Pacific.

Leatherneck Plays Nurse To Baby Wallaby On Isle

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC (Delayed)—PFC, Robert Van Landingham of Clarksville, Miss., has a new job. He's nursemaid to a wallaby.

The three-weeks-old wallaby—small kangaroo to you—was abandoned by his mother who wandered inadvertently into camp. It's a toss-up as to whether the Marines or the mother marsupial were more startled.

At any rate the mother wallaby recovered first, and her frightened bounds tumbled the baby out of her pouch.

Named "Digger" by Landingham, the baby wallaby is fed milk with an eyedropper and allowed to feed on the long grass. The little wallaby's favorite resting place is the pocket of a dungaree jacket where he can curl up as if he were back with his "mom".—TSgt. Samuel Slavisky, combat correspondent.

Write Home

5 Generals' Sons In New Invasion

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP)—American forces invading the Marshall Islands included the sons of five Marine Corps generals.

One of them, Capt. James L. Denig, son of Brig. Gen. Robert L. Denig, director of public relations, died in the action. The others in the battle are:

Lt. Col. Alexander A. Vandegrift jr., son of Lt. Gen. Vandegrift, commandant.

Maj. Richard K. Schmidt, son of Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt, commander of the 4th Mar. Div., which assaulted the Marshalls.

1st Lt. Joseph C. Fegan jr., son of Maj. Gen. Fegan, commanding general of Camp Pendleton.

2d Lt. David A. Brewster, son of Brig. Gen. David L. S. Brewster, now serving in the Pacific.

Seabee Water Works Goes Ashore In Hail Of Lead

By TSgt. Murrey Marder, Combat Correspondent

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—President, chief stockholder, and only employee of Bougainville Water Works is a colorful, salty Seabee, Water Tender 1/c. Lonnie F. (Pappy) Suder of Atlanta, Ga., a member of a Naval Construction Bn. assigned to a Marine unit.

It looked for a while, as if "The Works", which landed in the second wave, might not get ashore. A tank lighter just ahead was blown out of the water by a direct hit, but "Pappy" Suder and his water unit managed to reach the beach in one piece.

Ashore, with rifle, machine-gun, and mortar fire filling the air as the Marines drove inland, "Pappy" found everyone too concerned with the Japanese to pay much attention to him and his small water unit.

"So I looked around at all this shootin'," he said, "and figured if there was any water to be got, I'd better start gettin' it."

Near where Suder landed, a muddy, sluggish stream—the Koromokina River—wandered out of the jungle. Here he set up his unit, borrowing a caterpillar tractor to clear a path to the river. Within a few hours and despite heavy fighting, "Pappy" Suder was "pumpin' water."



JAP BODIES litter the beach on Namur following the mighty naval and air bombardment which preceded the Marine landing. Leatherneck losses were reported slight.

Marines Put Abandoned Materiel To Use

By TSgt. Earle W. Johnson
Combat Correspondent

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—Japs retreating far into the interior of Bougainville have abandoned huge quantities of supplies and equipment for which advancing Marines have found good use. For instance:

Jap mess gear is used for countless purposes, from heating coffee to washing feet.

Jap grenade bags are excellent for carrying rations.

Long-handled Jap shovels, larger than the Marines' small entrenching shovels, are used to better advantage in digging foxholes.

Jap rubber shoes make good "lounging slippers" for idle hours during lulls in fighting. Marines don't mind the split toe as

long as the shoe fits.

Rice is left alone usually, but occasionally a Marine will cook it. A rice-loving lieutenant colonel boiled some of it with meat and found it tasty.

Jap bayonets make good mach-

etes because they are razor-sharp.

Hundreds of cans of Jap heating fuel are taken from enemy foxholes. Jap soldiers are well stocked with this fuel.

Small leather boxes containing rifle cleaning gear are used for exactly the purpose they were intended.

Small, oval-shaped rubber parts in the tubing of Jap gas masks are used to cover metal identification tags which prevents them from jangling and giving away Marine positions.

Jap rifles and machine guns are not used. Marines have more effective weapons and, besides, enemy guns emit a different sound. Should a Marine use one of them on the front lines, he might find himself fired on by someone in his own unit.

Air Facilities Grow At Marine Station

MCAS, CHERRY POINT, N. C.

More than a dozen new buildings, including one of the largest assembly and repair shops in the U. S., have been completed at this air station during the past year.

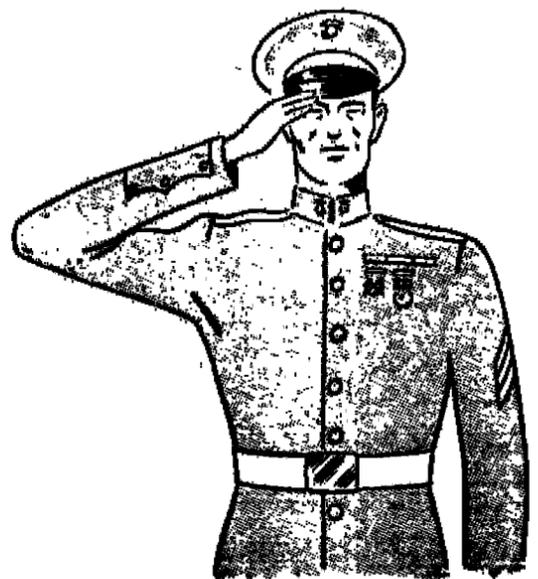
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Engineers Out In Front During Jungle Advance

Tanks Unable To Go To Aid Of Hard-Pressed Infantry Without Road Thru Swamp

By Staff Sgt. Donald A. Hallman sr. Combat Correspondent

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed) — Marine engineers are never very far behind the infantry. This time they were ahead of it.

During the advance up the beach toward Borgh Bay, tanks and riflemen knocked out a strong Japanese line of machine guns, anti-tank rifles, and pillboxes. One road continued up the beach.

Another turned off to the right into a deep swamp. Beyond, the Japanese were heavily entrenched along a river.

Marines, advancing parallel to the beach but half a mile inland, had encountered stiff resistance from pillboxes and machine gun nests. Snipers were everywhere. It was almost impossible to take the enemy positions in the deep jungle. Tanks were the only hope.

TANKS BOGGED DOWN

But tanks couldn't get through the swamp without help.

The engineers were called. This particular company had been working night and day building bridges to another part of the front, but they hurried to on this new job.

First they cut hundreds of trees to secure logs. They waded waist deep in the swamp to lay the logs for a new road. They built that road up above water level.

Then truck after truck backed up with ton after ton of sand from the beach, pouring in a surface for the new road. The sand would sift through the logs, much of it was washed away. Recurring rains added their havoc. The engineers kept working.

Word came down the line: "Hurry these tanks."

ROAD LENGTHENS

A day passed, a night, another day. The same engineer company was still on the job. The road was stretching into the swamp. Once the sand had been filled in, wire matting had to be laid and more sand poured on top. It takes a strong road to support five 32-ton General Sherman tanks.

A half-trac, mounting a 75, tried to get across. It mired. A bulldozer was sent through to pull it out. The dozer mired. Winches were ingeniously attached to trees and pulled both the dozer and half-trac out.

More engineers were rushed up. They had been called out as stretcher bearers but between calls they worked on the road.

The first two days there were no front lines along the bridge road. It was enemy territory. Snipers were active, but the engineers kept going.

1st Lt. S. C. Turnbull of Ardmore, S. C., was in charge of the road building. His platoon took turns with those of 1st Lt. H. R. Gingham, Fort Wayne, Ind., and of 1st Lt. J. G. McKee, Long Beach, Cal.

RAINS INTERFERE

At the end of the second day almost half a mile of this road had been constructed. The next morning much of the work had to be done over—heavy rains had washed out part of the road. Repairs were made and light tanks went across. Then one of the heavier tanks.

In a few minutes, their heavy guns were spraying Jap positions with high explosive and mustard.

Marine engineers took time out for a rest. There was a river 700 yards ahead and a bridge would have to be built when the tanks had done their job.

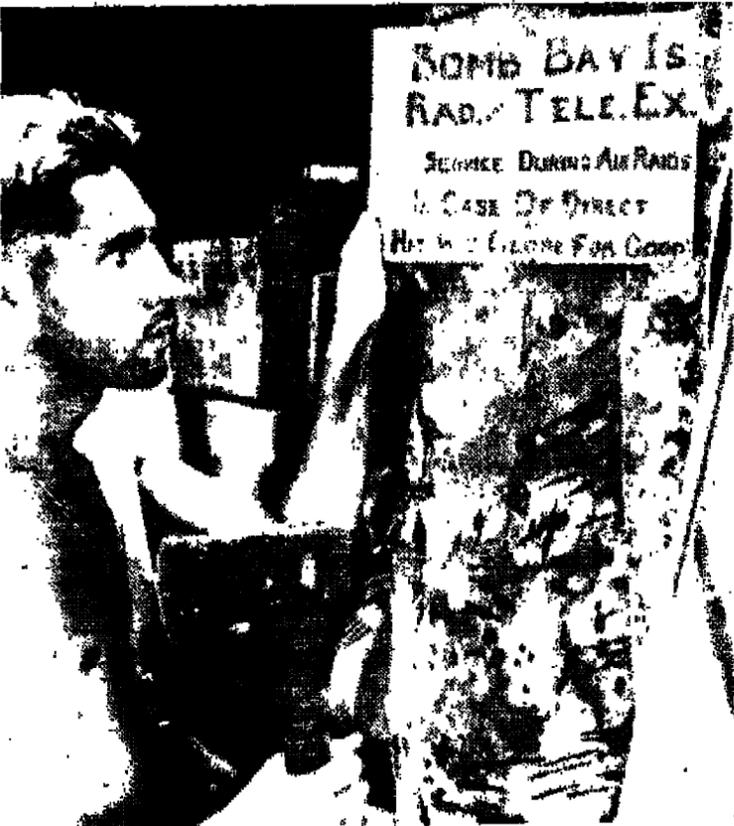
Mail Address Correct?

First Recruit: "That sergeant certainly is temperamental."

Second Recruit: "Yes—90 per cent temper and 10 per cent mental."



FANCY FOOTWORK for muddy going is demonstrated by Marines moving up on the Bougainville front. The leader (right) is recovering his balance after a mis-step, one Leatherneck (left) lifts his feet high, while others just plow along.



AFTER TINY Puruata Island had been heavily bombed the 85th time, Sgt. Jewell C. Johnson of Los Angeles posted this humorous sign. (Photo by Sgt. James Mundell)

Island Alerts Yodeled On 'Coast-To-Coast' Hookup

PURUATA ISLAND, BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—There's a "coast to coast" hookup with its own theme and signature songs, poking fun at the perils to which the Marine tenants on this tiny bomb-buffed island are exposed.

The "hookup" consists of communications telephonics strung to various beach localities. From "coast-to-coast" it's only a few hundred yards.

The theme song is "Foxhole Band" and the signature, yodeled as an alert sounds, is "Bomb Day Jamboree." (Bomb Day Island is the Marine nickname for Puruata). Lyrics are largely the brain child of PFC Robert W. Grothman of Portage, Wis. He admits they're "not so hot", but Sgt. Maj. Robert H. Starke of Sanford, Fla., says: "That singing gives the boys a laugh and a lift, and that's what you need around here." — TSgt. Maurice E. Moran, combat correspondent.

Stop Loose Talk — In the early days of fighting on Guadalcanal, planes became unserviceable after 48 hours.

Sniper's Hit Gives Marine A Headache

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed) — War miracles worked overtime to save the life of Sgt. Donald L. Moir, 20, of Brentwood, Mo., when a sniper's bullet knocked him flat. The bullet entered his helmet and, after circling around, left without scratching the Marine. Sgt. Peter Pavone, combat correspondent.

Bonds Or Bonanza? Landed Bulldozer

USNH, SAN DIEGO — PFC Edward Pnderazy, Fairchance, Pa., literally "bulldozed" his way ashore at Tarawa. When the fighter he was in was stopped he transferred over to his bulldozer and made his way 350 yards to shore.

Bomb Observer Left Speechless

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed) — Forward artillery observers often advance to within 75 yards of Jap positions to spot targets for dive bombers and torpedo bombers in ground support missions.

One day recently a formation of Marine dive bombers made a run on Japanese artillery positions, "conquered" by a nearby Marine observer via radio.

The run completed, the flight leader called over his phone, "How was that?"

There was a moment of silence, reports Sgt. Harold Powell of Wilmington, O., combat correspondent; then those words spluttered over the air waves: "Wait until I get my teeth in and I'll tell you!" — Bay Insurance

Front Line Foxhole Artist's Workshop

CAPE TOROKINA, Bougainville (Delayed) — PFC Paul R. Ellsworth, combat artist, landed with assault troops through the strafing on the beach here and stayed in muddy front line fox holes five days getting material for his sketches.

His experiences included being shot at by Japanese snipers, suffering a slight wound from a bomb, serving as a stretcher bearer and digging fox holes. — TSgt. Theodore C. Link, combat correspondent.

Praises Corpsmen

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed) — Under aerial bombardment, two corpsmen evacuated Pvt. Earl C. Bontz of Vintonville, Ill., who hit the dirt as a 500-pound Jap bomb landed only 10 feet away. Pvt. Bontz was full of high praise for PMSgt. Robert R. Corrigan of Los Angeles and Warren C. Chambers of San Diego, who dug him out from the debris threatening to suffocate him. — Sgt. Francis H. Barr, combat correspondent.

So Corrupt

A Texas woman, seeking a divorce, says her husband has been absent from home 35 years and that she has decided he isn't coming back. Women are funny like that always jumping to conclusions.

Congressional Medal Winner On Bougainville

1st Lt. Mitchell V. Paige Leads Machine Gunners In New Assaults On Enemy

CAPE GLOUCESTER, NEW BRITAIN (Delayed) — Marines serving in 1st Lt. Mitchell V. Paige's machine gun platoon insist that this Congressional Medal of Honor winner is still fighting in his best Guadalcanal quarter.

One of four Marines in his division who won this most coveted of American battle honors on Guadalcanal, Lt. Paige commands a unit which is fighting on the very front lines. It is said that for three sleepless days he encouraged his several machine gun squads by frequent visits in the face of heavy Jap fire. One of these squads is credited with killing so many of the enemy that it was forced to move position in order to gain a field of fire free of the piles of Jap dead.

Lt. Paige, whose home is in Dravosburg, Pa., won the Medal of Honor as an enlisted man when he picked up a heavy machine gun and, with this under his arm spraying death, led a bayonet charge on a Jap position, routing the enemy. — Sgt. Arthur E. Mielke, combat correspondent.

Treatment Handy For Hurt Marine

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—His buddies called it "nice timing."

Pvt. Gilbert L. Weber of Greenville, Mich., dodged machine gun fire all day without a scratch, while carrying wounded to safety from the front lines.

His duties completed, Pvt. Weber started back toward a foxhole for the night. A Jap sniper's bullet scraped his head. He was standing three feet from a Navy aid station. — TSgt. Earle W. Johnson, combat correspondent.

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So it looks like it's \$300 when the deal is over, and that sounds like a few games of rollicking cubes that will be Hobbies. However, I don't think that really is a very good idea, particularly if Marine Sergeants are anything like Army Sergeants with the old Ivories. I learned the hard way. I got a better idea. Why not put all the dough in one pot and start a Company. Ten million men (and dames) at 300 each is three billion smackerels, and that isn't a grocery store even in Washington, D. C. Now my idea is to take the dough and corner the market on something. Take for instance Pig's Knuckles. We (I'm in it too for giving the idea) go to the Farmers and we contract for all their Knuckles which we put in the Deep Freezes which will be cheap after the War. So nobody has any Pig's Knuckles except us. Pretty soon all the Pig Knuckle Eaters, who can't get them, start hollering. Say we bought the "Knuckles" for two bits per set of four (or one pig's worth) so now we let them suffer a while (the P. K. Eaters, not the Pigs), and when they holler loud enough to sound like six bits (assuming the O. P. A. is out of business), we sell. Now we got nine billion in the sack, and all we have to do is repeat that once a month and go fishing in between times. If anybody else has a better idea, I'll print it in this column.

Sherman was right. I got me a swell Blonde a few months ago to help sell the Soldiers and Marines all the things they need and as soon as the Blonde lands in Iller's Military Shoppe the sales go right up. Well I just get her to where she knows the difference between a dog-tag chain and a Staff Sergeant, and what does she do? She gets the old Montezuma spirit, and the next thing I know she's done her twelve mile hike getting examined, and she passes. The next dame I hire has got to show me a Medicine certificate stating she has blood pressure of at least 160. I'd rather they blow up than blow out.

I got a awful funny kind of cousin. He's on my father's side once removed. Emile (that's his name), keeps me posted on lots of things. He's sort of in the wine business I suppose, because lots of the stuff he writes me about, he says he gets off the grape vine. Queer, what? Well, anyway, Emile says that next year the income tax will be easier to figure because there are forty million tax payers and so far the Treasury has gotten forty million letters asking which is the more accepted method of figuring it out, solid geometry or just plain calculus. And that's causing a paper shortage. Emile says his sister Beulah has a boy friend, who just slipped a ten dollar bill in an envelope with the Tax Blank and sent it to Mr. Morganthau and told him to figure it out. Of course Beulah never was very smart, so chances are her boy friend isn't either, and the tax things aren't so hard to do if a guy could only remember what the heck was in the one paragraph he was reading after being referred to another which altered the first one, except as is changed by the third one as shown in the second.

I think if Shakespeare were living, he'd change it to the Hides of March, including mine.

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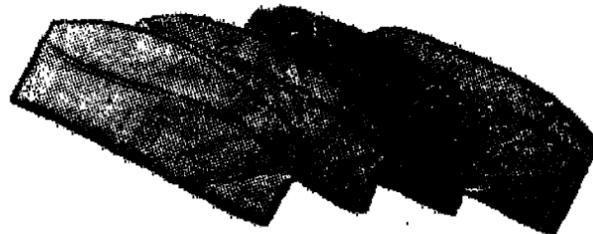
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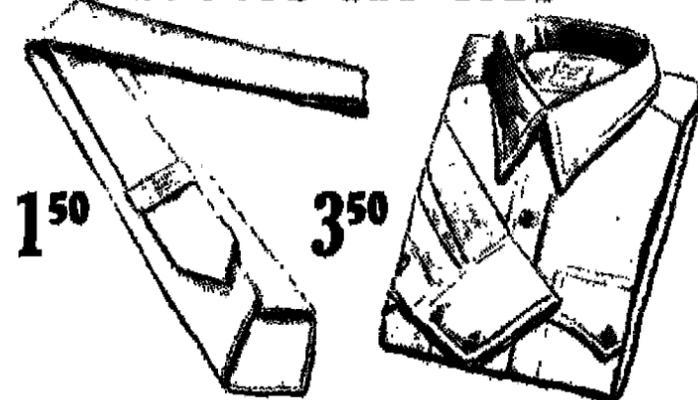
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Story Of Fighting Cook Slated For 'Halls' Show

The "Halls of Montezuma" coast-to-coast broadcast will salute the Base Cooks and Bakers' School next Wednesday, 16 Feb.

The dramatic portion of the program will tell the story of "The Fighting Cook," recounting the action on New Georgia Island of Corp. William F. Lee of Omaha, Neb., who accounted for 10 Jap snipers before he was wounded in the left arm.

Personnel of Cooks and Bakers' School Co., Ser. Bn., will be special

guests at the "Halls" broadcast. The show goes on the air at 1630 from the Base theater.

Champion Bugler Assigned On Base

PFC, William C. Collins, winner of the Michigan VFW state championship in the soprano bugle contest in 1942, was attached to the Base Field Music School this week upon completion of his boot training. He defeated the 1941 national champion in that contest. Prior to his induction he was sergeant bugler of the Lansing, Mich., VFW drum and bugle corps.

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'Foxhole Follies' Big Boxoffice Hit In South Pacific

By Sgt. William B. Allen Jr.
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—"Foxhole Follies", a Marine staged musical comedy, is rating top billing in local entertainment circles.

Known as the "Leatherneck Combat Show" the 17 members of the troupe under direction of 2dLt. A. Rubin of Miami Beach, Fla., have traveled by land, sea and air to various Pacific Island bases, where they have appeared before more than 50,000 members of the armed forces.

The cast, spotted with several former professional entertainers, was organized on ship-board enroute from the States. Dramatic plays and burlesque skits were written and perfected. Rehearsals later were held in jungle clearings.

Adopting the title of "Foxhole Follies", their fame spread and they were increasingly in demand at this and other Allied held bases.

NEW PRODUCTION

As this is written, the 17 Marines are busy putting the final touches on a forthcoming production that will make its debut here shortly unless more pressing Marine business takes priority.

With versatility the well-rounded cast has been known to present two shows in one night, ranging from a three-act drama to a gag-packed burlesque.

The cast: Leslie Brecht of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Tom Reddy of Hackensack, N. J.; Dick Maxwell of Milwaukee, Wis.; Warren Kemmerling of St. Louis, Mo.; Bill Hindman of Columbus, O.; Gill Johnston Jr. of Los Angeles; Marion Firman of New Orleans; Bill Beckhardt of San Diego; Bob Weber of Oakland, Calif.; Jack Jewell of Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles Kidder of Akron, O.; Steve Grinich of Akron, O.; Jim Richardson of Worcester, Mass., and Don Kain of Harrisburg, Pa.

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Base Personnel To Appear On Kay Kyser's 'Kollege'

Selection of Base personnel who will take part in Kay Kyser's "Kollege of Musical Knowledge" broadcast from the stage of the Base theater 23 Feb. was being made this week.

Screen Guide

BASE THEATER
1730-2000

Saturday—Murder in Times Square, Lowe-Chapman; Hands Across the Border, Rogers-Perry.
Sunday—Wintertime, Henle-Oakie.
Monday—The Fighting Seabees, Wayne-Hayward.
Tuesday—Sultan's Daughter, Corio-Butterworth.
Wednesday—USP Stage Show; Halls of Montezuma, 1630.
Thursday—USP Stage Show, "Say What," Recruits 1830.
Friday—The Man Who Came To Dinner, Davis-Woolley.
Saturday—Girls Town, McMurray; Saint Meets The Tiger, Sinclair-Gill. (One show, 1930.)

CAMP MATTHEWS
1745

Saturday—Always a Bridegroom, Andrews-Sisters-Knowles.
Sunday—Swing Your Partner, Ljubello-Scott; Hot Squad, Cronwell-Gugley.
Monday—Murder in Times Square, Lowe-Chapman; Hands Across the Border, Rogers-Perry.
Tuesday—Wintertime, Henle-Oakie.
Wednesday—The Fighting Seabees, Wayne-Hayward.
Thursday—Sultan's Daughter, Corio-Butterworth.
Friday—Freaky Comes Home, Daines-Storm; Corpse Vanishes, Lusk.
Saturday—The Man Who Came To Dinner, Davis-Woolley.

CAMP KEARNEY
1745-2000

Saturday—Flesh and Fantasy, Boyer-Stowwek.
Sunday and Monday—Song of Russia, Taylor-Peters.
Tuesday—Where Are Your Children, Copper-Storm; Oh My Darling Clementine, Albertson-Gray.
Wednesday—Women of the Town, Dekker-Trever.
Thursday—Shell Oil Co. Stage Show.
Friday—Corvette K-223, Scott-Wingard.

CAMP KEARNEY
1730-1915

Saturday—High Diddle Diddle, Scott-McJann.
Sunday—Northern Pursuit, Flynn-Bishop.
Monday—Fallen Sparrow, Garfield-Whara.
Tuesday—Passport to Suez, William-Blore.
Wednesday—Shell Oil Co. Stage Show.
Thursday—Someone To Remember, Lane-Graven.
Friday—Westside Kid, Barry-Hull.
Saturday—My Kingdom for a Cook, Coburn-Chapman.

Inspection "4.0"

At Arctic Post

MARINE BARRACKS, NAS, Sitka, Alaska—An inspection was made of this barracks 15 Jan. by Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, USA, commanding general of Alaskan forces. The general's comment: "Excellent in all respects."

Corp. Sidney Slappey, a DI, has been chosen to give the "two, three, t'yer left" drill chant as a specialty number, possibly in connection with the tobacco auctioneer's chant heard regularly on the Lucky Strike show.

GYPSY STRAINS
Instrumentalists will be the gypsy combination of PFC. Morris Ferelmiter, violinist; Corp. O. J. Wissett, bass; PFC. Billy Starke, accordion, and PFC. Robert Grissotte, guitar. WR Pvt. Sylvia Litwin, former concert pianist, also will play a number.

It is probable that a former auctioneer of the Kyser and Hit Parade programs, now in recruit training at MCB, will appear on the program. Pvt. Eddie B. Williams of Plat. 18 was billed as the "youngest tobacco auctioneer in the world" when he gave the auctioneer's chant for the show in April and May, 1939.

A native of Paris, Ky., Pvt. Williams worked for the American Tobacco Co. in Lexington, Ky., from 1938 until he joined the Corps.

COMPETITION SET
From a group of 18 members of Base personnel, 12 will be chosen to compete in the weekly quiz program. Winners will be awarded war bonds.

Six will take part in the afternoon rehearsal at 1415 and the other six on the regular broadcast at 1900. Recruits will make up a large part of the audience at the afternoon program.

28-Piece Band Organized For Duty Overseas

The 40th provisional band has been organized at the Base for assignment to duty in the field, it was announced this week by Maj. Gen. Frederick Lock, Base band officer. MTSgt. Edward Breaker, Base bandmaster for the last two years, will be bandmaster of the 28-piece regimental unit.

Sgt. Gordon E. Brown, assistant NCO-in-C of the Band and Music school for the last year and a half, will be assistant bandmaster. The band will be fully equipped and staffed to take care of entertainment needs of men in the field.

The unit will have its own arranger, Pvt. Donald W. Dixon, pianist; an accordionist, Pvt. Sam P. Montalumbo, and vocalist, Pvt. Donald L. Gundersen. A full dance orchestra can be organized from the 28 members.

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Elliott Throws Scare Into MCB Hoop Camp

Converse-Dunkel Fails To Recognize Unbeaten Marines

Twenty-six games without a defeat and still no tumble from Converse-Dunkel, or any other self-appointed statistician who can put his finger on the country's deserving basketball teams.

Such was the hoop situation at MCB this week as a great ball club rolled back two more opponents, Camp Elliott and the El Toro Marines, but not without a scare.

For 35 minutes last Tuesday night it looked as if Capt. C. R. Church's star-spangled outfit was headed for its first catastrophe of the 1943-44 season, when Camp Elliott trotted out a club bolstered by two stars fresh from hoop work at Quantico, 2d Lts. Bill Tom Klaus of Rice Inst., and Ben Trickey, formerly of Iowa Univ.

CLOSE BATTLE

With five minutes to go, the Base club drew away after a neck-and-neck fight that found the Elliotts more than able to hold their own. Lt. Klaus, who stretches six feet six inches into the ozone, bucketed 19 points to lead the Elliott attack.

That was No. 26 on the MCB victory list. No. 26 came Thursday night at the expense of the strong El Centro Marines, 65 to 27.

It's all over in the 11th Naval District as far as qualifying competition goes. Getting their last game by forfeit, the Leathernecks avoided a playoff by winning both halves of a split season. Their next move toward the District championship will be against Los Alamitos NTS, top class A club in the northern half. Dates for the playoff probably will be set this week.

NO MENTION

In spite of its fine record, which includes two wins over USC, a club which crowded St. Mary's Pre-Flight in a recent game, the Base team was unplaced on the last Converse-Dunkel rating sheet received at the Athletic Office.

Based on games played through 21 Jan., the list ranked service teams as follows: Great Lakes NTS, 80.0; Norfolk NTS, 75.7; St. Mary's Pre-Flight, 74.1; Iowa Pre-Flight, 73.2; Pensacola NAS, 71.7; Norfolk NAS, 68.5; Bainbridge NTS, 68.3; Greensboro BTC, 67.8; North Carolina Pre-Flight, 67.5; Camp Grant, 66.8.

Lineups:
MCR (62) PFC (44) Elliott Sailors (13) (10) Trickey McAffrey (31) (3) Woodward Fuks (17) (19) Klaus Walker (6) (8) Gartrell Schroyer (3) (4) Erik Subs—MCR: Denmark (5), Collins.

MCR (65) PFC (27) El Centro Sailors (6) (8) Larson Denmark (6) (4) Larson Fuks (13) (6) Reed Walker (9) (2) Ballard Schroyer (3) (2) Code Subs—MCR: Collins (5), Humrickhouse (10), Metcalf (7), Fuks (6), Larson (1), Simonsen (12), El Centro: Olson (2), Cain (3), Ward (2).

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Hq. Bn. Quintet Wins League A Playoff, 41-39

Roberts Scores 21 Points To Set Pace Against RD; League B Crown At Stake

Hq. Bn. reaped some measure of revenge for its football losses to RD last fall when it won a playoff game, 41 to 39, for the Inter-Battalion basketball championship of the Base this week. The two teams tied for league A honors, each with four victories and one defeat.

PFC. Bob Roberts was the big scoring spark for the Green Hornets, hitting the bucket for 21 points. The team played most of its season under the coaching wing of 1st Lt. Don Strong, now recovering at USNH from an accident that necessitated amputation of his left hand.

NEAR FINISH

League B honors will be at stake in the Base Gym this week as Sig. Bn. Instructors and Gd. Bn., currently tied for the lead, play their final games. The Guards take up Investigation & Insurance Monday night and the Instructors match shots with the G-Strings Tuesday night, both games starting at 1900.

Playoff lineups follow:

Hq. Bn. (41) P. S. (39) RD
Harbin (2) (5) Luff
Roberts (21) (5) Hays
Bradley (7) (3) Sutherland
Thomas () (10) Gd. Bn.
Rogers () (2) Brehmel
Subs—Hq. Bn.: Kneveloch (4), RD: Swarwick (6), Little (3), Kaeser (5).
Other results this week were: Sig. Instructors 3, Sig. Spicers 0 (forfeit); Sig. Instructors 44, Sig. Radar 16; Gd. Bn. 40, G-Strings 22; Inv. & Ins. 68, Band Blue Notes 33.

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THE CHEVRON Sports

Fourteen Marines Entered In Naval District Handball

Fourteen Marines—10 from the Base, three from ABG-2 and one from Camp Elliott—are numbered among 33 aspirants to the Naval District handball singles crown, play for which starts this week.

All matches will be played at Navy Athletic field, foot of First St. Doubles competition gets under way on 23 Feb., with entries to be filed by 16 Feb., it was announced. The schedule, as it involves Leathernecks, follows:

14 Feb.—SFC Daniel S. Frank, Camp Elliott, vs. SFC Harlow Meyers, NAS, 1900.

15 Feb.—PFC Harold G. Carlin, MCB, vs. SFC A. E. Gallagher, NTS, 1900; PFC Culmey L. Wood, RD, vs. SFC W. W. Martens, Rep. Base, 2000; 1st Sgt. W. A. Davis, AIG-2, vs. 1st Sgt. Stone, Section Base, 2100.

16 Feb.—Corp. E. J. Brinkmann, AIG-2, vs. Sgt. Norman M. Resman, MCB, 1900; Corp. Whitney M. Hoffman, MCB, vs. PFC James T. Brady, RD, 2100.

17 Feb.—Sgt. Hugo P. Raymond, MCB, vs. SFC F. W. Porter, NTS, 1900; Corp. James E. Arthur, MCB, vs. SFC C. P. Ripper, NTS, 2000.

18 Feb.—PFC Gordon J. Shaw, MCB, vs. SFC J. L. Chapelle, NTS, 1900; PFC Forrest C. Gray, MCB, vs. ChSgt. H. Engelke, NTS, 2100.

21 Feb.—Sgt. J. Antonucci, ABG-2 vs. PFC John Doherty, RD, 2100.

Use V-Mail

Grandpa remembers when FBI used to mean Free Beer Inside!

Coast Club Signs Guadalcanal Vet

CAMP PENDLETON — Nominated as "Man of the Week in Sports" at this base recently was Sgt. Jerry Juzek of St. Louis City, Mo., honorably discharged after suffering shrapnel wounds as a Marine paratrooper at Guadalcanal.

The 165-pound sergeant has a contract to hurl for Los Angeles in the Pacific Coast league next baseball season and if his pitching is as accurate as his grenade tossing against the Nips, he should make it easily. Several clubs, including the St. Louis Cardinals, tried to land him before he joined up with the Leathernecks. He holds the Purple Heart.

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VOLLEYBALL is just one of many means by which Marines at Camp Pendleton keep in tip-top physical condition. The camera caught this unusual bit of action at the net as 1stLts. Andrew J. Chleback of St. Paul, Minn., William B. Russell of Petersburg, Va., and Hal Hirschorn of Los Angeles, from left, went after the ball in a recent match.

Fletcher Trophy Race First Event On Swim Calendar

First harbinger of the competitive swimming season came this week when Capt. Edward F. Rawling, O-in-C of the Base pool, announced that dates for the annual Fletcher trophy relay race soon will be set.

A 200-yard free style event for four-man teams, the Fletcher relay is so named for former Senator Ed Fletcher and is open to all civilian and service clubs in the area. NTS currently holds the trophy.

The season will get under way late in March or early in April, Capt. Rawling, former Pacific coast and national swimming champion, announced. He described MCB prospects as "fair." The Base team last year won the 11th Naval district championships, which climax the season.

Southern California championships, in which Marines probably will compete, are usually scheduled in May, followed by various invitational meets.

Base Boxing Shows Resume Thursday

Base boxing shows will be resumed next Thursday night at 1830 in the Base Gym, with a number of Miramar mitt stars scheduled to appear against MCB personnel. Corp. John Romero and PFC, Billy

Joyal, Base boxing coaches, have revamped their team from new material, some of which drifted in from Gd. Bn. Recent transfers took a number of old favorites to new ports.

Akron Boot Wins Feature Bout On RD Boxing Card

Dionne Shades Dieter In Three-Rounder; 4 Draws Testify To Matchmaking

Pvt. Maurice Dionne of Akron, O., 155-pound scrapper carrying the colors of Plat. 76, took a three-round decision from Pvt. Val Dieter, SSS, of Fostoria, O., in the feature scrap of a 10-bout RD boxing card last Saturday night.

Two knockouts and four draws highlighted the weekly fistio program. Corp. Marty Schwartz and PFC, Quentin (Baby) Breesse will present another card tonight at 1930. Other results:

Heavyweights—Evan Cope (Plat. 81), Drove, Utah, drew with Christ Schussler (Plat. 83) Chicago, Ill. Light Heavyweights—Norman Schmidt (Plat. 74), Lincoln, Neb., knocked out George Montgomeri (Plat. 77), Californian, in the second round. Middleweights—Charles Shado (Plat. 80), Skopy, Okla., TKO'd Joseph Viscino (Plat. 78), Los Angeles, in the second round; John Styburski (Plat. 81), Cambridge, Pa., drew with John Nettles (Plat. 78), Mobile, Ala. Welterweights—Nivon Lowe (Plat. 82), Dallas, Tex., decisioned John Alley (Plat. 76), Lima, O.; Ralph Conkling (Plat. 81), Buffalo, N. Y., decisioned Aurelio Sanchez (Plat. 79), Chicago.

Lightweights—Nae Santanel (SSS), Hartingen, Tex., drew with Edward Friedman (SSS), Flagstaff, Ariz.; Ernest Hurdcastle (SSS), Carlsbad, Tenn., drew with Byron Jennings (Plat. 79), Rosse, Tex.; Mervyn Stejs (SSS), New Iberia, La., decisioned Charles Rader (Plat. 78), St. Louis, Mo.

— Stop Loose Talk —

Archery Range Set At MCAD

MCAD, MIRAMAR—A new three-target archery range, with distances varying from 30 to 100 yards, has been established here for use by all Depot personnel.

"Tackle" is furnished by the MCAD gymnasium and pilots particularly are encouraged to use the range as a means toward perfection in timing, coordination and steadiness when they "sight in" on the Jap.

— Buy More Bonds —

Marines Can Enter Mixed Doubles Play

Marines and their female counterparts have been invited to participate in a mixed doubles sweepstakes at the Tower Bowl, starting today and running through 27 Feb. It will be a handicap affair with 195 as scratch for men and 170 for women. Charlie Greaves, a major league bowler of San Diego, is putting up medals for the high series rolled in both the men's and women's divisions.

Hospital Patients Working On Nine-Acre Sports Area

USNH, SANTA MARGARITA RANCH—Patients at this hospital are converting nine acres of land into a sports center that will include a baseball diamond with bleachers, football field, three softball diamonds, six tennis courts, a golf driving range, a golf putting green and horseshoe pitching courts.

The surveying has been completed and pouring of cement for the handball courts begun since plans were approved last week by Capt. J. L. Schwartz, USN. Cost of the sports theater will be \$3000, according to Ens. F. Derr Swisher, welfare and recreational officer, with all monies to be used for materials. Labor will be supplied by the patients as an occupational therapy project.

All necessary equipment has been purchased and it is expected that portions of the field will be ready for play within the next few weeks.

One of the patients, ChBsnM. H. E. Gilliam, helped to draw the plans and is collaborating with Ens. Swisher in supervising the work.

— Be Courteous —

Simonsen, Reynolds Get Bowling Prizes

Bowling scores took an upward swing at the PX alleys last week as PFC, Edward Simonsen, a left-hander from 1st Gd. Co., hauled down the weekly prize for high single game. He strung up enough strikes for 236. High man the week before was Corp. R. R. Reynolds of Sig. Bn., with 222.

Hospital Guards Enjoying Success

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Marine Guards defeated X-Ray, 19 to 14, to get off to a flying start in the Corpsmen's Intramural Basketball league, an eight-team circuit, last week.

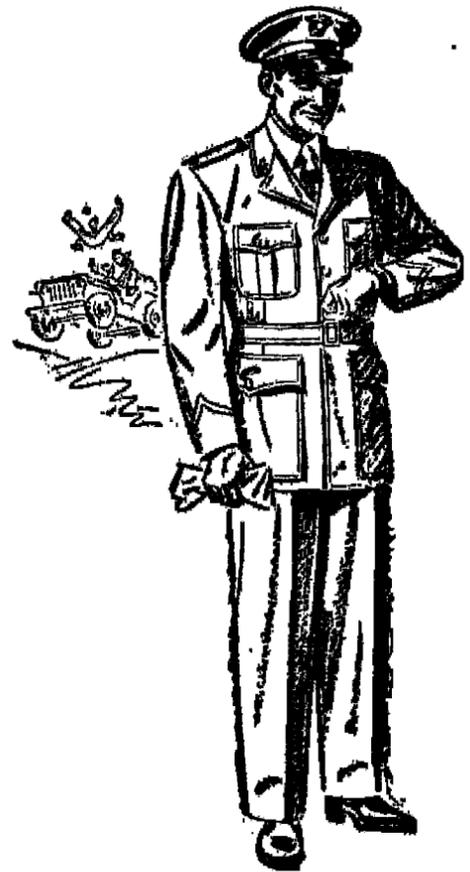
Leathernecks were more than holding their own in the sports picture. Their bowling team is leading the way to 11 other units with a fine record of 26 wins against four losses. Two of their boxing champions, Earl Van Franklin and Clarence Frye, will defend their laurels in a monthly tournament to be held next Tuesday.

— Write Home —

Sears Issues First Track Call Of Year

PFC, Ray Sears, Base track coach, issued his first call for sprinters, hurdlers, weight men and jumpers this week, asking all track team candidates to contact him at Ext. 620. Last season the Base squad won 11th Naval District honors.

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THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC. VICTOR H. LINDQUIST



Cols. James And Winans Win In Officers' Golf

Plans Made For Monthly Competition; Booby Prize Race Stirs Up Interest

MCE's two ranking officers came out on top in the first Base officers' handicap golf tourney of 1944, with Col. William C. James turning in the low gross of 154 and Col. R. Winans the low net of 128.

Golf ball prizes to runners-up in both categories went to Capt. C. Ellington for his gross of 169 and Col. James for his net of 136. Play in the tourney, held at Municipal course, Balboa park, was completed this week.

To Lt. Comdr. W. A. Mahler, USN, went the distinction of being first to have his name engraved on the elaborate booby prize trophy being made by the Base maintenance office under the direction of Capt. Edwin E. Mitchell.

WINS BOOBY PRIZE

Tied with Maj. Harry Y. Maynard with a high gross of 222 for 36 holes, Chaplain Mahler took three more strokes than Maj. Maynard in an 18-hole playoff Tuesday.

The booby prize trophy, to be placed in Col. James' office, will have a mahogany pedestal and maple front, mounted on which will be four golf clubs from which will hang a yarn golf ball.

It was decided this week to make the tourney a perpetual one, with officers to play two rounds of 18 holes each month. The \$1 entry fee will be used to buy golf balls for the winners and runners-up in the low gross and low net categories.

— No Courtesans —

Former Gopher Grid Chief Gets New Post

WASHINGTON Lt. Col. Bernhard W. Bierman, who has been on active duty as a physical director in Navy's pre-flight training program for two years, will assume the position of athletic director at NATC, Pensacola, Fla., on 21 Feb.

A veteran of World War I, Lt. Col. Bierman left his position as football coach at the University of Minnesota in Jan., 1912, to go back on active duty with the rank of major.

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ONE-TIME teammate of the late Niles Kinnick at Univ. of Iowa, Pvt. Richard J. Evans uses his 225 pounds of heft to juggle a packed seabag in boot camp, where he started his basic Marine training recently. He played pro football at Chicago and Green Bay. (Photo by PFC. Chester Turk).

Young Dorais In Marine OC Class

CAMP LEJEUNE—Another famous sports name has been added to the roster of the Fighting Leathernecks. PFC. Charles E. Dorais Jr., son of Gus Dorais, one half of the immortal 1913 Notre Dame forward passing combination, Dorais to Rockne, is an OC applicant here.

Young Dorais, an athlete of note in his own right, attended Notre Dame and the University of Detroit. His V-12 training was received at Oberlin college. Gus Dorais is still actively associated with football, coaching the professional Detroit Lions, and is a member of the Detroit city council.

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Big Registration

CHERRY POINT — Intra-station basketball got under way here last week with a turnout of 36 organizations.

Buy Bonds For Freedom

PFC. Andrew (Red) Steinbach of Chicago, Ill., manager of a Post theater at Pearl Harbor, is a former farm hand of the Detroit Tigers and Chicago White Sox.

Fighting Leathernecks who pigeon-holed lucrative baseball careers to take their cuts against Jap pitching at the South Pacific "plate" can take heart.

Baseball's post-war planning group went into a huddle on rehabilitation this week and recommended to major and minor leagues that the men on the national defense list be regarded in the same light, after their reinstatement, as if they had been in baseball all the while.

So far as regards their major league status, eligibility for advancement by the draft and other rules of the game to the players' advantage, the safeguards were elaborate and far reaching.

PROTECTION OFFERED

The proposals may have a strong bearing on the future of chain store baseball. The National association will be asked to require the waiver rule in every league. Only four of the nine leagues operating last year observed the rule and all of those were in the higher brackets, class A or better.

Returning servicemen must be retained 15 days of the playing season or 30 days of a training season after they have been reinstated or must be assigned to another club in the same or higher league.

Unheralded Johnny Farkas of Detroit took his first fling at the rich Petersen bowling classic at Chicago and he isn't apt to forget it. Rolling 1658 in eight games, he waltzed off with \$5000 first money, \$100 squad prize and a diamond studded championship medal.

FAMILIAR NAMES

Comeback artists held the spotlight in boxing as Chalky Wright, Henry Armstrong and Harry Jeffra scored victories.

Beaten only three times in 33 games, the Montreal Canadiens racked up their 18th consecutive home ice victory by stopping a Chicago Blackhawks winning streak at the five-game mark.

Harold (Jug) McSpaden, top money winner of the winter golf circuit, added a \$1000 war bond to his collection at Phoenix by beating Byron Nelson in a playoff, 70 to 72, after each had pruned nine strokes off par figures for the regulation 72-hole round.

Joe Tinker, an old-time baseball hero, is on the mend. Pneumonia mowed down a former rowing king, John J. Nicholas of Philadelphia, and heart attack cost the life of Robert S. Shelley, a well known horse racing secretary at Miami, Fla.

At Phoenix four horses piled up at the finish in a jam that killed jockey Herbert Blackner, 21.

Basketball at a glance: Iowa and Long Island grabbed headlines, the former by mauling Chicago, 108 to 34, and Long Island by knocking off Rhode Island State, 99 to 68. Iowa is unbeaten. So are Army and Miami (O.) Univ.

Purdue and Northwestern came to grief in the Big Ten. Iowa State knocked off Oklahoma in a tell-tale Big Six clash. Duke tripped North Carolina to get into Southern conference contention. California stowed away the Southern division, Pacific Coast conference, title. Washington remained out in front in the northern end of the league. Rice and Arkansas are neck-and-neck in the Southeast.

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Four Leathernecks Cagier Than Cagey Japs On Bougainville

By Sgt. Peter Pavone
Combat Correspondent

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—The Japanese on Helzapoppin' Ridge could hold out against bombs, shells and infantry charges, but not four Marines' version of a whole army on the loose.

For 11 days the enemy, strongly entrenched on a series of knolls, had held out against the best efforts of combined Marine operations. Then it was discovered that during aerial attacks, the Japs moved to the lee side of the hills, depending upon the direction from which the planes approached.

That is where the four Marines came in, and to them goes credit for some of the maddest maneuvering, and certainly some of the loudest yelling, of this campaign.

CHARGE PILLBOXES

The planes came and the Japs moved. A unit of Marines began racing for the pillboxes before the enemy returned. Some 50 yards in advance of the unit were the four Marines:

Pvt. Harold R. Gray of Ewing, Ky.; PFC. Vernon S. Harding of Belmont, Mass.; Corp. Thomas F. Rice of Niagara Falls, N. Y., and Pvt. George N. Benjamin Jr. of Framingham, Mass.

The four surprised nearly a score of Japs sneaking back to their gun positions. Screaming and yelling, they dodged from bomb crater to bomb crater, throwing grenades in an almost continual stream and firing their weapons.

Panic stricken Japs fled for the jungle. Collectively, the four Marines threw some 200 grenades at their heels before word was passed to them that help and flame throwers were on the way.

CALL REINFORCEMENTS

At this point the four gathered in a foxhole and, on the suggestion of Corp. Rice, redoubled their shouting and screaming. They shouted: "Charge them, men. Bring up that other battalion, captain. Send reinforcements to the left flank."

Even during all this noise, they themselves were withdrawing gradually to pick up the flame thrower squad and lead them back to their erator position.

"It was just about dusk when the last aerial bomb was dropped," Pvt. Gray, as spokesman for the quartet, said later. "We moved right on down the far slope of the

knoll, going fast and as quietly as we could, trying to catch the Japs before they got back to their holes.

"I was on the left flank. Harding and Benjamin were in the center and Rice on the right with a BAR.

In their path were two bomb craters. Benjamin and Harding remained in the one at the rear,

covering Gray as he dodged to the first hole, while Rice moved to the base of a banyan tree, hoping to catch a sniper, who had been harassing them.

Corp. Rice, who sports a flaming Ulysses S. Grant beard, started off the fireworks. The sniper fired a single shot which caromed off a tree and grazed Rice's head,

knocking his helmet off and cutting a swath through his red hair.

"Seems like Rice suddenly went nuts," Gray drawled. "He jumped up, with that BAR blazing away." With Rice's outburst, Pvt. Gray, in his forward crater, saw three hand grenades sailing over the brim toward him.

He dodged back to the rear crater where all four of them began firing simultaneously, yelling meanwhile to others in their unit to bring up hand grenades. "It was like a production line in a defense plant," their CO, Capt. John C. Landrum, of Tighall and Maysville, Ga., explained. "We had nearly everybody in the outfit crawling forward in single file carrying grenades in their helmets, in gunny sacks, and even in ration bags. Seems to me that we took up about 500 grenades before it was over," he said.

USE FLAME THROWERS

The grenades were left on the rim of the rear crater. The four Marines would load up and dodge forward to the first crater, and to holes to either side, yelling at the Japs and to each other.

The show was nearly over by the time the deadly flame throwers arrived and began their work. Marines said they heard only one or two isolated screams from the Jap positions and the occasional sound of a Jap crashing in flight through the jungle underbrush.

Their outfit moved unopposed onto the knoll after the flame throwers had mopped up, concluding the 11-day action for the strip of ground, which is only about 40 yards across and wide enough only for a small group of men to establish gun positions.

"They're fools, but I wish I had a thousand more like them," Capt. Landrum said of the four later.—Sgt. Peter Pavone Jr., combat correspondent.

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