

Rigid Car Rules Set

Auto-Sharing Program To Be Pushed By MCB

More rigid enforcement of the car-sharing program as a basis for granting supplemental gasoline ration to MCB auto owners will be put into effect immediately by the Base Rationing Board.

The entire pool of MCB auto owners receiving extra rations must show an average car occupancy of 3.5 persons in order to be assured of continuing to receive their present supplies after the current value of ration coupons is reduced. QPA officials advised this week.

Since the smaller number of riders in coupes will bring down the average for Base auto owners as a whole, drivers of coupes were urged to transport at least two additional passengers and owners of coaches and sedans at least four.

REGISTER FOR RIDES

In order to facilitate wider participation in car-sharing, the Base Rationing Board will set up files for both prospective riders wanting transportation and auto owners having room for more passengers. MCB personnel wanting either rides or riders is urged to register at the rationing office in Bldg. 14.

Two East San Diego drivers who want passengers already have filed their names. Marines from that area wanting rides to the Base are asked to contact SstSgt. E. M. Calhoun from 1230 to 1300 at MCB Ext. 533 or William T. Barker, a civilian employee of Base Maintenance, at Ext. 207.

SstSgt. Calhoun can transport four or five Marines to the Base every day at 0645 from Fairmount and University aves, and return them to that vicinity at 1615. Barker lives in the 3200 block of 44th St.

Marines wanting rides from the vicinity of National City should contact Sgt. Maj. J. R. Evans of Sig. Bn. at MCB Ext. 235.

— Salute Smartly —

Tall Tale Teller Tabbed Pronto

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Delayed)—Corp. D. O. Davis of Fulton, Ky., propped himself against a coconut tree and prepared to tell a tale.

"Shh! shh!" he began, "if this isn't the truth may I be struck . . ."

That's as far as he got. A coconut plunked squarely on his head.—TSgt. John W. Black, combat correspondent.

'Fighting Corsairs' Rest After Downing 135 Planes

AN ADVANCED SOUTH PACIFIC AIR BASE—The "Fighting Corsairs", Marine fighter squadron, is taking a well-deserved rest after hanging up four Pacific fighting records in 18 weeks of action deep over Jap territory.

The squadron, led by Maj. R. Gordon Owens Jr., of Greenville, S.C., left the following records:

- Most planes destroyed in one month (85 1/2);
- most enemy planes destroyed in a six-week period (104 1/2);
- most aces in one squadron (10);
- and highest scoring pair in one squadron, 1st Lt. Robert Hanson of Newtonville, Mass., now listed as missing, 25 planes, and Capt. Don Aldrich of Chicago, 20 planes.

A total of 135 enemy planes was downed by the squadron.

Second to the "Fighting Corsairs" is the Rainbow squadron under



OLD TIMERS at Camp Kearney represent a total of 187 years' service in the Marine Corps. Sgt. Maj. Jeremiah Twohig (at desk) has longest service record—28 1/2 years. Others, from left: MTSgt. David M. Kurtz, Sgt. Maj. Nathan I. Welshhans, MTSgt. Anthony J. Sears, Eugene Mettetal, Roger F. Ryder and Randle W. Alcorn Jr., and WO, James A. Samuels. Now with an air unit, all have seen overseas service. (Photo by TSgt. Huffman).

Kearney Eight Represent 187 Years In Service

Old-Timers Stationed At Air Base Have Served U.S. In All Parts Of Globe

CAMP KEARNEY—One hundred eighty seven years of service in the Corps was represented when eight old-timers stationed here got together recently to swap yarns. The history-filled 187 years also represents service on behalf of the nation in every quarter of the globe.

Sgt. Maj. Jeremiah Twohig is oldest of the group in point of service, with 28 1/2 years. He was aboard the USS Saratoga (old New York) during 1914-15. In World War I he was assigned to the USS Galveston doing convoy duty. Other sea-going duty has been aboard the New Mexico, Helena and Itasca. He saw duty in Nicaragua and was with the 3rd Brigade at Tientsin, China.

MTSgt. Anthony J. Sears served in the last war and has done duty in Guam, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, the Philippines and China during 26 years in uniform.

MTSgt. Eugene Mettetal's 24 years in service include the Haitian (Continued on page 2)



TRADITIONAL MARINE rifle marksmanship won the Matthews Trophy for Camp Matthews Rifle Range when PFC, George W. Long of La Jolla fired a 381 score last Thanksgiving Day. The trophy is handed to Col. Howard N. Stent, right, range commanding officer, by Col. William C. James, commanding MCB, at presentation ceremonies this week.

Presentation Of Trophy Made To Camp Matthews

CAMP MATTHEWS—Ceremonies in recognition of the highest recruit rifle score for 1943 were held here Wednesday with the presentation of the Calvin B. Matthews Trophy to this range.

The annually presented award was received by Col. Howard N. Stent, commanding the range, from Col. William C. James, commanding MCB.

PFC, George W. Long of La Jolla, Calif., was the key figure in bringing the trophy to Camp Matthews, having turned in a score of 381 out of a possible 340 last Thanksgiving Day. The trophy will be held here until its next presentation when final scores of rifle ranges at Camp Elliott, Parris Island, N.C., and New River, N.C. are tallied for 1944.

Personally presented PFC, Long was a letter of commendation from the Commandant and an official photograph of the cup bearing the Commandant's signature. PFC, Long is now a firing line coach at this range.

The cup, first presented in 1942, was the gift of the widow of Brig. Gen. Calvin B. Matthews, who during his long career as a Marine helped develop the high standards of Corps marksmanship.

First award of the trophy was made to the Camp Elliott range last year when Pvt. Herman Latell fired a record 332 out of a possible 340.

— Use V-Mail —

Onslaught Hits Japs

Leathernecks Smash Across New Britain

All western New Britain was in American hands late this week with the juncture of Marines from the north coast and Army troops from the south. Allied headquarters in the Southwest Pacific announced.

The meeting of forces culminated a campaign which began 15 Dec., when troops landed at Arawa peninsula and received impetus when Marines slashed out at Cape Gloucester 26 Dec.

Allied headquarters announced that 7000 Japanese had been killed in the fighting, which was hottest and most prolonged in the Marine capture of the Cape Gloucester airfield, four days after they landed, and in the Leathernecks' subsequent fight for Hill 609.

AERIAL BLOW STRUCK IN MARIANA ISLANDS

Japan's Mariana Islands, 1300 miles south of Tokyo, were raided Wednesday by hundreds of planes of a strong Pacific fleet task force, presumably the same American force that made the first attack of the war on Truk last week, with services reported from Pearl Harbor.

The speedy American conquest of Eniwetok atoll, Japanese naval and air base 750 miles northeast of Truk, was complete Tuesday as Marines and Army troops swarmed ashore at Parry Island. The Jap stronghold fell at 0730 on Washington's birthday after a battle which added new luster to American arms. In 10 1/2 hours of the toughest fighting of the Eniwetok operation the 22nd Marines secured the island, not only ending resistance on Eniwetok atoll but completing the American conquest of the Marshalls.

ENIWETOK ISLAND FALLS IN 24-HOUR BATTLE

The attack on Parry followed closely the seizure of 5000-yard-long Eniwetok Island by Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Watson's joint Marines. (Continued on page 2)

— Write Home —

New Division Opens Contest

CAMP PENDLETON—"Who's going to come up with the design for the 5th Div. shoulder insignia?" That's the question officers and men are asking following the request of Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, division commander, for suggestions.

A suitable prize will go to the winner. The deadline date is 17 Mar. Insignia colors must be maroon, blue and gold. The contest is limited to officers and men of the division. Entries will be accepted at Div. Hq., Bldg. 11-A-1.

— Say War Bonds —

Situation Well In Hand Again

SEATTLE (AP)—When 2d Lt. Wally McKay returned home from OCS and strolled down to the grade school to meet his 6-year-old brother Larry, he was struck by the almost idolatrous admiration of Larry's school-mates.

He learned that the previous week, when the first graders were asked to pray for peace, Larry had refused. "That's all taken care of already. My brother's in the Marines", he informed teacher and mates.

Dive Bombing Inventor Heads Training Group

Technique Starts With Flour Sack For Bomb Rack

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA—Twenty years ago a lieutenant in Haiti placed a bomb in a flour sack, tied the sack to the undercarriage of his plane, and released the bomb at the end of a long dive by means of a simple contrivance which opened the sack. In such elementary form was born the modern art of dive bombing, perfected to its deadliest technique by Marines in World War II.

The man who conceived this type of aerial warfare which has become so terribly familiar to millions of persons, soldiers and civilians alike, was Col. Lawson H. Sanderson, now CO of a training group here.

SET RECORDS

To Col. Sanderson, whose colorful career in Marine aviation has ranged from setting world air speed records to combat in foreign lands, goes credit for a technique borrowed, embellished, then demonstrated to deadly perfection by German Stukas over Rotterdam and Warsaw early in the current war.

It was through dissatisfaction with the results of horizontal bombing, or the process of merely dumping his missiles over the side of his plane, that led the Marine to make the discovery that revolutionized aerial warfare.

Those were the days when a bomber merely banked his plane, looked for his target, grasped the bomb in his hands, and, leaning over the side of the plane, tried to drop it as accurately as possible.

BETTER ACCURACY

"We figured that if we pointed the ship in the direction of the target, the bomb would have to keep traveling in the same direction and we would get better accuracy," he explained. "The question was how to release the bomb."

Fastening the closed end of an ordinary flour sack to the undercarriage of the plane, Col. Sanderson slipped a bomb into the bag and secured the open end forward. A simple form of release was contrived that opened the sack and allowed the bomb to slip forward.

"On the next hop," the colonel recalls, "we found the enemy and went into a dive. When it appeared that the plane was well directed toward the enemy, we released the open end of the sack and the bomb fell out traveling in the direction of the plane. It was like shaking a cat out of a bag but it was more accurate than horizontal bombing."

ADOPTED BY GERMANS

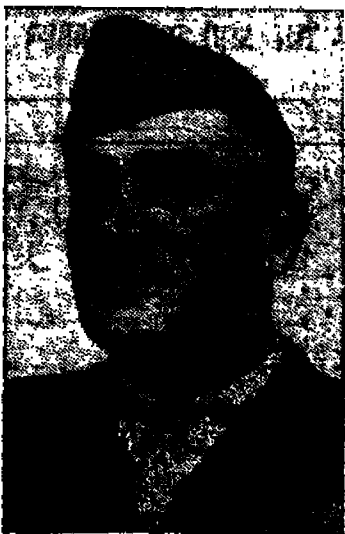
The Germans, always alert to new ways of doing things, heard of the new development.

The late German ace, Ernest Udet, observed and reported the technique to Herman Goering following a demonstration a few years later at an airshow.

When Marines opened their offensive on Guadalcanal, Col. Sanderson was operations officer of the 1st Mar. Air Wing which carried the brunt of the fighting for several months. He returned to the U. S. last April.



"The captain says I come up out of here until we get past your mother-in-law's house!"
—Kessler Field News
—Camp Roberts, Calif.



DADDY OF DIVE BOMBING is Col. Lawson H. Sanderson, who 20 years ago had the idea while flying in Haiti.

New Onslaughts Smash Japanese Pacific Islands

All Western New Britain In American Hands With Meeting Of Marine, Army

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Army ground team. Elements of the 22nd Marine regiment and the 106th Army Infantry regiment smashed resistance on the island, at the southern end of the circular atoll, in a little less than 24 hours.

The Japanese on Eniwetok, as on conquered Engebi to the north, fought fanatically to the death despite overwhelming odds. Nearly the entire garrisons of some 2000 on the two islands were believed to have been slaughtered.

AMERICAN CASUALTIES LIGHT FOR FIVE DAYS

American casualties continued light, totaling 150 dead and 350 wounded for the entire first five days of fighting on the atoll through Sunday night.

With a mighty smash, Marines captured Engebi Island with its important air base one day after landing on Eniwetok atoll. Several other islands in the northern portion have also fallen to Marines.

As the attack got under way, battleships fired against main objectives from destroyer range while dive bombers dived almost to treetop height to lay their bombs on specific Jap targets. While the battleships concentrated on Engebi, cruisers and destroyers and more dive bombers blasted the quarry all over Eniwetok atoll and did not draw the slightest answering fire. Hellcat fighters ranged around the atoll in a flying circus, strafing and destroying beached landing boats and eliminating the possibility the Japs might shift forces from island to island.

ENEMY LOSSES MOUNT DURING FATEFUL WEEK

As the American offensive mushroomed in the Pacific, Japan's war losses last week—her most fateful seven days since Pearl Harbor—touched new highs as reports from all portions of the front listed at least 65 ships sunk and more than 265 planes destroyed.

The offensive reached the northernmost regions of Japanese territory as Navy planes bombed Paramushiro and Shikunshu islands in the Kuriles. Earlier Adm. Nimitz also had reported that Navy planes last Saturday staged a five-ton bombing raid on Paramushiro while Army planes and warships pounded heavily at eastern Marshall Islands in the Central Pacific where Jap defenders are virtually cut off from supply and salvation.

—Buy War Bonds—

Taking back what was ours originally is just the start. Each of us has an appointment in Tokyo.
—Adm. W. F. Halsey.

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campaign. He wears the China Expeditionary Medal and the Yangtze medal.

MTSgt. Randle W. Alcorn jr., an expert in aircraft radio, is in charge of training radio operators here. His 16 years' service include Nicaraguan duty.

SgtMaj. Nathan L. Welshbans, with a total of 27 years' service, has seen duty in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Nicaragua, the Canal Zone and at sea aboard the Jacob Jones, Claxton and Fairfax.

KNOWS HIS AIRCRAFT

MTSgt. David M. Kurtz served in China and Haiti during 19 years with the Marines. He is chief machinist with experience on nearly every type and model aircraft the Corps has ever used.

MTSgt. Roger F. Ryder, parachute expert, has served in Nicaragua, Hawaii, New Hebrides, New Caledonia and New Zealand during 20 years' service.

Recently promoted to warrant officer rank after 27 years in the Corps, James A. Samuels was in the Army in World War I and served in the Bannat sector, Meuse-Argonne offensive, and Lys-Escourt offensive. He has served with Marines in Haiti, Oahu, Iwa, Midway, Espiritu Santo and Guadalcanal.

—Keep Clean—

1stLt. Jack West, former Big Six center at Iowa, who kept the opposition in hot water during his court career, had several close scrapes with the Japs on Bougainville recently.



NEWLY approved shoulder insignia for Marines serving afloat consists of a gold sea horse, superimposed on a blue anchor with scarlet diamond-shaped background.

Marines Raise Relief Funds

Officers and enlisted personnel of MCB, RD and Camp Mattheus contributed \$6432.57 to Navy Relief, according to Maj. Harry Y. Maynard, Base Recreation officer, who headed the drive for funds held 1 to 15 Feb.

Of this sum \$5218.51 was from voluntary contributions collected by heads of organizations and \$1214.06 from admissions paid to see the movie "The Iron Major". The sum has been turned over to the treasurer of San Diego Auxiliary, Navy Relief Society, 11th Naval Dist.

—Buy Insurance—

Lillie: "I have a new boy friend now."

Millie: "What's he like?"

Lillie: "Oh—whiskey, gin, beer—anything."

Marines Set New Pistol Records In Winning Meet

QUANTICO — The undefeated Marine pistol team not only won the pistol tournament at Charlotte, N.C., 19 Feb. but broke two world records and brought home the heavy end of the medals and trophies awarded.

The Marine team, captained by Maj. William J. Holloway and coached by WQ. C. A. Brown, broke four existing records of the Charlotte indoor range. Of the 53 medals awarded, Quantico Marines won 40 and annexed all the trophies in the first match, 20 shots slow fire at 25 yards. WQ. C. Brown and FISgt. E. Czemmer established new world records by firing scores of 198 out of a possible 200.

MILITARY RECORD

The third match, 20 shots slow fire, found GYSgt. R. F. Rice establishing a new military record of 188 out of a possible 200, which tied the world record.

In the Charlotte Hardware Trophy match 1stLt. T. E. Barrier set a new world and military record of 294 out of a possible 300 in 10 shots slow fire, 10 shots time fire, and 10 shots rapid fire.

Climaxing the Charlotte meet, in which the 22-cal. weapon was used, Lt. Barrier won the North Carolina state championship.

Last week the crack shots from Quantico defeated the U.S. Military Academy varsity team 1377 to 1365 in a challenge match requested by the West Pointers.

The Marines also were victorious over the Navy varsity five of Annapolis, Md., in two matches in the last two weeks. Scores were 1447-1393 and 1393-1347.

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Heroes Emerge From Fire Baptism

'Untried' Marines Of 4th Live Up To Corps Traditions

NAMUR, Feb. 5 (Delayed)—For many Marines of the 4th Div., who invaded this island three days ago, the new Central Pacific offensive was their first time under fire. In the brief but bitter 24-hour battle that followed, heroism became commonplace.

A lieutenant, whose rifle failed him as he led his men against a pillbox, charged forward with bare hands. "God bless you Marines," he shouted as he fell mortally wounded.

A young Marine saw a live grenade drop at his feet in a shell-hole, in which he had several M.M.s. were crouching. He deliberately sat on it. His buddies are alive to tell the story.

PRIVATE LEADS GROUP

One young private saw half of his assault team killed or wounded as they jumped from their boat. With his lieutenant and all "new-comers" among the casualties, he took charge of the group and led them through a day and a night of bitter fighting. He was wounded three times; twice a buddy dressed the injuries. The third time he was evacuated.

These are a few of the men who took these islands in 24 hours.—Sgt. David Dempsey, combat correspondent.

FRESH WATER SUPPLY

ROE, Feb. 3 (Delayed)—Today, 48 hours after the invasion, Marine engineers are distilling enough pure water from the Pacific to supply every Marine on the island.

Second only to ammunition, fresh water is the most precious commodity in the Marshalls. Water utility crews of the 4th Div. landed a day after the first assault waves. Within 48 hours, seven water distilling units were supplying 1500 gallons per day.

In charge of the water unit is Wt. M. J. Hardick of Laguna Beach, Cal. His assistant is TSgt. William S. Jones of Dallas, Tex.—Sgt. Bernard S. Redmont, combat correspondent.

GET RICH TOO

NAMUR, Feb. 3 (Delayed)—TSgt. David W. Barrett of Fort Worth, Tex., and Sgt. Robert A. Grotenhuis of Los Angeles got to Japan before its monetary system was changed. They should have a rip-roaring time. The two blew open two safes and divided its contents—150,000 yen.

Barrett put his money to use almost immediately, purchasing hot show and other edibles from a Navy shore party.

Grotenhuis didn't find any Jap beer, so he paid \$10 in his Japanese money—for a bottle.—Sgt. Charles R. Vandergift, combat correspondent.

Jap Shot 'Poses' Trio For Photo

ROE, Feb. 2 (Delayed)—Just before nightfall on the first day of invasion, three Marine MPs sitting in were harrying their station with help of Jap cement.

They had just come ashore and so had not seen the hunt which kept Marines dodging. There was no organized opposition. The enemy might be anywhere below, above or behind you.

They were having a big time tossing a cement bag around for a medicine ball, refusing to assume a serious expression for the picture I wanted to take.

Suddenly a bullet whined between us, striking a Marine three feet behind me in the arm.

The three—PFCs, Daryl W. Hainy of Grand Rapids, Mich.; Royal L. Cope of Camard, W. Va., and Ward Mathews of Dearborn, Mich.—hit the dirt and 30 seconds later I got my picture.—Sgt. Bob Cooke, combat correspondent.

Ug Y Yaw

Long girls have the skills they love to rehearse.

Saturday Morning, February 20, 1944

With Marines On The Atolls

This is the first of three articles from the first of our combat correspondents who went ashore with the 4th Div. in the Marshall Islands invasion: TSgt. Murray Lewis and Irving Schlusserberg, TSgt. Walter L. Cochran and Sgt. Charles R. Vandergift.

TSgt. Frank McCabe of Brooklyn and Sgt. Edgar C. Smith of Port Jervis, N.Y., each grabbed a leg and pulled a frightened Jap from beneath a buoy they had used for a headrest throughout the night. McCabe had gone ashore at Namur with TSgt. Edward J. Doughty of Sumnerville, Mass., and PFC Frank W. Jones of St. Bernard, O., to set up a Marine postoffice.

When one Leatherstocking unit landed, cooks and clerks went to work in the front lines—as fighting Marines. MessSgt. Henry H. Lapp of Cincinnati, Pa.; Milton L. Nolte of Fairmont, Minn.; ACs, James P. Mallory of Columbus, Ga., and Corp. Fred Allen of Pocatello, Ida., the unit's clerk, were for eight hours the unit's established front line while other Marines scouted and patrolled the flanks. At daybreak, instead of the meal they were capable of preparing, they got a D ration—a chocolate bar.

Taking pictures in the Marshalls was a second "log-time" assignment for TSgt. William C. Petch of Lake City, S.C., combat cameraman. He earlier accompanied invasion forces in the Gilberts.

When a landing boat containing a medical reconnaissance party and

Maj. Richard B. Raby, Kingston, N.C., and Capt. R. Hagan Jr., Greensboro, N.C., and Capt. Martin H. Glover, Dothan, Ala., headed into the narrow passageway into Kwajalein Lagoon. It was greeted by the sight of "Los Angeles City Limits" painted on a buoy.

Coral reefs interfered with the plans of some Marines to be first ashore at Waggabing. When they sought to transfer to an amphibious tractor Lt. Col. Robert E. MacFarlane, "Carlsbad, Calif., answered their identification as a "free area" with: "I've got to move my artillery in." He commandeered the land-or-sea craft.

The Unknown Soldier Hunter of Kwajalein is the sergeant who came into headquarters and said: "I just killed seven Jap officers. I have their swords here and I want every one of them." He dropped his cargo on the ground and left before anyone could get his name.

The third day bit aboard ships of the task force headed for the Marshalls, Col. W. W. Rogers of Oxford, O., chief of staff, lifted the veil of secrecy and gave officers the "hot dope", including them to take their men into their complete confidence concerning the operation.

A daily newspaper, "The War", was published aboard a Northern Force Flagship by Combat Correspondents with news picked up by the wireless operator, TSgt. J. W. Backus of Colton, Calif.

Marines Head Isle Government

MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—Marines, traditionally the first to fight, also were first to administer military rule over the first Japanese Empire possessions taken in this war.

Administrators who landed with the 4th Div. in the assault on Roi and Namur islands were Lt. Col. D. T. Wheeler, Capt. J. P. Collins and PFC Stanley P. Ryzanek Jr.

With the 7th Army on Kwajalein Island were Maj. R. L. Byland, Capt. W. L. Van Schaeck and PFC William N. Cannon.

One of the first steps in the administrative program was to set up a central source of native labor and arrange for payment.

39 Japs Fall To 'Old Timers'

NAMUR, Feb. 5 (Delayed)—This may be a young man's war, but there are plenty of "old timers" at the front.

Four of the oldest Marines in the invading combat outfit here, representing 55 years' service in the Corps, have accounted for 39 Japs.

Attached to a battalion command post, they are: Sgt. Maj. Charles Gallagher of Seattle, at 30 the youngest of the four; and TSgt. Archie Vale of Grand Junction, Colo., James A. Gallagher of Charleroi, Pa., and Ernest Vaughn of Lakewood Village, Calif. Gallagher, 47, is the oldest man in his battalion. Sgt. David Dempsey, combat correspondent.



THIRTY-SIX HOURS after Namur was secured, a supposedly silenced Jap pillbox blew up, bursting its steel door. Of the 20 Japs inside, the naked one seated on the ground stunned out. Marines are preparing to go inside after more. (Photo by Corp. John Fabian)



TWO JAPS sneak past a Marine foxhole on Namur during the night, but are being 'boxed' out of a pillbox with the chance of coming out or being blown out. A Jap LMG has been placed facing entrance, but men held own weapons.

Battle Death Ends Dad, Son Career In Marines

By Sgt. David Dempsey
Combat Correspondent

NAMUR, Feb. 4 (Delayed)—On this windswept coral island in the Pacific, death wrote an end today to the story of a boy's incredible devotion to his dad.

It is a story of the efforts of father and son to be together through two years of Marine service.

The son is PFC Jack H. Brown of Childress, Tex. The father, Corp. Earl Brown—a veteran of every major engagement of the Army in World War I—made two trips to MCR at San Diego and wrote innumerable letters to Washington to convince authorities that he wasn't "too old". He wanted to be with son Jack, who enlisted in March, 1942.

Jack and "Pop" finally managed to get in the same company at a West Coast training camp. When it was time for the outfit to ship out, young Brown was hospitalized with a minor illness and transferred to another unit not scheduled to go over. "Pop" boarded the ship alone.

Just before the ship was to sail, Jack was found stowed away. He was taken off and placed under arrest.

Corp. Brown's wife telephoned the

general in command of the camp, told the story of her husband and son's efforts to be together. The general ordered the charges against the boy dropped and allowed him to join the combat outfit with his father.

They were together when their outfit reached this island from another base.

Jack hit the beach first, went into one of the bitterest actions of the battle, and was killed during the night when our forces held off a desperate Jap counterattack. It was his first time under fire but his buddies say he fought like a veteran.

"Pop" will go on fighting

— By Dempsey —

Marines Too Busy To Keep 'Score'

ROE, Feb. 3 (Delayed)—Marines of this invasion unit took ashore with them "Souvenir Score Cards", with 20,000 points for Hirohito, 5000 for Jap generals and colonels, and a mere 75 for "Field Music Fatafati". An extra bonus was provided for "Queenie", member of the "Tokyo Marine Women's Reserve."

Although the score card stated: "Get the name and number of every player! You can't win a medal without a score card!", no Marines were noticed putting down scores during the clean-up on Roi. They were too busy pulling down Jap weapons.—Sgt. Bob Cooke, combat correspondent.

— Bob Cooke —

Dad, Son Both Collect Swords

NAMUR, Feb. 3 (Delayed)—"My dad got a German officer's sword in World War I, and this one's going to hang across it in our front room," said PFC Clifford P. Merrill of St. Albans, Me., in explaining why he refused an offer of \$1000 for the saber.

Merrill, a tank reconnaissance man fighting with an infantry unit in the occupation of adjoining Roi, retrieved the saber from a Jap Night officer he killed.—Sgt. Charles R. Vandergift, combat correspondent.

— Sgt. More Bonds —

General Holcomb Recalled To Duty

Gen. Thomas Holcomb, Commandant until 1 Jan. this year, has been recalled to active duty, Secy. of the Navy Knox stated in answer to questioning at a Washington press conference this week. He added that an announcement of Gen. Holcomb's assignment would be made later.

— Write Home —

Marine aviation now numbers about one-third the total personnel of the Corps.

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IT'S LIKE THIS FELLAS



See here, Pvt. G.I.

If you are back from overseas, perhaps convalescing at a Naval Hospital or regaining your strength while doing a tour of stateside duty, you don't have to go on reading. You already know:

That when an outfit of Marines hits a beachhead it isn't long until the white flag with a red cross in its center is hoisted to the top of a blasted coconut stump.

That when Leathernecks have gone a long time without cigarettes—something tough for smoking men to do—it is usually the Red Cross that gets there first.

That when your buddies catch snipers' bullets and corpsmen treat them on the sandy atolls of the Central Pacific or deep in the heart of steaming jungles of the South Pacific's larger islands, the bandages they use probably have been provided by the Red Cross.

That when the life-saving plasma trickles into the veins of a wounded man and that last spark of life is revived, it was the ARC that campaigned for and collected enough blood in the U.S. to save him—and you, too, if necessary.

Along the trail leading to Tokyo—islands, islets and atolls that dot the vast expanse of the Pacific—Red Cross flags fly from nearly every command post. Field representatives are present to help Leathernecks meet their problems—problems that may have their origin back in the U.S. Financial, medical and morale problems all come under activities of the Red Cross.

Back in the rest camps where Marines retire from the thunder of artillery and the whine of snipers' bullets, they don't just lazy around allowing morale to stagnate—not if the Red Cross can help it. Recreational huts are provided where battle veterans pen letters to wives, mothers and sweethearts; where a not too old piano stands in one corner waiting for talented Leathernecks to tinkle out their favorite tunes; and where table games are constantly in progress.

But these aids to men overseas—let alone to servicemen in the U.S.—all cost heavily. The nation-wide Red Cross fund drive will start next week and in communities across the country, servicemen and civilians will contribute to help the ARC keep pace with a war that has engulfed every corner of the globe.

See here, Pvt. G.I.—what about it?

'OPPORTUNE MOMENT'

Admiral Koga apparently has good reason to sit back and whisper sweet nothings to the Japanese people about waiting for the opportune moment for his Navy to strike when the U. S. fleet dares him to come out and fight.

To defend his vast ocean front and maintain long supply lines, the admiral now has fighting ships estimated as follows: battleships, 10 or 11; regular carriers, 7 or 8; cruisers, 30 to 40; destroyers, 70 to 90; and regular submarines, 80 to 100. In addition to these 197 to 227 ships, he has midget submarines, small converted carriers, fleet auxiliaries and cargo vessels.

Looking down his throat, however, is an American Navy numbering more than 800 fighting ships. Although it is spread over two oceans, Pacific strength alone is believed far superior to Japan's and it is being bolstered by British Navy units, including at least one aircraft carrier and a steadily growing Indian Ocean force.

It looks as if Koga will have a long wait for his "opportune moment" of striking.

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...he took aim...and then he'd smile...

By Staff Sgt. Ann Hordagen

Combat Correspondent

CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain (Delayed)—The Marines who knew Corp. Ethel A. Farrar on Guadalcanal say there seemed to be only one thing he ever wanted to do after his brother was killed.

"I never heard him say a word about his brother or how he felt," a friend said. "He never even told us his brother's name. But I know that Farrar seemed to live for just one thing—to kill Japs."

He was a crack shot. The brothers were from Prospect Hill, N. C., which is a part of the country where boys learn how to

shoot young—and shoot straight.

The friend said they got used to seeing Corp. Farrar, a tall, quiet man of 28, volunteering for patrols even when he was so weary he could hardly stand; volunteering for any job that might give him a shot at a Jap.

"I guess he was the only one who knew how many he killed, and he never said. But he must have got a lot of them. He was the kind of slint who hit what he aimed at."

"He had a funny habit, too. I don't know how many times I saw him do it. His mouth would be tight as he took aim, he'd squeezed off his shot. Then he'd smile."

It was the same way when the outfit came fighting its way through the jungle and the kunai grass flats of Cape Gloucester today.

Corp. Farrar's squad was held up by a troublesome sniper. It was a tough job locating him. It was a tougher shot once he was spotted. Corp. Farrar seemed to aim a long time before he fired. He got the sniper. At that moment, a bullet got Corp. Farrar.

He couldn't have felt any pain. It was too quick.

They saw he was still smiling as he lay in the grass.

The last thing he'd known in life was that he'd got another Jap.

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.

ANONYMITY

Editor's note—The Chevron has received an unsigned letter from a Camp Pendleton Marine who had the very logical gripe that he stood in line in the rain to attend the Bob Hope show there but never got into the theater because those who were inside for the first show also stayed for the second. Unfortunately, we still get unsigned letters from time to time and can't print them. If you want your name withheld, we'll do it—but NO SIGNEE, NO PRINTER.

MABEL SO, MABEL SO

Editor, The Chevron—A buddy of mine, PFC. Charles H. Kolback, ED Message Center, received this letter from his girl Mabel, whom he at first thought was taking advantage of leap year:

"Dear Chuck: Since you and I have known each other we have been very friendly, but as weeks passed by a beautiful and sincere feeling has grown inside me. I never thought such a problem as this would enter my mind at such an early age.

"I don't know if it is proper and fair to ask you this question. I do hope, however, that whatever your reply may be, you will not breathe a word to anyone. You are the only person I would dare ask this question.

"In replying be positive, sincere and truthful. Above all, dispense with all thought of hurting my feelings. Be honest, dear, and tell me—do you think the Lone Ranger should sell his horse if he is drafted?"

He complains that Mabel built him up for a helluva let down.

PFC. SAM J. BUSHNEMI

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HIGH PRAISE

Editor, The Chevron—Although I had heard reports of The Chevron, it was not until this morning that a friend of mine, also an ex-Marine, placed your issue of 8 Jan. on my desk. I was both astonished and delighted with the publication.

The news contained is the kind that every Marine takes a pride in reading and the illustrations are equally good. I was particularly pleased with the photograph of my first commanding officer, Maj. Gen. W. H. Rupertus, appearing on page 14, and the news about pictures of other old friends and acquaintances were equally welcome.

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—Great Lakes Bulletin

SEEKS FRIEND

Editor, The Chevron—I am very anxious to locate a friend of mine in the Marine Corps. He was wounded sometime in the summer of 1942 and upon recovery was assigned to Camp Pendleton. His name is Wilfred Fiorino.

The only address I had was "Co. B, USMC, Camp Elliott, San Diego," where he trained before going overseas.

DOREEN WOUNDAL
433 1/2 So. Roxbury Dr.,
Beverly Hills, Calif.

SHOULDER PATCH

Editor, The Chevron—I believe there is one insignia which was overlooked in your issue of 29 Jan.

There are some Marines in the South Pacific serving at Hq. Com-South-Pac (members of Adm. Halsey's guard). When I left there a few months ago, a triangular insignia in Army Gray, Marine Red and Navy Blue had been proposed for a shoulder patch. Has it been approved and where can I obtain one?

PFC. JIMMIE E. VANN
USNH, Corona, Calif.

Editor's note—HQMC has no knowledge of such a patch. FMAR units adopt their own patches (those illustrated 29 Jan.) while one pictured elsewhere in this issue has just been authorized for all units afloat.

GENERAL LEJEUNE

Editor, The Chevron—We have had a great deal of discussion as to whether or not the late Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune was ever promoted to the rank of lieutenant general before he passed away.

As we don't get The Chevron, we wonder if you would mail the answer to us.

SGT. C. F. DWELL
c/o PFC, San Francisco.

Editor's note—Gen. Lejeune, who served as Major General Commandant from 1930 to 1932, was appointed a lieutenant general but did not attain that rank until several years after his retirement from active duty.

Your unit is being placed on our mailing list to receive The Chevron.

LOVELAND MARINES

Editor, The Chevron—Could you give me information on the Marines who served in Iceland before the war. (1st Mar. Bn., Provisional).

Do we rate the expeditionary ribbon beside the European Theater ribbon? I believe it was counted as an expedition.

SGT. W. D. ENCLAND
MP Co., 6th Bn., MH,
Camp Pendleton

Editor's note—There has been no expeditionary ribbon authorized for that occupation nor for any action in the present war. You wear European theater only for that service.

FLIGHT TRAINING

Editor, The Chevron—I would appreciate information regarding Navigator-bombardier school, aviation gunnery school and pilot's training for enlisted men.

CORP. D. E. LOTT
MB, NAS, Santa Ana, Cal.

Editor's note—MarFair West is preparing a statement about aviation schools which will appear in an early issue.

Letter of Instruction No. 161 is the basic guide on requirements of commissioned and enlisted Marines for selection for flight training. Officers and men unable to meet the requirements of that directive—as modified by Letters of Instruction No. 197 and 366—will find it useless to apply. Details are too lengthy to be printed here, but may be found in the foregoing Letters of Instruction, as well as in the January 1944 issue of Headquarters' Bulletin, which should be available in your company office.

RIBBON DOPE

Editor, The Chevron—I served in the National Guard from May 1935 to October 1940 prior to entering naval service in 1942. I am now drawing longevity pay for this previous service. Would you please tell me if I'm entitled to the American Defense Ribbon (before Pearl Harbor) without stars.

NAME WITHHELD

Editor's note—Pin it on, Mac. In other words, the answer is "yes."

CHURCH SERVICES

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel. 0700 Services, 0930 Services, Auditorium; 1015 Services, Chapel; Evening Vespers, Service 1830 Chapel. (Catholic): 0800 Mass, Auditorium; 0930 Mass, Chapel. Daily Mass (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.), 0630-0700; Friday 1900 Chapel. Confessions: Saturday, 1830-1900, Chaplain's Office. Bldg. 128, Rm. 1600; 1700 Chaplain's Office, Ad Bldg. (Jewish): Chapel, 1100 (Christian Science): Sunday, 0930, 1100, 1230, RD. (Latter Day Saints): 0900, Reception Room, Bldg. 128, Rm. 1600; Wednesday, 1830.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 0800, Theater. (Catholic): Mass, 0600, Theater. (Christian Science): Sunday, 1830, Chaplain's Office Ad Bldg. (Jewish): 0918 Chaplain's Office. (Latter Day Saints): 0900, Armorer's School Bldg.; Thursdays, 1800.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel. (Catholic): Sunday Masses 0630, 0800, 1115. Mass daily, 1830, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science): 1900-1730, Chaplain's office, Tuesday and Friday. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Friday 1830. (Latter Day

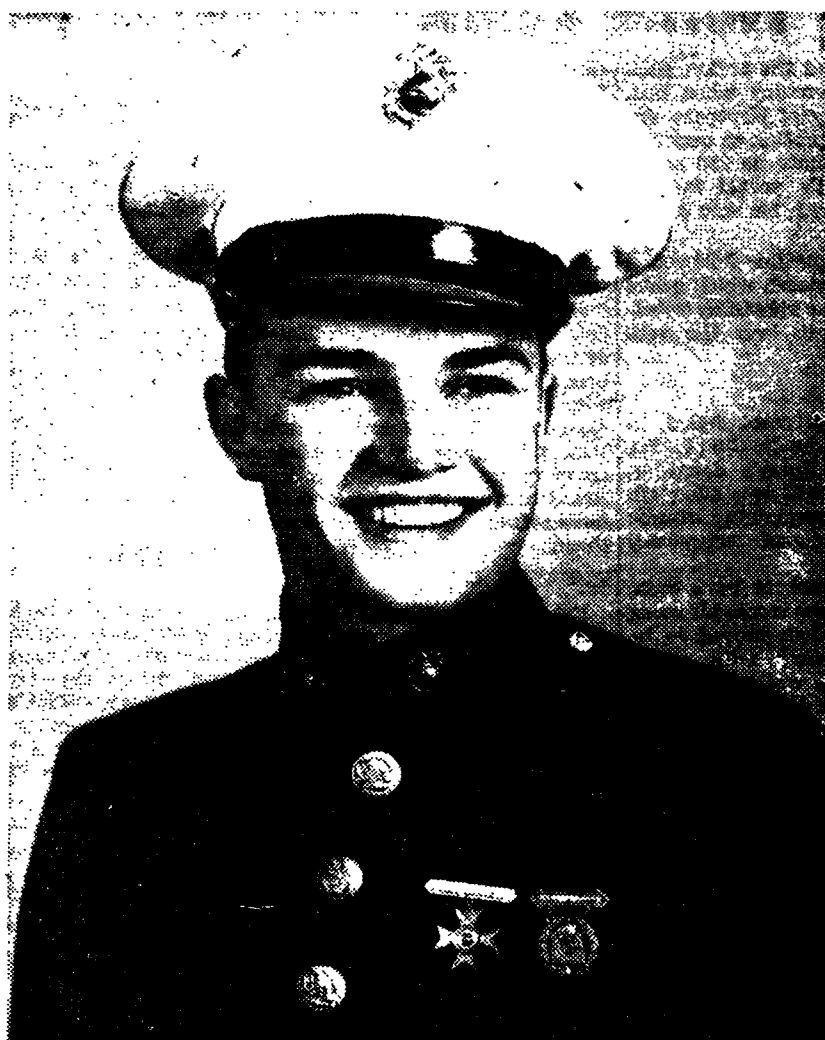
Saints): 1930, Camp Chapel; Mondays, 1930.

MCAD, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services. (Catholic): 0700 and 0830, confession; 0730 and 0830, Mass, Barracks 822. Jewish: Transportation 1800 Fridays at Chaplain's Office for services at Camp Elliott. (Latter Day Saints): Mondays, 1800, Rm. 522, Area AHS 2.

CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant): 0800 Services, 18-R-1, 16-T-1, 17-T-1, Boat Basin; 1000 Services 12-T-1, 14-T-1, Seabee Camp; 1015 Services, Ranch House Chapel; Communion Services 1st Sunday monthly, 12-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; 1900 Wed. Novena Devotions, 12-T-1; 0800 Sunday Mass, 14-T-1; 1000 Sunday Mass, 16-T-1, 0730 Confession 0800 Sunday Mass, 17-T-1; 0630-0800 Confessions and Sunday Mass, Boat Basin; 0800 Sunday Mass confessions before Mass, Ranch House Chapel; 0800 Sunday Mass, Seabee camp. (Christian Science): 1000 Sunday, 12-T-1; (Latter Day Saints): Tuesdays, 1800, Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 18-U-1, across from theater, Area 13.

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World at War

The greatest daylight air assaults in history rained on German war plants for three days this week. Flights of 2000 American heavy bombers and fighters dumped thousands of tons of explosives, destroying in a single raid an estimated one-fourth of German fighter plane factories. Meanwhile the RAF keeps up its formidable night attacks.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill promised more in the way of air blows this spring and summer "reaching far beyond the dimensions of anything employed or indeed imagined," but was cautious about predicting a 1944 victory in Europe. Madrid reports German correspondents have arrived near the western defenses of France to await invasion battles.

ANZIO BEACHHEAD

Wary but inspired American and British troops with mighty aerial support pushed back the German offensive on Anzio beachhead this week, after the Nazis used six divisions to make a two-mile penetration into Allied positions. The Germans retreated in confusion under the onslaught, with Hun batteries reported firing on their own men to prevent mass surrender. Yugoslav's complicated political

scene seems to be clearing with the formal recognition of Marshal Josip "Tito" Broze, the partisan leader, as political and military head of the Balkan country by the U.S., Great Britain and Russia. The government of young King Peter, now installed in Cairo, seems likely to remain obscure.

Germans made retaliation raids on London this week, setting several sections of the city on fire. Their Eastern front was imperiled as Red Armies captured Krivai Rog, important iron ore center on the Dnieper bend, and occupied more than 300 towns on a 180-mile front to the North.

INVASION HEADS

Belief that the European war would be entirely an Army show with Pacific operations to be conducted by the Navy and Marine Corps was dissolved this week with the appointment of Rear Adm. Alan G. Kirk, John L. Hall Jr., and John Wilkes as the invasion chiefs of an American task force in the European theater under the direction of Adm. Harold R. Stark.

With release of figures of damage wrought at Truk which tallied very closely with Adm. Nimitz' totals, the Jap government also informed the world of its removal



"The captain sent this book you asked to read. If you don't mind, I'll wait and tell him how much you liked it."

—Navy Breeze, NATTC, Chicago.

of the two top men in charge of the Nipponese armies and navy. Gen. Hodeki Tojo, premier, war minister and minister of munitions, added to his personal command the armies of Nippon, removing Field Marshal Gen. Sugiyama and Adm. of the Fleet Osami Nagano, both of whom were in command before Pearl Harbor. Adm. Shigetaro Shimada assumed command of the Jap navy.

BURMA FRONT

The British Army in Burma was on the front pages this week as English and Indian troops engaged Jap infiltration forces which had numbered 6000, but have since been reduced by half.

The Chilean government arrested 14 persons suspected of being Axis spies.

Juke Box

"Shoo-shoo Baby" goes into its second week as the nation's leading tune with "My Heart Tells Me" in second place. A newcomer to the listing is "A Lovely Way to Spend an Evening."

The Parade list: No. 1—Shoo-shoo Baby; No. 2—My Heart Tells Me; No. 3—Bewitched; No. 4—Mairzy Doots; No. 5—No Love, No Nothing; No. 6—For the First Time; No. 7—I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night; No. 8—A Lovely Way to Spend an Evening; No. 9—Oh What a Beautiful Morning.

Movies

"Lady in the Dark" brings Ginger Rogers to the screen in a \$3,000,000 technicolor extravaganza as a career girl on the verge of a nervous breakdown. What a psychoanalyst does for her and her vivid dreams is the basis of the film story. Warner Baxter, Ray Milland and Jon Hall provide the male interest.

Joan Fontaine plays the title role in "Jane Eyre" with Orson Welles as her melancholy lover as Charlotte Brontë's often-played story comes to the screen.

Daring Marine Flight Exposes Truk Secrets

Enemy Harbor Found Jammed With Jap Ships

SOUTH PACIFIC AIR BASE (Delayed)—Twenty-two daring Marines in the first foreign aircraft to fly over Truk pried the lid off one of Japan's most precious secrets when they took the reconnaissance photos used in planning the 16 Feb. sea and air bombardment which cost the Japs 10 ships and 201 planes.

Though aware of the consequences of falling into Jap hands while attempting to photograph the Japanese "Pearl Harbor", secretly fortified over a period of 20 years, the two Liberator crews spent 20 minutes each over Truk taking pictures of the formidable concentration of airfields, drydocks, forts and warship anchorages.

Catching the Japs by surprise after a 2000-mile flight from a Solomon base, 4 Feb., the first plane over the target encountered only 12 bursts of erratic ack-ack fire. The second plane, which came in a few minutes later after becoming separated from the first in a storm, ran into a terrific barrage. Neither Liberator was damaged.

HARBOR JAMMED

Maj. James R. Christensen of Salt Lake City, flight leader and pilot of the first plane, said Truk harbor was "jammed with ships of all types," as did the pilot of the second plane, Capt. James Q. Yaw, of Begoe Chitto, Miss.

His co-pilot, Capt. Edward J. Sanders of Sioux City, Ia., spotted an island which was a maze of landing fields and revetments.

Lt. W. Paul Dean of Altoona, Pa., navigator, told of seeing a residential section that looked like a country club.

CREDITS NAVIGATOR

Maj. Christensen credited Lt. Richard Starnes of Chicago with a hang-up job of navigation in picking the right group of islands out of the vast expanse of ocean in the storm.

The major's co-pilot, Capt. Donald D. Kennedy of West Moline, La., said weather conditions were the worst he had ever seen.

"When we reached the equator", he said, "ice was forming on the carburetor and our wings began frosting."

Guns on the two planes had to chip ice and snow off their instruments.

When Staff Sgt. Edmund H. Turner of Cold Springs on Hudson, N.Y., attempted to radio that zeros were climbing toward his plane over

Patient Marine Bags Jap Sniper

CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain (Delayed)—The favorite battlefield tale here deals with a Marine who spotted a Jap sniper climbing a tree.

It was a tall tree and a long difficult climb, and the Marine lay patiently behind a log and just watched. Then as the Jap started to swing himself into position, the Marine fired a single shot. The Jap came tumbling down.

Wounded later in the day, the Marine was brought to a field hospital for treatment. Ironically, he told the story to inquiring corpsmen.

"Why didn't you shoot him while he was an easy mark at the bottom of the tree?" demanded one curious corpsman.

The Marine grinned. "Shucks, then he wouldn't have had to climb the tree."—TSgt. Samuel E. Slavitsky, combat correspondent.

Be Courteous

Agent: "Sir, I have something here which will make you popular, make your life much happier, and bring you a host of new friends." Sergeant: "I'll take a quart."

Truk he found his radio key frozen to its board.

Jap planes were sighted by Sgt. Edwin P. Troy of Chicago as his plane finished its second run over Truk. "I spotted three of them far below and climbing fast", he said, "but we outdistanced them and ducked into the overcast."

To TSgt. Max L. Winters of Martinsville, Ind., the mission was a "photographer's field day."

CREWMEN LISTED

Other members of the crews were:

TSgts. Albert S. Mozinis, Racine, Wis., and Bernard W. Payne, Lehigh, Pa.; Staff Sgts. George S. Kneitz, Needleville, Tex., John A. Perdue, Montgomery, Ala., Joseph H. Perry, Attleboro, Mass., Arnold J. Chaffers, Kansas City, Mo.

Sgts. Dale A. Kerwin, West Sudbury, Pa., Charles H. Neck, Orem, Utah, Peter P. Krawnski, Cleveland, O., James A. Martin, Liberty, Ala.; Corps. Elmer A. Prokasky, St. Louis, Thomas J. Humphrey, Cleveland, O.; PFC. William J. Butland, Lake Charles, La.

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Veteran Artillery Outfit Observes Its Second Anniversary

'Canal, Tarawa Battlers Romp On Isle Beach

Many Win Citations And Medals In Breaking Up Jap Defenses On Tarnwa

By Sgt. William K. Beech
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—The oldest artillery unit in the Marine Corps recently celebrated its second anniversary overseas with a field day held on the beach of this Pacific island.

Veterans of two of the toughest fights in Marine Corps history—Guadalcanal and Tarawa—romped on the beach like children, ran three-legged races, and consumed mountains of potato salad, barbecued beef, and soft drinks.

One of the few original officers still with the unit is Maj. Wendell H. Best of Salt Lake City, operations officer.

OLDEST OVERSEAS UNIT

The group claims these distinctions:

It has been overseas longer than any other Marine artillery unit since war was declared.

It was in the first convoy to head into the Pacific after war was declared.

Its mascot is Siwash, most celebrated duck in the Corps, who swam ashore under fire at Tarawa, vanquished a Jap rooster and pig, then got drunk on saké.

As a result of the Tarawa operation two of its members have been recommended for the Navy Cross, 17 for Silver Star medals, and 35 for letters of commendation.

TARAWA CASUALTIES

Casualties in an artillery unit usually are light, but in four days at Tarawa the detachment had one officer killed and two wounded, six enlisted men killed and 15 wounded. In three months on Guadalcanal five men were killed and 30 wounded.

In actual combat, the outfit has fired an estimated 30,000 rounds. In a special reminder to the Japs on 7 Dec., 1942, on Guadalcanal, its howitzers spewed forth 5000 rounds between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

That is one reason why a captured Jap asked to see our "automatic artillery."

Lt. Col. Presley M. Rixey of Alexandria, Va., CO of the unit, estimated that only 40 per cent of the men who left the U.S. with the outfit in January, 1942, are still with it. Only three of the original officers are still with the unit—Lt. Col. Rixey, Maj. Best and Capt. Bernard Kafka of Antigo, Wis.

MAJOR PRAISED

In praise of Maj. Best's performance on Tarawa, Lt. Col. Rixey said:

"Maj. Best conducted the fire of his battalion with such skill, courage and effectiveness under extremely adverse conditions that desperate enemy counter-attacks were broken up before they could penetrate our lines."

Doctors' Ingenuity Meets Necessities Of Combat

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Medical ingenuity in this area has reached a new high in expediting the treatment of wounded Marines.

The ingenuity was displayed by two doctors—Lt. Comdr.

Tracy D. Cottle of Philadelphia, Pa., and Lt. John N. Marquis of Beckley, W. Va.—by setting up a hospital on board a landing craft.

Improvising further, the two doctors had holes cut in the decks of the ship so the wounded could be lowered into wards.

The plan was put into operation during the attack on the Treasury Islands, prior to the big show at Bougainville.

Instead of arranging their equipment for transfer to the beachhead, they set it up in the ship



CAMP MATTHEWS Women Marines shun mild lady-like recreation in favor of organizing a volunteer pistol and rifle team. From left are Lt. Virginia Countryman, coach, Pvt. Veronica Moore, Brooklyn, N. Y., Pvt. Marjorie Wackie, Morenci, Mich., Sgt. Shirley Doughty, Compton, Calif., Pvt. Olive Brandt, Lakewood, O., Pvt. Lucy Prado, Oroville, Calif., Pvt. Ruth Summers, Glendale, Calif., and Pvt. Kay Lovelace, Maxwell, Calif.

Old Timers



MGySgt. GENE PAUL WELCH

Big Scare Comes As Japs Bomb Hospital

USNH, OAKLAND—PFC. James L. Trawick of Macon, Ga., fought the Japs for 14 days on Bougainville but said the real scare of his life came when the Japs bombed the field hospital to which he was taken after being hit by shrapnel.

The enemy planes flew so low that he "could hear the clicks as the Japs released their bombs from the racks." Praising the Navy corpsmen for staying with the bed patients throughout the bombing, PFC. Trawick said, "When they write the history of the war in the South Pacific, they ought to devote several chapters to the corpsmen."

17-Year Veteran Trains For New Attack On Japs

MGySgt. Gene Paul Welch Has Long Marine Career Dotted With Experiences

CAMP PENDLETON—After seeing action at Tulagi, Guadalcanal and Tarawa during 18 months in the South Pacific, MGySgt. Gene Paul Welch of Vallejo, Calif., is in training for another crack at Jap forces.

Although the above islands represent, in his own words, "the hottest action I've seen in my 17 years as a Marine," his long career as a Leatherneck is dotted with tours of duty in out-of-the-way stations.

He enlisted in 1927 at Omaha, Neb., and after recruit training at Parris Island, was sent to Nicaragua. His next stop was Shanghai, where he served from 1929 to 1934, shifting then to Peking for a three-year period.

HITS TULAGI

Returning to the U.S. in 1935, Welch joined a unit which later stormed its way ashore at Tulagi. Later the same unit joined the assault which carried American forces past the Matanikau River on Guadalcanal.

After a well-deserved rest, MGySgt. Welch's knack for getting into the thick of things caught up with him once again, sending him to the shell-blasted beaches of Tarawa.

"Although there were dozens of examples of heroism during the first day or two on the atoll, I am convinced the real heroes were the boys who were buried there."

CORPSMEN LAUDED

"Casualties, however, would have been much heavier if it weren't for the almost superhuman efforts of the hospital corpsmen and doctors attached to the unit."

He wears the following decorations: Second Nicaraguan Campaign, Marine Corps Expeditionary, Yangtze Service medal, China Service medal, American Theater, American Defense, Asiatic-Pacific Theater, Presidential Unit Citation, and Marine Corps Good Conduct.

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Scores Direct Hit

MUNDA (Delayed)—In the first land-based dive bomber and torpedo plane strike at shipping at Rabaul, 1stLt. George C. Stamels of Dallas, Tex., a torpedo bomber pilot flying in the tail-end division, dove through heavy AA fire to blast a 10,000-ton Jap ship with a direct hit.—1stLt. Penn T. Kimball, PFC.

1944 Range Mark Equaled In Rain By Indiana Boot

Total Qualifications Low As 317 Recruits Squeeze 'Em Off At Camp Matthews

CAMP MATTHEWS—Despite the fact that rain fell while Pvt. Adam H. Bosmer of Dubois, Ind., was firing for record with Plat. 19 here last week, he squeezed off a 328 to tie the 1944 range record set earlier this month.

By contrast a new 1944 low in total qualifications was recorded by the 317 recruits who fired the previous day, when more than 17 per cent of the firing detail failed to qualify.

Plat. 19, coached by Sgt. Reginald E. Ward, led in percentage qualification for the week with a mark of 94.7 per cent. Their PI is Corp. E. C. Reeves.

Range records for the week were:

18 Feb.

Leading platoons—37.5 per cent, Plat. 2, Corp. H. P. Trank, 1st, PFC, Lawrence C. Oestreich, school range coach; 34.4, Plat. 3, 1stSgt. E. W. Grantham, 1st, PFC, Vernon L. Jones, coach; 32.8, Plat. 5, Corp. H. W. Miller, 1st, PFC, Bryce M. Bloom, coach.

Leading individuals — 317, Pvt. Clayton W. Bosch (Plat. 4) of Hesperia, Ind.; 316, Pvt. Clifford L. Hall (1st of Lincoln, Kas.); 314, Pvt. Glenn A. Viles (3d of Butlerville, Ind.).

17 Feb.

Leading platoons—34.7, Plat. 19, 31.7, Plat. 12, Sgt. H. P. Bushey, 1st, PFC, John W. McIntire, coach; 31.1, Corp. J. T. Hegley, 1st, 1st, Corp. Marion E. Mehlinger, coach.

Leading individuals — 328, Pvt. Bosmer; 322, Pvt. Gerald H. Tugan (1st of Austin, Tex.); 321, Pvt. Robert K. Anderson, (1st of Redmond, Wash.)

— Keep Clean —

She: "Have you tried a miniature cocktail?"

He: "No, whozat?"

She: "One drink and in a miniature out!"

Marines Enlist Youth In England

LONDON (Delayed)—Robert Harris, 18-year-old American living here, is going down in history as the first U. S. Marine to be recruited in England.

Harris was sworn in as a private by 1stLt. Alan C. Doubleday. He will be sent to Parris Island for recruit training.—TSgt. Richard T. Wright, combat correspondent.



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The Rules Are Simple—But They Apply To Everyone

By PFC. Jay Rosenberg

Now about this business of the hand salute.

Despite evidence to the contrary (watch it along the arcade some afternoon) it is not a matter of having convulsions of the elbow.

And it's not a matter of pulling a "Veronica Lake" by coyly cupping the palm of the hand over the right eye.

Nor is it a "Hi, bub!" flip of the wrist.

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Fiction and fact are strangely mixed when it comes to the origin of the salute.

Take this version for example—a colorful, if somewhat grisly tale: The Romans, it seems, were sus-

British officers ruled that on occasions when enlisted men pulled off their hats "the petty officers shall then only touch their caps."

But it took a woman—no less a personage than Queen Victoria—to straighten out the situation and establish uniformity. In 1890, she declared that it displeased her to see men stand uncovered when they appeared for royal commendations. Thus the hand salute.

Saluting is a precise and efficient gesture of courtesy, denoting respect and pride. In the Corps, it's a part of our tradition to render a snappy salute. The salute is executed when at least six paces from the person to be saluted or six paces from the nearest point of approach.

The body is in a position of attention and the arm is raised so that the upper part is parallel to the ground with elbow slightly forward, thumb and fingers extended

lional Guard.

All civilians entitled, by reason of position, to gun salutes or other honors are also entitled by custom to the salute.

The regulations apply to women, except in these cases: women personnel wear their caps and hats in certain public places (church, theater, etc.) where men uncover. In such cases, the women are considered "uncovered" and do not salute.

That covers, in part, the "who" of saluting. Now about the "what" department.

Whenever the national anthem is played (and this applies to the national anthem of any other country formally recognized by the United States) all officers and enlisted men stand at attention, facing the music, unless at colors. If in uniform and covered, they salute at the first note, retaining the position until the last note and if not



FORMER CIRCULATION manager of The Chevron, Corp., James E. Mansfield (left) tells Corp. Bill Wheeler, ex-Chevron editor, his experiences while serving with a Marine grave registration unit on Bougainville, where he was wounded by a Jap sniper. (Photo by PFC. Ches Turk).

WHEN TO SALUTE

WHEN SEVERAL OFFICERS ARE SALUTED, ALL SHALL RETURN IT

WHEN OVERTAKING A SENIOR, THE SALUTE SHALL BE GIVEN WHEN AHEAD, WITH "BY YOUR LEAVE, SIR"

MEN & OFFICERS SALUTE ALL SENIOR U.S. & ALLIED OFFICERS THEY ENCOUNTER

WHEN SEVERAL OFFICERS ARE SALUTED, ALL SHALL RETURN IT

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WHEN REPORTING, COVERED, UNDER ARMS

WHEN NOT TO SALUTE

WHEN UNCOVERED (WITHOUT HEAD DRESS)

WHEN IN RANKS (IF ADDRESSED, COME TO ATTENTION)

WHEN ENGAGED IN GAMES OR ATHLETICS

WHEN PART OF A WORK DETAIL

WHEN CARRYING ARTICLES WITH BOTH HANDS

IN PUBLIC PLACES WHERE INAPPROPRIATE (THEATRES, HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, PUBLIC CONVEYANCES, ETC.)

AT MESS (IF ADDRESSED BY AN OFFICER, SIT AT ATTENTION)

WHEN UNCOVERED, MEETING AN OFFICER IN A GOVERNMENT BUILDING

ceptible to some odd fads, one of which was assassination by the dagger (during the time of the Borgias). Well, the practice became so common—and so dangerous—that it was necessary for one man approaching the other to raise his hand in front of him, palm open, to indicate that he was unarmed. Or so the story goes.

Then again, there is this "finch" version.

When knights in mail met each other, their visors were usually down. Their first gesture was to raise the visor to get a clear view of the other knight and at the same time to give him a glimpse of their own faces. Eventually, the gesture came to signify friendship and membership in the same order.

Actually, the hand salute you now execute is the first part of the act of uncovering, a gesture required from the earliest days of military units.

Some opposition, it appears, was encountered when the gesture evolved from the uncovering stage to its present form. Back in 1796, officers were ordered to take off their hats when receiving and addressing superiors "and not merely touching it with an air of negligence."

The movement to salute instead of removing head gear got under way in earnest about 1849 when

and joined, forearm inclined at a 45-degree angle, forefinger touching just to the right of the right eye, hand and wrist in a straight line. Head and eyes are turned toward the person saluted. The position is held until the officer has returned the salute or passed. The salute is completed in one movement as head and eyes turn front.

The enlisted man who thinks he is burdened with a salute might ponder on the fact that a Marine officer has some 300,000 MORE personnel to salute than does any enlisted man!

Generally speaking, the basic rules of saluting are simple. The following cover a great majority of all cases:

Enlisted men salute all officers. Every officer salutes his seniors. Salutes are required to be returned by all who are saluted. Salutes are rendered in the Corps when covered, but not when uncovered.

When several officers in company are saluted, all return the salute. Salutes are extended to officers of the Navy, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, foreign military and naval officers whose governments are formally recognized by the United States, and, when in uniform, to members of the Naval, Army, Marine Corps and Coast Guard Reserves and of the Na-

in uniform, but covered, they uncover at the first note, holding their head gear over their hearts (unless in inclement weather when they may hold them slightly above the head).

There is, of course, much more to this business of saluting than the foregoing. But if there is some question about the Emily Post of military courtesy, take a look at the pamphlet, "Military Discipline, Courtesy and Customs of the Service." The rules are really simple.

Be Courteous

Japs Uncooperative On Liberty Offer

KWAJALEIN LAGOON, Marshall Islands (Delayed)—Nobody was able to take advantage of the captain's handsome offer.

When the great American fleet that invaded the Marshalls pulled into the sanctuary of this lagoon, the CO of transports broadcast the promise: "Any man who sights the first periscope of an enemy submarine, reporting it to the bridge first, will be granted daily liberty for a period of one month upon arrival in port."

But, reported a casual correspondent, no Jap sub would cooperate.

First Sergeants School Graduates Class Of 42

Twenty members of the 18th graduating class at the Base First Sergeants School are to be promoted one grade today as a result of finishing in the top half of the class of 42. Those to be advanced from their ranks listed are:

- GySgts. Stephen D. Black, Russell E. Clark, Miles E. Mullins, Elwyn E. Brown, Herbert Merrill Jr., Paul L. Welch, TSgt. John K. Palmer, PSgts. Virgil C. Hilburn, Paul J. Duff, Lyle W. Smith, John C. Zini, Sgts. Lester R. Klappenbach, Ronald C. Smith, Clarence A. McDaniel, Michael J. Mueles, Perry C. Webster, Glen E. Middaugh, Sgts. Fred M. Helzel, Irwin J. Minarik and Paul J. Gilmet.
- 1stSgts. Gilbert H. Berman, Robert H. Stechow, Kenneth W. Finch and Robert M. Turnbull, who are to graduate today, are not eligible for promotion above their present ranks.
- Others completing the course are: GySgts. Ivan C. Westlake, Oliver D. Foster, Paul C. Phillips, PSgts. William A. Berg, William C. Wynn, Richard L. Mangell, Joseph S. Becker, Paul M. Star, James N. Davidson, Emmet W. Humes, Thomas Connolly, Clyde N. O'Daniel, Irving M. Spillert, Alvin F. Lutz, Sgts. Albert E. Stone, Chester D. Cranfill, Paul W. McGregor and Robert H. Red.
- The next class will convene 6 Mar. — Stop Loose Talk —

Miramar Airmen Get Decorations

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Memories of thrill-packed aerial battles were revived here Saturday with the decoration of six airmen recently returned from the combat zones.

The presentations were made by Lt. Col. Francis E. Pierce, commanding, Personnel Gp., as the climax of a parade and review.

Top award was a Gold Star in lieu of a second Legion of Merit which went to Lt. Col. John P. Condon for outstanding service as Fighter Commander during the Bougainville offensive.

Air Medals were received by 1stLts. John B. Delaney and Julian Wilcox and 2dLts. Charles J. O'Malley and Edgar C. Vernon for "meritorious achievement while participating in aerial attacks against the enemy."

A commendation was awarded Sgt. Arvid L. Kretz, radio gunner, "for skillful and effective performance of duty."

Use V-Mail

League Members 'Adopt' Marines

Prompted by what is described as "popular demand", the Los Angeles Detachment, Marine Corps League, has instituted a program wherein each member is "adopting" a Marine in the full sense of the word.

Recently The Chevron printed a coupon by which hospitalized Leathernecks could appeal for aid from the League. Out of 200 requests many asked for a buddy with whom to correspond. According to Ray George, commandant, each member will be assigned a Marine having no family or dependents, a boy who receives no mail and to whom little consideration may mean the difference between good and bad morale.

Buy Insurance

Ships Over

Sgt. Robert H. Atkinson of Kansas, veteran of the Coral Sea and Midway battles and the Occupation of Guadalcanal, has reenlisted following his recovery from wounds suffered in the Battle of Savo Island while serving aboard the USS Astoria. He is now serving as Sea School DI on the Base.

Food Talks Where Grenades Fail

NAMUR, Marshall Islands, Feb. 3—Hand grenades, smoke grenades and bullets failed to clean a group of Japs out of an underground shelter.

1stLt. Gerald Hock, Seattle, a Japanese interpreter, called down into the dugout that any Jap who came out unarmed and ready to surrender would not be harmed.

Out came a Korean, hands in the air. He was given food and something to drink.

"Now, if you will pardon me", he said.

He arose, went to the door and yelled: "Boys, they really mean it—and the food is good", or words to that effect in Japanese.

Two more Japs came out and asked for something to eat.—Sgt. Murray Lewis, combat correspondent.

Two Children Of Elliott Marine Die In Holocaust

Two small children of GySgt. Thomas P. Hudson of Camp Elliott were burned fatally and his wife critically Tuesday morning when fire enveloped their San Diego home. The blaze apparently started from a fire built in a toy stove by the children while their mother, Mrs. Dorothy Hudson, was in another room.

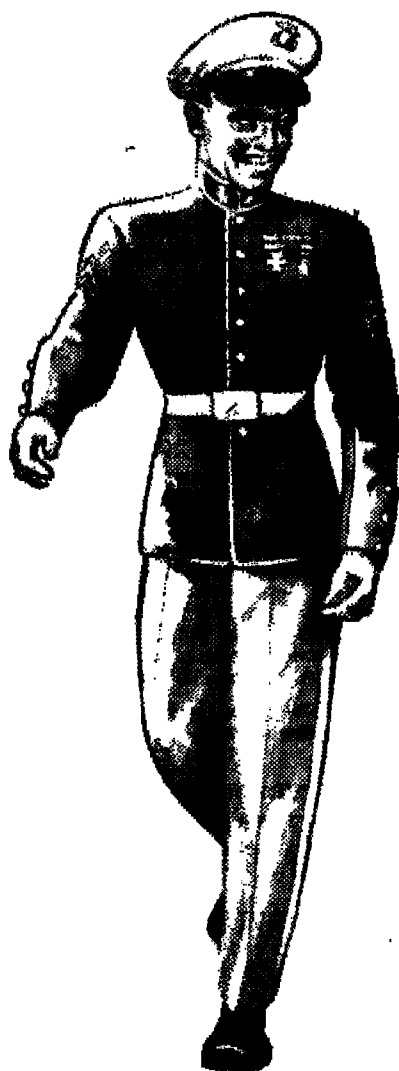
Carlton, 3 years old, died a few hours after he was taken from the burning structure by his 5-year-old sister, Alice, who escaped injury. Thomas Jr., 7 weeks old, died that night.

Mrs. Hudson said she heard a noise in the bedroom and when she attempted to enter found her path blocked by a sheet of flame.

GySgt. Hudson, who is on his third cruise, has been at Camp Elliott since 1940, first with the 6th Marines and later with the 2nd Div. Attached to Range Co., TCo, since 3 Feb., 1943, he carries the colors for the camp parades and inspections on the third Saturday of each month as NCO-in-C of the color guard. A benefit pool of \$175 was collected by officers and enlisted men of Range Co.

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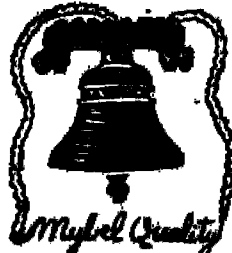
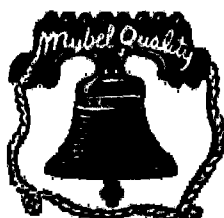
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126,525 Medals Distributed To Army Personnel

Rigid Interpretation Of Statutes Results In Navy Giving Few Decorations

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 (AP)—The Army has distributed 126,525 decorations among 7,500,000 men up to Jan. 1, while the Navy had awarded 7,073 medals to its 2,800,000 personnel.

Eight out of nine Army decorations were DFCs or Air Medals, including oak leaf clusters, which denote a second award of the same medal. In the Navy, only one medal in three was a DFC or an Air Medal.

REPEAT AWARDS

Repeat awards of a medal are so rare in the Navy that separate figures were not available. In the Army the number of clusters was 60,474, of which 59,994 were aviation honors, compared with 66,051 original decorations.

The air branch accounts for just under one-third of total personnel in both the Army and Navy.

The Army Air Medal was the most generally distributed award—40,585 medals and 53,596 oak leaf clusters. The key to this is the interpretation of the regulations under which the award becomes automatic for a specified number of flights in combat operations.

Some theater commanders have been awarding the Air Medal for a fixed number of sorties, usually five, with an oak leaf cluster for each succeeding group of sorties. Thus the Air Medal on the chest of Army flying personnel, crewmen as well as pilots, usually indicates the number of combat flights rather than distinguished action.

BOYINGTON CASE

Maj. Gregory Boyington, a fighter pilot of the Marine Corps reported missing after shooting down his 26th Japanese plane, has not received a decoration.

Navy officials say that they hold to a rigid interpretation of the statutes authorizing the various decorations. Shooting down the enemy is a fighting man's job, an official said, and therefore an award is not justified unless circumstances make the action "unusually meritorious."

Award Contracts For Construction

Award of contracts totaling \$46,491 for the construction of a Park blvd. underpass adjacent to USNH at Balboa Park and huts and temporary barracks at Camp Matthews' rifle range, was announced this week by 11th Naval Dist.

The 368-foot tunnel, including ramps at each end, will leave the hospital north of the SOQ striking in a northwesterly direction across the highway.

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LOOKING MUCH like a picture of the mosquitoes which plague jungle fighters, this Marine plane skidded off a Bougainville runway, but its pilot escaped injury. A new propeller put it back in action. (Photo by TSgt. M. McCarty Jr.)

Taps Sounded For Heroes Of Battle

NEW BRITAIN (Delayed)—Taps were sounded today for Marines who lost their lives in the capture of Cape Gloucester—on a Japanese bugle.

The occasion was the dedication of the Cape Gloucester cemetery. Following a brief speech by Maj. Gen. William H. Rupertus of Washington, D.C., and a prayer by Lt. Comdr. Robert N. Olsen of Dover, N.J., and Lt. James J. Fitzgerald of Chicago, Old Glory was raised over the final resting ground as strains of Colors were sounded by the bugler.

The brief ceremony over, Sgt. Herbert D. Hoff of McMinnville, Ore., sounded taps for the brave few whose deeds will live long after them.—Sgt. Joseph L. Alli, combat correspondent.

Pendleton Cooks Take Base Course

Seven cooks attached to the 5th Div. at Camp Pendleton were enrolled in the Base Cooks and Bakers School this week, four in the mess sergeants' course and three studying dehydrated foods. Six mess sergeants from MCAD, Miramar, also were enrolled.

Exams Ordered

WASHINGTON—Physical examination of all officers of the grade of Navy commander or Marine lieutenant colonel and above who will attain the age of 54 during the calendar year 1944 or who are already 54 or over has been ordered. Those who will reach statutory retirement age during the year are exempted.

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Rockets Used In Rabaul Attack By Marine Planes

GUADALCANAL, Feb. 20 (AP)—Marine torpedo planes used airborne rockets for the first time in the big attack on Rabaul Harbor, New Britain, Thursday when at least 12 Jap ships were hit. Maj. Alben C. Robertson of Fulton, Ky., said the rockets left his plane with a terrific explosion, but no recoil jolt. 1st Lt. Ray T. Lemmons of Campbell, Mo., said that the speed of his rockets was so great that they left only a white blur in front of his plane.

Sgt. Dan Bailey of Atlanta, Ga., described the rockets as shells with wings. They are self-propelling projectiles which can be released at long ranges and strike with the effect of a small artillery shell.

—Stand Fast—

New Huts Delivered Overseas By Navy

WASHINGTON—First shipments of the newest style Quonset huts, the fourth designed by the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks since May, 1941, have been made to Navy bases and stations in the fighting zones.

Features of the new type are added floor space, better insulation against heat and cold, and more ventilation.

PO Accompanies Assault Troops

NAMUR, Marshall Islands, Feb. 2 —A post office was set up and doing business in this islet yesterday, less than 24 hours after Marines had landed. Today, 5000 letters were packed aboard a Navy plane and were winging their way back to the U.S.

The post office unit, headed by Capt. Emmet E. Harding, 4th Mar. Div. postal officer, and staffed by StSgts. Robert S. Maccabe of Brooklyn, N.Y., and William L. Shetterly of Alexandria, Va., landed two days ago in the wake of initial assault waves.—Sgt. Martin Kivel, combat correspondent.

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Barren Wasteland Of Short Time Ago Now Turning Out Deadly Fighter Squadrons

(The following is a digest of an article "Desert Airframe," written by Maj. J. S. Mager, on MCAS, Mojave.)

MCAS, MOJAVE—This is the story of how an incubator—a hatching ground for deadly squadrons of fighting Marines—came to life out of an almost barren mass of sand, sage and cactus.

It is the story of how, almost overnight, a desert land, known for the most part by rodents and lizards and the few "desert rats" with picks and shovels who sifted its sand for "pay dirt", became a link in the express rolling onward to Tokyo and an important factor in mass-production of Tojo-busters.

Less than two years ago—in the spring of 1942—Lt. Col. William J. Fox (now commanding MCAS, El Toro) took off from North Island in a SBC-4.

His assignment: to pick sites for four air stations.

One of his selections was the desolate area near the town of Mojave, gateway to the Mojave desert and junction point for the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Railroads.

FIELD IMPROVED

The CAA had already provided landing facilities in the area. The government took over, land was acquired and construction started.

Within weeks the new project began to take shape. Runways, 5000 feet long and 150 feet wide, suitable for dive bombers and fighter aircraft, were constructed.

Trusses were assembled on the ground and raised in place, set on wooden posts. Huge sliding doors were hung at each end and concrete was poured into floors and aprons for the hangars.

As the hangars took shape, other crews of workmen were erecting barracks for enlisted men—double-decked affairs of frame construction, each capable of housing 250 men. The barracks were centered around an open area where basketball courts were built. Other construction included a station mess hall and a regulation obstacle course—a combat conditioning unit that is seldom deserted during these daylight hours.

BUILDINGS SPRING UP

Construction started in July, 1942. By August of the same year, the area began to take shape and other buildings were beginning to spring up: An auditorium was built with a seating capacity of 522. The Post Exchange Building was so constructed as to include space for an NCO clubroom for the first three pay grades; a barber shop, chaplain's office, reading room and library.

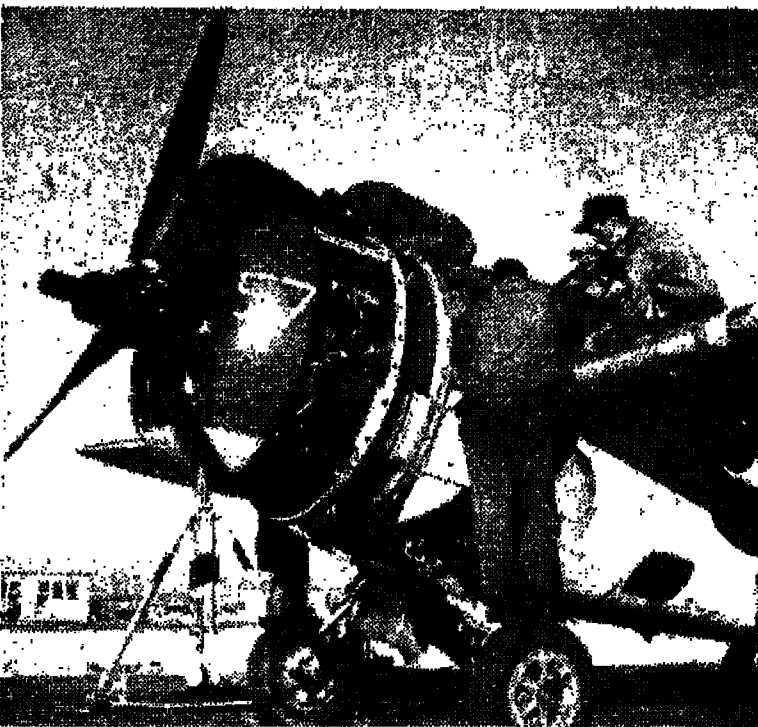
And among other buildings was an officers' mess and club, the door to which is now flanked by the port and starboard lights from a de-commissioned ship. The base dispensary accommodates 56 bed patients.

But probably the building of which the Mojave staff is most proud is the one containing the synthetic and training aids department—a super-streamlined schoolhouse for training combat pilots on the ground.

Included in its equipment are four Link trainers. They whine most of the day as the trainees



FLAT DESERT FLOOR, high altitude and year-around visibility provide ideal training set-up for Marine aviation squadrons. Snow-covered Tehachapi mountains form a background for this scene of planes on the line at MCAS, Mojave. Insets: left, Lt. Col. Joseph P. Adams, commanding the station, and Lt. Col. H. K. Lee, CO, MEDAG-44.



DEADLY new Corsairs are used principally in fighter training at Mojave, but this ground crew does repair work on the motor of another famed Marine fighter—a Grumman Wildcat. It takes men on the ground to keep 'em in the air.

simulate the maneuvers they will eventually practice in the sky above. There are also two Gunair-structors: two 3A2 free gunnery trainers for rear-seat men; five range estimators and three dead reckoning navigational trainers, Mark III.

Three 16mm. projectors are used to show training films from a library numbering 850 sets of film.

Other structures on the base house the administration building, a public works department, fire department, transportation and supply departments, an overworked

laundry, storage facilities and a hangar devoted exclusively to assembly and repair of aircraft always overflowing the area.

Col. Fox's choice of this area as a station to train squadrons for combat duty overseas was a good one. The altitude is 2700 feet. There is never fog in the area. It is rare for visibility to be reduced below a minimum safe for flying. Day after day for months, the air has permitted visibility up to 70 miles. The atmosphere is cloudless. Although the desert is rimmed with snow-capped peaks of the

Aleutian Marines Ask \$64 Question

Editor's note—Veterans returning from the Aleutians use the term "williwaw" as the name of a sudden, severe, wind storm which may last up to 72 hours.

Aleutian Marines early this month went into a trance on the burning Alaskan question: "What's a williwaw?"

"Stormy Weather," the Leatherneck station's own newspaper (mimeographed), is conducting a contest in which it will put up \$100

in war bonds and stamps as prizes for the five best definitions of a williwaw.

Creation of "The Order of the Aleutian Military Sons of the Williwaw," embracing Marine, Navy and Army personnel serving in Alaska, was effected recently at a meeting attended by Lt. Col. C. A. Miller, Capt. Merle T. Weitoh, Lt. C. A. Muhl, USN, Capt. J. Maskiell, USA, and TSgt. A. Rozett, combat correspondent.

Sierras, their nearness is deceptive. They are so far away, they are not hazards to flight training.

This, in general, is how the training program has been set up:

A squadron is formed with a nucleus of experienced pilots and ground personnel returned from action zones overseas. New pilots and ground personnel who have not yet been overseas compose the remainder.

Once formed, the squadron works day and night, seven days a week, to become a well-knit combat team. A syllabus prescribing minimum flying requirements is laid down for squadrons in training.

It includes familiarization, formation, gunnery, strafing, navigation, instrument flying, carrier landing practice, bombing, night flying, combined exercises with other types, fighter direction, etc.

Upon completion of the minimum

syllabus, training is continued in advanced phases which are most likely to be demanded in the combat zones.

An adequate gunnery range is provided on which pilots practice all types of gunnery runs at all altitudes and speeds. Squadrons are assigned use of the range on schedule and it is in use from dawn until dusk.

At present, the range is being shared with the Army Bomber Command.

It is expected that all training at this station will be in fighters, principally Corsairs. Several squadrons will be in approximately the same stage of training, and therefore will be able to work in conjunction on combined tactics. In this program the weather is a most important factor—and the field here has been open more than 97 per cent of the time.

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The flying band is not just a one-flight novelty, but the result of a general's realization that Marines scattered throughout Cherry Point's network of isolated airfields need their morale boosted every once in a while.

GIVEN WINGS

Responsible for taking this heretofore land bound organization and giving it wings is Brig.Gen. Claude A. Larkin, commanding general of the 3rd Mar. Air Wing, a veteran of 29 years in the Corps. He was commander of Marine aviation in the Pacific during the embattled days of Wake and Midway.

The 29 bandsmen, with a strictly infantry background, were a little dubious about the whole business when they arrived at the field and were asked to take a 20-minute hop to a nearby field.

For most of them it was their first flight. At any rate, whatever nervousness they might have been suffering disappeared as the two transports left the runway. Corp. Albert Nelles of New York City even unlimbered his trumpet and gave out with "If I Had The Wings Of An Angel."

Now flights have become so routine that MTSgt. George F. Seuffert of Brooklyn, N.Y., the bandmaster, spends most of his time conferring with the men on what pieces they would like to play.

— Say More Songs —

Seabees Unload Under Jap Fire

Seabees hit the beach at Namur in the third wave while the first wave of assault Marines was still pinned on the beach, according to a wireless dispatch from Robert Trumbull to the New York Times.

Under fire, the Seabees unloaded supplies while splashing in the bullet-spattered surf.

The next morning, after they had formed an ammunition line, a Jap dashed from a blockhouse with a grenade in his fist, making for an ammunition wagon. A Seabee guard mowed the Jap down with a tommy gun, and "the grenade thereupon blew him to hell", the guard said.

— Shoot Straight —

HQMC Changes

WASHINGTON—The Div. of Reserve has been reactivated and the Officers' Procurement Div. abolished. The former is now a separate division of the Personnel Dept. It will take over all duties previously assigned the Officers' Procurement Div., as well as setting up necessary machinery for operation of the post-war Reserve.

Veteran Of Africa Action Joins Corps

PARRIS ISLAND—Fvt. Joseph H. Peabody of Westport, Conn., has seen plenty of action and says that he entered the Marine Corps to see more. He was with the famed New Zealand Div. of the British 8th Army in its race to outflank Germany's ill-fated Afrika Korps in the North African desert.

A volunteer for the Ambulance Corps of the African Field Service, he was at El Alem, Mersa, Matruh, and in Tunisia when Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, the Nazi "desert fox," made his last desperate attempt to hold the Axis foothold in Africa.

During 14 months, Peabody's unit traveled more than 500,000 miles



FLYING BANDSMEN of the 3rd Air Wing at MCAS, Cherry Point, N. C., board a transport for a tour of air fields in the area to play at ceremonies and provide entertainment.

Memories Of World War I Revived

KWAJALEIN ATOLL, Marshall Islands (Delayed)—The long arm of coincidence spanned two world wars today to stir the memory of Brig.Gen. Graves B. Erskine.

When he and Maj.Gen. Holland M. Smith, commanding all amphibious troops in the Central Pacific offensive, boarded a destroyer to traverse the Kwajalein Island lagoon, Gen. Erskine asked the skipper her name. He was informed

Marine Forwards Messages From War Prisoners

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Due to the thoughtfulness of Corp. Frederick E. Smith, many messages announced by the Japanese from prisoners of war, which might never have reached the U.S., now are being received by parents and sweethearts of Marines, soldiers and sailors held captive in Japan.

Every night Radio Tokyo announces it will allow a number of prisoners to say a few words over the short wave radio. Corp. Smith, a radio technician with an aviation unit, listened to the broadcasts regularly. He realized that many of the messages might never be received.

Thus, he now sits by his duty post with a typewriter, hastily taking down home addresses and messages in order to forward them by mail.—Sgt. Theron J. Rice, combat correspondent.

Correspondent Hit By Mortar Fire

WASHINGTON, 14 Feb.—TSgt. Asa Bordages, former New York World-Telegram reporter now serving as a combat correspondent, has been wounded in action at Cape Gloucester. HQMC announced today.

Sgt. Bordages was wounded in the shoulder by a mortar fragment. His condition was not regarded as serious.

— Obey Orders —

The Army Air Force now punishes more officers and men than the Marine Corps and Coast Guard combined.

and carried approximately 8000 casualties. At El Alem, where the big Allied push got under way, the Marine recruit carried 525 casualties to a dressing station eight miles away over a period of 26 hours.

Returning from the African theater last August, Peabody took a short rest, and then returned for a fighting role in the Marine Corps.

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ALL SICK REPORT

Shine Kit Received By Jungle Battler

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Delayed)—Add strange gifts received by Marines fighting deep in the tropic jungle:

To Corp. David F. Drisbach of Rockford, Ill., who wears nothing but dungarees and jungle boots:

A fancy shoe shine outfit, complete with cloth to polish his buttons.—Sgt. Gerald A. Walndel, combat correspondent.

— Be Courteous —

Navy Adopts Use Of EFM Messages

For the first time the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard personnel overseas can receive personal radio and cable messages known as Expeditionary Force Messages, (EFM) and Senders' Composition Messages, (SCM). There are 105 texts from which to choose which can be sent at a flat rate of 80 cents.

The system has been in use by the Army for some time, but was considered impracticable for the Navy because of the extreme mobility of personnel. Recently, however, increase in land-based units has made the system workable for the Navy.

— Keep Clean —

Marine Hymn Battle Song In Marshalls

PEARL HARBOR—Wounded Marine veterans of the Marshall Islands campaign told how they and their buddies sang the Marine hymn as they stormed the beach at Namur Island. The young war veterans were PFCs, Lawrence Knight, of Parkin, Ark., and Kenneth Muller, Wichita Falls, Tex.

Corsair Fliers Down Record Bag Of Enemy Planes

WASHINGTON—More than 60 Marines flying Vought Corsairs, which were first used in combat a year ago this month, have shot down five or more enemy aircraft each to earn the ranking of ace.

The aerial picture has changed in the Pacific since such leading aces as Lt.Col. John Smith, Maj. Joe Foss and Maj. Marlon E. Carl met the enemy in Grumman Wildcats over their own territory. Now the Corsair takes fighters on long over-water flights to blast Japs deep in Nip territory.

LEADING PILOTS

Leading Corsair fighter pilots are Maj. Gregory L. "Pappy" Boyington (now missing in action), who tied Maj. Foss' record of 26 planes; Lt. Robert M. Hanson, who chalked up 25 before being reported missing; and Capt. Kenneth A. Walsh, who downed 20 Japs before being relieved.

Among other leaders, grouped by the number of planes downed, are:

- 17—Capt. Donald S. Aldrich.
 - 16—Capt. Wilbur J. Thomas.
 - 14—Capt. James E. Swell and Harold L. Spraker.
 - 13—Capt. James M. Cunn, William D. Marshall, Edward A. Shaw.
 - 12—Lt.Col. John P. Tobbin.
 - 11—Capt. Kenneth L. Frazer.
 - 10—Capt. Jack E. Conner, Eugene A. Troubridge, and Harold J. Segal.
 - 9—Capt. John L. Morgan Jr.
 - 8—Maj. Nathan T. Post, Capt. George Hollowell, Gregory K. Loesch, and Lt. Alvin Jensen.
 - 7—Maj. J. Hunter Reinburg, and Capt. William E. Crave, Roger A. Haderman.
 - 6—Maj. Robert G. Owens Jr., 1st Lt. Eugene Pillow, Sheldon G. Hall, Milton Volger, Roger W. Coburn.
- Some of those with not less than five victories are:
- Maj. Gregory J. Weissenberger, Arthur Warner and Charles M. Kunai (Capt. Howard Finn, Stanley Synar, Stuart W. A. Scarborough, Albert E. Hacking, William N. Shuler and Herbert Long; and 1st Lt. Charles Kendrick, Jack Pittman, Frank C. Drury, Ernest A. Powell and G. E. Dawkins.

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THREE DAYS of living on D-rations (chocolate bars) while on patrol along the banks of the Torokina river, Bougainville, and these Marines were ready to enjoy a hot meal, served them within 15 minutes after they returned to their own lines. Galley is in background. (Photo by Sgt. R. Robbins).

Marine Patrol Scouts Jap Defense On New Britain

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (Delayed)—On a coal-black tropical night, 1stLt. John D. Bradbeer of Detroit helped write a thrilling prelude to "the Marines have landed" when he led a seven-Marine scouting mission against a Jap-infested beach on New Britain.

Included in his party of volunteers were 1stSgt. John J. Zajac of Bay City, Mich., Corp. James H. Henderson and PFC. Edward Quill, both of Brooklyn.

Although the work ashore was risky enough, the volunteer group's most anxious moments came as they headed for home.

"We waited offshore in a small rubber boat, our radio out of order, hoping that our Navy boats would be able to find us and get us back with the dope we had collected," 1stLt. Bradbeer said.

SIGNAL WITH MATCHES

Having no other way of signaling, the Marines lit matches to attract the attention of their craft, risky procedure in view of Jap planes overhead and three large barges approaching a couple of miles away, not to mention Japs on shore who might spot them.

To top off the night of thrills the Marines manned guns and helped sink the three heavily armed barges after Navy gunners had been wounded and an engine put out of commission by Jap fire.—Sgt. Hans R. Johansen, combat correspondent.

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'Wake Avengers' Rest After Tour In Combat Zone

Record Bag Of 71 Zeros Over Rabaul Credited To Unit; Four Become Aces

BOUGAINVILLE, 31 Jan. (Delayed)—The "Wake Avengers", a fighter squadron named for the airmen who defended the tiny Pacific isle, have left the combat zone for a well-deserved rest.

Tucked away under their Corsair wings was the phenomenal record of 71 Zeros bagged over Rabaul in a month, with the loss of only one pilot in combat.

Boasting four aces with a combined total of 32 enemy planes, the "Avengers" had their biggest day on 23 Jan. when they flew two missions over Rabaul, bagged 16 Japs, and strafed and damaged a destroyer.

LEADS WITH TWELVE

Top-ranking ace is 1stLt. Harold E. "Murderous Manny" Segal, New York City, with 12 planes.

Other high scorers are 1stLt. Frank C. "Red" Thomas, Martinsburg, W. Va., 9; 1stLt. John C. Hundley, West Monroe, La., 6; and Maj. Julius V. "Buck" Ireland, Baltimore, Md., 5.

The "Avengers" tallied all their Zeros in 17 contacts with the Jap. Three-fourths of the fliers scored one or more Japs, participating in escort missions of light and medium bombers and fighter sweeps over Rabaul.

The Corsair airmen were also credited with destroying two Jap barges and three float planes (Jakes) on the water by strafing.

The present squadron commander is Maj. Thomas V. Murto Jr., Trenton, N.J., with three Zeros to his credit.

He relieved Maj. Robert A. Harvey, Coronado, Cal., who downed a Zero over Rabaul on 14 Jan.—Sgt. Harold Powell, combat correspondent.

— Bonds Or Bondage? —

Enemy Bugle Now Used By Marines

EMPRESS AUGUSTA BAY, Bougainville (Delayed)—FM. Robert L. Greenwell of Henderson, Ky., was along as a company runner when Marines landed miles within enemy lines to raid Japanese troop concentrations.

Soon after Marines landed on the enemy beach, Greenwell spotted four men advancing toward his position. Even in the early morning darkness he could distinguish the silhouette of Japanese helmets and he opened fire with his carbine, killing the leading man. The remaining three fled into the jungle.

Searching through the dead Japanese's pack, Greenwell, to his surprise, found a shiny bugle. The soldier he killed was a Japanese field music.

"The Jap should be glad a field music got his bugle, and not just any Marine," Greenwell said.—TSgt. Murrey Murder, combat correspondent.

— Use V-Mail —
Those who know the least usually repeat the most.—Annap.



Pvt. WARREN B. GARRETT

Medical Aid Dance

United Russian Organization will hold a victory dance on Saturday night, 11 Mar., at the American Legion hall, 4061 Fairmount ave., San Diego. Proceeds are earmarked for medical aid to the USSR.

— Salute Smartly —

Inventory Closes PX

The PX will be closed Tuesday for taking of inventory. The PX restaurant and beer garden, barber shop, tailor shops, gas station, photographic shop and stamp shop will be open.

Color Blindness Aids Detection Of Camouflage

CAMP ELLIOTT—Pvt. Warren B. Garrett of Houston, Tex., graduated from the Scouts and Snipers School here and in doing so left behind some amazed instructors.

He is a bit color-blind and his purchases of neckties do not always conform with the Leatherneck policy of proper dress. But when it comes to detecting camouflage in dense brush and rough wooded terrain, the youthful Texan has officers and men amazed at his startling discoveries.

They tried tricks on Garrett but without success, for at great distances with field glasses, he can spot men creeping and crawling through thick foliage, whereas other observers might fail to detect any movement whatsoever.

He also has amazing ability to hit a target at a thousand yards with the aid of a telescopic lens.

Men trained at the Scouts and Snipers School will be attached to units responsible for scouting and patrolling, camouflage, map reading, rigging and field fortifications. They are adept in the use of the Browning automatic rifle, sub-machine guns, and carbines.

— Aim True —

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You Name It—The Base Unit Can Lay It On The Line

By PFC. Jay Rosenberg

Just name it.

Anything from a baby's layette to a pair of rag slippers—and Mrs. Lois F. Achenbach can pull it out of her hat.

Well, perhaps not her hat, but something a little larger—a closet in the southwest corner of her Red Cross administration office, where she keeps a quantity of the supplies issued by the organization here.

Take for example the above mentioned baby's whatsit.

She lifted a big pink and blue bundle from one corner of the room, carefully unfolded the edges; and, item by item, laid out wearing apparel best dressed infants of '44 will be sporting.

The kit contained shirts, trousers (tricot-lined), bedding, nightgowns, socks, booties, and—in short—the works.

Its purpose?

For the off-spring of a service man whose family might be having a slight struggle by way of financing his baby's arrival.

"Now here is something else rather interesting," Mrs. Achenbach declared, reaching high up on the shelf of the fabulous closet.

She produced a pair of slippers. They looked like a factory job.

"These were made by one of the chapters. This pair happens to be made from a pair of drapes. And this pair here, from an old blanket. We give 'em to service men in hospitals."

She had others made from rugs, table cloths, bed spreads and tuxedo coats.

Next she produced a hand-sewn bathrobe, tailored from a brightly colored Navajo blanket; then a bed-jacket (with a Chinese dragon design on the back).

She also pulled out sweaters (hundreds of them, stacked in cardboard cartons, were in another office awaiting distribution), miniature sea bags for shaving gear, sewing kits, games, cartoon books (pasted together by members of Junior Red Cross organizations) and ply-wood tables for bed patients. There were handfuls of other items, too numerous to mention.

This miracle closet of Mrs. Achenbach is one of the places into which the results of thousands and thousands of hours of voluntary work by American women is funneled.

The material with which the women work—which they mold into a thousand different items—is purchased with funds donated to the Red Cross.



LIGHT TANK and Marine infantrymen move up on Namur Island, while communications men (right) set up their equipment to keep in touch with headquarters established on the beach. (Photo by Sgt. Andrew Zarick).

Tank Men Have Busy Day Chasing Japs On Island

NAMUR, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, Feb. 2 (Delayed)—1st Lt. George B. Hartness' tank platoon had earned a day of rest, judging from reports on their activity yesterday, and the men were sprawled around on the ground by their vehicles when I found them on nearby Roi Island this morning.

"We were working an area on the northwest corner of Roi," said the lieutenant, who lives in Columbia, S.C., "through brush and over sand dunes. Nine Japs came out of a pillbox and started running through the brush."

The tanks closed in.

"One Jap hurled a hand grenade and then we riddled him with machine-gun bullets."

Sgt. David Powell, Anderson, Ind., was driver of the lieutenant's tank.

"I fired at several and saw three of them fall," said bow-gunner Corp. Harry Shook of Massillon, O.

PILLBOXES BLASTED

Operating the 87mm. cannon was PFC. Ray J. McClellan of El Paso, Tex. Four times the tank pillboxed in front of coastal pillboxes, PFC. McClellan sending deadly blasts of anti-personnel and high explosive into the interior, from a 50-foot range.

Sgt. Adolph A. Wroblewski, South Deerfield, Mass., 37mm. cannon operator on another tank, was unofficially credited with 18 Japs.

Corp. Robert G. Fitzgerald, Brighton, Mass., who manned a machine-gun on Sgt. Wroblewski's tank, said he believed he got "most of the five or six" who tried to get out of a pillbox "as we came alongside."

Corp. Robert H. Smith, Uniontown, Pa., didn't line up any Japs in his sights. "I fired 300 or 400 rounds at a few of the metal doorways," he lamented.—Sgt. Charles R. Vandergrift, combat correspondent.

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Photo Unit Returns

Reconnaissance Fliers Reveal Perils Of Skies

MCAD, MIRAMAR--With tales of having frequently to abandon their aerial cameras for "twin fifties" to fight off attacking Zeros, members of a Marine photographic squadron recently returned here told the perils of "photo-recon" missions over Jap positions in the South Pacific.

"Steady and level flying directly over objects was required for photographic raids... even a slight swerve would ruin a picture... so we were ideal targets for ground installations," is the way 1st Lt. John S. Read Jr., of Lake Charles, La., summed up his flying experiences in B-24s used on these missions.

MAPS PREPARED

Map making and support of troops by daily photo runs over besieged areas were the main purposes of the flights. Often the film was parachuted down to where it could be developed and in use against the enemy in an hour's time, Maj. Vernon O. Ullman of Brookings, S.D., explained.

Others of the squadron returned here who told of frequent rockings with sea-sick, tropical storms which often proved as dangerous as the enemy, rubbing fights with swarms of Zeros as they flew the gauntlet to get the precious film back, were: MTSgts. Edward C. Mitchell of Houston, Tex., Marcus N. Harper of Birmingham, Ala., Lloyd H. Wolf of St. Paul, Minn., and TSgts. John L. Rosen, Fremont, O., David E. Fry, Frederick, Okla., and Emil F. Naschinski, Springfield, Ill.

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WHEN TROPICAL rains bog down motorized equipment, husky Marines take the only alternative and buck supplies through mud so oozy that at times like this, on Bougainville, they sank hip-deep. (Photo by Corp. Don Kettler).

Promotions Won By Women Reserves

The following promotions were announced this week by WR Bn.:

To platoon sergeant: Sgts. Grace G. Smith and Arline C. Flanders; to sergeant: Corps. Mary J. Hammond, Anna L. Aschmann and Margaret E. Muir.

To corporal: PFCs. Ellen Weinstein, Shirley Orwant, Frances J. Eriksen, Frances Miller, Genevieve L. Loughran, Barbara A. Ames, Clara M. Kruger, Louise T. Parker, Anna M. Sutton, Mildred F. Koule, Eleanor S. Dudley and Sylvia Miller.

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The one-hour USO show will be given in addition to the free movies scheduled for these nights.

— Stand Street —

A gossip is a person with a keen sense of rumor.

Three Film Stars Set For 'Halls'

Three former motion picture stars, now Marine buddies, will combine talents on the "Halls of Montezuma" radio broadcast when it goes on the air coast-to-coast Wednesday at 1630.

The trio is composed of Sgt. Glenn Ford, Base public relations officer; Corp. Bill Lundigan, a DI in RD, and Pvt. Bob Ryan, a recruit.

The story of two high school chums who met on a South Pacific island, one as a Marine and the other as a Navy corpsman, will be told in the program's dramatization. The show will be broadcast from the Base Theater.

— Salute Smartly —

Marine Shoots Down 'Present'

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—1st Lt. James M. Pugh of Craig, Colo., fighter pilot, was too busy fighting Japs to send his sister a present for her 17th birthday so he did the next best thing—shot down a Zero.

A member of the Hell's Angels squadron, Lt. Pugh was in a 51-plane sweep over Rabaul's Simpson Harbor when he made his first contact with Jap aircraft. Separated from fellow fliers after downing the Zero, he escaped from three Jap planes by streaking into a cloud bank and outdistancing his attackers in his Corsair.—TSGT. Harry S. Balser, combat correspondent.

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Screen Guide

BASE THEATER
1730-2030

Today—Misbehaving Husbands, Langdon-Blyth; Mystery Broadcast, Albertson-Terry.
Sunday—Lady Takes a Chance, Arthur-Wayne.
Monday—Fired Wife, Paige-Albritton.
Tuesday—Lassie Come Home, McDowell-Crisp.
Wednesday—Guadalcanal Diary, Foster-Nolan, (1630—Halls of Montezuma).
Thursday—Sherlock Holmes Faces Death, Rathbone-Druse.
Friday—She Married Her Boss, Colbert-Douglas.
Saturday—Strange Death of Adolph Hitler, Donath-Sondergaard.

CAMP MATTHEWS
1745

Today—Gentleman Jim, Flynn-Sayle.
Sunday—Six Gun Gospel, Brown-Hallon.
Monday—Misbehaving Husbands, Langdon-Blyth.
Tuesday—Lady Takes a Chance, Arthur-Wayne.
Wednesday—Fired Wife, Paige-Albritton.
Thursday—Lassie Come Home, McDowell-Crisp.
Friday—Guadalcanal Diary, Foster-Nolan.
Saturday—Sherlock Holmes Faces Death, Rathbone-Druse.

CAMP LEJEUNE
1745-2000

Today—Broadway Rhythm, Murphy-Simpson.
Sunday and Monday—Chip Off the Old Block, O'Connor-Ryan.
Tuesday—Fooling Ideas, Marshall-Astor.
Wednesday—Desert Song, Morgan-Manning.
Thursday—The Impostor, Gahlin-Drew.
Friday—USO Show, Ray When.
Saturday—Battalions, Berry-Main.

CAMP ELLIOTT
1730-1915

Today—Claudia, McGuire-Young.
Monday—Strange Death of Adolph Hitler, Sondergaard-Donath.
Tuesday—Adventures of a Rookie, Brown-Carney.
Wednesday—The Kanan, Dix-Wyatt.
Thursday—So Proudly We Hail, Colbert-Goddard.
Friday—Johnny Come Lately, Cagney-George.
Saturday—Rest Foot Forward, Ball-Gaston.

— Say War Bonds —

New Contingent Of Women Arrive

Arrival last week of 71 more Women Reserves from Camp Lejeune has brought the strength of the Base WR Bn. to 397, including 13 officers. One officer and 27 enlisted are now stationed at Camp Matthews.

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DISTRUSTFUL of fortifications they haven't investigated thoroughly, Leathernecks dash past the open ports of a battered pillbox on Namur before entering it during mopping-up operations. (Photo by Corp. John Fabion).

Unknown Artist Of 'Canal Found On Stateside Duty

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C.—The unknown artist of Guadalcanal has been found.

"Stretcher Bearer," acclaimed as one of the outstanding drawings of World War II, has been credited to PFC. Elmer S. Smith Jr. of Batesville, Miss., who is now stationed at Naval Ammunition Depot, Crane, Ind.

Critics substantiated Smith's claims after a study of his letter describing the action, and also after examining several other of his Guadalcanal sketches.

The drawing was brought to Camp Lejeune last spring and saved from oblivion by Cmdr. William N. New (MC), USN, of

Guthrie, Okla., who had found it in the rear of a Guadalcanal ambulance—its artist unknown, because of a blurred signature.

While the Marine Corps continued its search for the artist, "Stretcher Bearer" was praised at the National Art Gallery in Washington, D. C., in London, and in many other galleries. It was used in war bond sales, and was published throughout the nation.

Smith wrote that he drew the picture on the cardboard top of a 37-mm. ammunition case while resting in a foxhole, and said that he evidently lost it when he packed his collection of drawings in his bedding roll.

DI Wins Kyser 'Kollege' Quiz

PFC. Matthew W. Dulewski of Chicago, a DI, won the \$50 war bond awarded to the winner of the quiz contest on the Ray Kyser "College of Musical Knowledge" show, broadcast from the stage of the Base Theater Wednesday.

Pvt. William N. Roscoe of Syracuse, N.Y., a recruit in Plat. 8, took second prize, a \$25 war bond, in the contest which pitted three DIs against three boots.

Other contestants were: DIs, Corp. William Lundigan, Hollywood, Calif., and Corp. George Rea, Ogden, Utah; recruits, Pvt. Chester M. Johnson (Plat. 31), Grand Rapids, Minn., and Pvt. Robert Ryan (Plat. 146), Hollywood, Calif.

'Commando' Joins Robber Dog Band After Jail Term

RUSSELL ISLANDS (Delayed)—"Commando," half-wild island mongrel, has gone over the hill; scammed, in other words. And all because he was put in the brig on bread and water for three days.

"Commando," owned by Corp. Charles M. Sanders of Tracy City, Tenn., was reared in this Marine camp from the age of two weeks. In time, he learned to hunt rats and other pests. When the air raid alert sounded, "Commando" would paw sleepy Leathernecks from their bunks and urge them to air raid shelters.

Then one day he bit a Marine, which was resented. Corp. Sanders confined him to the brig, which "Commando" resented. Immediately after his release he high tailed for the jungle, presumably to join one of the numerous bands of robber dogs infesting the island.—Sgt. John R. Hurley, combat correspondent.

— Use V-Mail —

Maj. Joseph Sailer Jr., who was CO of a Marine dive bomber squadron in the early days on Guadalcanal, is believed by many fliers to be the outstanding dive bomber pilot of all time. He scored six direct hits and three close misses in 12 attempts.

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Feuding Recruits Battle To Draw For Second Time

Two feuding battlers from Spec. Schools Sec., one of them since transferred to a regular platoon, failed to settle their question of supremacy under the Marquis of Queensbury rules for a second time last Saturday night.

Sigs Meyers, 180-pounder from Newberry, La., and Celso Arcellano of New Mexico fought another three-round draw in a slam-bang fight that headlined the weekly RD boxing card. Meyers, now a member of Platoon 155, had a slight edge, according to some enthusiastic ringsiders.

As a whole the fights were up to the standard which Corp. Marty Schwartz and PFC. Baby Breeze try to maintain as they comb through the ranks of recruits for show talents. Three of the eight battles ended in knockouts. Results:

OTHER RESULTS
Heavyweights—Kenneth Pearson of Minneapolis, Minn., 130, defeated Thomas Douthett of Resiclar, Ill., 137.
Middleweights—Island Avell of Nashville, Tenn., 124, knocked out William Fisher of Jacksonville, Ill., 122; Richard Handberg of Chicago, Ill., 121, knocked out William Curry of Hunt, Ala., 122; Ray Mason of Knoxville, Tenn., 124, 125, defeated Phil Akid of Cleveland, Ohio, 124; Tom Treffinger of Waterbury, Conn., 126, defeated Carl Wiseman of Joplin, Mo., 122.
Welterweights—Kenneth Bresson of Waterbury, Conn., 124, 125, knocked out Earl Long of Abbeville, La., 122.
Lightweights—Ernest Hardcastle of Carlsburg, Tenn., 124, 125, defeated Jules Miller of Itasca, La., 120.

Twins Sign For Another Cruise

Twin brothers who enlisted within two weeks of each other and who were together at Pearl Harbor during the 7 Dec. attack have re-enlisted at MCB, Corps. Emmett C. and Edward J. Reeves of Oklahoma City first joined the Corps in 1940, spent three years in Hawaii and then were returned to MCB, where they are DIs.

Alm True
1stLt. Bob Barnett, former All-America grid center at Duke, is now letting go with bombs at enemy installations on Bougainville. Lt. Barnett captained Duke's Rose Bowl team in 1941.

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Army's Myslinski Has Inspirational Marine Brother

SOMEWHERE IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC (Delayed)—If it hadn't been for a \$5 bet between two brothers six years ago, Casimir Myslinski of West Point might never have been on any all-American football team. At last count his older brother, Sgt. Joseph S. Myslinski of Steubenville, O., a gun captain, found that the great Army center was listed on seven 1943 All-Americans, and all the returns may not be in on this isolated outpost.

"Cass wanted to quit after he finished grade school and go to work in a steel mill," said big brother Joe. "I bet him \$5 he couldn't make the high school second team."

BREAKS RECORD

Casimir proceeded to break a local record of 20 years' standing by being elected captain of his high school team twice. In June he will be graduated from West Point, an aviation lieutenant.

"I paid Cass the five and got some big dividends," Joe said. "I guess I owe him some more."

Joe hopes there may be more pigskin material among six younger brothers at home. Five and a half years in the Marine Corps haven't given him much time to play himself.

Scores are few and infrequent and the mercury rarely drops below 100 in the sun, but Marines on this Central Pacific base are keenly interested in football results. Sgt. Myslinski's battery pals bask in his reflected glory.

"Almost like bunking with an All-American," said a tent-mate—Sgt. Vincent Lane, combat photographer.

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ROI ISLAND, Kwajalein, Marshall Islands, Feb. 1 (Delayed)—A former all-Ohio football star, Capt. John J. Padley of Dayton, turned his athletic ability against the Japs with spectacular results in the Marine attack on Roi airfield.

Directing an assault wave sweeping directly across the shell-pocked, shipper-infested field, Capt. Padley jumped into a shell crater and found two "dead" Japs there. He turned to give his men an order.

A movement by one of the "dead" Japs caught the corner of his eye. He bayoneted the faker, and before he had time to disengage his weapon, heard his men shout, "Look out, captain!"

Drawing his bayonet free, he whirled in time to meet the second Jap, who was leaping at him with drawn knife. The force of Capt. Padley's move carried the bayonet

right through the onrushing Jap. The effect on watching Marines and Japs was electrical. Nothing could stop the Leathernecks' cold steel. The remaining Japs elected to lie low and try sniping from the rear or at night.—Sgt. Bob Cooke, combat correspondent.

— Stand Fast —

A former four-letter man at Wesleyan (Conn.) Univ., 1stLt. Samuel D. Aaronson continued to show his prowess when he recently scored a direct hit on a Jap ammunition dump on New Georgia Island.

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OLD JUPE PLUVIUS got in the last word when 'Big Bill' Tilden (center) came to MCB to give a tennis exhibition last Sunday. Arrangements are under way for a return engagement. With the 'Old Master' are Gloria Butler, a protegee from London, and Walter Westbrook, former national clay court doubles champion. (Photo by PFC. Dick Stotz).

Tilden Coming Back To Base Courts For Exhibition Soon

William Tatem Tilden II, whose withering cannon-ball service for years spelled defeat to the tennis world's best, can still take a run-of-the-mill competitor to the cleaners.

He showed a couple of hundred Marines that 51 years on this earth haven't robbed him of all his old-time prowess last Sunday on the MCB courts in an exhibition that was cut short by rain and a blustery gale.

TEACHER NOW

Arrangements are under way to bring the former Davis Cupper, now a "professor of tennis" at Hollywood, and his troupe back to the Base under more favorable conditions, possibly next week-end.

Tilden stood all even with his left-handed opponent, Walter Westbrook, former national clay court doubles champion, at four-all in the first set, when weather conditions forced him off the courts.

Also in the visiting party were Gloria Butler, comely London miss who came to this country two years ago and has been studying under Tilden; 11A2/c Robert Kring of Los Angeles, now stationed at USNH, San Diego, and Arthur Anderson, another young Tilden protegee from Los Angeles.

— Was T. Hall —

Maj. Rivers J. Morrell Jr. of Los Angeles, former Naval Academy grid ace (1936-37), is CO of a Leatherneck air unit in the South Pacific.

Baseball Glossary Gets Added Term

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—A new baseball term is gaining popularity out here, writes TSgt. Mason C. Brunson of Florence, S.C., a combat correspondent.

It's the "foxhole slide".

Leathernecks use it to describe a runner taking a long, low header into a base, just as if he were diving into a foxhole.

— Salute Smartly —

Marines Demonstrate Judo By Television

NATTC, CHICAGO—Navy Pier Marine judo and bayonet teams gave a television demonstration on Radio Station WBKE here recently, with the following Leathernecks participating: Corps. Francis Hurling, Bob Damm, Gus Christ, Lincoln Snyder and Herb McGruder.

Physical Training Secret Weapon—Hanley

CAMP PENDLETON—Physical condition necessary for Marines to win atoll victories in the South and Central Pacific is like that required of football and track stars, Lt. Col. R. E. (Dick) Hanley, former Northwestern University football coach, declared upon returning from his tropical tour of inspection.

Col. Hanley, who covered 42,500 miles on his tour, is in charge of Physical Training School here.

"Atolls are such that the Marines must win them quickly, and this type of fighting requires the physical bounce of football players, plus the drive of sprinters," he said.

"Attacks upon the large islands require a physical conditioning similar to that of marathon runners and men training for heavyweight championship bouts."

As a result of his tour, Col. Hanley is emphasizing more than ever the need for more physical training for assault troops.

"Physical training," he said, "is one of the secret weapons of the Marine Corps. On the gridiron young men must be in condition to finish the game in a hurry and then rest. The same is true in the Pacific combat areas on atolls which must be cleaned up in a hurry."

"Medial men have cited the value of physical condition as an important aid in recovery from wounds. A man in good shape can take it better than a person who is soft. The Japs are learning this."

Seven Marines In Running For Handball Championship

Seven Marine handballers remained in the running for 11th Naval District singles tournament honors this week with completion of second round play. The original field included 14 Leathernecks.

Two of the men were victims of red-hot favorites. StfsSgt. Daniel S. Frank of Camp Elliott lost to S2/c Harlow Meyers, NAS, defending champion, 21-10, 21-7. PFC Forrest C. Gray, MCB entrant, dropped a 21-11, 21-5 decision to ChSp. R. Engelke, NTS, also highly regarded as a contender.

Other results involving Marines were:

PFC Harold G. Carlin, MCB, defeated SK2/c A. T. Gallagher, NTS, 21-6, 21-15.

PFC Calmer L. Wood, RD, defeated SF1/c F. W. Martens, Rep. Base, 21-10, 21-12.

Bob Stone, Sec. Base, defeated 1stSgt. W. A. Davis, ABG-2, 21-15, 21-10.

Corp. E. J. Brinkmann, ABG-2, won from Sgt. Norman M. Resnais, MCB, default.

Corp. Whitney M. Hoffman, MCB, defeated PFC James T. Brady, RD, 21-20, 21-17.

Sgt. Hugo P. Raimondi, MCB, won from Y1/c F. W. Porter, default.

Corp. James E. Arthur, MCB, won from SK2/c C. E. Ripper, default.

Y3/c J. L. Chapple, NTS, defeated PFC Gordon L. Shaw, MCB, 21-5, 21-8.

PFC John Doherty, RD, defeated Sgt. J. Antenucci, ABG-2, 21-15, 21-15.

Quantico Women Go For Bowling

QUANTICO—Marines are famous for form and precision drill, and the Women Reserves here are establishing a record for themselves, not only on the drill field but in the bowling alleys as well.

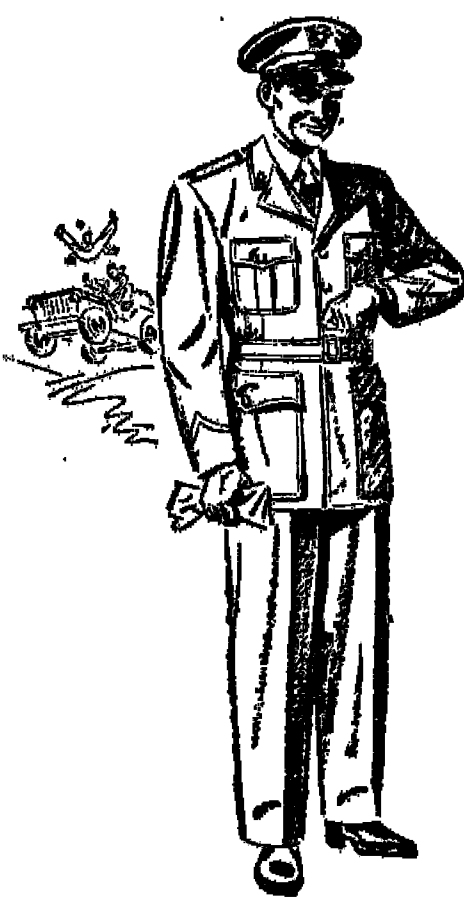
Eight teams are entered in a WR league, guided by PISgt. Margaret W. Edwards of Madison, Ill., president and a team captain. Other team leaders included: Corps. Irene V. Figura of Detroit, Catherine A. Cudaby of Leekport, Ill. and Patricia J. Clark of Ilion, N.Y.; PFCs Gladys M. Evans of Glen Dale, W. Va., Lillian E. Berta of Carlinville, Ill., Helen McMillen of Salt Lake City and Helen K. Spittal of Caledonia, N.Y.

One crack women's team has entered the Post Bowling league along with 15 male Marine teams. The men are experienced bowlers, the best on the post, but the WRs bowl pin-for-pin with them and run a close match.

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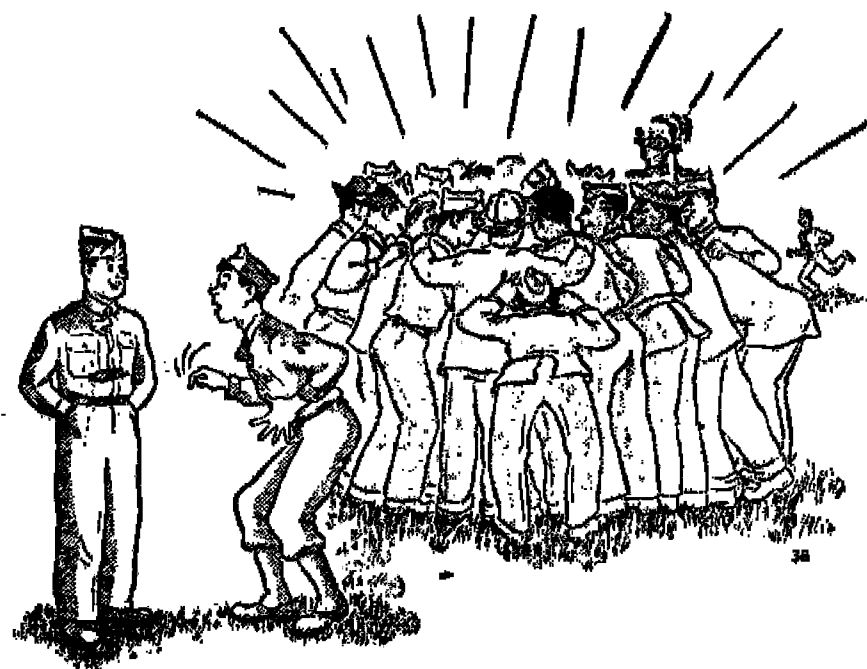
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Base Quintet To Meet Powerful Dow Chemical On 7 Mar.

Unbeaten Marines Start Tonight In NTS Invitational

Camp Elliott First Team On Schedule; Other Games To Come Monday, Thursday

There'll be hot competition awaiting a hot MCB basketball team, one of the nation's few undefeated units, for the next few weeks and if Capt. C. R. Church's men come through it unscathed, they will deserve far more credit than the country's boob agents have been prone to pay.

Dow Chemical of Michigan, currently on a barnstorming tour that will lead to the national AAU tournament at Denver, has been booked as opposition for 7 Mar., the game to be played at San Diego high school.

Meanwhile, Capt. Church will send his crack quintet into the NTS Invitational, a whirlwind event that will put the winner through a three-games-in-six-days pace.

STARTS TONIGHT

That tournament touches off tonight at NTS Gym No. 1 (gate No. 2), with MCB meeting Camp Elliott at 1000. Admission will be by uniform. It was Camp Elliott, sparked by 2dLts. Bill Tom Closs and Ben Trickey, that recently gave the Base outfit one of its closest calls.

If they win that one, Capt. Church's men will swing back on Monday night at 2015 against the winner between Miramar Depot and NAS. The finals are scheduled for Thursday night, also at 2015. In the lower bracket are NTS, Coast Cd. Patrol, San Diego All-Stars and Camp Callan.

Tickets for the Dow Chemical game will be distributed to Base personnel through various battalion headquarters and will be available starting Wednesday. Coached by Everett Shelton, who last year led Wyoming Univ. to a national championship, Dow Chemical sports an impressive record this season and will rule as a prime favorite in the AAU classic. One of their chief cogs is Milo Komenich, towering at 6 feet 7 1/2 inches and husky at 230 pounds, who formerly played at Wyoming with 2dLt. Ken Sellers, PFC. Jimmy Collins and Pvt. Floyd Volker of the Marines.

NO. 27 STRAIGHT

The high-flying Leathernecks mauled Santa Barbara's Fliers, 71 to 27, last week for their 27th straight victory. Corp. Grant Denmark and Pvt. Joe Fulk led the scoring parade. Lineups:

- MCB (71) Pos. (27) Santa Barbara
- Denmark (15) F. (12) Fahl
- Metcalfe (14) F. (12) Duval
- Duke (13) G. (16) Cheneard
- McKaffey (1) G. (1) Smith
- Volker (18) G. (12) Schodall
- Subs—MCB: Cerr (16), Sellers (17), Collins (4), Schroven (2), Simmons (2), Humerickhouse (6), Lannan (2).

March Friendly
Fred Lewis, former Long Island Univ. basketball ace from Brooklyn, is an OC applicant at Camp Lejeune.

Sportrait



LT. NELSON CULLENWARD

Reporter-Athlete Standing By For Overseas Orders

Lt. Nelson Cullenward Once Pitched For Seals; Injury Sent Him To Sports Beat

MCAD, MIRAMAR—A former San Francisco newsman and crack Pacific coast amateur athlete, 2dLt. Nelson S. Cullenward of Millbrae Highlands, Calif., is standing by here for overseas assignment, probably as a communications officer.

An arm injury suffered while pitching for the San Francisco Seals cut short his professional baseball career in 1937 and started him pounding a sports beat for the Call-Bulletin. Extolling the virtues of sports heroes was good, but being one himself was better. Lt. Cullenward was one of the hottest scribes on the golf links. He topped the Northern California newspapermen's championship several years running, and in 1942 was low net medalist in the California amateur golf tournament at Del Monte.

BECOMES OFFICER

Shortly afterward he started pitching for Uncle Sam as a Marine private and early last year pinned on the gold bars upon completion of OCS.

He was player-coach on the Depot baseball team which won over two-thirds of its games against the best service and commercial nines in the Southland. And to assure Coast league fans that the old sock is still there, the lieutenant proudly points to his seasonal batting average of .374. Cullenward's participation in sports goes back to 1932 when he took a fling at freshman football at U.S.C.—StfSgt. Wallace R. McLain, combat correspondent.

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Cherry Pointers Note Considerable Sports Activity

Marine Air Station Plans New Track; Boxing Team Loses Valuable Members

MCAS, CHERRY POINT—Track, boxing and basketball vied for headlines here last week, and even baseball poked its head around the corner.

As a star-studded team carried Marine colors into the annual Southern indoor championships at Chapel Hill, Cherry Point athletic officers announced plans to build a quarter-mile track in order that the Station can play host to visiting units this spring.

Baseball's candidate call will come next month. Work on the diamond already is under way and several home-and-home series have been arranged.

HOOP WIN

The Cherry Point basketball team got back on the winning trail recently with a 72-60 win over Camp Davis.

Boxing prospects faded some when StfSgt. Joe Stasio, undefeated 160-pounder, and Sgt. Tommy O'Connor, assistant coach and trainer, shaved off for other ports. Previously, the team had lost StfSgt. Jimmie Cone.

Helping to take up some of the slack are two promising newcomers, Pvt. Frankie Rich, who won the national AAU 118-pound title at Boston in 1939, and PFC. Laverne (Tex) Reach, a Texan with Golden Gloves tournament experience.

Air Depot Resuming Fortnightly Boxing

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Fortnightly boxing smokers are being resumed here, it was announced following a show of six bouts last week by men from the Depot, MCB and NTS. Results:

John Campers, 170, Miramar, defeated Milligan, 168, NTS; Cantelli, 150, Miramar, defeated Lathcaster, 148, MCB; Oxley, 150, NTS, TKO'd Peters, 152, Miramar; Plaines, 140, NTS, defeated Tennor, 155, MCB; Stanford, 145, NTS, defeated Gordon Drake, 147, Miramar; Joe Schenk, 147, Miramar, drew with Myers, 160, NTS.

THE SPORTS FRONT
BY PFC. VICTOR H. LEEDING

Generally speaking the sports picture looks pretty bright when baseball proceeds with its 1944 plans and several colleges which dropped football a year ago announce intention of getting back into the profitable business, but you'd never see the silver lining from inside a draft board office.

In other words it becomes increasingly difficult to measure the mother lode of athletic material when induction centers dip into the melting pot for pre-Pearl Harbor fathers and come up with the likes of these:

Earl (Dutch) Clark, Detroit's football figure taken in by Army on a limited service basis; Lynwood (Schoolboy) Rowe, Detroit pitcher who goes to the Navy; Joseph P. Skladany, second Carnegie Tech coach to head for the Navy; Sammy Byrd, pro golfer and former Yankee outfielder, who also passed a Navy physical.

Others are headed that way, among them: Joe Hoover, Detroit shortstop; Steve Sundra, Browns pitcher, and "Slats" Marion, Cards shortstop.

GOLFER PROTESTS

Some of 'em, of course, are saved for sports posterity. For instance, Navy handed Boxer Willie Pep a medical discharge and Army turned down Ken O'Dea, St. Louis catcher, because of hernia.

Still another celebrity who didn't make it was Jug McSpaden who, upon his return to the golfing wars, complained about the wartime practice of paying off all tournament prizes in war bonds. In order that the men can pay their transportation expenses, he proposes that a small part of each purse be set aside for cash prizes. But he didn't propose any manner of taking care of these poor blokes who never get into the moneyed circle.

Sacramento will get to keep its Pacific Coast league baseball franchise after all. Business men of the city raised \$40,000 necessary to take the holdings off the hands of the parent St. Louis Cardinals club. Tacoma (Wash.) was hot after it.

At New Orleans Jockey Jack Westrope made a costly decision. He begged release from a contract to ride Old Marriage in the New Orleans Handicap in order to get a leg up on First Fiddle. Old Marriage won the race, First Fiddle came in third, and Westrope lost

\$2500, the winning jockey's share of the purse.

Boston's Bible-quoting Gil Dodds flirted with a world indoor mile record at New York when, without Bill Hulse to crowd him, he hit the tape in 4:58. The record, 4:57.4, is held by a trio of famous gallopers.

Speaking of records, Great Lakes' Bill Smith went on another rampage. He knocked down his own 220-yard free style record from 1:56.6 to 1:53.9 on the first leg of a special 800-yard relay in which the Great Lakes quartet battered an old Yale record.

Big league hockey marked up its largest crowd of the season when Chicago turned out 18,534 fans strong for a clash between the Blackhawks and Toronto. The best puck-chasing outfit is still Montreal, beaten only four times in 29 starts.

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MOTLEY CREW SPURRED TO HEROIC DEEDS ON TARAWA

By Staff Sgt. Pete Zurlinden,
Combat Correspondent

TARAWA (Delayed)—Stories of individual gallantry and bravery will pour from Tarawa's smoking ruins for months, but few will match that of Capt. Mark R. Williams of Waverly, Tenn.

Taking a mere handful of unorganized Marines he found in a stone revetment directly between the two Tarawa fighter strips—dead center between the opposing lines—Capt. Williams, after 36 hours without food, ammunition, or water, and while cut off from all communication, went on to help seize the airfield.

When EdLt. Frank N. Wysaski of Chicago, a gunnery sergeant last year at Guadalcanal, found the stocky little captain exhorting his men to superhuman efforts, Williams had only 30 Marines at his back and rail.

"They had been without anything all that first day, catching the crossfire above them," the lieutenant said. "During the next 24 hours, we all learned what it meant to have a leader like him."

ALL LEADERLESS

Soon after Lt. Wysaski reached the revetment, other Marines struggling across the airstrip, tumbled in with them. Capt. Williams finally was surrounded with troops ranging from riflemen and machine gunners to demolition engineers. All had been cut off from their own units and were leaderless.

Then Capt. Williams exhorted the men into fighting formations and by "personality and sheer dash" kept them organized until their forces were strengthened today, Lt. Wysaski reported.

"I've never seen anything like it all my life," he declared. "Half the time Capt. Williams didn't even have a weapon, but he wouldn't get out of danger and he wouldn't let the boys quit."

"The first night I was with them, the Japs poured everything at us that they could. We had to conserve everything—ammunition, most of all. Food and water were out of the question. Since we didn't have communication with the command

posts, nobody knew where we were."

Soon after dawn, Capt. Williams started moving his men from foxhole to foxhole, against pillbox after pillbox, slugging at the enemy with quick but conservative thrusts that drove the Japs back. Gradually reinforcements squeezed through to join his battered but unflagging band, and eventually a telephone line was put through to the revetment.

"Then we got what we thought was a 'snipe' order," Lt. Wysaski stated. "We were commanded to move out of our revetment, cross the open, and clean up the Japs

on the other side of the far fighter strip."

When the fiery little skipper received the order, he mumbled to the other officers, "What do they think we are—a regiment?"

But he rallied his men and told them what they must do.

"We made one mad rush out of the revetment," Lt. Wysaski said. "Everybody ran helter-skelter, yelling and shooting like a bunch of Comanche Indians."

The skirmishers knocked out two pillboxes en route, with Sgt. William F. Hyde of Maybank, Tex., leading the enlisted men through

the whistling hail of Jap sniper and machine gun fire.

"That kid Hyde was a demon," Lt. Wysaski said. "He had been a machine gunner when we hit the beach, but he was armed with about everything. He ran headlong toward the Japs, heedless of his own safety. A grenade finally got him, wounding him."

Several other officers were killed during the push, but the charge went through unopposed. The Marines threw everything they had into the Japs, who stubbornly hung on until forced to retreat beneath the fury of the attack.

Crosses Equator Playing Flute Atop Ship Mast

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—This is the story of a sergeant, his flute, and Lesson No. 29.

Back from Bougainville, Combat Artist Sgt. Harry D. Reeks of New Orleans says making sketches of Marines in action was tough, but not as gruelling as mastering flute Lesson 29.

The finishing touches to Lesson 29 had been applied when Sgt. Reeks boarded a transport bound for the South Pacific. His bunk was in the stern, directly over the propellers. He discovered that their steady drone was exactly in the scale of A. So he practiced in that scale.

"The word got around about my practicing, which I faithfully carried out (two hours a day)," he said. "So when the time came to cross the equator, the boys were ready for me."

"COURT" CALL

"I was still working hard on Lesson 29, when I was told the equator was one day away. Being a 'polly-wog,' I was commanded to climb to the highest point of the mast, and call to the Court of Neptune Rex. This I did, playing my old favorite, 'Silver Threads Among The Gold.'"

"The ship was swaying from side to side. I hugged the mast with my knees, trying to hold the sheet music and play at the same time. The wind blew up the end of the flute, and threw me off pitch."

"A sudden gust of wind blew my sheets away, and with it Lesson No. 29."

Charged with disturbing the sleep of Neptune Rex, the traditional equatorial crossing found Sgt. Reeks beset with additional woes. He was given a complete initiation.

At Bougainville he went on numerous patrols and lived in the front line area, where he collected much valuable material. Armed with sketches, he returned here to do oil paintings for the Marine Corps.—Sgt. Gordon D. Marston, combat correspondent.



CHEVRON CHICK

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