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Obedience is the
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tary success.—Lt.
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World waterways
are our highways
of attack.—Gen. A.
A. Vandegrift.

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Two New Islands Captured In Marine Assault



WEARY WARRIOR carries a machine gun down a rain-soaked jungle trail on Cape Gloucester. PFC. George C. Miller of Jersey City, N.J., had just returned from 19 days of heavy front line fighting. (Photo by Sgt. Brenner).

Base Ceremony Honors Bougainville Veteran

The hard-won Silver Star Medal was presented to Corp. Frank L. Wilder of Spring Hope, N. C., on the Base parade ground Thursday, for gallantry in action on Bougainville. Recruit battalions passed in review after Lt. Col. W. D. Maxwell, CO of Gd. Bn., made the formal presentation.

Corp. Wilder's initiative and bravery under fire in establishing a truck-borne radio station and, with the help of another man, maintaining it in operation on an open beach for 24 hours rendered invaluable service to the sector commander during landing operations, the citation read.

Also honored at the ceremony was Corp. William E. Snyder of Lapel, Ind., who succeeded in laying a vitally-needed telephone line, with the help of two comrades, at night in constant danger of being fired upon by either Americans or Japs. His action, which eliminated a serious threat to the area's safety on Bougainville, won him a letter of commendation from Adm. William F. Halsey.

Tank's Cannon Used To Blast Roadway

WASHINGTON—Seabers made use of a Marine M-4 General Sherman tank driven by Cpl. Fredrick L. Adams of Westwood, Mass., and found that they could shoot holes in volcanic rock for \$59.50 each, compared with approximately \$125 for the conventional method. The test was made on a road-building project at a Pacific base.

Just Shows Army Knows Its Stuff

NEW BRITAIN (Delayed)—Shortly after the capture of the Cape Gloucester air field by Marine assault forces, an Army engineering unit was bivouacked a short distance behind the front lines.

On the bulletin board near the Army mess hall was a notice which read:

"Stay away from the front lines—the Marines can take care of them; they know what they're doing."—Sgt. Joseph L. Ali, combat correspondent.

Huge Expansion Of El Toro Air Station Started

\$11,208,000 Project To Make Airfield Largest Marine Unit In Country

MCAS, EL TORO—Work was begun here this week on an \$11,208,000 expansion project which will make this station the largest Marine airfield in the country.

Speakers at ground-breaking ceremonies Wednesday were Col. William J. Fox, CO of the station; Maj. Gen. Ralph P. Cousins, commanding general of the Western Flying Training Command; Capt. George M. Ravenscroft, USN, assistant commandant of the 11th Naval Dist., who turned the first shovel of dirt; and Col. Stanley E. Ridderhof, MarFair West chief of staff, representing Brig. Gen. William J. Wallace, commanding general of that unit.

Included in the vast program will be additional runways, barracks, bachelor officers' quarters, a control tower, assembly and repair shops, hangars, an auditorium seating 2000, and a photographic laboratory.

A crowd of several hundred Santa Ana and Orange county officials attended the simple ceremonies.

Navy Bill Calls For Big Marine Appropriation

WASHINGTON—Appropriations of \$37,000,000 for expansion of Marine and Navy shore installations in the San Diego area were contained in a \$1,844,000,000 Navy appropriations bill given the green light by the House rules committee this week.

The Navy asked authority to spend \$1,019,000,000 on advance bases in the Pacific and \$825,000,000 to expand shore facilities in the U. S.

A large chunk of the \$37,000,000 was earmarked for construction of Camp Pendleton, where \$4,000,000 is to be spent for expanding training facilities in new weapons. An additional \$6,600,000 is to be used for amphibious training bases, the bulk of it at Pendleton and Mirro bay.

Funds proposed for other developments are \$12,500,000 at NAS, North Island; \$2,700,000 at MCAD, Miramar; \$2,500,000 at MCAS, Camp Kearney, and \$1,800,000 at Brown field, Otay Mesa, and Ream field near Imperial Beach.

For Imperial Valley naval air stations the Navy asked the right to spend \$2,500,000 at Holtville and \$2,000,000 at El Centro.

Encirclement Of 90,000 Japanese Troops Complete

Frontal Attack Opened In Daring Navy Strike Deep Into Enemy Waters

Two islands in the St. Matthias group fell to assault Marine forces Monday, completing the encirclement of the Hismarck archipelago and U. S. battleships opened a frontal attack on the 90,000 Jap troops trapped in the isolated area.

The islands of Emira and Emusao, in the northernmost penetration of the Southwest Pacific, were seized by Leathernecks while the Navy poured 1000 tons of shells into Kavieng, New Ireland.

LIGHT OPPOSITION MET BY LEATHERNECK FORCE

The landing was effected almost without opposition, bringing Marine spearheads to within only 550 miles of the big Japanese base at Truk. Strong naval and air elements supported the assault.

Frank Tremaine, United Press correspondent who watched the landing from aboard a Navy Liberator, said Emira was occupied by only about 30 to 50 Japanese manning a radio station, which was captured quickly.

At Adm. William F. Halsey's advance South Pacific headquarters, a spokesman characterized the Emusao landings as a "brilliantly bold move which came as a complete surprise" to the Japanese.

JAPANESE ESCAPE ROUTES BLOCKED BY ALLIES

Seizure of St. Matthias Islands completed the Allied ring around New Britain and New Ireland, and left battered Jap garrisons facing either death or surrender. Supply lines or evacuation routes were blocked by Allied possession of Green Islands, at the northern tip of the Solomons, 135 miles east of New Ireland; Rock Island in the

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Buy Insurance

Air Victories Told By Knox

WASHINGTON—With 600 Jap aircraft downed since last November to a loss of only 42 U.S. planes, American planes continue to destroy enemy planes at a ratio of more than 13 to 1, Secy. of Navy Frank Knox announced in a press conference this week.

More than 1150 Jap transports and invasion barges have been sunk since the beginning of the war, Knox said. Attacks by the Japs on American positions at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville, are a last desperate drive to push Yanks off the island, he said.

March Proudly

\$11,000 Bond Sale Made At Hospital

USNH, San Diego—Sale of \$11,000 in War Bonds to PFC. Joseph R. Lowmes, a clothing clerk here, was reported this week by 1st Lt. F. J. Murphy, CO, 1st Cas. Co., Mar. Det. Lt. Murphy said PFC. Lowmes, an Ocean Beach merchant, when he enlisted in Class IV, USMCR, bought one \$10,000 bond and one \$1,000 issue.

In the detachment's recent Red Cross drive, 100 per cent of the personnel subscribed, Maj. E. L. Russell, CO, reported.



JUST AFTER DAWN broke, Marines who a few minutes earlier had captured Cape Gloucester on northwestern New Britain raised the first American flag there on a small hill overlooking the beach. (Photo by Sgt. George Sylvester).

FIVE ALL-TIME MARKS

Corsairs Write New Record In Zeros

The Fighting Corsair squadron, which returned to MCAD, Miramar, last week, leaving the skies over Rabaul filled with flaming Zeros, posted five new all-time records, according to a delayed Bougainville report.

The marks:

Most planes downed by a single squadron—153½ in 18 weeks' action.

Most planes destroyed in one month—85½.

Most planes destroyed in one four (six weeks)—104½.

Most aces in one squadron—10.

Highest-scoring pair in one squadron—1st Lt. Robert M. Hanson with 25 planes and Capt. Donald N. Aldrich with 20.

Only two other Marine squadrons have passed the 100 mark—Lt. Col. John L. Smith's Rainbow squadron with 111½ planes and Maj. R. J. Anderson's Hellhawks with 104. Maj. Gregory M. Boyington's Black Sheep squadron, with 94 planes in two six-week tours, ranks fourth.

New Adjutants Named To Speed Transfer Work

Personnel adjutants were appointed for four Base battalions, RD and the rifle range detachment this week to speed the program of replacing men who have served eight months or more at MCB with those not available for combat duty.

Headed by 1st Lt. John E. Conway, Base personnel adjutant, the new personnel adjutants are: 2d Lt. Kenneth Sallors, RD, where he is asst. ln. adjutant; Capt. Howard B. Smith, Base Hq. Bn., in which he is CO of "A" Co.; 1st Lt. James J. Herriott, rifle range; CWO. W. J. Ferguson, Sig. Bn.; 2d Lt. Joe B. Ford, Gd. Bn.; and CWO. Joseph A. Bernier, Ser. Bn. The last four are adjutants of their battalions.

TO PREPARE LIST

First step in replacing Base personnel available for line duty will be the preparation of a list giving names of all enlisted men with eight months' service at MCB and the length of time required for each to train a replacement. This list is to be submitted by Apr. 1.

Bulk of the replacements are to come from 2nd Casual Co., which is primarily a pool of specialists returned from overseas duty. After members of this company are interviewed by Lt. Conway, those with capabilities which fit them for specific jobs will be given refresher courses and other training before being assigned on the Base.

Use V-Mail

New Quarters

CAMP PENDLETON—TC Hq. has moved into new quarters in Bldg. 13-U-1 from its old site in 18-G-1. Brig. Gen. Alphonse DeCarre, chief of staff, announced this week.

Newly-Won Isle Prepared For Use By Seabee Units

Weak Enemy Resistance Met As Amphibious Group Seizes Tiny Green Island

GREEN ISLAND, New Ireland Group (Delayed)—The last group of organized Japs on this island has been trapped and wiped out by New Zealand troops. More than 50 Japs, members of Marine and Naval Landing units, were killed. The New Zealanders had only slight losses.—Sgt. Ray Fitzpatrick, combat correspondent.

By Sgt. Ray Fitzpatrick
Combat Correspondent

GREEN ISLAND, New Ireland Group—Against little opposition our amphibious invasion force landed here, and already tireless American Seabees are working to make this little island an operational base against the Japs. We were attacked by dive-bombers soon after dawn, but there was no damage.

Strong interceptor coverage has driven off all other Jap planes, and they have not been able to get close enough to bomb us since we landed. Only a few Japs were found ashore.

FEW MARINES

New Zealand soldiers and our Seabees make up the bulk of the occupying force, though they are accompanied by some Army units and a handful of Marines.

We are digging in for air attacks, since the Japs undoubtedly will pour a lot of steel at us to prevent us from getting firmly settled. Marking the farthest advance made yet into Jap-held territory by South Pacific forces, this little island is only a matter of minutes by air from Jap fields at Buika, and but little more from Rabaul.

The island, shaped like a reversed "C", is covered with jungle, palm trees and undergrowth.

New Zealanders and an army unit are setting up AA guns. Units of troops are being placed strategically about the island.

KIWI ASSAULT

In the four hours since the first Kiwi assault troops hit the beach, an unbelievable amount of work has been accomplished. Telephone communication has been established, CPs set up and a shuttle system of small boats between parts of the island readied.

Everywhere the Seabees are transforming the face of the island. Under a blazing sun, they are slaving to get the occupying force firmly entrenched before bombers come.

Coconut palms are falling like match sticks, coral dust and jungle slime are being churned up and landing stages are beginning to stretch over the water.

Buy Insurance
5,000 Smilths

Since Nov. 10, 1775, when the Marine Corps was organized, more than 5,000 Smilths have enlisted. Close to 5,000 Smilths are serving in the Corps today. Over 100 Smilths have been casualties to date.

Leatherneck Observances Of Jewish Passover Set

Plans for observance of the Passover by Marine Jewish personnel in and near San Diego were announced this week by Chaplain Roland B. Gittelsohn, Jewish chaplain for FMF, San Diego area. The observance will extend from sundown Apr. 7 to sundown Apr. 15.

All Jewish personnel except recruits will be granted sufficient liberty to attend the Seder Services in San Diego or Los Angeles on the evenings of Apr. 7 and 8. This special liberty should be requested through regular channels.

For recruits at MCB and Camp Matthews, Chaplain Gittelsohn will conduct services at 1830 on both nights at RI mess hall 28. Base personnel and WRs who prefer to observe the holiday at the Base may attend these services.



SILVER STAR WINNER is 1stLt. Albert E. Bailey, tank leader, being congratulated by Brig.Gen. Matthew H. Kingman, commanding general, TC, Camp Elliott. Bailey is credited with having knocked out an estimated 13 enemy machine gun emplacements in the Marine advance on New Georgia.

Two Japanese Isles Fall As Leathernecks Attack

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straits between New Guinea and New Britain, and the Admiralties, 192 miles northwest of Kavieng.

Battleships came from the Solomons to bombard Kavieng and moved to within five miles of the town. A few shore batteries answered their fire at first but were quickly silenced.

JAP CASUALTIES HIGH IN SEA BOMBARDMENT

Japanese casualties must have been large, it was pointed out, since whole sections of the town went up in smoke. The Japs put no planes up to meet the warships, which had ample air cover during the entire attack.

While Marines made new moves in the Matthias group, Lorengau airdrome was captured in a swift two-day offensive on Manus Island in the Admiralty group and thousands of Japs were killed and wounded in a final rout of their persistent suicidal attack on Bougainville Island, South Pacific headquarters announced.

Capture of Lorengau airstrip gave American forces control of the only two airfields in the Admiralty Islands which blockade the northern approaches to the Bismarck Sea.

The 10-day offensive on Bougainville completely broke down Tuesday night. Estimates of Jap dead in the attempt to push Americans from their Empress Augusta Bay beachhead were 6000.

HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF JAPS ON BOUGAINVILLE

The majority of Jap troops in the Solomons are believed to be concentrated in the southern section of Bougainville. The enemy's heavy defeat might well signal the beginning of the end of the campaign which started with the landing of Marines at Empress Augusta Bay Nov. 1, 1943.

Marine aircraft joined with Army and Navy planes in blasting

Central Pacific Jap bases. Army Liberators made their first attack on Truk while Army and Marine planes carried out six assaults on the Marshall Islands.

One U. S. dive bomber was lost in attacks on three enemy atolls in the Eastern Marshalls, hit by Dauntless dive bombers of the 4th Mar. Air Wing.

One Liberator was damaged by the furious anti-aircraft fire.

Gasoline Slash Due For Drivers Wasting Space

Holders of B and C gasoline ration books who share-the-ride will be entitled to the full 120 miles of extra driving afforded by their A coupons, whereas those not connected with a car-sharing pool will lose 60 miles from their A books, it was announced this week by CPA.

BOARD OBJECTIVE

To assure no loss in mileage the total number of MCB auto owners must have an average occupancy of 3.5 persons.

Holders of unexpired B, B1, C and C1 gas coupons were requested to turn these in to the Base Rationing Board for B3 and C4 coupons after Apr. 1. They will be exchanged coupon for coupon. B2 and C2 coupons are still valid.

It was stated incorrectly in last week's Chevron that the value of A coupons had been reduced from three to two gallons. The value of A coupons remains the same, three gallons, but they must last for three months instead of two, effective Mar. 23 when the No. 11 coupons became valid.

SEEK RIDERS

Auto owners who filed applications for riders this week were:

1st. John Tinger, USN, 660 Catalina Blvd., Point Loma, 9745-1630, 3 or 4 riders. Ext. 581.

2nd. J. T. Pierce, Base and Park and University Aves., 6800-1600, 3 riders. Dental Clinic C, RD.

Those wanting rides are:
Corp. Billy Reed, 3852 4th ave. (near University) 6730-1600, Ext. 463.
CPT. John E. Snell, 7353 Homewood pl., La Mesa, 6700-1600. Ext. 352.
Corp. Leslie Sargent, periodic home travel to Los Angeles. Ext. 836.



PFC. ALVIN R. DURBORAW

Flood Of Mail Cheers Marine

USNH, OAKLAND—PFC. Alvin E. Durboraw of Fort Smith, Ark., is happily breaking all records for receiving mail here.

A month ago, shortly after he was returned here wounded from Tarawa, the young Leatherneck told a reporter that he was getting along fine but missed getting mail from home.

The story was printed in the Fort Smith and Little Rock papers. As a result, PFC. Durboraw, who is an orphan, is no longer "a lone-some Marine".

The left-handed Marine is now learning to write with his right hand so that he can answer his "fan mail."

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Corps To Total 415,360 By July 1, Gen. Vandegrift Reveals

Maintenance At Mid-Year Level Probable Plan

16,712 Women, 9000 OCs Not Included In Total, But Are Expected In Service

WASHINGTON—The Corps now has an enrollment of 364,233 and expects to have 415,360 by July 1, Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, the Commandant, has revealed.

Growing strength of the Corps was announced when Gen. Vandegrift gave the figures to the House Appropriations Committee in justifying a transfer of \$51,639,000 from naval ordnance appropriations to the Marine Corps.

Original 1944 appropriations for the Corps were based on the strength of 324,000 men, 18,000 women and 8800 officer candidates. The strength now expected is 415,360 men, 16,712 women and 9000 officer candidates. This is the level at which the Corps probably will be maintained.

OC TOTAL UPPEED

By the end of June, Gen. Vandegrift said, the Corps expects to have 30,147 male officers, 1000 women reserve officers and 3027 warrant and commissioned warrant officers. The large number of officer candidates is necessary, he stated, because "right now we are pushed for junior officers and as this year goes on I am afraid we are going to be more pushed for them." He pointed out that about 20 per cent of those entering classes fail to win commissions and are returned to the enlisted ranks.



'FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' of The Chevron are these combat correspondents and photographers who accompanied the Cape Gloucester invaders. From left are: TSgt. Albert F. Montoverde of Los Angeles, cameraman; TSgt. Samuel D. Stavisky of Chelsea, Mass., and StfSgt. Jeremiah A. O'Leary of Washington, correspondents; and Sgt. Robert E. Brenner of Brooklyn, combat photographer. (Photo by Sgt. Glen A. Fitzgerald).

First Flag Raised Over Marshalls By Marines

By StfSgt. Irving Schlossenberg, Combat Correspondent
IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, Jan. 31 (Delayed)—The first American flag was raised over Japanese territory today when Marines under command of Capt. James Logan Jones of Joplin, Mo., landed and took possession of this island in the Marshalls.

Artist In Fray
CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed)—TSgt. Victor P. Donahue of Omaha, combat artist, has been getting plenty of first hand eye witness material here. He landed with the Marines who took this base.—Sgt. Arthur E. Mielke, combat correspondent.
— Use V-Mail —
Mary had a little wolf,
She fleeced him while as snow.

Barracks, warehouses, and other structures of the deserted Jap camp, many of them practically new, were almost intact. A few were not even completed.
Why the Japs abandoned this strategic island is a mystery. Marines, anxious to contact the enemy, landed under cover of darkness and immediately proceeded toward the main Jap base.

PATROL SETS OUT
Toward dawn, with the Jap camp only a mile and a half away, a five-man patrol, 1stLt. Leo E. Shinn of Beech Creek, Ky.; GySgt. Charles E. Patrick, Salyersville, Ky.; PlSgt. Ralph W. Verrall Jr., Jamaica, L.I., N. Y.; Corp. Paul A. York, Stratford, Conn., and myself, was sent ahead to check on what we already suspected, that the Japs had left.

At 0800, Sgt. Patrick took my small American flag and raised it atop the highest pole in the camp. Simultaneously, at the other end of the string of islets, 1stLt. Harvey C. Weeks, Chicago; GySgt. Albert J. Hora, Baltimore; Sgt. Raymond Gloede, Evanston, Ill., and a group of other Marines were going through the same ceremony with an American flag borrowed from our transport.
To Lt. Weeks goes the probable distinction of being the first officer to set foot in the Marshalls. Sgt. Gloede was probably the first enlisted man.

Postal Rates Jump Tonight

A last minute reminder that airmail letters postmarked after midnight tonight will cost eight cents an ounce, was announced by the Base post office today.

The airmail rate increase is part of drastic boosts effective tomorrow throughout Uncle Sam's mail system. Local delivery will cost three cents, but mail going outside city limits will not be upped from the present three cent level.

The order, which is part of the new tax bill, will levy additional revenue from parcel post and money order rates. CIs need not worry about ordinary mailing, however, as it is still free.

Marines Saved By Lucky Bomb Hit

USNH, SAN DIEGO—A lucky bomb hit from a Marine plane probably saved the lives of Corp. Claude W. Harshman of Wheeling, W. Va., and several of his buddies on Tarawa. Trapped in a shellhole, they breathlessly watched a Jap tank roar toward them with its load of death. As it neared, the plane dived low and dropped a bomb squarely on the tank.

Marines Swell Red Cross Fund

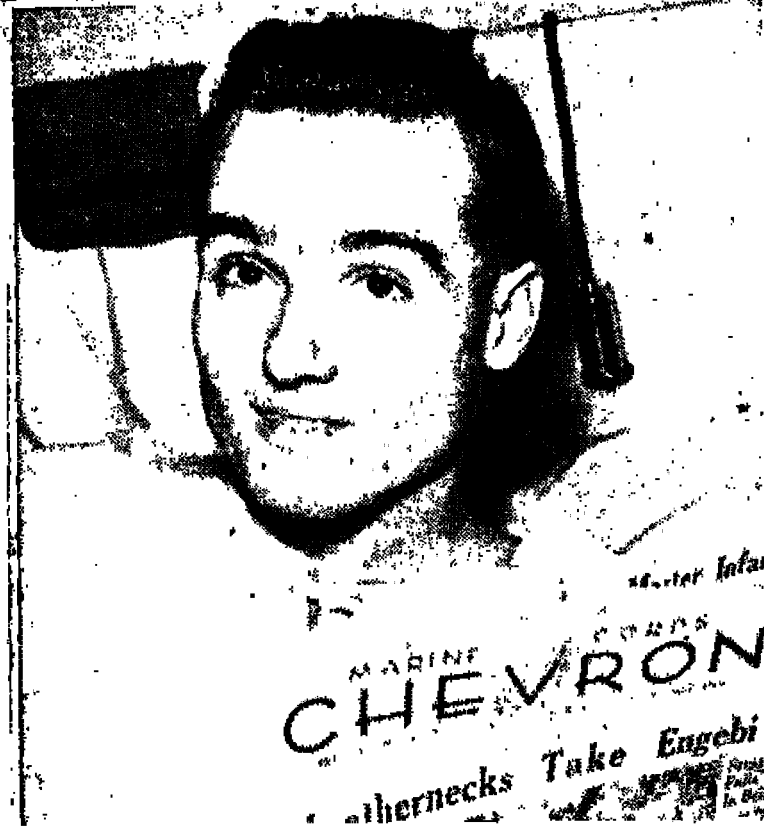
Contributions to the Red Cross War Fund Drive from MCB, RD and rifle range personnel totaled \$5218.88 by late this week, it was announced by Maj. Harry Y. Maynard, Base recreation officer, in charge of the 1944 campaign.

Additional heavy contributions will be made Mar. 31, a pay day for recruits, one company of WRs and most of the rifle range personnel. These, together with returns from various Base units and civil service and civilian employees, are expected to push the total over the 1943 collections of \$7700.

Maj. Troy A. Nihson is in charge of the drive among Base civil service employees and Maj. John E. Hendry among civilians working at MCB.

Close of the annual drive will be marked by showing of the second Red Cross benefit movie, "Thank Your Lucky Stars", at the Base Theater Mar. 30, at RD Mar. 31, and at Camp Matthews Apr. 1. Tickets will be placed on sale for 25 cents at all organization headquarters.

— Aim True —
A woman's best asset is man's imagination.



'FROM THE HALLS of Montezuma', Base radio show, Corp. Harold E. Cunningham went to Bougainville and was wounded. Now at USNH, Oakland, he reads The Chevron, copies of which go to Marines in hospitals overseas as well as to those in the States. (Photo by StfSgt. Jon M. Brenneis).

Marine Radio Show Actor Wounded On Bougainville

USNH, OAKLAND—"From the Halls of Montezuma," the MCB weekly radio show, to the jungles of Bougainville, where a Japanese shell fragment caught him in the left leg as he crouched in a foxhole, is a part of the story of Corp. Harold Eugene Cunningham of St. Joseph, Mo., convalescing here.

The slim, blonde-haired Leatherneck, a featured performer on the service radio show for several weeks before he left for overseas, expressed pleasure when given a copy of The Chevron, the first copy of it he had seen in many months.

At the Base, Corp. Cunningham was a field music, but he also learned to fight as all Marine musicians do. In his time off he appeared on "The Halls" show and played in the MCB dance orchestra.

On Bougainville, he was "caught beating a typewriter to death" one day and shortly the former actor found himself in the role of battalion journalist.

"A battalion journalist," explained the Marine, "is the guy charged with noting in a journal every order issued by the CO. In fact, you stay close to the CO at all times action is taking place."

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DON'T SHOOT THE CENSOR

"A friend of mine is going to the States on leave and I'm having him mail this; it won't be censored . . ."

"I'll mail this ashore, then it will not go through the censor . . ."

"I just found out that some fellow is taking mail off the ship, and I don't think it will be censored . . ."

Ever get the idea, Mac, that you could duck the censor? Marines and sailors have tried it time and again, and with the result that letters containing statements like the above wind up in the files of Naval Intelligence.

And, whether or not your letter contains information that might hurt the nation if it fell into enemy hands, you have violated regulations. You can look forward to punishment that might be only a reprimand—or it might mean a court martial.

A little thought ought to convince you that if you can figure out a way to get mail past the censors the Navy has had a lot more time than you have to figure out the same method—and also devise a method of stopping it. The Navy Censorship Regulations, for example, list more than 50 ways to break down your tricks.

The censors know more about codes than you'll ever know. Those tricky numbers that you have so cunningly worked into innocent-appearing statements are duck soup for them. And if you think the use of "i's" and "t's" so that the dots and dashes form a code message is something new, then the last laugh is on you.

Let's suppose for the sake of argument that you have managed to slip a letter past the censor in some manner or other and that it contained material which should have been censored. The gal friend or family, who are not security-minded, are likely to absently refer to it in their mail to you. When the censor reads something like this: "Gee, honey, I'm sorry the weather was so foggy, but you'll feel better when, as you said, you've moved up to . . .", don't think for a moment the matter will be dropped there. Brother, you can't explain that away.

Get out of your mind the idea that censorship was devised to entertain the censors or to pry into your personal affairs. The censors aren't interested in your personal doings and reading other people's mail gets monotonous—like trying on other people's hats.

Censorship was devised for your protection and your family's protection and the nation's protection. You may think your letters are innocent, but the business of enemy espionage is to sit around picking up little odds and ends of information about the weather and troop dispositions and where you were two weeks ago—which all adds up to very handy military information.

Whether or not you know it, the censor is one of your best friends. His job is to keep you from risking your own neck—and he's smarter at it than you may think.

GOOD ADVICE

The fighting services have to work with civilians "on the basis of mutual respect, consideration and cooperation". Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower said recently in a letter addressed to the men of his command. He asked that each man be particularly careful concerning—

- "Drinking in public places.
- "Excessive drinking at any time.
- "Loud, profane or indecent language, especially in public.
- "Slovenliness in appearance.
- "Any discourtesy to civilians.
- "The constant need for road courtesy on the part of all drivers of Army cars."

What Gen. Eisenhower had to say to his command is good advice for American fighting men anywhere and everywhere.

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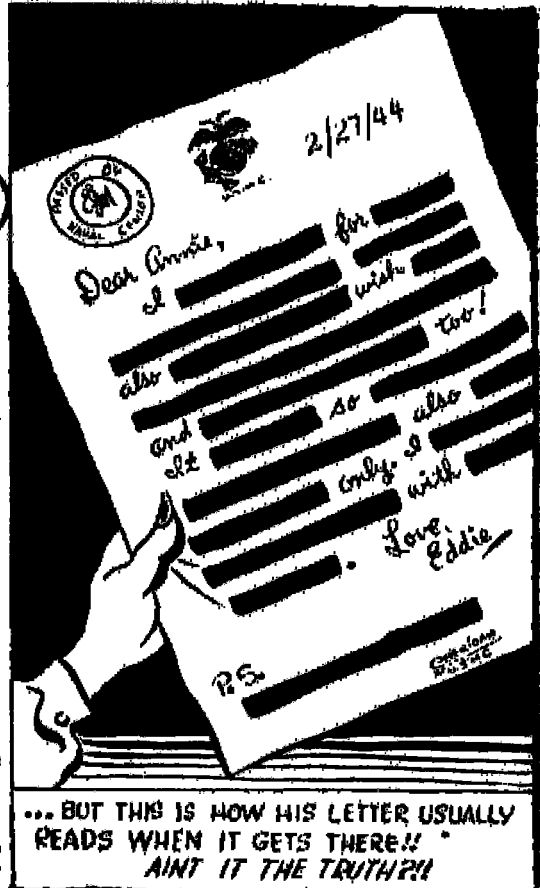
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THE GUY WHO THINKS HE CAN PUT ONE OVER ON THE CENSORS WITH THE "SECRET CODE" HE HAS ALL WORKED OUT.....



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See Editorial

Drawn by Corp. William J. Sheridan, 4d Cav. Co., MCB

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.

CHECKING RECORDS

Editor, The Chevron—I have been reading in The Chevron about the scores made at the Camp Matthews rifle range and was wondering if there was an article in the paper back in the summer of 1942 about Plat. 444.

Could you tell me how this platoon made out and what individuals had high scores? My boy friend, who is overseas now, was in this platoon. At the time he was on the range he wrote about what they were doing but never told how they finally made out. His parents and I thought it would be interesting to know the results.

MISS AGNES ANDERSON
420 E. 11th St.
Lockport, Ill.

Editor's note—An article in the July 26, 1942, issue of The Chevron stated that Plat. 444 had the highest qualification percentage (91.7) of the 23 platoons which fired that week. Only five of the 59 who fired failed to qualify.

Members of Plat. 444 who made the highest scores were Pfc. David N. Brown, 327; George C. Christian, 227; and Everett R. Pratt, 226.

These scores cannot be compared with present scores because Plat. 444 fired with the Springfield '03 rifle and the maximum score was (then) 250.

RAISED FIRST FLAG

Editor, The Chevron—There are not enough words to describe The Chevron only one of its kind next to the Walla Walla, which all the old-timers of Shanghai know and I think The Chevron has that beat. We get a couple copies over here—they are read till they're a cross word puzzle and then put together again.

Here's a little news that may be of interest. The Sec. of Graves Registration under Gunner McBee and myself landed on "D" day under fire and during air raids. I claim to be the first to raise Old Glory over the island of Bougainville—at Torakina Point. The flag flew over the first cemetery. It stood 42 bombings in 18 days—not a scratch to the cemetery but Old Glory was full of holes. The cemetery was strafed with 20mm. fire and one corner post hit. There's a big 20-ft. white cross in one corner of the cemetery with this wording on it: "They Died For Them."

Sgt. D. J. BURRIS
c/o FPO, San Francisco.

SEES BUDDY

Editor, The Chevron—Am anxious to contact my former buddy, Pvt. Robert Thomas of Kansas City, Mo. He joined the Marine Corps in 1942 and was sent to San Diego for training. Would appreciate a reply from anyone who knows his whereabouts.

S2/s G. T. NOLAND
O.G.U., Co. 2, Barr. 11
NTR, Farragut, Ida.

PRISONER PAY

Editor, The Chevron—I have been getting your Chevron for nearly a year now since my youngest son joined the Marines and we enjoy reading every word of it. It is really tops.

I have another son who has been sweating it out in a German prison camp for a year now, and I have been told that prisoners of war do not get any pay. Is this true? Also what does the U.S.A. do about War Bonds these prisoners sign up for?

MRS. L. P. FINLEY
5412-44th Ave., S.
Minneapolis, Minn.

Editor's note—Allotments to families as well as for War Bonds continue in effect while servicemen are prisoners of war. They do not personally receive their pay while prisoners. It accumulates and is held for them. War Bonds are also held until they return to the U.S.

NOT SO SOFT

Editor, The Chevron—We are writing to correct the impression that Motor Transport is the last outfit to land on a beachhead and does not engage in actual combat.

In the Marshall Islands campaign Motor Transport units landed with the first assault wave and took part in the advance on the airfield, where the going was tough.

Everyone seems to think of Motor Transport as being a very safe outfit to be in but our experience proves differently.

Corp. JOHN S. DUDZIK
Corp. CHESTER W. HERMAN
Corp. PETE GOZIK
PFC. JIMMY T. OWEN
c/o FPO, San Francisco

SHOULDER PATCH

Editor, The Chevron—I noted a story in The Chevron recently on the shoulder patch for Marines serving in detachments aboard ship. How can I obtain one?

PFC. STEVE STRAUCH
USNCH, Room 3-K,
Santa Cruz, Calif.

Editor's Note—The patch is not yet on sale in the San Diego area. Watch our ads.

INFORMATION WANTED

Editor, The Chevron—Will anyone who was with Pvt. Joseph H. Maurer of Plat. 940, RD, please get in touch with his aunt, Violet White, 1805 Norman St., Ridgewood, Brooklyn, N. Y. He sailed from Brooklyn about Jan. 22, 1943, and is presumed dead.

VIOLET WHITE
Brooklyn, N. Y.

HASHMARKS

Editor, The Chevron—I was in the MC Reserve from May 1, 1936, to March 5, 1941, and prior to that I had about 3 years Natl. Guard service from 1929 to 1933 (in two enlistments).

Am I entitled to wear the American Defense ribbon? How many hashmarks am I entitled to wear? This is my third enlistment in the Marine Reserve, although only one, the first, was of four years' duration.

NAME WITHHELD
H&S Tank Bn., San Diego.

Editor's note—Uniform Regt. provide that all "enlisted men who served honorably in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps shall wear a service stripe for each four years of service, continuous or otherwise." Total your years in MC Reserve and Natl. Guard and divide by four to get the number of hashmarks you should wear.

You may wear the Defense ribbon.

EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

Editor, The Chevron—I was in China during the Sino-Jap "war" in 1937. On my discharge it states "Expeditionary duty in Shanghai" etc. Am I entitled to wear the Marine Corps Expeditionary ribbon and the New China ribbon also? I've seen it done.

Corp. EDW. J. FARRELL
USNH, San Diego

Editor's note—Regulations governing the issuance of the Expeditionary medal say: "The medal will be awarded to officers and enlisted men who shall have . . . engaged in operations . . . for which no campaign medal has been awarded."

Since a campaign medal has been authorized for the action in which you took part you are not entitled to wear the Expeditionary medal.

GO AHEAD AND GORGE

Editor, The Chevron—Our detachment (MB, USNDD, San Francisco) is now receiving a bundle of Chevrons each week and the boys are "eating them up". Thank you.

Corp. T. O. THORSEN
(More letters on page 14)

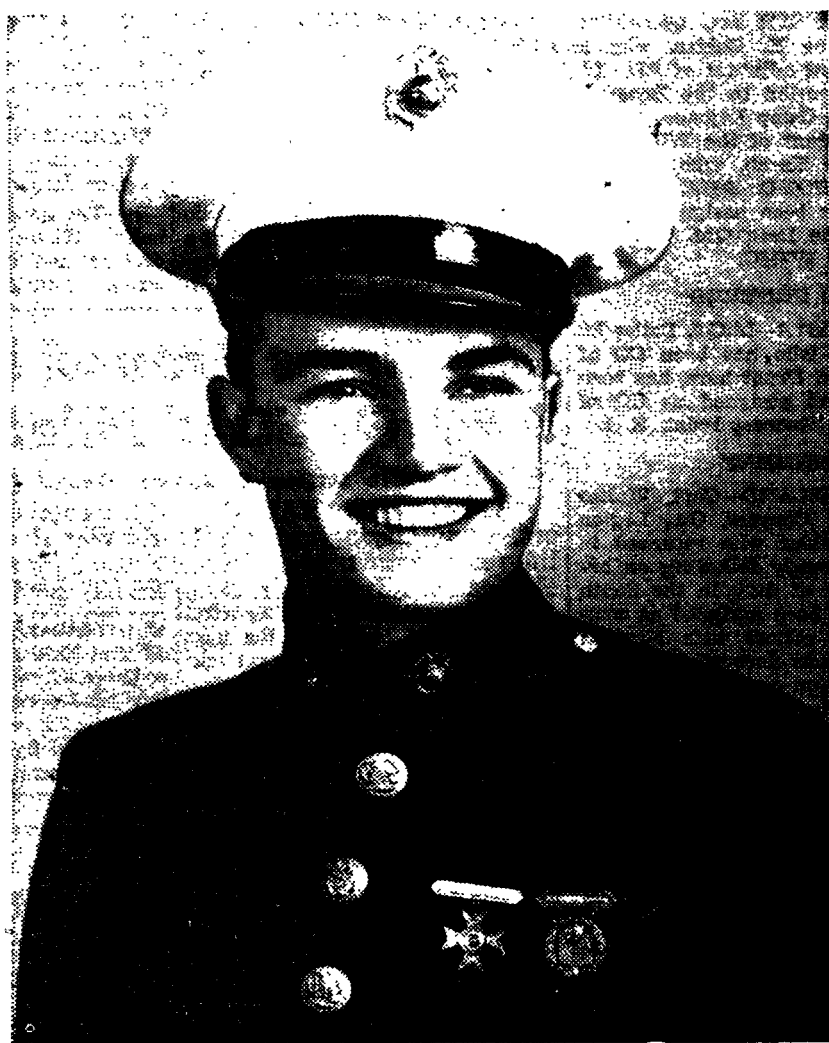
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Officer Of Recruit Bn.

Capt. Joe R. Hobbs is now CO
of Co. C, Base Hq. Bn., relieving
WO. Frederick Lock, who will con-
tinue as band officer. Capt. Hobbs
reported to MCB from a Marine
Barracks in Alaska.

Capt. Mark E. Mouser, VS-PO, has
returned to the Base from the Sa-
moan area and will go on leave
before being assigned.

Capt. Kirt W. Norton has joined
RD as CO of the 10th Recruit Bn.
He was C-in-C of the V-12 program
at Arizona State Teachers College,
Flagstaff, Ariz., until the program
was discontinued there recently.

Six officers were detached from
RD last week and assigned to San
Diego area FMF at Camp Elliott.
They are 1stLt. Francis G. Darcy
and 2dLts. James P. McCarthy,
John C. Dixon Jr., Carmi D. Long,
Daniel F. J. Fields and William K.
Zimmerman.

THREE PROMOTED

Three promotions to commis-
sioned warrant officer among MCB
officers have been announced.
Those promoted are CWOs. Edwin
C. Ford (PM), Base Hq. Bn.; Carl
James Evans of Sgt. Bn., assistant
to the Base Disbursing and Trans-
portation officer for shipping and
receiving; and Emile Phillip Jou-
anillon, mess officer of RD.

2dLt. Kathleen Winfree has been
appointed the new executive officer
of the Base WR Bn., succeeding
2dLt. Maxine E. Cones, who is
now assistant adjutant of RD. Lt.
Winfree reported to the Base re-
cently from Camp Lejeune.

New adjutant of the WR Bn. is
2dLt. Mary Kench, who reported
here from HQMC. 2dLt. Sarah N.
Bennett has been assigned to the
office of the Base QM. She was
formerly at HQMC.

TRANSFER ORDERED

LINDA VISTA—Lt. Col. Bailey M.
Coffenburg, who has been CO of
the 7th Field Depot here, has been
detached and assigned as CO of
MB, MCAS, Quonset Point, R. I.

NEW ASSIGNMENT

NORTH ISLAND—Capt. Walter
R. Giles of Conyers, Ga., Legion
of Merit holder who returned to
the U.S. recently following an ex-
tensive tour of duty in the South
Pacific, has been assigned as com-
munications officer with MarFair
West. He was decorated for out-
standing action as communications
officer during the Solomon Islands
campaign.

NEW "EXEC" NAMED

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA—
Lt. Col. Robert D. Moser of Rupert,
Ida., has been named executive of-
ficer of this air station, succeed-
ing Lt. Col. George E. Congdon, who
was detached for duty overseas.
Lt. Col. Moser formerly was stationed
at Hq. Div. of Avn., Washington,
D.C.

CHANGES OF DUTY

WASHINGTON—The following
changes affecting officer personnel
have been announced by HQMC:

Cdr. Maurice G. Holmes, from
San Diego area to San Juan, P. R.;
Howard N. Conyon, from San Juan
to HqMC; and Lawson H. M. San-
ders, who will remain at his pres-
ent post instead of being transferred
to the Caribbean area as previously
announced.

1stLt. Edmund E. Gann, from
San Francisco to San Juan; William H.
Williams, from field to San Fran-
cisco; and John H. Harte Jr. from
Quonset to West Coast.

Obedience
Qualities

Audacity and vigor combine with
many other positive qualities, in-
cluding intelligence, persistence, re-
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pares American fighting men to
push enemy forces steadily back
in defeat.—Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift.

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RECENT HURRICANE in the Southwest Pacific gave Marines something else to battle. Here, they're struggling to prevent their food supply from getting wet or damaged.

Sabers, Pistols Rate High As Souvenirs

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed)
—Japanese please note. Here are a
few things, in the order of their
importance, the Marines prefer as
souvenirs:
1—Officer's saber, preferably
with inlaid mother-of-pearl hilt.
(This souvenir takes on added at-
traction if forcibly removed from
the officer.)
2—Pistols. The holster should be
included.
3—Flags. But don't get them so
dirty. (Every Jap soldier carried a
flag inside his helmet. He is sup-
posed to be buried with it, but gen-
erally isn't.)

4—Ration, preferably portable
ones. And don't take the trouble
to dismantle them. It only takes
time to reassemble them.
5—Field glasses. Any power and
size will do.
6—Hara kiri ceremonial sets.
(These are three-knife affairs in a
little case. The Jap preparing to
kill himself goes through an intri-
cate ceremony in which the knives
play an important role.)
7—Thousand-stitch good luck
belts. (These belts bear stitched
designs and are worn about the
waist. Considering the number

found on slain enemy their good
luck potency is doubted.)
8—Japanese money. Not the oc-
cupation kind, but real yen notes.
9—Name stamps. (Japanese carry
little stamps for signing their
names. Some are of ivory and
beautifully engraved.)
10—Chop sticks, but be sure and
clean them. Never mind the wood-
en ones. We prefer ivory sets.
11—Socks, handkerchiefs and
canned heat. This last item is very
important in the jungle, where dry
wood is at a premium.—Sgt.
Donald A. Haliman Jr., combat cor-
respondent.

340 Times Around Earth
Total Of SCAT Mileage

By SSGT. Wallace R. McLain, Combat Correspondent
MCAD, MIRAMAR—One of the outstanding service re-
cords of any flying group in World War II was revealed with
the recent return from South Pacific duty of Col. William F.
Marshall of Minneapolis, CO of SCAT (South Pacific Combat
Air Transport), who was awarded
the Legion of Merit for the part
he played in its inauguration and
growth.
From a nucleus of 12 Marine
planes which met the emergency
call for sorely-needed supplies to
stem the rising tide of Japanese
aggression, Col. Marshall told how
SCAT was formed. It was launched
in early September, 1942, one month
after the Marines invaded Guadal-
canal.

MILEAGE PILES UP
An incredible total of eight and
one-half million miles or equivalent
to 340 times around the earth was
 flown by the unit during the sub-
sequent 14 months. Col. Marshall
disclosed. When he left the scene
of operations, battle equipment,
supplies and personnel were being
shuttled to and from scattered Ma-
rine outposts at the rate of a mil-
lion miles a month.
Scheduled flights are now made
to Australia, New Zealand and
way-points, and there are no Allied
bases in the South Pacific that
haven't at one time or another
harbored the flying boxcars.
For four days in October, 1942,
the unit hauled nothing but gaso-
line to relieve a pressing shortage

at Guadalcanal's Henderson Field.
At that time Allied sea lanes were
endangered, seriously threatening
the hard-pressed island garrison.
But SCAT's aerial "Burma Road"
kept Allied fighters aloft and may
well have been a deciding factor in
the bitter struggle.

Seabee's Equipment
Riddled By Bomb
CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed)
—A Jap bomb burst 35 feet from
CM2/c Eugene H. Marshall, USN,
of San Francisco during an air raid
and slightly wounded him in the
left shoulder.
Here's what the shrapnel did to
the Seabee's equipment:
17 holes in his jungle hammock;
10 where his head would be.
12 holes in his blanket.
A jagged hole in his steel hel-
met; he was not wearing it.
A hole in his gas mask.
2 holes in his bucket.
8 holes in his rain jacket.
A member of his outfit, 20 feet
away, was instantly killed by the
bomb fragments.—Sgt. Benjamin
Goldberg, combat correspondent.

Marine Photog
Wins In Contest

MTSgt. Alfred W. Rohde of Mer-
leton Station, Pa., has been chosen
one of 19 winners in a nationwide
contest sponsored for the best de-
signs for a post-war motion picture
camera.
The contest was sponsored by
the De Vary Motion Picture Corp.,
in Chicago, makers of cameras and
projectors. Rohde, who has been
in photographic work for five of
his seven years in the Corps, was
one of two servicemen on the list
of winners and the only Marine.
For ideas and designs submitted he
will be eligible for a \$50 to \$300
War Bond prize.
The sergeant's last assignment
was as technical instructor in the
Mqr. Combat Camera School at
M-G-M studios in Culver City, Cal.
His present assignment is as com-
bat photographer with the 1st MAC.

Dollar Standard
Adopted By Natives

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH
PACIFIC (Delayed)—The mighty
American "dollar" rapidly is sup-
planting junk jewelry as a medium
of exchange between Marines and
natives, reports Sgt. John Hurley
of New York City.
Where a string of beads once
bought almost anything the natives
possessed, the inhabitants now ask
for "hab dollar mo," their way of
saying a half dollar more.

Ohio Recruit
Crowds Record
Matthews Mark

CAMP MATTHEWS—Pvt. Rob-
ert W. Rankin Jr. of Ashland, O.,
squeezed off a 327 when firing with
Plat. 87 here last week to come
within one point of tying the high
score for 1914.

Plat. 113 led the way in number
of qualifications for the week with
a percentage of 93.5. All but four
of the 82 who fired shot a 268 or
better. Their school range coach
was PFC. Cyril J. Bullman and
their DI Sgt. H. K. Leady.

Range scores for the week were:

MAR. 15
Leading individuals—327, Pvt.
Rankin; 320, Pvt. Cecil H. Throadkill
(Plat. 102); 315, M1. Vernon, Alb.; 313,
Pvt. Freeman J. Dawson (Plat. 100);
110, Alb.
Leading platoons—88.7 percent,
Plat. 86 (PFC. Wayne B. Latham
coach, Sgt. V. B. Boop, 31); 86.5,
Plat. 100 (Corp. L. B. Claude, 8); 86.4,
coach, Corp. L. B. Thibbs, 31); 86.4,
Plat. 99; 110, PFC. Thomas J. Hunsley,
coach, Corp. J. B. Preston, 31).

MAR. 16
Leading individuals—323, Pvt. Wil-
liam C. Bowser (Plat. 100); Paulkton,
S. D.; 322, Pvt. Francis V. O'Dwyer
(Plat. 111); O'Connell, O.; 322, PFC.
Norman J. Cabrita (Plat. 101); Mos-
kowsky, W.
Leading platoons—93.5, Plat. 113;
93.3, Plat. 101 (PFC. Harold E.
Kowalton, coach, Sgt. A. E. Kelly,
31); 93.2, Plat. 106 (Corp. Douglas
P. Chodrick, coach, 1st Sgt. J. B. Wil-
kinson, 31); 93.3, Plat. 107 (PFC.
John W. McIntire, coach, PFC. M.
M. Camp, 31).

Raiders Recall
Ambushing Japs

USNH, OAKLAND—A Raider
outfit virtually ambushed two
barges loaded with Japs near Van-
gungu on New Georgia Island last
July and "killed every last one of
them," reports Corp. Dan L. Bed-
ford of Houston, Tex., now conval-
escing here.

Another Raider who also recalls
that action is Pvt. Harris T. Tudor
of Georgetown, Ky. The "tough-
est assignment" their unit had was
wiping out the Japs at Bairoko
harbor, he said.

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Editor's note—This is the fourth and last in a series describing two weeks in the training of Marine infantrymen.

By PFC Wayne Young
INDIVIDUAL COMBAT SCHOOL, TC, CAMP ELLIOTT.—Infantry troops being trained for the replacement battalions learn self-reliance and self-discipline at this camp, located 4½ miles from Camp Elliott proper, before shoveling off for the battle zones.

After the infantrymen learn some of the skills of their trade at this school's camp No. 2 in Sycamore quarry during the fifth of their eight weeks of training, they move about four miles over to Peniculas canyon for a week's field work.

Instructors here are seven non-coms, including five with overseas duty, one of whom holds the Silver Star, under command of MarGunn, Larry D. Parker, O-in-C.

OLD-TIME MARINE

Gunner Parker's more than 21 years of duty with the Corps include orderly duty for Adm. Ernest King, service in the China Expedition in 1927, two stretches of duty with the legendary 4th Regt. in Shanghai, and service aboard a battleship in the Coral Sea action and in Alaskan waters in this war.

His chief instructor is MCySgt. Luther V. Raynes, who served in the Army in World War I and joined the Marines in 1928. He has been a DI and bayonet instructor at San Diego for 7½ years, served three years aboard a cruiser and three years with the 4th Regt. in Shanghai.

SILVER STAR

Holder of the Silver Star is Sgt. Stanley Shuler, who was decorated for carrying a wounded buddy through 700 yards of enemy-held territory to a first aid station on Gavutu in the Solomons. In that same mission he obtained valuable information on Jap gun emplacements. He was a member of the 1st Paramarines.

Sgt. C. W. Butcher was patrol leader for his company for 4½ months on Guadalcanal. He was with the 1st Marines. His battalion was commended.

PFC C. J. Horrell saw action aboard a battleship in the Coral Sea and Midway battles and the Aleutians landing in his 2½ years' sea duty.

TAUGHT SEABEES

Sgt. L. D. Johnson was an instructor of Seabees for 10 months at Port Hueneme, Calif. He joined the Corps in June, 1941.

Sgt. P. F. Gorricker, who joined the Corps in July, 1939, after four years in the Army, was stationed on Guam for 20 months.

PFC J. E. Moore did guard duty at Mare Island for a year before reporting to this school.

Under the discerning eyes of these "salts", companies of replacement troops are sent out to bivouac in the canyons with one canteen of water and 12 cans of C rations to last for two days.

TAUGHT LEADERSHIP

Here PFCs are taught to take charge of the bivouacs against the possible occasion in battle zones when their superiors might become casualties.

The company is divided into offensive and defensive forces and instructed to so conceal themselves that patrols cannot scout their positions.

That means no smoke from fires. C rations taste a little greasy when not heated and the temptation to build fires for warmth in near-freezing weather is strong, but —

Since allowing loose gear to lie around would reveal their position, the penalty for that is rather severe. If the opposing patrol finds a shoe or other item, its owner is



CHOW FOR TWO DAYS is what these men are drawing. Twelve cans of C rations and one canteen of water are allowed each man for a two-day bivouac in the canyons near Camp Elliott, where they learn the tricks of bagging Japs.



"PRISONERS" taken in patrol clashes between infantry troops in training at the Individual Combat school are handled according to battle-zone customs. Those "captured" are assigned to a work detail. (Photos by PFC, Richard Stotz).

Marines Observe Religious Week In South Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—This is "Reinforce Your Religion Week" here.

Catholic, Protestant and Jewish services are being held nightly in the camp chapel, a 40 x 100 Quonset hut. Attendance of Marines here, almost all of whom are Tarawa veterans, has been "very satisfactory," according to Chaplain William W. Lumpkin of Charleston, S. C.

"This is not a revival," pointed out Chaplain Lumpkin, who heads the chaplains stationed here. "Its purpose is the deepening, strengthening and re-orienting of religion."

This is the first time that such a thing has been attempted in this Marine unit. Chaplain Lumpkin added that he did not know of its having been done in any other military organization.

The idea for the week came from several of the chaplains. It was presented to Marine authorities and received their endorsement.

"There hasn't been any order out about it, though," Chaplain Lumpkin explained. "We didn't want anyone to get the idea we're trying to force religion down their throats. We're making no deliberate attempt at conversion."—SttSgt. Richard J. Murphy Jr., combat correspondent.

ordered to hike back to Camp Elliott without it. If he should lose his bedding, he sleeps on the ground.

Penalty for being taken prisoner by an opposing patrol is assignment to a work detail.

On Tuesday night the offensive force raids the defensive bivouac, with victory going to the side which takes the most prisoners by 2000.

On Wednesday the roles of the opposing forces are switched.

The company is re-formed Thursday night to repel an "invasion" of Peniculas canyon by a company of replacement troops just finishing its fourth week of training at Camp Elliott.

This attack might come from any corner of the 2½-mile long by mile-wide canyon. Objective of the attacking force is to storm a shed on the floor of the canyon.

NOISE ADDS TO DIN

Battle-zone atmosphere is created by setting off screaming "aerial bombs", flash bombs simulating artillery fire, "mortar" firecrackers, and the firing of blank shells to represent the spit of rifle fire.

This fight, third of the week, climaxes the troops' two-week training period at the Individual Combat School.

Properly indoctrinated, bruised and savvyed up, the men hike back to Camp Elliott to pick up a few more specialties useful in their trade of outwitting Japs and to battalion. Then overseas, where they get still more training.

You Can Tell It To This Unit—In 22 Languages

By Sgt. Charles B. Kopp, Combat Correspondent

CAMP LEJEUNE—You can tell it to the Marines in 22 languages, so far as one battalion's AA. artillery group is concerned.

This polyglot outfit includes 107 linguists. Thirty speak, read and write Italian, 17 French, 16 Polish and eight Spanish.

Other members are articulate in Norwegian, Syrian, Greek, Finnish, Armenian, Portuguese, Ukrainian and Serbian.

Sgt. Charles Goldschmidt of Larchmont, N.Y., who spent most of his life in Holland, is proficient in Dutch, German and French; Corp. Barney Felsdman of Brooklyn, in Spanish, Hebrew and Yiddish; Corp. George Farrell of Rosedale, N.Y., in Spanish and French; PFC Anthony J. DiBlasi of Brooklyn in French and Italian; Pvt. John Semjek of St. Clair, Pa., in Slovak and Russian, and Sgt. David H. Wilson, Roanoke, La., Samoan.

Flak Severs Foot Of Marine In Plane

MARE ISLAND NAVAL HOSPITAL—If the bomb bay doors of a torpedo bomber had closed a second sooner Corp. James R. Fenton of Curtis Bay, Md., wouldn't be in this hospital.

He is recuperating from the loss of his left foot, shot away last September when a fragment of Japanese flak came through the bomb bay door of the plane on which he was a radio-gunner. The other two members of the crew were not hit.

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FATIGUED AND GRIMY after crawling up their bellies and burying their faces in the coral sand of Eniwetok Atoll, Marines hunger down hot coffee aboard a transport after their victorious battle. They had fought without cessation for two days and two nights.

Old Timers



TSGT. JOHN QUEEN

Foster Father Of 'Sally' Back From War Zones

Veteran Of Guadalcanal, Saipan And Bougainville Attached To Base Band

A colorful old-timer is back on the Base in the person of TSGT. John Queen, who returned recently after two years on Saipan, Guadalcanal and Bougainville. A former band player here, he is now attached to "C" Co., MCB Band.

This marks TSGT. Queen's fifth return to the Base for duty. Previously he had shipped out to Peiping, China, twice, Shanghai, Pearl Harbor and Midway. Since his enlistment in Oct. 1922, all but four of his 21 1/2 years' service have been spent in the band.

Stories of TSGT. Queen's finding a half-starved, 7-day-old calf in a battle zone on Guadalcanal and raising it on powdered and canned milk gained national circulation last year. The calf, which he named "Sally," was lying near the body of its mother, which had been hit by a shell.

WRASS PET
TSGT. Queen related how he "won" his pet by pretending to eat grass so that the calf would follow his example. He said it required six hours to put over this point to Sally.

The calf learned more readily the advantages of following its master into a foxhole when an air raid alert was sounded. In fact, she was so intent on taking shelter with TSGT. Queen that she bruised him more than once when the two dived for the same foxhole, he recalled.

The two parted company when TSGT. Queen left for the front lines, Sally being left at the tender age of six months.

'OLD MAUD' SAVED

Marine 'Washer Woman' Rallies

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—The war is passing quickly that "Mumbling Maud" had finally collapsed. Solomons-Faced Marines, gathered in groups to take the situation over. "It really was a tough situation—for 'Mumbling Maud' was a washing machine, and in this section of the world, she's worth her weight in gold.

An emergency call was put in for Pvt. Victor Schiwe of New York City, who has been "Maud's" attending physician ever since she began service with this Leatherneck unit.

Pvt. Schiwe called in PFC. Richard O. Murphy of South Williamsport, Pa. After a brief conference

between the two men began to proceed into "Maud's" inner workings. The operation lasted about 25 minutes. When they had put the last spring coil and tube back in place, PFC. Murphy stepped back.

"What do you think?" he asked. "I don't know," replied Pvt. Schiwe. "Try her and see what happens."

"Maud" sputtered, coughed and stopped.

"Try her again."

This time "Maud" wheezed a bit, her motor chugged a few times and then dropped into a steady purr. The Marines listened with delight and with signs of relief went back to their duties.—Sgt. William B. Allen Jr., Tenth Air Force correspondent.

Four Top-Ranking NCOs Sign For New Cruises

AN ADVANCED PACIFIC BASE (Delayed)—Three sergeants major and a veteran mess sergeant, all members of the same unit and totaling 64 years of Marine service—have been enlisted.

Most recent was some July for the four was at Namur, Kwajalein Atoll. It was here MTSGT. Joseph P. Collins, a Marine since Feb. 16, 1923, and a mess sergeant 12 of the intervening years, extended his enlistment three years.

NEW CRUISES

Back at this advanced base, the three sergeants major completed enlistments, all in one week, and re-signed. They are: SGMaj. Christian R. Hoffman of Irvington, N. J., who enlisted Oct. 5, 1922; Gerald W. Willough of San Diego, who enlisted Aug. 4, 1925; and William G. Hollan of Miami Beach, Fla., junior member of the quartet, who enlisted Feb. 26, 1928.

Sgt. Hoffman and Willough spent short periods out of the Corps but maintained uninterrupted service through reserve status.

ALL-AROUND VETS

Known as "Pappy" by his tank-mates, SGMaj. Hoffman served in China during the 1932 Sino-Jap incident was at Guadalcanal with the 1st Div. and followed his tanks to Namur.

Another Solomon-Namur campaigner, SGMaj. Willough also served in Cuba, Haiti and 120 years with the Mar. Det. aboard the USS Idaho.

Sgt. Hoffman, far below the Marine average age for the top NCO rate, had 33 months of sea duty aboard the USS New York and served at several Stateside bases before joining FMT.

MTSGT. Collins, widely known throughout the Corps as the first to get a "hot food" stomach ache operation at Namur

Order Provides Furlough Time

TOP, SAN FRANCISCO (Delayed)—A delay or furlough of not to exceed 15 days may be granted to personnel upon their return from combat areas, according to a recent directive from The Commandant. However, personnel may request additional leave, delay or furlough from The Commandant. Such requests are not to be addressed to DOP. It was pointed out.

—All True—

Marshalls Veteran Now At Oakland

OAKLAND (Delayed)—One of the first of the Marshall invasion veterans to return to this country is Corp. Robert Koch of Allentown, Pa., now recuperating here. Wounded on Namur during a fierce Jap counterattack, he was carried to safety by 1st Lt. Hagen Jr., of Honolulu, W. Va.

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Washington MB Clearing House For Battle Vets

Re-Outfitting Marines And Unscrambling Pay Accounts All In Day's Work

WASHINGTON—(Delayed)—The courtyard just inside the main entrance to the U.S. Navy Yard here is a three-story, unpretentious building which rapidly is assuming the aspect of a sort of U.S. international hotel.

Through Architecturally unimpressive portals, labeled "U.S. Marine Barracks," fighting men come and go to all parts of the globe as rapidly as some buses get in the morning for a week end.

New boss of this Marine clearing house is Col. Robert C. Kilmartin Jr., Guadalcanal veteran who recently succeeded Col. L. W. Whaley, a veteran of 27 years' service.

Right hand man to the new CO is SGMaj. C. O. Hanford, formerly of Indianapolis, who has been ship ping horn out to the Pacific, South America, Alaska, Iceland, Great Britain and to duty aboard roving transports and battlewagons.

OWN NEWSPAPER

To keep track of these migratory Marines, the barracks has what corresponds to a hotel house organ, a small photo-offset newspaper called "The Breeze," edited and published by Sgt. Henry D. Cones of Jersey City, N.J., and PFC. Carleton J. Smyth of Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

No longer is it a novelty for two Marines to meet here and resume a conversation begun months ago in some remote jungle of the Pacific. Few barracks can boast of such picturesque "bull sessions."

Recently they arrived men fresh from Tarawa. Already present were Marines who participated in campaigns from Guadalcanal to Bougainville and Cape Gloucester.

CHOW AT ALL HOURS

So cosmopolitan is the place that MTSGT. Frank G. Kubick of Richmond, Va., runs his mess hall hotel style.

Many of the men arriving at the barracks are sans clothing. They are turned over to Maj. J. W. Blazek of Arlington, Va., for re-clothing. The major claims to be the first man in the Corps to attain the belated rank of QMSGT. on his first enlistment.

But the man who nurses the biggest headache is Corp. John V. Morgan of Trenton, N.J. He is responsible for unscrambling pay accounts which have gone unsettled for months while the men wandered from island to island.

—Buy More Bonds—

Death Of Brother Avenged By Marine

ENIWETOK ATOLL (Delayed)—One Jap died on Eniwetok Island up the personal vengeance PFC. Richard M. Holmes of Miami Springs, Fla., is taking for the death of his brother, Kenneth.

Kenneth Holmes, a flight pilot with the Flying Tigers, was killed two years ago in Burma after he had run up a string of 13 victories. —Sgt. Dick Gordon, combat correspondent.

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But ILLER'S MILITARY SHOPPIE is different and we don't care if we do have taxes and things, and not only that but we got some articles at REDUCED PRICES. We are selling, Good Heavy Black Belts at \$1.50 which always sold at \$2.00. And Regular \$2.95 Dog Tag Chains in Sterling Silver \$1 \$1.95. Also another metal Dog Tag chain regularly sold at \$1.50 for \$1.00. And if you want to send your girl a swell gold Marine Pin you can get one for 80c which have usually sold for \$1.50. Marine Pillow Tops are 50c and these sold for \$1.50 too. By the way, we will mail any of these gift items for you, and we'll take care of the postage and insurance.

On the regular list we have color ornaments in bronze at 65c a pair, Sterling Silver Medals, Campaign Bars, Shoulder patches, and Chevrons. Base Medals are \$1.50 in Sterling, Marksman Medals are 85c in Sterling, S.S. Medals are \$1.25 and \$1.50 in Sterling. Expert Medals are \$1.50 in Sterling. Campaign Bars are 25c per ribbon and 10c per star. Patches are mostly 25c.

"Bubbles" (which is the name of my leading 3 clean and up-Fight life) has gone Marine out me. I warned them, but it seems they are dangers for punishment and I guess they can take it. She didn't exactly join up, but she's with 'em just the same and if I know "Bubbles" the Marine Corps is due for some radical changes. In the first place "Bubbles" don't like to get up as early as Marines, so if first roll blows at 9 o'clock in the near future you'll know "Bubbles" had a talk with the General on the subject. And from time to time you will probably notice a lot of other things new and different which simply means "Bubbles" is in stride. Emile, which is a non-related second cousin of mine on my old man's side, just wrote me a short note. He's been ill. Seems he's been doing some sort of geological work for the Government and a stone flew up and copped him on the head. Emile says he hears the "stream lined" the new tax bill so it won't be so hard to figure. He says you just put down what you make, and deduct whatever you lost in crap games, and also lunch and cigarette expense, and send in the balance. Practically nothing to it.

Yours till I get the War paid for.

Old Rosie of ILLER'S in La Jolla.

Strictly according to Marine Corps Regulations or your money back, with the possible exception of "Bubbles" who thinks the Gold Leaf ought to be higher than a Silver one.

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THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

World at War

Biggest news on the war fronts is the tremendous Russian onslaught which has carried the Red armies into Bessarabia and sent German regiments fleeing across Rumania. Red planes sank 11 Nazi ships in the Black Sea, believed sent to evacuate trapped troops in the Crimean area. Victorious Soviets are now within 30 miles of the Prut river from which the Nazis launched their 1941 invasion. In old Poland the Reds have crossed Lwow province and captured the big German communications center at Podkamen. They were within 48 miles of the main Nazi escape road, the Odessa-Tiraspol-Iasi line.

STREET FIGHTING

Despite tremendous air and artillery bombardment of Cassino last week, Germans have rushed in fresh troops and are holding out stubbornly in a street-to-street fight.

Hungary is now completely dominated by Nazis and indications are that Bulgaria and Rumania soon will share the same fate. German troops seized strategic command centers in Budapest within 36 hours and Nazi columns are said to be moving in on Bucharest. Communication centers in Sofia have also been taken.

RAIDS ON LONDON

The German Luftwaffe is trying a new technique in sporadic raids

on London by dropping hundreds of flares and other target-lighting devices followed by incendiary bombs, evidently in an effort to burn out the capital.

American four-engined bombers raided the French invasion coast while speedy Mustangs ranged all the way from Paris to the Spanish border strafing enemy airfields.

A hotly-worded announcement came from the State Dept. pledging the downfall of the Vichy regime and sharply questioning the loyalty of sources which have indicated that the U.S. might have "dealings" with Vichy after the war.

RECEIVE AWARDS

Three young Army nurses in Italy were the first women to be awarded the Silver Star Medal by the Army. Their heroic conduct during the bombing which took heavy toll of the medical staff and patients of an Anzio hospital was cited.

British light naval forces and coastal command planes turned back two strong forces of Nazi torpedo boats and trawlers apparently making for the British coast from opposite ends of the English Channel.

Li Gen, Joseph W. Stillwell's forces aided by Chinese divisions killed an estimated 3500 Japs in one week, killing between 300 and 500 in one encounter as the Nips fled across the Nambyu river under American machine gun fire.



"I don't care how they do it in the Navy." — Collier's

Movies

"With the Marines at Tarawa" now takes top reviewing honors. It is raw and intense, pitiful and terrible. The Marine cameramen did a remarkable job of filming the historic battle in color. It is probably as close as the home front will ever come to seeing and feeling an actual battle. Death, wounds, exhaustion and destruction are brought home with a power no U.S. documentary film has matched. "See Here, Private Hargrove" is one whimsical scene after the other of Stateside soldiering with all its petty snags and dreary police details. Young Robert Walker plays the title role of a typical draftee.

— Stop Loose Talk —
Leads Old Outfit

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC (Delayed) — Col. John T. Seldon of Richmond, Va., today is leading in battle a famous Marine regiment formed from the company in which he served as a private 24 years ago. — Sgt. Asa Bordages, combat correspondent,

The Home Front

War production will be sacrificed if necessary in order to supply the armed forces with sufficient men. The new policy calls for all except the most extraordinarily valuable men between the ages of 18 and 20 to enter service.

Henry Ford, without citing a specific reason, predicted that the war will end in two months. The soldier's vote bill was passed, but may be vetoed by the President, who has wired all governors to determine whether more men could vote under the new measure or existing legislation. FDR is confined to quarters with a bad cold. Mrs. Roosevelt left Brazil with high praise for that country's war effort.

OPA NABS EEL

The war has cost the U.S. \$168,600,000,000 since July 1940, with \$12,300,000 being spent daily. That even the slippery eel cannot evade the OPA was proved when it went on the price ceiling list this week. People who have had a hard time keeping their kids shod because of rationing can get a crack at about five million pairs which will be ration-free for 29 days in May.

Under the new tax bill effective Apr. 1 drastic increases will be levied on many amusement admissions, fees, travel tickets, jewelry, furs, cosmetics, liquor and light bulbs.

Charlie Chaplin's trial on Mann

act violations charges began this week. The Ham-and-Eggs plan will not appear on the California ballot this year. A bus full of war workers plunged off icy Market bridge in Passaic, N.J., into deep Passaic river. Death toll may reach 30.

MEDAL OF HONOR

TSgt. Charles E. Kelly, 23-year-old Pittsburgh soldier, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in Italy—just before hearing that his girl had married someone else.

A mantle of snow covered New York City and a windstorm which demolished a number of buildings swooped through Alabama on the first day of spring. Woodrow Wilson Clark, ex-soldier, got the death penalty for a triple hatchet murder in Spokane, Wash.

Some Republicans believe that New York's Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will be nominated for the presidency on the first ballot at Chicago. In a new 17-point post war policy Secy. of State Hull called upon populations of conquered countries to aid Allied armies when they come. The explosion of a bomb igloo at an ammunition depot near Herndon, Ore., was felt 30 miles away. William Hale "Big Bill" Thompson, 75, three-time mayor of Chicago, died after a heart attack this week.

BIG BABY

A 25-pound daughter was born to a colored couple in Raleigh, N. C. Young University of California co-ed, Mrs. Pauline Venard, offered an eye to TSgt. Forrest Vesler, who lost one in action. An \$50,000 fire swept through an ice cream and candy plant in San Francisco. One fireman was killed, five others injured and a woman was missing in a blaze which destroyed six houses in Albany, N.Y. Yuma's marrying Justice of the Peace, R. H. Lutes, believed to have united more than 20,000 couples in three years, went into the Navy.

WHALE TALE

A seven-ton, thirty-foot whale was caught accidentally in a net near Santa Monica, Calif.

Iceland church Bishop the Rt. Rev. Sigurður Sigurðsson arrived to make his first tour of the U.S. A delirious patient from an Oakland, Calif. hospital rode a street car for 15 blocks in his nightshirt before police apprehended him.

Americans have given five million pints of blood to the Red Cross in a year.

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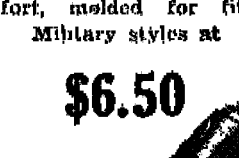
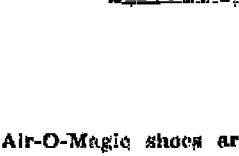
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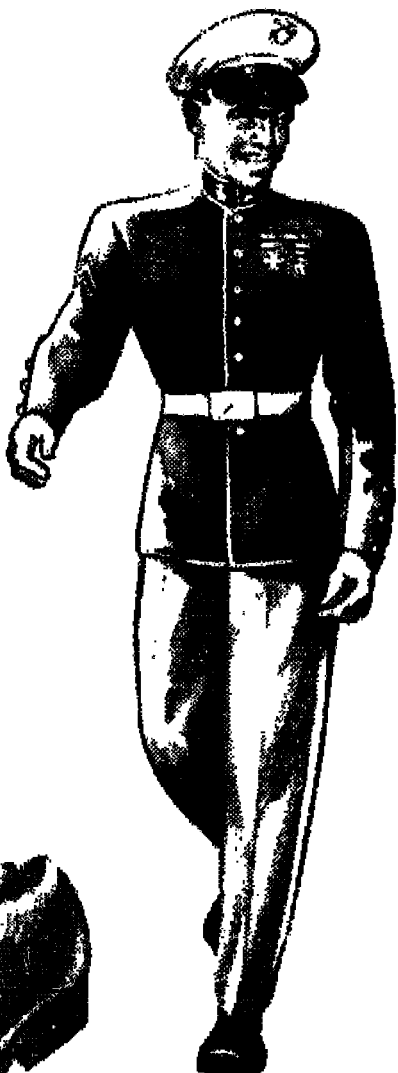
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—Barbedale Park

Juke Box

The insomniac "I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night" hosed out jive "Mairzy Doots" for first place on the nation's Hit Parade this week, with one newcomer, "The Music Stopped", entering in tenth place.

The Parade listing: No. 1—I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night; No. 2 Mairzy Doots; No. 3—Bessie's Much; No. 4—When They Ask About You; No. 5—I Love You; No. 6—A Lovely Way To Spend An Evening; No. 7—Shoo-shoo Baby; No. 8 No Love, No Nothing; No. 9—My Heart Tells Me; No. 10—The Music Stopped.

—Keep Clean—

Pvt.—Alfred is as pretty as a picture.

PFC.—Nice frame, too.

CHURCH SERVICES

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel, 0700 Services—0830 Services, Auditioning, 1815 Services, Chapel, Evening, Vespers, Service, 1530 Chapel, (Catholic): 0800 Mass, Auditioning, 0815 Mass, Chapel, Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) 0630—0730; Chapel, Friday Evening Service, 1900, Chapel, Confession; Saturday 1230—1300, Chaplain's Office, Bible, 123, Report Dept; 1600—1700 Chaplain's Office, Administration Bldg. (Jewish): Chapel, 1100, (Christian Science): Sundays, 0930, Bible, 123, 143, (Latter Day Saints): 0800, Reception Room, Bible, 123, 143, Wednesday, 1500.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 0930, Theater, (Catholic): Mass, 0900, Theater, (Christian Science): Sunday, 1030, Chaplain's Office Ad. Bldg. (Jewish): 0915 Chaplain's Office, (Latter Day Saints): 0800, Armory's School Bldg.; Thursdays, 1500.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel, (Catholic): Sunday Masses 0830, 0900, 1115, Mass daily, 1030, Confession before Mass, (Christian Science): 1000—1130, Chaplain's office, Tuesday and Friday, (Jewish): Post Chapel, Friday 1030, (Latter Day

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

MCAD, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services, (Catholic): 0700 and 0800, Confession; 0730 and 0830, Mass, Baracks, 522, Jew, 1930; Transportation 1500 Fridays at Chaplain's Office for Services at Camp Elliott. (Latter Day Saints): Mondays, 1800, 143, 522, Area A18 3.

CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant): Post chapel, communion at 0800, morning worship 1015, vespers service 1530; Ranch House Chapel, service at 1015, vespers at 1930; Seabee camp, 0900; 1500; 1600, Services 0900 and 1900; at theaters, 11-T-1 at 1000, 15-T-1 at 0900, 16-T-1 at 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900, (Catholic): Post Chapel, masses at 0630, 0800, 1115, confessions before each mass; Ranch House Chapel, mass at 0900, confessions before mass; Seabee camp, confessions at 0700, mass at 0800, Post House, mass at 0630, 0800, confessions before each mass; at theaters, 11-T-1 at 0900 and daily mass at 1700, 15-T-1 at 0900, 16-T-1 at 1000, 17-T-1 at 0900 and confessions before each mass, (Christian Science): Sunday, 1000 Post Chapel; Tuesday, 1000 Post Chapel; Thursday 1030 Post Chapel; (Latter Day Saints): Mondays, 1900, Catholic Chapel.

Officers, Men Of Bougainville Battle Honored

A group of Marines was recently decorated in the South Pacific for gallantry in operations on Bougainville and Puruata Islands, reports from combat correspondents reveal. Those honored:

NAVY CROSS
CWO, FRANCIS J. MURPHY of Alexandria, La., for heroism on Puruata Island.

LEGION OF MERIT
WO, GEORGE W. CANNON of Miami, Fla., for "exceptional service" as O-in-C of signal repair equipment.

SILVER STARS
Lt. Col. RALPH M. KING of Rockville, Md., for personally leading his battalion to occupy an enemy-held ridge.
Maj. CHARLES J. BAILEY of Augusta, Ga., for personally directing his troops in breaking up an enemy attack and inflicting heavy losses.
Capt. CONRAD M. FOWLER of Columbiana, Ala., for continuing to lead his men against the Japs for 36 hours after he had been painfully wounded.
1st Lt. ROBERT RENNIE of Chicago and ROBERT TOLLES of New Haven, Conn., for their skill in directing the fire of an artillery battalion and a destroyer during the evacuation of a parachute battalion following a raid behind enemy lines.
1st Lt. HOWELL T. REFLIN of Onondaga, Ala., for repeatedly risking death to control and direct his platoon in an attack on a strong enemy position.
1st Lt. ROBERT W. DORRELL of Laguna Beach, Cal., and Sgts. WALDO D. HUMPHREY of Kansas City, Kan., THOMAS J. BELT Jr. of Chicago and RUDOLPH ROTT of Waukegan, Wis., for participation in a patrol of an enemy-held island.
Pfc. LEROY C. CLEARY of Oconomowoc, Wis., and Sgt. RONALD E. WILLIAMS of Long Beach, Cal., for action on Puruata Island.
Sgt. LUTHER L. THORNTON of Klamath Falls, Ore., Corp. HENRY J. DOANE of Portland, Ore., and PFC. NIEL OVERTON of Jackson, Tenn., members of half-trace crews which routed the Japs on Puruata.
Corp. ANTON J. MIKUT of Bridgeport, Conn., who, despite painful wounds, continued to operate his tank and thus prevented his unit from being immobilized under heavy fire.
Lt. Comdr. WARREN E. PAGE (MC), USN, of Oakland, Cal.
HAT/c JAMES H. LINDSEY of Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Of the foregoing, the Navy Cross and 13 of the Silver Stars were presented by Brig. Gen. Alfred H. Noble, asst. commander of the 3rd Mar. Div., at a colorful ceremony and review at a rest camp.



'NUMBER, PLEASE'—But if Corp. Louis M. Heveridge Jr. of New Kensington, Pa., ever gets his wires crossed on this switchboard, his Div. in the Southwest Pacific will make with the double talk. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert M. Howard.)

Marine Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoner
USN	13406	8287	8289	2408
USMC	4107	7620	724	1945
USAF	319	91	44	1
	17832	16004	9057	4414

DEAD
California: 1st Sgt. John J. Doyle Jr., Pasadena; PFC William H. York, Berkeley; PFC Jasper G. Durall Jr., Westwood.
Winter Garden: Benjamin E. Van Winter Garden, Jonathan E. Van Nee, Daytona Beach.
Illinois: PFC Floyd Osborne, Fort Hall.
Indiana: PFC George C. Martin, Evansville.
Iowa: PFCs Jesse P. Sweeney, Floyd; Robert E. O'Toole, Duquoin.
Illinois: PFC Edward T. Fitzgerald, Venice.
Kentucky: PFC James A. Riley, Covington.
Massachusetts: Corp. Elaine Kehoe, Swampscott.
Michigan: PFCs Zigmund J. Skuravick, Dearborn; Sgt. Gordon M. Taber, Gables; Corp. Walter Dybeck, Hamtramck; PFC Lavern J. Beeghan, Lansing.
Missouri: 1st Sgt. William N. Papapadogi, St. Louis; PFC Merrill F. Schmidt, St. Joseph.
New Jersey: PFC Carl E. Dunbar, Nutley; PFC Edward McKee Jr., Orange.
New York: Corp. Francis Rhee, St. Albans; PFC William E. Marion, Syracuse.
Ohio: Corp. Chalmers R. Davis, Malvern; PFC Frank L. Edwards, Hubbard.
Pennsylvania: Sgt. Elmer H. Finkle Jr., Pittsburgh; PFC Charles W. Lucas, Mount Penn.
Rhode Island: PFC Raymond E. Salvas, Wrentham.
Tennessee: Corp. Wilbert F. Carmichael, Knoxville; PFC Paul B. Pratt, Strawberry Plains.
Utah: Sgt. West A. Thompson.

MISSING
California: Capt. Joseph E. Desautels, San Francisco.
Georgia: 1st Lt. Charles P. Lassiter, Atlanta.
Illinois: 1st Sgt. Clarence T. Wood, Chicago; Corp. Frank Conley, Chicago.
Massachusetts: PFC Richard L. Burrow, Cambridge.
Missouri: 1st Lt. James H. Woodburn, Marshall.
New York: Sgt. Gerald E. Duffin, Ossining; PFC Kenneth D. Olson, West Brighton.
North Carolina: 1st Lt. Thaddeus M. Burke, Chicago.
Pennsylvania: Sgt. Charles M. Dunham, New Albany.
South Carolina: PFC Charles W. Garrison, Piedmont.
Utah: Island: PFC James P. Griffin, Escondido.

Salute Dignity
Seabees Honored
Named for the first two Seabee officers killed in action, Camp Lee-Stephenson has been established at Quoddy Village, Me.

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Navy Cross Goes To Leader Of Third Division

Maj. Gen. A. H. Turnage
Decorated In Ceremonies At South Pacific Encampment

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed) — Maj. Gen. Allen H. Turnage of Wide Water, Va., Commander of the 3rd Mar. Div. in the Bougainville campaign, was decorated today with the Navy Cross by Adm. William F. Halsey Jr., commander of the South Pacific Area and South Pacific Force, in ceremonies before several thousand combat-clad Marine troops.

The ceremonies took place on a parade ground adjacent to the coconut grove camp of the 3rd Div. The troops, led by Col. Robert Blake of Berkeley, Cal., marched in review past Gen. Turnage and other high-ranking officers who had also won decorations.

The others receiving awards were Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger of Pensacola, Fla., Commanding General of the 1st MAC, awarded the DSM; Brig. Gen. Alfred H. Noble of La Jolla, Cal., Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander of the 1st MAC, Legion of Merit; and Col. James M. Smith of Handley, Tex., presented with the Legion of Merit and the Silver Star.

COURAGE CITED
The citation of Gen. Turnage read, in part:
"Throughout the landing and actions necessary for the attainment and consolidation of the final beachhead line (at Empress Augusta Bay), Gen. Turnage frequently exposed himself to fire and displayed the highest degree of bold aggressive and fearless leadership."
Gen. Turnage told reporters after the ceremony:
"I shall always cherish the medal not as my personal property but as a symbol of the professional ability, outstanding courage, and devotion to duty on the part of all officers and men of the reinforced division which I had the honor of commanding in the Bougainville campaign — the 3rd Mar. Div. Reinforced."
Gen. Turnage assumed command of the Division on the death of Maj. Gen. Charles D. Barrett last October. He had previously been asst. commander.—TSgt. Theodore C. Link, combat correspondent.

Bonds Or Bondage?

Prisoners Make ARC Donations

WASHINGTON—A \$100 contribution to the Red Cross war fund has been made by Lt. Col. James P. S. Devereaux, hero of Wake Island, now in a Shanghai prison camp, a letter to his son disclosed.

The letter instructed the purchase of a life membership in the Red Cross.

Another \$100 contribution from a prison camp was made by Capt. Irving J. Yagck of Worcester, Mass., being held in Germany.

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Only 3.7 per cent of American wounded have died in this war as compared with 6.1 per cent in the last war, the War Dept. has disclosed.

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LEADER of the 3rd Mar. Div., Maj. Gen. Allen H. Turnage, has been awarded the Navy Cross in the Pacific.

HQMC Sets New Warrant Officer Insignia Rules

WASHINGTON—New regulations governing the proper insignia for all Marine officers of warrant grade have been issued by HQMC following the recent action of Congress in establishing the grades of commissioned warrant officer and warrant officer as the sole designations for officers of this rank.

The authorized insignia for commissioned warrant officers is one gold bar broken across the center with a wide scarlet-enamel stripe. For shoulder straps, the bar is to be smooth, curved, no hovel, and have a clasp pin, screw or clutch fastener; this bar is to be 1 1/4 inches long and 3/4 inch wide, the scarlet-enamel stripe to be 1/4 inch wide, measuring with long axis of bar. For wear on garrison caps and collars of cotton and flannel shirts, the bar is to be flat, with the metal and enamel approximately 5/8 of the foregoing dimensions.

WARRANT OFFICERS
For warrant officers the insignia is to be the same except that the scarlet-enamel stripe cutting the center of the gold bar is to be narrower, 1/8 inch wide in the bar worn on shoulder straps.

Designations abolished by act of Congress are marine gunner and chief marine gunner, pay clerk and chief pay clerk, quartermaster clerk and chief quartermaster clerk, and quartermaster clerk (A & I) and chief quartermaster clerk (A & I).

In the future the various types of warrant officers and commissioned warrant officers will be designated as engineer personnel (EP), communications personnel (CP), quartermaster (QM), Motor Transport (MT), paymaster (PM), and general duty (Gen.).

The new regulations supersede those in "Uniform Regulations, USMC, 1937".

Naval Hospital Starts Program Of Rehabilitation

Board Aims At Speeding Patients To Fitness For Combat And Limited Duty

USNH, San Diego—A two-point rehabilitation program aimed at speeding the return of disabled men to combat fitness and training the more seriously disabled for work within the service as limited duty men or for useful work in civilian life has been put into effect here.

HOSPITAL BOARD
The program is under the supervision of a 21-member Hospital Rehabilitation Board headed by Capt. M. D. Willcuts, commanding. Physical training will be given to those who require but one to three months' hospitalization. Those to be confined for long periods will be given vocational training.

Courses offered are carpentry, plumbing, cabinet-making, painting, welding, cooking and baking, barbering, laundry work, electricity, communications, shoe repair, prosthetics, photography, typing, accounting and bookkeeping, shorthand, radio, gardening, library work, pharmacy, salesmanship, journalism, postal work, mortuary service, banking, and others.

DETERMINE ABILITY
Board members will attempt to find out what type of work the men would like to do after they are discharged, then place them in crafts for which they show the most ability. In cases where the patient is not vocationally-minded he will be urged to take up a hobby in the hope of uncovering hidden occupational talents.

Where the patients' ambitions are along higher educational lines, USNH will arrange correspondence courses and classes in which they will be able to earn credits toward their college majors.

Write Home
Wrong Addresses
WASHINGTON—Fifteen per cent of the more than 25 million pieces of mail being sent each week to soldiers overseas is incorrectly addressed.

CombaTips

Material in this series was prepared by Captain Veterans of the 4th Mar. Div. before it went overseas. Clip and save them each week for reference.

POINTERS ON PACKING
By Capt. Earl R. Marquardt
Put oil paper on stamps and envelopes so they won't stick.
Carry extra wrist watch bands, preferably the khaki cloth type.
Take along extra toilet items, especially towels, combs, razor blades.
Keep matches in a dry tin box. Take along a few candles.
And arrange with friends and relatives to number each letter.
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Sky-Fighters Roar Through Air 50 Feet Under Sea's Level

El Centro Ideal For Training Marine Fliers

Gunnery, Bombardiers Also Trained At Below-Sea-Level Station On Desert Floor

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Flying at an altitude of 50 feet below sea level sounds incredible. But this seemingly impossible feat is accomplished every day by Marine aviators training here.

Set in the heart of Imperial Valley, 117 miles east of San Diego, this desert air base has been constructed on an area which, less than two years ago, was producing one of the few remaining flax crops in America. Its yield today consists of trained Marine Aviation personnel—fighter and bomber pilots and their most essential crews, gunners, and bombardiers.

El Centro is one of the top air stations in Southern California, which provide training facilities for the tactical training groups of Marine West.

THIRTY-THREE PLACE

The altitude is comparatively high. In direct contrast to the low altitude is the temperature, which sometimes soars to 130 degrees during the summer. But the apparent discomforts of living are offset by ideal flying conditions. Seldom is the field closed for flying.

Everything possible is done to provide comfort on even the hottest days. Barracks are equipped with about air coolers. All inhabited buildings are surrounded by wide covered porches to provide relief for the building itself from the desert heat. An enormous outdoor swimming pool is having completion. Although primarily designed as a combat training tank, it will provide pleasant relief on hot summer days.

Although primarily planned as a base on which to train and train fighter and bomber squadrons for combat duty, a finishing and temporary school has been organized to train gunners and bombardiers.

TRAINING "QUARTER"

Enlisted personnel of Marine aviation are selected for this school primarily on the basis of mental and physical ability. A rigorous course of eight weeks gives them the required training. Commanding officer of the school is Capt. T. C. Cull. The instructors have proved their skill in South Pacific combat zones.

The first operational unit to report for duty was Gr. 43. Although its identity has remained the same, there have been many changes in its personnel. CO at present is Lt. Col. K. M. Haynes.

Keeping pace with the expansion of Marine Aviation itself is the expansion of El Centro. Already a plant representing an expenditure of over six million dollars, an appropriation of almost five million more was recently approved for landing strip enlargements, increased aircraft parking space, hangars and miscellaneous buildings and services. These proposed developments should almost double the capacity of this station.

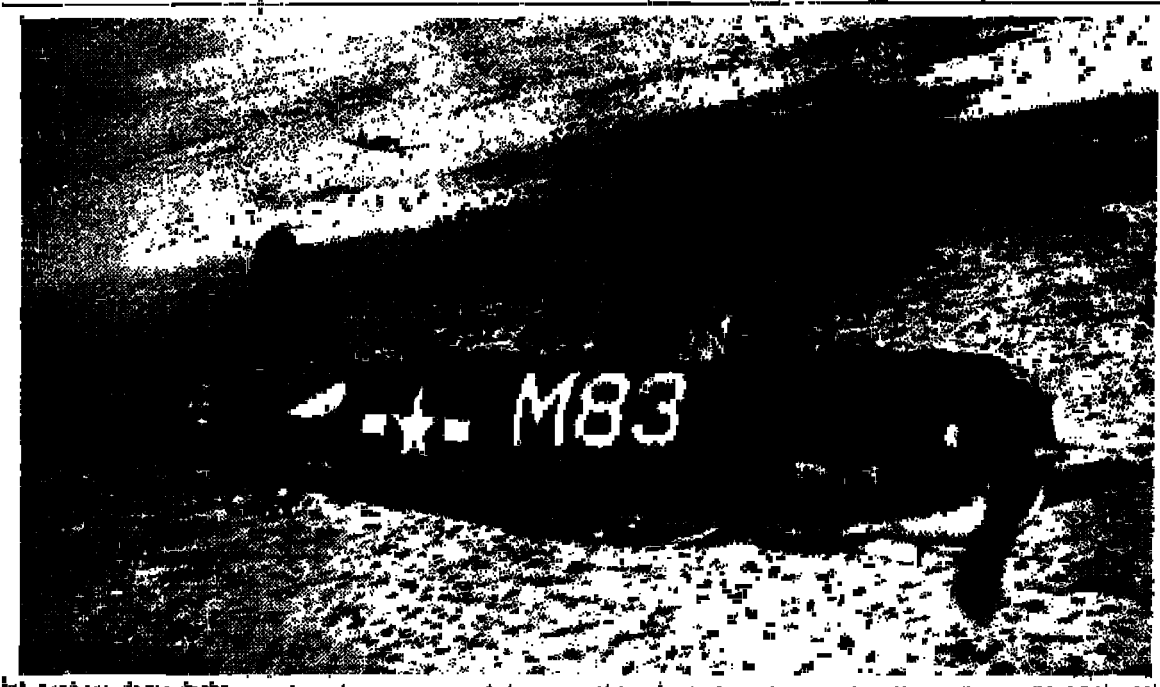
Lt. Col. Karl E. Voelter, an aviator of 26 years' flying experience, is CO of the station.

— Write Home —

A recruit was overheard saying in his sleep: "Don't kill Hitler... Make him finish his basic training first."



"All right, MacGuffin. Get in sleep!" —The Buffalo



FLYING BELOW sea level may sound impossible, but Leatherneck pilots from MCAS, El Centro, do it dully as they skim over the desert floor. The plane is a Marine SN1, a combination scouting and training plane. Flying conditions are ideal at this station.



TWO-POINT LANDINGS is what these Marines on the El Centro obstacle course are trying for as they swing over a deep pit during their rigorous training for overseas duty.

Leathernecks Change Pacific Geography

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed).—What school children of the future thumb through their geography books to "know" for examinations on World War II in the Southwest Pacific, their task will not be half as difficult as it might be for children today.

For U.S. Marines, as they add more and more recovered territory to that already occupied by the Allied nations, change difficult Jap and native toponyms to American names wherever and whenever possible.

Sometimes it is done reverently, as in the case of Billy Mitchell, a famous hero in a ridge of mountains near the port Augusta Bay.

This change was made by American aviators in honor of the late aviator prophet.

Then there's the case of the Piva Village on the East-West trail. This was changed to Erasmoville in honor of Col. Evans D. Ames of Quantico, Va., CO of 4 unit which fought there. These changes were made with official sanction.

Then, there are rivers or rivers unnamed on maps. Here's where self-appointed "history makers" step in.

TSgt. Francis C. Szafrański, former Chicago photographer, and TSgt. Ralph S. Nolley, former well-known Baltimore athlete,

have made at least three contributions to geographical nomenclature.

While making maps of territory occupied by Marbles, they came upon a small western tributary to the Torokina river which was unnamed. They immediately dubbed it the "Texas River", taking the name from the nickname "Tex" of one of their commanders, Lt. Col. A. H. Butler of El Paso, Tex.

Another unnamed tributary came into American hands and here TSgt. Nolley, with tongue in cheek, nostalgically printed in the name "Eagle River". He admitted, after the name had caught on and was accepted, that he had named it after his favorite pub, The Eagle Tavern, back in Baltimore, where he and friends gathered in former days.

The third contribution to Bougainville's topographical future was sheer whimsy, but, it too, got by and is now officially recorded.

It is "Zeke Creek", applied to a tiny tributary to a tributary to the Torokina. This historical contribution is Szafrański's. It is known to buddies as "Zeke".

Sgt. Peter Falconer Jr., combat correspondent.

Leatherneck Counts 60 Tarawa Wounds

USNH, SAN DIEGO—The hottest fire which Corp Robert Thomas Davis of Jackson, Miss., ever fought as a fireman in his home town was never as "hot" as the battle of Tarawa.

Corp Davis got no farther than a Tarawa beach during the battle, but he received more than 60 wounds which were "big enough to count" during the 36 hours he wanted to be equalled.

Keeps Record

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed).—There is never any question about who killed what Jap in the MG. platoon commanded by Lt. Mitchell Paige of Dravosburg, Pa. The lieutenant, holder of the Medal of Honor, keeps a careful box record.

StSgt. Jeremiah A. O'Leary, "man-but correspondent."

Famous Last Words

"If the general would kindly button his lip for just a moment, I can explain everything."

Gen. Cauldwell Receives Award At Camp Elliott

Duty Changes Ordered For Many Marine Officers In Southern California Area

CAMP ELLIOTT—Brig Gen. Omar A. Cauldwell, assistant commander of the 2nd Mar. Div., which landed on Bougainville, was presented the Silver Star medal by Maj. Gen. Clayton B. Vogel, commander of FMF, San Diego area, at Gen. Vogel's headquarters here this week.

Gen. Cauldwell, who was decorated while on an inspection tour of the Camp Elliott TC, was cited by Pres. Roosevelt and Adm. W. H. Halsey for conspicuous gallantry Nov. 7, 1943.

AWARDED SILVER STAR

USNH, OAKLAND—For conspicuous gallantry in setting an ambush that resulted in the death of 30 Jap soldiers on the night of Nov. 7 at Bougainville, Cysgt. Charles L. of Christiana, Tenn., was awarded the Silver Star medal here. The presentation was made by Capt. A. H. Dearing (MC), USN, in the presence of hundreds of Navy and Marine personnel who later passed in review in honor of the subject and others decorated for bravery in the South Pacific.

FLYING VETERANS

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Two flying battle veterans, Capt. Edwin B. of Miami, Fla., and Alvin W. Hachinda of Conway, Miss., recently received DFCs in ceremonies conducted here by Col. E. C. Balliston, commanding an air group now in training.

WIN AIR MEDALS

MCAS, MOJAVE—Three fighter pilots were recently awarded the Air Medal for action over the Solomon Islands, in a formal ceremony conducted here by Lt. Col. Harold R. Lee, commanding MAG.

The medals and accompanying citations were awarded Capt. Robert L. Bryson, Richard M. Rhodes and John L. Morgan Jr. by Adm. William F. Halsey.

— Be Careless —

Leatherneck Leads Squad In Assault

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed).—Frank J. Miller of East North tried hard to lick the Japs on this one single hand.

The Marine led his machine gun squad over "Morphine Hill", where the group used 25 boxes of ammunition, knocked out a light machine gun and drew the fire of a Jap 20mm. gun until mortars got the range.

Bear A Hand

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Opposition At Parry Toughest In Marshalls

Mined Beaches Hampered Marine Advance On Jap General's Headquarters

SAN FRANCISCO—Fresh from 23 months of overseas duty that saw him lead Marine forces which smashed their way onto Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshalls, Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Watson of Washington returned here yesterday.



Gen. WATSON Reticent to talk of his achievements, the general, short, wiry, and wearing a deep tan, admitted:

"The Jap is a tough opponent." In helping to capture the Marshall Islands, Gen. Watson's command was engaged in three major battles — Engebi, Eniwetok, and Parry Islands.

Engebi Island, site of the key Japanese air strip on Eniwetok atoll, fell in exactly six hours and five minutes. It was the quickest victory of the Pacific war over a defended Jap bastion.

"We met our stiffest opposition at Parry Island. The Japs had the beaches mined and that slowed up our advance considerably."

JAP HEADQUARTERS "That was the first time we had encountered such strategy. The Japanese Maj. Gen. Nishida had his headquarters on Parry which probably accounts for the added defenses."

"No, I can't tell you how we overcame that obstacle," he continued.

When Gen. Watson's forces conquered Parry the entire Eniwetok Atoll was in American hands and the 24-year Japanese occupation of the Marshalls group was terminated.

Gen. Watson, who joined the Marine Corps as an enlisted man in 1912, has three rows of campaign ribbons to represent his 32 years in the Corps.

Use V-Mail

New Book Tells Tarawa Story

"Tarawa: The Story of a Battle," described by Time Magazine as the most vivid book on the Pacific war since Ira Wolfert's "Torpedo Squadron 8," has just been published. (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, \$2).

The story of the bloodiest Marine battle in history is told by Robert Sherrod, famed correspondent who accompanied the 2nd Div. to Tarawa. "Our information services have failed to impress the people with the hard facts of war," he wrote. "There is no easy way to win . . . (there will) be many other bigger and bloodier Tarawas."

Marine Attains Highest Non-Com Rating At 20

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA—One of the youngest, if not the youngest, sergeants major in the Corps reported to this station recently.

He is SgtMaj. Norman C. Knapp, 20, of Fairview, Mont., a member of the "Eight Ball" squadron now in training here.

Although he won't be 21 until next July, SgtMaj. Knapp has an impressive service record dating from his enlistment in August, 1941. He started his phenomenal rise when he was taken from general aviation duty and appointed a clerk in the sergeant major's office. From that day on, he learned Navy Regulations and the MCM from cover to cover.

In 1942 SgtMaj. Knapp joined the "Eight Ball" squadron and went overseas as a clerk in the first sergeant's office. In March of that year, when the acting sergeant major was promoted, Knapp was appointed to succeed him. By October of the same year, he had achieved the highest enlisted rank in the Marine Corps, scarcely more than a year after his enlistment.

Ho! Hum!

In the spring a young man's fancy turns—, So, spring having arrived this week, we give you Don Marquis's famous

SPRING ODE

1.

Fill me with sassafras, nurse,
And juniper juice!
Let me see if I'm still any use!
For I want to be young and to sing again.

Sing again, sing again!
Middle age is a curse,
It is Spring again, Spring again,
Spring again!

And the big bull oyster comes out of his cove

At the flood of the tides,
And bellows his love to his mate where she rides

On the crest of the wave!
The crimson pylorus is singing his song
And the scarlet scintilla flame in the grass,
The snail is abroad with his periscope prong—

Fill me with sassafras!
I want to be one
With the joy of the earth, under the sun,



For the purple convolvulus convolves and volutes
And the arbutus ups and arbutes—
Fill me with sassafras,
And echosh and buchuh and juniper juice

And then turn me loose!

2.

Out of the prison of Winter
The earth and its creatures emerge
And the woodlouse sits on a splinter

And flirts with the cosmic urge!
Sleep me in camomile tea,
Or give me a shot with a needle,
For I want to be young again—Me!
And woo with a lyrical wheedle!

Go page Amaryllis,
And tell her Spring's here with a belluva troop—
Oh, Chloe, come hither!
Here's a bald-headed Strephon that's willing to spoon!
He brings to the business a lyre and a zither
And a heart's that been chewed by the romance bacillus.

Nurse, the juniper juice,
And the sassafras, nurse, and then turn me loose,
Let me see if I'm still any use!



5th Div.

NEWLY-APPROVED shoulder insignia for the 5th Div. will soon be seen on blouses of men now training at Camp Pendleton for more Jap-routing moves in the Pacific. Insignia for the 18th and 13th Def. Bns. have also received the HQMC stamp of approval.

Prizes Awarded Shoulder Patch Contest Winners

CAMP PENDLETON—The winning design in the contest for a 5th Div. shoulder insignia was submitted by 1stLt. Fergus F. Young of South Pasadena, Calif., it was announced this week.

Since Lt. Young was ineligible to receive an award from the division recreation fund, first prize of a \$50 war bond went to PFC. Claude W. Bagutti of Elmhurst, N. Y., whose design was second choice.

THIRD PRIZE

A \$25 war bond was awarded as third prize to CM1/c A. T. Shadle of Blairsville, Pa., a Seabee, and another \$25 bond was awarded PFC. Robert N. Hari of Syracuse, N. Y., for originality of design.

The accepted design has a maroon crusader's shield enfolded by a gold border for background. In the center is a gold V symbolizing both the division number and victory. Superimposed on the gold V is a blue spearhead signifying the role played by Marine divisions in spearheading offensive operations.

Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, Div. commanding general, thanked all contestants for cooperation and enthusiasm in the contest.

DEFENSE UNITS

WASHINGTON—Shoulder insignia for the 13th and 18th Def. Bns. have recently been recorded and have official approval.

Insignia for the 18th Def. Bn. has a blue background with a white broadsword crossing gold wings. The numerals 1 and 8 are separated by the sword.

A shield of blue, white and scarlet furnishes the background for the 13th Def. Bn. insignia. A green sea horse with white letters FMF superimposed completes the design.

Stop Loose Talk

Shell Explosion Victim Succumbs

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Tiny 4½-year-old Jon Antony Foraker, son of Corp. and Mrs. Richard Foraker of San Diego, died here this week of injuries suffered in the explosion of a 37mm. fragmentation shell in his home.

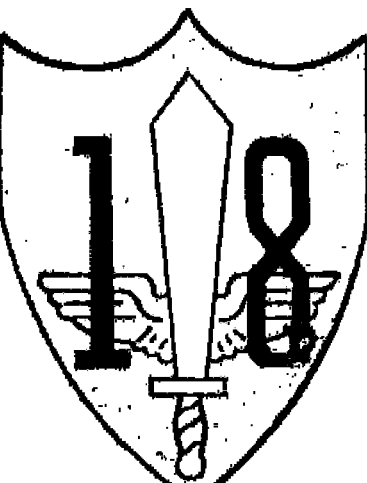
The baby was given repeated blood plasma treatments in efforts to save his life.

The shell exploded when the child pounded it on the floor while playing. The father is stationed at Camp Elliott.

Be Courteous

A timid soul was speaking to the parachute officer and asked: "How can you hang from that silk thing? Isn't the suspense terrible?"

"Not at all," was the reply. "It's when the suspense isn't there that it's terrible."



18th Def. Bn.



13th Def. Bn.

One Grenade Nets Three Jap Swords

PARRY ISLAND (Delayed)—Four Jap officers peered out of the mangrove brush here for the last time, and Sgt. Howard C. Dickey, a section leader of a Marine unit, thereby became the owner of three Samurai swords.

Dickey, who hails from Enghaut, Pa., spotted the four hiding in the thick brush during the fierce fighting. When they saw the advancing Marines, they started to run away.

The sergeant quickly threw a grenade, instantly killing three of the Japs. The fourth, slightly wounded, escaped.

As Dickey was removing the swords from the dead officers' bodies, a bullet whizzed past his head. The wounded Jap sprang from a nearby "spider trap" fox-hole and attempted to fire his pistol a second time.

A well-aimed bullet from the rifle of PFC. H. J. Spenko of South Gate, Calif., killed the fourth Jap officer, thus saving Sgt. Dickey's life.—Sgt. Jack A. Gertz.

Buy War Bonds

Add to the "What's in a name" list that of PFC. Richard Pancake, a messman at MCAD, Miramar, Calif.



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Too Much Digging

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—Pvt. Chico Lopez Marceda has been kept so busy digging foxholes that he's beginning to show the effects. A young fox terrier found on Munda. Pvt. Chico was adopted by members of an aviation group unit.—SgtSgt. Alfred E. Lewis, combat correspondent.

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Cactus Patch Minor Hazard Of Latest Conditioning Program

Tough Obstacle Course Started At Pendleton

Physical Trainers Model New Unit On Leatherneck Construction In Pacific

CAMP PENDLETON—A 14-hazard obstacle course which promises to be the toughest in the Marine Corps is under construction at this camp. Patterned after a course built by Marines in the South Pacific, the U-shaped course will be 600 yards long.

Physical Training Section heads conceived the idea of building the hand-to-hand area over a cactus patch.

"TOKYO SEWER"

The "Tokyo Sewer" is a pitch-dark tunnel, two feet square and 125 feet long. It is equipped with devices which permit an operator on the outside to create dead-ends and other hazards on the inside. Purpose of the tunnel is to determine the reaction of men who find their way blocked. Average time for negotiating the tunnel is 10 minutes.

Another tricky hazard will be a doorless house, where Marines will enter through a window, crawl through the ceiling to the roof, then use grappling hooks to reach the peak of the roof. They will descend via a 100-foot long cable bridge.

DESCENT TRAINING

The largest obstacle will be a 30-foot tower for cargo net and rope descent training.

Barbed wire obstacles and devices designed to develop arm and shoulder muscles also will be installed by the TC Eng. Bn.

— Mail Address Correct? —

Gift Service

WASHINGTON — Marines serving outside the United States may now send gifts to relatives or friends at home for any occasion throughout the year by placing orders through Ship's Service stores or Army post exchanges. Originated by the Army as a special Christmas service, the plan has been extended as a year-round arrangement with Navy participation.



MARINE BLOOD DONORS from MCAD, Miramar, contribute to the San Diego Red Cross blood bank en masse. First pint is taken from Corp. Jewell Hinson, WR. From left are: StfsGt. Kenneth Matson, Corps. Louis Bayus, Odean Kurtz, William Pollock, Donald Gernes and TSgt. Robert Budewitz. All are clerical assistants in Personnel Gp.

Mass Donation Of Blood Made By Leathernecks

MCAD, MIRAMAR—One Woman Reserve and 22 other Leathernecks were back at their desks in Personnel Gp. Hq. here this week after making a mass contribution of blood at the Red Cross center in San Diego.

First donation for the group was made by Corp. Jewell Hinson, WR, Donors, all clerical assistants in Personnel Gp, are: MTSgt. Elmer Beggs, TSgt. N. F. Netherland and Robert E. Budewitz, StfsGts. Robert Muehlstein and Kenneth Matson, Sgts. Stanley Jasek, Robert Reiling, Eugene Land, James Grady and Charles Thompson, Corps. Kenneth Rupp, William Pollock, Donald Gernes, Louis Bayus, George Tompkins and Odean Kurtz, PFCs. Edward Budnick, Richard Budnick, Fred Orehek, Charles Sloakes, Nikolaus Pizula and Raymond Donahue.

— Buy Bonds For Freedom —

Nimitz Honored

WASHINGTON—The House of Representatives this week unanimously voted to present a DSM to Adm. Chester W. Nimitz after hearing several members eulogize the services of the Pacific Fleet Commander.

Foxhole-Bound Sergeant Delayed—But Not For Long

By StfsGt. Jeremiah A. O'Leary, Combat Correspondent

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed)—On Guadalcanal, the Marines used to hang this sign on the entrances to their dugouts: "Through these portals pass the fastest Marines in the world." A year later, the same Marines are proving they have lost none of their facility

at the prudent art of foxhole diving.

1stSgt. Ernest C. Pittman of Shalotte, N.C., is as fast as the next man, but he had a little trouble one night recently when the Japs staged a sneak bombing raid on the airdrome.

He was asleep in his rain-proof, insect-proof jungle hammock when "condition red" was signalled. Every Marine on the island was in his foxhole in a trice. Not so Pittman. "Where are you, Pitt?" his buddies shouted into the dark.

"I can't find the ripeard on this hammock," the non-com answered in anguish.

The hammocks are secured by zippers which run lengthwise. Seconds later, Pittman was oc-

cupying his customary hole—just before the AA. gunners opened up and the Jap dropped his bombs.

Next morning the other Marines found evidence that Pittman hadn't bothered with locating the ripeard. In the netting on the side of the hammock was a large, jagged rent—just the size of a Marine in a hurry.

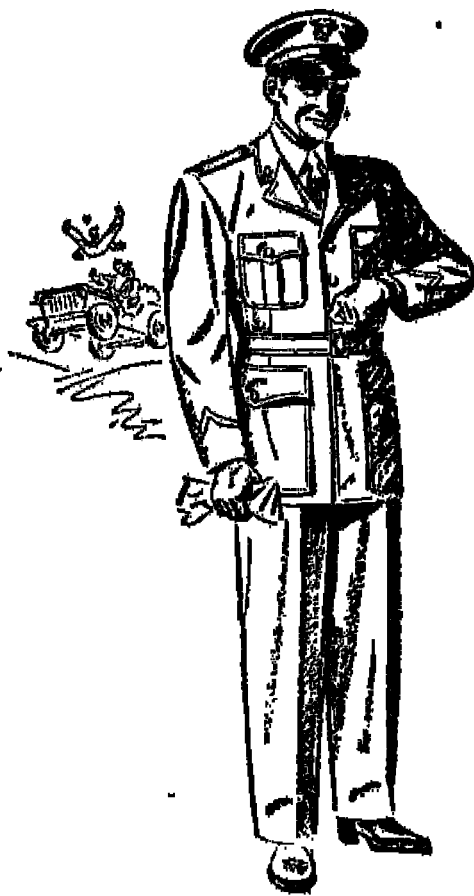
— Use V-Mail —

Knox Writes Book

"Our Navy and Our Future, The Tradition of Victory," by Secy. Frank Knox, will be published in the late spring. Royalties from its sale will go to the Navy Relief Society.

Marine Corps rifle teams have captured 15 national championships since 1903.

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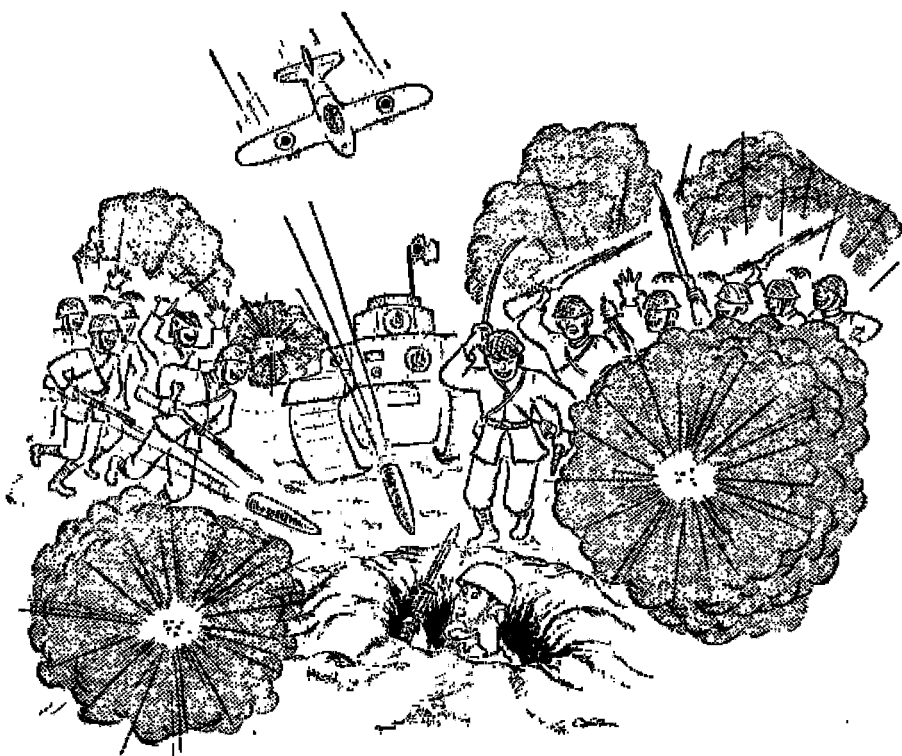
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The adventures of Pvt. Jonathan Jeep appear regularly in this space. Watch for his feature

MARINES LAUDED FOR 'NEAR MIRACLE' VICTORY AT WALT'S RIDGE

USNH, OAKLAND—Lt. Col. Lewis Walt, who led a Marine unit through the bloodiest battle of the entire Cape Gloucester campaign, has returned here for treatment of a shoulder injury.

Col. Walt, who has the signal honor of having the combat area named for him—it is now known as the battle of Walt's Ridge—rose from the rank of a first lieutenant to lieutenant colonel in less than 11 months through spot commissions in the field.

"The Marine buck private and non-com is one of the toughest fighting men in the world," says Colonel Walt.

"In taking that ridge, those Ma-

lines accomplished a near miracle. They had been fighting eight days on reduced rations before the ridge battle started. They had slogged through jungle waist deep in mud. It rained constantly. Foxholes quickly filled with water, and men often spent the entire night in water up to their shoulders. Rations on some days were down to one sixth of emergency.

"We had orders to take the ridge position, for it was the key to Hill 860, captured later. We had to take that ridge at any cost. As we found out later, the Japs had orders to hold it at all cost—to the last man. In addition, they had heavy reserves ready to throw into

the action.

"The ridge itself was something remarkable. It not only was heavily fortified with pillboxes, machine gun emplacements, and the like, but also was a veritable ant hill of tunnels. We'd wipe out all the Japs in a certain pillbox, and a few minutes later a new crew would take over. We didn't know where they were coming from until we blasted them out of the tunnels later. It was one of the most elaborate defense set-ups in the South Pacific.

"We carried, pushed, and hauled a large calibre field gun up to the slope of the ridge which aided in our eventual breakthrough. We

had fought our way to within a few feet of the crest when the Japs countered with four vicious attacks.

"We always knew when these attacks would start, for they would begin a weird chant of 'prepare to die, Marines,' and then they'd come over. On their fourth assault wave, I thought our lines had been broken, and that we were all through. I was afraid every man in our unit would be killed. The Japs were so close that one officer was shot only 20 yards from my command post on the side of the ridge.

"Thinking the battle lost, I signalled for the artillery in our rear to lower their curtain of fire. It

came down to within a few yards of our lines, but it broke up their reinforced attack. When the fifth Jap charge came, it was weak, and we then attacked and cleaned out the whole ridge. After that, Hill 860 was taken, and the Horgen Bay area, main Jap supply base, was secured.

"What impressed me the most was the way Marines with fevers of 104 and 105 degrees refused to leave the battle lines, feeling that by doing so they would be letting down their comrades. All of them were ready to lay down their lives without reservation, so long as they got a chance to do their part."

Safety Valve . . .

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"SOCIAL" WRITING

Editor, The Chevron—This letter is an accomplishment on a unit of social letter writing in my English class. After careful consideration we decided to write to someone in service as an assignment.

I imagine you would like to have a description of me. I am a senior in Commerce High and am 17 years old. I have blue eyes, brown hair and weigh 117 pounds.

I don't know whether or not you have ever heard of Commerce. But it is in northeast Texas. It is a friendly town with approximately 5000 people living here. East Texas State Teachers is also situated here.

I enjoy all sports and I am especially fond of dancing and skating. I am sorry to say that I don't have any special hobby. I just cannot create an interest on just any one thing.

Each year the seniors of Commerce present a play about this time. This year we are going to present "For Pete's Sake," a comedy in three acts. We are all wishing for it to be a real success.

At 9 o'clock each morning we report to our first period class. At this time I go to Physical Education, which by the way is my favorite class. We are divided into groups of eight girls each. On each day of the week we have something different. Here are a number of things we do: play volleyball, basketball, have folk dances, take calisthenics, and have military marching.

I sincerely hope that I receive an answer to this letter.

MARY BULLS
Route 1, Cumby, Texas

FLYING READER

Editor, The Chevron—Your paper seems to get quite a bit of attention out this way and everyone who can find a copy always enjoys reading your articles.

Someone left a Chevron in our plane the other day and I read it while flying at 8000 feet for a few hours. It's a crew chief's delight to have something to read.

Sgt. S. J. TRUAX
#FPO, San Francisco

RHYME AND METER DEPT.

Editor, The Chevron—I stopped in San Diego for a little thing called boot training. On the range they were using a poem at the picture show each night (two years ago). I don't know its name but remember this line: "The winds blow cold in Iceland, but the winds have blown cold before." Where can I get a copy?

Sgt. SHERMAN E. DODD
Induction & Recruiting Sta., Lafayette, La.

Editor's note—A copy of "The Ballad of the Leathernecks" is in the mail for you.

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WATER YARN LEAKY

Editor, The Chevron—I have enjoyed reading your paper very much, up until yesterday. Then in a very tainted issue, (Feb. 12), I read that the Bougainville Water Co. is reported as the property of a "Sea Bug," who not only owns the works lock, stock and barrel, but is the only employee. This caused me to be most upset as two Gyrenes ran the aforesaid company, using none but Marine equipment, while this "Sea-Bug" operated a jewelry shop making metal wrist bands, rings and such. That terrific build-up about shot and shell—phooie! I know which beach he landed on, Methinks Messrs. Marder and Moran are looking for "Tales of Baron Munchausen" rather than straight dope. It must make interesting reading back there in the barracks, but out here it just causes the Joes to snort and then turn to the Chevron Chick. The doggie from Yank got a wrist-band for his trouble.

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BATTLE STARS

Editor, The Chevron—The men of this company have read an article in a Detroit newspaper about a Sgt. — who wears two silver stars, indicating participation in 10 major battles. The first sergeant and I have been having quite an argument as to where the battles were and would like to have you give us places and dates of battles in which Marines participated other than Naval battles.

MC/Sgt. REGINALD MUCKLERDY
c/o PFO, San Francisco

Editor's note—Refer to the Mar. 11 issue of The Chevron which contained the list of 24 major battles of the Asiatic-Pacific region for each of which a bronze star may be worn. In the case of the sergeant you referred to, he is a regular who served with the Marine detachment aboard a cruiser which has been in a number of actions. Since most of the 24 battles involved naval forces he undoubtedly rates the two silver stars. The battles are also listed on page 68 of the March 1944 issue of "Bureau of Naval Personnel Information Bulletin".

'Bankbuster' Sets
Marines Hunting
Japanese 'Scratch'

KWAJALEIN ATOLL (Delayed)—An American bombardier has supplied the answer to the age-old question: "What would it be like if the bank blew up?"

Money flew in all directions here when a bomber dropped a "bankbuster" on the local Japanese house of finance, bursting the vaults and burying shattered coin caches in a heap of rubble.

Now the soldiers and Marines dig money out of the ground by the double handful exactly like they used to do in the wildest money-finding dreams of childhood.

PAY DIRT

When an eager Marine turns up a coin, he digs faster and finds two more. His eyes light up and he grabs the pointed stick with both hands. Sometimes he finds a pocketfull in one place.

Patient prospectors sift each handful carefully, letting the dirt strain through their fingers. Others merely squat and dig in, up to their knees, throwing the dirt out back of them like a dog digging for a bone. Then they fill up a sack, move over a foot or two and go at it again.

There are only a few big-time operators who come armed with shovels, improvised screens, and the systematic fury of a Klondike gold miner.

The discovery of a key, a hinge, a piece of banknote, or a different kind of coin is a tense moment of expectancy. And every prospector freezes in his position at the sound of a spade on a hard object.

PLENTY OF SCRATCH

The mere suggestion that the "occupation money" has no real value is met with dirty looks.

All this digging and scratching goes on to the accompaniment of a prayerful mumbling in the manner of a dice-thrower talking to his "bones":

"Money and rice—everything else."

"Find me some pay dirt, papa."

Occasionally someone ventures to wonder who was the man who broke the bank at Kwajalein Island.—Sgt. Gilbert P. Bailey, combat correspondent.

— Use V-Mail —

Under present plans the Navy will reach its maximum strength some time in 1945.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY at Camp Matthews featured an open house, or barracks, party given by WR personnel. The festivities were complete with chow, entertainment and judo exhibition. Everyone wore green, too. (Photo by PFC. E. J. Wishin).

Japs Use Trickery
In Bombing Raids

CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain (Delayed)—Jap bombers are never short on tricks.

They knew a Marine artillery battery was set up in a large kunai grass field back from the beach, but they didn't know the exact position.

One plane would glide in at several thousand feet, flash landing lights, then streak for the clouds. Another plane would slip in from the opposite side of the field and drop its bombs as anti-aircraft units opened fire.—Sgt. Donald A. Hallman, combat correspondent.

Hospital Ship
Ready To Serve

WASHINGTON—A one time cargo vessel, luxury liner and troop transport has been reborn as the Navy's newest and largest hospital ship—the USS Refuge.

The Refuge, placed in commission Feb. 24, will soon be at sea as a mercy vessel with facilities so complete and modern as to make her comparable with any hospital ashore.

High Jap Ratio

ENTWICKLE ATOLL (Delayed)—Japanese were killed at a ratio of 33 for every attacking American here.

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HONOLULU Marines recently held a "luau" at Pohala Beach, with civilian nurses as guests. Corp. Harley C. Ross of Tulsa, Okla., veteran of seven major sea battles, and Mrs. Grace Randall of Anaconda, Mont., tackle turkey drumsticks.

Marines Provide Own USO Aboard Navy Transport

ABOARD A U. S. NAVY TRANSPORT (Delayed)—Distances are vast and time is long in Marine Corps Pacific operations. Aboard crowded transports, where every available inch must be given to troops and supplies, there is no room for organized recreation.

Men exercise on the cluttered decks, study weapons and battle plans on hatch covers, sleep, write letters, play cards in odd corners and crevices under the ship's boats and behind the cargo. Radio and movies are prohibited within enemy waters.

BOREDOM STRIKES

A few weeks of this, and even Marines begin to feel bored. But aboard this combat-bound transport, Marines have made their own USO.

In the mess-hall each night, after the last meal has been cleared away, the "Skivvy Kids" hold forth. With only a bare table for platform, the boys put on a show which leaves their enthusiastic audiences howling for more.

Hot music is provided by two trumpets and two guitars, with occasional flasks from the chaplain's 8-octave portable organ. Original songs and parodies, most of them tough and ribald, but some worthy of a hearing by Tin Pan Alley, are turned out by these Leatherneck lutesmiths.

COMEDY ACTS

PFCs, Robert McKnight of Newark, N. J., and John J. McElroy jr., of North Bergen are featured comedy performers.

Guest stars include PFC, Charles W. Keeshan of Houston, Tex., who plays guitar in true cowboy style as he sings his own songs.

Music for the shows is furnished by Corps. Andrew J. Tuney jr., of Stoneham, Mass., and John I. Snyder of Watervliet, N. Y., PFCs. Grover Cleveland Woodward of Truro, Mass., and Leo Jennings of Sage, Ark. The chaplain's organ, lent for special performances, is played by Sgt. Bob Cooke of Metuchen, N. J.—Sgt. Bob Cooke, combat correspondent.

Be Content

Marines View First Movie In Marshalls

KWAJALEIN ATOLL (Delayed)—Sixteen days after they landed, Marines attended their first movie in the Marshall Islands.

Few Hollywood premieres ever enjoyed a more enthusiastic reception than the Kwajalein showing of the pre-war picture "Dr. Broadway".

Soldiers, sailors, and Marines sat in the coral sand, under a roof of real stars, to see the picture. In order that night working parties might attend, the show began at midnight—Sgt. Gilbert P. Bailey, combat correspondent.

Write Home

"Did you hear about the man with 11 kids? He was stork mad."

Musical Program Slated By 'Halls' Radio Show

A special program of music from concert to jive is being arranged for next Wednesday's 97th broadcast of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show from the Base Theater.

The musical presentation will include the work of both the Base orchestra and swing band, under the direction of WO. Fred Lock; the "Sentimental Sergeants," led by Staff Sgt. Hal Prudin; a gypsy combination of violin, guitar, string bass and accordion; the Base male chorus, conducted by TSgt. Herbert Goodwin; operatic baritone, PFC. John P. Burr; and a former Charlie Agnew dance band vocalist, PFC. Dick Smith.

The 30-minute broadcast, starting at 1630, will also include Sgt. Glenn Ford in a dramatized reading, "Calling Tokyo."

Musical arrangements for the broadcast were written by TSgt. Grady Howard and Staff Sgt. Prudin.

Stop Loose Talk

Hot Stuff

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 11 (UP)—Today's lesson in arithmetic from the Tokyo radio. The announcement said: "Three B-24s and five fighters attempted to raid Buin, Bougainville, Thursday. Our interceptors shot down 10 of them."

Tarawa Vets Hear Flying Bandsmen

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—A live-talent show traveled the air lanes when members of an air station band and other entertainers clambered aboard a huge Marine transport plane and set down at "Camp Tarawa" to stage a series of shows for veterans of the Gilberts invasion.

The flying entertainment trip was the idea of Capt. H. E. Schell of St. Paul, Minn., PRC, and may be the forerunner of similar trips in the Pacific. Capt. Schell wrote the show around the air station band and shared comedy honors with 1st Lt. D. J. Cesario of Trinidad, Colo., ex-band vocalist, and Eleanor French, former New York night club singer who was in Hawaii with USO Camp Shows.

Screen Guide

BASE THEATER

Today—Top Man, O'Connor-Poster.
Sunday—Crazy House, Olsen-Johnson.
Monday—Lucky Fellow Mr. Smith, Jones-Ankers.
Tuesday—Corvette K-225, Scott-Doyne.
Wednesday—Hostages, Rainer-Bendis, (Halls of Montezuma, 1630).
Thursday—Thank Your Lucky Stars, All-star cast.
Friday—Road to Morocco, Hopper-Crosby.
Saturday—Hi Yá Sallo, Woods-Ness.

CAMP MATTHEWS

Today—Stand By for Action, Taylor-Freeman.
Sunday—Top Man, O'Connor-Poster.
Monday—Crazy House, Olsen-Johnson.
Tuesday—Lucky Fellow Mr. Smith, Jones-Ankers.
Wednesday—Corvette K-225, Scott-Doyne.
Thursday—Hostages, Rainer-Bendis.
Friday—Thank Your Lucky Stars, All-star cast.
Saturday—Road to Morocco, Hopper-Crosby.

KCAD, KIRKMAN

Today—Ladies Courageous, Young-Harrymore.
Sunday and Monday—The Sullivan, Mitchell-Flaxler.
Tuesday—Knickerbocker Holiday, Eddy-Manning.
Wednesday—Lifeboat, Rankin-Bond.
Thursday—The Man From Down Under, Laughlin-Barers.
Friday and Saturday—The Purple Heart, Andrews-Granger.

CAMP KHARNEY

Today—Lassie Come Home, McDowell-Crisp.
Sunday—She's For Me.
Monday—Whistling in Brooklyn, Skellan.
Tuesday—Gangway For Tomorrow.
Wednesday—Klondike Kate.
Thursday—Smart Guy.
Friday—Biding High.
Saturday—Ladies Courageous, Young-Harrymore.

CAMP ELLIOTT

(The following listing is for the auditorium and Theater No. 2. The same pictures play one day later at Theater No. 1. Auditorium shows at 1400 and 2000 daily, 1400, 1800 and 2000 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Theater No. 2 time: 1830 and 2030. Theater No. 1: 1730 and 1930.)
Today—Three Faces West, Wayne-Garte.
Sunday—Hostages, Rainer-Bendis.
Monday—You Were Never Loved, Her, Astaire-Dayworth.
Tuesday—The Good Fellows, Kel-Jawar-Walker.
Wednesday—My Best Gal, Withers-Lydon.
Thursday—Reveille With Beverly, Miller-Wright.
Friday—Queen of Broadway, Hudson-Crabbe.

Bay War Bonds

Show Must Go On

RUSSELL ISLANDS (Delayed)—Men stationed at this isolated base are so devoted to their movies that, once sealed for a show, they refuse to be permanently diverted even by a series of air raid alerts lasting most of the night. After each interference, they return to the mess hall "theater"—Sgt. John R. Hurley, combat correspondent.

New Band Ready For Assignment

The second regimental band organized at MCB within a month for duty in the field is standing by to join the unit to which it has been assigned within the next few weeks, it was announced this week by WO. Frederick Lock, band officer.

Sgt. Thomas S. Papagni, who returned from overseas duty nearly a year ago, will be bandmaster of the 29-piece unit. Assistant bandmaster will be Sgt. Glenn E. Beeble, who was stationed at Pearl Harbor when the Japs attacked Dec. 7, 1941. Both have been serving as instructors in the Base Band school.

Drum major will be Edwin L. Sockwell jr., former drummer with Henry Busse and other topflight dance bands, who has been playing with the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show orchestra.

A 12-piece dance orchestra can be formed from members of the band for entertaining overseas troops.

Use V-Mail

Casualties

Casualties among chaplains in the U. S. Army from Dec. 7, 1941, to Aug. 19, 1943, totalled 71. Of these 20 were killed, two were wounded or missing in action, 33 were taken prisoners.

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MCB Tennis Team Starts Practice

Eager to field another 11th Naval Dist. championship team, Corp. Harold Brogan this week issued a call for all tennis players with tournament experience.

Prospects for another winner appear to be bright. In addition to Corp. Brogan, who last year won the 11th Naval singles title, the following members of the 1943 championship club are working out daily: TSgt. Leslie Caskey, PISgt. R. L. Weatherford, StfSgt. Roger Carney and Corp. Abel C. Mattos.

Two new candidates with considerable tournament experience are Pvts. George Steidl of Chicago and James Beall of Portland, Ore. The team practices each evening at 1630 on the two courts back of the Base Dispensary. Corp. Brogan can be reached there or at the Base Library, Ext. 532.

— Buy Insurance —

1stLt. William N. Case of Vancouver, Wash., now chasing down South Pacific aerial opposition, is a former Oregon State college varsity swimmer.

Duty-Bound Men Hear Ball Game By Walkie-Talkie

A MARINE BASE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—No one claims a precedent, but yesterday's broadcast of a baseball game via "walkie-talkie" might set the standard for postwar fans who can't get away from the office when World Series time rolls around.

Resourceful Marines, duty-bound at camp when two bn. teams were to battle for a regimental championship, solved the problem of staying in camp and seeing the game at the same time by saddling PFC. Harvey I. Moldafsky of St. Louis with a portable radio transmitting and receiving unit.

Moldafsky, never a professional broadcaster, turned in a performance that surpassed that of his ball club and kept a score of camp fans on the edge of their seats until the game ended, 3 to 2, in the opponents' favor.—Corp. Herman H. Lewis.

— Buy Bonds For Freedom —

Collegians Defeat El Toro Ball Club

MCAS, EL TORO—Breaking a tie score in the last half of the sixth, UCLA defeated the El Toro Marines, 3 to 5, in a baseball game at Los Angeles last week. Casper Ohmeyer of El Toro hit a home run with two men ahead in the first half of the sixth to tie the count at 5-all. Score:

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THE CHEVRON Sports



EXPERT MEETS EXPERT in judo as Corp. Lester D. Moulze, instructor at RD, clamps reverse coat strangle on Pvt. Nicholas J. Powlick jr., who formerly instructed Chicago policemen in the art. (Photo by PFC. Herbert Alden).

Marines Greet Another Judo Expert

When Pvt. Nicholas J. Powlick jr. of Chicago receives his judo lessons at MCB, it's going to be a question of who knows the most—pupil or instructor.

Powlick studied judo under three professional instructors, two of them Japanese. All this led to a job as judo instructor for the Chicago city police dept., which he left recently to join the Marine Corps.

Using his own modified course, Powlick arranged a special six-week course in which he taught Chicago policemen how to disarm a man, the art of self defense, and the approach and apprehension of an opponent.

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SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Sharpshooting Marine AA. gunners protecting the airfield here proved they were just as adept at handling a ball and bat as they were at battling Japs in the skies.

The self-styled "Ack-Ack Ten," members of a unit which has brought down 46 Jap planes in action since June 30, slaughtered all opposition to be crowned champions of the Island Softball League. All saw action on Guadalcanal where they accounted for 10 more enemy aircraft prior to recent offensives.

LOST ONLY TWO

Competing with five Army engineer and ordnance teams, the league's only Leatherneck club, under management of Corp. Stanley Pacholsky of Detroit, won eight of the 10 games scheduled. Corp. Pacholsky, a telephone lineman, also doubles as a pitcher.

Most of the Leathernecks were topnotch softball players before the war.

PFC. Arnold W. Osta of Pontiac, Mich., truck driver and first baseman, hit the longest ball in the league—a hard-hit home run stretching 350 feet and out of the coral ball park.

Both Sgt. John T. Heverly of Altoona, Pa., and StfSgt. Virgil A. Seaney of Richmond, Ind., roving short and second baseman, respectively, played in several games. Hurling the team to victory over the soldier teams were Sgt. Glen H. Bloomquist of Cook, Minn., a telephone lineman, and PFC. Roman Jawarowicz of Buffalo, N.Y., gunner on one of the big guns that took its toll of Jap planes.

ROSTER LISTED

Other members of the championship team were:

Catcher, PFC. John H. Straw-sacker of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., a gunner; third baseman, PFC. Dwight Handley of Farmington, W. Va., ammunition handler; Short-stop, Pvt. Jeremiah J. Healy of Brooklyn, telephone lineman; right field, TSgt. Thomas E. Franklin of Memphis, Tenn., personnel clerk; left field, Corp. Clyde P. Conlan of Lakewood, O., chaplain's aide; center field, Corp. David S. Slater of Brooklyn, radio operator; utility, Walter E. Harza of Hamden, Conn., a clerk; PFC. Alfred F. McCarty of Thornwood, N.Y., a draftsman; Pvt. Richard L. Durnell of Washington Court House, O., a communicator.—StfSgt. William S. Frank, combat correspondent.

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El Centro Card Uncovers Bright Boxing Prospect

Heavyweight Schanz Gets Up From Deck To Score TKO Over Opponent In 3d

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Off the deck scrambled 205-pound Pvt. Frederick Schanz here last week to fight his way to a two-round TKO over 185-pound StrSgt. Forrest Webb and thereby peg himself as a heavyweight contender in the forthcoming MarFair West boxing championships.

The two men featured the first of a series of ring shows through which Corp. Jimmy Hatmaker, coach, will whip his El Centro scrappers into shape for the all-aviation tournament, scheduled to be held some time in May, probably at El Toro.

COMBS WINS

The bouts uncovered two other prospects, PFC Jimmy Combs, 160-pounder, and PFC Bill Machado, middleweight. Combs built up an early lead to take the measure of PFC Tony Castro in a scrap that went to a decision. Machado technically knocked out Corp. Lou Gutierrez in the third.

Exhibition bouts rounded out the card, refereed by Maj. Michael Lombardo, Gp. athletic officer. In one of these Corp. Hatmaker boxed Corp. Pappy Pavona, 140 pounds. The other sent Pvt. Artie Elsenberg, 170-pounder, against Pvt. Al Larson.

Close Competition In Officers' Golf

Close matches continued to feature MCB officers' March golf tournament this week as Col. William C. James, commanding, and Capt. Edward F. Rawling, Melvin H. Hass and Omar E. Bearss moved into the semi-finals.

Two matches carried to the 18th green and two to the 19th as Col. James defeated Col. W. W. Davidson, 2 up; Capt. Rawling turned back Capt. W. E. Cort Jr., 1 up; Capt. Hass won from Capt. W. P. Uhlmann, 1 up, and Capt. Bearss eliminated WO. P. J. MacCormac, 3 and 2.

In the "semis" this week Col. James plays Capt. Rawling and Capt. Hass meets Capt. Bearss.

Handballer Retains Naval Dist. Honors

S2/c Harlow Meyers successfully defended his 11th Naval Dist. singles handball championship last week when he defeated Ed Rieck of NTS, 21-5, 21-18. Rieck gained a measure of revenge in the doubles finals by teaming up with Tom Phey in a 21-10, 21-11 win over Meyers and Joe Campbell.

Most successful Marine challenger was Corp Wayne Hoffmann who went to the semi-finals in the singles.

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Big Ring Names Dot Schuessler's Fighting Record

If he can sling lead like he can sling leather, Pvt. Christopher J. Schuessler will be just another Marine headache as far as the Japs are concerned.

Although he never did turn professional, his list of ring opponents contains such recognized masters of mayhem as Joe Louis, Bob Pastor and Johnny Paycheck.

In 1933, during the inter-city matches between Chicago and New York, he squared off with Pastor. He fought Paycheck that same year in Chicago and then boxed an exhibition with Joe Louis the following year in Detroit to help raise funds for that city's newshy.

GETS SCHOLARSHIP

Pvt. Schuessler hit his top stride in 1934-35, first winning the Chicago CYO tournament and then the national as a light heavyweight. All this brought him a scholarship at Wisconsin Univ.

Before he entered the Marine Corps, the big fellow was employed by an Alaskan construction company. Recruit training over at MCB recently, he reported to TC, Camp Elliott.

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Lighties Draw In Recruit Depot's Feature Ring Mix

Little Pvs. Salvador Maes of Alamosa, Colo., and Harold Johnson of Alva, Okla., lightweights, sparked last Saturday night's RD fight card when they fought toe-to-toe in a three-round draw. Maes is a member of Spec. Schools Sec. Johnson is taking his recruit training with Plat. 215.

Out of Uniontown, Pa., came 125-pound Pvt. Thomas Spiegel to stop Pvt. Ernest Hardscastle's winning streak. Spiegel is a member of Plat. 211, Hardscastle, who hails from Carthage, Tenn., is in Spec. Schools Sec.

FAST KNOCKOUT

Of four knockouts Pvt. James Cocio of Tucson, Ariz., 135-pounder from Plat. 240, scored the fastest when he decked Pvt. Raymond Garza of San Antonio, Tex., Plat. 287, in the first heat. Other results:

Heavyweights—Pvt. Wesley Cummings, Paducah, Tex., SSS, drew with Pvt. Roscoe Cox, Arlington, Va., Plat. 225; Pvt. Roy Kirchner, Chandler, Ill., Plat. 216, decimated Pvt. John Minor, Stanton, Va., Plat. 228. Middleweights—Pvt. Marvin Bailey, Denver, Colo., Plat. 215, TKO'd Pvt. Norman Menton, Detroit, Plat. 224, in the third round; Pvt. Howard Moore, Brookville, Ky., SSS, TKO'd Pvt. Jack Gale, Fort Worth, Tex., Plat. 217, in the third. Lightweights—Pvt. John Malloy, Goodhue, Minn., Plat. 183, TKO'd Pvt. Frederik Galerkin, Los Angeles, Plat. 211, in the third.

Nears Hoop Title

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA—Fast-stepping Corsairs virtually clinched second-half honors in the Station Basketball league here last week and loomed as odds-on favorites against Hq. Sq., first-half champions.

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Marine Baseballers Capture Title In Overseas Circuit

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Baseball is still the No. 1 sport with Marines—that is, when conditions will permit the game to be played.

A Leatherneck outfit stationed here recently defeated a Navy All-Star nine to win the title with a record of 21 victories out of 23 starts.

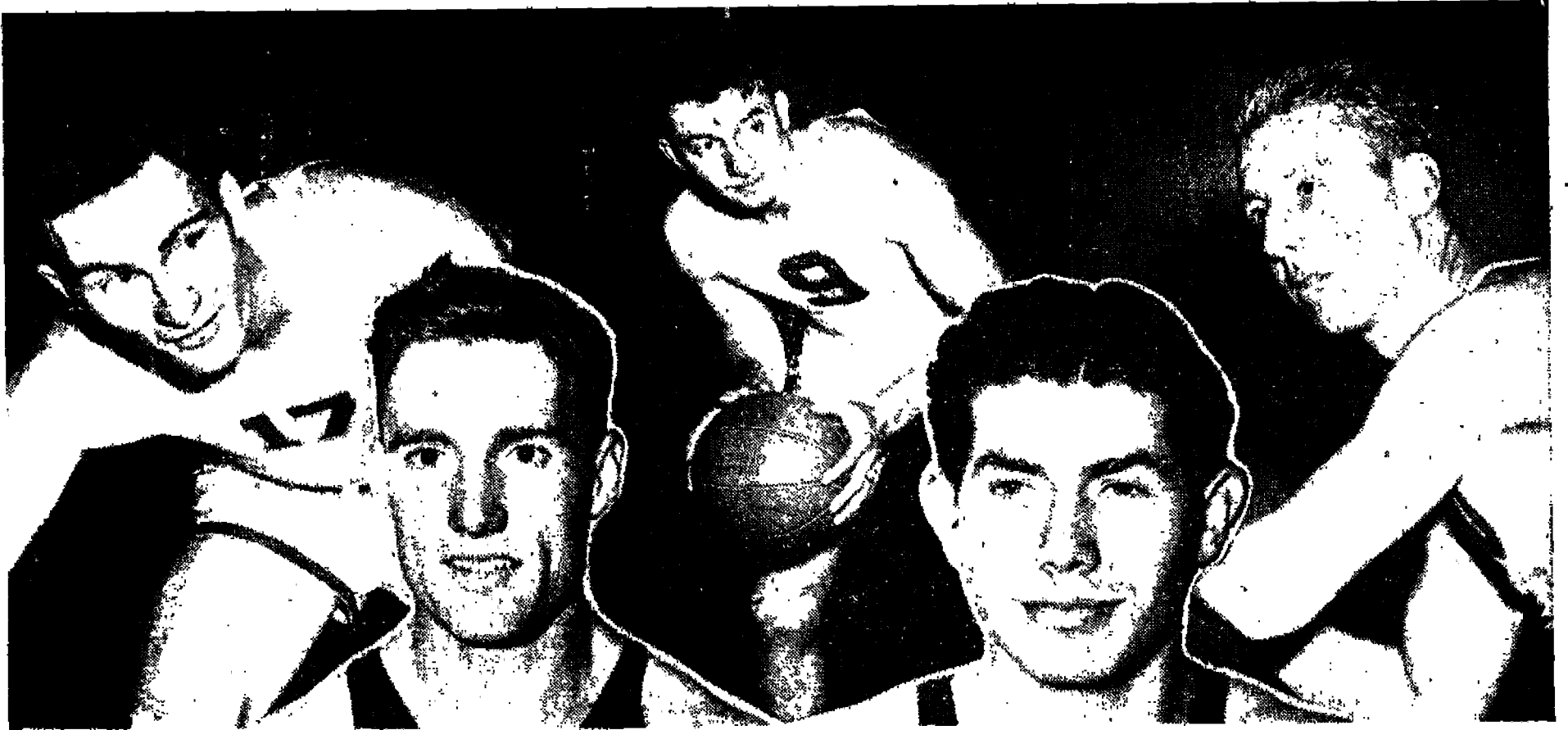
The lineup included Lt. F. J. Puel, MTSgt. G. M. Millardovich, StrSgt. W. P. Dupont, Sgts. G. M. Brown and R. H. Cole, Corps. Viri Golden, W. J. Chambers and E. J. Martineau, PFCs Jack Westmoreland, G. H. Lynch, J. A. Russ and Frank Ceruzzi, and Pvt. S. Weber.

Rugged Conditioning

A guard with the Chicago Cardinals in 1941, Capt. John B. Higgins Jr. can't help but return to pro football which he plans to do—in top physical shape. At Cape Gloucester his duties have taken him through about 250 miles of swamp, jungles and mountains. He was all-conference lineman at Trinity college in 1940.

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BOASTING A RECORD no other club in the nation—collegiate, service or civilian—could match, these are men of MCB basketball fame. Coached by Capt. Charles R. Church, their season ended last week with a 35th consecutive victory. Above, from left, Pvt. Floyd Volker, 2d Lt. Ken Sailors, Pvt. Joe Fulk, Corp. Grant Denmark and Pvt. Charles Schroveh, who made up the starting quintet. (Photos by PFCs. Edward J. Wishin and Chester Turk).

Base Salutes Unbeaten Hoop Quintet

Rates Best In Nation

35-Game String Includes Several Powerful Outfits

Untouched by the heaviest charges of shot fired by Southern California's most powerful basketball batteries, unbeaten MCB this week counted its silverware, filed its 35-games-without-defeat record for posterity and moved on about its wartime business.

Denied post-season tournament entry by wartime rules, it had no more hoop worlds to conquer. A finer record just didn't exist anywhere and, as far as the men around Bldg. 13 were concerned, that included West Point's Army outfit which met and defeated everything that came its way on the Eastern seaboard.

For geographical reasons probably, this power-laden, heady-eyed bunch never did get rightful recognition from the nation's accepted statisticians, whose only possible excuse could be "lack of ranking opposition."

TOUGH OPPOSITION

That by itself would seem rather lame in view of two victories over Univ. of Southern California, two over Dow Chemical and five over NTS, the latter a club which one week managed to rate a place on the Converse-Dunkel list. USC was a ranking southern division Pacific Coast conference power and Dow Chemical a highly regarded AAU unit.

Other victims included FAW Hedrons, ABG-2 (three times), San Diego AC (twice), Camp Elliott (twice), NAS Blues (twice), Des. Base (twice), Elliott H & S, Ryan All-Stars, MAG-15, Miramar Depot (six times), San Diego All-Stars, El Centro Marines, Santa Barbara Marines, Los Alamitos CG, and NAS Overall Control.

They scored 2017 points (an average of nearly 58 a game) against their opponents' 1273.

THREE TROPHIES

In their non-stop flight they collected three major trophies—the Army-Navy YMCA Invitational Tournament (perpetual), the NTS Invitational (permanent) and the 11th Naval Dist. (perpetual), besides contributing to MCB's right to hold the 11th Naval Dist. Per-

Former Grid Stars Wounded Within Day Of Each Other

By MTSgt. Samuel E. Slavitsky, Combat Correspondent
CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain (Delayed)—1st Lts. Phillip P. Bayer of Flushing, N.Y., Columbia Univ. halfback in '41 and Vincent A. Daigler of Kenmore, N.Y., a member of the Notre Dame gridiron squad the same year, were wounded within a day of each other while

their Marine company was participating in a drive against the Japs in the Borgen Bay area.

Lt. Daigler, a platoon leader, was seriously injured by a bursting grenade while leading his outfit against a Jap position on the slope of a ridge. He saw the grenade hurtling his way, and his warning cry gave four of his men, following close by, an opportunity to hit the deck. Daigler, in the direct path of the grenade, alone was wounded.

The following day, Lt. Bayer, company executive officer, took

over the platoon and while attempting to make a contact with another Marine outfit through enemy territory, was wounded in the shoulder. He walked a mile back to the aid station unassisted, promising his men he'd be back before the fighting was over.

SIGNED WITH EAGLES

Football fans will remember Lt. Bayer as the stocky right halfback whose spectacular dash of 45 yards beat Georgia University, 19-13, in the '41 season. He had signed a contract to play for the Philadelphia Eagles just before entering the service.

Among teammates to join the Corps with him were Ray Makofsky, Jack Arbolino, Paul Morinarity, Don Seligman, Ken Gorman, Leno Ferrerini and Paul Governali.

Lt. Daigler entered the Marine Corps following his graduation in '42. Two Notre Dame teammates, Mike Hines and Lorenzo Cutlip, joined at the same time. Both officers saw action in the Guadalcanal campaign.

Lt. Cronk Named Quantico Coach

QUANTICO—Lt. Welby W. Cronk has been appointed mentor for the 1944 Post baseball team by Maj. Michael J. Kelley, recreation officer. Assisting Lt. Cronk will be Lt. A. G. Savell, first baseman of the 1943 team.

Among candidates who have reported thus far are: PFCs. Calvin C. Ermer, optioned by the Washington Senators, and Merrill M. Tucker, optioned by the New York Giants.

— Buy Insurance — Wrestling Bard

PFC. John G. Lethbridge Jr., now "somewhere in the South Pacific," mixes hammerlocks with sonnets. A former Eastern inter-collegiate wrestling champion from Franklin & Marshall college, he has written a book of poems, "Pacific Sands," which will be published soon.



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WR Quintet Wins

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA—With 20 points to her credit, PFC. Betty Miller paced this station's WR basketball team to a 34-16 victory over Navy Supply last week.

Hoop Scoring

	G	FG	FT	PP	Pts.
Fulk	24	334	86	48	374
Sailors	23	300	85	60	251
Denmark	23	316	37	27	219
Volker	23	77	21	53	175
Hummerhouse	26	78	16	19	163
Fultz	27	73	15	36	161
Cerr	23	53	12	20	113
Collins	21	45	12	36	109
Schroveh	24	54	14	48	97
McCaffrey	20	36	10	23	81
Lannan	21	32	5	24	71
Metcalf	15	18	6	14	42
Simmons	9	15	2	6	31

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NO, THIS isn't something new in the way of combat conditioning. It's Pvt. Robert A. Payla demonstrating his "rubber legs" to his buddies in boot camp. He's done it for servicemen before—in a USO troupe. (Photo by PFC, Herbert Alden).

Ex-USO Showman Bending 'Rubber Legs' In Corps

Robert A. Payla got a chance to see what military life looks like from the other side of the footlights when he joined the Marines.

For the last year and a half, Pvt. Payla was a comedian

ABG-2 Tossers Win From Padre Rookies

After allowing two runs in the first inning, Forrest Main tightened down the pitching screws last week to give ABG-2 of North Island a 3 to 2 victory over the San Diego Padre rookies of the Pacific Coast league. "Red" Nellap's home run gave the Marines one run in the seventh. Main started a two-run rally in the eighth with a double. Score:

	R	H	E
Padres	200	000	000
ABG-2	000	000	123

Valenzuela, Páynich, Freeman and Ballinger, Kirkpatrick; Main and Southas, Christ.

— Buy Bonds For Freedom —

Miramar Ball Club Whips Hoover, 7-2

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Four pitchers doled out four hits this week as Camp Miramar's Marine baseball team defeated Hoover High, 7 to 2. Ribera, last of the Leatherneck hurlers to work, hit a home run. Score:

	R	H	E
Miramar Marines	7	7	1
Hoover High	2	4	2

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Scoring star of the group were Pvt. Joe Fulk of Kullawa, Ky., whose varsity experience was gained at Murray State Teachers. The rangy center rang the bell for 374 points in 24 games, an average of 15.5.

MANY STARS

For fire, finesse and scoring ability, 2d Lt. Ken Sailors of Laramie, Wyo., left little to be desired. Corp. Grant Donmark of Palo Alto, Calif., was Lt. Sailors' running mate at forward, with the guard posts anchored by Pvt. Floyd Volker of Casper, Wyo., and Charles Schriener of Stockbridge, Wis. An alternating starter was PFC, Lee McCaffrey of Oakland, Calif.

Back of them was a hostful of proven sharpshooters—Corp. Jack Fultz of Keego Harbor, Mich., PFCs David Humerickhouse of Paris, Ill., James Collins of Laramie, James Lannan of Weston, Ida., L. L. McCull of Kentucky, John Simmons of New York City and Pvt. Edgar Cerr of San Francisco.

— Be Courteous —

Marine Heavy Wins Guadalcanal Scrap

GUADALCANAL (Delayed)—Sgt. George Robinson of Casa Grande, Ariz., outpointed PFC. Joe Lupen, USA, of Hawaii, in a three-round heavyweight bout fought in a coconut-grove arena before 2500 servicemen last night.

The Marine, weighing in at 190 pounds, conceded 23 pounds to the Hawaiian but made it up with an aggressive, fast style which his bigger opponent could not match.—Sgt. Solomon Blechman, combat correspondent.

— Write Home —

"You gave me a bum steer," said the milkmaid as she came back with an empty pail.



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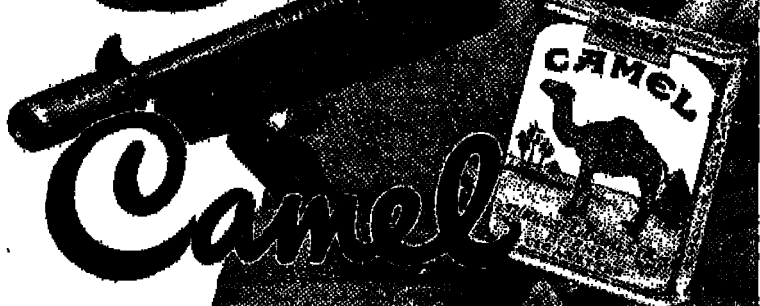
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THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC VICTOR H. LEEDING

Basketball established three definite fighting fronts this week—at Denver, Kansas City and New York City—while the rest of the sports world turned to more seasonable things, like baseball and track.

Phillips "68" Oilers, an old favorite, appeared to be the club to whip for the AAU championship at Denver, but the early rounds uncovered a number of possibilities including Lowry Field of Denver and Fort Warren of Cheyenne, Wyo.

St. John's of Brooklyn turned back Bowling Green of Ohio, 44 to 40, and DePaul throttled Mullenburg's Marble-headed quintet, 68 to 45, in National Invitational openers at New York. The Oklahoma Aggies and Kentucky pushed their way into the semi-finals at the expense of Canisius and Utah, respectively.

Utah gets a second chance, result of a bid to replace Arkansas in the NCAA playoffs at Kansas City this week-end.

GORDON PASSES

Baseball's chief concern, beside low temperatures at northern training grounds, was the long arm of the military which reached out for Joe Gordon of the Yankees (he's headed for Army air transport service) and Pitcher Jack Kraus of the Philadelphia Bluejays.

Turned down by draft boards were Frenchy Bordagaray, Brooklyn outfielder, and Hal Trosky, coming out of retirement to play first base for Chicago's White Sox. At Oakland, Calif., Outfielder Emil Mailho said "no dice" on baseball and chose to remain on his war

job, all of which posed a big question for the game's leaders.

One authority was quoted as saying any military reject who slayed out of baseball was hurting the cause, not helping it. New York's Ed Barrow flat-footedly said the Yankees would have no part of part-timers. That a man "is either a major league player, war worker or bricklayer" and that use of them on a part-time basis smacks too much of bush league ball.

DE GROOT SIGNS

The Washington Redskins signed up Bud DeGroot (ex-Hochester, San Jose State and Stanford) as head coach. Beau Jack won by a country mile over Al (Hoppy) Davis in a match that raised \$2071 for the Red Cross. New York raised its horse racing admission prices.

American bowlers dug up enough money to buy half a million sports equipment kits for overseas men. PFC. Billy Grant (AAF) has a new job: radio news commentator at an advanced air base in New Guinea.

Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., and Sgt. Dutch Harrison of Greensboro, N. C., hit jackpots on pro golf's trail, the former in the North & South Open, the sergeant in the Charlotte Open.

— Buy Insurance —

WRs Start Tourney

CAMP ELLIOTT—With all five companies represented, Elliott WRs have begun an intra-battalion basketball tournament. The winning outfit will receive a suitable award. Lt. M. Fisher, MCWR, announced. Games are played each Wednesday evening.

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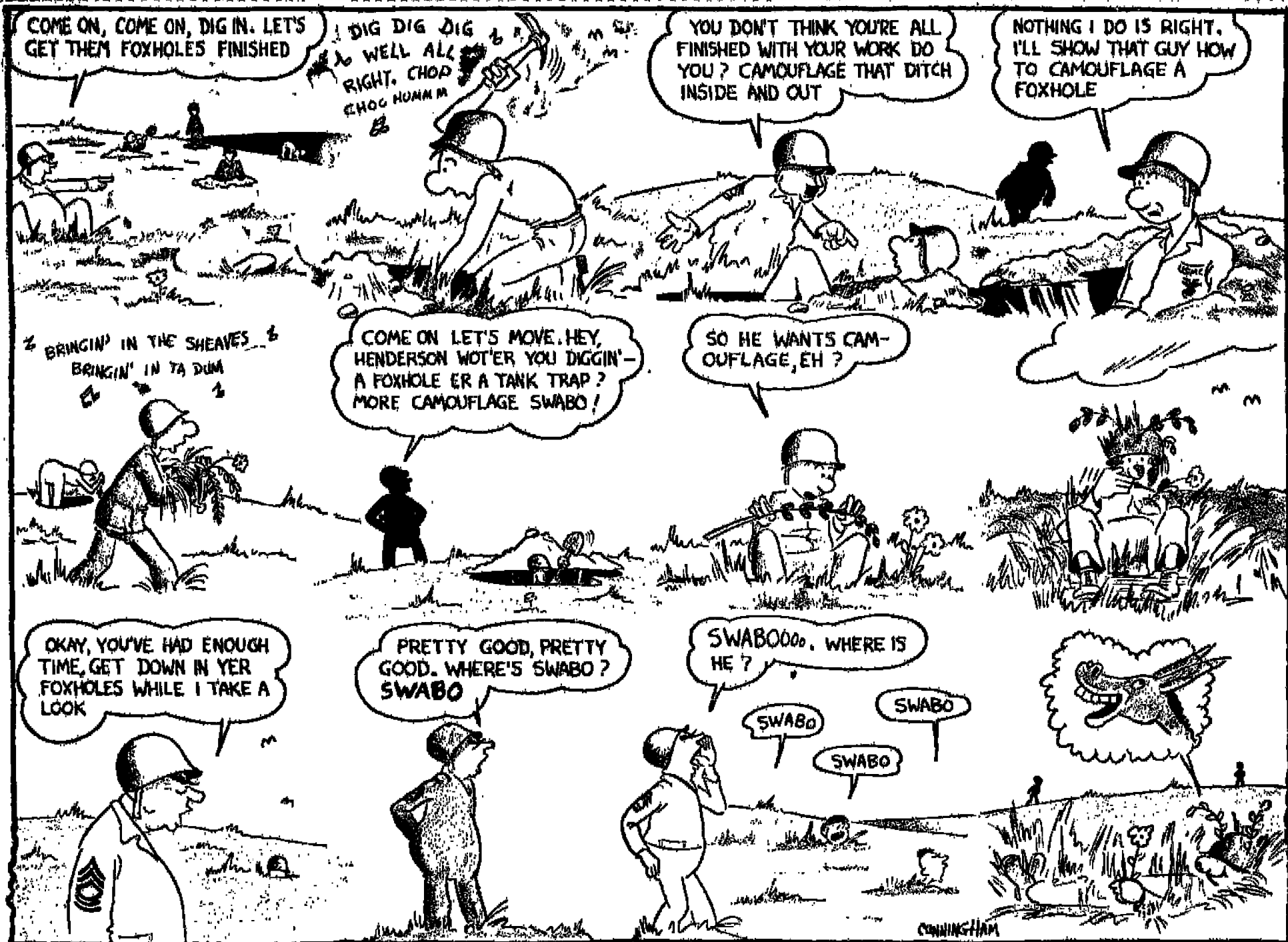
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Marines Splurge On Easter Posies

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Though thousands of miles of water separate them from their wives, mothers and sweethearts, corsages from Marines will be worn in the 1944 Easter Parade.

While Easter is several weeks away, Marines are placing their orders with chaplains, who through the Service Command, are placing orders with U. S. florists.

According to one chaplain, roses and orchids are leading in the selections of the Leathernecks here, who have already deposited over \$1000 to assure delivery on Easter morning.

"No matter how tough a Marine is during combat, they are softies when it comes to the folks back home," the chaplain said.—Sgt. William B. Allen jr., combat correspondent.

Buy Insurance Forms On The Left

A group of privates was discussing the many things they were going to do when the war was over and they were discharged.

"First thing I'm gonna do," stated one, "is bust the first sergeant in the nose."

"Oh, yeh?" replied a comrade. "That, my friend, is what you think. You're going to stand in line and take your turn—just like the rest of us."



Trading No Cinch, Leatherneck Finds

GUADALCANAL (Delayed)—Landing in a training maneuver on a nearby island on which no troops are stationed, PFC. Ordin H. Gipson of Beaumont, Tex., encountered a native.

Thinks PFC. Gipson: "This will be a good chance to pick up some souvenirs by trading. Troops haven't had a whack at this fellow."

In his best pidgin English, PFC. Gipson explained to the native he wanted to do a little swapping.

In perfect English, the native replied:

"I would consider some typewriter paper. I've been unable to use my typewriter for the past few days because I have no paper."

The Marine had met a missionary school graduate.—MTSgt. Maurice E. Moran, combat correspondent.

— Write Home —

'Old Bill' Visits

LONDONDERRY, Northern Ireland (Delayed)—Capt. Bruce Bairnsfather (retired, British Army), creator of "Old Bill" in the "Stars and Stripes" of 1918, spent several weeks at MB here recently.—Sgt. Robert T. Davis, combat correspondent.

— Use V-Mail —

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CHEVRON CHICK

Neither nifty attire nor fetching pose influenced the selection of Janet Blair of Columbia pictures as this week's pin-up. Being lovely to look at and giving promise of having a sweet disposition should be enough to qualify her, if only for the sake of variety.

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