

WORTHY
This high spirit the
rifle in the past
who wins the war.
—Gen. Edson.

COST
The price of free-
dom is the ability
to defend it.—Secy.
of Navy Knox.

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High Mark Equalled

**Recruit Blasts
Targets For 332
To Share Record**

CAMP MATTHEWS—Pvt. Johnnie L. Egnew of Dallas, Tex., squeezed off a sparkling 332 here last week to set a new record for recruits at this range and tie the highest mark turned in by a recruit at any Marine range ever firing with the M-1 began in 1941.

Pvt. Egnew is the first in the all-range record set by Pvt. Herman Latall on the Little Vesta range of Camp MattheW in 1942.

Since Pvt. Egnew has had previous military service, his score will not count for the range toward the annual award of the Matthews trophy, designed to promote interest in marksmanship among men.

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Japs Surrender More Often Now

WASHINGTON—Maj. Gen. Ross H. Brown, commanding general of Marine Aircraft Wings in the Pacific, who flew to Washington last week for a short visit, told reporters that the Japanese are showing a greater inclination to surrender than heretofore.

Gen. Brown said that the battle field of Verdun, after years of shelling, did not look as devastated as did Eniwetok, Kwajalein and Roi after our recent bombing and shelling.

On Bougainville the enemy had made no effort to repair runways destroyed by our bombers, he said, but on most of the islands of the Marshalls they have tried to maintain at least one serviceable strip.

Our system, he declared, is to extend the best of the captured enemy runways, thus utilizing to the full the limited areas.



THIS TECHNIQUE of Pvt. Johnnie L. Egnew, of Plt. 190 was good for a score of 332, which ties the highest mark set by any Marine recruit firing with the M-1 and establishes a new record at Camp Matthews. His coaches were PFC. Earl D. Whalley, left, on the school range and Corp. Henry [unclear], center, on firing line. (Photo by PFC Chester Tufk).

Air Blow Halted

**Japanese Bombers
Turned Back By
Marine Aircraft**

Japan's first aerial thrust in five weeks against a Central Pacific base was turned back by Marine aircraft as rising Sun bombers attempted to strike at Eniwetok atoll in the Marshalls. Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced.

Swinging in before dawn Friday, the enemy bombers were met and turned back by Marine pilots of the 4th Marine Air Wing. Two Jap ships and possibly a third were shot down, Japanese bombs fell in the water, Adm. Nimitz said.

Islands of Pingelap, Ant, Uluk and Pukin in the Jap-held Carolines were under bombardment by Army, Navy and Marine planes Sunday when 45 tons of bombs were dropped on enemy positions.

Uluk has been attacked five times since Apr. 11. Attacking planes dropped bombs on gun positions, barracks and buildings in the Marshalls raids, continuing the increasing campaign to reduce the remaining enemy strongholds of that island group.

GREAT U. S. THRUST LOOMS IN PACIFIC

Pacific Fleet operations during early spring set a pattern for U.S. naval activity to come in the Pacific theater. During that month a tremendous fleet more powerful than any other that the world has ever seen had a million square miles of ocean to itself. In this vast area, Adm. Nimitz has moved his armada at will, striking enemy

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— March Forward —

Command Status Of WRs Clarified

Clarifying an original order that Women Reserve officers could exercise military authority over war men only, a new Navy Dept. ruling states that women officers may be assigned to duties where the directions and orders necessary in the performance of such duties are considered to be the orders of a commanding officer.

The ruling applies where a WR officer's directions and orders are legally, the acts of the officer in command, even though such orders are directed to male personnel.

Gen. Marston Ordered To Lejeune

Medal Of Honor Given To 83

WASHINGTON (AP)—The nation's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, has been awarded to 83 men in the two and a quarter years since Pearl Harbor, 83 compared with 113 awards in the year and a half of World War I. Some of the latter, however, were not given until after the war's end.

Of the 83 awards, 39 have gone to Army personnel, 29 to Navy men, 14 to Marines and 1 to a Coast Guardsman.

Col. D. M. Randall Acting Head At San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO — Maj. Gen. John Marston, Commanding General, DOP, was detached from duty as of Tuesday and will take command of the huge Base at Camp Lejeune. Pending appointment of his successor, Col. D. M. Randall will be acting Departmental Commander.

Maj. Gen. Marston, a native of Somerset, Pa., was previously commanding general, 2nd Mar. Div. The general's military career began Jan. 4, 1908, when he was commissioned a second lieutenant. After 34 years of continuous service he was raised to major general (temporary commission) Mar. 20, 1942.

Gen. Marston's military career includes participation in the occupation of Vera Cruz, Mex., and in the engagement incident at that time. In 1915 he saw active service in operations against hostile forces in Northern Haiti.

COMMENDED FOR WORK

Serving as commanding officer of the Mar. Det., American Embassy, Peking, China, he was sent a letter of commendation by the commander-in-chief of the Asiatic Fleet for "excellence of functions of command, excellent judgment, initiative and administrative ability displayed during Sino-Japanese hostilities."

In July, 1940, Gen. Marston became acting commanding general, HQP, in the absence of the commander.

Ribbons On Shirts Approved By HQMC

WASHINGTON—Optional wearing of service ribbons and badges on summer service shirts by Marine personnel is now permissible, according to a new letter of instruction issued by HQMC.

Col. James Given Overseas Duty

Col. William C. James, commanding officer of the Base for the past year, has been transferred to overseas duty, it was announced by HQMC this week.

Col. R. Winans, executive officer, has assumed temporary command of MCB until assignment of a successor for Col. James.

Col. James came to MCB Apr. 1, 1943, from Camp Lejeune, where he had served at the TC since January, 1943. Previously, he served in the 1st Mar. Div. during the Guadalcanal campaign.

Col. James accepted his commission Feb. 3, 1917. He became a full colonel Aug. 21, 1939. His service includes two years' sea duty and six years' foreign service.

Five Divisions, Five Air Wings Strength Of Corps

A breakdown of estimated strength for various branches of the Marine Corps was revealed by Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, the Commandant, in recent testimony before the House Appropriations committee, according to the Army and Navy Journal.

On Mar. 31, the Corps had a total of 374,612 enlisted men and 13,251 enlisted women. There were 30,984 officers and 9501 officer candidates.

TOP STRENGTH

By July 1, the Corps expects to reach a strength of 38,610 officers, 433,300 enlisted men, and 6000 officer candidates. This strength probably will be maintained through the fiscal year.

Gen. Vandegrift told the committee the estimates provide for assignment of 12,517 officers and 223,760 enlisted men to FMF ground units. This number provides five divisions, 29 defense battalions,

corps troops and trained replacements.

In Marine aviation 18,000 officers and 165,000 enlisted men will be assigned. In five aircraft wings, six additional groups and 32 air warning squadrons, 10,413 officers and 223,760 men will be employed. The remaining aviation personnel will be needed in maintenance, administration and training of the aviation establishment.

In detachments aboard ship, the general said, 535 officers and 9500 men will be employed.

A total of 1945 officers and 29,000 enlisted men will serve in guard units ashore in the U.S. and overseas.



PATCHING some of the 100 holes in a torpedo bomber on Bougainville is Corp. Joseph Vedova of Cleveland. The plane, hit by flying shrapnel from Jap shells during an attack, was ready for action next day. (Photo by Staff Sgt. G. W. Circle).

Camp Matthews Rifle Range CO Given Transfer

Col. Howard N. Stent, Other Base Officers Get New Foreign Assignments

Col. Howard N. Stent, CO of the RR Det. at Camp Matthews since Aug. 10, 1943, was one of four officers detached Wednesday and assigned to duty overseas. Col. Stent reported to MCB in Oct., 1940, following a tour of duty with the 4th Marines at Shanghai. He served as Base intelligence officer. His post at Camp Matthews will be assumed by Maj. Earl C. Nicholas, executive officer of the detachment.

Other officers who left for overseas duty were:

Maj. Kenneth E. Martin, CO of Motor Transport School since Jan. 7, 1944, when he reported to MCB after serving with the 5th MAC in the South Pacific. He will be succeeded by 1stLt. Walter F. Morring, present executive officer.

CAPT. FRAZER LEAVES

Capt. William E. Frazer, Base MT officer, whose post will be taken by 1stLt. Ben Suttis, now assistant to the Base MT officer and CO of Transport Co., Ser. Bb. WO. Howard Von Berg will assume Capt. Frazer's duties as assistant Base security officer.

Capt. Thor A. Rylander, O-in-C of Marine SP for the 11th Naval Dist. and CO of 1st Cas. Co. His duties will be taken over by 1stLt. Beverly S. Dudley Jr., who was CO of 2d Cas. Co.

JOINS SIG. BN.

Capt. George F. Sattler joined Sig. Bn. this week from USNH, Great Lakes. He will be O-in-C of radio and telephone field training activities at the Base.

WO. Stephen J. Roberts of Sig. Bn. has been promoted to second lieutenant. He is now assistant to the O-in-C of field training activities at MCB.

Capt. William E. Schall was named acting CO of 1st Gd. Co., MCB, this week in the absence of Capt. William E. Cort Jr., who is on leave. Capt. Schall was transferred from TC, Camp Elliott.

BACK TO DUTY

1stLt. George F. Peter Jr. reported to the Trng. Regt., RD, this week from USNH, San Diego, where he was confined after returning from 22 months' duty overseas.

Maj. Wallace O. McClymont, formerly stationed at the Amph. Trng. Base, Coronado, was attached to Trng. Regt., RD, this week as executive officer. He replaces Maj. Clinton W. McLeod, who becomes O-in-C of drills and instructions.

CHANGES AT LEJEUNE

CAMP LEJEUNE Several changes in officer personnel here are announced by Col. Samuel A. Woods Jr., acting commanding officer.

Col. George R. Rowan, chief of staff, and John M. Arthur, commandant of WR Schools, are being detached for undisclosed assignments.

Col. Vincent E. Stack has been appointed acting chief of staff, while Lt. Col. J. Ogden Brauer succeeds Col. Arthur.

CHANGE OF DUTY

WASHINGTON—The following changes in status have been announced:

Maj. Gen. Emile P. Moses detached from MCB, Parris Island, and ordered home to be relieved from all active duty on being placed on the retired list.

Col. Charles F. Crosswell from San Diego area to overseas; William J. Whiting from HQMC to San Diego area; Charles I. Murray from San Diego area to overseas; William C. James from San Diego area to overseas; David F. (Nell) from West Coast area to HQMC; Julian N. Frisbie from HQMC to San Diego area; Lt. Col. Asa J. Smith from overseas to San Diego area; Frank R. Worthington from overseas to San Diego area; Charles G. Meints from overseas to San Diego area; Clyde R. Nelson from HQMC to Quantico; Sidney S. Williamson from MCB, Edenton, N.C. to MCB, Eagle Mountain Lake, Tex.; Winston E. Glantz from overseas to San Diego area; Edmund R. James from overseas to Camp Lejeune; John E. Hough from overseas to Camp Lejeune; Homer C. Murray from overseas to San Diego area; Ormond R. Simpson to San Diego area.



OFFENSIVE PLANS are formulated as Maj. Gen. William H. Rupertus, right, commanding general of a Marine Division in the Pacific, points out a spot on a map for Gen. Douglas MacArthur. (Photo by Sgt. Robert M. Howard).

Recruit Equals High Rifle Mark

(Continued from page 1) who have not previously fired for record.

His 332 was a feather in the cap for PFC. Earl D. Whitley, school range coach, and Corp. Henry Broedel, firing line coach.

Plat. 204, coached by Sgt. Marvin N. Gerstner, took platoon qualification honors for the week with a percentage of 96.4. Only two members of PFC. E. J. Ambrosio's platoon of 55 men failed to hit for 268 or better. Range records were:

Apr. 12
Leading individuals: 332, Pvt. Eugene J. Humberg, A. Galt (Plat. 142), Brownsville, Tex.; 323, 1st Lt. Roy H. Cooper (Plat. 150), Tulsa, Okla.
Leading platoons: 362, Plat. 102 (PFC. Robert H. Krainer, coach, Sgt. H. E. Hays, Plt. 340, Plat. 101 (Corp. Claude S. Pullin, coach, Corp. C. H. Andrus, Plt. 900, Plat. 105 (PFC. Earl D. Brooks, coach, Corp. D. W. Pratt, Plt. 101).

Apr. 13
Leading individuals: 375, Pvt. Robert D. Branch (Plat. 203), Wagona, Okla.; 321, Pvt. Jack "N" H. Ward (Plat. 206), Las Vegas, Nev.; 350, Philip J. Martin (Plat. 203), Custer, Wash.; 330, Pvt. Calvin A. Pruitt (Plat. 205), Vancouver, Wash.
Leading platoons: 364, Plat. 204; 443, Plat. 306 (PFC. Jerome J. Harris, coach, Corp. B. L. Charland, Plt. 327, Plat. 208 (Sgt. Reginald J. Ward, coach, Sgt. H. L. Block, Plt. 101).

DOP Head Takes Lejeune Post

(Continued from page 1) manding general. After serving as Chief of Infantry, 2nd Mar. Div., and later as commanding general of the 1st Mar. Brig., Gen. Marston acted as commanding general of U.S. Forces in Iceland. He returned to San Diego in April, 1942, as commander of the 2nd Mar. Div. Later he assumed active command of the 2nd Mar. Div., FMF, Amphibious Force, South Pacific Area.

GEN. MOSES RETIRES

PARRIS ISLAND — Maj. Gen. Emile P. Moses, Commanding General here for the past three years, will retire from active duty May 1. His successor is Maj. Gen. Clayton B. Vogel, formerly Commanding General, FMF, San Diego area.

Gen. Moses, who entered the Corps in 1904 as a second lieutenant, has seen expeditionary duty in Panama, Cuba, Nicaragua and China, as well as aboard ship for five years and at various posts in the nation. In China he served as executive officer of the Legation Guard at Peking and commanded the famous 4th Marines in Shanghai. He was in command of Gen. Butler's brigade which went into China on expeditionary duty in 1927.

Jap Air Thrust Over Marshalls Met By Marines

Bombs Drop Harmlessly In Water As Japanese Intercepted In Attack

(Continued from page 1) bases wherever he chose, the New York Times reported.

The hardest blow was struck against the Japs by the Pacific Fleet Mar. 29, 30 and 31 at Palau and other targets in the western Carolines. Carriers, battleships and other escort vessels, the most powerful naval striking force ever assembled in the Pacific, ranged more than 1000 miles west of Truk.

JAPANESE PERSONNEL CASUALTIES RUN HIGH

Not since the battle of Midway had Adm. Nimitz' forces such an opportunity to inflict so many personnel casualties upon the Japs in so short a time. It was possible that the toll taken in the three-day attack exceeded those in all amphibious operations in the Gilberts and Marshalls.

Our task force raids, the Times said, should not be hailed by the public as great victories that by themselves will hasten appreciably the end of the war. All of our offensive activities in the Central Pacific since the invasion of the Gilberts last November have been preparatory. The significance of the task force raids lies in the Japanese weakness which they disclosed against comparatively new American strength. Adm. Nimitz has so many carriers, battleships, and other combatant

Pendleton Chapel Dedication Rites Set For Apr. 30

CAMP PENDLETON—Chaplain Albert N. Park Jr., USN (ret.), who served with the famed 5th Mar. Regt. in France during every major Marine engagement of World War I, will give the principal address at the Protestant dedication of the Post chapel here at 1430 on Apr. 30.

Chaplain Park was awarded two Silver Star medals and the French Croix de Guerre for his efforts to minister to men under all types of combat conditions. He was a close friend of the late Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Pendleton, after whom this camp was named.

DEDICATION RITUAL

The ritual of dedication will be led by Comdr. Grady Galt, USN, senior chaplain at USNH, San Diego. Comdr. Warren F. Guthrie, USN, 5th Div. chaplain, will give the prayer and scripture reading. The Marine Choir of the 5th Div. will be under the direction of PFC. Curtis Jorstad.

The chapel is now fully completed, with the main sanctuary equipped to provide services for all faiths.

All Marine and Navy personnel of the San Diego area have been invited to attend the dedication services.

ships at his disposal that he can split his forces and handle several objectives simultaneously as he did in the coincidental attacks upon the Marianas, Eniwetok and Paramushiru, the Times pointed out.

More Torpedoes
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Marine Records Air Raid On Truk

Leatherneck In First Land Plane To Hit Jap Base

Photographer Completes Four Combat Flights In Week Over Enemy Targets

PEARL HARBOR (Delayed)—PFC. Kurt B. Balaban of Rye, N. Y., a combat photographer, has come down out of the clouds after completing four combat flying missions and several noncombat missions over the Central Pacific in less than a week.

In five days of almost continuous flying, PFC. Balaban was over Truk in the first land-based bomber raid on that base, over Wake Island, over the Carolines and almost to Guam.

The photographer reported that bomber crews spotted Truk with factory and automobile lights glowing and dropped 12 bombs and started four large fires before the Japs began to black out.

A barrage of AA fire came up to meet the bombers from shore batteries and from vessels in Truk's harbor. Then Jap searchlights swept the skies for the planes.

"Leaving out the gunner's hatch to photograph fires below, PFC. Balaban was nearly pulled from his plane by suction of the wind when the ship banked sharply.

At Wake Island, the Japs were well alerted when bombing planes arrived.

ESCAPES FALL

Again the photographer was nearly thrown from his plane while shooting pictures from his camera bay. A shell burst knocked the plane higher in the air, threw PFC. Balaban off balance. He caught himself on a part of the plane structure, stopping his fall, just as his rifle, gas mask and canteen slithered out the opening.

PFC. Balaban started his photographic tour as a member of ground forces sent to capture Majuro Island. Considering that trip a failure since the Japs failed to offer opposition and no action pictures were available, he started for his home base. En route he volunteered and was allowed to accompany the flying missions.—TSgt. Irving Schlossberg, combat correspondent.

—Buy Bonds For Freedom—

Smallest Grad

Lt. Col. Victor Krulik, famous for his Paramarine raid on Chos-seul, was the smallest man in his 1934 Naval academy class.



MARINE DUNGAREES replace Adm. William F. Halsey's dress uniform as he comforts a Leatherneck appendicitis victim, PFC. Emanuel Caruso of West Newton, Mass., on victim, PFC. Emanuel Caruso of West Newton, Mass., during a visit to the combat areas on Bougainville.

Saturday Morning, April 22, 1944



THREE MARINES who made human channel markers of themselves to direct boats to the beach at Tarawa have been cited. They are, from left, PFC. Gustave Hanson, Silver Star, Sgt. Walter H. Christenson, Silver Star, and PFC. James W. Tobey, Navy Cross. All escaped murderous Jap fire.

Trio Of Channel-Marking Marines Awarded Medals

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Six Marines made human channel markers of themselves while under heavy Japanese fire to direct tank carrying boats through treacherous coral reefs to the beach at Tarawa.

The Marines went in with the first assault wave. Their job was to place markers in the water to show the boat drivers a safe channel to the beach. The water was too deep, the current too strong. The markers were swept away.

Meanwhile the boats were headed toward shore. Tanks were sorely needed. The Marines stationed themselves where the markers had been, and for eight hours directed the sea-borne traffic of tanks and men.

THREE SURVIVE

To the Japs ashore it was obvious what the six Marines were doing. Consequently, exceptionally heavy machine gun and sniper fire was directed at them. Three were killed and three survived.

In recognition of their bravery, the survivors today received awards from Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet.

Sgt. Walter H. Christenson of San Pedro, Calif., was awarded the Silver Star Medal. The same medal was awarded PFC. Gustave Hanson of Bridgeport, Conn. PFC. James W. Tobey of Fort Worth, Tex., received the Navy Cross.

In addition to undergoing the eight hour ordeal, Tobey penetrated 150 yards into enemy lines, guided a disabled tank to safety, and helped to put it back into operation against the enemy. Sgt. Jack Pepper, combat correspondent.

—Be Courteous—

Tough Customer Satisfies Marine

"If that boy pisses I want him" was the comment of a Marine major at an Antietam induction center recently regarding a burly lad from the hill country, the Harrison, Ark., Times reported.

The pre-recruit was walking around barefooted after a medical inspection. Ordered by an officer to put on his cowboy boots, the lad explained that he could not get them on because he had gotten his feet wet.

Unsatisfied by that explanation, the officer shoved the lad and barked a harsher command to "Put those boots on!"

"Look here," retorted the inductee, "I'm still a civilian, I'm not in the army yet. If you shove me again I'll wrap these boots around your neck."

A likely prospect, the Marine major thought.

'Long Way To Go In Pacific'

WASHINGTON—Although Pacific gains are somewhat ahead of schedule, the Navy is laying plans to step up the tempo of the war in that area in anticipation of a "very long way to go", Adm. Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the Fleet, recently told the House Naval Appropriations committee.

"We cannot regard victory in the Pacific as anything short of the destruction of the Jap empire," Adm. King said, adding that Tokyo is the "ultimate objective" of all naval operations. The Pacific war, he declared, will be a long, costly, arduous affair.

Undersecretary James Forrestal said that although the Navy is "a little ahead" of schedule, the next four or five months will be most critical.

—Okey Orders—

No Doctor Bill

MB, CLEARFIELD, Utah—Take it from CySgt. Myron L. Kozlar of Newark, N. J., one never knows what a bullet will do. It wasn't until several days after he was shot through the throat on Tulagi that the gunny and his attending physicians learned that the bullet had performed a perfect dissimulatory.



CIGAR and Corsair keynote the insignia for Maj. Joe Foss' new squadron, now overseas. It was designed for the ranking Marine ace by Walt Disney, noted cartoonist.

Reconnaissance Pilot Back Home For Rest

MCAD, MIRAMAR—The invasion of Tarawa, Bougainville and Munda was made possible in part by Capt. Ward S. Williams Jr. of Waterloo, Ind., a pilot who made 38 strategic reconnaissance missions over Jap strongholds in the South Pacific. He holds the Air Medal and Presidential Unit citation.

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The 2nd Mar. Div. dance given at Camp Elliott was a huge success with 15 Marines from each battalion and more than a hundred USO gals attending.

Marine parachute troops under the tutelage of Capt. B. H. Hatch are training on the Base. Capt. Hatch completed the Lakehurst, N. J., course, where he observed and improved upon Army bail-out methods.

Col. George T. Ihul assumed command of RD, relieving Lt. Col. John Groff.

Next week's Chevron will have 12 pages—don't miss it!

Over the Hill . . . and the Consequences

Why do soldiers go over the hill?

Maj. Gen. Phillip Hayes, USA, has been doing some research into the matter and recently announced that well-meaning but thoughtless letters from home often are the cause. Letters that undermine morale and eventually cause the soldier to take off without a pass are those which repeatedly emphasize little annoyances at home, family squabbles, financial conditions and the like. After sufficient repetition, the soldier becomes so distressed that he feels he must get home, Gen. Hayes believes.

The man in service, of course, can't control the nature of the letters written to him, but he can think long and hard on the subject of going AWOL and the consequences.

Unauthorized absences from duty are one of the most serious of war-time violations and are treated as such. It's only a step from an AWOL charge to that of desertion, and conviction on that charge brings a tough rap.

Maybe you've never thought of it, but the Dishonorable Discharge is the most serious of the sentences which can be dished out because the consequences of it follow you throughout your lifetime.

A DD means that you'll get none of the discharge pay or other benefits which the Government provides. As a matter of fact, so far as your country is concerned, you won't even exist, for you are deemed to have voluntarily relinquished and forfeited your citizenship rights and will be barred forever from holding office or enjoying other rights of a citizen. You can't vote, or run for election, or even go to a Veterans' hospital. You can't join a Veterans' organization nor can you or your children be buried in a federal cemetery. Employers will turn you down for a job.

When your kids want to know what kind of a fighting man you were, or when the boys start

Farewell to the CO

The Base this week bade goodby to Col. William C. James, who has been the Commanding Officer for the past year.

The year has been one during which the Base functioned efficiently at its war-time tasks. A steady flow of recruits from civilian life passed through, was given basic training and then funneled out to the various branches of the Corps in an unending stream.

That this all-important job of turning men into Marines was done so well is due in no small part to Col. James. Strict in his demands of proper performance of duty, he managed nevertheless to become personally acquainted not only with those who worked closely with him but with hundreds of officers and enlisted men over the Base and at Camp Matthews. His quickly-attained knowledge of the Base and its workings, his equally quick appraisals of the countless new situations which arose, and his fair decisions made him respected by all.

With Col. James to his new duties overseas go the best wishes of the Base personnel to whom he has endeared himself by his friendliness and his example as a Marine.

Tribute To Gen. Holcomb

When this war began the Marine Corps was the one member of the armed forces that was prepared for immediate action. There were 15,000 Marines then. Now there are some 350,000. Their hard training, admirable discipline, inexhaustible vigor, courage and adaptability are a standing eulogy of Gen. Holcomb. . . . Mr. Roosevelt has paid South Africa and Gen. Smuts a richly-deserved compliment in sending to them the experienced, wise, thoughtful and quiet gentleman and soldier whose living monument is the Marines.—New York Times.



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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.

From-To Letter Writer

Editor, The Chevron—I noticed an article in the March 4 edition of The Chevron pertaining to the promotion of Class V (b) reservists. What reference, if any, should be used in writing a letter of recommendation for promotion of a man in this class?

TSgt. WESLEY G. BENNETT

Hq. Sq., MBDAG-44,
MCAS, Mojave

Editor's note—These promotions are handled differently in aviation than in line companies. Headquarters of Marine West advises that it is necessary to write to HQMC only in the cases of paymaster or commissary personnel at the first three pay grades. For commissary personnel, use reference 6-24 MCM; for paymaster personnel, no reference is necessary.

Assignments for promotions in other branches are made monthly to the COs at each air station. Therefore, recommendations for promotion in these cases should be addressed to the CO, not HQMC.

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Hats Off To WRs

Editor, The Chevron—I have not had the opportunity to meet one of our Women Marines. In fact, I have never seen one since they were organized. However, from what I know of women in service, I regard them as the cream of the crop.

But without wishing to appear too critical of our sisters in arms, I would like to refer to evidence of luxury displayed by a group of WRs who had their pictures taken in a mess hall at Cherry Point, N. C., with their hats on (page 84, Mar. 27 issue of Life Magazine).

I know this is not considered bad taste when dining out, but I hardly think a woman would sit at her own table at home in such a way—and the Marine Corps is the home of these women now.

CLASS OF '39

USNH, Corona

Editor's note—In boot camp WRs wear headgear while eating. After recruit training, they wear hats at all times out-of-doors and follow civilian practices on other occasions.

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Order Of Awards

Editor, The Chevron—Are the types of awards listed under the heading of "Citations" in the Apr. 8 issue listed in their proper order? Will you please publish the proper order?

J. F. RUSSELL

Bank of America Bldg.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Editor's note—The proper order is: Congressional Medal of Honor; Marine Corps Brevet; Navy Cross; DSN; Legion of Merit, degree of Chief Commander; Legion of Merit, degree of Commander; Legion of Merit, degree of Officer; Legion of Merit, degree of Legionnaire; Silver Star; DFC; Navy & Marine Corps Medal; Bronze Star; Air Medal; Specially Meritorious Medal; Purple Heart; Presidential Unit Citation.

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Who Said It?

Editor, The Chevron—In the editorial entitled "Truk's Awkward Position" last week, you quoted Lt. Gen. Vandegrift as making the statement: "Seizing Guadalcanal was just like putting our foot in a steel door", etc. I believe that statement was made by Gen. Holcomb in a speech in Los Angeles in January, 1944.

SttSgt. PAUL J. GILMET

Hq. Co., Hq. Bn., MCB.

Editor's note—Lt. Gen. Vandegrift made the statement in an address Apr. 6, 1944, to the Holland Society of New York upon being presented the Society's Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievement.

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Information Sought

Editor, The Chevron—My son, PFC. Larry R. Roberts, was listed as killed in action in the Pacific Nov. 25, 1943. I would like very much to hear from some of his buddies who were with him, especially those who were with him through November, 1943.

MELVIN R. ROBERTS

Route 1, Box 98,
Lonsoke, Ark

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Five In Corps

Editor, The Chevron—I noticed a query in the Apr. 8 issue about families having more than three members in the Corps.

I have an answer for PFC. D. J. Whitten. Mrs. Martha Trapp of Buchanan, Mich., has four sons serving in the Corps and one daughter in the Women Reserves. Two of her sons are in the South Pacific and two are stationed on the west coast. Sgt. Martha Trapp is in Chicago.

Sgt. ELEANOR M. ALBUS, MCWR

CPO, 225 So. Clark st., Chicago

Chevron Background

Editor, The Chevron—In your Jan. 8 issue you list the personnel formerly connected with The Chevron.

It may interest you to know that, under Capt. (now Maj.) Maynard, I had the pleasure of making the first layout for your paper, although at that time it was unnamed. That was in Dec., 1941.

George Austin, then a PFC, whom you list as the first staff photographer, and I were in the process of locating a printer when the war broke up our plans for the moment.

At present Sgt. Terry Rice and I (now a combat correspondent) are publishing the first American paper ever published in this part of the world.

Sgt. EARL G. WATERS

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

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No Citation For 3rd Div.

Editor, The Chevron—Does the 3rd Mar. Div. rate the Presidential Unit Citation for the Bougainville campaign? NAME WITHHELD

Editor's note—No. Only Presidential Unit citations in Marine Divisions to date have been to the 1st for the Guadalcanal campaign and to the 2nd for the Tarawa battle.

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Lacks Recognition

Editor, The Chevron—In June, 1942, the 3rd En. 7th Marines, took - - island. Can you tell me what we rate in that? I was with that outfit until wounded in Cape Gloucester.

PFC. JOHN F. TOWARNICKI

Ward 15, USNH, Mare Island, Calif.

Editor's note—Medals & Decorations Sec., HQMC, reports no special recognition for that battalion nor for that engagement.

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Medal For DI

Editor, The Chevron—An article in the Feb. 12, 1944, issue of The Chevron stated that it was proposed to give a medal to anyone who served as a drill instructor for one year or more. Please give me the correct information on this. I was a DI at RD, San Diego, for over a year.

Corp. JOHN P. FORISTER

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—No action has been taken on this bill to date by Congress.

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Volunteers—You And You!

Editor, The Chevron—How about doing me a little favor? If there are any Women Marines from Arkansas around your part of the world, how's for getting some of them to drop me a few lines?

I've been overseas for 21 months now. I spent six of those on Guadalcanal and saw action on Tarawa. No you see I've never seen a woman in a Marine uniform. How's for satisfying my curiosity? Maybe one of them will send me her picture.

Just one other request. Will you ask any of my friends who were with me in the Solomon or New Zealand to write me?

PFC. LEM "C" POTTER

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—Sorry, but we cannot print PFC. Potter's overseas address. Letters addressed to him should be sent to The Chevron for forwarding.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel. 0700 Services—0930 Services, Auditorium; 1015 Services, Chapel; Evening Vesper Service 1830 Chapel. (Catholic): 0800 Mass, Auditorium; 0715 Mass, Chapel. Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) 0630-0730; Chapel, Friday Evening Service, 1800; Chapel, Confession; Saturday 1230-1300, Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 123, Reeruff Depot; 1400-1700 Chaplain's Office, Administration Bldg. (Jewish): Chapel, 1100. (Christian Science): Sundays, 0930, Bldg. 123, RD. (Latter Day Saints): 0800, Reception Room, Bldg. 123, RD; Wednesdays, 1830.

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

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel. (Catholic): Sunday Masses 0630, 0800, 1115, Mass daily, 1830, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science): 1800-1730, Chaplain's office, Tuesday and Friday. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Friday 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1930, Camp Chapel; Mondays, 1800.

MCAD, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services. (Catholic): 0730 and 0800, confession; 0730 and 0830, Mass, Barracks 523. (Jewish): Transportation 1800 Fridays at Chaplain's Office for services at Camp Elliott. (Latter Day Saints): Mondays, 1800, Hqs. 138.

CAMP PENNINGTON (Protestant): Post chapel, communion at 0900, morning worship 1015, vesper service 1830; Ranch House Chapel, service at 1015, vesper at 1930; San Jacinto camp 0800; Boat Basin, services 0800 and 1900; at theaters, 14-T-1 at 1000, 15-T-1 at 0800, 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 0800, confession before each Mass; San Jacinto camp, confessions at 0700, Mass at 0800; Boat Basin Mass at 0630, 0800, confessions before each Mass; at theaters, 14-T-1 at 0900 and daily Mass at 1700, 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 100, 17-T-1 at 0800 and confessions before each Mass. (Christian Science): Sunday, 1800, Post Chapel; Tuesday, 1830, Boat Basin Chapel; Thursday, 1930, Post Chapel. (Latter Day Saints): Mondays, 1900, Post Chapel (by 15-G-1); Amphibious Training Base, Wednesday, 1930, Camp Chapel, Bldg. 27.

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JAP DESTROYERS JINX OF WAR'S 'GREATEST DIVE BOMBER PILOT'

MCAS, EL TORO — A hero's hero. That, perhaps, is the logical description of the late Maj. Joseph Sailer Jr., shot down in the Solomons area Dec. 7, 1942.

CO of the famed dive bombing squadron responsible for smashing Jap armadas speeding to the relief of beleaguered Guadalcanal, Maj. Sailer's record has never been equalled. So say his surviving comrades.

His exploits have been belatedly brought to light by Capt. C. E. Kellman, flight officer of a training group here, whose story is backed by three other members of the old squadron.

"They are almost fanatical in their insistence that in this war

Major Sailer was the first, and still the greatest, of all dive-bomber pilots; that he had an almost uncanny skill for dropping his bomb squarely on the target.

Officially, Maj. Sailer is credited with four hits, four probables, and four near misses, but Capt. Kellman swears it actually was eight hits in 12 attempts, an amazing feat.

It was exceptional modesty that prevented certification of the 8-out-of-12 score.

When Capt. Kellman and other members of the squadron wanted to verify the record which would have made it official, the Major refused because he did not make positive identification of the hits himself.

"If he didn't see it, he didn't consider it a hit," Capt. Kellman explained.

"We think he really did know sometimes when he got a direct hit but he wanted the squadron as a whole to get the credit," said another.

Out of those 12 attacks, Major Sailer scored eight times. His four misses were against three destroyers and a cruiser. He always wanted a destroyer too, his men recall, but he never hit one.

"Destroyers seemed to be his jinx," one of them said, "If there was anything any man wanted more than Joe's consuming desire to get a destroyer, I don't know what it is."

On Dec. 7, 1942, a force of 11

Japanese destroyers appeared some distance off the island.

Although technically grounded to assume new duties as executive officer of Henderson Field, Maj. Sailer added his name to the flight list.

"I just want to go out on one last strike," he explained to his men as he joined them for the takeoff. "After this, I'm grounded."

The enemy task force was soon contacted. Maj. Sailer dove in, released his bomb and missed. But he didn't pull up and regain altitude in the normal manner. He was flying level at about 1,000 feet.

"My flaps won't close," they heard him say over the radio. "Stuck, I guess I'll see you later."

"I'm going to try a landing on New Georgia."

They all failed to see the Jap float planes until it was too late for interception.

Maj. Sailer's bomber was helpless—easy prey even for the usually slower float planes. They swarmed over the sluggish ship pouring murderous machine gun fire into it. But it never deviated from its course. Still the Japs continued their merciless assault.

A tall, thin wisp of black smoke appeared at the nose, and blossomed in the slip stream. Like a black shrouded wreath the plane slowly nosed up, turned over, and plummeted into the water.

Maj. Sailer had missed his last chance to get a destroyer.

Home Front

The Constellation, super plane, crossed the U. S. in 6 hours and 35 minutes. Two pilots were unhurt as they hailed out when their P-38s collided and crashed in flames near Santa Barbara, but an onlooker was hurt by a falling part. One of the most powerful short wave stations in the world is being built in Kern County, Calif.

A county club raid netted 83 men—one undertaker and 82 doctors—all of whom were fined in Los Angeles for gambling. Seven of 30 on trial for sedition in New York refused to plead and one woman gave a Nazi salute declaring, "I am a Fascist."

ELECTION CHANCES

Gen. Douglas MacArthur is held eligible to be drafted as a presidential nominee, but with Wendell L. Willkie out of the running and Ohio's Gov. John W. Bricker the only active campaigner, Republican circles believe New York's Gov. Thomas E. Dewey will make the ballot at the first primary.

The weather made front pages across the nation this week with a series of tornadoes leaving death and havoc in the South and Middle West. A severe unseasonal snowstorm accompanied by a 55-mile-per-hour gale and sub-zero temperatures periled cattle in Nebraska and Kansas.

SHOW GOES ON

Harry Carey, veteran actor, lived up to theater traditions when he played through a show although seized by acute appendicitis. The second anniversary of the bombing of Tokyo by U. S. fliers was celebrated this week. The Navy wants 1800 more purses.

John L. Lewis demanded \$18,000,000 in retroactive pay to coal miners. WPB regulations forbid butane gas equipment on autos, a Los Angeles carburetor service owner discovered to his sorrow this week.

A \$275,000 fire swept through the Los Angeles Grand Central Air Terminal. Father Flanagan's Boys' Town will be expanded to care for 8 to 12-year-olds.

HOLD THE SCOTCH

Maj. Richard I. Bong will not receive the case of Scotch promised him by Eddie Rickenbacker, former record-holder. He will get a case of soft drinks instead, by direction of Gen. MacArthur. The Earl of Lonsdale, British peer who claimed to have knocked out John L. Sullivan, died this week.

An error in mixing formulas was blamed for the deaths of four babies in a New London, Conn., hospital. Four small children and their mother were burned to death in their home in Beaver Falls, Pa.

Water for the population of Newburgh, N. Y. for the next 10 years will receive small doses of sodium fluoride which helps prevent tooth decay.

TAKEN BY DEATH

The Jesuit vicar general, Mons. Alessio Ambrogio Magni, died in Rome. A program for making postoffice roofs throughout the country landing fields for helicopters may be tried by Ohio, Michigan and Indiana after the war.



PETROLEUM SUPPLIES are checked by PFC. Jennie B. Worrell with MTSgt. Mervon H. Schler at MCAS, El Toro, one of the many Marine activities at which Women Reserves have replaced men. MTSgt. Schler is an overseas vet.

THIS WEEK NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

World at War

Although American forces numbering as many as 2000 planes to a flight are almost daily pounding the Reichland and the RAF continues with its deadly batterings at night, Luftwaffe bombers are still getting through Allied defenses to blast London. In their third April "dark of the moon" raid they set afire a hospital, housing nearly 2000 patients, by a direct hit.

Sevastopol is once more under siege, but this time by Russian troops who are closing a 25-mile circle around the Crimean stronghold and pinning the Nazis back to the Black Sea. Balaklava, five miles from Sevastopol, has fallen to the Reds. Intent upon the seizure of at least one advance base, the Japs defeated before Imphal are increasing pressure at Kohima to the north. Heavy casualties are being inflicted against the enemy by British and Indian troops which are now using tanks along the 46-mile road linking Kohima to the Bengal-Assam railway, an important supply route. Meanwhile U. S. headquarters in India have been moved from New Delhi to Calcutta, about 800 miles closer to the Burma fronts.

Far-ranging U. S. subs have sunk 15 Jap ships, bringing the number of enemy warships and merchantmen destroyed by the U. S. fleet since Pearl Harbor to 1371.

The British admiralty revealed one of its secret weapons employed successfully for some time as the "human torpedo." It combines a man in a diving suit aboard a battery-driven, almost noiseless torpedo. Tactics have been to ride the "tin fish" up to an enemy ship and attack the "war head" of the torpedo to the hull under water, then ride off on the remainder of the cylinder shell before the explosion. British troops seized a strong point at Anzio beachhead, which had been temporarily lost. Troops were locked in hand-to-hand fighting throughout the area, but the Allies held their ground.

Intense fighting was in progress in Yugoslavia as the Nazis opened a four-pronged drive on Marshal Tito's Partisans despite their loss of 1500 troops to the fierce guerrillas.

The British have halted virtually all shipping from Cork in Southern Eire as part of the isolation movement intended to assure secrecy at bristling invasion bases in

Movies

"Whistling in Brooklyn" is another filmaniacal Red Skelton opus, which brings "Doin' Lovely Bums" into a murder mystery, Ann Rutherford and Rags Ragland aid and abet Red in the intrigue.

Two documentary films which received wide and favorable comment were the long-awaited "Tunisian Victory" shot by the Army Signal Corps, and "The Memphis Belle" by the Eighth AAF and Paramount. Both of the pictures are authentic blow-by-blow picturizations of battle. The Memphis Belle is a Flying Fortress whose story is told in technicolor.

Juke Box

"I Love You" is still the nation's favorite tune, with "San Fernando Valley" making its first appearance on the ninth rung of the Hit Parade.

The Parade listing: No. 1—I Love You; No. 2—It's Love, Love, Love; No. 3—Besame Mucho; No. 4—I Couldn't Sleep A Wink Last Night; No. 5—Poinciana; No. 6—Do Nothing 'Til You Hear From Me; No. 7—Long Ago and Far Away; No. 8—Mairzy Doats; No. 9—San Fernando Valley.

Bonds Or Bondage?

Jewish Chaplains Meet At Elliott

CAMP ELLIOTT—Although their unexpected reunion is only temporary, four of the seven Jewish chaplains assigned to the entire Corps are now at this camp.

The coincidental gathering came about as three of the group receiving orders to report for overseas duty arrived here separately to await transportation.

The four are: Lt. (jg) Roland B. Gittelsohn of L.I., N.Y., attached to FMF here; Lt. (jg) Edgar E. Siglin of New Haven, Conn., assigned to the 1st Mar. Div.; Lt. Samuel Samuel of Chapel Hill, N.C., assigned to the 2nd Mar. Div.; and Lt. Selig J. Miller of Philadelphia, Pa., assigned to the 3rd Mar. Div.

German reports relayed through Stockholm predict the invasion will occur some time during May.

Housing Project Ready At MCAS

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Work has been completed on this station's Homaja housing project, comprising 60 furnished apartments in buildings designed like Navy Quonset huts, with the opening date for occupancy set for May 1.

The huts will provide temporary housing for not less than seven days nor more than \$1 for Navy and Marine Corps officers and enlisted men and their families.

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Raider Battalions Carry On Under Famed 4th Regt. Banner

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4th Of China And Bataan Fame Lives Again In Men Of Tulagi And New Georgia

WASHINGTON — The proud, storied 4th Mar. Regt. of China fame, which fought for five long, bitter months on Bataan and Corregidor, has been re-motivated from the tough, veteran Marine Raider battalions and is in the field.

The old 4th Regt., which sailed from Shanghai just nine days before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, was organized Apr. 15, 1914, and boasted of more overseas service than any other Marine regiment.

The regiment arrived in China in April, 1927, after previous foreign service in Santo Domingo, and remained there until war in the Pacific was a virtual certainty.

STOOD IN JAP'S WAY

Time and again the 4th upheld the prestige of the U.S. in the Far East, and more than once Marines of the 4th frustrated the Japanese. In 1937, for example, strong Japanese forces overturned barricades and sought to establish conquest of all Shanghai.

The late Brig. Gen. John C. Beaumont, then CO and a colonel, collected a few Marines of the 4th and several machine guns. He marched to the barricade, demanded the Japanese retreat—or else. The Japs withdrew, thwarted in their last attempt to seize the city completely until December, 1941.

HELD BATAAN JAPS

Under Col. Samuel L. Howard of Washington, D. C., the 4th arrived in the Philippines and with assorted Navy and Army forces repeatedly hurled back the enemy's efforts to overrun Bataan and Corregidor. More than one civilian correspondent remarked on the Marines' marksmanship, and the terrific toll they were taking among the Japs. A great many of the old 4th Marines were killed, wounded or captured covering the withdrawal to Corregidor.

Probably no unit in any service can boast of being tougher than the new 4th. As Marine Raiders, these men have struck with savage, deadly efficiency from Tulagi and Guadalcanal northward through the British Solomon Islands. They literally have slaughtered the foe by the thousands.

EARNED TITLE

In the spring of 1943, the Raiders were banded into a regiment and given increased firepower. For while the regiment was known simply as the 1st Raider Regt. and was commanded by Col. Harry B. Liversedge of Pine Grove, Cal. But if any Marine organization ever had earned the right to carry the banners of the 4th, this outfit had. The Marine Corps has given it that right. The present CO of the 4th Regt. is Lt. Col. Alan A. Shapley of San Diego and Detroit, who served with the Raiders in most of their campaigns.

The original Raider units were commanded by Brig. Gen. Morris A. Edson and Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson.

Foss Among Four Leading Air Aces Now On Ground

Major Joe Foss, first flyer of this war to equal Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker's World War I record of 28 planes downed, has been given a ground and instruction assignment, utilizing his experience as a teacher, in the Southwest Pacific, the United Press reports.

Three other top-ranking fliers of this war are also on the ground: Capt. Don D. Gentile, USA, with 39 planes; Major Richard I. Bong, USA, 27; and Capt. Bob Johnson, USA, with 22 confirmed and three pending.

Capt. Gentile, who flies with the 8th AAF over Europe, was heralded as the war's leading "ace" last week with 80 planes. However, seven of them were destroyed on the ground and no other Allied Air force gives credit for ground kills. Time magazine pointed out that under such a system, the Navy's "Buzz" Wagner, first U.S. ace of the war who actually had eight victories when he was killed, would have been credited with about 60 Jap planes.



TOUGH RAIDER units composed of men like these have been banded into a regiment and given the right to carry the banners of the storied 4th Regt., which achieved immortality on Bataan. Raiders have fought gallantly throughout the

Solomons since the start of the war. Those pictured above are shown resting after marching through supposedly impenetrable jungles to capture Enogai Inlet on New Georgia Island. Regimental CO is Lt. Col. A. A. Shapley.



STUDENT COOKS learn to assemble these 57 parts of a fire unit used for cooking in the field in 10 to 15 minutes. ACK, Norman L. Ehlers is explaining the various parts to PFCs. Orville L. Cash, center, and Edgar A. Sterzer, right, students in the MCB school. (Photo by PFC. Edward Wishin).

Leatherneck Cooks Learn Parts of Cooking Unit

Field stripping in the Marine Corps is not confined to weapons, as students in the Base Cooks and Bakers School learn before completing their 10-week course here.

An M-1937 fire unit has more than 65 parts, counting about eight boiler plus and screws, and the students must learn the names and functions of each in a week's instruction under ACK. Norman L. Ehlers.

Students become so familiar with all parts that they can re-assemble the unit in 10 to 15 minutes under total blackout conditions if necessary.

Rate Drops

WASHINGTON—The death rate from disease in this war has been reduced to six-tenths of one per cent per 1000 men as compared with a rate of 15.1 per 1000 in World War I.

Marine In Hurry Makes Own Door

USNH, OAKLAND—"When that bomb exploded I went right through the side of the hut," related PISgt. Jules A. Hunt of Grand Forks, N. D., telling of the first aid raid he experienced, when he was with an artillery battery of a defense unit at Nanumea in the Ellice Islands.

PISgt. Hunt was not blown through the wall of the hut, which was used as the battery office. He had thought the planes approaching overhead were American, as usual, but when the first bomb hit he didn't bother to use the front door to get to a foxhole in a hurry.

He is convalescing from a tropical ailment here after 25 months' duty overseas.

— March Forward —

Pilot, Gunner In Two Escapes

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Capt. Earl R. McLaughlin of Jessup, Ga., member of a torpedo bombing squadron which saw action in the New Georgia campaigns, is back here after two serious flirtations with the casualty lists.

He and his gunner, STISgt. George R. Smith of Marlus, N.Y., spent three days in a lifeboat on the open seas when their plane was forced down after being chased for 30 minutes by a swarm of Zeros. They had only a chocolate bar and one canteen of fresh water between them.

Three months later Capt. McLaughlin and STISgt. Smith climbed out of a badly damaged plane when the wheels locked in flying position, forcing a belly-landing on Torokina's airstrip.

CombaTips

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

DON'TS TO REMEMBER

By Capt. C. M. Cappelman

DON'T write home about how tough it is. Be a man and do your own worrying.

DON'T forget the lessons you learned in training. Only fools think they can throw the book away when going into combat.

DON'T allow yourself to get panicky when it seems that your unit is surrounded. Keep a cool head always. The enemy has many ruses for just that purpose. After you catch on to a few cheap standard tricks he has, you will find that he is just another ordinary scared individual.

If you served overseas and can give a tip to a buddy, send it to The Chevron for publication in this column.

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School Bells Ring for Leatherneck Recruits

MCB Boots Brush Up On Reading In Six-Week Course

Brief Coaching Aids Recruits In Recalling Their 'Three Rs'

The School Section of RD, MCB, was organized in October, 1943, under the direction of 1st Lt. John E. Conway, to instruct new recruits who fail to measure up to the Corps' time-honored educational standards. All recruits who fail to pass the written psychology test are interviewed by psychologists and psychiatrists. Recruits found to be intelligent, though illiterate, are assigned to the section. Bringing out the native intelligence of these recruits is the difficult but worthwhile task of the school instructors.

POLICY CHANGES

Proud Marines of the old school, amazed when women first began infiltrating their ranks, are somewhat confused and at the same time wonder what the old Corps is coming to since it has been opened to recruits deficient in reading and writing, a complete departure in policy resulting from the all-out mobilization program. Instructors are learning that there are excellent potential Marines among the recruits who need from two to six weeks' instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic before being placed on the regular schedule of training.

Some recruits, who left school at too early an age and have neglected reading ever since, need the course to refresh their memories. Others with high native intelligence need but to be supplied with the rudiments of these educational tools to translate what they know.

An example of the latter was found in the case of the recruit who could not take the general classification test because he could not read the questions. After six weeks' schooling he took the test and scored 96, which is close to average.

CIVILIAN SUCCESS

Numerous instances have been found to show that deficiency in reading and writing had proved no bar to success in civilian pursuits.

One recruit had earned approximately \$500 per month as superintendent of a construction company. Another had a four-figure monthly gross income from a trucking business.

To the average recruit assigned to the section, one of its chief benefits is helping men from hamlets and farming communities make a sudden transition from civilian to military life.

Graduates of the school are placed in first week platoons and, as the result of their training in the school, enjoy an advantage over recruits just starting on schedule. Their knowledge creates the necessary confidence needed to spur them on to make the most of their abilities. Two such recruits recently became honor men of their platoons.

CAPABLE WORKERS

Recently four Mexican recruits were sent to the same platoon after finishing the school. Because of their previous training all were selected as squad leaders and handled their duties capably.

At the school, recruits are given placement tests to determine whether they should start in the first, second, third or fourth section. The full course requires six weeks, a week and a half for each section. Those who fail to pass their tests after six weeks are placed on schedule the same as those who graduate.

On the humorous side is the case of the 26-year-old machinist who was married to a Tennessee county school teacher for six years but could not read nor write.

On the serious side is the fact that the school is helping many inductees become better men for having served in the Corps.

Daily routine for the school's



VERSATILE MARINE engineers on Cape Gloucester quickly put the finishing touches on a "Tubelox" bridge as trucks wait to cross the stream. The bridge was substituted for one that was washed out when the stream, swollen by torrential rain, overflowed.



TARAWA VETERANS salute Maj. John F. Blanton after receiving Silver Star medals during ceremony at NRB. They are PFCs. Charles A. Hotchkiss, left, and John M. Roberts.

Presentation Ceremonies Honor Two Tarawa Heroes

NRB, SAN DIEGO—Silver Star Medals were presented two members of the Marine Det. of this Base, both wounded while exposing themselves to enemy fire on Tarawa, in ceremonies conducted this week by Maj. John F. Blanton, CO of the Det.

Aided Army, Too

"The fact that the Corps has for so many years perfected its technique along amphibious lines has borne fruit in the successful operations of the FMF in the Solomons and has, I believe, contributed to the successful operations of the Army in North Africa and Sicily."—Gen. Thomas Holcomb.

260 students includes five hours of class work, one hour of close order drill, one hour of physical training and an hour of school on military courtesy.

GySgt. W. N. Humphreys is in charge of organization and military training and PFC. V. S. Hollis is in charge of class work.

Assistant instructors are PFCs. M. E. Butz, F. A. Thomas, W. R. Collins, E. D. Hamilton, B. R. Eigh, K. R. Russell and M. E. Ritter Jr., and Pts. W. F. Hall, F. O. Goff and J. T. Richardson.

While members of the detachment stood by, citations for the two men were read by Capt. Waller H. LeCompte and medals pinned on PFCs. Charles A. Hotchkiss of Winthrop, Wash., and John MacD. Roberts of Bristol, N.H.

Roberts was cited for destroying enemy positions on Tarawa, crawling under heavy fire to a gun port of one position and wiping it out with grenades and demolitions and, later, exposing himself to advantage to support the advance of one of his comrades.

Hotchkiss' citation credited him with courageous action as a platoon runner, carrying messages to areas where other communication was not available. He guided a machine gun squad, which had been isolated, to a Marine position, and disregarded his injuries to rescue several wounded comrades.

—Aim True—

Resourceful seamen couldn't open a Pullman window so it air-conditioned the train.

Runyon Outdone by Hash-Slinging Overseas Marine

CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain (Delayed)—Right out of the pages of Damon Runyon, cut to the pattern of Harry the Horse and all those other legendary Broadway oddities, jumps TSgt. Adolph Manasse of Roselle, N. J., mass sergeant for an artillery unit.

By some military rarity, Sgt. Manasse holds down the same job he had in civilian life—slinging hash.

MORE CORNED BEEF

A very capable steward, Manasse probably holds a Corps record for recipes involving corned beef and rice. Another quality endears him to his battery. Somehow he contrives to serve three hot meals daily, whereas other outfits get along on only two.

A Manasse innovation, reflecting the Australian influence, has made its appearance.

During a tropical downpour, a half dozen soaking wet privates were struggling with 12-inch coconut logs and sandbags to construct a bombproof CP dugout.

Up strolls Manasse. "You guys want a 'spot of tay'? We just made up a kettle of nice hot soup over at the galley."

Now every rainy day, which is nearly every day, the boys troop to the mess hall for a mid-afternoon snack.

Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoners of War
USN	14,071	3998	8307	2479
USMC	4104	7738	769	1946
USCG	320	91	206	0
	18,795	11,726	9282	4424

DEAD

Alabama: Sst. A. C. Fleck, Rome; PFCs. Morgan L. Bryan and William E. Ellison, both of Birmingham; Arkansas: PFC. James L. Butler, Appleton.

California: 1st Lt. John Kanda, Bishop; PFC. Clarence J. Dishman, Mayfield.

Connecticut: PFCs. Joseph E. Gault, Naugatuck; Theodore E. Dreher, Chester; Frederick J. Woodard, Bristol.

Florida: PFC. Charles M. Kemp, Plant City.

Georgia: 1st Sgt. Albert A. Ward, Statesboro.

Indiana: Sst. Harvey Sturm, Greenwood; PFC. Robert L. Timmons, Indianapolis; Frank A. Bridgewater, J. Harrisonville.

Iowa: 1st Lt. Robert A. Alexander, Des Moines; PFC. Glenn L. Johnson, Mount Pleasant.

Illinois: Corp. Thomas E. Lane, Joliet; 1st Sgt. Arthur V. Cates, Grafton; John E. Kyburg, Decatur; John E. Lohr, Chicago.

Kentucky: 1st Lt. Clarence O. Pyland, Winchester; Corp. Emory Ramsey, La Grange.

Maine: PFCs. Paul A. Gousser, Lewiston; Jack L. Shields, North Andover.

Massachusetts: PFCs. Herbert V. Corey, Lee; Thomas E. Maxwell, Salem; Henry V. Sansone, Haverhill.

Michigan: Sgt. Claire E. Faust, Memphis; Corp. Morris D. Murphy, Dearborn; PFCs. Earl A. Winkendon, Detroit; Arthur E. Cheney, Detroit; PFC. Bernard A. Mondry, Grand Rapids.

Minnesota: PFCs. Donald H. Eldred, Lakefield; Lawrence E. Koshel, Pipestone; Charles F. Kayeska, Excelsior.

Missouri: 1st Lt. James B. Lacey, Joplin.

New Jersey: PFC. Sigmund Dufko, Jersey City.

New York: Sgt. Benjamin E. Drake, Buffalo; PFCs. William E. Claude, Syracuse; William E. Jahn, Woodbury; Edward E. Pierce, New York; Lawrence J. Russell, Baldwin; Edward J. McGovern, New York.

North Carolina: Sgt. Seldon W. Combs, Wilmington; Corp. J. D. Williams, Clinton; PFC. Elmer R. Cape, Lexington.

North Dakota: Pvt. George E. Bryner, Lisbon.

Ohio: PFCs. Woodrow Johnson, Cincinnati; Richard E. Johnson, Cleveland.

Oklahoma: PFC. Elgin L. Barnhart, Tulsa.

Pennsylvania: 1st Lt. James P. Lynch Jr., Erie; PFCs. 2nd Lt. Charles W. Sturck, Millsburg; 1st Sgt. Frank J. Miller, Philadelphia; Corp. Herman O. Helwig, Philadelphia; PFC. Donald R. Kelly, Pottsville; PFC. Earl P. Fair, Chambersburg.

Texas: PFC. Clarence O. Richards, Fort Worth.

Vermont: 1st Lt. Harold R. Tuck, Lenoxburg.

Wisconsin: PFC. Merrit S. Valco, Milwaukee.

MISSING

California: 1st Lt. Rex A. Treach, Westland; Sst. Robert E. Stone, San Diego.

District of Columbia: Corp. James L. Brown, Washington.

Illinois: Capt. Royal E. Munger, Chicago.

Massachusetts: 1st Lt. William L. Cramer, Worcester.

Missouri: Sst. Burnell C. Bowser, Lebanon.

New Jersey: Sgt. Gilbert Jones, Mountain Lakes.

New York: Corp. Bernard A. O'Hara, Yonkers; Pvt. Francis E. Nager, North Rose.

Ohio: Sgt. Harvey E. Flowers, Akron; Corp. Samuel Rubin, Dayton.

Pennsylvania: Corp. Harold T. Nelson, Monroeville.

Vermont: PFC. Thomas W. Moran, Lexington.

Wisconsin: 1st Lt. Howard E. Midburn, Superior.

SAFE

Pvt. Jack G. Morris, of Portland, Ore., was reported safe, but wounded, after previously being reported missing.

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ENDURANCE takes preference over style as Leathernecks learn combat swimming at Camp Elliott. After breast stroke swimming instruction, even students who were non-swimmers are at home in the water and can paddle 200 yards.

Combat Swimming Taught Infantrymen At Elliott

CAMP ELLIOTT—Plunging through water with full equipment to establish a beachhead, or abandoning ship and staying afloat until help arrives are among the vital lessons being learned here by Marines in the Combat Swimming School, commanded by 2dLt. C. H. Gardner of Vinton, Ia.

Hundreds of Leathernecks splash each day into the camp's large, well-equipped pool to receive training designed primarily to save lives.

Each man receives approximately 15 hours of intensive instruction during which he learns the side - stroke, back - stroke and breast-stroke, how to use his dungarees as life-preservers, how to keep afloat with his equipment and how to swim 200 yards.

ABANDON SHIP
Instruction in the proper method of abandoning ship also is given through the use of 15-foot and 30-foot towers constructed on the edge of the pool. Training, too, is given in swimming through burning oil.

"We're not trying to develop Olympic swimmers or turn out competitive teams," 2dLt. Gardner pointed out. "We're interested only in teaching infantrymen how to swim under battle conditions."

— March Forward —

Air Station Swim Classes Started

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA—Instructions in all types of warfare swimming has been started at this station's newly built combat training tank under the direction of Lt. Matt Wasko. Courses in jumping methods, surface diving and under water swimming are being given from 0800 to 1800 daily.

Drills will consist of jumps from 15 feet, with and without clothes and combat equipment. Instruction also will be given on abandoning ship, cargo nets, life raft use, leg cramp release, removal of clothing and flotation gear.

— The V-Job —
Seabee Drivers

CAMP PINE VALLEY — One officer and 44 enlisted personnel of the Seabees began a two-week course of instruction here this week in driving of all types of Marine Corps vehicles and power equipment.

40 Rescued From Drifting Barge After 18 Hours

Craft Wallows 60 Miles In Heavy Sea After Power Failure Sets It Adrift

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOLOMONS (Delayed)—Stories of being lost at sea hold no glamour any more for a group of 40 Marines, Seabees, sailors and soldiers here—and for good reason. They just returned from such a misadventure.

Rescued after drifting for 60 miles in 18 hours aboard an open garbage barge, they remember it only as a nightmare, minus all thrill and color—excepting when white and sickly green.

Among them were PFCs John E. Greer of Gainesville, Tex., Douglas W. Smith of Windsor Locks, Conn., and PFCs Donald N. Lubin of Orange, N. J., and Anthony Paul of Troy, N. Y.

ONE-DAY ASSIGNMENT

The men were on a one-day assignment with the refuse details of their respective camps and required to empty their drums from a tank barge into an ocean channel three miles off-shore.

When the cans were emptied, the barge developed engine trouble. After much futile effort, the attempt to effect repairs was given up and the coxswain resorted to semaphore signaling to planes passing intermittently overhead.

With nightfall the sea became rougher, a storm heightened and the men realized the seriousness of the situation. Many of them were unclothed, except for shorts. They were without food or water. Those who were clothed were drenched and cold.

Knowledge of the presence of sharks in the waters and the absence of sides or protecting rails on the barge further discouraged the men. A barricade of cans helped fend off the wind as they huddled on the deck.

SUMMARINE FEAR

For a time the men were afraid to light a fire lest an enemy submarine be attracted. Finally the cold obliged them to risk it. They siphoned fuel from the motor to make a fire with some wood in one of the drums.

In the murky dawn a destroyer sighted the barge and approached. Circling a few times, the destroyer thought at first that the barge was an enemy craft, but then gave up, much to the relief of the shivering, hungry, saturated, and seasick men.—Sgt. John R. Hurley, combat correspondent.

— Stand Fast —

ARC Drive Nets \$19,000 At Post

CAMP LEJEUNE — The Marines' latest Red Cross drive netted \$19,928.45, of which the Women's Reserve Schools contributed \$5,912.72.

Next highest donations were from Sig. Bn., with \$2,543.51, and Montford Point Negro Marines, who gave \$1,928.96.

— Bonds Or Bonanza? —

"The sergeant is always pulling the same joke," "Yeah, he's got a one-track mind."

Bear A Hand

FOUND
TOILET KIT and arm of photograph machine left in automobile in which Marines rode between La Jolla and Laguna Beach recently. May have by telephoning Humboldt 8-3261, evenings, and identifying.

LOST
ROBBERY, in black case, on tennis court in rear of Bldg. 12. Contact Phil I/c A. Ramsey at the master-at-arms office in Bldg. 2.

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— Be Cautious —

Jungle Cowboy

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed)—Army Sgt. Herman H. Boude of Twin Falls, Ida., an ex-cowpuncher attached to Marines as a scout and dog handler, has been amazing Leathernecks with his fancy Jap-shooting from the hip with an 1871 model single-action Colt revolver.—Sgt. Gerald A. Walindel, combat correspondent.

Th' Winnah! Marine KOs Tank

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — One 140-pound Marine vs. one seven-ton Jap tank.

That was the unequal battle which took place on Betio Island on D-Day, Nov. 20.

The winner—by kayo—was PFC, Frank Olechnowski of Belle Vernon, Pa. Besides its weight superiority, the tank was 15 feet long, six high and seven feet broad, and was spitting death from a 37 mm. cannon.

Olechnowski, 5 feet 7 inches tall, had a rifle grenade.

When Frank ("Why use that long hat handle?" he says) hit the beach with his initial assault unit, it was under the heaviest of fire.

He had just ducked into a shell hole with others of his squad when along came the tank, concentrating its fire on the men wading in.

Olechnowski surveyed the terrain and then abandoned his cover, high-tailing it for a position he'd selected which would give him a shot at the tank. Ooey, despite a cone of machine gun fire from an adjacent beach, he fired his rifle grenade, scoring a direct hit on the front of the tank about turret high.

It was perfect marksmanship and it did the trick. The tank shuddered, paused momentarily, and then swerved off into the water, where it sank.—Sgt. Gene Ward, combat correspondent.



TRADITIONAL use of a ship's bell is explained by 1stLt. William Pince to his sons, Frank (center) and William, both of whom decided to follow in their father's footsteps and are now in recruit training. (Photo by PFC. Chester Turk).


Censor Saves Cupid's Bow and Arrow

SOMEWHERE IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC (Delayed)—From a 5th MAC bulletin board came indications that at least one Marine should bless the censor.

A private who may have been doing some double - time day-dreaming found this note from the censor: "Private Blank; Letter at mail desk. Name on envelope Dorothy, name on letter Bettye. Check and if correct, mail."—Corp. Claude R. Fawe, combat photographer.

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ONE SEABEE-MANNED bulldozer builds up a road to the front of an LST to facilitate landing of trucks and equipment while another clears a path through heavy jungle underbrush on Green Island. (Photo by Staff Sgt. G. R. Cass).

Glamor Stuff No Go For Legendary Lou Diamond

PARRIS ISLAND—MGSgt. Lou Diamond, that bearded mortar expert around whom a volume of Marine legend has been built, feels that the time has come to deglamorize himself—to picture himself as a man with two arms and two legs who needs a certain amount of sleep and food, as it were.

"I'm fed up with the lies told about me," he wrote in a recent issue of "Boot" here. He singled out a paragraph published recently in a nationally circulated magazine as Exhibit A of what he meant. It read:

"Lou Diamond never salutes anybody below the rank of colonel. He goes into the general's office, when he is sent for, and calls the general by his initials."

PROPER RESPECT

This was his answer to that: "What a smelly old buzzard I'd be if that were true. I wouldn't represent the Marine Corps if I behaved like that. I'd not be representing myself either. What I say of myself is true of every old timer worth his salt. I've never failed to render due and proper respect to my superiors in the service, nor have I ever influenced anyone else to do so.

"My superiors in rank are treated invariably with the respect I exact from my juniors. Without that respect the Marine Corps could not exist and, God willing, the Marine Corps will exist to the end of time.

"There is much talk these days of heroes. I suppose there have to be heroes. But, as far as I am concerned, a man is not a hero because he does his job with every ounce of his ability; he's only a stinker if he don't do it. It seems to me that that's a good rule to follow.

"I meet heroes every day, hundreds of them. They're the average men who come into service, buckle down and do their jobs."

Use T-Mail

Star On Duty

CAMP PENDLETON—LT. Col. George O'Brien, former film star, has reported for duty at the Boat Basin of this station, as temporary executive officer.

31-Year Veteran Fails To Sight In On The Enemy

CWO. Goble Wins Citation
For Outstanding Duty In
Overseas Aviation Unit

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC — CWO. Albert J. Goble has been shot at, but in 31 years of service in the Corps he never has had the chance to fire a shot at the enemy.

In this war most of his work has been in an administrative capacity, neither of which is attested by the citation he received while in the Solomons from the commanding general for "outstanding performance of duty" as adjutant of his aviation unit.

ATLANTIC DUTY

In World War I he was aboard the USS Columbia when war was declared. His ship began Atlantic convoy duty, with CWO. Goble serving as orderly for the admiral in command. Except for four months' duty as DI at the Norfolk Naval Base, he was on sea duty aboard the Columbia and USS Frederick during the entire war.

CWO. Goble's first assignment, back in 1918, was a two-year stretch on Guam manning coast defense guns. At that time there were 160 white men on the island, including the new detachment of Marines. Two years in the Horse Marines at Mare Island followed before the first war broke out.

After War I he was stationed at Norfolk, Parris Island, served with the Horse Marines in Santo Domingo, and did several years of duty in Haiti and the U. S., including mail guard duty in 1926 out of Seattle, Wash.

SERVED IN CHINA

In 1927 he was sent to China, where he spent two years at Shanghai and Tientsin during the days of Chiang Kai-Shek's rise to power. In 1929 he went back to sea duty, with the "Ranana Fleet Patrol" along the Central American coast. He went ashore at Nicaragua when trouble was brewing there and stayed until 1931, when he returned to San Diego.

He came home at 0100 on Dec. 7, 1941, after several years' sea duty without time off, to begin a 90-day furlough. After completing 87 days, he was called back to duty and assigned to a Marine aviation unit. He already has spent a long tour of duty on Guadalcanal and other tropical island bases.—1stLt. Henry F. Childress, PRO.

Write Home

Captured Japanese Enjoy Imprisonment

BOUGAINVILLE — Maj. Gen. Ross E. Powell, commanding general of Marine Aircraft Wings, Pacific Fleet, was alarmed at seeing a gang of Jap prisoners in a stockade near the commanding general's headquarters here, guarded by a very indifferent sentry.

"Oh that," said Maj. Gen. Oscar W. Griswold, USA. "Don't worry—you couldn't persuade those Japs to leave the stockade. They seem to enjoy our menus, our soap and our water."—New York Times.

Foxhole Forsaken to Rat in Bombing

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Even Jap bombings have their lighter side, according to Sgt. Harley D. McMaster of Levelland, Tex., radio gunner, home from South Pacific aviation service. He related this incident:

In the middle of a heavy bombing, a husky negro—sharing a foxhole with several Marines—jumped up, shook a large rat from his trousers and ran for other cover shouting: "One of us had better leave this hole—bombs or no bombs, and here I go!"—PFC, Charles R. Stokes.

My Insurance

The soldier who applied for OCS found himself Off the Coast of Sicily three weeks later.

Payday Proves Roi Island Marines Good Businessmen

AN ADVANCED PACIFIC BASE (Delayed)—Tell the average first sergeant that his Marine charges are good business men and his contemptuous guffaw will be heard in Brooklyn.

"Good fighters, yes," he will admit. "Hard workers, yes. Even good guys, but good business men? Brother, you're in the wrong department!"

COULD BE WRONG

The official pay account records of a unit of the 4th Mar. Div. and the money order bleared eyes of Postmaster Harry Newman prove that even a first sergeant can be wrong.

This unit returned from the successful invasion of Roi Island in Kwajalein Atoll of the Marshall Islands to a payroll which totaled \$189,000. The veterans sought re-

reaction at the single postal money order window of the unit post office, where they literally stood in line for hours to send more than \$98,000 home.

Postmaster Staff Sgt. Harry Newman of Pleasantville, N.J., learned fast. He moved into a new building with a double postal money order window.

He does not know how much went home in registered letters, but the pay office does know that 80 per cent of the personnel had voluntary war bond and other allotments which totaled \$186,000 for the period.—Staff Sgt. Nolle T. Roberts, combat correspondent.

Old Timers



CWO. ALBERT J. GOBLE

Citations

Silver Star

1stLt. Joseph S. Nolan, Brooklyn, N.Y.; William A. Reno, Van Wert, O.; 1stLt. Robert T. Nichols, Sturges, Pa.; PFCs. James E. McNabb, Rockdale, Mass.; John D. Perella, Springfield, Mass.

Navy and Marine Corps Medal

2dLt. Charles L. Hobart, Greenville, Miss.

Bronze Star

1stLt. Robert E. Peit, Brenham, Tex.; Capt. Patrick O'Shea, Morningside, W. Va.

Air Medal

Capt. Howard M. Bollman, Dundee, Ill.; James A. Blodgett, Oklahoma City, Okla. (Air Medal and Gold Star in lieu of second); 1stLt. Milton B. Peck, Vicksburg, Miss. (posthumously); Caruth A. Barker Jr., Atkins, Ark.

Letters of Commendation

1stLt. Perry O. Pappeler, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Ralph L. Houser, Iowa City, Ia.; Joseph P. McAtire, Chester, Pa. (posthumously); Maj. Carl G. Soudewer, Detroit; Thomas A. Reese, Scottsbluff, Neb.; Overstreet, Del Rio, Miss.; Capt. Frank B. Walton Jr., Los Angeles; Nicholas Ralston, Leavenworth, Kans.; Cyril M. Andrews, Los Angeles.

1stLt. John R. Randall, New York; Arthur L. Bryant, Holyoke, Calif.; William J. King, Detroit; Robert J. Thompson, Benton, Ill.; 2dLt. Marshall N. Picard, Station Island, N.Y.; Harold G. Schrier, Richmond, Mo.; James D. Fellman, Baltimore.

1stLt. Ace G. Manning, Yucalpa, Calif.; Donald Currier Jr., Los Angeles; 1stLt. Alvin T. Maxwell, Shreveport, La.; Fred C. Rogers, Saltville, Va.; Corp. William R. Snyder, Taipei, Ind.

1stLt. Irvin Cox, Oak, W. Va.; John F. Phelan, Royal Centre, Ind.; James W. Burke, Denver; Edward J. Schroe, Cincinnati; James H. Thomas, Springfield, S.C.; Ralph G. Yates, Elizabethtown, Tenn.

Other Citations

Col. Raymond P. Coffman, Drexel Hill, Pa., citation from Adm. Halsey; 1stLt. Jack H. West, Anheby, Pa., citation from Adm. Halsey; 2dLt. Carol A. Bryant, Johnson City, N.Y., posthumously commended by Maj. Gen. William H. Rupertus; PFC. Carl N. Wilson, Houston, Tex., posthumously commended by Secy. of Navy Rank.

Saints Smartly

Name Erroneously On Casualty List

In The Chevron Issue of Feb. 26, the name of PFC. Leo J. Paquette of E. Toledo, O., was erroneously listed under Marine casualties as dead.

PFC. Paquette should have been listed as wounded. He writes that he is well despite having been twice wounded in action, and would like to hear from some of his old buddies, particularly 1stLt. James T. Jordan, formerly of NOB, Norfolk. Since PFC. Paquette's mailing address is restricted, letters for him should be enclosed in an envelope addressed to The Chevron, which will forward them.

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Three Presented Silver Stars At Camp Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON — Three Silver Stars and two letters of commendation from Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, commanding general of the 5th Mar. Div., were presented at a regimental review here recently. The awards were for extraordinary heroism during the Marine occupation of Choiseul Island in the Solomons from Oct. 27 to Nov. 3, 1943.

Silver Stars were awarded to PFCs. John W. Geddings, Mason City, Ill.; Francis J. Fagone, Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Bernard J. Best, Chicago.

Letters of Commendation were presented to 1stLt. William J. King of Detroit and GySgt. Donald Currier Jr. of Los Angeles.

The citations were read to the assembled regiment by Col. W. A. Worton, chief of staff.

GIVEN LEGION OF MERIT

USNH, YOSEMITE—The Legion of Merit Medal has been awarded here to Maj. Robert C. Walker of Washington, D.C., for maintenance of communications during the battle of Piva Forks on Bougainville last November.

1stLt. Frank C. Rallsback of Tallahassee, Fla., was awarded the Bronze Star for "heroic achievement" in the same battle.

USNH, OAKLAND—For "courageous action" in the Empress Augusta bay area on Bougainville, Corp. George V. Anness of Jersey City, N.J., was decorated with the Silver Star recently at ceremonies here.

WINS PURPLE HEART

MCAS, EL CENTRO — Award of the Purple Heart was made here recently to MTSgt. John H. Moore of Garrett, Pa., instructor in the Aerial Gunnery School at this station, who was shot in the leg June 4, 1942, when his plane engaged in a series of dog-fights with Jap Zepps attempting to attack Midway Island. MTSgt. Moore bugged one enemy plane and two probables that day.

NORTH ISLAND — 1stLt. George Cole of San Diego was awarded the Legion of Merit at a review ceremony here recently for his service on Guadalcanal in salvaging and renovating planes and keeping planes in the air. The presentation was made by Maj. H. R. Jordan, CO of Hq. Sq., Marine Air Wing.

Be Courteous

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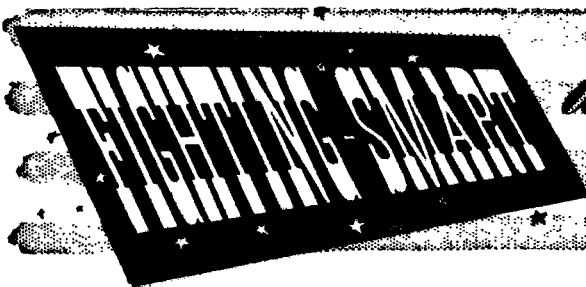


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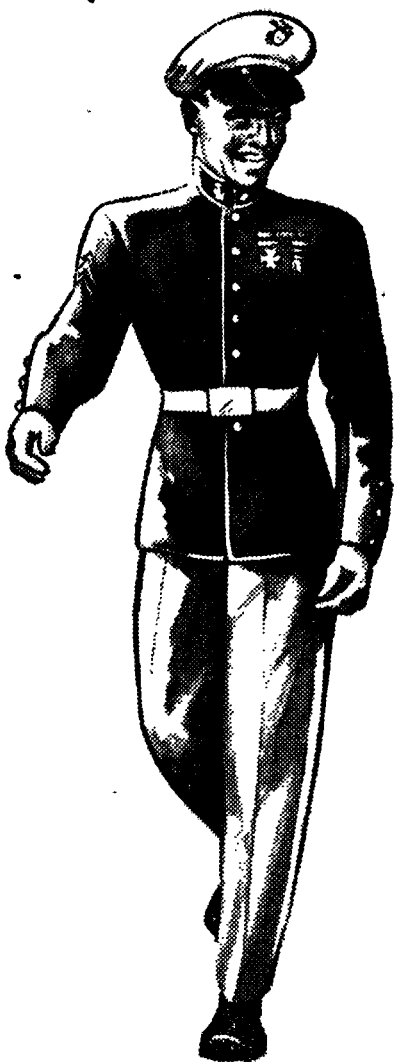
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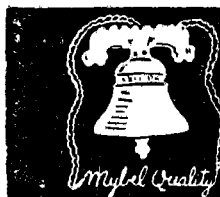


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THEY'RE edible if properly prepared, claims Capt. Josiah E. Green, who made a study of emergency jungle foods in the South Pacific.

Live Jap Hangs Onto 'Souvenir'

ENIWETOK ATOLL (Delayed) — Corp. John G. Jordan of Glendale, Calif., was on patrol when he spotted a Jap rifle poking out of a hole in the ground.

That rifle, he thought, would make a fine souvenir. He yanked on the barrel, but it wouldn't come out. He yanked again and then discovered the trouble. There was a Jap hanging onto the other end.

Meanwhile, two other Japs appeared. Fortunately for Corp. Jordan, his companions, Corp. Thomas J. Wallace of Springfield, Mass., and PFC Kenneth Fraser of Ferndale, Mich., were not idle. They shot all three of the enemy. — Staff Sgt. Dick Gordon, combat correspondent.

Scabee Ingenuity Solves Water Need

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — An abandoned farm tractor, a borrowed Marine well drill, and Scabee ingenuity have turned an island in the Solomons group into a valuable fresh water supply base for Allied forces.

With natural drinking water resources running low, the 33rd Const Bn. drilled an 85-foot well, "manufactured" a pump and solved the fresh water problem. Two additional wells were drilled, providing a combined output of 6000 gallons per hour.

Telephone Men Bolster MCB, Matthews Morale

Duties of Southern California Telephone Company employees on the Base and at Camp Matthews don't call for it, but some of them go as far as meeting trains and routing rooms for Marines—all in a day's work of boosting morale.

W. F. McNaughton, the company's MCB representative, pointed out that employees in "Attended Stations" on the Base and at Matthews will go a long way to aid Marines in addition to their practice of furnishing coins for telephones, providing magazines, stationery and pencils for those waiting on calls.

FAMILY ARRIVING

In one case on the Base, a Marine requested 20 nickels. When McNaughton remarked that it looked as though he were going to attempt to get a room for someone, the Marine replied that his wife and 3-year-old boy were due at the station at 1:30 that afternoon and he had not succeeded in finding a

Marine Studies Insect, Plant Life Overseas

MCAD, MIRAMAR—San Diego's Natural History Museum soon will be enriched and the lot of Allied servicemen lost in the South Pacific jungles made easier through the efforts of Capt. Josiah E. Green, formerly an associate of the Balboa Park science institution.

For him jungle-matted areas surrounding Marine outposts were more than a setting for battle. He found them teeming with strange insect and plant-life, rich fields for study, experiment, and research, and a source of endless curiosity.

JUNGLE PROWLER—Leisure moments from assigned map-making duties with an aviation unit, Capt. Green spent in probing the thick primeval growth. His jungle prowling yielded a bountiful supply of an odd collection of insects, lizards, and reptile species, all rare in the annals of science.

These he has brought with him for delivery to San Diego's Museum of Natural History. Capt. Green is also the author of a booklet, "Food is Where You Find It," which already is in its fifth printing and fast becoming a South Pacific "best seller."

The booklet's need was first conceived by Brig. Gen. Walter G. Farrell of La Jolla, Calif., now overseas, according to Capt. Green, who describes it as a pocket guide to jungle plant and animal foods in the South Pacific. — Staff Sgt. Wallace R. McLain, combat correspondent.

Marine Gives 10 Reasons To Fight

PARRIS ISLAND—With his wife and 10 children well taken care of through his family allotment, Pvt. Henry M. Nixon of Bessemer, Ala., feels that he has more reason than most men for wanting to take an active part in this war.

Now a recruit undergoing training, Nixon believes nearly every father wants to get in the fight.

"Just because I have a large family is no reason why I should not be in the service," Nixon said. "Uncle Sam needs more men to fight and he has to call on us fathers to do our share. We all want to get this war over with, and the only way to do it is to furnish him with the manpower he needs." — PFC. Don R. Petit.

Gen. T. E. Holcomb Presented Medal

WASHINGTON Secy. of Navy Frank Knox presented Gen. Thomas E. Holcomb with the DSM last week. The award was bestowed upon Gen. Holcomb by the President for his accomplishments as Commandant from Dec. 1, 1936, to Jan. 1, 1941, when he was retired from active duty. The general was appointed minister to the Union of South Africa recently.

room for them.

The telephone representative volunteered assistance and after many inquiries found temporary quarters for the visitors for the night and then met them at the station. Through subsequent efforts a permanent residence was located for the Marine's family.

At Camp Matthews, one Marine was so grateful for a supply of quarters for long distance calls that he volunteered to help install a walk in front of the telephone building.

One Leatherneck told McNaughton "you are doing everything possible for the convenience and comfort of the men. Don't think for a minute we fail to appreciate it."



COMBAT DOGS like "Liney", shown with a trainer, PFC. Herbert S. Parsyth of Stamford, Conn., have proven their value in Bougainville fighting. "Liney" has picked up the scent of two Jap snipers. (Photo by PFC. P. Scheer).

Leatherneck Combat Dogs Trained At Mare Island

MARE ISLAND NAVY YARD—Devil Dogs of highest caliber are being trained at Mare Island under the supervision of Maj. Thad "Tough Tommy" Talmadge Taylor of Steamboat, Nev.

Dog lover and trainer, lawyer, model train builder, and 32 years a Leatherneck, Maj. Taylor is CO of the Naval Amm. Depot here, and supervisor of the post sentry dog detachment.

"The dogs and the men get the same drill", explained the major. "It's nothing at all but becoming accustomed to taking and obeying orders. The dogs love it."

Sgt. John H. MacDonald, chief trainer and kennelman from Princeton, N. J., and his assistant, Corp. Frank Nicotera, from Racine, Wis., serve as DIs, putting the dogs through regular drills daily. And they obey smartly.

CONDITIONING COURSE

The dogs' "combat conditioning course" consists of tracking down a well-padded and disguised machine and neutralizing its weapon arm as well as plunging him by earth.

An inspection of the dog guard quarters showed a kitchen equipped with a modern refrigerator, meat tables freshly scrubbed and dusted with salt, and every galley article shiny and in its proper place. The Marine dogs also have a Sick Bay which is small but immaculate.

Stalls where the dogs live are scrubbed with disinfectant daily and the only objects in view are the drinking pan and bed blanket. Each dog has a set of toilet articles bearing its name.

Obey Orders — New German Weapon

One of the most astonishing defenses the Germans have developed is a prefabricated, kettle-type pillbox which can be turned upside down, set on two wheels and drawn by a tractor. The portable pillboxes were first encountered by the 5th Army in Italy.

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Air Observation Unit Organized To Aid Artillery

'Grasshopper' Ships Now Flown By Former Fighter, Bomber, Transport Pilots

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—A Stinson two-seater plane may seem out of place in this war of 400-mile-an-hour fighters and multi-engined bombers.

But the Marine Corps thinks the "grasshoppers" are so little of an anachronism that the Corps has assigned Corsair, transport, and bomber pilots to the first artillery air observation squadron in its history. The squadron flies Stinsons.

LEADER NAMED

Maj. Gordon W. Heritage, veteran flier, is leader of the first squadron. His pilots have flown Corsairs, Dauntless dive-bombers, Mitchells, Liberators and C-47 transports.

The Corps made its first extensive use of air observation for artillery spotting purposes on Bougainville. At first observers worked in bombers of a type which is less vulnerable to ground attack than the unarmed Stinson, but which is much less satisfactory for observation purposes. Their speed is too great and the observer's field of view is limited.

ESSENTIAL WORK

Bougainville proved, as did other jungle campaigns, that air observation was essential for artillery fire at enemy rear points. On Bougainville, directing fire on enemy front lines was difficult for ground observers because of the fluidity of the lines, the proximity of the enemy, and the necessity for almost constant reliance on sound observation.

"I suppose people think that an enemy fighter could shoot down our Stinsons readily—like shooting fish in a rain barrel," continued Maj. Heritage. "It's not that easy, though. In training, we had Corsairs and other high-powered fighters make runs on the Stinsons. They told us they could never get us in their sights." — Staff Sgt. James E. Hague, combat correspondent.

Write Home — Pio Pico Boot

Pio Pico of Los Angeles, a grandson and namesake of the last Spanish governor of California, is now in recruit training on the Base. The recruit's family played a prominent role in early California history.

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9 Battle Heroes Decorated In Base Ceremonies

Awards Include One Navy Cross, Silver Stars

Recruits Parade In Review As Medals Presented Vets Of South Pacific Assaults

Presentation of a Navy Cross, six Silver Stars and two Ribbons of Commendation was made in ceremonies on the Base parade ground Thursday and Friday to nine veterans of South Pacific campaigns, including seven back from Tarawa and one each from New Georgia and Bougainville, the largest number to be decorated in a single week here since war began.

Awards were presented to the following:

Navy Cross — 2dLt. Tolvo H. Ivory, Fairport, O.

Silver Star—Maj. Philip C. Ferguson, Woodward, Okla.; Sgts. Carl E. Coryell, Detroit; Eldo W. Ball, Osyka, Miss.; Elden H. Beers, Deer Park, Wash.; Corp. Delbert C. Teel, Tyler, Tex.; and PFC. Homer J. St. John, Niagara Falls, N. Y.

TWO WIN RIBBON

Ribbon of Commendation—Corp. Philip J. Benavides, Austin, Tex.; PFC. Earle E. Curtis, Spokane, Wash.

Recruits paraded in review before the six veterans honored in ceremonies at 1300 Thursday, at which Lt. Col. Max Cox, executive officer of Trng. Regt., RD, was decorating officer. Of this group five are convalescing at USNH, San Diego, and the sixth, Sgt. Coryell, is a DI here. Maj. Clinton W. McLeod of RD read the citations.

Lt. Col. Jesse L. Perkins, newly appointed CO of Gd. Bn., presented the awards to three members of 2nd Cas. Co. at 1330 Friday, when a battalion of recruits paraded before the reviewing stand. 2dLt. Joe B. Ford, Gd. Bn. adjutant, read the citations.

Those decorated Thursday and the actions upon which their awards are based were:

STAYED ON JOB

2dLt. Ivory—Landing at Tarawa on Nov. 20, 1943, opening day of the assault, as platoon leader in an assault company, he lost the lower part of his leg in attempting to kick an enemy grenade away from his men. Despite intense pain, he refused to be evacuated and remained to direct the activities of his platoon throughout the entire first day.

Maj. Ferguson—He continued to direct an infantry mission aimed at routing the enemy on New Georgia July 8, 1943, despite being severely wounded, refusing evacuation until the mission was completed.

Sgt. Coryell—When his company was pinned down on Tarawa by Jap rifle and machine gun fire from concealed positions, he deliberately and repeatedly made a target of himself to draw enemy fire to locate their positions. He was seriously wounded after directing the destruction of several enemy positions.

BLASTED JAPS

PFC. St. John—At Tarawa on Nov. 20 he advanced alone in front of his own troops, carrying explosives, and set off demolition charges at the apertures of numerous Jap pillboxes.

Corp. Benavides—Attached to a medical section of the 9th Marines at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville Nov. 28, 1943, he refused to return to a first aid station after being knocked unconscious while ministering to a wounded Marine. He continued rendering aid under heavy fire until forced to accompany a seriously wounded man to the aid station.

PFC. Curtis—As a communications man with an assault company at Tarawa Nov. 22, he kept the lines in repair throughout the night, enabling his battalion commander to better direct his forces and coordinate their activities with the supporting heavy weapons out-



NEW BRITAIN stream proved but a momentary obstacle to this Marine jeep carrying wounded Leathernecks to a first aid station. Hardy veterans of the South Pacific jungles added their brawn to its horsepower and the ambulance jeep was on its way once again.

Correspondents, Photog Win Battle Commendations

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Three members of the PR section of 1st MAC are now holders of letters of commendation for heroism in combat. Two are combat correspondents and the other is a combat photographer attached to the section.

TSgt. Murroy Marder, former Philadelphia newspaperman, and Frank McDevitt, likewise a Philadelphia newspaperman before enlisting, are the two correspondents so honored. The photographer cited is Corp. Carl David Ohman Jr., of Cloquet, Minn., a member of the photographic and cinematographic section, 1st MAC, who is on duty with the PR unit.

VOLUNTEER RAIDERS

TSgt. Marder and Corp. Ohman received their commendations from Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commanding 1st MAC, for valor shown as volunteer members of a raiding party behind the enemy lines at Koror, Bougainville.

MTSgt. McDevitt had earlier won a commendation from Lt. Gen. Milward P. Harmon, commander of Army forces in the South Pacific. The commendation was for heroism shown during the attack on Balok, New Georgia, in July, 1943.—Sgt. Ray Fitzpatrick, combat correspondent.

Obey Orders

Marine Who Fired First Shot Upped

MCAD, MIRAMAR—2dLt. James C. Gabbard Jr., the Marine officially credited with firing the first shot in the invasion of Guadalcanal, received his commission to that rank upon his arrival here from a furlough spent at his home in Berea, Ky.

fits. On four occasions he volunteered to trace and repair damage to communication lines caused by enemy grenades, all under heavy fire.

2nd Cas. Co. personnel decorated with Silver Stars on Friday were:

Sgt. Ball—After leading his assault team from pillbox to pillbox on Tarawa Nov. 21, he entered one blackhouse alone after grenades were thrown in. After some time he staggered out wounded but had killed all the Japs inside.

Sgt. Beers—In an attempt to rescue a wounded Marine at Tarawa Nov. 20, he crossed 30 yards of water under heavy machine gun, mortar and sniper fire, then re-crossed the same territory carrying the wounded man. He was wounded severely.

Corp. Teel—Covering the advance of his squad upon an enemy emplacement with an automatic weapon, he saw his squad receive fire from another emplacement, crawled to an exposed position to draw the fire upon himself, and thereby made possible capture of the enemy position.

Marine Banking On Tokyo Visit

BOUGAINVILLE—Sgt. Glenn Abbott of Pomona, Calif., hopes our airmen will leave just one bank standing in Tokyo until he can get there to transact an item of business.

He found an unopened registered letter at Cape Torokina containing a money order made payable to the bearer for 14 yen, about \$4. Postage on the letter cost the sender 17 yen.

Sgt. Abbott should have no trouble in collecting his dough, for he reads, writes and speaks Japanese.

Fags Kept Dry

CAPE GLOUCESTER—Marines in wet South Pacific jungles have solved the problem of keeping cigarettes dry by using ordinary two-part soap trays. A soap tray is large enough to accommodate matches as well as a pack of cigarettes. A snapshot of the girl friend may be added.

Limited Service Status Changes Started By HQMC

Reclassification Due For Men Held In Reserve Class Due To Age Limit

WASHINGTON — Reclassification of members of the limited service Marines (Class IV), who are under 38 years of age, is now under way, HQMC announced this week.

Each man in Class IV under 38 is to be given a physical examination to determine his fitness for general service.

In each case where a man found physically qualified for general service does not request change of classification, a complete statement will be obtained from him and forwarded to The Commandant.

NEED CITED

The current need for general service personnel to fulfill specified quotas in combat organizations prompted the reclassification of as many men of Class IV Reserve into the Volunteer Reserve as possible.

It was pointed out that at the time of the organization of Class IV, the age limit for general service enlistment in the Corps was 30 years of age. Many men were placed in the Limited Service Reserve because of age alone. With the advent of Selective Service, the age of enlistment for active duty was raised from 30 to 38 years of age. As a result, there are men of the same age serving in the Marine Corps who by virtue of the difference in dates of enlistment are in different classes.

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'I LEARNED ABOUT JUDO FROM HER' -- REPORTER'S SWAN SONG



NEWSPAPER reporters will insist upon being skeptical, so Steve Healy, San Diego Journal newsman, had to see for himself that what they were saying about MCB women Marines being

adept at judo was true. The Chevron sent its petite reporter, PFC, Eleanor Garner, to demonstrate the point to the skeptic. Healy began changing his mind when PFC Garner started him

on the hip throw, a little something she picked up in Base judo classes. A wrist-lock and foot choke were the clincher once Healy was down. "The WIs play too rough," he commented.

Assault Troops Entertained By 'Gypsy' Violin

ENIWETOK ATOLL (Delayed)—Marines who made short work of the Marshalls invasion brought along everything, including a strolling violinist who played request numbers for them on the beach during the second day of the assault.

Favorite numbers of the battle-weary Marines there were "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes" and "Sauter's" according to PFC Norman Gerber of Trenton, N. J., a youthful musician who began playing with the Trenton Symphony Orchestra while still a child.

INSTRUMENT SMASHED

A couple days later Norman took part in the landing on Parry, a costly experience for him. The violin which he had carried with him since boot camp days at Parris Island in 1942 was smashed by enemy fire.

By one of the war's strange coincidences, however, he was able to borrow one from a sailor in the crew of the transport which took his unit off the atoll.—TSgt. Irving Schlossenberg, combat correspondent.

— Stand Erect —

New Dates Scheduled For Base Theatrical

The highly transient nature of Base personnel indicated that the stage play "Claudia" would have its opening performance on Truk or possibly the Philippines as male members of the cast were constantly shifted or seemed on the verge of transfer, until this week.

With the cast securely set the opening date has been changed to May 11 and 12 from May 5 and 6 as earlier scheduled. 2d Lt. Florence Stewart, production manager, announced the change in dates was for the dual purpose of allowing newer members of the cast more rehearsals and assuring more Base personnel a chance to see the play as the new dates fall on a Thursday and Friday instead of Friday and Saturday.

— Aim True —
"This life," wailed the GI, "is beginning to tell on me. Every day I look more like my identification photo."

Oh, Well, He Got the Jap Anyway

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—A correspondent walked into a tent to get a story on some fighter pilots who had helped drain the skies of Jap planes at Rabaul.

Explained one successful pilot: "I was just about ahead this zero and going for a 90-degree deflection shot. He was doing 200 knots and I was indicating 350, so I had to figure my compensation. He made a tight inside turn, so I flipped over, tailed, and credit-

Screen Guide

BASE THEATER 1730 - 2000

Today—Rising High, Lament, Powell.
Monday and Tuesday—Stage Show, Sermons From Science.
Wednesday—Jack London, O'Shea, Hayward, Valls of Montezuma, 1939.
Thursday—Desperate Journey, Flynn-Ruggan.
Friday—Louisiana Purchase, Hope, Moore.
Saturday—Good Fellows, Kellaway-Walker.

CAMP MATTHEWS 1745

Today—The Gang's All Here, Pige-Miranda.
Sunday—Dance on my Knee, Stuyvesant-Miranda.
Monday—Rising High, Lament, Albertson.
Tuesday—Rising High, Lament, Albertson.
Wednesday—Dancing Marishes, Laydon.
Thursday—My Best Girl, Vickers-Laydon.
Friday—Jack London, O'Shea-Hayward.
Saturday—Desperate Journey, Flynn-Ruggan.

CAMP KEARNEY 1720 - 1915

Today—Tampico, Davy-Robinson, Sheridan.
Sunday—Shine on Harvest Moon, Sheridan.
Monday—Can't Ration Love, Rhodes-Johnson.
Tuesday—Johnny Come Lately, Wagner-Moore.
Wednesday—Burrito Hill, McCrea-O'Hara.
Thursday—Her Primitive Man, Albertson.
Friday—Up in Mabel's Room, Reynolds-Flyke.
Saturday—Lady Let's Dance, Johnson-Beltra.

CAMP ELLIOTT

(Auditorium programs listed. Same program given in Theaters No. 1 and No. 2 one and two days later, respectively.)

Today—All Dudes and the Forty Thieves, Montez-Hall.
Sunday—Go Your Own Way, Woods-Rose.
Monday—The Uninvited, Millard-Hussey.
Tuesday—Shine on Harvest Moon, Sheridan-Morgan.
Wednesday—Four Dicks in a Jeep, Francis-Landis.
Thursday—Meet the People, Powell-Hall.
Friday—Around the World, Kysers-Davis.
Saturday—Andy Hardy's Blunder, Trouble, Rooney-Stone.

MOAD, MIRAMAR 1745 - 2000

Today—Follow the Boys All Star Cast.
Sunday—It Happened Tomorrow, Powell-Burroughs.
Monday—Men on Her Mind, Norris-Hughes.
Tuesday—You Can't Ration Love, Johnston-Rhodes.
Wednesday—The Stage Show, Wednesday and Friday—Sermons From Science.
Saturday—Voice in the Wind, Lumber-Garls.

Base Schedules Science Show

Fantastic feats of science, one in which Dr. Irwin A. Moon allows more than a million volts of electricity to pass through his body, will be demonstrated on the stage of the Base Theater in the "Sermons From Science" show to be given Monday and Tuesday. Recruits will be admitted at 1730 both nights and Base personnel at 2000.

Sponsored by the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, the show involves use of two tons of equipment. Other demonstrations will include causing steel to float in air, making visible the molecules moving in an ordinary bar of steel, enlarging of tiny living creatures two million times, and projection of a voice from things filled with helium.

— Obey Orders —

El Centro Marines Visited By Skelton

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Heading a troupe of screen stars, musicians and singers, Red Skelton, of the flexible facial muscles and the famed "I doo d'it" confession, headlined two recent shows in the Base theater.

Accompanying Skelton were Helen Parrish, Al Pearce, Arlene Harris, the Dewey Sisters, Julie Boyer and Edna Skelton. Official welcome was extended the visitors by Lt. Col. Karl E. Voelter, station commander, and Robert M. Haynes, group commander.

— Shoot Straight —

He'll Be Missing

USNH, SAN DIEGO—One California motorist won't be on hand to renew his state driving license this year. The erstwhile motorist is a Jap who carried a 1937 license when taken prisoner by Marines on Bougainville, reports Corp. Edward L. Kucharszyk of Bridgman, Mich.

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Judo Popular Sport With Women Reserves On Base

Judo, the time-worn science of overcoming an adversary as quickly as possible by trickery and the art of killing quietly and expeditiously when necessary is now a popular sport with the feminine contingent of Marines on the Base.

Gluttons for punishment, the girls—some diminutive and clad in outsize battle jackets—report twice a week for the sport and for the pleasure of throwing their brothers in arms all over the mat.

Throws and holds designed to baffle laymen are old stuff to Base WRs, who for the most part are effeminate and petite despite their favorite sport.

For the time being, the girls are not on the receiving end of the throws and won't be until they have had more practice. Male Leatherneck volunteers, however,

seem to enjoy being tossed around and help WRs learn judo fundamentals during liberty hours.

Most of the enthusiastic little bone-crushers, when asked why they engage in such a rigorous ordeal since the course is optional, would reply, "it's fun."

— With Honor — Given Medal

WASHINGTON—The Gold Medal of the Holland Society of New York was recently presented to Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps.



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Overseas Troops To Get Baseball Reports By Radio

Shortwave broadcasts and re-creations of major league baseball games to overseas troops are planned this season by the Army Service Forces, according to the Army and Navy Journal.

From two West Coast stations the last hour of a Pacific Coast league game will be short-waved to South and Central America, the Antilles, Caribbean, Alaska and Aleutian areas from 1430 to 1530, PWT.

A half-hour re-creation of a major league game will be beamed by five West Coast stations to the same locations five days a week and also to the South Pacific, Southwest Pacific and China-Burma-India theaters.

— Salute Smartly —

Griddler Teaches Judo

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Track Prospects Fair As Season Gets Under Way

Sears Takes 14-Man Team To Los Angeles For AAU Meet; Schedule Heavy

Led by PFC. Ray Sears, veteran distance runner and coach, a 14-member strong MCB track team rolled into Los Angeles today for the South Pacific AAU meet and its opening competition of the 1944 season.

With a number of prospects still in boot camp, Coach Sears' squad will not be at full strength. Most of them will be in action by May 14, date of the annual 11th Naval Dist. championships, won last year by the Marines.

TOP PROSPECTS

Leading lights as the Leathernecks launch a heavy schedule include: Corp. Ernest Lewis, Colorado Univ., shotputter who has reached the 48-foot mark with the 16-pound ball; Sgt. Cecil Phillips, N. Texas State Teachers discuss thrower capable of 161 feet; PFC. Jerome Donovan Jr., who holds the Drake Univ. high jump record of 6 feet 7 1/4 inches, and Pvt. Tom Keating, now in Sea School, who ran the 100 in :09.5 while a student at San Francisco Univ. last year.

HEAVY SLATE

The balance of the track schedule follows:

April 30, NTC Dual Meet; May 6, San Diego State Invitational at Balboa Park (twilight); May 20, Fresno Relays; May 21, NTC Invitational; May 27, AAU Servicemen's Invitational at Los Angeles; May 28, San Diego AAU Invitational at NTC; June 4, Consolidated Sports Carnival at Balboa; June 11, Joint Aircraft Invitational at Balboa; June 18, MCB Invitational.

Work on a new MCB track is being rushed and the oval, adjacent to the new baseball park on the berm, will be completed in time for the MCB Invitational on June 18, Sears said.

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HELPING TO CARRY MCB'S track load at Los Angeles today in an opening AAU meet will be, from the left above, PFC. Jack R. Kaiser, javelin thrower, high jumper and hurdler; PFC. Cecil H. Payne, Pvt. Leonard W. Ralston Jr., and PFC. Lyle Harris Jr., all distance runners. Below: PFCs. Raymond A. Legal, sprinter, and Jerry Donovan Jr., high jumper, MCB last year won 11th Naval Dist. honors. (Photos by PFC. Ed Wishin).

WRs Get Ready For Softball Play

WR softball teams are the next thing on the Marine sports horizon with about 40 gals from the Base Bn. snapping in at practices. The plan is to organize company teams and play intra-base games, then stage tilts with other WR lines of area posts and stations, 3d Lt. Eileen Nesbitt, WR recreation officer, announced.

Good material is already in evidence although so far the gals are just limbering up and no players have been chosen. Whether to wear dungarees or a uniform of blue shorts and blue and white shirts has not yet been decided, the lieutenant said. Maybe they should give the male Leathernecks a vote on that uniform deal, huh?

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CAMP MATTHEWS—Three knockouts and a draw scrap between two Idaho brothers highlighted this Rifle Range's second boxing card of the new season last week. Lower punchers included Pvt. Ken Pierson of Minneapolis,

heavyweight attached here, who stopped Plat. 180's Pvt. Mosier of Chicago in the night's final bout.

The battling brothers on the card were PFCs. Boyd and Lloyd Lewis of Preston, Ida., 160-pounders, who are doing mess duty here. Shows are held each Wednesday under the direction of Capt. H. K. Jackson, recreation officer. Other results:

Heavyweights—Pvt. J. J. Serra of Stockton, Calif., Plat. 267, knocked out Pvt. T. J. Cavan of St. Louis, Plat. 275.

Middleweights—Pvt. J. J. Langer of Duluth, Minn., Plat. 218, defeated Pvt. E. C. Jernigan of Marquette, Ark., Plat. 277; Pvt. H. W. Gresham of Lowell, Mass., Plat. 225, defeated Pvt. M. L. Leonard of Rochester, N. Y., Plat. 271.

Welterweights—Pvt. J. E. Kelley of Nashville, Tenn., Plat. 231, defeated Pvt. C. A. Johnson of Minneapolis, Plat. 218; Pvt. L. G. Gibson of Phoenix, Ariz., Plat. 214, defeated Pvt. C. B. Telling of Temple, Tex., Plat. 265; Pvt. W. H. Harts of Minneapolis, Plat. 271, defeated Pvt. C. Birtchback of Atlanta, Ga., Plat. 196.

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5th Div. Nine Plays MCB This Afternoon

Mueller's Squad Drops 13-Inning Game To Bombers

Its lineup loaded with such stars as Andy Chleback, Hal Hirshon and "Yo-Yo" Yankovich, Camp Pendleton's vaunted 5th Div. baseball club will be guest of MCB this afternoon at 1400 on the new Base diamond. A return game is scheduled at Camp Pendleton next Saturday.

MCB baseball stock took an unexpected downward dip last week-end at Long Beach when the lar-rupin' Leathernecks lost their first decision in five starts—4 to 3 in 13 innings to the Northrup Bombers.

Until the 9th the Marines had the ball game in the bag, but PFC Billy Gann, ex-Detroiter, lost his grip and gave up two runs on four straight hits. The Bombers continued Pvt. Orin Baker, his relief chucker, for two hits and the winning run in the 13th.

WIELDS HEAVY STICK

Manager Charles (Hejule) Mueller was MCB's leading pitcher with two hits in five trips. Only a third of the lineup, not counting pitchers, is hitting over .300. Gann heads the list with .400. The others are Infielder Preston Chappell and Outfielder Ed Russell, tied at .333, and Shortstop Lee Mohr, with .320.

Of the three chuckers, PFC Ray Yochim tops the list with a clean two-win skid. He has allowed only one earned run in 17 innings. Gann has given up five in 20 1/3 innings. Baker two in 10 2/3. Added to the lineup last week was PHM 2/c Jim Grandall, catcher-outfielder, who managed the club last year.

	R.	H.	E.
Marine Corps Base	3	9	3
Northrup Bombers	4	12	7
Gann, Yochim and Moore	3	14	7
Schaefer and Kraus	1	1	0

5TH DIV. BLASTS MIRAMAR PITCHER

CAMP PENDLETON—Bouncing hits in two big innings, the 5th Div. baseball team hammered out an 8-4 victory over Camp Miramar this week.

	R.	H.	E.
Score	8	14	7
5th Div. and Moore, Schaefer and Kraus	3	9	3

ABG-2 POUNDS OUT 16-5 WIN OVER NAS

Tight pitching and heavy hitting helped ABG-2's baseball club to an easy 16-5 victory over NAS this week at Navy field. Max Hittler allowed two hits in six innings and then gave way to Forrest Main after getting hit by a thrown ball while on the base paths.

	R.	H.	E.
ABG-2	16	14	7
Navy	5	4	3
Hittler, Main and Brundley; Gump, Slaughter, Luby, Olsky and Well-bruck, Anderson	3	9	3

RIFLE RANGE TOSSERS BOW TO CALLAN CLUB

CAMP MATTHEWS — Camp Callan's Soldiers unleashed an 11-hit attack to defeat the Camp Matthews baseball team, 5 to 1, on the rifle range diamond. The Marines were held to seven hits.

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Seymour Johnson Field And Greenville Marines Bow To Air Station Men

MCAS, CHERRY POINT (Special to The Chevron) — Cherry Point's baseball team stretched its winning streak to four straight games this week when it nosed out Seymour Johnson Field, 5 to 4; routed the Greenville Marines, 18 to 2, and rallied in the ninth to defeat Duke Univ., 9 to 5.

Corp. Sam House, pitcher, won his own game against Seymour Johnson Field when he drove in PFC W. R. Brown with a single in the eighth. Corp. Fred Snoddy hurled a six-hitter against the Greenville Leathernecks. Top hitters in that game were Corp. Kenny Reese, who got two homers, and Sgt. Halmess, who hit a double, a triple and a homer.

Score:

	R.	H.	E.
Cherry Point	18	12	3
Greenville Marines	2	4	4
Snoddy and Douville; Clavin; Choate, Beach and Elliot, Downing.	5	7	2
Cherry Point	9	7	2
Seymour Johnson Field	4	7	4
House and Douville; Bell and Chervinko.	3	15	3
Cherry Point	5	7	2
Duke Univ.	1	7	3
Larlow, Nylt, Snoddy and Douville; Lauseth, Holton, Talcott and Little.	1	1	0

EL TORO BREAKS EVEN IN TWO GAMES

MCAS, EL TORO—The El Toro Marines broke even in two baseball games this week, nipping Pacific Clay, 7 to 6, on the local diamond but losing a 7 to 1 decision to Camp Callan when Howard (Doc) Walker hit a home run with the bases full.

	R.	H.	E.
Pacific Clay	6	9	6
El Toro	7	9	0
Clavin and Miller; Stevenson and Gross.	1	4	4
Camp Callan	7	4	4
Pingston, Overmire and Dobosz; Gross; Grissom and Walker.	1	1	0

ARLETT PACES MIRAMAR NINE TO EASY VICTORY

MCAD, MIRAMAR — S/Sgt. O'Neal Arlett, shortstop, paced the Miramar baseball team to an 8 to 1 victory over ABG-2 here this week when he poled out four hits in five times up.

	R.	H.	E.
ABG-2	1	1	0
Miramar	8	14	1
Arlett, Main and Brandt; Schroeder and Brown, Yeast.	3	9	3

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TOP HITTERS on this year's MCB baseball club include PFC. Ed Russell, h u s k y, young outfielder. (Photo by PFC. Henry A. Weaver III).

Tiger Catcher At USNH, Oakland

USNH, OAKLAND — Among patients here are two former professional ball players, who side-tracked their careers to go into battle with the Marines.

Best known of the pair is PFC. Kenneth J. Harding of Sheboygan, Wis., one-time Detroit Tigers catcher who suffered an attack of arthritis during the Bougainville campaign. The other is Sgt. Howard W. Ripple of Columbus, O., third baseman with Canton in the Middle Atlantic league in 1941. He is convalescing from a tropical ailment.

COMEBACK OUT

Harding admittedly holds little hope of making his way back into baseball. He remembers most vividly the noise of battle as he went into Cape Torokina with the second wave, also the rain and mud in the foxholes which he attributes to his undoing.

Sgt. Ripple, who spent 15 months at South Pacific bases, recalls his most exciting day as one when a Jap sub surfaced several hundred yards off and lobbed a few shells.

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Leatherneck Swimmers Win Relay Crown In AAU Meet

MCB's 11th Naval Dist. swim champions continued their victory streak at Los Angeles last week-end, copping a first in the 400-yard relay event and a third in the 100-yard breaststroke event in the Southern Pacific AAU meet.

PFC. Kenny E. (Yogi) Marsh, Southern California AAU 100-yard free style champion, who paced MCB's 200-yard relay squad to a win and the Fletcher Trophy in 1:41.7 at San Diego recently, was anchor man on the winning 400-yard relay team of PFCs. John A. Harris, Dale E. Duffee, and Robert C. Parkhurst.

PFC. Don J. Alfaro came in third in the 100-yard breaststroke event, the only other event involving the Base team.

— No Courtneys —
The most challenging battles of this war lie yet ahead.—Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift.

Ex-Tulane Athlete Takes Training Here

Football star, boxer, baseball player and swimmer was Pvt. Bernard L. Smith of Clarksdale, Miss., who recently took his recruit training at MCB. At Tulane he played tackle in football, was varsity catcher for the baseball team, and reached the semi-finals of the Southeastern conference boxing championships in 1937 as a heavyweight contender. He was swimming instructor and assistant football coach at his alma mater, Clarksdale High.

Weiss Whacks Weiss; Who's Wacky?

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—(Delayed)—Last night, in a palm-fringed coconut grove here Marines witnessed one of the "grossest" boxing matches they had ever seen. This fight was a battle of brothers, which is not uncommon in service bouts. But these brothers were twins. Not only were their looks and fighting tops alike, even to white shoe laces, but they fought in exactly the same style.

To complicate matters further, twins were in their corners as seconds, so when the fighters switched corners at the end of round two—at least they say they switched—even their handlers found it impossible to tell them apart.

The fighters, both champions in the South Pacific, were PFCs. Harvey and Moe Weiss of New York.

Tipped off that the fighters had switched corners, judges finally came up with a decision to top all decisions.

The servicemen in the audience, as baffled as the officials, cheered long and loud when the chaplain, acting as announcer, stammered: "The winner is—Weiss," and pointed to both corners at the same time. —Sgt. William Allen, combat correspondent.

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Guadalcanal's A & M Unit Typifies Overseas Recreation Work

Service Ranges From Chess To Deep Sea Fishing

Height Of Ingenuity Or Something When Marines Enter Rat-Catching Game

By Sgt. Francis H. Barr
Combat Correspondent

GUADALCANAL (Delayed) — Athletic and morale sections, the amusement units of the armed forces, have one object in mind here in the South Pacific—to have every serviceman on these islands participate in some form of recreation.

In the Pacific war theater, men must find their recreation on the spot, because there are no towns to supply ready-made entertainment. What A & M does for service men is typified by the section with a Marine unit here. It maintains a full calendar of activities ranging from baseball to reading rooms, from deep sea fishing to chess.

Although the supply of equipment is not adequate to meet the demand, A & M manages to keep most of the men equipped with sports paraphernalia by a method of rotation.

MUCH ACTIVITY

Currently, 26 basketball teams play daily on sand courts and a majority of the men have been issued shoes, jerseys and shorts. Thirty-two baseball teams, almost completely outfitted in regulation uniforms, participate in league play. There are 74 softball teams. Volleyball is played regularly by 67 enlisted men's and 12 officers' teams. More than 2200 men are active in boxing.

Tackle and boats are available for deep-sea fishing. Minor sports include horseshoe pitching, table tennis and track meets. Combat swimming classes are held every other week. Indoor activities comprise chess and bridge tournaments; song, cartoon and essay contests.

When opportunity arises, A & M can be ingenious. Field rats overrun a camp, so A & M found a good way to rid the area of the rodents was to have a rat-catching contest. A group of Marines brought in 1500 dead rats to be counted. This was the only instance in which A & M personnel found their job distasteful.

RADIOS POPULAR

Every company of Marines on Guadalcanal has a recreation tent supplied with magazines, books, newspapers, jig-saw puzzles and small games. Twelve outdoor motion picture theaters present movies nightly.

At one time 124 radios were issued to men, but atmospheric conditions and lack of batteries have diminished the number in use to 145. Now that Guadalcanal has its own radio station, the demand for radios is even greater than before. So, A & M has installed a radio repair shop. Meanwhile radio programs are broadcast daily via a public address system at theater areas from 1100 to 1300 and from 1700 to 1900.

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2nd Lt. KENNETH SAILORS

RD Lieutenant One Of Nation's Finest Athletes

Highest of America's awards to amateur athletes is the James E. Sullivan trophy, so it was signal honor for 2nd Lt. Kenneth Sailors, furlough officer and personnel adjutant at RD, MCB, to be included in the final balloting. He polled enough votes to finish seventh in a list that included each section's finest.

Despite his military duties, Lt. Sailors found time to be key man on MCB's crack basketball team which skipped through 35 games to a flawless record last winter.

Tricky, fast, a good shot and very much of a ballhawk, the former University of Wyoming star was sad news to opponents, meshing a total of 225 points to become the team's second highest scorer. In 1943 his college play was good enough to bring him the "Player of the Year" Chuck Taylor award. He averaged 15.5 points a game in his senior year and was named on both the AAU and college All-American teams.

POPULAR AT SCHOOL

Lt. Sailors devoted his sports efforts to basketball, baseball and track while in college. As a high school athlete at Laramie, he was good enough at end to rate an all-state football berth.

He is listed in the Who's Who of American Universities and Colleges, was president of his class in 1942, and was voted the most popular male student three consecutive years at Wyoming. He is 23 years old, married, and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC. VICTOR H. LEEDING

All things sports took a back seat this week as worried, draft-plagued King Baseball took his rightful throne before coronation crowds numbering upward of 125,000 worshippers.

The way the sports writers see it, the New York Yankees and the St. Louis Cardinals will make their World Series feud a three-year-long struggle. Out of 67 scribes casting ballots in Associated Press' annual poll, 57 of them tagged Billy Southworth's Cardinals as the National league team to whip. Thirty out of 64 voting on the American league put the finger on the Yankees.

Both made those predictions anything but hollow by winning their opening arguments. Max Lanier hurled the Cards to a 2-0 shutout over Pittsburgh. Hank Borowy slipped a five-bitter to take the Yankees to a 3-0 win over Boston.

Definitely there is a shortage of playing talent in the game as it goes into its third wartime campaign, but of Joe Public took it all philosophically, and in numbers that please club treasurers.

RECORD CROWD

Cincinnati with 30,134, Washington with an estimated 27,000 and New York with 13,476 paid were indicative of the financial times ahead. It was a record opening day crowd in Cincy.

On a basis of eight points for first place, seven for second, etc., here's how the writers believe the teams will wind up the 1944 scrap (1943 finish in parentheses):

NATIONAL	Points
St. Louis	528 (1)
Cincinnati	387 (2)
Chicago	387 (3)
Pittsburgh	354 (4)
Brooklyn	285 (5)
New York	281 (6)
Philadelphia	119 (7)
Boston	110 (8)

AMERICAN	Points
New York	453 (1)
Washington	424 (2)
Chicago	413 (3)
Cleveland	276 (4)
St. Louis	212 (5)
Boston	208 (6)
Detroit	205 (7)
Philadelphia	115 (8)

Eight of 15 baseball experts singled out Milwaukee as odds-on favorite to win a second American Association pennant as that league teed off this week for the 43rd time.

As for the draft, there were these pertinent notes: Pitchers Al Hollingsworth and Sid Peterson of the Browns have been rejected...

Mel Ott, 35-year-old New York Giants boss, goes up for his physical next week... So does Ron Northey, top rating Philadelphia Bluejays (Phillies) outfielder...

Multnomah Athletic club of Portland, Ore., put away a second straight national AAU women's swimming crown at Oakland. Lou Nova hit the heavyweight comeback trail (again) by knocking out Paul Hartnek (again) at Omaha.

The American Bowling Congress automatically moved up Elmer W. (Red) Irwin of San Francisco to its presidency. S 2/c Bill Smith, Hawaiian-born holder of seven world's swimming records, reported in at Bainbridge, Md., as a physical instructor.

Moja Boxers Qualify Four

MCAS, MOJAVE—Slugging it out in eight fast bouts, Mojave boxers this week narrowed down their field of MarFair West tournament contenders.

The four winners were: Corps, S. J. Gaspodarezyk and Nick Stevens, PFCs. G. T. Foster and J. L. Erene, all of whom won on decisions.

Four other contenders, who altogether will compose Mojave's team, will be selected at a later date. They are scheduled to meet Santa Barbara's top challengers in further eliminations May 3.

Santa Barbara Names Ringmen

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA—A wildly cheering, capacity crowd of more than 1900 fans turned out this week to see seven men gain Station boxing championships and two others battle to a draw that calls for a "retake."

The eight-man Santa Barbara team meets Mojave's finalists May 3 at the Golda station, winners proceeding to El Toro for the MarFair West championships a week later.

Crafty, little PFC. Joe Discipoli, a dancing 140-pound southpaw from Cincinnati, highlighted the night's card when he punched out a decision over Corp. Ray Aregon of Los Angeles.

Winners by knockouts were Pvt. William Kewalezyk of Southington, Conn., 160-pounder, and Joe Mallkowski of Providence, R. I., 150-pounder. Pvt. Frank Gärber of Salt Lake City won the 130-pound title. The 160-pound king is PFC. Jack Hallinan of Chicago. Topping the 170-pound division was PFC. Kenneth Thurston of Percell, Okla. Although he weighed only 172, Corp. James York of Blackwell, Okla., won the unlimited crown.

Scheduled to fight again for the 120-pound title are PFCs. Ben Marchel and Harold Bush, both from Detroit, who went to a draw.

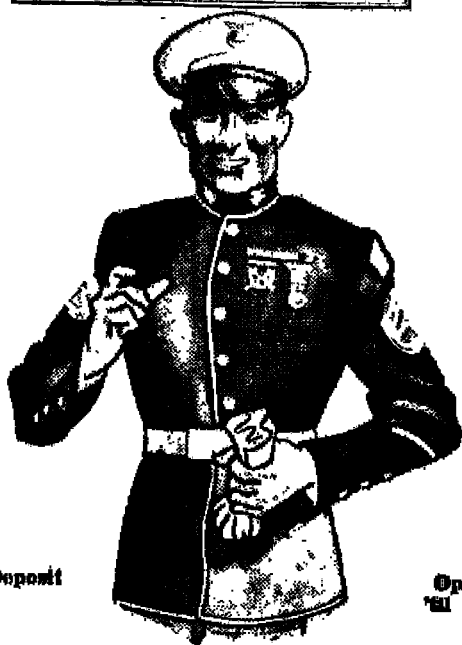
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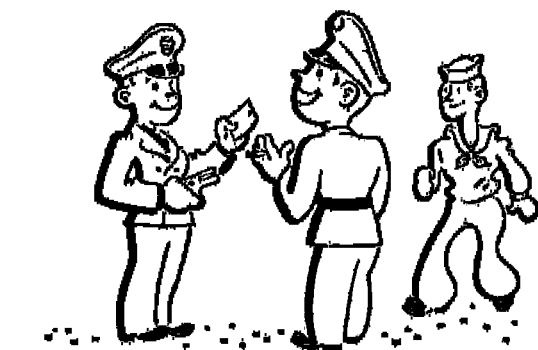
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GREYHOUND



Engineers Save Day When Obstacles Block Tanks

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed)—Marine riflemen here are singing praises of the tanks for getting them through the rough spots, and Marine tanks are offering similar kudos for Marine engineers.

In the drive to the airport, at the crossing of the Unnamed River and in the battle for Hill 660, the tanks played a prominent role.

But, according to Capt. John M. Murphy of Springfield, Mass., if it weren't for the engineers the tanks wouldn't have come through in several instances.

"Through the ingenuity of the engineers," said Capt. Murphy, commander of a General Sherman tank company, "we got our tanks into places which the Japs figured we never could reach."

BUILT LONG BRIDGE

"Once the engineers built a long corduroy bridge, 150 yards or more, across an otherwise impassable swamp, so that the tanks were able to join in the battle for 660."

"Again, in the crossing of the Unnamed River, the tanks were unable to cross until volunteer engineers manned a bulldozer and under heavy Jap fire built a crossing for us. Two bulldozer drivers were wounded before the crossing was completed."

— Keep Clean —
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CAPE GLOUCESTER—Wash-stands are of first importance to Marines when they set up a new bivouac area. A tripod to hold an upturned helmet as a wash basin, next to a shelf on a post or a tree, fills the bill. Marines usually keep themselves clean-shaved even in battle areas. A wound on a clean-shaved face is much easier to treat.

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'Little John Does' Heroes Of Tarawa

USNH, OAKLAND — "The Little John Does the privates and privates first class really won Tarawa," said 1st Sgt. Jack H. Martin of Tampa, Fla., recovering here from wounds suffered on the fourth day of that battle.

"Never in my life have I seen enlisted men in the Marine Corps pitch as those fellows did in that bloody business," he added.

— March Proudly —

Middle age is the period in a man's life when he'd rather not have a good time than have to get over it.

17-Year Vet Gets 10 Japs To Celebrate Birthday

ENIWETOK ATOLL (Delayed)—Sgt. Nicholas F. Russell of Youngstown, O., celebrated his 37th birthday by personally killing 10 Japs on Engebi Island in this atoll.

"I quit counting when I got my 10th Jap," said Russell, a veteran of 17 years in the Corps. "They were hiding everywhere—even in tree stumps. We had to dig them out of their holes, one by one."

Sgt. Nicholas landed under mortar fire on the beach on Engebi Feb. 18.

Sgt. Russell's unit helped capture the 4000-foot runway on Engebi which the Japs had used as a staging point for fighter planes. The Marines advanced along the runway, wiping out trench systems and pillboxes, until they had pushed the Japs to the northeastern tip of the island.—T Sgt. William K. Terry, combat correspondent.

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New Bronze Star Goes To Marine

USNH, OAKLAND—One of the first Marines to receive the recently created Bronze Star Medal for "heroic achievement" will be PFC Donald W. Daoust of Niagara Falls, N.Y., recently given a medical discharge here for wounds sustained at Bougainville.

PFC Daoust was wounded while trying to move an injured buddy to safety under heavy enemy fire.

CHEVRON CHICK

Rita Hayworth, blonde bombshell, is the star in Columbia's "Cover Girl", in which 15 of the loveliest pinups from all parts of the country have parts. What a honor that would make on a South Pacific island, with Rita as officer in charge.