

# LEATHERNECKS CAPTURE CAPITAL OF MARIANAS



THIS IS SAIPAN. Framed by the ruins of a blasted Japanese concrete fortification on a hill-top, this is the scene of Marine landings on

Saipan. Tall smokestack of the sugar mill is at left center. The harbor is dotted with American ships and in the distance the Jap-

held island of Tinian is barely discernible. See page 11 for more pictures of Marines in action in what has proved Pacific's bitterest fighting.

## Vet Re-Distribution Unit Formed On Base

**Center Assures Prompt Furloughs For Combat Troops**

Prompt furloughs for overseas veterans returned to the States under the Corps' rotation policy, and their reassignment to duties for which they have been trained were assured this week with the activation of the West Coast Re-distribution and Re-distribution Center at MCRA.

Lt. Col. Leonard M. Masull, who commanded a 3rd Mar. Div. battalion on Bougainville, reported here this week from HQMC as CO of the new Center, first to be set up by the Corps. Offices were established in Bldg. 143, recently vacated by Sig. Bn.

### UNIT TENT AREA

From now on all enlisted Marines, except aviation personnel, who return from overseas on an active duty status will go through the Re-distribution Center. They will be billeted in rows 6 to 37 of the tent area on the south side of the parade ground.

In addition, the Center will process all personnel discharged from hospitals, whether they are on full or limited duty status, including aviation personnel not being carried on the rolls of an aviation unit.

Others to come through here will be personnel transferred from posts within DCP jurisdiction who are ordered to FMF, San Diego Area, in accordance with directives from (Continued on page 12)

## Now Marines Fight On Saa-Ee-Pan

SAIPAN—After Tarawa, there was never any agreement on how it should be pronounced.

The same argument duly grew out of the Marianas campaign, but to forestall it, 2d Lt. Jim G. Tamm, PRG, reports that the accepted pronunciation, according to his tourist guide, is "Saa-Ee-Pan."

— Day War Heads —

## Gen. Vandegrift Visits Posts In San Diego Area

Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, the Commandant was in the San Diego area this week.

He came aboard the Base Wednesday to confer with Brig. Gen. Matthew H. Kingman, CG of the Base. Thursday he was at Camp Pendleton with Maj. Gen. Charles F. B. Price, commanding general FMF, San Diego area.

Earlier in the week, addressing a July 4 rally in Seattle, the Commandant warned that the toughest battles are still to come.

"They will be hard battles—harder than any we have yet won," he said. "We will still have to come to grips with the great bulk of the Japanese army and the main fleet of the Japanese navy."



SAIPAN'S SHORES. Marines dig in before starting the attack on Jap positions inland. In the background, an amphibious tractor used by first wave troops burns furiously, result of direct hit. (Photo by Sgt. James L. Burns)

## Japanese Weapons Used In Pendleton Training

CAMP PENDLETON—Captured Japanese weapons have been added to the infiltration range here to acquaint Leathernecks with the sound of enemy fire.

Live .25 and .30 cal. ammunition, also captured in combat zones, is fired over the heads of Marines as they crawl through the training course. Enemy light and heavy machine guns, a rifle and carbine are used to teach the sounds of Pacific combat.

The range is the only one of its kind in the U. S. where Jap weapons are fired in training.

Marines on the range learn quickly to distinguish between the sounds of Jap and American guns, land mines, aerial bombs and booby traps.

While on the range, Marines are told the distinctive sounds of each type by WO. W. Wallaté jr.

## Rehabilitation Unit Given New Offices

The 11th Naval Dist. Rehabilitation office, formerly located on the first deck of the Administration Bldg., was moved this week to Bldg. 4-W in rooms occupied by First Sergeants School before the latter was disbanded recently.

Most of the other portions of Bldgs. 4-E and 4-W have been taken over by 5th Cas. Co., which was activated July 1. Clerical School occupied part of Bldg. 4-E until that school disbanded July 1.

## Tanapag Overrun

**Bonin Islands Blasted By New Thrust Of Fleet**

Advancing Leathernecks brought Garapan, capital of the Marianas Islands, under full control and pushed Jap defenders of Saipan into a narrow neck of land at the north end of the island while carrier planes and warships blasted enemy strongholds in the Bonin Islands, 750 miles from Tokyo. It was announced at Pacific Fleet headquarters in Pearl Harbor this week.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced troops on Saipan have moved a mile and a half beyond Garapan to overrun Tanapag in an advance that promised an early decision in the bitter battle for Saipan.

### STREET FIGHTING

As Marines fought through the streets of the capital city, other U. S. forces pressed forward along the line running completely across (Continued on page 2)

— Keep Clutch —

## Japan Itself Next Target

WASHINGTON (AP) Secy. of the Navy Forrestal said that after the complete occupation of Saipan, our next targets in the Pacific will include the mainland of Japan, the Philippines and a greater part of the Dutch East Indies.

"Our last offensive blow for the ultimate capture of Saipan has already permitted our air and surface fleets to strike still farther westward," he told a news conference. "The final occupation of Saipan will enable us to project surface and air operations that will include the mainland of Japan, the Philippines and a greater part of the Dutch East Indies."

## Old Ruse Fails Saipan Japs

SAIPAN (Delayed)—The Japs here apparently haven't received the word that some of their old tricks don't work on Marines any more. According to TSgt. Fred Feldkamp, combat correspondent, in the middle of the day after D-Day, a group of Japs walked with their hands up toward some Marines. They were split into two rows. Just before they reached the Marines, the first row fell forward. On their backs they had strapped light machine guns which couldn't be noticed while they walked. The second row immediately dropped down and started firing the weapons, still strapped to the backs of the men who preceded them.

But the Marines were ready. The ruse didn't work. The Japs were wiped out in a jiffy.



# Jap Fire Destructive During First Night

## First Marines Ashore On Saipan Pounded Incessantly By Artillery While Seeking To Establish Beachhead

By Edith Jim G. Lucas, PRO

SAIPAN (Delayed)—There are some of us today more than a little amazed that we are still alive after our first night on Saipan.

There is something definitely terrifying about that first night on a hostile beach. No matter how carefully the operation has been planned, no matter what superiority you may boast in men and material, on that first night you're the underdog and the enemy is in a position to make you pay through the nose.

Our enemy did last night. Eleven of us spent it behind a wrecked tank—"The Invader"—whose charred bulk twice saved us from almost certain death when artillery shells landed only a few feet away.

### ALL ASHORE EASILY

Our landing was peaceful enough, but trouble quickly started. The Japs threw a few shells at us, but all boats reached the beach without casualties, and we piled out to begin our march to the front.

Five minutes later, and 200 yards inland, we were pinned down by enemy fire and there was no letup for 24 hours.

As we started across a clearing, the enemy opened up a murderous mortar barrage, blasting our lines and forcing us to seek cover.

My foxhole suddenly appeared inadequate, and I spotted another several yards back.

### SHELLS LAND CLOSE

I made the dash and another shell landed even closer, striking a truck which had hauled up ammunition. It was apparent the enemy had our range, and intended to make the most of it.

I dashed for a clump of trees 100 yards to the rear. As I ran, another shell landed in the area we were evacuating, but none of us stopped to watch. I found a shell hole, and dived for it.

A first lieutenant taking his platoon "up front" was able to give me general directions to find my battalion.

It was dusk when we located it in a cornfield ragged from gunfire. Apparently, the Japs located it at the same time, for they renewed their barrage, this time with heavy artillery.

### GAS DUMP IGNITED

The first shell landed 15 yards to our rear, followed by a second which ignited a gasoline dump only 25 yards in front.

I recall someone saying: "This is a good place to get out of."

We did, scattering in all directions, while artillery continued to pound our position. Several men were killed and wounded.

Once again, I was lost. Unable to contact any of the battalion, I hid my typewriter under the floor of a wrecked farmhouse nearby.

I reached the beach at dusk, but if any of us had thought we would be safe from artillery fire there, we were doomed to disappointment, for the Japs changed range and began pouring their big shells on the shoreline.

### TANK SET AFIRE

We had gone only 10 feet when we were pinned down again. The first shell struck back of "The Invader," setting her afire. Her crew scrambled to put out the flames.

"The Invader" had been hit only a few yards from the beachline, and someone told me, mournfully, that she wouldn't move out again. I was just as satisfied to have her remain.

Additional Marines, caught under enemy fire, had dug foxholes in the area. One group set up a machine gun, for which the tank crew loaned them ammunition. Our defense was set for the night.

The Japs continued to shell us during the night. At 0300 we set "The Invader" afire once more.

## Marine Officers Act As Midwives

SAIPAN (Delayed)—In addition to their regular duties, Marine civil affairs officers have been pressed into service here as midwives, according to Sgt. David Dempsey, combat correspondent.

This came about after the civilian population of Japanese, Koreans and Chamorros began to give themselves up. They have been placed in several large stockades.

One aspect of this roundup has been the number of premature births caused by constant artillery fire. And civil affairs officers have found themselves acting as midwives because the doctors have been busy caring for American wounded.

— Write Home —

## Services Precede Saipan Invasion

STANDING OFF SAIPAN (Delayed)—Before going over the side of this Coast Guard transport to attack the defenders of Saipan, Catholic Marines received Holy Communion before an ammunition box which served as an altar.

One gun crew, five feet from the altar, received Communion although on watch.—Capt. William P. McCall, PRO.

We scrambled into the open to extinguish the flames.

At dawn we got another shell. This one was particularly severe. Several men were killed, and scores of wounded were carried off to the aid stations.

### "MORTAR PLAZA"

At 0700, I attempted to make my way to the abandoned farmhouse where I had left my typewriter. I crossed the clearing the Marines now had begun to call "Mortar Plaza," subject to a moderate amount of enemy fire, none of which seemed to be in my direction.

With another Marine, I headed back with my typewriter, hoping to be in time for the attack. Midway across "Mortar Plaza," however, the enemy caught up with me. The first shell struck a truckload of ammunition, which was abandoned by its driver. I dived into the same foxhole with the driver, with only seconds to spare before the truck exploded.

The roar and concussion were deafening, and we were both stunned. Our spot was a precarious one, but we dared not risk a dash. There were other heavy explosions as more ammunition went up.

### SHELLS LAND NEARBY

Attracted by the smoke and flames, enemy gunners began to pattern the area. One shell landed a few feet behind us. Another only a few feet in front.

The truck driver grinned and said:

"So long, Marine, the next one's got our number."

I couldn't even grin back.

Intermittent explosions and sustained enemy shelling continued for three hours, during which I could not budge out of my shelter. At the end of three hours, I was able to make a dash toward the beach, pursued by enemy fire.

For the third time in 24 hours, I had abandoned my typewriter, and it was not until mid-afternoon that I was able to locate it again. Enemy shelling kept us in our holes, and we complained bitterly. Our planes dived and strafed without any luck.

Our attacks continue. We are carrying out the mission assigned us.

# Rockets And Artillerymen Duel With Japs

SAIPAN (Delayed)—All night long last night the Japs pitched shells into our artillery positions, doing a lot of damage to equipment and killing and wounding men. The reason things were not worse was that the Japs had some other targets to work over.

The listening was worse than the night. In the night the Japs had known within a couple of yards where our installations were. In the morning they knew to a half inch.

Our artillerymen were burning to duel, but there can be no duel if you can't see your opponent. The Japs pushed our front lines back a bit and some of the artillery positions came under direct rifle fire.

It was about 1100 that a plane at last spotted the Jap positions. The planes attacked with rockets and the long-suffering artillerymen, who had been "taking it" for almost 20 hours, began to dish it out. In a few minutes the Jap positions were plastered. By 1400, not a peep was coming from them.—Sgt. J. H. T. Campbell Jr., combat correspondent.

### PATROL GROUP HARD HIT

SAIPAN (Delayed)—PFC. Mutton Tuthill of

Rome, N. Y., a 4th Div. BAR man, was the sole survivor of an eight-man patrol. The group landed with assault troops and spent the first 36 hours ashore under heavy Jap shelling. Their mission was to contact the 2nd Div. the first night ashore. The seven men were lost while helping a unit attack Japs dug-in in a palm grove.—Sgt. David Dempsey, combat correspondent.

### HOUSES LUXURY FOR MARINES

SAIPAN (Delayed)—For the first time in the Pacific war, Marines are living in houses instead of foxholes. The dwellings are company houses abandoned by natives and Japanese sugar mill workers.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN SERVICES

ON THE GARAPAN FRONT (Delayed)—For the first time since the war started, Christian religious services were held today on this island. Catholic and Protestant chaplains held numerous services throughout the area taken by our forces. Chamorro natives said it was the first Christian service on Saipan since the Jap army interned or put to flight missionaries shortly after Pearl Harbor.—TSgt. Pete Zurlinden, combat correspondent.



CLEANUP. Marines pushing Japs back from the beach of Saipan captured this water reservoir and soon were reveling in the tropical luxuries of a bath and clean sox.

# Ox Teams Haul Ammunition For Marines On Saipan

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Marines reverted to ancient methods of transportation today. They started using hand-made native two-wheel carts drawn by oxen to haul ammunition into the hills and wounded men back to evacuation centers on the beach.

The hills in which the Marines are now fighting rise steeply from the beach, the highest being 1554 feet. It is impossible to bring much-needed supplies up the rugged terrain by truck. At first the problem of supply was a serious one.

A former farmer from Illinois, a sergeant, solved the problem. Noticing the stray oxen and unused carts at various deserted native huts, he suggested they be used. Within two hours a detail had a regular service into the hills. Two men to a team can carry hundreds of pounds of ammunition on their cart. StSgt. Jack Pepper, combat correspondent.

— Mail Address Correct? —

## Cigars On The Navy Won By Leathernecks

SAIPAN (Delayed)—An unidentified Navy aviator paid tribute to the marksmanship of Marine artillerymen today in a unique way.

A Japanese large gun placed in the hills was shelling vital supply lines. The Navy aviator flew over the gun position and reported it to shore batteries.

Marines fired two rounds and the aviator saw their score a direct hit. Later in the day he dropped two small parachutes on the artillery positions.

The parachutes carried two boxes of cigars with a note saying: "Nice going, Marines." — StSgt. Jack Pepper, combat correspondent.

— Shoot Straight —

A censor is always sticking his nose into other people's business.

## 'Weirdest Night' On Saipan Told

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Last night was the weirdest night of all on Saipan, reported Sgt. Gilbert P. Bailey, combat correspondent.

At chow time, Japanese snipers popped up behind us and wounded some of our men.

About 2300 a palm tree, loosened by concussion, fell across our foxhole, pinning down four of us. At midnight rain started to pour down.

Two hours later a Japanese pilot dived on the grove where we were sleeping.

When the pilot went away, a huge native ox lumbered into the grove, put a hoof in my foxhole, and made a noise like a freight train.

And last night was, by the calendar, the hottest night of the year.

— Stand Erect —

## Captured Jap Pilot Harvard Graduate

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Sgt. John B. T. Campbell Jr., combat correspondent, has this from a chaplain, so he figures it must be straight dope.

A Jap pilot, who parachuted from his disabled plane during an air attack on Marine installations here, was a graduate of the school of business administration at Harvard University. Not one of the six Marines who took him prisoner had had the advantage of a college education.

# Carlson Hit On Saipan

## Raider Leader Wounded Aiding Stricken Private

Lt. Col. Evalis F. Carlson, famed Raider leader and now plans officer for the 4th Mar. Div., was wounded on Saipan, apparently while trying to help a stricken private to safety at a forward observation post, according to United Press.

Col. Carlson was hit by machine gun bullets in the left thigh and right arm. Evacuated by transport plane, he is reported "able to limp around."

He had gone to a forward observation post to act as front line observer on June 22 when the 4th Div. was assaulting Hill 500 on the southeastern slope of Mt. Tapachau. With him were Lt. Col. Justice M. Chambers and PFC. Vito A. Casara, a radio operator.

PFC. Casara was hit in the right leg when the Japs spotted the position and sprayed it with hundreds of rounds of machine gun fire. Col. Carlson picked up the wounded private and started to remove him from the area when he himself was hit.

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(From The Chevron, July 4 and July 11, 1942)

Stay Away From Wildcat Bus Racketeers

Complaints which have reached our ears about excessive charges made by private car owners when they pick up Marines along the highway, plus a recent report by the Los Angeles Better Business Bureau, indicate that a wildcat bus racket is flourishing in this area.

There are apparently two ways in which the racket works. Some drivers, according to Camp Pendleton Marines, calmly announce that it'll cost so much for a ride to Los Angeles—the price often being equal to or in excess of regular bus or train fares.

Those drivers apparently are occasional individuals who have no hesitancy about rooking the man in uniform. There's nothing organized about their little private racket and it's up to you whether or not you want to make the trip badly enough to be gouged for your transportation.

Another, more insidious, and apparently organized racket is reported by the Better Business Bureau. These wildcat bus racketeers haunt transportation offices. In Los Angeles, for example, they approach service people who are in line for tickets to San Diego, tell them they have cars outside that are going to San Diego, and persuade the first victim to get out of line. Racket price for the trip is often two or three times the regular fare. The racketeer, having made his first victim miss the regular train or

bus, delays starting the trip until this first victim rounds up four or five others to fill the car.

Maybe you've been a little exasperated sometimes at the crowded conditions of regular transportation facilities, but don't fall for these sharks who are out to chisel you. When you patronize them, you're not only getting stuck by having to pay the exorbitant fee, plus having your departure delayed and your arrival made uncertain, but you are contributing directly to patronage of the gasoline black market.

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.

Make 'Busts' Easier

Editor, The Chevron—When a man is transferred into an organization with a rating from another unit and is found incapable of performing duties his rating calls for, he is usually transferred again. He then becomes a "floater" and a burden on the next organization.

Rarely is a man busted for incompetence because COs don't like to bust a man in whom some other CO had enough confidence to give him a promotion.

The solution is for COs to certify at time of transfer that men did or did not perform their duties properly and satisfactorily. It should be made easier to demote a man and harder to promote him. This would not only make for more efficiency but would raise morale and make it an honor to have and do a more responsible job.

Sgt. W. A. YORK

5th Mar. Div., Camp Pendleton.

Combat Required

Editor, The Chevron—I have been flying now for about one and one-half months as radio-gunner in a TFB and prior to that put in approximately 20 hours at El Centro in SBDs. How much longer do I have to fly before I can qualify for the Aircrewman's wings? Fifteen fellows here want this information.

Corp. ROBERT O. LINDLEY JR.

MCAS, Santa Barbara.

Editor's note—See Ltr. of Instr. No. 701 for full information. Three months' service as a regularly assigned member of the crew of a combatant aircraft is required.

Individual Commendation

Editor, The Chevron—Former members of the 2nd Parachute Bn. would like to know whether or not they rate the commendation ribbon. Lt. Col. Krulak, our CO overseas, was presented a special commendation signed by Lt. Gen. Vandegrift and Adm. Halsey while overseas.

FORMER MEMBER

Editor's note—The Commendation ribbon is for individual letters of commendation only. You do not wear the ribbon unless you have an individual letter of commendation signed by the Secy. of the Navy, Commander-in-Chief, US Fleet, or Commander-in-Chief of either the Atlantic or Pacific Fleets.

"Ode To A Marine"

Editor, The Chevron—Many of my friends heard the presentation of the new song, "Ode to a Marine," on the Halls of Montezuma radio broadcast Tuesday night. Is it possible to obtain copies of the lyrics to the song?

Sgt. THELMA SHERIDAN

WR Bks., MCB.

Editor's Note—"Ode to a Marine" lyrics, written in a Guadalcanal foxhole by Corp. Paul Mills, will be printed in The Chevron July 15. This week, The Chevron is devoting all available space to complete coverage of Marine action in the Marianas Islands.

Will A Buddy Write?

Editor, The Chevron—I would appreciate it very much if some of the buddies of my son, Pvt. Samuel W. Leiphart, who was killed on Guadalcanal Oct. 26, 1942, would write to me. He was in Co. H, 2nd Bn., 11th Marines. He enlisted Jan. 26, 1942 and wrote and told me he would be home for Easter his 19th birthday, but was shipped, so I never got to see him in his uniform.

MRS. KATIE LEIPHART

Railroad Ave., Ephrata, Pa.

Flight Training

Editor, The Chevron—Are applications still being accepted from enlisted men for the Aviation Cadet training program and what are the requirements?

NAME WITHHELD

Editor's note—Selection of men for this training has been curtailed but applications may still be submitted. See Headquarters Bulletin for January, 1944, on file in your company office, for complete details.

Name Omitted From Book

Editor, The Chevron—I was injured in the Tarawa action, but my name was omitted from the list which appears in the back of the book, "Tarawa," by Robert Sherrod. What was the reason for this?

NAME WITHHELD

Editor's note—We don't know. Omission of your name probably was an error.

Former members of the 1st Mar. Brig. stationed on MCB this week celebrated the first anniversary of their landing in Iceland. They were under the command of Maj. Gen. John Marston.

The largest payroll ever to come aboard the Base arrived this week to meet the new pay scale for servicemen recently passed by Congress. Cash for Marines here totaled \$478,000.

Letters from the Pacific area now bear a stamp with the words "We'll hold Midway 'til hell freezes over." In the words of Leathernecks stationed on the tiny island. The stamp is a red fluted circle about the size of a half dollar with the inscription in gold. It also carries the lettering "Semper Fidelis."

We Like Her, Too

Editor, The Chevron—I was sure glad to see that picture of Barbara Hale—she is really a gorgeous female. I had a big colored picture of her in my foxhole last time I was in combat but the weather, ants, bugs and what-have-you ruined the clipping.

Miss Hale and I went through Rockford High School at the same time, so I got a kick out of it when all the fellows in my outfit admired the picture in my foxhole. When the "boogie" flew over, I used to look up and see her smiling face. It was like seeing an angel before the bombs hit.

Here's wishing her all the success she can achieve. I'd like a date with her if I pull through this campaign we're heading into now.

A CONSTANT CHEVRON READER

670 FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—Who wouldn't?

Baseball Records

Editor, The Chevron—A lot of us are interested in the service baseball games and teams in the San Diego area. Would it be possible for managers of such teams as MCB, 5th Div., NTC and the rest to turn in to The Chevron the season's batting averages and pitching records? The more sports news the better.

2041 JAMES F. LINEBERGER

Editor's Note—MCB baseball records are published weekly, along with as many from other Marine clubs in the area as it is possible to secure. Many do not make records available until the close of the season.

Last Word In 1942

Editor, The Chevron—Members of my family are trying to get in touch with my brother, James Buford Jackson, who was an assistant cook serving in New Zealand when last heard from in 1942. He was in either the 21st or 23rd Marines, 3rd Mar. Div. He has not written to me nor to any member of the family since 1942 and we don't know whether or not he is still alive, a prisoner or missing.

FIDEL, AUBREY JACKSON

MB, NYd, Portsmouth, Va.

No Patches On Shirts

Editor, The Chevron—May division insignia be worn on flannel shirts?

PfcM2/L. W. F. HOPKINS

Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—Shoulder patches should be worn only on greens, not on field jackets or shirts.

Ground Officers' Training

Editor, The Chevron—How and where do I apply for Ground Officers' school?

Sgt. ANGELO M. ESTRADA

MCAS, Ft. Centro, Calif.

Editor's note—Full details are contained in Ltr. of Instr. No. 423.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0600 Services, Communion, Chapel; 0700 Services; 0800 Services, Administration; 1015 Services, Chapel; Evening Vesper Service 1800 Chapel. (Catholic): 0600 Mass, Administration; 0815 Mass, Chapel. Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) 0930-0730; Chapel, Friday Morning Service, 1000; Chapel, Confession; Saturday, 1200-1300; Chaplain's Office, 1300-1230, Recruit Depot, 1800-1900; Chaplain's Office, Administration Bldg. (Jewish): Chapel, 1100. (Christian Science): Sunday, 0930, 1100, 1230, 1100; (Latter Day Saints): 0830, Reception Room, 1300, 1100; 1800-1900.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 0930, Theater. (Catholic): Mass, 0600, Theater. (Christian Science): Sunday, 1800; Chaplain's Office Ad. Bldg. (Jewish): 0910, 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 0600, 0800, 1115; Mass daily, 1000, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science): 1000-1130, Chaplain's Office, Tuesday and Friday. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Thursday 1800. (Latter Day Saints): 1900, Camp Chapel; Mondays, 2000.

MCAN, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services. (Catholic): 0700 and 0900, Confession; 0730 and 0830, Mass. (Jewish): 824, Chaplain's Office. (Christian Science): 1800, Friday at Chaplain's Office for services at Camp Elliott. (Latter Day Saints): Mondays, 1800, Bks. 128.

CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant): Post Chapel, communion at 0900, Bible Class 0930, Morning Worship at 1015, Vesper Service 2000; Wednesday, Vesper Service 2000; Ranch House Chapel, Service at 1015; Infantry Training Center, Sunday morning worship, 0700; at Theaters, 14-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 0900, 16-T-1 at 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900. (Catholic): Post Chapel, Masses at 0630, 0800, 1115, confessions Saturday, 1600-1800; Novena Wednesday 1900; Ranch House Chapel, Mass 0915; Tuesday and Friday, Mass 1645; Friday, confessions at 1630 to 1800; Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0200; at Theaters, 14-T-1 at 0800, daily at 0800; 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 1000, 17-T-1 at 0800; Confessions before each Mass. (Christian Science): Post Chapel, Sunday 1500, Thursday, 1900; Study group, Mondays 1900, Infantry Training Regt., Row 28, Tent 1. (Latter Day Saints): Post Chapel, Sunday 0900, Monday 1800. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Friday at 1900.

The Corps Is Like That

From Saipan Island this week came stories of Marines in action—the toughest action of the Pacific.

And from Sgt. Jack Vincent, a combat correspondent, came a tribute to all Leathernecks—just a bit of tradition concealed in a sentence of his story on the weather in which Marines fought their bitterest battles.

Though no one paid any attention to thermometer readings, Vincent reported, the weather was as hot as that of a Washington, D.C., summer. One engineering unit lost 15 men to heat exhaustion in a single afternoon's march.

Another unit advancing toward the front lost more than 50 men in a day's march. Heat exhaustion was particularly severe among groups carrying heavy equipment, but:

"There were no cases where Marines dropped out because of simple weariness. The Marines marched until they blacked out into unconsciousness."

That is the way it was back in 1805 when O'Bannon led a handful of Marines and a motley army of Arabian cavalry on a 600-mile march across the Libyan Desert to attack and seize Derne.

That's the way it is in the Marine Corps.

Fewer Fatalities

Changes that wounds suffered in invasion operations will not be fatal are much greater in this war than in World War I, thanks to the efficient methods of evacuating and caring for our fallen warriors.

A man wounded during the invasion has 97 out of 100 chances that his wounds will not be fatal. The chances of amputation and permanent disability are only 5 per cent as opposed to 75 per cent in World War I.

Supplies In Pacific

"We've got to provide eight tons of supplies every month—including everything from ammunition to underwear—for each man we bring to the Central Pacific. That's ninety-six tons per man per year \* \* \*. In the Aleutians area, the job is 25 per cent greater."—Rear Adm. J. J. Gaffney



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# Tired Marines Push Doggedly Ahead Toward Magicienne Bay

## Enemy Resists Fiercely During Four-Day Drive

Leathernecks Battle Over Open Fields and Across Ridges In Violent Battle

By Sgt. Gilbert F. Bailey  
Combat Correspondent

SAIPAN (Delayed)—I have been with my unit this afternoon on the fourth day, and the fourth mile, across the ridge and over the jagged coral plateau where the Japs are retreating now toward the cliffs overhanging Magicienne Bay.

It is the last mile of battle, both for us and for the enemy in this particular sector, where my unit has been leading an attack since the first day.

From the canyons here the Japs must retreat straight ahead to cliffs overhanging the water or up to their hideouts on the other side of Mount Tapotchuan, which another Marine unit has now seized.

### MORTAR FIRE HEAVY

I landed in what turned out to be the first assault wave, straight into an enemy mortar barrage which kept some of us pinned down the first day, eating extra rations of coral dust. The next morning came an artillery barrage that put one shell six feet from our foxhole and our hearts in our throats.

On the fourth day I caught up with our CO at his observation post more than three miles in. A mopping-up attack was scheduled.

Five minutes later the attack began. The front line troops moved up to the colonel and pushed on past him. He followed a few yards behind, with one sergeant designated to cover him.

### TIED FIGHTERS

These men had fought four days constantly, without rest or interval. Some of them were so tired they walked as if from habit. Sweat and coral dust caked their clothes and their beards. Their eyes were red from strain, exposure and loss of sleep.

Some of them carried radios and flame-throwers on their backs. They walked slowly, foraging for Japanese who had retreated through the cane field towards the cliffs.

The Japs did not seem to be there.

A Marine officer walked up to a dugout to look in. A Jap officer ran out and slashed him across the body with a sabre. Two Marines unloaded a clip of ammunition into their target.

### FIVE HURT IN BURST

A burst of machine gun fire came from another dugout ambush, wounding five Marines. Messages were quickly sent back for hospital jeeps and corgemen, and for demolitions and flame-throwers.

Later on I watched a column of Marines walk down the hill leading into the CP, pass by without stopping or looking around and walk up the hill on the other side to take up positions in another sector. It was almost dark and they would have to dig in again. And they were as tired as men can get.

That same night word came of an expected Japanese counter-attack from the flank. I was sent up to a reserve line as a rifleman with other reserve troops who could be spared for front line duty. The Japs were stopped short of our line.

### FIGHTING BITTER

To get where they are, this unit has fought its way across the beach under mortar fire, on into a coconut grove, across open fields and sugar cane and over two ridges which overlook the rough plateaus of Saipan.

The battle began in the water and it has continued without pause through machine gun nests, dugouts and snipers. Veterans say



**FOURTH FUN.** Aviation unit in the Marshalls prepares to make a big noise on July 4th. Left to right in this horseplay are: MTSgt. LeRoy Iiterly, Clifton, N. J.; PFC. Thomas Fitzpatrick, Black Duck, Minn.; Sgt. Albert Johnson, Earle, Ark.; StfsGt. Francis O'Connor, Detroit; PFC. James Brown, Norristown, Pa., and Corp. Gerald Knapp, Akron, O. Peaceful snoozer due for rude awakening when big bomb "explodes" is MTSgt. Paul Summerville, Gretna, La. (Photo by StfsGt. Arthur Knoles.)

## Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoner
USN	15,306	5,308	8,224	2,517
USMC	4,564	7,356	866	1,944
USCG	342	158	234	0
	20,212	13,822	9,313	4,461

### DEAD

Massachusetts: 2nd Lt. Lawrence W. Pingree, Weymouth.  
New York: PFC. Michael J. D'Agostino, Flushing.  
Ohio: Sgt. Henry L. Reising, Dayton.

### MISSING

Arkansas: 1st Lt. James S. Greathouse, Fayetteville.  
California: Capt. Clair V. Berdel, San Diego.  
Louisiana: 1st Lt. Major F. Alford, De Ridder.  
Missouri: Corp. Gene T. Daur, St. Joseph.  
Pennsylvania: PFC. Richard P. Entelme, Pottsville.

It has been one of the most violent single engagements of the Pacific.

Ranking officers and staff officers, who traditionally stay in CPs have been going into the front lines to lead their men.

### LEADER OUT IN FRONT

A lieutenant colonel led one of the first waves ashore. For five days now he has never been behind the front lines, except to confer. Sometimes we see him working in front of his front lines. A captain, an air liaison officer, is usually with him at the front.

Our mortar platoon has been dueling with Japanese mortar units all the way across the island. I watched them lay down a barrage in preparation for the attack today.

For 15 minutes they spit shrapnel over the ridge. Then they came over and sat down in the cane field. One man summed up the battle.

"Three times in the past four days," he said, "my wife has al-

## Marines Warned On False Alarms

All Marines in the San Diego area were warned this week of the seriousness of turning in false fire alarms. The San Diego Fire Dept. reports that 92 such calls made since Jan. 1 have been traced to naval personnel.

A base memorandum on the subject pointed out that such calls occupy fire-fighting apparatus, making it unavailable for aiding in quelling blazes on municipal and military property.

Consequences for turning in false alarms will be severe, not only in civil courts but when violators are returned to their respective commands, the memorandum said.

most been a rich woman. I could see them counting out my insurance 10 bucks at a time, and the wife riding downtown in a new Packard roadster with a spotlight on each side."

"That guy talking, he's our morale," the section leader said, in one march across the cane fields muddled with dugouts, Marines were falling from mortar and machine gun fire. The others looked around and kept going.

### KEEPS ON GOING

A professional Marine, with more than 10 years of service, was at the front of the line. He was hit in the face by shrapnel. Blood spouted. He kept on going until machine gun fire caught him full in the middle.

An automatic rifleman saw his buddy go down with machine gun wounds in both legs. He stopped in an open field, lay down beside him and bandaged his wounds, then went on.

When our men fight like that, the Japs fall back.

## Natl. Cemetery Now In Bounds Of Enemy Empire

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Scores of Marines were buried on the sandy beaches of Saipan today and thus was established a national cemetery in the heart of Japan's island empire.

Tonight, memorial services will be held for them, with Catholic, Protestant and Jewish chaplains participating.

Graves for our men were dug as they were brought in by crews of their own buddies. The spot chosen for our first national cemetery on Saipan was under heavy artillery fire only yesterday. I spent three hours there, pinned down by enemy guns and the explosion of our own ammunition trucks. Today, it is clear. Nearby is a gutted Japanese field dump, exploded in the first naval bombardment. — 2d Lt. Jim G. Lucas, PRO.

### Stand Erect — What Next?

One of the nation's biggest cosmetic manufacturers has a new lipstick shade, Montezuma Red, which it says was "inspired by the brave, true red of the hat cord, scarf and chevrons" of WEs.

## Japs Say Saipan Stab 'Serious' Threat To Plans

The Tokyo radio has told the Japanese people that the United States thrust into Saipan, coupled with other American offensive gestures over a wide area in the Pacific, had brought the war to "a very serious stage," the Associated Press reports.

"We, the 100,000,000 people of Japan, must realize now, if ever, that the outcome of the battle of the Marianas will exert a very serious influence upon the future war situation," said the broadcast, reported by OWI.

"This is an offensive in which the enemy is prepared to make sacrifices, and even though there are times when there is no strategy whatever behind his actions as regards tactics, the seriousness lying deep in the heart of the enemy, the fierceness of the enemy's fighting spirit, the enormous number of his ground troops, all are at their highest since the beginning of the war."

### Stop Loose Talk

## Cuts Leave Short To Take Over New Post

CHERRY POINT — Brig. Gen. Lewis G. Merrill, who recently returned from overseas duty, cut short a 30-day leave to assume his new duties here as commanding general of the 9th Mar. Air Wing. Col. C. F. Schilt, former CO of the station, is his chief of staff.

## Citations

### Navy Cross

Col. David M. Shoup.  
Pvt. James E. Riegel (posthumously).

### Legion of Merit

Col. George W. McHenry.

### Silver Star

Brig. Gen. Walter G. Farrell.  
Capt. John R. Leaden (posthumously).  
Sgt. Otto C. Farrin, Ignatius J. Corak (posthumously).  
Corps. Clarence A. Barbeau, Jerry V. Cargill, Richard H. Doveney.  
PFC. Stanley Dierker (posthumously), Benjamin H. Ferguson (posthumously), Keith S. Gentry, Lonnie J. Griffin, William J. H. Krueger, Harland P. Morrissey, Floyd E. Napaniere (posthumously), John W. Studer (posthumously).

### Air Medal

Capt. John L. Fidler, John R. Jordan (posthumously), James H. McIlwain, Otto M. Williams, 1st Lt. Walter T. Mayberry, 2d Lt. Virgil C. Ray.

### Commendations

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Bill—the bus driver

GREYHOUND



**BACK TO CIVVIES.** 1st Sgt. Ralph G. (Pop) Underwood, property sergeant of Base Gd. Bn., was honored by Base NCOs at the end of his 30 years' service. From left, Lt. Col. Joseph M. Swinnerton, 2d Lt. W. H. Ford, "Pop," Sgt. Maj. Joseph A. Plumadore. (Photo by PFC. E. J. Wishin.)

## Forest Green Of Marines Shed By 'Pop' Underwood

"Pop" Underwood's retirement will be for good this time. This was the assurance given by 1st Sgt. Ralph G. Underwood of the 1st Gd. Co., Base Gd. Bn., more familiarly known as "Pop," to his cronies in the staff NCO club last Saturday, as his 30 years' service ended.

After reviewing RD troops on parade and receiving the toasts of well wishers, including high ranking officers and red-sleeved "sults," "Pop" recalled his long and colorful life in the service.

It began when he enlisted in the Army in 1910. He shipped over into the Marine Corps in 1917 and after duty at Parris Island and Philadelphia, went to France with the 11th Marines.

"We missed that show by three days," the first sergeant related. "When hostilities ceased we were on our way to the front."

He was a gunnery sergeant when he was discharged in 1920, but had to start from the rank of private in 1921 after spending more than a year in civilian life.

His first retirement was in 1930 when he was a platoon sergeant. He was recalled to active duty in November, 1940, to serve as property sergeant for 1st Gd. Co., Base Gd. Bn., which has been his post ever since. He was made a first sergeant in February of this year.

1st Sgt. Underwood has done foreign duty in Haiti, Nicaragua, Cuba, Panama and Santo Domingo and has been stationed at virtually every Marine post in the U. S.

His home is with his 87-year-old mother in Gardena, Calif.

**Keep Green — 200 Wounds**

USNH, SAN DIEGO — Sgt. Judson "Snicker" Stover of Montrose, Colo., spent four years in the Marines. Then, two and one-half minutes after the battle started on Tarawa, he lay on the beach with over 200 wounds from shell fragments. He is convalescing here.

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## Offensive Spirit High

### Sustained Drive Marked By Valor, Bitter Fighting

By Sgt. David Dempsey  
Combat Correspondent

**SAIPAN (Delayed)** — Marines who landed on this stronghold of Japan's lesser empire spent their first 24 hours ducking Jap shells and then took the offensive in a drive that won them the Adia airfield and the southern half of the island within a week.

Despite the belting which Japanese mortars and artillery gave us, the offensive spirit never disappeared from assault troops who pushed inland against dug-in Jap positions offering bitter resistance.

Hand-to-hand fighting took place on several occasions. One young Marine saw a Jap officer come up from behind a tank to attack a buddy, wrested the sword from him, and slit his throat. The Marine was later shot but his buddy escaped injury.

#### KEEPS ON FIGHTING

Another Marine, taking part in an attack through a dense palm grove, was shot in the arm, suffered grenade wounds, and saw his clothes catch on fire when the ammunition in his belt exploded. Despite his injuries, he charged a machine gun nest with hand grenades and killed five Japs before he was evacuated.

One of the most courageous acts during the early fighting here saw a patrol of eight men establishing contact between two outfits during the first night. Infiltrating through a deep Jap salient that separated the two units, the patrol went through hip-deep swamps and ran into machine gun fire in a mission which took them all night but which succeeded in closing the gap between the two outfits. In this and subsequent actions, the patrol lost all but one man in killed and wounded.

#### JAP PHONES USED

An artillery shell, landing in a communications center, killed five and wounded three out of a team of ten Marines and badly damaged their equipment. The remaining two succeeded in keeping communications lines open by pressing captured Jap telephones into use.

Some indication of the intensity of the fighting here is shown by the fact that the outfit with which I landed has already evacuated 50 per cent of its men in killed and wounded.

#### Drivers in Battle

USNH, OAKLAND — Motor Transport personnel left their trucks and joined a machine gun outfit working over the Japs on a Mat-shall Island atoll, reports Corp. Phillip Y. Tomberlin of Jacksonville, Fla., now recuperating here.



**Capt. REESE**  
... Commandant's pilot

#### 'Philippines Sea'

PEARL HARBOR — Adm. Nimitz has tentatively selected the name "Philippines Sea" for the Pacific Ocean area between the Marianas and the Philippines.

## Air Vet Pilots Commandant On 26,000-Mile Tour

MCAD, MIRAMAR — After flying Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, the Commandant, on a 26,000-mile inspection tour of battle fronts, Capt. Richard G. Reese of Morgan, Utah, recently arrived here.

The Commandant, he said, sat in the co-pilot's seat of the transport during the island-hopping flights, experiencing close-up views of the fronts.

Capt. Reese, who was picked for the pilot's assignment because of his excellent flight record in combat zones, received a letter of commendation for "skillful airmanship and outstanding devotion to duty which made possible the completion of the mission without mishap." He accumulated more than 1000 combat flying hours while ferrying vital military supplies to the fronts from Guadalcanal to Bougainville.

#### Stop Loose Talk

I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country. — Nathan Hale in a speech he made just before being hanged by the enemy as a spy (1776).

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SURPRISE BLOW FROM WEST, JAP ERRORS SEAL SAIPAN'S DOOM

By William McGarrin  
Chicago Daily News Foreign Service  
ON THE ISLAND OF SAIPAN, June 30 (Delayed)—When the final story of the Battle of Saipan is written it quite possibly will show that the Japs' mistakes contributed to their loss of this island almost as much as the overwhelming American power thrown against them.

Now that Saipan is more than half ours, it is possible to discuss some of the features of our successful landings.

As this is being written, 82 Jap tanks have been knocked out in a variety of battles—tank against tank, artillery against tank, bazooka against tank. Operational and other losses, plus those damaged but not destroyed in battle, probably leaves the Japs with less than 80 tanks in good running order.

The Japs have spent their tanks futilely. Obviously, the enemy did not expect us along the west coast, which is guarded by an extensive coral reef. In

relying on the coral reef to keep us off the Japs failed to take into account American landing craft. These craft, called amphibious tanks, are equipped with caterpillar treads and are capable of crawling over reefs and running both on water and on land. Though the Japs brought some of our boats and amphibious tanks under fire, they were unable to halt the mighty rush which put thousands of Marines ashore in a few minutes.

Jap air attacks during the past few nights, as in the opening days of the invasion, have been singularly unsuccessful. Perhaps it is unfair to criticize the Jap air force, since we have had overwhelming air superiority since the start.

The Jap ground forces, though, have displayed a one-track mind and a defensive attitude. They have avoided infantry clashes and their counterattacks in the main have been weak, badly organized and mostly at night.

Their mainstay is the rugged humped back of this island and they are making the most of caves, cane fields and natural defenses ideal for snipers, machine gunners and mortar-men, and often do not disclose their position, even when firing, for they use smokeless powder.

We have lost a number of officers in battle and from sniper activity. The enemy strategy boils down to the crude and savage one of trying to see how many of us they can take along with them in death.

Fight Rages All Night

24-Hour Charan Kanoa Battle One Of War's Fiercest  
By Sgt. David Dempsey  
Combat Correspondent

SAIPAN (Delayed)—In the ruined outskirts of Charan Kanoa Marines fought one of the bitterest battles of this war.

The battle, which lasted just 24 hours, was a battle of Japanese artillery against men who could not retreat without backing into the sea, of Jap soldiers fighting to regain a town against Marines equally determined to hold it. It was fought amid flower beds and under bougainvillea trees, in the ruins of a sugar refinery, through smoldering cane fields, and amid the pig sties of Japanese farmers.

HEAVILY BOMBARDED

I drove down the main street of this once pleasant village in a tractor an hour and a half after our troops landed, yet an hour later it was being bombarded so heavily that we crouched deep in foxholes at the outskirts of the town.

We dug in along a line that ran from the sugar mill at the north to beaches just south of Charan Kanoa. The Japanese laid hundreds of shells in the town itself and attempted to squeeze us back into a death trap.

After darkness many of them infiltrated into our lines through almost jungle-like terrain outside the town. Some sneaked down the railroad tracks leading to the sugar mill, hiding among the hundreds of railroad cars piled high with sugar cane. Others came from the sugar refinery, where they had hidden throughout the day.

PIER SET AFIRE

The front was very confused, with most of the battle taking place in a welter of railroad tracks, ruined buildings and barnyards. In our rear the pier at Charan Kanoa burned fiercely under steady Jap bombardment.

The shelling continued all the next morning, but by noon our planes had located the Jap batteries. Naval gunfire soon silenced them.

Our lines had held through a sleepless and bloody night.

The next morning we found a Japanese artillery observation officer, slung in a hammock in a high tree, near the sugar mill where much of the fighting had taken place. He had been railing our positions to his artillery.

—E. Courteous—

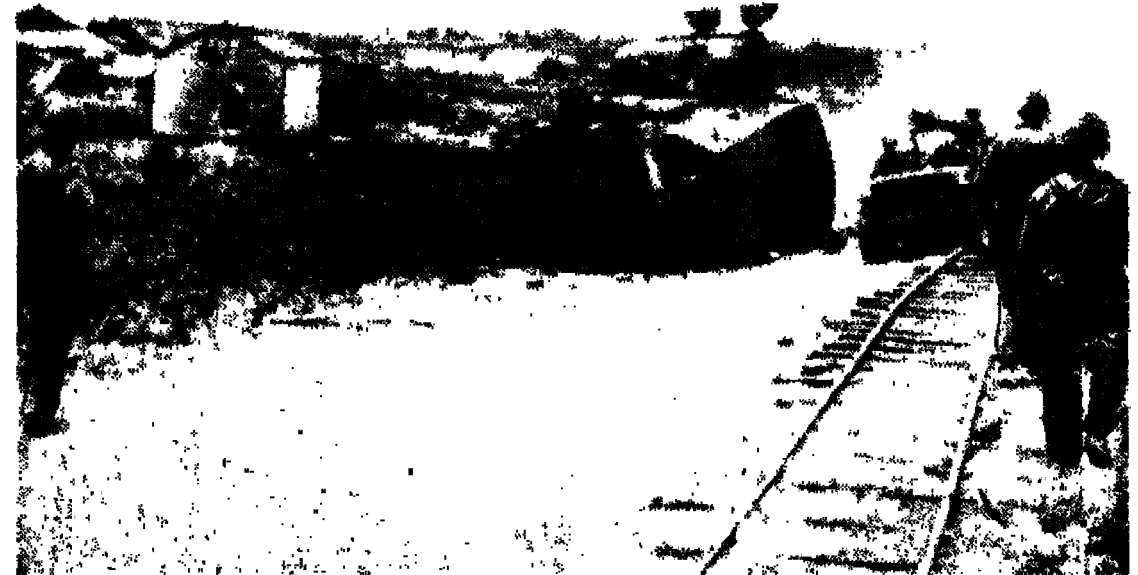
Artillerymen Name Pieces For Girls

CAMP PENDLETON—When a member of one field artillery unit here speaks of "Fifi" or "Dottie" or "Dolly," more than likely he is referring to the big guns used by the outfit rather than a girl.

These Leathernecks, preparing for combat, never speak of their howitzers as such or as a gun. They always call them by name.

Besides girls' names, names of towns and combination words are most popular.

One gun crew, composed chiefly of Brooklynites, named their howitzer, "Flatbush." Other typical titles are "Four F," "Destiny" and "Hussey."—Sgt. Allen Sommers, combat correspondent.



TANK CASUALTY. Marines on foot and in jeep pass gutted American tank, victim of heavy fighting on Saipan. Tank crew had battled with Japs hidden in building at left. Scene is along tracks of small railroad which serves island sugar refinery.

Corps Of Marine Writers 'Covers' Saipan Invasion

Editor's Note—Stories from combat correspondents on Saipan will appear regularly in The Chevron as they are cleared. Giving Marine readers a complete and personal picture of battles as they were fought there.

SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS (Delayed)—The largest number of combat correspondents ever to cover a single operation went ashore here with Marine landing forces.

The senior O-in-C is Lt. Col. Donald Dickinson, famed Marine artist, who is assisted by Capt. John Pepham, former New York Times reporter.

1st Lt. Larry Hays, former director of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show broadcast from MCIL, San Diego, is in charge of radio on the island.

Public relations officers and combat correspondents "covering" the Saipan invasion include:

Capt. Ward Hubbard, William E. McChill (former MCB PRO), John W. Thomson III, 1st Lt. Arthur Spalding, 2d Lt. Jim G. Lucas, TSgt. Pete Zurlinden, Mason Brunson, Richard Murphy, Fred Feldkamp, Martin Kivel, Walter C. Cochrane, StSgt. Hy Hurwitz, Jack Pepper (former Chevron editor), Frank Acosta, Dick Tenhelly, Sgts. Charles Vandergrift, Bill Dvorak, Jack Vincent, Gil Bailey, John B. T. Campbell, Bob Cooke, Dave Dempsey and Ed Ruder.

—Wait Address Correct?

Salty Raven Learns Marine Slang

CAMP PENDLETON—"Gizmo" is learning to talk now.

He had his tongue split a few days ago, after having an eye treated and a wing put in splints by hospital corpsmen. Now he's learning the lingo of a field artillery unit, of which he's a mascot.

"Gizmo" is a small raven, found wandering in a daze near a field artillery range here. He was adopted by TSgt. Alex W. Peters of Minneapolis.—StSgt. Allen Sommers, combat correspondent.

Keeping Supplies Moving Up Big Task On Saipan

SAIPAN (Delayed)—To the Marines fighting against the Japs on the front lines, W-A-R doesn't mean war.

It means water, ammunition and rations. The job of keeping front line troops supplied with those three commodities is one of the biggest but least-acclaimed jobs of the war.

Marine engineering units distilled their own water for troops because of the fear that the Japs had poisoned all fresh water on the island. Captured Jap rations also were unused for the same reason.

And while some Marine ammunition filled Jap guns, none of the Jap small arms bullets could be used in American weapons.—Sgt. Jack Vincent, combat correspondent.

—Buy War Bonds—

A man and wife, hiking in the woods, suddenly realized they were lost. Said the husband, "I wish Emily Post had been with us at the crossroad; I think we took the wrong fork."

Jap Artillery Blankets Beach

By Robert Sherrod  
Time Magazine Correspondent

That first night (on Saipan) was a succession of Jap artillery shells. From 8 until 9, from 11 until 1, and from 4 until 5, Jap artillery guns and mortars laid rough patterns along the beach and some 500 yards inland—one shell every five seconds. Around our CP and aid station perhaps 20 shells burst within 25 yards but as far as I know no one was hit during the night in our area. Men who are in holes are hard to hit.

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—Adv.

Casualties Run High

Total 9752 For First 16 Days' Saipan Fighting

The U. S. is paying a stiff price for Saipan.

The only announcement yet made giving specific figures listed a total of 9,752 killed, wounded and missing up to June 29 (the first 16 days of fighting).

The casualties, announced by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz in Pearl Harbor, the Associated Press reported, are broken down as follows:

KILLED IN ACTION  
Marines, 1289; Army, 186.  
Total, 1475.  
WOUNDED IN ACTION  
Marines, 6377; Army, 1023  
Total, 7400.  
MISSING IN ACTION  
Marines, 627; Army, 31.  
Total, 658.

These casualties, announced at the time when our forces had secured approximately one-half the island, indicated that Saipan might prove to be the fiercest fight Americans have encountered anywhere in this worldwide war; certainly it was the bloodiest of the Pacific.

TARAWA COMPARISON

The price for Tarawa, heretofore considered the bloodiest Pacific campaign—due to heavy casualties being concentrated into four days on a small beachhead—was 813 Marines killed or missing and 2037 wounded.

The Japs suffered about 4500 fatalities at Tarawa. No accurate estimate of their losses on Saipan is possible because "a great many Jap dead and wounded have been carried back by retreating enemy troops", Adm. Nimitz said.

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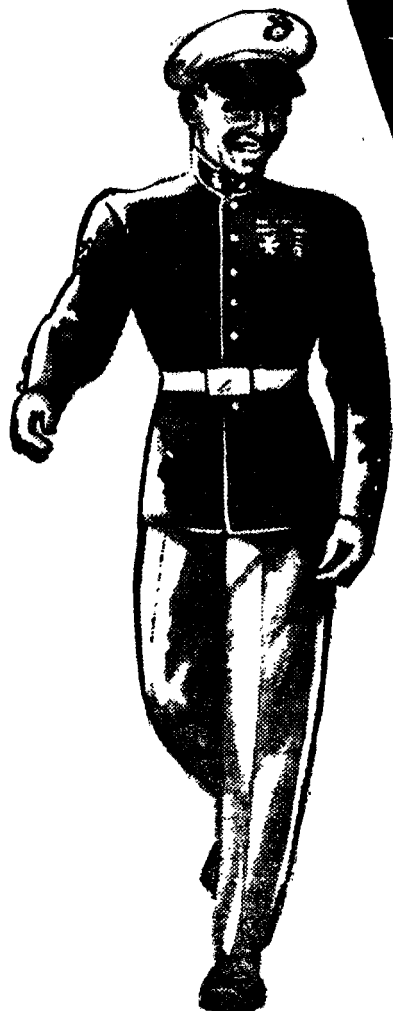
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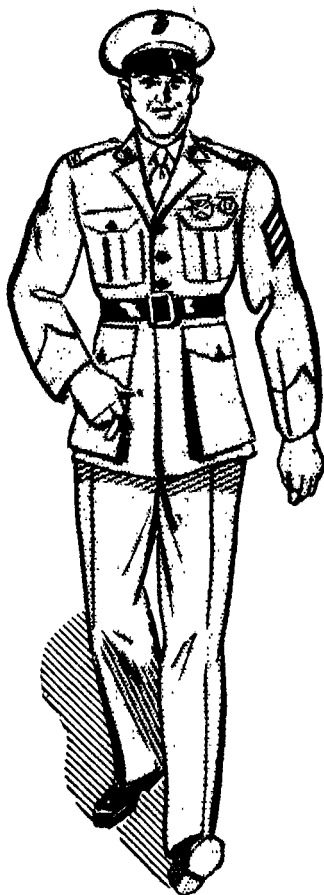
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WR "FIRST." Col. Francis E. Pierce awards diploma and offers his congratulations to PFC, Virginia M. Walker, one of first two WRs to be graduated from the construction and maintenance school, MCAD, Miramar.

## Old Timers

### 'Old Salt' Grows Vegetable Garden In Coral Sands

'Porky' May Looks Forward To Visiting Tokyo Before Heading For Soil Of U. S.

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—MT-Sgt. Harold "Porky" May of Knoxville, Tenn., known around here as the "old salt", spends his free time growing vegetables.

So far, he hasn't planted very much—just some beans and Irish potatoes, but what he has planted seems to be flourishing just as well as any average vegetable garden in the U. S.

The Iowa Marine says he's just more or less experimenting and doesn't believe that many varieties will grow in these barren coral sands.

#### WITH 4TH MARINES

A veteran of 13 years' service, MT-Sgt. May has served with the 4th Marines at Shanghai and has had a tour of duty at Guam, Midway and the Philippines. Most of that 13 years was spent running mess halls—hence the name "Porky". He is now in charge of the mess for a unit with the 4th Mar. Air Wing.

The garden, he says, is for his own personal use and would be far too small to make any difference in the overall food picture.

"There's only one thing I'm looking forward to," says Porky, "and that's going back to Guam, the Philippines, Shanghai and then Tokyo. Only then do I want to go back to the States."—Sgt. Gerald Gordon, combat correspondent.

#### March Friendly

### Pendleton Employees Get Navy Badges

CAMP PENDLETON—Navy Dept. badges issued in recognition of services were recently presented by Col. F. A. Lesser, Camp QM, to the nearly 700 civilian employees of his office.

In a brief presentation ceremony, Col. Lesser pointed out that by taking over the jobs connected with operation and maintenance of the camp "every one of you has freed a Marine to fight."

## Marine Flyer Fights Under Three Flags

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Maj. Winslow Meadows of New York City, who has served under French, British and American flags during the current war, has arrived here after service as an ordnance officer with a Leatherneck fighter squadron in the South Pacific.

When the Nazis invaded France in 1939, Maj. Meadows joined a volunteer ambulance corps and was attached to the 8th French Army. While awaiting passage home fol-

## Colors Presented 5th Div. Unit At Camp Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON—Colors, symbolic of unity and a determination to smash the enemy, have been presented to a regiment of the 5th Mar. Div. undergoing combat training here.

The colors were received by Col. James D. Waller of Del Mar, Cal., and Norfolk, Va. Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, division CG, presented the national colors, while Maj. Joseph J. Nettekoven of San Diego presented the regimental colors.

Included in the ceremony was the awarding of a Legion of Merit Medal to Lt. Col. James H. Brower of Solana Beach, Cal., and Rochester, N. Y., by Gen. Rockey.

After receiving its colors, the unit passed in review before Maj. Gen. Charles F. B. Price, CG, San Diego area, FMF, Gen. Rockey, Col. Waller and his staff and several hundred spectators.

The color guard was composed of MGySgt. Edward Bald of Philadelphia, Pa., GySgt. Jack Burger of Maple Heights, O., Corp. William M. Kelley Jr., of Philadelphia, Pa., and Corp. John Owens of Joiner, Ark.

## Paymen Adopt Rabbit Character

CAMP PENDLETON—Bugs Bunny, motion picture's popular rabbit character, has been adopted as a mascot by the paymaster's section of an artillery unit in training here.

Permission to use Bugs for a mascot came from Leon Schlesinger, inventor of the cocky cotton-tail. The paymaster's unit also adopted, "What's Up, Doc?", as its password.—Sgt. Allen Sommers, combat correspondent.

## 2dLt. Bob Crosby Reports To 5th Div.

CAMP PENDLETON—Hanging up his baton as a civilian band leader, 2dLt. Bob Crosby, screen and radio star, has reported here for duty with the 5th Mar. Div. He was recently commissioned.

The band leader has just completed work in a motion picture soon to be released.

## Boots Fire High Marks

### Plat. 571 Sets Pace With Every Man Qualifying

CAMP MATTHEWS—High qualifications again featured the firing at this recruit range last week as 95.4 per cent of the Wednesday detail and 94.3 per cent of the Thursday complement hit for 268 or better.

Plat. 571, coached on the school range by PFC John W. McIntire, set the week's pace with a 100 per cent qualification mark. DI is PFC C. Bruno. Plats. 562, 563 and 574 dropped but one man each.

High individual score of the week was the 325 fired by Pvt. Clyde H. Wilson (Plat. 569) of Orangefield, Tex. Scores of 324 were turned in by Pvs, Rudolph A. Kaelin (Plat. 569) of Louisville, Ky., and Casimer S. Dautinski (Plat. 574) of South Bend, Ind. Range records for the week were:

JUNE 28  
Leading individuals—325, Pvt. Wilson; 323, Pvt. Carl E. Schilling (Plat. 562); Youngstown, O.; 322, PFC Meredith N. Devonshire (Plat. 558), Suisun, Cal.  
Leading platoons—324, Plat. 569, Sgt. Marvin N. Foster, coach; 321, J. H. Larsen, DI; 324, Plat. 563 (Corp. Alvin J. Wheeler, coach; 321, J. R. O'Brien, DI); 303, Plat. 561 (PFC John J. Conway, coach; Corp. R. D. Allison, DI).

JUNE 29  
Leading individuals—321, Pvs. Kaelin and Dautinski; 321, Pvt. Roy Hill Jr. (Plat. 571); Richmond, Cal.  
Leading platoons—309, Plat. 571; 303, Plat. 574 (PFC Paul M. Krasowski, coach; Corp. D. A. Delaney, DI); 303, Plat. 575 (PFC Wayne B. Dolan, coach; PFC D. D. Willson, DI).

## Bulldozers Make Firebreaks At Camp Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON—Rumbling bulldozers, scourge of Japanese pill box defenders and chief aid of landing strip levellers, are playing an important role here in grass fire prevention work.

Powerful caterpillar-treaded blades, operated by Marines and civilians, have gouged out approximately 300 miles of firebreaks here. The work is being carried out by WO. W. Balick of Salisbury, N. C., O-in-C of heavy equipment, and his staff.

The firebreaks have already proved their worth in stopping spread of grass fires, Maj. Frank S. Matheny of Englewood, Cal., pointed out. He is camp fire marshal.



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## Rabaul Blasted To Tune Of Star Spangled Banner

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Airmen recently executed a bombing raid against Simpson Harbor, Rabaul, to the strains of the Star Spangled Banner, played by the Japs, according to Corp. Robert L. Wood of Camp Verde, Ariz., a turret gunner who has returned from the South Pacific.

"As we were approaching the target area," Corp. Wood said, "the Japs broke in on our wave length and broadcast our national anthem. There was no explanation for the music, which came over the radio distinctly."

"We figured they were trying to foul our communications or affect our morale. They did neither."

"Instead, we dropped our bombs to the rhythm of the music and gave those Japs a Star Spangled blasting!"

#### Keep Clean

#### WRs Arrive

A contingent of 20 WRs which arrived at the Base this week brought the total WR strength up to 615, Bn. SgtMaj. Charles E. Larsen announced.

## Air Station NCO Club Remodeled

MCAS, EL TORO—The Staff NCO Club was reopened Wednesday with a steak dinner after being closed five days for extensive remodeling.

Members who arranged the dinner were SgtMaj. George R. Carlson, president of the Board of Governors, MTSGls. Robert H. Burger, Charles E. Blackburn, Roland Bonin, and Mess Sgt. James M. Tober.

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# SAIPAN...



**COVER.** A Marine dives for cover as Jap artillery shell explodes nearby (note smoke at upper right). At far left is bunker from which Marines engage Japs. Visible in foreground (arrows) are tops of helmets as other Marines take refuge in their foxholes.

**FRONT LINE.** Moving inland after beachhead is established, Marine machine gun section digs in to set up front line defense positions on sloping ground overlooking ocean.



**BLANCHESIA.** Marines move along beach in double file to take up new positions in early return (above). Landing large is Jap. Below, with Jap mortar shells screaming overhead, Marines dig foxholes for first night on island.



**WESPRINT.** Marine moves as fast to new cover to escape Japanese sniper fire.

**TOMHOLD.** First assault wave ashore on Saipan moves up beach and gains a foothold, despite heavy enemy machine gun fire. Crawling to top of rise, Marines were able to return fire. With landing of additional troops, beachhead was definitely established.

Photos on this page by Staff Sgt. Roy E. Olson and Sgt. H. A. Williams, James L. Burns, Robert Ochoa.

# Marianas Invaders Describe Assault

## Trio Back From Bloody Beaches Of Jap Island

Well-Prepared Defenses Met By Marines Hitting Stronghold Of Enemy  
By Staff Sgt. Keyes Beach  
Combat Correspondent

**CAMP PENDLETON**—Three officers who participated in the invasion of Saipan this week described what happened during the first four days of fighting when it was being decided whether or not the Marines were there to stay.

The officers were Col. John W. Beckett of Hesper, Ore., Lt. Col. C. E. Shepard Jr. of La Jolla, Cal., and Minneapolis, Minn., and Maj. John F. Ryan of Newton, Mass.

**WELL PREPARED**

Although the officers did not compare the fighting on Saipan with other Pacific battles such as Guadalcanal and Tarawa, they pointed out that never have U.S. forces met the Japanese where the enemy was better established or better prepared.

"The going was tough, all right," said Lt. Col. Shepard, "but our men were as calm and collected as if they were walking into the post exchange."

"When there was a lull in the fighting a man would come back from the front, lie down for five minutes and smoke a cigarette, then get up and say, 'Well, let's go back and get some more of them!'"

### ARTILLERY FIRE

Lt. Col. Shepard, first of the three officers to land on Saipan, said his landing craft was under constant mortar and artillery fire when it beached the beach.

"When we reached the beach we lay against an embankment while machine gun and rifle fire knocked dust into our faces."

"The Japs had a machine gun in a tree. It gave us plenty of trouble until it was knocked out. After a while we decided it would be safer to go inland, so we moved up and into some Jap trenches. There were a few snipers around, and some dead Japs."

### ENEMIES EVERYWHERE

Snipers were everywhere, he said. At one time Lt. Col. Shepard was resting against a palm tree; a few minutes later Marines blew up the tree in get a sniper in a hole beached."

The lieutenant colonel saw a strange sight—a Marine with a



**BACK FROM SAIPAN**, Col. John W. Beckett, left, and Lt. Col. C. E. Shepard look over maps of recently invaded Jap islands after returning to Camp Pendleton from bloody Saipan where they landed with the first waves ashore.

carbide fencing with a Jap armed with a knife.

"Apparently the Marine wanted to take the Jap prisoner. There was nobody to help the Marine and there was nobody to help the Jap. Finally the Jap dove into a cane field. The Marine went in after him. A few minutes later he came out with the Jap, but the Jap was dead. He'd committed hari-kiri with a knife."

### STAND GUARD

Lt. Col. Shepard spent his second night on the island in a foxhole with eight enlisted men. "I had two men keep awake to stand guard. I stayed awake, too, just to make sure the watchmen did," he said.

When terrified civilians, some of them Japanese, wandered into American positions, Marines shared their water and rations with them even though they did not know when they would be able to get

more, the lieutenant colonel said.

Col. Beckett, who landed on D-day afternoon, described the Japanese fire control as "very good," and Maj. Ryan added, "They were shooting right down our throats."

"We had our worst shelling the morning of the second day," the colonel continued. "The Japs were using artillery and mortars. There wasn't anything for us to do but dig in."

### STIFF RESISTANCE

The shelling lasted for about fifteen minutes and then everything was very quiet," he said.

In his particular sector the Marines attacked later that day. The colonel said it took about two hours to clean out one pocket of resistance in a ravine.

"The Japs were in caves on each side of the ravine," the colonel added. "You couldn't get at them with artillery. The only way to get them out was to go in there with flame throwers and dynamite and blast them out. That's what our boys did."

Maj. Ryan commented that Jap snipers spotted himself and a chaplain as they attempted to move forward.

"But they always seemed to shoot over our heads," he said.

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## Base Leathernecks Buy Double War Bond Quota

Base personnel made down payments totaling \$67,275 to insure their independence this July 1, more than doubling the \$30,000 quota set for the July 1 to 8 Navy War Bond campaign.

Final totals for the drive were not complete late this week, having been tabulated only to include sales through July 4. A substantial increase in the cash sales total is expected when final figures are compiled.

As of Tuesday evening, \$45,000 in Series E bonds and \$22,275 in Series B Bonds had been purchased, the latter including \$5,886 from the officers' club.

### BIG PURCHASES

Series E bonds purchased by MECH personnel included 10 of \$1,000 denomination, 9 for \$500, 64 for \$100, 47 for \$50 and 118 for \$25, according to Capt. Melvin H. Head, War Fund officer.

Though receipts from Thursday

night's premiere showing of Marine Raiders in the Base Theater had not been tabulated, it was estimated that approximately \$1,250 would be turned into bonds.

Capt. Head pointed out that all bonds purchased on the Base during the eight-day campaign are in addition to regular monthly allotments through which payrol deductions are made for bonds. Approximately 90 per cent of all officers and men on the Base are participating in the allotment program.

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## Corps Opposes Extra Pay For Badge Holders

Infantrymen Not Entitled To Special Distinction, View Given House Group

Amphibious disapproval of proposed legislation to provide extra pay for holders of the expert badge or the combat infantryman's badge was expressed before the House Military Committee last week by Col. J. W. Knighton, speaking for the Commandant, Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift.

His statement, according to a report in the Army and Navy Journal, implied that the Corps was more in favor of the alternative combat pay proposal than of the proposal to pay badge holders.

### DIFFERENT DISTINCTION

"The Marine Corps has no objection to the payment of extra pay to those who acquire themselves creditable in combat," Col. Knighton said, "but it cannot make a distinction between the infantry and other arms and services."

The contention that the infantry has a more hazardous role and suffers more casualties than other arms is "only partially valid in the type of operations in which units of the Marine Corps are engaged," he continued.

The bill, he declared, would not be beneficial to the Marine Corps for these reasons:

1. It would tend to destroy a sense of unity which is a valuable asset to the Corps.
2. The operations in which Marine units are now engaged are of such nature that it is illogical to make the Marine infantryman eligible for additional pay over and above that available to men in the supporting arms and services.
3. A training incentive which will not increase the application of the trainee but only recognize and reward superior intelligence, knowledge and physique rather than effort is less beneficial than harmful.
4. The interruption of advanced unit training to conduct the individual proficiency tests necessary to put the measure into effect is not compatible with the state of training or the best interests of the Marine Corps.
5. In contrast to the normal procedure under which decorations are awarded to those individuals whose gallantry or service is outstanding in order that they may be recognized by a grateful public, it is proposed to decorate every infantryman who has been in combat except those whose service has not been creditable. Thus there are awarded to those men who, in some cases through no fault of their own, have been unable to stand the test of battle.

The Marine Corps does not desire to have this bill apply to it.

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## 616 Cooks Graduated

Mess Sergeants' Course Taken By 82 Up To July 1

A total of 616 students completed the 10-week course at Base Cooks and Bakers School in the six months ending July 1, when assignment of recruits to this school was discontinued. The four-week course for mess sergeants was completed by 82.

The 10-week course included two weeks each in the REB galley and Base galley and in the study of field equipment, with one week each taken up by courses in butchering, baking and mess administration.

At present most of the students for the school are coming from 2nd Cas. Co. Many of these men made commissary rates in the field but had never attended cooks' school.

### Buy Insurance

## Marines Organize 'Barber Quartet'

**CAMP PENDLETON**—"Sweet Adeline" will live on and on. Members of the 5th Div. have organized the first Marine chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Quartet Singing in America.

The men behind the voice in the new organization are Staff Sgt. Tim Weber, member of the Detroit, Mich., chapter, and Pvt. Bob Holbrook of Tulsa, Okla., lead voice in the "Chordbusters," the society's 1941 national champions.

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# Vet Re-Distribution Unit Formed On Base

## Center Assures Prompt Furloughs For Combat Troops

(Continued from Page 1)

HQMC, as well as students completing courses of instruction at other than Marine Corps schools and who are destined for FMF.

### SIX-DAY STAY

After a swift screening procedure is developed, overseas troops arriving here will normally be required to remain at the Center but six days before shoving off for their new posts, with 30-day delays in reporting to enable them to visit their homes.

An especially important feature of the program will be the providing of special troop trains to transport the troops to key cities in the U. S. rather than turning them loose in transportation-clogged coastal areas.

This will enable most of the veterans to get home as soon or sooner and with much less difficulty than if they had been permitted to leave immediately on their own, despite their short stay at this Base. Also, travel in most cases will be at government expense.

### PROVIDE SERVICES

Arrangements will be made for troops to obtain haircuts, pressing and other services regulated with a minimum loss of time.

They will receive new sets of greens and ID cards, when necessary, and will be paid. Each man will be put through a reclassification interview and their 340 cards either brought up to date or filled out completely in cases where the originals have been lost.

Each man will be asked where he would like to serve in the States. This will be taken into account where vacancies exist calling for the veteran's type of training.

### USE EXPERIENCE

Of primary importance to the Corps in the Center's program is its function of making the best use of each veteran's training, including his combat experience.

From information obtained by the Classification Section of the Center the returned veterans will be assigned to fill vacancies set forth in directives from HQMC, with regard given both to each man's training and choice of stations.

In the absence of this procedure, Lt. Col. Mason pointed out, specialists might be lost to the Corps for many months before becoming placed in duties for which all their training and combat experience fit them.

### TANK MECHANICS

All available tank mechanics, for example, can be used in the training commands, it was pointed out by Lt. Col. R. W. Rickert, O-in-C of the Classification Division, HQMC, who came to MCB on temporary duty to assist in setting up the new Center.

Initially the personnel of the new Center, in addition to the CO, will consist of one captain, six warrant officers, two sergeants major, five first sergeants, five gunnery sergeants, ten platoon sergeants, one staff sergeant, 15 sergeants, and 35 Women Reserve corporals (clerical). Most of the WRs are coming from Camp Lejeune.

### CLASSIFICATION UNIT

Added to these will be the Classification Section headed by Capt. Glyn Clark, former San Diego Area Classification Officer who was transferred to Camp Pendleton recently after Camp Elliott was turned over to the Navy.

He will be assisted by 1st Lt. Clifford S. Davis, who also reported here from Pendleton. Enlisted personnel of this unit will total 40, majority of whom will come from Pendleton.

Personnel was still arriving by late this week and more will be added later, including the five chief cooks, five field cooks and five assistant cooks for whom pro-



MTSgt. W. H. BUTTERFIELD JR., ... first sampler at El Toro

## Fliers Snap In On Dried Foods

MCAS, EL TORO—Marine aviators here are sent into the field and taught to eat meals under conditions which will exist when they reach the battlefields of the Pacific.

Dehydrated foods comprise their menu and between now and the end of July, when the experimental course ends, each flyer will eat seven meals to acquaint him with the food he is likely to encounter upon arrival in the battle zone.

Under direction of WO. Raymond C. Harris, group mess officer, the course is serving two purposes: first, to give the men a chance to taste the victuals of tomorrow; second, to provide cooks and bakers with the necessary experience to prepare meals under combat conditions.

El Centro Marines, after their first experience with the food, catch from mess gear instead of plates, pronounced the experiment successful and the food tasty.

— Keep Clean —

## Blood Donations Total 415 Pints

A total of 415 Marines, Women Reserves and civilian employees each donated a pint of blood when the San Diego Red Cross chapter brought its mobile blood donor unit to the Base Wednesday. Sixty WRs, including six officers, were among the donors.

Rejections of volunteers on the basis of physical infirmity were very light, as were cancellations of appointments by the donors, according to Lt. (jg.) H. M. Elkins (HC), USN, who registered applicants at his office in the Base dispensary.

The mobile unit was set up Wednesday at Mess Hall "Q" in RD, where blood donations were taken at the rate of about one a minute all day.

vision was made in the Center's table of organization.

Other officers who have reported here to date are:

Capt. Frank H. Vogle and WOs. Lawrence J. Scott, Otto Compton, Robert C. Phelps, and Joseph R. Schinka, all from Camp Pendleton; CWO, Harry M. Towle and WO. Robert W. Treorey, detached from Ser. Bn., MCB.

Sgt. Maj. John J. Reese and Sylvester J. Arbes are reporting in from Pendleton.

Personnel in the casual companies at MCB will be reclassified at the Center when the new agency becomes equipped to handle them.

## Cates Succeeded By Bataan Hero As School's Head

### Col. Clement Takes Over Quantico Post; Promotion Of Gen. Cates Confirmed

WASHINGTON—The promotion of Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates, veteran of World War I and Guadalcanal, to his present rank has been confirmed by the Senate.

Gen. Cates, who has been Commandant of Marine Corps Schools at Quantico, has been assigned to duty overseas. He will be succeeded at Quantico by his second in command, Col. William T. Clement.

The new major general commanded the 1st Mar. Regt. in the initial assault on Guadalcanal and remained in command after the unit was relieved. He returned to the U. S. early in 1943.

### WITH OLD 4TH REGT.

Col. Clement, who was first commissioned in the Corps May 1, 1917, was serving with the Asiatic Fleet when war broke out in the Pacific. He was transferred to the old 4th Regt. and served as liaison officer between Army and Navy forces. When Bataan fell Apr. 9, 1942, he was ordered to Australia and later to the U. S. Then he was assigned as senior Marine officer on the staff of Adm. Harold Stark, commander-in-chief of U. S. Naval Forces in Europe. He won the Navy Cross for heroism on Bataan and Corregidor.

### CHANGES OF DUTY

WASHINGTON—The following changes affecting the status of Marine Corps personnel have been announced:

Col. William W. Davidson from San Diego area to overseas; Theodore D. Millard from overseas to MCAS, Cherry Point.

Lt. Col. Alexander D. Shaw from overseas to El Toro; Ernest B. Shaugnessy from overseas to Boston, Mass.; Robert T. McKee from Camp Lejeune to overseas; Leonard M. Mason from HQMC to San Diego area to overseas; Robert T. Vance from Camp Elliott to HQMC; Robert J. Bowen from San Diego area to Fort Benning, Ga.; William R. Langham Jr. from overseas to MCAS, Quantico; Earl A. Sneedinger from overseas to Quantico; Frank L. Kilmartin from San Diego area to Quantico; Paul D. Sherman from Quantico to overseas.



LAST CLASS. Famed First Sergeants' School at Philadelphia graduates its last class in front of historic Independence Hall. Capt. Walter R. Hooper returns salute of the new top-kicks. (Photo by W. H. Hazzard.)

## Famed School For First Sergeants Closes Doors

PHILADELPHIA—An institution greatly honored in the Corps came to its official end this week. It was the First Sergeants' school at NYd, here, which trained men and women Marines for the job of "top-kick."

The 13th and last class of the school held its graduation exercises at Philadelphia's historic Independence hall where the Liberty Bell still hangs. Just 168 years from the date of the Bell's famous proclamation, at the same site, Capt. Walter R. Hooper, O-in-C, awarded diplomas.

The school has trained 924 "top-kicks", 128 of whom were WRs, since its inception in March, 1942.

— Keep Clean —

Nowadays the wool that chisels pull over your eyes is half cotton.

### Drilling Hours Changed For WRs

WR close order drill periods will no longer interfere with working hours. Commencing this week the drill periods will be held during liberty hours, from 1730 to 1930, WR Bn. office announced.

The trick drill team will muster Monday and Friday, Co. "A" on Tuesday, Co. "B" on Wednesday and Co. "C" on Thursday of every week.

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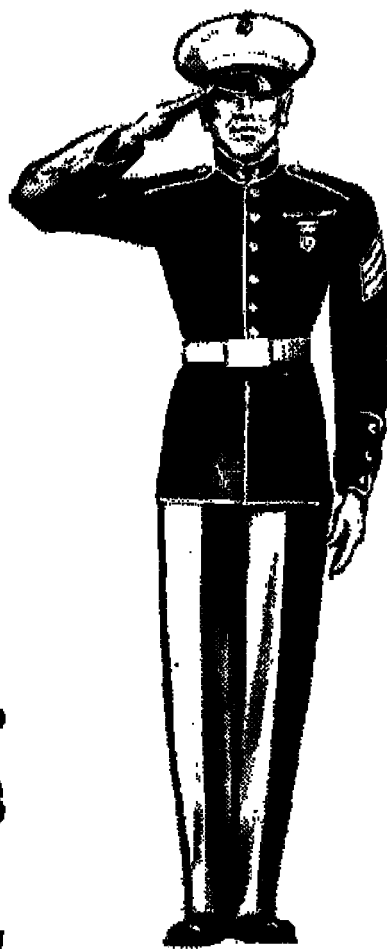
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# GHERKIN ACCUSES GHERKIN OF NOT WRITING A GHERKIN

Gunther's Gray Matter Gathers Moss; Cranial Capers Complete Loss

By GUNTHER GHERKIN

Editor's note—The West Coast furor stirred up by Gherkin's recent article on San Diego's boot camp, prompted Chevron Artist Bill Sheridan to picture an angle of the West Coast situation. See page 20.

Today I feel like my brother Gringle did a few months ago. Gringle carried a 75mm. cannon on his back for six hours through some of the most impenetrable jungle in the South Pacific. Then, after he arrived at the front and put the cannon down, he found that he had forgotten to load his pockets with ammunition.

In other words, zero hour on Parris Island finds me with a typewriter, paper, cigarettes, pencils, erasers, a few magazines, some letters, a bottle of glue—and no article.

There is no story by Gherkin this week. If you see anything, something must be wrong with your eyes, because I haven't written anything.

The last statement isn't strictly true. What I meant was that I haven't written anything that can be printed.

One of the articles, to be frank, is so bad that it makes Limburger cheese rival the scent of roses. And the other—well, the other one is pretty good, I think. It was quite an experience I described. But Maj. Cole, who has to pass on these things, shook his head when he read it.

"Very funny," he said to me, "But quite unprintable."

"How'd you like the one . . ." I began.

"There is a woman present," the major said, "Be careful."

"I meant the one on page four," I said. "Where I say to her . . ."

"There's a woman present," the major reminded me.

"Can't use the article, sir?" I asked.

"No."

"Make somebody mad, do you think, sir?"

"Only the Navy Dept.," he said. "But it happened, sir."

"Many things happen you can't write about. You know that, don't you?"

"Security, sir? Giving information to the enemy? I understand."

"I don't think this information would aid the enemy," he said, "but it would make a lot of new ones for you."

Then I suggested: "We couldn't change the names around and fix it up that way? I could write it like a letter to me from my cousin, Grishka Gherkinov, who is on the staff of the Velikovi-sochnaya Island Bootski. We could call the girl Iola PageFieldskaya, and refer to her as a Womanova Reservovitch."

The major regarded me coldly. "Do you read the newspapers, Gherkin?"

"Every Sunday, sir."

"Do you read the war news?"

"Yes, sir. I've been following Lt. Terry Lee all through his campaigns. Some gal, that Burma, don't you think, sir?"

"I mean the news, Gherkin. Not the comics."

"Sorry, sir. I didn't know there were other parts to the paper."

"Are you aware of the present activities of the Russian Army, Gherkin?"

"Yes, sir."

"Then," he thundered, "why do you want to go out of your way to make the Russians mad at us?"

"It wouldn't be going out of my way, sir."

The major sighed. "Now take this part, where you say that a WR knocked out three members of the boxing team who were ribbing you. Is that true?"

"Well, sir," I said. "It's this way . . ."

"Is it true?"

"No."

"And this other section, where you say you couldn't find a cab to Beaufort, and this same WR lifted you to her shoulder and carried you off the island. Did that happen?"

"Not exactly. What I mean is—"

"Is there a tiny segment of truth in that statement?"

He had me trapped. What could I say? "Sir," I said, "as long as you ask it that way, the answer is no, it didn't happen."

"Then why do you write it?"

"It sounded like a good idea, sir. You know I only weigh 135 pounds. She could probably do it."

"Who?"

"The girl in the article. Iola Pagefield."

"Who is Iola Pagefield?" the major demanded.

"I don't know, sir."

"You say," the major continued, bearing down on me, "that her job at Page Field is that of lifting pilots into their planes. Is that true?"

"No, sir."

The major was properly scornful by now. "Here you admit there is no such person as Iola Pagefield, yet you deliberately insult her. Insulting a person who does not exist is hitting them below the belt, Gherkin."

"But, major," I said. "If I insult people who do exist, they hit me above the belt. And then they belt me again."

The major thumbed through the article. He stopped at page eight. "If we ever printed this," he said, "you would probably be torn to bits by indignant WRs."

"What, sir?"

"Where you say that the WRs sing a song that goes: If the Army and the Navy ever get to Heaven's scenes, they will find the streets well gartered by the WR Marines."

I hung my head. That wasn't a nice thing to say they sang, just because it sounded like a good joke.

"That's quite insulting," Major Cole said.

"I'm sorry, sir," I said humbly. "You know, Gherkin, that today is the deadline."

"Yes, sir."

"That if you don't produce a printable article today, you won't have anything in the Boot."

"I realize that, sir."

"You know it is your Marine task to write that column."

"I do, sir."

"What do you intend to do about it?"

I pondered. "Well, sir, I thought I might drop over to the tavern to have a coke and a sandwich to help me think it out."

Maj. Cole signalled two of his more burly assistants. They have nailed me to this chair. In front of this typewriter. At intervals they flog me severely with long whips, and shriek, "Write something funny! Write something funny!"

But you can't force genius. You can't create unless you've got that certain spark. So here I sit in front of the typewriter, unable to write a word. I can't think of anything. And that's why there is no column this week.

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— No Courtroom —

## USO Drawing Class Schedules Changed

The life drawing class conducted weekly in the USO Women's Club, Front and Ash St., will convene regularly on Monday nights from 1930 until 2230.

Thursday night meetings of the water color class in the USO Club, 635 C St., have been changed to Wednesday evenings at 1930.

Other activities of the Front and Ash St. club include a Cabaret dance every Wednesday from 1930 until 2330.

## 5th Frolics Next Week

### Performances Scheduled At Three Theaters

CAMP PENDLETON — Gertrude — no other name or characteristic revealed — was announced this week as the leading character by 5th Mar. Div. sponsors of the "Fifth Frolics of 1944," to be given at the 14, 15 and 17 area theaters on July 11, 12 and 13 respectively. All shows will start at 1800.

Corp. Tubby Oliver of the 5th's morale office, producer of the show, also announced that two of the division chaplains will present a sparkling comedy skit. Other highlights will be Sgt. Al Calola and his five sextet and Sgt. Paul Palookavich, former violinist with the Morton Gould orchestra, who will play original harmonica novelties.

— Bay View —

## International Dance Aboard U. S. Carrier

AN INDIAN OCEAN PORT (Delayed)—Take it from the sailors and Marines of a U. S. aircraft carrier, there is nothing like good music and a smooth dance floor to help cement international relations.

Enlisted men of a famous carrier played host today to 60 British girls of the Women's Royal Naval Service. The hangar deck was swabbed, spread liberally with cotinmeal, and hung with pennants. A refreshment stand was put up and the ship's "admiral's cabin" taken over for a powder room. — TSgt. Hal Goodwin, combat correspondent.

— March Friendly —

The only trouble with Marines, says Minnie, is that they are either too young or shipped out.

## Screen Guide

### BASE THEATER

(Show time: 1730 and 2000, except Tuesday and Saturday, 1930 only.)

Today—Lady in the Dark, Milland-Rogers.

Sunday—Broadway Rhythm, Murphy-Simms.

Monday—Brisco Kid, Cagney-Lundberg.

Tuesday—Halls of Montezuma broadcast, 1930, followed by Marine Variety Show.

Wednesday—Shine on Harvest Moon, Morgan-Sheridan.

Thursday—Miracle of Morgan's Creek, Bracken-Hutton.

Friday—Ladies Courageous, Young-Fitzgerald.

### CAMP MATTHEWS

1745

Today—Old Acquaintance, Davis-Hopkins.

Sunday—The Sullivan, Mitchell-Baxter.

Monday—Lady in the Dark, Milland-Rogers.

Tuesday—Broadway Rhythm, Murphy-Simms.

Wednesday—Doughboys in Ireland, Baker-Donnelly.

Thursday—Boxing Matches, No movie.

Friday—Shine on Harvest Moon, Morgan-Sheridan.

### MCAN, MEANAN

(Four Shows—0915, 1400, 1745, 2000)

Today—White Cliffs of Dover, Marshall-Dunne.

Sunday and Monday—Marine Raiders, O'Brien-Ryan.

Tuesday—South of Dixie, Bruce-Gwynn.

Wednesday—Good Night, Sweetheart, Terry-Livingston.

Thursday—Waterfront, Carradine-Nash.

Friday—Step Lively, Slaughter-Menjou.

### Other Orders

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## Information Unit Opened In L. A.

LOS ANGELES.—A Servicemen's Information Center has been opened in Pershing Square here to supply uniformed visitors with general information and to advise them about sleeping accommodations, points of interest, and recreational opportunities.

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STAMINA PLUS. Leading the way for victorious Leathernecks in the 2nd annual Mission Bay marathon swim last week-end were, from left: PFC. Cornelius Butler, Pvt. Anthony Grich and PFC. John Harris. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey O. Payne.)

# Marines Gather Four Trophies In Bay Swim

## Butler Tops List As 19 Out Of 22 Starters Finish

With an almost unbelievable percentage of 19 finishers out of 22 men starting in the half-mile grind through goose-pimpling, 59-degree water, MCB repeated its victory of a year ago in the annual Mission Bay marathon swim last Sunday.

The Leathernecks, led by PFC. Cornelius Butler, an instructor at the Base pool, reaped a four-cup harvest from the CorVair-sponsored event, took great satisfaction in swamping rival NTC in the team event and doffed their bathing caps to ChSp. Paul Wolf of Navy, who led the entire pack, and Muriel Mellon, crack San Diego mermaid who came in second.

**LEADS MARINES**

Butler was third to reach the opposite shore after battling rip tides and chilly water. His time, 15 minutes and 32 seconds, compared favorably with Wolf's 13:29 and Miss Mellon's 14:47.

Wolf's victory in the open division left military honors to Butler. Smaller trophies went to Pvt. Anthony Grich, third in the open, and PFC. John Harris, third in the military class. Grich's time was 16:46; Harris's, 17:34.

**(CLOSELY GROUPED)**

Back of them came the following Marines:

- PFC. Ben Sloane, 18:11; Pvt. Eugene Hy, 18:18; PFC. Joe Maslan, El Toro, 18:30; PFC. Clarence Pelpinski, 18:48; PFC. John Javencan, 19:08; PFC. David Zajac, 19:29; PFC. Richard Edlund, 19:55; Ed Davidge, 20:51; PFC. Allan Welch, 21:35; PFC. Richard Gishnech, 21:52; PFC. Robert Kindinger, 21:33; Pvt. Robert Arnold, 22:53; Pvt. Clark Surato, 24:47; C. C. Ward, 24:49; Pvt. John Lautz, 27:13; Pvt. Ora Randall, 37:10, and PFC. Leonard Brazil, 40:22.

## Contract Awarded For Matthews Pool

**CAMP MATTHEWS**—Award of a \$29,468 contract to build a boiler house and install equipment to heat the combat training pool now under construction at this rifle range was announced this week by 11th Naval Dist. The pool is expected to be ready for use about July 15 with unheated water.

Three tennis courts and two handball courts were completed recently and are now in use. The new bowling alleys will be in operation in about a month, with work on the building housing them now nearly complete. Work of enlarging the post office here is about 80 per cent complete.

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## MCB Tennis Team Wins By Forfeit

Victory came the easy way, by default, for MCB's entry in the 11th Naval Dist. Tennis League last week but the Leathernecks braced themselves for stiffer competition to come as they faced AGB-2 late this week.

Next scheduled match for the seven-man unit comes next Thursday against Repair Base on the Navy Field courts, starting at 1030.

League matches consist of four singles and two doubles. The current MCB lineup sends MTSgt. Leslie Caskey, SttSgt. Roger Carney, PFC. George Seidel and Pvt. James Beall into the singles. Doubles combinations are: Corp. Harold Bregan and Pvt. Beall, Corp. Abel C. Malton and Pvt. Bob Olson.

Casual-5, a Navy team, defaulted to the Marines last week.

## Corps Recommender, Marine Meet Again

**CHICAGO**—One of the first persons Corp. Allen Collin looked up here while home on a furlough was a streetcar conductor who talked him into joining the Corps two years ago when he was 17 years of age.

The conductor, himself an ex-Marine, and the Leatherneck toured the town while Collin related his experiences as a radio-gunner.

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# THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC. VICTOR H. LEEDING

In the Marine Corps you take nothing for granted, so any talk of Lt. Marty Brill getting a survey to accept a job as coach of a professional football club has to be with tongue in cheek.

But that's the way the tongue was pointing up at Portland, Ore., this week when heads of the newly-franchised club there indicated that the ex-North Dame star, now at Camp Pendleton, was being considered.

An INS dispatch from the Oregon metropolis reported Lt. Brill as expecting a discharge because of age, which could be in light of a recent Washington directive permitting reserve officers over 38 years old to apply for inactive status.

## TOO FEW LINKS

Among 10 sports poll questions compiled by Tommy Armour for Esquire was this one:

"Do you think the golfing facilities at the military camps will produce an appreciable increase in the number of golfers?"

The answer (in Esquire's July issue) was: 54.31 per cent "yes," which may or may not be indicative, depending on the locale. The low average came from the fact that too few of the camps have facilities. Where there were links handy, a pickup in the golf crop was predicted.

Marines intensely interested in the game probably will find the answers to some of Armour's other questions more paramount, such as:

1. If Walter Hagen, Bobby Jones, Gene Sarazen, Byron Nelson, Craig Wood and Ben Hogan were playing in a golf tournament, which one would you follow? Ans., Bobby Jones, 50.61 per cent.
2. Who is your choice as the most colorful golfer of all time? Ans., Walter Hagen, 50.73 per cent.
3. Who is your choice as the greatest golfer of all time? Ans., Bobby Jones, 52.37 per cent.
4. What shot do you like best to see in golf? Ans., Approach, 33.31 per cent.

## AN OLD HOGAN CUSTOM

Elsewhere along the sports trail: Losing golf playoffs is an old habit with Lt. Ben Hogan, so nobody was shocked when the long-hitting Texan finished three strokes behind Jug McSpaden, the season's leading money winner, in the run-off for the Chicago Victory National championship.

Baseball next Tuesday turns its attention to the annual all-star game at Pittsburgh, but Washington's George Case won't be in there for the American Leaguers.

He suffered a dislocated shoulder in a fielding mishap this week.

Army SttSgt. Max Baer, former world's heavyweight boxing champion, says an old neck injury, suffered in his fight with Lou Nova, is causing his left arm to "dry up and lose its effectiveness."

## NEW SWIM RECORD

San Francisco claimed a new Far Western AAU swimming record for its women's middle team of Marion Pontac, Lorraine Fisher and Ann Curtis, who did 300 meters in 4:04.3. . . . Pittsburgh might be able to claim a new National League record in "games tied" before the 1941 season is over, but Frankie Frisch isn't a bit interested in it. . . . He'd settle for a "most games won" record anytime.

Pitcher Jack Brewer, surveyed by Navy, hooked on with the New York Giants this week. . . . Ed Kuhale, one-time coach of Centre College's "Praying Colonels," will succeed Aldo (Buff) Donelli as line coach of the Brooklyn Tigers in the National Pro Football League.

Stan Musial scouted by Dixie Walker in the National League batting race last week, but he didn't get to enjoy the distinction long. . . . Also of note was the day the Chicago Cubs slipped out of the National League cellar, while the Boston Braves weren't looking.

## Cleveland Fighter Back From Islands

**MCAD, MIRAMAR** -- MTSgt. Emeric J. Podpader of Cleveland, O., who fought under the ring name of "Johnny Paddy" as a lightweight, recently returned here after service with an aviation squadron in the Southwest Pacific area.

Fishing for barracuda and tuna in the South Sea surf was a favorite sport of Marines at his station, he reported. His cousin is the well known heavyweight, Eddie Simms, whom he is visiting at his San Diego home.

## Distinguished Men Referee At Lejeune

**CAMP LEJEUNE**—Marines here have two distinguished referees for their boxing shows. WO. Donald L. Truesdell of Lugoff, S. C., is introduced as "one of the few living Marines holding the Medal of Honor," while Col. Harvey L. Miller formerly was president of the National Boxing Association.

## Base WRs Join Softball Loop

The Base WR Bu. softball team became a member of the Women's Softball League sponsored by the San Diego Recreation Dept., 2dLt. Emily Schultz, manager of the team, announced this week.

A double round-robin schedule with aircraft factory nines will commence next week, with games scheduled under the lights at the Horace Mann, University Heights and Central playgrounds.

Invitation to join the circuit came after the WRs had posted two close wins over MCAD, Miramar. Scores were: 10 to 9 there and 11 to 9 here. Outstanding players included Corp. Ola Richardson and PFCs. Vera Day and Ethel Dayton. Corp. Richardson and PFC. Dayton each collected three hits in four trips to the plate in the return game here.

Tuesday the Base WRs dropped a 7-to-6 decision to a visiting Camp Elliott WR team.

## QM School Bowler Wins Weekly Prize

Some of the lads were ready to bet that this was the week TSgt. Mike Banach makes his periodical collection of cigarettes at the PX Bowling Alleys, but the lads didn't take into account a 240 game rolled by Pvt. L. J. Johnson of QM School. It marked the first time Johnson had tossed his hat into the prize ring.

With the first round ended, Sgt. M. J. Mignaud and his Marine kegling mates are leading the Tower "850" Scratch League, but their margin is a slim one.

## NTC Defeats Marine Airmen In Practice

**NORTH ISLAND**—Eddie Buchman's triple helped NTC to an 8-to-3 victory over ABC-2 in a practice baseball game on the Blue-jackets' diamond this week.

Score:	R.	H.	E.
ABC-2	3	7	6
Naval Training	8	10	4
Main and Southern: Johnny and Cameron.			

## Bard Confirmed

**WASHINGTON**—The nomination of Asst. Secy. of the Navy Ralph A. Bard to be Under Secy. of the Navy has been confirmed by the Senate.

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**WHAT, NO BULLDOG?** These WRs of Hq. Washington, prefer "Sgt. Jigger O'Meara," brown and white cocker spaniel, as a mascot when they play football in the D. C. Recreation and Sports Center Girls' leagues. From left, front row: Sgt. Florence Bieher, Entery, Pa.; Corp. Rose Marcello, Theadours, La.; Sgt. Chrystal Allen, Los Angeles; Corp. Janie Sheppard, Blooming Grove, Tex.; PFC.

Eleanor Kellither, Chicago; Sgt. Grace Carle, West Point, Neb., and PFC. Mary Jane Smith, Salamanca, N. Y. Back row: Corp. Vivian Marcotte, Cambridge, Mass.; Corp. Hazel Hultner, St. Paul, Minn.; 2d Lt. Jean L. Petersen, Omaha, Neb.; Corp. Jane Meyer, Grand Forks, N. D.; PFC. Evelyn Duffy, New Bedford, Mass.; Sgt. Delores Adler, Cross Plains, Wis.; Corp. Virginia Frederick, East Orange, N. J., and PFC. Palay Wilson, Detroit.

# Football Big Factor In Corps' Success

**By Sgt. Charles B. Kelp**  
**Combat Correspondent**

**CAMP LEJEUNE**—In the opinion of a man who has represented the Marine Corps against athletic competition ranging from your college alma mater to the best the Japanese could offer, U. S. armed services are deeply indebted to sports, especially to football.

"Football teaches incomparable physical care, tactics, deception, reconnaissance, spirit and teamwork, even more than the other games," says Col. George W. McHenry of Dana, Ill., new Training Center CO here.

The colonel doesn't believe there is an ounce of prejudice in the favored spot he gives football over baseball, rugby and other athletics, although he "did play baseball and rugby against the Japanese while serving in China."

"Our competition with the Japs was nip-and-tuck," he recalls. "That was back in 1933-35 when the Japanese were bending over backward to be friendly and diplomatic."

Col. McHenry is a Corps athletic product. He has been a player, manager and coach of Leatherneck football, baseball, basketball, soccer, track and ice hockey teams. He was a guard on the famous Quantico (Va.) Marine football club from 1921 through 1925.

In 1931 he was head coach of the Marine grid squad. He also tutored the Quantico baseball, basketball, boxing and wrestling teams.

"These all-Marine outfits endowed our esprit de corps," Col. McHenry declares. They boasted some of the most colorful Marines between Belleau-Wood and Guadalcanal.

"Sports helped prepare us for

war and now they're helping us win it," he states with satisfaction.

Between his playing and coaching days, Col. McHenry won the Navy Cross for gallant fighting against bandit patrols in Nicaragua. He went into this war with 20 years of service behind him, including World War I when he was a first sergeant.

Last November found Col. McHenry in the Bougainville assault. He and his son, Capt. George W. McHenry Jr., were members of the same outfit there.

# RD Fight Bars Lift

## Depot Personnel May Now Witness Weekly Programs

Permanent personnel attached to RD this week received good entertainment news when the attendance bars at the Amphitheater, heretofore lowered to all except recruits, were lifted.

Beginning tonight they and their friends will be admitted to the weekly shows and if Corp. Marty Schwartz and PFC. Quentin (Baby) Breeze produce matches like they did last Saturday night, the hungriest fan on the compound will have been rewarded for his time.

**GOOD DRAW**

The heralded scrap between Pts. Pedro Montoya of El Centro, Cal., and V. C. Mitchell of Ringling, Okla., lightweights, turned out to be all that Coaches Schwartz and Breeze predicted, and then some, as they battled to a well-received draw.

Running that one a close second for action was a punching bee between light-heavyweights, in which Pvt. Pete Fransick of Sacramento, Cal., decimated Pvt. Robert Chapman of Aurora, Ill. Other results:

Lightweights — Pvt. Edwin Turnbull, Tacoma, Wash., TKO'd Pvt. Donald Braden, Pueblo, Colo., in the second.

Middleweights — Pvt. Howard Peters, St. Paul, Minn., decimated Pvt. Henry Gros, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Pvt. Virgil Buckley, St. Louis, Mo., decimated Pvt. Henry Alvis, Birmingham, Ill.

Welterweights — Pts. John J. Joveli, Chicago, Ill., and Clemente Perez, Brownsville, Tex., drew; Pts. Tony Lopez of Frederick, Conn., and Joseph Green, Clinton, Pa., drew.

Lightweights — Pvt. Francisco Sanchez, El Paso, Tex., decimated Pvt. Charles Gifford, Memphis, Tenn.

# Saipan Invader Gets 'Shiner' But Not From Japs

**SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS**—Not satisfied with the amount of fighting the Japs are giving him, Sgt. William P. Robinson of Brooklyn and Syracuse, N. Y., made the assault on this island with a black eye handed him by an American sailor, reports Sgt. John B. T. Campbell Jr., a combat correspondent.

Sgt. Robinson is light-heavyweight boxing champion of his artillery unit and caught the "shiner" in a bout held aboard ship a few days before his outfit storied ashore. He has never lost a fight since joining the Corps and his tour has included nine tournaments and a score of smooch scraps.

Once, at Quantico, Va., his wife crawled into the ring and warned Robinson's stunned opponent to "stop hurting my husband." The sergeant saw to that himself in the next round.

# Marine Yields To Seabee In Finals

**SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS**—A hard-working Seabee who proudly proclaims he's a "Tennessee hill-billy" is the champion table tennis player of this area.

GM3/c. Ralph W. Radcliffe of Knoxville won the championship in an all-service tournament, defeating a Marine in the finals, reports Sgt. William C. Harris, combat correspondent. At Knoxville he starred in football, basketball, track and softball.

# Naval District Softball

Results of 11th Naval Dist League softball games played this week follow:

	R	H	E
MCH Signal Bn.	1	3	2
Comd. Amphib. Base	4	4	0
Mass and Mine, Pike and Depot Bns.	0	1	1
MCH Headquarters Bn.	0	1	1
Frontier Bn.	3	7	2
Triton and Cybernetics, Mechanics, Wings and Glode	2	4	1
NAS Marine Guard	1	4	4
Milwaukee ATR-131	1	4	4
Masey and Mangert, Chicago and Health	2	7	0
MCH Service Bn.	0	1	3
Lewis and Dean, Depot and SanDiego	6	11	1
NPC Post Office	0	0	0
Marine West	0	0	0
Thunderpass and Williams, Instrument and Zanthranon	0	0	0
Liberty, Dents	0	0	0
Flag Marines	10	17	3
Whiting and Pierpont, Detroit and Ripper	3	1	2
Milwaukee WSS-4	3	1	2
Amphibious Engineers	4	2	2
Cumner and Pierpont, Washington and Lockport	0	0	0

**NEXT WEEK'S GAMES**

Monday — Miramar IBM vs Navy Field, 1700; MCH Gd. Bn. vs. Support-2, 1700; Miramar WSS-4 vs. Camp Liberty Dents, 1700; NAS Dinos vs Marine West, 1730.

Tuesday — NAS Marine Gd. vs. MCH Sig. Bn., 1730; Miramar ATR-131 vs. Insp. No. 1, 1700; Miramar Pers. vs. Miramar QM, 1730.

Wednesday — MCH Gd. Bn. vs. NAS Amphibious, 1730; Support-6 vs. Marine West, 1730; Miramar WSS-4 vs. Flag Marines, 1730.

Thursday — Miramar ATR-131 vs. NAS Bluejays, 1730; USNH vs MCH Sig. Bn., 1700.

Friday — MCH Gd. Bn. vs. Shore Patrol, 1700; NAS Red vs. Miramar QM, 1730; Miramar Pers. vs. MCH Gd. Bn., 1700.

**Marine Friendly**

**Lit Up Island**

**USNH, OAKLAND**—Just before Japs counter-attacked about 0200 one morning on Eniwetok atoll, they sent up flares which lit up the entire island, according to Corp. Samuel L. Griffin of Wynnewhoco, Miss.

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# Ex-Jockey Preparing

## Veteran Of Two Wars Snapping In With Artillery

By Staff Sgt. Allen Schumers  
Combat Correspondent

CAMP PENDLETON—His buddies have called him "Jockey" for nearly 27 years. That's natural enough because he was a professional jockey when he enlisted April 6, 1917.

But his 5 feet 2 inches of height in 1917 was not indicative of Sgt. Maj. Maxwell M. K. Smith's fighting spirit. With only his thinning and slightly gray hair indicating his 43 years, he has earned 14 medals and ribbons and has participated in seven battles and nearly a score of expeditions.

**SAME OLD "JOCKEY"**

Today Sgt. Maj. Smith, who hails from Amsterdam, N. Y., is 5 feet 7 1/2 inches tall. Twenty-seven years of fighting and traveling the world's waterways would change anyone, he declares, but his old buddies won't admit it changed "Jockey."

He's the same calm, efficient Marine he was when he won the Purple Heart twice, the Silver Star and the Croix de Guerre for heroism in the last war. And the same enthusiasm for a good fight is evident today in the former Navy lightweight boxing champ. His eyes sparkle when he tells of the Battle of Savo Island, when he was stationed aboard a battleship.

**FOND MEMORIES**

He also participated in a sea battle against the Nazis in this war and five land offensives in the last war. His fondest memories are those of Marines he fought with in France, such as: Brig. Gen. L. W. T. Waller Jr., Brig. Gen. Matthew H. Kingman, now commanding general of MCB, the late Lt. Gen. John A. Lejeune and Col. W. A. Woron.

He is preparing for battle again, this time with a field artillery unit.

**— Obey Orders —**

**Breaks Laming Streak**

CAMP PENDLETON—Although it has dropped two of its last three starts, the MB Hq. Co. softball team continues to roll along in fair style. After losing to USNH Corpsermen, 8 to 4, and to Fallbrook, 4 to 3, the MB club hammered out a 9-to-2 victory over 5th Div. MT Bn., with PFC. Jack Langevin icing the game with a homer.

**— Salute Sincerely —**

**Skeleton**—A man with his inside out and his outside off.



LT. VINCENT A. DAIGLER  
... played at Notre Dame

# Ex-Notre Dame Gridder Injured By Jap Grenade

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Wounded at Cape Gloucester while trying to dispose of a live Jap grenade, 1st Lt. Vincent A. Daigler of Kenmore, N. Y., is hospitalized for treatment here.

The Japs were dug in deep on a ridge and were holding up the advance of the former Notre Dame football player's rifle platoon when the enemy grenade struck approximately three feet from the Marine officer and four of his men.

**NOT QUICKLY ENOUGH**

The grenade exploded as Lt. Daigler grabbed at it, shrapnel striking him in the face and side. None of the four men near was injured and one made a quick end of the thrower. Six hours later Lt. Daigler's helpers placed him on the bench where he underwent an emergency operation.

In the Corps two years, the former Irish gridman spent 18 months in the South Pacific, several of them on Guadalcanal.

**— Use V-Mail —**

**Lt. Bertelli Weds**

HOLYOKE, Mass.—According to a United Press dispatch, 2d Lt. Angelo Bertelli, ex-Notre Dame backfield ace who recently was commissioned by the Corps, will be married today to Gilda Tasseroni at West Springfield, Mass.

**— Buy War Bonds —**

First Mother: "Has your son learned a special skill in the Corps?"

Second Mother: "My, yes. He can now open a bottle of beer with a half dollar."

# Marines Care For Saipan Civilians

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Marines and Seabees on this island have discovered that not everything you need to know about war is taught in training camps.

One of the by-products of the fighting here has been the caring for hundreds of civilian refugees who have thrown themselves on the mercy of invading troops. Navy doctors have treated their wounded, Marines have shared rations with them and chaplains have buried their dead.

These civilians began surrendering by the hundreds shortly after we landed here. The town of Charan Kanna, with a population of about 3,000, accounted for most of them, who had evacuated their homes when our planes dropped safe conduct leaflets shortly before our naval bombardment began. Sgt. David Dempsey, combat correspondent.

**— Stop Loose Talk —**

# Warning Issued On Check Forgers

Service families and San Diego merchants were warned this week to be constantly on the alert against forgers and thieves of government checks, as 11th Nav. Dist. in cooperation with secret service agents started a campaign to help protect Navy personnel and their dependents against such crimes.

In many cases, it was pointed out, checks have been stolen from mail boxes along with letters. The criminal then has used the letters as identification while cashing the check.

Service families receiving monthly allotment checks were warned to equip mail boxes with locks while merchants were told to make positive identification before cashing government checks.

**— Keep Clean —**

# Pulmotor Available At Base Dispensary

A pulmotor is now available at the Base Dispensary in Bldg. 12. Its use, in the event of mishaps on the Base, may be obtained by telephoning the O.D. at the dispensary, MCB Ext. 542.

**— Write Home —**

A half breed is a man with a cold in one nostril.

# Promotions

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Col. Francis E. Pierce, CO of Pers. Grp. here, was recently promoted to his present rank. Col. Pierce began his military service in 1906 and first saw action the following year at Bluefields, Nicaragua. He has served in Haiti, Guantanamo Bay, Santo Domingo and the Panama Canal Zone.

CAMP PENDLETON—1st Lt. Michael J. Hogan, assistant adjutant in charge of the enlisted personnel section, PMF, San Diego area, has been promoted to captain.

# Feeling Of Being Wounded Told By Marine Veterans

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—How does it feel to be hit by a bullet, or get socked by a piece of shrapnel?

Marines at a naval hospital, all veterans of recent fighting in the Marshall Islands, tried to recollect their emotions at the time they were injured. They furnished a set of interesting reactions.

The following thoughts occurred to the men involved just prior to the realization that they had been wounded:

"I felt as if I had sat on a bed of hot coals," said Pvt. James B. Pruitt of Henderson, Ky., who was hit in the legs and thighs.

"Thought a mortar shell had gone off right by my ear. It was the bullet exploding"—PFC. James K. Pippin of Chattanooga, Tenn.

"Seemed like a 10-ton truck had hit me in the shoulder"—PFC. John M. Harill of Sharon, Pa.

"All I saw was a red flash in front of my machine gun, and here I am"—PFC. Maurice Burden of McHenry, Ky.

"Felt like someone kicked me in the back with his shoe"—Pvt. Gordon J. Randell of Indianapolis, Ind.

"This isn't bad at all"—PFC. Quenton C. Berge of Northville, N. Y., who thought he was dead.

"Everything went black and I seemed to be slipping hundreds of feet in the air"—PFC. Donald

L. Ledger of Menomonee Falls, Wis.—Sgt. Murray Lewis, combat correspondent.

**— Be Courteous —**

# Slogans Fit All Ideas Overseas

LOS ANGELES—First civilian to set foot on Kwajalein, Matthew J. Howard, Red Cross field director, returned here this week. He said optimists in the service have a slogan—"Back alive in '45"—while pessimists have another—"Golden Gate in '48".

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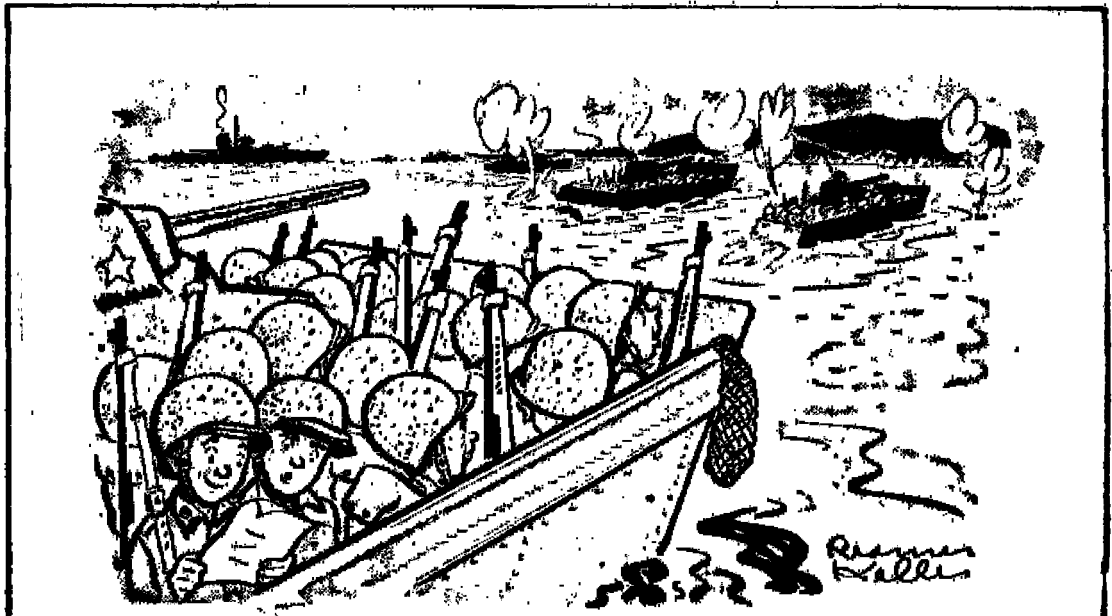
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# Coast Guardsman Prevents Shutout

CAMP LEJEUNE—A Coast Guardsman saved the Lejeune Marine boxing team from absorbing a shutout at the hands of the Cherry Point Marines in a recent match.

Victorious CP fighters included

ed Corps. Patrick Bogroam and Ray Klingmeyer, PFC's. Joe Miralaguita, Tony Reilly and James McEaden. The visiting team's only loser was PFC. Laverne Roach, who dropped a decision to Seaman Joseph Varoff.



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**GOLDFISH** Canned salmon.

**BOONDOCKS** The wild back country.

**C.Q.**—Charge-of-Quarters. The NCO in charge of barracks.

**FIELD DAY**—Day given over to cleaning barracks or ship, usually just preceding inspection.

**MUSTANG**—Officer who came up from the ranks.