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not be stopped.—
Lt. Gen. Alexander
A. Vandegrift.

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Our enemies must
suffer total defeat.
— Under Sonny, of
the Navy Band.

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New Base CG Named

MCB Command Taken Over By Brig. Gen. Howard

Brig. Gen. Archie Franklin Howard, who returned recently from nearly two years' service in the South Pacific, this week assumed command of the Base, succeeding Brig. Gen. Matthew H. Kingman.

Gen. Howard, a Marine for nearly three decades, went to the South Pacific in October, 1942, with the 1st MAC. From July, 1943, to June, 1944, he served as commanding general of all joint forces in the Solomon Islands, a service for which he was recently presented the DSM by the Army.

TO INACTIVE LIST

Gen. Kingman, also a Marine of many years' service, has been placed on the inactive list and will go to his farm in his native Iowa. He has commanded the Base twice during World War II—from Mar. 18 to Apr. 4, 1942, and since April of this year. Between those periods, he served as commanding general of TC, Camp Elliott.

Gen. Howard was commissioned a second lieutenant in 1915 on his graduation from the Naval Academy. He has served aboard a number of ships of the fleet and at various stations in this country and abroad. In January, 1941, he was appointed commandant of the Marine Corps Schools. From May, 1941, until July, 1943, he was chief of staff of the 1st MAC.

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— March Forward —

FDR, MacArthur And Nimitz Meet

President Roosevelt has been in Honolulu for three days conferring with Adm. Chester Nimitz and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. It was disclosed in Washington Thursday.

The chief executive was disclosed to have spent July 19, 20 and 21 at MCB. On July 30 he witnessed a full-scale amphibious landing staged for him by the entire 5th Div. as he sat in a car on a seashore bluff at Camp Pendleton.

What's This? Navy Got There First!

GUAM, Aug. 7 (AP)—"Welcome Marines" read a sign that greeted surprised Leatherneck assault waves storming a Guam beach.

The board sign had been planted in the sand by an American Navy gunner's mate, H. I. Green, Navy Lt. William G. Carberry of Covington, Ky., said the premature landing of the gunner's mate was not exactly regulation and smiled as he added Green had been "disciplined."

— No Comments —

Stand Of Marine Garrison At Guam Told By Survivor

Navy Man Escapes Enemy, Hides In Jungles Until Rescued By U. S. Warship

Leathernecks outnumbered at least 40 to 1 refused to retreat and battled the enemy with every available resource in an epic defense of Guam Island when it was overwhelmed by the Japanese at the outset of the Pacific war.

The story of a handful of Marines defending Guam has been told by Chief Radioman George Ray Tweed, USN, of San Diego, who has been rescued after hiding in the jungled mountains of Guam for nearly 1000 days—since Jap invaders captured the island Dec. 10, 1941.

Tweed was rescued from Guam by a U. S. warship after he attracted attention of a fighter pilot flying over his island hideout.

VALIANT DEFENSE

In the Admiral's cabin of a joint expeditionary flagship off the Marianas, Tweed told the story of the valiant defense of the island by the tiny Marine garrison:

"I was home asleep the morning (Continued on page 2)

— Bonds Or Bonanza? —

Dental Appointments Available In RD

Because of a temporary lull in dental activities in RD, Base personnel can get prompt dental attention by applying directly to the RD dental department instead of to the dental department at the Base dispensary. It was announced this week.



MOVING UP. Marines push forward through dense jungle on the island of Guam. Muddy streams and thick vegetation made the going difficult as assault troops pushed inland from their beachheads to meet stubborn defenders.

A Saga Of Bravery

Chonito Ridge

By PFC. Cyril O'Brien

GUAM (Delayed)—When a Marine company was faced with annihilation after it had failed three times to storm the face of Chonito Ridge, a second company took the ridge from behind.

The second company's advance was up two 60-degree slopes. Its only concealment was ankle high grass. The hills above were fortified each by two enemy defense lines—one on the crests, another on the flat summits.

The Marines of the second company first advanced up the naked slopes, but were thrown back before a hundred yards had been covered.

Gathering all available men, they tried to rush the hills again under cover of dusk. A squad leader, wounded in the leg as he led the advance, shouted to his assistant squad leader, "Take over, Hully!" Then, he attempted to return to cover. Machine gun fire hit him. He tumbled dead to the bottom of the slope.

With only a clip of ammunition per man, the company assaulted again in the morning. This time a lieutenant reached the top of the hill, but was killed there by a grenade. An automatic rifleman advanced to within 20 yards of a machine gun nest before the gun cut him down. One man was hit 13 times before he had gone 20 yards. He is still alive.

"They knew there was not a prayer of a chance of getting up those slopes," said 1st Lt. French R. Eagle of St. Mary's, W. Va. "Yet they kept rushing and falling."

Dozen Blast Way to Top of Ridge

That afternoon, the company tried to storm the ridge again. Little more than a dozen of the men reached the top of Chonito. They jumped into a slit trench, 25 yards from the Jap entrenchments. In the trench were four men of the first company, which had tried to take the hill from the front. They had been there for 36 hours.

Three of them were wounded, the fourth was dead. The Japanese showered the trench with grenades. The Marines were battling them away with their hands.

Saying that they would never make the final 25 yards without assistance, the Marines signaled for a mortar barrage. They were willing to risk being knocked out by it themselves.

In the wake of the barrage, the remaining handful of Marines charged into the Jap positions. They found only one Jap alive. His legs had been blown off below the knees.

There were not three whole enemy bodies to be seen. Two enemy officers, sporting new equipment, had evidently killed each other. One had a samurai sword imbedded in his neck. The other, his sword scabbard empty, had a bullet hole in his forehead. Two Jap riflemen were huddled together, as if seeking by companionship to protect themselves from the flying fragments of the 81s.

The top of the hill was furrowed with shallow spider trenches. They wound aimlessly about the summit like the tracks of a huge worm.

The body of a Marine lieutenant still defied a Jap machine gun nest. Two Japs inside had bullets through their heads. The Marine (Continued on Page 2)

Guam Falls To Marines

Complete Control Of Island Seized In 20-Day Drive

Relentlessly attacking Marines have completed their conquest of Guam, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz's Pearl Harbor headquarters announced late Wednesday following the capture of 870-foot Mt. Santa Rosa dominating the northeast shore.

Adm. Nimitz announced that remnants of the once-powerful Japanese garrison on Guam are now surrounded inland from Pali point on the northeast coast and are expected to be liquidated soon. Remaining Japanese on the island are under heavy pressure.

20-DAY FIGHT

Re-conquest of Guam, seized from a garrison of 145 Marines in the first days of the Pacific war, took 20 days.

Successful occupation of Guam, Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas put American forces in position for future operations against the Japanese homeland.

Cleaning up Guam, Leathernecks drove a center wedge into the remaining Jap position threatening to cut the doomed force in two after capture of Mt. Santa Rosa.

HEAVY CASUALTIES

Adm. Nimitz' communique listed counted enemy dead since the invasion opened July 20 at more than 10,000—not taking into account the Japs buried en masse in a cemetery since overrun.

Moving north, assault forces (Continued on Page 2)

— No Comments —

Speeders To Face Loss Of Gasoline

MCB auto owners arrested for speeding will face suspension of their gasoline rations for a period decreed by the Base rationing board in addition to payment of their fines to civilian authorities, it was made clear this week.

In addition to the fact that OPA has set the 35-mile-an-hour speed limit to conserve rubber, a like directive issued by the President remains an order for military personnel, drivers were reminded.

Notice of driving violations is received by the Base rationing board through OPA, with whom violations are filed by the California Highway Patrol.

— Stand Erect —

Guam Marine Misses Landing

GUAM (Delayed)—Marines stormed the beaches of Guam today, but a Chamorro kid called "Peto" didn't make the landing on his homeland.

Peto was a corporal who spent the first 17 years of his life in Guam's largest city, Agaña. He went to the U. S. in 1937 for a college education.

Since the war began, he has had two objectives in life: to help free his people, the Chamorros, of the Japanese yoke, and to learn to fly.

While aboard a Navy transport bound for Guam, he realized his second desire at the cost of his first—his orders for flight training came through.—Sgt. Bryan Puthan, combat correspondent.



COMMAND CHANGE. Brig. Gens. Archie F. Howard (left) and Matthew H. Kingman shake hands as former takes over command of MCB. The new CG was recently in command on Guadalcanal. (Photo by PFC. C. O. Turk).

Maj. O. E. Kelly Communications Officer For MCB

Maj. Oscar E. Kelly, former communications officer at Camp Lejeune, has reported to MCB as Base communications officer. He relieves Capt. Clarence E. Ellington, who was detached Aug. 1 for transfer overseas.

Capt. Charles Seiler joined Ser. Bn. from Depot QM, San Francisco, as Base reclamation and salvage officer as relief for Capt. Ingold H. Schermerhorn.

WO. Fulton B. Ward, assistant to the Base MT officer and Ser. Bn. athletic and recreation officer, was detached to the Amph. Trng. Command, Coronado.

2dLt. Ruth E. Gordon was named O-in-C of the MCB records section, with additional duty as personnel assignment officer for enlisted WRs.

GIVEN SEA DUTY

Lt. Comdr. Walter A. Mahler, (ChC) USN, will be detached for sea duty next Wednesday, he said this week. Succeeding him will be Lt. Francis N. Flaherty, (ChC) USNR, RD Catholic chaplain.

Chaplain Mahler came aboard the Base two years ago and has been senior chaplain since June, 1942. Prior to his duty here he served aboard the USS Medusa and the USS Astoria. He was aboard the latter ship, one day out of Pearl Harbor, on Dec. 7, 1941. He entered the service in March, 1930, and now holds the American Defense Medal with one star and the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Medal with two stars.

Lt. (jg), H. M. Elkins (HC), USN, personnel officer of the Base dispensary, was detached to MCAS, Newport, Ark.

1stLt. Beverly S. Dudley Jr., former assistant MP officer of the Base Gd. Bn., was detached to DOP for further transfer.

ARRIVES ON BASE

2dLt. Florence R. Bailey, transferred from procurement duty in Chicago, this week assumed duties of assistant Base rehabilitation officer, replacing Capt. Eleanor Gearhart, who has been detached to the Los Angeles rehabilitation office.

2dLt. Kathleen M. Winfree, former executive officer of the Base WR Bn., has been detached for duty as assistant Base PX officer. Lt. Winfree's former post has been assigned 2dLt. Marie R. Ryan, WR Bn. adjutant.

2dLt. Mary Ketch, former WR Bn. adjutant, has been named assistant Base MT officer.

GETS NEW DUTIES

MCAD, MIRAMAR 1stLt. Ruth E. L. Fecitt has been named CO of the new Aviation WR Grp. 3. The group will consist of Squadrons 4 and 5.

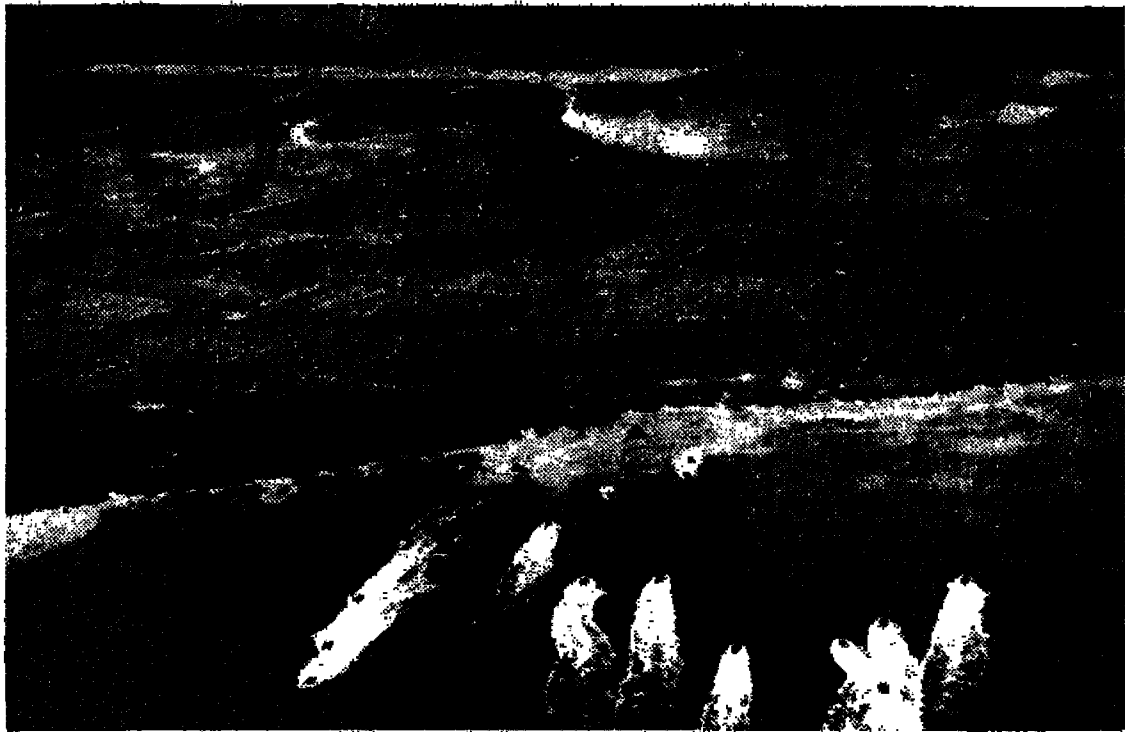
2dLt. Irene S. Gable has relieved Lt. Fecitt as CO of AWRB-4 and 2dLt. Beverly A. Cronk has assumed duties of CO of AWRB-5.

Executive officer of the new group is 2dLt. Mary K. Kline. 2dLt. Helen McBirney has been named executive officer of AWRB-4 and 2dLt. Francis Johnson has been named for that position in AWRB-5.

CHANGES OF DUTY

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

Brigadier Louis E. Woods from HQMC to aviation duty overseas; Col. Monroe S. Swanson from overseas to Depot of Sup., San Francisco; Lt. Col. Walker A. Heaves from overseas to HQMC; Kenneth J. McKee from Lakeland, N. J., to Camp Pendleton; Hayden Freeman from overseas to Camp Lejeune; Edward F. Doyle from overseas to Camp Pendleton; Raymond I. Murray from overseas to Quantico.



INVASION. Amphibious tractors and landing boats leave streaming white wakes as they scurry back and forth hauling 2nd and 4th Div. Marines from assault vessels to the Tinian beachhead. Smoke from bursting shell (top center) is near main objective—one of the Jap airstrips, visible in background. (Photo by 1stSgt. George C. Kress).

Stand Of Marine Garrison At Guam Told By Survivor

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of Dec. 8, 1941 (Dec. 7, U. S. time), when the chief radioman woke me up and said, 'Pearl Harbor has been bombed and the Japs are at war with us.' I got up at once and reported for duty.

"Four hours later—about 9 a.m.—the first Jap planes came over Guam. They came continuously for two days, bombing and strafing.

LOW ON AMMUNITION

"At sunset of the second day (Dec. 9) Jap transports showed up on the horizon. The Japs began landing about midnight.

"We had so few guns, so little ammunition, there wasn't much we could do to defend. We had only about 200 Marines, a few scattered naval personnel and the island defense company.

"The Marines of Cabras Island, a narrow strip of land off the harbor, armed only with machine guns, actually repulsed the Japs until their ammunition gave out. A couple of one-pound guns on ships in the harbor fired to the last while a single machine gun on Agaña height, above the town, the only 'anti-aircraft' battery we had, exhausted its ammunition.

STREET FIGHTING

"The Japs forced a landing and rolled into the town shooting.

"The Marines fought them street by street, house by house. One squad of Marines at the civilian jail had two tommy guns. They fought to the last."

Asked if the retreating Marines tried to defend the palace, Tweed looked surprised.

"The Marines didn't retreat," Tweed replied.

— Use V-Mail —

Brig. Gen. Howard Named Base CG

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He was promoted to his present rank Aug. 25, 1942.

Gen. Kingman participated in five major engagements in World War I. He was commissioned in 1913 and has served at sea and at a number of foreign posts.

Chonito Ridge

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was kneeling forward, his carbine across his lap. The side of his head had been smashed. An American grenade, which did not explode, lay between the two Japs.

Artillery and mortar shells also pounded the hill which the company had failed to take. When the barrage lifted, Capt. William E. Moore of Sierra Madre, Cal., company CO, ventured with a patrol to its peak. Not a single enemy gun opened fire.

Here the captain found the same situation: bodies of the enemy, huddled in narrow trenches.

Up the slopes Marine dead formed an uneven line. Most of them had their feet dug into the soil, as if ready to charge again.

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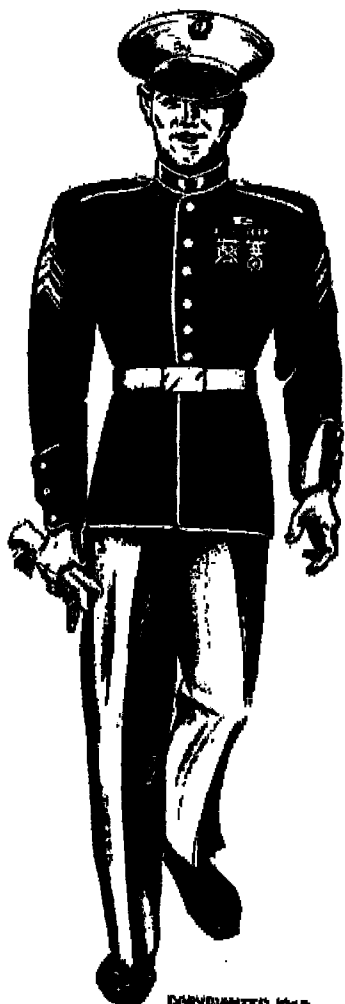
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Guam Occupation Completed; Japs Caught In Trap

Leathernecks Re-Capture
Former U.S. Island In
20 Days Of Hard Fighting

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pushed the Japs into an area of little more than 15 square miles. The central wedge was within less than a mile of the north end of the island, making the line resemble the letter "W".

Considerable stores of ammunition and supplies fell to the Marines as they captured the village of Tigo in the northward sweep.

CIVILIANS SAFE

While enemy soldiers were being compressed into the northern end of the island, a total of 22,000 Guam civilians "found refuge within our lines," an Adm. Nimitz communiqué said. The number of civilians compared with the 1940 census total of 23,067, of whom 21,402 were natives.

While fighting continued on the ground, fighters of the 4th Mar. Air Wing were operating from captured Orote airdrome.

Adm. Nimitz announced three straight days of air attacks Aug. 5, 6 and 7 on Nauru, southwest of the Marshalls, with Japan's phosphate industry and airfields the targets. On Aug. 5 the former U.S. base of Wake Island also was raided.

Other planes on Aug. 4 went back to the intermittently attacked Kuriles guarding Japan's approach from the north.



HEADED FOR GUAM. The listlessness of days aboard ship in the Pacific awaiting combat is captured by Sgt. John R. McDermott of Glendale, Cal., a former Walt Disney artist. At left: Seabee crew sleeps on deck with their water distillation unit. Second panel: Leathernecks receive a free issue of cigarettes. Third panel: Below decks of their LST on their way to combat, Leathernecks listen to jive on a portable phonograph. Upper right: a Marine reposes in a hammock. Lower right: a Seabee sits on deck waiting for D-Day, when he will again go into action.

Supplies Move Fast

Only Ammunition Still Problem For Engineers

GUAM (Delayed)—Marine engineers were tired almost to the point of exhaustion but they were breathing easier as the battle to regain Guam entered its fourth day.

Through coordination of manpower and machinery, they had ashore sufficient ammunition of every caliber to meet any contingency; enough water, together with that being obtained by their distillation units from several springs, for drinking purposes; more than a week's supply of food; everything required in the treatment of the wounded, and a reserve of fuel for vehicles of every type.

AMMO GOES FAST

With the exception of ammunition, especially for artillery, the engineers had the supply problem in hand by nightfall of the first day. The heavy guns were using shells as fast as they could get them. They were kept supplied that first night by human chains passing the ammunition from landing craft.

Assault waves had moved inland only a short distance when engineering working parties, including Seabees and other elements, took over the beaches. Within five hours, supplies were reaching shore in quantity. From the outset until the third night, these men, many of them working shoulder deep in water, were subjected to enemy mortar fire.

Besides handling supplies, the engineers were charged with evacuation of the wounded to the invasion fleet.—Sgt. Harold A. Breard, combat correspondent.

Marines Aid Each Other In Tight Spots

By Sgt. Alvin M. Josephy Jr., Combat Correspondent

GUAM (Delayed)—Impressions of the fighting on this island:

The comradeship of men caught together in tight spots . . . Marines helping each other across the reef under intense fire . . . PFC. Maynard A. Hitchcock of Genesee, Mich., turning back to go after a wounded man who was beginning to drown.

Exchanging cigarettes and water while huddled behind coconut logs on the beach . . . Pfc. Frank H. Brown of Philadelphia braving machine gun fire to drag a wounded man behind cover of a sand dune.

Being knocked by a mortar blast into a foxhole on top of Sgt. Joseph W. Welch of Washington,

D.C., which at that moment made him practically a next door neighbor.

Guam youths, who enlisted in the American forces before Pearl Harbor and landed with the Marines, finding their homes and farms masses of rubble, their families taken by the Japs to the hills.

A gunnery sergeant, who served here with the Marines before Pearl Harbor, trying to find his way around and discovering nothing recognizable in all the debris of battle.

The first hot coffee brewed in a helmet in a hollow scooped out of the side of a trench . . . the first cup knocked flying by a mortar near-miss.

3rd Served Hot Chow

Record Set By Field Cooks, Bakers On Guam

GUAM (Delayed)—A record in putting galleys and a bake shop in operation ashore under combat conditions was established by the 3rd Div. here.

Galleys of all units along the beaches were serving hot meals by the morning of the fifth day. Some were operating the fourth day.

On the second day of battle, hot food was prepared aboard ships off shore and brought to the beaches.—Sgt. Harold A. Breard, combat correspondent.

BAKERS SPEEDY

GUAM (Delayed)—MTSgt. Young S. Knight of Graceville, Fla., and more than 80 3rd Div. bakers were baking hot buns for Marines in the front lines here on the fourth day after assault troops landed. Each man got three. Sixteen field ovens were brought ashore this morning.—PFC. Cyril O'Brien.

MAIL ON SECOND DAY

GUAM (Delayed)—Some Marines received mail here on the second day of the invasion. It has been weeks since they received any mail from home.—TSgt. William K. Terry, combat correspondent.

V-MAIL UNIT LANDS

GUAM (Delayed)—Under the supervision of Capt. E. L. Frase of Norfolk, Va., and MTSgt. Amos O. Cooper of San Antonio, Tex., post-office personnel of the 3rd Div. landed with or immediately behind assault troops here and have set up postal service. Heavy V-mail equipment was landed with other gear.—PFC. Ben Rapport.

Single Amtrac Shell Costs Nips Big Gas Supply

CABRAS ISLAND, Guam (Delayed)—One shell from an American 37mm. gun cost the Japs an estimated 25,000 barrels of gasoline as Leathernecks occupied this island comprising Apra Harbor.

The shell, fired from an amphibian tractor, struck a hidden gas dump, which went up in a cloud-scraping swirl of flame.

Landing under cover of the tremendous clouds of smoke, Marine infantrymen went on to secure the island in a short time.—Sgt. Ray Fitzpatrick, combat correspondent.

Mail Address Correct?

Tractor Repair Units Praised

GUAM (Delayed)—Blending coolness under fire with mechanical skill, repair crews of Marine amphibian tractor units have put 30% of their damaged equipment back into service.

Lt. Col. Sylvester L. Stephan of Sidney, O., CO of the unit, said: "Some of the things the men have been doing still seem almost impossible to me."—Sgt. Ray Fitzpatrick, combat correspondent.

Doctors, Corpsmen Doing Heroic Work On Guam

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

GUAM (Delayed)—Navy Medical Corps officers—Lt. John W. A. Woody of Bay Head, N. J., and Lt. (jg) Richard B. Leander of St. Paul, Minn., worked day and night here for 6 hours, treating more than 400 casualties at a first aid station only 100 yards from the front.

Only yesterday, the third day of fighting, were ambulance-jump drivers able to maneuver their vehicles to the battalion dressing station. For the first two days, the wounded had to be carried to the beach on stretchers.

Everyone who can walk carries stretchers on Guam—engineers, cooks, truck drivers, combat infantrymen and service troops.

Hospital corpsmen, who operate

at the front with Marines, have been doing heroic work. Many have been killed and wounded in attempts to rescue wounded Marines under fire. Three doctors have already been killed on Guam.

Although overall casualties have been moderate, certain units have suffered heavily. One company which has been constantly engaged for the past four days has had four successive commanders. Now only two second lieutenants remain of the original seven officers.

An infantry battalion on the Asan front lost 19 officers in three assaults on enemy positions and in repelling a half dozen enemy counter-attacks. One company has only half a hundred effectives left after four days. Conversely, some units have suffered only negligible losses.

The mortality rate, considering the high number of casualties, has been very low, due to the efficiency and devotion to duty of our Navy medical men. We would be lost without them.

Chamorro Hides American Flag

GUAM (Delayed)—How a native of Guam preserved an American flag in spite of the Japs for almost three years was revealed today by Pvt. James F. Connor of Philadelphia.

When Marines set up temporary front lines in the shattered village of Agaña, on the left of the beach-head here, Pvt. Connor decided to build himself a comfortable dig-out, with the floor of one hut as a roof.

Under one floorboard he found the flag, somewhat weathered, but intact. A loyal Chamorro had done his small part.—Sgt. Bill Burnett, combat correspondent.

Dogs Track Down Snipers

GUAM (Delayed)—Fourteen Jap snipers were killed in this sector after being tracked down by Marine scout dogs.

The hunt began at daybreak and lasted until mid-afternoon, when the last Jap was shot on the run by PFC. Harold S. Duncan of Louisville, Ky. Duncan caught the Jap

in his sights at 300 yards.

Eighteen dogs were used in the operation. Duncan, who handles PFC. Blitz, a two-year-old German Shepherd, says that it would have taken days instead of hours to rid this jungle and cave-ridden area of snipers without the help of the dogs.—PFC. Ben Rapport.

Plate Inspection Held After Chow

CAMP LEJUNE—Marines here do not waste food. Each man's plate or tray is inspected after every meal. If edibles are left, the Marine explains why. If the food is to blame, the mess sergeant explains.

— Aim True —

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It's Battle To The Death In The Pacific

Occasionally people get the idea that because Marines are concerned primarily in the Pacific theater they are inclined to over-emphasize the importance of operations there.

Yet, almost to a man, those who have seen the Pacific war firsthand feel that the American people generally are not impressed with the gravity of the war with Japan.

Last week, Keith Wheeler, well-known Chicago newspaperman who was with the Marines at Saipan, bluntly told the American press through the columns of Editor & Publisher magazine that continued "under playing" of Pacific war stories has resulted in complacency which is a "national tragedy."

Pointing out that newspapers generally played the Saipan battle story a "poor fourth" to the Cherbourg invasion, the flight of B-29s to Japan and a national political convention, he asserted that the Saipan battle "was far and away the most important of the lot."

"While I don't have many sources of information here (Saipan)", he wrote, "I will bet my souvenir saber that more Americans died here in the last three days than died in the last week in Europe. And a damn sight more Japs died here than Germans in France."

"There must be something the American press can do to drive home to the American people that here in the Pacific they—or their sons—are staking their lives in this nation's greatest struggle. This is a climactic war, a battle to the death. What the hell can we do to get that fact through the apparently impenetrable shell of American complacency and inattention?"

"What can you do or say to make Americans realize that—man-for-man engaged—fighting Japs kill twice as many Americans as fighting Germans do? How can you demonstrate that we'll be struggling with the Japs long after the Germans fold? How convince people that no reason nor arbitration can end this war and that racial death is its only answer—racial death most likely for the Japanese because we are more numerous and our weapons better?"

"War in any form is bestial, expensive and bloody but war against the Japs is total war. After the demonstrations of Attu, Tarawa and

Commendation Ribbon

One of the questions most frequently asked The Chevron comes from men who have received letters of commendation, or whose units have received such letters, and who want to know if they rate wearing the commendation ribbon.

The Navy Dept. has recently called attention to the fact that the ribbon is authorized only if the letter of commendation commends the individual by name for services which he performed and is signed by one of these four persons: Secy. of the Navy; Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Fleet; or the Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic or Pacific Fleets.

The Navy's statement makes it clear that letters of commendation addressed to a particular group or unit, as distinct from an individual letter of commendation to each member attached to the group or unit, do not authorize such individuals to wear the Commendation ribbon.

Growth Of Armed Might

In the three prewar years of 1939, 1940 and 1941 combined, the Army and Navy together received a total of 27,487 planes. In the single year 1944 the Navy alone will have received approximately the same number of combat planes.

We had exactly seven carriers in December, 1941, and in the desperate fighting in the Pacific the following year we lost four of those. There was a time when we had only two carriers available for service in the Pacific. Now we have at least 65 carriers in active service, and by the end of the year should have 100.—Asst. Secy. of Navy Artemus L. Gates.

now this (Saipan) can any doubt remain that we'll have to kill damn near the whole Jap military to win this war?"

Mr. Wheeler, having seen for himself what war with Japan is like, thus adds his voice to those of the others who have cried out that the Pacific war cannot be taken lightly, that the issues at stake are far greater than those at stake in the European theater.

These are things the Marines have long known. They are things the Marines won't forget. Perhaps statements such as Mr. Wheeler's will help to drive home to others what things are like in the Pacific.

Safety Valve

Kwajalein Souvenir

Editor, The Chevron—As his souvenir of Kwajalein, my best friend, PFC. Robert T. Miller, obtained the huge Jap flag that flew over the Administration Bldg. It is about 5 by 10 feet in size. It is bullet-riddled and blood-stained, but otherwise in very good condition and he is very proud of it.

I've been a junior hostess at New York's famous Stage Door Canteen for two years and I've done a great deal for your Leathernecks to keep them as cheerful as possible while in New York. They're a grand bunch of guys... We're proud of the Marines and of the job they're doing in the Pacific. We can't thank them with words but with our hearts we are eternally grateful.

HELEN ROWLAND
315 Fort Washington Ave., New York City.

Requests Discharge

Editor, The Chevron—I am requesting an honorable discharge. Will I be entitled to my mustering out pay? Will I receive all benefits from the recent GI Bill of Rights? Will I be eligible to all benefits that may be decided upon at any future date?

NAME WITHHELD
San Francisco.

Editor's note—From the meager information given about the circumstances surrounding your application for discharge, it would be necessary to publish most of the GI Bill of Rights to answer your questions. Suggest you call in person at the office of the Marine Corps Rehabilitation Officer, 703 Market St., San Francisco, and state your case more fully.

Sign Your Name

All letters to the Safety Valve must be signed and contain the writer's address. Names will be withheld, however, at the request of the letter writer.

The Editor

Seek News

Editor, The Chevron—Will anyone who knew my brother, PFC. Fernand L. Ouellette, who was killed at Tarawa, please get in touch with me?

ROGER OUELLETTE
45 Maple St., Lewiston, Me.

Editor, The Chevron—I would appreciate hearing from anyone in the 2nd Mar. Div. who knew my brother, Harvey L. Levan, killed in action on Saipan June 15.

PFC. W. E. LEVAN
1st Gd. Co., Gd. Bn., MCB.

Editor, The Chevron—Will anyone having information about PFC. Lincoln Johnson of Saco, Me., whose name appeared in the July 22 casualty list, please write me.

MISS C. FRANCES MESSICH
2706 Cromwell Rd., Norfolk 5, Va.

Five-Star General?

Editor, The Chevron—Your July 1 issue states no Army Chief of Staff has ever worn more than four stars. I seem to remember seeing that either Gen. Summerall or Gen. Craig wore five stars while Chief of Staff.

PFC. JOHN P. McMAHON
5th Mar. Div., Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—The Army says 'ain't so.

News For Families

Editor, The Chevron—I've read several copies out here and The Chevron seems to be the best news medium my family could have, as you carry quite a few items on Seabees. The Marines and us are mighty good friends out here. We love each other's chow, too.—CSF. J. C. KADEL, c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor, The Chevron—I want my wife to get The Chevron as I know she will enjoy reading it as much as I do. Everyone out here reads it thoroughly from cover to cover—we all think it's pretty swell.—TSgt. ROBERT W. JOHNSON, South Pacific.

Two Years Ago This Week

(From The Chevron, Aug. 2, 1942)

Graduation exercises for the first class of MPs in Marine history were held on the Base Saturday. Twenty-three Marines and 15 sailors received diplomas from Col. James L. Underhill, CO of the Base. The MP school was conceived by Lt. Col. Edward A. Craig and the present class was organized Mar. 28.

Starting this week 15 buses will go into operation between camps in the outlying areas and San Diego, Div. Hq. at Camp Elliott announced. The new schedule is expected to relieve congested conditions caused by liberty-bound Marines.

Maj. C. E. Shepard, formerly CO of the 2nd Parachute Bn., has assumed command of the Base Parachute Trng. School. He relieves Maj. M. L. Dawson, who was assigned duty elsewhere.

Marines bore the brunt of the attack on the USS Lexington, according to Sgt. Maj. L. C. Payton, who was on one of the gun batteries manned until the last.

Guadalcanal Stars

Editor, The Chevron—I was with the 5th Bn., 11th Marines, 1st Mar. Div., on Guadalcanal from Aug. 7 to Dec. 15. Am I entitled to two blue stars on the Unit Citation ribbon and four bronze stars on the Pacific Area ribbon? There is no entry in my SRB about this. How can I have it recorded?

NAME WITHHELD
Cus. Co., MB, Mare Island, Cal.

Editor's note—You rate but one star on the Unit Citation ribbon and two on the Pacific Area ribbon. Only two stars may be worn for the Guadalcanal campaign—one by personnel who participated in the landings 7-9 Aug., the other for those present between 10 Aug., 1942 and 4 Feb., 1943.

Your CO is authorized, under Ltr. of Instr. No. 729, to enter in your SRB "such evidence as definitely establishes eligibility for the Unit Citation ribbon and stars on the Area ribbon". You may secure your copy of the Unit Citation by requesting it through official channels.

Hats Off To The 3rd

Editor, The Chevron—I receive The Chevron every week, but am very disappointed to a certain extent. Why don't you tell us something about the fighting 3rd Div.? My fiance was on Bougainville and wrote that he was proud to be with the 3rd in what they were doing. So please give those fighting Marines some of the credit they deserve.

KATHY CARNIN
New York City. (A Fighting Marine's Sweetheart)

Editor's note—The Bougainville campaign was covered by The Chevron late in 1943 and early this year.

Song Writer

Editor, The Chevron—Would it be possible to have a song that I have written played on the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show? I am expecting it to be copyrighted in the next several weeks.

MTSGT. R. L. BURDICK
VME, MCAS, Mojave, Cal.

Editor's note—No. The "Halls of Montezuma" is broadcast over the Mutual network, which prohibits the playing of any tunes not published by the members of either the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers or Broadcast Music, Inc.

Official Channels

Editor, The Chevron—When our boot platoon broke up, I was assigned to aviation but I'd rather be in the infantry. How do I go about getting transferred?

NAME WITHHELD
Editor's note—Make transfer application through official channels.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel. 0930 Services, Additition; 1015 Services, Chapel; Evening Vesper Service, 1830, Chapel. (Catholic): 0800 Mass, Additition; 0915 Mass, Chapel. Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) 0630-0730, Chapel. Friday Evening Service, 1900, Chapel. Confession: Saturday 1230-1300, Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 123, Barracks Depot; 1600-1700 Chaplain's Office, Administration Bldg. (Jewish): Chapel, 1100. (Christian Science): Sundays, 0930, Bldg. 123, RD. (Latter Day Saints): 0800, Reception Room, Bldg. 123, RD; Wednesdays, 1830.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 0830, Theater. (Catholic): Mass, 0800, Theater. (Christian Science): Sunday, 1430, Room across from 10th office in Ad. Bldg. (Jewish): 0915, Chaplain's Office. (Latter Day Saints): 0800, Armorer's School Bldg.; Thursdays, 1900.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0815, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel. (Catholic): Sunday Masses 0630, 0800, 1115, Mass daily, 1630, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science): 1600-1730, Chaplain's office, Wednesdays. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Thursday, 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1930, Camp Post Chapel, Friday 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1930, Camp Chapel; Mondays, 2000.

MCAS, Mojave (Protestant): 1000, Services; Communion 1st Sunday of month. (Catholic): 0700 and 0800, Confession; 0730 and 1830, Mass, Barracks, 522. (Jewish): Thursdays, 2000. (Latter Day Saints): Discussion meeting, Tuesdays, 1800. (Christian Science): 1400-1500, Chaplain's office, Friday.

CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant): Post Chapel, communion at 0900, Bible Class 0830, Morning Worship at 1015, Vesper Service 2000; Wednesdays, Vesper Service 2000; Ranch House Chapel, service at 1015; Infantry Training Center, Sunday morning worship, 0700; at Theater, 15-T-1 at 0800, 15-T-1 at 0900, 15-T-1 at 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900. (Catholic): Post Chapel, Masses at 0630, 0800, 1115, confessions, Saturday, 1900-1900; Evening, Wednesday 1900; Ranch House Chapel, Mass 0915; Tuesday and Friday, Mass 1645; Friday, confessions at 1630 to 1700; Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0700; at Theater, 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, 1530; Study group, Mondays 1200, Infantry Training Regt., 1100, Tent 1. (Latter Day Saints): Post Chapel, Sunday 0900, Monday 1900. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Friday at 1900.

CAMP GILLISTIE (Christian Science): 1200-1240, Adm. Bldg., Wednesdays.



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CAMP PENDLETON — Dust-choked Marines, breathless and sweaty from working their way through the combat infiltration course, thrilled movie stars and some of the nation's top-notch film writers and critics who visited here recently.

During the demonstration for the film folk, a new company received its first baptism under fire of live machine gun bullets, exploding land mines, rockets and flares, barbed-wire entanglement and most other harassing devices known to modern warfare.

CLOSE TO WAR

As 10 Curtis Hell-Diver fighter planes peeled off from formation and simulated dive-bombing and strafing the course, just clearing the spectator tower by inches, Allen Dwan, director of a current film hit, remarked, "Nothing could be closer to actual war than this. It's no wonder that the Marines are prepared to face any situation with determination and confidence."

William Bendis, who has starred in a number of films depicting the life of Marines, was amazed.

"I've worked on several sets staged at Camp Pendleton, but we didn't encounter anything like this," he said. "There's millions of dollars worth of realistic action before our eyes that any Hollywood director would give his right hand to film."

INDIAN VISITOR

Maj Merajud Din of the First Punjab Regiment of India, on a goodwill tour of the U. S., was a guest of the Trng. Command and was escorted by Col. William B. Croka, range officer.

The distinguished visitor from India was particularly interested in captured Japanese weapons which were fired during the running of the course. This familiarizes Marines with the sound of each enemy weapon, including different caliber machine guns, rifles and mortars.

Accompanying the film notables were Eddie Kane, Sara Berner, Phyllis Brooks, Carol Thurston and Helen Walker.

Holland Marines Pleased By U. S.

CAMP PENDLETON Corps John Goltsmits of Rotterdam, Holland, and John Delvevoet of Rotterdam, Holland, both members of the Netherlands Marine Corps, are happy to be at Camp Pendleton learning about U. S. Marine tactics.

Asked how they felt toward a German in comparison to a Jap, they agreed that "A Hun is just as bad as a Jap. No honor among either. Ten minutes after signing a peace treaty the Germans bombed Rotterdam and killed 80,000 people."

March Proudly — Unit Citation

WASHINGTON — A destroyer whose battle log reads like a history of Pacific warfare has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for outstanding performance in combat against the Japanese. The ship is the USS Maury.

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INSPECTION. Actress Phyllis Brooks examines the M-1 rifle of Pvt. David B. Johnson of Frankfort, Ky., after he has been through Camp Pendleton infiltration course, while Helen Walker looks on. Pictured, left, is Col. William B. Croka, range officer, and Maj. Merajud Din of India.



HELL DIVERS. Planes simulate strafing runs over the infiltration course while Marines creep through land mines and booby traps.

New Ear Protector Adopted By Navy

WASHINGTON—A new ear protector, called an ear warden, which guards the wearer against the severe noise shocks of gun blasts and the high noise levels of diesel and airplane engines, has been officially adopted by the Navy.

College Training Applications Due

Enlisted personnel on active duty, regular or reserve, who meet requirements published in Letter of Instruction No. 805 (dated July 23) may now apply to their COs for assignment to training under the Navy V-12 program. It has been announced by HQMC.

Requirements for the college training program call for applicants to be between their 17th and 23rd birthdays, to be unmarried and to have a minimum education of graduation from high school with a creditable scholarship rating.

A quota of 30 candidates and 25 alternates for selection has been set for MCB and attached organizations. The quota by units:

Hq. Bn., 1 candidate and 1 alternate; Ser. Bn., 2 and 2; Gd. Bn., 3 and 2; Sig. Bn., 1 and 2; Rifle Range Det., 2 and 3; RD, 30 and 15; R and R Center, 1 and 1.

Four WR Sisters Aid In Bond Sales

CAMP PENDLETON—The four Biaggi sisters, all WRs stationed here, have returned from furloughs at the same time. Corp. Flora and PFCs Ida, Delphine and Muriel spent their time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Biaggi in Gardnerville, Nev.

While in Sacramento, Cal., for a short time, the sisters appeared in the same bond rally with Comdr. Wassell, on whom is based the film, "The Story of Dr. Wassell."

Leathernecks Add War Song Verse

GUAM (Delayed)—The first verse to be added in this war to "Madelaine from Armentieres," the favorite of World War I, originated on a transport which landed Marines here, according to Dick Gordon, a combat correspondent.

The added starter goes like this: "Oh, they say this is an aerial war, So what in hell are we marching for?"

Hinky-dinky parlez-vous."

— Write Home —

Unexpected Marine Feted On Birthday

CAMP PENDLETON — Corp. Richard S. Spector of Chicago will agree that his 18th birthday celebration on July 22 was the most enjoyable and surprising of his life.

Anxious that her son enjoy his birthday, Corp. Spector's mother wrote to the Oceanside Kiwanis club, near here, and requested that it order a birthday cake for him and forward her the bill.

The Kiwanis club did Mrs. Spector one better, invited the youth to the club, presented a cake and serenaded him with a lusty "happy birthday" song.

Warcasts Rated Best To Date

U. S. radio listeners have been treated during the past several weeks to what Time magazine has described as "the best warcasting to date" — the portable wire and disc recordings of the battle of Saipan.

The recordings were made by 1st Lt. Larry B. Hays and TSgt. Keene Hepburn with Marine battle broadcasting equipment which Lt. Hays had previously

been used at Bougainville.

Lt. Hays, who brought the recordings back to the U. S. for use on a number of radio programs, was formerly O-in-C of the "Halls of Montezuma". Base radio program. He has been in this area making arrangements for the Saipan broadcasts from Hollywood network studios but expects to rejoin Marine units overseas.

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Spot recognition of any type of enemy plane, perfect sight alignment, and accurate short bursts designed to finish off attacking aircraft are the all-important result of synthetic training for the men who man the real gun rockers.

VETERAN INSTRUCTOR

The school is under the direction of Capt. R. F. H. McLean of Baltimore, Md., synthetic training officer. MTSgt. Earl McVickers of Philippi, W. Va., NCO-in-C, is a veteran of many aerial engagements in the South Pacific.

Simulating real machine guns in operation, with accuracy, the synthetic devices have proven to be a quick and simplified method of instruction.

Covering a period of several weeks of intensive study, the course includes aircraft and surface vessel recognition, Morse code and blinker schooling, with other detailed information and instruction incident to manning machine guns.

'LIVE AMMUNITION'

As a final stage in the training, students fire "live" ammunition at target sleeves while flying under simulated battle conditions.

In addition, many hours are devoted to the study of audio visual aids embraced in training films picturing combat action. Others reveal the secrets of properly "leading the target," deflection shooting and those "tricks of the trade" known to veteran gunnery instructors.

The school also provides a review course for experienced and qualified gunners.

— Shoot Straight —

Mass Blood Gift Made By Airmen

MCAD, MIRAMAR — Adding their names to a long list of Camp Miramar Marines who have donated blood for their buddies overseas, 75 officers and men from an aviation unit here made a mass donation at the Red Cross blood donor center, San Diego, this week.

The donors said they considered giving blood a good form of life insurance.

— We Courteous —

Marine Invasion Told In New Book

CAMP PENDLETON — A book about the 3rd Mar. Div. on Bougainville, written by Capt. John Monks Jr., will soon be placed on book shelves throughout the country.

Capt. Monks, a noted author and playwright, returned from overseas recently and has reported here for duty with Trng. Command. He has seen duty at Saraba, Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

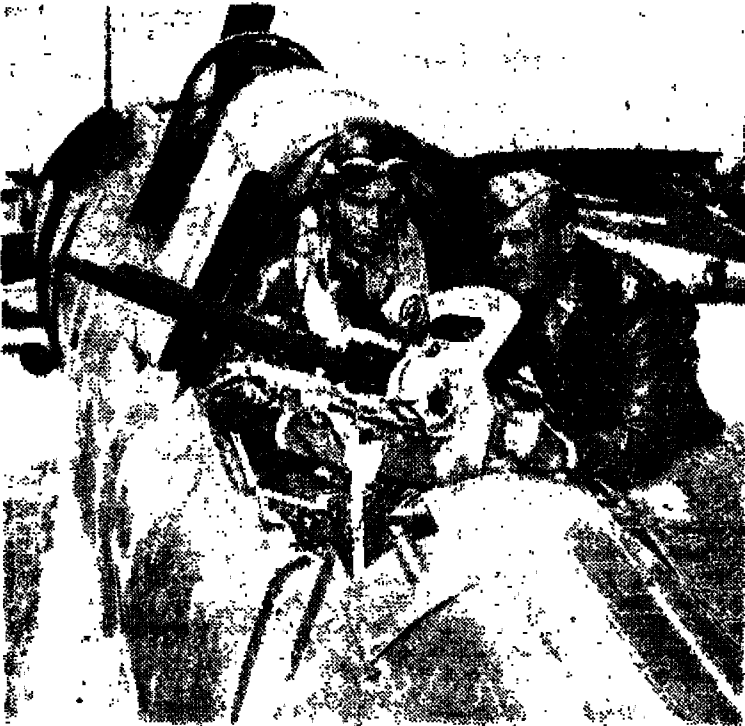
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JAPS IN SILHOUETTE. A prospective Marine aerial gunner in classes at MCAS, El Toro, operates a free gunnery trainer while an instructor checks on his ability to hit the target. —Jap plane silhouetted on a screen. Actual firing from planes follows later.



TWIN DEATH-DEALERS. Schooling in operation of twin machine guns in the rear cockpit of a Marine dive bomber is given a prospective aerial gunner by Capt. R. F. H. McLean, synthetic training officer at MCAS, El Toro.

Shot-Up Jap Tanks Used In Training

CAMP PENDLETON — Marines here are being acquainted with two shot-up, burnt-out Japanese tanks, shipped to the U.S. recently from the South Pacific. They are being exhibited as part of a display of Japanese weapons.

Although damaged by devastating Marine fire, the tanks are sufficiently whole to give Marines in training here an idea of the type of enemy mechanized equipment they must knock out.

Neither of the tanks can be operated due to damage. One is completely trackless, while the other has but one track intact.

Two Get Citations In Base Ceremony

Presidential unit citations for service with organizations which distinguished themselves in combat were awarded to two Marines Monday following a formal review of troops on the Base parade ground.

Citations were received by PISgt. Lloyd F. Treadwell of Los Angeles, a member of the Mar. Det. aboard the USS Enterprise when that ship was engaged in action that resulted in 25 Jap vessels sunk or damaged and 185 airplanes shot down; and Corp. Swithen L. R. Treadway of San Diego, who served with the 1st Mar. Div. during the Solomon campaign.

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Old Timers

'Salty' Marine's Retirement Ends When Japs Attack

PISgt. B. F. Westergard Returns To Corps, Gets Duty At Former Station

ME, BREMERTON, Wash.—Affectionately known as "Gestapo" around the barracks here is PISgt. Birger F. Westergard, who first enlisted in March, 1907, retired in September, 1940, and then re-entered the Corps after Pearl Harbor.

The year after his original enlistment, he served aboard the USS Wisconsin when she made her famous 1908 cruise around the world.

CHINA SERVICE

His ongoing duty included service aboard the USS Milwaukee, the cruiser that later crashed on the rocks off the California coast, the USS Mayflower and the President's yacht.

During World War I, PISgt. Westergard was stationed at the American Legation in Peking, China, and at the Naval Base in Cavite, Philippine Islands.

OLD RECRUITER

The old timer has served at every major Marine post in the U. S. except Parris Island and has served more than 11 years at recruiting duty. He first came here in 1916 and stood corporal of the guard watches at the Bremerton Gate.

He was transferred to this post from Terminal Island, San Pedro, recently and is now serving as police sergeant in the barracks.

Sons Of Generals Start Training

PARRIS ISLAND — Sons of two famous generals, Brig. Gen. Merritt A. Edson, assistant CG, 2nd Mar. Div., and the late Maj. Gen. Harry Lee, former CG of this base and Camp Lejeune, have begun recruit training here.

The recruits, Pvt. Merritt A. Edson Jr. of Washington, D. C., and Pvt. Ernest S. Lee of Washington, D. C., arrived as part of a recruit V-12 contingent.

Marine Lives On In Memory

ABOARD A TROOP SHIP OFF CALIFORNIA—A long line of Marines leaned against the rail of the transport. It was close to sunset, a time for easy talk, and "scuttlebutt."

But the talk wasn't light, easy, or deliberately optimistic about the practice landing ahead. The men were quiet. A moment before one word had caused them to be quiet.

It wasn't an order, or a joke.

It was one word: "Bordelon." Across from their transport, nosing into the duck, was another ship. It was just a gray shape, indistinct in the half-light, but the men watched it steadily.

Sttsgt. Earl De Long of Menasha, Wis., holder of the Silver Star for gallantry at Tarawa, voiced their thought.

"We were just thinking about Bill Bordelon," he said. "Bill died on Tarawa, after refusing

medical aid and going on to destroy Jap pillboxes. He saved the lives of many of his men. A lot of us along this rail were with him. That ship over there took us over."

No noise, no fanfare, but in the twilight of an evening at sea it was quietly obvious that Sttsgt. Bill Bordelon was once again with five men whom he led up the beach at Tarawa.

A grateful nation, through their congress, posthumously awarded Sttsgt. Bordelon the highest decoration they could give him—the Medal of Honor. He will live long in the memories of men of the Corps and, when the smoking lamp is lit and Marines gather in the Philippines, in Guam, in Japan and in China to talk of past victories, they will talk of Bill Bordelon of San Antonio, Tex., who died on the beach at Tarawa.

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Students Find Jap Language School Tough

Leathernecks Prepared For Intelligence Work Overseas By Base Unit

Japanese Language School, one of the two newest schools at MCB, offers one of the most exacting courses of study in the Corps. An average of about 70 per cent of its students wash out before completing the six-month course.

The school's condensed language course teaches conversational Japanese, how to read and write the four forms of Japanese writing, reading of map symbols, translation of Jap field orders and military terms for use in questioning Jap prisoners.

Graduates are attached to intelligence staffs of overseas units as combat interpreters for lower echelons and assistants to division language officers. When not questioning prisoners they help translate captured documents, of which large quantities are taken in each campaign.

STUDY REPRODUCTIONS

Among the "textbooks" used are reproductions of actual Jap documents captured in the field. Gramophone records also are played so that the students may hear the language spoken by native Japanese.

In addition, the school has short wave radio equipment with which to tune in on American Japanese language broadcasts beamed to Japan and on Jap broadcasts direct from Tokyo.

Movies made in Japan are exhibited at the Base theater to acquaint students with Jap manners and customs as well as language inflections given words and phrases by the natives.

DAILY CLASSWORK

Four hours of classwork are held daily, followed by supervised study. The school was started July 1, 1942, as an activity of the 2nd Mar. Div., then being formed at Camp Elliott, with Capt. Paul S. Dull as O-in-C. The course was much shorter then, with teaching confined mainly on how to translate Jap field orders and question prisoners.

It was taken over by the 3rd Mar. Div. Sept. 1, 1942. Then on Jan. 1, 1943, the course was extended to three months and moved to Camp Pendleton, where it was made a general activity of the Corps under the Trng. Command. On Jan. 1, 1944, the course was extended to six months and on July 24 the school was moved to MCB.

FORMER RESIDENT

Present O-in-C is Maj. Frederic O. Wolf, who lived in Japan for 13 years during his youth. Maj. Wolf also speaks Chinese, having lived in China 10 years and done business there.

Capt. John H. Jewett, assistant O-in-C, was born in Japan and engaged in the raw silk business there with his father for 15 years.

Quota of students entering the school is 25 a month. They must have made a score of 110 or better in the general classification test and have majored in English or a foreign language in school. College men, preferably those recently out of school, are preferred.

—Buy War Bonds—

New Message Texts

WASHINGTON—Effective Aug. 1, many additional fixed texts were added to those previously authorized for Expeditionary Force messages.



GREEK TO YOU? It's Japanese to Pyts. Chew Een Lee (left) and Mario G. Mayoral-Barnes of Puerto Rico, students in the Japanese Language School. The instructor is Sgt. Robert G. Robinson. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey O. Payne.)

Marine, Soldier Long For Night Spot

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Commenting a stopover on their cross-country "grasshopper" flight, members of an aerial observation group named one of their planes "Three Nights in Akron."

An Army staff sergeant stopped his jeep near the Simpson Sentinel yesterday and asked, "How were those three nights in Akron?"

"We really had a time," said one

of the Marine pilots of the craft. "Did you go to the Ali Baba?" the soldier next queried.

"I'll say," the flyer exclaimed. "Some place."

"Well," concluded the Army man, "I own it, and wish the hell I were back there right now."

"Me, too," the young flight officer agreed.—Sgt. Charles R. Vandergrift, combat correspondent.

Cupid Creates Complications

CAMP PENDLETON—In a novel family arrangement, PFC. Flora M. Sargent of Martins Ferry, O., will soon become her mother's sister-in-law.

PFC. Sargent's fiancé, Harold H. Hill, is her mother's brother. Or perhaps, to clear things up, we should say, her step-mother's brother. The wedding is to take place in October.

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GUAM (Delayed)—Marines from the First Prov. Brig., commanded by Brig.Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, landed here fully aware that they had "a personal score to settle" with the Japanese.

Just before the Marines landed Brig.Gen. Shepherd, in a message to his officers and men, said:

"Your commanding general desires to wish all hands God speed in the approaching operation.

"As you are well aware, this brigade has been given the honor of participating in the recapture of United States territory—ground on which Marines were stationed for 40 years until overcome by superior enemy forces. Our Corps has a personal score to settle in the landing we are about to effect.

"This will be our first operation as a brigade. Our regiments have demonstrated their combat efficiency in previous battles. We must now fight together as a team. I have every confidence in your ability to accomplish our mission, United States Marines never fail.

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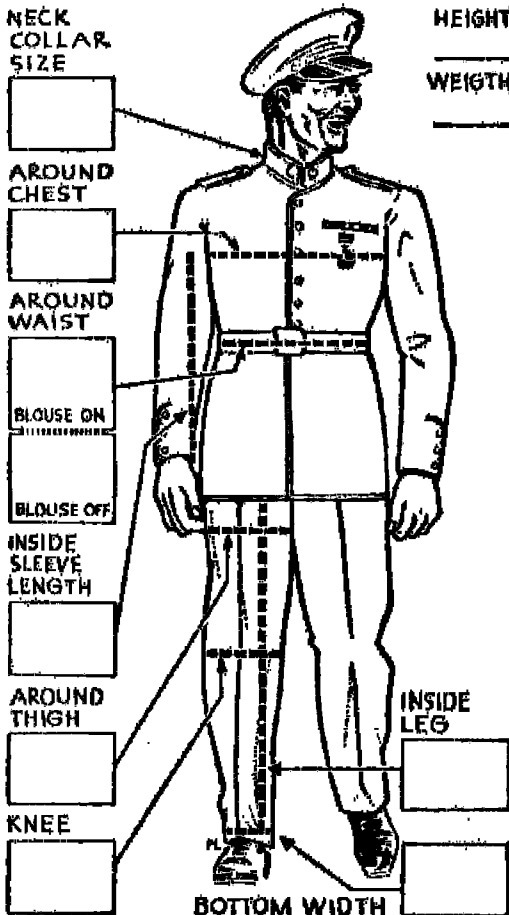
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BOONDOCKS PARTY. SstSgt. Becky Thompson of Centralia, Wash., and FM1/c. Jack Cole of Miami, Fla., enjoy last dance of evening at party for Marines and WtIs at Camp Pendleton.

Marines Entertain WRs At Pendleton Backwoods Party

CAMP PENDLETON — "Boondocks," where Leathernecks go through their rugged training, was the setting of a gala party held here recently for Women Marines. Their hosts were men of the Eng. Bn. of the 5th Mar. Div.

The novel party started with "chow" prepared by engineer cooks and placed in buffet supper fashion—on picnic tables under huge trees. Dancing on a pavilion built atop a cleared slope surrounded by strings of colored lights was the big event of the evening. A photograph and public address system "did the trick" in providing music for the dancing couples.

Transportation from the WR area to the boondocks was supplied by large cargo trucks, which conveyed the party-bound women over rough roads, fords and backwoods trails to their destination.

Marines Privileged To Refuse Letters

Instructions left by Marines to not forward their mail shall be considered sufficient authority for postal authorities to return mail to the sender marked "Refused." It has been announced by the Commandant of the 11th Naval Dist.

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Entire Flight Of Marines Forced Down Rescued

The story of how a PBY saved 13 Marine fighter pilots who had been forced down in the ocean, en masse, by bad weather, was revealed this week in Washington as the Navy announced that Patrol Squadrons 14 and 53 have returned from the Pacific.

The two squadrons rescued a total of 79 Army, Navy and Marine aviation personnel who had been shot down or forced down in the Pacific.

The spectacular "Dumbo" rescue mission occurred when the flight of Marine Corsairs was forced off course by bad weather while returning from a foray against the Japanese. Their fuel gone, they were forced to land on the ocean. The 13 pilots lashed their life rafts together and floated, in a flotilla, for three days.

TOO ROUGH FOR TAKE-OFF

They were sighted by a PBY piloted by Ens. George H. Davidson of New Orleans. After he put the big plane down on the ocean, swells were running so high it took three hours to get the Marines aboard—and then it was found impossible to take off.

Ens. Davidson radioed for help and kept the flying boat headed into the wind for two hours until destroyers arrived and took all hands aboard.

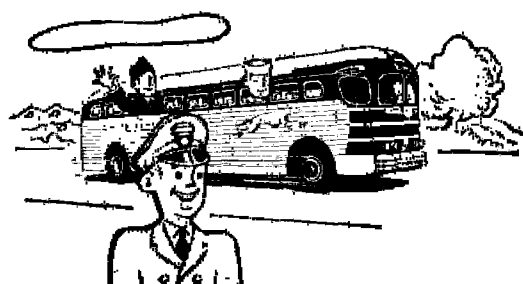
On another occasion, a Dumbo rescued an Army fighter pilot shot down within 1500 yards of blazing Jap shore guns on Rabaul. Twelve Marine fighter planes strafed the guns while the rescue was under way.

Invading Marines Spic And Span

GUAM (Delayed)—The Japs undoubtedly had other things on their mind, but if they'd looked closely, they might have been able to see that many of the invading Marines landed with clean shaves, new haircuts and freshly-laundered dungarees.

LtCol Raymond F. Crist Jr. of Clearwater, Fla., troop commander aboard one of the Navy transports, was responsible. His pre-debarkation orders included:

A fresh haircut for all men, clean shaves, and laundered dungarees (this last item being handled by the ship's laundry). Sgt. James E. Hague, combat correspondent.



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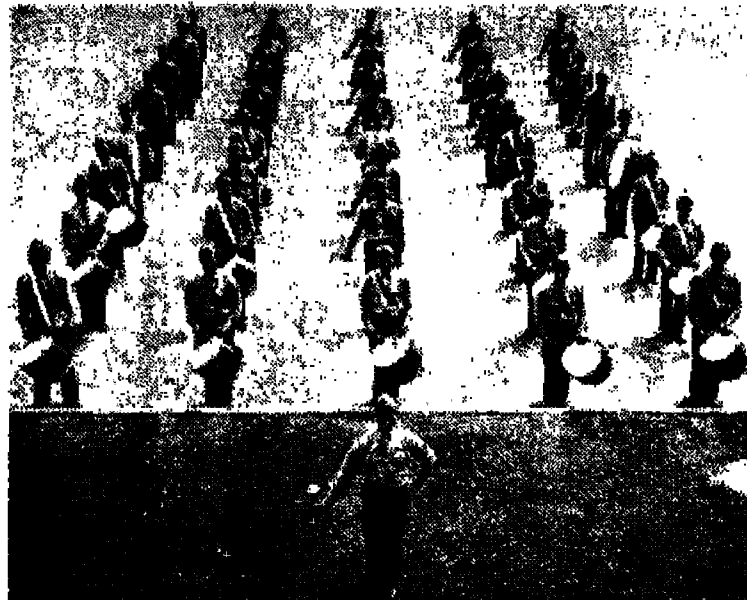
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GREYHOUND



ENDS TRAINING. The third MCB-trained drum and bugle corps blares forth martial music for a review of RD troops on the parade ground Monday after completing training. They now go to Pendleton. (Photo by PFC. H. F. Alden).

USS American Legion Back From Pacific Invasions

CAMP PENDLETON—The sergeant halted half way up the gang plank and exclaimed: "I never thought I'd see her again!"

He was not talking about a girl but a ship—the USS American Legion, a 23-year-old transport which has dropped anchor in practically every South Pacific port.

Veterans of the Pacific, in any discussion of transport life, will say, "Brother, if you haven't been aboard the Legion you haven't lived."

The Legion has quite a career. Built in 1921 as passenger-freighter plying between New York and Latin-American ports, she was equipped by the Navy as a transport in August, 1941.

A year later Marines went over the side of the Legion to land on Guadalcanal. Torpedoes have cut her wake more than once, but none has ever hit her. "She was the fifth fastest transport in the South Pacific," said a gunner proudly.

The Legion and her crew had a bad time of it after landing Marines on Bougainville. There was an air raid alert and all the transports headed for the open sea. All that is, except the Legion.

RUNS AGROUND

She had run aground on a shoal. While two tugs worked frantically to get her off before enemy planes could arrive, the crew sweated it out for the next three hours.

The Legion has hauled tens of thousands of troops in invasion and practice landings, and now has her fourth skipper since the beginning of the war. After nearly two years overseas she returned to the U. S. for a new coat of paint and service as a training ship—SstSgt. Keyes Beech, combat correspondent.

Third Base Drum And Bugle Corps Ends Training

Its training complete, the third drum and bugle corps to graduate from the Base Field Music School this year marched and played for a review of RD troops Monday, then packed up its gear and was transferred to the TMC at Camp Pendleton to await an overseas assignment.

Members of the drum and bugle corps completed their 12-week course of instruction under the direction of WO. Fred Lock and the tutelage of TSgt. Herbert A. Goodwin.

The corps proved it could strut in Monday's parade, completing a "tramping in line" movement without a false step. WO. Lock pointed out that the movement is usually done by the Base band and that it takes a "tip-top" drum and bugle corps to execute it without error.

One of the prized possessions of the unit is a Japanese bugle, recently donated by a Leatherneck who returned to the Base from overseas.

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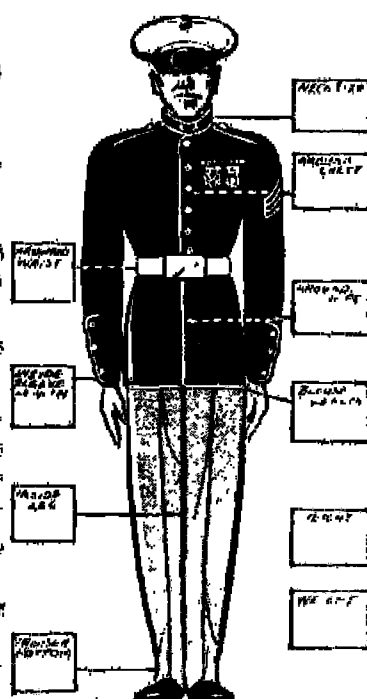
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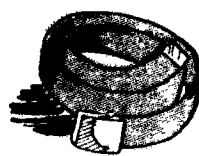
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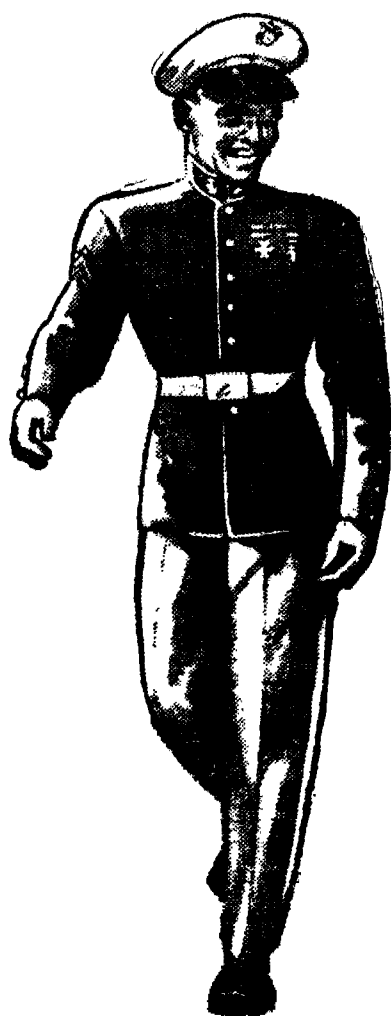
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'Old Slugger' And Seven Marines Do A Night's Work Pendleton Women Organize Band

TINIAN (Delayed)—Seven Marines and "Old Slugger"—a 50-cal. machine gun—celebrated their first night on Tinian by taking on 106 Japs in an open sugar cane field. After four hours of fighting the score was: Japs killed—106; Marines killed or wounded—0.

It was one of the most astounding feats of the entire Marianas campaign. The Japs never got close enough to use their hand grenades or dynamite packs, their rifle fire

was sporadic and wild, and they failed in repeated attempts to set up three .30 cal. machine guns they carried with them.

Keeping the "Slugger" hot with belt after belt of ammunition were Sgt. Harold B. Holbrook of Greenville, S. C.; PFCs, Glenn R. Roberts of National City, Cal., Clayton B. Ponder of Mt. Vernon, Ky.; and Pvt. James E. Doud of Hedrick, Ia.

The remainder of the crew, PFCs, William R. Hunt of Terre

Hault, Ind., and Casper W. Holt of London, Ky., and Pvt. Thomas D. Hopkins of Charlottesville, Va., worked with their rifles and ran ammunition through 200 yards where Marines in the rear were firing at everything moving.

The battle began at 0300 and continued until 0700. After the battle Sgt. Holbrook was busily working on one of the Jap machine guns. He grinned and said:

"We had a nice little party here

last night. If they come again, we will throw them some of their own lead from one of their own guns."

Explaining the "party", the sergeant added:

"We just lay back and let them have it. The Japs broke column and spread out fanwise over the field, but a hell of a bunch of them went down with lead poisoning. From then on, we sprayed everything that moved." — Sgt. Tony Smith, combat correspondent.

Pendleton Women Organize Band

CAMP PENDLETON—Organization of a WR dance band has just been announced by the women's recreation office here.

Sgt. Dick Jurgens will assist with the organization of the band, according to Sgt. Lois Amaya, NCO-in-C of recreation.

WRs signed for the band are: PFCs, Betty Montgomery, whistler; Barbara McClellan, drums; Vera Hindman, clarinet; Elizabeth Martin, clarinet; Charlotte Madden, trumpet; Faith Young, piano; Ad-die Becker, alto sax; Corps, Louise Pilgrims, Marjorie Krudwig, Nancy Armstrong, violins; Dorothy Hor-lacher, piano, clarinet, sax; and Wave PhMS/c, Orla Hudson, E flat tuba.

— Be Courteous —

Art Classes

CAMP PENDLETON—Marines stationed here are invited to attend art classes sponsored by the Ocean-side USO. The classes, for service men and women, started Wednesday night.



FEW MEETINGS. GySgts. John (left) and Jim McClellan covered a lot of territory and had plenty to talk over when they met for the third time in 24 years Wednesday in the Base NCO Club. (Photo by PFC, H. F. Alden).

NCO Brothers Meet Third Time In 24 Years At MCB

The "here today and gone tomorrow" brothers of the Corps—John and Jim McClellan—got together Wednesday morning in the Base NCO Club for their third reunion in 24 years.

The McClellan brothers, both gunnery sergeants, met on the Base when Jim flew here from a West Coast port where his ship docked.

It was a real reunion for the Leathernecks—under supervision of other old-time Marines of the NCO Club—and they had a lot of ground to cover. They last met in Shanghai in 1938 when both were on duty at separate stations in China.

the Pacific aboard ship.

John is now awaiting reassignment in the West Coast Reclassification and Redistribution Center, MCB, having recently returned from overseas.

Marines In Combat Get Chance To Vote

ABOARD REAR ADM. R. L. CONNELLY'S FLAGSHIP OFF GUAM, Aug. 6 (UP)—With Guam's two airfields and all important installations and towns in American hands and Marines moving methodically ahead, battle-weary men were pausing today to exercise their right to vote.

Officers passed out to them preliminary cards which they may fill out and return to their own states if they want to cast a ballot in the forthcoming election. Col. William J. Scheyer of Fredericksburg, Va., personnel officer of 3rd Amph. Corps, said even fighters at the front would be given time to fill out cards.

LONG SERVICE

The brothers have served their country a total of nearly 40 years, John first enlisting in the Army on July 18, 1920 and Jim following suit Jan. 18, 1924. The elder brother made the Marine Corps his branch of service by enlisting in July, 1922, and again Jim followed John's footsteps by coming into the Corps in 1936.

Their first meeting since first entering the service was in 1929 when they had a brief reunion at Fort Howard, Md., and it was nine years before they saw each other again in Shanghai.

WIDELY TRAVELED

The brothers have covered most of the globe during their years of separation, John serving in Santo Domingo, Nicaragua, China, Haiti and, during this war, on sea duty in the Pacific and with a defense battalion in the Guadalcanal area. Jim has seen duty in Honolulu, the Philippines, China and throughout

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Corp. John R. Logan Jr. (posthumously).
PFC Paul Hanson.
Legion of Merit
Brig. Gen. Field Harris (gold star in lieu of third medal).
Col. Henry D. Linscott.

Silver Star

1st Lt. David K. Claude (posthumously).
1st Lt. Norman L. Niece Jr.
Sgts. John J. Fickett, Ralph Stephens.
Corp. Gordon C. Still.
PFC Robert H. Agnew (posthumously).

Distinguished Flying Cross

Maj. Warren G. Mollenkamp.
Navy and Marine Corps Medal
Capt. Bradford L. Brumhall.
1st Lt. Earl H. Dwyer.
2nd Lt. Dale C. Biddle.
Sgt. Robert H. Shaw.

Bronze Star

1st Lt. Floyd M. Johnson Jr.
Wt. Joseph C. Gheron (posthumously).
*MTCgt. Frank J. McDevitt.
*Corp. Donald R. Jones.
*PFCs, Fred D. Burkerson and Harry D. Seymour Jr.

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Air Medal

Capt. Cruger L. Wright (gold star in lieu of second medal).
Morton B. McCown Jr., John Henry Melby.
1st Lt. Matthew Allen (posthumously).
Sgts. Ben B. Cannon Jr., Travis P. McFee and Vincent M. Roselli.
Corp. Glenn D. Yohar.
PFC, Orin A. Marshall.

Letters of Commendation

Capt. Reinert M. Torgerson, John C. Peisel.
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Corp. Carey La Rue, Jack W. Marr, Rupert E. Tharp.
PFCs, William D. Forshier, Edward James Sloman.

Film Booker

CAMP PENDLETON—SUSgt. Walter Seltzer of Los Angeles, Cal., has assumed the duties of motion picture film booker for Camp Pendleton's theaters. He succeeds StrSgt. Glenn K. Shipper, also of Los Angeles, who has been honorably discharged.



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The awards, both made posthumously, were to Sgt. Herbert J. Thomas of So. Charleston, W. Va., and PFC. Richard B. Anderson of Tacoma, Wash.

In both instances, when grenades fell back into the groups which they were with, the men flung their bodies on the grenades in order to save their companions.

FACED HEAVY FIRE

Sgt. Thomas sacrificed his life during the battle at the Koromokina river on Bougainville Nov. 7, 1943. His citation read:

"Although several of his men were struck by enemy bullets as he led his squad through dense jungle undergrowth in the face of severe hostile machine gun fire, Sgt. Thomas and his group fearlessly pressed forward into the center of the Japanese position and destroyed the crews of two machine guns by accurate rifle fire and grenades. Discovering a third gun more difficult to approach, he carefully placed his men closely around him in strategic positions from which they were to charge after he had thrown a grenade into the emplacement. When the grenade struck vines and fell back into the midst of the group, Sgt. Thomas deliberately flung himself upon it to smother the explosion, valiantly sacrificing his life for his comrades. Inspired by his selfless action, his men unhesitatingly charged the enemy machine gun and, with fierce determination, killed the crew and several other nearby defenders.

KILLED AT ROI

PFC. Anderson won the Medal for his action during the battle on Roi Island, Kwajalein atoll, Feb. 1, 1944. His citation read:

"Entering a shell crater occupied by three other Marines, PFC. Anderson was preparing to throw a grenade at an enemy position when it slipped from his hands and rolled toward the men at the bottom of the hole. With insufficient time to retrieve the armed weapon and throw it, PFC. Anderson fearlessly chose to sacrifice himself and save his companions by hurling his body upon the grenade and taking the full impact of the explosion.

Screen Guide

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Today—Halls of Montezuma Broadcast, 1800. Three Russian Girls, Smith-Slen (late show, 1930).
Sunday—Show Business, Cantor-Murphy.
Monday—Tampico, Robinson-Darl.
Tuesday—The Awful Truth, Grant-Dunne.
Wednesday—Bridge of San Luis Rey, Lederer-Darl.
Thursday—What's Cookin' (USO All-Colored Variety Show), 1800-2000.
Friday—The Major and the Minor, Miland-Rogers.

CAMP MATTHEWS
1745
Today—Woman of the Town, Dekker-Trevor.
Sunday—The Rain Came, Power-Lay.
Monday—Three Russian Girls, Smith-Slen.
Tuesday—Show Business, Cantor-Murphy.
Wednesday—Tampico, Robinson-Darl.
Thursday—Hot Rhythm, Lowery-Drake.
Friday—Bridge of San Luis Rey, Lederer-Darl.

MCAD, MIRAMAR
1745
Today—Take It or Leave It, Baker-Mussey.
Sunday and Monday—The Seventh Cross, Tracy-Hasso.
Tuesday—Henry Aldrich's Little Secret, Lydon-Mortimer.
Wednesday—Twilight on the Prairie Downs, Austin.
Thursday—The Great Moment, McCrea-Fields.
Friday—Mr. Skeffington, Raines-Davis.

Saturday Morning, August 12, 1944



SILENT TRIBUTE. Near the water's edge on Saipan, the dead of the invasion units are buried. Uncovered in tribute before the graves of men they led into combat are the general officers who engineered the island's conquest. From left: Maj. Gen. George Greiner, CG, 27th Army Div.; Maj. Gen. James L. Underhill; Maj. Gen. Sanderford Jar-

man, CG of Saipan garrison forces; Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, CG, FMF, Pacific; Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates, CG, 4th Mar. Div.; Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt, CG, 4th Mar. Div. during Saipan campaign; and Maj. Gen. Thomas Watson, CG, 2nd Mar. Div. Men of the 2nd and 4th Mar. Divs. assaulted and captured nearby Tinian after taking Saipan.



FIGHTING PHOTO. Staff Sgt. Roy E. Olund, left, combat photographer, talks to Corp. Jesse J. Moore in a foxhole on Saipan.

Battle Photographs Taken Under Fire

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Staff Sgt. Roy E. Olund of Sacramento, Cal., finished his second battle against the Japanese when this island was secured four days ago.

In those two battles—his first was at Tarawa—he has taken nearly 500 pictures and has seen the Marines wrest from the Nipponese two of their most valuable Pacific bases.—Staff Sgt. Jack Pepper, combat correspondent.

Aviation Ground Officers Needed

Qualification requirements for appointment of warrant officers and enlisted men to second lieutenants in aviation ground duty were relaxed this week because of the immediate need for officers in six types of duty. Revisions were contained in Ltr. of Instr. 814, dated July 31.

Commissions are open for administrative, communication, fighter controller, intelligence, materiel and transportation officers. Applicants must have two years of college or its equivalent, be between 25 and 40 years of age, and be on active duty.

Those chosen by the selection board at HQMC will be sent to Aviation Ground Officers School at Quantico where necessary.

Marine Humor Holds Under Saipan Strain

SAIPAN (Delayed)—This sample of headquarters area humor was recently overheard by Combat Correspondent Sgt. Charles R. Vandergrift:

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(From New York Times)

MCAS, CHERRY POINT, N.C.—A new training plan in which officer-pilots are made to live the dirty, sweaty life of the ground fighter for two weeks is now being tried here. And the fliers love it. The experiment is designed to give Marine airmen an understanding of the problem of ground troops and how important it is that air support be perfectly coordinated. The training is conducted in a remote, wooded area called "Boy's Town." At an earlier stage in this air station's development, it was used for disciplining the camp's "bad boys."

VETERAN LEADER

Lt. Col. Eugene B. Diboll of New Orleans, a wiry, little officer who once commanded the air field on Guadalcanal, is "prexy" of "Boy's Town."

Lt. Col. Diboll leads his temporarily grounded fliers in amphibious landing exercises with the men acting both as attackers and beach defenders. Other aviators, taking advanced operational training cover for landings.

When the grounded fliers get through the paces of a foot Marine, they have a good idea why it is going to be important for them to meet their obligations in the split-second when, in the future, they are called on to provide air support for an amphibious landing.

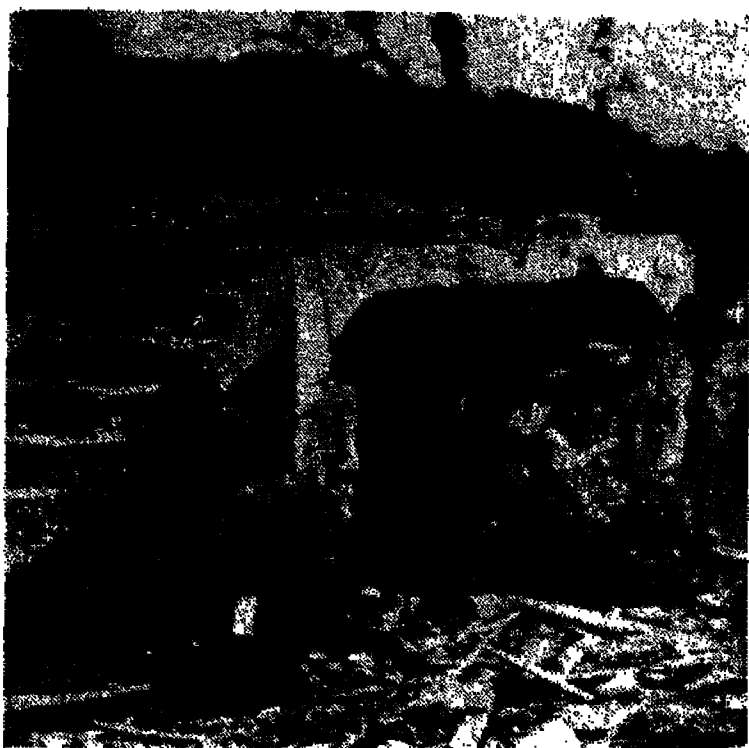
FILLS IN GAPS

"We feel this course also is valuable because it gives these young officers, who have been trained only as fliers, some idea of what it is like to be a Marine," Lt. Col. Diboll said. "After all, their flying course is necessarily specialized, and this training fills in a lot of gaps that the boys think will be valuable to them."

Most of the ordinarily spruce young pilots seem to like the life at "Boy's Town." They let their beards grow, go around in fatigue clothing and display great interest in anti-judo training. When Lt. Col. Diboll calls on them for written suggestions, the average recommendation is along the line that the course should be longer and tougher.

Variety Of Targets

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Marine artillery here had no end of variety in its targets. "We have knocked out Jap batteries and single guns," said Lt. Otto E. Wells of Okanogan, Wash. "We have located their observation posts and hit them. We have fired at long range and hit their boats attempting amphibious counter-attacks, and have fired huge ammunition and food ration dumps."



BREATHER. Marines take time out for a moment's rest in the thick of battle on Tinian. Under steps of a demolished Jap building, a Leatherneck lights a cigarette for his buddy while others outside keep alert for snipers.

Marine Dogs Flush Japs From Guam Hiding Places

Specially trained scout dogs—Dobermans and German Shepherds—are helping Marines flush snipers in caves and wherever else they are hiding, it was reported from Guam by William McGaffin of the Chicago Daily News Foreign Service. Sometimes a Marine goes in and kills a sniper after a dog points and his hair bristles, indicating the location of the enemy. Dogs will go in alone and attack the Jap if commanded to do so, McGaffin reported.

CAVE WARFARE

On Guam, the Japs are carrying on a cave warfare wherever possible, reminiscent of action on Saipan.

Guam is three times as big as Saipan and the Jap defenses are proportionately greater. One officer, in from an inspection tour, said, "There must be 200 miles of trenches and caves on Guam."

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Saipan Marines Shoot Up Isle, Build New Range

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Less than a week after Marines had finished shooting up this island, not to mention thousands of Japs, Leathernecks of the 2nd Div. went out and built a rifle range.

Long famed as the world's best riflemen, the Marines will be given an opportunity to zero new weapons, and to requalify as marksmen.

The range, built under the supervision of Capt. John Smolenski of San Diego and TSgt. John N. Lauderback of Minnong, Wis., has the three standard courses for 200, 300, and 500 yards. — Sift Sgt. Hy Hürwitz, combat correspondent.

Keen Clean

Saipan Water—Six Delicious Flavors

SAIPAN (Delayed) — Drinking water was at a premium during the Marines' first weeks on Saipan. The only local supply, rainwater caught in cisterns, was polluted, and troops at the front were glad to get cans of water filled months before.

"Come and get your six delicious flavors here," wisecracked a supply sergeant unloading a water trailer. "Gasoline and bilgewater, rubber, salt, tar, and tin." — Sgt. Bob Cooke, combat correspondent.

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RD Bond Salesman Takes \$2000

PFC. James H. Golden, after a year's work in the RD War Bond office, bought \$2000 worth of bonds as a parting shot last week when he learned he was to be transferred.

During the past year the RD War Bond office has sold an average of \$45,000 worth of bonds a month, it was estimated by 1st Lt. Clay Nixon, RD legal officer. Sgt. Edward Sherman is NCO-in-C of the office.

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USMC	5,745	9,949	688	1,946
USCG	246	175	234	0
	20,155	16,870	9,488	4,580

Missing

California
Corp. Edwin J. McDowell, San Francisco.
Florida
Sgt. Winton G. Wolk, Dover.
Iowa
2d Lt. Gordon D. Wells, Bloomfield.
Minnesota
Maj. Robert L. Erickson, Grand Rapids.
Pennsylvania
Sgt. Chas. S. Buckley Jr., Philadelphia.
Texas
Sgt. Jewel T. Hawkins, San Angelo.

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PFC Nathaniel Evans, Winfield.
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PFC Roscoe Smith Jr., Gadsden.
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2d Lt. James G. White, Phoenix.
Arkansas
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PFC Melvin Adams, Lenoir.
PFC Marvin Kilgore, Hot Springs.
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Jap 'Plant' Spots Marine Positions

SAIPAN (Delayed)—One of the Japs' means of spotting troop concentrations and incoming landing boats as our troops were establishing a beachhead on this island was revealed today.

According to Sgt. David Dempsey, combat correspondent, a Japanese artillery observation officer was located in a hammock slung high in a tree near Charan-Kanoa, well inside our own lines. He was equipped with a radio and was directing Jap artillery fire.

When he was disposed of, enemy batteries were soon silenced.

Marine Wounded Recall Bitter Saipan Fighting

Thanks to air transport and other rapid evacuation measures, many Marines who were injured in the battle for Saipan are now on the road to recovery at West Coast Naval hospitals. Here are some of their recollections of that engagement:

At USNH, Treasure Island, Cal., Sgt. John G. Kowalik of Chicago said what the Japs lacked in artillery in the Marshalls they made up for on Saipan. PFCs Samuel M. Kennedy of Philadelphia and Leroy Storch of McCrory, Ark., were among the few who thought Tarawa a tougher proposition than Saipan. Jap bombers dropped their "eggs" all around their hospital ship one night, recalls PFC George J. Popovich of New York City.

At USNH, Oakland, Corp. Freddie F. Morris Jr. of New Orleans recalled that his outfit got a much-needed laugh when Marines fired at a moving object which turned out to be brush being blown along by the wind. A communications unit met plenty of small arms fire on the beach and then was "really plastered" by Jap artillery, said Sgt. Wilmer D. Bushnell of Kinder, La. Unscathed at Guadalcanal, Corp. Edward Werhlick of Reading, Pa., was injured at both Tarawa and Saipan. PFC Paul Corluthy of Brooklyn, N. Y., narrowly escaped death when Jap planes dive bombed and strafed craft evacuating wounded to a hospital ship offshore. The unit to which PFC William L. Mylet of Webster Grove, Mo., belonged had a "hair-raising" experience covering a 300-yard open area in the face of Jap MG. fire.

At USNH, Mare Island, PFC Robert E. Barnes of Grand Rapids, Mich., said Japs were trickier than usual. In one case they directed artillery fire from a tall sugar mill smokestack. Corp. Jack E. Manning of Depew, N. Y., said, "the

Marshalls landings seemed like maneuvers compared with Saipan." The Japs fought like cornered rats and we just had to "kill them off in droves," said PFC John F. Haynal of Lachawanna, N. Y. Hospital corpsmen can't be given too much credit for what they did at Saipan, declared PFC Lloyd H. Tooper of Rigny, Ida. Corp. Edward J. Ryan of Chicago said Saipan was tough because Jap positions were so well hidden.

At USNH, Shoemaker, Cal., 1st Lt. Herbert C. Fairall Jr. of Denver, Colo., recalled that when his platoon was withdrawn for food and water after a desperate counter-attack an emergency arose and instead of rations they got more action. PFC James A. Dent of New Orleans is a great booster for plasma—he had six transfusions which he feels saved his life. He said Japs threw empty sake bottles at them. A platoon of amphibian tanks commanded by 2d Lt. Paul A. Hirschbrunner, former Univ. of Wisconsin football tackle, was moved up behind the front lines and the heavy guns used as mobile artillery, he recalls.

PFC Walter P. Seelma of Chicago was shot by a "dead Jap" after his unit had pushed a number of men sprawled in the mud. There was more hand-to-hand combat at Tarawa, but Saipan's artillery and mortar fire was worse, said PFC Raymond D. Berry of Speed, Ind. 1st Lt. Charles R. Davis of Scranton, Pa., was wounded on the beach at Namur and had been on Saipan only a few hours when he was hit by fragments of a mortar shell. 1st Lt. Clair A. Montroy Jr. of Buffalo, N. Y., said a Jap artillery observer who caused them plenty of trouble turned out to be in a foxhole right in the middle of the Marine position. Disguised as a Marine, he relayed his information over a tiny short wave radio.

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Tinian No Easy Beach--Even After Saipan's Mortar Fire

By Sgt. Dan Levin
Combat Correspondent

SAIPAN (Delayed) — "They say this is going to be an easy beach," the Marine said, jerking his thumb toward peaceful and verdant-looking Tinian Island, and looking hopeful.

He was a sergeant in a communications unit. Strapped to his back was a pouch containing a field telephone set.

He had gone in early on Saipan, where there was a bad beach—a bad mortar beach with Marine dead lying around. He had been through a month of hair-trigger, merciless front line duty on this

grassy island. He knew that Tinian was a small island, that few people knew it existed or cared whether it existed, but that it had to be taken, that the Marines were going to take it, and that some fellows were bound to get killed.

He knew that after Tinian he would probably have a rest, along with his unit. He wanted very much to come through this last small campaign alive and well. He looked at us for reassurance as he said that "they" were saying it would be an easy beach.

One of us said, "Yeah."

That's what everyone was hoping. To lose as few American lives as

possible on this island, the request of which was certain, but which would have to be taken by storm.

"We generally go in pretty early," he said, grinning. "In time to catch those mortars."

Behind him Marines were transferring great spools of wire from a small truck to an amtrac named "Miss Lana Turner." The truck was also unloading stretchers, still darkly stained with Marine blood spilled on Saipan. Other amtracs loaded with Marines waited on the beach. A long line of amtracs, like a line of ducks, was moving out toward the LSTs lying between

Saipan and Tinian. The assault would be in the morning.

Finally, the sergeant's amtrac was ready to go, and he got up easily and calmly, and climbed on, and we said goodbye. That was yesterday.

All day and all night our guns and planes smashed at Tinian. Plumes of smoke burst from every part of the low-lying island by day, and a bright fire crackled on the island all night. The planes came slanting over in fours and twos. The guns fired in shattering string-volleys. As soon as dawn came, the Naval gunfire was stepped up and Saipan shook with the roaring.

Finally, between glaring sunlight and furious bursts of tropical rain, the Higgins boats and amtracs pulled away from the LSTs and the first assault wave was on its way.

On three beachheads there was mortar fire and shellfire, and on the fourth there was troop opposition. The Marines waded in with bullets and shell fragments cutting the water and knocking down men. By 1100 this morning they were 400 to 500 yards in, fighting hard.

Several waves had already landed. The communications sergeant had gone in with one of them. No easy beach.

19th Platoon Qualifies All Hands On Range

Additional Ammunition For Practice Cited As Reason For High Scores

CAMP MATTHEWS—The number of platoons with 100 per cent qualifications rose to 19 for the year at this range last week when three more qualified all hands. This total compares with three 100 per cent platoons for all of last year.

Last week's three 100 per centers were Plats. 866, 882 and 701. Coaches on the school range were Pvt. Earl L. Erwin and PFCs. John F. Stechel and Raymond W. Parker. DIs are Corp. D. W. Pratt, Sgt. T. D. Germany, and Corp. P. J. Strutzel.

Four reasons were given by Maj. E. J. Nicholas, executive officer of the range, for the higher qualifications this year, particularly in the last several months.

MORE AMMUNITION

Beginning last May, he said, 100 more rounds of ammunition were allowed each recruit for preliminary firing before record day. Also, more line coaches have been available this year, with one for every target now as against one for two targets in many cases last year.

Of prime importance in making for high individual scores as well as high qualifications has been the many days of dull morning light caused by the California fog. This aids recruits because sun glare is reduced to a minimum. The firing line faces the sun, Maj. Nicholas explained.

Carbine instruction on the school range all this year, as compared with but a few months late last year, also was cited as an additional reason for the higher scores in 1944.

HIGH SCORES

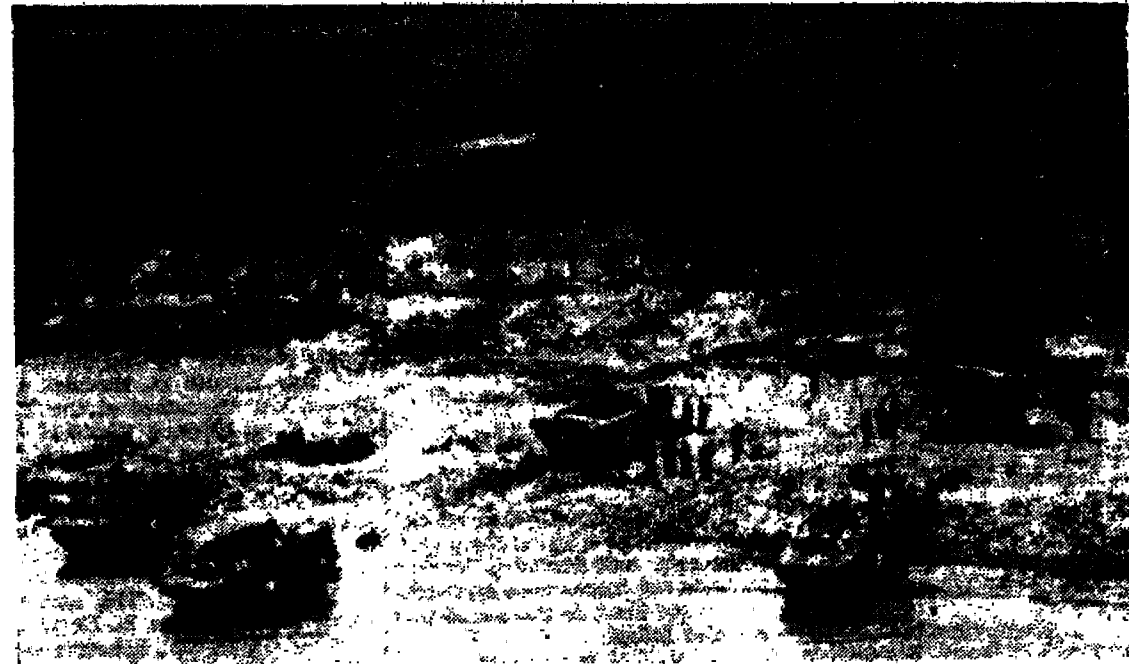
High individual score last week was the 328 fired by Pvt. Theodore J. Wolfe Jr. of Plat. 684 and Wilkinsburg, Pa. Runners-up were Pvt. Ross LeBl. Chantler (Plat. 688) of Gilroy, Cal., with 326, and Albert R. Potter (Plat. 702) of Oakland, Cal., with 325.

Average qualifications for all recruits last week were 83.4 per cent for the 832 who fired on Wednesday and 83.2 per cent for the 711-man detail on Thursday.

Range records for the week were:

Aug. 2
Leading platoons—100, Plat. 686 and 688; 98.3, Plat. 694 (PFC) and 1. Bushman, coach, Corp. G. M. Niemi, DI.
Leading individuals—328, PFC Wolfe; 326, Pvt. Chantler; 325, PFC Donald W. Rodman (Plat. 691); Council Bluffs, Ia.; 323, Plat. 688; 322, PFC Baker (Plat. 692); Chantler, Calif.

Aug. 3
Leading platoons—100, Plat. 701; 98.7, Plat. 686 (PFC) Jerome J. Harris, coach, 1st Sgt. J. T. Dady, DI; 98.0, Plat. 699 (PFC) Gail D. Brooks, coach, Corp. R. N. Cuen, DI; and Plat. 705 (PFC) Harold R. Knowlton, coach, Sgt. E. Stechel Jr., DI.



TINIAN BEACH. Leathernecks string out in foxholes along a Tinian beach while amphibious tractors unload more men to secure the beachhead, handle supplies and prepare for a push inland. The assault on Tinian was aided by shellfire from nearby Saipan.

Negro Marines In First Action Of War On Saipan

SAIPAN (Delayed) (INS)—Negro Marines suffered their first casualties of the war when one was killed and four wounded in front-line fighting here.

The Negro Marines were thrown into the fighting when Japs threatened American lines. They knocked out at least one Jap machine gun and killed several of the enemy—the first Japs sent to their ancestors by Negro Marines in this war.

"They worked around the clock and did a swell job. Several officers congratulated us on the way we had the ammunition they wanted ready when they wanted it," said Capt. Louis P. Shine, the unit's CO.

"Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" became an actuality during the battle for Saipan when two members of the Negro unit, who have ambitions to enter the ministry and who conduct religious

services for the group, moved in with the assault troops and set a record in unloading artillery shells for the front lines.—Sgt. Charles R. Vandergriff, combat correspondent.

Draft Board After Lejeune Officer

CAMP LEJEUNE—Capt. Alfonso Lloyd, who during nearly two years in the Corps has served on the staffs of four generals who have commanded this base, recently got a notice that his draft board had classified him 1-A. The board was one which he had served as legal adviser before entering the Corps.

Oldest Employee Of Marine Corps Serves 36 Years

SAN FRANCISCO—F. C. Shannon, the oldest civilian employee of the Marine Corps from point of service, will complete 36 years in an administrative capacity next Sunday.

Mr. Shannon, 57, is administrative officer in charge of the Procurement Div., DOP, under the jurisdiction of Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Jacobsen, depot quartermaster.

For the past 34 years, he has been attached to DOP, coming here in 1910 from Washington, D. C., where he had been in charge of the contract section at HQMC.

Mr. Shannon has seen the depot grow from a five-story building on 2nd St. with a personnel of "about 24" to a large organization which requires the use of many buildings and many thousand employees.

It is his duty to supervise procurement of services, leasing of real estate and purchase of supplies, with the exception of clothing, arms and ammunition.

"We used to supply Guam, the Philippines, Hawaii and other bases," he said. "Now we take care of many bases in the Pacific, and will welcome the opportunity of supplying more."—Sgt. Charlie Evans, combat correspondent.

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EXCERPTS FROM JAP-OWNED BASEBALL GUIDE CHOKE GUAM SCRIBE

By Staff Sgt. Gordon D. Marston
Combat Correspondent

PITI, GUAM (Delayed) - He may have been a baseball fan back in Nippon, but some Japanese soldier left a 1921 Spalding Baseball Guide behind him today when Marines mopped up this town.

If we could but know the story of this testament of America's national pastime or follow it down the line until it changed hands for good, we should have one of the strangest chronicles of our time.

A Japanese considered the book his own, for his name was marked in large characters on the front cover.

On page 227 was an item that stuck in my throat as I read it with my back propped up against

the debris made by an American 16-inch shell hit on a warehouse. It read:

"The University of Chicago baseball team was invited to play in Japan in the Spring of 1920 following their visit of 1915. The trip was one of the most enjoyable that has been made by a college team to a foreign country. Wherever the American boys appeared, they were received with demonstrations of great enthusiasm."

Another paragraph relating a thrilling extra-inning game between Chicago and the Waseda Univ. nine reported:

"The crowd became so wrought up with excitement that after the game was finished the Japanese enthusiasts followed the American

players for over a mile to the hotel, cheering and shouting their approval."

My mind turned back to a scene I had witnessed earlier in the morning. Several Marines had been borne to a field dressing station. Most of them had ugly wounds from a mortar barrage that had fallen into their midst. One youth had his arm blown off. He might have once played baseball.

The baseball guide book fell into my possession by chance. A group of Marines had just pulled out of the lines beyond the old navy yard. A young chap, his face drawn and his eyes red-rimmed from loss of sleep, was about to toss the book away. He seemed too tired to care about any reading material other

than a letter from home.

As he handed over the book to me, he moved on. His uniform was filthy and his tired feet shuffled in the dust of the road skirting Apra Harbor.

The book was a bit soggy and smelled musty. The home-made cover was stained, the original having presumably long been thumb'd off. Running vertically was the bold name of a Japanese into whose possession the book had come. Typewritten in the center of the cover, partly blurred, partly obscured by the Jap writing were the neatly spaced words:

Spalding's
Official
Baseball Guide
1921

American Marines and sailors played baseball on Guam. Outside the capital city of Agaña, its 11,000 population probably going to the hills and the community leveled by bombs, is Bradley Field, named in honor of former U. S. Island Governor Willis W. Bradley.

The Japs hold the area as this is being written but when the fighting is over baseball will be played there again. Not even a 2000-pound bomb behind second base will stop the game.

Did this baseball guide once belong to one of our sailors or Marines?

We may never know. If a certain Jap wants the book back, he can have it. But he'll have to come for it and pay the price.

Service Folk Invited To See Shriners' Pro Grid Benefit

Panamarines Win NOB Title, Trail In New Circuit

Officers Fete Club After Station Race; Individual Awards Made To Players

"Panamarines" at a Naval operating base outside the continental limits of the U. S. are writing some basketball history and thoroughly enjoying the spreading limelight.

Recently they were feted on the occasion of their sweep to the NOB league title, when they won 10 consecutive games, and at last report they were running a close second to NOB's all-sailor quintet in a fast, nowly-organized Pacific Side league.

They finished the first half of their new schedule with a record of nine victories against three defeats. Although the sailor adoration was destined to finish with a slightly better game record, the Panamarines had the better scoring mark. Their average in 10 games was 59 points against 51 for NOB.

LEADING SCORER

2dLt. Richard W. Wiltshire of Richmond, Va., currently leads the quintet's scoring race and stands third high in the Pacific Side league with 126 points in 12 games.

Capt. Henry B. Broadfoot, commander of NOB, and Col. James F. Moriarty, commanding MB, were honored guests at a banquet which followed the Panamarines' sweep to the base league title.

Capt. Broadfoot presented individual medals to the team members on that occasion.

Simonsen Collects Booty In Bowling

PFC. Ed Simonsen's 233 roll at the PK Bowling Alley last week, held up at last all corners and won the 5th Div. league his second carton of cigarettes. PFC. Simonsen earned his first carton last May when he was attached to the Base Gd. Bn., but was transferred to Camp Pendleton before collecting his award.

He rolled his 233 when he dropped in after two months to pick up his cigarettes. PFC. Simonsen's high game interrupted a string of victories by veterans returned from overseas fighting fronts.

Sports For Masses Need, Says Officer

CAMP LEJEUNE - Lt. John Martens, Coast Guard recreation officer at this Marine base, rubbed shoulders with Jack Dempsey, Harold (Red) Grange and other greats of the Golden Era of Sports Still, he insists that, for service men, star-making is nil. "Sports for the greatest majority should be our aim in the service," he maintains.

Jealousy is something people get when they suffer with poison envy.



CRACK OUTFIT. Champions of NOB, outside continental limits, and now snapping in for added league honors, these Panamarines boast an enviable basketball record. From left, back row: Corp. George H. Fisher, PhM1c. Cecil Cosper, 2dLt. John P. Brown, Col. James F. Moriarty, commanding MB, 1stLt. Frank J. Klimley and PFC. George Kerlek. Front row: Corp. Lester F. Knoblauch, PFC. Richard G. Hannan, 2dLt. Richard W. Wiltshire, PhM2c. William Hedrick and PhM1c. Denton L. Adams.



Cherry Point's Baseball Team Trims Parris Island

CHERRY POINT—On the four-hit pitching of Corp. Sam House and a first-inning home run by Corp. Bill Wright, Cherry Point's baseball team closed its season with a 2 to 1 victory over the strong Parris Island club here this week.

On the mound for Parris Island was the former major leaguer, eccentric "Boots" Poffenberger, whom the slugging Cherry Pointers annoyed with seven hits.

Corp. Wright's circuit smash drove in Corp. Walter Hulsall, who had singled.

The score:

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Cherry Island	2	7	0
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Losing players daily via the transfer route, PFC. Mack Harmon, manager of the RD softball team which this week opened its second half schedule in the Naval Dist. League, has issued a call for softball players to replace men shifted to other stations.

Lost to the RD team, which reached the play-offs in the season's first half, were: PFC. Howard Price, 3b; PFC. Charles Furman, 1b; PFC. E. K. Minch, 2b; PFC. James Brady, cf; Sgt. W. R. Hardy, if, and PFC. W. W. Lake, c.

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Sammy Baugh's Pitching Arm To Be Featured When Redskins Go Into Battle

Organization offices will have a limited number of tickets granting free admission to the annual East-West professional football game on Aug. 20 to distribute to MCB personnel next week.

Some 10,000 seats at Balboa Stadium are being set aside by the Shriners for service folk, these to be allocated to various service units in the area, according to notice from 11th Naval Dist. headquarters.

SHRINE BENEFIT

Proceeds of the game, being sponsored by Al Bahr Temple, will go to the benefit of 15 Shriners' Hospitals for Crippled Children and to the Society for Crippled Children of San Diego County, Inc.

It marks the windup of the Shriners' annual training period and will feature Texas-reared "Slingin' Sammy" Baugh, one of the game's greatest forward passers. This year the Redskins are training under Bud DeGroot, one-time Stanford star who went East after a coaching tenure on the Pacific Coast.

REVIEW PLANNED

A military review involving more than a thousand service men and women will augment the program. Rear Adm. W. L. Friedell, Commandant of the 11th Naval Dist. has promised full cooperation in providing band music and service personnel to make the pageant a success.

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Actor O'Brien's Presence Inspires Fighting Recruits

For an enthused crowd distinguished by the presence of Brig. Gen. Matthew Kingman, Col. John Groff and Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien, Recruit Depot boxers last week presented one of the Amphitheater's outstanding fight programs. Referee and master of ceremonies, Film Actor O'Brien sparkled in both roles and drew the perfect tribute—dead silence—for his recitation of a Knute Rockne fight talk and "America."

And for the occasion Boxing Coaches Marty Schwartz and Quentin (Baby) Breese put into the ring 16 men who had been taught how to fight and were willing to prove it. All mixed it to a finish.

BEST BOUT

Best bout of the evening was put on by two husky, slugging middleweights. Orville Webster (Plat. 765) of Pomeroy, Wash., and Halg Averisjan (Plat. 764) of Detroit waged a battle royal until Webster came out of a furious toe-to-toe punching session in the second round to win by a TKO.

For one round Pedro Mantoya (Plat. 669) of El Centro, Cal., and Gilbert Mendez (Plat. 576) of San Antonio, Tex., gave a clever boxing exhibition, but Mantoya, a protégé of World's Bantam King Manuel Ortiz, had too much for his game featherweight foe and floored him just before the bell with a short, deadly right.

Mendez crumpled to the deck and was unable to come out for the second round.

STAINCH BATTLE

One of the best fighters of the night was blonde, 135-pound V. D. Mitchell (Plat. 771) of Ringley, Okla., who used both fists to punch out a unanimous decision over Jerome Hall (Plat. 663) of Detroit. He would have knocked out a less courageous fighter than Hall.

Another exhibition of gameness was the stubborn refusal of Kenneth Hobbs (Plat. 655) of Buffalo, N. Y., to quit before the superior ability of John Lepri (Plat. 653) of Chadron, Neb. Three times Lepri put Hobbs down for counts of nine. They are light-heavyweights.

Other results:

170 pounds—Roy Craddock (Plat. 770) of Worby, Ida., and John Adams (Plat. 766) of Bremerton, Wash., drew.

147 pounds—Oscar Gracida (Plat. 761) of Sacramento, Cal., TKO'd William Vaughan (Plat. 770) of American Falls, Ida., in the second.

115 pounds—Furney Leach (Plat. 677) of Lincoln, Neb., drew with William Wells (Plat. 764) of Dearborn, Mich.

120 pounds—Trish Mariano (Plat. 654) of Elmhurst, N. Y., drew with Milton Carr (Plat. 655) of Bellingham, Wash.

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THREE MEN IN A RING. Pvt. William Vaughan, Pat O'Brien and Pvt. Oscar Gracida, were three of the principals on last week's fight program in RD Amphitheater. Gracida scored a second round TKO over the courageous Vaughan. O'Brien was referee. (Photo by PFC. H. Aiden).

MCB Golf Team Sounds Plea For Low Handicap Players

If you can give Old Man Par a pretty stiff argument—say, stiff enough to rate a three or four-stroke handicap—MCB's golf team can use you. Urgent need for low-handicap players was indicated this week by Base Athletic Office after the team had warmed up for 11th Naval Dist. play with an 8-to-1 victory over ABG-2 at Balboa Park Municipal Course.

There was nothing in the margin of the victory to indicate that MCB needed help, but Sgt. Maple Lint, who explained the Base Marines said transfers have reduced the squad to a minimum.

The match with ABG-2 was limited to best-ball affairs with these results: Sgt. Lint and PFC2 o Ed-Win Giesbier defeated TSgt. Lewis and Sgt. Jack Glansek, 2 to 1; Corp. Joe O'Neill and Pvt. Lynn Cawley defeated McConnell and Hargan, 3 to 0; QMSgt. Don B. Crouch and Pvt. John Vancay defeated Mackley and Waller, 3 to 0.

A return at Chula Vista next week will include singles as well as best-ball competition.

CAMP PENDLETON PLANS TO ENTER GOLF TOURNAY

CAMP PENDLETON—With the 11th Naval Dist. golf tournament scheduled for next month, Marines here have been swinging their golf clubs in practice sessions twice weekly and plan on entering a squad in the September tourney.

Capt. H. B. Serkovich of the Post Recreation Office has announced.

PFC. Harry Allison, former Rochester, Ind., Country Club pro, is directing the Leathernecks in practice rounds. Other men on the squad are Pvt. Walter Trunor of Pasadena, Cal., Corp. Roy Peora of Duluth, Minn., and Corp. Kenneth Hartledge of Louisville, Ky.

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Miramar's Hopes For Ring Title Brighter

Six Men In Finals Of Southern Cal. AAU Fight Classic

By Staff Sgt. Ben Wahrman
Combat Correspondent

MCAD, MIRAMAR—What looked like fading hopes did a champagne right-about-face last week and took on brighter hue as six Miramar fighters moved into the finals of the Southern California AAU ring championships at the San Diego Coliseum, where titles will be decided tomorrow night.

Newcomers breathed life into Miramar's team, four of them twofisting their way into the finals while two older, tried and proven hands moved up the easy way—on byes. Neither Corp. Joe Schenck, 147, nor Pvt. Dickie Borja, 127, had to fight in the preliminary rounds by virtue of MarFair West championships.

If they paid off on overtime and hard work, Pvt. Jose Maese, 135, would be in line for something besides the crown. He had to knock out two men and one of them, El Toro's Johnny Campbell, carried him into an extra round before he stayed on the deck for the full count. His other victim was Navy's Jimmy Hackel, a North Islander of reputation.

In the 160-pound class, Pvt. Nick Ragusan scored four knockdowns

to win a decision from Jimmy O' son of the Dog, Base. The other Miramar finalists are Pyls. Joe Music, light-heavy who whipped a civilian scrapper by decision, and Johnny Serpa, heavyweight who clipped Jack Gregory of MCB for a knockout win.

Tomorrow night's final bouts get under way at 2000.

ONE HANE BOXER IN
FINALS; HEAVY HURT

MCB's lone title contender in tomorrow night's amateur boxing finals to be staged at the Coliseum is 118-pound George S. Butts of Base Property Office.

The only other man entered, Harold D. Gregory of Sig. Bn., suffered injuries in his heavyweight mix with Miramar's Johnny Serpa and was sent to the hospital for repairs.

Keep Clean

Top Grid Scorer At Camp Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON—The nation's leading football scorer in 1936, Pvt. Charles S. Thomas sr., is on duty as a combat instructor at this station.

In 1936, while attending the Delta State Teachers' College at Cleveland, Miss., Pvt. Thomas, more familiarly known as "Chuck," registered 121 points to top every college player in the country. Bryon (Whisper) White, great Colorado U. star, surpassed Thomas' scoring mark the following year.

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SHERMAN'S

Marine Corps Chevron — Page Seventeen

Crucial NTC
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MCB Ball Club
Meeting Sailors
For Fifth Time

It was a rough trip as MCB's power-packed baseball team whipped Naval Repair Base, 7 to 3, this week to mark up its fifth straight victory in second-half 11th Naval Dist. League play, but PFC Rudy Pugh had a knot on his noggin and some bruises to prove that Marines usually weather the roughest of them.

Decked in the second inning by a wild pitch and later run down at first base on a close play, Pugh stuck to his artillery to keep his pitching slate clean and set the stage for today's showdown game with NTC on the sailors' diamond.

GOOD FIELDING

Rudy had some slick fielding and heavy hitting by his mates to thank for the win. The combination of PFCs Lee Mohr, PFC "Nippy" Jones and Pvt. Harry Hughes turned in four double plays to pull the Leathernecks out of some pin-needing holes.

Hughes and Pvt. "Wimpy" Quinn, each with four hits in five trips, and Mohr with three in five, paced a blistering attack against the all-southpaw slants of McGowan and Bobeck, NRB's two chuckers.

Today's game at NTC may tell the second-half story in the Naval Dist. League. These two classy clubs have clashed four times this year. Navy won three of them but lost the main one which carried the first-half title as its big plum.

BEAT 6TH FERRYING

Last week the handcuffing tactics of lanky, wiry PFC Ray Yochim gave MCB a victory it has been waiting for all season. Twirling masterfully all the way, Yochim throttled the former major leaguers playing under the banner of 6th Ferrying Group for a 5-to-0 shutout win.

Pvt. Jack Whipple's home run and Lee Mohr's double accounted for two runs in the first inning and were enough to win. But a triple by Manager Harry Hughes in the third, a single by Whipple in the fourth and a bingle by Corp. Neil Andrews, catcher, in the sixth sent in three more runs to make the margin more restful.

To make the week-end a fiesta.



MARINE BEAUTY. And in this case it's all Marine—the gal, WR Corp. Rosalie R. Robie of Albany, Cal., and the setting. The life saver frame tells where it all took place.

Baseball Dope

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Marine Corps Base, Coast Guard Patrol, Naval Training Center, etc.

Next Week's Games
Today—NTC there, 1100
Thursday—Coast Guard base (one-day game), 1700.

MCB came out the following day and romped through a double header with rival Marines from Santa Barbara. Pugh shot out MAG-42 with a five-bitter. Pvt. Ray Mince and PFC D. C. Moore ganged up on MAG-45 in an eight-inning nightcap and won easily, 11 to 1, on a two-hitter.

Table with 4 columns: Team, R, H, E. Rows include 6th Ferrying Group, Marine Corps Base, Werhowski and Dunning, etc.

Coast Guardsmen
Upset Sailors

Coast Guard Patrol fessed an unexpected howitzer shell into the 11th Naval Dist. baseball rumparts late this week when it upset NTC, heretofore unbeaten, 6 to 2.

Warren Sandel, hurling a six-hitter, engineered the big upset. His mates jumped on Jack Paszko for 10 hits. Indications are that Pete Jonas will be NTC's pitching choice in its all-important game with MCB this afternoon at the sailors' park.

Lejeune Ball Clubs
Entering Tournament

CAMP LEJEUNE. Six teams teed off this week in a series to determine which will meet the classy Negro Marine club for the baseball championship of this Leatherneck camp. Artillery, Engineer, Service, Signal, Rifle Range and Coast Guard are entered.

PARRIS ISLAND—During the recent Coast Guard series in St. Augustine, Fla., Parris Island Second Baseman Ed Debs hit one of the longest homers in Francis Field history, only to have the rains come, cancel the game and nullify the long blow.

Marine Training Tougher
Than Any Football Line

By Sgt. Charles R. Kopp, Combat Correspondent
CAMP LEJEUNE—Although he feels most folks won't agree, no less a football celebrity than Bill Osmanski believes professional gridgers work together better and have more spirit than college players. Osmanski, now a junior grade lieutenant in the Navy, argued his point today from his dental office here, where he is easier on his Marine patients than he was on opponents of Holy Cross College and the Chicago Bears when he was fullbacking for those teams.

TRAINS FOR FIELD

He recently has undergone Marine training given Navy doctors, dentists, and corpsmen preparatory to duty in the field—and he has his ideas about that, too: "It's tougher than any line I ever hit," he declared.

Lt. Osmanski pointed out that the pros make the game their means of livelihood. "The old salary is at stake," he asserted, "so they gladly put out. Many men who were outshone by teammates in college become great when they play for a living. The competitive spirit is quickened on the outside. The boys are older, more in earnest."

AWARD RECALLED

His favorite recollection, incidentally, is receiving the Chicago Tribune's Most Valuable Player Award in 1939, as delivered by Hedy Lamarr.

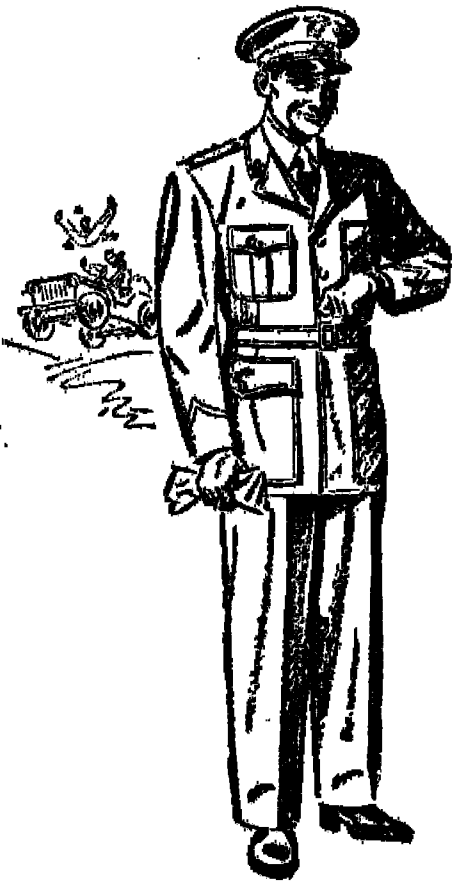
Predicts Downfall
Of Brown Bomber

CAMP LEJEUNE—Pvt. Thomas Martin, English-born Negro who was British Empire boxing champion, thinks that Joe Louis' war-enforced layoff will ruin the Brown Bomber's chances of retaining his heavyweight title. Martin himself is receiving a medical discharge, but he is not going back to the ring.

3 More Gridmen
Join El Toro Team

MCAS, EL TORO—The football team being built here by Lt. Col. Dick Hanley had three more recruits this week with the transfer from the MCAD, Miramar, gym staff of a trio of former college players. The new additions are Corp. Sy Fuhrman, former USC Trojan, Corp. J. E. Pressley, who played for Allen Academy in Texas, and PFC. Walter Clay, a graduate of Colorado University's Buffalo eleven.

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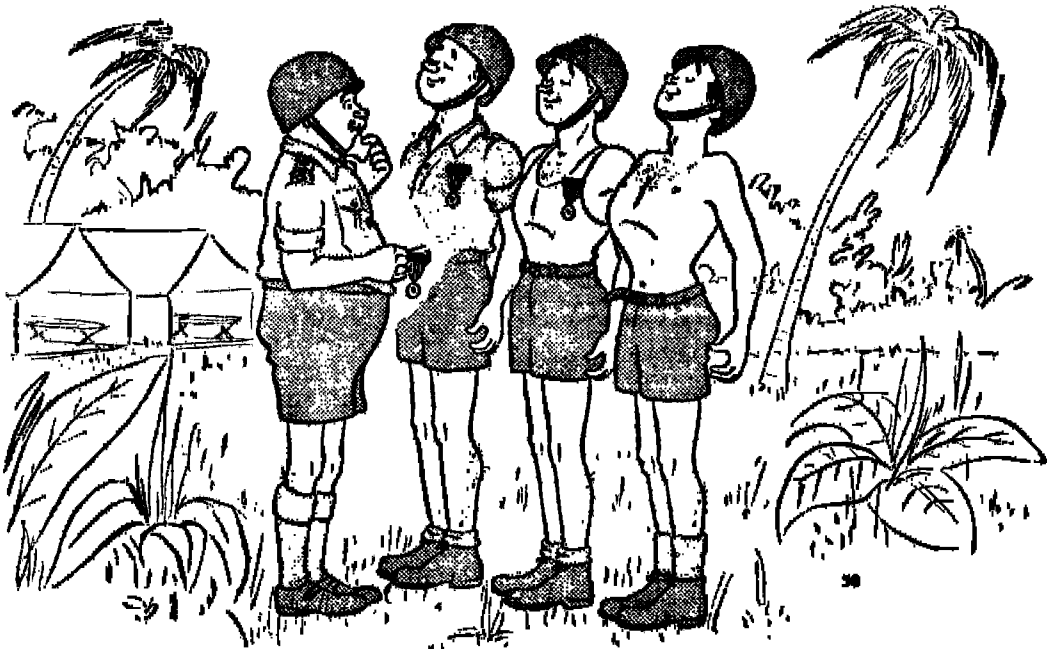
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SWIMMING MARINES. One of the nation's outstanding swimming teams is the MCB aquatic squad which competed Aug. 20 in two events, the L. A. Examiner's annual meet and the La Jolla Rough Water Swim. From left (front row) are: PFC. Tony Orich, Pvt. Alan Welsh, PFC. Bob Parkhurst, PFC. John Harris and Capt. Edward Rawling, coach. Back row, PFC. Neil Butler, Corp. Ken Marsh, PFC. Ben Sloan and PFC. Don Alfaro. MCB won rough water swim last year. (Photo by Harvey Payne.)

THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PVT. GEORGE LIAPES

The most expensive fight in ring history was held in New York last week. It cost a crowd of 15,822 persons the staggering total of \$35,864,900 to watch two Negro soldiers fight for the fourth time in their lightweight rivalry. The principals were Army Pvt. Beau Jack of Ft. Benning, Ga., and Bob Montgomery of Keesler Field, Miss.

The decision went to the ex-champion, Jack, who evened the series by scoring his second victory over the champion. But because the distance was only 10 rounds and Jack had agreed to come in over the 135-pound limit, no title was at stake.

RECORD GATE

The "championship" involved was for the largest gate in pugilistic annals. And last week's fight won the title in a walk, because the previous high was the \$2,655,980 which Jack Dempsey and Gene Tunney drew at Chicago in 1927, and also because admission to the Montgomery-Jack encounter was by War Bond purchase only. Prices ranged from \$25 to \$100,000, and 75 ringside seats sold for the top figure.

SERVICES DONATED

Included in the crowd was a large contingent of wounded servicemen from the Normandy and Italian fronts. Most of the \$100,000 seats were occupied by wounded veterans, to whom wealthy purchasers had donated them. Also donated were the services of the fighters and promoter Mike Jacobs.

"IRON MAN" SEATS

Baseball's spotlight was focused on Pitcher Tom Seaver of the San Francisco Seals who illustrated the manpower shortage in the national pastime by calling upon himself to pitch both games of a double-header. Seaver did pretty well, too, shutting out the Sacramento Solons twice. He allowed only eight hits all day—five in the first game and three in the second. Seaver has now pitched five shutouts in his last six

trips to the mound.

The prospects that St. Louis may have its first all-city World Series in history grew brighter during the week. With the Cardinals safely in front by 16½ games, the Browns, whom too many people have been predicting will quaver in the stretch, increased their lead over the Yankees to 6½ games.

GRIDIRON ESPIONAGE

Espionage made its appearance on the USC practice field when a College of Pacific football player, calmly watching the Trojans hop through their paces, had to be escorted out by Coach Joff Cravath. Amos Alonzo Slagg, Pacific mentor, must think the Trojans have something that bears scanning... Clark Shaughnessy, famed in football as the man who made the "T" formation a best seller, will help Coach Dud De Groot coach the Washington Redskins for their benefit game in Balboa Stadium Aug. 20 for the Crippled Children's Hospital... Lem Franklin, 28-year-old Chicago Negro boxer who was paralyzed by a knockout blow several weeks ago, died at Newark City Hospital... President Clarence (Pants) Rowland of the Pacific Coast League declared war on gamblers who ply their pastime in the league's baseball parks... Coach Lou Little announced he was happy. The biggest squad "I ever saw at Columbia" turned out for football. It numbered over 100 aspirants.

HAGG SPRINTS AGAIN

Gunder Hagg, who ran a fast second when Arne Anderson set the new world-mile record of 4:01.6, hung up a new world mark of his own. It was the fastest two-mile in track history. An 8:42.8 performance that sliced 3.6 seconds off his own previous record... In a non-title 10-rounder, Willie Pep, world featherweight champion (in New York State), easily outpointed Lili Constantine... The British Air Ministry announced the death during operations of Squadron Leader Lord David Douglas-Hamilton, a famed Oxford athlete. Known as the "boxing Marquis," he was once a sparring partner for Larry Gains.

MCB Net Squad Racks Up Second Naval Dist. Title

For a second successive year MCB tennisers rule the 11th Naval Dist. roost. They successfully defended their title this week by rolling back Pacific Beach AA. without loss of a single match and finished comfortably ahead of Amphibious Trng. Base and NTC, which tied for second.

Captained and coached by Corp. Harold Brogan, who last year won the 11th Naval Dist. singles championship, the Leathernecks won 32 points and lost 6 over the stretch this year. Their only conqueror was NTC.

WIN EASILY

Jim Bentl, George Steidl, Leslie Caskey and Roger Carney carried the singles lead against Pacific Beach AA. this week, all four winning in straight sets. Brogan and Bob Olson, Carney and Steidl won their doubles matches in straight sets, too.

Other members of the victorious Leatherneck team are Abe Motlos and George Myerson, neither of whom saw action this week.

Dates haven't been announced yet, but the netmen will stay in shape for upcoming Naval Dist. individual play. Left-handed Corp. Brogan played Carney in the singles finals last year. Navy romped away with doubles honors.

—Sainte Smartly—

Pendleton Marine Game Cock Trainer

CAMP PENDLETON—Fighting game cocks in Mexico on his liberty time, PFC. Larry J. Holt, a swimming instructor, has become a champion trainer. His birds have won every event they have fought.

PFC. Holt estimates that "Grandpap," his most famous bird, has won \$10,000 in purses and bets and has sired some 20 tournament winners.

Game cock fighting is prohibited in California and many other states.

El Centro Swim Marks Credited To Base Men

Three Individual, Two Relay Events Good For Records

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Five pool records were credited to visiting mermen from MCB as a result of last week's squadron championships here, it was announced.

As guest of the station, the crack MCB team did not compete officially against the fighter squadron tankmen but its winning times for various events were listed as official pool records.

Lone El Centro natator to get credit for a record was 1st Lt. Devere Christensen, who won the 50-yard free style in 25.2 seconds. He "solved" his squadron to victory by scoring 18 out of 19 points. Corp. James Dunaway finished second among individuals, with eight points, and received a \$10 prize, being high enlisted man.

MARIES LISTED

The five records marked up by visiting MCB swimmers were: 32 seconds flat in the 50-yard breast stroke by PFC. Don Alfaro; 20.9 seconds in the 50-yard backstroke by PFC. Robert Parkhurst; 51.5

seconds in the 100-yard free style by Corp. Ken Marsh; 51.3 seconds in the 100-yard medley relay by Corp. Marsh, PFCs. Parkhurst, Tony Grisch and Ben Sloan; 27.8 seconds in the 100-yard attack race by PFCs. Sloan, Alfaro, Cornelius Butler and Pvt. Alan Welsh.

—Shoot Straight—

Pendleton Swim Squad Organized

CAMP PENDLETON—Capt. Edwin (Dutch) Smith, former Olympic Games high diving champion, is organizing a swimming team to represent this base in aquatic events scheduled this summer. Capt. Smith has issued a call for all men with competition swimming experience to report to him at Training Command, Physical Training School Co.

He plans on having the team ready for the La Jolla 800-yard rough water event Aug. 20.

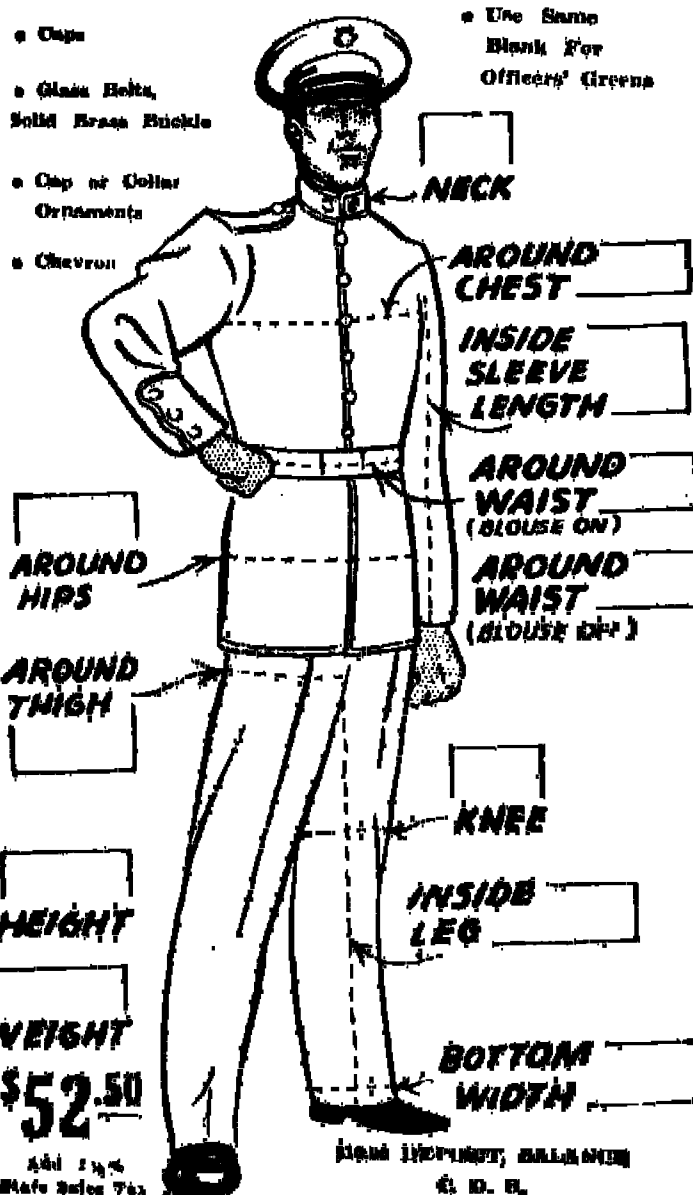
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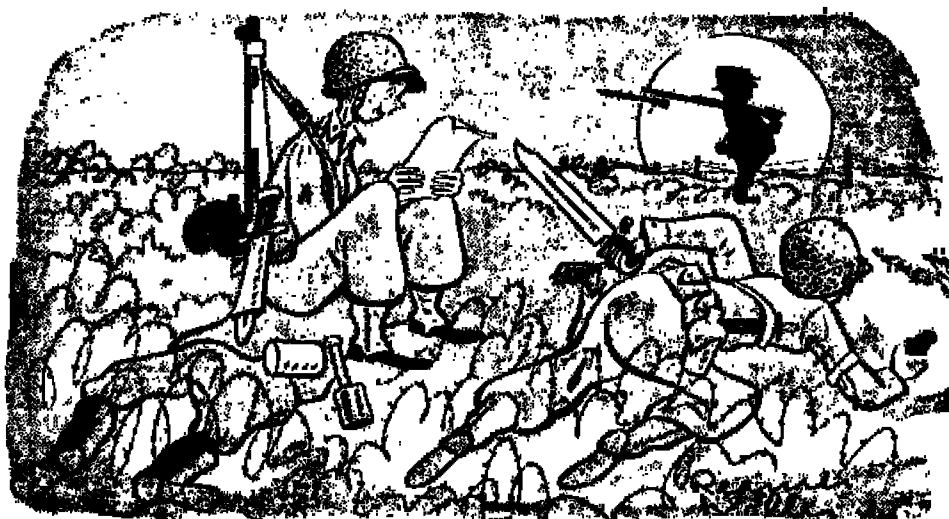
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by Cunningham



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GUNNY—Gunnery Sergeant. A 20-minute egg, but a good one.

SACK-Bunk. Same as civilian park bench, at first. Probably very healthful to sleep on, but takes practice for comfort.

SEVENTY-TWO—Three-day leave. An obsolete expression about which many dreams are woven.

LIGHTING THE SMOKING LAMP—Smoking is permitted; when smoking is to be discontinued, the expression is "Douse the smoking lamp."