

Long Machine Gunner Turns Back Jap

By Sgt. James F. Moser Jr.,
Combat Correspondent
GUAM (Delayed) — The Japs launched their first brutal attack around 10 p. m.
They were met by the fire of a five-man machine gun outpost and were forced to retire.
Just before they did, two of the Jap Marines were killed and another was so seriously wounded he had to be carried to the rear by a fourth.
Only PFC. Dale W. Whaley of

Montebello, Cal., remained then. He was alone with a machine gun in a shell hole, closer to the Jap lines than to his own and far beyond where help could reach him.
But he had a job to do, so he stayed there through the long, horror-filled night and did it.
And when morning came, there were 60 dead Japanese, piled like cordwood, in a rocky little clearing before his position.
Whaley had to face his first Jap charge alone soon after he told his

buddy to "shove off" to the rear with the wounded man.
The Japs swept across the hill, jumping over big rocks and howling and screaming as they came.
Whaley got to his feet and cradled the .30-cal. machine gun over his right hip. The gun rattled in short, sharp bursts, and the last Jap in the charge fell dead almost at Whaley's feet.
He dropped down in the hole to await the next charge. Again they came, in the same fashion. He

rattled off more fire. The Japs among the rocks was mounting.
"It was like a dream," he said. "It kept up all night, and toward the end those still coming had to climb over the piles of those already dead. Thank God, my gun didn't jam."
Shortly after dawn, his company reached his side. He was ordered back, and he was unhappy. He was still cold with fury over the death of his two buddies.
But he had to obey orders, so he

had to, leaving his machine gun, his rifle, his ammo and the two boxes of ammunition he had not used. Two other Japs had cost 60 Japanese their lives and uncounted others painful wounds.
Whaley was grimy and dirty. He had shot from the hip on every charge—and lay in the mud of the hole between them.
"I could get at 'em better that way," he explained.
His GO was brief: "He's my idea of a Marine," he said.

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LET'S GO
"The end is in sight... let's get it over." — Gen. B. L. Montgomery.

TIME RIFE
"Now is the time to muster all our strength." — Secy. — War Stinson.

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First Officers, Men Return To U.S. From Guam

Heavy Naval Bombardment
Preceding Landing Saves
Lives Of Many Marines

SAN FRANCISCO — The terrific bombardment by air and sea prior to Marine landings on Guam and the splendid cooperation between the Army, Navy and Marine Corps accounted for the saving of many lives, according to Col. William J. Scheeyer, first ranking Marine to return from Guam since the invasion.

Col. Scheeyer, of Fredericksburg, Va., was personnel officer on the staff of Maj. Gen. Roy Geiger, and was on the island from the second day of the invasion until after the island was officially secured.

"We had no aerial opposition there at all," Col. Scheeyer said. "The preparatory sea and air bombardment had knocked out their air power as well as the majority of their heavy guns. We did undergo several heavy artillery barrages and the troops engaged in many stiff counter-attacks, including two brutal charges."

"3rd Mar. Div. troops met the heaviest of these brutal charges," Col. Scheeyer said. (Continued on Page 2)

Navy Personnel Get Army Award

Naval personnel who served in the defense of the Philippines on and after Dec. 7, 1941, are eligible for the Army Distinguished Unit Badge, which corresponds to the Navy's Presidential Unit Citation. It was announced in the August issue of BuPers.

Those eligible for the badge may apply through their COs, giving the dates of their Philippine service and the unit or units in which they served. Each application will be verified and the War Dept. will send the citation direct to those entitled to the award.

Triple Launching Sets Navy Record

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 21 (AP) — Naval launching history was made at the Philadelphia NYD yesterday when the Antietam, 27,000-ton aircraft carrier, and the Los Angeles and Chicago, 13,000-ton cruisers, slid down the ways.

Ralph A. Bard, undersecretary of Navy, said it was "the largest launching at one time and one place in all naval history."

Battlefield Surgery On Guam

Doctors, Corpsmen Invasion Heroes

Pharmacist's Mate
Amputates Leg Of
Marine In Foxhole

GUAM (Delayed) — Navy PhM2/a. Robert D. Law Jr. of Mansfield, La., had never performed an amputation until artillery fire spread eight wounded Marines about him during the Oroto peninsula fighting.

One Marine lay in a nearby foxhole with his right leg shattered below the knee, requiring immediate amputation.

"There was no time to think about it," said Law. "I just started on him first."

Using a combat knife, the medical corpsman took off the remainder of the leg, kneeling in the foxhole as enemy fire passed over the Marine lines.

"He remained conscious all the time," said Law. "I gave him morphine and when he asked for something to hold on to I put a clod of earth in each of his hands for him to grip. He kept smiling even while I was bandaging the wound and giving him blood plasma."

As soon as Law finished with this first patient, several Marines carried the wounded man to the rear, and the corpsman in turn treated the remaining seven men who had been hit in his area. A surgeon who later examined the amputation PhM2/a. Law had performed pronounced it an "excellent job, considering the circumstances."

The Guam action is the first campaign in which the corpsman has been under enemy fire. Last March he participated in the unopposed occupation of Emirau Island in the South Pacific. — TSgt. Murray Marder, combat correspondent.

Doctors Fight To
Save Leatherneck
Lives At Front

GUAM (Delayed) — This is a report from an operating room 1200 yards from the front lines.

This was once a building in the shell-torn town of Agat. Gaping holes have been covered by canvas.

Here is medicine at war.

Today there is no dust swirling through the operating room. Rain has taken care of that and transformed the narrow road into a deep quagmire. For this the doctors are thankful.

Even as our big field guns shake the very earth, doctors, with sweat pouring from their faces, probe jagged wounds of two men stretched out on two operating tables.

Despite the crashing field artillery and the growling trucks and bulldozers just outside, there is no distraction, wasted time or motion. The doctors move swiftly and surely.

Cases of blood plasma have been broken open and the life-saving fluid is administered to the two staring men on the table.

Men of this medical unit have been in the thick of the fighting since D-Day. The operating goes on day and night now. The doctors and corpsmen work in shifts, and the lights over the operating tables burn 24 hours a day.

Stretcher bearers are constantly on the go, while other hospital corpsmen stagger in with wounded draped around their shoulders and on makeshift litters. — Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent.

Two New Records Established At Camp Matthews

Six Platoons In Single
Day Qualify All Hands;
Bout Equals High Score

CAMP MATTHEWS — Two new all-time firing records for the rifle range were established last week when six platoons had 100 per cent qualifications and 97.9 per cent of the 600-man detail earned qualifying scores on the same record day.

In addition, the high individual score of the year for recruits with no previous service in the Corps was tied by Pvt. Robert E. Davis of Alameda, Cal., who fired 331 out of a possible 340 when firing the record with Platoon 746.

SHARES HONORS

The previous 1944 record holder, insofar as awarding of the Matthews trophy is concerned, was Pvt. Lester E. Dahl of Platoon 518 and Minneapolis, Minn.

The Matthews trophy is awarded annually to the Marine rifle range on which the highest score is fired during the year by a recruit. The trophy is held now by Camp Matthews on the strength of the 331 fired in 1943 by Pvt. George W. Long.

Peasant showing last Wednesday was made by three platoons which dropped three men each. Four platoons dropped but two men each. (Continued on page 2)

— Stop Loose Talk —

Advertising Ends In The Chevron

Size of The Chevron will be reduced to an average of 12 pages weekly starting next Saturday, as advertising is being discontinued after today's issue. Beginning with the Sept. 2 issue, The Chevron will be supported from the Base Recreation fund as are most camp newspapers.

Except for the discontinuance of advertising, all other features and policies of The Chevron will remain the same as heretofore. Reduction in the paper's size will have no effect on the amount or scope of its news coverage.

— Write Home —

Father Of Marine Dies Jap Prisoner

CAMP PENDLETON — Pvt. Paul J. Ingelbrightson of Waukegan, Minn., had a special reason for asking for combat duty in the South Pacific. Halfway through recruit training he learned that his father, TSgt. Arnold Ingelbrightson, USA, who had been reported missing in action since the fall of Bataan, had died.

A brother, Oren, enlisted in the Army a year and a half ago and is now somewhere in the South Pacific.

Enemy Death Toll Jumps To 44,956

The known Japanese death toll in their three lost Marianas islands was raised to 44,956 with the Navy's announcement that 981 additional dead were reported in mopping-up operations. American dead through Aug. 17 totaled 4470 in the battles of Saipan, Tinian and Guam.

The Japanese death toll, including those killed during mopping-up operations for the period Aug. 11-17, was reported as follows: Saipan, 25,144; Guam, 14,067; Tinian, 5745.

— Buy War Bonds —

Nine Graduated From DI School

Nine DIs were to resume drilling platoons after graduating today with the second class to complete the three-week course in the new Drill Instructors School in RD. Twenty-seven other DIs enrolled Monday in the school's fourth class.

Graduates today were: PISgts. A. J. Anyotte, E. F. Johnson, G. G. Silverstein; Sgts. C. H. Isenberg, J. R. Larsen, N. J. Miller, E. J. Parask, K. E. Smith, and Corp. D. F. Kinkade.

Completion of the course will be compulsory for all DIs, including those serving now as well as others attached to the Trng. Regt. later.



BATH FOR BABY, A tiny Tinian girl is bathed by Marines after she and her family have been removed from a hillside dugout. When the scrubbing was finished, new clothes were located and the family was taken to a place of comparative safety. (Photo by PFC. C. H. Walker).

First Back From Guam

Japanese Refuse To Be Captured By Leathernecks

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showed no more willingness to surrender in the Guam campaign than they have in other island engagements. "Of the estimated 13,000 enemy troops on the island, we had taken less than 100 soldier prisoners when I left the island," he said. "More have probably been taken since, but this would indicate that we will have to dig the Jap out wherever we engage him. He will not surrender." Staff Sgt. Charlie Evans, combat correspondent.

Tells Jap Attack

SAN FRANCISCO—A four-and-a-half-hour Japanese counter-attack on Marine forces during the early morning hours of the second day of the invasion of Guam presented Leathernecks with their toughest organized resistance during the 20 days of fighting there, according to one of the first Marine officers to return here from the Guam campaign.

He is Maj. Paul C. Harper of Evanston, Ill., an artillery officer who landed with Marines on D-Day and left the island Aug. 13, 10 days after Guam was officially secured.

Maj. Harper said the Japs, with vantage points atop ridges and mountain rises, were literally firing their artillery "down our throats."

JAP COUNTER-ATTACK

"The worst fight encountered," the Marine officer said, "was during a Jap counter-attack after we had got up our beachhead perimeter. The attack lasted from about 0100 the second morning until about 0530. In places the Japs infiltrated during that night through our lines all the way back to the beach where we landed."

Wounded On Guam

USNH, OAKLAND—The Japs really "slugged it out" with invading Marines as the Leathernecks stormed ashore in the opening phases of the battle for Guam, according to the first wounded Marine to be returned here from that recaptured American possession.

He is PFC. James Hamilton Carroll of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Hit in the mouth by a shell fragment on the second day of the Guam fighting, the Brooklyn Marine saw action on Bougainville before leaving with a unit of the 2d Mar. Div. in July for the attack on Guam.

"Going in it seemed like the Japs were not opening up as much as they might, but once we got ashore and a bit inland all hell seemed to break loose," PFC. Carroll said. "They really began pounding us with their artillery and mortars emplaced in the nearby hills."

"That first night on Guam was

300 Japs Die In Suicidal Counter Attack At Saipan

Machine Gun Section's Chief Tells Of Heroic Stand by Leathernecks

By Sgt. Stanford Opatowsky
Combat Correspondent

SAIPAN (Delayed)—The blood-and-thunder story of a machine gun section which killed nearly 300 Japs in the enemy's final counter-attack was told today by Sgt. Ralph L. Connors of Seattle, Wash., chief of the section.

The gunners, members of an artillery unit's security watch and primarily concerned with guarding against snipers, suddenly were converted into front line infantrymen when 3000 screaming Japs broke through American lines in a mad, pre-dawn dash.

At 0200 the Jap patrols started filtering through. At 0430 a full-scale attack was launched, with rabid Japanese officers at the head of the column, wearing full dress uniforms complete with sabers.

WAITED THEM OUT

"They charged like mad," Sgt. Connors said. "We waited until they were 15 feet in front of us, and then we opened fire. We poured on everything we had. Finally, our guns were just burned up, and we ran out of ammunition so we started throwing grenades. But still the Japs kept coming."

"All of them were screaming—many of them in English. They tried to make us think we were shooting up our own troops. "There was no doubt that the Japs knew they were committing suicide. Many of them, as soon as they were even slightly wounded, blew themselves up with hand grenades."

GALLANT MEN

Sgt. Connors was high in the praise of his men. Jimmy Dent (PFC. James E. Dent of Columbia, S.C.) was the first to spot the Japs, and he opened fire. Then we all cut loose," he said.

"Dick Hopkins (PFC. Richard A. Hopkins of Parkers, Ark.) did a great job, too. He stuck to his gun until they overran it and killed him. Masse (PFC. Armand A. Masse of Lowell, Mass.) was hit, but he kept on his loading job until we were out of our tight spot."

At one time Connors' men were trapped, cut off from their main unit. They stuck to their guns until they spotted an opening in the lines, and then they made a successful run for it.

— Ray Web Bonds —

Boot Camp Tactics In Use On Guam

GUAM (Delayed)—The Marine artilleryman donned white officer gloves and bowed ceremoniously to the other men in the gun pit. All were wearing Jap clothes, taken a few hours before from a house in captured Agaña.

Then he walked over to the 105-mm. howitzer and put his hand in the tube. He looked at the smudge on the white glove, turned to the others, and snarled:

"You men will sleep with that gun tonight." Staff Sgt. James E. Hague, combat correspondent.

a humdinger. The Japs counter-attacked us about midnight. They sent up flares, and the artillery and mortar shells, together with the flares, made the area seem like Coney Island on a holiday except for the fact that men were falling and dying."



VISITS PACIFIC. Charles Lindbergh (right) is escorted by Maj. Joe Foss, famed Leatherneck air ace, during a recent visit to a South Pacific base. Lindbergh was making an inspection tour for an American plane manufacturer.

Marine Brothers Clipped On Saipan

USNH, OAKLAND—Two brothers of Weyauwega, Wis., who enlisted together, went through the Marshall Islands campaign without injury, were both wounded in the first three days on Saipan.

They are PFCs. Herbert F. Erdman and Athan E. Erdman.

High Rifle Marks Set

Recruit Equals Top Individual Score Of Year

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and three other platoons but one each.

Perfect qualification records were set by Plats. 738, 740, 747, 750, 751 and 752. Their school range coaches were PFCs. Joseph J. Kubiak Jr., Russell G. Copeman sr., Gail D. Brooks, Richard H. Daney, William R. Ipson Jr., and John F. Steckel.

Plat. 758 had 100 per cent qualification on the Thursday record day. Its members were coached on the school range by PFC. Harold R. Knowlton. Their DT is PFC. R. W. J. Dulle.

Plat. 758 was the 27th platoon to register a perfect qualification so far this year, as against three for all of 1943.

Range records for the week were:

Aug. 16

Leading platoons—100 per cent, Plats. 738, 740, 747, 750, 751 and 752. Leading individuals—321, Pvt. Davis; 324, Pvt. William E. Holm (Plat. 747); Greer, Idaho; 324, Pvt. Bill McCright (Plat. 752), Wiener, S. D.

Aug. 17

Leading platoons—100, Plat. 755; 98.5, Plat. 753 (PFC. Richard H. Murphy, coach, Corp. W. T. Harvey, DT); 98.4, Plat. 761 (PFC. Mervin J. Kottel, coach, PFC. G. S. Rose, DT). Leading individuals—324, Pvt. Ben H. LeNorman (Plat. 754); Richards, Tex.; 324, Pvt. Paul J. Eggers (Plat. 760); Chicago, Ill.; 322, Pvt. Charley A. Wilson (Plat. 757); Orange, Tex.; 322, Pvt. Roland F. Hall (Plat. 758); Kansas City, Kas.

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FRONT LINE OBSERVER. From atop Mt. Lasso, Brig. Gen. Merritt A. Edson, Guadalcanal and Tarawa vet, keeps tab on his troops as they storm Jap positions on Tinian.

Guam Needs Rebuilding —Seabees At It Again

GUAM (Delayed)—The little town of Agat is taking on new life. Growling bulldozers, with their rain-spouted exhaust pipes, billow thick black smoke as their Seabee operators clear the debris littered streets for better things to come.

The Seabees are at it again.

The rebuilding of Guam had been without letup since D-day. Hardly had the first wave of shock troops hit the beaches than the first bulldozer blade dropped in to the gooey, oment-like mud.

MONSOON SEASON

On top of everything else, Seabees have been confronted with the monsoon season. The gale-driven downpours come and go without schedule, hogging down everything in general—everything, that is, but the Seabees. One of the first jobs undertaken by the Seabees was the construction of a sorely needed road front beach to bottleneck, over which supplies and "the heavy stuff" could pass in a minimum of time. The rattling of machine guns and the deep throat-ed roar of field artillery were closely followed by survey parties, who were in turn followed by the actual road building crews.

GUARDS ON TRUCKS

The machine operators varied their usual procedure. Instead of one man, each truck, road scraper, and bulldozer had two—a driver and guard. Not once, but often, did bullets fly at these men. Some found their target.—Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent.

Tokyo Rose Still Puffing The Pipe

GUAM (Delayed)—American Marines on Guam heard their first news broadcast last night. It was Tokyo Rose, peddling the same old stuff.

"United States Marines have made a futile attempt to take the island of Guam," she said. "They have not been able to establish a beachhead, as our troops mowed down wave after wave with terrific cross fire from beach installations."

As an afterthought, she added:

"There is a slight chance that the Americans might be able to effect a landing on Guam, but that matters little to us as long as we hold San Francisco."—Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent.

—Use T-Mail—
Authorized in 1859

The braid on the barracks caps of commissioned Marine officers was first authorized by uniform regulation of Jan. 24, 1859. It was for ornamental purposes.

Artillery Master Still Pitching Against Japanese

Lessons Well-Taught By
'Beachhead' Being Used
By Younger Leathernecks

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—One reason Marines are doing such a bang-up job of throwing artillery shells at the Japs is MGySgt. Edward R. Bell, dean of Leatherneck artillerymen.

MGySgt. Bell, affectionately called "Beachhead" by his buddies, has taught hundreds of Marines and sailors gunnery tricks he has learned in his more than 38 years' experience with Marine and Army artillery.

These men today are showing the Japs how well they learned the lessons "Beachhead" taught them. And the old master of artillery isn't sitting back in the States. He's right out here pitching with the artillery.

Since July 5, 1942, he has been the senior gunnery sergeant of a howitzer battalion. His regiment captured Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshalls from 3500 Japs in five days of bitter fighting.

SETS NEW RECORD

During the campaign, the battalion set what is thought to be a new world's record, by firing more than 27,000 shells at the Japs in 72 hours.

He says he enjoyed the naval bombardment and aerial bombing of Kwajalein Atoll more than any other campaign in his variegated service career.

"Beachhead" wanted to get in the Army when he was 15, working in coal mines around Horatio, Pa. His father wouldn't consent to his enlistment.

"But it was just five months after I passed my 21st birthday that I enlisted in the Army, on March 8, 1918, at the old Columbus, O., barracks. It's known as Ft. Hayes now."

"We caught hell right away on a troop train near Rhone, France," he related. He is reticent to talk about his other experiences in World War I outside of saying that, as a corporal, he was a gunner on an eight-inch howitzer.

JOINS MARINES

"Beachhead" was discharged from the Army in 1921. He was a civilian for a few days—"not enough to really learn what it was like"—and then he enlisted in the Marines.

The next year found him in Haiti, after serving as a corporal aboard the battleship Florida a few months. He returned to Quantico, Va., as a buck sergeant in an artillery outfit in 1921 and two years later was back in the Caribbean on duty in Cuba, Santa Domingo, the Virgin Islands and Nicaragua.

In 1929, he completed a course in the Navy Optical School, NYd., Washington, D. C., and in 1930 was put in charge of the optical shop at Quantico.

MORE SEAGOING

The next year "Beachhead" made another change, this time to the cruiser Louisville. He was on the cruiser until 1933, working with the anti-aircraft guns. He was then transferred to the battleship Utah, sister ship of the Florida. For two and a half years he trained hundreds of Marines and sailors in gunnery.

Returning to the U. S. in 1934, "Beachhead" joined the FMF at San Diego.—TSgt. William K. Terry, combat correspondent.

—Aim True—

Dagwood Sandwich

ON MANEUVERS IN CALIFORNIA—While Marines and sailors broke out K-rations after a landing, one happy-looking Coast Guardsman produced a package of meat, hard-boiled eggs, two slices of bread and all the other makings of a Dagwood sandwich.—SttSgt. Larry Schulerberg, combat correspondent.



MGySgt. EDWARD R. BELL.
... knows his rifles

Don't be too hard on bigamists. They just built a better spouse-trap.

Marine Airmen Rescued At Sea

Forced down at sea off Santa Cruz Island, 10 miles west of Santa Barbara, three Marine airmen were rescued within 55 minutes by units of the Navy's Air-Sea Rescue agency, the 11th Naval Dist. announced this week.

A USCG crash boat raced to the scene from the Santa Barbara section base, directed by the pilot of a patrol plane, which had dropped rations, radio, additional rubber crafts and smoke bombs to mark the location of the crashed fliers. Rescued were 2dLt. John E. Harder, TSgt. Gardner Crainwell and Sgt. John H. Smith, all attached to MCAS, Santa Barbara.

—Bonds Or Bondage?—

Reunion

CAMP LEJEUNE The Murphy brothers, 1stSgt. Cornelius J. and PltSgt. Joseph L., together again, recalled their last meeting was on Guadalcanal when they both dove into the same foxhole. They are now quartered in adjacent barracks here.—Sgt. Charles E. Köpp, combat correspondent.

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DOUBLE AWARD. PFC, George O. White of Fayetteville, Ga., receives both the Navy Cross and the Silver Star for two acts of heroism at Cape Gloucester. He was decorated by Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard, Base CG, in ceremonies at MCB last week. (Photo by PFC, Herbert F. Alden).

First Plane Lands On Orote Airfield Under Enemy Fire

By 1st Lt. Penn T. Kimball, PRO
GUAM (Delayed)—Sniper fire cracked across Orote airfield as the first American plane attempted to land on the captured strip, and the Marine reception committee lay pinned to the deck at the moment the torpedo bomber began its cautious approach toward the former Jap air base.

Only six hours before, engineers had begun clearing rubble, filling craters and scraping the scarred surface of the coral runway, battered by a month of shelling and bombing, as well as a week of bitter ground fighting.

Infantry and tanks of the 1st Mar. Prov. Brig. had swept across

the airport the previous afternoon. When the engineers arrived, demolition crews were still blasting Japs from the cave-filled cliffs alongside the field, and sniper bullets pinged from the heavy undergrowth beyond the revetments.

Halfway down the strip, mangled and charred Jap bodies lay in a grotesque mound before fallen concrete. The stench of approximately 3000 other dead Japs hung heavily over the scorched peninsula.

A bullet-riddled wind sock flapped wearily in the hot breeze blowing across Apra Harbor. The noise of battle from the smoking mountain sides beyond the harbor rode on the same wind.

The rumble of mopping-up operations on the seaward end of the peninsula mingled strangely with the roaring of the bulldozers as the latter struggled toward the airfield, past the flag-topped, white wreckage of the recaptured Mar. Bks.

Engineers, commanded by Lt. Col. Charles O. Clark of Rosindale, Mass., worked steadily.

Ahead of them a bomb disposal crew gingerly removed unexploded shells and bombs lodged in the bumpy surface of the runway. Next a line of Marine aviation ground crewmen cleared a lane through the blanket of jagged shrapnel covering the strip. And at the end

of this odd parade came the bulldozers, scrapers and rollers.

Col. Peter F. Schrider of Silver Spring, Md., air commander for the island, watched the progress with approval and a Navy TBF on patrol was signalled in for a test landing.

In a few minutes the strip was lined with curious spectators. But as Lt. (jg) Edward F. Terrar Jr. of Coffeyville, Kan., zoomed toward the field, the sharp whine of bullets cut the air overhead, and the on-lookers scrambled for cover without thought of dignity.

Unmindful of the commotion on the ground, the Navy pilot dropped his flaps, cut his throttle and came

on. His wheels touched lightly once, bounced harder a second time, and as the plane leaped on the third impact, he opened the gun and roared back into the air for a second try.

As he circled for another approach, the Marines on the ground weighed curiosity against prudence. But apparently even the sniper was caught up in the drama of the situation. As suddenly as they began, the shots ceased.

The TBF settled in again, but this time it greased the runway all the way, and pulled up to an easy stop as Marines swarmed around on every side. American aviation was on Guam to stay.

Donors Sought

YOUR BLOOD CAN SAVE HIM



This poster will be on display on the Base the next two weeks to announce the second visit this year of the mobile unit of the Red Cross blood donor service on Monday, Sept. 1.

Quota of blood donations from MCB personnel has been set at 500 pints for that day. Capt. W. L. Irvine, (MC) USN, Base surgeon, asked that volunteer donors contact their company officers to obtain registration cards.

The mobile unit again will be set up in Mess "D" in RD, where registered nurses and technical directors from the San Diego blood donor center will be on hand to procure the blood plasma needed for use of the armed forces.

Although the Red Cross believes the making of blood donations is primarily the duty of civilians, service personnel is accepted as donors if they volunteer, and mobile units are sent to camps and stations at the request of commanding officers.

Arrangements for the forthcoming visit were made by Brig. Gen. Archie R. Howard, CG, and Col. R. Winans, chief of staff.

— He Courtroom —

'Lucky' Gunboat Escapes Damage

CAMP MATTHEWS—"She was a lucky ship."

Thus 1st Sgt. Murley Layton Jr., new top sergeant of Field Training Activity here, summarized 34 exciting months in the Aleutians aboard a gunboat which was strafed and torpedoed by 15 Jap planes, bombed by ten Jap high altitude bombers, and finally was involved in the rescue of survivors from two Russian ships—all without loss of personnel.

"We were in every landing operation in the area beginning with the landing of Marines in December, 1941, on the Island Passage of Sand Point, between Juneau and Kodiak, Alaska, and ending when we helped land the Army on Kiska in August, 1943," the first sergeant recalled.

1st Sgt. Layton was gun captain and acting battery officer of an anti-aircraft gun. He received a letter of commendation from the ship's captain for shooting down a torpedo bomber.

— Write Home —

Cave Blasters

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Corp. Charles J. White of Monrovia, Cal., was one of five engineers who spent two weeks blasting Jap caves during the height of battle here and blew up a large cave 50 yards ahead of the front line.—St. Sgt. Hy Hurwitz, combat correspondent.

Band From MCB Now Overseas

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—(Delayed)—Newest personnel addition to a regiment here is a 24-piece band, one of the last to be organized for overseas service.

The band is composed of men fresh from MCB, San Diego. It includes, however, several "names" from the civilian musical world and a few old timers.

Veteran of the organization is Sgt. James E. Arthur, of Longview, Tex., with five years in the Corps and three years with the Marine Band at Pearl Harbor.

The band, organized to play swing and symphonic music as well as martial, is directed by MTSgt. Norman Resman, bandmaster, of Buffalo, N.Y. The men are led by TSgt. Joseph Sprinkle, drum major, of Dale, Ind. Sgt. George R. Voigt, combat correspondent.



GRADUATES. First graduates of the Japanese Language School since the school moved to MCB get last-minute instruction from St. Sgt. Doyle W. Harris. Graduating yesterday were: (from left) 2dLts. Walter Curley, Charles F. Gately, PFCs. Maniel N. Brown, LaVerne J. Floren; (back row) PFCs. William F. Fichter, J. Bernard Hurley, 2dLt. Jack D. Burdick, PFC. Paul L. Zimmerman. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey Payne).

The quota of students to be assigned to Sea School was raised to 250 a month, effective Sept. 1. The school's quota was 150 a month for some time until it was raised to 200 in July.

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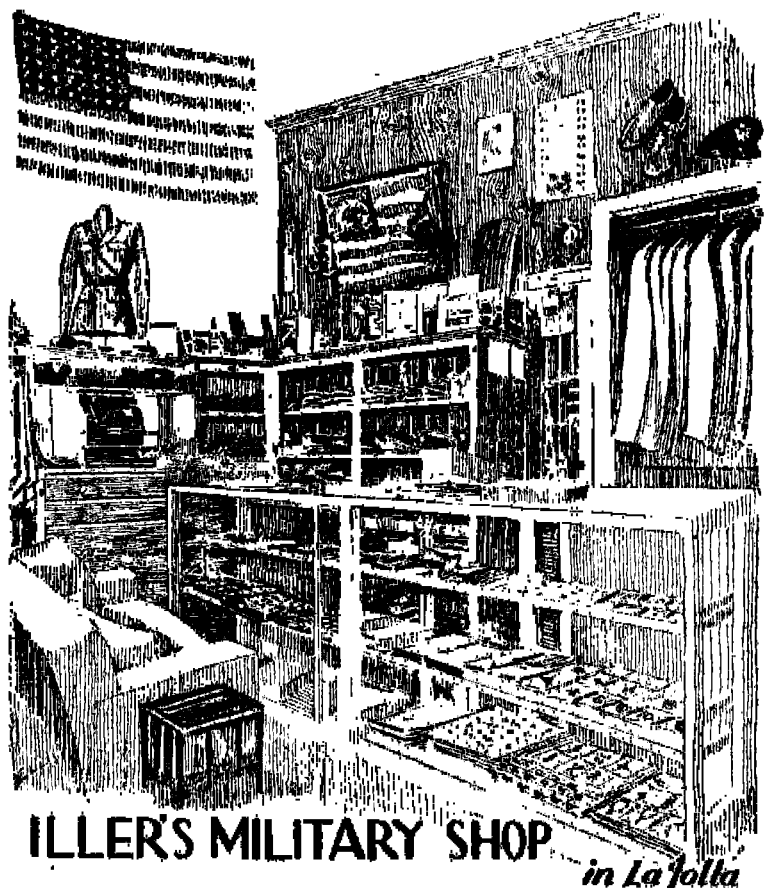
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New Infiltration Course In Operation At Camp Pendleton

Feel Of Combat Given Marines Now In Training

Land Mines, Machine Guns And Wire Entanglements Add To Reality Of Course

CAMP PENDLETON—A new infiltration course has been put into use here under the command of Capt. Murray Blitch of Los Angeles, and take it from the men who've been through it it's plenty rugged.

One hundred and forty yards long, the course is unique in that it is uphill all the way and makes use of natural terrain features that add to its difficulty.

Marines scheduled to go through the course get no opportunity to look at it beforehand. They are led up through a blind ravine, crawl up a bank through barbed wire tangles, and the first thing they see at the course is when they poke their heads over the bank's edge and peer straight into three machine guns, spitting fire only 30 inches above the ground.

MANY HAZARDS

Scattered across the 140 yards of rough slope are numerous barbed wire entanglements staked a bare four inches off the ground; foxholes, trenches and countless shot-holes. Land mines, each containing a half-pound of TNT, are sprinkled throughout the area and are set off at frequent intervals to simulate exploding shells and grenades.

Capt. Blitch's patrol tower, overlooking the entire course, has been protected at all times. From here he directs the fire of machine guns, detonates land mines, and transmits battle sound effects through a system of acoustically projected recordings.

Once the men have passed the machine guns, they scramble into foxholes at a signal, finish the course with bayonet charges in waves at a row of simulated

Acrobatic Team Blasts Jap Cave In Saipan Battle

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Two Marines and a hospital apprentice engaged in acrobatic team work which was slightly tough on the Japs and full of Hollywood on the final day of fierce fighting along the northern beaches of this island.

First Lt. S. Murphy of Philadelphia, Pa., and Sgt. Charles C. Bueck of McKees Rocks, Pa., both members of a crack engineering unit of the 4th Mar. Div., found the mouth of a cave 30 feet from the foot of a cliff, and 10 feet from the top. In the face of heavy enemy sniper fire, they could find no way to blast the cave from the bottom, so made their way to the top under constant sniper fire.

On top of the cliff, Bueck asked Murphy to hold his feet and started over. He crawled until he was dangling head downward over the cliff. At this point, HAI/1. Felix P. Peter of Boston, Mass., figured it would be better to prevent a casualty than to treat one later and helped Murphy hold Bueck.

Hanging downward, Bueck tossed several grenades into the cave and put the finishing touches to it with a heavy charge of explosive. Sgt. Jack Vincent, combat correspondent.

—Sports Or Journalism?

'Kitchen Sink'

USNH, OAKLAND—The Japs threw in the "kitchen sink" in defense of Saipan, according to PFC Bernard Stein Steinman of Minneapolis.

Ober Orders

USNH, OAKLAND—Corp. Paul J. Stewart of Chicago was struck five times by machine gun bullets on Saipan.



INFILTRATION TACTICS. Uphill grade of the new infiltration course at Camp Pendleton is negotiated by Marines as a land mine explodes. Leathernecks crawl under closely-woven, strongly-staked barbed wire while machine gun bullets whiz overhead.



BARBED WIRE TUNNEL. Start of Camp Pendleton's new infiltration course is a series of barbed wire tunnels leading out of a deep brush-covered ravine. One Marine starts through while companions move with heads low to avoid overhead MG fire. (Photos by Pvt. Win. Hesch.)

Leatherneck Awakened By 'Rude' Jap After Battle

SAIPAN (Delayed)—MTSGt. Louis V. Hegedus deplores the peculiar nocturnal practices of the Japanese.

It is disconcerting, he contends, to be awakened in the middle of the night by an enemy soldier lunging on one's arm. When he then proceeds to smite one on the noggin, it can only be attributed to bad manners.

Technically, the Saipan battle was over, and our outfit had just moved into a new picture area. So

MTSGt. Hegedus dug himself a shallow foxhole that night. That's why he had been pulled half out of it before he awoke in the quiet darkness.

"It was very dark, but I knew it was a Jap," said Hegedus later. "I started swinging, although I could not see what I was swinging at. Then he hit me on the head with something and ran away."—SMSGt. Dick Tebbels, combat correspondent.

Tokyo Rose Falling Behind Crosby

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Marines have not had a little too much with their post-battle "favorite songs", Tokyo Rose.

They enjoy her "Don't Know", and say clearly, and even her "I'm a Soldier's Girl". The song from America, and that is all, whether one is their hit parade, even singing "Don't Know" but still, they are just a little bit queer.

It seems as though the sweet voiced propagandist has failed to acknowledge that the Marines are on Saipan. Each night she sings

off her program with a salute to the boys in Australia, and all her "Little Don't Knows" in the South Pacific, but no mention of Saipan.

The boys on Saipan don't consider themselves a part of the South Pacific, but rather a new and exclusive group, The Central Pacific "Don't Knows."

"Tokyo Rose had better do something about it, and quick or Bing Crosby is going back into first place."—MSGt. Irving Schlessen-burg, combat correspondent.

Obliging Marines Direct Wounded Jap To Sick Bay

GUAM (Delayed)—During the past week, lying in the middle of this island, a wounded Jap soldier, shipped to the sick bay, plodded down through the sand dunes into the sick bay. Finding the first Marine he saw, he asked: "Where is the sick bay?"

The Leathernecks, mostly equipped with long legs at a Nipponese leatherneck's pace, replied without glancing up: "Right down that way, Mar, by the bank."

Down the bank the wounded Jap plodded, repeating: "Where sick bay? To sick Marine he met. Each time the leatherneck but obliging Leathernecks gave him the direction. When he had approached within a few yards of the first and station, an All-English brought him to a hospital hall.

"The still persistent Nipponese simply replied: "Where sick bay?"

He got a military escort the first of the way to his destination. —Sgt. Edward C. Stedel, combat correspondent.

Magazine's Mistake O.K. With Marines

GUAM (Delayed)—Before the 3rd Mar. Div. invaded Guam, they read with interest in a national news magazine that they were destined to find on the island, among other things, a tribe of blue-tailed skunks.

The Marines, in two weeks on Guam, have seen scores of little lizards with bright blue tails—blue-tailed skunks—bit got a skunk has shown his face. Or tall either.

"The men do not mind this. They prefer skunks to skunks. They are glad the whole thing was a typographical error."—MSGt. Jeremiah A. McLeary, combat correspondent.

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Pacific Air War Continues As Jap Outposts Blasted

'Good Results' In Blow Of Superforts Against Japan Industrial Area

American naval and air forces delivered punishing blows in the Central and South Pacific this week after a week-long strike at the industrial area of Yawata in Japan proper.

In the first daylight operation against Japan since the 1942 Doolittle raid, Superforts got "good" results. Apparently it was the heaviest raid yet against Japan. Tokyo said 80 planes were involved and the Army announced four B-29s were lost.

'KITCHEN SINK'

Monday the Navy announced that American submarines operating in the Pacific and Far Eastern waters have sunk one Jap light cruiser, one escort vessel and 17 cargo and supply ships. A heavier Jap cruiser was sunk by air action.

Sinking of the cruiser boosted to 56 the total number of Japanese merchant ships sunk by submarines alone since outbreak of the war.

Bombing apparently beginning "milk run" bombings of the Bonin and Volcano Islands, less than 700 miles from Tokyo, blasted buildings and installations at Iwo Jima.

ISLAND BLASTED

Moruro, the tiny phosphate island 400 miles west of Tarawa which has received an almost daily aerial working over for the past month, was hit by bombers last week. The island and its surroundings were bombed on Thursday in the face of meager anti-aircraft fire.

Marine bombers and transport from the 4th Mar. Div. Wing bombed Moruro and Wotje in the Marshall last Thursday.

It was disclosed Monday that the Japanese are withdrawing their air forces westward from Halmankera Island. Repeated aerial strikes upon enemy installations at Halmankera, 200 miles west of New Guinea and 800 miles south of the Philippines, have made the island's airbases useless.

American naval forces hitting the Japanese on a 3500-mile front in the Western Pacific, have a total control of 3,000,000 miles of Pacific waters and islands once dominated by the enemy.

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Marines Advance Base Bands, WRs Through Fields Of March At Game Dead In Mopup

Jap Machine Gunners And Snipers Cleared Out As Leathernecks Move Ahead

GUAM (Delayed) — Marines weary from the battle up the steep slopes of X-Ray Ridge today swept over the crest and advanced 1000 yards through fields of Jap dead.

1stLt. Robert I. Lord of Nashville, Tenn., and 1stLt. Gardner Locke of Menlo Park, Cal., called their men together.

The bearded men, their torn clothes crusted with the red mud of Guam, looked like brigands with their weapons, camouflaged helmets, bandoleers and belts loaded with grenades. They seemed tense, a little too nonchalant.

One of those sudden driving rains swept the ridge and drenched the men. One final artillery barrage and the order came to move out. "Keep both ends down," cautioned Lt. Lord.

MARINES ADVANCE

As far as the eye could see, the thin line of Marines was moving ahead.

A Jap "banzai" charge had been shattered on this crest but 24 hours before. Already the smell of the dead was thick in the air. Bodies of the Japanese were everywhere, many of them with their horn rimmed glasses still on.

Among the men in this group were big PFC. Edwin (Moose) Swyndroski of Chicago, an artist with a flamethrower; Sgt. Sam Lowry of Natick, Mass., whose talents run to high explosives; PFC. Dick Thomas of Cassville, N. Y., and PFC. Scott Kapr of Cincinnati, O., both riflemen.

The first objective was a quarry. Squads to the right and left flushed snipers and disposed of them, but there was no organized opposition. Everywhere were Jap bodies—torn with shells and bombs, riddled with machine gun and rifle bullets.

The quarry was searched and no Japs were found.

JAPS OPEN UP

Beyond the quarry, along a one-lane road that winds toward Mt. Tenjo several miles ahead, a machine gun raked the road. Two snipers opened fire and the Marines sought cover.

One Leatherneck with an automatic rifle worked his way through the high grass. His weapon blasted in a few minutes and he waved that one sniper was done. His shooting had drawn the fire of the other sniper and the Jap machine gun, and a rifleman from another squad nailed the second sniper.

The machine gun was firing from a small cave near the top of a ridge. Sgt. Lowry worked his way close and tried with a grenade, but missed. "Moose" and his flame thrower moved up.

While rifles poured a covering fire at the small opening, Swyndroski moved forward. There was a hiss, a sheet of flame, and another machine gun nest had been eliminated.

SCOOT FOR COVER

Other snipers opened fire and the Marines scattered for cover.

Suddenly there were two blasts—one small, one big—and in a few minutes Sgt. Lowry and his men came back.

"We got a bunch of 'em in a cave," he said.

"We talked to 'em, but they were talking Jap and we were talking English, neither of us getting any place. They fired a few shots, so we blew up the cave."

Why two blasts?

"That first one was just to make their ears ring," he explained. "We wanted to see if they'd surrender. They didn't."

The outfit reached its objective line and prepared to dig in for the night. We hiked back through the fields of death. It was impossible to count the dead. In one small field we found 148. Some of the ravines were choked with bodies.—Sgt. Ward Walker, combat correspondent.

Base Bands, WRs March At Game

Three Base musical organizations—the band, drum and bugle corps and swing band—joined with 240 MCB WRs to strut their stuff before the packed Balboa stadium between halves of Sunday's East-West Shrine football game.

Pre-game military demonstrations were participated in by the Base WRs, Waves and Spars and during half-time the WR trick drill team, under command of 2dLt. Emily Schultz, went through its paces to music furnished by the band.

The band formed the pattern of a wigwam on the field while the dance band, with members wearing Indian headresses, paraded in a circle playing a special arrangement of "Hail to the Redskins."

Mail Address Correct?

Jap Swimmer Bagged By Fighter Plane

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—After a fighter pilot reported stranding and killing a Jap swimming off this island, the intelligence officer of a Marine aviation unit reported the incident as follows:

"F4Us made most of the sorties over Bougainville yesterday. Results included: One Jap in swimming at Yellina taken off the muster roll."—Capt. James A. Kelly, PRO.



CARGO TRAILER. Marines on maneuvers near Camp Lejeune, N. C., use the new water-tight cargo trailer in tow behind an amphibious tractor. The trailer may be towed in tandem by landing craft to insure delivery of critically needed materials.

Pendleton Motor Patrol Keeps Speeders In Check

CAMP PENDLETON—Fourteen motorcycle patrolmen travel approximately 1200 miles daily to keep Leathernecks on the "straight and narrow" and within speed limits of this camp, according to Maj. Edgar C. Hughes, provost marshal.

The patrolmen, all under direct supervision of PISgt. Bill Williams of Roff, Okla., are looked upon with high respect by those who have been reminded that 40 miles per hour is out of the question for military personnel in war time.

Every man in the roving patrol, all of whom have seen overseas duty, is hand picked by the provost marshal.

Oldest member of the patrol from standpoint of service is Corp. Clyde H. (Tommy) Thomas, who has spent 13 months patrolling the camp.

Base Instructors Study Mess Courses

Nine instructors in Cooks and Bakers School began four weeks' study in the mess management and mess sergeants courses this week. Enrolled were TSgt. George Fawcett and Charles W. Glazier and TSgt. Earl Forstad.

Those taking the mess management course are ACks. Ralph A. Lyman, Norman Ehlers, George Snyder, Owen W. Lowery, Luther R. Zentig and Walter A. Atkins.

'Barney Google' Author In Corps

CAMP LEJEUNE—The comic strip, "Barney Google," may depict its current hero, Shuffy Smith, as a foot-slogging soldier—but the man who lives, writes about, and draws Shuffy and Barney is in the Marines.

Corp. Fred Lasswell of Tampa, Fla., now on temporary duty here and at MCAS, Cherry Point, has been authoring Barney Google since the death of the funny man's creator, Billy DeBeek.

Lasswell toured the world, sketching Barney Google, before joining the Corps several months ago. He is now a cartoonist for Leatherneck magazine.—Sgt. Charles B. Kopp, combat correspondent.

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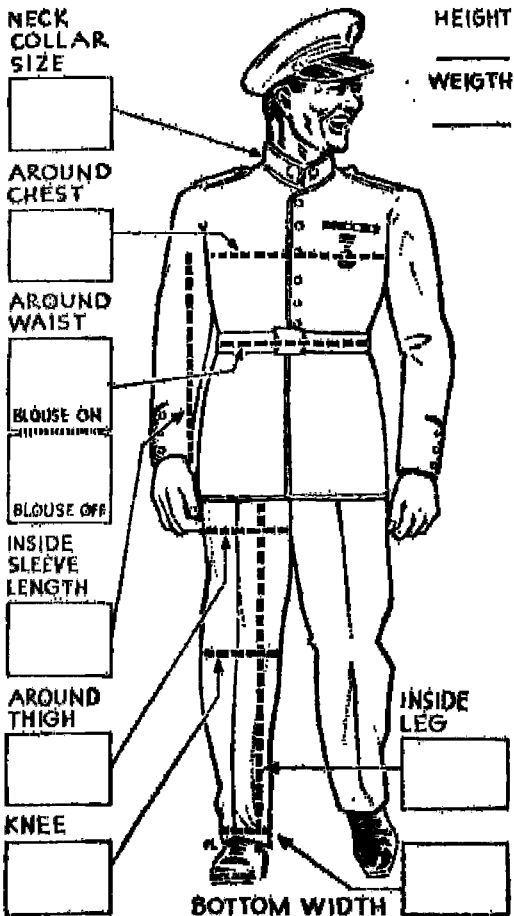
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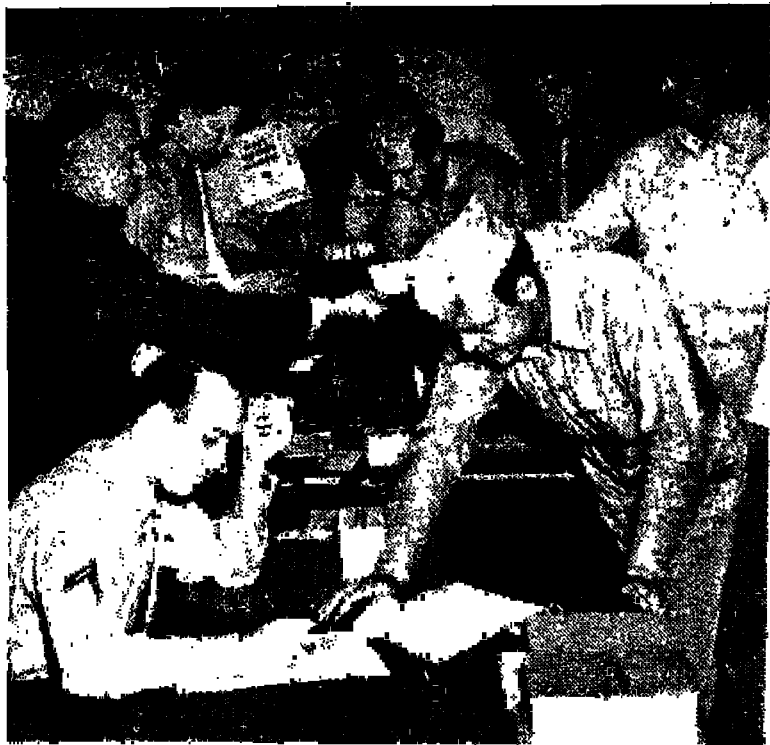
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BALLOT APPLICATIONS. Carl Ross S. Wilson directs distribution of ballot application cards in RD. Cards are filled out and mailed to secretaries of state. Seated in front of the captain is Corp. James Frick, checking off name of PFC. Homer B. Wells. PFC. Wallace W. Wenclovecz receives card from Capt. Wilson. (Photo by PFC Chester O. Turk).

Base Personnel Receive Ballot Application Cards

Voting cards, by which Base Marines and WEs may procure ballots for the national primary and general elections, were distributed to personnel of all units at MCB this week, according to Maj. David F. Ross, voting officer.

The only persons who did not receive voting cards this week are those away on leave or furlough, Maj. Ross said. Cards will be made available for such personnel upon their return to duty.

Maj. Ross said all personnel should confer with unit voting officers when in doubt about any part of the ballot procurement procedure. Any information pertaining to federal ballots will be made available by voting officers.

REC CENTER

Transient personnel in the Re-classification and Redistribution Center were receiving their voting cards as they prepared for assignment to new duties.

In RD, distribution of the voting cards was supervised by Capt. Ross S. Wilson, assistant voting supervisor, under the direction of Lt. Col. Kenneth O. Cutler. Cards were distributed to recruits by their DIs.

Maj. Max E. Houser, Base postal officer, reminded that ballot applications must be mailed to secretaries of state in state capitals. He said some cards have been addressed to city offices in home towns of applicants.

Well, Girls, What Will It Be Next?

ABOARD A TRANSPORT OFF CALIFORNIA—Sometimes the members of the "Old Marine Corps," meaning those salty gents with a hitch or more in the outfit, have some trouble understanding the "New Marine Corps," those who have come in since the war started, and the Marines on this transport were no exception.

There is very little time here for recreation and even less space. Card games naturally predominate among the sports.

What confounded the "Old Marine Corps" group aboard, though, was a very hot game of hopscotch amongst members of the "New Marine Corps" on the fantail.—Sgt. Bill Vessey, combat correspondent.

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Native 'Betsy Ross' Makes Flag On Guam

AGANA, GUAM (Delayed)—Tanks, half-tracks, ammunition, and Marines streamed past the Plaza de Espana on their way to the front. Suddenly, above the rumble of the traffic of war, a bugle blew "Colors." Men and machines halted to pledge allegiance as a flag was hoisted to a splintered staff in front of the Governor's House.

Instead of 48 stars, the flag unfurled at Agana had 12. Instead of 13 stripes the little flag had nine. It had been made by a Chamorro Betsy Ross in a cave on Chonito Ridge during the pre-invasion

bombing. It had been waved to signal Marine flyers that these cliff dwellers of Guam were loyal American nationals.

The flag was presented this morning to Maj. Gen. Allen H. Turnage, CG of the 3rd Mar. Div., by attractive Maria Guevara Arce, who fashioned it from strips of cotton cloth on a manually operated sewing machine. When Maria Guevara Arce crossed the Marine lines a week ago she brought with her the flag, the sewing machine, a cow and 12 children.

With Miss Arce, the youngsters attended today's ceremony. They

returned to their native city early and silently, for Agana's charm lay sprawled in ruins before them. Lopped-off palm trees, skeleton buildings and broken walls webbed with hibiscus were all that remained of the shelled capital of Guam.

Maj. Gen. Turnage was accompanied at the ceremony by Brig. Gen. Alfred H. Noble, his executive officer; Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, CG of the 3rd Amph. Corps, and Rear Adm. R. L. Conolly, USN, commanding Guam's Southern Task Force.—1st Lt. Millard Kaufman, PRO.

22-Year Veteran Back Stateside, Ships Over Again

MTSgt. James A. Miller Signs For Seventh Cruise On Return From Pacific

MEAS, EL CENTRO—The Japs weren't very hospitable people even back in 1924, it was recalled here by MTSgt. James A. Miller, who recently returned from the South Pacific and shipped over for his seventh cruise.

The old timer was serving on Guam in 1924 when the Japanese refused to allow American planes to fly over neighboring islands of the Marianas.

For the past 12 months, the old-timer has served with a torpedo bomber squadron.

TWO CAMPAIGNS

Upon his return to the U. S., MTSgt. Miller completed his second campaign and 22 years' service in the Corps. His first taste of action was in Nicaragua in 1929.

MTSgt. Miller's service record reads like a travel folder. Joining the Corps in 1919, he was sent to Santo Domingo almost immediately for 18 months' duty. Upon returning to the U. S., he was based at Chicago and served on guard duty aboard mail trains.

In 1922, MTSgt. Miller started a civilian tour of duty but re-entered the Corps in 1924 at San Diego. The following year, he was sent to the Philippines. After 12 months, he moved on to Peking, China, for service with the Gd. Det. there. Again back in the U. S. in 1928, he was assigned at the Great Lakes Aviation School and in 1929 went into action with an aviation unit in Nicaragua.

DUTY WITH FLEET

Back in San Diego in 1931, he drew the Pacific fleet and served on a carrier for six years. He later went aboard the USS Wasp and was aboard that ship on neutrality patrol in the Atlantic when the U. S. entered the war in 1941. In 1942, he joined a torpedo bomber squadron and in January, 1943, left for duty in the Pacific.

Amtrac Crews Take Up Rifles On Guam

GUAM (Delayed)—Shouldering their rifles, amphibian tractor crews went marching up to the lines as infantrymen and helped repel a threat the Japanese made against one sector of our front.

Offering another illustration of the fact that every Leatherneck is first of all a rifleman, these fighting specialists carried out their mission so well that they have now been designated as a special infantry reserve.—Sgt. Ray Fitzpatrick, combat correspondent.



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Japs Suicide

USNH, OAKLAND—Watching Japs as they huddled in groups and committed suicide was the thing that most impressed PFC. John A. Shibilsky of New York City on Saipan.

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Jap Explodes

USNH, OAKLAND—Corp. Francois D. Graves of Edgard, La., reported that a Jap, apparently loaded with grenades, exploded when he was hit by bullets from a BAR.

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M-1 Development Earns Praise Of Gen. Vandegrift

San Francisco Corporal Devises New Maintenance Fixture For Use On Rifle

SAN FRANCISCO—Corp. Neil Byron Taylor, a native of this city and attached to the ordnance section of DOS here, has been presented a letter of commendation from Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, the Commandant, for his initiative in designing a maintenance fixture for the M-1 (Garand) rifle.

The presentation was made by Lt. Col. Chester R. Allen of Auburn, Me., Chief of the ordnance division of DOS, in the office of Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Jacobsen, CG of the depot.

SOLVES PROBLEM

A machinist, Corp. Taylor designed and constructed the mechanism of a fixture which is to be manufactured for all base and field depots," Gen. Vandegrift's letter said. "The fixture will solve one of the foremost maintenance problems connected with this rifle which is large quantities of guns are involved," the letter continued.

Constructed very much like a vise, the fixture is attached to a work bench in the ordnance school where it is utilized to study problems involving the M-1 rifle bolt. Simple in operation, it is used to facilitate the heretofore arduous task of assembling and dismantling the M-1 rifle bolt.

"The Marine Corps appreciates and commends individual initiative on the part of all officers and men of the Corps," Col. Allen said in presenting the letter.—Sgt. Charles Evans, combat correspondent.

Salute Smartly

USNH, OAKLAND—Corp. Joseph A. Kyo of Melrose Park, Ill., who has nine scars from Jap fire on Saipan, believes Gen. Sherman was right.

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MISCELLANEOUS | Watches - Diamonds

Names Of Four Base Officers On Promotion List

Names of four Ser. Bn. officers were on the last promotion list, which arrived on the Base this week. Promoted to captains were 1stLt. Robert Hill, Base purchasing officer, and Walter H. Eastham, instructor in the QM School of Administration. Capt. Eastham also received orders to duty outside the continental limits about Sept. 1.

2dLt. Jack M. Simmons sr., instructor in the QM School, was promoted to first lieutenant. QMSgt. Andrew F. Thompson, assistant to the Base purchasing officer, was advanced to warrant officer (QM).

ORDERED DETACHED

Capt. Alfred M. Nicholas, executive officer of Motor Transport School, was detached from Ser. Bn. and ordered to duty as MT officer at DOS, San Francisco.

1stLt. Leonard Ludjke, camp commander at Camp Pine Valley, was detached from Ser. Bn. and ordered to duty as camp MT officer at Camp Pendleton. His post will be taken over by 1stLt. Walter H. Moring of MT School.

WO, Doyle M. Farrell joined Sig Bn. as an officer in field platoons from Camp Lejeune.

1stLt. Clay Nixon, O-in-C of the Insurance and Investigation office in RD and War Bond sales and legal officer of RD, was detached to the 5th Mar. Div. His post will be taken by 2dLt. Mary F. Fahner, who has been assistant O-in-C.

Lt. Frederic F. Bush Jr. (ChC), USN, Base Episcopal chaplain, was detached this week to the Small Craft Trng. Center, Terminal Island, for further transfer aboard ship.

GETS NEW DUTY

Cmdr. Paul A. G. Johnson (MC), USN, senior medical officer of Sick Call at the Base Dispensary, was detached to Port Hueneme, Cal. for further transfer overseas.

Lt. Comdr. J. H. McMahan, (MC), USN, senior medical officer of the WR Dispensary, was detached to Seattle, Wash., for further transfer.

Lt. Frederick W. Rea, (MC), USN, assistant medical officer at Camp Matthews, was detached to the 12th Naval Dist., San Francisco, for further transfer overseas.

Lt. (jg) Frank A. Heath, (DC), USN, reported to the Dental Clinic in RD from USNH, San Diego.

30 YEARS SERVICE

CAMP LEJEUNE — At his own request, Lt. Col. John D. O'Leary, director of food service at this base, will retire Sept. 1 after 30 years' service.

CHANGES OF DUTY

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

Cpl. Raymond A. Anderson from San Francisco to Camp Lejeune. Lt. Col. Albert J. Keller to duty at HQMC; Robert E. Stannan, previous orders to Camp Pendleton modified, to Camp Lejeune; Marie E. Davis from Kodiak, Alaska, to Camp Pendleton; Bennett G. Powers, previous orders to San Diego area modified, to Quantico for temporary duty, then to Camp Pendleton; Robert E. Hommel, to Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Gallia "E" Matheny to Camp Pendleton; Julian P. Wallers from Mar Fair West to MCAS, Cherry Point.

— Be Courteous —

Marine Yearns For Pair Of Wool Socks

SAIPAN (Delayed) — Although rugged in the manner of most Marines, Cpl. Mark Kauffman of Los Angeles is not without a streak of poetry in his makeup.

There is, however, an unmistakable strain of realism in his muse, as may be seen in the verse, brought forth after 25 days of fighting on Saipan:

You may have your girls with golden locks,

Your dreams of chocolates in a box,

Your cheering crowds on Stateside docks —

I'll take a pair of clean wool socks.

He is much better at fighting than he is at poetry. StfsGt. Dick Tennolly, combat correspondent.

Wide Variety In College Majors Of 5th Div. Men

CAMP PENDLETON — The fact that 942 officers and men of the 5th Mar. Div. were college graduates didn't startle division personnel classification men here, but the list of college majors — well, that was something else again.

Subjects such as engineering and mathematics were in the "expected" class, but the classifiers arched their eyebrows a trifle when they encountered "aquatic biology," "cartography," "agronomy," and "hotel administration."

The personnel men unanimously applauded one officer's major, however. It was "international relations."

Six hundred sixty-two institutions are on the list of colleges attended by 5th Div. men. They included Alytaus Gymnazya College of Lithuania, the Univ. of Hawaii, the Univ. of Mexico, Nova Scotia Technical College and the Univ. of Toronto. — StfsGt. Larry Schulenburg, combat correspondent.

— Stop War Bonds —

Tinian Marines Play War Games In Heat Of Battle

TINIAN (Delayed) — Marines seem never to get their fill of battle. A moment to spare and they start playing war games.

Two of them, with the rugged Saipan campaign behind them and fighting on Tinian ahead, came across a Jap fighter plane which had been knocked out on the ground.

PFC. Vincent F. La Greca of Clifton, N. J., promptly hopped into the pilot's seat and began making noises like an airplane motor.

Right behind him was PFC. Teddy F. Niedzielski of Cleveland, O. He jumped into the rear seat and simulated the job of machine gunner.

Within a minute two dozen Marines had gathered to watch the daring aerial battle. "Rat-a-tat-a-tat," yelled Niedzielski, knocking down two Jap planes.

"Zoom, zoom, zoom," La Greca responded. He was revving his motor for a power dive.

There were three or four minutes of this. Then La Greca, short on gas, brought down his plane in a "beautiful emergency crash landing."

The audience cheered. La Greca and Niedzielski bowed. Then all went on about their work. There still were five Japs who needed killing on Tinian. — Sgt. Herb Schultz, combat correspondent.

— Written Home Taddy? —

Officers' Nicknames Used In Front Lines

GUAM (Delayed) — Marines who fight in the front lines do not address their officers in the usual military manner. Sharp-eared Japs like to know who the officers are. So even the colonels are called by their nicknames.

If a man has no nickname, the men make one up for him.

Thus, it is common to hear a Marine radioman call through his mouthpiece, "Charley. Mike calling Charley. I have a message for you, Charley, are you receiving me?" Mike is a PFC, Charley is a lieutenant colonel.

— Obey orders —

Shipboard Luxurious To Tinian Marines

TINIAN (Delayed) — Yesterday was homecoming for landside Marines at the expense of the Navy. The Marines loved it and the Navy loved it.

After 26 days of hard fighting, the Leathernecks were eager for clean showers, hot food, soft mattresses, cold drinking water. The Navy furnished all and even threw in ice cream and movies. In return, the Marines told hair raising tales of the past battle to sailors who had never set foot on Saipan.



IN THE BLACK, 1stLt. Ruth N. Telander proved her steady nerves firing the M-1 and .45 cal. pistol. She qualified as expert on both. (Photo by Corp. Louise Parker).

Camp Matthews WR Scores Expert With Rifle, Pistol

CAMP MATTHEWS — 1stLt. Ruth N. Telander of St. Paul, Minn., recently won recognition as the only Woman Marine to win both expert rifle and pistol medals. She is the CO of the WR Det. here.

Shooting for score alongside the men recruits, Lt. Telander scored a percentage of 96 with a .45 cal. pistol, 10 points above the expert qualification. With the M-1 regulation rifle she scored 308, a mark of 306 being necessary to make expert.

Lt. Telander received her commission June 1, 1943. She is a graduate of the Univ. of Minnesota.

— Stand Fast —

Japs Remove Dead

USNH, OAKLAND — Sgt. Murray A. Merson of New York City said Marines killed Japs during the day on Saipan and the enemy dragged them off during the night.

Brothers Meet In Saipan Invasion

USNH, OAKLAND — Greatest thrill of the Saipan conquest for Corp. Merrill M. Steub of St. Joseph, Mo. was meeting his brother Pvt. Earl Steub, on the beach under intense mortar fire. The two participated in the Tarawa battle but "didn't have time" to get together then. Corp. Steub is recovering here from shell fragment wounds suffered on Saipan. He was wounded similarly before during the Guadalcanal campaign. — StfsGt. Charlie Evans, combat correspondent.

Correspondent Blechman Dies Of Guam Wounds

WASHINGTON — Wounded D-Day as he hit the beach at Guam, StfsGt. Solomon Blechman of Mamaronck, N. Y., a combat correspondent, died aboard the hospital ship to which he had been evacuated.

Hitting the beach along with the first wave, Blechman was wounded in an area where the fighting was the thickest. His CO, Capt. Raymond Henri of Yorktown Heights, N. Y., reported, "Sol Blechman died of wounds received on the beach as he bravely chose to follow the group having the toughest time of it."

WITH 3RD DIV.

Assigned to the Div. of Public Relations as a combat correspondent in September, 1942, StfsGt. Blechman had submitted more than 500 stories about 3rd Div. Marines.

Long interested in newspaper work, Blechman started his reporterial career during his sophomore year on the bi-weekly paper of Union College, becoming managing editor in his senior year. In addition, he covered college sports news and campus activity news for the Knickerbocker-News and the Schenectady Union-Star. After graduation, Blechman went to the Mainaroch Daily Times as a sports writer, leaving in June, 1942, to enlist in the Marine Corps. He participated in the Bougainville campaign.

— Stop Loose Talk —

Artillery Unit Gets Camp War Bond Flag

CAMP PENDLETON — A field artillery unit of the 5th Mar. Div. undergoing combat training here, has been awarded the coveted Camp Pendleton "E" flag for registering the highest percentage of personal war bond allotments on the post.

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SQUAWKY-TALKIE. PFC. Mike Bayer, duck mascot of a Marine bomber squadron, has his footprint taken as he is signed on the payroll by TSgt. James E. Surrena. The "pinfeather merchant" arrived at North Island recently, coming by plane with his outfit from Cherry Point, N. C.

Marine Detachment First Ashore On Guam In 1898

The Mar. Det. of the little cruiser Charleston and a few squads of bluejackets were the first Americans to set foot on Guam when that island fell to the U. S. in 1898, it was recounted in the Aug. 12 issue of Army and Navy Register.

Leathernecks and Navy men who stormed ashore in the recent invasion of Guam once more brought under U. S. control the island that Marines and Navy have loved and labored for since 1898. Comdr. Louis J. Gulliver, USN, pointed out in a signed article.

FIRST TO LAND

The honor of being the first of ficers to land on Guam for keeps belongs to the Marines. They went ashore in April, 1898, four months before the first naval governor came ashore from the Yosemite in August.

The Marine battalion that pitched tents near Piti and Agat on Guam was commanded by Maj. Allan C. Kelton. His officers were Capt. Clarence L. A. Wingate and John H. Russell, later major general, and 1st Lt. Henry W. Carpenter and Robert E. Carmody. In November the same year there arrived 1st Lt. Louis M. Gullick, E. A. Jones, William W. Low and J. W. Brantch.

SAME BILL OF FARE

The food and drink rations of Marines on Guam today are not greatly different from that served out to the first Leathernecks on the island, who had to make out on Navy "canned, Blt" and other smoked and canned stuff, Comdr. Gulliver reported.

Everything Just Ducky For Mascot Of Bomber Unit

Even Donald Duck Can't Match His Flight Log; Joined Up On East Coast

NORTH ISLAND—"PFC. Mike Baker," pin-feather member of the Muscovy duck family, is the new official mascot of a Marine bomber squadron, recently arrived here from Cherry Point, N. C. The squadron, under the command of Lt. Col. G. A. Sarles, acquired "Mike" several weeks ago at Cherry Point when he pecked his way out of an egg into their midst. Named for the radio call of the planes in the squadron, the mascot is a natural in Marine Aviation, for by nature Mike is equally at home "in the air, on land and at sea." His ancestors for generations have known "the snows of far off northern lands and sunny tropic scenes," so his cruise in the Corps is in keeping with his traveling instincts.

SOON TO SOLO

Neophyte air cadet, due to his still stubby wings, Mike has been promoted to PFC, during his training period. Members of the squadron feel that he soon will receive his commission as a pilot—the day he first soars aloft. His progress is being kept in his service record book, which contains his photograph and webbed footmarks for identification.

Not to be outdone by his celebrated cousin, "Donald," Mike has crossed the nation by plane, has 12 hours in the air and is drawing flight pay, according to his "mates."

Chow call is "duck-soup" for Mike, who joins the rest of the squadron in the mess hall for every meal. His favorite dish is cereal and cream, but he will eat "most anything on the bill of fare. His between-meals snacks spell death for flies and bugs that venture within snapping range.—Pvt. Leslie G. Scott.

—Buy Insurance—

Guam Drama Set For Radio Show

"Ghosts of Guam" is the timely title of this afternoon's "Halls of Montezuma" radio program, to be broadcast from the Base theater at 1500.

The dramatization deals with some of the things, dear to the hearts of Marines, which managed to survive the Jap occupation, and remained waiting for the returning Leathernecks. One stirring example of a cherished object was the carefully folded Old Glory found under the floorboards of a native hut.

—March Forward—

Blast Japs Back

USNH, OAKLAND—Cysgt. William J. Adams said one Jap attack on Saipan was turned back by a "beautiful" artillery barrage.

Girl Friend's Message Reaches Tinian Marine

TINIAN (Delayed)—During a lull in the fighting for this island a mail clerk presented PFC. Francis M. Galvin with a "recorded message" from a girl friend in Brooklyn, N.Y., his home city.

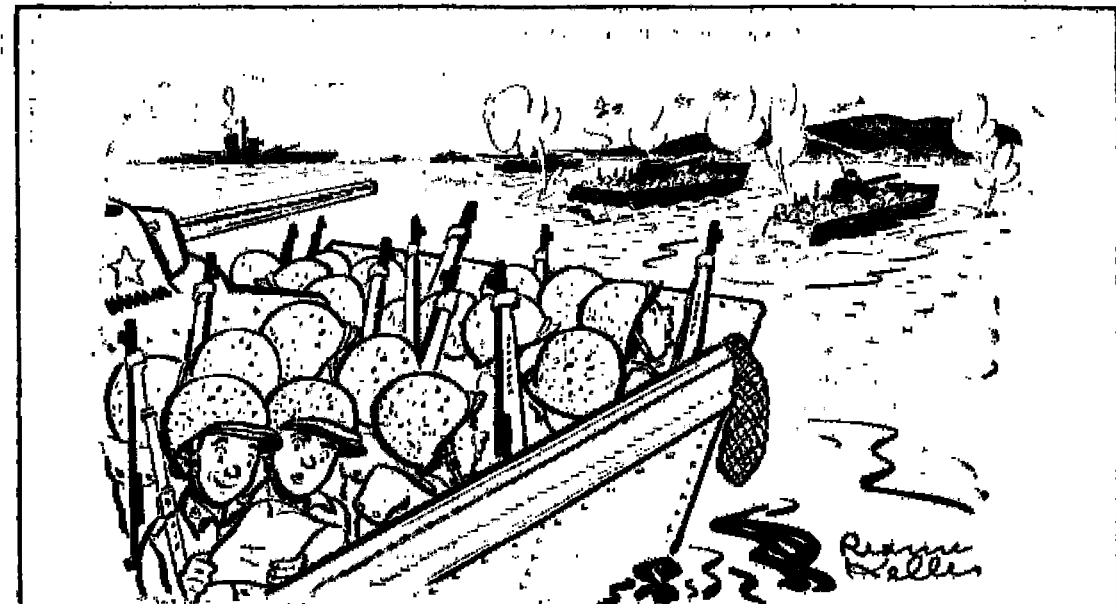
When the troops advanced against the Japs next day, his sympathetic buddies ransacked the abandoned quarters of some Nip aviators and uncovered a phonograph in workable condition. Only needles were lacking.

PFC. Galvin eagerly whittled a needle from a sugar cane stalk, cranked the machine, was somewhat embarrassed when a score of his fellow Marines insisted upon listening to the rather personal message in voice and song.—Sgt. Bill Dvorak, combat correspondent.

—Use Y.M.C.A.—

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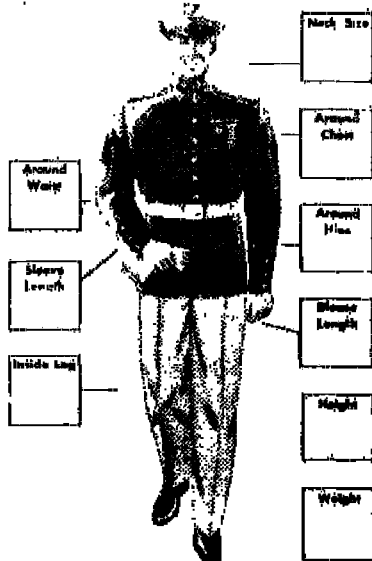
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Revised Bayonet Training Demonstrated By Recruit Depot Instructors



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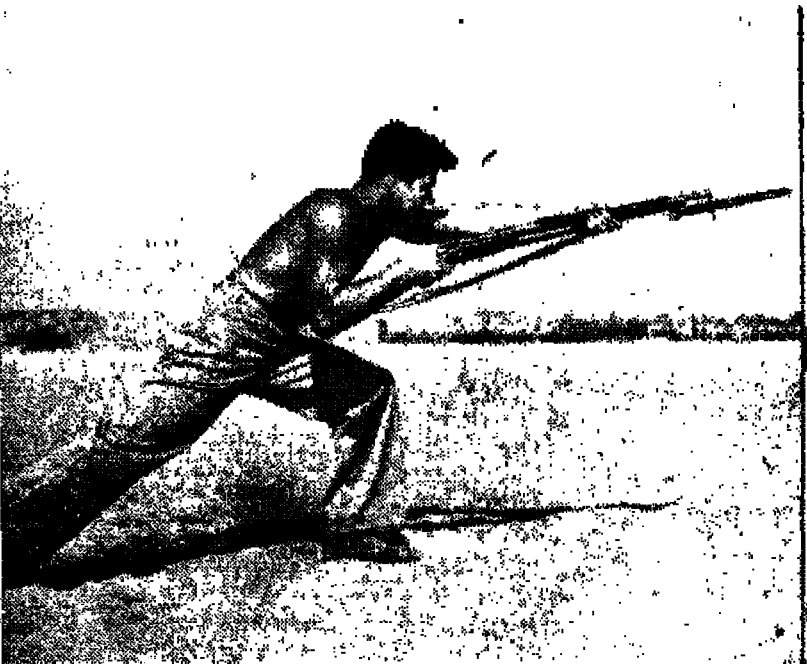
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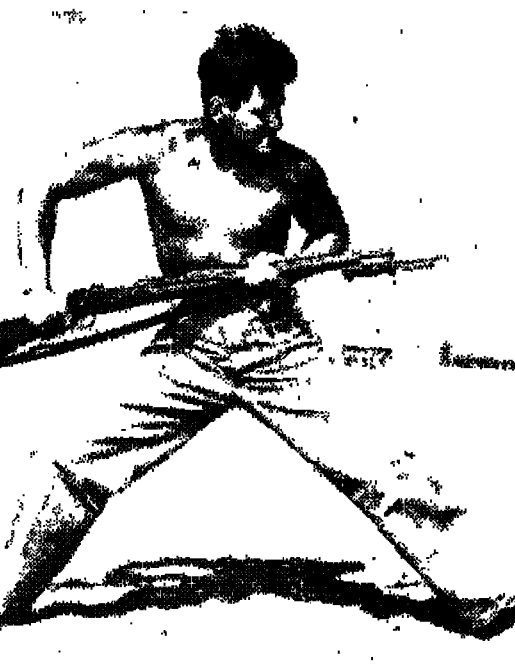
Short Guard

OLD. Moving the upper hand forward from the lower to the upper band in making the withdrawal, demonstrated by Sgt. Orville F. McMullen (left above), has been eliminated in the newer, more simplified bayonet training put into effect on the new RD assault course this month. The new training embodies one position of hands for all movements. After

completing the withdrawal (center above), the forward hand was left at the upper band in getting into short guard position (right above) preparatory to executing the short thrust. This limited the reach by the amount of space between the upper and lower bands. The old short thrust was executed by moving the rear foot forward from short guard position.



Start Of Withdrawal



End Of Withdrawal



Short Guard

NEW. Executing the long thrust remains the same in the new bayonet training. The movements are no longer taught by the numbers, however, but by allowing students to practice them slowly at first, then speeding up. Sgt. Max Krause has completed his long thrust with his right foot forward, then advanced his left leg to begin his withdrawal (left

above). More body movement is used in completing the withdrawal (center). In executing the new short thrust from the new short guard position (right above), the forward foot is advanced as in making a jab in boxing. This enables the thruster to resume the short guard position immediately and be in position for another thrust while remaining in good balance.

Bayonet Tactics Modernized For Marine Recruits

New-Type Training Makes Deadly Close-In Fighters Of Leathernecks In RD

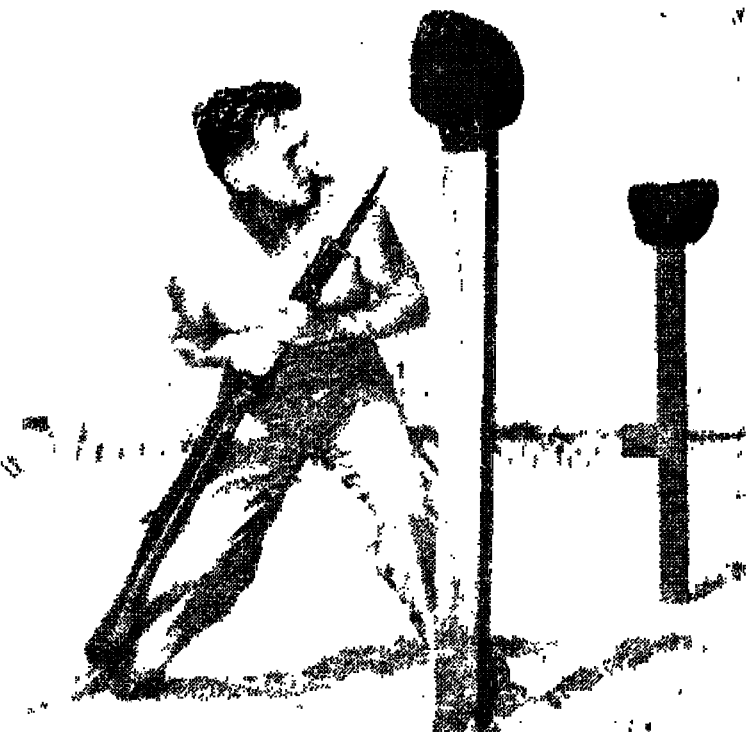
Recruits in RD now are galloping over a new type bayonet assault course after completing an expanded, but simplified, course of bayonet instruction, aim of which is to make them more deadly close-in fighters.

The new course, which was opened the first of this month, replaces the old record qualification course. It is 205 yards long and presents various types of obstacles as well as dummies and parry sticks, making it a combination obstacle-bayonet course.

The old record qualification course was abandoned by the service because it tended to develop a stereotyped pattern of fighting in the sequence of the dummies, according to the Infantry Journal.

Furthermore, the Journal reported, the old-type course was not truly a qualification course for a real bayonet fighter but one for a course runner, and the mere art of qualifying on it gave some the impression that they were accomplished bayonet fighters.

One position of the hands for all bayonet movements is at the core of the new training. Purpose of this is to reduce confusion among students so that they will be better able to concentrate on simple but effective fighting movements.



JAB DISCARDED. The old jab, demonstrated by Sgt. McMullen, is no longer being taught. Considered of more value in trench warfare than in the present war of movement, this rather awkward movement was eliminated so that more stress could be put on thrusts and butt strokes.



ASSAULT TACTICS. Group assault is another addition to bayonet training, with tactics for skirmishes of three men against two or two against one practiced. Sgt. Krause is the victim as PFC. Jack Pattee parries his thrust and PFC. George H. Krayer (left) comes in from behind.

Defenders Of Saipan Tough Targets

USNH, OAKLAND—Corp. Charles A. Koeph of Teague, Tex., now recovering from battle wounds here, reported that on Tarawa, "we could see the Japs and shoot them, but on Saipan the enemy was not to be seen except in rare instances."

"The second day on Saipan, I was surprised to see several Japs attacking with machine guns strapped to their backs," Corp. Koeph said. "They ran forward, fell on their stomachs and opened up."—Sgt. Ellsworth A. Shiebler, combat correspondent.

Japs Failed To Get Word On Saipan

USNH, OAKLAND—"Maybe the Japs didn't get the word," said PFC. Joseph Steve Vokovcan of Ambridge, Pa., on arrival here for treatment of wounds suffered two days after Saipan was officially secured July 8.

PFC. Vokovcan said he figured he would come through the campaign "without a scratch" when he learned the island was secure. "After having been through the roughest part of the campaign without having been injured, I thought the rest would be a breeze," he said.

Recruits Now Being Taught Bayonet Disarming Methods Beach At Tinian



WITS vs. BAYONET—Capt. George S. Reed, O-in-C of bayonet training in RD, demonstrates disarming from the left. The "enemy" is PFC, George H. Krayer jr., bayonet instructor. Facing him with bare hands (upper left), Capt. Reed steps to his left as thrust is aimed at him (upper right), grasping the rifle at the upper band with his left hand. Stepping in closer, he grabs the rifle butt (lower left), then twists it around behind the enemy to put him in a relatively defenseless position (lower right) before jerking the rifle out of the enemy's hands. (Photos by PFC, Herbert Alden).

Beach At Tinian Well Defended Against Marines

Assault Troops Pounded By Jap Machine Guns And Hand Grenades In Landing

TINIAN (Delayed)—The first Marine assault troops to land on Tinian came near to a debacle right at the shoreline. Once ashore, however, reorganization was effected promptly and Leathernecks proceeded to the first day's objective with very little trouble.

At the very start of the assault, Marines commanded by Maj. Frank E. Garretson of Seattle, Wash., were clinging for their lives to sharp, jagged coral rocks jutting into the sea. Several were hit in the way in.

MEET JAP FIRE

The first troops to land found themselves waist-deep in a pounding surf and deeper than that in Japanese rifle and machine gun fire and hand grenades.

When one landing craft stopped, men leaped over the side into water over their heads. Some got a precarious hold on a projecting rock, but a Marine who was there first leaped backwards into the water, shouting, "Hand grenade."

Grenades stormed on the coral ledge and machine gun fire hit spitefully at the tough rocks around the group. The enemy was placed carefully in caves and crevices along the ragged shoreline, safe from bombs and bombardment, but with a commanding field of fire along our entire landing area.

MOVE INLAND

A little way down the coast to the right, a sergeant dashed over and among the rocks, exposing himself recklessly to rally his companions and get them inland from the danger area. A gunnery sergeant blasted a way for the Marines to move to the right and eventually join other forces.

Surrounding boat waves, fortunately, came in quickly. Veterans of the Marshall Islands invasion and of the recent battle of Saipan, they soon had a well organized line for the advance inland, before which scattered Japanese forces fled toward the hills.

By early afternoon the first day's objective, almost to Tinian's northern airfield, had been reached. And at the end of the day, more than 300 Japanese dead were counted along the rocky shore where first troops landed. — Staff Sgt. Dick Tenelly, combat correspondent.

— In Courtroom —

USNH, OAKLAND—2d Lt. William H. Reynolds of Vienna, Ill., said his men on Saipan were always so anxious to move forward that at times he had to restrain them.

Amphibian Tankmen Heroes In Guam Beach Assault

GUAM (Delayed)—The amphibian tank force, which led the beach assault near Agat against violent enemy resistance, has its heroes today. Some of them are living—some are dead. The 1st Mar. Brig. is proud of both.

The tanks stormed ashore in the face of murderous fire to pave the way for the brigade infantrymen. Eighteen of the tanks landed near strategic Agat. All but three of the American vehicles were hit by enemy gunfire. But there was no stopping the Marines.

Capt. Richard G. Warga of Beach Haven, N. J., lost three tanks of his command. Seventeen of his men were killed, and 23 others wounded. Even so, Capt. Warga explained, many of the tankmen, suffering shrapnel wounds, begged that they be permitted to remain with their outfit.

CARRY AMMUNITION

The three tanks that escaped Jap shellfire took up the job of carrying ammunition to the front. Six other vehicles limped inland about three-quarters of a mile, blasting enemy gun emplacements and machine gun nests. The tanks were under heavy Jap mortar fire all the way.

Two tanks under the command of 1st Lt. Edgar Carlson of La Porte, Ind., aided largely in the rescue of a unit that already had lost about one-third of its men before the rolling armor came onto the scene. The action permitted the withdrawal of the wounded. — Staff Sgt. John F. Reilly, combat correspondent.

— Salute Smartly —

Corp. Cecil H. Beauchamp of Malskoff, Tex., was back fighting with his unit on Saipan five days after being wounded.

Aviation Head Wins Citation

WASHINGTON—Brig. Gen. Field Harris, recently named Director of Marine Aviation, has been commended by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz for directing the "neutralization of enemy air activities" at Rabaul while serving as commander of aircraft in the Solomons from April 20 to May 31, 1944.

The citation said: "The relentless pressure which he maintained against Rabaul and Kavieng successfully completed the neutralization of enemy air activities at these strongly-held bases. He handled all problems incident to his command with an efficiency and determination that indicated outstanding ability. His initiative, leadership and tireless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the Naval service."

— Keep Clean —

Four Time Donor

NORTH ISLAND—Corp. Marler M. Zachary of Archdale, N. C., is not confining his contribution to the war effort to daily performance of his duties. He is a four-time blood donor, and recently his fifth offer of a donation was refused when it was discovered that insufficient time had elapsed since his preceding visit.

Signal Battalion Communications Courses Change

The Sig. Bn. telephone course will be discontinued and two new communications courses added under a new program outlined last week by Lt. Col. H. B. Meeks, O-in-C of the communications section, Div. of Plans and Policies, HQMC, during his tour of inspection of Sig. Bn. facilities at MCB.

Basic message center and refresher radio technician courses will be added by Oct. 1. The radio refresher course will consist of approximately one week of class work and three weeks of field work. The basic message center course will be the first of its kind to be given here, with advanced work in that field to continue to be given at Camp Pendleton.

The high speed radio operator course will be enlarged immediately. The 12-week radio course and recently inaugurated radio technician course will be continued.

— March Proudly —

Tricks Of Gunfire Found In Invasion

GUAM, July 21 (Delayed)—Gunfire played its usual tricks on Marines who stormed this island stronghold today. As he raced ashore with an assault wave, one Marine's .45-caliber pistol was struck by a shell fragment, knocked from its holster, and into the air. The Leatherneck caught it as it came down, raced on ashore. He was unhurt, the pistol undamaged. — Staff Sgt. Robert H. Kirkpatrick, combat correspondent.

Doubles In Brass

SAIPAN (Delayed)—PFC, Robert M. Clark of Pomona, Cal., a bandman serving as a stretcher bearer, sometimes had to shoot his way to wounded Marines. He and a corpsman found one wounded man, but also encountered the sniper who had shot him. PFC Clark accounted for the Jap and helped return the wounded man to an aid station. — Staff Sgt. Dick Tenelly, combat correspondent.



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Gherkin At Swimming Pool Finds Water, Women Cool

By GUNTHER (Salt Water Daffy) GHERKIN

Before I learned better, I used to spend my afternoons working. Should you pass along a hot, dusty road, where the sun beat down relentlessly, you could find me lying under an old log, in the shade, practicing to be a sniper. I have been known to lie in the shade all afternoon, without moving. That is very important training for scouting and patrolling.

But day after day of such hard work began to wear me down, and I thought it time to look for another branch of Marine service. The gallant bravery of our men who splash ashore as amphibious troops appealed to me, and I forsook scouting and snoring for a course in combat swimming.

The other afternoon I decided to spend a few hours at the pool, snapping-in at my wolfing. I fought my way into my GI trunks, tied them securely at the top, under my armpits, and secured the garters just below my knees.

Uniform Of The Day

I arrived at the pool area after several informal chats with members of the MP company. I thought at first that I was in trouble, because I was walking through the streets in the uniform of the day. But all they wanted was to have me settle a bet by answering yes or no to the question, "Are you human?" I suppose you want to know what I answered. Well, I'm not blabbing. It comes under the heading of security, and you'll have to guess for yourself. When it comes right down to it, even I'm not sure.

I said to one of the MPs, "What I don't like about military life is that you aren't treated like a human being."

"Listen," he said. "Things are tough all over. Even the human beings aren't being treated like human beings, so why should you complain?"

"Don't get me wrong," I said. "I'm not complaining. I never complain."

"Hub," the MP sneered. "Tell that to the Marines."

"Gladly," I said. "Which way did they go?"

"Thataway," he said, pointing in the general direction of Tokyo.

"Have a cigar before you go?"

"No, thanks," I said. "Never touch them. Don't you know that the cigar is the cheroot of all eyes?"

Nutcracker Stuff

The two MPs then shook hands with each other, and I had quite a time getting my head from between their palms. I wish they'd be more careful in the future. Some day they're going to hurt somebody, pushing his ears together like that.

As I walked on and came to the edge of the pool, some WR in the water yelled, "Say, Gherkin, if I had a build like yours, I wouldn't come out in a bathing suit."

"Madame," I said stiffly. "If you had a build like mine, you wouldn't be living in the WR area either."

I looked about me and saw a number of stalwart, handsome, tanned Marines who had evidently been studying combat swimming for some time. One fellow told me he put in five or six hours every day at the pool. His main trouble was that he couldn't swim. However, he practiced the fundamentals assiduously. He was almost letter-perfect in lying at the edge of the pool in such a manner that all his muscles showed to the best advantage.

One of the fundamentals of combat swimming, PT style, is the ability to sprawl nonchalantly at the pool edge, and, without moving your head, to see every new girl who comes into the pool area.

This activity is known as combat swimming intelligence. As soon as the "enemy" approaches in a brief, two-piece bathing suit, your eyes crawl out about ten yards to ascertain the direction of approach, the rate of march, the quantity and

quality of equipment, condition, and the probable site where the halt will be made.

As soon as the target settles down for a sunbath, the combat intelligence men gather for a conference. Is she a WR, Wave or civilian? Is she 15 or 20? Has she been to the pool before? With a man? With a big man? What would be the best approach, to ask her for the time, or pick her up and throw her in the water?

Some Actually Swim

These are important questions, which must be answered. Of course, not everyone is interested in combat swimming. There are a few characters who spend (I should say waste) their (I should say waste) time diving and swimming all afternoon. There should be a law to keep them out of the pool, but I suppose you find that type every place you go.

I selected a site for my observations, and sat down to survey the scene. A young woman sitting next to me began to annoy me terribly. She insisted on moving when I tried to put my arms around her. "Go away," she said. "I don't want you to look at me."

"Don't be so self-conscious," I said. "I only wish that someone would look at me — would observe me — would survey me."

"Listen," she said. "Did you come here to swim, or to put your eyes around me?"

"I came here for the same reason all the other Marines come here," I said.

"That's what I thought," she said. "You do."

"I'll show you that I can swim," I said. "I'll show you how we abandon ship if we are torpedoed. Give me that pillow case."

Full Of Air

I climbed up on the diving board, holding the pillow case over my head, with the open end down. "When I leap," I shouted, "the pillow case will fill with air, and it will help keep me afloat. Watch."

I took a deep breath and stepped off the diving board. I hit the water and went to the bottom, hitting so hard my feet were flattened. As I started up, my head went right into the pillow case, which collapsed and wrapped itself around my face.

I tried to call for help, but when I opened my mouth a torrent of water rushed in, accompanied by several large fish that had been caught in the pillow case.

As I shot to the surface, everybody screamed, about seeing a ghost. I was so startled I quit again, and in a few minutes, with no one to help me get out, I came to rest on the bottom of the pool. I had drowned.

After I had been dead for some time, they lowered a hook and pulled me out, laying my body at the edge of the pool. The girl I had been with came by. She looked at my cold form and sniggered. "You and your practical jokes," she said. "Not only can't you swim, but you got my good pillow case all wet. If you were alive, I'd slap your face, — or whatever that unpleasantly inexact facsimile in front of your head is."

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Marines Hard Hit By Saipan Flies

SAIPAN (Delayed) — The second battle of Saipan was in full fury today as Marines unleashed their wrath on the flies.

Flies die by the thousands in cleverly constructed screen traps, and thousands more are felled by netting, yet they continue to harass the Marines here.

Tales of the enemy's prowess are many. One disgusted Marine said, "Even when I'm good enough to split my chow with them, they are not satisfied. They dive down on my share and try to take it from me by force. I eat with one hand and fight 'em off with the other." — Sgt. George H. Maitle, combat correspondent.

Python-Wrestling Leatherneck On Duty At Quantico

MR. QUANTICO — He has wrestled with a 25-foot python, "stolen" a railroad train, fallen out for inspection in a green overcoat and red underwear, and his nick-name is "Nuts."

Officially, he is Sgt. Oliver Romuld. Now in his 30th year as a Marine, he is serving here as police sergeant of the Blue Det., Ser. Bn.

In the last three decades, Sgt. Romuld has done duty in Guam, Shanghai, Cavite, Cuba, San Diego, Iona Island, Philadelphia, and aboard the gunboat Sacramento and the armored cruiser USS Huron.

During a farewell banquet for home-bound Marines in the Philippines in 1928, he actually entered a cage of 25-foot pythons on a snake ranch and wrestled with one of them until his companions pulled him off without damage to himself or the pythons. The "train stealing incident" occurred at Guantanamo City, Cuba, when "Nuts" and several exuberant companions boarded an 11-car train while the crew was at lunch. They took the train 17 miles from the station, then put it in reverse and brought it back again. PFC, William H. Leibinger Jr.

Mail Address Correct?

Japanese Learn The Hard Way

TINIAN (Delayed) — Finding out about Marine PFCs was a hard lesson for one Japanese captain here.

The total cost was 50 Japs, five light machine guns and five mortar.

The Japs had sent a tank down the main road toward our lines. Waiting on the tanks were two machine gunners, PFCs, Gerald Quaintney of Hiddenite, N. C., and Stephen Kohut of New York City.

The two machine gunners refrained from giving away their position. They allowed the tank to pass through to the next defense line, where other Marines were waiting with bazookas.

Then they settled down to wait for enemy troops which they felt sure would be following the tank.

The Jap captain and his men arrived in due time, to receive a barrage of point blank crossfire from the Marine gun.

Not a single Jap escaped. — Sgt. Gilbert F. Bailey, combat correspondent.

Stand Erect

'Top' Takes Over As Officers Fall

GUAM (Delayed) — Three days of vicious fighting in the drive along Orote Peninsula saw every officer in one Marine company killed or wounded.

So 1st Sgt. Robert P. Benty of Portland, Ore., took over as company commander and led the advance until his outfit was relieved that night. Under his guidance, the Leathernecks demolished several counter-attacking Jap tanks and then mopped up on survivors of the battle. — TSgt. Donald A. Hallman Jr., combat correspondent.

Arm True

Tenor Singing Star At Klamath Falls

MR. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Singing star of the Marine entertainment troupe here is PFC. Carl Raymond Hagel of St. Paul, Minn., a tenor.

The St. Paul Leatherneck is a veteran of 23 months in the South Pacific on daction during the Marshall campaign. While in the Pacific area he performed with a regimental band, making tours over the Samoan area putting on recreational variety shows at many outposts.



REUNITED, StfsGt. Philip J. Baldinger of Richmond, Cal., greets his son, Sgt. Charles P. Baldinger, on the latter's arrival at USNH, Oakland, for treatment of injuries received at Namur in the Marshall Islands.

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27 Japs Die As Marine Tinkerer Tries New Trick

SAIPAN (Delayed)—PFC. Ed Bright of St. Louis, Mo., shied away from taking any fancy praise for the 27 Japs who died of lead poisoning down in the gulch this side of Mapi Point, even though he made the bag singlehandedly.

According to PFC. Bright, he was always a tinkerer by nature, and the whole thing was just another of his experiments.

During the fight, an enemy mortar fragment bent the barrel of his rifle. He scrambled through the smoky fire off to the right and picked up the machine gun of a wounded Marine.

FIRES FROM HIP

He slipped on an asbestos glove, grabbed hold of the barrel and fired from the hip. At this point, Japs trapped in the gulch began spitting bullets and tapping over into the dirt. The barrel of the machine gun glowed like charcoal.

Bright had slung off 10 pounds before the last bullet was used off the belt. After he quit shaking, he dropped the gun like a hot potato.

Though the bag of 27 Japs is nothing to sneeze at, Bright took one look at his glove, which had been charred down to the thickness of an onion skin, and right then and there made up his mind that firing a machine gun from the hip is ill advised.

In his own words, "It just isn't practical."—Sgt. Edward F. Ruder, combat correspondent.

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Marine Ships Over In Buddhist Shrine

TINIAN (Delayed)—In 100 years of glabery thing, Marines have seen and done some strange things, but PFC. Leslie C. Garrison of Galveston, Tex., probably is the only one who went to a Buddhist shrine.

PFC. Garrison was in the middle of heavy fighting when he and his first sergeant, naturally, remembered that his four year old friend had expired.

Battle or no battle, Garrison had to be re-enlisted, and the shrine was the only building offering shelter from the sun.—Sgt. Stanford Opatowsky, combat correspondent.



THE 12th GFM. The 12th Marine Division, 1st Marine Division, celebrated their first anniversary in the Corps this month with a round of ice cream sodas at the PX fountain. They are, (from left) Capt. (Post) and PFCs, Ed. Deplaine and Murrel.

With Marines On World Battlefronts . . .

TINIAN (Delayed)—PFC. James G. Tills of Los Angeles was the leader of one of four Third gun crews that fought a duel at point blank range with six Japanese tanks to save the American beachhead here. The battle was fought in the pitch blackness of early morning, and in less than one hour, the desperate Jap counter-attack had been smashed.

NOT AS TOUGH

USNH OAKLAND—Jap pillboxes on Saipan were not nearly as tough to crack as those on Tarawa, said PFC. Percy Donald Smith of Houston, Tex., member of a demolition outfit who was hit by a shell near the front. Doctors and corpsmen were right up in the front lines on Saipan and on a number of occasions worked at night under flares shot up by the Japs according to PFC. Morris A. Splott of Chicago, Ill., S. Dak.

"Those Japs put up a pretty strong fight (able Garatan and their ship), at us got pretty bad", said PFC. William G. Duncan of Bedford, Ind. "We just had to blast them out of some buildings in that town", he said.

PILLBOX FIRED

One group of stubborn Japs refused to come out of a pillbox even after a Marine patrol threw in grenades and blew out the ventilating system, according to Sgt. Howard C. Dickey of Enid, Ok., who then found three Jap cans of gasoline left in the bushes by the Japs. While part of the patrol kept the attention of the Japs, the others set fire enough to pour the

gasoline in the pillbox and it took in some time. That did the trick.

Ed. Thomas C. Smith Jr. of Athens, Mich., former Capt. of Michigan football star, was pronounced dead on Japan's beach but is rapidly recovering. Japs were always hard to surrender before Marines threw flares or grenades, but it didn't do any good, said Pvt. Paul R. Shivers of Hicksville, O. PFC. John T. Cantrell Jr. of Holden, Mo., lay wounded for over 21 hours trapped between Jap and Marine dogpats before corpsmen finally were able to reach him.

"One Jap shell hit us a ration dump and scattered chew all over the place", said PFC. Edward Finerty of Evansville, Ind., who was attached to a regimental QM section of the 4th Mar. Div.

There was more blow room at Saipan than at Tarawa, according to Corp. Truxton Nick Norris of El Dorado, Ark. But the artillery made it tough, he said.

"Saipan was tough, but there will never be another beachhead like the one Marines had at Tarawa", PFC. Rosier Edward Maher of Troy, Ill., emphasized upon return to the States for hospitalization.

"Jap artillery played havoc with our communications during the first few days" on Saipan, said PFC. Raymond E. Varella of Des Moines, Ia., adding that the bursting shells seemed to tear up the wire about as fast as the communications men could string it.

As he lay on the ground 40 yards from a Jap bivouac area on Tarawa, a Jap searoy walked on his hand, it was recalled by PFC. Floyd N. Wyatt, who was wounded 30 minutes after landing on Saipan. "I was too scared to do anything but stay there, and the Jap kept right on walking".

"There is not much left of a Jap

when a flamethrower hits him", said PFC. Robert L. Plancher of Eldersburg, Ky., member of a flame-thrower squad on Saipan.

"The Japs certainly had the range on the Saipan beach, and I think that is where most of our early casualties were accounted for", said PFC. Ray E. Gowan of Follinsbee, W. Va., who was wounded an hour and a half after landing.

After completing installation of a communication system at a battalion CP about dusk, his 4th Mar. Div. outfit did not have time to dig foxholes before the Japs began shelling at 2100, so they just hugged the ground according to Sgt. Edward Rymas of Harrison, Md. Shell fragments got Sgt. Rymas in the shoulder.

NOT TO BE TRUSTED

USNH SHILOMAR, Cal.—The Japs are a treacherous lot, said PFC. Howard O. Oshorio of Toledo, O., recalling an incident on Saipan in which 30 Japs came toward his shellhole carrying white flags in one hand and rifles in the other, then dropped into a ditch and started firing.

"It was amazing to me to see the way some of those Japs would keep fight on coming even though they'd been hit many times", said PFC. Howard P. Weldon Jr. of Skokie, Ill. He said one reminded him of a "piece of Swiss cheese" after a "Banzai" attack on a machine gun nest.

Two Japs infiltrated to the anti-air which carried PFC. Frank S. Nary of Akron, O., to the beach on Saipan and were shot while trying to take the machine guns from the tractor mountings. The Japs are "no pushovers", according to PFC. Walter D. Johnson of Wilbur, Ark.

Native Chief Way Ahead Of Trinket Hunting Marine

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—PFC. Charles Poulsen of Akron, O., knew that he was going overseas and accordingly prepared for the natives by studying pidgin English. His sea bag contained many 5 and 10-cent store trinkets.

Recently, with another new arrival, PFC. Paul Caruso of Detroit, Mich., Poulsen visited a native village here and sought out the chief.

The chief, an ebony-skinned giant with flaming red hair sat silent and expressionless before him, mud hat and dressed in the mid sound of butterflies of Poulson. He asked the junk jewelry that was offered in exchange for native war clubs, shell-eye shells, grass skirts, and the like through uninterested eyes, still maintaining his silence.

When he fumbled for a stick to poke into the nearby fire to light his pipe, Poulsen quickly produced a cigarette lighter and offered it, thinking that the native would be pleased and impressed.

PERFECT ENGLISH

Taking the lighter, the chief snuffed it three times in the conventional manner and returned it to Poulsen. He broke silence for the first time.

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USNH OAKLAND, Cal.—For more than three months PFC. John Mazur of St. Joseph, Mo., campaigned against Japs on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, and he cannot recall a day there when he wore dry clothes.

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Marine Slanguage Grows And Grows

ABOARD A TRANSPORT OFF CALIFORNIA—Add a new term to Marine slanguage—"bulkhead happy."

Continued to stuff holds below decks of this transport and unable to move about freely without bumping into fellow Marines or a bulkhead, the men found their tempers frayed to the ragged edge.

The majority aboard figured the best way to get over the aggravation of a necessary condition was to just sit down and laugh about it. Immediately any Marine noticed "laughing it off" was labeled "bulkhead happy."—Sgt. Bill Vessey, combat correspondent.

Bad Reminder On Raw Night

TINIAN (Delayed)—Weary Marines after a long day of muddling and shirshishing against the Japs huddled under their ponchos to escape torrents of rain.

Disconsolately, they opened their field rations, all the while trying for the most part unsuccessfully to shield them from the rain. In the rations were tiny cubes of sugar wrapped in gay colored paper carrying the ad:

"Eat at the Waldorf."—Sgt. Jack Viperant, combat correspondent.

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USNH, SHOEMAKER, Cal.—Corp. Walter Zarkowski of Dickson City, Pa., wounded on Saipan, recalls that after hitting the beach one of the men of his unit spotted a chicken and started after it with mortar and artillery shells dropping all around him. The chicken ran ahead of the advancing troops as though leading them into battle.—Sgt. Ellsworth A. Shiehler, combat correspondent.

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Dying Marine Instructs Buddies In Saipan Battle

USNH, SHOEMAKER, Cal.—Recovering here from machine gun bullet wounds in both legs, PFC. John F. Burnett of Mobile, Ala., reported the heroic actions of his friend, PFC. Hubert W. Bardwell of Ardmore, Okla., killed in the fighting on Saipan.

"Hubert was covering a Jap gun position with his automatic rifle, when suddenly a mortar shell exploded close by and a shell fragment struck him. He knew he was dying, so he called to us and explained in detail the whereabouts and significance of the position he'd been covering. Seconds after he'd completed his explanation he fell dead," Burnett said.

PASSES ON RIFLE

"Just before he died he handed his BAR to a buddy and said, 'Even if I can't see this battle through, my rifle still can. Please carry it for me.'"

"That kid had plenty of what it takes to make a real Marine. Another fellow in his position might have been hollering for a corps-


man instead of giving us the information we needed."

PFC. Burnett was wounded while his outfit was taking a peninsula on one end of the island.—Sgt. Ellsworth A. Shiehler, combat correspondent.

Marine Didn't Even Get To Dig Foxhole

USNH, OAKLAND—PFC. Lawrence E. Scripps of Holly Ridge, Ia., nearly had his foxhole dug his first night on Saipan when a Jap sniper shot him in the left arm. Recovering here, he said he felt into the partially dug foxhole and remained there all night.—Sgt. Ellsworth A. Shiehler, combat correspondent.

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Marine On Guam Recalls Former Beauty Of Isle

GUAM (Delayed)—“Look what they’ve done to my town,” said Sgt. M. H. Loyall of Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of Denver, Colo.

The town he lamented was the once white-walled city of Agat on the west coast of Guam.

Sgt. Loyall, who has been a Marine for seven years, served with the Leatherneck garrison on Guam from 1933 to 1941. He lived in Agat with a Chamorro family of whom no trace could be found during the early stages of the Marine occupation.

“I used to play volley ball right there,” said Sgt. Loyall, pointing to three dead Japs.

FLEEING JAPS

Off to the edge of the town, three Japanese ran for a cave in a hill. Flamethrowers finished them.

“We used to stop by that place every evening for a drink,” recalled the sergeant.

Down the street, the town’s largest building, once a beautiful structure called the Guardia, now was rubble.

“The Marine barber owned the Guardia and lived downstairs,” Sgt. Loyall said. “The Marine guard lived on the second floor.”

In the area there was not a single native. All had been driven out by the enemy. A few chickens were about. On one street was a dead donkey. That was all—that and a score or so of dead Japanese.

A wilted and bedraggled flower bed could be seen by a house just off the main street.

“I knew a girl who lived there,” recalled the Marine. “She sure was pretty. Wonder what happened to her?”—TSgt. Donald A. Hallman sr., combat correspondent.

March Proudly

Natives Get Bibles

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS (Delayed)—Natives of this section now have new Bibles in their own language, thanks to Marines and sailors who contributed toward their purchase. When Marines arrived here, Marshallese graciously gave their Bibles and song books to all who expressed a desire for them. Sgt. William C. Harria, combat correspondent.

Screen Guide

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Today—Halls of Montezuma, 1300; Variety Show, 1130.
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Thursday—Between Two Worlds, Garfield-Henry.
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Tuesday—Cover Girl, Kelley-Hayworth.
Wednesday—Falcon Out West, Conway-Hale.
Thursday—Tornado, Arlen-Parker.
Friday—Man From Frisco, O’Shea-Shirley.

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Unmolested Jap Tank Penetrates Guam Positions

Enemy Vehicle Believed Driven By Leatherneck Allowed To Pass Line

GUAM (Delayed)—This afternoon a Jap medium tank thundered down the concrete Agaña - Barragada highway. Each lurch of its 18 tons carried it deeper into the territory captured by Marines in the last three days of blitz-like advancing.

Marines who saw the speeding monster could think only one thing:

“Some crazy Marine has fixed up a captured tank and is having himself a joy ride.”

PASSES AIRFIELD

Three miles inside the lines the tank passed Agaña airfield. At the entrance a battalion of Marines lounged at ease, awaiting the word to move up. Everyone watched the tank whiz by, marvelled at the 30 miles an hour it was doing, half laughed at the thoughtless mechanic who would drive it without some special identification visible.

Capt. David I. Zeitlin of Norwalk, Conn., saw the spectacle.

“We found out it wasn’t somebody’s lark,” he said, “when the tank was 75 yards down the road. Inside a few seconds the hatch flew open, a cap and head it was easy to identify as Japanese appeared, a quick look was taken all around. And two pistol shots were fired in the air.”

GUIN OPEN FIRE

The tank swerved off the road to the right, streaked through the grounds of a native home, and stopped some 50 yards off the highway as our anti-tank guns opened fire. . . .

As patrols beat the bush for the four-man mechanized banzai unit, the Jap vehicle blazed and popped merrily, indicating no shortage of either machine gun or heavy gun ammunition. Why the Japs had not raked American personnel as they stormed down the highway will probably never be answered.—Sgt. Bill Burnett, combat correspondent.

Shoot Straight

Marines Slick Up To Meet Visitors

BOUGAENVILLE (Delayed)—The usual nude safaris to and from the showers became more formal in that the men wore towel-draped today.

Combs and razors, not often used of late, were in evidence as the men slicked up.

Many seemed to find one pretext or another to visit the airstrip. Mail planes arrived, discharged their loads and disappeared, but still the men stayed at the field.

In the afternoon a huge, black amphibious plane circled high and then came in for a landing. When it taxied to a stop it was surrounded by Marines, soldiers and sailors.

Bob Hope, Frances Langford and Jerry Colonna arrived here today.—Sgt. Jack Slocum, combat correspondent.



MOVING UP. Marine-manned half tracks move up along Saipan dirt road ready to blast Japs from concealed positions. Note effect of shelling on houses on both sides of road.

Hog Visits Marine In Saipan Foxhole

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Awakened in his foxhole in the middle of the night by an intruder, Corp. David S. Travis of West Hartford, Conn., yelled to his buddy: “Joe, shoot him.”

“I sure thought a Jap had crawled in with me, but when the next flare went up, we found it was only a pig,” Corp. Travis admitted. “I guess I was a bit jumpy because the night before we had killed three Japs trying to sneak through our front lines.”

The hog was turned over to Marine Corps cooks.—Sgt. Bill Dvorka, combat correspondent.

Keep Class

Old age hasn’t slowed down the Marine Corps.

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CAMP LEJEUNE—TSgt. William N. Henderson is the NCO-in-C of the boathouse at this base.

During a recent storm he and his staff spent a full afternoon tying boats to the docks here, securing them to withstand the wind and the waves.

After finishing, the exhausted sergeant headed for his home at Bear Creek, N.C.

When he arrived, he found his own 26-foot cruiser sunk.

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Sultan “Bring me a girl”
Servant “Very good, sir”
Sultan “Not necessary”

Marine Uses Jap Officer's Sword

USNH, OAKLAND—Killing an enemy officer with the Jap’s own sword during the New Britain campaign gave PFC. Welford Allen of Montgomery, Ala., his greatest thrill in combat.

“A Jap patrol penetrated our defenses,” PFC. Allen said, “we were approaching our gun position through the grass.”

A Marine patrol, armed with tommy guns, got within 15 yards of the Japs and opened up. One Jap officer stood up and raised his sword over his head to swing at any Marines who ventured too close to him.

PFC. Allen approached him from the rear and snatched the sword from him.

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PFC. ALLAN R. MILLER
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Instinct Saves Marine's Life Twice On Saipan

USNH, OAKLAND—"Something" seemed to tell PFC. Allan R. Miller of Los Angeles to move out of two foxholes on Saipan, and the feeling saved his life both times.

Miller is convalescing here from wounds received later in the battle for Saipan.

"I hadn't been in either of the holes but a few minutes when something told me to move on," he said. "Both times, Jap mortar shells dropped right where I had been."

The Leatherneck, a rifleman, is also a veteran of Tarawa, which he says was "harder to get on, but not nearly as tough as Saipan once you were ashore."

— He Counts —

123 Items Counted In Handbag Of WR

CAMP LEJEUNE—The WR handbag is like the magician's bottomless bag.

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RAIPAN (Delayed)—A conglomerate group of U. S. service men fought and won an impromptu fight with a scattered remnant of Jap garrison forces here today, eight days after the island was officially secured.

A carpenter, a mail clerk, a truck driver, two other Marines from a 4th Div. Hq. outfit, four soldiers, three sailors and three Negro Marines participated in the "combined operations" under the self-assumed command of a Marine platoon sergeant.

The fight started when stray Jap troops opened up on the soldiers encamped on the top of a ridge north of Saipan's main city of

Garapan. The platoon sergeant and his detail of four were loading lumber at the bottom of the hill when the firing started.

The detail, under PISgt. Anthony Camilleri of Hartford, Conn., was composed of PFCs, Joseph Yaskot of Garfield, N. Y., Carl L. Abbott of Lawrenceburg, Ind., and John O. Dyson of Washington, Pa., and Pvt. George R. Rock of Springfield, Mass.

PISgt. Camilleri quickly rounded up the three sailors, who had come ashore to visit the island, and the three Negro Marines, who were on a working party nearby. Only half of the men had rifles. Others carried revolvers, pistols and hand

grenades, and one unarmed man armed himself with a handful of rocks. They formed a skirmish line extending across the ridge and pushed forward to engage the enemy.

In the next hour, they fought five small groups of Japs hiding out in caves, and one group which was living unconcernedly in a tent, with their battle flags out in front and their laundry on the line.

By the time the assorted party ran out of ammunition they had killed 18 Japs and captured two prisoners at a cost of one slightly wounded Marine.—Sgt. Gilbert P. Bailey, combat correspondent.

Wounded Corpsman Praises Leathernecks

USNH, OAKLAND, Cal.—A shell that hit an ambulance off Saipan on D-day caused P/M2/c James Arnold Hornback of Louisville, Ky., to go to work on wounded Marines earlier than he had anticipated.

Wounded himself and returned here for treatment, the youthful corpsman told how the tractor he

and a number of Marines were in as it headed for shore was knocked out, and how he "fixed up four of the men" by the time an LST could take them off the useless tractor and head back to ship.

Hornback took part in the North Africa invasion in November, 1942, and was attached to a unit of the

4th Mar. Div. about eight months ago. He participated in the invasion of the Marshall Islands and then went with the same outfit to Saipan.

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To the colonel, now on duty with Western Procurement Div. at Los Angeles, the article (Chevron, Aug. 12) brought back "delightful memories of years ago." His first foreign duty was on Guam from Dec. 23, 1903, to April 26, 1905, and during his tour he was outfielder,

catcher and captain of the Marine Corps baseball team.

"I taught many of the Chamorro boys to play the game," he wrote after reading StSgt. Marston's article. "Their equipment was the partially worn balls, bats and gloves from our gear box."

"On leaving Guam, I was detailed to remain in Agaña to pick up the first-class mail for the detachment being relieved. This mail had just arrived on the Army transport Thomas which took us to Cavite for another year of duty before returning to the U. S. That trip is a yarp in itself—five days with all hatches battened down."

"After the mail was distributed at the postoffice in Agaña I put it

in an old style haversack and, with a bicycle for transportation, went to Piti and on board the Thomas. The native boys seeing me around the barracks after the detail to be relieved had left and learning why I was still there, passed the word around. When the mail was ready and I started to leave, there were assembled at the crossroads several hundred persons to say goodbye. In this crowd were 16 older boys with every available bicycle on the island. They were my escorts to Piti, a beautiful demonstration to show their appreciation for my friendship to them during my tour of duty there."

The colonel went on to point out that some of those natives never

forgot. In 1908 he sailed for the Philippines as acting sergeant major of troops. Two days out of San Francisco a stowaway contacted him through a waiter. He turned out to be one of the colonel's ardent Guam baseball students, and again at Piti there was another native demonstration in honor of their Marine hero.

Col. Arnett recounted his baseball experiences in the Philippines, too, recalling that the Leatherneck nine won the Manila Baseball League title in the 1909-10 season with a record of 80 victories in 85 starts.

He played against the Univ. of Chicago when that college team toured the Orient in 1910. The Ma-

lines split a two-game series with the visiting collegians from the States and some umpiring decisions in the game the Leathernecks lost eventually ended the colonel's tour of duty.

In a signed article published in the Manila Town Topics, the Leatherneck team captain questioned the honesty of some people.

"The outcome in the matter resulted in my apologizing to certain people and being sent home by orders of the brigade commander, the late Col. Lincoln Karmany, a great baseball fan and friend of mine. Thus I spent Christmas Day, 1910, in Nagasaki, Japan, where I would like to be with other Marines on Christmas Day, 1944."

Coast Guardsmen Leading In Baseball Race

MCB Clings To Second

Yochim's Pitching Too Much For NAS; Marines Win, 12-1

Exploding twice—in the fourth for six runs and in the sixth for five—MCB easily rolled back ChSp. Wally Berger's NAS team, 12 to 1, this week for another 11th Naval Dist. League victory. It was the club's lone ball game of the week.

Port Hueneme, victorious over the Marines a couple of weeks ago, pays a return visit to the Base today, followed by league games Sunday against Amphibious Base and Wednesday against Ft. Rosecrans.

MOHR TOP HITTER

Raw-boned PFC Ray Yochim had the pitching situation in hand against NAS doing out six hits. His major pounded three NAS choppers for 17 blows with P.M.B. Lee Mohr collecting three in as

ON TAP

Today—Port Hueneme here, 1400.

Sunday—Amph. Base here, 1400.

Wednesday—Ft. Rosecrans at Navy Field, 1500.

many trips to the plate. Eight of their 12 runs were earned—three off Tony Jeli and five off Johnson, who relieved him in the fourth.

Manager Harry Hughes has revised his lineup slightly, putting "Wimpy" Quinn on first and sending Gerald Lee to the outer gardens. Johnny Simmons went back to his centerfield post this week and celebrated his return to duty with a 390-foot home run over the left field fence.

The eyes of the league are still on Coast Guard Patrol, a club which was just 99-90 in the first.

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Be Gracious

Honored At Hospital

USNH, SAN DIEGO—PFC Bob Zucchini, shortstop on the Marine Guard softball team, was named "Athlete of the Week" by the hospital newspaper, Dry Dock, recently. The Leatherneck formerly played semi-pro baseball in a midwestern league and won the 1939-40 CYO baseball championship at Boston, Mass.



FOOTBALL HUDDLE. It was Big Ten vs. Pacific Coast as these wounded officers, all Saipan veterans, got together at USNH, Shoemaker, Cal. From left, they are: 1st Lt. Paolo (Paul) Reginato, ex-St. Mary's; 2d Lt. Paul A. Hirsbrunner, ex-Wisconsin, and Thomas C. Smith Jr., ex-Michigan. The Pacific Coast was slightly outnumbered.

El Toro Clinches GI Baseball Title

MCAS, EL TORO—El Toro's Marines clinched the Southern California Military League baseball championship by trouncing Santa Ana NAS, 3 to 4, for their 10th victory against no defeats in the GI circuit.

Twice-defeated Terminal Island NAS, closest competitor to the Flying Bulls, is the only team remaining on the El Toro schedule.

Burt Wright, El Toro third baseman, dealt a crushing blow to the sailors when he tripled in the third inning with the bags loaded, just after Navy had tied the score at 3-all. Walt Deboza, gyréne catcher, homered in the second with no one aboard. Score:

Santa Ana NAS	3	4	1
El Toro Marines	4	3	0

Monstathen, Callahan and Gervais, Stroski and Deboza.

Stand Erect

Baseball Record

Nig Clarke, a former Marine, established an all-time baseball record on July 11, 1907, when he collected eight home runs in one game. He went to the plate eight times.

Baseball Dope

11TH NAVAL DIST. LEAGUE STANDINGS

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Coast Guard Patrol	10	0	1.000
Marine Corps Base	8	1	.889
Amphibious	7	1	.875
Naval Training Center	5	1	.833
Camp Miramar	5	1	.833
Camp Matthews	4	1	.800
Amphib. Training Base	4	1	.800
Ft. Rosecrans	3	2	.600
Repair Base	3	2	.600
Camp Elliott Marines	2	2	.500
Naval Air Station	1	1	.500
Camp Gillespie	1	1	.500
USS Subron	0	8	.000

Bay War Bonds

Norman Marines Win Station Ball Title

NATTC, NORMAN, Okla. — For the second successive year Marine baseballers, coached by Capt. Harold McKeever, clinched the Intramural League pennant here and received the captain's cup. Their record was: 31 victories, 5 defeats.

Boasting tight pitching and timely clotting, the Devildeggs headed the circuit from start to finish of the schedule.

It's better to have played and lost, than never to have played at all.

Ex-Villanova Coach Now At Cherry Point

MCAS, CHERRY POINT — Capt. Maurice J. (Clipper) Smith, for the last 20 years one of the country's most famous football coaches, has been ordered to duty as recreation and athletic officer here.

Despite his long coaching career, Capt. Smith probably will take only a part-time share in coaching the 1944 edition of Cherry Point's grid machine, presently in the throes of schedule-making. Slated for the post of head coach of the Flying Leathernecks is StSgt. "Big Jim" McMurdo, Univ. of Pittsburgh alumnus and All-America tackle for the Vapthers in 1921.

Shoot Straight

Stepped Into Breech
When his unit's CO was wounded, 2d Lt. Al Manning, former Iowa Univ. grad, led a rifle platoon 14 days in combat on Saipan.

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Bolton Is Top Hitter

Quinn Gives Way In Hot Race For Team Leadership

Slashing Pvt. Stan Bolton, husky outfielder from south of the Mason-Dixon line, moved back to the command post in the race for MCB baseball hitting honors this week when he took a three-point lead over Pvt. J. Wellington Quinn, who splits his defensive time between first base and the outfield.

Most of the regulars under Mail-order Harry Hughes' wing climbed as a result of a 17-hit barrage against NAS, which took up some of the slack caused when Coast Guard's Frank Golder checked them to seven blows the week before.

Averages follow

Player	AB	R	H	Ave.
Bolton, Stan	11	11	16	.878
Quinn, Wm	20	8	14	.875
Simmons, John	16	1	11	.812
Dugan, Harry	12	1	10	.833
Mohr, Lee	53	22	55	.736
Andrews, Ned	51	19	51	.725
Moore, J. C.	51	17	52	.725
James, Nino	13	5	11	.846
Whipple, Jack	13	4	7	.800
Lee, Jerry	29	8	11	.759
Campbell, Bob	19	2	8	.737
Mohr, Ray	10	2	3	.700
Yochim, Ray	23	6	7	.696
Black, Elmer	24	8	7	.667
Hatch, Sam	15	4	4	.600
Tugh, Rudy	13	4	7	.615

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RD Boxing Unaffected

Longer Training Period Expected To Help Coaches

Recent changes in RD training schedules should improve the caliber of amateur boxing cards, all things being equal, according to Corp. Marty Schwartz and PFC Quentin (Baby) Breese, charged with the job of brewing up the weekly fistie bees between hoots.

Under the current program it will be possible to use promising, willing battlers before and after their rifle range work at Camp Matthews. Previously, when recruits were on an eight-week schedule (later increased to 12 weeks), Corp. Schwartz and PFC Breese rarely were able to make rematches or feature a headliner twice.

ANGELENO WINS

Last Saturday's card failed to produce anything bordering on the sensational. Best fight of the night saw Pvt. Eddie Penn (Plat. 773), 130-pounder from Los Angeles, use his five pounds to advantage in a three-round decision over Pvt. Clarence Millard (Plat. 772) of San Diego. Other results:

Heavyweights—Pvt. Frank Scramler (Plat. 771) of Haverfield, Cal., dominated Pvt. Roy Boyson (same school) of San Mateo, Cal.

Lightweights—Pvt. Ralph DeSoto (Plat. 774) of San Diego dominated Pvt. Wayne McCreary (Plat. 772) of Rockford, Ill.; Pvt. Edward Thum (Plat. 774) of Phoenix, Cal., edged Pvt. Warren Montgomery (Plat. 772) of Rockford, Ill.

Middleweights—Pvt. Rudy Pies (Plat. 771) of Haverfield, Cal., edged Pvt. P. J. P. (Plat. 771) of Tulsa, Okla.; Pvt. Baber Johnson (Plat. 774) of Phoenix, Cal., edged Pvt. J. J. P. (Plat. 774) of Dallas, Tex.; Pvt. J. J. P. (Plat. 774) of Dallas, Tex., edged Pvt. J. J. P. (Plat. 774) of Chicago, Ill.

Welterweights—Pvt. James Larson (Plat. 774) of Haverfield, Cal., edged Pvt. J. J. P. (Plat. 774) of Dallas, Tex.

Re Courtneys

Waves are sailors that serve in ships.

Jimmie Rice Will 'Bomb' Japanese

By Sgt. Gilbert P. Bailey
Combat Correspondent

SAIPAN (Delayed)—"When the first bombs take off from here to Bomb Tokyo, Jimmy Rice will be riding with them."

This was the tribute of one Marine to his squad leader, Corp. James J. Rice of New York City, former Haverfield boxing champion of the U.S. West, who died fighting Japs on Saipan.

When his outfit moved toward its first objective, a railroad which marked the edge of the first main field on Saipan, Rice was hit by enemy mortar fire and he was one of the first to be killed. He was 30, PFC, Milton Owens of Haverfield, Cal., rushed around and



BOSSMEN. Pts. Ben Gould Jr. (left) and Pvt. Clarence E. Durling keep the bowling balls rolling at Camp Matthews' new pin plant. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey O. Payne.)

County Tourney Beckons Netmen

MCS netmen will have a chance to keep the San Diego county tennis championship in the USMC, with announcement this week that the Base's stars are invited to compete.

The title is held by Mar. Lt. Bill Reedy, who defeated Hospital Corpman Ben Press in last year's finals. Lt. Reedy is now overseas, as is Corpman Press.

The 17th annual tournament will be held Sept. 2 to 4 in Balboa Park. Entries will close Aug. 31.

Seafarer Land

The two-monthly salutes to the sea with "Landing on Guadalcanal" and "Landing on Iwo Jima" will be held at the base on Sept. 1 and 2. The first night will be devoted to the T.S.A. and M.A. Hallahan will be the correspondent.

Thorpe Would Do It a la Bunyan

GUAM (Delayed)—Jim Thorpe was acclaimed the greatest athlete of all time in an informal poll conducted among a unit of Marines aboard an LST prior to the invasion of Guam.

Though the Indian was great in his day, long before most of his present admirers were born, they had no doubts regarding his ability. One put it this way:

"If Jim was half as good as my old ball game, he would be able to jump from our LST onto the roof of Guam, and give us a basket of hand grenades and throw them like a football on to Japs. If any Jap got in his path, he would jump over him. And when he got to the beach, he would walk into the ocean."

Easy Score Bonds

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CAMP PENDLETON, P.V. T. T. Howard is the new pocket billiard champion of USNH, Santa Margarita. He won his title by defeating "Punch" Maggard, 30 to 43, in the finals of the all-patient tournament.

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THE SPORTS FRONT

BY FWC, VICTOR H. LEEBING

On the chance that it might be indicative of a change of heart in the Navy Dept., too, Marines this week took more than passing interest in announcement of a new, more liberal Army sports policy.

Competitive sports for soldiers overseas, as well as at home, were virtually guaranteed by the War Dept., following a bundle of professional, amateur, college, industrial and variety athletic representations in Washington, D. C.

A prepared statement said: "Hitherto, the exigencies of combat training have necessitated emphasizing physical conditioning, with games limited to leisure time, but as the tactical situation improves Army planning can be expected to encourage the natural desire of the soldier for competitive athletics."

BROWNS FALTERING

But to the man with a soft spot in his heart for the St. Louis Browns and an unquenchable thirst for appetites, there were lighter fireworks on the sports horizon.

Old Man Trouble stalked the Browns through a frightful week, enlisting them to stagger before the Senators, drop three out of four to the Athletics, and wake up in mid-week with a lead of only 4 1/2 games. Boston, New York and Detroit were licking at their heels.

Upset of the week came at Spokane, Wash., when little-known Bob Hamilton of Evansville, Ind., tripped "Lord Byron" Nelson of Toledo, O., 1 up, for the PGA golf play championship. Nelson couldn't putt. He suffered inopportune pitters with his hole-in-one after shooting 98 holes in 30 under par during the week.

BATCH IN FORM

Elsewhere along the sports trail, Sammy Baugh and Steve Beggare, the latter on loan, helped the Vees defeat the Eals, 35 to 14, on the

Washington Redskins played in their annual Shrine benefit game following a training period at San Diego. . . "T" formation appeared to be smother Baugh's alley.

National Champion Pauline Bels won a rubber match from her closest rival and fellow Californian, Louise Brough, in the Longwood Invitational tennis finale. . . They've met nine times this season. Jo-Jo White went from the Philadelphia Athletics to the Cincinnati Reds on waivers this week. . . Hollywood's Frank Kelleher, outfielder, led Coast League hitters at .339. . . In the big leagues it's Brooklyn's Dike Walker on top.

TOP WATER CHURNER

At Kansas City, Ann Curtis of San Francisco became the only woman swimmer to win all four national A.A.U. free style titles. . . Arne Anderson outdistanced Gerdar Haegg at 500 meters in the Swedish championships at Stockholm but failed in his bid for a record.

Twin daughters were born to Mrs. Larson Little (of the golfing Littles) at Chicago. . . First 90-game winner in the major leagues was Hal (Lefty) Newhouser of Detroit. . . This week he went for his first but the Yankees knuckled his car's down.

Get Magazine Notice

NORTH ISLAND Three Marine athletes were included in the magazine North Islander's featured sport series recently. They were: Sgt. Dick Richards of Bakersfield, Cal., softball pitcher; PFC. Ed Pawelski of South Bend, Ind., 350-lb. hitting shortstop on the ABG-2 softball team; and boxer Bill McMullen of Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Base Swim Team Busy

Marsh And Harris Outstanding In Examiner Meet

Base swimmers refitted their trophy case last week following the Los Angeles Examiner swimming meet, then set their sights for two more first-line events which will complete the 1944 season.

Next on the list for MCB nators is the La Jolla Rough Water swim Sept. 3 and Capt. Edward F. Rawling, O-in-C, this week was chiefly concerned with rounding up as many distance men as he can by entry-closing time, Aug. 30.

DEFENDING CHAMPS

After that comes the annual 11th Naval Dist. championships in which the Leathernecks will be defending team laurels and a number of individual titles won last year.

Probably some 20 Marines will be on the starting line for the La Jolla classic, a three-quarter-mile ocean test in which the winning team will be the one finishing the most men. MCB earlier this year grabbed the silverware in a similar Mission Bay event.

MARSH WINS

Swimming in the service division, Corp. Ken Marsh and PFC. John Harris did yeoman work in last week-end's Examiner meet. Between them they gathered in one first, one second and two thirds.

Corp. Marsh won the 50-meter free style and finished second to NTC's ChSp. Paul Wolf in the 100. PFC. Harris was third in both events.

A third Marine, 2dLt. W. C. Weitzel of MCAS, Mojave, finished "in the money" when he trailed Marsh in the 50-meter race.

Beauhold Revives Pendleton Boxing

CAMP PENDLETON Marines stationed here last week enjoyed their first boxing show since June, thanks to the promotional efforts of PFC. Billy Beauhold, a former professional. Another card is scheduled for Aug. 31.

A crowd of 300, almost capacity, watched Marines and Navy personnel battle through a six-hour program, highlight of which was a three-round decision for \$2-c. Bill Casper of Boat Basin over PhM3.c. Jim Anderson, the camp's Golden Gloves heavyweight champ.



AFTER THE BATTLE, PFC. Michael Kourey (left) congratulates his conqueror, 2dLt. C. E. Orewine, following their clash for tennis laurels at USNH, Santa Margarita.

Guam Athletic Field In Ruins

GUAM (Delayed) — The Marines swept past Bradley Field this morning, their lightning-like advance on the capital city of Agaña leaving only time for a glance and a mental note of the field's location and possibilities.

Bradley Field was a shambles. The athletic center built by pre-1941 Marines and named after a former commandant, Gov. Willis W. Bradley, had suffered like everything else from the three-year occupation of the Japs and our own liberating shells and bombs. Grass had almost obliterated the base lines, a few shell pits sprinkled the infield, and the new concrete stands had suffered a direct hit.

Muddy advancing Marines remembered Bradley Field before the war. They remember the gala occasions when baseball teams from the Philippines and Pearl Harbor came in to play Guam garrison teams. They all hoped it wouldn't be long before Bradley Field would be back in use again. SfcSgt. Bill Hurnett, combat correspondent.

— Be Gents —

A Marine drank some fire extinguishing fluid by mistake and, boy, was he put out!

Lejeune Negro Nine Banks On Bankhead

CAMP LEJEUNE — The Marine Corps Negro baseball club here has been hotter than any two-bit pipe in the Tobacco state all season.

Sgt. Don Bankhead has a fast ball comparable to that of Bob Feller, the Marines say. He has racked up a great record in leading the Marines through a sweep of camp and outside opposition.

Formerly with the Birmingham Black Barons and Cuban All-Stars, the towering youth from Empire, Ala., outdid the famous Leroy (Satchel) Paige in all three of their hurling duels.

Unusually Low Score Stands Up For Mike

Prattlers' devils rolled on the standing head of "Butch" Wray Agaña for the umpteenth time this year with a PX Bowling Alley report that TSgt. Mike Burman had posted the week's high single game of 200. His reward was the customary carton of favorite smokes.

Apparently the fates take care of the Sig. Bn. NCO. Twice this month he had really big scores beaten and could only scratch his noggin in amazement when the 209 withstood all challenge.

Californians Battle For Hospital Net Championship

CAMP PENDLETON — Marine and Navy patients of Santa Margarita Ranch Naval Hospital were treated to some high class tennis recently when the finals of a tournament brought two top-ranking tennis stars, both patients, to fight it out for the hospital championship.

2dLt. C. E. Orewine of Santa Monica, Cal., met and defeated in straight sets, 6-3, 6-4, PFC. Michael Kourey of Santa Barbara, Cal.

Lt. Orewine, a former student and tennis player at USC, was ranked eighth in the nation by the USLTA after his defeat by Bobby Riggs in the championship matches at Forest Hills, N. Y., in 1941. A former member of the junior Davis Cup team in 1939 and 1940, he held both the national junior doubles and national interscholastic singles championships in 1937. Since that time he has held many Pacific coast titles.

PFC. Kourey is a former athletic coach and school teacher. He came into Pacific Coast tennis prominence when, as a member of the Santa Barbara high school team, he won the California interscholastic singles and doubles championships in 1937. Since that time he has held many Pacific coast titles.

The match was played on patient-built concrete courts, as a part of the recreation program sponsored by the welfare and recreation departments of the hospital.

— Salute Smartsy —

"We'll have to rehearse that," said the undertaker, as the coffin fell out of the car.

Ex-Trojan Grid Star Gets El Toro Post

MCAS, EL TORO — 1stLt. James A. Musick, former All-American football player at USC, has been named executive officer of the Base Gd. Det. here. He formerly was stationed at Mare Island, San Francisco.

Assignment of the former Pacific Coast collegiate gridiron star followed announcement by the Navy Dept. that his brother, Lt. William Musick, had been wounded in action on Saipan.

Another brother, Robert, is a private in the Army at Camp Bowie, Tex., while a third, Jack, who received a medical discharge from the Army after serving in New Guinea, is a student at USC.

Obey Orders — New Air Facility

WASHINGTON — The aviation facilities at Newport, Ark., recently made available to the Navy by AAF, have been designated as a newly established Marine Corps Air Facility. Administrative control of Marine functions respecting personnel and equipment will be directly under the Commandant.

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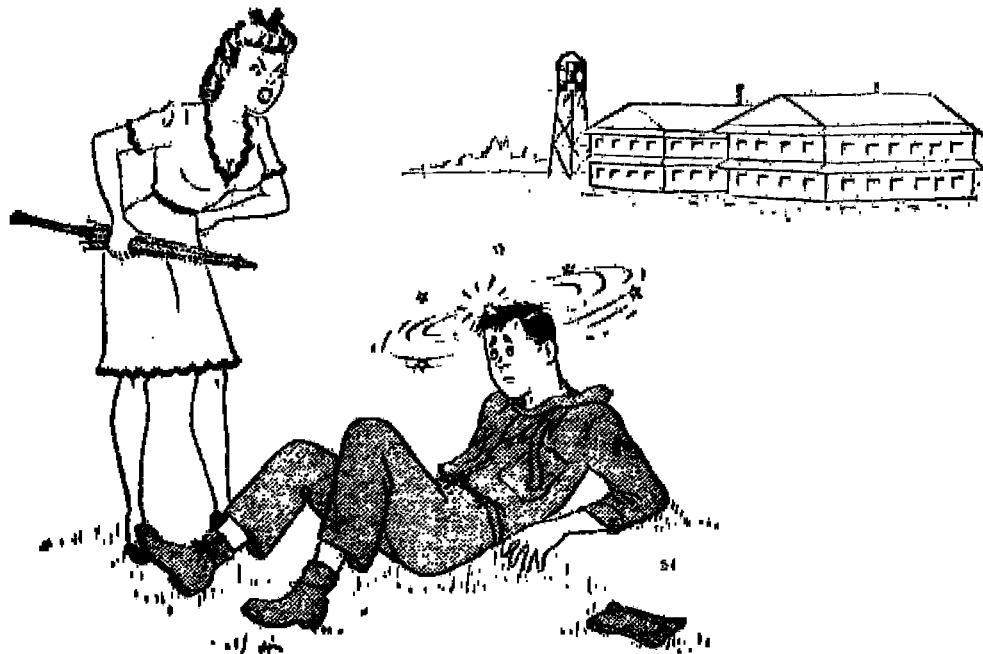
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The adventures of Pvt. Jonathan Jago appear regularly in this space. Watch for this feature!



ENERGY PLUS. These girls, carrying Base WR Bn. colors in two softball leagues, have what it takes. From the left, top row: Corp. Oia T. Richbourg, Corp. Ruth Shepard, SttSgt. Doris C. Hallan, Sgt. Virginia L. Manning, PFC. Phyllis Uhl and Pvt. Anne L. Waterhouse. Middle row: Corp.

Althea Magoun, PFCs, Jean C. McCloskey, Mary Minickel, Helen M. McGrath, Marlon V. Storts, Marian Shaver and Lt. Emily Schultz. Bottom row: PFCs, Vera E. Day and Marian E. Loose and Sgt. Margaret M. Marcantolis. (Photo by PFC. Chester O. Turk.)

MCB Clings To Second Place

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half race but which perked up with addition of Warren Sandel to the mound staff. Ft. Rosecrans has been removed as a threat, giving way to North Island's ABG-2 Marines, who have lost only one game.

Last week Camp Gillespie crashed the victory column for the first time, routing fellow Marines from Miramar, 10 to 3. Scores:

	H.	H.	E.
Naval Air Station.....	1	6	2
Marine Corps Base.....	12	17	1
Jell, Johnson, Kinnay and Mathis; Yochlin and Andrews, Buck.			
Amphibious Base.....	8	10	3
Camp Elliott Marines.....	4	8	4
Abadie and Frost; Belack, Becker and Roth, Luehan.			
Camp Miramar.....	3	3	4
Camp Gillespie.....	10	10	3
Clements and Snoter; Parker and Pawelek.			
ABG-2.....	15	20	1
Camp Gillespie.....	4	8	3
Meln and Southas, Giehrst; Wilson, Russell, Parker and Pawelek.			
ABG-2.....	8	8	1
Ft. Rosecrans.....	0	3	1
Main and Southas; Krueger and Anderson.			

— Say War Bonds —

A young soldier reports that he joined the Army for three reasons: "First, I wanted to defend my country; second, I knew it would build me up physically; third, they came and got me."

Lacrosse Player Still In Rough 'Game'—Amtracs

CAMP PENDLETON—Capt. William H. Dobbin, who participated in the original landing on Guadalcanal, was an All-America lacrosse player in 1940 while attending Hobart College at Geneva, N. Y.

Capt. Dobbin relishes violent action and he saw plenty of it during the early stages of war in the Pacific. Now on duty as CO of Operators School Co., Amph. Tractor Bn. at the Boat Basin, Capt. Dobbin's job is to train Marines to drive and service amtracs in preparation for overseas duty.

"The Matanikau River battle was our toughest job," Capt. Dobbin stated. "The shortage of roads and the rainy season in the October and November period made the amphis indispensable and we worked night and day keeping our front line troops supplied with food, water and ammunition. We also hauled howitzers for the 11th Marines and we were constantly under shellfire from Japanese artillery and also sniper fire."

— Be Courteous —

PFC: "My wife has some skin trouble and I thought she ought to see a terminologist."

RD Undefeated In Softball League

Two-hit pitching by PFC. "Sig" Lawson kept RD undefeated in the second half of the National Softball league (11th Naval Dist.) and placed the "Boat Campers" within one game of the title this week.

Lawson's hurling was good for a 4-0 shutout over MCB Gd. Bn. Next Tuesday night Manager Mac Harmon's RD squad will play an exhibition game on the La Jolla elementary school diamond, starting at 2015. Opposition will be the La Jolla town team.

— Use V-Mail —

Old Timer Munching Paper In New Corps

CAMP LEJEUNE—The old Marine Corps was never like this.

Following a long, fruitless search, the veteran sergeant-major haggled with his WR secretary to eat a "last" card, if she could find it among papers on his desk.

She did. Exasperated at making the first mistake of his career, the sergeant-major, spectators avow, promptly munched the card.—Sgt. Charles B. Kopp, combat correspondent.

Lejeune Marine To Play End Against Pro Champions

CAMP LEJEUNE—Marines at this base will be watching the Chicago Bears-College All-Star result closer than ever this season, for PFC. John D. Yonakor, 23-year-old Notre Dame All-American, will be holding down his familiar right end post for the collegians.

Annually an outstanding grid attraction, the 1944 contest takes place Wednesday night in Dyche Stadium, home of Northwestern University's "Wildcats".

Yonakor recently arrived here from Quantico, Va., and is a member of Inf. Trg. Regt., Tent Camp. The six-foot-five, 230-pound giant hoped to lop off about a dozen pounds before meeting the Bears, professional league champions.

In addition to his football prowess, which won him an All-American end post last season, the Massachusetts strong-boy copped the national AAU shotput title last year in Madison Square Garden, New York.

— Be Courteous —

Hit But Missed

USNA, OAKLAND—Sgt. Bennette M. Kellam of Franktown, Va., shudders to think what would have happened had the three machine gun bullets that hit him plowed into the two dozen hand grenades strapped to his waist during the Saipan battle.

Survey Shows 5th As All-Sports Unit

CAMP PENDLETON—When the 5th Mar. Div. lands on foreign shores, the outfit will have no trouble giving the local population a thorough display of American sports.

Officers and men of the division won college varsity letters in 22 sports, and the list includes rugby, lacrosse, handball, squash, fencing and water polo, as well as such standbys as baseball, basketball and football, reports SttSgt. Larry Schulenburg, combat correspondent.

— Written Home Lately? —

Fair Exchange

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