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Our deepest philosophy is misanthropy—Eisenstein.

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We can turn the tide in our favor—President Roosevelt

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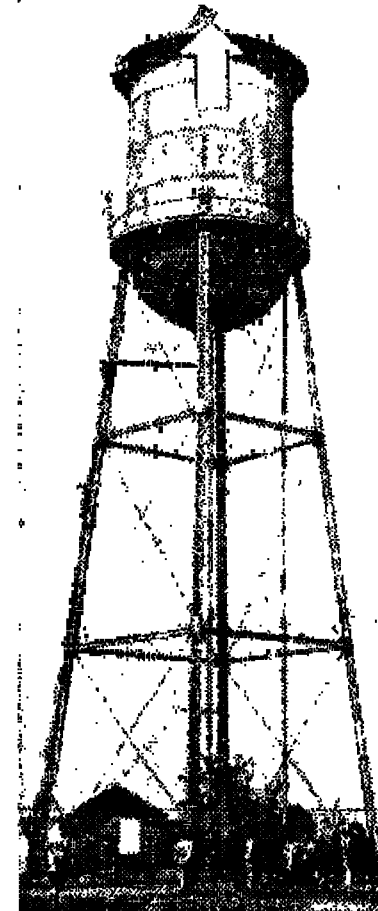
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FIRST. The Marines gave PFC Billy J. Carroll of Orange, Cal., his first look at snow at Klamath Falls, Ore. A life-long Californian, he's recuperating there from ailments incurred in tropics.



PEARL VETERAN. Sgt. Carl J. Patterson, patient at USNH, San Diego, fired at Jap Pearl Harbor raiders three years ago this week with '03 rifle. (Story on page 5).



RESCUE. Fifi, homing pigeon pet of Pacific Island Marines, got stranded atop 184-ft. tower on first flight after breaking wing, so 1st Lt. Herbert Alden at the camp helped get her set for down.

Marines Hit Beach With Army In Morotai, Leyte Invasions To Direct Supporting Aerial Attacks

By Sgt. Harold A. Brand, Coastal Correspondent

One-Time Jap Prisoner At Hongkong Joins Corps

By PFC Wayne Young

Pvt. John Henry Morton of San Francisco, interested spectator at what looked like the beginning of a Jap touchdown drive at Hongkong Dec. 8, 1941, came into the Corps this week to join the march toward the U.S. goal.

While the Japs were losing the ball on downs at Guadalcanal in August, 1942, Pvt. Morton was enroute to the States aboard the Gripsholm as one of the first

American internees to be repatriated.

Upon landing here he got a job with an air line that was ferrying vital materials and medical supplies to the Pacific war theater.

In doing this work Pvt. Morton felt that he was in the game, until the Navy transport service began expanding and taking over much of this work. It took him six months to overcome a technicality that kept him out of the Corps, but this week he made it.

Employed by a steamship company in Hongkong for six months prior to the outbreak of war, Pvt. Morton volunteered his services to

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SOMEWHERE IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC (Delayed)—Ten officers and 17 enlisted men of the 3rd Mar. Div. played a part in the initial phase of the Army's operations against Japanese forces on Leyte in the Philippines.

The operation marked the Marines' third campaign in 81 days. After the Guam action, they were borrowed by the Army for its assault on Morotai in the Halmahera islands and the Philippines invasion.

All are members of the air liaison section of an assault signal unit. They directed carrier-borne planes in bombing and strafing support of amphibian ground forces in the three campaigns.

They were borrowed by the Army because of their experience in directing planes against enemy forces and installations in close proximity to assault troops. After the Leyte

beachhead had been well established, they relinquished their duties to Army personnel they had trained and returned to their unit here.

The detachment, which ran approximately 20 bombing and strafing missions during the seven days it was on Leyte, was commanded by 1st Lt. Royce A. Hoyle jr. of Savannah, Ga. There were two other first lieutenants and seven second lieutenants.

Although the Marines hit the beach with the third or fourth waves, they suffered no casualties. "It was sheer luck that the detachment came out of the operation intact," said Lt. Hoyle. "Our men were in some pretty tight places at times."

2d Lt. Arthur L. Sisler of Lyons, Colo., and Sgt. Floyd L. DeMill of Sandy, Utah, were in an antrac

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New Unit Handles First Discharges

1st Separation Co., activated last week to handle discharges of Marines from the 11th Naval Dist., began functioning this week with the arrival of four discharges from 2nd Cas. Co., RD.

This first group comprised one 1st Mar. Div. veteran, one Class IV Marine and two recruits. All are eligible for medical surveys.

Capt. William A. Murphy, CO, and WO, William D. Fowler, personnel officer, visited the Army Separation Center at Presidio Monterey this week to observe its functioning.

Marine History In This Issue

This week, as America enters its fourth year of war against the Japanese, The Chevron presents a chronological account of Marine activity of World War II.

Turn to pages 6 and 7 for this interesting and authentic blow-by-blow description, prepared in the Historical Div. of HQMC.

When you've finished with this issue, mail it home to your wife, parents or a friend.

Gen. Smith For Compulsory Training

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Going on record as favoring compulsory military training for American youth, Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, recently appointed commanding general of DOP, declared here Wednesday that "you can't build up a military organization in a short time."

"Only highly trained troops containing a large nucleus of pre-war trained men could have beaten the Japs at Tarawa and in the Southern Palaus," he said, adding that trained men are necessary at the start because "you can't build up a military organization in a short time."

The proper age to start training, he said, was between the ages of 18 and 20 years.

The general has led assault forces through two of the fiercest and bitterest struggles of the Pacific war—Tarawa and Palau. He comes to his new post from FMF, Pacific, where he served as commanding general, administrative

command, and deputy commander.

At Tarawa, Gen. Smith was in command of the 2nd Mar. Div. which won the Presidential Unit citation for conquering the bitterly-defended atoll in 76 hours. At Palau he commanded the expeditionary troops of the 3rd Fleet, including the 3rd Amph. Corps, which in turn included the 1st Mar. Div. which captured Peleliu and the 81st Army Div. which took Angaur.

In his new post he succeeds Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Egan, now confined to Naval Hospital, Mare Island.

950 More Overseas Vets Arrive at R&R

More than 950 more overseas veterans arrived at the R&R Center this week. These included 800 3rd Mar. Div. men, veterans of the Guam assault, and a group of 150 made up of men from various field depots and defense units.

Base Will Issue Gear To Women Headed Overseas

When WRs head overseas for duty in Hawaii, they'll be equipped with everything from handbags to helmets.

Ltr. of Instr. No. 887 lists clothing and personal items which WRs should have in their possession when they report to MCB here for further transfer to the 14th Naval Dist.

The letter also provides for issuance here of helmets, identification tags, canteens, gas masks, eating utensils and other equipment. In addition to the specified articles, each WR will be permitted 28 pounds of cargo weight for personal items she desires to take.

Marines Tell Vivid Story Of Princeton Sinking

Thirty-five Marine survivors of the light carrier Princeton, sunk during the early stages of the second Philippine sea battle, arrived at R&R Center on the Base this week for processing, assignment to new posts and 30-day furloughs.

"It was like a giant hand grabbing you and shaking you," was the way 1st Sgt. Adriah C. Chisholm of Bangor, Me., described the effect of the Japanese bomb hit that ultimately forced other American naval units to sink the 10,000-ton flat-top.

Recalling that the bomb smashed into the hangar deck and finally exploded on the third deck with a great burst of flame, the "top" of the Marine detachment said that "if that bomb had had a point detonator to explode it on impact I wouldn't be around to tell about it."

Forvent "aye, ayes" were voiced by Sgt. Ingval A. Melby of Fargo, N.D., for the bomb landed squarely between him and the "top" and then disappeared through the deck.

The choking smoke which billowed up through the hangar deck as torpedoes and gasoline containers exploded soon caused the Marine gun positions to become untenable.

At this point, the carrier's skip-

per turned the ship to change the direction of the smoke and allow men aft to get forward.

Some men aft were trapped and as flames from the plane elevators began enveloping them they jumped into the water.

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SAVED FROM SEA. Members of the Princeton's Mar. Det., rescued from Philippine waters when their ship was sunk, are outfitted with new gear at Base by SupSgt. John B. Walsh, himself a veteran of 20 months' Pacific duty. (Photo by PFC Herbert Alden).

Marines Tell Vivid Story Of Princeton Sinking

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Another explosion threw 1st Sgt. Chisholm into the water some 30 to 40 yards from the carrier, he recalled.
The Marines who had gone forward, where the smoke was less intense, helped shove fighter planes off the deck to avoid further fires.
1st Sgt. Chisholm was in the water about two hours before he was picked up by a destroyer. In that time he saw a Jap plane or two in the horizon but none returned to the area.
He watched two cruisers—the Birmingham and the Reno—pull up to the carrier and aid firefighting parties still aboard to control the flames on the hangar deck.
Later, there was a terrific explosion as more bombs in storage compartments went off. The skipper ordered the ship abandoned.
“When they sank her at last with a torpedo that tore her apart in a mountain of flame it was like watching your home burn to the ground,” said Sgt. George Gaylor of Auburn, N. Y. The sergeant, a Marine for eight years, had been aboard the ship since her commissioning.
CtSgt. Arthur A. Anderson of Washington, D. C., said he was half



Sgt. PERKINS develops new gun mount

New Type Gun Mount Developed By Leatherneck

KLAMATH FALLS—Sgt. Richard B. Perkins of Palouse, Wash., often wondered, as he fought Japs during the Marine assault on the Marshalls, whether it would be possible to develop a new type, 30-cal. light and heavy machine gun mount.
He first formulated plans for such a mount as he trekked through the mountains of Samoa. He kept the prints of his design with him until he got back to the U. S.
Enrolling in the machine shop class, one of the many offered overseas veterans returned here for treatment of tropical ailments, he went to work on his design.
Although the modification of the new gun mount has not been officially approved yet, Sgt. Perkins is hopeful and confident that it will be.
“Anything that can be done to make it easier to handle the present type gun will be good for the boys,” he said.

Four Marines Hurt In Crash of Truck

CAMP GILLESPIE—Four Marines from this camp were injured Monday when the truck in which they were riding went out of control near here. Steve M. Stokely suffered a possible fractured jaw and Maurice Gallant possible fractured ribs and internal injuries. E. A. Ross and J. W. Mullaney were cut and bruised.

Papper—A man who is broke and lonely.

pushed and half fell off the deck. He landed on his stomach.
Corp. Glenn Stevens of Graham, Ky., was in the water 45 minutes before some pilots came along in a life raft and pulled him aboard.
“You can swim when it means your neck,” was the way Corp. Carl E. Munkel of Oswego, N. Y., explained his survival.
Sgt. Melby recalled that the Princeton's planes and AA guns had brought down their 200th enemy plane the day the carrier was put out of action. Since her commissioning she had prowled thousands of miles of the Pacific and had participated in 10 major engagements.
Ten days prior to her sinking, her Marine gunners brought down 3 of a flight of 15 Jap torpedo planes, one of which crashed in the water directly in front of Marine batteries and only a few yards from the carrier.
“It was so close we could feel the heat of that burning plane,” said 1st Sgt. Chisholm.
The “top” said he figured the Princeton had crossed the equator so many times she must have set some kind of record.
Officers of the detachment who returned here were Capt. Joseph D. Trompeter, Rapid City, S. D., and 1st Lt. Samuel Jaskilka of Norwalk, Conn.
Enlisted personnel included, besides 1st Sgt. Chisholm and Sgt. Melby:
CtSgt. Arthur A. Anderson, Washington, D. C.
Sgt. George W. Gaylor, Auburn, N. Y.
Corps. Robert E. Bayley, And Arbor, Mich.; William J. Jenner, Toledo, O.; Raymond D. Ford, Louisville, Ky.; Carl E. Munkel, Oswego, N. Y.; Frank S. Ruskowski, Kansas City, Kan.; Glenn Stevens, Graham, Ky.; Robert L. Melendick Jr., Memphis, Tenn.
PFCs. Wayne W. Abriel, Albany,

N. Y.; Ray H. Huley, Craigville, W. Va.; James M. Braden, Arroyo Grande, Cal.; James C. Claypool, Richmond, W. Va.; Walter K. Conklin, Louisville, Ky.; William F. Conshington, Gerard, O.; William J. Corso Jr., Garfield, N. J.; Harold E. Filan, Logansport, Ind.; Roy R. Gallatin, Carrollton, O.; Kenneth E. Hadden, Birmingham, Ala.; Frank W. Hollar, Toledo, O.; James L. Healey, Richmond, W. Va.; Miles F. Johnson, Berkeley, Cal.; Maurice J. Keilman, Dyer, Ind.; Ewing K. Knudson, Dixon, Ill.; Conrad A. Lapage, Fall River, Mass.; Thomas J. Hewland, Eureka, Cal.; Clifford E. Opprad, Webster, S. D.; Nathan W. Smith, Fort Payne, Ala.; Norman P. Willman, Akron, O.
FMJ/c. Sanford J. Scott, Milan, Mich.
AOK, Russell C. Condon, New Castle, Pa.



SURVIVORS, 1st Sgt. Adrian C. Chisholm (right), “top” of the USS Princeton Marine Det., works with Sgt. Ingval A. Melby at R&R Center here in reconstructing records and accounts lost at sea. (Photo by Corp. Louise Parker).

Leatherneck Unit In Leyte Invasion

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that was disabled by a land mine and surrounded by Japs. With the assistance of Army personnel aboard, they fought off the Japs for three hours, using .50 and .30 cal. machine guns, tommy guns, carbines, Garands and hand grenades until rescued by another amtrac. Two hundred dead Japs were counted in the vicinity when the Army moved up next day.
2nd Lt. Robert L. Bauer of Glendale, Cal., was with an Army battalion that was cut off from its support by the enemy for three days. He calmly directed bombing and strafing planes against the intervening Japs.
Five of the officers and all of the enlisted men, in teams of three and four, served with the 24th Div. The other five officers were attached to the 1st Cavalry Div., which operated dismounted as infantry.
“The 24th ran into the heaviest opposition on the beach,” Lt. Hoyle said. “The mortar and artillery fire directed at it was lighter than on Guam, but there was more machine gun and rifle fire.”
He said carrier-borne Navy planes supplied all of the air support during the establishment of

the beachhead. Both the air liaison detachment and the Navy pilots were highly praised by the officers of the ground forces with which they operated, the lieutenant said.
An estimated 600 Japs were exterminated in two bombing and strafing missions directed by Lt. Sisler, Lt. Hoyle said. Bombs, rockets and machine gun bullets were directed at the enemy from the planes.
Marines in the action were:
1st Lt. Richard H. Davis, Westfield, N. J., and Melvin L. Shulkin, Haverhill, Mass.
2nd Lt. Robert L. Bauer, Glendale, Cal.; Alvin O. Boles, High Point, N. C.; Donald M. Bulcher, Needham, Mass.; Frederick Carlisle, Bronxville, N. Y.; James F. Coughlin, Elmira, N. Y.; James C. Dickerson, Ft. Dodge, Ia.; Arthur L. Sisler Jr., Lyons, Colo.
SgtSgt. Taylor P. Sherrill, Houston, Tex.; Sgt. Robert E. Hurst, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Percy G. Conway, Birmingham, Ala.; George W. Martin, Mt. Airy, N. C.; Edward A. Masarek, Milwaukee; Floyd L. McMill, Sandy, Utah; John H. Long, El Dorado, Ark.; Max C. Racey, Santa Ana, Cal.
Corps. Daniel L. Ches, Chicago; Victor H. Culp, Casey, Ill.; John D. Denford, Louisville, Ky.; Vern O. Reinberger, Okmawa, Ia.; Edwin F. Kelly, Elma, Ariz.; Tommy B. Ross, Dallas, Tex.; Robert R. Milten Jr., Melrose, Mass.
PFCs. Jack E. Preston, Laredo, Tex.; Donald F. Pulley, Kansas City, Mo.

Busy 6th Div. Santa Gets Head Start On Christmas

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Early Christmas shopping at home means early Christmas here—and by hits and dribbles Christmas is beginning to arrive.
It doesn't seem like Christmas. The equatorial temperature stays up around a hundred and the war goes on.
But packages wrapped in bright colored tissue and tagged “Merry Christmas” are bringing the Yuletide to men of the 6th Mar. Div. of Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. at this base.
Santa Claus to the Marines here is Pvt. Joe Dyson of Cleveland, Tenn., who distributes gifts coming daily in increasing numbers.
Dyson, formerly a Marine Raider whose only experience in passing

out gifts has been sending out the lethal kind to Japs, enjoys the job.
According to Santa Claus Dyson, the present trend in gifts is toward books, portraits of the girl friend, identification bracelets, watches, candy and food. So far there has been no canned meat and few cigars—items which proved so disappointing last year because they are so accessible here. Least appreciated gift of the 1944 season, Dyson says, was a pair of heavy knitted wool socks and an equally heavy knitted wool sweater.
The stork is one of the mystics. That inhabits a number of districts. It doesn't yield plumes or sing any tunes.
Dyson is not with the what-ifs.

Snipers Worst Strain In Battle

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—These are the three top answers submitted by members of a Marine unit here to the question, “What element of battle causes you the greatest strain?” submitted by Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent.
1—Sniper fire.
2—Night.
3—Riding the assault boats from ship to shore.

Luggage, Bags Among Items Cut In Price By PX

Reductions in prices ranging from 10% to 40% were put into effect this week at the Base Post Exchange and Service shops, Maj. Louis W. Putnam, assistant PX officer, announced. The biggest selling items affected are luggage, camp clothes and cigarettes.
Due to the tremendous influx of personnel returning to the Base from overseas, the stock of luggage recently hit an all-time low. Constant replenishments are coming in by truck and rail to improve the situation.
Cigarettes are still rationed to two packs per person a day and no shortage is seen.
Service charges at the cobbler, rubber stamp, laundry, tailor and photographic shops have been greatly reduced.

Celebrities Head Blood Donor Show

Col. Evans F. Carlson, famed Raider leader, and actor Orson Welles headlined a two-hour blood donor show produced by the “Halls of Montezuma” radio unit at Rums auditorium last night.
Six hundred members of ARL leagues unions were presented honor pins by Col. Carlson. Orson Welles took the lead role in a radio drama written by PFC Hank Richards, who directed the show.
“The Halls of Montezuma” orchestra, directed by PFC. Ivan Dismars, combined with the entire “Halls” cast and a massed chorus to present an evening of drama and music.

Women Volunteer To Wrap Xmas Packages

MCAS, MOJAVE—Marines who have too many thumbs when it comes to wrapping packages are getting a break through a new, free service at the PX library. Volunteer women—civilians and WRs—are putting in from three to six hours a day “doing up” Christmas gifts being sent out by the Leathernecks.

Coldwater Sailor Joins Marines

CAMP LEJEUNE—There's a Coldwater Sailor in the Marines. The Sailor-Marine is a woman, Pvt. Ida Sailor of Coldwater, Kans. She is transferring to HQMC after completing recruit training here.

Wouldn't Wake Pal For Only One Jap

KLAMATH FALLS—Corp. Dean Smith of Wellsville, N. Y., roused from exhausted sleep in his foxhole to see his buddy, Ray Smith of Whitesville, N. Y., got to his knees with a knife in his hand. A dead Jap prowler lay at his feet.
“Why didn't you wake me?” Corp. Smith demanded.
The other shrugged. “There was only one Jap.”
1st Sgt. to Pvt.: “The afternoon off... the afternoon off! What do you think you are, a human being?”

One-Time Jap Prisoner At Hongkong Joins Corps

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the Director of Medical Service there two days after the Japs struck.
He now holds a letter from the provost of the American Internment Camp, Hongkong, commanding six other truck drivers and himself for courage displayed during the six months that followed Hongkong's capitulation.
These truck drivers were not interned, but given special permits which enabled them to drive in and out of the internment camp to “forage” for clothing, bedding, food and firewood for the 3000 internees.
The 360 tons of supplies which these drivers took into the camp in six months eased the situation of the internees considerably. Pvt. Morton said, but still left them woefully short of necessities.
It was not without several brushes with Jap secret police, busily engaged in making money in the black markets they fostered, that Pvt. Morton was able to carry on his work.
When Pvt. Morton landed in the States it was his first visit back in almost 25 years. Among other places, he had lived in New Zealand with his family for 15 years, in P. I. years and in Manila for 3. His father was English, an in-

spector of munitions in the U.S. in World War I days, but Pvt. Morton was born in the States. After helping to develop one of the original processes for dehydrating foods, his father was called back to England and attached to the Food Ministry.
It was in England, at the age of 4, that Pvt. Morton experienced his first bombing raids, when German Zeppelins came over with bomb loads.
Pvt. Morton would like duty in the Philippines. He lost many friends in Britain and Corregidor.



Pvt. MORTON... Hoped the ships...

Marine Beach Assault Aids 6th War Loan Drive

By PFC Wilson R. Lythgoe

CAMP PENDLETON—Combat equipment which has been put in the capable hands of fighting Marines by War Bond purchasers was displayed before approximately 3000 Oceanside residents by Camp Pendleton Marines at a Sixth War Bond rally Sunday.

While Marines "hit the beach" near the Oceanside pier in amphibian tractors and Navy corpsmen simulated caring for wounded in the field, members of the audience trooped to the issuing agents and purchased \$5000 in War Bonds.

Principal speaker for the 2½-hour show was Capt. R. M. Simpson, 3rd Mar. Div. veteran who is

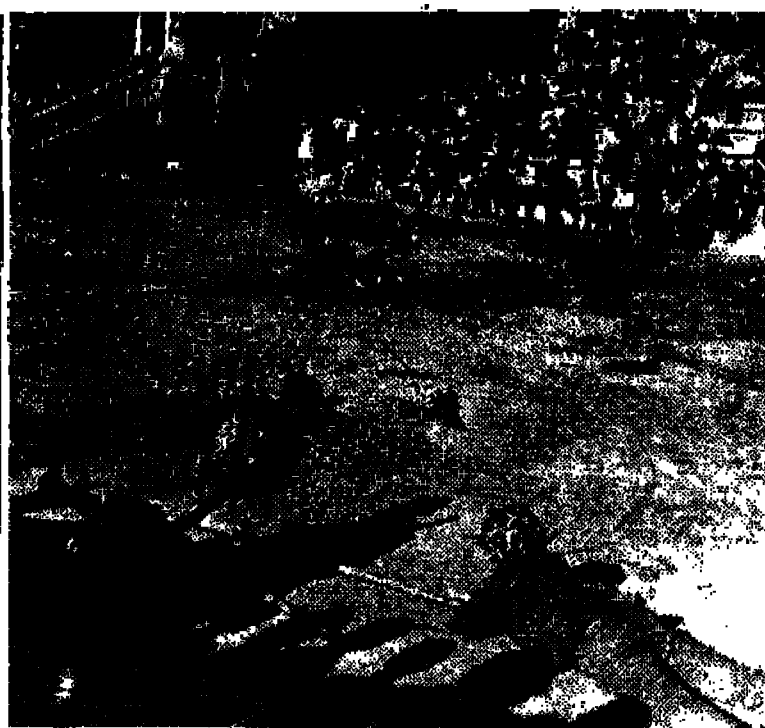
executive officer of the Inf. School here. Capt. G. M. Leake introduced the speaker.

Amphibian tractors, blasting with fire power, simulated an assault on the beach from the sea, following an interlude of band music under the direction of MTSgt. Frank A. Weeks. The "amtrac" demonstration was handled by 2dLt. M. D. Haagen and R. D. Rice.

Function of a medical aid section in action was demonstrated by corpsmen. Lt. Comdr. R. O. Surridge, who recently returned from Guam, pointed up rigorous training corpsmen undergo in learning how to properly care for wounded in the field. Lt. R. Turnbull, USN, directed the demonstration.

WO. William Wallace Jr. lectured on and demonstrated fruits of past War Bond purchases—captured Japanese weapons. He explained how Marines in training here are taught to turn the weapons on the enemy.

The all-important role that artillery plays in the attack was explained by Sgt. James C. Crumley. Two pieces of artillery, a 75mm. and 105mm., were shown to the public.



BOND SHOW. Marines on deck were "wounded" during simulated attack on Oceanside and receive first aid from corpsmen who have just finished specialized training at Ft. Med. School. Training is paid for by War Bonds sold.

Pay Delayed As Sniper's Bullet Hits Paymaster

SOMEWHERE IN THE PALAU ISLANDS (Delayed)—Isolated Jap defenders of Peleliu's Bloody Nose Ridge apparently are determined to delay payday for Leathernecks around crewmen of the 2nd Mar. Air Wing here.

Notice of Peleliu's first scheduled payday had just been posted, and the Marine airmen were overjoyed at the prospect of receiving long-awaited pay at last. But an observant Jap sniper had other ideas.

First paymaster to land on Peleliu since the fighting for this island began six weeks ago was wounded slightly by a Jap sniper's bullet less than 24 hours after his special plane arrived from a rear base.

But the Leathernecks are philosophical about this latest delay, admitting that Peleliu's local souvenir market is the only place to spend money on the island. And current prices are exorbitantly high.

Meanwhile, the paymaster is enjoying an unprecedented amount of attention in sick bay. Implications are that payday will be held soon.—Sgt. John T. Kirby, combat correspondent.

Marines Aiding Drive In Utah

CLEARFIELD, Utah—Four Marines stationed at NSD here will participate in Sixth War Loan rallies in Salt Lake City and Ogden for two weeks.

1stLt. Joe B. Ford, who served with the 1st Div. on Guadalcanal, will interview Sgt. Willard E. Host of San Denido, Tex., Bougainville veteran; Corp. Billy R. Edwards of Rawlins, Wyo., 2nd Div. Guadalcanal veteran; and PFC Milton A. Shumaker of Worland, Wyo., who saw action at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian.

Library Aid To Returning Vets

Returning veterans are not long in finding out that the Base Library located on the second deck of the PX building may help to bring them up to date on a number of things. Over 30 newspapers from all over the country are kept on file, as are copies of The Chevron dating back to the original issue.

Over 12,000 books and nearly 100 magazines are also available amid comfortable reading facilities and writing tables.

A wood sculpturing exhibit and souvenirs from Pacific campaigns are on display.

Miss Flora E. Brigham is Librarian. The hours are from 1100 to 2100 daily and 1400 to 2000 on Sundays.

Swore in 13,000

LOS ANGELES—Lt. Col. Roscoe Arnett, the man before whom most of the 13,000 Marine recruits enlisted here since Pearl Harbor repeated their "I solemnly swear to..." was retired last week. He was succeeded as O-in-C of the recruiting station by Lt. Col. Charles A. Miller.

Tokyo "Observes" Pearl Harbor Day



TSgt. GEISSBERGER
... 21 years a Marine

Marine Awarded Service Ribbon—28 Years Late

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Exactly 28 years, almost to the very day, after he entered Germany with the Army of Occupation in the latter part of October, 1918, TSgt. Otto Geissberger, 49, received from the War Dept. his ribbon for that campaign.

On the same day he received the ribbon, Oct. 28, Otto celebrated his 21st year as a Leatherneck.

Now a musician with the 3rd Amph. Corps band, Geissberger's record reveals not only good soldiering but great perseverance. During the Meuse-Argonne campaign of World War I he was gassed. Entering the Marine Corps in 1923 he learned to play the cornet and believes it has helped to strengthen his lungs over this long period of years. Now close to the half-century mark, he is a perfect figure of health.

"God willing, I will remain a Leatherneck for another nine years and join the long rank of 30-year Marines," he says.

He has served 14 of his 21 years at overseas posts, with hitchhikes at Santo Domingo, Honolulu, two in China, Haiti, Iceland and the Pacific.

His recent "Marine birthday" was celebrated in a similar, yet different, manner as that of the "good old days." The beer was "an Otto" at the Staff NCO's mess, but it couldn't be bought in unlimited quantities as during pre-war times. Each man was limited to two bottles.—Corp. James W. Thacker Jr.

A big Jap force of Superforts ushered in the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor Thursday with a raid on Jap War factories in southern Manchuria, and enemy broadcasts said another formation of B-29s started at least one fire in an attack on Tokyo itself.

Other American planes struck at Jap bases along a 1000-mile front in the Central Pacific. Iwo Jima, in the Volcano group 750 miles south of Tokyo, was attacked for the eighth straight day.

After being stalled for almost two weeks in western Leyte by driving tropical rains, the five divisions comprising Lt. Gen. Walter Krueger's 6th Army went over to the attack on Tuesday, breaching a Jap river defense line south of Ordon in their northward drive.

Fighting on Peleliu finally wound up at 1230 on Nov. 27 when the last of the enemy, hiding out in caves, was finally overpowered. A

dispatch from Capt. Earl J. Wilson said that bodies of a Jap major general and colonel were found after the fighting ended.

Pilots of the 2nd Mar. Air Wing, based on Peleliu, destroyed an ammunition dump on Babellina in the Palau's a week ago. They swept over the Palau's again the next day, bombing bivouac and storage areas.

Mitchell medium bombers of the 2nd Mar. Aircraft Wing attacked other targets in the Bonin and Volcano Islands.

Jap snipers were reported still active on Saipan six months after the seizure of the Mariana capital. "The Japs were still causing trouble peeping up around American installations to ships at unwary Marines and GIs," UP correspondent Sander Klein wrote.

Marine Bags Sniper From Hospital Bed

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Wounded on Guam before he could fire a shot, PFC Joseph J. Yunker of Hoboken, N. J., avenged himself when the Japs attacked the 3rd Mar. Div. hospital.

Yunker had been treated for his injury and was lying in a tent ward when the attack came. He spotted a sniper in a tree and, ignoring his painful wounds, raised himself to pick up a rifle another patient had left about the tent.

He rested the rifle stock on his pillow, aimed carefully, and fired. The sniper toppled dead from his perch.—Sgt. Cyril O'Brien, combat correspondent.

Postoffice Tills Hum At Marine Bases Overseas

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Marines serving overseas write more letters than they receive by about three to two.

These are the figures of TSgt. William D. Newton of Ogden, Utah, who should know. He is "postmaster" to a regiment of Marines here and before that handled their mail in Iceland, Hawaii, New Zealand, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and in the United States as well as yet secret places, and aboard ships between all these places.

He won't even attempt to estimate the number of pieces of mail he has handled in all those years. But nowadays the flow through his postoffice amounts to some 5000

Bond Sales Ring Bell

Stations in Area Heed Plans For 'Fighting Dollars'

The Marines saw the situation and took it in hand, despite the fact that they were faced with Christmas shopping expenses—they rang the bell on the Pearl Harbor Day War Bond drive.

Leathernecks stationed at the Base had subscribed to a total of approximately \$75,000 at a table hour in the campaign, according to Maj. W. C. Ronaldson, bond officer, thus responding to Brig. Gen. Archie E. Howard's appeal for "Fighting Dollars."

At Camp Pendleton, the bond dollars rolled to the tune of \$15,000 to "exceed all expectations" as a result of the traveling bond truck's campaign. The traveling "office" was the brainchild of Maj.

BUYS \$10,000 IN BONDS

"Just a little something I saved up," Sgt. Guy W. Monroe of the Pers. Class Sec., RD, explained as he casually dropped \$7500 on the desk of PFC Adolph Verlot at the Base Bond office.

The 10 \$1000 bonds he purchased will be credited in the Pearl Harbor drive.

Robert N. Tynner Jr. and Capt. John L. Garner, bond officers.

At MCAD, Miramar, Lt. Mary B. Woodward, War Bond officer for that unit, reported sales totalling \$13,000. This number, however, was distributed among personnel stationed at MarFair West—but she also stated that a total of \$4000 worth were sold to less than 1-1/2 of the personnel permanently based at the depot.

Over at MarFair West, Capt. James G. White reported that "more than 70% of the personnel was now committed to War Bond allotments and that the drive had proved successful."

Saxophone: An ill wind that nobody blows good.

pieces of mail a day. That, he says, "is a conservative average."

TSgt. Newton takes the greatest pride in his cash business. Recently, in one three-day period he sold 15,000 six-cent air mail envelopes at 16 envelopes for a dollar, that means these Leathernecks bought a total of 240,000 envelopes!

And Marines write "free" and "V-mail" letters as well as air-mail letters.

In one month just over \$200,000 worth of money orders were sold. And, on a single day, with only one clerk writing out the orders, sales totaled \$19,400.—Sgt. Maynard Stief, combat correspondent.

Group Gives 733 Pints Of Blood

MCAD, MTEAMAR Personnel of Air Warning Grp. 2 donated a total of 733 pints of blood this week, according to Lt. Col. R. O. Brisson, CO.

Three hundred and seventy-nine of the donors were making donations for the third time or oftener.

Leading the parade were Capt. Reginald A. Crosby and John J. Carnegie, each making their eighth donation.

Recruiting Duty in L.A. Given Six WRs

Six WRs have been detailed to Los Angeles on temporary duty for recruiting in this area. Sgts. Evelyn J. Bernauer, Mary A. Foster and Anna C. McDougal, Corp. Katherine E. Mitchell and PFCs Doris L. Kinrade and Dorothy J. Lavigne will be on duty in that city for approximately two weeks.



GOING UP. Promotions to technical sergeant made (from left) June E. Siems of Denver, Anna Hoffman of Dover, N. J., and Mary Jane Beyer of Oak Park, Ill. Highest ranking enlisted WRs at MCAD, Miramar.

2nd Div. Celebrates Corps' Birthday With Day-Long Picnic

Enlarged School To Train Both Officers, Men

Sea School moved to larger quarters in Bldg. 1 this week in preparation for a larger quota of students expected to be assigned to the school after Jan. 1.

On that date Norfolk Sea School will be disbanded and the MCB school will become the only school of its type in the Corps.

Proposed plans call for training of 16 officer and 500 or more enlisted personnel each month, according to Capt. Joseph LaBonte, CO.

Orders transferring Capt. John E. Williams to the school from MB, Klamath Falls, were received this week. He is the first officer ordered here for training.

Cooks and Bakers School, formerly in Bldg. 1, moved this week to Bldg. 2. Baking classes were established in Mess Hall 7.

From a South Pacific Marine's letter to his pal in the States: "They're neither too young nor too old—there just ain't any."



ANNIVERSARY. South Pacific Marines celebrated 169th birthday in traditional fashion, with Lt. Col. Reed M. Fawell Jr., Miami Beach, Fla., slicing cake for personnel of his battalion. First slices were served to Sgt. Onel W. Dickens, Modesto, Cal., (left) and PISgt. Benjamin R. Livesy, Attleboro, Mass. (Photo by Sgt. M. Cohn III).

The following delayed dispatches from the Pacific reveal that Marines in combat areas joined with those in the States in celebrating the recent 169th birthday of the Corps.—JH.

By TSgt. Pete Zur Linden
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—The scrappy 2nd Mar. Div.—of Tawara, Saipan and Tinian fame—celebrated the Corps' 169th birthday Nov. 10 the good old American way—with a full-scale holiday picnic program that rocked this island from end to end.

Under the direction of 1st Lt. F. F. Baha, Atlanta, Ga., and TSgt. Robert H. Benton, Hollywood, Cal., of the division's recreation staff, the Second's veterans had their biggest field day since cleaning up Tinian.

Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Watson, division commander, proclaimed the day a complete holiday. This was the signal for a continuous round of festivities, running from athletic field games to Tom turkey dinners, a one-pound box of candy and two cans of beer for every man in the division. The climax was a premiere mid-Pacific showing of "The American Romance," hit film story of the steel industry.

GUAM NOW FORTRESS OF U.S. IN PACIFIC

By PFC Stanley Pink
GUAM (Delayed)—Guam will

stand like a beacon of defiance to any who would attack the United States. Maj. Gen. Henry L. Larsen, island commander, declared this morning in a short-wave radio broadcast to America.

In an address marking the 169th anniversary of the Corps, Gen. Larsen told of the hundreds of miles of highway that have been constructed since American forces recaptured this island from the Japanese; how fine airfields, improved harbors and other facilities have been built.

Natives, he said, are well-fed for the first time since the Jap occupation.

He added that Guam has had her face lifted by powerful construction forces, whose skill has made possible the stupendous task of making Guam a springboard from which to unleash final, devastating blows against the Jap. The work and cooperation of all services have been outstanding.

AIRMEN IN PALAU GET STEAK ON BIRTHDAY

By SMSGT. John T. Kirby
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PALAU ISLANDS (Delayed)—Finding special fare for the Corps' 169th anniversary here recently was his most difficult assignment since he came ashore, admits a veteran Washington, D. C. Marine, 2d Lt. Stephen J. Toranich.

But Leatherhocks at a 2nd Mar. Air Wing encampment near the airstrip had steak for their traditional birthday dinner, thanks to Toranich.

Bombs Jap Destroyer From 40 Feet--'Sinks Same'

By TSgt. Bill Goodrich, Combat Correspondent

PELELIU (Delayed)—Maj. Jack E. Conger of Des Moines, Marine fighter pilot of the "Death Dealers" squadron and Guadalcanal air ace, sank a Jap destroyer near here with a 1000-pound bomb dropped from an altitude of 40 feet.

The 23-year-old airman, credited with 10 Jap Zeros in the air and "half" a destroyer during the Guadalcanal campaign, blew up the camouflaged enemy warship anchored in Kopasang harbor, just 15 minutes' flying time from this airfield.

With Maj. Conger on the mission was Maj. Robert F. "Cowboy" Stout of Fort Laramie, Wyo., five-plane ace and CO of the "Death Dealers," who is credited with the other "half" of the Jap destroyer sunk during the Solomon Islands fighting.

Before leaving this airstrip the pilots drew cards, high man to strike the first blow. Maj. Conger drew the "jack of hearts" and Maj. Stout the "six of spades."

Maj. Conger struck the destroyer amidships with his 1000-pounder, releasing it only 40 feet above the warship. Maj. Stout, who waited

high in the skies ready for the second run, brought his bomb back home. He had no use for it. Smoke from the stricken destroyer towered 12,000 feet into the air and was plainly visible from Peleliu. Later reconnaissance revealed the destroyer to be completely under water.

Since shortly after D-Day 2nd Mar. Air Wing planes have been systematically bombing nearby Jap-held islands. Aerial photographic interpreters recently detected the well-camouflaged Jap destroyer.

Maj. Conger was so low when he released his bomb that he had to come up to get over the ridges on Ngargol Island nearby. "Consequently," he said, "I didn't know of the result until I joined up with 'Cowboy' (Maj. Stout) several miles from the burning ship."

In addition to getting a destroyer here Maj. Conger bagged three planes on the ground while strating Babelthup airstrip and has participated in 40 missions involving 80 combat hours in the air during the past seven weeks.

During his first tour of duty overseas Maj. Conger downed 10 Jap Zeros and received the Navy Cross as a result of this action. Now on his second tour overseas he has also piled up 71 combat hours on 30 missions over Rabaul and Kavieng prior to coming to this island.

324 High Mark At Matthews

CAMP MATTHEWS—Pvt. Roy L. Adams (Plat. 786) of Spokane, Wash., fired 324 out of a possible 340 to take individual scoring honors at this range last week.

His closest competitor was Pvt. James P. Riseley Jr. of Roswell, N. M., who fired 317. Pvt. Ralph G. Rockwell Jr. of San Pedro, Cal., was next with 313.

Their platoon had a qualification percentage of 96.3%, with but two of 63 men failing to qualify.

PFC Kenneth Pearson coached the platoon on the school range. DI of the platoon is PISgt. L. F. Traudslie.

Negro Marine Bags Jap Fighter Pilot

A Negro Marine bagged a Jap fighter pilot with a carbine during a recent Japanese air raid on the Saipan Superfortress base, according to a delayed AP dispatch from the Marianas base.

Just before one of the Jap planes crashed in an open area, its pilot bailed out. He drew a gun as soon as he landed and started shooting. The Negro Marine killed him.



HOUSING. This is one of 40 duplex-type Homoja huts recently made available for temporary housing of families of Marines and sailors stationed at Camp Pendleton.

New Huts House Marine Families At Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON—Something new in the way of service housing, has been added here.

Designated as the Transient Housing Area, it is composed of 40 Homoja huts, curved-roof structures very similar to the better-known Quonset huts of Alaska and Aleutian fame.

The huts provide living quarters for the families of Navy and Marine enlisted men and officers en route to combat duty. The project was instigated by Maj. Gen. Charles F. B. Price, commanding general of Camp Pendleton and of the FMF, San Diego area, following his investigation of housing facilities in this region.

Two families reside in each building. Each section has two bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen and a bathroom. A stove, refrigerator and all necessary kitchen utensils and linens are supplied.

The maximum period of occupancy is 60 days, and rent is \$1 per day, payable at the end of each month. Laundry service is available at \$1.05 a week.

Manager of the project is WO, John R. Luck of Mattapan, Mass.

WRs have cooperated enthusiastically in solving the project's problems. They volunteer to care for children in the evenings, and have purchased a number of toys for the proposed recreation building out of their own pockets.



HOME. PFC Robert W. Johnston of Michigan City, Ind., relaxes with his sons in Homoja hut home at Camp Pendleton.

Unit Roused By Gabriel's Horn

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—When Sgt. Maj. A. E. Simons of Poplar, Mont., yells "Gabriel, blow your horn" in the wee hours of the morning, Marines attached to a special weapons unit know he is not having his little joke.

For out steps PFC, William T. Gabriel of Traver City, Mich., and reveille, more ear-splitting than ever before, ushers in another day. —Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent.

California Gals Prettiest —At Least To One Outfit

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—California still grows the prettiest girls—at least in the eyes of this Marine outfit. Three out of six prizes in a recent "girl friend picture contest," sponsored by a USO club, went to damsels from the Golden State whose boy friends stalked them up against the best in the nation.

First prize went to Miss Del Temple of South Gate, Cal., picked by popular ballot from a total of 60 entries. She was entered by PVT S. R. Jacobson of Seattle.

Second prize went to Miss Ethel Striano of Los Angeles. Miss Mym Johnson of Culver City, Cal., took fifth place.

The contest was held to give service men here a chance to show off their real pin-up girls. One Marine, after viewing the winners, broke into song with "California, Here I Come." —SMSGT. David Dempsey, combat correspondent.

You need a tonic, Mac. You're beginning to look like the picture on your ID card.

The Wolf

by Sansone





SANTA'S HELPERS. WR volunteers man gift-wrapping counter at PX daily to help less nimble-fingered Marines. Wrapping (left to right) are PFCs. Ann Serio and Phyllis Siegel and Corp. Clarice Kerski. Their "customers" are Sgt. John J. Dolacky jr. of Johnston, Pa., PFC. Wallace Corbett of St. Paul and Sgt. James H. Bass of Jackson, Miss.

Used '03 Rifle Against Japs At Pearl Harbor

(Picture on page one)

This year it will be Christmas at home for Sgt. Carl J. Patterson, twice-wounded veteran of Central Pacific campaigns and a Marine who tried to fight off the Jap raiders of Pearl Harbor with an '03 rifle from a roof-top.

"We were just getting ready to mount the guard," Sgt. Carl recalled at USNH on the third anniversary of the Pearl Harbor raid, "but we just never got time to do it."

"We didn't know just what was happening, or whether it was the real thing—and then we saw that big red sun on the wings of those planes and heard the explosions in the harbor! We didn't have to wait long to understand what was actually happening."

The big Texan said that his out-

fit's men immediately sought ammunition, loaded their weapons and went to the barracks roof-tops to do what they could to fight off the enemy.

"We fired at them with our rifles," he said. "That's about all we had time for—but I guess our fire wasn't very effective."

After the sneak attack, Sgt. Patterson, a Marine for the past 5 1/2 years, spent another year at the Pearl Harbor station and then returned to the States. He joined the famed 2nd Marine Div. just in time for the assault on Tarawa. Sgt. Patterson was struck in the back by fragments from a 20mm. shell during that battle and was hospitalized for a month.

Then came the Marikans and the assault upon Saipan—a other tough fight—and Sgt. Carl got through that one okay—but at Tinian, which followed closely upon the heels of the Saipan victory—he was shot through the right foot and now he is about to be released from the hospital.

"I expect to leave here about Dec. 15," he said with a smile, "and I'll be home for Christmas—the first one since 1940."

The sergeant is looking forward to the day when he can return to the fight against the Nips.

Amphibious Training Unit Moves To Rifle Range

CAMP MATTHEWS—Headquarters of the Troop Trng. Unit, Trng. Command, Amph. Forces, Pacific Fleet, under command of Brig. Gen. Harry K. Pickett, moved to the north wing of the dispensary building here this week from its former location on the Coronado strand.

Approximately 95 officers and 105 enlisted personnel reported to their quarters by Thursday. Col. H. D. Linneott is chief of staff and Col. D. G. Oglesby is training officer.

Organized July 13, 1943, at Camp Elliott, the unit's headquarters has been on the Coronado strand since January. Function of the organization is to train large Army, Navy and Marine units in the technique

of amphibious operations in the Pacific theater.

Headquarters was moved across the bay so that it would be closer to the scene of activities. Many units are trained at MCR and at the Army's Camp Callan, across the highway from this camp.

Enlisted personnel will be quartered in Hut Area 1, just below the dispensary.

Ceremony Honors Marines Given Unit Citations

CAMP MATTHEWS—Awards of 28 Presidential Unit Citations and one Purple Heart to 1st and 2nd Div. veterans attached to the Troop Trng. Unit, Trng. Command, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet, were presented at ceremonies here yesterday.

Both the Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation were presented to PFC. Edward C. Schmitt by the decorating officer, Brig. Gen. Harry K. Pickett, commanding general of the amphibious unit.

Those receiving Presidential Unit Citations were:

Maj. Robert H. C. Johnston; QMSgt. Alvin H. Grey; TSgts. George Barna, Donovan E. Kurlowski; StSgts. Michael G. Antonakos, Samuel H. Craven Jr., Robert L. Fischer, Jack S. Norman, George E. Surber, Robert D. Wristen; Sgt. Charles M. Pobst Jr.

Corps. Donald L. Abbott, Warren James, Robert A. Maroni, Lemuel V. Rogers, Irving Slayton, David N. Smith, Wayne D. Woolverton, Raymond Rhodes; PFCs. James H. Bush, Allen J. Moore, Samuel Razzo.

Proposes Permanent Commandant Rank

WASHINGTON—Rep. Vinson of Georgia, chairman of the House Naval Affairs committee, has introduced a bill to create the permanent rank and title of lieutenant general in the Marine Corps. The bill is a personal one and not a Navy Dept. measure.

First commandant to acquire the temporary rank and title, established Jan. 20, 1942, was Gen. Thomas Holcomb. Gen. Vandegrift would be the first to attain the permanent grade and title should the proposed legislation be enacted.

Overseas Cables Out For Holidays

Acceptance of all Expeditionary Force Messages (EFM) and greeting messages of the sender's own composition has been suspended from Dec. 6 to 25, 1944, inclusive, to and from Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel outside the continental United States.

Just because a man chooses a woman for a mate doesn't make him the captain.



CRASH LANDING. Corp. Gaetano J. Valdario, Summer-ville, Mass., instructor, demonstrates judo to classes of Marine Aviation personnel at MCAS, El Centro. Flying through air is Corp. Robert E. Keefe of Columbus, O.

Pvt. Bingham Wins Awards For Recruits

The engraved silver identification bracelet awarded weekly to the recruit judged outstanding among those completing boot training was presented this week to Pvt. John R. Bingham of Venice, Cal., Platoon 783.

The bracelet was presented yesterday by Col. John Goff, CO of R.D. The other finalist competing for the award was Pvt. William T. Teagle of West Covina, Cal.

New Quarters Taken By Legal Aid Office

New quarters have been taken over by the 11th Naval Dist. Legal Assistance Office in Room 406, Spreckels Theater Bldg., to afford freer access to dependents of Navy personnel.

Office hours are from 0930 to 1200 and 1300 to 1530. Servicemen or their dependents needing legal assistance are asked to arrange an appointment in advance by telephoning Main 3571, Ext. 323 or 327.



Sgt. MORGAN
... and pal, Corp. Semper

He's Been Marine All His Life

It's not regulation, but Corp. Semper, who joined the Corps at the tender age of seven days, wears the Pacific-Asiatic ribbon on his collar.

Corp. Semper and his twin, Fidelis, enlisted at Kodiak, Alaska, but Fidelis died when he was four weeks old. Semper has a record book kept up to date by Lt. Col. Earle S. Davis, CO of the Det., according to his master, Sgt. Arthur L. Morgan of Parman, Ida.

Corp. Semper is a cross between a malamute and a Chinese chow and his records list among his accomplishments: "Sit up, roll over, play dead, and chase Sembers."

Sgt. Morgan is now at R&R Center.

Mmm! Handy Men To Have Around

Married or marriageable WIs take note: Two instructors at Cooks and Bakers School baked 51 pies in 19 minutes. It takes the average housewife about two hours to bake one pie. The experts are Fitch, Froislad and ACK. McDaniel.

A gold-digger is only a woman—after all.

Advance Base Xmas Plans Complete

'Foxhole Knees' Newest In Lingo

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—The Saipan campaign added a new phrase to the pungent jargon of Marines, reports StSgt. Bob Cook, combat correspondent.

"Foxhole knees," the result of 30 nights of crouching in positions which would discourage a Hindu filch, speak—or rather, creak—for themselves.

USO Head Praises Base Depot Group

CAMP PENDLETON—Hearing that members of the Base Depot orchestra were about to be transferred, the chairman of the San Diego USO Council commended them highly for volunteering many hours of playing time for the benefit of service personnel in this area. His letter of thanks was addressed to Col. E. P. Simmonds, CO of Base Depot.

Company Disbanded

Telephone Co., Sig. Bn., was disbanded Wednesday by order of DOP and 2d Lt. Henry F. von der Heyde jr., communications school officer, transferred to Camp Lejeune.

WESTERN CAROLINES (Delayed)—Although this Marine aircraft base is far advanced on the Pacific front lines, plans already are well under way for the celebration of Christmas.

As in 1942 and 1943, the Marines will substitute palm trees for evergreens as Christmas trees. Sea bags instead of stockings will be used to receive gifts.

One of the busiest men on the base will be Lt. Allan E. Cathcart of Pompton Lakes, N.J., who is in charge of the post office here. He has made arrangements to keep the base post office open all day on Christmas.

Lt. James E. Norton (ChC), USN, former instructor at the Univ. of Notre Dame, will conduct religious services.

A choir, recently organized, will sing "Mass of the Angels" at the Christmas Eve worship. StSgt. Walter H. Polak of Ardsley, Pa.

Movie Blood Drive Features Marines

LOS ANGELES—There was plenty of blood shed in the "Battle of Culver City" yesterday—but it all went to a mobile blood donor unit. The drive was featured by a dramatic re-enactment by a platoon of Marine veterans of a South Pacific battle on the lawn of the RKO-Radio studio.

will play the organ at all services.

Carol singing programs are being arranged by 2d Lt. Ralph W. Englemier of Pittsburg, Pa. As recreation officer for the Mar. Aircraft Grp., he will also provide a sports program and special movies.

Food will be holiday style. WU. Lawrence B. Hurley of Dallas, Tex., and Santa Barbara, Cal., mess officer, has reported that the fare will include turkey with all the trimmings.—Sgt. Phil H. Storch, combat correspondent.



Japan has had a system of compulsory military training since 1873. The Jap soldier receives 10 yen (about \$2.35) per month. Of this amount, 5 yen go to his family and 1.5 yen goes to compulsory savings. The rest, amounting to about 15 cents in our currency, he keeps as "spending money."

History Of Marine Action In World War II

The following chronology of Marine action in the World War II, from 1941 to 1945, is based on the official records of the Marine Corps, and is published by the Historical Division, HQMC. All dates are Greenwich Civil Time.

1937

July 7—Japan attacked China. 4th Regt. at Shanghai reinforced by additional U. S. Marines.

1939

Strength of Marine Corps: 1434 officers and 18,271 enlisted men.

1940

Oct. 25—Major General Commandant issued mobilization orders to all Marine Corps Reserve units to begin mobilization on Nov. 1.

Nov. 9—Twenty-three Bns. of Marine Corps Reserve completed mobilization and took stations.

Dec. 18—All Aviation squadrons of Marine Corps Reserve mobilized at Reserve bases; East Coast squadrons at Quantico and West Coast squadrons at San Diego; squadrons were disbanded and personnel pooled with the various operating air groups.

1941

Jan. 16—A number of Provisional Companies organized at Quantico for duty in British West Indies.

Jan. 26—U. S. Marines arrived at Argentina, Newfoundland.

Mar. 12—Marines arrived Jamaica, West Indies.

Mar. 14—Marines arrived at Bermuda.

Mar. 17—Marines arrived at Antigua, British West Indies.

Mar. 22—Marines arrived at St. Lucia, British West Indies.

Mar. 23—Marines arrived at Trinidad, British West Indies.

Apr. 9—Marines landed in Greenland.

May 1—ME, New River, N. C. established.

May 27—Pres. Roosevelt proclaimed unlimited national conscription. Strength of USMC: 34,300 officers and 48,418 enlisted men.

June 22—1st Mar. Prov. Bn. sailed for Iceland.

July 7—1st Brig. landed in Iceland; held defensive sector in Western Iceland until relieved by U. S. Army early in 1942.

Oct. 4—Marines at Ijima at Georgetown, British Guiana.

Nov. 8—Pres. Roosevelt approved withdrawal of Marines from China.

Nov. 27—2nd Bn., 4th Marines, left Shanghai for Philippines on USS President Madison.

Nov. 28—1st Bn., 4th Marines, left Shanghai for Philippines on USS President Harrison.

Dec. 1—2nd Bn., 4th Marines arrived at Olongapo, Philippine Islands.

Dec. 3—1st Bn., 4th Marines arrived at Olongapo.

Dec. 7—Japanese aircraft attacked Pearl Harbor. Midway shelled by enemy surface force. Wake attacked by enemy bombers. Guam and the Philippines attacked by enemy aircraft. U. S. Marines (16 officers and 178 enlisted men) at Tientsin and Peiping, China, interned by Japanese.

Strength of U. S. Marine Corps: 70,425.

Dec. 8—Twenty-seven Jap bombers hit Wake Island; 55 civilians killed and many others wounded.

Dec. 8—1st Bn., 4th Marines moved from Olongapo to Mariveles, Philippine Islands.

Japanese surface forces appeared off Guam at about sunset.

United States and Great Britain declared war on Japan.

Dec. 9—Japanese aircraft bombed Wake Island but accomplished very little damage.

Navy Yard at Cavite, P. I., virtually destroyed by Japanese bombers; U. S. Marines evacuated.

Guam captured by Japanese; U. S. Marines put up a gallant fight.

Dec. 10—Japanese ships moved in and shelled Wake Island; two Marine Corps fighter planes bombed and strafed an enemy cruiser leaving it ablaze from stern to stern; same planes and shore guns sank or damaged three additional vessels. Later, 27 Jap bombers attacked Wake; two bombers shot down by fighter plane and one by AA.

Dec. 11—Thirty Japanese bombers attacked Wake Island but resistance from AA guns and the three remaining fighter planes prevented

a single bomb hit on the island.

2d Lt. David M. Klawer sank a ship and 12 miles south of Wake, sinking and strafing with his Wildcat.

United States declared war on Germany and Italy.

Dec. 12—Olongapo, P. I., bombed causing some casualties in 2nd Bn., 4th Marines.

Dec. 13—Thirty-two Jap bombers hit Wake Island.

Dec. 14—Twenty-seven Jap bombers attacked Wake.

Dec. 15—Forty-one Jap bombers hit Wake in first attack; a second attack made that night.

Dec. 16—Jap bombers attacked Wake. Johnston Island shelled by enemy submarines.

Dec. 18—Sangley Point Air Station (near Cavite) bombed; 12 Marines killed.

Dec. 19—Twenty-seven Jap bombers hit Wake.

Sangley Point Air Station bombed by Japs; 12 Marines of 1st Sep. Bn. killed and battalion moved to Mariveles on Batuan Peninsula.

Dec. 21—Marine Det., Olongapo, disbanded and personnel absorbed into 2nd Bn., 4th Marines.

Dec. 22—By sea and air the Japs

Corps recruiting stations.

Feb. 21—U. S. carrier task force failed Wake and Marcus Island.

Feb. 27—Mar. 1—Battle of Java Sea Twelve Allied warships sunk, among which was USS Houston; one damaged. Jap losses included 1 cruiser sunk.

Mar. 3—U. S. carrier planes raided Marcus Island.

Mar. 8—1st Prov. Mar. Brig. embarked at Iceland, returning to Navy jurisdiction.

Mar. 10—USMC airmen from Midway intercepted Jap bombers, shot down one and forced others to turn back.

Mar. 23—Secy. of the Navy announced that Marine base at Santa Margarita Ranch would be named Camp Pendleton in honor of Maj. Gen. Joseph H. Pendleton, USMC.

Mar. 25—1st Mar. Prov. Brig. arrived in the U. S. from Iceland and disembarked.

Mar. 28—7th Def. Bn. (Rein.) moved to Apia, Island of Upolu, Western Samoa; New Zealand defense force reported to battalion for tactical duty—the first time in history that a New Zealand fighting force came under jurisdiction of a USMC commander.

fought off Guadalcanal's north shore; Allies lost the U. S. cruisers Astoria, Quincy and Vincennes and the Australian cruiser Canberra.

Aug. 12—First plane to land on Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, was a U. S. Navy PBY, which evacuated two wounded men.

Aug. 17—The 2nd Mar. Raider Bn. landed on Makin Island, Gilbert Group, just before dawn from the submarines Nautilus and Argonaut, and destroyed a seaplane base, supply warehouses and other installations as well as approximately 100 Japs before they were taken off the island night of Aug. 18.

Aug. 20—First Marine planes arrived at Henderson Field, Guadalcanal—VME-223 (Capt. John L. Smith) and VMSB-232 (Maj. R. C. Mangrum).

Aug. 21—In the Battle of the Tenaru River, Marines killed 871 Japs while losing 28 killed and 72 wounded.

Aug. 23—First day of the Battle of the Eastern Solomons, in which Marine 4th attack group from Guadalcanal, planes of the Saratoga and Enterprise, and Army bombers smashed a Japanese attempt to reinforce their troops on

Oct. 8—Navy planes damaged five Jap ships, destroyed eight planes north of Solomons.

Oct. 10—Japs landed additional reinforcements on Guadalcanal.

Oct. 11-12—The Battle of Cape Esperance, off Guadalcanal, U. S. Naval forces halted Japanese attempt to land reinforcements on Guadalcanal, sank six warships and damaged others; lost one destroyer and suffered damage to two cruisers.

Oct. 13-14th Inf., U. S. Army, reinforced Marines on Guadalcanal.

Oct. 14—Jap warships shelled Guadalcanal and landed reinforcements.

Oct. 15—Five Jap transports unloaded few miles west of Makin position on Guadalcanal.

Navy and Marine Corps planes attacked a Japanese surface force north of Guadalcanal, damaging a cruiser, and scoring hits on three transports which were beached, Japanese ships bombarded Henderson Field.

Oct. 16—Jap warships shelled Henderson Field, Guadalcanal.

Oct. 18—U. S. planes shot down 11 Jap bombers over Guadalcanal; scored hits on three cruisers and several other ships in harbor on Bougainville Island.

Oct. 19—U. S. warships shelled Jap positions on northwest shore of Guadalcanal.

Oct. 22-23—Battle of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal; Japs suffered heavy casualties in tanks and men.

Oct. 24-26—Three Japanese night attacks against Henderson Field repulsed with heavy Jap losses.

Oct. 25—Capt. Joseph J. Foss and three other members of his squadron flew their P4F Wildcats off the muddy fighter strip on Guadalcanal and knocked down 17 Zeros and 5 bombers.

Oct. 26—Battle of Santa Cruz Island, Solomons; U. S. carrier Hornet sunk by Japanese aircraft.

Nov. 2—Marines launched attack across Matanikau River. Japs lost most of Marine positions.

Nov. 4-8th Marines arrived on Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands.

2nd Mar. Raider Bn. landed at Aola, Guadalcanal.

Nov. 8—Allied forces landed on the north and west coasts of Makin; six U. S. Marines were assigned duty on HMS Hartland, whose mission was to crash the boom and open the way into Old Harbor, and 24 U. S. Marines went ashore at Arzaw and assisted in taking over the ships in the harbor.

Nov. 10—Jap beachhead east of Marine position wiped out after seven-day fight. Some Japs escaped.

Nov. 11—Beginning of the Battle of Guadalcanal, heroic sea-air action off Guadalcanal's north shore.

Capt. Wm. E. Davis, USMC, and five Marines captured the town of Mers-el-Kebir in North Africa.

Nov. 15—End of the Battle of Guadalcanal; in a three-day running naval battle, the Japs lost two battleships, six heavy cruisers, two light cruisers, six destroyers and 12 transports sunk, and two battleships, one cruiser and seven destroyers damaged, while we lost two light cruisers and seven destroyers.

Nov. 19—Marines resumed their land offensive to the west of the Matanikau River, Guadalcanal.

Nov. 30—Battle of Lunga Point; USS North Hampton sunk off northwest coast of Guadalcanal.

Dec. 4—2nd Raider Bn. returned to Marine defense perimeter on Guadalcanal after a month in jungle chasing Japs.

Dec. 9—1st Mar. Div. relieved on Guadalcanal by Army troops reinforced by units of the 2nd Mar. Div.

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Jan. 4—U. S. warships bombarded Munda, New Georgia.

Jan. 16—Capt. Joe Foss shot down three enemy planes to bring his score to 28.

Jan. 28—USS Chicago sunk by Jap aerial torpedoes in Solomons.

Feb. 1—Voluntary enlistments of men 18 to 37 in Navy and Marine Corps terminated.

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PEARL HARBOR. Three attacked U. S. battleships beset by ferocity of Japanese attack in the harbor at Pearl Harbor. From left: the West Virginia, severely damaged. Tennessee, damaged, and Arizona, sunk. West Virginia and Tennessee are back in action.

overwhelmed Wake Island's defenders, but the Marines went down with guns blazing defiantly.

Dec. 25—1st Sep. Mar. Bn. moved from Mariveles to Corregidor.

Dec. 27—4th Marines moved to Corregidor and took over beach defenses.

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Jan. 1—1st Sep. Mar. Bn. on Corregidor became the 3rd Bn., 4th Marines.

4th Marines sent machine gun detachments to Ft. Hughes (Cabebo Island) and Ft. Drum (El Fraile Island).

Jan. 5—Special detachment from 4th Marines organized as a guard for Gen. MacArthur's advance headquarters on Batuan.

Jan. 6—2nd Mar. Brig. sailed from San Diego for Funua.

Jan. 11—Naval Air Station, Samina, shelled by Jap vessel.

Jan. 18—Japanese reported 1235 Wake prisoners arrived in Yokohama.

Jan. 22—Japs landed on southwest Batuan in rear of American-Filipino line and Naval Bn. (Navy-Marine-Army personnel) moved out to intercept.

Jan. 23—Australia reported Jap landings in New Britain, New Guinea and Solomons.

Jan. 26—Midway shelled by Japanese submarine.

First American Expeditionary Force of World War II landed in Northern Ireland.

Jan. 28—Naval Bn. and Filipino scouts wiped out Jap landing force on southwest Batuan; remaining Japs committed suicide by jumping off the high cliffs.

Jan. 24-30—Battle of Macassar Strait.

Feb. 1—U. S. carrier planes raided Marshall and Gilbert Islands.

Feb. 9—Secy. of the Navy reported that 41,274 men had enlisted in Marine Corps since Pearl Harbor, giving a total strength of 88,074 and large numbers of applicants were still flowing into Marine

Apr. 3—American-Filipino forces on Batuan (approximately 33,553) surrendered to Japanese including approximately 6 officers and 71 enlisted men, USMC, who were serving with U. S. Army on Batuan.

Apr. 10—3rd Mar. Brig. sailed from Norfolk for Samoa.

Apr. 18—Tokyo bombed by Army B-25s, taking off from USS Hornet. Carrier Enterprise provided fighter-plane cover to take-off point.

Apr. 25—American troops arrived in New Caledonia.

May 1—Beginning of Coral Sea Battle. Planes of Yorktown sunk and damaged a number of Japanese vessels in Tulagi Harbor.

May 9—Corregidor surrendered; approximately 17 officers and 1474 enlisted men of the 4th Marines captured.

May 8—3rd Mar. Brig. arrived at Sumatra and took over defense of Upolu and Savaii (New Zealand mandate) and Wallis (French).

End of Coral Sea Battle. Japs lose two carriers and other ships. U. S. carrier Lexington sunk.

May 11—Mindanao Island surrendered and Japanese claimed conquest of the Philippines complete.

June 1—1st Mar. Div. arrived in New Zealand.

June 3—First day of the Battle of Midway.

Japanese aircraft attacked Dutch Harbor, Alaska.

June 4—Carrier Yorktown sunk in Battle of Midway.

Jap planes made a second attack on Dutch Harbor.

June 6—Last day of Battle of Midway. In this four-day battle the Japanese lost four aircraft carriers and other ships.

Aug. 7—The 1st Mar. Div. (Rein.) landed on Tulagi, Gavutu, Florida and Guadalcanal Islands, Solomons.

Aug. 8—1st Div. units landed on Tassambogo Island, Solomon Islands.

Aug. 9—Battle of Saké Island

Guadalcanal.

Aug. 24—Marine Wildcat fighter planes from Guadalcanal downed 24 Japanese twin-engine bombers; Saratoga planes bombed a Jap carrier, a cruiser and a destroyer.

Aug. 25—Last day of the Battle of the Eastern Solomons; Enterprise damaged, but U. S. air and naval forces turned back the enemy air and sea armada.

Aug. 26—Thirteen Jap planes shot down by Marine pilots in air battle over Guadalcanal.

Aug. 29—Capt. John L. Smith shot down his 4th and 5th enemy planes to become the first "ace" in the history of the Corps. He later ran his total number of planes shot down to 19.

Aug. 30—Fourteen enemy planes shot down over Guadalcanal by seven Marine pilots with no losses to our own forces.

Sept. 3—The first SCAT (USMC) plane landed at Guadalcanal.

Sept. 5—Japanese destroyer force bombarded Marines' position and the airfield on Guadalcanal.

Sept. 7—Japs try to reinforce Guadalcanal forces, lost heavily in troops and small boats; 46 Jap planes raided island.

Sept. 13-14—Battle of Bloody Ridge on Guadalcanal, in which the Japs suffered heavy losses; Japanese battleships bombarded Guadalcanal.

Sept. 15—U. S. aircraft carrier Wasp sunk in South Pacific by enemy submarine torpedo.

Sept. 18—7th Marines arrived on Guadalcanal as reinforcements.

Oct. 2—Marines from Samoa occupied Pihaihi, Ellice Islands.

Oct. 3—Lt. Col. Harold W. Bauer shot down five Jap fighter planes near Guadalcanal.

Oct. 5—U. S. carrier planes raided Jap bases in vicinity of Bougainville, Solomon Islands.

Oct. 6-7—More Jap reinforcements landed on Guadalcanal, pointing toward the battle for Henderson Field.

Blow-By-Blow Account Of How Corps Spearheaded Offensive

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Feb. 3 Conquest of Guadalcanal completed.

Feb. 12—Col. Lathrop W. T. Waller promoted to brigadier general, the first Marine Corps Reserve officer to be promoted to general rank.

Feb. 18—Enrollment of applicants for the Marine Corps Women's Reserve began.

Feb. 18—U. S. surface force bombarded Attu, Aleutian Islands.

Feb. 20—U. S. Army and Marine Corps units occupied Russell Islands, north of Guadalcanal; no enemy resistance.

Mar. 5—U. S. surface forces bombarded Vila-Munda area, Central Solomons.

Apr. 7—1st Lt. James M. Swett led his four-plane division in a daring flight over the Solomon Islands to intercept 160 enemy bombers, in which he personally shot down seven enemy bombers.

Apr. 22—Funafuti, Ellice Islands, seized by Jap planes.

May 11—Attu, Aleutian Islands, occupied by U. S. Army troops.

May 12—U. S. surface force bombarded Munda-Vila area, Central Solomons.

May 29—Act of Congress approved which abolished the time-honored office of the adjutant and inspector (established in 1788) and formed the new personnel dept.

June 31—Marine Raider units landed at Segi Thoni, southeast corner of New Georgia Island, moved across the island and captured Viet Harbor several days later.

June 30—Occupation of New Georgia Group began; U. S. Army and Marine Corps units landed on Rendova and Vangunu Islands.

July 1—V-12 (Navy college train) program established.

July 4—1st Mar. Raider Bn and Army troops under Col. Harry H. Lavelange, USMC, landed at Vella Lavella, one of the north coast of New Georgia Island; by July 11 this force had killed all Japs on Vangunu Island, while losing 47 killed and 18 wounded.

July 6—USS Island sunk in first battle of Kula Gulf, naval action vicinity of Kolombangara, Solomons.

U. S. surface force bombarded Kiska, Aleutians.

July 11—U. S. surface force bombarded Munda, New Georgia Island.

July 13—Second Battle of Kula Gulf. Three Allied cruisers destroyed.

July 17—Marine TBFs and SBDs and an Army force of B-17s and B-24s attacked airdromes and shipping in Central Solomons.

August—U. S. Marines occupied Namu and Nukunetau Islands, Ellice Group.

Aug. 6—Munda airfield on New Georgia Island captured.

Aug. 6-7—Battle of Vella Gulf, Central Solomons. U. S. destroyers sank three Japanese destroyers.

Aug. 13—Maj. Richard M. Tucker's Marine Fighter Squadron of Corsairs landed on Munda airfield.

Aug. 15—U. S. Army and Marine Corps units occupied Vella Lavella Island, New Georgia Group.

Aug. 27—Arundel Island, in the Central Solomons, occupied by Allied troops.

Sept. 14—Funafuti bombed by 15 Jap planes.

Sept. 14—U. S. carrier aircraft bombed and strafed the Gilbert Islands.

Sept. 23—First Marine planes landed on newly-constructed airfield at Berekona, Vella Lavella Island, Solomons.

Sept. 25—Entire New Georgia Island secured by Allied troops.

Oct. 6—Allied troops occupied Kolombangara Island, Solomons.

U. S. destroyers Chevalier, Selridge and O'Bannon attack a Jap force of one light cruiser and eight destroyers south of Choiseul Island, Southern Solomons, inflicting considerable damage, but Chevalier was torpedoed and sunk.

Oct. 6-7—Large carrier task force made two-day attack on Wake.

Oct. 27—Allied troops occupied Wang and Stirling, in the Treasury Islands.

Oct. 28—Paramarines landed on West coast of "Tahiti" Island, Solomons, and 2nd Mar. Div. as a diversion for Bougainville operation.

Oct. 30—Paramarines raided Sangigai, Choiseul Island.

Nov. 1—3rd Mar. Div. landed at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville.

Nov. 2—U. S. carrier planes bombed and strafed Buka-Bonis area.

Nov. 5—U. S. carrier planes attacked Rabaul, New Britain.

Nov. 8—Army troops reinforced U. S. Marines in Bougainville.

Nov. 11—U. S. carrier and land aircraft bombed and strafed Rabaul, New Britain.

Nov. 13—Japanese bombers raided Funafuti. First Japanese plane to be shot down by a Marine night fighter, destroyed near Bougainville, Solomons.

Nov. 20—2nd Mar. Div. landed on Tarawa and Army's 27th Div. landed on Makin, Gilbert Islands.

Nov. 23—After four days of bloody fighting, the 2nd Div. completed the conquest of Tarawa.

Nov. 24—Battle of Fika Fika on Bougainville; 3rd Mar. Div. in-

terrupted for Bougainville operation.

Nov. 30—1st Div. captured Cape Gloucester airfield, Battle of Makin, New Britain; Cape Gloucester, New Britain, in which Marines killed hundreds of Japs.

Dec. 31—Strength of Corps: 391,620 including 600 officers and 12,592 enlisted women.

1944

Jan. 1—Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift appointed Commandant. Lt. Gen. Thomas Holcomb retired as Commandant with the rank of full general, first Marine ever to hold that rank.

Jan. 3—Maj. Gregory Boyington shot down his 26th enemy plane, then was reported missing over Rabaul.

Jan. 7—First attack on Rabaul by Marine and Navy TBFs and SBDs from Munda airfield, New Georgia.

Jan. 12—1st Div. repulsed two Jap counter-attacks on Cape Gloucester airstrip.

Jan. 18—Gen. MacArthur's headquarters announced that 1st Div. Marines had killed six Japs for



OFFENSIVE. Symbolical of leatherneck spearheading of the American Pacific drive toward Tokyo are these 2nd Div. Marines whetting their bayonets on Saipan.

every American killed or wounded since the landing on Dec. 26.

Jan. 14—1st Div. captured Hill 660, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, in bloody and bitter fighting.

Marine SBDs and TBFs damaged a light cruiser, a destroyer and seven cargo ships in Rabaul Harbor, 1st Lt. Robert Hanson bags five Zeros in single scrap over Rabaul.

Jan. 17—Marine SBDs and TBFs returned to Rabaul Harbor and sank five Japanese cargo ships and damaged three.

Jan. 24—U. S. warships bombarded Kolombangara Island, Central Solomons.

Marine TBFs sank seven Jap cargo ships and damaged two in Rabaul Harbor.

Jan. 31—Amphibious Reconnaissance Co. of 5th Amph. Corps (now Amphibious Reconnaissance Bn. of FMF, Pacific) landed on Majuro, first pre-war Japanese territory to fall to U. S. troops.

Prior to the main assault on Roi and Namur Islands, Kwajalein Atoll, Marines landed on five smaller islets flanking Roi, meeting with little opposition.

Feb. 1—1st Div. Bn., USMC, took over defense of Majuro, Marshall Islands.

February—4th Mar. Div. landed on Roi and Namur Islands, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

7th U. S. Army Div. landed on Kwajalein Island, Kwajalein Atoll.

Feb. 4—1st Lt. Robert M. Hanson, USMC, reported missing after downing 23 enemy planes, 20 of them in six consecutive flying days.

Feb. 4—1st U. S. photographic reconnaissance of Jap base at Truk made by Marine fliers.

Feb. 9—Pacific Fleet Hq. announced that organized resistance had ended on Kwajalein Atoll, Marshalls, and that capture and occupation of 24 islands of the atoll had been completed.

Dec. 20—U. S. carrier aircraft bombed and strafed Kavieng, New Ireland.

Dec. 26—1st Mar. Div. landed at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, and Long Island in the Vitiaz Straits, 80 miles west of Cape Gloucester.

Dec. 27—U. S. surface force bombarded western coast of Bougainville.

Dec. 30—Four strong Japanese counter-attacks against Marines on Cape Gloucester repulsed.

Feb. 15—New Zealand troops and 17 U. S. Marines landed on the Green Islands, South Pacific.

Mar. 6—Lt. Col. "Fighting Cat" squadron lost combat while hitting shooting down 135 Jap planes, all-Jap Marine squadron destroyed.

Mar. 17—22nd Marines and 106th Inf., commanded by Brig. Gen. T. E. Watson, USMC, began landing on Eniwetok Atoll, Marshalls.

U. S. Naval forces attacked Truk.

Feb. 18—22nd Marines captured Engebi Island, Eniwetok Atoll.

Feb. 19—106th U. S. Inf. and 3rd Bn., 22nd Marines landed on Eniwetok Island, Eniwetok Atoll.

Last Jap air opposition to Allied bombing of Rabaul, New Britain.

Feb. 22—22nd Marines landed on Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, and within four days the scattered remnants of the Jap garrison had been wiped out.

Feb. 24—Army troops began occupying the Admiralty Islands.

Mar. 1—1st Mar. Div. units landed on the west side of Williams Reef, Palau and advanced across the peninsula to Talsen.

Mar. 8—Japs launched ill-fated attempt to drive Allies off Bougainville.

Mar. 15—First Marine Corps medium bomber (PB) squadron to strike the enemy on New Britain attacked Jap positions near Rabaul.

Maj. Gen. Ralph J. Mitchell, USMC, turned over Solomons Air Command to Army after neutralizing Rabaul.

Mar. 20—The Staff confirmed the appointment of Gen. Thomas Holcomb (ret.) as commander for the Union of South Africa.

Marine Raiders landed on Eniwetok, Marshall Islands.

Mar. 21—Marines occupied Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Apr. 3—Adm. Nimitz announced that one more atoll, Marshall Islands, had been cleared of Japs.

May 24—Marine Raider units on St. Matthias Islands relieved by the 147th Inf. Regt., U. S. Army.

June 14—2nd and 4th Mar. Divs. landed on Saipan Island, Marianas Group.

June 15—2d Lt. Roland F. Heilman, USMC, shot down last Jap plane to challenge Allied airman in Rabaul-Harbor area.

June 24—3rd Div. Marines fought their way up Mt. Tapotchau, Saipan, and blasted the Japs out of their hiding places.

June 25—Adm. Nimitz revealed that enemy aircraft losses since the beginning of the Marianas operation totaled about 750 planes.

June 26—2nd Div. mopped up Mt. Tapotchau, Saipan, and established positions near the summit.

July 1—2nd Div. captured heights overlooking Garapan and Tanapag Harbor, Saipan, against fierce resistance.

July 2—After a bitter 25 day battle, the conquest of Saipan was virtually completed.

July 14—Navy revealed that 17 U. S. Marines had occupied Managassan Island, two miles north of Mitchell Point on Saipan.

July 20—3rd Mar. Div. and 1st Mar. Prov. Brig. began landing on Guam, Marianas Islands.

July 21—Adm. Nimitz's command announced a new strike by Navy land-based bombers on the Bonin Islands.

Marines on Guam smashed two Jap counter-attacks.

July 23—American casualties for the first three days of the invasion of Guam were 348 killed, 1,000 wounded and 113 missing.

July 24—2nd and 4th Divs. landed on Tinian.

July 26—Marines and Army troops gained control of the entire southern half of Oroqui Peninsula, Guam.

July 26—Makin Island and Army troops complete the encirclement of Apra Harbor on Guam.

July 27—Marines advanced more than 3 1/2 miles along the west coast of Tinian.

July 28—Adm. Nimitz announced that 21,036 Japanese had been killed on Saipan.

July 29—First U. S. planes began operating from Orate airfield on Guam and U. S. ships began using Apra Harbor.

July 30—Adm. Nimitz announced that 6206 Japanese had been killed and 775 civilians interred on Guam through July 30.

July 31—Organized resistance ended on Tinian; in the eight-day campaign, 2nd and 4th Mar. Divs. killed 5544 Japs and captured 406, while losing 100 killed, 1515 wounded and 24 missing.

Aug. 4—First Marine squadron (4th Mar. Aircraft Wing) landed at Orate Field, newly captured airfield on Guam.

Aug. 10—Total U. S. casualties for the 21-day campaign on Guam totaled 1214 killed, 5704 wounded and 329 missing.

Aug. 11—Vice Adm. Richard H. Turner announced the establishment of his Pacific Fleet Amph. Hq. on Saipan and said that his headquarters would be maintained there "until I can move further forward."

Aug. 29—During the invasion of Southern France, the Marine detachments of two U. S. cruisers landed on three small islands near Marseille, France, captured Nazi installations and prevented demolitions being used.

Sept. 14—1st Mar. Div. landed on Peleliu Island, Palau Group; captured the Peleliu airfield next day.

Sept. 18—81st Army Div. landed on Angaur Island, which eliminated the threat of Jap artillery harassment of Marines on Peleliu.

Sept. 17—1st Div. captured town of Arina, Peleliu Island, and tiny Ngarmok Island, off the southern end of Peleliu.

Sept. 20—Elements of the 81st Army Div. occupied the principal islands of Uthi Atoll in the Caroline Islands.

Sept. 26—Adm. Nimitz announced that the 81st Army Div. which had conquered nearby Angaur Island had joined Marines on Peleliu.

Sept. 28—1st Mar. Div. units captured Ngeseben Island airstrip and nearby Kunguru Island in the Palau Group.

Sept. 30—American forces secured Peleliu; continued mopping up operations.

Oct. 2—Adm. Nimitz announced that 10,151 Japanese had been killed and 187 captured through Sept. 30 in the fighting on Peleliu and Angaur Island which included 6678 killed on Peleliu and 1075 on Angaur.

Oct. 7—It was announced that the total enemy dead was 10,083 on Peleliu and 1128 on Angaur.

Oct. 8—81st Army Div. landed on Garapan Island in the Southern Palau Group—the 10th island of the Palau Group captured by American forces.

Oct. 20—Gen. MacArthur's troops landed on Leyte Island, Philippines.

Post Chapel Dedicated At Camp Miramar

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Dedicatory ceremonies at the new post chapel were conducted here yesterday with Catholic services presided over by Bishop Charles Buddy of San Diego, military vicar of the district, who blessed the altar used at the mass.

Capt. William R. McGuire, USN, district chaplain, delivered the dedicatory sermon and Chaplain J. M. Lynch read low mass. Music was furnished by a choir under leadership of Sgt. Louise Rada.

First Protestant services to be held in the new chapel will be conducted at 1000 tomorrow by Chaplain R. H. Vitz, assisted by Chaplain George Pearce, Comdr. Carl M. Sittler, USN, of Camp Elliott, will preach and a choir of 30 Marines directed by Chaplain Vitz will sing.

First Jewish rites will be conducted in the new chapel at 1900 next Tuesday. These will be conducted by Lt. (jg) Emanuel L. Talschitz and will be featured by the dedication of the Jewish altar.

Modern revolving altars, with separate side wings accommodating approximately 50 persons each, are a feature of the new edifice, which seats 600 persons.

First GI: "So you met your wife at a dance. How romantic!"

Second GI: "No, embarrassing! I thought she was home taking care of the children."

Air Station Hits Stride

Grid Players Bolster El Toro Basketball Five

El Toro basketball team, newly-strengthened by men from the football squad, upset the UCLA team at Westwood and defeated NAS, Santa Ana, this week. A third game, scheduled with San Diego, Camp Pendleton, was cancelled.

El Toro upset the dope bucket by downing UCLA 37-33 Saturday night at Westwood. Dick Evans, end on Lt. Col. Dick Hanley's Flying Marines, took over the pivot job for the eagers and was high man with 10 points. Evans is a former Iowa Univ. and Green Bay Packers football star.

El Toro jumped into a 15-5 lead midway in the first half and led 22-18 at the rest period. The Bruins tied it up at 37-37 with 10 minutes of play remaining, but Chuck Huenke broke the deadlock with a long field goal. Sigurd Sigurdson and Bill Schroeder then sunk crimples to end the threat. Lineups:

El Toro (37): (32) UCLA Schroeder (6), F., (2) Fredericks Moore (7), F., (4) Stewart Evans (10), C., (16) Corwin Sigurdson (8), G., (3) Meyers Pally (13), G., (3) Turnam

Substitutions: El Toro—Huenke (2), Statham (1), UCLA—Michaels (7), Hough (2), Rankin (6).

Turning back a desperate rally in the closing minutes of play, El Toro tumbled Santa Ana NAS from the undefeated ranks with a 40-38 victory Monday night at Santa Ana High school. It was the sailors' first loss in four starts.

Evans again led the Marine assault with 13 points. El Toro held a 21-20 edge at halftime and built up a 35-25 advantage before Navy started its belated scoring drive. Lineups:

El Toro (40): (38) Santa Ana NAS Moore (13), F., (6) Turnbull Schroeder (4), F., (10) DeGregorio Evans (12), C., (12) Moore Pally (11), G., (10) Schwartz Huenke (10), G., (8) Gilbert

Substitutions: El Toro—Toth (6), Kubka (1), Sigurdson (7), Santa Ana NAS—Vickers (7).

Marines Unbeaten

NATTC, MEMPHIS—A smooth-working Marine squad downed Eot Camp, 23-10-13, last week in Ship's Company Basketball conference play. The unbeaten Marines earlier had beaten the MAAs, 20-14-14.



WINNERS. PFCs. Vincent LaPaglia and Robert Dravin of Klamath Falls Marine football team are congratulated by Maj. C. C. Roberts, coach, on winning Carrin trophies.

Three Awarded Trophies As Klamath Season Ends

KLAMATH FALLS (Special)—Forty-six members of the Marine football team were honored last week at a dinner marking the close of the 1944 season.

Three awards donated by a Klamath Falls business man were presented by Maj. Clyde C. Roberts, coach.

PFC Robert Dravin of New York City was given a cup for being the "most improved player" during the season. A trophy for showing the "most team spirit" was awarded to PFC. Vinee LaPaglia, the team's driving fullback. Sgt. Harry Golden, center, was voted the best defensive gridder.

Sgt. Charles Taylor, tackle, was elected honorary captain.

The Klamath eleven, one of the nation's most unusual in that it was composed almost exclusively of veterans of Pacific battles, won 2, lost 2 and tied 1 during the season. Marines defeated Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base 14-12 and Camp Beale Bears 8-0. Willamette Univ. won 33-14 and the Univ. of California Ramblers chalked up a 13-0 win. The Marines tied San Francisco Coast Gd. Pilots, 6-6.



Three Champs Defeated At Pendleton

By Pvt. J. W. Paul

CAMP PENDLETON (Special)—Last Thursday night's Tring, Command open air boxing show was a tough one on Leatherneck champions, three of them being defeated by up and coming camp boxers.

PFC Ray Richards, 175, Detroit, who won the 1st Div. light-heavy crown in Australia, fell victim to the blurring left of PFC, Bob Davies, 185, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

PFC, Jim Lawless, 145, New York City, who won the 3rd Div. welter title on Guadalcanal, dropped a decision to Corp. Jim Dixon, 145, from Gallup, N. M. Both went at it hammer and tongs, but Dixon had a wide margin on points.

Corp. Gabriel Fede, 132, Utica, N. Y., who won the welter title on New Guinea, lost a decision to PFC. Tony Castro, 155, San Francisco.

Other results:

Pvt. Bill Stanchan, 165, Dayton, O., def. PFC. Cal Gunkel, 170, Baltimore, Md.; PFC. Albert Brundin, 160, Huntington, W. Va., def. PFC. Joe Moore, 160, Kansas City, Mo.; PFC. John Johnson, 128, Canadian, Ariz., def. PFC. Carl Smith, 130, South Bend, Ind.; PFC. King Mike, 138, Tulsa, Ok., def. PFC. John Anderson, 128, Shiprock, N. M.; PFC. Charles Hurst, 150, Las Vegas, N. V., def. PFC. Wayne Kerne, 150, St. Paul.

Corp. Bill McMullen, former fighter who once trimmed Babe Rizzo, is matchmaker and referee of the popular open air shows.



SERK TITLE. This Gen. Sup. Co. team of a Base Depot is battling for the open championship of a Central Pacific Island. Standing (from left): 1st Sgt. T. Walker, Pensacola, Fla.; Corp. H. R. Miller, St. Helena, Ore.; Sgt. J. C. Garasic, Klamath Falls, O.; QMSgt. C. W. Carrigan, Freer, Tex.; PFC G. R. Kral, Cleveland; PFC. F. G. Cul-

Central Pacific Softball Title Goal Of Marines

With a record of 46 wins against 10 losses, the Gen. Sup. Co. team of a Base Depot is now battling outstanding service and civilian teams for the championship of a Central Pacific Island.

The team bowled over all opposition to take the Transient Center, FMF, Pacific, softball championship and finished strong in a crack

Range Keglers Down Pacific Beach AA.

CAMP MATTHEWS—This camp's rifle experts sighted in on bowling plus Tuesday night and came out on top in a bowling match here with Pacific Beach AA. TC. The Matthews plu busters topped the AA, team 2413 to 2331, with PFC. R. H. Dancy bagging 522 points for high score.

The Matthews keepers have an unblemished record to date in matches with Naval Hospital varsity, Camp Callan, La Jolla All-Stars and Pacific Beach AA. TC.

Miramar, ABG-2 Tied For WR Kegling Lead

Miramar WRs downed the Spars 3-1 to move into a tie for first place with ABG-2 WRs in the week's play in 11th Naval Dist. Service Women's bowling league.

Base WRs split with ABG-2 women, 2-2, and clung to their third spot behind the leaders.

Elkhart WRs lost a 3-1 decision to NTE women and dropped from fifth to a tie for sixth place in league standings.

Camp Matthews WRs, who lost to Key Base 3-1, and FMF WRs, beaten 3-1 by NAS, remained in the 10th and 11th spots respectively, in league standings.

Fathern Moran of NAS posted a 519 for individual high series.

The Miramar WRs team high series of 2347 and team high game of 825 are still the best for the season. No one has been able to beat the Base's Lois Kline, who holds individual high average of 157 and individual high series of 573 for the season.

Base WRs rolled 2371 for high team series of the week, and tied with Miramar for team high game with 803.

League standings:

	W.	L.	Pat.
ABG-2 Marines	18	6	750
Miramar Marines	18	6	750
Marine Corps Base	15	9	625
Naval Air Station	14	10	583
Naval Training Center	13	11	541
Colorado Waves	12	12	500
Camp Elliott Marines	12	12	500
Repair Base	11	13	458
Spars	9	15	375
Matthews Marines	8	16	375
FMF Marines	8	16	333
Elkhart Waves	5	19	208

Maine Marines Win Openers

BRUNSWICK, Me. (Special)—The Mar. Det. at NAS here got off to a flying start in initial games of the basketball and bowling seasons. The Marine five defeated Hedron, 45-39, in the first of seven league basketball games, while the bowlers won easily in the first three games of their series with V-J enlisted men.

The basketball squad includes: Sgt. George J. Val, Woodside, N. Y.; Corp. Clayton A. Posey, Philadelphia; PFC. Frederick H. Stien, Canada; and Joe Frost, Minneapolis; PFC's. Virgil A. Christenson, Marshall, Minn.; Joseph A. Haas, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Stanley J. Nadworny, Fort Kennedy, Pa.; and William V. Graves, Caldwell, N. J.

Leatherneck bowlers are: 1st Sgt. Charles E. Robinson, Manchester, N. H.; Gysgt. Vincent C. Kelley, Trenton, N. J.; PFC. Frank J. Buchel, Saginaw, Mich.; Sgt. George J. Val; PFC's. Paquair N. Frois, New York City; Arthur J. Isaley, Wheeling, W. Va.; and Alexander Shephard, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Grp. Hq. Leads In El Centro's Station League

LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pat.
Group Headquarters	3	0	1,000
Base Headquarters	2	0	1,000
Nighthawks	2	1	607
Service Squadron	2	1	667
Central Ordnance	1	2	333
Navy Corporation	1	2	333
12th School	1	2	333
Sugar Melon	1	2	333
Navigators	0	3	000
Intruders	0	3	000

(Note—W. and L. columns don't add up because one team was given a forfeit defeat, but none got credit for victory. Maybe it doesn't make sense but, by crines, it's official!)

MCAS, EL CENTRO (Special)—Midway through the first half of station basketball league play, Grp. Hq. and Base Hq. are tied for first, but won't meet each other until the final game.

More than 150 Marines are playing in the 10-team league, with three games carded every Tuesday and Thursday night at the El Centro high school gym.

1st Lt. Allen C. Bowen, of Salt Lake City, combat conditioning officer of an air group, is in charge of the league. His assistant, Corp. Robert J. Renz of Chicago, referees all games.

Tougher Marines Object Of Game

STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—Assault and battery—with gloves—is what Marine and Navy V-12 trainees here call the new game introduced by Lt. Harry Light. It's a combination of basketball and boxing.

The game is played on a standard basketball floor with regulation ball, five men to a side. Players don 16-oz. gloves and swat the man with the ball.

"It teaches the men to take a punch in the mouth," said Lt. Light, V-12 athletic director. "They learn to hit a guy in the nose without feeling they have to apologize."

Object of the game: to build tougher, tougher Marines.

Hawthorne Boxers On Benefit Card

HAWTHORNE, Nev.—Leatherneck boxers from the Mar. Det., NAD, here, traded punches with Stewart Indian school boxers this week on a benefit card to raise athletic funds for the school.

Capt. N. J. Busch, athletic officer, used the following Marine leather pushers: Keith Buffum, George Moffett, Ralph Trawzyski, Harold Hayes, Carroll Reich and William Essick.

Gd. in Fifth Spot

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Marine Gd. dropped an 18-13 decision to the Postoffice last week and is now in fifth place in the hospital leather basketball league with one victory and one loss.

A black and white photograph of a group of ten men, likely a sports team, posed in two rows. The back row consists of five men standing, and the front row consists of five men sitting or kneeling. They are all wearing athletic gear, including tank tops and shorts. The image is grainy and has a high-contrast, almost stencil-like appearance.

MCE cagers, defending 11th Naval Dist. basketball champions, breezed to a 37-22 win over the Coast Gd. Whites at the Base gymnasium Tuesday night to clinch first half honors in the All-Star league with a record of five wins and no losses.

MCAS, CHERRY POINT—A star-studded Cherry Point five tonight takes on North Carolina Pre-Flight, first of the topnotch service teams which have been booked this season.

Sgt. Jim Gisman, coach, who mentored various New England teams, two of them to state championships, has plenty of ex-professional and collegiate talent to throw into the fray. Captain is Sgt. Bill Van Brenda Kulff, former Princeton star. Sgt. George Mingle and Corp. Monk Hillmeyer formerly played for Butler Univ. An ex-New York pro player, Corp. Pete Chema, will see plenty of ball handling.

Others on the squad include Capt. Stan Nordli, Sgts. Leo Navick and Arch Yelle; Corp. Chick Jacobi; PFCs. Art Rosen, Red Allen and Bob Schuessler, and Pvt. Al Majeski.

race, which ends Dec. 19, was the battle for second place. MCBmen, with no more games to play in the first half, will bide their time until second half play gets under way after the holidays.

After a see-saw battle for the first 10 minutes, MOB began pulling away gradually to lead 22-12 at half-time. The towering White brothers from USC, both 6 ft. 6 in., were so effectively bottled up that neither scored a field goal during the contest.

MCB (57) (22) Coast Gt.
 Murly (12) Kennedy
 Pults (14) (6) Sander
 Schrover (7) (3) Ball White
 Simmons (9) (4) Livingston
 Kramer (5) Hornstad
 Substitutions: MCB - Humerick-
 House (3), DeMottey (1), Brown (1),
 Wells, Jones, Smith, Coast Gt.—Rob
 White (4), Pults.

Miramer pulled within striking distance of NTC Blues for second spot in the All-Star League and passed by Coast Guard Whites, who lost to MCB.

Amph. LTD's lead in the International League was threatened as they dropped their first game while the two runners-up, NTC Service Schools and Repair Base, were winning.

Amph. Bays (31) (59) *Elmendorf*
 Willis (11) F. (12) *Quilley*
 Henderson (31) F. (41) *Quilley*
 Nathan (12) C. (21) *Quilley*
 Wake (11) C. (12) *Quilley*
 Armstrong (16) C. (10) *Quilley*
 Substitutions: Amphib. (1) *Quilley*
 (3) *Quilley* (1) *Quilley*
 (2) *Quilley* (1) *Quilley*

Elliot's Marines (36) (51) **ATB O'side**
 Esch (10) (6) (71) **Chombrack**
 Latham (51) (6) (71) **Chombrack**
 Hiler (14) (6) (71) **Chombrack**
 Harriet (51) (6) (71) **Chombrack**
 Evans (2) (6) (71) **Chombrack**
 Substitutions: **ATB O'side**
 Spook (71), Goshen (44)

ABG-2 (41) (52) Elliott Tamm
 M. Burke (4) — 3 — (5) Lester
 Sheroff (4) — 1 — (13) Rutherford
 Scarborough (2) — (24) Beckerman
 Pawliski (4) — 4 — (4) Kozluka
 (Garfield) (1) — 1 — (1) Blundige
 Substitutions: ABG-2—Menden (2),
 Elliott Tamm—Chapman (4), Craig
 (2), Scarborough (4).

All-Star League				
Marine Corps Base	1	0	1888	
SCC Blues	2	1	867	
MCALB Mustang	3	1	106	
Coast GIL Whites	4	1	353	
Alameda Base	5	1	888	
NAS Glendale	6	1	800	

Ampl. BFD	4	1	800
STC Marylee Nichols...	3	1	470
Repair Busc.....	3	1	750
Cutaway	3	2	500
Frontier Busc.....	2	3	400
1st Bombers	1	3	250
MarFair West	0	4	000

LINDA VISTA—Camp Miramar Marines varsity basketball team outscored the Kearny High varsity quintet, 44-to-17, and the Miramar Es defeated the Kearny Es, 37-to-17, in practice games Monday at Community center. Brothers and Sheing, with 12 and 10 points respectively, led the winners' scoring.

ABG-2 dropped a non-league game to the powerful NTC team 51-to-36, last week-end at the Training Center. Guard Marty Pelka dropped in 13 points to pace the winners.

MCAS, EL TORO -- Capt. Jim "Tut" Tuttle, line coach and regular guard on El Toro's Flying Marines, has been named recreation officer of this station. He replaces Capt. Norval B. Rader, former Univ. of Washington swimming star, who is awaiting an overseas assignment.

Maj. James N. M. Davis, veteran of two years' service in the Pacific, couldn't find a house to rent in San Diego, So, through the San Diego Journal, he enticed landlords by offering to trade them his new (and hard-to-get) refrigerator in exchange for a rental.

NEW YORK Al Groner, demonstrating that he had lost none of his edge after a year as a Marine second lieutenant, paced New York Univ. to a smashing 102-28 victory in the opening basketball game against Cranford, N. J., Junior college.

Two Marine V-12 trainees were placed on the second All-Pacific Coast college football team selected by the Associated Press this week. Marshall Ruder, who was USC's starting right tackle before being transferred to Farris Island, was named for one of the second team tackle positions. Gordon Berlin of Washington Univ. was selected for center. Before being transferred to Farris Island Nov. 1, Berlin was one of the Huskies' standouts and was hailed as one of the outstanding centers developed in the northwest in years.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—George Savitsky, the medically-discharged Marine whose Univ. of Pennsylvania tackle spot has been given a wide berth by opposing teams, was selected this week for the Sporting News' All-America football team.

El Toro Marines wound up in 16th place among the nation's football teams in the final weekly Associated Press poll of the season. The Leathernecks got a total of 35 votes in the balloting.

El Toro ranked sixth among the nation's service teams, being headed by Randolph Field, Balldridge Navy, Iowa Pre-Flight, 4th Air Force and Norman, Okla., Navy, in that order.

The Marines were unbeaten during the season except by March Field.

KLAMATH FALLS (Special).—Klamath Marines bounced back from their first-game basketball defeat at the hands of Univ. of Oregon's Webfeet last week to chalk up impressive victories over Bend, Ore., Box Co. and Klamath NAS this week.

Joe Demitroff with 12 points, paced the Leathernecks to a 51-24 win over the semi-pro Box Co. five Saturday night on the post court. The Marlies took an early lead and were ahead 30-7 at the half, giving Sgt. Les Israel, coach,

Members of the Base cross-country running team have hung up their spiked shoes after winning 4 dozen meets out of 15 during the past season, PFC. Ray Sears, coach, announced yesterday.

PRC. Sears, at the same time, said that he "believed that his competitive days on the track are over." He won 16 individual meets himself during the past season, finishing on top in every meet he

The **Blue** basketball team, winners of eight games out of their season's total to date of nine tussles, are scheduled to take on the **UCLA** team five at 8:00 tonight at the finer of San Diego High School gymnasium, 12th and Kane sts.

A little "line" on the university quintet, as compared with the strength of the Marine team, can be gained in comparing the two groups' previous tussles with El Toro cagers.

The Base players defeated El Toro, which in turn beat the UCLA aggregation. However, MCB whipped El Toro during the grid season, when many of the El Toro court stars who played against UCLA were playing football.

The only game lost by the Base ragers this season was a pre-season "warm-up" against NTC at the Army-Navy "Y" gym. Attempts to secure advance information on the comparable strength of the visiting team were without avail.

entered on his own. In the 1943 season he won 15 out of 15 events.

The team members—PFC. Sears, PFC. Jerry Newinan, Pvt. William McKay, PFC. Jasper Bellefairs, Corp. Ralph Young and Pvt. Bob Bush—started their successful season last October, dropping only one meet.

PFC. Sears, a graduate of Butler University in Indiana, also was a member of that school's track team before joining the Corps. He has been highly instrumental in developing a winning track team for the Base and he says he has "decided that he is a little too old to run competitively any more."

In the team scoring in final meet competition at San Diego State College's second annual invitational, the Base team finished second to the college team with a point score of 75 compared with the victor's tally of 108. Naval Air Station's team finished third with a score of 73 points and Occidental College was fourth with a 50.

2d Lt. Angelo Bertelli, who was Notre Dame's All-American quarterback star in 1943 before joining the Marines, was announced this week as the first player to be signed by the Los Angeles team of the new All-American pro football conference. He is now serving in the Pacific.

Lejeune Gets Ace

CRIS ISLAND — Corp

Revels, the big righthanded pitching ace who belongs to the New York Yanks, has been transferred to Camp Lejeune. Hurling for FI, he won 21 and lost 3 in 1943, and won 17 and lost 5 during the past summer.



STALWART. PFC. Ray Isham (kicking), Ser. Bu. quarterback, has had a big finger in Base football pie this fall. He quarterbacked Teague, Tex., high school and Texas A&M teams and was selected by Texas high school coaches as all-state quarter in 1939. (Photo by PFC. Chester Turk).

The Issue Is No Longer In Doubt

"Enemy on island. Issue in doubt."

It was just three years ago this week that the Japanese, confident of an easy victory, attacked Wake Island—and found, to their dismay, that Marines were still Marines and not the soft touch they had anticipated.

The message—tapped out to Hawaii on instructions from the island garrison's commander, Maj. J. S. P. Devereux—came on Dec. 23 (Wake Time), 15 days after the first Japanese bombs had been dropped on the tiny atoll, and after the American garrison of 517 men and 12 Wildcat planes had wrought severe damage to enemy ships, planes and men.

The devoted sacrifice of the men, battling against the enormous odds with a grim, sardonic humor, has made Wake a name which ranks along with the Alamo, Little Big Horn and others and one which will always be cherished by our people.

After almost daily bombing raids by the enemy which wrought numerous casualties on the American defenders, the Japanese admiral decided that the defense was feeble enough for his ships to move in and take over.

It was then that 12 enemy warships, including light cruisers, destroyers and gunboats with two transports appeared off the island.

Maj. Devereux had held the fire of his larger guns—he started with six 5-inch naval guns, 12 3-inch AA. guns, 18 .50-cal. and 30 .30-cal. machine guns along with the smaller arms—and the Japs came on.

The enemy ships were shelling the atoll to bits as they approached. When they were 4500 yards offshore, Maj. Devereux gave the order—"Open fire!"

The Jap task force was torn to pieces. Two destroyers and a gunboat went down; others were damaged and fled smoking. Some of the remaining Marine flyers picked out a light cruiser and sent her to the bottom.

But the odds were too great and on Dec. 23, Maj. Devereux sent the message: "Enemy on island. Issue in doubt."

And he had only a handful of men left! Two

Husband's Medal

Editor, The Chevron—My husband, who is a Marine sergeant, sent me the Purple Heart medal he was awarded for injuries received on Saipan. It is proper for a wife to wear this medal? I have seen it done.

Mrs. CARLTON E. FLOUFFE, R.N.
56 Grand View Ave., Auburn, Me.

Editor's note—There may not be a law against it, but it would be inappropriate inasmuch as the medal was awarded your husband and you are only its custodian. The wearing of a miniature rather than the actual medal would be more appropriate.

Ribbon Information

Editor, The Chevron—Page 6 of the Oct. 21 issue of The Chevron has been reproduced and placed on all military bulletin boards and company offices at this depot. We consider it the best on the subject.

Col. JACOB LIENHARD
Exec. Off., QM Dept., DOS, Philadelphia.

Editor's note—The page to which Col. Lienhard refers listed all engagements for which battle stars have been authorized, together with a list of all Marine units which have received the Presidential Unit citation and general ribbon-wearing information. A few copies of that issue are still available to those who wish them.

Expeditionary Medal

Editor, The Chevron—Has the Naval Expeditionary ribbon been issued in this war and if so, when and where?

School Regt., TC, Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—Only to the defenders of Wake island.

hours later, another message repeated that enemy forces were ashore, ships were moving in and that two destroyers had been beached.

The fight lasted several hours longer and shortly before noon of that day, Wake fell.

The battle cost the Japanese far more than they had expected to pay, but its gallant defense gave the country another enduring memory of American heroism and rallied the soul of Americans to a finish fight against the Japanese.—W. C.

Safety Valve

Letters of general interest to Marines will be published. Please be brief—sign your name, although it will be withheld if you wish.

Malaria Policy

Editor, The Chevron—I've got a gripe that I've seen in the Safety Valve before but it's never been answered except in double talk.

I refer to the Corps' policy on malaria. I've been back in the States 18 months and during that time I've had over 20 attacks. I've been declared unfit for combat nine different times. During this time I worked as a weapons instructor for about three months. The rest of the time I've been moving from one casual outfit to another. At present I'm holding down an important position as captain of the head in an empty building at \$128.40 a month.

Now what I, and a helluva lot of other men in the same position, would like to know is whether we can be discharged or at least put on an inactive status. We are not doing the Corps, ourselves, or anyone else any good and we might be of a little value in some war industry. I've been in the Corps nearly 10 years.

NAME WITHHELD

Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—The Corps' policy on discharge of limited duty personnel is set forth in Ltr. of Instr. 889 B1T—men on limited duty as result of malaria or malaria are not included inasmuch as they may become qualified for unlimited duty within six months.

For a complete statement on policy regarding personnel suffering with malaria, see Headquarters Bulletin for July, 1944, available in your company office. This, holed down, doesn't provide for the discharge you're interested in, but leaves it pretty much up to medical officers as to whether you remain under continued observation or return to full duty without limitations. Navy policy is not to survey cases such as yours.

Christmas Furloughs

Editor, The Chevron—We returned from overseas in July, 1944, and after processing at the R&R Center were given 30-day delays in reporting to our next stations. According to a Navy Bulletin, "All Naval personnel granted a 30-day leave or furlough on returning to the States from overseas is entitled to a Christmas leave or furlough providing they have 15 days furlough coming for their current enlistment year. Rehabilitation or convalescent furlough not to be considered or counted against their annual furlough time." Does our 30-day leave count against our annual furlough or is it considered rehabilitation leave or furlough? We were given the 30 days from the R&R Center, not from any Navy hospital.

PFC. ALVIN T. BLACKHERMS
Corp. EDWARD G. WILKENS
Corp. JAMES L. MORRIS

MB, NAS, Jacksonville, Fla.

Editor's note—Your 30-day furlough counts against your annual furlough time. It is not a convalescent or rehabilitation furlough. You will be entitled to 15 days when your enlistment year turns. If the latter occurs before Christmas, you would be eligible for a furlough provided your CO could spare your services and provided that furloughs had not already been granted to 10% of the command.

Marianas Awards

Editor, The Chevron—If you answer the following questions, you will keep some of us from wearing something we don't rate, and also settle a little controversy:

(1) Do the 4th Marines rate a campaign star for Eniwae? (2) Does the 1st Prov. Brig. rate a campaign star for the Marianas? (3) Was the 1st Prov. Brig. cited at Guam?

PFC. ERNEST D. VALON
USNH, Corpus Christi, Tex.

Editor's note—(1) No. Stars indicate participation in "actual combat." GO. No. 207 states that "units supporting an engagement or operation, but subject only to the ordinary hazards of war, do not merit an award." (2) No. Stars have not been authorized for the Marianas campaign yet. (3) No.

Echelons

Editor, The Chevron—What is meant by rear echelon and advance echelon in the Marine Corps?

NAME WITHHELD

Editor's note—The forward or advance echelon is the first group to move toward any objective in a major operation with the rear echelon remaining behind until the objective is secured, then moving up—or out—with more supplies, etc.

No Glider Units

Editor, The Chevron—Some time ago I was informed that the Corps had been using gliders for various purposes. I would like to know if such organizations still exist.

Pvt. ADOLPH KVIETKAUSKAS
MBOAG-41, El Toro, Cal.

Editor's note—No.

(From The Chevron Dec. 12, 1942)

Under the new draft law all men entering the Corps after Dec. 16 will be drafted. Rigid requirements will still have to be met by inductees.

The first group of recruits selected for OCS upon completion of boot training was named this week.

WASHINGTON—Three Marine flyers—Lt. Col. Harold W. Bauer, Maj. Leonard K. Davis and Lt. Gregory K. Loesch—were credited with blasting 15 Jap planes from the skies over Guadalcanal.

CAMP GILLESPIE—Marines at the Parachute School here have completed 10,000 jumps without a fatality. Lt. Col. C. E. Shepard Jr., CO of the school, made the 10,000th jump this week.

Maj. Foss' Big Day

Editor, The Chevron—An argument arose the other night among my tentmates and myself about Maj. Foss. I contend that one day over Guadalcanal when Joe Foss and his squadron mates got in an air battle with a number of Jap planes, he (Maj. Foss) shot down two planes and was shooting down a third before the first one hit the deck. My tentmates are doubtful of this story and say it's an "impossible" feat.

Will you send us the straight dope so there'll be no doubt left in anyone's mind?

Corp. JOHN T. NEDLER

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—Maj. Foss sends this word from Klamath Falls: "Sorry to disappoint the boys, but I never quite made the grade on three. Best I could do was two. A mis-taken news item credited me with three. At present I manage to make a goose fall now and then."

Championship Team

Editor, The Chevron—We are sending you a picture of our softball team which won the championship at a Central Pacific base. We receive about three copies of The Chevron in this organization and needless to say they are completely worn out after they have been passed around. Every one looks forward to receiving it.

1st Sgt. TODD WALKER

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—See sports pages for dope on this team.

Note From Kris Kringle

Editor, The Chevron—I've racked my brain as to what to get my brothers for Christmas. Finally Dad suggested I get a subscription to The Chevron for them. We get one here at home and enjoy it very much.

Miss JEAN BAIR

525 Kramer St., Greensburg, Pa.

Editor's note—Discerning man, your Dad. Two bucks also sends The Chevron for a year to a Marine's wife or parents, keeping them up to date every week on Leather-neck actions around the world.

Shoulder Patches

Editor, The Chevron—Can you tell me where I can get a list of Marine shoulder patches? I have started a collection but have been unable to find out how many and what kind there are. Are civilians allowed to buy patches?

Miss VIRGINIA BLAZER

1622 W. 34th St., Chicago, Ill.

Editor's note—A total of 21 shoulder insignia for Marine units have been authorized. They are on sale in stores specializing in uniform equipment.

3rd Div. Book

Editor, The Chevron—A recent issue told of a book about the 3rd Mar. Div. written by Capt. John Monks. I have a son who participated in the Bougainville battle and am interested in obtaining a copy.

Mrs. ARCHIE ZICKS

68 South Ave., Natick, Mass.

Editor's note—Capt. Monks' book is not yet on sale.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Service, Communion, Chapel; 0830 Service, 18th Reformation 1130; 0915 Service, Mass Theater; 1015 Service, Chapel; 1230 Vesper Service, Chapel. (Catholic): 0900 Mass, Mass Theater; 0915 Mass, Chapel; Sunday Novena 1800, Chapel; Confessions, Saturdays 1600, Chapel—1800 Bldg. 123, RD—1900 16th Chapel; 1900 (Latter Day Saints) 0800 Service, Bldg. 123, RD; Wednesdays 1800, Bldg. 123, RD.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 1000, Camp Chapel, Bldg. 221. (Catholic): Mass, 0830, Chapel. (Jewish): 0915, room 400 from GPO's office in Adm. Bldg. (Latter Day Saints): 1100 in Camp Chapel.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel. (Catholic): Sunday Masses 0830, 0800, 1115, Mass daily; 1630, Confession before Mass, (Christian Science): 1600-1730, Chaplain's office, Wednesdays. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Thursdays, 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1930, Camp Post Chapel, Fridays 1930.

MCAD, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services; Communion 1st Sunday of month. (Catholic): 0700 and 0800, confession; 0730 and 0830, Mass, Barracks 632. (Jewish): Thursdays, 2000. (Latter Day Saints): Discussion meeting Tuesdays, 1900. (Christian Science): 1400-1500, Chaplain's office, Fridays.

CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant): Post Chapel, communion at 0900, Bible Class 0930, Morning Worship at 1015, Vesper Service 2000; Wednesdays, Vesper Service 2000; Ranch House Chapel, service at 1015; Infantry Training Center, Sunday morning worship, 0700; at Theaters, 14-T-1 at 0800, 15-T-1 at 0900, 16-T-1 at 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900. (Catholic): Post Chapel, Masses at 0830, 0800, 1115, confessions, Saturdays, 1600-1800; Novena, Wednesdays 1900; Ranch House Chapel, Mass 0915; Tuesdays and Fridays, Mass 1645; Fridays, confessions at 1630 to 1800; Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0700, at Theaters, 14-T-1 at 0800, daily at 0800; 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 1800, 17-T-1 at 0800; Confessions before each Mass. (Christian Science): Post Chapel, Sundays 1600, Thursdays, 1930; Study group, Mondays 1900, Infantry Training Regt., Row 28, Tent 1. (Latter Day Saints): Post Chapel, Sunday, 0900, Monday 1900. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Friday at 1800.

CAMP GILLESPIE (Christian Science): 1300-1400, Adm. Bldg., Wednesdays.



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Gd. Bn. 1944 Base Grid Champions

Base Badminton Finalists Ready

Competition in base badminton which has reached the championship stage in both the men's and women's singles events and the winners will be determined in matches to be played next Thursday night beginning at 1930 in the base gymnasium.

In the women's singles events Lt. Beth Clow will meet PFC. Beryl Andriess.

A week from tomorrow night the men's semi-finalists will meet with PFC. Boyd Rasmussen playing PFC. Charles Schroyen and Lt. Leslie Johnson pitting his skill against that of Sgt. Elmer Switzer. Contests will begin at 1930.

Santa Barbara Nosed Out By ATB In Tournament

Santa Barbara Marines were nose out, 2637 to 2621, by ATB, Coronado, for first place in the 1944 renewal of the 11th Naval Dist. enlisted men and women's bowling tournament Sunday.

In the women's division, El Toro WRs posted a sizzling 2408 to shade the Miramar A team by 88 pins. It was a rude surprise for the Miramar WRs, who are currently leading the women's bowling league. El Toro's Pvt. Martha Kiefer rolled 190, 190 and 196 for a sparkling 565 total.

Other members of the El Toro team were St/Sgt. Erna Trank, Sgt. Katherine Shansbury and Corps. Bonnie Adriansen and

Mojave WRs Start Bowling Tourney

MCAS, MOJAVE—WR reglers here have organized a bowling league comprised of eight teams and are slugging the spheres hard and straight in an elimination tournament to select the top five players to represent the station in competition with outside ally units.

Girls from the various departments at this desert station have formed their own groups, five to a team. One team of WR officers is entered. Elimination tilts are held once a week on the station's new four-alley lanes at the PX.

Top scorer so far is 1st Lt. Bertha K. Drummond, with 213. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the tourney.

One of the main attractions of the contest is the sight of officers setting up pins. Two of the top-ranking WR officers work at the impact end of the alleys, chiefly for exercise and because of the shortage of pin boys.

Gd. Bn. griders became 1944 intra-base football champions and winners of free tickets and transportation to the Rose Bowl game with a thrilling 18-4 win Wednesday over Ser. Bn.

The punting of PFCs. Don Monte and Vernal (Nippy) Jones was the "big difference" in Wednesday's contest. They kept Ser. Bn. in the hole during the entire first half by booting five straight punts which either rolled dead or went out of bounds inside Ser. Bn.'s 10-yard line.

After a scoreless first half played mostly in mid-field, Gd. Bn. pulled ahead in the third quarter when a pass interference penalty gave them the ball on the 5-yd. line. PFC. Myron Doraboss carried it over four plays later and Pvt. Robert Campbell kicked the extra point.

A 30-yd. place kick by Campbell in the fourth quarter added to Gd. Bn.'s lead.

With three minutes to go, PFC. Johnnie Staben flipped a 35-yd. pass to Corp. Steve Mikalke, who took it over the goal line for Ser. Bn.'s long tally.

The line play on both sides was stubborn. Gd. Bn. maintained its season-long record of being unscored upon through the line. All opposition scoring has been done by air.

Gd. Bn. takes over the perpetual trophy from Recruit Depot, 1943 champions, which did not enter a team in this year's race. Individual awards of football charms were made to all Gd. Bn. players.

Officer Five Cools Off MCB In Scrimmage

In an informal scrimmage with star-studded 35th Replacement Officers at the Base gymnasium Wednesday night, MCBmen came out on the low end of a 50-47 score. A rematch will be played at 1930 Tuesday at the Base gym.

Skat, former Marquette Univ. star, bucketed 19 points to pace the Replacement five. Fat scores were added by Tuttle, formerly of Whittier College, and Poole.

The Replacement team will be further strengthened Tuesday when one-time All-American Bill Hargis of Texas Univ. will be in the lineup.

MCB trimmed San Diego State College 55-34 Monday in another informal scrimmage in which every man on the team played.

An exhibition game with NTC will be played Thursday at NTC's main gym. The Base team will meet Pepperdine College Jan. 27 and USC shortly after the holiday season.

MCB (47) (50) Repl. Officers
Lefebvre (2).....(12) Skat
Malby (10).....(8) Duff
Fulka (11).....(5) Tuttle
Seibovien (13).....(5) Snyder
Humerickson (4).....(10) Poole
Substitutions: MCB—Kramer (2), Simmons (3), Wells. Repl. Officers—Fowler (1).

Kay Kyser at Air Station Dec. 20

MCAS, MOJAVE—Kay Kyser brings his popular radio show, College of Musical Knowledge, to this station Wednesday, Dec. 20, for the regular weekly broadcast.

Dogs For Pets

Two purchased Newfoundland dogs, aged 6 months and 3 years, respectively, were offered to Marine families who will give the dogs good homes by Mrs. L. E. Brown of 3403 40th St., San Diego. Those interested may call Mrs. Brown at Talbot 5556.

Beat A Hand

For Sale
ELECTRIC razor. Telephone J-4342.
Wanted
LATE model car of any make. Lt. Schneider, Ext. 380.
TWO or three room house, turn for young couple. No children. Lt. Peerschke, Ext. 411.

Lost
SILVER identification bracelet with name "Philip R. Clark" engraved on face and "41" on back. Reward. P. Clark, Jap Language School, MCB.

For Rent
ONE room with bath, men only. Mrs. J. B. Gray, 641 San Geronimo Ave., San Diego.
ONE room, couple preferred, \$4 week. 424 Playa Del Norte, La Jolla or call Glencove 5-4050.
DORMitory room available Sunday. 1025 La Jolla. Phone G-3555. Mrs. Barnard.

Found
BLOUSE with name "W. J. O'Neil" in sleeve, and key, shoulder patch, PFC. stripes. Contact Chaplain's office at MCAS, Mojave.
WINTER WARMER, light, with inscription "Edwin Tyle S." on hand. Contact Chaplain's office at MCAS, Mojave.

Lost Buddies

The following is sought:
Corp. Donald (Jack) Leroy Daulton, last heard of from Maui Island, but shipped out from San Diego by PFC. Irvy B. Robertson, DSS, 100 Harrison St., San Francisco.

Marine Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoner of War
USMC	12,492	9,277	3,372	2,542
USMC	9,873	14,148	385	1,944
USCG	550	194	118	0
	29,025	33,699	3,970	4,486

Safe

PFC. Edward T. Starnes, Chicago, Wisconsin.
PFC. Elmer E. Sadler, Princeton, New Jersey.

Missing

1st Lt. Robert L. Gilling, Omaha, New York.
2d Lt. John W. J. Bishop, Staten Island, New York.

Dead

PFC. Alexander P. Perera, Phoenix, Arizona.
PFC. Stanley Adams, Bell, Hawaii.

Connecticut

Sgt. Robert Hilliard, Groton.
Sgt. Howard J. Odette, Hartford, District of Columbia.
1st Lt. Charles H. Kelly, Washington, Georgia.

PFC. Winston H. Stone, Blue Ridge, Illinois.
PFC. Thomas D. Wiemken, Dwight, Illinois.

PFC. Wayne V. Mauck, Danville, Indiana.
PFC. Glenn W. Timmons, Bloomfield, Kentucky.

PFC. Andrew J. Jackson, Bowling Green, Michigan.
2d Lt. Theodore E. Champion, Detroit, Michigan.

Brig. Gen. Samuel M. Harrington detached from duty at Camp Lejeune to be relieved from active duty.

Col. William L. Harrison to San Francisco and Vernon M. Guyman to Santa Barbara, both from overseas; Charles L. Pike from Navy Dept., Washington, to aviation duty overseas.

Lt. Col. John C. Miller Jr. and Thomas A. Cullane Jr. to San Diego from overseas; Millard P. Shepard to Cherry Point from overseas; Joyce M. Aldrich and Alexander G. Bunker to USNH, Oakland; Raymond W. Conroy from San Diego to be relieved from active duty; Edward W. Wells to USNH, Treasure Island, San Francisco; Ralph M. King from USNH, Treasure Island, for further treatment at USNH, Bethesda, Md.; Charles R. Luers from San Diego to El Toro.

El Toro Assignment
MCAS, EL TORO—Col. John E. E. Young has arrived here to serve as Deputy Chief of Staff to Col. William J. Fox, Deputy Commander, Naval Air Base, 11th Nav. Dist., Marine Corps Activities. Prior to coming here, Col. Young was commanding officer of MCAS, Ewa, Oahu, T. H.

Screen Guide
Movie Theater
1100-1600
Today—Heavenly Days, McGee-McKay.
Sunday—Together Again, Dunne-Royer.
Monday—Woman In The Window, Robinson-Bennett.
Tuesday—Ministry Of Fear, Miland-Reynolds.
Wednesday—Hollywood Canteen, Davis-Bogart.
Thursday—One Body Too Many, Haley-Parker-Lugosi.
Friday—Home In Indiana, Brennan-Crain.
Saturday—Lights Of Old Santa Fe, Rogers-Ryan. Balls Of Montezuma broadcast at 1500.

Camp Matthews
1745
Today—Brazil, Bruce-Gulzar.
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MCAD, Miramar
1745
Today—For Whom The Bell Tolls, Bergman-Cooper.
Sunday and Monday—Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo, Johnnie-Perry.
Tuesday—Strip Over Lisbon & Rabat, On Sings Street.
Wednesday and Thursday—Together Again, Dunne-Royer.
Friday and Saturday—Meet Me In St. Louis, Garland, O'Brien.

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PFC. Earl T. J. Ryberg, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Corp. Harvett B. Sunfall, Foxworth, Missouri.

1st Lt. Darryl W. Ferguson, Buffalo, New Hampshire.

1st Lt. William E. Ripple, Massillon, Ohio. John E. Thompson, Manchester, New Jersey.

1st Lt. John M. Johnson, Jersey City, New York.

PFC. Paul C. Clark, New York, Ohio.

PFC. Richard H. Rogers, Cincinnati, Oklahoma.

1st Lt. Harold J. Collins, Tulsa, Pennsylvania.

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PFC. Richard A. Sills, Everett, Virginia.

1st Lt. John C. Butler Jr., Recktown, West Virginia.

2d Lt. George S. Keller, Huntington, Wisconsin.

PFC. Raphael E. Drifka, Milwaukee, Navy Cross.

1st Lt. Benjamin S. Preston Jr., Distinguished Service Medal.

Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith (gold star in lieu of third medal).

Silver Star.

Pfc. Robert F. Lott, PFC. Kenneth S. Avolio, Pyl. Henry G. Anthony.

Distinguished Flying Cross.

Lt. Col. Harry R. Van Dusen, Capt. William J. Armstrong, Lawrence H. Dool, John D. Hinch, Palmer James, Juman M. Slade, Lt. Col. Harvey Ashburn, Henry P. Huff, Louis H. Russell, Robert A. Thompson.

2d Lt. Thaddeus C. Czarnocki, Bronze Star Medal.

Sgt. James E. Harris, Air Medal.

Maj. William T. Campbell, Capt. James A. Hulman Jr., 1st Lt. William H. Casey, William W. Cabbage, Charles F. Lamas, Glenn W. Smith.

Tsgt. Donald E. Farrington, Sgt. Peter Parnicka.

Letters of Commendation.

MTSGA. James A. Boyle Jr., Joseph P. Brownfield, Melvin E. Barker.

Tsgts. Daniel P. Backer, Virgil E. Byrd.

Sgt. Eugene V. Ahlstrom, Allen H. Anderson, Roger W. Bard, Anthony J. Beauchamp, Rodney C. Benson, Gordon S. Brooks, John P. Burns, Gordon Miller.

Sgt. Arthur M. Anderson, Stela Hagan, James N. Jordan, Corp. Norman S. Adams, Elmer M. Banjavice, John J. Berland, George J. Boyer Jr., Elmer T. Bullock, PFC. Troy L. Anderson, Joseph M. Asok, Bruce E. Baker, Joseph L. Butcher, Ora E. Cackler Jr., Edward G. Adams.

Pyl. Dominick Agostini, William N. Butts.

*Posthumously.
*Missing.

Base Changes

Service Bn.
1st Lt. Charles J. Jackson, assistant to the Base MT officer, was detached to Camp Pendleton.

WO. Edgar H. Stock was assigned duty with the Shoe and Textile Repair School. He formerly was in the File Section and attached to Base Bn. Hn.

Headquarters Bn.
1st Lt. Charles F. Galley and Jack B. Burdick to Camp Pendleton, Camp Lejeune.

WO. Edgar H. Stock to Shoe & Textile School.

MTSGT. James Tichack promoted to WO.

Base Dispensary
Lt. Cmdr. Joseph A. Moore, DC V (R) USNH to Camp Elliott.

Lt. Evert A. Larson, MC V (R) USNH to MCB, Klamath Falls.

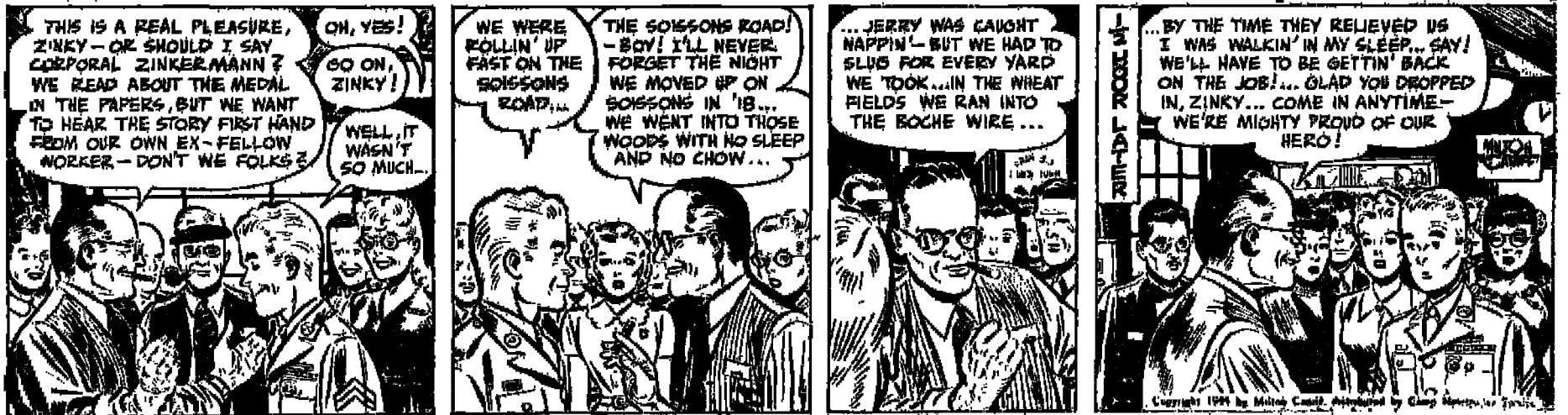




Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Cooked By A Hash Mark



YUMMY! FCK. Abra McGrath of Rocklin, Cal., gets ready to start a pumpkin on its way to becoming holiday fare in Camp Pendleton mess hall. Anticipating the punkin' pies are Corps. Lana M. Lacey of Wyoming, Ill., (left) and Phyllis Shaw of Dallas, Tex. (Photo by Sgt. D. J. Crane).

Chevron Chick--Ginny Simms



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LEATHERNECK LINGO

Some of the most colorful phrases of Leatherneck slang have come from Australia. Following are a few:

SHEILA—A babe. Further explanations not necessary.

SHIVVOO—A party.

CHIVVEY—Back talk, or lip. Sometimes unwise.

SMOOGIE—To pitch won.

WACKO!—An exclamation expressing antipathy, approval or delight.

BURRQIO—Stomach.