

VICTORIES  
We, too, the boys,  
are fighting the  
Philippines. — *Forrestal*.

DEFENSE  
Why worry about  
an island — when  
you get lots of them —  
Gen. Yamashita.

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# Japanese Ammunition Trains On Southern Luzon Blasted By Leatherneck Corsairs; Nimitz Says Japan Must Be Occupied



**"ESCAPEES".** After 29 months' imprisonment following the fall of Bataan and Corregidor, Sgt. Venio D. Cutler (left) of Denver, Colo., and Sgt. Claude E. Clem of Dallas, Tex., are only Marines known to have escaped when the enemy freighter they were riding was torpedoes and sunk by a York ship. They told how Japs mistreated prisoners.

Unlike the New Year's start of a year ago, when Marines were battling Jap legions on New Britain, Leatherneck ground troops saw the New Year in this week from the comparative quiet of bases throughout the Pacific.

Flying Leathernecks, however, were in the thick of the desperate battle for the Philippines and at the same time continued neutralization raids and bombing attacks on widely-separated Japanese strongholds.

Adm. Nimitz, in Pearl Harbor after a holiday visit to Saipan and Guam, told newsmen that "we should be prepared to invade Japan by assault." He asserted that the Jap home islands definitely will have to be occupied by U. S. forces if the United Nations are to win the peace.

He added that he thinks "the Japs will fight to the last ditch."

The admiral described the seizure of Guam, Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas, together with the Philippines Sea battle, as the most im-

portant forward steps of 1944—a year that saw the destruction of 10,000 Japanese planes and more than 2000 Nip ships.

Adm. Nimitz declined to give any indication of the sequence of operations against Japan and the China coast, but said he foresaw a "practically complete blockade of Japan."

Marine fliers had a leading role this week in a terrific blasting of invasion-menaced Luzon.

More than 50 Marine Corsairs participated in operations around Batangas, southwest Luzon—immediately north of the new York position on Mindoro. They pounced on ammunition trains, exploding one and strafing three others. One entire train blew up with a thunderous explosion, an AP dispatch related.

The Corsairs also strafed 20 locomotives. One was caught speeding along the track and fliers said "it seemed to jump in the air when it exploded."

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## Enterprise Marines Score Direct Hit On Big Bomber

By Sgt. Edward F. Rader, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Though the USS Enterprise came through the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea, she narrowly escaped attempts of Japanese pilots to sink her.

The carrier was putting late port when the attack came. Navy and Marine fighter-bombers were circling the carrier in landing formation.

Six twin-engine Japanese "Betty" managed to get in the "lapping circle." A rain squall shielded the bombers from detection, until

their guns had splattered across the flight deck of the carrier.

Four of the Jap planes were caught in a ring of 20mm AA bursts on their second run over the flight deck before they could release their bombs.

Another of the attackers was downed when it tried to climb out of the flak range.

The sixth "Betty," scored by an ack-ack shell sent up from the catwalk by a Marine gun crew, came plunging down to streaking flames like a falling meteor.

The Leatherneck gunners made a direct hit. The enemy plane hunkled under a shellburst which tore off its right wing, and fell into the sea off the port bow, 20 feet from the catwalk.

(See page 3 for more news about seagoing Leathernecks of the Enterprise detachment).

## New Fighter Pilots Sink Huge Nip Cargo Ship

By Sgt. E. Phyllis Jr., Combat Correspondent

### Auto Club Offers Renewal Service

Representatives of the Automobile Club of Southern Cal. will visit MCB Jan. 17 between the hours of 0800-1200 and 1230-1600 to register automobiles belonging to base personnel.

Cars not previously registered in California will not be eligible for this service. Renewal fee will be the same as paid for 1944. Those desiring this service must present their certificates of registration with correct mailing address included. MCB Quarters House will be site of renewals.

### New MC Fashion: Cellophane Togs

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—A Marine general was walking down rows of planes on a (all-dress) inspection.

On many of the planes were painted various slogans, nicknames and pictures. One was a gorgeous blue and white painting of a girl.

The general frowned and held out a dress on that

particular, the plane's name was a huddle on dress uniform. He ordered, the plane was given a dress

LEYTE (Delayed)—When pilots of the 1st Mar. Air Wing knocked out most of a Jap convoy, only 72 hours after being summoned to this area, 2dLt. William H. Rutherford of Piedmont, Cal., and Clyde Slaton of Dunsmuir, Okla., were jointly credited with sinking the largest cargo ship in the enemy force.

Members of the "Wake Island Avenger" squadron, both pilots are veterans of the last seven months' Marine bombing and strafing attacks in the New Ireland and New Britain Islands, during which time all enemy shipping and aerial activities were neutralized. Newly arrived in the Philippines, they are now cooperating with the 5th AAF against the Japs.

Coming out of a cloud bank at 8000 feet, Rutherford tells of spotting the convoy directly below.

"We were the last planes of our bombing force," he said, "and there were five ships, most of them smoking from fires already started. We dove at once on the largest, which was not yet hit. 'Duke' (Slaton) released his two 500-pounders, which caused such a tremendous explosion that in com-

ing out of my own dive, my plane was blown upward by the force. We turned to see the results, and only an oil slick remained."

"Excited? You bet!" chimed in Slaton, in answer to a question as to how they felt at scoring one of the important strikes in the area.

### Gas Price Up Cent At Base Station

Price of gasoline at the base exchange service stations has been raised from 14 to 15 cents. Increased costs caused the change.



**JACKPOT.** When Marine pilots hit big Leyte-bound Jap convoy, 2dLt. Clyde Slaton Jr. (left) and William H. Rutherford, who had arrived 72 hours before, were credited with sinking largest. (Story printed above).

### Jewish Services On Tuesday Evenings

Weekly Jewish church services have been changed from Sunday to Tuesday evening. Services will be held in Bldg. 123, RD, at 1830. Chaplain E. E. Levinson, recently assigned to MCB and NTC, is in charge of the services.

### 'Wolf' Calendar In This Issue

Especially for Leathernecks overseas, aboard ship and in other spots where harder-than-ever-to-get calendars aren't available, The Chevron presents a 1945 calendar in this issue.

Illustrated for Camp Newspaper Service by Sgt. L. Sansone, creator of the "Wolf" the calendar will be found on page 12. Clip and save it.

### Sergeant Trails, Gets Jap Planes As They Land

In an amazing aerial incident, Sgt. John W. Andre of Miami, Fla., shot down two and possibly four Jap planes as they landed on Luzon Island in the Philippines, according to an AP dispatch from Leyte headquarters.

The report said Japanese bombers followed in American planes landing on Leyte. Sgt. Andre quietly trailed them back to Luzon. As they went in to land with lights on the Marine switched on his own lights and shot down two and possibly also got two others.

He returned safely.

# Jap Ammunition Trains On Southern Luzon Blasted By Marine's Corsairs

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The raiders were pulled bullets into trucks and water tanks.

Wednesday, a bulletin from Gen. MacArthur's headquarters disclosed a series of heavy air attacks on Luzon, in which Marine and Army planes sank two ships and caused widespread damage to installations.

Marine Corsairs, in their second such attack in as many days, raked the southern provinces, damaging warehouses, railway installations, power plants and wharves and shooting up troop bivouac areas.

Night fighters and A.A. gunners downed 3 of 15 Japanese planes which raided the new Amulwah air base at Mindoro, which is within half an hour's flying time of Manila.

On New Year's day, American aircraft from Leyte, Mindoro and other former Jap strongholds lashed at enemy airbases and sank seven Japanese ships ranging from a sizeable freighter to tug-boats.

Adm. Nimitz's headquarters re-

ported that Navy and Marine planes ranged over the Palau, the Bonin 815 miles south of Tokyo, and by-passed enemy holdings in the Marshalls, shooting down a Japanese bomber and hitting coastal craft.

Marine fliers saw the old year out over a broad expanse of the Pacific. Marine Mitchell medium bombers made rocket attacks on Jap shipping between the Bonins and Volcanoes, but results were not available.

In the Central Pacific, Marine Corsairs bombed and strafed supply dumps and other objectives at Habelhuap as well as other areas in the Palau.

Neutralization raids continued in the Marshalls, while Army and Marine fighter planes strafed enemy barges at Wolai in the Western Carolines.

Superfortresses—the battleships of the sky—said Happy New Year to Japan itself. From mid-evening until dawn, the big B-29s, flying alone or in pairs, raked the industrial cities of Tokyo, Nagoya,

Yokohama and the Tokusuka naval station. Others were reported on the west coast of Honshu Island, haphazardly untouched by American bombs.

Two Jima, midway between Japan and Tokyo, was bombed for the 12th successive day as 1944 ended.

The Navy, reviewing its actions of 1944, cautioned that "the decisive battles, the greatest battles and the hardest battles in the Pacific war are still to come . . . The enemy, like ourselves, has just begun to fight."

The Fleet's 1944 box score gave these totals:

Sunk by American surface ships and aircraft: 650 Jap vessels, including 2 battleships, 5 aircraft carriers, 7 heavy cruisers, over 300 cargo ships and transports, and about 200 others.

Sunk by Jank submarines during the first 11 months of the year: 468 Jap ships, including 4 light cruisers, 17 destroyers and 43 tankers, for a grand total of 2,500,000 tons. In December U. S. submarines sank a Jap aircraft carrier.

Aircraft destroyed 6650, of which 5450 were credited to carrier planes and 1200 to land-based planes.

## WELLINGTON MOURNS

### Papers Memorialize Tarawa Heroes

They left their homes, and birthplace To fight their nation's war, They gave their lives, their very all Could God, or man, give more?"

That tribute to the men of the 2nd Mar. Div. who died on Tarawa Nov. 20, 1943, was inserted one year later, Nov. 20, 1944, by a New Zealand woman who signed herself only "a mother" in the Wellington Evening Post "in tribute to all who gave their lives at Tarawa."

Thus, according to a story by Lt. Jim G. Lucas, Marine PRG, the people of the two nations—the United States and New Zealand—continue to mourn the heroes of Tarawa.

For it was from Wellington that the 2nd Div., then under the command of Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, sailed on Nov. 1, 1943, to launch the invasion of Tarawa. Exactly 20 days later they landed in the Gilbert Islands.

New Zealanders came to look upon the Second as "New Zealand's Own," almost as close to them as their own men fighting in the Near East. More than 1000 American Marines took wives in the tiny British dominion, and all of them left scores of friends when they sailed away to fight again.

On Nov. 20, as is the custom of New Zealanders, several hundred "In Memoriam" notices appeared in Wellington newspapers. They read:

"In loving memory of dear Jerry, killed in action on Tarawa. Val."

"In loving memory of our dear friend, Bill, killed in action on Tarawa. Mum and Shiel."

"In memory of Vernon, killed in action on Tarawa. Dearly loved and sadly missed. Inserted by Margie Hicks and family for his mother, Lucy Beach, Cid."

"In fond remembrance of Dan, killed in action, Tarawa. He died that we might live. Inserted by Cor-Stance."

"In memory of Ray.

Memories bring a tear, a smile, A heart spans the years and that endless mile, Inserted by Theresa."

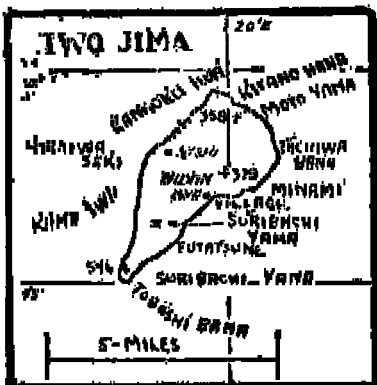
"In loving memory of our dear son-in-law, killed in action on Tarawa. We will remember, Mum and Dad."

"USMC. In fondest memory of our dear friends of the USMC who were killed on Tarawa, Nov. 20, 1943—Ray, Freddie, PeeWee, Heble, Hirt and the buddies. Always remembered. Inserted by John, John and Barry."

"In proud and loving memory of my dear husband and the darling daddy of wee Lysette. Remembered and longed for always by your loving wife and baby."

There were hundreds of them, the poignant bonds of sorrow which will always bind the two nations together.

## ISLANDS IN THE NEWS



—Nat. Geographic Soc. map.

**TWO JIMA**

Little Two Jima, 750 miles south of Tokyo and largest of the three islands of the Volcano group, has been bombed almost daily for the past month.

Although it is only about five miles long, it is of great military importance to the Japs, who use it as a hop-off base for air raids on the American Superfort base at Hailan.

The island is rather barren and rocky, with reefs and a strong surf offshore, and in places there are high cliffs. Of volcanic origin, it has an extinct crater about 500 feet high on its southern tip. What part there is is believed to be small and probably artificial.

Before the war, its population of about 1000 fished and grew sugar cane and vegetables. The island has large quantities of sulphur.

Volcanic disturbances are common in the area, and islands are sometimes made by subterranean disturbances, rising about the sea and disappearing again almost over night.

**Raised First Flag**

When U. S. Marines marched into Germany after World War I, Capt. Gaines Moseley raised the first American flag on the banks of the Rhine.

## Four Fighter Pilots Erase Nip Ship

By TALL MURBURN McCarty Jr., PRG

LEYTE (Delayed)—Four fighter pilots of the 1st Mar. Air Wing teamed up in a recent attack on a Japanese destroyer and sent it to the bottom within a matter of seconds.

The action occurred in the Camotes Sea west of here. The air men were: Capt. Robert D. Hayes of Hastings, Neb.; 1st Lt. Robert E. Dunk of Villa Park, Ill.; and 2d Lt. Edward H. Lathrop of Stonington, Conn., and Orville E. Warriner of Kansas City, Kan.

Participating with other Marine Corsair fighter-bomber pilots in an

attack on Jap shipping, they were the first to spot the Jap destroyer.

With perfect teamwork, they dove on their target.

Hayes, first in, laid his bombs on the bridge; Dunk's and Warriner's bombs hit amidships, and Lathrop plastered the stern.

"I got a look as I was pulling away," said Capt. Hayes, a 5ft.-4in. Marine who used to play football for the Univ. of Nebraska. "That Jap can was broken right in two, like a match stick, with the two ends sticking out of the water. The whole thing went under within a few seconds."

The pilots said the Jap gunners kept throwing ack-ack at them until the bombs hit the ship's deck. Capt. Hayes got a bullet through his cockpit that missed his head by inches. Lathrop's plane was hit in the tail, and Warriner's plane in the left wing, while Dunk had his altimeter control shot out.

Dunk's plane was so badly damaged that, although he made it back to the field, he was unable to land. The control tower waved him out to sea and he successfully bailed out. A Filipino in a canoe picked him up and brought him to an American PT boat which rushed to the scene. Dunk spent a comfortable night aboard ship, and returned the next day to Leyte.

## Smart Marines Fail To Fall For Nip Trick

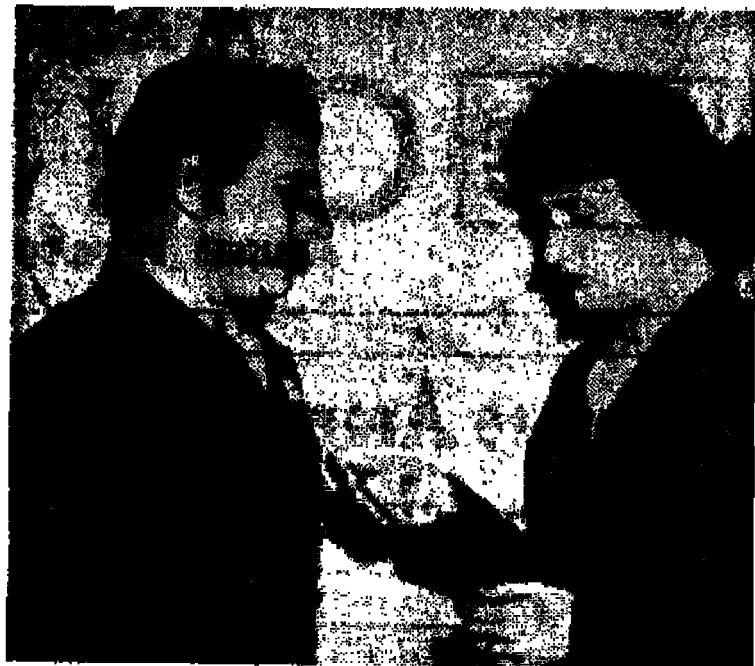
By Sgt. Cyril O'Brien, Combat Correspondent

SOMWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—A crafty Jap, with a fake bandage of his arm, who tried to lure three Marines into a trap was sent scurrying in a hail of bullets when the Marines failed to be taken in.

Sgt. Walter E. Nightingale of Portland, Me., and his companions, Corp. James A. Eaton of Chickasaw, Ala., and PFC. LeRoy J. Klein of Benton, Ia., were walking through the hills of Barrigada on Guam when they came upon an abandoned enemy bivouac area. Finding nothing but abandoned enemy equipment they were about to leave when a lone Jap appeared on a nearby knoll. The Jap yelled and beckoned for the Marines to come to him.

About to take the wounded Jap prisoner, Sgt. Nightingale noticed the Jap held a carbine at his side. Sgt. Nightingale ordered his two companions to take cover as he approached the "wounded" Jap alone. Suspicious, however, the sergeant pointed his rifle before him. The Jap grabbed his own carbine with his "wounded" hand and, dropping the bandage, jumped behind a knoll but not before the Marines had turned a volley of fire on him. Sgt. Nightingale wounded the Jap in the leg.

Two other Japs appeared on either side of the knoll and the Marines opened fire again sending the Nips into the brush.



**DECORATION.** Admiring Bronze Star medal awarded to Sgt. Adrian S. Frazier at recent Camp Matthews ceremony is a fellow Bay Stater, Pvt. Mary M. McCarron, a runner at the camp. (Photo by Corp. Louise Parker).

## Marine Given Bronze Star In Ceremony At Matthews

CAMP MATTHEWS — Marines have been accused in their day of "stringing a line" but Sgt. Adrian S. Frazier of Worcester, Mass., can claim credit for doing his stringing under the most adverse conditions.

Sgt. Frazier was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal here by Col. Morris L. Shively, CO of the

rifle range, "for meritorious service in maintaining communication lines during the battle for Bougainville."

After Guadalcanal duty, Sgt. Frazier acted as NCO-in-C of laying and maintaining communication lines on Bougainville. Sgt. Frazier is acting sergeant of the guard here.

## Transfers Hit Chevron Staff

Several familiar names are missing from the Chevron staff in this week as a result of transfers.

Among those transferred were Sgt. W. G. McCready of Boston City, Me., who has been business manager; PFC. Wayne F. Young of Cincinnati, editor, and Corp. A. A. Kochendorfer of Chicago and William E. Bower of Portland, Ore., sports editor. The latter had been a member of the staff for but several weeks, but Sgt. McCready, Corp. Kochendorfer and PFC. Young had been aboard for a number of months. Corp. Kochendorfer served as advertising manager prior to the time advertising was discontinued and since has been staff artist.

## Duke Puts Chow Hounds To Shame

This bit of news is designed to prove that Marine Corps chow is "fit for a dog."

A canine connoisseur of athletic chow is Duke, Capt. Charles Church's prize Labrador retriever. Duke will not touch any object of food put before him unless he is told "it's Marine chow." Then he will promptly digest the object.

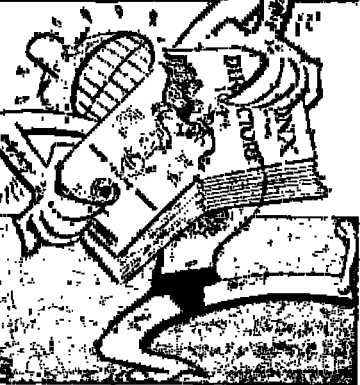
If "it's Navy chow" is said, Duke will turn up his nose. Disgruntled chow hounds can find Br'er Duke at the Base athletic office.

## Brothers Carry on For Injured Marine

USNH, TREASURE ISLAND—While Corp. Warren W. Hobbs of West Palm Beach, Fla., is convalescing here from wounds suffered on Saipan, two of his brothers are carrying on in the Fair-peace theater and a third is in training at MCAN, Camp Point.

Corp. Hobbs is 125 pounds in weight and is serving with the 5th the Marshalls and one of his brothers is an Army engineer in the other is a tank driver.

## JAPOLOGY



SOME Jap soldiers wear stomach bands, called "domakis," made of ribbed wool. The Japs believe the warmth gives them greater strength. Many of them also wear a yellow band with a thousand red stitches in it. This is supposed to protect them from Jarn.

# Big 'E' Marines In Thick Of Leyte Action

By MTSgt. John W. Blank, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—With an enemy plane, our wing shot away by ack-ack, plummeting directly at them, Marine gunners aboard the USS Enterprise courageously refused to blink during one of the recent naval battles off the Philippines. "Even though it appeared the plane was going to land on our heads," said 1st Sgt. James H. Pope of Duncan, Okla., "every gunner stayed in harness, hammering away at other attackers. It was an inspiring exhibition of courage. "Fortunately, the plane veered at the last moment. Missing us by a few feet, it crashed into the sea 30 or 40 feet astern. The bomb, which the pilot hadn't released, exploded as the craft hit the water."

In another incident, which occurred as the Big "E" was supporting American troops plunging ashore on Leyte, a Japanese pilot shot up the national ensign atop the ship, but if he had any exultation it was short lived.

A moment after the enemy plane roared across the carrier's flight deck, ripping the flag to shreds with machine gun fire, the insult was avenged.

GySgt. Henry J. E. Kapica of Dover, N. J., and PFC. Raymond E. Jones of New Market, N. J., of a Marine AA. battery, caught the Zeke with a blast of ack-ack. The plane exploded as it hit the sea.

"All our guns were firing," Kapica said. "Some of the other gunners probably scored hits, too. But I'm sure Jones finished him. It was impossible to miss. Our gun was right on."

## Old Timers



2dLT. SLIGHT ... helps save pilots' lives

## Saratoga Salt Now Instructs Air Survival

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—2dLt. John M. Slight of Batavia, N. Y., draws on 21 years of continuous service as a Leatherneck in his job of training air crewmen the art of sea and jungle survival.

This old-timer joined the 3rd Air Wing in 1943 and was named Asst. Survival Training and Equipment officer at this base early this year. Joining Marine aviation while 2nd branch of service was still young, Lt. Slight underwent aviation training at Quantico after completing recruit training at Parris Island in 1923.

Lt. Slight was aboard the carrier Saratoga during the ship's shakedown cruise in 1923, but later gave up sea-going for duty in Nicaragua where he was back with malaria a year later.

Appointed a Marine gunner in 1942, Slight was promoted to second lieutenant at Cherry Point the following year.

"Perhaps that Jap didn't state our battle flag deliberately," added Jones, "but I took it as an insult to the colors."

One rather humorous incident of battle remains fresh in the mind of PFC. Charles Kildgore Jr. of South Pittsburg, Tenn.

"A Jap dive bomber teed off on us, but was knocked for a loop by our guns," he said. "It crashed about 10 yards past our battery."

"One Marine became so excited he was jumping up and down. He grabbed the hot gun barrel with his bare hands. He did more hopping and jumping around then."

None of the Marines aboard the Enterprise has been wounded for months although the carrier has had a major role in most of the naval battles of the past year.

But Corp. Leroy Trammell of Monticello, Ark., holds the risky distinction of coming closest to a Purple Heart.

A sliver of shrapnel from an exploding Jap plane lodged in the shoulder harness of his 20mm. gun, inches from his face. The chunk of steel, jilted loose after the battle, is now his most prized souvenir.

"I never want anything to come closer to me," said Trammell. "It was the most exciting moment of my 14 months on the 'Big E'. We were supporting the occupation of Leyte."

"The Japs struck fast. Before I knew what was going on I saw one of our small ships afire. Seconds later another larger vessel was burning. Then they came for us. We shot them to pieces. One plane crashed so close to the side of the carrier it nearly carried away our gun tub. Guess that was the one which almost got me."

The engagement Trammell described is one of six which the Enterprise has fought during the reconquest of the Philippines. Within the past three months the big flattop has also taken part in offensive operations against Formosa, the Bonins, Yapp and the Ryukyu Islands. In addition, she gave air cover for the invasion of the Palau Islands by Marines and Army troops.

The "Big E" participated in a total of 12 engagements within 90 days.

In these operations the huge floating airport increased its bag to a total of 52 ships sunk, 150 more damaged and 664 planes destroyed. There was also untold destruction to shore installations guarding Tokyo.

## Marines Inhabit Strange Ulithi

Ulithi Atoll, a diminutive group of unknown islands, has become one of the Pacific Fleet's bases west of Pearl Harbor in the two months since its capture.

Formerly inhabited only by missionaries and natives, superstitious and light-skinned brands of Malaysians, the islands were secured without bloodshed after the Japs had vacated.

There is a royal family on the island who reside on a palm-covered sand bar the size of Times Square. They rule the 300 natives, who are rapidly becoming Americanized and can even sing hymns in Latin with four-part harmony.

Typhoons are the main transportation worry to the small group of Marines and Navy men quartered on the islands.—New York Times.

## Wounded Vet Repays Blood Plasma IOU

PFC. Hilbert Gonzales of Hollywood now has repaid three-fifths of a debt that saved his life.

Wounded on Bougainville, Gonzales was revived by five units of blood plasma. He has vowed to repay the other two-fifths before making overseas again. He is a private at USNH, San Diego.



WALLOP. PFC. George E. Benson Jr. soaked a foul ball so hard somewhere in the Pacific that he knocked out pilot of a plane coming in for a landing at a nearby strip.



COOL. Corp. Robert J. Holm, although he had never flown plane before, kept plane hit by baseball aloft until pilot regained consciousness. He inspects hole made by ball.

## Calling Ripley! 15-Mile Foul Ball

By Sgt. A. D. Hawkins, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—PFC. George E. Benson Jr. of Dawson, La., scored a direct hit on an airplane with a baseball—a foul ball which eventually traveled 15 miles.

When Benson cut loose with the foul over third base during batting practice with a 1st Mar. Div. regimental team, things happened.

(1) The ball smashed through the windshield of a "grasshopper" observation plane which was gliding 40 feet off the ground to a landing at a nearby airstrip.

(2) The pilot was knocked unconscious, the baseball hitting him in the face and fracturing his jaw.

(3) Corp. Robert J. Holm of Iron River, Mich., a passenger in the back seat of the plane pulled back on the dual controls, muttering a prayer and—prevented the plane from crashing. Holm never had flown a plane before.

Recovering from the blow, the pilot took over the controls and skimmed off to another airfield 15 miles away while waiting for his head to clear. Benson's foul ball

### Life Saver

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—A Jap sniper's bullet hit Corp. Louis J. Trup of Clarksburg, W. Va., squarely in the chest on Trutan, but spent its force on a spoon and a prayer book in his shirt pocket.—Sgt. Bob Cooke, combat correspondent.

## Nation Warned Long War With Japs Lies Ahead

WASHINGTON (INS)—Undersecretary of War Robert P. Patterson gave the nation a New Year's warning that "I have found nothing to support the notion that we can dispose of Japan in short order, once Germany is finally beaten."

Patterson's statement was included in a roundup of year-end reviews by Washington officials who stressed that 1945 must see its let-down in the job of winning the war.

"Despite our successful landing in the Philippines and our brilliant naval victories, we are not building out future military plans on the proposition that Japan will be a pushover for three very good reasons."

Patterson said the reasons are that the Japanese army is bigger and stronger today than before Pearl Harbor, that the Japanese industrial machine, with its slave labor and raw materials, is still formidable, and that the vast distances of the Pacific complicate U. S. supply problems and the launching of an offensive against Japan itself.

## Ditmars Directs Radio Orchestra

PFC. Ivan Ditmars, well-known Hollywood conductor, pianist, and a former musical director of the "Al Pearce Radio Show", "Stars Over Hollywood" and "Dr. Christian", has been appointed director of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio orchestra.

In taking the helm on the all-Marine program, which is heard Saturdays over approximately 100 Mutual network stations, PFC. Ditmars assumes leadership of a service orchestra consisting of top flight musicians formerly with the nation's leading musical aggregations.

Additional duties with the "Halls" orchestra for PFC. Ditmars will be to write and arrange special music used weekly during the broadcasts which feature dramatizations of Marines in action, as well as musical reviews.

## San Bernardino Man Fires 319

CAMP MATTHEWS—A 319 by Pvt. Philip Kassel (Flat, 791) of San Bernardino, Cal., was the top individual effort at the rifle range last week as two platoons fired for records.

Pvt. Kassel's platoon, under the coaching of Corp. P. E. Burch, qualified 85%. DI of the platoon is PISgt. S. Silverstein. Another member of Kassel's platoon, Pvt. Francis H. Carpenter, was second high for the day with a 317 record. Flat. 790, under Sgt. W. W. Roberts, qualified 88%.



NOT CHARLIE. But Pvt. Roland C. Morgan of San Diego has been entertaining his mates in the 4th Air Wing with his ventriloquist act. He is former radio ventriloquist.



# BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER, XMAS IS A POST OFFICE HEADACHE



**SLOWED.** Christmas may be over, but not for personnel of RD postoffice, who are still trying to patch up parcels damaged because of poor packing and wrapping. Sgt. Marguerite Kelley, directory clerk, gets ready to tackle a table full of battered holiday packages for forwarding to men gone from Iloilo. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey O. Payne).

## Damaged Parcels Clutter Postoffice

### Necklaces Most Popular Xmas Gift Sent Home

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PALAU ISLANDS** (Delayed) — Shell necklaces will be in the height of fashion this winter if the Christmas trend on Pelehu is any indication, reports Staff Sgt. David Stick, combat correspondent.

A recent survey of 2nd Air Wing pilots and ground crewmen here revealed more than half the presents being sent home for Christmas are necklaces, bracelets and brooches made of unusual Pacific shells.

In most cases individual Leathernecks gathered their own shells and put necklaces together in their spare time. Some have collected shells from as many as eight or 10 islands scattered about the Pacific.

Probably the most popular necklaces are made of what service men call "gold ringers," which are small, lustrous, tan-colored shells with a thin, yellow-gold circle on top.

Though the majority of necklaces are put together with string or wire, a few of the more elaborate ones are made with small silver and gold chains imported from the States.

Pelehu's Christmas survey also showed the second most popular gifts are personal pictures, with battle souvenirs and trinkets purchased from natives ranking third and fourth.

### Jap Truck Now Marine Shower

**GUAM** (Delayed) — A Marine tank outfit is the envy of the other Leathernecks on this island, reports Sgt. Jim Healy, combat correspondent.

The Japs left plenty of equipment behind them when they fled from their bivouac areas. Among this was a tank truck, which they probably used to transport gasoline.

The tank outfit claimed it. One of the men did a bit of "open" plumbing on the rear, converting it into a portable shower bath for two.

Since water is scarce in various parts of the island, most Marines bathe by dousing themselves with water scooped up in their helmets. But not so the members of the tank outfit.

They take their portable shower with them wherever they go.

**Allmory** — A man's cash surrender value!

Personnel at the RD postoffice is still busy with an annual post-Christmas job — that of trying to repair damaged parcels sufficiently to mail them on to Marines who are still awaiting their Christmas presents from home.

Literally hundreds of damaged packages, some crushed beyond recovery, go through the mails each year, TSgt. Arnold P. Higden, Navy mail clerk in charge of the postoffice, said, estimating that 20% of all packages which went

through the RD postoffice this year were damaged to such an extent that special handling was required.

The postal personnel makes every effort, however, to forward the repaired packages without unnecessary delay, and fully 85% of the damaged goods reaches its intended destination without loss, Higden added.

Most of the trouble is caused by poor packing by those who mail the parcels, or weak containers in which the material is mailed, he said.

### Pearl Harbor Day Sales Set Mark

Navy personnel established an all-time high for War Bond purchases in a single campaign when they bought a total of \$52,548,845 worth of post-war security during the recent Pearl Harbor day sale.

The 3rd Naval Dist., headquartered in New York City, led the districts with a total of \$4,914,773. With \$189,070 worth of bonds sold, MCAS at Cherry Point led all Marine bases. Camp Lejeune, N. C., followed with \$136,175.

Fleet personnel bought \$6,771,214 worth of bonds, \$3,717,063 worth of which went to members of the Pacific fleet.

### Marines Protect Rescue Operation

**LEYTE** (Delayed) — Army and Navy Catalina flying boats, the elephantine "Samartians of the sky," completed the rescue of 151 survivors of an American destroyer sunk in Ormoc Bay. Some of the wounded were carried from the jungle on the backs of natives for 15 miles to meet the waiting planes.

Overhead Marine Corsairs flew a protective patrol. — Capt. Earl I. Wilson, PRD.

The Germans are now planning a secret weapon which freezes everything in sight. Back in 1932 the P. Phis had a little number who could do the same job.



**GADZOOKS!** Someone who doesn't know what the well-dressed Leatherneck is wearing in the Pacific sent this brilliant red and white tie to Corp. Carroll S. Hester of Anderson, Ind., a veteran of Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian.



**SAD MAN.** PFC. Samuel L. Crump of Olympia, Kas., postal clerk with 4th Mar. Div., surveys parcels which weren't packed to withstand the rigors of travel.

### Chow Headlines Package Parade Across Pacific

By Sgt. John E. T. Campbell Jr., Combat Correspondent

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC** (Delayed) — Convoy routes in the Pacific have become a great alimentary canal as a stream of delicacies in Christmas wrappings flows to service men in the Pacific.

The overwhelming bulk of Christmas gifts for service men in this theater is fancy food of one kind or another. There is probably much fruitcake afloat in the Pacific that is stranded on the shelves of the nation's bakeries.

Reason for this predominance of edibles is that for the Pacific's warriors there is not much else to give. The weather pretty well neutralizes the clothing field. Most men have more money than opportunity to spend it. Liquor, tobacco and the majority of kitchenknacks, as most people now know, are a nuisance.

As always, there is a tragicomic side to this mass gift giving. One Marine was sent a carton of a popular brand of cigarettes which his wife had obtained in the States after considerable shopping. The Marine ran at any time step to his PX and buy the same brand at five cents a pack.

By the time the Christmas season is over, it will probably require a tanker of casor oil to restore the balance of the Pacific forces' digestive systems. But the boys will have enjoyed it.

### Knocked Flat by Shell

**USNH, OAKLAND** — A small Jap shell that hit the rifle he was carrying not only sprayed Corp. John F. Selh of Johnstown, Pa., with steel fragments in his right arm and chest but also knocked him flat on his back on the 18th day of the battle for Saipan.

## Forty-Three Decorated At Hospital



**TOWN, 24th.** Bob Crosby, ex-band leader (right) discusses with Lt. Col. Roy M. Hanson, FMF recreation officer, plans for a tour of Pacific bases by his troupe of 30 Marine entertainers. Show has played for more than 300,000 men in Hawaiian Islands.

First gal: "What are you doing these days?"  
Second gal: "Oh, just a few odd jobs about town."

**USNH, SAN DIEGO** — Forty-three Marines were decorated here Thursday in special ceremonies held on the stage in the main auditorium. Capt. Murton D. Willeulfs, (MC) USN, senior medical officer of the hospital, was the decorating officer.

Thirty-nine of the men received Purple Heart decorations.

A Bronze Star Medal was awarded to Corp. Manuel R. Santana, a commendation ribbon to PFC. Pascual Ugarte Jr. and a Letter of Commendation to PFC. Algia E. Morris.

PFC. Francis Halleck received the Purple Heart Medal with gold star for wounds received in two separate actions.

Other Purple Heart Medal recipients were Sgts. Roy L. Loucks, Louis R. Jabs and Walden S. Hymal; Corps. Edward C. Brown, Duane M. Larson, William D. Jager and Harold R. Schafer; PFCs Nicholas Hurly; Ferdinand Sunseri, Willard F. Hamel, Seymour Sachs, Keith W. Thomas, Angelo Massara, Arthur B. Robinson, L. S. Thompson, Harold W. Mitchell, Virgil C. Dolan, Leland G. Hastings, Edward F. Purcell, David J. Hallet, Clayton G. Hollingsworth, Michael E. Clapey, Wayne E. Goodhart, John Pourush, Forrest R. Lambert, W. Ward R. Marsh, Marion A. McFarlin, Elmer E. Hehn, R. L. Ray J. Quinn, Joseph M. Hall, Raymond J. J. Quinn, Joseph M. Hall, Raymond J. J. Quinn.

Art J. Sanchez, Fennie E. Grada, William D. Scott, William E. Gold, Ch. Ralph R. Dahl, Vernon C. Scruggs, Robert F. Mishoud.

A 2nd Mar. Div. Presidential Unit Citation went to PFC. Maurice Roche.

### Bananas Aplenty

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC** (Delayed) — There's no ice cream here for the making of these corner drug store banana splits, but Marines have the other ingredient — bananas — and plenty of them, free for the picking. The trees grow uncultivated on land serving as training areas.

**PERMANENT** — A highly indefinite status, generally of short duration and subject to change without notice.

### Jap Souvenir Hunter Deals Briefly In Marine Dog Tags

**KLAMATH FALLS** — Sgt. Bill Van A. O'Quinn of Birmingham, Ala., has a favorite song called "A Long Way Home."

He had it on his mind when he was at Saipan. He was the only one who was not killed and he was the only one who was not killed.

# Marines Irked By Lack Of Jap Opposition



**NEW POOL.** With opening of this new pool in 17 Area, Camp Pendleton now has three swimming tanks in operation. Pvt. Billy B. Scott, instructor (kneeling) gives non-swimming Marines a few pointers. Corp. Harold R. Delahoyde is NCO-in-C of the pool.

Editor's note—The following dispatch, dated Dec. 18, was sent by wireless to the New York Times:

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES**—One reason why our troops on Mindoro had no Japanese air attacks this morning although there are "bugies" in the area and why Vice Adm. Thomas G. Kinkaid's convoy got through to Mindoro and back with only little damage was the presence of dawn-to-dusk patrols by Marine night fighters.

The morning after the Marines arrived Lt. Rodney E. Montgomery Jr. of Norfolk, Neb., shot down an enemy plane. That night two additional Japanese pilots failed to return to their home base.

When a large number of enemy pilots attacked our convoy just after it had passed through Surigao Strait, 11 were shot down.

Sealed in the grass huts that are their quarters, these night fighters who are immune to three of man's basic fears—high places, loud noise and darkness—seem more disturbed over not finding more Japanese planes to shoot down than depressed over their accomplishments.

Lt. Carl D. Williams, whose wife lives in New Haven, Conn., and who expects to be a father in April,

was annoyed, extremely annoyed, with the doctor who wouldn't let him fly today, despite an attack of dengue fever that had his eyes heavy.

Discussing the Japanese pilots, against whom most of these fighters have never been in action before, Capt. David W. Thompson of Oak Park, Ill., who has shot down two planes and damaged a third, remarked:

"They have no formation and use aimless tactics. If a 35-hour student of mine at home made the mistakes they do, I'd wash him out. The other morning I was headed toward four Oscars (single-motored, improved Zeiros). We were at about the same altitude. Any one of them could have opened up on me. Instead, they did a 90-degree turn and exposed their bellies. I got one and the rest started to do slow rolls and half 8s."

Capt. Marian Morrison Jr. of Dallas, Tex., who flew a B-24 bomber on Guadalcanal and participated in his outfit's breaking up of an aerial torpedo attack on the Mindoro convoy, getting one Japanese plane there after an earlier score over Ormoc Bay, also gave his opinion:

"Japanese pilots are worse now than they used to be. They haven't any formations and don't press their attacks any more."

Lt. Paul Martell of Rutland, Mass., another scorer, remarked:

"They're much easier than I expected." With this view Harold H. Hayes of Orchard Park, N. Y., a double scorer since arriving here, agreed.

While mechanical devices aid the night fighters in getting enemy planes, the pilots operate visually in the last moments before firing. The first planes had to land in the dark, helped only by jeep lights. Now they have brought their own airfield lighting unit over from Peleliu, where they had spent the past two months in bombing Japanese targets.

## Vets Contrast Xmas Here With One In Pacific

**KLAMATH FALLS**—Two Marine veterans—an infantry platoon sergeant and an aerial gunner—contrasted the first Christmas at the Klamath Falls barracks with Yuletides spent overseas in an interview over radio station KETI recently.

The program was arranged and the interviews conducted by dramatic students of the Klamath Falls High School.

1st Sgt. Philip R. Schwab of Winona, Minn., told of Christmas, 1943,

in the Solomons. He was then on Ondonga island, near Munda, where his air wing was based while flying cover for the Bougainville operation.

Ondonga, Schwab related, was one of the cleanest, healthiest little islands in the Pacific, and had never been occupied by either natives or Japs, because of a superstition. It was known as the "Isle of Death", but the Marines dispelled that belief.

The Marine fliers paused briefly over Christmas from their Bougainville job, the Winona Marine said, and feasted royally on a full-course Yuletide dinner flown in from New Caledonia.

The other Leatherneck interviewed told quite a different story of Christmas, 1943. He was 1st Sgt. Charles H. Cone of Duluth, Minn., who was on Tarawa for the holidays. Instead of being clean and neat like Ondonga, Betio was a shambles, Cone said.

The fight had ended there just a month before, and all hands were still working to clean the place up. They were living in makeshift huts—each man building his own out of anything handy—and their mess hall was finished just in time to cook Christmas turkeys.

The turkeys, incidentally, were a gift from friendly Seabees. The Marines knocked off just long enough to eat dinner, then went back to work on the airfield, refurbishing and enlarging the strip.



**FRAMED.** Marines, soldiers and Seabees went "Wacky" when 50 WACs, first American girls to land on Peleliu, stopped en route to Leyte. Sgt. Mary Scarborough of Asheville, N. C., poses in the insignia of a wrecked Nip plane.

### Pair Finds 'Mon' Better Than Fun

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC**—"You get all the fun. But we get all the mon." So read the inscription on the door of the paymaster's department of a combat unit.

The authors, TSgts. Edward Musser of Clarkburg, W. Va., and Frank Raftery of Washington, D. C., finally went on a two-man patrol for Japs after a day at their desks.

The result? A day filled with climbing cliffs, no sight of Japs and discovery of several Jap coins.

"You can have the fun. We'll keep the mon." So read the sign the following morning after the desk men had jaunted their tiring patrol.—Sgt. Philip N. Joachim, combat correspondent.

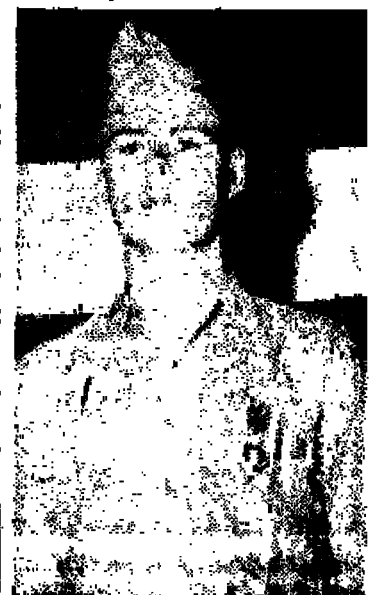
### Marine Wrestles, Boxes Japs In Foxhole Battle

PFC. Albert E. Merritt of Seattle got no better than a draw out of his first hand-to-hand battle with a Jap on Guam but definitely won the decision on his second try, according to a delayed dispatch from a combat correspondent.

During an enemy banzai attack, the story said, a screaming Jap leaped into Merritt's foxhole.

Unable to utilize any of the usual weapons of war at such close quarters, the Leatherneck began throwing punches so fast and effectively that the Jap jumped out of the foxhole and fled toward his own lines. He was cut down by rifle fire.

Earlier in the same campaign, Merritt engaged in a foxhole wrestling match with another Jap, but lost a potential captive when a Marine buddy, confused by the sudden commotion in the night, launched a kick that knocked the breath out of the wrong man.



PFC. MERRITT ... threw a flying barrage

### Class Not Just Theory As Jap Straggler Shows Up

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC** (Delayed)—A Marine unit training here in "cover and concealment" recently received more practical experience than they'd bargained for when a Jap survivor came to class. The class did a quick bit of extemporaneous work

and the teacher, Lt. John M. Peters of Ludlo, Cal., awarded it A-plus.

Lt. Peters showed his platoon the best methods of making itself invisible. Eight men hid themselves in the jungle near camp, and eight more went out to find them without being seen.

PFC. Rothell R. Bigham of Chester, S. C., one of the first eight, snuggled down in a likely spot. Suddenly he heard a rustle. A Jap soldier walked towards him, unaware that the Marine watched him. With no time to consult textbook or teacher, Bigham swallowed hard and jumped out of his bush.

A hard right to the cheek sent the Jap sprawling on the ground and the remainder of Lt. Peters' weaponless trainees rushed up quickly. The Jap reached inside his shirt and Lt. Peters ordered his men back, fearing grenades. An armed patrol snapped up the intruder in a few minutes.

Credit for the kill went to Corp. Edward Whalen of Sheephead Bay, N. Y., according to 1st Sgt. Bill Barnett, combat correspondent.

### Marines Play Santa For Kids

**MCAS, EL CENTRO**—Marines played host to more than 40 El Centro underprivileged children at a gala Christmas party.

After a showing of Walt Disney cartoons in the station theater, the party moved to the recreation hall where 30 WRs served ice cream, cookies and soda pop to the children. A Marine Santa Claus gave each child a silver dollar and a bag of candy and nuts at the Christmas tree.

Contributions from men and women at the station provided lunch. The MCAS club donated \$50.

### The Wolf

by Sansone



to have most



# Marines In The News... A Picture Review Of 1944's Headlines



**LTJG. HOLLAND H. SMITH** directed Gilberts, Marshalls and Marianas operations during year. Top Marine in the Pacific, he was made a three-star general in March and in July was promoted to commanding general, FMF, Pacific, newly-created post. Picture was taken when he took first ride as passenger on the reconstructed Saipan railroad.



**LTJG. A. A. Vandegrift**, who later earned Commandant Jan. 1, is pictured here during inspection trip of Camp Lejeune. He toured combat areas and West Coast stations.



**Sgt. Fred C. Chamberlain** was given DSM for escaping from Iwo Jima and fighting with guerrillas in Philippines for nearly two years. He gave up DSM to return to combat.



**NIWASU**, the feathered hero for heroism of Tarawa who now stands accused of having laid an egg gets a short beer from his owner, Corp. Francis Tague of Chicago, upon arrival at MCB from combat duty. From Tarawa, where he waddled ashore to put a Jap rooster to flight, Siwash went with his outfit and hit the bench at Saipan on D-Day.



**Maj. Gregory "Pappy" Boyington** was awarded Medal of Honor in April. He was listed as missing in action after shooting 5th Jap plane to equal existing record.



**Pvt. Richard E. Schmitt** was awarded Medal of Honor. He threw himself on Jap grenade in Marshalls invasion to protect five buddies with him in shell hole.



**QUANTICO PISTOL TEAM**, in 18 months of competition, shattered eight individual and six team world's records and met and defeated numerous Army, Navy and civilian clubs. WO. C. A. Brown (standing, extreme left), team coach, won Hearst trophy and all six of individual matches at Teaneck, N.J., firing against 2400 marksmen from four countries.



**1LT. Thomas Holcomb** became first Jappler general in Marine history when he retired as Commandant Jan. 1. He now serves nation as ambassador to Union of South Africa.



**TSgt. Donald W. Padraan**, 19, who was awarded Legion of Merit in April for bravery at Guadalcanal and Midway, Island, is believed to be youngest Marine ever to win this decoration.



**Maj. Marion Carl**, one of war's first aces, who shot down 16 1/2 Japs at Guadalcanal and Midway, Island, is believed to be youngest Marine ever to win this decoration.



**Corp. Marjorie Jackson**, only girl in a class of 17 men, completed 45-hour combat course at Mojave and now, as combat swimming instructor, teaches men at desert station.



**Pvt. Chuck Fennelbeck**, ex-UCLA backfield star, led powerful El Toro Marines team this fall in scoring 51 points. He was named on all-Pacific coast service team.



**2LT. Angelo Bertelli**, ex-Notre Dame star, was awarded Walter Camp Memorial football trophy in January. Now in South Pacific he will play with the pros after war.



**Maj. Elmer G. (Iron Man) Glidden** set probable world's dive-bombing record with 104 missions. Latest strikes were made in Marshalls against by-passed Jap garrisons.



**1LT. Claude F. Bouffard** was member of one of two Liberator crews which made daring reconnaissance flight over Truk Is. after long flight from Solomons.



**1LT. Kenneth A. Walsh**, who downed 20 enemy planes while flying with famed Squadron 124 in the Pacific, was presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor.



**Col. Walter L. J. Taylor**, who as last man off Wake Island authored a best-seller about those stirring early days of war, returned to combat duty in the South Pacific.



**Negro Marines**, of whom this DI is one, were in air rights earlier in year, but first met Japs in battle when they were thrown into front lines during fighting on Saipan.



**Col. Evans F. Cushman**, famed Raider leader and three-time Navy Cross winner, was wounded in Saipan fighting while trying to carry a wounded enlisted man to safety.



**PVT. JOHNNIE L. EGNOR** of Dallas, Tex., snatched off a Jap 302 at the (Sp.) Matthews range in April to set a new Mustang record. And he the highest mark turned in by a Marine ever. He's back with the M-1 in 1945. Highest score on record is by 4-year-old John C. Cushman in a qualification at Camp Lejeune.



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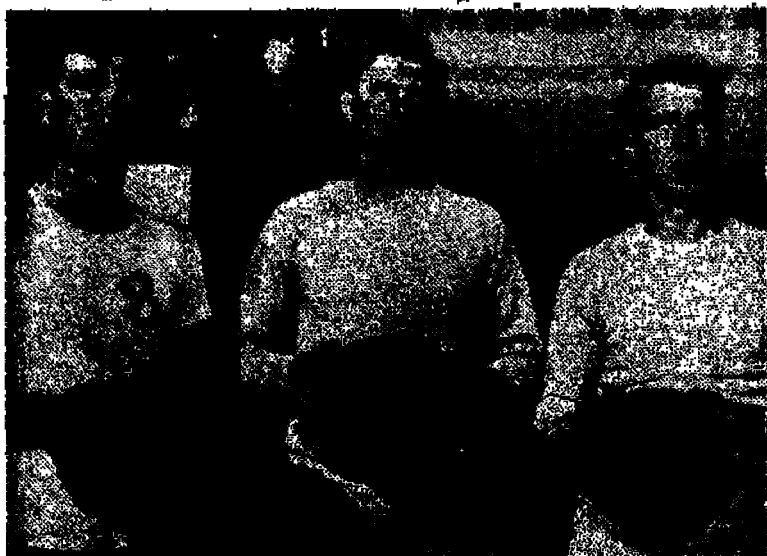


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# Age Mother Hubbard! Outgoing Athletes Leave Shelves Bare



**BASKETBALL.** Lost to MCB's championship basketball team of 1943 and 1944 is this fast trio (from left): PFCs, David Himmerickhouse, Joe Fulks and Charles Schroven.

## Powerful MCB Cage Squad Must Disband For Season

By PFC. Norris Anderson

Stock plummeted the bottom in every department along the MCB sports front this week as the "all out for combat" drive gave basketball, baseball and track shelves a distinct Mother Hubbard appearance.

When Capt. Charles R. Church, Base athletic officer, took inventory of his athletes, he found that even his scorekeeper and equipment manager were on the transfer list.

Currently riding the mid-crest of a bright 17-1 seasonal record, the MCB basketballers must disband for the season. "All remaining games have been canceled," laments Capt. Church, "but we did win the first half championship of the 11th Naval Dist."

### AVENGED DEFEAT

Only loss charged against the MCB basketballers was a pre-season setback to NTU. That misadventure was later corrected in decisive fashion. PFC. Joe Fulks, former Murray State Teachers College (Ky.) star, has netted 311 points thus far for individual scoring leadership and a

17-point game average.

A rangy performer with a reliable eye for the hoop, Fulks was the scoring leader on Capt. Church's nationally-feted club a year ago. Led by Fulks and 2d Lt. Kenny Sailors, that team whizzed through a 33-game schedule unbeaten at a 58-point per game clip. Seasonal spoils included the Army-Navy YMCA trophy, the NTS Invitational cup and the 11th Naval Dist. championship.

Other Pendleton-bound mainstays on the present maple crew are: PFC. "Swede" Schroven, former Santa Clara satellite; PFC. Johnny Simmons, erstwhile N. Y. Univ. guard; PFC. Mickey Marley, a Columbia performer; Pvt. Struett DelMoisey, a fresh star at the Univ. of Kentucky a year ago; Pvt. Bill Jones, Duquesne Univ., and PFC. Ray Wells, former Univ. of Idaho cager.

Forward PFC. Fred Smith of Hoopeston, Ill.; PFC. D. D. Himmerickhouse of Paris, Ill., and PFC. Bob Kramer of Oshkosh, Wis., stepped directly from prep ranks into Grade A service competition.

Following Fulks in the seasonal scoring were Marley with 119, DelMoisey with 108 and Himmerickhouse with 97 counters. The team totaled 904 points for a 50-point average.

### AQUATIC ACES

Corp. George Stiedel, outstanding MCB tennis performer, has exchanged his racket for an M-1.

Departing golf mainstays are Sgt. Joe O'Neill, Corps. Jerry Lee and Ralph Schilling and PFC. Lynn Cearley.

GySgt. Arthur O'Donaghe's strong swim team, winner of the Southern Cal. AAU and every other coast title, is losing such standouts as PFCs. Ken Marsh and Joseph Maslin and Pvt. Ralph Villers and Edwin Davidge, former Yale captain.

### BASEBALL CHAMPS

All remnants of the colorful 1944 baseball team, winner of 54 of 72 games during the season and 11th Naval Dist. champions, have been ticketed for combat.

Leaving are such stars as Corp. Ray Yoshida, former Cardinal pitcher; Pvt. Harry Hughes, manager and former Southern League performer; PFC. D. C. Moore, ex-Dodger and Athletic third baseman; Corp. Neil Andrews, catcher for the St. Paul entry in the American Association; Pvt. Well-



**BASEBALL.** MCB's 11th Naval Dist. championship team boasted this airtight infield. From left: PFC. Preston Chappel, second base; Pvt. Harry Hughes, first base; PFC. Lee Mohr, shortstop, and PFC. D. C. Moore, third base. All are on the transfer list.



**SWIMMING.** Base's 1941 swimming team hold some of trophies won against strong competition. Standing: PFCs. Kenneth Marsh and John Harris. Kneeling: PFCs. Joseph Maslin and Robert Kendinges. Goodbye to them, too!

ington Quinn, another ex-pro, and PFC. Lee Mohr, acrobatic shortstop who belongs to the Boston Red Sox.

Manager Hughes' crew defeated the NTC nine in a three-game series for the district title.

PFC. Ray Sears, who doubles as track tutor and star performer, is overseas bound. A former Butler Univ. star, the 37-year-old Sears won both the U. S. Service and the NIAA cross country titles last year.

PFC. Jack Kaiser scored 18 points in the Junior AAU meet in New York to contribute the outstanding individual track feat of the year. Versatile Mr. Kaiser ran the high hurdles in 14.8, leaped over 22 feet in the broad jump, pole-vaulted 13-2 and cleared 6-8 in the high jump during the regular season.

Pvt. Jerome Donovan Jr., who leaped 6 ft. 7 in. for Drake Univ., and Pvt. Tom Keating, a 8.5 hundred performer for San Francisco College, are other departing track stars. High spot of the cinder campaign was a runner-up berth among the West Coast's elite in the Pasadena Relays.

Corp. Johnny Romero and PFC. "Baby" Breesa, boxing instructors, have left.



PFC. Quentin "Baby" Breesa runs down curtains in October on weekly fight cards which he had been supervising for past year and a half. They had been popular at 60¢.

## Quantico Boxers Win Four Golden Glove Trophies

QUANTICO—Leatherneck scrappies won four of 16 championships in finals of the 12th Times-Five Golden Glove boxing tournament, Washington, D. C., Wednesday night.

Corp. Jim McFadden knocked out Jack McClure, NTAS, to win the novice lightweight title. Corp. Joe Leblond defeated PFC. "Blackie" Antuni for the senior lightweight crown.

In the novice lightweight class, PFC. Johnny Nenero KO'd Don Locke for the title. Ted Sosak, novice champ a year ago, won the senior lightweight trophy by decisioning Richard Nettie, NTS.

Maj. Gen. Phillip H. Torrey, commanding general, MB, Quantico, was an honored guest.

## Marines Place Two Men On Honor Five

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—An NATTC All-Tournament cage team has been selected by Lt. (jg) J. G. Mason, athletic officer, with two members of the championship Marine team on the first five.

Pvt. Frank Esposito of Peekskill, N. Y., was chosen as guard on the honorary team and Pvt. Clinton Potts of Hartford, Conn., was an all-tourney forward.

Center on the second team was PFC. [Name obscured] of the Ma-



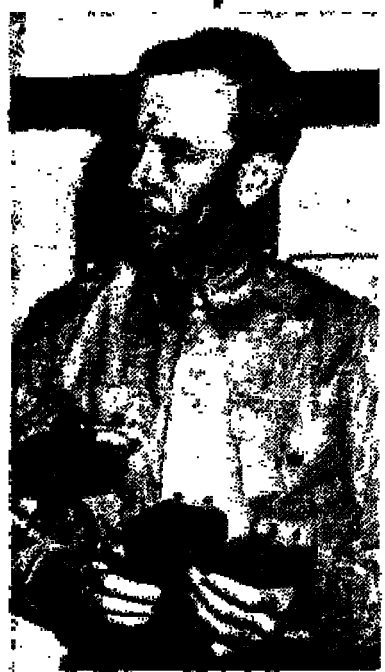
Capt. CHURCH  
... MCB's "Ironclad" man

## Leatherneck Sparks Dartmouth Quintet

PHILADELPHIA—Darrel E. Marine V-12 trainee, led Dartmouth to an easy victory over Pennsylvania in their first game, 50-35. Braatz fired field goals and three for six to take scoring hat 15 points.



**BASEBALL.** Biggest of big sticks of MCB's 1944 batting attack was Catcher Neil Andrews.



**TRACK.** Coach and outstanding performer of Base track team was distance runner PFC. Ray Sears. Spiked shoes he's holding were traded for broadockers.



## Miramar Takes 10 Games In Row To Clinch Title

By Corp. Fredrick A. Graham  
MCAD, MIRAMAR—Winding up with a spectacular 20-game winning streak, Miramar's AWS-7 softball team has concluded the current season by taking the National City (Cal.) Twilight League championship. Capt. Lawrence A. Canon of South Berwick, Me., "exec" of the squadron, organized and coached the team.

While temporarily stationed at Brown Field near Chula Vista, the Miramar Marines entered the National City Twilight League and defeated the leading softball teams to capture the championship. The "Wildcats" also have beaten service men's teams, among them Camp Matthews, Rep. Base and MCH.

Corp. Joseph M. Louza of Wilmington, Del., a former semi-pro pitcher, hurled the "Wildcats" to 20 wins, losing but three games in 26 starts. He also chalked up a "no-hitter".

Hardest hitter of the team was PFC William R. Schrier of Hightale, N. Y., first baseman, who ended the season with a full .348 average.

Others on the squad: MCH, Walter R. Smith, ss, Jeddling, O.; Sgt. George Rogers, Jr., Avon Lake, O.; and Carl L. Kelsenweaver, 2b, Hazelton, Pa.; Corps. Max J. Miorawa, cf, Chicago, Mass.; Angelo J. Casavola, of, Burlington, N. J.; and Ralph P. Engle, Yeaton, Pa.; PFCs: William A. Corda, 3b, Bloomfield, N. J.; Laura LaForgia, c, Hoboken, N. J.; and PFCs: George A. Narvaez, San Jose, Cal.; and Jacob J. Gero, St. Chicago.

## Quantico Five Makes Debut Under Wilson

QUANTICO—A tight defensive battle here last week saw the Quantico Marines down the Galaudet College cage team of Washington, D. C., 34-24.

PFC, Samuel H. Bell, captain and center, led the Marine scoring with 14 points. Sgt. John Wells, guard, flipped in 12 points from rear court.

Lt. Harold A. Wilson, new Marine player-coach, made his debut.

## 11th Naval District Teams Prep For Second-Half Play

Second half play in the 11th Naval Dist. basketball league will commence Jan. 14 and continue until March 2.

Champions of the second round in each division will meet the all-round winner at the outset of the season. Then winners in the "A" and "B" league will stage a play-off for the grand title.

Ten members of the "A" and "B" championship clubs will receive individual awards.

First-half victor in the All-Star league, the MCB team, has disbanded to the "all out for combat" drive. Surviving Marine teams and managers are MCAD, Miramar, Capt. Jaque; Camp Gillespie, Lt.



ALL IN FUN. Voluntary boxing program inaugurated in squadron at El Centro will soon spread to other air stations and lead eventually to a MarFair West tournament. Looking on as pupils trade blows is WO, Marshall G. Leach, coach.

## All-Air Station Boxing Program Gets Under Way

By Pvt. Charles D. Koch-Church

MCAS, EL CENTRO—A voluntary boxing program for West Coast Marine air stations has been inaugurated here under the direction of WO, Marshall G. Leach, a former pugilist.

Seventy-five prospects from an air group service squadron are now working out. The program soon will be carried to other squadrons at this station and then will be extended to other stations. Instructors are to be selected at each station by WO, Leach, who will coordinate the program.

Intra-station matches will qualify entries in a MarFair West boxing tournament, according to Capt. Ben F. Finney Jr., recreation officer of MarFair West.

"A gymnasium is the heart of any military camp," said WO, Leach, who once knocked out George Nichols, former world's light-heavyweight champion. "Teaching good sportsmanship and good conduct is part of our program."

"Co-ordination and rhythm are important attributes of a good boxer. They are more important than brawn. A man with a slim arm can hit as hard as the man with the heavy arm."

Prior to enlisting in August, 1943, WO, Leach was boxing coach at Valparaiso (Ind.) Univ.

## Oceanside Scraps Produce Thrills

CAMP PENDLETON—Pvt. Bud White of Chicago thumped out a welterweight decision over Corp. Walter Tynut of Mississippi in the special event at the Oceanside USO Monday night.

Top crowd-pleaser of the evening was provided by a pair of sailor heavyweights—Sgt. John Oberling of Kansas and Sgt. Jim Frey of Louisiana—who slugged it out until Oberling knocked out the Louisianan in the third round.

Pvt. Willie Wilds of Ohio dropped a decision to PFC Charles Cobb of Georgia in a semi-windup match.

Ours not to reason why—  
Ours just to be GI.

## All-American in Training At PI

PARRIS ISLAND—Pvt. Frank L. Bauman, unanimous All-American and All-Big Ten end at Purdue last fall, hopes he can join Lt. Robert Bauman, his brother who is overseas, after completing his 14-month training for a commission.

"The real All-American team I want to make is that U. S. Marine Corps' outfit which knocks the Japs clean out of this war. I'd sure like to be in there pitching next to my brother," said Pvt. Bauman.

Named the "No. 1 end of the season" by Sports Parade magazine last week, Bauman played at Parris during his freshman year. He has one year of eligibility left.

Purell; ABG-2, Maj. Simmons; Camp Elliott, Sgt. Harvey; and MarFair West, PFC, Berg.

New Marine entries include the Miramar AWS team under Lt. Ellis in the National League, SUPRON-5 (MCAD) under Lt. White in the International League, and Camp Kearney VMD-154 under Lt. Goode in the Eastern League.

## Fighter Sells Bonds

SEATTLE—Pvt. Frank Todd gave the 6th War Loan Drive a one-two punch and almost topped the station quota single-handed with sales totalling \$29,000. Todd, who has had 75 fights, is stationed at NAS here.

Grandpa "M" bowed out sedately enough a week ago, but the old rascal saw a number of surprising sports happenings occur while that long beard matured.

Overseas fighting men missed a sports year which grossed amazingly well at the ticket window despite the acute manpower shortage. These unusual feats were all part

of 1944:

Entered through a lucky break and rank outsiders in any wagering, Utah Univ. won the National Collegiate AA basketball championship by trouncing mighty St. Johns.

Lodged in the American League cellar so long that their backs were money, the St. Louis Browns withstood a stirring stretch race to beat the Yankees four straight games for the privilege of losing to their Cardinals in a six-game world series.

A haphazard collection of 4-Fs, representing the New York pro grid Giants, rose mightily to win the Eastern pro title and then lose a 14-7 heartbreaker to the touted Green Bay Packers in the championship play-off.

Twilight Tear emerged cream of the race tracks during a season where betting totals reached an all-time high.

Yale's sturdy Alan Ford swam the 50-yd. free style in 49.7 to sur-

pass the 50.8 which experts said would never be beaten.

Swede Arne Anderson brought the mile record even closer to that mythical four-minute barrier with a 4:01.6 timing.

Ben Jack, colored welterweight, was the leading money winner in boxing before entering the Army. Jack made \$330,000 for his boss, Uncle Mike Jacobs.

Sgt. Frankie Parker finally won the national men's singles tennis title after 15 years' effort.

"Lord Byron" Nelson completely dominated the golf field and raked in \$33,000 for the term.

The Montreal Canadians captured championships of both National hockey leagues and the subsequent Stanley Cup.

On the darker side, such Marines as Lt. Alex Santilli, Fordham ace of the 1943 Sugar Bowl conflict; Capt. Peter Holovak, former Boston College star, and Capt. Stephen Stavers, Columbia swim star, all gave their lives for their country.

## Startling Events Top 1944 Sport News



Bowling league at USNH, San Diego, is this team: Rogers, Tulsa, Okla.; Corps. Earl G. Trapp, Nofstinger, St. Louis, Mo.; and PFC. [Name] won 22 of 24 league games to date.

## Leatherneck Bowlers Set Pace In Hospital League

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Marine Guard keepers continued to pace the hospital bowling league Wednesday night despite being held to a 2-2 draw by the second-placed Dental Office platoon. Sgt. R. Rogers rolled a 188 game for the highest individual performance.

The Leatherneck team had won

22 of 28 matches to lead the league. Dental Office has a 20-8 record.

Despite a spirited last-half rally, the Guard bowlers dropped a 28-23 decision to the Staff Officer five Tuesday night. Corp. J. W. Ives with 10 points led the Marines as his team tumbled to a league standing of 2 wins, 3 losses.



# The Marines . . A Reporter's Report

The following excerpts are from an article written by Robert Sherrod, war correspondent for Time magazine which appeared in Shipmate magazine.

The story is told of the Marine who had served a hitch in the Army before transferring himself and his affections to the Marine Corps. A curious newspaper man asked about the difference in the services, wasn't the training superior and the equipment better in the Marines, etc.?

The ex-soldier is supposed to have pondered the question a long time before replying: "No, I think the training in the Army is actually more thorough nowadays. The Army's equipment is better and there is always more of it. But these Marines—the bastards do something for your soul."

Last someone conclude that the Marines are inspired by lofty ideals and "know what they are fighting for." I hasten to add my own conviction that the average Marine probably has a dimmer idea of idealistic motives than the average soldier. I think the Marines fight for—the Marines. The process of inculcation which every man undergoes, from the time he steps into boot camp until he wades into enemy machine gun fire, is something to marvel at.

I do not know what this process entails—I have only seen the results. But I have never talked to a Marine who didn't believe he belonged to the best damn fighting outfit in the world, and who was willing to risk his life in upholding the tradition. I have seen Marines killed whose last resolution was, I am sure, "one Marine never lets another Marine down."

The most impressive demonstration of this resolution I have seen occurred at Tarawa. Two episodes stand out in my memory and, I am certain, in the memories of all men who were there.

The first episode occurred on D-Day. We managed to land at the three appointed beachheads in spite of machine gun fire for which the usual adjective "withering" is totally inadequate. Twenty feet in front of the water line there was a seawall about four feet high. Having reached the beach, all men were naturally inclined to duck behind the protecting seawall. Anyone who climbed over that seawall knew that he was likely to be dead or wounded within very brief moments. But the Marines climbed the seawall and went after the Jap machine guns "because they are killing a lot of Marines behind us wading in the water." The photograph of those men going over the seawall must be the finest action photograph ever made, because of the implications behind it.

The other episode happened the morning of D-plus-1. Contrary to popular impression, Tarawa's heaviest casualties in the water did not occur on D-Day. Brig. Gen. Merritt Edson later estimated that only 15% of D-Day's casualties were in the water—the 300-ton aerial and naval bombardment had stunned the Japs so that their initial machine gun and rifle fire was much less effective than it might have been. But by the second morning the Japs, in spite of all the Marines' effort, had been able to organize their fire. They had stationed machine gun crews on some of their "privy piers" and in the rusty, half-sunken cargo ship's hull that lay about 800 yards offshore.

So, those Marines who started coming in at dawn of D-plus-1 caught the Jap fire from fore and aft. It was murderous—and the most sickening sight I have ever seen. The splatter of thousands of machine gun bullets would be followed by many Marines dropping in the water. It was estimated that more than 300 were killed. The wounded dropped, too, and if they had reached shallow water, they were sometimes able to crawl toward shore. If not, they drowned.

In spite of the heavy, heart-sickening casualties—which I could witness by looking out to sea from the remaining wall—no Marines, so far as I could see, turned back. They kept on coming.

The finest tribute paid to these brave men came from a Jap prisoner who told Marine officers after the battle that his officers had said a million Americans could not take Tarawa. He added: "The bombing and shelling were horrible. They caused great damage, especially to our communications. But what broke our spirit was the sight of those Marines who kept on wading through the water."

The same indomitable spirit which prompts men to risk their lives for each other also binds them together in a sort of fanatical loyalty. This loyalty is, of course, by no means confined to the Marine Corps—it can be found on any proud ship, in any veteran regiment. But in the Marine Corps it is universally strong. . . .

Some Marines may have joined up under a misapprehension—though the Corps has never sought to sell the idea that being a Marine is a nice, soft life and lien. Vandergift is authority for the statement that there are only two kinds of Marines: those that are in combat and

those that are preparing for combat. But no man who has been in combat has any excuse for being under a misapprehension the second time.

Yet, a reporter for the Marine Corps Chevron at San Diego found that the returned veterans wanted to go back to the Pacific battles again. Said a sergeant: "I won't feel the same as I did when I went over the first time. I know it's no South Sea Island cruise. But I'd feel awfully funny if I stayed here in the States when my outfit was overseas and I had to read in the papers how my buddies were getting hell shot out of them." A PFC's comment: "I'm not brave but I'm glad I'm going back into combat. Over there you can tell the men from the boys." Another sergeant's: "The sooner we get it over with, the sooner I can get back to civilian life. You can't win a war sitting here in the States." Some outfits now overseas would conclude that such men are crazy. Maybe so. But that's the way Marines talk, even Marines who have gone through one or more hells already. . . .

Men of other services sometimes rebel at the Marine Corps cockiness, the self-appointed measure of greatness which all the hell-for-leather 20-year-olds assume when they don a Marine uniform. By now almost everyone has read the poem about "those sea-going bellhops," "those brass-button queens," "those publicity fiends." What most people don't realize is that the poem was written by Capt. Earl Wilson, USMCR, when he was a bemused second lieutenant.

But when the cards are down, when it is win or lose, do or die, kill or be killed, I'll take the Marines. I have seen them in action only twice—at Tarawa and Saipan.

From The Chevron Jan. 9, 1943

Pvt. Tyrone Power, movie star, reported for duty in this week.

CAMP ELLIOTT—Hardly out of swaddling clothes the 21st Marines are going through intensive training in

CAMP MATTHEWS—The "Emperor's Cup" which J. E. Snow, range officer, won in a Jap shooting contest at Tientsin in 1928 was turned in to the scrap metal drive to be sent back to the Nips in the form of bullets.

CAMP ELLIOTT—The last OC class has been graduated from Green Farm and hereafter all candidates will go to Quantico.

NORTH ISLAND—Lt. Col. Raymond C. Scollin, flyer recently returned from Guadalcanal, reported that Marines there were bombed every day, at night were shelled by ships, and that Jap artillery maintained almost constant fire 24 hours a day in the field.

GUADALCANAL—William D. Hawkins of El Paso, Tex., has set an unusual record in advancing from private to second lieutenant in 8 months and 25 days. (Editor's note—Hawkins later won the Medal of Honor at Tarawa.)

But they convinced me there. It is an awe-inspiring sight to see men, one after another, give their lives in order that their comrades' lives might be spared. It is not easily forgotten. Neither is the esprit de corps which causes men to rise to such heights of supreme courage.

The Marines know they are not fighting an easy war. They know it is going to take a long time to lick the tenaciously fanatical Japs. And they know they will be up front wherever the fighting is toughest. But Marines don't complain. I can still see the Marines mounting that seawall at Tarawa, and I can hear Jim Crowe booming: "Come on, men, you'll never get a Purple Heart in a foxhole."

## 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.

### GI Bill of Rights

Editor, The Chevron—Is it true that Marines who enlisted will not be eligible to receive the benefits of the educational angle of the GI Bill of Rights?

NAME WITHHELD

Camp Kearney, San Diego, Cal.

Editor's note—No; there is no distinction between those who volunteered and SS men. Honorably-discharged veterans, regardless of age, are eligible for one year refresher or retraining courses. Those who were not over 25 when they entered the service may enroll in complete courses. It will interest service men and veterans who have unusual questions about the GI Bill of Rights to know that they can write to Yank's Service Bureau of the Chicago Sun, 119 W. Washington St., Chicago 3, Ill., enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope, and have them answered.

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### VFW Ribbon

Editor, The Chevron—I have just recently joined the Veterans of Foreign Wars and along with my membership card I received a VFW bar. This ribbon bar is red with yellow stripe down the middle and a white stripe just inside a blue stripe down both ends.

In accordance with existing regulations, am I entitled to wear this ribbon bar on my dress uniform?

MTSgt. G. W. HANSEN

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—Miscellaneous badges, such as the VFW ribbon, "may be worn upon occasions of ceremony at the option of the holder." However, unless otherwise ordered, no other decorations, service ribbons or badges will be worn at the same time. (Uniform Regulations, Chap. VI, P. 337).

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### Navy Rates on Greens

Editor, The Chevron—An argument arose the other night among my shipmates and myself about Navy personnel attached to the FMF. We would like to know if we can wear Marine rates which are equivalent to our own while attached to the FMF; that is, on greens issued to us by the Corps. A picture which appeared in Leatherneck started the argument. Would you please cut us in on the scoop.

HA2/c. THOMAS C. ROUSSEAU  
PHM3/c. LEE DeVITO  
HA1/c. JACK WADMAN  
HA3/c. ARTHUR F. RINZ  
HA2/c. A. W. SCOTT

Editor's note—Leatherneck's picture shows the sailor's jacket with the insignia of a 2nd class petty officer and his greens with the corresponding rate of staff sergeant. Navy personnel should wear appropriate Navy Rating Badges when issued Marine greens.

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### 'Do It Better'

Editor, The Chevron—Being a "China Marine" and having been present and voted for the winning name of "Chevron" for the original paper published by the NCO club of the 4th Marines at Shanghai, I am pleased to note the excellent coverage of Marine news and distribution of the present Chevron, which is carrying on the tradition of "do it better."

LTJG R. HILLES

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

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### Conditions in Japan

"We can't judge economic conditions in Japan. But the Japanese soldier and sailor never surrender and the civilians have the same attitude." Rep. Ploeser of Missouri.

### New Ribbon

Editor, The Chevron—I served with a torpedo bombing unit which was cited for extraordinary achievement of the coast of . . . . The CO received a letter of commendation from the War Dept. for outstanding performance of the unit.

Does the new Navy Unit Commendation ribbon announced in the Dec. 23 issue of The Chevron apply in this case and do the enlisted personnel rate wearing the new ribbon?

NAME WITHHELD

MCAS, El Centro, Cal.

Editor's note—No. There have been no awards of the new commendation ribbon yet.

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### Rotation Policy

Editor, The Chevron—(a) Is it official that Marines only have to serve 18 months overseas instead of the usual 24? (b) Do Marines arriving on islands in time to do mopping up rate a star on Area ribbons?

GEORGE ELOFF

Toledo, O.

Editor's note—(a) No. (b) Yes, if they are ashore within time limitations prescribed for the wearing of a star.

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### Here's the Reply

Editor, The Chevron—I have just been reading your issue which gives an account of Marine actions of . . . war. How come the 4th Div. received the Unit Citation, if all they did was to land at Saipan and the 2nd Div. did the rest of the work? What is the matter—have you got it in for the 4th? I am the mother of Wendell Ricker, who is in the 4th. I imagine I'll never get a reply to this.

Mrs. RICKER

Lewiston, Me.

Editor's note—Our brief chronology of World War II was not intended to be a complete description. The full story of the action which won the Unit Citation for the 4th Div. was printed in The Chevron Nov. 18.

## Church Services

**MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant):** 0800 Service, Communion, Chapel; 0830 Service, R&R Recreation Bldg.; 0915 Service, Base Theater; 1015 Service, Chapel. (Catholic): 0800 Mass, Base Theater; 0915 Mass, Chapel; Tuesday Novena, 1900, Chapel; Confessions, Saturdays 1600, Chapel—1800 Bldg. 123, Rld.—1900 R&R Chaplain's Office. (Jewish): Tuesday 1830, Bldg. 123, Rld. (Latter Day Saints): 0800 Service, Bldg. 123, Rld.; Wednesdays 1630, Bldg. 123, Rld.

**CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant):** 1000, Camp Chapel, Bldg. 223. (Catholic): Mass, 0830, Chapel. (Jewish): 0815, Small room in Camp Chapel Bldg. (Latter Day Saints): 1000, Camp Chapel.

**CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant):** Sunday, 1015, Communion, 1090 Post Chapel. (Catholic): Sunday Masses 0630, 0815, 1115. Mass daily, 1630, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science): 1600-1730, Chaplain's office, Wednesdays. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Thursday, 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1930, Camp Post Chapel, Friday 1830.

**MCAS, Miramar (Protestant):** 1000, Services; Communion 1st Sunday of month. (Catholic): 0700 and 0800, confessions; 0730 and 0830, Mass, Barracks 622. (Jewish): Thursdays, 0900. (Latter Day Saints): Education meeting Tuesdays, 1800. (Christian Science): 1450-1500, Chaplain's office, Fridays.

**CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant):** Post Chapel, communion at 0900, Bible Class 0930, Morning Worship at 1015, Vespers Service 2000; Wednesdays, Vespers Service 2000. Ranch House Chapel, service at 1000, Infantry Training Center, Sunday morning worship, 0800. (Catholic): 0800, 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 1900, 2000. (Jewish): 0815, 1000, 1115, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900, 2000. (Latter Day Saints): 1000, 1200, 1400, 1600, 1800, 2000. (Christian Science): 1450-1500, Chaplain's office, Fridays.



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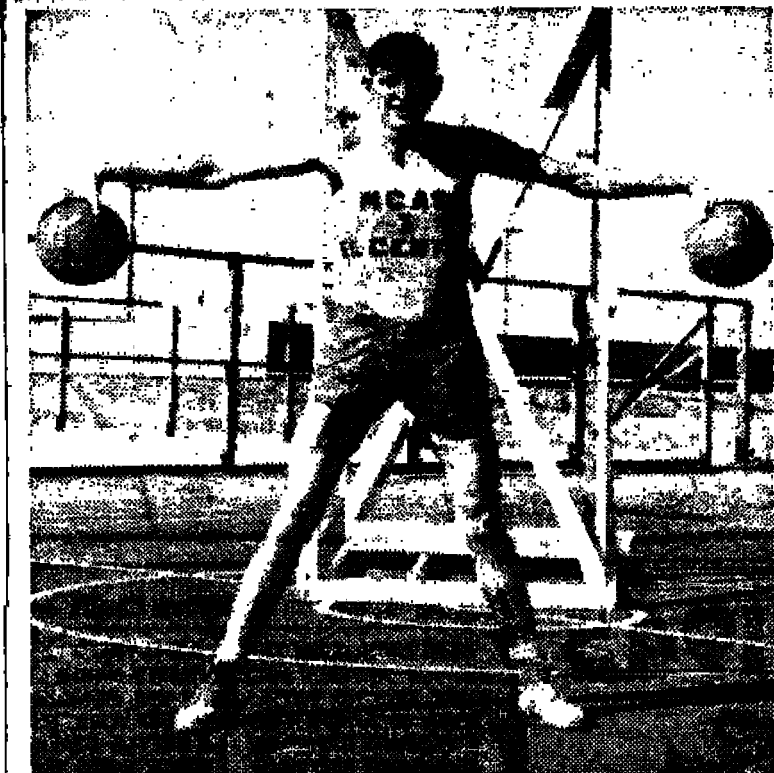
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# Teams Compete On Maples

Putting on their best show for the home fans, the desert hoop bands led all the way. Moser was high man with 28 points, while Niet, with 14, was high man for El Centro. The score:

Mojave (27) (42) El Centro  
Moser (22) F. (11) Niet  
Goldstrand (13) F. (10) Niet  
Giles (13) G. (10) Niet  
Mintella (8) G. (10) Niet  
Chida (4) G. (10) Niet

Substitutions: Mojave—Overman (4), Thatcher (11). El Centro—Jensen, McFann, Winfree.



LANKEY. When Sgt. Vernon Neal reaches for the hoop, he's practically there. A former East Texas State college star, the 6-ft. 5-in. beanstalk is El Centro's starting center.

## Second-Half Rally Wins For Clearfield

CLEARFIELD, Utah—A second half rally gave the NPD Marine crew a 48-27 verdict over the Hill Field Aces in an Ogden Service League fray. The score was tied 23-23 at the halftime goal. WO. Weisheit led the Marines with 15 counters.

## Safe

Pennsylvania

PFC. Peter M. Starnes, New Br.

## Missing

Pvt. Ralph E. McChesney, Fayetteville, California

Corp. Charles M. Sweet, Venice, Florida

Corp. Sandra J. Bruns, Miami Beach, Florida

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## Point Basketeers Defeat Two Foes

HERRY POINT—The Flying Pharoahs scintillated on the basketball court last week by using two strong foes.

A strong stint of first-half goal enabled the Pointers to roll PI, 55-41, here. Led by Sam

George's 20 tallies, the Point five never threatened. Hank Nas

back with 12 points was the PI

ensive gem.

George Mingle contributed 17

the path as the

55-36. Fred Snoddy

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Charles Tyranski, Wilmington, Del., guard.

Capt. James G. White, Mt. Car

## First Class Ends Idaho Training

FARRAGUT, Idg.—Fifteen men were in the first class of Marines to be graduated from service schools at Naval Trng. Center here.

At completion of the 20-week course they were returned to MCAD, Miramar, for further assignment.

The Marine contingent at the school now numbers 130, 201st. Gil

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mel, Ill., new CO of Hq. Sq. and a

basketball enthusiast, has been

working out with the squad.

## Dunkel Ratings Come To Senses

Bible of collegiate basketball, the Dunkel Basketball Ratings have for three years ignored the MCB team. Final top ten teams in the Dunkel compilation a year ago featured three teams that the MCB five had whipped during the season.

Just as the current club is disbanding because of transfers, the Dunkel ratings for the first week of January list the MCB basketballers as No. 8 to the nation, better late than never?

Philly Marines Lose PHILADELPHIA—Swarthmore College toppled the Philadelphia Marines, 33-30, in a cage engagement Saturday night.

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## Screen Guide

Base Theater

1730-2000

Today—Three Is a Family, Reyn

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Sunday—Here Come the Waves.

Hutch-Crosby.

Monday—Falcon in Hollywood.

Conway-Rog.

Tuesday—Mr. Skeffington, Davis-

Rains.

Wednesday—Dangerous Passage.

Lowery-Brooks.

Thursday—Lake Placid Serenade.

Ralsen-Noble.

Friday—Casanova Brown, Cooper-

Wright.

Saturday—Secret Command, O'Brien-Landis.

Camp Matthews

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mour-McMurray.

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MCAD, Miramar

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Perilous, Lamar-Trent.

Tuesday—Man in Hat Moon

Street, Afton-Walker.

Wednesday—Girl Rush, Falcon in

Hollywood.

Thursday—Lake Placid Serenade

Ralsen-Noble.

Friday-Saturday—Della, of the

Yukon, Shore-Scott.

## Bear A Hand

For Sale

SEVERAL articles of used furni-

ture, good condition. Call, Wide

4837 Edgeware Rd., MCB Box 257.

Lost

BLACK billfold with ID card and

papers inside. Please return card

and papers. Reward for billfold and

entire contents. Corp. Marion Hitt-

man, WR 10.

GOLD top black Eversharp pencil

somewhere in front of Main Adm.

Wdg. Lt. Col. Roy H. Laird, MCB,

Bldg. 547, Room 215. Reward.

Wanted

Set of electric barber clipper, new

used. Corp. Charles Phillips,

Bldg. 2285, Chap Pendleton between

9820 and 1030.

## Lost Buddies

The following are sought:

James Wilson and Bob Kneuth,

last known address, Sandstone, Va.,

in 1942; by Pvt. Mildred Nelson,

AWHS-3, Bldg. 409, MCAS, El Centro.

## Citations

Navy Cross

Capt. William G. Shoemaker.

Legion of Merit

Brig. Gen. Franklin A. Hart.

Silver Star

Capt. Walter H. Cuenin.

Navy and Marine Corps Medal

2d Lt. Andrew M. Groff.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Capt. John F. Barthell.

Air Medal

Maj. William A. Carlton.

1st Lt. James T. Gagliardi and

Frank R. Simmonds (gold star in lieu

of second award).

TSgt. John H. Schilling Jr.

Sgt. Benjamin F. Wilcox.

Corp. Clarence W. Gray.

PFC. Raymond P. Jagro, John J.

Puddi, Edwin J. St. Germain, Willie

C. Thompson and Cecil M. W.

Letters of Commendation

Capt. Charles G. Gray, Howard F.

Cross and Richard B. Daly.

1st Lt. James M. Caulfield.

W. Linnaeus G. Dugan.

TSgt. George M. Gearhart.

Sgt. John M. Calvert and An-

thony J. Belmont.

Sgt. Vernon L. Gibson and Ed-

ward T. Gibson.

Corp. Ben C. Canham and Clarence

W. Gray.

## Changes of Duty

From Overseas

Brig. Gen. John T. Walker to 1st Lt.

Col. Frank H. Wirth to West

Coast.

1st Lt. Max J. Volz to 1st Lt.

Edwin P. Pennebaker to 1st Lt.

Coast; Edward E. H. to 1st Lt.

Francis T. Ryan to 1st Lt. and

Harry B. Van Liew to 1st Lt. and

never from active duty.

To Overseas

1st Lt. Harry C. Atkins from

Camp Lejeune, Harb. B. West from

Camp Pendleton, 2nd Lt. C. Winton



