

Tokyo Rose Fades, Manila Doomed



GUAM HERO. 2dLt. Robert N. Thompson is awarded the Silver Star for outstanding bravery while leading his platoon during the Guam invasion. His story will feature the "Halls of Montezuma" program broadcast today.

Montezuma Broadcast Features Civic Award

By PFC Jim Shelly

Today's "Halls of Montezuma" program, the 142nd consecutive coast-to-coast radio broadcast to originate from the Basin Theater, will be an auspicious one, according to a preview of the guests, features and talent.

In recognition of the outstanding work done during the past two years, the "Halls of Montezuma" radio unit will receive a scroll of honor from the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard, commanding general of MCB, will accept the award on behalf of the men.

The scroll "recognizes the inestimable value of the 'Halls of Montezuma' . . . realizes that this value extends to the community wherein the broadcast originates . . . favorable national attention has therefore been accorded this community . . . splendid participation which has been in the highest tradition of the United States Marine Corps . . . and which has brought unsolicited and appreciative public response to such teamwork and management . . . and is a record of civic gratitude and civic pride for a worthwhile job well done."

Signed by Albert G. Reader, president of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, it will be presented by G. Aubrey Davidson, chairman of the Naval Affairs Committee of the chamber. Mr. Davidson, who will appear on today's broadcast, has

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SILVER STAR. Sgt. James M. Wheldon received his decoration in the South Pacific several months ago for heroic deeds on Bougainville, was given the permanent citation for his decoration this week at Base Qd. Bu.



BRONZE STAR. Pfc. Harry W. Leonard received his award this week for heroic achievement in action on Saipan, working under heavy fire he saved the lives of many men who might otherwise have died battling the Japs.

List Of Prisoners Freed From Japs Includes Marines

Mrs. Eugene C. Commander was a leading candidate for the "happiest housewife in San Diego" Thursday noon.

For the list of liberated 313 Jap prisoners included the name of her husband, Marine MTSgt. Eugene C. Commander, Commander, a 25-year Leatherneck veteran, was stationed at Cavite Barracks in the Philippines when the war broke out.

The veteran Marine's wife had just received a post card from her husband. Dated for July, 1944, the card was a reply to a letter written to him three years ago, shortly after his capture.

Answering his wife's chatter about a fishing voyage, Commander inquired her not to catch all the fish and he congratulated their son on his recent marriage.

"Do you suppose they will let me go down to the dock to meet Eugene when he comes home?" were Mrs. Commander's parting words.

Another Marine wife, Mrs. William P. Smith, was informed of the news by radio-listening neighbors. Sgt. Smith, her husband, was transferred from MCB to the Philippines several months before the war started. He had been married only five months when he was sent overseas.

Tokyo Rose was rapidly simmering into shrinking pink today after Yankee troops had swept into the outskirts of Manila, capital and key city of the Philippines.

Rapid progress of the third Luzon landing, accomplished southwest of Manila two days ago, continued to lock the jaws of a trap which encloses the Philippine capital from both north and south. Eliminating all possibility of southern Jap troops joining the northern units, the third invasion army landed at Nasugbu on the west coast of Batangas province.

Russian troops stormed within 25 miles of Berlin last night to heighten the possibility that the falls of both Philippine and German capitals might be simultaneous. Four allied armies forced panic-stricken Nazis into wide retreat along the west Siegfried line.

A spectacular rescue of 513 early-war Jap prisoners, including many Marine heroes, overshadowed the powerhouse Manila and Bataan drives Thursday.

A navy patrol of Americans and Filipinos speared 25 miles into Jap-held territory on northern Luzon to engineer the mass prison break. Striking with great ferocity and accuracy in a night attack, the mission was accomplished without the loss of a single prisoner.

Marine WO. James Shimol of Philadelphia couldn't get a word out of his mouth when the green-clad Rangers swarmed into the camp. He was immediately installed as a senior officer of a company of 19 former 4th Mar. regiment members.

Tokyo broadcasts reported that "the enemy is sending warships to the vicinity of Corregidor and are cruising in all adjacent waters." A Domei news agency dispatch

said "more than 10 battleships, cruisers, destroyers and several other unidentified ships" had steamed into Subic bay, which Gen. Douglas MacArthur earlier announced was being converted into an American naval station again.

Armored units shot past San Fernando, 34 miles from Manila, to enter the narrow neck of land between two swamps in a drive nearing Calumpit on the Pampanga River.

The fall of San Fernando was reported in a communique by Gen. Douglas MacArthur which listed Japanese casualties on Luzon in excess of 25,000 as against American casualties of 4254.

A Tokyo broadcast said that Japanese submarines have penetrated to the west coast of the United States and sunk three transport ships and an oil tanker.

American censorship permitted a fortnight ago that an American Liberty ship had been sunk and its survivors machine-gunned by a Japanese submarine between Hawaii and the west coast, but there have been no other recent reports of enemy submarine activity in the area.

Japanese forces still hold isolated bases on Wake island and in the Marshall archipelago, both more than 4000 miles from the west coast.

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Base Oldtimer Retires After 41 Years

"Good-byes" were prepared this week for retiring Maj. Harry Halladay, Base commissary officer, who terminated 41 years of continuous service in the Corps, Thursday.

Maj. Halladay's colorful career began when he enlisted as a private in February, 1904. "I was first assigned aboard the USS Petrel, known then as the Navy's baby battleship," related the major.

Recounting some early experiences, he remembered his trip aboard the Petrel in May of '04 when she sailed into Kiska, Alaska. The ship was with a survey party sent to determine the feasibility of establishing a coaling station at the isolated point.

He also recalled the day he strained backs with other members of the crew to push the Petrel across a treacherous reef at the entrance of Pearl Harbor.

The year 1905 found the veteran, then a corporal, in charge of feeding thousands of refugees, homeless and without food due to the disastrous earthquake in San Francisco. For his fine work in this capacity he was promoted to sergeant.

The major readily confesses he was placed into quartermaster and finally commissary work "because I could write legibly," and is the oldest commissary officer in the Corps. He was assigned to that branch here after completion of land acquisition and the temporary construction at Camps Elliott and Gillespie.

When in 1916, approximately 80 Marines took a competitive examination for the rank of quartermaster clerk (warrant officer), he completed the examination with the second highest mark and was one of those who were promoted.

During World War I, he was commissioned to the rank of second lieutenant and rose to captain before hostilities were ceased. His rank reverted back to warrant officer after the war but he was appointed captain again in '41 and in March of '42, was advanced to major.

In commenting further on his long service, the New Jersey Marine laughed good-naturedly and said, "I've been shot, ship-wrecked and around the world, but I just can't put 41 years of service in two pages of news copy."

Included in the ribbons which decorate his uniform are the Haitian and Dominican Campaign ribbons, World War I Victory Medal, Mexican Service, Marine Expeditionary and American Defense Service ribbons and the Good Conduct medal.



OLD SHIPMATES. Maj. Halladay, recently retired after 41 years' continuous service, discusses current war events with Lt. Comdr. Edgar T. Hammond. The Major and the Navy officer formerly served together as enlisted men aboard the USS Petrel in 1904 during an Alaskan cruise.

Yankee Forces Reach Philippine Capital

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Superfortresses bombed the Japanese stepping stone island of Iwo Jima and enemy broadcasts said lone B-29s made two more nuisance raids on Tokyo, starting at least one fire.

Tokyo also reported a "small number of enemy planes" had raided Hachijo in the Izu group, 200 miles south of the Japanese capital and 500 miles north of Iwo for the first time at about 0810 today (Tokyo time).

The U. S. 20th air force reported a Superfortress strike against Iwo yesterday, Tokyo time. The Japanese radio said American planes made the first attack of the war against the Izu islands, 200 miles directly south of Tokyo. It reported that Hachijo, in the Izu, was the target while single B-29s raided Tokyo with incendiaries Thursday night and early yesterday, Japanese time. A 20th air force communiqué said Superforts from Saipan blasted Iwo in broad daylight.

The Japanese have been using Iwo as a base from which to mount air attacks on Saipan and against Superforts flying to the Nippon homeland.

SUBIC BAY SECURED

Eighth Army troops secured Subic bay, including Olongapo naval base, Tuesday without opposition, and the U. S. Seventh fleet then entered the bay. To the east the Sixth Army seized Calumpit and crossed the Pampaliga river, 28 road miles from Manila.

Fleet entrance into the good anchorage and repair base on the fringes of Manila bay followed unimpeded occupation of Grande island, Subic's "little Corregidor."

Barber Shop Uses Dive Bomber Seat

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed) - A barber chair made from a dive-bomber seat is the invention of Corp. Henry A. Smith, 22, of Winfield, Ala.

Smith, a battalion barber, salvaged the radio gunner's perch from a wrecked Douglas dive bomber. Using the traversing guide rail as a base, he put the seat on rollers. It rotates like the real thing. The seat can be raised or lowered to accommodate the varying height of Marines.

"I was going to fix it so it could be tilted back like a barber's chair," the corporal said, "but the Marines out here shave themselves, so I didn't bother."

A Japanese news agency dispatch claimed the entire coastline of China's Kwangtung province was in Japanese hands following two recent landings in Blas bay, former pirate lair, 25 miles east of Hong-kong.

Some Germans are ready to surrender, the Berlin radio said last week, but declared that "those cowardly creatures who try to desert the fatherland in its hour of need are relatively few among our people."

One transmission by the Transocean, Nazi news agency, said 5,000,000 Germans were trudging westward from the threatened areas, some of them in columns more than 35 miles long. Another appealed to German women and children to help clear the roads of snow and ice for the reinforcements moving up to the eastern front.

Well Stocked PX Flourishes Upon Remote Island

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) - This Marine aircraft group base, although occupied by Allied forces much more recently than many islands in this area, has become a shopping center for the Allied advance.

Because the Marine organization which holds sway here shipped out of the United States as a Marine base defense aircraft group, it became the first group to enter the field with a fully stocked post exchange. Marines from the Marianas west to the Palau Islands are reaping the benefits of this foresight. Pilots daily carry away large quantities of such necessities as shaving cream, tooth paste and tobacco, making the purchase for men in their respective sectors.

According to Lt. A. T. Ryden of Stillwater, Minn., most Marine air groups come into the field with nothing more than "branch" post exchanges. The post exchange, "operation" for these units, is conducted wherever the air wing has its headquarters. Branch PXs are dependent on the "operation" for replenishments, and oftentimes it is difficult to transport the goods from island to island in large quantities.

Marine, Navy and Army men from Guam, Saipan, Tinian and Peleliu are overjoyed when they arrive here and learn that they can obtain toilet articles and candies to take back to their buddies. Because these men have in some instances been "doing without" for some time, Lt. Ryden allows them to make purchases to the full extent of their purses.



CEREMONY. A Silver Star, Bronze Star and five Purple Hearts were awarded this week to members of the Base Gd. Bn. Lt. Col. Jesse L. Perkins is shown reading a citation to (left to right): 1st Sgt. Harry W. Leonard, Corp. Joe A. Quintan, Corp. Frank V. Ruiz, Sgt. Billy D. Henshaw, PFC. R. L. Parsley, Pvt. Louis J. Saldana and Sgt. James M. Wheldon. The formation was at Gd. Bn. Hq. (Photo by PFC. Marion E. Brown.)

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been called the "Father of the Marine Corps Base". It was during his term as the president of the Chamber of Commerce that the movement to establish the Marine Base was initiated. Mr. Davidson was the driving force and spent long hours of his time to complete this undertaking.

Gen. Howard will award the Silver Star today to 2d Lt. Robert N. Thompson for his action on Guam. Following a dramatization of his, Lt. Thompson will be interviewed. Today's show, which begins at 1500, was written and will be produced by Corp. Hank Richards.

In April, 1942, the first broadcast of the "Halls of Montezuma" reached the nation over the full facilities of the Mutual Broadcasting System. During the past year the radio unit, assisted by the Base

orchestra and band, have carried out many additional assignments. Dozens of appearances before civic and military groups; work performed in the interest of the various USO centers; the Army-Navy YMCA; the hospitals and camps in this area; personal appearances that have sold over two million in War Bonds; special work for the Red Cross War Fund Drive and the San Diego Blood Donor Center, including a huge show recently that brought Orson Welles from Hollywood as its star.

The famous "Marine Corn Folies" staged before thousands began a year ago as a spare time project. So spare that the boys called themselves the "Liberty-Timers". Marines are sure to remember the smash humor of the "Beondecks Blackouts and Platoon 14", and the variety of songs and sketches of the "Corp Folies". Originated and directed by Corp. Hank Richards, the Folies featured Sgt. Archie L. Leonard, Corp. Norman Jolley, Corp. Alden Vela and PFC. Victor Moore Jr.

In addition to the above named men, the radio unit at present includes PFCs. Gene Shumate, Bartley Sater and Jim Shelby.

The history of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio unit is one that packs concentrated color typical of the Marine Corps itself. Harbingers of good will and fun, the solid side may be summed up with the phrase, "The Marines have the situation pretty well in hand."

Shuttle Bombers Topple Yap Japs

SOMEWHERE IN THE PALAU ISLANDS (Delayed) - Shuttle bombing of the once-powerful Jap bastion of Yap recently was inaugurated at this base by the 2nd Air Wing.

Leatherneck Corsair fighter-bombers joined Avenger torpedo-bombers at a base 200 miles from here to hit enemy targets on Yap at dawn and again at dusk.

Ineffectual ack-ack fire met the raiders on both strikes—an indication that the stubborn Japs are attempting to maintain serviceable air strips in the Western Carolines despite round-the-clock aerial poundings by Marine planes.

Returning Marine pilots declared the worst feature of the twin strikes was the discomfort of having to sit still during the long flight to and from the target, according to 1st Sgt. John T. Kirby, combat correspondent.

Bougainville Men Get Weekly News

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed) - Despite the absence of newspapers and the dearth of radios, Marines here are kept up to date on world-wide war news.

Once a week a qualified officer delivers a comprehensive lecture covering the way in Europe, Asia and the Pacific. Aided by maps projected from a lantern slide, the lecturer draws an over-eagerly crowd of officers and enlisted men, who come to catch up on their news and then remain to see the nightly movie in the camp's open-air theater.

These weekly news lectures are so popular that often they draw a larger crowd than a four-star movie, according to 1st Sgt. David C. Stephenson, combat correspondent.

Convert Hut To Church, Theatre

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) - Marine ingenuity and initiative has converted a bare quonset hut here into an almost modern combination motion-picture house, theater, and church.

The theater, now the best equipped at this base, was built up to its present efficiency by members of a field artillery unit during hours off from field combat maneuvers.

The equipment and improvements, almost entirely constructed by hand, include a movie booth, a well-balanced loudspeaking system, a large movable screen, a tropically decorated stage, portable adjustments for converting the stage into a church altar, spotlights, footlights and adjustments for showing training films.

Electric power is provided by a mobile generator, with two nightly shows projected by 35mm. machines. Missing are rest rooms and seats.

The building is called "Colonel Waller's Playhouse", after the unit's commanding officer, Col. James D. Waller of Norfolk, Va., and Del Mar, Cal.

LEARN NAVAL TERMS

Since Marines serve both on land and sea, they learn naval terms, customs and duties at one of their sea schools before they go to sea.



ANOTHER 'ANGELLO'. PFC. Ransdall W. Sprenger of Louisville, Ky., has been dubbed the 'Marianas Michael Angelo' for his Petty-like pin-ups adorning B-29 fuselages.

Japs Primp To Surrender On Tinian

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Hundreds of Japs who surrendered to U. S. Marines on Tinian in the Marianas Islands dressed up for the occasion. Soldiers, as well as civilians, succeeded in salvaging at least one clean, if wrinkled, article of clothing to wear when they gave up their cave homes on the blistered tip of the island.

They presented a strange, motley sight, straggling up the long, steep trails cleared by Marines for those who chose to surrender rather than die.

Many of the men wore clean white shirts above ragged, mud-stained trousers and leggings. Some of the women wore reasonably-clean wrap-around skirts, while others appeared in clean khaki breeches borrowed from the Japanese army. The children were either robed entirely in clean clothes or practically naked.

There appeared to be two reasons for this concession in fashion by the Japs: They had been given ample time to move out of the populated area of Tinian town before the Marines struck; and, they obviously were more anxious to please than their brothers on neighboring Saipan.

A common belief is that some word of the disaster which befell the Japs on Saipan reached Tinian during the 40-day naval air and land bombardment which preceded their move on the latter island.

Even so, they retired to the holes and thickets of Marpo Point in the south, equipped for a long stay. Many lugged two suitcases on their way out and sought help from Marines to go back for more.

More than one battle-hardened Leatherneck responded to a cringing gesture from the Japs and ventured deep into caves expecting to find a helpless baby, only to return lugging a traveling bag.

Air Chief Says Japs Will Last Through 1946

WASHINGTON—Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon, Army Pacific air chief, emphasized the long lead ahead in the South Pacific recently by stating that "Japan would be on her feet and fighting in 1946."

"Even after the European war is over, we are going to have on our hands the biggest war ever fought, bigger than a combination of all the wars we've ever fought. It will take scores of thousands of American lives."

Lt. Gen. Harmon pointed out that the Japs, with aircraft production estimated at more than 1,000 planes a month, have been carefully preparing for the coming battle of Japan.

"Japan's biggest, best trained and toughest army, the Kwantung Army, still stands in Manchuria."

Mortar Operator Injured As Japs Use Same Tricks

USNH, SAN FRANCISCO—When PFC. Larry Crayton of Wingate, Tex., chose the mortar as his favorite weapon, he didn't realize that it would be a Jap version of this same weapon that would be responsible for his being wounded in action. Yet a Jap mortar shell which burst near him on bloody Peleliu Island resulted in several leg wounds for the 21-year-old Leatherneck and forced his retreat here for treatment.

Crayton is a veteran of the renowned 1st Mar. Div. and served with that group during the campaign for Cape Gloucester and Bogen Bay on New Britain in addition to the Peleliu encounter.

"The Cape Gloucester affair was an extremely wet but well-organized engagement," said Crayton, "but Peleliu was the real battle. I was in the fifth wave that went into the beach and we really caught the works. We reached the shore OK but managed to gain only 50 yards by the one hour I remained on the island."



SOOTHING. Corp. Ralph M. Jones of Hqt Springs, N. M., wounded on Tinian, finds a song from USO singer Mildred Billings mighty soothing at USNH, Oakland, where he is a patient. (Official photo by Staff Sgt. Wess Howland.)

Bulldozers Deserve Credit For South Pacific Chores

By Staff Sgt. Bob Hays, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Bulldozers and played in combat construction work have been doing a phenomenal job of saving time. Now they're saving lives, too.

Sgt. Earl C. Bolton of Vernon, Tex., used his dozer on just such a mission at Saipan.

"We heard there were some wounded men out in the brush," said Bolton. "Stretcher bearers couldn't make their way through the undergrowth, so I drove the dozer in. We lifted the big blade until it was horizontal, strapped the wounded man down on that, and I drove back until the bearers could take the man off and carry him."

On Saipan, Bolton drove the new armored type of dozer. He's quick to see the advantages of the new dozer, in which the driver is completely enclosed by steel armor plates.

"They're better than the dats, though," said Bolton. "I used to drive an Saipan with the top and front escape hatches open, but after a Jap tried to drop two hand grenades in on me, I decided it was as hot as I had thought, and closed the hatches."

Fighting Marines Hit Text Books

SOMEWHERE IN THE ALIENS (Delayed)—About 25 per cent of the Marines at this Pacific post are studying for the future.

This high average of education-minded Marines is typical of the situation at Marine posts all over the Pacific, as well as in the States. These Marines are determined to learn while they fight.

They've been taking advantage of basic courses in military subjects offered by the Marine Corps Institute, which conducts correspondence courses.

It's a relief from the same routine for a Marine on a lonely Pacific island to study the latest lesson in a course on, say, map-making, after his day's chores are finished.

You might not be questioning your wife's judgment; look when you married.

Amusement Spot Makes Fresh Start

A sanitation inspection of the newly remodeled amusement park opening at Mission Beach tonight was made last week. In direct contrast to the seven food spots posted out-of-bounds to Marines for sanitary reasons in the downtown San Diego area this week, it was discovered the new operator had far exceeded expectations in cleaning the park up.

It was also noticed the old "flip games" had been eliminated from the midway, and that prices on everything had been lowered to accommodate enlisted personnel incomes. Hot dogs, games and soft drinks all going for a dime instead of the ridiculous high prices that were in effect at the amusement park last summer.

Corps Asks War Bond Support

Marine Corps headquarters made it clear this week that it is the personal wish of the Commandant for every man to have a War Bond allotment, no matter how small.

Some men feel they are already carrying enough load. "This is very true, every service man is, but there is an added obligation you owe, not just to Uncle Sam, but to yourself and the 'little woman'."

By investing in War Bonds a Marine is actually buying "security insurance" for his family and the whole nation.

The GI Bill of Rights provides for withdrawing out pay of up to \$300. Not enough for you to purchase all those post-war conveniences that help get you up as a civilian again. When the uniform of the day is "civvies" once more, it's going to be quite nice to receive a little extra once a month.

A War Bond allotment is nothing more than a systematic savings account. \$5.25 per month deducted from your pay will give you a \$25 bond every three months. They can be sent directly to you, to your home, or held for you in Washington until you want them.

There is a War Bond officer in every outfit. See your first sergeant if you haven't already a bond allotment. He will take care of it for you. Capt. Aubrey D. Longmiller has taken over as Base War Bond issuing and certifying officer.

Constitution 'Vet' Is 39 Years Old

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—PFC. Joseph A. Morin, 39, a bit player of Hollywood, Cal., claims to be the only living Leatherneck to have seen action through the USS Constitution, heroic Watchdog of the War of 1812.

"I keep telling everybody I'm the oldest Marine in the Corps," contends Morin. "Then, with a grin, he adds, 'Naturally there's a catch to it.'"

The sailor Morin played the role of a pioneer Marine in the 1926 Hollywood production, "Old Ironsides," a documentary film of the USS Constitution's history in which the venerable old man of war actually was used, according to Lt. Pete Zurlinden, PRO.

NEW PEARL HARBOR—The retention of the Marianas Islands by the United States and their establishment and maintenance as "the Pearl Harbor of the Western Pacific" was urged today by Artemus L. Hayes, assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air, at a press conference here.



HAROLD DIMES, Leathernecks in the 14th Naval Dist. at Pearl Harbor opened their drive in the 1945 polo fund with a donation from WR 1st Lt. Carolyn J. Ransom of Astoria, Ore. The bystander is 2d Lt. Joseph P. Ondek.

South Pacific Marines Aid March Of Dimes Drive

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Thousands of Marines at this base have launched a new all-out offensive with dimes as ammunition.

On this Pacific front of the "Battle of Dimes" that stretches from Wash-

ington, D. C., to the front lines have seen their part in the drive on infantile polio.

Participation in the annual "March of Dimes" campaign was entirely voluntary. But the heavy cold barrage Marines are pouring against collection boxes should compare favorably to the home front effort.

Boxes have been set up to officers' clubs, enlisted men's recreation huts, post exchanges and even in mess halls where Marines dining by in chow lines drop their dimes to help wipe out the dreaded polio.

On pay day members of several units temporarily stationed here passed around helmets. Marines cheerfully "kicked in" with contributions ranging as high as \$5.

"It's a good deal," commented PFC. Donald Tattershall of Chicago. "Besides it makes you feel a little closer to home."

MAINE RECORDS

Master rolls of the U. S. Marine Corps, on file at Washington, D. C., are continuous from 1788 to the present day.

Leyte Bivouacs Are Impressive

LEYTE (Delayed)—Plants and grunts crewmen of the "Bat Wing" night fighter unit of the 2nd Air Wing are pleased with the bivouac situation here.

Accustomed to living in tents at other bases in the Pacific they have moved into native-built huts shacks on Leyte. The shacks, some large enough for only one or two men, others with room for six or eight, have bamboo frames and floors, and thatched sides and roofs. Built several feet off the ground they are dry, cool and comfortable. The night fighters say they wouldn't trade them for modern equipped stately barracks.



SMALL WORLD. Recently back from the hospital, Corp. Dennis J. Fretwell of New Orleans, La., was hit by a mortar blast on Guam D-Day. The famous base street, named for the island home of many a Marine in peacetime, has assumed a new meaning other than to bring back nostalgic memories. (Photo by PFC. M. E. Brown.)

Camp Pendleton 'Lathernecks' Employ Field Laundries

CAMP PENDLETON — The "Lathernecks" have landed—and are cleaning up!

Someday a communiqué in such language may be sent from a Pacific Island invasion beachhead—or, at least, that is the hope of a group of Marines now training here.

Marines under the tutelage of Maj. Raynor L. Ayres Jr., Quartermaster Laundry Officer and Inspector, are now learning to operate the new-type two-man laundry units which will be put into action to combat disease in future invasions.

The new units, Maj. Ayres said, will cut 10 days to two weeks from the time formerly necessary to put 42-man units into operation on the battlefronts. The units will follow the first waves of assault troops by only a few hours.

During combat troops must frequently go 10 days or more without a change of clothing; and when there is time to wash clothes they generally have only their helmets and a limited amount of water in which to wash them.

The new portable laundry units weigh 500 pounds each, and are hauled in two sections, on wheels and towed by jeeps. One section consists of a washer, two pumps, an extractor (dryer), and hot water boiler. The other section is a

power generator, lumber (dryer), and a reel-off hose used to furnish and dispose of the water supply.

In the field it will be a case of "no ticks, no washes" for keeping track of clothes is no simple matter when units are serving thousands of men. However, a new fool-proof system is in use.

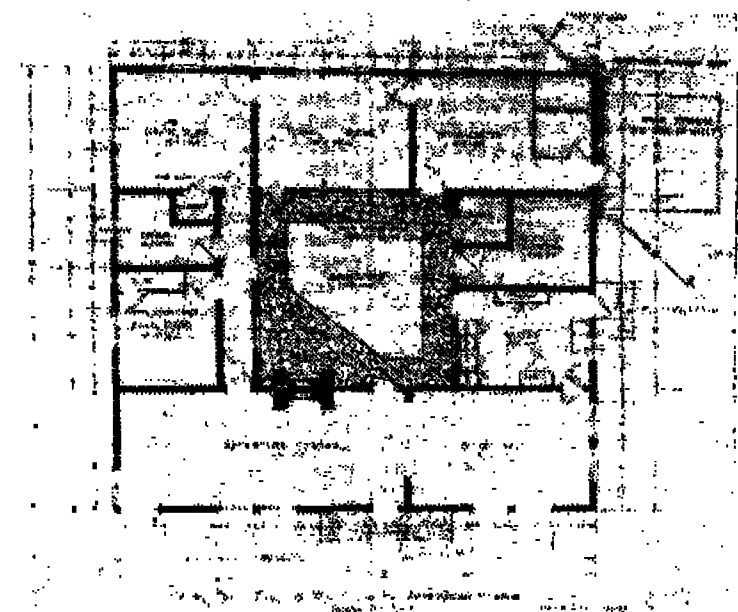
By the use of numbered safety pins, each article of clothing is identified. Thus a fighting man may turn in his bundle of clothes, not to exceed 20 articles—but as many bundles as he desires—and is assured of getting his own laundry back clean, and even sterilized.

Maj. Ayres reported some of the first laundry units sent into the battle zones were slumped when mechanical failures halted production. But that will not be so of the platoons now being trained.

A class of 95 Marines is broken down into five-man groups and in a rotating schedule each man is schooled in every operation necessary to turn out thoroughly cleansed clothes. Not only do they learn laundering processes, but they must dismantle and reassemble each mechanism on the mobile units. When they complete the course, they can repair and maintain as well as operate the mobile units.



FIELD LAUNDRY. Now training to operate new two-man field laundries, these Pendleton Marines ply their trade. Left to right: PFC. R. H. Granning of Sioux Falls, S. D.; Pvt. John S. Tulin of Chicago, and PFC. R. Robert Graham of Frazee, Minn. (PR photo.)



DREAM HOUSE. Note the Marine nomenclature in these plans for Sgt. Alfater's post-war South American house.



ANTICIPATION. Sgt. Alfater and StfsGt. Charles Ables look over the dream house plans. Both Marines are former MCB personnel. (Official USMC photos.)

Farsighted Marines Fashion Future Post-War Home

That castle in the clouds is beginning to take a more definite shape, according to two San Diego Marines now serving in the Pacific.

Plans for a "dream-house" are not only discussed, but a floor-plan has already been drawn by

Sgt. Kenneth W. Alfater. StfsGt. Charles N. Ables is the architect.

Sgt. Alfater is going to build his spot in Colombia, South America, when the war is over. Meanwhile, he concludes, it gives him something to look forward to.

OVERTIME THRILLER

BRUNSWICK, Me.—A mid-court bucket by PFC. Stanley Nadworny was the margin of victory for the Marine team here as they nosed out the Operations Freddie team, 28-27, after two overtime periods.

Col. Carlson Awarded Legion Of Merit

Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson, famed Marine Raider leader, has received his 21st decoration—the Legion of Merit.

The medal, which was awarded for action on Saipan, was presented by Capt. Morton D. Willcutt, (MC) USN, during a ceremony at USNH, San Diego, where Col. Carlson is receiving treatment for wounds suffered in the Marianas.

A citation accompanying the decoration cited the fighting Latherneck leader for outstanding service as planning and liaison officer of a Marine division during preparations for the conquest of Saipan. It described his work as follows:

"Col. Carlson prepared comprehensive terrain studies of the zone of action assigned to his division, and his wide professional experience and knowledge of the enemy proved of great value to the commanding general in preparing for

the operation.

"Landing under heavy artillery and mortar fire on the second day of the assault, he immediately volunteered to visit front line units to obtain information.

"He continued this hazardous duty through the critical days which followed the landing, bring-

ing back first-hand information of great importance to the commanding general, until, on June 22, 1944, he was seriously wounded while engaged in front line reconnaissance.

"His tireless energy and thorough knowledge of his duties contributed greatly to the success of the campaign."

Active Marines Can Obtain California Tax Exemptions

Marines are entitled to benefits of tax exemption on their real or personal property to the amount of \$1000, according to an announcement today by the 11th Naval Dist. legal office.

This exemption was approved by the voters of California at the November election, and will apply to taxes collected for the 1945-46 fiscal year. The enactment extended to service men, now on duty, the exemption already available to certain veterans groups.

Service men or their wives, in many instances, are eligible for the benefits of this new exemption if their property does not exceed the value of \$5000, provided they are legal residents of the state of California, the statement indicated.

It was pointed out that this exemption for legal residents of the state of California is in addition to the exemption on personal property belonging to service men temporarily in California under military orders; the latter exemption is based upon Federal legislation approved last July amending the

Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act.

The announcement cautioned that service men or their wives must make proper application and file with their own tax collector between the first Monday in March and the last Monday in June the necessary affidavits and exemption claims in order to obtain advantage of these exemptions, otherwise the exemption is waived.

Surgical Dressing Volunteers Asked

Due to the urgent need of surgical dressings, an appeal for volunteers has been issued by MCB surgical dressing room opposite the Hostess House at Gate 4.

Thousands of dressings are needed every 30 days, and this will necessitate a 9:00 to 3:30 schedule on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of every week until further notice. Wash dresses and scarfs for the head are required.

Gyrene Records Carbine Mark For New High

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—PFC. James L. Ligon of Chattanooga, Tenn., is credited with one of the highest scores ever made with a carbine on a standard range course.

Ligon, a member of a regiment in Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr.'s 8th Mar. Div., made 267 of a possible 270 points in record firing with the semi-automatic weapon.

"I might have done better, but that was the first time I had fired this particular carbine," Ligon apologized. "I missed the bull's eye on three of the first five shots."

Pacific Aviators Like Sweet Soap

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—No one would dare suggest that members of a 4th Air Wing unit are a bunch of sissies, but they do like perfumed soap.

The only water available for showering and shaving is brackish and odorous, and the sulphurous fluid made bathing unwelcome until the arrival of a high-powered, sweet-smelling soap.

Drinking water is distilled from the sea.

It is suggested that the Hitler New Year speech was a patched-up composite of old recordings. If this isn't putting Humpty Dumpty together again, it's close.

REVIVAL OF LOST ART

'Wind' Authoress Helps 'Snuffers'

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—The overprivileged minority of tobacco addicts among the overseas service men, have enlisted a sympathizer in Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone With the Wind".

In a letter accompanying a gift of tobacco and snuff to the morale officer of a Marine unit here for distribution to his men, reports StfsGt. Leodel Coleman, combat correspondent, Miss Mitchell wrote:

"I recently had a long talk with a colonel who had been in the 1st Div. which took Guadalcanal. When he was discussing those bitter days he said that the saddest plight of any of his men was that of five Pennsylvanians who chewed tobacco.

"He said loved ones sent other men cigarettes and pipe mixtures; the Red Cross thought of these, too, and some times the services of supply got tobacco up to the men. Occasionally a can of cigars arrived, but never a plug of chewing tobacco.

"I never had anything bother me as much as this, for, to tell the truth, no one has given a thought to the chewers. So please pass the tobacco and snuff to some chewers with my compliments."

Cupid Captures Pair After Escape From Japs

Captives for 33 months following the fall of Batang and Corregidor, Sgt. Verle D. Cutler and Onnie E. Clem, both of the 1st Div., 1st Marine Division, got their first view of the States in almost five years.

A recent torpedoing of the Japanese ship on which they were being evacuated to the Nip homeland, and the story of their rescue by American fighting craft is nothing short of miraculous.

Not satisfied at being taken captive once, they both let themselves in for another long-term lock-up almost immediately upon their arrival at San Francisco. This time it will take more than a torpedo and a cold plunge to get them out of it.

Cupid is the new warden, Sgt. Cutler's turn-key is WR Sgt. Janet H. Elliott who is now Mrs. Cutler. Sgt. Clem resisted a little longer but "surrendered" last week when WR Sgt. Cecile L. Julien and he announced their engagement.

The two Women Reserves, who were roommates, are on duty at the Marine Corps San Francisco headquarters.



ESCAPEES. When Sgt. Clem and Cutler recently escaped from a torpedoed Jap prison ship, they were "captured" again upon their return to San Francisco. Pictured left to right are Sgt. Onnie E. Clem, Staff Sgt. Cecil L. Julien (his fiancée), Mrs. Cutler (formerly Sgt. Janet H. Elliott), and Sgt. Verle D. Cutler. (Official USMC photo.)

Gyrene Tankers Crush Invading Peleliu Japs

USNH, SAN FRANCISCO— Skirmishes between Marine tank crews and Jap infantrymen usually end in disaster for the Japs, according to PFC. Matt J. McNamara of Philadelphia, Pa. He has recently been returned here for treatment of wounds received in the battle for Peleliu in the Palau Islands.

A veteran of 28 months' campaigning with the 1st Div., McNamara was struck in the left ankle by fragments of a Jap mortar shell during his first night on the island of Peleliu.

"It was pretty rough," he explained. "They pinned us down with their withering fire from the word go and we took our lives in our hands every time we raised our heads."

"The Japs had their troubles, too. Two Japanese infantrymen, caught in the path of a tank advance, dived into a nearby shell crater. The tank moved over the hole trapping the Japs below. The tank driver then methodically maneuvered the tank forward and backward until he had brought the full weight of the vehicle down upon the screaming occupants of the shell hole."

'Double Play' Saves Marine Flier

By Staff Sgt. Earl G. Waters, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS (Delayed)—In a dramatic air and sea "double play" rescue, the crew of a Navy PBY and a Marine pilot they had rescued were saved by a Navy ship after the rescue plane, unable to take off, leaked for 14 hours in the turbulent waters off Jap-held Ponape.

2d Lt. Arthur Wagner of China, Cal., a Corsair pilot with a squadron of the 4th Air Wing, had dropped two 500-pound bombs at Ponape, island outpost of Truk, when his plane was hit by "ack-ack" and he was forced to make a water landing.

The plane sank just after he climbed into his one-man life raft and paddled away, into 30-foot swells which reeked the tiny craft like it was a matchstick. Wagner's division leader, Maj. Philip R. White of La Jolla, Cal., had circled the stricken plane and dropped a dye marker when the "Dumbo" appeared.

"The pilot then dropped me a six-man raft," said Wagner, "and I transferred to it from my smaller raft but I kept drifting toward the Jap shore, carried by the current and a stiff wind."

The "Dumbo" pilot, Navy Lt. C. M. Rees of Natick, Pa., watched Wagner's raft drift to within a mile of the enemy shore. Rees didn't think there was much chance of making a landing. He was certain the water was too rough for a take-off if he did land.

He made his decision. He was willing to risk a landing if his crew

would take the chance. Rees turned to the crewmen, and asked them how they felt about it, telling them the odds were about three to one. To a man, they motioned for him to go down after Wagner.

"The Dumbo made a beautiful water landing," Wagner said later, "and Rees swooped down within pistol shot of the Nips. Boy, that man had guts! I couldn't see how he saved the plane from smashing when he hit the water, but there he was riding the waves alongside me, and I don't need to say how happy I was to climb into that plane."

As Rees had expected, a take-off was out of the question. But he could taxi the "Dumbo", and that he did. For 11 hours, all through the night, he continued to taxi and baby the huge flying boat through a tropical storm.

"Our radio went out soon after the landing," Rees later reported, "but another flying boat had us under cover by then and I wasn't worried as long as our ship held together. I kept thinking of other planes that had cranked up in heavy seas, and prayed that ours would prove a little stronger."

The following morning, the prayers of the men aboard the water-bound plane were answered. A destroyer escort steamed to the scene. Despite heavy seas, the Navy ship effected a safe transfer of Wagner and his would-be rescuers from the plane.

Fanatic Japs Attempt Human Torpedo Attacks At Luzon

The Japs brought out their full bag of tricks in a vain effort to repel our successful invasion of Luzon Island, including use of human torpedoes.

The human torpedoes were more interesting than dangerous, and did very little damage to our warships or transports. Most of the Japs accomplished little except the dubious achievement of blowing themselves up.

To turn themselves into human torpedoes, some Japs lashed explosives on their backs and swam under water in attempts to blow holes in the hulls of our vessels. However, a man swimming in the water, it developed, just couldn't carry a sufficient weight of explosives to do much damage.

To camouflage themselves, sev-

eral of the Japs used woodchips loose over their heads, simulating rubbish hurled overboard from the transports.

Others used luggers and small boats. A few of the luggers were 100 feet long and covered with palm fronds. They were secreted in the narrow waterways behind Santiago and Cabarruyan Islands, at the northwest corner of Lingayen Gulf, but our fliers easily penetrated the make-shift disguises.

Some others used small motor boats filled with explosives. One such motorboat charged broadside into one of our ships and blew itself to pieces. Another small enemy craft ran ahead of one of our vessels and the Japanese crew tossed hand grenades onto the deck.

Prisoner Learns Marine Hymn

ABOARD AN AIRCRAFT CARRIER IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC (Delayed)—Aboard this floating combat airport a rescued Japanese prisoner has learned to whistle the Marine Hymn, and until he was transferred to another ship he would sound off with that tune every time a Leatherneck came into view.

The Jap, who could speak some English, also picked up the words and tune of "God Bless America." Although he could not approach Kate Smith's voice, the prisoner nevertheless sang it with just as much enthusiasm.

The aerial gunner was fished out of the sea off the Philippines recently after his bomber was shot down by a plane from this carrier, according to Sgt. Claude R. Canup, combat correspondent.

Leatherneck Vet Does 31 Months Battling Enemy

USNH, SAN FRANCISCO—PFC. Charles W. Long of Rockland, Mass., can tell you just about anything you would care to know about fighting Japs in the jungles of the South Pacific.

Wounded during the invasion of Peleliu in the Palau Islands last summer, the young veteran of the 1st Div. has been returned here for treatment.

During his 31 months with the Marines in the Pacific, Long has chased Japs from historic Guadalcanal to the Palau. The three stars he wears in his Asiatic-Pacific campaign ribbon signify battles in the Solomon Islands, Cape Gloucester on New Britain and Peleliu.

"Boy, those five minutes on Peleliu were really rough," Long said. "Jap mortar shells were dropping all around us as our amphibious tractor moved into the beach. We hit the sand safely, however, and I clambered out and started zig-zagging inland. The Japs were really pouring it on. Mortar shells were popping all around and machine gun bullets streaked toward us. I managed to stop several of them and went down in a heap. The amphtrac unloaded its complement of men, and I was given a return ticket back to the ship I had embarked from. The trip back was the same old story. Near misses by mortar shells sent geyzers of water pouring into the tractor and we dived near drowned before we reached the ship."



FAMILY REUNION. The veteran Waronickles of Long Beach hold a South Pacific reunion. Left to right, Corporal Ted, Corp. Leon and PFC. Stanley Jr. talk it over.

Three Long Beach Brothers Hold Reunion In Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—When the Waronickles brothers, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley S. Waronick, live in Long Beach, met here recently, it was their second reunion in seven years.

The men, all veterans of the battles for the Marianas Islands, are Leon, a 22-year-old corporal; Stanley Jr., 20, a private first class; and Ted, 18, a Navy pharmacist's mate second class.

Though their visit was brief, the Waronickles made the occasion an gala as local conditions would permit, and spent most of their time rehearsing their respective war experiences.

Leon served with the 3rd Marine Division in the battle for Guam, while Stanley, a rifleman, recently was awarded a Purple Heart for leg wounds he received at Saipan.

A Boston lady was expressing her indignation at the indecent words being painted on the walls and sidewalks of the city. "What will outsiders think of us?" she cried. "Why, some of the words aren't even spelled right!" — Sgt. Harold Heller in The Reader's Digest.

Our Dog Duffy Run Up Again

Duffy is in trouble again. However, since it was a minor offense, he has been forgiven and released without further charges.

The MCB must be officially known as James Jolly Philip Duffy is guilty of wandering about the Base without being duly registered. He was locked up for two days.

A notice to all dog owners has been issued by Public Sanitation that pets must be registered at the Base Tag office or with the Provost Marshal.

Peleliu Invader Hits Tank Nest

USNH, SAN FRANCISCO—Corp. Robert L. Thompson has arrived back in the States to nurse his wounds after being put out of action in the campaign for Peleliu by a burst of six Jap machine-gun bullets.

Thompson, a veteran of the campaign for Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and Peleliu, was wounded on the third day of fighting on the latter island while he and men of his unit of the 1st Div. prepared to advance behind cover of tanks.

"A machine gun opened up on us before the tanks got to our position," he recalled. "I located the first and got one of them, but another gunner must have moved up while I was reloading."

Bronze Star Winner Discovers His Own Citation



SURPRISED. As StfsGt. William T. Harrell was sorting through a list of Purple Heart and Bronze Star winners at the Base Public Relations office, he passed up his own Bronze Star—but not for long. Sgt. Harrell is a veteran of Kwajalein, Eniwetok and Saipan, and was recently attached to Base PRO. (Photo by PFC. M. E. Brown.)

THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

BOSTON—Two Massachusetts State legislators, incensed at a recent Life Magazine layout on Boston, have asked that the magazine be banned from the newsstands. The two men claim the layout attempts to "ridicule the Irish people of Boston." Replied a Life spokesman: "If (they) don't like the slum pictures they might better use their legislative powers to help abolish the actuality than in trying to suppress the record."

CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—William Kelliher wants to evict his landlord. He took the poor fellow in, he told a local court, when the landlord couldn't find another place to sleep. But the landlord now has become so obnoxious "with his constant demands" for rent that Kelliher wants to get rid of him.

HOLLYWOOD—Steve Brooks, chairman of a local ration board, had nine punctures in seven days. Then he observed a neighbor's small son lurking in his garage with an ice pick. When he had finished with the little fellow, Brooks visited his ration board, asked his fellow members for another tire. The vote: 4 to 1 against him.

INDIANAPOLIS—Reprimanded by a cop for jaywalking, a local lady bashed the policeman in the face with her handbag. Inside the handbag she carried a shoe. The charge: assault with a dangerous weapon.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—The meals are so good at the Missouri State pen that 1500 convicts have petitioned the warden to let them stay on as KPs after serving their sentences.

KANSAS CITY—The question and answer editor of the Kansas City Star was stumped when he received this query in the mail: "Is it true that anyone over 6 feet tall doesn't have to pay taxes?"

KANSAS CITY—When Pete Schoenfeld, 50, was arraigned before Judge Alfred Murren charged with the illegal sale of whiskey, this was the sentence he got: 1. Get a job in a war plant. 2. Visit the probation officer every payday. 3. Invest most of his wages in war bonds. Alternative: A year in the coop.

MILES CITY, Mont.—The Rev. Harry E. Chappell awoke one night from a deep dream of peace to find a drunk asleep on his dining room table. Preserving his dignity, he convinced the gentleman he was in the wrong house, then guided him out after helping him put on his overshoes. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," said the Reverend, going back to bed.

NEW YORK—Irrked when the bartender refused her request for a drink, Katherine O'Connor slammed a barstool through the mirror, swept all the cocktail glasses to the floor and threw a bottle of rye at the bartender. "Don't you know how to treat a lady?" she screamed en route to the jug.

NEW YORK—Miffed when his girl friend refused to make him a cup of coffee at midnight, John Santos leaped off the roof of her home into the street below. Now he's at Bellevue Hospital undergoing mental observation.

OMAHA, Neb.—When Arthur Peable, a vacuum cleaner salesman, knocked on the door of a vine-covered cottage here, the lady of the house dropped a geranium pot on his head from an upstairs window. "Sorry," she explained later. "I thought you were my husband."

PHILADELPHIA—Business is so good in Philadelphia that the local bankruptcy referee has had his telephone removed. "Don't get any calls anymore," he explained.

ST. LOUIS—A printing company has hired a draft-proof office boy. He is John E. New, 32-year-old veteran of the Spanish-American war.

WEST PLAINS, Mo.—Dorothy Jennings, 13, thought she was marrying Dale Howard but instead married Arnold Clinton, his best man. The mixup occurred, she explained in an annulment petition, when the lights went out during the wedding ceremony.

A "double-take" to end them all and put such famous delayed-action copics as Edgar Kennedy to shame was accomplished here on the Base last week.

Thumbing his way through the routine citation reports that flow into the Base Public Relations office, StfsGt. William T. Harrell Jr. was sorting out the ones to be used for write-ups through the local office. After handling a stack of local Purple Heart and Bronze Star winners to Com. Dolores Dudley, he swung around again saying, "Hold it, here's one more. Some guy on the Base getting a Bronze Star spells his name like I do. Maybe a relative. I'll have to look him up."

Dudley took a better look at the report; it is her job to copy down the information. Seeing the citation was actually for Harrell and not one of his relatives, she hesitated to startle him completely by announcing the news at once, so she carefully slipped it back on his desk.

It was a full five minutes before all members of the PR section were brought at least a foot off their chairs by the startled cry of, "Keeriminy, it's me!"

StfsGt. Harrell, a veteran of Kwajalein, Eniwetok and Saipan, has been back in the States since Dec. 14. He served as a combat correspondent with the 4th Mar. Div.

Peleliu 'Tourists' Take Souvenirs

PELELIU, Palau Islands (Delayed)—Most popular sources of souvenirs on Peleliu—117 bullet-ridden Jap planes that littered this island's captured airstrip when 2nd Air Wing Corsairs landed here nine days after D-Day—are disappearing fast.

Huge scrap piles of shattered enemy fighters, bombers and utility aircraft literally have been stripped clean by souvenir-conscious Marines, soldiers and sailors in the three months since assault units came ashore, according to StfsGt. John T. Kirby, combat correspondent.

Scraps of stainless steel and aluminum from the enemy planes are especially prized by souvenir hunters. Watch bands made of the Jap metals claim a fancy price at trading posts throughout the Pacific.

Radio equipment, instruments and serviceable parts were removed from the Jap planes by Leatherneck ground crewmen shortly after they began operations from Peleliu's airstrip.

Small instrument panels bearing Jap characters are particularly valuable on the local market. Many Marine airmen are sporting watch bands elaborately decorated with strange inscriptions.

Translated literally, one watch band reads:

"Increase power by turning to the left" and "rheostat control, turn to right."

Flight Technique Copied By Flies

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Dragon flies, it seems, have been learning something about aerial tactics from Marine airmen at this Pacific base, reports Sgt. Claude R. Canup, combat correspondent.

StfsGt. Robert C. Peverly of San Diego, Cal., says that since Marines have been flying patrol in this area, he has observed a dragon fly using the same tactics.

"Some food had been spilled on the ground," Peverly elaborated, "and one particular dragon fly hovered over it—something like a patrol bomber. Every time other insects would threaten to seize the delicacy, this one big dragon fly would buzz into them and drive them off—looked like a fighter plane going after a bomber."

(AP)—Capt. Robert W. Workman, director of Navy chaplains, left Washington today for an extended tour of the Pacific.

The citation Harrell received with his Bronze Star reads: "For heroic achievement in action at Saipan on June 15 and July 1, while serving with a Marine artillery unit as a combat correspondent."

Enlisted Marines May Enter Officer Training Class

Combat-tested enlisted men are included among participants in the new streamlined officers school at Quantico which turns out platoon leaders in 16 weeks of training instead of the old 20-week curriculum.

Recommended by their overseas commanding officers, the enlisted Marines are going through the school with graduates of the V-12 college training program and former aviation cadets, victims of a recent cutback in pilot requirements.

Students who successfully complete the school will be commissioned second lieutenants at the end of the 16-week course. Under the former plan students were commissioned at the end of 10 weeks and attended Reserve Officers' School for an additional 10 weeks.

Emphasis will be placed on actual field conditions at the new school. Officer candidates will bivouac in the vast Quantico training area throughout the course, meeting and solving the same problems they will be called upon to solve in combat. Instructors are veterans just back from the Pacific.



Pvt. FORTTEUS
... former seminary student

Former Seminary Student Adjusts Life To Marines

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Transition from the cloistered world of a seminary where young men prepare for the priesthood to that of a fighting Leatherneck does not involve as much of a readjustment as one might imagine.

That's the opinion of one young Marine who made that transition—Pvt. Kenneth M. Particus of Seattle, Wash.

Particus attended O'Dea high school in Seattle and St. Columban's Catholic Seminary at Silver Creek, N. Y., before he enlisted. After training at the San Diego, Cal., Marine Base and Camp Elliott he went overseas last December. He now is awaiting assignment to a special troops unit.



NO VAMPIRE. There is a saying that vampires cannot see their reflection. TSgt. Richard Harmon, once pronounced dead, finds it's all real here. (USMC photo.)

Vet Leyte Marine Hears Own Death Pronounced

"This man is dead," Those were the words TSgt. Richard D. Harmon of San Francisco heard pronounced over himself as he lay wounded on the floor of an operations tent on Leyte.

"At first I didn't know who the doctor was talking about," Harmon said. "When I realized he meant me, I knew I'd have to do something in a hurry. I couldn't make a sound, but finally I managed to move a little. A few minutes later they had me back at a beachhead hospital."

Now convalescing at a Southern California Naval Hospital, Harmon was one of the first Marines to arrive back in the United States from the Philippines campaign. The Jap bullet which hit him missed his heart only by a fraction of an inch.

"It was about midnight on D-plus two days," he said. "I had just brought a runner to the operations tent when bullets started ripping through the canvas. We all hit the deck, but I guess I just wasn't fast enough."

The Pasadena Marine served as a communications section chief with a Leatherneck artillery unit on Leyte. He was formerly with the 2nd Mar. Div. and fought in the bitter battle for Tarawa with that organization.



THE Jap soldier who is captured by the enemy must atone for that "disgrace" by taking his own life. If he fails to take his own life following his capture, he faces a court martial within his own army after his release.

Marines On Furloughs Explained Ration Rules

Returning veterans to the R&R Center filled with dreams of porkchop and T-bone steaks are in for a little let down. Since their bootcamps last trod the soil of the good old USA, an ominous giant called the OPA has appeared, supervising distribution of food, shoes, gasoline and tires.

A relentless master, the OPA feels it would be wise for service men to include more vegetable dishes in their visualizations of the family dinner table. But returning Marines do have furlough ration privileges.

Special allowances on furloughs are designed to relieve the pinch on mother's pantry while her veteran son spends his 30 days at home after completing a tour of overseas duty.

Every furloughed Marine with 30-day leave papers is allowed 60 red points for meals, fats, oils and dairy products. The blue points (for all processed foods) and coupons for three pounds of sugar.

When it comes to gasoline, the visiting Marine will have to figure out how far he can travel on one gallon of gasoline per day, up to a maximum of 30 gallons in 30 days. If there is a tire problem, he can buy all he can find of the Grade A variety (retreads or tires which have been run over 1000 miles) without certification from a ration board. Grade 1 and 2 tires go only to holders of preferred mileage gasoline ration books.

The compliments of making his red and blue points stretch over the 30-day period are something the average Marine should turn over to his mother or wife. He will discover that his 60 red points are exactly enough to provide him with five pounds of porkchop at 12 points per pound; and that his 100 blue points are good for 10 cans of vegetables since processed food points are used only in denominations of 10.

The food picture looks out, however, when all the furlough points are turned over to the hombody who does the purchasing for the family, and are wisely used.

Application for furlough ration coupons, the OPA pointed out, should be made at the local board in the area where the Leatherneck plans to spend his furlough. Furlough papers or a statement of leave, showing the name, rank and serial number of the applicant, must be presented.

If application is not made at the start of a furlough, however, the person who supplies points to feed the service man during his visit may make application for reimbursement within 15 days after the end of the furlough.

To obtain furlough gasoline, Marines must present the mileage rationing record of their car or the automobile they will use. In the event that a Marine has had his automobile stored where gas rationing is in effect, he may obtain an "A" book in addition to

furlough gasoline. Six gasoline coupons, each good for four gallons, are valid during each quarter of the year.

It was pointed out by Robert E. Parks, San Francisco district director for OPA, that no gasoline is allowed for traveling time. Delayed orders, however, are considered furlough time by OPA and are good for one gallon a day.

The OPA, like the Marine Corps, considers a furlough to be of a certain duration.

Leathernecks and other service men being discharged are eligible to apply immediately to their local boards for War Ration Book No. 4 (food book), for book No. 3 (shoe stamps) and an "A" gasoline ration book if buying or restoring title to an automobile. Discharge papers must be presented upon application.

Desert Air Group Rate Heat-Proof Summer Hangar

MCAAS, MOJAVE — The "wrecked wranglers" of the station assembly and repair department are looking forward to a comfortable summer in the desert since the completion of the new hangar here. One of the outstanding features of the structure, from their point of view, is the cooling system servicing the entire hangar.

Other advantages of the new hangar are the numerous electric and compressed air outlets at convenient points inside and outside; powerful floodlights at each end of the building; glass-partitioned offices and rooms; and a well-lighted and equipped drafting room. A classroom has been provided for lectures, technical ideas and study. It contains a complete technical library and desks for taking notes.

Giant Carriers Named 'Coral Sea', 'Midway'

The names of two famous battles, Coral Sea and Midway, will be used as names of two new 45,000-ton aircraft carriers, the Navy Dept. has announced.

Listed as CVEs, the ships will be the largest known ships of their type in the world. They will serve as the base of operations for planes larger than any which heretofore have operated from the decks of aircraft carriers, the announcement said.



TRIPLE SINGLES. Warm Pacific sunshine makes good sunbathing background. Here Capt. Albert E. Aptowicz of Chicago is accompanied in stores by two 2nd Div. pets, "Prince" the pup and "Eightball" the monkey. Both pets are "strictly house-broken," it says here.

Fighter Paymaster Survives Jap Fire

By SGT. JAMES H. MOSEY (Special Correspondent)

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — It's often said the paymen never fight; that they keep the records in a rear area while the "line Marines" take another island from the Japs. But just ask the San Francisco payroll auditor who carried hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of paymaster records to Peleliu.

Sgt. Harrington E. Clem of San Francisco was assigned, shouldering 65 pounds of records and an extra 35 pounds of baggage, he set out from the 1st Mar. Div. rear echelon on a hot, rainy day in October and stepped off a plane at Peleliu a few days later.

Clem was carrying records, too valuable to send by mail, for four Marine units on the island. On arrival, he reported to the commanding general. A deputy paymaster was supposed to be there to receive Clem's package. He hadn't arrived.

The general said, "You'd better deliver them yourself." And that's how a payroll auditor became a fighting man.

Securing a jeep and driver, Clem started up "Knicker Mike", a road leading to the front lines. He held the 65 pounds of records in his lap "just to make sure", and on the way to the front, exchanged 40 rounds of carbine ammunition with Jap snipers.

They reached the end of the road and Clem delivered the first of the four records.

It took him two days to complete the job, and in the meantime snipers pecked constantly at the jeep in which he was quartered.

Marines Invent New Air Game

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — Radio show sponsors, unidentified on stateside programs being carried on the Marines' own radio station here, should be interested in a new radio listeners are playing.

Object of it is to supply the missing commercial. As they listen in their messhalls, libraries and tents, Marines add a plug for the unnamed sponsors after each transcription. The plugs are sometimes close to the real thing. Others are so good sponsors would do well to use them.

The local station, a five-watt unit, cannot be identified by call letters nor can its location be made public. Many of its listeners are up away that it is operated by a group of the 4th Mar. Air Wing and that its beams cover only this island. And it doesn't worry them, as long as they can keep up with their favorite shows.

The station has become so popular that "Tokyo Rose", whose efforts to demoralize Marines have amused them for a couple of years, has been shoved down to second place on the local hit parade. According to Sgt. Claude B. Cunniff, combat correspondent.



Sgt. CLEM
... a fighting paymaster

Atoll Leathernecks Operate 'Shortest Air Line in World'

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — The Pacific, over which bombers have flown on the war's longest missions, also may claim the world's shortest air-line—one mile.

A Piper Cub operates between two islands of this atoll, making approximately 20 round trips daily, hauling passengers and mail. Its sole purpose is to expedite transportation of official business between the islands. Its passengers have

included both privates and admirals, reports Sgt. Claude B. Cunniff, combat correspondent.

The trip can make a round trip in six minutes, whereas a boat requires about an hour for the same trip, because it must dodge a reef.

The inter-island airtaxi, once used as an ambulance plane, formerly was based at the naval air station at Pensacola, Fla. It is being used as a transport for the 1st Marine Division.



MEETING. Upon his arrival at MCAAS, Mojave, StfSgt. John G. Horner met his sister, Nina Davenney of Seattle, Wash., on duty as assistant transportation officer at the Air Station. In the Pacific for 15 months, Horner was attached to a torpedo-bomber squadron as radio gunner and saw action on Midway, Guadalcanal, New Georgia and Iwojima. Lt. Davenney was commissioned in 1944.

The Wolf by Sansone



"This isn't quite what I expected!"

Leatherneck Topping Purchases One-Third Of The Yankees

Capt. Dan Topping of the Marines rated sports headlines over the nation last week by joining forces with Col. Larry MacPhail of the Army and Del Webb, Arizona contracting millionaire, to purchase control of the New York Yankees.

Recently returned from the South Pacific, Topping was formerly stationed in the MCB area. He is the husband of movie actress, Bonja Heine.

Real estate including the Yankee stadium and Ruppert stadiums at Newark and Kansas City were included in the deal as well as their respective franchises and those of Binghamton, N. Y., in the Eastern league, and Norfolk, Va., in the Piedmont league.

Almost 400 players, 269 of whom are in the service on the organization's national defense list, went with the deal which was concluded shortly before a late afternoon press conference in the swanky press room of a Fifty-second street restaurant.

Manager Joe McCarthy will continue to boss the club on the field and no changes are anticipated in the organization's personnel. McCarthy signed a three-year contract in 1944 and George M. Weiss, secretary of the club and head of the vast farm system, has a contract paralleling Barrow's, which has three years to run.

Watrick said the sale was "not in any way forced" although he admitted that federal taxes were a factor. He revealed the deal had been on the fire for over a year.

Since the death of Ruppert on Jan. 13, 1939, there have been many persons reported interested in buying the Yankees, who have won more pennants and participated in and captured more World Series than any other club.

MCAS, EL TORO—Announcement this week that Capt. Dan Topping, former El Toro recreation officer, Del Webb, building contractor working here, and Arthy Col. Larry MacPhail had purchased the New York Yankees confirmed rumors circulated at El Toro last summer that the trio were interested in buying the famous baseball club. At that time, both Capt. Topping and Webb had "no comment" to make on the deal, which reportedly was pending.

Capt. Topping was stationed at El Toro from April, 1943, until July, 1944, when he was detached for overseas duty. He reportedly returned to the United States from Honolulu about one month ago and is expected to visit at El Toro in the near future. Capt. Topping also owns the Brooklyn Tigers of the National Professional Football league.

Webb was a pitcher for Oakland in the Pacific Coast league 20 years ago. After four years of competition, he saw he could not crack the majors and went into business for himself as a finishing carpenter. Since then he has built a contracting firm that has become one of the largest and busiest in the Southwest. Headquarters for Webb's company is Phoenix, Ariz. Webb has always retained his youthful enthusiasm for baseball.

MacPhail squashed that when he said, "I know nothing at all about the football situation. As far as I know there is no tieup."

Cherry Point Five Features Many Bright Cage Names

CHERRY POINT—Ranking eighth among service teams in the South with a record of six wins and two losses, the Cherry Point Flying Leathernecks boast a formidable array of ex-college and professional court stars.

Leader of the squad is Sgt. Oran McKinney, 6-ft. 4-in., former All-American from Western Kentucky Teachers. McKinney twice led his Kentucky mates to the final round in the Madison Square Garden Invitational tourney.

Sgt. Bill Van Breda Koff is a former Princeton varsity flipper.

He is the sole holdover from last year's Cherry Point club.

Shortest regular performer is Sgt. George Mingle, 5-ft. 5-in., performer from Butler Univ. who is averaging 17 points a game to lead all scorers.

A former AA baseball player, Sgt. Sam House captured the 1943-44 Navy Pier team in Chicago. The team is tutored by Sgt. James Gilman, former athletic director for Pratt-Whitney College in Hartford, Conn. Gilman is a quad-sports professional in baseball, basketball, football and hockey.

Lejeune Cagers Tip Army Five, Downs Pointers

CAMP LEJEUNE—The Camp Lejeune Marines staved off a late rally to defeat the Morris Field basketballers, 41-38, here last week.

The Leathernecks, featuring some fancy shooting by little John Thompson of John Marshall Law School, led all the way. Thompson accounted for 12 points and shone on defense.

Cherry Point's Flying Leathernecks snapped the five-game winning streak of the Camp Lejeune Marines, 34-25.

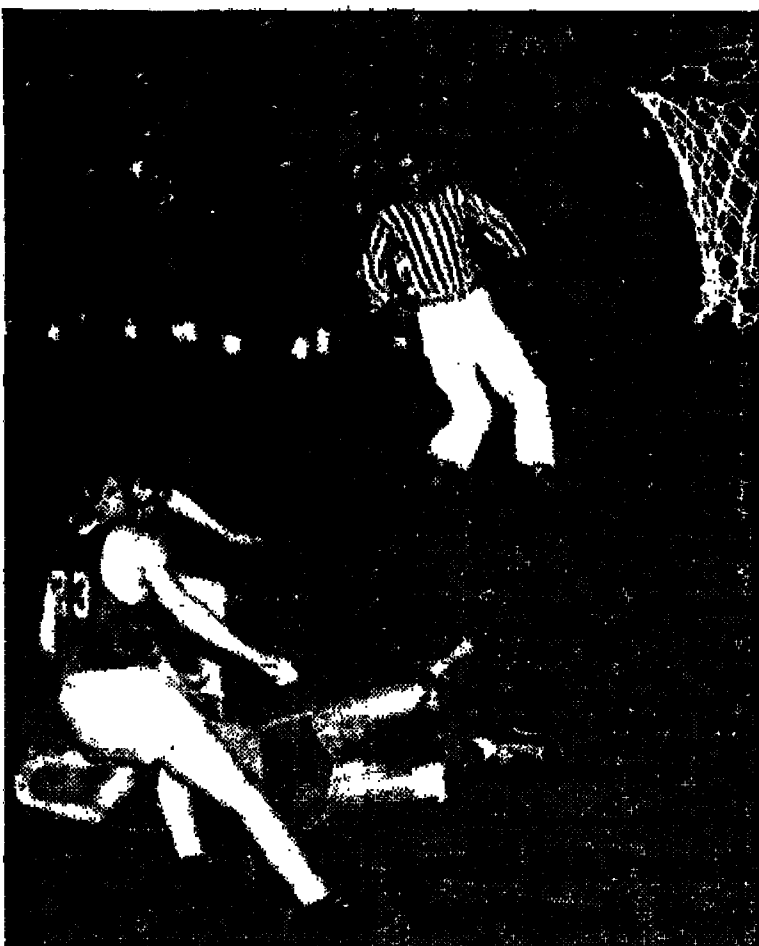
The victors began whittling on a 15-5 Lejeune lead in the second quarter and pulled ahead 19-16 before their opposition scored again in the third period. Sam House accounted for 12 of the Cherry Point tallies, with Oran McKinney getting 10 and playing his usually brilliant floor game.

JOINS MARINE BROTHERS

PHILADELPHIA—Edward B. Lawless, Penn State's prize frosh quarterback last fall, has joined his brothers, Capt. Joseph and 2dLt. Paul Lawless, in the Marine Corps. The 18-year-old gridder reported to Parris Island.

MARINES TIP LOYOLA

CHICAGO—Leading from the opening whistle, the NATTC Marines defeated Loyola U. last week, 49-47. H. C. Hellmann led the Leathernecks with 18 points.



DIVE BOMBERS. Charles Skinner, Parris Island cager, dives for the leather during the recent mix with Charles-ton Navy officers at PI. Final count favored the Marines.

Miramar Club Tops El Toro Five, 33-22

MIRAMAR—Grabbing an early lead which was never relinquished, the Miramar Marines won decisively El Toro's station basketball team, 33-22, before a near-capacity crowd. Halftime score was 18-12 for the winners.

El Toro's Women Reserves fared better than the "varsity" and shaded the Miramar WRs, 28-27, in the preliminary. Kathleen Roach caged a free throw and long field goal in the last minute to lead the local WRs to their second straight victory.

Bob Brown, Miramar's 6-ft. 6-in. center, scored 12 points to take top honors in the main event. Jim Patty accounted for eight of El Toro's total. Lineups:

Miramar (33) (22) El Toro
Schroeder (5) (1) Pressley
Borris (10) (1) Brown
Brown (12) (1) (5) Finn
Sabo (6) (1) (4) Sigurdson
Plantamura (1) (1) (5) Patty
Substitutions: Miramar—Simons (6), El Toro—Schroeder (3), Fennelbock (1).

El Toro WR (28) (27) Miramar WR
Adams (4) (1) Walters
Noble (10) (1) Brown
Craddock (1) (1) (12) Shiny
Frick (1) (1) (1) Haggard
Blossing (1) (1) (1) Kasper
Weldon (1) (1) (1) Ross
Substitutions: El Toro—Wait (3), Roach (5), Miramar—Durling (3). Halftime score—22-9, El Toro.

Aviation Meet Slated For Mid-March

West Coast Marine aviation basketball teams will convene for the championship, March 14-15, at MCAS, Santa Barbara.

Eight teams have been invited to participate in the tournament, Capt. Ben Finney, recreation officer, announced. Expected to enter teams are Headquarters Squadron (MarFair West) and Air Base Group 2, Naval Air Station, San Diego; Marine Corps Auxiliary Air Field, Camp Gillespie; the Air Depot, Miramar, and air stations at El Toro, Mojave, El Centro and Santa Barbara.

Trophies will be awarded the championship team, consolation winner and outstanding player in the tourney. Members of the winning team will receive miniature gold basketballs. Silver basketballs will go to the runners-up.

Miramar, current 11th Naval Dist. leader, and El Toro rate as favorites. Mojave also boasts an

impressive record and is expected to be a strong contender for the championship trophy.

The tourney schedule: March 14 (afternoon and night), opening round games; March 15 (afternoon), semi-finals and (night) consolation game and finals.

Civilians Dampen Marksman Ego At Matthews

Marine Corps rifle efficiency, a well-known byword in shooting circles, took a back seat to the civilian West Coast Rifle club in a recent match at Camp Matthews.

Losing by a single target, the Matthews No. 1 team was paced by Carl Walker in the Wimbledon scope sight match and Paul Dinant, iron sights pace-setter. Results:

Individual
Warren Howes 235, Sgt. H. Gottschalk 232, Paul Sloan 232, Paul Dinant 231, Sgt. A. Kaszycki 230, Sgt. L. Soderberg 228, Sgt. Gabe 228, W. Raxter 227, Sgt. D. Jean 226, McCallister 226, Corp. Rugh 225, B. Schunk 223, V. Massey 223, K. Rose 223, T. Hurr 222, Parmenter 222.

Team Match Results
First, West Coast Rifle club No. 1 (Howes, Sloan, Dinant, Rose, Middledist, Scott) 1381; second, USMC Rifle Range No. 1 (Gottschalk, Soderberg, Hurr, D. Jean, Rugh, Wiltig) 1350; third, U. S. Navy No. 1 (McCullough, Massey, Hurr, Parmenter, Murks, Lane) 1323; fourth, U. S. Navy No. 2, 1297; fifth, USMC Camp Elliott, 1277; sixth, U. S. Coast Guard, 1271; seventh, West Coast Rifle club No. 2, 1178.

Wimbledon Match
Scope sights—Carl Walker 33-10V, Capt. Ralph Steinhoff 27-10V, 10mer Schenk 27-8V.
Iron sights—Paul Dinant 34-4V, Sgt. Kaszycki 33, Sgt. Bill Soderberg 29.

Mojave Tallies Late Clincher

MCAS, MOJAVE—Edging out their opponents in the last 15 seconds of play, the Mojave Jackrabbits defeated the Myroc Army Air Field basketball team, 41-39, last week.

At the half Mojave was trailing by 4 points, but three fast baskets in less than a minute by Tourtelotte, lanky center for the Gyrenes, swung the lead to Mojave's favor. The score was 39-39 with 15 seconds to go when Hinton, Jackrab-bit forward, tossed the decisive goal. The lineups:

Mojave (41) (39) Myroc
Parr (4) (1) Weber
Overson (4) (1) Montgomery
Tourtelotte (9) (1) Johnson
Smith (7) (1) Green
Childs (6) (1) (4) Hale
Substitutions: Mojave—Hinton (9), Hudson, May (2), Murro—Yancy (6), Price (15), Guadagno, Erickson (6), Kamperman (5), McKee, Rogers, Orwein (3), Ritter.

Army Engineers Drop Quantico

QUANTICO—The Army Engineers of Fort Belvoir gave the Quantico basketball quintet a 45-19 shellacking here last night. It was the Engineers' ninth straight victory of the season and Quantico's first setback since 1stLt. Harold A. Wilson took over as player-coach.

Riccelli, a Belvoir forward, yesterday contributed 15 points for high scoring honors. Sam Bell, Marine center and team captain who ordinarily bears the scoring burden for the locals, registered one field goal each half and three free throws for a lowly 7 points.

Score at halftime was 17-9 in favor of the potent Army quintet.

315 High Score On Rifle Range

CAMP MATTHEWS—High score for boots firing for record on this range last week was a 315 out of a possible 340, turned in by Pvt. Raymond D. Mitchell of Gridley, Cal., firing with Plat. 795.

Pvt. Albert L. Sheffield of Fontana, Cal., was run-out with 313, in the same platoon. Third highest was Pvt. Armando L. Najera of Los Angeles, a member of the same platoon, with 309.



QUANTICO STAR. Sgt. Lee J. Brensford, former U. of San Francisco star, is one of the top scorers on the high-scoring Quantico team. (USMC photo.)

Lejeune Marines Like Basketball

CAMP LEJEUNE—Camp Lejeune Marines really like to play basketball!

To overcome lack of travel facilities for a recent game, a panel truck was loaded with cotage chairs—and five squad members.

Drivers for the truck and a station wagon were none other than Capt. Robert M. Port, Univ. of Pittsburgh, and Coach Lt. T. Wesley Bennett, Westminster (Pa.) College.



SHARPSHOOTER. Leading scorer of the MCB women's cage crew is PFC, Mary Maresch of Meridale, Pa. (Public Relations photo.)

Base WR Keglers Pace District Loop

Leading in every team department, the MCB women bowlers are deadlocked with the NAS team for the lead in the 11th Naval Dist. service league.

The Base keggers boast a team high average of 722, series of 2166 and game of 787. PFC. Harriet Melroy of the MCB club is the leading game and series individual performer with 167 and 471 totals. Lt. Eileen Nesbeth, director of women's sports at MCB, announced last week that the intra-Base bowling league has resumed action. Again presiding over the loop is Corp. Marge Planner. Newly-elected vice president is Sgt. Marian Huffman and secretary-treasurer is Pvt. Lois Kline.

Teams in the Base league compete on Monday while the 11th Naval Dist. keggers roll on Wednesdays. Standings:

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Marine Corps Base	4	0	1.000
Naval Air Station	4	0	1.000
Repair Base	3	1	.750
Spurs	1	3	.250
Marine T and RC	0	4	.000
Coronado Waves	0	4	.000

MARFAIR WEST WINS

MarFair West Marines downed Camp Callan, 45-40, last week in the 11th Naval Dist. league. PFC. Charles Tyranski's defensive play and ball-hawking were Skyraider features.

Women's Bowling Schedule

Wed., Feb. 7	1 Rhara 3 Miramar Marines 5 Repair Base Dye—Naval Air Sta.	vs. 2 Marine Corps Base vs. 4 Coronado Waves vs. 6 Marine T and RC
Wed., Feb. 14	1 Naval Air Station 3 Rhara 5 Miramar Marines Dye—MCB	vs. 2 Coronado Waves vs. 4 Marine T and RC vs. 6 Repair Base
Wed., Feb. 21	1 Marine Corps Base 3 Naval Air Station 5 Rhara Dye—Coronado Waves	vs. 2 Marine T and RC vs. 4 Repair Base vs. 6 Miramar Marines
Wed., Feb. 28	1 Coronado Waves 3 Marine Corps Base 5 Naval Air Station Dye—Marine T & RC	vs. 2 Repair Base vs. 4 Miramar Marines vs. 6 Spurs
Wed., Mar. 7	1 Marine T & RC 3 Coronado Waves 5 Marine Corps Base Dye—Repair Base	vs. 2 Miramar Marines vs. 4 Spurs vs. 6 Naval Air Station

Base Fives Open Play Tuesday

Two games are scheduled in the Base league for play-off Tuesday.

The Fire Dept. ragers will meet the Molars while the Base Dispensary meets the Service Company hoopers. Eight-minute quarters will be observed instead of 20-minute halves. Maj. Charles R. Church, Base athletic officer, has announced.

Marine Veterans Conduct Regular Riding Classes

MR. KLAMATH FALLS—Horse-manship by the book is now being taught city boys and country boys alike at this overseas veterans station, on Army and cavalry horses and by experienced service equestrians.

The course was planned and put into operation by OWO. Chester A. Davis, a graduate of the Army school of equitation who commanded a mounted machine gun unit in World War I, and who also had charge of mounted patrols in Nicaragua after coming into the Marines.

Chief instructor is Capt. Morris M. Garrett, assisted by 1stLt. Albert H. Wilson. Capt. Garrett is a native of the bluegrass Kentucky country, and knows his horses from civilian days. Lt. Wilson has just returned from duty with mounted patrols in Hawaii, and also has done some riding for the Marine Corps in Bremerton, Wash.

At present the riding school here has a stable of 21 horses—14 of them ex-cavalry mounts and seven bought from a riding academy. The instruction is basic—such subjects are care and conditioning of the mounts, bridling, saddling, the military seat, riding at the walk, trot, canter, gallop and plain range riding.

These subjects are taken up in classrooms in the mornings, and put into practice in the afternoon. Every man going through the comprehensive training program here now receives the equitation training.

Klamath Court Squad Defeats Portland Five

MR. KLAMATH FALLS—Klamath's Marines dropped a tough one to Portland's top independent case team, Shannon's, 68-60, in a "March of Dimes" benefit at the local high school gym last week.

The starting five of each team were consistent in scoring, getting 16 points or more per man. Cady, Shannon's small guard, topped the scoring with 16 points, while Joe Dimitrovitch led the Marines with 12.

Red Gilbert, big gun of the Marine offense, was kept bottled up most of the evening by 6-ft. 6-in. Bob Bohman, who clung to him like a brother on the man-to-man defense. Even so, Gilbert scored 11 points, and played the best defensive game of his career.

Shannon's had two long boys, Bohman and Bill Osterhaus, known as the "Two Pines." Both are 6-ft. 6-in. and were professional All-Americans together on the Denver team of the National professional cage league.

A benefit tilt for the infantile paralysis fund, the game was plugged for a week by a local newspaper, and netted more than \$1000 for the "March of Dimes." It was generally conceded to have been the best basketball game ever played on a Klamath Falls court.



SOUTHERN LEADERS. Lefebvre has toppled all foes in southern service competition this term. Lining up on pivot man Corp. Paul Donat are Capt. R. M. Port, 1stLt. T. Wesley Bennett, Pvt. Bob Mulvihill, Corp. Jack Maddox.

Miramar Ringmen Enter Golden Glove Tourney

Definitely in the running for the Los Angeles Golden Gloves team trophy is the Marine Fleet Air Station at Miramar, San Diego, whose list of experienced contestants was received yesterday.

The second annual leatherfest, sponsored by The Times, is scheduled for the Hollywood Legion Stadium the nights of Feb. 14, 15 and 17.

Each highly recommended by Recreation Officer Capt. N. E. Jaqua, the squad is expected to make a strong bid for the crown won last year by Camp Callan.

The squad includes two welterweights, two middleweights, one featherweight and one light-heavyweight. Points toward the title will be tabulated on a basis of five for a division champion, three for losing finalists and one each for losing semifinalists.

Corp. Joe Schenk, a native of Evansville, Ind., won the All-Marine tourney held at El Toro last May and is also Southern California AAU 147-pound champ. Another contender in that class will be Corp. Ken (Chief) Crowther of Bridgeport, Conn., who won the welter crown of the Marine detachment at Norman, Okla., last year.

Major Loop Baseball Teams Have More Men Than 1944

With the spring training season less than a month and a half away, major league baseball teams are better staffed today than they were a year ago and have almost double the manpower they had during World War I, according to a United Press dispatch.

The major league clubs, encouraged by the player situation, are going about their regular late winter business of mailing contracts, issuing roster lists and laying the plans necessary for the big training push, giving every possible indication they will be operating at the same old stand this summer.

Despite the burning manpower question which has threatened to black out America's No. 1 sport, American league teams—for example—have 275 men on their reserve lists. This is about 20 more than last year at this time and almost double the total during World War I when teams were performing with 17 and 18 players.

The addition of rookies, average veterans and honorable service discharges were cited as reasons for

this improved manpower setup.

"Baseball is in good shape," a veteran National league official said. "During the first war, we used to play with less than 20 men, putting a pitcher in right field, a catcher in the infield and so on."

"We are making plans with the idea of playing this summer," Harbridge, National league pressy, said as he boarded a train for New York and the joint major league meeting there this week-end.

The 16 big league clubs have approximately 500 players, an average of better than 31 players per club and baseball officials believe that the total could be sliced in half during the season and the teams could continue to play.

An example of big league baseball's player situation is the American league's condition. Out of its 275 players, 187 of the men are either under or over age, or 4-F's. At present, Washington has the most on its reserve list, 41, Cleveland is next with 39 and Chicago has 35.

Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoner
USN	22,639	11,785	8,753	2,634
USMC	10,359	27,820	888	1,942
USCG	591	202	89	0
	32,889	39,807	9,750	4,476

Dead

- California
PFC. Warren W. Marshall, Arroyo Grande.
PFC. Donald J. McMullin, Berkeley.
- Florida
Corp. Daniel J. Hyslop Jr., Jacksonville.
- Illinois
Sgt. Robert J. Hawie, Chicago.
Corp. Lyle E. Maroney, Chicago.
PFC. Harold J. Carlson, Oquawka.
- Indiana
Sgt. Edward H. Jackson, Lafayette.
PFC. Harold W. Schuman, Crown Point.
- Massachusetts
1stLt. Thomas J. Champion, Taunton.
- Missouri
2dLt. Barney W. Bennett, St. Louis.
Corp. Edward J. Langendorf Jr., St. Louis.
- New York
2dLt. William E. White, Marion.
- North Carolina
1stLt. Virgilus R. Perry, Goldsboro.
1stLt. Virgilus R. Perry Jr., Raleigh.
Pvt. William E. Wilson, Dover.
- Ohio
Sgt. Jesse C. Duncan, Akron.
- Oklahoma
PFC. Franklyn B. Thompson, Tahlequah.
- Oregon
Sgt. David J. Carlson, Portland.
- Rhode Island
1stLt. Thomas A. McHugh, Providence.
- Texas
PFC. Edward E. Underwood, El Paso.
- Virginia
1stLt. Herbert E. Brocken, Norfolk.
- Utah
Sgt. Jay P. Maloney, Provo.
- Washington
1stLt. Herbert E. Brocken, Medical Lake.

Screen Guide

Base Theater

1730-2000

- Saturday—House of Frankenstein, Karloff-Cheney.
- Sunday—This Man's Navy, Berry-Gleason.
- Monday—Blonde Fever, Astor-Doran.
- Tuesday—Pearl of Death, Rathbone-Hrupe.
- Wednesday—National Velvet, Rooney-Taylor.
- Thursday—Big Noise, Laurel-Hardy.
- Friday—Main Street After Dark, Arnold-Hoyt.
- Saturday—Between Two Women, Johnson-Harrynere.

Camp Matthews

1745

- Saturday—I Love a Mystery, Ban-non-Puck.
- Sunday—House of Frankenstein, Karloff-Cheney.
- Monday—This Man's Navy, Berry-Gleason.
- Tuesday—Blonde Fever, Astor-Doran.
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Miramar Cagers Keep Loop Lead Topple Corpsmen

Miramar's cageeers, leaders in the 11th Naval Dist. league, moved further ahead in the standings by downing the NH team, 45-24, last week. Center Blown blazed the trail with 21 points. Results:

- Miramar Air (45) (24) Naval Hosp.
Schroeder (2) (8) Rosen
Morris (4) (2) Ritter
Brown (2) (6) Johnson
Babe (6) (1) Holman
Plantamura (6) (1) Keller
Substitutions: Miramar—Rohling (1), Terrell (2), Naval Hospital—Lidia (2), Haggerty (3).
Elmott (20) (22) VFB-15
Rutherford (18) (8) (8) Gill
Sebastian (4) (1) Kilchrist
Ruler (11) (1) McInerney
Steinke (2) (1) Connell
Craig (1) (1) Ward
Substitutions: Elmott—Ruddell (2), Beckelman (4), Cantrell (12), Nelson (1), Chapman (4), VFB-15—Hoying (2), Allen (4), Connell (2).
Naval Supply (24) (27) P. L. Radar
Calnes (11) (1) McBride
Julian (2) (4) Johnson
Mebly (1) (12) Anderson
Eugenson (3) (5) Ward
Collins (4) (4) Sterrett
Substitutions: Naval Supply Dept.—Price (2), Atkinson (2), Toint
Loma Radar—Myers (6), Dean (2).
Navy Field (11) (47) WAS Test
Glover (4) (17) Roman
Wise (1) (6) Ehrhardt
Jackson (2) (12) Jones
Jones (1) (4) Bates
Substitutions: Navy Field—Riley (2).

Changes of Duty

- To Overseas
Lt. Col. John B. Hill and George T. Shuman from HQMC.
- From Overseas
Col. Robert G. Hunt to San Diego, replacing previous orders to Philadelphia, Pa.
Lt. Col. Rivers J. Morrell Jr., Walter T. Brownell, James D. Edwards Jr. and Harrison Brent Jr. to San Diego.
- Other Changes
Col. Melvin J. Mann from HQMC to West Coast; Lawrence Noonan from San Diego to Aviation, West Coast; John S. E. Young from Aviation, West Coast, to San Diego; Frank E. Shaw from San Diego to Los Angeles; David S. Barry and John Dixon from HQMC to be relieved from duty; Benjamin W. Atkinson from HQMC to Philadelphia; Lt. Col. John B. Hill from HQMC to temporary duty at Quantico, at completion of which he will report to overseas; Rathvon M. Tomlinson is HQMC upon discharge from USNH, San Diego; Patrick J. Hattigan Jr. from Quantico to San Francisco; Henderson A. Melville to be relieved from duty upon discharge from USNH, San Diego; Arthur E. Mead from USNH, Oakland, to Washington, D. C.; and Robert C. Burns from San Diego to Klamath Falls.

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National Service Insurance is the smart way to get the most for your money while the risk is the greatest, and only by taking Term Insurance how can you be guaranteed the privilege of converting your insurance later.

Conversion, at the proper time, will be advisable for the majority, but it should be predicated upon thoughtful consideration of what it really involves.

At the present time, don't be in a hurry to convert your policy. Policy holders nearing their fourth policy year may be apprehensive since requirements specify that insurance must be converted after one year and before the end of the fifth. It is reasonable to believe that a five-year extension can be anticipated to permit continuation of the low cost term protection by all NSI premium payers.

After the war, term insurance carried by the average Leatherneck may be converted to one of the three permanent plans offered by Uncle Sam: Ordinary Life Plan, 30-Payment Life Plan, or 20-Payment Life Plan. All three have a guaranteed cash and loan value and all three will participate in dividends.

"Why is it recommended that personnel defer conversion until after the war?" is frequently asked.

The answer is a matter of logic. Conversion means a higher premium cost. Why pay more for your insurance than is absolutely necessary?

It must be remembered that the payments guaranteed to a beneficiary under one of the converted contracts are exactly the same as they are under the initial term plan. The increased premium that is required on a converted plan goes to build up a "savings account"—i.e., the cash and loan values for the insured, but that does NOT increase the payments to a beneficiary in the event of the insured's death.

Nor, as so many mistakenly believe, does conversion permit the insured to choose a lump sum payment of proceeds.

An excellent case cited is the service man who converts his insurance, puts more money into it through the higher premiums, and loses his life.

His beneficiary has the same benefits to the penny, that he or she would have had had the insured retained his term insurance. On the other hand, had he invested the difference in some sort of savings fund or War Bonds, his beneficiary would have benefited from the insurance PLUS the savings.

Another problem arising is: "If I wait to convert later, I'll be older and my insurance will cost me more. Since there is no cash value under term insurance, I'll lose the \$6.50 or \$7.00 I'm paying per month now."

It must be understood that every person who is paying monthly premiums on his term insurance is getting full value for the consideration he contributes. Only NSI offers the low-cost protection with no exclusions because of his service in the armed forces.

The Government has assumed a liability on his life, and is charging far less than the actual cost of the protection, standing ready to fulfill its part of the bargain if he is killed.

So instead of "paying something for nothing" he is paying for something very valuable and getting it.

By further examination of the provisions governing conversion, it is possible to "salvage" the time he was paying under the term plan, and thus get credit for the premiums paid. This is possible after one year and within five years from the original date of issue of the term contract.

He may begin the new plan at the rate for the age he has attained. Or, he may date back the converted insurance to the original date of the term insurance and have his new premiums on the age he was at that time, by making payment of the reserve on the new policy. This, naturally, calls for a cash outlay of some size and

will necessitate either a sum saved aside, or, it is suggested, a part or all of his mustering-out pay.

Remember that through your present term insurance you have maximum protection for your family at minimum cost. Keep your term insurance for the duration—convert later. See your insurance officer for further details. He is ready at all times to give you sound "insurance advice".

Air Priorities

There is a feeling that abounds among the armed forces that the airplane is a common mode of travel which should be available to everyone in uniform.

Since the armed forces now number over eleven million and air transportation is more exclusive than caviar at company mess, definite priorities must be required for air travel. Priorities will be granted for:

(a) Emergency leave or furlough due to death or serious illness within the immediate family. Red Cross verification is required.

(b) Going on leave or furlough from organizations which are serving beyond the continental limits of the United States.

(c) Leave or furlough prior to direct transfer overseas.

Lt. Col. Paul B. Watson and 2d Lt. Sara N. Bennett are authorized to sign MCB priority certifications for air travel. The Base disbursing and transportation officer must first determine eligibility.

Navy Relief Drive

There is at least one Navy Relief Society in every Naval District equipped to help Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel with their financial worries.

In the San Diego Auxiliary alone, during the



year 1944, a total of 951 men were given help with hospital, dental and funeral bills for their dependents in an amount totaling \$43,051.47, and 887 emergency transactions were completed to make available \$47,975.77 for rent, food and shelter.

The total amount of worry transferred from the shoulders of Bluejackets and Marines to the broad shoulders of the Navy Relief Society was \$90,127.24 in the San Diego Auxiliary alone.

Most of this business was on a no-interest loan basis with easy payment by allotment. Of the total amount, 41 free grants were made for hospitalization in the amount of \$1,179.80 and 127 gratuities for emergency aid in the amount of \$7,232.92.

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.

To the Point

It is obvious that when a man returns from overseas duty he is going to accept all the liberty that is given to him. And, by all means, he wants to look his best when he goes on liberty. Now to get to the point.

How in the name of "Jupiter" can a man keep himself looking "sharp" if he has only one green blouse? If you can tell me how he can get one green blouse cleaned and still go on liberty, please reveal the secret.

I also would like to bring to the attention of the Editor that Marines buy their clothes, better known as tailor-made, because the GIs issued are not very presentable. We certainly would look "sad" if we had to wear the clothes issued.

Have you ever seen a "sadder case of a field scarf" than what a Marine has to wear? Or, how would you like it if the issued field scarf were given to you as a present?

P.S. Is it a wonder that a Marine prefers "tailor-mades"?

(Signed) EX-SEAGOING MARINE

San Diego, Cal.

More About The Hymn

Editor, The Chevron—A little disagreement has arisen about the Marines' Hymn. We would like to know if the words "In the air, on land and sea" are correct. Also when did it become part of the Marine Corps Hymn? Please reprint the Hymn for me.

JOHN E. GARDNER

San Diego, Cal.

Editor's note—The lyrics were originated in 1847. In 1873, Maj. Richard Wallace set them to the music of an old French opera by Offenbach. The Hymn was authorized by Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune in 1929. The version "In the air, on land and sea" was officially changed in 1942. Here are the words:

THE MARINES' HYMN

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom,
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.

Our flag's unfurl'd to every breeze
From dawn to setting sun;
We have fought in every clime and place
Where we could take a gun;
In the snow of far-off northern lands
And in sunny tropic scenes;
You will find us always on the job—
The United States Marines.

Here's health to you and to our Corps
Which we are proud to serve;
In many a strife we've fought for His
And never lost our nerve;
If the Army and the Navy
Ever gaze on Heaven's spheres
They will find the streets are guarded
By United States Marines.

Bless 'Em All

Editor, The Chevron—Some time ago I read an article which stated that the song "Bless 'Em All" had been more or less adopted by the Marines during their stay in Australia.

Shortly thereafter you stated that the 1st Mar. Brig. (Prov.) was the first AEF of this war. Being a member of that organization, I challenge your statement concerning "Bless 'Em All", as we were really the first Marines to run across that humorous ditty. It was borrowed from the British where we relieved of some of their camps, and we actually ate British bread and had our fill of tea prior to the time our own mess halls were placed in operation.

One other thing before closing, and that is, would you print the information which gives the authority for changing the 6th and 7th lines of The Marine Hymn, from "First to fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean", to "Admiration of the nation, we're the finest ever seen."

TSgt. JAMES F. HAYDEN

MCB, San Diego, Cal.

Editor's note—Glad to hear about the song, "Bless 'Em All". We were relying strictly on our information which we believed correct. As to the authority for changing the "6th and 7th lines of The Marine Hymn," there has been no authority given for such a change. There have been several parodies written which are frequently sung. The lines you mention are undoubtedly one of these.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0900 Services, Communion Chapel; 0830 Services, Bible Instruction; 0915 Services, Mass Chapel; 0915 Services, Chapel (Catholic); 0900 Mass, 1100 Theater; 0915 Mass, Chapel; 1000 Novena; 1900, Chapel; Confessions, Saturdays 1800, Chapel—1800 Bible; 1230, 1115—1300 Chaplain's Office (Jewish); Tuesday 1830, Bible; 1230, 1115 (Latter Day Saints); 0900 Services, Bible; 1230, 1115; Wednesdays 1830, Bible; 1230, 1115.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 1000, Camp Chapel, Bible; 1230, (Catholic); Mass, 0830, Chapel (Jewish); 0915, small room in Camp Chapel Bldg. (Latter Day Saints); 1400 in Camp Chapel.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel (Catholic); Sunday Masses 0830, 0915, 1115. Mass daily, 1030, 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.

ROAD, MARIANA (Protestant): 1000, Services; Communion 1st Sunday of month. (Catholic); 0700 and 0900, Confession; 0730 and 0930, Mass, Barracks 522, (Jewish); Thursdays, 1900, (Latter Day Saints) Discussion meeting Tuesdays, 1900. (Christian Science); 1400-1800, Chaplain's office, Fridays.

CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant): Post Chapel, Communion at 0900, Bible Class 0830, Morning Worship at 1015, Vespers Service 2000; Wednesday, Vespers Service 2000; Ranch House Chapel, services at 1015; Infantry Training Center, Sunday morning worship, 0700; at Theater, 14-T-1 at 0800, 15-T-1 at 0900, 16-T-1 at 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900. (Catholic); Post Chapel, Sunday Masses 0800 and 1115. Daily Mass at 1730, Confession Saturday at 1800. Novena, Wednesday 1900; Ranch House Chapel, Sunday Mass 0815; Tuesday and Friday, Mass 1845; Confessions before all Masses. Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0700; at Theater, 14-T-1 at 0800, daily, at 0900; 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 1000, 17-T-1 at 0800; Confessions before each Mass. (Christian Science); Ranch House Chapel, Sunday 1115; Study Group, Thursday 1830, (Latter Day Saints); Post Chapel, Sunday 0900, Monday 1900, (Jew. Ish); Post Chapel, Friday at 1800.

CAMP GILLESPIE (Christian Science): 1200-1300, Adm. Bldg., Wednesdays. (Catholic); Services at 0915, (Protestant) Services at 1000.



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MC Pilot Survives 'Third Time Jinx'

PALAU ISLANDS (Delayed)—Three times in less than three months 2dLt. Donald E. Francke of Waukegan, Ill., a Marine fighter pilot, matched wits with death and won. Each time his nerve and Corsair held out long enough for him to make it back to the home base.

Francke's most recent close call, the narrowest of the three, occurred during a strafing mission on Jap emplacements at Babelthusa, northernmost island of the Palau group.

The 21-year-old almost tore off the left wing of his plane when his Corsair hit the tops of two coconut trees while making a run on enemy ammunition dumps. At the time Francke was about to level off at the bottom of a 2000-foot dive when the plane "mushbied", falling to pull out until just off the ground.

He continued his fight and headed for home on his nerve and

a badly damaged left wing.

The collision put a foot-square dent in the Corsair's main spar and clipped a quarter of an inch off the left wing.

A member of the "Death Dealers" squadron of the 2d Air Wing, Francke ran afoul of Jap anti-aircraft fire on two occasions. He managed to get his plane safely back to his base though the gasoline tanks were riddled with bullets.

On both occasions the Corsair's engine quit just as he set the plane down on the airfield here.

During the first days of bombing and strafing of Jap positions in the Palau group, Francke was one of the pilots of his squadron who gave air coverage to a ground unit of the 1st Div. in its landing on Ngesebus Island, 600 yards north of Peleliu.

Francke, who also bombed and strafed enemy positions on Yap Island recently, completed 80 missions, covering 85 hours in the air.

Bulldozer 'Pilot' Clears Pathway Through Snipers

By Staff Sgt. John Worth
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—PFC. Elwin A. Sharpe of North Anson, Me., spent 15 minutes completely exposed to enemy fire on Peleliu pushing with his bulldozer a wrecked armored amphibian tractor that was holding up the advance of Marine assault troops.

The amtrac was one of three moving up a coastal road to take part in the landing on Ngesebus, a small island off the north end of Peleliu. The ridges overlooking the road were still full of Japs. The amtracs were hit as they went over a small exposed rise.

Two of the amtracs kept going but the third burst into flames and its ammunition exploded. The crew escaped but the 16-ton armored alligator, wrapped in flames, blocked the road to the Marines.

Sharpe came up the road at this time. He was moving up to bury some enemy dead with his bulldozer. He waved the Marines aside and lifting the blade of the bulldozer for protection, he ground on up the rise to where the three amtracs had been hit.

He plunged into the amtrac. It didn't budge and some of the burning gasoline spilled over on the blade. Behind this curtain of flame and with snapper bullets whistling overhead, Sharpe kept lunging at the burning alligator. Little by little he cleared it off the road.

The Marines picked up their weapons and continued their advance. Sharpe went on also—to bury those dead Japs.

Church Bells Toll In South Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS (Delayed)—The tolling of church bells—just like those at the little church around the corner back home—have added a touch of home to life at this 4th Mar. Air base, according to a dispatch by Staff Sgt. Theron J. Rice, combat correspondent.

Every Sunday morning several recorded selections, brought overseas by Lt. Charles A. Sullivan, Protestant chaplain, of Hanover, Pa., are played over a powerful loud-speaker system in the steeple of a recently completed chapel, and can be heard at the farthest corner of the island.

Explosion Forces Pack, Shovel In Marines Utility

USNH, SAN DIEGO—The force of the explosion blew my pack shovel through my clothes and embedded it in my back. The handle protruded and I reached back and tried to withdraw the entrenching tool but couldn't, I recognized PFC. Stanley J. Woropay of Hamtramck, Mich.

"We had just landed on the island," he continued, "when the Japs staged a counter-attack. There was an explosion and the blast picked me up and threw me over. I wasn't hit by shell fragments as I first supposed, but the shovel and other pieces of my equipment landed into me.

A Japanese appeared and did what he could and asked me if I could make it back to the beachhead. I tried to move and was sure

that I couldn't but I forced myself to my feet and walked. A wounded Marine grinned as I passed, probably at the sight of the tool sticking out behind me. But I couldn't see anything funny about it at the time," he said.

Marines Find Harmonica Use

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Marines crowded in a small chapel on Peleliu looked about expectantly as Lt. Comdr. Garrett F. X. Murphy of Philadelphia, chaplain of the 1st Mar. Div., called for an organist to help with the service.

A bronzed Marine stepped forward sheepishly. "I can't play the organ, but I could lead the hymns with my harmonica," he volunteered. "At least it will be different," he addressed the laughing congregation.

The commander gave approval and the service continued, accompanied by the harmonica.

Fighter, Not Writer

A West Virginia lad receiving his draft questionnaire, struggled with the long list of questions. He looked it over for a long time, scratching his head and sweating. Finally he gave up and returned the blank questionnaire to the draft board with this notation: "I'm ready when you is."

Pendleton Boasts New Housing

First units of the new housing accommodations at Camp Pendleton for Navy and Marine Corps service personnel should be completed by the end of February, according to George Nelson, administration assistant to the public works officer at the camp.

At present grading work on the housing area is almost complete and streets have already been opened in the area. Nelson said all work should be completed by the middle of April when 300 huts with two apartments each will be occupied by service personnel.



ROLL CALL. Memorial services held recently for members of a 3rd Div. tank unit, killed during Guam action, included a roll call of the honored dead. As Chaplain John E. Hollingsworth (at microphone) called the name of a fallen Marine, a comrade came forth and placed a wreath on the General Sherman tank behind the small altar.

Officer Machineguns Five Japanese In Five Minutes

By Sgt. William Boniface
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Five Japs in the first five minutes ashore. That is the record of 2dLt. Lewis Chadin of Sarasota, Fla., on Peleliu.

The 25-year-old platoon leader hit the beach with his unit at a spot where a Jap machine gun position was set up in the mouth of a coral cave about 25 yards from the water's edge.

Stepping in front of his men, Lt. Chadin forced the five Japs back into the shallow cave with fire from his Tommy gun. Grabbing a

grenade from his belt, he tossed it among the Japs. Three were driven out to be dropped by his fire.

The officer then dashed into the cave with his gun blazing and killed the other two Japs before returning to his platoon.

Lt. Chadin joined the Marines in 1942 and served in British War India before being assigned to Pacific duty.

Downtown Stands Declared 'Filthy,' Out Of Bounds

If your favorite downtown mark-spot is no longer able to meet your patronage by reason of its SP stationed at the entrance, you can be sure it was done for your own good.

Seven San Diego "hot dog" stands were placed out of bounds to Naval personnel this week. The move followed a sanitary inspection by a Naval commission.

The condition of the establishments put under the gun was described as "filthy" by Lt. Comdr. A. E. Gallagher, assistant shore patrol officer for the San Diego area. He also added: "There are any number of other spots that would bear inspection. Even with the present shortages of basic foods and difficulties of operation, the least they can do is keep clean."

An Episode at Cape Gloucester, New Britain

Drawings by Staff Sgt. Vic Boniface

During the fight for Hill 970 at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, shortly after Marines landed there on Dec. 26, 1943, two Jeeps headed for the front lines. Two other Marines, members of one of the units up ahead, held down the front seats. They were hauling supplies to the front. Ahead was nothing but tangled jungle and swamp, relieved only by the meandering track over which the Jeep traveled. Rounding a bend, the jouncing vehicle was stopped by a Marine MP.



"The woods is fulla snipers," he warned. "Some guys just 'got it' along the road." Four pairs of anxious eyes scanned the blasted and scarred wreckage that was ahead. "Well, we gotta get those supplies up," the driver decided, and off they were.



Auto racers had nothing on the driver, for he set a pace seemingly calculated to outspeed any bullets. More by luck than for any other reason the Marines managed to stay on the swaying, bumping vehicle for some 500 yards of thick mud.



Several Marines lay behind trees, logs and in ditches facing a space to the left. It looked like a siege; the men were firing into suspicious-looking ferns and bushes. All this was apparent as the small-sized car roared onto the scene.



What seemed like bullets whizzed just Marine noses—the "cracks" were sharp enough to indicate muzzle blast direction. Several minds were made up—but the driver? Anxious minutes passed as the men tried to hold everything and duck.



Suddenly the driver made up his mind; the racing Jeep pulled up in about five feet. Four Marines piled out on the road. A quick check to see if arms and legs were in their customary positions and all hurried to move behind the vehicle.

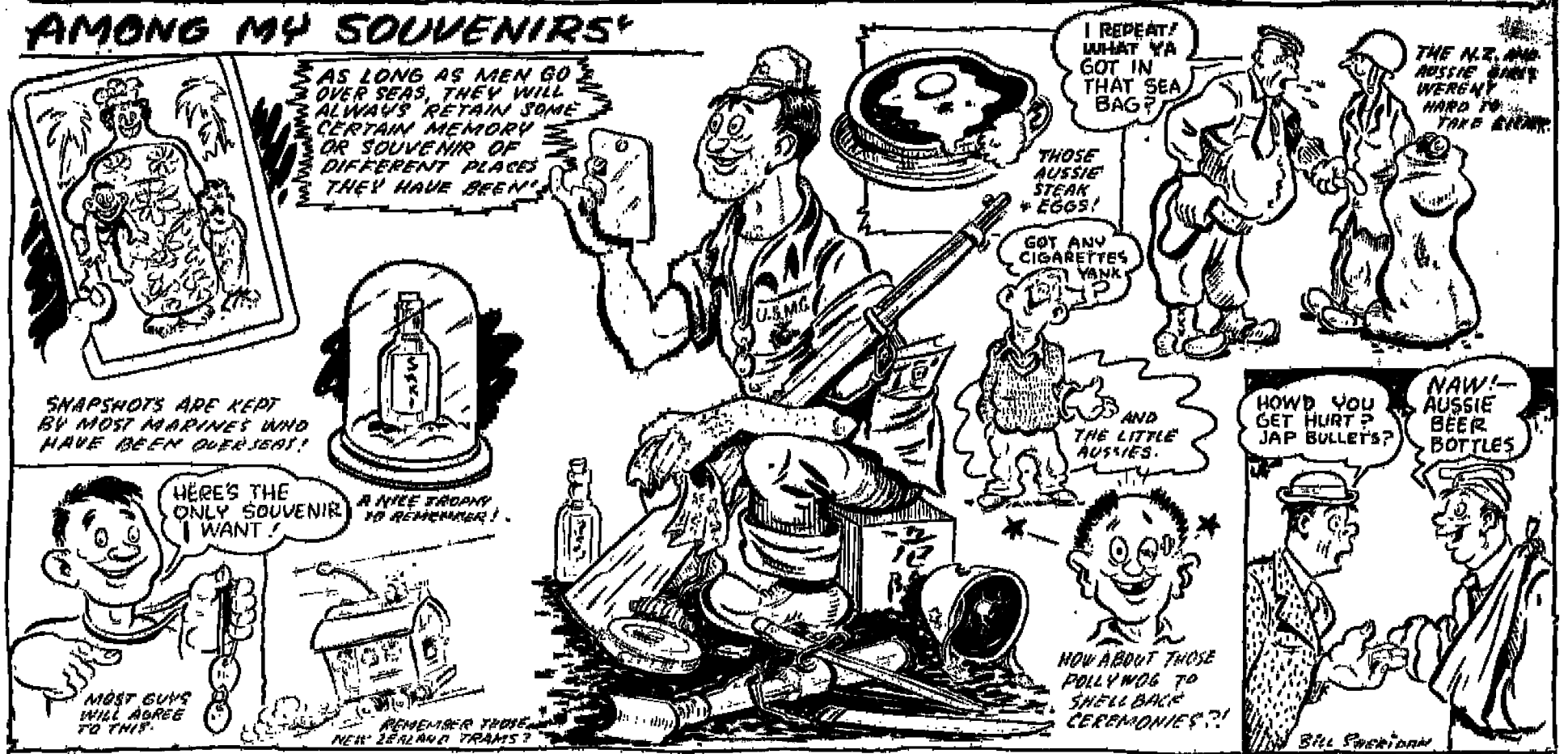


Minutes of waiting passed. A noise to the Marines' right caused them to look. Along squinted a bareheaded, unarmed Marine. He looked at the figures with a "Wonder what those jerks are doing lying there in the mud?" expression.



A sheepish crew of red-faced Marines hurriedly got up, remounted the Jeep and continued on their way without mishap. It may all have been just imagination, but they'll swear snipers had been firing at them—or hadn't they? We wonder!

AMONG MY SOUVENIRS



Male Call

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

As He Was



Gunner Keeps Unusual Companions

Chevron Chick...Faun Reinhart



PALS, Unusual but true, Paper-Weight (the kitten) and Sack-Time, two mascots of a torpedo-bomber squadron at MCAS, Mojave, shown in the lap of TSgt. Robert F. Ruddy, aerial gunner, of West Haven, Conn. The mascots live on the gunners' ready-room playing together.

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LEATHERNECK LINGO

Leatherneck lingo is as salty as the sea, and little by little these barnacles of the Corps crop up in everyday speech.

DING HAU—All right; OK.

BOKSON—Crazy.

SEGOONYA—Woman.

ANIA—Hiya! (Filipino slang).

NARIGATAN—Taking it hard?

AWANEN—Empty headed; off the beam.

LOCAL BEAUTY. Changing the scene from Hollywood to San Diego for this week's Chick, we have enlisted Faun Reinhart into the ranks of Marine pin-up queens. Faun has lived in San Diego for six years and definitely prefers Leathernecks. She claims there is no special one. "They are all swell," she says. (Photo by Corp. Louise Pettay.)