

"Is life worth living? Yes, so long as there is wrong to right." — Alfred Austin.

Things are saddest when they seem to be guarded as precious. — William Gillette.

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Japan Squirms Under Carrier Blitz



MAILMAN. Mail was delivered to Marines on Saipan before the smoke of battle had cleared. Here at a 4th Mar. Div. post office, established in the ruins of a house at Charan-Kanoa, Corp. Robert G. Brooks collects the mail for his unit. Story on KMF post office on page 4.)

Direct Bombing Hit Tosses Man One Hole Right

MCAD, MIRAMAR — During the height of a bombing raid is no time to change foxholes. But, according to an eye-witness account of a returned Leatherneck pilot, that is exactly what Lt. Samuel G. McCaskill of Elizabeth City, N. C., did—albeit involuntarily.

During an attack on Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands, Lt. McCaskill thought he would be safe in the foxhole he selected. But the concussion from a nearby bomb hit lifted the communications officer into the air and dropped him into another foxhole some 10 feet away.

Momentarily knocked out, he soon revived to find himself in new surroundings—bruised slightly but not injured.

Vandegrift Says Japs Want Draw

New and important undertakings are in the offing in the Pacific, Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, Marine Corps Commandant, said last week in Washington.

"We still face the great battles of decision on both sides of the world," he told a luncheon meeting of the National United Service organizations.

He repeated the warning made by many other high military and naval officials—that the Japanese want to drag the war out in the hope of getting a stalemate.

"Let us never take their purpose too lightly," said Vandegrift. "They still have great war-making power in the Pacific with which to strive to carry out their plans. The favors of geography are still on their side."

'Remember Pearl Harbor' was transformed today from a slogan to the heaviest headache in Hon. Jap naval history after 1500 carrier-launched Hellcats, Helldivers and Avengers had pounded the very heart of Tokyo's airfields and military defenses in a daring daylight raid.

More flat-tops than the United States had ever before grouped for a single operation surprised the Nippon navy by moving within the inner ring of shore defenses. Tokyo announced the attack opened at 9:10 and "was a day of terror."

It was 776 days ago when Jap planes slipped off carriers to sneak over the skies of Pearl Harbor. American forces have pushed 4000 miles back since then and war correspondents are predicting amphibious landing operations on Japan's island defense ring before before many moons.

Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher commanded the big task force, according to the special communique from Adm. Nimitz: "Vice Adm. Marc A. Mitscher is in command of a powerful task force of the Pacific fleet which is now attacking enemy aircraft, air forces and other military targets in and around Tokyo."

Though Marine pilots of Hellcat planes are known to be in the vicinity, the report has not been verified that Leatherneck pilots participated in the Tokyo carrier raid.

Marines in fast, heavily-gunned Corsair fighters paid a visit to French Indo-China last week, as carrier aircraft struck the Asiatic mainland for the first time in three years of relentless driving across the Pacific.

Included in the huge task force that invaded the South China Sea was the first Leatherneck air unit of the war to be assigned to carrier duty. Acting as fighter-bombers, the Marines joined with great numbers of Navy Hellcats and Avengers in strikes on airfields and shipping from Capiran Bay to Saigon, chief city of Indo-China.

Leading the Marines was Lt. Col. William A. Millington Jr. of Seattle, Wash., and Coronado, Cal., veteran Corsair pilot who fought in the Central Solomons.

Japanese opposition was surprisingly light. No enemy planes rose to intercept the carrier planes, although one Marine was shot down by anti-aircraft fire. He was seen to make a good landing near Saigon.

As their contribution to the highly successful attack, the Marines accounted for 10 planes destroyed on the ground with 23

others damaged, two cargo ships damaged and one sunk, Hangar and repair shops were bombed and strafed at Bien Hoa, Trang Bang and Tan Son Nhut airfields near Saigon.

The spotlight of the Battle of Luzon shifted from Manila to Batuan and northern areas of the island, where Yank forces scored substantial gains in the growing fight to eliminate the Japanese from the capital island of the Philippines.

The entire 13-mile length of the Olongapo-Dinalupihan road across the base of Batuan Peninsula, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced in his Friday morning communique, has been cleared of Japs by 11th Corps Infantrymen.

The first manifestation of the Crimea conference decision to crush Germany with coordinated blows was discernible last week in one of the war's greatest air offensives that hurled more than 7000 planes from Britain and Italy over the Reich within 24 hours.

The Saxon capital of Dresden, approached by Soviet troops, and the Ruhr gateway city of Wesel on the Rhine, toward which Canadian First Army forces had driven to within 10 miles, were among a dozen objectives in Germany that felt the might of some 10,000 tons of Allied bombs.

Three American divisions linked up inside southern Manila and blasted the Japanese garrison back into the burning waterfront in the deadliest, close-in fighting of the entire Pacific war.

The decisive juncture, sealing off the last avenue of escape for the trapped Japanese in Manila, came as Batuan and Corregidor across Manila Bay were rocking under a tremendous bombardment by hundreds of American planes.

More than 200 tons of high explosives were showered down on Corregidor Saturday and Sunday, while a big fleet of Army and Marine warplanes ripped up the southern corner of Batuan with another 500 tons.

Nazi propagandists exhorted the German people to "cast overboard our last scriptures" and "kill, murder and poison" their enemies.

Charging that the Crimea declaration expressed the Allies' aim

Jap General Claims Tokyo Defense After Philippines

Japan will not abandon the fight for the Philippines "even though Tokyo should be reduced to ashes," Gen. Iwane Matsui said yesterday, according to a Tokyo Domei (Japanese) news agency broadcast recorded by the FCC.

Matsui, president of the Asia development headquarters of the Imperial Rule Assistance Association, addressed a rally in the Japanese capital.

"The rise and fall of the Philippines is the joint responsibility of Japan and the Philippines," Matsui

was quoted. "We must not let President Joseph Laurel (puppet president of the Philippines) taste the bitter cup as Gen. (Emilio) Aguinaldo (Philippine insurrectionist) did 40 years ago."

"Even if Tokyo should be reduced to ashes, Japan must without regret rescue the Philippines."

"The time will come when all Asians will show their true might against the Anglo-Americans who are now scheming to destroy our fighting strength by the dint of quantitative superiority in arms as well as insidious propaganda."

Marine Mascot Monkeyshines In Air



MONKEYSHINES. Lt. Andy Knight of Baltimore, Md., pilot of a Marine fighter squadron in the Philippines, has rigged up a "bos'n chair" in the cockpit of his Corsair to accommodate a pet monkey. "Beggar" gets excited when the plane is in a dive but chatters loudest when the machine guns of the ship are firing.

Marines are famous on every Pacific fighting front for their attachment to "fighting mascots." Wherever you find Marines living, working or fighting, there will also be a supporting force, usually a motley crew of dogs, ducks, roosters, rabbits, mice and monkeys.

Monkeys have held up their popularity as Marine pets for many years, running on most of the census reports second only to the all-time favorite English bulldog.

Reports came in from the Philippines last week of undoubtedly the fightingest "Marine-Monkey-Mascot" yet to be heard from in this war. His name is "Beggar," he is the "assistant-pilot" of a Corsair in a Marine fighter squadron now operating in the Philippines.

"Beggar" won his wings after many grueling combat hours. His boss, Lt. Andy Knight of Baltimore, Md., rigged the "co-pilot's" chair above the control panel in the Corsair's cockpit. From his point of vantage "Beggar" jeers at confronted Zeros.

Lt. Knight claims, even though "Beggar's" ancestors have been zooming and zipping through tree tops in the Philippines for many centuries, his little helper can't seem to control his excitement when the plane goes into a steep dive. His chattering and enthusiasm, however, reach the fever point when the guns are firing, especially if they are on the tail of a Zero.



SHELL VIEW. "Darnit," mascot of a U. S. Marine Corps gun crew, gets a shell's-eye view of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, while being held by Pvt. Walter C. Vail of Bessemer, Ala. Other members of the crew are at the gun's breech to be of service just in case "Darnit" should slip through.

Chinese Diplomat Predicts Long War In Far Eastern Sector



MAILED AWAY. In a ceremony here on the base last week, Capt. John A. Wynn of Salt Lake City, presented the decorations for his part in the Salinas action. A Deputy War Medal for complete disregard for his personal safety, and a Purple Heart for wounds.

WASHINGTON—A long war in China is in prospect after victory in Europe, Dr. Wei Taoping, Chinese Ambassador, predicted at a news conference here last week.

China, he said, has not been called to participate in the present Allied conference, but is concentrating all her attention upon preparations for the next phase of the war, which will be centered in the Far East. All indications, he declared, are that the Japanese plan to seek a decision in the Chinese mainland, and that they will seek to prolong the war as long as possible in the hope of obtaining a compromise peace.

The opening of the Suiyui Road from India will permit China to equip forces that will offer substantial aid to the Allied forces, the Ambassador said, but to permit an all-out offensive against the Japs, now he felt that it would be necessary for the Allies to open a Chinese port. Chinese troops would be able to aid a landing of the Allies from the sea, he said, and afterward arms and supplies that were needed should be brought in for a campaign that would end in China's liberation and Japan's defeat.

Some Possibility of Unity

The Ambassador said that the fact that negotiations with the Chinese Communists were continuing was a hopeful sign that an agreement could be reached and Chinese unity could be attained. He said the results of Donald McLean's visit to Chungking were already evident and would develop into a considerable factor in the economic conduct of the war.

"The Japanese," he said, "will not surrender with the conquest of their islands. There are too many signs that they intend to face the

issue on the Chinese mainland. They have not only built industrial plants and bases there, but are now in the process of transferring machinery and plant equipment from Japan to China.

The Ambassador said the opening of the Suiyui Road would do a great deal to improve the situation but that the Chinese pointed a spotlight to bring in adequate supplies. The whole Chinese coast, he said, is vulnerable, but the southern ports are probably best defended.

With regard to the problem of cooperation with the Chinese Communists, the Ambassador quoted Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek as having said that as long as he headed the Chinese Government there would be no civil war in China. He added that the Chinese Government was making progress in preparing for a constitutional regime.

The Ambassador said it had been agreed to call a People's Congress before the end of this year in preparation for a constitution that would shift authority from the Kuomintang, the Government party, to the people. China has been preparing for this, he said, since 1935, and municipal and provincial systems have been made effective.

Japan, the Ambassador said, is at 20,000,000 and in Manchuria controls 30,000,000 persons whom she is seeking to impress as industrial workers. The Japanese have also brought in many Koreans. Their aim is to prolong the war but he said he believes the Allies would not accept a compromise. He declared China would ask that Japan be disarmed and be kept disarmed.

New Pacific Way Found For Bugle Call In Morning

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—A first sergeant who's good natured—at 6:30. He says so himself.

Marines at this Pacific base recently had a loudspeaker system installed in their camp area, with a microphone in the company office for announcements and instructions to personnel.

Howls of rage and piteous moans rose from all over the tent area at 6:30 one bleak morning as the combined loudspeakers blared forth with "Good morning—reville. This is your smiling first sergeant, saying come on, come on, wherever you are. Roll call is being held in the compound."



BRONZE STAR. A veteran of Eniwetok and Guam, Sgt. Raymond Turner of Nora Springs, Ia., was awarded the Bronze Star Medal at a MCB ceremony last week. He crossed a field under concentrated enemy fire to rescue a wounded comrade, then brought him back by the same route.

Double Features Bother Marines

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Hollywood is converting hundreds of Marines into night movie-goers at this island base, according to Sgt. P. N. Joachim, combat correspondent. But the double-feature has its difficulties.

Everything is fine until about half way through the second film. Then, at the 2000 "tape" the lights go out. And the howling starts.

Usually the break in current shuts off the film just as the hero is about to make the heroine to swoon. That's bad. The rooftop theater here echoes to shouts of "Turn it on" while the more romantic Marines just close their eyes to keep, as best they can, the picture of the lovely heroine who was just before them.

Meanwhile, a path is cleared for the technician, who dashes to his jeep to ride out into the blackout and restore the situation and the electric current. The film is on again.

Fifteen minutes later music, withering and notices the spotlight has been "left on." The rooftop movie is stopped again.

Sugar Wrappers Bring Memories

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS (Delayed)—Substitution of bumps of sugar during a sugar shortage in galleys of 2nd Marine wing encampments here resulted in a wave of nostalgia that swept this island.

Reason for the sudden "homesickness" was simple.

Emergency supplies of sugar packed in processed "chutney" were wrapped in labels bearing the names of hundreds of popular restaurants and eating places throughout the United States.

In crude improvised messhalls across this war-scarred island, Leathernecks gazed reflectively at they recognized names of familiar home-town restaurants and hotels.

New York, Kansas City, Chicago, Chicago dozens of cities were represented.

Reason for the sugar shortage, according to supply officers, was the allotment of transport space for frozen turkey being rushed to Pacific bases for holiday menus.

"We lump sugar didn't solve the shortage here, however."



LUNCH TIME. Civilian employees and Marines line up for lunch at the opening of a new cafeteria at the Islais Creek area of the Depot of Supplies, San Francisco. Looking over the new structure are, from left: Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Jacobson, commanding general; Capt. Esther Greenwood and 1st. Cpl. E. C. Rowley.

Marines Recruit Civilians For Supply Duty In Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO. A challenge to recruit at least 300 new civilian workers for the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies here to speed war material to lengthening Pacific lines, was handed Leathernecks and civilian employees alike at the recent dedication of a new cafeteria in the Depot of Supplies Islais Creek area.

Brig. Gen. Arnold W. Jacobson, commanding general of the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies, San Francisco, which controls the bulk of all overseas shipments to Marines, charged each of the 600 civilians now employed in the Islais Creek area with the responsibility of adding men and women to their ranks to fill the many jobs open in inventory, checking, packing, freight transportation and clerical activities.

Gen. Jacobson pointed out that since the Depot is the final feeding ground for Marine engineering, signal, ordnance and transportation supplies, the work done by civilians has an immediate effect upon Pacific successes, he stressed. "Work left undone because of job vacancies can have the effect of a halt stake slowing down prosecution of the war."

The Depot of Supplies civilian recruiting drive will continue until March 15. Throughout the drive, Marines and civilians at the Depot will be kept informed on the campaign progress, and prizes will be awarded the most successful recruiters.

In officially opening the cafeteria, which serves 1,000 Marines

and civilians at Islais Creek between 1100 and 1230 daily, Gen. Jacobson traced the growth of the Islais Creek depot from a muddy lowland, where no buildings stood, to a solidly filled-in 85-acre establishment with a railroad and every modern facility for storage and loading of equipment which will speed the progress of Leathernecks to Tokyo.

PFC Ditches Wife For Native Queen

ELYRIA, O.—A divorce suit was filed this week by Mrs. Sarah Williamson against PFC. Les W. Willemsen who is somewhere in the South Pacific. The grounds, probably the most unusual on record, are that Willemsen could marry a native queen and become king of the island where he is stationed.

In filing the suit, Mrs. Williamson said her husband had sent her a picture of himself and the girl and asked for his freedom. She wonders if he told the queen about the two children she is keeping at home.

The question of authority that should arise between the PFC and his CO after the kingship negotiations offers much interesting speculation.

"I am Red Eagle," said the Indian chief to his wife-to-be sister. "This is my son, Fighting Bird and here," he added, "is my grandson, PEY."

Navy Secretary Sends Birthday Wire To Women

Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal paid tribute to the Wife on their second anniversary in a message wired to all parts of the country.

"In this second anniversary of the Women's Reserve of the United States Marine Corps, nineteen thousand patriotic women serve beneath the Marine Corps standard, defending the liberties and principles of the nation by their devotion to duty. To the Women Marines wherever they serve, the hearty congratulations of the men and women of the United States Navy and Coast Guard. You win your share in the triumph of victory by doing your share in the work of war."

The Women's Reserve Battalion at MCB was reviewed by Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard, commanding general of the Base, at a ceremony on the parade ground in celebration of the event.

Members of the reviewing party were the staff of the commanding general and other high ranking officers of the Base, Capt. Dorothy Miller, MCB's battalion commander, led the review in which three companies of women participated.

American Carrier Pilots Hit Tokyo

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"not hit to cut off Okinawa's food and fuel, but to exterminate it," Herman Radio Commentator Joseph said. "Our last remarks must be cast upon the must be the Japanese reply to the part of our campaign."

Captain of the Pacific naval base and Nichols' staff were announced by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who said the end of Japan's trapped Manila garrison was "in sight."

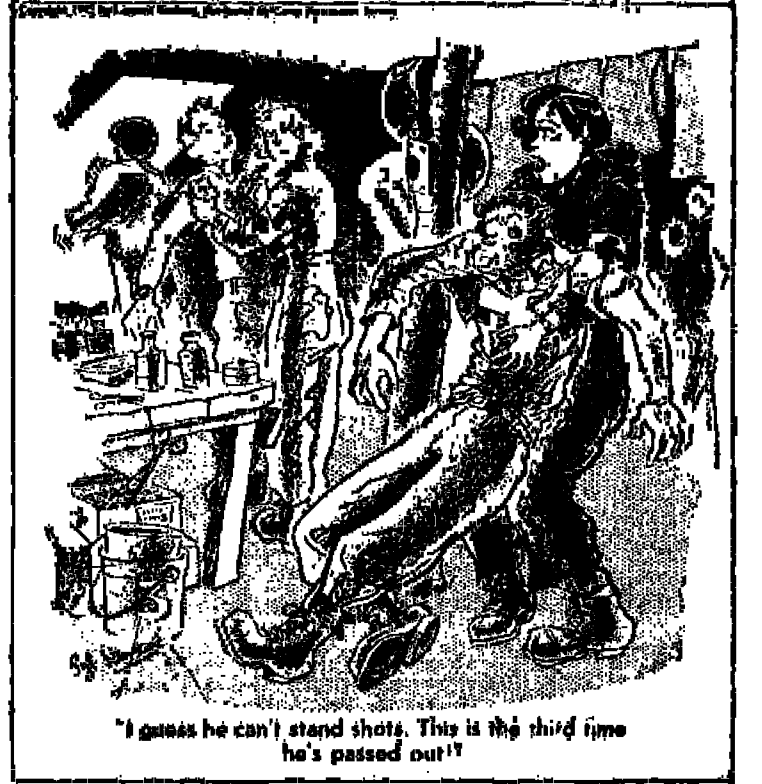
MacArthur reported enemy casualties of more than 60,000 for the five weeks of the Luzon campaign as compared with American casualties of 20,000, including 2102 killed.

Capture of the Cavite naval base put the Yanks on the shores of Manila bay for the first time.

The 11th airborne division in taking Cavite seized 10 enemy seaplanes and a battery of three-inch guns intact.

Berlin was reported under a state of siege today and swarming with hand-picked Nazi Elite Guards ordered by Adolf Hitler to defend the capital block by block against the Red army. A Moscow broadcast partially borne out by Swiss press dispatches and German propaganda statements, said Berlin had been converted into an armed camp, jammed with troops and refugees from the east and ruled by what amounted to martial law.

The Wolf by Sansone



"I guess he can't stand shots. This is the third time he's passed out!"

Rescued Manila Marines Welcome Interview

By Sgt. John J. Murphy, (Combat Correspondent)

CENTRAL LUXON (AP) (Delayed)—For the first time since their heroic stand at Iloilo and Corregidor, 15 of the 79 Marines rescued Jan. 20 from a Japanese prison camp met a fellow Marine who could fill them in on what had happened during their long imprisonment.

I was assigned to interview them but instead spent 2 1/2 hours being interviewed. They had told their story in civilian press and radio correspondents and now wanted a break to ask a few questions of their own.

When I arrived, PISgt. Milton Englin of Seattle was stretched out on a cot, favoring a pair of very sore feet. At sight of my Marine emblem those sore feet hit the deck, and he cried:

"Wait a minute, I'll get the boys."

However, Englin introduced a big lanky blond kid, Corp. Dennis Rainwater of Paris, Tex., explaining Rainwater had better feet and could follow up the gang leader.

An lady started pouring in, every one of them in his own right, one of them yelled to get Commander, explaining that Commander was a great guy.

Finally Commander appeared. He was about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, slightly round-shouldered and wearing a snow-white goatee. He turned out to be MTSgt. Eugene C. Commander of San Diego, Cal.

This man, who on Feb. 8 celebrated his 24th year in the Corps, grabbed me by the shoulders. His eyes were misty and his face colored a smile.

"Son," he said, "it's a pleasure to see a Marine again."

Finally I stood in front of them like a school teacher. I told them what they wanted to hear—the history of the United States Marine Corps in World War II.

The story had to start at the beginning, because these men had not heard a word they could believe since they were captured at Corregidor on May 6, 1942.

They listened with interest to the story of Guam and Wake, but I couldn't tell them about Iloilo and Corregidor, for they knew that story better than anyone in the world.

We moved on to the beachhead at Lingayen. They reveled in the story of PISgt. John Basile and his Congressional Medal of Honor. We talked about Tula, Bougainville, the Marshall Islands, Saipan, Tinian, Guam and Peleliu. Like kids hearing a fairy tale, they listened to the exploits of Maj. Gregory Boyington, Maj. Joe Foss and the Rangers of Col. Evans F. Carlson and Col. Merrill A. Edson, now a brigadier general.

One asked, as he pointed to PISgt. Kenneth W. Mize of Seattle, Kan., "How the hell back home ever heard of what Mize did?" All Mize did was single-handedly scuttle the USS Rochester, an old cruiser.

"On Christmas evening of 1942," he said, "we were at Olongapo har-

bor, Sam. Bay, in the Philippines and the Japs were closing in. My commanding officer ordered me to sink the Rochester. Although old and decommissioned, she held too much valuable stuff for the Japs to capture. I placed a 300-pound depth charge below decks on the port side and attached a 32-foot, length fuse. When it blew, the ship quivered, and 52 minutes later she was below water."

They asked if the folks at home had heard of PFC, Fred S. Vinton of Jackson, Mich. Vinton was told to destroy anything at Olongapo that the Japs could use. Within a few minutes he set fire to 55,000 gallons of gasoline and blew up half a million dollars' worth of submarine batteries.

They asked about the pay scale and how did this allotment business work? Was it true that Harry Truman was vice president of the United States? Who was the Commandant of the Corps? What about promotions?

Inadvertently, I mentioned the Women's Reserve branch of the Corps. They could hardly believe it. Women in the Marine Corps? What did they do? How did they dress? What kind of girls were they?

I told them about our Women's Reserve—of their beautiful appearance, how quickly they have acquired the Marine attitude and spirit. It must have been convincing, because PFC Jack C. O'Leary, 21, of Washington, D. C., looked up, laughed and said, "Maybe I want to go home after all."

When I totally got in a few questions, they had to be brief.

How did it feel to hear the American soldiers and Philippine guerrillas coming in to rescue them?

"We thought the Japs were coming in to 'lower the boom,'" a Marine and Navy phrase meaning "get the works."

They were unanimous in their gratitude to Lt. Col. Henry Muehl, his Rangers, and the Filipinos who had rescued them.

They had little to say about the treatment they received from the Japs. They pointed out that they were alive, so it couldn't have been too bad. But they admit at the best it was never good.



SLEEP-WALKER. PFC Jacob B. Goodner is only awake here as he exhibits a saber he took from one of his Jap victims to two Navy nurses.

Sleep-Walking Marine Limits Jaunts To Friendly Grounds

UNNE, SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Jacob B. Goodner of Duncan, Ark., recently arrived here after 13 months in the Pacific Area with the 3rd Mar. Div. "They sent me back for walking in my sleep," he said, adding, "the doctors tell me I'm lucky I never woke up behind the Jap lines." "But I went through the entire campaign at Guam without receiving a scratch, and I got four Japs I'm sure of. I shot one I took a saber from 20 days after the battle officially had ended." Exhibiting the 37-inch saber, he said an interpreter told him inscriptions on the saber indicate it is three generations old. Goodner ranks as the first Marine in history to sleep-walk his way home from the South Pacific.

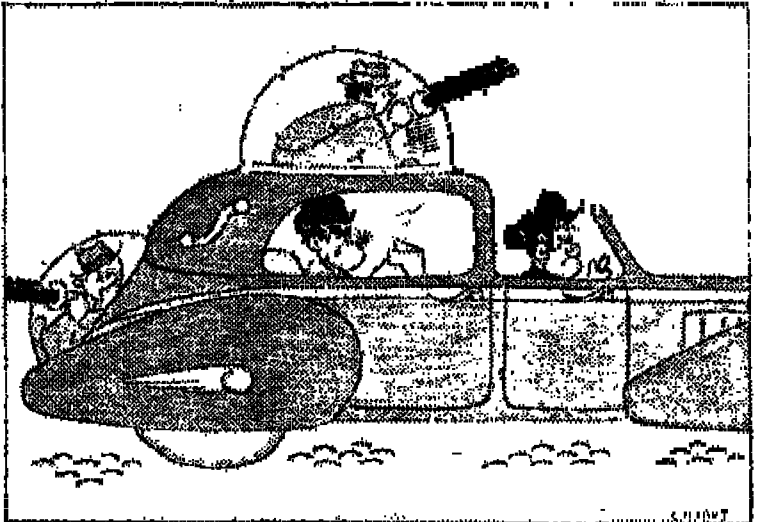
"Sleep-walking is OK," says the returned vet, "but I found it quite disconcerting when I missed all of those beautiful nurses. One of them even told me I kissed her in my sleep. Can you imagine me missing a thrill like that?" It has never been discovered just how Goodner kept from casually stepping off the ship while under the influence of "ye Sante Mar". Anyway, he's back in the States with the opinion that "these Stateside gals are pretty enough to keep me awake part of the time." Psychologists say sleep-walking is a sign of a "desire to go somewhere." Goodner's desire evidently was to go home, though that wasn't his intention when his sleep-walking was discovered.

WAR TRAINING RATES

Post War Credits, Jobs For Veterans

It was made known recently in an official Naval Bulletin that many educational institutions are cooperating with the armed forces in giving academic credit for certain types of training received by personnel in the service.

Private industry has also recognized the great number of highly trained specialists that will be released and is planning to absorb as many as possible, keeping them, if they can, in the same type of specialized work they were doing in the service.



Certain factions are even going so far as to make great efforts to bring prohibition back again. This move would undoubtedly make an outlet for many of the specialized talents we have been learning and practicing for these past years.

ayer to assist in giving a break to deserving service personnel whose educations and careers were interrupted by the war, educational groups started studies of the problem more than two years ago.

To evaluate the thousands of courses taught by the armed forces in terms of high school, junior college and university credit, committees were appointed by the American Council on Education, a civilian organization representing many educational institutions. The evaluations made by the civilian educators are available in printed form to all academic institutions and constitute recommendations to the school as to how much credit should be allowed in each instance.

Or, if you do not choose to return to your books after discharge, the bulletin states, you will find that you may have a "bonus" of experience in your civilian job or trade worked up for your Marine or Naval work—which may help you work off some of your apprenticeship or move you into a higher salary when you get your job back. It might even give you an opportunity for an entirely new and better job.

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MacArthur Praises Marine Fighters

By Lt. Louis Olszky, PRS

SOMEWHERE IN THE PALAU ISLANDS (Delayed)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur has commended a Helicopter squadron of the 4th Mar. Air Wing for its feat of blasting 22 Jap planes out of Philippine skies and destroying three.

"Your fighter squadron magnificently doing aviation duty in this area and your assistance in furnishing the squadron is appreciated," read the dispatch from Gen. MacArthur to Lt. Col. Peter D. Lambrecht of Dowagiac, Mich., the squadron's commanding officer.

The squadron has also been commended by Maj. Gen. Louis P. Wood, commanding the air wing.

Four probables in addition to confirmed kills were credited to the squadron during five weeks and five days over the Philippines. No casualties were suffered.

Biggest single bag of enemy planes came when seven Helicopters downed 32 Japs under adverse weather conditions and downed 11.

Used fighters well equipped mechanically for flying in poor weather. 14 of the squadron's 23 pilots got at least one enemy plane each.

Most disappointed pilot was Maj. Norman L. Mitchell of Minneapolis, Minn., executive officer, who flew more hours than any of his fellow squadron members but never saw a Jap plane.

Capt "Happy" Morrison, whose wife lives in Fredericksburg, Va.,

NO MILITARY SECRET

Two pretty gals were walking down a San Diego street. Two Marines passed and whistled.

"The nerve of them," said one of the girls, "whistling at us two days before Pay Day."

on Iloilo islands. "We knew if we had a chance to face them, we'd knock them down—and we did," Lt. Col. Lambrecht said. "The boys were so crazy for combat that many of them refused to turn in for treatment of yellow jaundice and other ailments. Only when we received orders to be relieved did the boys reveal the fact that they were not feeling well."

Marine fighter pilots, however, such as those who were killed in action, are being buried in the States after their supply of fighting spirit was exhausted.



HOLLANDERS. Time is not wasted by Dutch Marines conditioning for combat duties at Camp Lejeune, N. C., training base of U. S. Marines. They make every minute count by double-timing between classrooms and barracks.

Fleet Postoffice Proves Morale Mainstay For All Marines



'MORALE PLASMA.' The first mail shipment to reach battle-weary Marines on Peleliu is shown here at a 1st Mar. Div. bivouac area. Mail for Marines in the forward combat areas has a priority on a par with food and ammunition. (Official USMC photo.)

Broadcast Stars Dick Tracy, Flat Top

LISTENERS: Dick Tracy, one of America's biggest movie stars, took to the airwaves last night with a large all-star Hollywood cast, at the request of members of the armed forces serving overseas, as a feature of "Command Performance," broadcast exclusively for overseas audiences by the Armed Forces Radio Service. It was announced today by Col. Thomas H. A. Lewis, commanding officer of AFSS.

Marines in combat areas are regular listeners to "Command Performance" broadcasts.

Many of the featured stars include: Dick Tracy, Flat Top, the Dick Tracy Show, Shaggy, Tom True, and Vitamin C. The show will air the first of a series of programs.

The program was presented with the cooperation of the Hollywood Victory Committee, including Bing Crosby as Tracy, Bob Hope as Flat Top, Frank Sinatra as Shaggy, Dinah Shore as Teks, MacArthur, Frank Morgan as Vitamin C, Judy Garland as Snowflake, Jimmy Durante as the Mole, the Andrews Sisters as the Somers Sisters, Cass Daley as Gravel Girlie and Jerry Colonna as Chief of Police. Harry von Zell will handle the announcer's chores for the program, which will also host a mixed chorus.

While not available to U. S. listeners, "Command Performance" is heard by members of the armed forces serving in 47 foreign countries and on many ships at sea. Approximately 130 Armed Forces radio stations will bring the show to troops in areas that range from the Western Front in the Philippines to the frontiers of sound installations in remote bases scattered world-wide will also carry the program.

There was no reply and later when he received an answer to a subsequent question, he asked clearly and pointedly what he thought to be his clerk sitting at the desk was instead a human.

The thought arose in his mind before discovering that the man behind the desk was dead.

It had been placed there by his CO, Col. William J. Whaling, as a gag. Col. Whaling had said the "doc" the right before.

Bone Fide Bobcat Told To Shave

CAMP PENDLETON—It was cold and dark the other morning when Maj. Bert Haddy, H-3 of the 2nd Training Regiment, entered his office in a homely but not "Pent" Camp No. 2.

Clanking a hipster closer towards his desk, he said: "You forgot to shave this morning, didn't you?"

There was no reply and later when he received an answer to a subsequent question, he asked clearly and pointedly what he thought to be his clerk sitting at the desk was instead a human.

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Tenor Dennis Day Tells About Benny

But, Dennis Day, radio and motion picture star now serving with the Navy in the Pacific, is sorry he left Jack Benny's show, but the Navy pays him \$37.50 a week and his mother doesn't have to get it for him, according to a report from Combat Correspondent Sgt. Leo T. Batt.

"Mr. Benny isn't stingy," Batt quotes Day as saying. "He's just thrifty—at least, that's what he tells me to tell everyone."

Enemy Stragglers On Guam Pop Up At Odd Moments

By Staff Sgt. Alvin M. Joseph Jr., Pahrat (Correspondent)

GUAM (Delayed)—Although the starving Jap stragglers on this island constitute neither a menace nor a threat today, it is still a surprise to come on them without warning in banana and coconut groves or to catch them at night trying to pilfer from a ration dump.

Some Japs still hold on, hiding successfully in the rugged terrain beneath steep cliffs. With the development of the island and with

the arrival of Army and Navy nurses, women correspondents and visiting congressional groups, the continued presence of Japanese on the island is annoying.

In illustration, the following incidents occurred recently in various parts of the island:

A Navy doctor and three hospital corpsmen came upon a Jap at a coconut grove. When the Jap saw them, he crouched down, crossed his arms and took out a pocket book. The doctor motioned that he would not hurt the Jap. The doctor finished paying, then sweetly departed.

Three Marine officers were waiting at a rifle range for a Jap to come for them. Suddenly they spotted two Japs peering up through the trees. The Marines had fired all their ammunition previously at the targets, so they picked up rocks and chased the Japs. One Jap escaped, but they caught the other one after a hand-to-hand tussle during which the Jap managed to take the finger of one Marine.

In a native village near an air field one night, a Hawaiian awoke to find a Jap sampling his house for food. The native kept him before he could escape.

Other Japs have been killed or captured in American camps, and on main roads constantly traveled by all sorts of military vehicles. They have wandered into demolition and camouflage classes being given American troops.

Every Marine, whether boot or veteran, knows the sentiment attached to post offices. Through them pass the "morale plasma" from loved ones thousands of miles away. Few people realize, however, the highly-gearred system of world-wide scope and painstaking operations that are routine to the men and women behind the scenes of the average military post office.

Serving a personnel average of 8000, the MCB and RD Post Offices handled 1,950,000 pieces of incoming mail during the month of January. This does not include V-mail nor directory mail from overseas. Parcel post and papers totaled 2000 sacks. Money orders and other postal facilities ran to equally high proportions.

Maj. Max E. Houser, postal officer, estimates that the total number of letters dispatched amounted to 2,000,000 per month.

For ships of the invasion fleet, mobile post offices are established aboard large transporters or LSTs.

When an invasion is launched, the initial mail service staff goes in with the third echelon, setting up portable equipment, collecting mail and selling stamps and cashing letters. This staff unit, however, does not deliver mail. The delivery unit comes in with the fourth echelon and when tasks are ashore, operates in tents, later replaced by permanent huts with a truck for transportation. It is equipped with a safe, desk, chairs and other supplies and begins to function as soon as the first mail plane lands with its load.

The first NATS flight to Peleliu created a sensation. The plane landed within 600 yards of where fighting was heaviest. Action was so close that the Japs tried to hit the post plane with a mortar shell, but the fire fell short.

When the first mail planes hit Eniwetok last February, the Japs were still holding out and the battle was raging. There were six tents on the island as the precious

cargo was brought ashore by a battered LCV (P). Only three tents had electric lights—the one at atoll headquarters, the communications tent and the postal tent.

A sign reading "Fleet Post Office" was made almost inconspicuous by another, more legible one nearby reading: "Report Dead Japs Here."

The Marine Corps section of the two big fleet post offices operated separately except for dispatching, which is handled by the Navy. The Marines keep track of their own mails.

Mail that is properly addressed moves full speed ahead. Improperly addressed mail is turned over to the director service which handles each stray mail item individually.

The most practical mail is V-mail. Basically, the V-mail principle is very simple. Instead of sending the letter itself the Navy simply photographs the letter onto a 35 mm film and turns it over to a photographic unit. In this way thousands of pounds are eliminated.

V-mail letters should be sent free, for they are delivered airmail regardless of postage.

That is just part of the show, of course. For the whole picture, it would be necessary to crowd up approximately 17,000 Navy mail clerks and 400 postal officers, 5000 Navy post offices throughout the world, including almost every convoy, task group and mail plane leaving or returning to the U. S., to say nothing of nearly every ship in the Navy.

The Marine Corps knows how much mail means and leaves nothing undone to get it out to the fronts.



HARBOR MAILMAN. Postal clerk at Pearl Harbor for two years, Sgt. Frank C. McClelland is one of the MCB mail experts. He finds sorting mail in San Diego is equally interesting to sorting mail out in the Pacific. (Photo by Corp. Louise Parker.)



MEMORY ACE. A dispatch case of R&R mail is handled by Corp. Ruth Whiteman. With 125 separate distributions of Marine stations all over the country, Corp. Whiteman works them entirely from memory. (Photo by Corp. Louise Parker.)



MAIL CALL. PFC. Mary Spelch sorts R&R mail at RD post office for readdressing and redistribution. 360,000 pieces of first class mail, plus 1000 sacks of parcel post, were handled by this department for the first two weeks of February. (Photo by Corp. Louise Parker.)



SWOON KING. "Frankie" hasn't got a thing on the Marine Corps' crooner. Corp. J. W. Meyer of the MCB band, formerly a St. Louis vocalist over stations KMOX and KWK, draws an attentive audience with his clever interpretation of a popular ballad at the WR birthday dance. (Photo by Sgt. Andrew Zurich.)

WR Birthday Frolic Draws Big Crowd

Marines of both sexes swayed to the rhythm of TSgt. Grady Howard's MCB dance band on the eve of the WR anniversary at Pacific Square Monday night.

MCB WRs and their guests jammed the local dance spot with a capacity crowd in one of the most successful service dances of the year. The WRs were free in their lack of partiality as the guests included quite a number of Navy and Army men as well as Marines.

Many MCB officers and their families were present. Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard, CG, MCB, was guest of honor. Lt. Eileen Nesbitt, MCB WR recreation officer, was on hand as official greeter at the front door doing a good job of putting all hands at ease and making everyone feel at home.

High spot of the evening was the crooning of Marine Corp. J. W. Meyer of St. Louis, Mo., former vocalist for radio stations KMOX and KWK. Meyer gathered an audience of admiring WRs and was kept busy dodging those "Oh, Frankie" looks all through the program.

The dance band, made up of members of the local MCB band, was under the baton of TSgt. Grady Howard. Howard's brilliant arrangements of popular numbers highlighted the program. A former Marine, Howard is a famous figure in San Diego and has worked with bands at many of the local night spots. He re-enlisted when the war started.



LIGHT FANTASTIC. An attractive couple at the WR frolic, PFCs. Mary E. Murphy and Ted Hinklerman of the Base Sig. Bn., take a turn around the floor to the music of TSgt. Grady Howard's MCB rhythm kings. (Photo by Sgt. Andrew Zurich.)

Atoll Devil Dogs Learn 'Ave Maria'

ULITHI, Western Carolines (Delayed)—Some Marines based at this atoll are beginning to learn the native words for the "Ave Maria," according to Sgt. Phil Storch, combat correspondent. Written phonetically by a native girl called Mariana, who knows English characters but not the language, it reads:

"E be ha be ngog, O Maria, boto sogol gara dia ngosamol emeleirem ngelos idem luol fofel efos idel nasim Jesus.

"Santa Maria la sil Deus gafal pichel begafa lug many photo ha ing lof id ralei moja dale hato mop jang. Amen."

Ulithi for "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen," follows:

"Irel idel Tamal, Molol, Mis-spiritu Santay, Amen."

It can be seen that Spanish is mixed with words of the native tongue. This, Marines have learned, is due to the influence of Spanish missionaries.



GREETER. Meeting WRs and their guests at the door, Lt. Eileen Nesbitt, Base WR recreation officer, greets PFC. Lee Grissman of the Base library and Corp. Charles Cruickshank of Camp Pendleton. The couple plan to be married in the near future.

MARINE CORPS BLUE
Blue has been the color of U. S. Marine uniforms for a longer period than any other color.

ORIGIN OF MARINE
Marines get their name from the old French word, "Marin", which means "sea soldier".

Asiatic Action Rating Stars Listed In Full

The following list of all operations and engagements for which stars have thus far been awarded is published for information.	
PEARL HARBOR-MIDWAY	Dec. 7, 1941
WAKE ISLAND	Dec. 8-23, 1941
PHILIPPINE ISLAND OPERATION (Including other concurrent Asiatic Fleet Operations)	
NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES ENGAGEMENTS:	
Makassar Strait	Jan. 23-24, 1942
Badung Strait	Feb. 19-20, 1942
Java Sea	Feb. 27, 1942
PACIFIC RAIDS—1942:	
Marshall-Gilbert Raids	Feb. 1, 1942
Air Action off Bougainville	Feb. 20, 1942
Wake Island Raid	Feb. 24, 1942
Marcus Island Raid	March 4, 1942
Salomona-Lae Raid	March 10, 1942
CORAL SEA	May 4-8, 1942
MIDWAY	June 3-5, 1942
GUADALCANAL-TULAGI LANDINGS: (Including First Savo)	Aug. 7-9, 1942
CAPTURE AND DEFENSE OF GUADALCANAL	Aug. 10, 1942-Feb. 8, 1943
MAKIN RAID	Aug. 17-18, 1942
EASTERN SOLOMONS (Stewart Island)	Aug. 23-25, 1942
BUIN-FAISI-TONOLAI RAID	Oct. 5, 1942
CAPE ESPERANCE (Second Savo)	Oct. 11-12, 1942
SANTA CRUZ ISLANDS	Oct. 26, 1942
GUADALCANAL (Third Savo)	Nov. 12-15, 1942
TASSAFRONGA (Fourth Savo)	Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1942
RENNEL ISLAND	Jan. 29-30, 1943
CONSOLIDATION OF SOUTHERN SOLOMONS	Feb. 8-June 26, 1943
ALEUTIANS OPERATION:	
Komandorski Island	March 26, 1943
Attu Occupation	May 11-June 2, 1943
NEW GEORGIA GROUP OPERATION	June 20-Oct. 16, 1944
New Georgia-Rendova-Vangunu Occupation	June 20-Aug. 31, 1943
Kula Gulf Action	July 5-6, 1943
Kolombangara Action	July 12-13, 1943
Vella Gulf Action	Aug. 6-7, 1943
Vella Lavella Occupation	Aug. 15-Oct. 18, 1943
Action off Vella Lavella	Oct. 6-7, 1943
PACIFIC RAIDS—1943:	
Marcus Island Raid	Aug. 31, 1943
Tarawa Island Raid	Sept. 18, 1943
Wake Island Raid	Oct. 5-6, 1943
NEW GUINEA OPERATION	Sept. 4, 1943 (Date to be announced later)
TREASURY-BOUGAINVILLE OPERATION:	
Supporting Air Actions	Oct. 27-Dec. 15, 1943
Treasury Island Landing	Oct. 27-Dec. 15, 1943
Choiseul Island Diversions	Oct. 27-Nov. 1, 1943
Occupation and Defense of Cape Torokina	Oct. 28-Nov. 4, 1943
Bombardment of Buka-Bonis	Nov. 1-Dec. 15, 1943
Buka-Bonis Strike	Oct. 31-Nov. 1, 1943
Bombardment of Shortland Area	Nov. 1-2, 1943
Battle of Empress Augusta Bay	Nov. 1, 1943
Rabaul Strike	Nov. 1-2, 1943
Action off Empress Augusta Bay	Nov. 5, 1943
Rabaul Strike	Nov. 8-9, 1943
Battle off Cape St. George	Nov. 11, 1943
GILBERT ISLANDS OPERATION	Nov. 24-25, 1943
MARSHALL ISLANDS OPERATION:	Nov. 13-Dec. 8, 1943
Air Attacks designated by CINCPac on defended Marshall Islands Targets	Nov. 26, 1943-March 2, 1944
Occupation of Kwajalein and Major Atolls	Nov. 26, 1943-March 2, 1944
Occupation of Eniwetok Atoll	Jan. 28-Feb. 5, 1944
Attack on Jalut Atoll	Feb. 17-March 2, 1944
BISMARCK ARCHIPELAGO OPERATION:	Feb. 20, 1944
Supporting Air Actions	Dec. 15, 1943 (Date to be announced later)
Kavieng Strike	Dec. 15, 1943 (Date to be announced later)
Kavieng Strike	Dec. 25, 1943
Kavieng Strike	Jan. 1, 1944
Choiseul Islands Landing	Jan. 4, 1944
Bombardments of Kavieng and Rabaul	Feb. 10-13, 1944
Anti-Shipping Sweeps and Bombardments of Kavieng	Feb. 21-25, 1944
Anti-Shipping Sweeps and Bombardment of Rabaul and New Ireland	Feb. 24-March 1, 1944
ASIATIC-PACIFIC RAIDS—1944:	
Truk Attack	Feb. 16-17, 1944
Marianas Attack	Feb. 21-22, 1944
Palau, Yap, Ulithi, Woleai Raid	March 30-April 1, 1944
Subang Raid	April 19, 1944
Truk, Satawan, Ponape Raid	April 29-May 1, 1944
Socorroba Raid	May 17, 1944
MARIANAS OPERATION:	June 10-Aug. 27, 1944
Neutralization of Japanese Bases in the Bonins, Marianas and Western Pacific	June 10-Aug. 27, 1944
Capture and Occupation of Saipan	June 11-Aug. 10, 1944
First Bonins Raid	June 15-16, 1944
Battle of Philippines Sea	June 19-20, 1944
Second Bonins Raid	June 24, 1944
Third Bonins Raid	July 3-4, 1944
Capture and Occupation of Guam	July 12-Aug. 15, 1944
Capture and Occupation of Tinian	July 20-Aug. 10, 1944
Palau, Yap, Ulithi Raid	July 25-27, 1944
Fourth Bonins Raid	Aug. 4-5, 1944
ESCOET, ANTI-SUBMARINE, ARMED GUARD, AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS:	
USS NAYAGO—Salvage Operations	Aug. 8, 1942-Feb. 3, 1943
Action off Vanikoro	July 17-21, 1943



MOVIE MARINE. A scene from the film based on Al Schmid's story, taken at the Naval Hospital here. Rosemary DeCamp holds John Garfield's arm. Garfield plays the part of the blinded Schmid.



NAVAL HOSPITAL. Used as a setting for scenes in the "Purple Heart" film based on the life of Marine hero Al Schmid, this shot shows Schmid, played by John Garfield, leaving Naval Hospital for his home in Philadelphia.

'Finger In Dike' Act Saves Marine

By STAFF WRITER M. Joseph, Jr., Combat Correspondent
SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed)—For four hours during a night on Guam, a wounded 18-year-old Navy corpsman lay by the side of a bayoneted Marine sergeant, two fingers inserted in the Marine's wound to stem the flow of his blood.

The story was related here when the first sergeant, Pfc. James M. Dierkop, of La Crosse, Wis., received the Purple Heart for the injury he suffered that night.

The yell at one of his two fellow buddies woke Dierkop at about 11:30 that night. A Jap was dancing around the edge of the foxhole, jabbing his bayonet at him and two Marines who shared his dugout.

"Dierkop and a sergeant kicked

at the Jap," said Pfc. Gene Taitford of Detroit, Mich., one of the Marines. "I grabbed the first thing I could reach—a shovel—and hove it at the Jap. Somebody fired a shot. The Jap dropped a grenade and ran. Dierkop was hit in the chest."

"He told me it wasn't bad and started to take care of the sergeant who had been hit by the Jap's bayonet. We thought it was a 'banzai' attack, so I stood guard with my BAR (Browning automatic rifle) while Dierkop gave first aid and tried to stop the bleeding."

In the darkness, rain and mud, the corpsman worked over the huge gashed limb. Unable to stop the blood with the compresses, he placed a powder over the wound and stuck his fingers into the wound.

Whether or not it was due to the powder, the Marine is still today.

"I didn't think the night would ever end," Dierkop said. "I kept jabbing and the bottom of the hole filled with water. Any minute we expected more Japs to appear. Till the blood stopped flowing. His breathing told us he was still alive."

When dawn finally came, Dierkop, weary and almost blind, was able to summon a doctor. The wounded man was evacuated and sent to a field hospital. He is now on his way to recovery.



Col. VANDEGRIFT
... a fighting ship off block

Col. Vandegrift Given Second Battle Medal

SOMEWHERE IN 1942 THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Lt. Col. A. Van degrift Jr., 38, and of the Marine Corps Commandant and Mrs. Van degrift, recently was awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding services during the fighting for Saipan and Tinian.

The presentation was made by Maj. Gen. Clifton B. Cates, commanding general, 4th Mar. Div., at a parade formation here during which 188 officers and men of Col. Vandegrift's outfit received medals of various kinds for their actions on Saipan and Tinian.

This was the second medal received by the Marine officer as a result of the Saipan-Tinian fighting. On Nov. 30, he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received on Saipan. As his outfit is a part of the 1st Mar. Div., he also shares in the Presidential Unit Citation which was awarded that organization for exceptional achievements on Saipan and Tinian.

The actions on Saipan and Tinian for which Col. Vandegrift won his medal are described in the citation which reads:

"For exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services to the government of the United States as a battalion commander of a Marine Infantry Battalion in action against the enemy on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, from June to August, 1944."

Railroad Bureau Opened In L. A.

One of the standard "gripes" of west coast Marines in full dress is the difficulty required to secure essential travel accommodations out of Los Angeles.

To address all railroad travel requests by personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard traveling on orders, leave or full-time two military reservation bureaus opened yesterday in Los Angeles.

One is located in the Union Station main lobby and is staffed mainly by members of the various women's services. The other branch is in the Title Guaranty Building, 441 W. Fifth St.

On its opening day the Union Station bureau, which is to operate daily from 6:00 to 2:30, served hundreds of men at the large four window booth. Lt. L. W. Nevin is in charge of the military staff there.

Back the attack with War Bonds.

Chinese-Yankee Soldier Fools All But Self

NEW YORK—It is a funny little story in all of China, Burma or India that the Tommy Aker of Los Angeles, Cal., says Sgt. Dave Richardson in the Feb. 23 issue of Yank, The Army Weekly, "Admiral Louis Mountbatten would like to know who he could be."

Aker, according to Richardson, is always being taken for everything except what he is, a Chinese-American who landed a gas station in Los Angeles before Uncle Sam drafted him.

"What kind are you a member of, Son, the Stork?" asked a colonel during the battle for Shweta.

On another occasion a general pulled Aker out of the back and declared, "You Japanese-American boys in this army deserve a lot of credit."

"All the time I'm getting picked up by Chinese MBs for wearing an American uniform," Aker complained to Richardson, "and it's always tough in talk and way out of it because I don't talk their kind of Chinese."

Al Schmid's Story Chosen For Movie

NCO Mess Includes Cats On Roster

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Four cats are being fed, members of a staff non-commissioned officers' mess here so far as the mess sergeant is concerned, reports Staff Sgt. John F. Reilly, combat correspondent.

The mess sergeant noticed that Staff Sgt. William H. Hatcher of Rockledge, N. J., was taking abnormally large portions of food from the mess hall, with special attention on catfish.

He found that Swisher was the owner of four cats. When Tommy, Blackie and Marmie, Marmie, Blackie and Marmie were the brand names of four. Now Swisher must pay \$1.50 a month so Swisher can get all cats of the adult cats. The kittens, under age, get a free ride.



JAPANOLOGY. THE average Jap soldier is 5-6 1/2 tall, weight 117 pounds is about the size of the average American college girl. He is 1/2 inch shorter and 28 pounds lighter than the average GI. However, he can lift a 150-pound weight in his back without spreading his legs and can march 30 miles a day without tiring.

The average wife isn't much interested in what her husband is saying unless he is talking to another woman.

Dealing with the problems facing wounded veterans returning to re-adjustment and resumed civilian status, Hollywood has chosen the life story of Al Schmid, Marine Guadalcanal hero, as the basis for a new screen drama to be released in the near future.

The picture titled "With a Love of Ours," stars John Garfield as Schmid, Eleanor Parker as his wife and features Dan Aykroyd and Rosalind Russell in supporting roles.

Starting on Guadalcanal with dramatic battle scenes of the action in which Schmid met his death, the picture moves to the Naval Hospital at San Diego and from there to Schmid's home in Philadelphia.

The scenes filmed at the Naval Hospital here the past few weeks were perfect in every detail except one. It seems the great number of Navy aircraft from the nearby field gave the sound technicians no small amount of headaches.

Still recognizing defeat, the studio technical staff retreated to the sound and stages of Warner Brothers Studio in Hollywood. They then took the trouble to duplicate in perfect detail a complete ward, the officers and the patients of several world hospitals of the Naval Medical Hospital.

REMEMBER?

On 31 1941—Adolf Hitler told the German people "This enemy (Soviet Russia) is already broken and will never rise again."

PHONETIC LANGUAGE

TERM	MEANING
UNDER CONSIDERATION	Never heard of it.
UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION	Will have a shot at this: the file.
HAS RECEIVED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION	A period of highly efficient time has.
HAVE YOU ANY REMARKS?	Give me some idea of what it's all about.
WHAT PROJECT IS IN THE AIR	Am completely ignorant of the subject.
YOU WILL REMEMBER	You have forgotten, or never knew, because I don't.
TRANSMITTED TO YOU	You hold the bag a while—I'm tired of it.
CONVINCE GENERALLY	Haven't read the document and don't want to be bored by anything I say.
IN CONFERENCE	Time; don't know where he is.
KINDLY EXPEDITE REPLY	For God's sake, try and find the papers.
RAISED TO HIGHER AUTHORITY	Placed back in more senior office.
IN APEYANCE	A state of grace for a disgraceful state.
APPROPRIATE ACTION	Do you know what to do with it? We don't.
GIVING HIM A PICTURE	Long, confusing and inaccurate statement to a witness.



CLOSE HARMONY. Getting off a quick tune during a lull in their military routine somewhere in the Pacific are these members of a Marine combat outfit. They are devotees of barber shop harmony. Left to right are Staff Sgt. Anthony Weber, PFC, John E. Ward, Pvt. Robert H. Hollbrook and Corporal Johnny Brewer.



PENDELTON SINGERS. Camp Pendleton's Women Marines chorus group will be heard on the "Halls of Montezuma" broadcast from San Diego March 10. Members of the chorus are (left to right): seated, Sgt. Agnes Paley, Sgt. Ruth Faler, Sgt. Clara Izumi, Corp. Dorothy Farrent, Staff Sgt. Phyllis Dewey, PFC. Mary Medella, PFC. Elizabeth Miller, second row, Pvt. Loretta Skornyski, Pvt. Irene Murray, Corp. Mary O'Connor, Corp. Barbara McClellan, Sgt. Betty Waring, TSgt. Ruth Gates, Corp. Mildred Schickel, Det. Audrey Caldwell, third row, Pvt. Alice Trumble, Pvt. Marjorie Wadding, PFC. Betty Hunsinger, Pvt. Lucille Kraus, PFC. Kathryn Benzo, PFC. Faith Young, Corp. Margaret Keady, Pvt. Barbara Mann.

'Montezuma' Features Chamberlain

Today's "Halls of Montezuma" radio program will present one of the most remarkable adventure stories to come out of this war, the harrowing account of Sgt. Reid C. Chamberlain of El Cajon, Cal., "the Marine who wouldn't quit."

Written by Corp. Hugh Richards, the program begins with the Base Theater at 1200 and will be broadcast over the coast-to-coast Mutual network. The story covers the capture of Sgt. Chamberlain from his days as a private first class with the 4th Marines at Shanghai, his transfer to Cavite prior to the Jap attack, and his participation in the defense of Subin Bay.

The dramatic end will offer a vivid portrayal of the manner in which Marine and Naval units fighting as infantry repulsed amphibious attacks by the enemy and held Batang until Gen. MacArthur could retreat there to make his now famous stand. It was during this action that Chamberlain was wounded but continued to fight.

When the "Rock" surrendered on May 6, 1942, Chamberlain, now a corporal, and a number of companions, primarily determined there was no safety in the hands of the Japanese. Securing a battered launch they escaped and joined a Philippine guerrilla band. Later they found a Diesel engine boat and set out for the China coast.

Bad luck held out, however, and only 70 miles from shore they found themselves with a raked and ragged net of the enemy in the China Sea. For the next 28 days they endured hunger and thirst until they could swim a return to the Philippines. Sgt. Chamberlain let out, this time for Australia in a native canoe with several companions. A change of plans brought him in touch with an army colonel who commissioned him a second lieutenant.

Months of jungle fighting toughened him, sharpened him into an experienced guerrilla, feared and hated by the Japanese. It was two full years later that he returned to the States a full-fledged first lieutenant in the Army. He resigned his Army commission, re-enlisted in the Marines, and quit MCRS at Quantico to return to South Pacific action.

Present in the "Halls of Montezuma" to witness the tribute to this gallant Marine will be his mother, Mrs. Edie Mae Chamberlain, who still resides at El Cajon. The post band directed by Sgt.

"TSK"

A local Marine recently had a nasal operation and now his wife complains of an entirely new tune to his snore. He says she had become used to the old one with the audible piston movement, but the new snore has a con fuoco allegretto, punctuated by an arpeggio glissando which keeps her awake. Incidentally, these musical terms were looked up and they are correct.

Sgt. Ivan Dittmar will play the musical background for the dramatic portion of the broadcast as

well as a special arrangement of "Zimboing". This tune is "well known to Marines who have seen Philippine service. The band is under the supervision of (LW) Gus Olaguez.

All hands and their guests are invited to attend the all-Marine broadcast—PM 7:30.



BROTHER'S GRAVE. When Corp. Anthon Hohler Jr., a U. S. Marine from Granite Falls, Minn., reached Guadalcanal recently, he found the grave of his half-brother, PFC. Richard Austin Moore, who was killed in action during a gallant stand made by Marines against heavy Japanese forces on Oct. 25, 1942.

Japs Use Writers To Shovel Combat 'Snow' In Drifts

LEXTE (Delayed)—The Japanese have their own version of the "Halls of Montezuma" story. In the March (1943) issue of the Japanese propaganda magazine distributed by the Japs throughout the Far East.

It is similar to the highest-warrior organization of the U. S. Marine Corps, the first combat correspondent organization in this country, which was inaugurated in 1942 to tell as comprehensively as possible the story of the war from a spot at the front.

The Japanese article said "Nippon's determination to let the world hear of its feats can be seen in the special training last month of 300 men connected with the news service in sub-zero weather.

"Besides being drilled in producing reports, photographs, motion pictures and paintings along Manchukuo's northern frontier, they were trained in army discipline through duties, such as standing at 'watch out' posts. Aiding in the training of the 300 men were officers of the Kwangtung Army.

"Organized in several units, the men had to undergo arduous tasks. They were given a chance to realize the hardships under which the officers and men silently perform their duties. Upon completion of

the training period the men were addressed by the chief of staff of the Kwangtung Army and then formally inducted into "Nippon's Combat Drifts." (The Japs call it "Nippon's Combat Drifts.")

Peleliu Veteran Finds Jap Map

USNI, SAN FRANCISCO PFC. Robert Francis McCarthy of Chicago, Ill., picked up a souvenir on the shell-pocked island of Peleliu that will really make the fellow beach bums sit up and take notice.

Recently returned to the United States for treatment of a tropical ailment, the young Leatherneck is the proud possessor of a Japanese map, upon which is charted an apparent plan for an attack on Pearl Harbor. The map was found in a cave on Peleliu, and may have been the property of a high-ranking Jap officer.

McCarthy, a veteran of the 1st Mar. Div., took part in the assault on Peleliu and remained on that island for 35 days before being evacuated to a rear base hospital for further transfer here.

Marine Twins Baffle Gunny Sergeant In Overseas Camp

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Twins and war malleolines act like.

Take, for example, the cases of PFCs, Engel Magnus Bergseld and John Marcus Bergseld at Hawley, Minn., who are most doubtful as to the good of being twins in wartime.

A tough wizened Marine gunnery sergeant put Engel on mess duty, and seeing John elsewhere half an hour later gave him the worst "verbal thrashing" he'd had in years for failing to obey orders.

The boys still laugh at what happened on shipboard. After two days of seeing first one and then the other Bergseld "duplicates" at first one point and then another, a second lieutenant called in his sergeant and said: "Look! You watch me and I'll watch that Bergseld kid. One of us is going around in circles." The sergeant "let him in on the secret."

But the twins are all mixed up as the lieutenant was on a lot of things. Now they don't even know how old they are!

It's this way. Engel and John were born on the 16th of July. They would have been 21 years old

on their last birthday, but they didn't have a birthday. The twins were on shipboard and they crossed the international dateline on July 15. The next day was July 17.

"Anyway, we don't feel any older," John said. Whereupon Engel interpolated that he was 15 minutes older than John and could prove it "because I was there."

Outside of those odd happenings, however, the twins are progressing just as twins are expected to progress. In boot camp at San Diego, Engel, the elder, shot 289 at the rifle range, John scored 294, making them both sharpshooters. At their present base, the twins shot identical scores—five bull's eyes—at the pistol range.

Strangely enough, John and Engel spent a good bit of their time on their family's 800-acre farm driving a tractor. And that's just what they're doing now only this time it's an amphibious tractor.

A kindly chaplain worked till midnight at his base to keep the boys from being separated and accomplished his purpose just four hours before the ship which brought them to this outpost sailed west. Now the twins are attached to an amphibious tractor battalion, currently serving with the famed 2nd Mar. Div. Engel is driver for the "Black Swan," while John pilots "Belle Star"—those ship-ashore taxis which carry in the mch and munitions and guns during the initial stages of an invasion.

"It's rugged, but good duty," the twins agree, "but we'll sure be glad to get back at that Minnesota soil again. After we finish the Japs, of course."

P.S.—The twins have the writer puzzled, too. Asked about their parents during the interview, Engel gave the name of his mother, Mrs. Ida A. Bergseld, and John gave the name of his father, Joseph C. Bergseld. They mumbled something about one having his insurance policy made out to one, and the other to the other.—Sgt. Phillip N. Joachim, combat correspondent.

NO BEER AT HOSPITALS

The relaxation of the 25-year-old prohibition against sale of beer at Naval facilities does not apply to Naval hospitals or on Naval hospital reservations, the Secretary of the Navy has ruled.

Last month the Secretary had ordered that beer or ale of regular commercial strength could be "sold" or consumed ashore at activities under Naval jurisdiction in ship's service stores, post exchanges, ship's stores (only at those activities having no ship's service stores) and organized officers' or enlisted men's clubs.

APPROPRIATE

Gen. Marshall had expressed his dissent for a certain officer. Another general protested that the man had been through 14 campaigns.

"My friend," said Marshall, "so has that mule, but he's still a jack-ass."



PRAYING FIGHTERS. The adage that religion plays a strong part in Marine lives is borne out here as Catholic Leathernecks receive Holy Communion in the Solomons.

Notre Dame's Leahy and Bertelli Meet In South Pacific Area

By Sgt. Dick Bushnell, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed) — Two former Notre Dame gridiron greats, Marine Lt. Angelo Bertelli, the "Fighting Irish" 1943 All-America grid ace, and ex-coach Frank Leahy, now a lieutenant in the Navy, went into a huddle again recently when they met and talked things over at this base.

"It's sure great seeing my old boss again," Bertelli commented as he and Leahy exchanged a warm greeting in this tropical setting.

Leatherneck Bertelli is a regimental athletic and morale officer with the 3rd Mar. Div. He was with the V-32 unit at Notre Dame when called to active service in November, 1943, after playing six games. Commissioned in April, 1944, he received recruit training at Parris Island, S. C., and attended Officer Candidates' School at Quantico, Va.

Supervises Sports Programs
Lt. Leahy coached Notre Dame when Bertelli sparked the Irish elation as quarterback during one of Notre Dame's most successful seasons. He joined the Navy in the spring of 1944, and at present supervises recreational and sports programs for submarine men in the Pacific area.

"I owe a lot to 'Bert,'" Leahy stated. "He was the mainstay and steady influence of the Irish team I coached at Notre Dame that was in 1943."

Leahy turned down a fat professional offer, after, as he puts it, "plenty of sleepless nights trying to make up my mind." Instead he signed a 10-year contract to coach at Notre Dame.

Leahy doesn't think many football players now in military service will be hurt by their layoff.

"If the war doesn't go beyond a couple of years, the fellows in the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard shouldn't have their football ability impaired too much," he said. "Some will even be better because they will be older and fully grown."

"The Bertelli boys," if he were just entering college, he'd be at his peak. He was plenty good with Notre Dame, but he'd be even better now," he concluded.

During the three years that Leahy and Bertelli performed for Notre Dame, the Irish won 26 games, but three had tied one.

Leahy came to South Bend, Ind., via Boston College, where in two years he had coached his team won 22 games and lost two. One of the victories was an upset win over Tennessee in the 1941 Sugar bowl game.

"I liked that win," he said. "We beat them with their own play—a fake pass and run inside tackle, and we also blocked a Tennessee punt, which is pretty tough."

Lt. Leahy has been showing motion picture highlights of Notre Dame's 1943 season to Marines at this base.

Marine Bertelli, one of the most popular officers in his regiment, holds a two-year contract with the Los Angeles club of the newly-formed All-America Football conference. Don Ameche, the movie actor, and Christy Walsh, sports promoter, own the Los Angeles franchise.

Modesto Marine Fights To 2nd Division Top

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — PFC Melvin E. Scholine of Modesto, Cal., cranked his way to the 2nd Mar. Div. welterweight boxing championship here recently.

Previously a stranger to the ring, Scholine nevertheless displayed some of the most polished boxing in the division tournament. His shifty footwork had the mark of a veteran professional and he instinctively knew when to come out of the bob-and-weave to land his Sunday punch.

Scholine won seven fights in as many starts as he snared his title. He was never in any particular trouble after the first round. Hard to hit, he could pounce upon an opponent with gusto, but his specialty was boxing, not slugging, and he won all of his bouts on points.



U. S. Marine Corps Photo

PACIFIC REUNION. Two familiar football names, Navy Lt. Frank Leahy, the famous Notre Dame coach, and Marine Lt. Angelo Bertelli, his greatest star, held a reunion in the South Pacific.

Marshall Workers Snare 1,260 Fish In Four Dips

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed) — This evening's supper menu reads: Fried Mako Fish.

And thereby hangs a fish story to rival all those created in the imaginations of the most prolific story-tellers—and this one is true, according to Sgt. Theresa J. Hane, combat correspondent.

Troops of a 4th Mar. Air Wing squadron were awakened yesterday morning by the sudden jabbering of a seven-man, native working party, employed near the airman's quarters along the beach of this former Jap outpost.

Looking out, pilots saw the natives point toward the ocean, suddenly drop their tools, rush into a shed where they grabbed a number of palm fronds and a net, and then dash into the water inside the reef surrounding the island.

Moving cautiously, the natives slowly worked their way between the reef and a huge dark spot in the water, about 300 feet off shore. Then they began thrashing the water with the palms, causing the spot—a school of fish—to move closer to shore, where two natives

had spread the net across a small cove.

As the natives worked the fish in the cove, they formed a solid line across the entrance with their legs and the palm fronds held below the water. At this point, food sprung with the net cleared the water and covered the rocks alongside with fish—exactly 1,260 of them.

In charge of the native party, and a fluent speaker of English, was C. de Brum, chief of a native village, who explained that his father was a "great Portuguese sailor."

Because his fish were wishing to carry all the fish with them, Chief de Brum had two men count out 600 and presented them to Maj. Howard A. York of Longview, Wash.

Leatherneck Duo Scrap To Draw

CAMP PENDLETON — Two top-pound Leathernecks turned loose a barrage of leather Monday night to keep fight fans at the weekly Ocean-side USO fights on their feet in a three-round draw.

The two knockoutting Marines, both stationed here, were Corp. Ross Haskie, Arizona, and PFC Ray Richards, Michigan. Haskie is a full-blooded Navajo Indian with a strong punch, while Richards is a divisional champion from New York in Australia and New Guinea.

Corp. Jim Dixon, 155, New Mexico, another leather with punch to spare, gave PFC Mike Vagstad, 145, New Jersey, a boxing lesson in the semi-main event.

Point Loma Ace Paces Scorers

Individual scoring in the 11th Naval Dive cage league is evenly divided with the top seven scorers all hailing from different clubs.

Anderson, Pt. Loma Radar, held up to his head. Brown, towering center from Miramar, threatens in second place with 50 points.

The Big Seven

	PTS	PTS	PTS
Anderson (Pt. Loma Radar)	50	41	40
Brown (Miramar)	50	40	40
Robinson (Hosp. Com'ry)	40	40	40
Derry (Coast. Ad. Air)	40	40	40
Haskie (Hosp. Field)	40	40	40
Malhan (Pt. Loma)	40	40	40
Thompson (Law. Ocean A.A.)	40	40	40

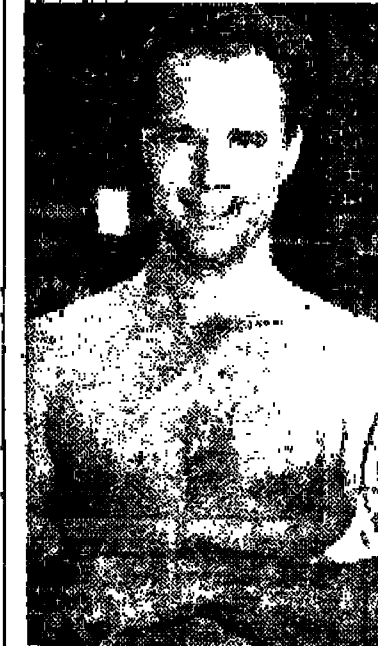
Brother Of Irish Marine Coaches Dartmouth Team

USNH, SAN FRANCISCO (Delayed) — Joseph J. Piepul of Thompsonville, Conn., here after 24 months overseas, is the brother of Marine Piepul, Notre Dame All-American fullback and new Dartmouth coach.

The Connecticut Leatherneck is one of three brothers now serving Uncle Sam. PFC Edward Piepul is with the Army in the European theater while Sgt. Walter serves with the Navy in the Atlantic area.

Piepul holds a unique distinction in that he served with three Marine divisions in the Pacific. He landed on Guadalcanal in February, 1943, in the midst of a terrific Japanese air assault on that island, and joined the 1st Mar. Div. He later became attached to the 3rd Div. and served with his new outfit at Bougainville as a member of an amphibious unit.

"From March 9 until Easter of 1944, the Japs shelled us every day," Piepul recalls. "All in all, we had to contend with 113 bombing runs by the enemy. Snipers who operated close to our gun positions and continual mortar fire gave us more to worry about."



PFC. HARTNESS ... continues court play

Former Pro Wins Hospital Title

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — PFC Donald W. (Duke) Hartness, 27, former Brooklyn Bulls, Cal., tennis professional, recently won the Navy Hospital singles championship at this base.

He was the only Marine entry among 32 net veterans from all sections of the United States.

Hartness, overseas since December, 1943, coached tennis for five years before the war. He turned pro shortly after graduating from Fremont High School in Los Angeles where he captained the court team.

The California Marine has been a close friend and teacher of many big tennis names. His recent personal protégés from his home state included Ken Smith, Earl Doyle and Howard Cohen.

CIVILIAN SHOULDER PATCH

New shoulder sleeve insignia has been authorized for civilians accompanying U. S. Army forces in the field.

The insignia is a dark blue triangle bearing the letters "US" in khaki color and is superimposed on a khaki-colored background 2 1/2 inches in height and 3 inches in width.



Sgt. Bryant ... South Pacific boxing

Negro Sensation Topples Marine Pug In Finals

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC — Marine PFC Walter Muscato of Dayton, O., advanced to the finals of the South Pacific fleet heavyweight boxing division before losing a close decision to Sgt. Levi Bryant, colored sensation from Lake Charles, La.

One of Bryant's defeated opponents was Army Sgt. Joseph Muscato of Buffalo, N. Y., one of the better heavyweight contenders in civilian life.

Bryant is now viewed not here as one of the most promising GI candidates to dethrone Sgt. Jim Louis from the world's heavyweight championship.

Bryant took the decision from Muscato in the semi-finals of the tournament. Muscato, who has been in the Army nearly three years, will be remembered for his one-round knockouts of Jim Robinson and Lem Franklin, and his victories over Johnny Deason, Jay Turner and Johnny Flynn.

The 19-year-old tall, rangy Bryant didn't let past reputations bother him when he got into the ring with Muscato. Boxing cleverly and showing fast footwork, he kept away from Muscato's powerful right, while landing numerous punches himself to take the three-round decision.

Japs Show Real Athletic Urge

USNH, SAN DIEGO — Japanese revealed a strong competitive urge in 1931 against a team of American track stars in meets at Tokyo and Nagoya, Lt. (jg) Glenn Cunningham, Kansas holder of the American mile-run championship, now a consultant in leg injuries here, told the Kiwanis club yesterday at the San Diego club.

Japs often collapsed immediately after finishing an athletic event because of their desperate exertion, he said, and added that he suspected that this competitive urge had frenzied the Jap soldiers in early stages of the war.

Among the experiences of the Americans with the manners and traditions of the Nipponese, Cunningham described their reactions to a 23-course Chinese dinner given them by the mayor of Nagoya. The Yanks could down birds nest soup but they rebelled at eggs which their host boasted were 100 years "aged."



PFC. SCHOLINE ... no longer a novice

European Veterans Start Migration To Jap Theatre Of War

By HARRY HERTZ, Staff Correspondent
SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — Veterans of the Normandy invasion have begun to check in for duty with Marines on the Pacific battlefield, bringing with them first-hand accounts of the far-off war in Europe.

Indicating the vast shift of military personnel that will take place after the defeat of Germany, the first thin trickle of men with first-hand stories for the invasion of France is already beginning to arrive at this theater of war.

Among the first were a group of Navy corpsmen who served aboard LSTs off the Normandy beachhead and went ashore under fire to evacuate the wounded. They joined units of the 2nd Mar. Div., which heard

news of the European invasion last June 6, while en route to Alaska.

Hours after their arrival many of the corpsmen were questioned by groups of quizzical Marines, eager to hear first-hand accounts of fighting which took place half way across the globe. Their friendly-popping questions ranged from details of landing tactics to "Did you get any good Nazi souvenirs?"

The corpsman swapped his German battle flag for three Jap flags. In Europe, no doubt, the rate of exchange would be just the reverse.

Among the first contingent was a 22-year-old corpsman, HAI/M William E. Alfred of Greensboro, N. C. Alfred was aboard an LST which made three trips into the Normandy beachhead while fighting was still in progress.

The LST drew fire from German armor, heavy guns and was under attack from the air, he said, but suffered no serious hits. Three other ships in his flotilla were sunk.

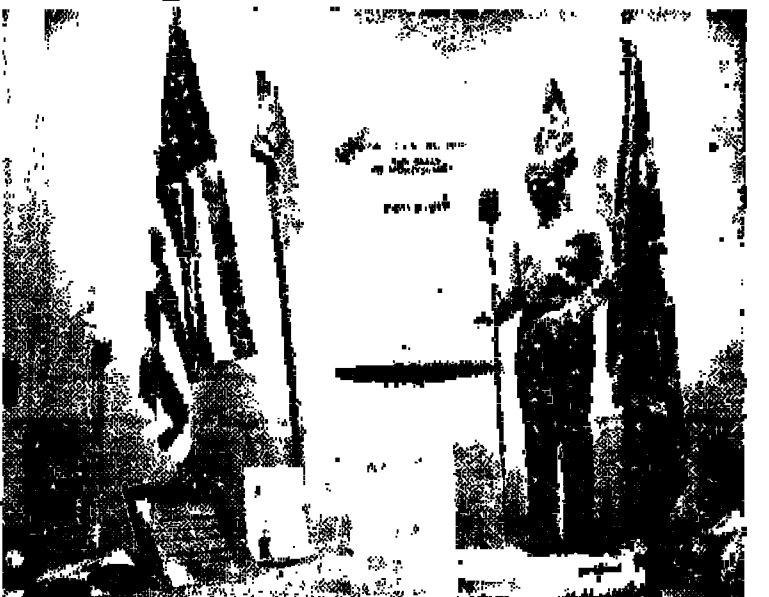
On his third trip, Alfred spent two hours on the beach. "We saw plenty of prisoners and a lot of dead Germans, but no live ones who were still fighting," he said. "We had time to pick up a few souvenirs."

Alfred's experience following the invasion was typical of the other corpsmen with whom he arrived here.

He returned to the United States in July, had a 30-day furlough, and was assigned to duty with the Marines. After four months' training, he shipped out for his second tour of overseas duty.

Asked how he liked it out here in the Pacific, Alfred answered quickly, "I'll be able to tell you that after we see some combat. But I'll say one thing, I don't think I'll like it as much as that 30-day furlough in the States."

"Are you kidding?" grinned one of the Marine L. Japs.



DISPLAY. Cooperating with our base "Halls of Mide-zuna" radio program and the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, three downtown business firms dedicated window displays to the "Halls" show last week in honor of the citation they received from the Chamber of Commerce. The firms cooperating were Marston's, Walker's and the Bank of America.

Rockey, Hermle Lead Fifth Marine Division



Major General Keller E. Rockey was Assistant to the Commandant of the Marine Corps before taking command of the Fifth Marine Division on Feb. 4, 1944.

General Rockey, who served with distinction in World War I, was commissioned a second lieutenant in November, 1913, and has served in the Marine Corps since that time. His present rank dates from September, 1942.

His decorations for the first World War include the Navy Cross and the Army Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action. In 1919 he was awarded a Gold Star in lieu of a second Navy Cross for distinguished service against bandit groups in Nicaragua. Born Sept. 27, 1888, at Columbia City, Ind., General Rockey attended Mercersburg Academy and Gettysburg College, and later took post-graduate work at Yale University. He served with the Haitian expeditionary force from 1919 to 1922, and with the Second Marine Brigade in Nicaragua, 1922-1923. In January, 1927, he was made first Marine officer of the battle force, serving on the USS California. He was named Assistant to the Commandant in August, 1943, after serving as Director of the Division of Plans and Policies.

His decorations also include the Second Division citation, French Fourragere, Victory Medal with Arms and Defensive Sector Clasp, and Mexican Service Medal, all for World War I; the Haitian Expeditionary Medal, Haitian Campaign Medal, Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal, and Nicaraguan Medal of Merit.

General Rockey's wife, Mrs. Frances M. Rockey, resides at Virginia Beach, Va. His mother, Mrs. Charles E. Rockey, lives at the Hotel Elington, Los Angeles, California.

Brigadier General Leo David Hermle, Assistant Commander of the Fifth Marine Division, holds the Legion of Merit for distinguished action at Tarawa.

In the Gilbert Islands campaign General Hermle was Assistant Division Commander of the Second Marine Division. He was cited for action under fire at Tarawa, where he supervised the landing of reserve troops and supplies and for commanding the land operations at Apakhan, also in the Gilberts.

General Hermle won distinction in World War I, leaving with the Sixth Marine Regiment. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal for action in France, in addition to other citations. Born June 30, 1880, at Hastings, Neb., he attended the University of California from where he was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1904, and a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree in 1917. He practiced law for a few months in Oakland before accepting appointment as a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps on July 18, 1917.

He now duty aboard the USS Seattle from July, 1924, to July, 1926, and with the Garde de Haiti from May, 1930, to July, 1934. He also served at Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, D. C., and the Marine Corps Base, San Diego, Cal. In July, 1941, he went to Iceland as commander of a Marine regiment, when the first Marines arrived there to augment the guard forces. He attained his present rank in September, 1943.

General Hermle's wife, Mrs. Venephea P. Hermle, resides at 234 Jay Avenue, Coronado, Cal. They have a son, Robert Leo Hermle. The general's mother, Mrs. Doris Hermle, lives at 5533 Thoman Street, Oakland, Cal.



The shoulder patch identification of the Fifth Marine Division is in the shape of a Crusader shield. The yellow "V" symbolizes both the number of the Division and Victory, while the blue spearhead signifies the part taken by Marines in the offensive. The background of the patch is red and the border is yellow.

Navy OK's Love
SOMEWHERE IN THE NORTH PACIFIC (Delayed) — The United States Navy censorship authorities recently issued to all personnel a pamphlet entitled: "You, Too, Can Become a Successful Letter Writer."

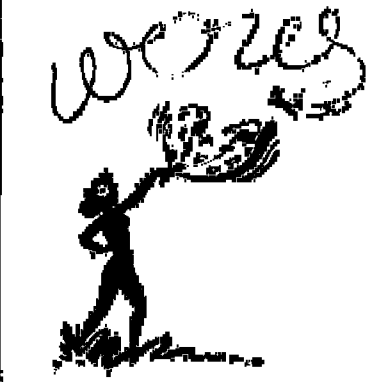
Listed were two sets of subjects which sailors and Marines may or may not mention in their letters, according to Sgt. John Worth, combat correspondent.

Numbers 1, 4 and 5 on the permitted list are all the same. The subject is "Love."

Philippine Native Greets Yankee Flier in Style

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — A new note of Allied welcome for American-invalued the Philippines was revealed in a dispatch from an American pilot, according to Lt. Milburn McCarty, Jr., PRC.

The pilot described how he was making a run down a road on Leyte Island, looking for Jap trucks. Instead, he saw a Philippine girl, walking along the road.



"She must have recognized the American plane either long," reported the pilot, "because she began jumping up and down like a grateful little girl."

"Then she got so excited she ripped off her skirt and waved it at me as I buzzed past."

A Marine here for the Caliente races strolled into a downtown bar and sat on a stool alongside a good-looking lass.

"Do you care for horses?" he asked at length.

"No," came the uninterested reply "I wait on tables."

General Howard Urges Purchase Of Bonds

Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard, CG, MCB, repeated the importance of the War Bond drive in a message to Base personnel last week.

"Throughout the years the Marine Corps has always lived up to its tradition of intelligent teamwork. Every one of us has the opportunity to contribute that tradition by purchasing War Bonds. This is the intelligent way to accumulate savings against the time when we will return to the ways of peace. Also we of the Corps can, by filling our quota 100 per cent, again prove the quality of teamwork that has been our proud tradition."

"Many of you have waged battle against our enemies in the Pacific. To those, I say, you can continue fighting by backing your government through the purchase of War Bonds, the accumulation of which will in turn give you financial protection when the fight is over."

"To all of you who have not yet had your chance against our enemies in the field, I say that you have your chance at them here and now, through the purchase of War Bonds."

"Thus, from both the patriotic and practical point of view, for the purchase of War Bonds, you should make arrangements for your allotment at once. It is my earnest desire that this be done."



U. S. Marines in this section of the South Pacific must carry their weapons at all times—even to church. Sgt. Joe DeLuca, a volunteer artist, sketched the above illustration as Capt. Henry A. Anderson Jr., points his weapon, picked up a captured Jap quarter and told it the "It was good for a meal."

'Boatnappers' Heckle Japs On By-Passed Enemy Bases

LAOS (Delayed) — U. S. Navy specialists in "boatnapping" operating within range of enemy shore batteries and mutually are contributing to the confusion of the Japs north of Hobe, it was revealed.

Before the snatch is put on these small Jap airbase boats laying off enemy-held islands, the situation is carefully eased by the Navy boatnappers.

"Sometimes it takes weeks of watching before a move is made to capture the boat," said Lt. (jg) Alfred J. Perrine Jr. of Long Island, N. Y., a member of a patrol unit.

Lt. Perrine, whose outfit has grabbed off close to a dozen boats in three months, describes the operation of a 15-ft. sailboat less than 100 yards off the off Main Island.

"SMITH Leslie Glickman of Wildwood, N. J., and I watched the boat for 10 days before we made a move to capture it," he said.

"One night Glickman and I slipped down the side of our patrol vessel into a small boat and rode to within 100 yards of the Jap boat. Then we cut off the engine, dropped into the water, tied a rope to the bow of our boat and pulled it along with us as we swam in within range of the Jap craft."

As Perrine and Glickman prepared to heave a line across the bow of the enemy craft, a Jap water patrol crossed between the sail boat and the Jap-occupied island. After remaining still for five minutes the water-commander quickly hooked a rope on the bow of the Jap boat.



Male Call

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



Message Center For The Main Body



THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS
 Monday—REDS RING BRESLAU IN BIG ADVANCE
 Tuesday—49,000 BUDAPEST NAZIS DIE IN BATTLE
 Wednesday—1300 FEARED SLAIN BY MANILA JAPS
 Thursday—7000 PLANES HIT NAZI STRONGPOINTS
 Friday—REMAINING MANILA JAPS EXTERMINATED

NEW YORK—Gibbons are anthropoid apes somewhat less closely related to man than are gorillas, but some scientists have come to the conclusion that in some of their mannerisms, these creatures are frighteningly human. In the first place, they walk upright. Their faces look like man's. "And," said one scientist, "in some of their tribal gatherings they talk in a manner similar to women at a hen party."

FALLON, Mont.—When Farmer Chris Johansen's bridge collapsed, he had to walk 50 miles every morning to get from his house to his barn in order to milk his cow, Boss. Things are a little better now that the bridge has been repaired. Johansen can get to his barn in 5 minutes. But, alas, his cow has gone dry.

BROOKLYN—Murray Martin has one of the healthiest appetites in this famous borough. Because of it he is facing jail sentence on a charge of eating \$10.00 worth of steak, turkey, salad and chopped chicken liver in a local cafeteria, then welching on the check.

BUFFALO, N. Y.—Twenty-one years ago Mike Healy dropped his watch into Lake Erie. Last week it was returned to him by the Buffalo police pawn shop squad.

LIMA, O.—Arraigned on a charge of hitting a neighbor with a floor mop, the defendant said he was driven to this drastic action because of the neighbor's "musical" habits. "All he could play on his trumpet was the scales and all his wife could play on the piano was 'Three Blind Mice,'" the defendant explained. "I just had to slug him."

HOLLYWOOD—Sally Rand, fan dancing artiste, won a legal battle against two photographers who claim she scratched and bit them after they took pictures of her when her fans were out of line. "After all," she testified, "a girl is entitled to some privacy." The judge agreed. "Case dismissed," said he.

NEW YORK—Police were baffled when they captured a suspected jewel thief here. They knew he had \$400 in stolen "loot" on his person, but they couldn't find it. Finally one enterprising detective peeked under the man's toupee and there, nestled against his egg-bald dome, discovered the missing "rocks."

LOS ANGELES—Billy Jones, a screen writer, has been sued for divorce by his wife, who claims he tried all his ideas for melodrama on her first. "He broke up the house three or four times, hit me with the furniture and dragged me around by the hair," she testified. "He said it made good material for his plots."

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