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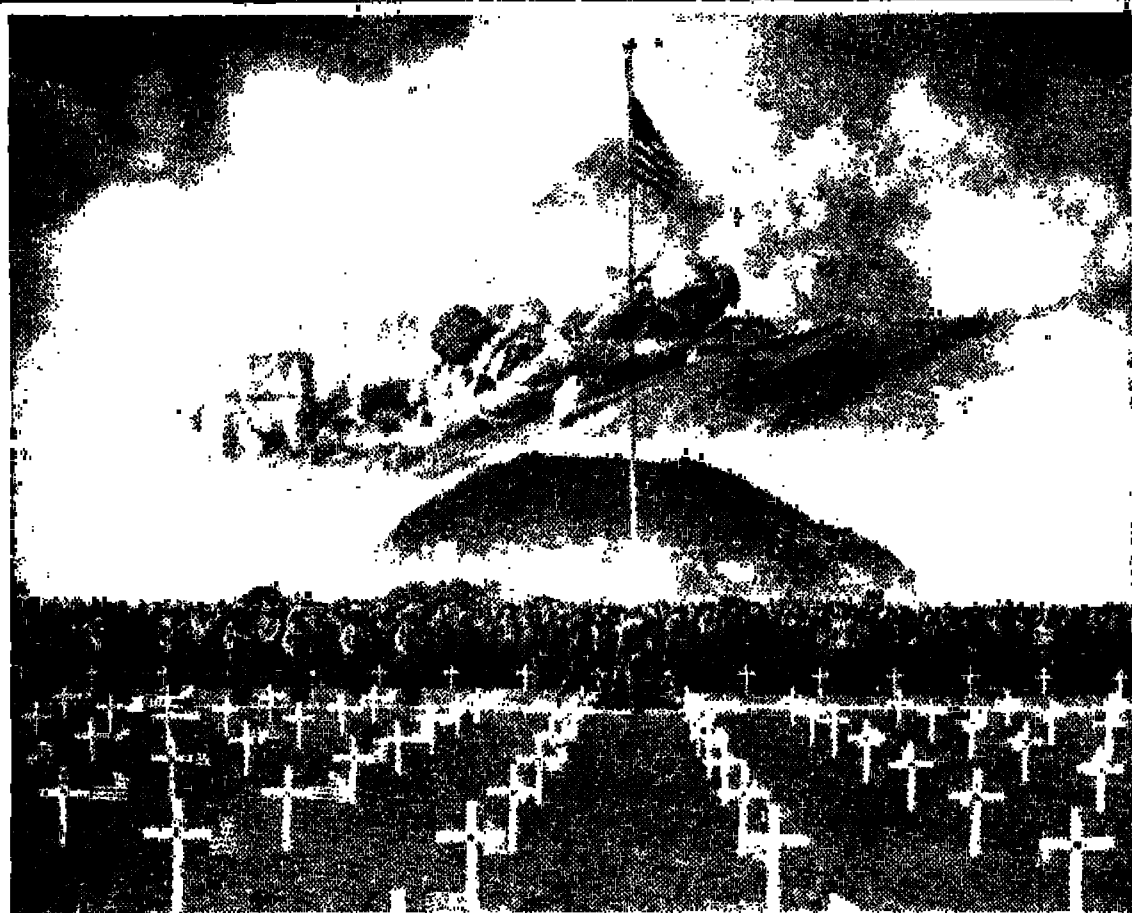


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## Marines Bridge Way Into Ruined Naha



(Official USMC Photo)

**SPIRIT OF SURIBACHI.** Iwo Jima memorial services at the 5th Mar. Div. cemetery in the shadow of Mt. Suribachi, with D-day scenes still a vivid memory.

## Marine Memorial Services Dot Pacific

### Iwo Expressed In Bitter Poetry

**IWO JIMA (Delayed)**—Shocked by their experience upon this burning island, Marine survivors of the Iwo assault in many instances attempted to express their supercharged emotion poetically.

Corp. Gordon C. Sage, formerly of Rapid City, S. D., is one of those Marines. An artilleryman with the 4th Mar. Div., he endured the Jap's fury, saw many of his less lucky comrades go down. He was inspired to the following verses:

#### THIS WAS IWO

Four thousand strong they lie there  
Beneath their crosses white.  
The heroes of this bloody fair  
No more shall see the light.

Above their graves the ensign flies;  
Their comrades pay respect,  
But they look up with sightless eyes,  
No thoughts their minds reflect.

Above them shifts the bloody sand,  
Below them rolls the sea.  
Conquerors of this wasted land  
Champions of the free.

At home the sun shines overhead  
Some people there are gay,  
They soon forget our hallowed dead,  
The price we had to pay.

### The Question?

Though the new band drive is officially opened for the U. S. as a whole, the Naval service campaign—with its new innovations to be announced later—will be delayed. Meanwhile, Marines may now arrange with their unit band officers to purchase bands deliverable after June 28; these bands will be included in part of the time supply.

### FAREWELL

A pang of grief, a prayer to God,  
For the brave ones dead under island sod.  
Then a grimace yes, a forward grin,  
The Marines are on the move again.

—Lutley Glenn D. Dwyer

## Today's Montezuma Airing Will Feature Corps Heroes

"The Price of Victory" is the title of today's "Halls of Montezuma" broadcast, presented over the Mutual Network at 1500 from the Blue Theater and featuring a large cast of radio actors and the Marine post band.

With the European war already yesterday's news, today's script takes cognizance of the fact that the bloody path to Tokyo is marked by Marine graves.

Individual stories will be told of men like Maj. Lester Henderson

who dove his plane into a Japanese carrier back in 1942; Lt. William Hawkins of El Paso, Tex., a rugged fighting Marine who cleaned out half a dozen enemy pillboxes singlehandedly despite numerous wounds; and DFC, Henry Garke of Neglee, N. D.

## Okinawa Artists Make Signposts

**OKINAWA (Delayed)**—The signposts which sprout in all newly-occupied territory have now appeared here, according to Sgt. James Egan, combat correspondent.

A crossroads signpost outside a Marine command post reads: "Berlin—4182 miles; Tokyo—401 miles; Chicago—9008 miles, and New York 9762 miles."

Some patriot has added: "Oklahoma—8526 miles." The signpost concludes with the inevitable: "Los Angeles City Limits."

(Editor's note—The Marines on Okinawa are not so far from home as they think. Actual distance to Chicago from Okinawa is 7120 miles; to New York, 7510, and to Oklahoma, 7000 miles. From Okinawa to Berlin is 5670 miles.

### 6th DIVISION MARINES WADE IN

Marines of the 6th Div. waded a 50-foot stream on the west coast of Okinawa as they drove a half-mile wedge into the heart of Naha, ruined capital. Lt. Gen. Reickieji Tada of the Jap army told his men that the only way they could stop the rampant Marine and Army units on Okinawa was with kamikaze planes and other suicide tactics.

A vicious Nip counter-attack in the Shuri sector was repulsed by 1st Div. Marines while the 7th Army Div. drove through heavy resistance to seizure of two strategic heights south and west of occupied Yonabaru on the east coast.

Leathernecks teamed with doughboys of the 10th Army to hold key Jap fortress of Shuri in a veritable pincer. Both ends of the Okinawa battle line were folding before Yank forces around the key city and only the knee-deep mud prevents faster securing of the city.

### 700,000 BOMBS FALL ON TOKYO

While Marines were spearheading the Okinawa sortie, American air power struck its greatest blow on Japan last week when 700,000 fire bombs were loosened on the heart of Tokyo.

Waves of Superforts roared over the industrial Shinagawa region of the Nip capital and left when the heart of the city was in a flame which could be spotted 200 miles away.



**ONE DOWN.** Marines sidestep the body of a Jap soldier killed in the fighting on southern Okinawa. Over 1000 Leathernecks have already paid the supreme price there.



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**FRONT LINE.** On this ridge two miles north of the city of Naha on Okinawa, Marines battled strong enemy forces for 48 hours before the position was captured.



A most interesting thing has happened to me, Top. I have just lost all the friends I had made here among the natives, and I cannot understand it. I will give you the details and maybe you can figure out what happened.

As you undoubtedly know, every since I landed on the beach of this large island known as The States I have attempted to cultivate the friendship of the native people, especially the women civilians. The Corps has always had a policy of treating the natives just like they were our allies, like the swabbies and doggies, so naturally it was with great enthusiasm that I began a one-man missionary campaign to gain the confidence of the civilians. I felt I owed it to the Corps. An besides, some of the native women hold some sort of attraction for me, as some of the civilian men have automobiles. In the Sandy Ago area it seems that a woman in an automobile are most necessary for life, happiness and the pursuit of liberty.

Actually, as you know, Top, I really prefer the company of a WR (female) to the native women, but so much as walking down the wrong sidewalk on the Base after dark holding a WR by the hand, just to keep her from getting lost, is frowned on by the Corps as might get you a 46 slug in the back from a centurion.

So, Top, I have worked hard on the native friendship angle and had made considerable progress. The first week is up until this week I was able to call up any one of half a dozen native telephone numbers and say: "Hello, this is Heinemann."

As the civilian would say: "Cum right out, dear, and bring some cigarettes."

So as any fool can plainly see, I was very welcome indeed at the homes of the various natives.

However, this week I called up this beautiful native and said: "Hello, this is Heinemann."

As she said: "Cum right out, dear, and bring some cigarettes."

As I said: "I'll be right out, but I will be unable to bring some cigarettes as we are now rationed to six packs per week."

As she said: "Oh, I just forgot. I have a date tonight with a naval lieutenant, junior grade."

Well, Top, that is the way it went all week, with my civilian friends dropping my friendship like I didn't use Lifebuoy, or something. I cannot understand it. Surely you don't think these natives loved me just for my cigarettes, do you?

Speaking about women, just to change the subject, Top, I feel that since you are no longer my First Sergeant and so many thousands of miles separates us I can speak freely on a matter that may have puzzled you about three years back in New Zealand. Do you remember how when we first were ashore at McKay's Crossin' near Piccochariki an how the girls in the village always seemed sorta cold and aloof to all the Staff NCO's and men with hashmarks but were very friendly indeed with all the peons from Pvt. to Sgt.?

I will now tell you why that was so. On the very first liberty after we got to New Zealand, Peabrain, Moonhead and myself went into Piccochariki and contacted as many females as possible. As the Corps uniforms were brand new to them they wanted to know about the meaning of our chevrons and insignias and hashmarks, etc. So, Peabrain, who then, as now, was a PFC, told all the girls that all the Marines with more than three stripes were married, that one look or stripe under the three sergeant's stripes meant he had been married just once—that a man with three stripes up and three below (like you, Top) was now married to his third wife. Peabrain further told the women that the hashmark stripes stood for children.

Therefore, Top, with your 1st Sgt.'s chevrons and your four hashmarks on your sleeves, all the women thought you were married to your third wife and had four children.

We peons made out very well indeed in Piccochariki. Don't get mad, Top. Remember your Corps men, SARGENT HEINEMANN

## Shell Hits Head; Wounds Vet's Hip

OKINAWA (Delayed)—The eyes of Texas must have been on Cpl. Hugh D. Reeves of San Antonio, who was wounded in a night encounter with a Japanese mortar shell which would have killed an ordinary man.

The shell landed squarely on his head, but, instead of exploding, crumpled into his pistol, which it smashed, and then bounced out of his foxhole where it shattered into heavy chunks. It was one of these fragments that hit Reeves, causing minor damage to his hip and stomach.

The hardy Leatherneck said: "The men in our amphibious reconnaissance battalion had been caught in a murderous cross fire from the Japs. We were pinned down there by a machine gun which had a clear field of fire."

"I was crouched in a foxhole, trying to keep out of the way of mortar shrapnel, when my head was suddenly pushed down by a heavy weight. That's the last I remember. It knocked me out. Later, the men nearby told me what had happened."

The only thing Reeves regrets is the loss of his pistol. It had been with him in many landings on islands in the Pacific. On Barry Island, in the Marshalls, it had killed three Japs. On Saipan, it got two. But this particular pride of Texas, who won the Silver Star medal for the Tinian campaign, is philosophical about his loss.

"What the hell," he says. "I've still got my head."—TSgt. Murray Lewis, combat correspondent.

## Jap Truck Lifts Marine Eyebrows

OKINAWA (Delayed)—A Jap truck loaded with U. S. Marines caused a mild flurry of excitement when it passed through a main area camp here. On the machine, in large black print, was painted: "Palau, 1944."

Discussions provoked by the appearance of the truck revolved mainly around two speculations:

1. That it had been used in the Palau group prior to our invasion there and subsequently shipped to this island.

2. That it was part of a Jap shipment originally scheduled for delivery to the Palau but unloaded here because of our surprise invasion of that island chain last September.

Whatever the reason for its turning up here, "Palau-1944" attracted considerable attention as it moved along the island's roads with its incongruous passenger load of Marines, reports Sgt. Keith Topping, combat correspondent.

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# New Stretcher Hurries Pacific Wounded To Aid

By Sgt. Joseph Delle, Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA SHIMA (Delayed)—Furious fire-fights between Marines and tenaciously entrenched Japs in the rugged hills of northwestern Okinawa peninsula have produced a problem in the evacuation of wounded that would have been serious to cope with, were it not for a new type stretcher invented by a copman attached to Marines in combat here.

The stretcher has been in use daily over the tortuous hillside trails and down cliff-like embankments from which Marines are forced to root out entrenched enemy machine gun and artillery nests. It is carried by from one to six men, can be used rigid or otherwise, and may be lowered by rope with the patient fully secure.

Known as the Gallagher Stretcher, it was conceived by Navy CPHM John A. Gallagher of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is attached to Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd's 8th Mar. Div. Gallagher first saw the need for a carrier of its type during the operation at Tulagi, in the Solomons in August, 1942, when corpsmen were unable to use rigid stretchers over the cliff-studded terrain.

The Gallagher stretcher weighs four pounds, six ounces. It is transported in a small pack attached to the cartridge belt. Poles are inserted into its lengthwise seams if rigidity is preferred. Bam-

boo, usually abundant in the South Pacific, is used often. Three overlapping straps secure the patient in the lying position, while two other straps may be fastened around the thighs, similar to the way a parachute harness is applied, if the wounded man is to be lowered by line over an embankment.

"When we were forced to use ponchos to evacuate wounded Marines on Tulagi, I could see there was a definite need for the non-rigid type stretcher," Gallagher said. "I spent my days planning it while in New Zealand."

"We improvised a stretcher along its lines during the New Georgia campaign, but the canvas we used was too heavy. Eventually I decided on rayon. The plans were submitted to the Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery in Washington, and authorization to make an experimental stretcher was received from the Navy Department in March, 1944. It was approved that fall, in time for this campaign."

Gallagher, who has been in the service 12 years, of which eight were spent with the Marine Corps, was a lecturer on first aid and resuscitation with the Brooklyn Edison Company in civilian life. He received a commendation for evacuating wounded from in front of the line of battle at Tulagi.



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**SPEEDY EVACUATION.** A wounded Marine is borne from the southern Okinawa battlefield by flying Leatherneck stretcher bearers who move fast to escape enemy fire.

## Ambush Attempt Becomes Slaughterhouse Of Japs

By Sgt. George R. Voigt, Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA (Delayed)—An attempted ambush which backfired cost Nippon's army 125 dead in a quick furious battle in the mountains above Taka Bay. Marine losses were one dead and seven wounded.

The 3rd Bn. 4th Marines, was on patrol, combing the steep ridges and ravines for an enemy force reported in the vicinity.

The Japs were encountered in a narrow gorge where they had prepared an ambush for the Marines. They lay with machine guns and mortars entrenched in caves along the ridge sides.

To "K" company fell the brunt of the fighting. The point of the column advanced into the gorge and the Japs opened fire with machine guns from three sides. The four men in the point were hit but only lightly wounded.

Capt. Martin (Stormy) Sexton of Baltimore, Md., commanding "K" company, immediately withdrew his men from the gorge and threw up a line of machine guns across the entrance.

He sent a platoon up the heavily wooded ridges on either flank of the gorge enclosing the enemy on three sides.

1st Lt. Marvin D. Perskie of Atlantic City, N. J., commanding "L" company, swept around behind the

enemy to surround him on four sides. Then the Marines closed in.

The fighting that followed was fast and close in. The underbrush on the ridges was so heavy Marines moved to within a few yards of the Japs before sighting them.

The first fire-fight came when Staff Sgt. met a band of 15 Japs attempting to move up to flank our troops. A light machine gun aimed by several riflemen piled them up on the patch.

A small group of Marines sniped past Jap positions to the back of the gorge and silenced a mortar emplacement with a Browning automatic rifle.

The Marines picked their way into the gorge, blasting outlying caves and wiping out groups of the enemy hidden in the brush.

Other than the Marines in the point, "K" company suffered only two more casualties. Both men were superficially wounded. The company killed 95 of the enemy.

In moving around to the rear, Perskie's company ran headlong into 30 Japs attempting to flee. There was a brisk fire fight lasting but a few minutes. Here the Marines suffered their single death. One other Marine was wounded. The 30 Japs were killed.

The light gorge in which the enemy had chosen to lay his ambush held a total of 125 dead Japs.

# Marines Befriend Frightened Teen-Age Okinawa Girl

By Sgt. John Worth, Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA (Delayed)—She was a slender Okinawa girl of not more than 15 or 16. She was very frightened. First there had been the pre-invasion shelling. Then the planes had roared overhead dropping bombs and rockets. She awoke one morning to find the East China Sea full of ships. From them came a swarm of landing craft bringing ashore great numbers of men driving great machines. The Americans swept across the island from west to east and then swung north and south.

She had fled southward toward Naha. The Japs tried to stop the Americans at a series of ridges several miles north of Naha. She was caught between the two armies. She couldn't reach the city. She saw hundreds of Okinawans trudging northwards or being taken in trucks to civilian camps by the Americans so she decided to give herself up.

She chose as her captors a group of Marines. They were members of a gun crew, part of an artillery battalion that had been pounding the Japs in their fortified ridges. They were sitting around their gun waiting for a fire mission when she walked up to them and just stood there.

The Marines clambered out of the gun pit and gathered around her. Some of them looked to be only boys not much older than she was. One of them with a grin gave her some candy. Immediately a couple of others dug into their dungarees and gave her more candy. She had more than she could hold in her hands as she put some of it in the wide sleeve of her kimono.

Two of the Marines started walking up the slope towards some tents and beckoned her to follow. Without a murmur she followed. They were taking her to the adjutant.

When they got to the adjutant there was much talking while the two Marines explained how the girl had walked up to the gun pit and just stood there. The hurt on the look of her head was very bad and at first they thought she had been wounded. Then they saw it was the scar of some old operation or fracture. It was very disfiguring

## Discharge Ruling Changed By Corps

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A change in existing discharge regulations was announced recently by the Marine Corps, entitling certain Marines released from the service since March 1, 1945, for the convenience of the government, to an "Honorable Discharge" rather than a discharge "Under Honorable Conditions."

For several months, the Corps has been discharging enlisted Marines of three groups whose services are no longer needed. These groups are: men over 38 if in the U. S., men who re-enlisted for limited duty within the continental limits of the U. S., and men enlisted for specialist duty.

Under existing regulations, these men were issued discharge certificates "Under Honorable Conditions" regardless of their proficiency and conduct record. The change announced today made such men eligible for an "Honorable Discharge" if their final average mark in proficiency was 3.8 or above (based on a maximum of 5.0) and in conduct was 4.0 or above. Men convicted by a general court martial or more than one summary court martial or those men with markings below 3.8 and 4.0 would not be eligible for such a discharge unless they received specified awards for heroism and maintained the minimum conduct and proficiency standards after that date.

Marines discharged under these conditions since March 1, 1945, and who desire an "Honorable Discharge" certificate may obtain one by returning their present certificates to Corps Headquarters.

and made her seem even more pathetic.

The adjutant told one of his men to give the girl some food and a blanket. A Marine opened a can of corned beef hash and gave it to her with a fork. At first the girl used the fork awkwardly. But she quickly learned and evidently was glad that the fork could scoop up larger portions than chopsticks because she was hungry. She ate every bit of the hash.

"She must have been hungry to eat all that stuff," said one of the Marines who had no love for field rations.

They put her in a jeep and drove her to the internment camp.

While the adjutant wrote out his report, the Marines began laughing over how scared the girl had been. The adjutant looked around and said:

"What do you suppose would have happened if an American girl had fallen into the hands of a bunch of Japs?"

The adjutant finished writing his report and closed the book.



(Official USMC Photo)

**CANINE HERO.** "Boy", a Dobelman-Pinscher Marine war dog and his handler, Corp Harold M. Flagg of Fairfield, Mo., display a Jap banner taken from the enemy on Okinawa. "Boy" spotted an ambush while on patrol and was wounded in the leg.

## Flier Blinded By Jap Flak Makes Miraculous Landing

OKINAWA (Delayed)—Two Navy carrier pilots performed a remarkable flying feat when they guided a tank-plunged flyer of their squadron to a safe landing on Yontan airfield here.

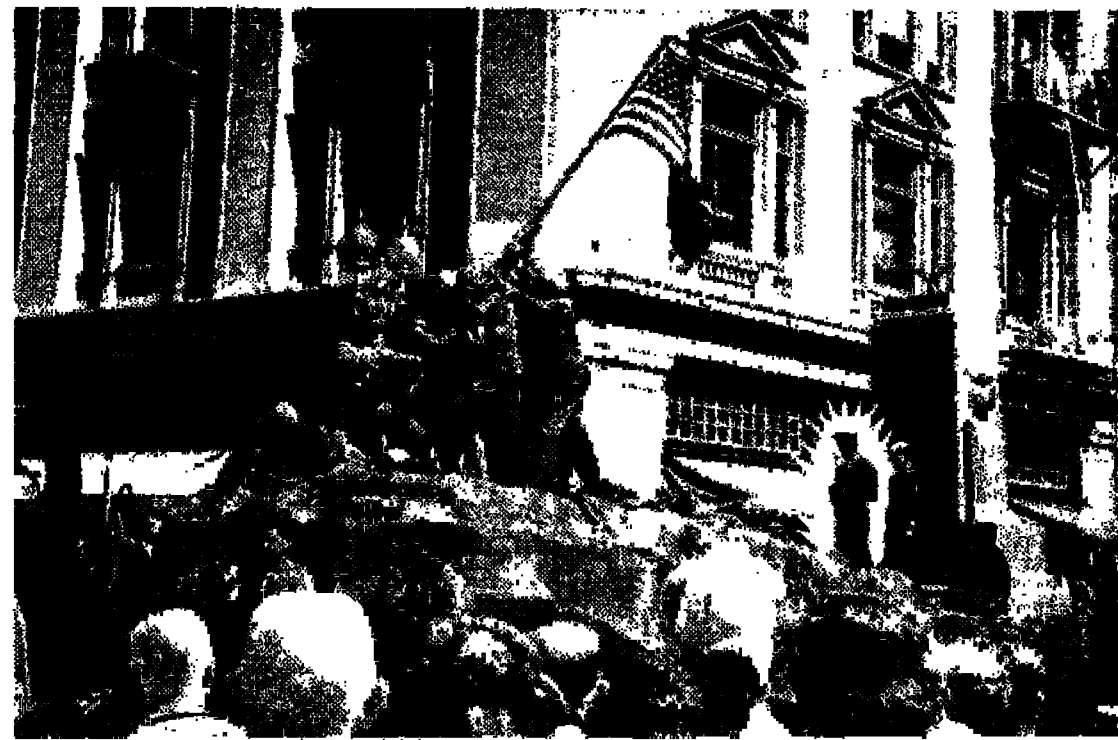
Coming out of their dive on a Jap-held airfield in the northern Ryukyu Islands, Flight Comdr. Lt. C. J. Chambers of Bakersfield, Cal., and Lt. (jg) Ralph K. Coanougher of Lubbock, Tex., saw the injured man, blinded by blood in his eyes, flying his plane aimlessly in a dangerous area.

Coanougher flew in front of the wounded man to lead him by the sound of his plane's motor while Chambers flew behind his plane to direct him by radio.

A precise landing on a carrier deck was impossible for the blinded pilot, so Coanougher headed for Yontan airfield, secured by Maj Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd's 6th Marine Division only two days before.

**MARINES IN CHINA**

United States Marines were in China as far back as 1861, when they were sent there to protect the lives of foreigners, including American.



(Photo by Corp John Lindholm)

**BOND PARADE.** A stirring re-enactment of the Suribachi flag-raising for San Diego civilians in the 7th War Loan parade last week, with six picked men from San School paying tribute to their comrades on Iwo Jima. Sgt. A. S. Helmsmann was narrator.

## Base Float Featured In Bond Parade

San Diego's streets were filled with the sights and sounds of war last week as the 7th War Loan drive was officially opened by parading Marines and sailors.

Civilians watched with intense interest the passage of vehicles their husbands and sons must use to wreck an oriental empire and bring an end to conflict. Amphibi-

## Gyrenes Slumber Over Jap Nest

OKINAWA (Delayed) Marines sought protection in an abandoned hut during a skirmish and found later they had been sitting on a cellar full of Japs during the end-life fight.

The Marines were on patrol in the mountains above Taira Bay when they encountered a force of Japs in a narrow ravine. A group of the Leathernecks dove into a small hut nearby and began firing through windows and openings in the wall.

The fight lasted four hours. Several times during that time Marines took advantage of the cover offered by the hut.

Not until the fight was almost over did Marines discover they had been sharing the shelter with Japs. Apparently feeling a bit crowded by the Marines around them, six Japs made a sudden break and dashed from a cave-like cellar beneath the floor.

It was a short dash. And they didn't make it. — By Sgt. George R. Voigt.

ous war's "ducks," "wounded," sogging "jeeps" and trucks were led by a huge "jockey" carrying in four slender but capable guns, a full-sized LCVP complete with crew.

Sixteen radio jeeps of the type that accompany landing spearheads to establish communications passed in precise formation.

On the parade's lone float a Marine from MCB, Sgt. A. S. Helmsmann, poignantly paid tribute over a public address microphone to the heroism of six Marines who raised the flag on Mt. Suribachi as he, five him on the float, a reproduction of the mountain, Marines with dirty faces and drooping shoulders re-enacted the scene. Though the exploit occurred only a short time ago, three of the six are now dead.

The parade started from Sixth and Date Streets and turned down Broadway. Six blocks down Broadway it saluted Maj Gen. Charles F. B. Price, who saved it from a reviewing stand in front of the courthouse.

The line of march included the ATB band of 60 pieces, 500 marching ATB Naval troops, the Camp Pendleton Women Marines' drum and bugle corps, the 125-piece Boham Brothers boys' band, a complete Red Cross blood donor unit caravan, a massed band of boys and girls from the city's high schools girl drill teams and drums and bugle corps and scores of strutting majorettes.

"What'd the old man say when you put in for a three-day pass?"

"He took it like a lamb. Just said 'Bah'!"

## The Wolf



## by Sansone

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"Oh, dear! I should have warned you. Fab-Fab is terribly jealous!"





(Photo by PFC, Marjorie B. Brown)

**CHIEF AND ASSISTANT.** All vehicles at the Base motor pool must check in and out through this dispatcher's office. At the phone is the chief dispatcher and truckmaster, TSgt. C. E. Evans. Corp. A. J. Carrow is making entries in the daily log book.

## Motor Pool Does Variety Of Duties

It's not just a collection of chauffeurs and their trucks. A glimpse at the Base motor transport unit last week proved that it performs a wide variety of services, many of them apparently known only to the unit's own personnel.

Under the direct supervision of Lt. Col. T. W. T. Murphy and Capt. J. Stepha, TSgt. C. E. Evans is chief truck master. He is a veteran of two wars, starting his first tour of duty with the Corps in 1916 and serving with Marines in France. Admitting he just didn't know when to quit, he again joined the Corps for World War II and fought with the 3rd Div. in the Pacific. About one year ago he assumed his present duties at the Base unit.

With C. E. Evans as truck master and chief dispatcher, the motor pool has a staff exceeding 90 men and 70 women, and only a fraction of these people are drivers.

Nor are all of the women drivers. Though WAs do drive many of the lighter vehicles and carry out about 50 per cent of the driving duties, they are also to be found in many other departments.

Among the lesser known departments, the upholstery shop is staffed entirely by women. Here, most of the pool's trucks have had their seats re-upholstered in smooth leather and many of the staff cars have had their interiors renovated.

The lubrication of vehicles is done by women, under the supervision of Sgt. Paul Masick. The gas station is handled by WAs and they work along with men in most of the other shops.

However, men form the core. Most machine and repair work and

outnumber women in aggregate.

The bicycle and motorcycle repair shop, under the management of S1TSgt. W. J. Cundari, takes care of anything mounted on two wheels, including lawn-mowers.



(Photo by PFC, J. C. Jensen)

**TUNEUP.** S1TSgt. W. J. Cundari makes minor repairs while Corp. W. C. Jensen takes care of ignition adjustments on a Base motorcycle.

## Japs Rush Plans For Defense Army

Premier Kantaro Suzuki called on Japan's 46 Prefectural Governors this week to carry out "with speed and firm determination" the "speedy organization of the civilian volunteer corps" for the defense of the Japanese home islands and informed them that his Government would "shoulder the responsibility for any drastic measures" they might "have to carry out."

He charged the Governors with rallying the fighting spirit of the Japanese "fully to the war effort" and especially urged them to exert their efforts to obtain the peoples' "cooperation and confidence."

The "key to victory" in Japan's war for "self-existence and self-protection," Suzuki informed the Governors, lay "more than anything else," in the "people's faith" in their leaders.

The Governors, assembled in Tokyo to discuss home-defense measures, were told by the Premier that the new "civilian volunteer corps" was an "organization for action under the supervision of the Army" and would be expected to "act as a fighting unit for the de-

fense of the homeland" when "the time comes."

In the meantime, Suzuki said, the members of the civilian corps would be expected to "stick to their jobs—the farmer without letting go his plow though he may fall and

the factory worker sharing the fate of his machine."

According to a Domei agency dispatch recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, Suzuki called on the Governors to exert their "utmost efforts to meet the present crisis with ample confidence and sense of responsibility."

According to a Japanese domestic broadcast, Home Affairs Minister Genki Abe disclosed that the Governors would be expected "personally to lead" the home-defense contingents.

The broadcast said that Abe had stressed that the formation of the civilian volunteer corps was intended to assure both "production and defense" at a time when the nation "faces her greatest crisis."

Domei said that Suzuki had reaffirmed that Germany's surrender had not altered Japan's determination to fight for the realization of her "war aims," which he defined as "self-existence and self-protection."

Paying tribute to the Japanese fighting forces, "who have all become special attack (suicide) corps members," Suzuki expressed concern that morale on the home front might impair the chances for victory. "Unless the people believe you and have faith in you, good results cannot be accomplished," the Premier continued. (New York Times)

## Mounted Marines March In Modern Cossack Charge

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)**—Branching flame throwers and explosives instead of swords, some Marines introduced the modern counterpart of the famed Russian Cossacks as they galloped after Japs on Okinawa.

They commandeered stray native houses to form a unit which pushed the Japs back nine miles in seven days, as they flushed out caves and gillboxed with liquid death and sealed up the caves with demolition charges.

One of the "cavalrymen" said that some demolition teams rode bareback, toting hundreds of sticks of TNT.

Though most of the untrained steeds performed like thoroughbreds, one became over-spirited and jumped over a six-foot cliff. The rider, still clutching several dynamite charges, brushed the dust from his dungarees and hurried back to the foot soldiers.

A medical unit used several of the away-backs as pack animals and evacuated several Marine sniper casualties by horseback. The native horses took their riders through swamps and rice paddies, cutting off the remnants of the retreating foe in the northern sector of the strategic island.

The Okinawan farmers, to whom the horses will be returned, may find old Dahlu somewhat temperamental behind a plow. But the natives will have a swelling sense of pride in holding the reins of steeds that rode the Charge of Okinawa. —Sgt. Edward E. Bauer, Corps Artillery, 1st Marine Division.

## Character Disguises Found in Jap Caves

**OKINAWA (Delayed)**—The Japs came up with a new trick here as cunning and guileful as any of their old ruses, according to Sgt. Keith Topping, combat correspondent.

Inside a blasted enemy cave Marines found a box containing wig and make-up of genuine women's hair. Because the box was found among stocks of military stores, it is believed that Jap troops on the island carry what as part of their standard equipment, to be used in an emergency to disguise themselves as women.

On several occasions, Marines of the 3rd Amphibious Corps have discovered enemy soldiers masquerading as women. A Jap soldier wearing a wig and kimono convincingly hid in the detection by daylight in a cave out.

## WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

### BASE THEATRE 1740 and 2000

- SATURDAY**—Fighting Seabees. John Wayne. For assured maximum of heart-thrills, a thrill.
- SUNDAY**—It's in the Bag. (In a comedy, featuring the Fred Allen-Jack Benny team and more of Papa. Loads of laughs.
- MONDAY (Double Feature)**—Ten Cents a Dance. Typical double feature fare. Aged story about two logging on a furlough, etc. The Chicago Kid. Racketeer melodrama. Do your laundry.
- TUESDAY**—Where Do We Go From Here? Good fantasy comedy with top-notchers Fred MacMurray and Joan Leslie, as-yet good acting. Funny.
- WEDNESDAY**—Janie. Hit film, starring Joyce Reynolds, Bob Hutton. Swell reviews over the country. Deals with teen-age crushes.
- THURSDAY**—Neh Hill. Another Barbary Coast, but well done by George Raft and Joan Bennett. Routine plot.
- FRIDAY (Double Feature)**—First: Taxi Mister, starring William Bendix and Grace Bradley. Second: Hollywood and Vine, featuring James Ellison and Wanda MacKay. Mediocre.

### CAMP MATTHEWS 1745

- SATURDAY**—Zombies on Broadway. Epic Loretta-Wally French.
- SUNDAY**—Fighting Seabees. John Wayne.
- MONDAY**—It's in the Bag. Fred Allen-Jack Benny.
- TUESDAY (Double Feature)**—First: Ten Cents a Dance. Second: The Chicago Kid.
- WEDNESDAY**—Where Do We Go From Here? Fred MacMurray-Joan Leslie.
- THURSDAY**—Janie. Joyce Reynolds-Bob Hutton.
- FRIDAY**—Neh Hill. George Raft-Joan Bennett.



(Official U.S. Photo)

**BOX SEATS.** Perched on the turret of their tank, a Marine crew watches billows of smoke arise from a thatched hut on Okinawa during the drive for Naha, island capital.

# 'Rebirth Of Blues' Seen For Gyrenes Later

By Sgt. A. S. Heinemann

Shake out the moth balls, shine up the brass—put blinders on the children and leashes on the women. Clear the sidewalks and strike up the band. Blues are coming back! Not the Monday-morning reveille kind, or those that Bing Crosby gave birth to.

But the real U. S. Marine Corps Blues, the red, white and blue Blues, the world's best known military uniform.

Yes, the Blues are coming back, not tomorrow or next week or next month, but according to Col. John Groff, Chief of Staff at MCB:

"As soon as materials become

Rumors have floated around the war-torn globe wherever Leathernecks are fighting that the tailoring design of the blue blouse was being changed from the snug choke-collar effect to the open lapel style of the present dress greens.

Many Marines who have been on scattered islands in the Pacific for two and three years often spend idle moments talking about the "new Blues" they are going to wear when their furlough time comes. Here, however, are the actual facts about Blues:

1. The Marine in undress Blues today is an oddity in Stateside liberty ports.

2. There is no such thing as "new Blues."

War changed many things in the Corps and the "Death of the Blues" was one of the most interesting. Up until 1939, the spectacular uniform was issued to all hands. Then, as an economy measure, this was discontinued, the patter of recruiting Marines notwithstanding. Only the men of Sea School, members of the band, and recruiting Leathernecks were able to draw Blues free gratis from the Base quartermaster.

Other Marines desiring to attract the feminine eye with the red, white and blue combination purchased their uniforms from tailors strung along Broadway in San Diego. Outrageous prices were exacted from them fresh out of "boot camp," with many paying as high as \$50 for a uniform often inferior to the GI model.

More than two years ago the issuance of all GI Blues was stopped, and since that time the wearing of them has become almost a thing of the past. Greens have become the standard liberty uniform. Even the civilian population, who through years of magazine advertisement reading, especially in the Midwest, knew a Marine only by his Blues, gradually came to accept greens.

Less likely now is the Marine on furlough apt to be accosted by a civilian who asks:

"What branch of the service are you in, lad, the Canadian Air Corps?"

Instead, it is the occasional man in Blues that now gets sidewalk stares. The length of Broadway today can be walked on a Saturday night without the necessity of shielding the eyes of little children from the glare of polished brass or restraining eager females from



MAN IN BLUE

... brings back memories

available, after the war, Blues will be issued probably to all hands."

"Dress and undress Blues have always been an essential part of the Marine Corps," declared Col. Groff. "The Marine in Blues has become a familiar sight in the four corners of the globe. I feel sure that the end of the war will see the enlisted men of the Corps again bedecked in the white barracks hat, navy blue blouse with red trimmings, and light blue trousers."

## CHIMPS CHAMP BONDS

### Mable Roots And Toots For Base Boots

Mabel, I want to have a word with you about boot camp here at the Base.

Shoot me the dirt, skirt. I'm hot for boot camp. There is something about those short haircuts that really sends me. They sorta remind me of that chick next door who—

Can't you keep your mind off romance for one minute, Mabel? There are six platoons over there—

What! Six baboons? Oh, I must trot right over there. Those baboons really send me. Give me a chimp, every time, I always say, but what with the manpower shortage and all, a baboon at the Base is worth two in the bush, I always say.

Mabel, lighten up your twitery tooter, and listen for a while. These six platoons of recruits have registered 100 per cent War Bond participation; Platoons 17, 21, 29, 33, 34, and 35. They have a Sgt. Jack Casanova over there who gives lectures to recruits and explains War Bonds to them. And he does a good job of it.

Oh, Myrtle, how perfectly grand. Those boys really have a wonderful spirit. And speaking of spirits, do you know what they stuck me Saturday night for a bottle of Tequila? \$3.75! These war-time prices—

Mabel, you nauseate me. If I weren't a lady I'd ram your buck teeth down your garrulous throat. Do you know what you'd have in 19 years if you saved \$3.75 a week in War Bonds?

A dry throat, I suppose, Myrtle.

Oh, you incorrigible fool! You'd have \$2,163.45, Mabel.

No kiddin'? Boy, what a lot of Tequila that would buy!

Saturday Morning, May 26, 1946



(Official USMC Photo)

**STOPPED COLD.** This Jap was killed when the enemy attempted a landing on Okinawa May 1. Several landing barges were sunk and the remainder of the Jap amphibious group was eliminated; other Japanese dead can be seen dotting the beach as the tide went out and left them exposed. This was just one of the many attempts the enemy has made to reinforce its Okinawa garrisons.

pouncing on the masses of glittering manhood.

That all this war-time solemnity of uniform will be changed with V-J Day, whenever that is, could be plainly discerned at the Base this week. Whether there will be "new Blues" with open collar still is merely speculation. But the time is coming when Marines will again make liberty in a fashion similar to the Sea School model posed in the picture on this page.



Sgt. TRACY

... he sings in Blues

## Singing Non-Com Tenors New Chief

When Lt. Col. James F. Whitney arrived last weekend to assume command of the Marine Barracks, Naval Air Station, in San Diego, he was greeted by a burst of song from Sgt. Maj. Weyburn L. Tracy, known in many parts of the globe as "the singing sergeant major."

The occasion was a dance held at Navy Field in honor of the new commanding officer.

Sgt. Maj. Tracy, a veteran of many years in the Corps, was persuaded to take the microphone where he gave out a tenor rendition of the Marine Hymn.

## Okinawa Aircrewmen Ride Native Ponies

OKINAWA (Delayed)—Reminiscent of the famous "Horse Marines" of other years, Leathernecks of Maj. Gen. Francis Patrick Mulcahy's 2nd MAW on Okinawa now ride native ponies in their travels about the island.

According to TSgt. David Stick, combat correspondent, the ponies are small mustangs similar in appearance to those found in the southwestern section of the United States. The Marines, unable to round up saddles, do their riding bareback.

## Here's News! Marines Sail Pacific In Style

By TSgt. Charles R. Kapp, Combat Correspondent

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)**—The story of the Marines in the Pacific doesn't consist entirely of flaming beachheads, steaming jungles, and quaking atolls.

This contingent of Marines, for instance, was sailing overseas first-class yesterday. The troops occupied staterooms aboard a giant, converted luxury liner.

On recent trips, the vessel has brought to the United States wounded Marines, soldiers, and sailors, Army and Navy nurses, and Australian brides of American servicemen. The price of the tour—back when you paid to ride this transport—would have been prohibitive to most of the present Leatherneck passengers.

Out on the weatherdecks this trip, women Marines, WAVES, and SPARS, also bound for duties be-

yond the continent, stood at the rail with Leathernecks, reminisced, played checkers and cards with them, as the Pacific got bluer and the music over the ship's loud-speakers waxed dreamier.

"Pinch me, brother! I must be dreaming," said TFC. Louis Price of Oak Park, Ga.

Price has spent seven years in the Marine Corps—two years aboard a battleship and nearly three years with Col. Evans F. Carlson's Raiders and later the 2nd Mar. Div. He saw action at Midway, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan, and Tinian and the low-head, one of three brothers in the Marines, never saw anything like this. It was a dreamboat!

Marines and sailors presented movies and shows, and they formed a band. The band specialized in request numbers until it bore the brunt of a traditional joke. An irreverent "southerner" from southern New Jersey demanded that "Marching Through Georgia" be played.

This was the first time Price and the other Georgia boys ever heard that song, they interrupted. It didn't last long when they caught on, and the memory didn't linger, for the band gave them "Georgia Camp Meeting" as a substitute.

There wasn't any mayhem as an aftermath to this incident; ancient animosities are nothing more than bait for comical argument in this war.

The dreamboat docked today. A brass band blared notes of patriotism and triumph as the women Marines, WAVES, and SPARS marched their trim, snappy uniforms into the discomfiture of a tropical rain.

## European Blood Sent To Guam

**GUAM**—The first shipment of whole blood diverted from the European theater of war arrived here four days after V-E Day. It is believed to be the first war supply item freed from European consignment to reach this area.

The shipment, 216 pints, was from the New York City and Brooklyn Red Cross centers, and arrived in cases with Guam addresses superimposed on cancelled Paris labels.

Lt. Herbert R. Brown, (MC) USNR, of Rochester, N. Y., blood bank officer, said the shipment arrived here 90 hours after it left New York. It will be flown to battle areas in the Philippines and at Okinawa late this afternoon, he said.

"There is a possibility that some of it may even reach the Aussies off Borneo, but I've nothing definite on this yet," he said.

Included in the shipment was the 100,000th pint of blood received at this key distribution center since the service was established in the Pacific on Nov. 17, 1944.

Whole blood shipments to the European fronts began last August, he pointed out, and now the country's entire supply will be available for this theater, although previously the Pacific supply was obtained only from centers at Portland, San Francisco, Oakland, San Diego and Los Angeles.—By Sgt. Ralph W. Myers.

## JAPOLOGY

The field pack now most commonly used by the Japs is a sack about 13 inches square and 5 inches deep. A blanket or overcoat is rolled in a horseshoe shape around the pack, a raincoat or shelter half is attached across the top, and the mess kit is strapped to the back.

# Okinawa Vets Say Calm Was Prelude To Storm



(Official USMC Photo)

**TRAPPED.** Rifle sights lined on the entrance to an Okinawa cave, Marines await the result of an explosive charge to pick off any Japs who might attempt to escape; action near the capital Naha. These bitterly contested cave positions formed the Japanese "Little Siegfried Line" defending the Naha, Okinawa's capital city.

USMC, SAN FRANCISCO -- The calm that greeted us as we landed on Okinawa was only the prelude to a storm, Marine veterans of fighting on that island said today as they were treated here for their battle wounds. They are the first Marines to arrive here from the scene of conflict.

"We just knew it was too good to be true and that it couldn't last," said GySgt. Morris O. Nolan of Franklin, Tenn., who was shot in the left arm by a sniper about six hours after he had landed with his unit of the veteran 1st Mar. Div.

"And it didn't last," continued Nolan, a veteran of the battles for Cape Gloucester and Peleliu. "The farther inland we made our way, the more we expected hell to break loose at any time. But, except for occasional sniper fire and a shell now and then, the Japs let us alone."

PFC John W. Hall of Oklahoma City, Okla., found the situation "a bit different." The Oklahoman was on Okinawa for five days before a sniper's bullet hit him in the right foot.

"We were amazed at the lack of opposition those first few days," said Hall. "Of course, we bumped into rifle fire and there was some shelling. But things were so quiet that some other fellows and myself were detailed to root out some civilians holed up in caves we had passed."

"The day after I was wounded things got a bit different. It was then that the Jap air raids started. It was two days later before I could be evacuated."

A one-time Marine Raider veteran of the New Georgia and Solomon Islands campaign, Sgt. Miles Parker Green of Chicago, Ill., is convinced the Navy, Army and Marines "boards of strategy just simply outguessed the Japs."

"Okinawa was given quite a pasting from our ships at sea and by our planes before we landed for the beach," said the red-haired Chicagoan, who sustained multiple wounds on the second day by the explosion of either a mortar shell or hand grenade. Fragments hit him in at least 25 different places. He is a member of the 6th Mar. Div.

"We kept shaking our heads and



PFC JOHN W. HALL  
... Wounded on Okinawa

wondering where the hell the Japs were," Green continued. "The snipers they had on the left side of the island were not too numerous and didn't bother us any too much."

"We knew, though, the Japs would come to life."

For 34-year-old PFC Jose M. Dela Pena of Oillon, Tex., father of four children, his participation in the battle was short-lived.

"My outfit had pushed inland about a mile and we had taken the first airfield when I got it in the right arm from a sniper's bullet," said Dela Pena. "The snipers became more active as we headed inland."

"We were surprised at the many dummy planes the Japs had on that first airfield. Maybe they thought they were fooling somebody."

After being checked over, the wounded Marines will be assigned to Naval hospitals nearest their homes for further treatment.



The Jap has some natural allies in fighting Americans on his home grounds. One of these is disease. Malaria, yaws and dengue fever all are prevalent in the jungles.

## Smokers Polled On Rationing Plan

By PFC John Hunter

(Chevron took it toll last week.

Inspired by the recently announced tobacco rationing plan, a Chevron reporter sought out 50 men and 50 women Marines, explained the plan, and questioned each person as to his, or her, opinion.

The plan was explained as being a measure to help relieve civilian tobacco shortages. It will provide one ration card, worth two points, for each uniformed person of the armed services, one for each unit attached to a Naval unit.

Each point will be worth either three packages of cigarettes, 12 cigars, or one package of smoking tobacco, allowing a maximum of twelve these numbers per week per person.

Opinions of the plan varied on certain questions, but the poll showed a concerted trend of thought on the plan as a whole.

The following questions were put to the Marines: (1) Do you feel that a tobacco rationing program should be applied to the members of the armed forces? (2) How do

you feel about the plan which will be adopted on June 27? (3) How does the plan affect you--personally?

The first question (Do you feel that a rationing program should be applied to members of the armed forces?) received an overwhelming vote of yes. Only two WFs and five men out of the 100 felt that such a plan was essentially wrong, a pro vote of 93 per cent.

The majority of the persons questioned said they felt the privilege of service personnel being able to obtain smokes, while the rest of the nation scraped for tobacco crumbs, was being abused. It was pointed out that many service people have used cigarettes as bartering goods among the civilian population, and others have contrived to carry large amounts off the Base for "special friends."

On the other hand, the few who objected to rationing seemed to feel, "We're giving up enough as it is."

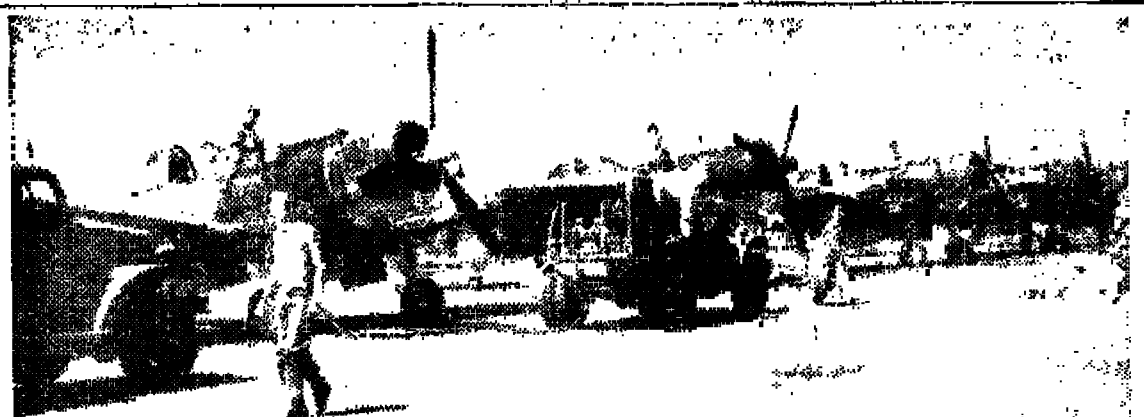
"I don't like it!" was a typical answer to question No. 2 (How do you feel about the plan which will be adopted on June 27?). Forty-seven per cent of the men and 35 per cent of the women didn't like it, while 3 per cent of the former and 4 per cent of the latter expressed indifference since they did not smoke.

The reasons given for disliking the plan were, in main, also an-

swers to the third question (How does the plan affect you--personally?). Most smokers agreed that the ration did not provide nearly enough tobacco. Many of the men declared that they normally consumed twice the allotment but the women only that they smoked more than the ration.

Then, there was the gunny who growled, "What's more, my wife will have to give up smoking!" The little lady, he explained, held down a particularly nerve-racking job in a San Diego newspaper office and often smoked three packages of cigarettes daily.

The small percentage of persons in favor of the plan either did not smoke or smoked less than the maximum ration.



(Official USMC Photo)

**TIME SIGNS.** Time was when Camp Pendleton was mostly a training center for Marine ground forces. Now the camp also services fighter planes (above) after coming down from West Coast flights.

## World War I Vets May Now Receive Full Bond Value

Veterans of World War I may now cash their adjusted service bonds--"soldiers' bonies"--and still receive full maturity value for their certificates, the Treasury Department announced last week.

At the same time, it was urged that holders of such bonds reinvest their proceeds in Series E War Bonds, as the adjusted service bonds will mature on June 15 and cease to pay interest.

Since the treasury will make no exchange offering to bondholders, the announcement said, the bonds will have to be cashed upon maturity. Therefore, a reinvestment in War Bonds protects the investment as well as it helps the war effort.

Personnel of the Base may have their bonds certified for payment either at the Base bank or at the San Diego post office. However, the post office will require personal identification.

Either facility will receipt for the bonds and forward them to the Tanager Federal Reserve bank, which will mail a check to the owner's address.

Girl elevator operator, alone in a car with a sailor: "Going up... going up... anybody else going up? Please, will somebody go up?"

## Souvenir Hounds Scoop Landings

**MOTUBU PENINSULA, Okinawa (Delayed)** -- A carefully prepared amphibious assault landing was made on one of the small islands off Okinawa.

The infantry cautiously moved forward. They entered the main village of the island and there they found four Marine riflemen industriously hunting for souvenirs. The four Marines had made their landing in a native canoe three hours before H-Hour.

"You say you were rejected by the Marines?"

"Yes, my seeing-eye dog had flat feet."

## Vet Offers Life To Save Buddies

**OKINAWA (Delayed)** -- Marine Corp. Richard E. Bush of Glasgow, Ky., risked his life to save six wounded Marines and a Navy hospital corpsman from further injury when he fell on a hand grenade during the fighting on Motobu Peninsula.

The wounded Marines were on the side of a hill awaiting treatment by the corpsman when a Jap threw the grenade in their midst. Bush, already hit in the left leg by a bullet, dove for the grenade and covered it with his hand when it exploded.

The Kentucky Marine received fragment wounds in the face, chest and both arms, a doctor said, but none of the others were hit. Bush was evacuated to a hospital ship after preliminary treatment. Sgt. Don Pettit, (Glasgow) Correspondent.



"But anyone today, dear?"



Hospital Ship Hit By Suicidal Maniac

Seeing Eye To Eye

OKINAWA (Delayed)—This is a new wrinkle to the old gag about looking through a keyhole: only to find another eye peering through from the other side.

A Marine officer acting as a forward artillery observer looked him way to the top of a hill and leveled his glasses on a distant figure.

The startled figure, however, the glasses and leaped to a field telephone, into which he shouted out a volley of directions.

Almost immediately a barrage of heavy American artillery shells—rumbled overhead and burst with devastating effect on the distant ridge. A triumphant yell burst from the officer.

"What happened?" asked a nearby Marine.

"The first thing I saw when I adjusted the glasses on that hill was a group of Japs looking at us. They were looking me right in the eye through their glasses," the officer said.

"They jumped for phones to give their artillery the firing directions, but they had to jump a little further than I did."

"Our boys took all the gun positions and their shells right in to that ridge top before the Japs got through their phones."

—Lt. Keith Topping, Combat Correspondent.

Guamanians Kill Scores Of Japs

GUAM (Delayed)—A party of Guamanians, active in the fight against the Japs, are killing scores of Japs who have been in hiding since organized resistance ceased here seven months ago.

A 13-man Guam police patrol, led by Juan D. Aguirre, 40, father of five and peace-time post company salesman, has killed at least 140 Nips since Maj. Gen. Henry L. Lammie, island commander, authorized its activation last September to guard native holdings.

Countless others have been destroyed in their caves and ranges by accurate rifle and grenade losses of the active police force.

The patient persistence and cunning of Aguirre's men often keep them on the trail of Nips for days before they corner and relentlessly eliminate them. The leader expressed particular pride in the following recent mission:

While pursuing cow thieves, who proved to be Japs, the Guamanians followed a trail along a cliff overlooking the sea and guided four hideouts in rapid succession, killing five Nips and probably mortally wounding eight more.

First, a lookout was spotted and quietly killed with dispatch. Two more met death headily. A third was killed and 17 escaped at a second hideout; a fourth Jap fell at a third.

But the jack-pot was hit on a fourth hideout containing 25 Nips. Eight of whom were wounded and jumped off the cliff into the sea 200 feet below.

The last hideout, consisting of wooden construction with corrugated roofs, was well built and plentifully supplied with fancy foodstuffs, heavy rifles, 15 hand grenades and a small amount of ammunition.

Okinawa Gyrenes Yen For 'Yens'

OKINAWA (Delayed)—Sixty yen will get you one air mail stamp. Three yen are good for five. Seven air mail stamped envelopes are available for four yen and 50 yen. Figuring to the nearest nickel, the latter amounts to 45 cents.

This is what American forces on Okinawa have to contend with when they want to spend money.

To eliminate extensive figuring by the customer, the post office of the 6th Mar. Div. displays a detailed price list of stamps and envelopes, the items chiefly in demand on this island.

—By Sgt. Harold T. Brian.

Both Axis And Allied Flags Found In Okinawa Hut

OKINAWA (Delayed)—Flags of the United Nations, as well as the Axis powers, were found in a hut here by a Marine patrol.

Two sets of the flags were in a trunk, the larger set two by three feet and the smaller one 18 by 12 inches. Several Japanese flags, including the red ball, a battle flag and regimental colors, were found, along with the German swastika and the Italian ensign.

The patrol, part of Maj. Gen. Samuel C. Shepherd Jr.'s 6th Mar. Div., divided up the flags as trophies of their campaign against the Japanese army on Okinawa.

Pvt. E. J. Smith sr., of Wilmington, N. C., who got the American flag, turned it over to his battalion commander, who immediately ordered a flagstaff and had the ensign run up next the battalion's camp area.

"We found the flags in a trunk back of the school building here," said another member of the patrol, PFC. Stanley Mrozik of Chicago, Ill. "The room the trunk was in looked like the local Gestapo headquarters. I don't know what they used all those flags for. Maybe they decided they weren't going to be able to run up that red ball of theirs all over the world."

The Nazi swastika was taken by Sgt. John C. Nungesser of Jacksonville, Fla.—By Corp. Fred T. Treadwell.

Clapper Honored By Memorial Theater

MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—The memory of Raymond Clapper, Scripps-Howard columnist, killed in a plane crash near here, has been perpetuated by the erection of an outdoor theater, known as the Raymond Clapper Memorial Theater.

Men of the 4th Marine Air Wing, soldiers and sailors, of whom he wrote so warmly, sit each night to watch their movies at this theater, picturesquely situated on the tip of the atoll with the lagoon on one side and the ocean on the other.

By this dedication, American fighting men have displayed their appreciation and admiration for the civilian correspondents who risk, and often lose, their lives to cover amphibious operations.

Platoon 20 Takes Top Rifle Honors

CySgt. A. E. Dugan's Platoon 20 sent their lead through the Mark at the Camp Matthews rifle range last week to qualify 96.8 per cent of its members and pull down first place in the weekly target competition. Meanwhile, Pvt. Benjamin O. Gistad scored 319 out of a possible 340 points and took the honors for high individual score.

Thus, CySgt. O. L. Blankney proved to be top coach for the week. Both the winning platoon and Gistad were under his supervision.

In second place was Platoon 21, which qualified 95.2 per cent of its men, according to Sgt. M. E. Breckinridge of Camp Matthews.

Flurry of damage was done to the U. S. Navy Hospital Ship Comfort recently when the Jap pilot of a suicide plane decided that one of her large painted red crosses made a perfect target.

It was 30 miles off Okinawa . . . the emergency was alive with activity, the Comfort had just taken aboard a load of wounded, freshly evacuated from the shell-torn island. Doctors and nurses were busily engaged in the grim business of performing emergency operations to save the lives of American Marines and soldiers.

Nurse 1st Lt. Mary Jensen of San Diego, had just stepped out of the main surgery room a minute before the Jap pilot, intent on his own suicide and the destruction of the hospital ship, pointed his plane at the Comfort.

The plane struck amidships on a spot three decks directly above the main surgery. In addition to the considerable damage to the ship and equipment, 30 doctors, nurses and enlisted personnel were killed and 33 injured.

A doctor was operating on a patient at the time of the attack. Their lives were spared as if by a miracle. The patient was under anesthesia at the time and did not know of the attack until several hours later.

Nurse 2d Lt. Evelyn C. Bachelor of Pocatello, Idaho, was the only nurse who escaped from the surgery alive; the five others working in the room with her were killed instantly. The anesthetic tanks she was working with exploded, and she attributes her miraculous escape to the effects of the counter-explosion.



NARROW ESCAPE. Looking through a gaping hole in the steel deck of the Hospital Ship Comfort, Nurse 1st Lt. Mary Jensen stands on the same spot she moved from a minute before the Jap suicide plane struck.



SAD REMAINS. This is what remains of a Jap suicide plane that crash dived into the Hospital Ship Comfort off Okinawa. The ship was evacuating wounded when struck by the enemy plane, completely demolishing the main surgery.

'Two Lost' Families To Be Protected

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps last week announced rules to protect from further loss families which have lost two or more members in the armed forces in this way.

Instructions to all Marine commanding officers, issued by Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps, covered cases where two or more members of an immediate family group had been killed in action, died of wounds, accident or disease, or were reported as missing in action or prisoners of war.

The instructions provided that: Remaining members of such a family would be assigned to non-hazardous duty overseas or in the United States upon the request of the serviceman concerned and a member of his immediate family.

A remaining member of such a family who is the sole surviving child of sole surviving son would in every case be retained in or returned to the United States for permanent assignment.

Gen. Vandegrift's instructions said:

"When it is established that two or more members of an immediate family group, while serving in the armed forces in this war, have been killed, have died as a result of wounds, accident or disease, or have been reported as missing in action or prisoners of war, the remaining members of such a family will be assigned to non-hazardous duty upon request of the serviceman concerned or a member of his immediate family."

"This may mean duty in the rear area of an active theater, duty in

an inactive theater or duty in the United States. A remaining member of such family who is the sole surviving child or sole surviving son will in every case be retained in or returned to the United States for permanent assignment."

Gen. Vandegrift said that requests for such assignment should be made to the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The applicant should furnish the names and relationships of everyone in his or her immediate family. The grade, serial number, organ number, and present station should be given for those in the armed forces. The grade, serial number, last organization and station should be furnished for those just discharged. A complete list of information as to death, capture, and missing status.

# Baseball Team Meets Supron-5 Here Today



PFC SID JAMISON  
... El Toro hope

## Indian Pitcher Paces El Toro Diamond Nine

EL TORO—The Marines of El Toro Air Station are an odds-on bet to win their baseball games with other service teams when PFC Sidney E. Jamison of Tulsa, Okla., is on the mound.

Prior to enlisting in July, 1942, Jamison was under contract to the New York Giants. He played Western Association ball at Fort Smith, and in the North Carolina State League, Giant farm club. He obtained his release upon entering the service.

Jamison is a seven-eighths Seneca Indian. He attended Chillicothe Indian school and two years at Bacon College, Muskogee, Okla., where he was a letterman in football, basketball, boxing and baseball. He is an overseas veteran with nearly two years of service in the Pacific.

Jamison is considered the leading pitcher of the El Toro team which again is a contender for the Southern California service league championship. The Marine airman topped the league last year.

## THE CHEVRON Sports One-Armed Brown Ace Stars In First Major Try

Batman hospital wounded please note!

Pete Gray, one-armed outfielder and lead-off man for the St. Louis Browns, may or may not stick in the major leagues, but one thing is certain: He has won a secure place in the hearts of St. Louis fans and is one of the best drawing cards a local team has had since the days of George Sisler or Rogers Hornsby.

Gray's season average is .226. All his hits have been singles, but his speed and foot enables him to beat out bunts and infield taps which would be easy outs for slower runners. Opposing infielders haven't learned yet how to play him. He hits to right or left field, and there is power in that one-arm

swing. Pete has a keen batting eye, rarely goes after a bad pitch and seldom swings and misses. He usually gets a "piece" of the ball.

Pete, who is playing his first season with the Browns after two years with Memphis, returned to the line-up 10 days ago after a brief layoff, and his sparkling play was no small factor in the Browns' successful home stand which saw them win eight out of nine decisions from the eastern clubs. His all-around play in the four games which the Browns took from the New York Yankees was outstanding. He batted .333 in that series. Just ask Joe McCarthy, Yankee boss. —(AP)

## Phillies Smother Pitcher Feller

GREAT LAKES—Philadelphia's Phillies shelled Bob Feller off the mound in the fourth inning here last week but Feller's Great Lakes Bluejackets came back in the late innings to win an 18-14 victory.

It was the first time Feller had pitched against major league hitters since 1941 and the reception the Phillies gave him wasn't favorable. He gave up 11 hits in three and one-third innings, including homers by Glen Crawford and Jimmy Fox. The score: Philadelphia . . . 105 203 103—14 18 3  
Great Lakes . . . 248 060 132—18 18 4

## Minor Leagues Revolt Majors' Hold

Baseball performers who intend to return to minor league clubs after the war were following the dispute last week between major league and minor clubs.

Revolt simmering in the minor leagues for many years of real or imagined major league domination may pop into the open when the six-man committee of the National association renews a discussion of its relationship to the two big time circuits.

Territorial protection and increases in the baseball draft price, both passed by the minors but tabled by the majors, helped bring matters to a head.

Naming of Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler by the big boys

Base diamond stock, which boomed last week after rousing wins over Fallbrook NAD and Repair Base teams, will look for another market boost on the base diamond today when Supron-5 invades for an 11th District league game at 1400.

A six-run flurry in the fourth and fifth innings started the landslide against the Repair nine and Manager Don Hench's team rode on to an easy 11-7 victory.

Pvt. Pleasant Brooks scattered the opponents' hits and was in trouble only in the seventh frame when Repair batsmen jumped him for five runs.

Corp. Bernie Lassogna of Bridgeport, Conn., leading base hitter, has been named season captain of the team.

2d Lt. Wallace F. Kramer, a new pitching find, was the whole show against the Fallbrook club, a league foe. Kramer struck out ten while allowing only six hits in the 17-1 Base rout. He led the batting with a triple, double and two singles in four trips to the plate.

Base batsmen swatted around

the batting order in the eighth inning against Fallbrook which brought nine tallies. Triples by Kramer and TSgt. Charles Dent provided the heaviest artillery during the big inning.

### 2-1 LEAGUE JOB

Base performance in the 11th Naval District league now stands at two wins, one loss. A forfeit victory over Supron-5 and the Fallbrook triumph are on the won side of the ledger and a loss to Camp Gillespie is the only blemish.

"If the boys can keep the pep they showed last week, they'll be hard to stop from now on. They're improving rapidly after a slow start," says Manager Hench.

Next league match after today's fray is against Fort Rosecrans here Wednesday. Inning tabs:

Base	0002401	x-11
Repair	10001000	-7
Base	2200000	x-17
Fallbrook	00100000	-1

## Thirteen Fourth Division Gridders Were Two Casualties

By Sgt. Bill Henson, Combat Correspondent  
SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Thirteen men on the squad of the unbeaten 4th Mar. Div. football team fell as the team protected its perfect record in the Pacific by vanquishing its toughest opponents—the Japanese on Iwo Jima.

Four men were killed, one is missing, and eight were wounded. The story of the team's losses was withheld from publication until the next of kin of all the casualties were notified.

The identity of the team, the only undefeated eleven in the Pacific Ocean area last season, was disclosed just before the footballers landed with their outfits on Iwo Jima. Previously, military security had kept the team's identity secret.

In the pre-Iwo football campaign, the team played just as eleven men coached by Lt. Col. L. E. "Pat" Hanley of Hollywood, Cal., former head coach at Boston University. Nameless, the team did all right. It was tied in its first game and improved steadily, winning its remaining five games, the last by 35 to 0.

The hero-studded lineup turned to a more important and far more costly contest at Iwo Jima. It won that one, too—and paid the price.

Here are the men who paid:  
1st Lt. Howard W. "Smiley" Johnson of Winder, Ga. Johnson was a former Georgia University and Green Bay Packer gridder. Extremely well liked both as an officer and a football player, the lieutenant used his 185 pounds on the

While at Ohio State, his club won the Big Ten title. He was with a champion club also during the Marshall and Marianas Islands campaigns. On Iwo, on D-Day, he was wounded.

1st Lt. Silas J. Titus of Brooklyn, N. Y. Titus starred two years at Holy Cross and three years with the Brooklyn Dodgers pro eleven. He was a blocking back. He held down the signal-calling spot with the 4th. On Iwo, he was wounded after a week of bitter fighting.

PFC. Vic J. Uranowski of Chicago, Ill. Uranowski wasn't so highly a touted gridder as several of his teammates, but he was one of the mainstays on the 4th's team. A halfback, weighing 180 pounds, he had previously played in Indiana. He was wounded during the first week of fighting on Iwo.

Corp. Charles W. Scheber of

Dearborn, Mich. A high school star, Scheber held down the regular center position with the 4th, and was one of the mainstays in the line. Scheber also was a D-Day casualty, being wounded on Feb. 19.

Sgt. Quinten H. Burnette of West Allis, Wis. Burnette played quarterback during his college days at Marquette University. With the 4th, he alternated with Titus. The sergeant was wounded during the fight for Iwo.

Corp. Mark W. Busser of Lincoln, Pa. Busser was another former high school star who played plenty of football with the 4th. A guard, he was not first string but saw his share of action. He was a D-Day casualty, wounded in the thigh.

1st Lt. Samuel Mandish of Weirton, W. Va. Mandish, captain of the 1939-40 West Virginia University football squad and former

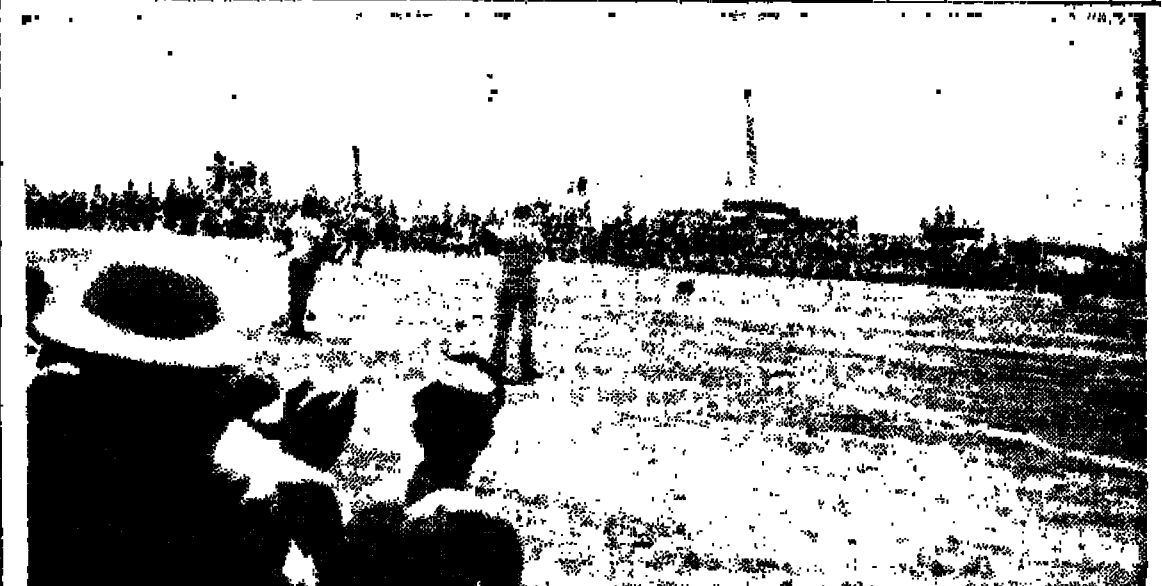
Mount Hope High School, W. Va., coach, was assistant coach of the 4th team. He was wounded on Iwo. Previously he had fought in the Marshall Islands and at Saipan and Tinian.

An unofficial member of the squad was Sgt. John Barberio, combat correspondent and former Red Bank, N. J., newspaperman. Barberio announced the team's games and wrote what little publicity was permitted by military security. Barberio landed with the third wave of his unit, the 25th Regt., and was killed on D-Day at Iwo.

### SATURDAY MATCHES

Recruit Depot boxing matches, a regular monthly feature, will be staged in the recruit mess arena Saturday night at 1930.

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INTERESTING GALLERY. Large crowds attend the baseball games staged by 4th Air Wing units in the South Pacific. Built by the Seabees, this diamond seats enough Marines to mold a loud cheering section. Note the varied types of dress worn by the men.



# American Legion Stars Top Third Division Nine

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — Leathernecks playing in the 3rd Mar. Div.'s baseball league want to thank their lucky stars that the game made a hit with their World War I dads.

At least one of every four Marines stepping to the plate in this base camp get his start in the game under the sponsorship of the Legion ball graduates on the division's squad include Leathernecks from all sections of the United States, proof that the Legion is getting across its promotion of the national pastime to American youths everywhere.

Second baseman on the St. Joseph's nine, one-time state champions of Illinois, was PFC Thomas L. Boyne of Detroit, Mich. He heads a cross-section of American Legion ex-Junior Leaguers now stopping the fast ones in the Pacific on diamonds of this area.

Others include PFC Lambert Blecha of Omaha, Neb.; PFC Ralph Lindsay of Binghamton, N. Y.; Pvt. John Sanchez of San Diego, Cal.; Pvt. Ernest B. Lowman of Bishopville, S. C.; Pvt. Albert Harden of Rockingham, N. C.; PFC Everett Creelman of Detroit, Mich.; PFC Edward Mason of Boston, Mass.; Pvt. Robert A. Boehm of Decatur, Ill.; Corp. W. Bartholomew of Detroit, Mich.; Pvt. Wheeler E. Krichana of Joliet, Ill.—By Pvt. E. Hoolihan.



EL TORO ACE. Utility infielder on the El Toro nine is PFC Raymond Lucinski of Chicago, former Valparaiso (Ind.) University athlete.

# 'Over 30' Draft Stall Boosts Sports

"The worst definitely is over for us," sports leaders said last week as they hailed a Selective Service announcement that men 30 and over engaged in "useful" occupations no longer will be drafted.

"Now we're getting something solid to stand on," those interested in professional athletics said.

They had little doubt that such professional sports as baseball would be considered "useful" work by most local draft boards.

The War Manpower Commission early this spring ruled that ball players could leave war plants to return to their "principal business," baseball. This, in effect, gave baseball a semi-essential rating.

And Selective Service said that WMC's list of essential activities will continue to be used as a guide

with local boards having "full authority to determine what may be considered in the national health, safety and interest."

In almost every sport in which men play for pay, many of the top performers are over 30. This is particularly true of baseball.

A check of big league rosters revealed that most clubs have a substantial number of players in this age bracket. Some of these have been on the verge of induction into service.

There remained, however, the possibility of more younger athletes . . . those 18 through 29 . . . being drafted. Selective Service instructed local boards to review at once the files of 4-F and limited service registrants.

Where there is reason to believe "they may now be qualified for military service," these should be forwarded for re-examination, Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey said.

Baseball men said that many players in this category are legitimate 4-F's and already have been reviewed.

The War Department recently concluded an investigation of allegations that some athletes were being drafted even though they could not meet physical requirements. It rescinded an order calling for review of cases where athletes were rejected for duty. **CAF 1**

# Fifteen Innings Used For Marine Win Over Navy

CAMP PENDLETON — One of the longest games of the coast baseball season here last week saw Pendleton's Bobby Campbell use his sixth hit in eight trips to the plate to score the winning run for his club and thus trip NAS, N.A. in a 35-inning 11th Naval District league fray.

With Camp Pendleton leading 5 to 2 in the top half of the eighth, the Naval Armmen put on a four-run rally to go ahead, 6-5, but the Marines bounced right back again to knot the score in the ninth.

NAS rallied again in the tenth for two more runs, but Andy Dal Pozo tied it up once more when he connected for a 350-foot homer with one aboard the bags. It was an even fight from there on until Campbell's timely hit in the 15th broke up the game. Score:

## Tennist At 39

A 39-year-old former Bow Marine, Stu Cornell, is a member of Minnesota's No. 1 doubles team which will compete today in the Big Ten conference tennis tournament at Northwestern.

Cornell's partner, Jack Adams, now his law school classmate, once served as his ball boy. Cornell won a former Minnesota tennis letter back in 1923.



Corp. RAY YOCHIM . . . very much alive

# Note From Mohr Proves Diamond Trio Not Dead

A month-old rumor that Phil M. & Coe Mohr, Pvt. Harry Hughes and Corp. Ray Yochim of the 1914 Base diamond team had been killed on Iwo Jima was lifted in a letter from Mohr last week.

Writing to Cecil Morgan, head sandlot umpire, Mohr wrote: "I have before me a clipping out of a San Diego paper stating that Yochim, Hughes and myself were killed on Iwo Jima. We are very much alive and are looking forward to resuming our baseball careers as soon as we knock off these Nips."

Property of the Boston Red Sox, Mohr was the prize shortstop here a year ago. Hughes, former manager of Atlanta in the Southern Association, managed the Base team and Ray Yochim, ex-Cardinal hurler, was the prize pitcher on the 11th Naval District championship club.

# Base Cage Star Now Slings M-1

PFC Dave Humerickhouse, star performer on the 1944-45 basketball team until the January combat call, saw action on Iwo Jima and is now on the Okinawa front.

Humerickhouse was all-state Illinois center for the Paris prep team in 1943 and was widely sought by colleges over the nation before joining the Marines. He was the fourth high scorer on Maj. Charles R. Church's Base quintet.

## 11th NAVAL DISTRICT BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Camp Callan	11th	Berryhill	6-5-221, Ext. 366
Fort Hueschman	11	Coe	4-3141, Ext. 26
Marine Corps Base	Sgt. R. D. Hanch	7-3121, Ext. 600	
Ballbrook NAF	11 (14) McArthur	Ballbrook NAF	
Camp Gillespie	11	Davis	1110404 45111
Supron-5	W. H. Hutton	W 7-1165, Ext. 313	
USS Subron	Cliff Tinsman	11-1111, Ext. 419	
Date	Teams		Time
May 28	Supron-5	at Marine Corps Base	1400
May 29	USS Subron	at Ballbrook NAF	1400
May 30	Camp Gillespie	at Fort Hueschman	1400
	Camp Callan	11	
May 31	Camp Gillespie	at Supron-5 at Navy Field 1	1400
May 31	Camp Callan	at USS Subron at Navy Field 1	1400
May 31	Fort Hueschman	at Marine Corps Base	1400
June 1	Ballbrook NAF	at Camp Gillespie	1400
June 1	Marine Corps Base	at Camp Callan	1400
June 5	Fort Hueschman	at USS Subron at Navy Field 1	1400
	Supron-5	11	

# Notre Dame Football 1942 Captain Killed

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — George Murphy, 1942 Notre Dame football captain, was killed while serving as a Marine infantry platoon leader on Okinawa.

Murphy had learned with another Leatherneck lieutenant, 2d Lt. Angelo Bertelli, on Iwo Jima and previously on Irish grid teams.

# Santa Barbara Tips Mojave

MOJAVE — Santa Barbara defeated Mojave, 3-1, last week in a close game on the losers' diamond.

Limiting Mojave to one run in the third inning, Santa Barbara pushed across one in the third and two in the ninth inning to win.

# Repair Marines Win Leap Start

REPAIR, 1st Lt. The Marine detachment . . . from the 1st Marine Division . . . began its first week in the 11th Naval District league game at the stadium.

On its debut for the Marines was Sgt. "Kid" Davis who gave up only four surrendered hits along with two walks and struck out seven.

Of the 15, three were home runs hit by Bruce Woods and Rayle. Woods' home in the fifth drove in two runs to put the game on ice for the Leathernecks. The hard-slugging Marines have two men, Woods and South, batting a perfect 1,000 so far this season.

A sensational catch by second baseman Anderson, taken behind first base, also saved the Marines from what could have been several costly runs.

# Through the SPORThOLE with PFC Norris Anderson

Money is being lost in more ways than won in this fourth wartime major league baseball season which is giving daily evidence of developing into background for a Ripley strip.

Thirty-nine-year-old Mel Ott, Giant manager who announced his retirement after the 1944 season, is pacing major league batters with a lusty .402 average. Ott's Giants and the Chicago White Sox, two perennial also-rans, are leading their loops.

A press quote from Charley Grimm, Cub manager, adds to the merriment: "Frankie Frisch (Pirate manager) has been a sick man, but his spirit hasn't dampened. When his centerfielder lost a fly ball in the sun with the bases full the other day, he had an idea. He wants to leave a ball club in each league city so the centerfielder in Chicago, for instance, would know where the sun was located at any given hour and not lose a ball in it."

It might be added that catcher Mickey Livingston of the Cubs was missing from the lineup several days last week to attend to domestic matters in South Carolina where his barn and chicken coop were blown away by a tornado.

Also that two major league castoffs, Pitcher Vallie Eaves (White Sox) of the San Diego Padres and Outfielder Lou Novikoff (Cubs) of the Los Angeles Angels are leading the Pacific Coast loop in their specialties. Eaves has a 10-4 hurling record and Novikoff is among the top swatters with .346.



## Weekly Sports Newsreel

Gyrene Pvt. William Hornsby, an Iwo vet, is the son of Rogers Hornsby . . . Rajah Sr. broke every major batting record in his heyday . . . Stanford and Oregon U. are the only coast schools still inactive in wartime football . . . Quoting "Satchel" Paige, the great colored hurler: "Joe DiMaggio, Charley Gehringer and Dick Bartell are the three toughest white batters I ever faced" . . . Great Britain's featherweight milt champion is Ned Tarleton—age, 39 . . . "Peewee" Reese, former Dodger shortstop and now co-coach of the 3rd Marine baseball team in the South Pacific, lists a full-house homer against the Giants in 1940 as his top diamond thrill . . . Lt. Angelo Bertelli, 3rd co-coach, lists the 20-13 Notre Dame victory over the Navy as his prime heart tug . . . Comdr. George Halas, Chicago Bear owner, now is on Adm. Nimitz's staff . . . A discharged corporal, Dave Ferriss of the Red Sox is the prize major league rookie thus far . . . He has shut out the Yanks' Ernie Bonham (5-0), defeated the Tigers' Dizzy Trout (8-2), whipped Bobo Newsome and the Athletics (2-0) . . . He struck out 19 men during the stint and hit safely six times in nine tries for a cool .667.

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Marine Airmen Celebrate Their Thirty-Third Anniversary

Marine aviation, which has grown from swaddling infancy to become a powerful force in the Pacific war, dealing death and destruction on Jap strongholds from Guadalcanal to Okinawa, celebrated its 33 years of history-making existence last week.

The activities of Marine aviation on the west coast are directed from Marine Fleet Air, West Coast, San Diego, with tactical units scattered over Southern California.

Through this organization, headed by Maj. Gen. Claude A. Larkin and his staff at NAS, North Island, funnel the thousands of men and hundreds of shiploads of supplies and material pouring into the rapidly growing Jap offensive. "Mar'airWest" also is entrusted with training squadrons and individuals for combat with units spread throughout the Pacific.

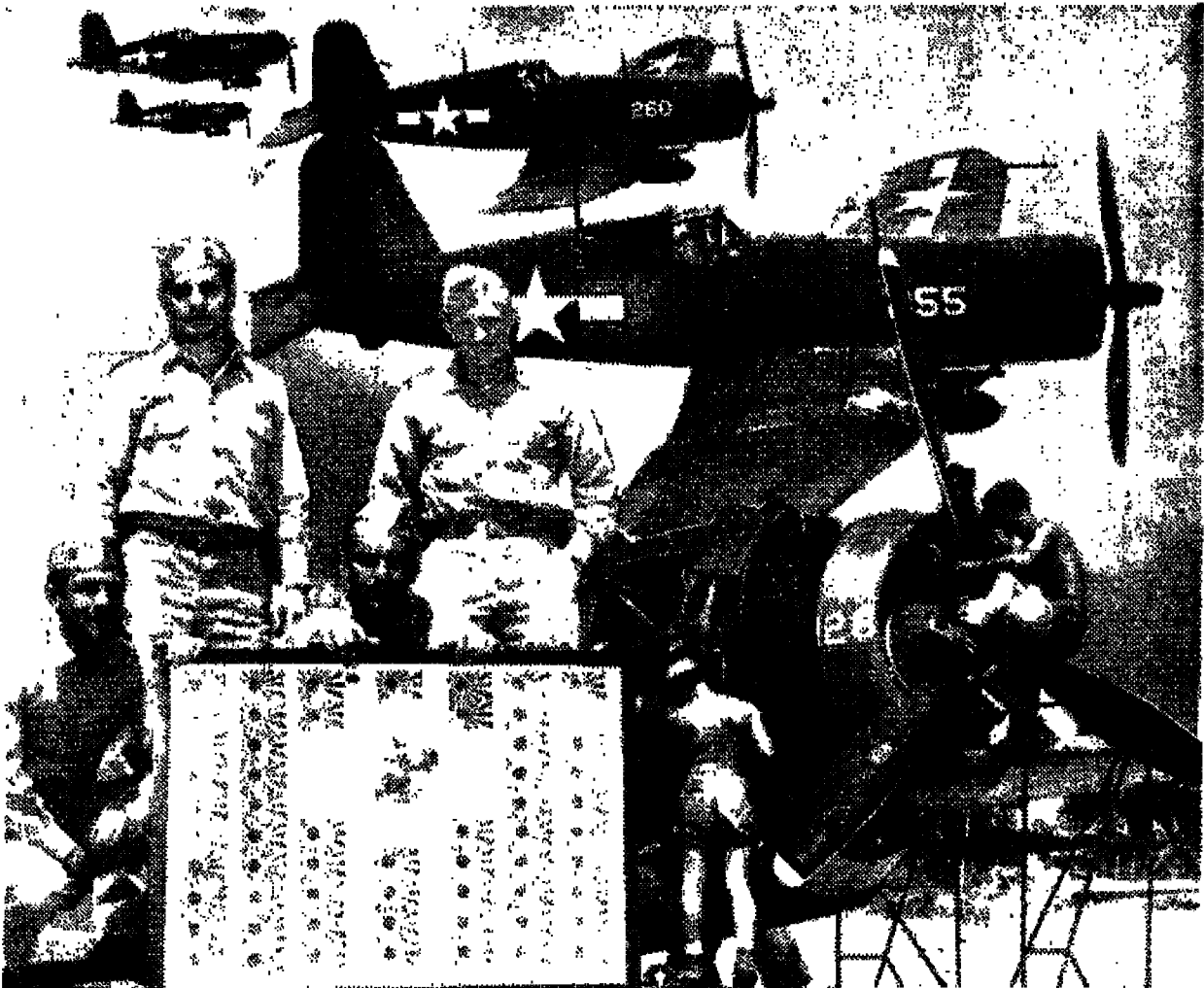
Although the Marine Corps is 169 years old, the Leathernecks took up flying late in their long history, but early in the annals of aviation. In 1912, Lt. A. A. Cunningham who had campaigned vehemently for a special air unit within the Corps, accepted an appointment to flight training, becoming the Marine Corps' first aviator.

During World War I, Marine aviation consisted of 282 officers and 2180 enlisted men, and was divided into two units, one of which was sent to the Azores where it remained on anti-submarine patrol until the armistice, and the other was based at Miami, Fla., where an Atlantic Ocean scouting patrol was maintained. Before the end of hostilities, however, a Marine aviation unit was sent to Europe under the command of Roy S. Geiger, who 25 years later as major general, directed Marine flying operations in the early days at Guadalcanal.

Between the end of the first world war and the beginning of World War II, the flying Leathernecks continued as trailblazers in the development of combat flying and aviation in general.

Capitalizing on the early combat lessons experienced in the first world war, Marine aviation instituted new technique and laid practical foundation for the most important flying innovations utilized in the current conflict.

It was during this period that dive-bombing originated. Brig. Gen. L. H. Sanderson, then a lieutenant in Haiti, directed the nose of his plane towards his target and released a bomb from a flour sack which was tied to the undercarriage of his plane. This simple procedure was perfected by Marine aviation to its deadliest technique in World War II.



In 1911, Marine aviation, although small numerically, was an exceptionally efficient and earnestly trained air force in its own right. Since then its size has increased 15 times.

The Marine airmen made their initial bid for glory in the present conflict when a F4F operating from Wake Island sank an enemy sub with two 100-pound bombs December 12, 1941. Two days later when 27 Jap planes attacked Wake, three Marine fighters intercepted them and shot

down two of the enemy planes. This marked the beginning of Marine aerial warfare against the Japs. Since then Marine aviation has grown to its present position of vital importance. Marine squadrons are now operating from Hawaii, the Marshalls, Gilbert, Caroline, the New Hebrides, the Ellice, Admiralty, Solomon, Marianas, Palau and Philippine Island groups, as well as Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

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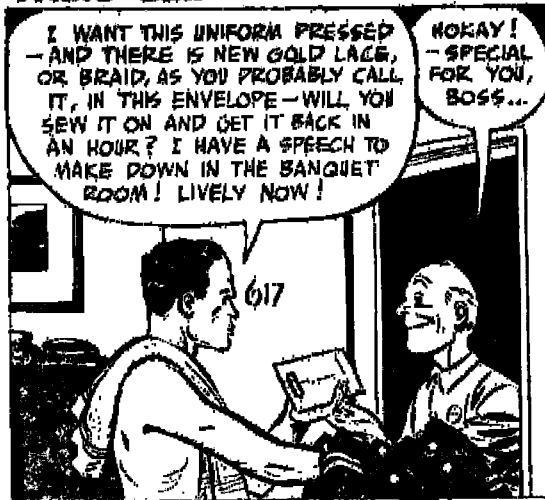
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## Male Call



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



## Bitter Glimp



## Candid Cartoonist Catches Base Scenes Of Action

by SltSgt. E. L. Warner



## THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

**Monday—CHINESE ATTACK JAP LIFELINE IN MANCHURIA**  
**Tuesday—OKINAWA-LAUNCHED PLANES STRIKE MAINLAND**  
**Wednesday—TOKYO REPORTS U. S. FLEET NEAR KYUSHU**  
**Thursday—THREE YANK COLUMNS DRIVE ON CITY SHURI**  
**Friday—JAPANESE FORCED BACK IN SOUTHERN OKINAWA**

**BUFFALO, N. Y.**—The Rev. Alfred G. Pitzer married the terse looking couple who stood before him at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Then he turned around. His altar was Alice.

**FAIRMOUNT, Minn.**—A couple of adventure-loving 13-year-olds swapped a plane in this town, flew it to Jewell, Iowa, crashed it up there, then hiked the 154 miles back home. Neither had ever flown, a plane boy fore.

**SAUGEN, Me.**—The Board of Selectmen has ruled that any town employee with the odor of liquor on his breath will be discharged immediately. The town will employ undercover "sniffers" to ferret out the delinquents.

**PHOENIX, Ariz.**—Louis Den, 51, a Chi-har waiter, wanted to do his part. So, despite the fact that he isn't a citizen, he registered and voted twice last year and three times the year before. "Someone said it was my duty," said Louis to police.

**SAN FRANCISCO**—When Herbert Sommer, president of a local shoe firm, parked his car in his garage one night, a stranger stepped out of the shadows and prodded him in the stomach with a gun. He left in a few moments with Mr. Sommer's wallet, his watch, fountain pen and a signed gift certificate for a pair of "Mr. Sommer's shoes. The shoe firm executive is waiting for him to drop around and try to cash it.

**CAMDEN, N. J.**—When Frank Shivers, 38, married Norma Shivers, an impulsive girl of 25, five months ago, he figured he would settle down to enjoy a comfortable old age in Camden. But when spring came, Norma got youthful ideas. She left Frank flat, took a vacation in Florida, then got a job as house mother at a home for juvenile delinquents. Shivers protested, went to court, got his divorce.

**NEW YORK**—When the liquor ran low at a house party in the Bronx, two girls, anxious over the morale of the two soldiers they were entertaining, tossed a rock through the window of a Third Avenue liquor store, lifted two display jugs of rye and returned to the house to resume the party. Then minutes later the party was disrupted permanently by mad dashes for the latrine. The stolen liquor bottles contained not rye, but turpentine.

**STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.**—Missing from the Saug Harbor Sailors' Home here was Ancient Mariner William Samuel Clark, aged 101. Found strolling around Manhattan's sailor's haunts 10 days after his disappearance was Mariner Clark, nattily attired in his sea coat, fortified with \$100 he won in a radio program. He had left Saug Harbor unobtrusively, ferried to New York, visited his old sailor haunts, swapped yarns with modern merchant seamen, visited the museums and movies, and—when his money was spent attempted to go to sea again. Broke again, but happy, he's back at Saug Harbor now.

## Chevron Chick—Jeanne Crain

