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War's Cost; Casualties, Dollars

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — European and Pacific combat casualties—both Army and Navy—included 254,485 killed, 651,189 wounded, 41,889 missing, 122,982 prisoners.

There were 17,300 surgical amputations; 7,000 men were deafened to some degree; 11,000 were blinded in one or both eyes.

The war cost us a total of \$247,181,000,000, compared with \$280,000,000,000 spent by Germany, \$48,164,000,000 by Japan and \$135,856,000,000 by Russia, our nearest Allied competitor in the spending line.

TAXES SET RECORD

Americans coughed up \$119,346,225,000 in taxes during wartime. War-developed treasury indebtedness will hit \$208,228,445,700 with war bond subscriptions and all other securities.

We lend-leased more than \$42,000,000,000 to our allies. (President Truman indicated to congress that in the main this should be written off the books. He said the United States received things more important than money from it.)

PEAK REACHED

A peak of 10,300,000 workers was reached for the munitions industry alone—approximately one munitions-maker for every manjack in our more than 11,000,000-strong Army and Navy.

With 11,070 labor strikes between Pearl Harbor and the end of July, 1945, the cost in man-days was 31,787,000, one-tenth of 1 per cent of all available working time.

NAVY EXPANDS

As we entered the final year of war, the U.S. was producing 45 per cent of the world's munitions. We had raised our synthetic rubber production from 800 tons in 1941 to 753,000 tons in 1944, trebled our aluminum output from 1942 to 1944, increased production of aluminum 50-fold in five years.

Our Navy was built up to a two-ocean armada of more than 100,000 vessels of all sizes, including 1,500 fighting ships—a fleet larger than the combined navies of the rest of the world. Just before the war ended, the Navy reported we had lost a total of 431 "naval vessels."

American shipyards produced 60,000,000 deadweight tons of merchant ships, and we lost about 7,000,000 tons.

As for airplanes...from December, 1942, to V-J day, 235,414 aircraft of all types were produced—from tiny trainer planes to B-29s.



(Photo by PFC Marion E. Brown)

'CALL ME MISTER.' Smiling happily, PISgt. Carl N. Jackson takes a last look before donning civvies. Jackson, with 146 points, was high man among the 50 Marines to be discharged at the Base Saturday.

Job Well Done, But Another Task Ahead—Commandant

WASHINGTON In a message

to Marine Corps personnel congratulating them on "a great and vital contribution" to victory over Japan after three years and eight months of hostilities, Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps, also voiced a reminder that "some immediate military and naval jobs remain to be done."

"Those provisions which will make sure that Japan never again will endanger the peace must be carried out, and the armed forces necessarily will be called upon to take a part in that all-important task," the Commandant said.

RAPID RETURN PROMISED

Addressing his remarks to men now in the Pacific, the general promised "to get you home in a manner as rapid, equitable and orderly as possible."

The Corps discharge system, he said, is now in operation, "and we believe you will find it the fastest

and most efficient that can be employed."

Reviewing Marine participation in the Pacific war, Gen. Vandegrift said:

"Your heroic resistance at Wake, Midway, Guam and the Philippines helped to give America time to marshal her forces of defense."

"In a war predominantly am-

During the last five years the Marine Corps has increased almost 16-fold—from 28,000 to more than 477,000 men. Assaults upon Jap-held Pacific islands required use of 185,000 men grouped into six divisions, 10 artillery battalions, nine AA battalions, 250 tanks, 11,885 field pieces, more than a million small arms and \$250 million in clothing. Since 1940 the Marine air force expanded from 111 planes to 3376 aircraft.

phibious in nature, you then proved yourselves beyond question to be masters of the land-seizing phases of amphibious operations. You took every ship-to-shore objective assigned to you.

"Not once did you fail!" Referring to Marine dead, the Commandant said:

"Let us never forget their sacrifices. Let us keep alive in our memories the causes for which they died. Their sacrifice will have lost full meaning if this peace for which they fought does not endure. We must resolve to defend world peace hereafter with the same intense devotion with which we have defended our country at war."

Z-S Day Arrives!

Fifty High-Point Marines Trade Greens for Zoot Suits

Z-S Day struck MCB this week—and found the Marines ready for action.

Z-S stands for "zoot suit," Leatherneck lingo for any clothing other than GI, the wearing of which represents the seeming miracle of return to civilian life.

This Saturday was to be Z-S Day for an even half hundred Base Marines whose discharge scores ranged from 100 to 146 points.

As the point discharge machinery at MCB began to gear into action PISgt. Carl N. Jackson emerged as probably the high-point man of the 50 Marines comprising the first to be discharged here under the adjusted service rating system.

'CALL ME MISTER'

"Just call me mister now," chirruped the elated Marine as he started Thursday on the three-day "course" at 1st Separation Co. that makes civilians out of Leathernecks in short order.

Jackson gained his points by serving with the Corps five years, nearly four of them overseas aboard the USS Saratoga. He participated in all major battles of the Pacific except the Philippine campaign.

"Happy?" grinned Jackson. "Say that again, brother. It all seems like a dream and a little strange. But I like strange places—that's why I joined the Marine Corps. To see them, I mean."

GOING TO SCHOOL

"What am I going to do? Well,

I'm still a young man in years even though the war took quite a few years off of me," said Jackson. "I'm going to school again, going to give this GI Bill of Rights a try. Think I'll study civil engineering, probably at some southern California university."

Jackson and the 49 other Marines whose discharge point total were well above the 85 needed for Z-S Day began running the discharge gamut on Thursday.

Processing for the men included closing of their Service Record Books, turning in all excess gear and interviews with the Red Cross and U. S. Employment Service.

EXPERT ADVICE

A final step taken in an attempt to insure the discharged Marines of a smooth return to civilian life were personal interviews with ex-

Marines of the old and new 4th Regiment staged a joyous meeting in Yokohama. Liberated from a dozen Jap prison camps, more than 10 members of the original 4th were reunited at a screening station this week.

parts of the Separation Company's rehabilitation unit. The men were advised of their rights as individuals under public law, the Servicemen's Readjustment Act and the Selective Service Law.

The staff who serve Marines about to be discharged include occupational advisers, legal, educational, financial and insurance experts.

Date of the first WR discharge at the Base still was uncertain but was expected to be set in the close future. Only a small percentage of WRs at MCB were eligible under the minimum 25 points announced by Washington.

Chevron to Close

Suspension of publication of the Marine Corps Chevron is planned before the end of the year. It was announced this week by Col. John Groff, Chief of Staff.

No further subscriptions to the newspaper can be accepted.

Upon termination of the Chevron, adjustments will be made to individuals whose subscriptions have not expired by closing date.

World News Briefs

★ The Marine general who led the first occupation troops ashore on Japan—Brigadier General Clement—says the policy against the Japs should be: "Tell them what to do; don't ask them."

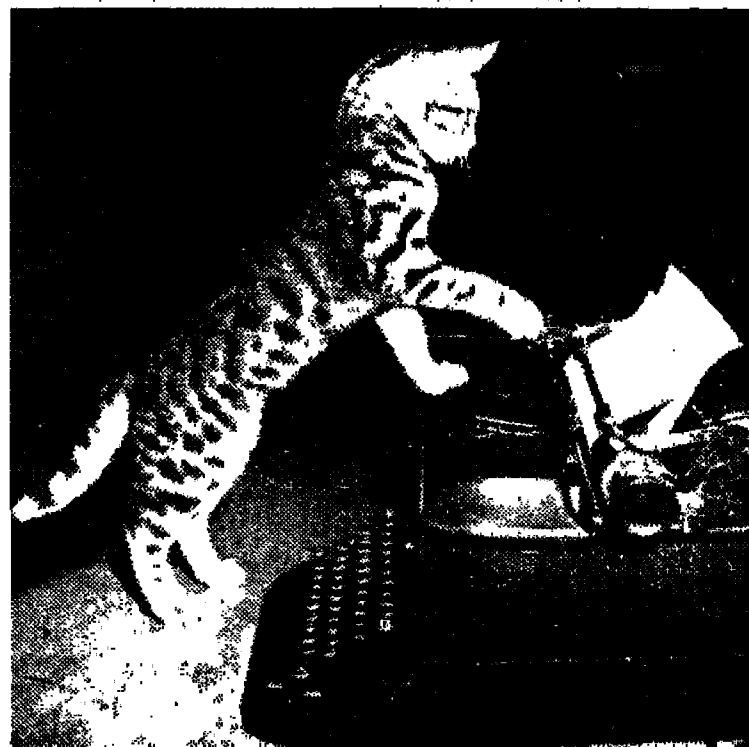
★ Jap war casualties were over 5,000,000, says Tokyo, with a possible 200,000 hari-kiris.

★ The Army at Yokohama takes "Tokyo Rose"—29-year-old Iva Toguri, former Los Angeles Nickel—into custody.

★ Again the Marines have been relieved by the Army. The 8th Army sent 3000 men to take over the Tateyama naval base from advance Marine detachments.

★ The first liberated Marine prisoners of war are being flown from Jap prison camps to the U.S.

★ The Army lowers to 45 the points needed to keep a man from being sent overseas.



(Photo by Corp. Louise Parker)

CAT-ASTROPHE. "They eat do this to me!" yowled Tomboy, pet feline of the WR barracks, as he read a new Base order ousting cats from the premises. But they can, and Tomboy is now a civilian.

Here's How You Stand

Editor's note—The average Marine preparing to enter civilian life is confused on the issue of "veterans' rights." Newsweek magazine has compiled a blueprint of privileges and benefits available to servicemen and servicewomen holding honorable discharges. It is one of the clearest and most comprehensive story pictures to come our way. Part of the picture is presented here; other phases will be reprinted in next week's issue of the CheYron.

The ABC's of Adjustment: The basic facts of adjustment are these. From a local charity or relief society or the Salvation Army a temporarily stranded dischargee may get a meal or emergency funds. From a local legal-aid society or the Red Cross he may get help with such personal problems as divorces and other litigation. From the experience of long-established veterans' groups he may get sage interpretation of confusing government dicta. But basically the only type of "aid" a dischargee can get from most "veterans' aid" groups are (1) vocational advice as well as tips on job openings, and (2) directions on the proper government agency to go to for actual help.

On the state level, this agency goes by one or another name in each of the 48 states, but its purpose is to see that the dischargee properly applies for benefits granted him by state law. On the national level, three main agencies are involved: (1) the United States Employment Service, which helps him find a new job; (2) his draft board, which helps him get back his old one if he has any trouble; and (3) the Veterans Administration, now under the new management of Gen. Omar Bradley, which handles most of the Federal benefits granted him by Congress.

What the GI Gets: Generally, all benefits apply to any honorable dischargee of any rank of any branch of the service. Specifically they are as follows:

MUSTERING-OUT PAY

To help tide him over the immediate adjustment period, \$100 for those who have served 60 days or less, \$200 for 60 days or more but no foreign service, \$300 for 60 days or more plus foreign service. Those with a base pay of \$200 a month at the time of discharge (in the Marines, a captain or higher-ranking officer) are not eligible. Payment is split into three installments—the time of discharge, 30 days, and 60 days later—and comes from the veteran's own branch of service. (So does any back pay which, through failure of the paymaster to catch up or through the soldier's personal thrift, sometimes mounts fabulously.)

OLD JOBS

Under Section 8 of the draft act a veteran who wants his old job must apply—whether he worked for a private employer or the Federal government—within 90 days of discharge. Trouble in reinstatement can be taken to a specially assigned "reenployment committeeman" on his draft board. If aid is needed, the veteran can get the free legal assistance of the United States district courts and the Federal district attorney.

Regardless of General Hershey's fear of the death of Section 8, its specific provision—reinstatement of a soldier to his job—will continue to be one of the major issues during the transition in power. Hershey has held Section 8 to mean badly that a veteran has overriding priority to

his old job no matter if a civilian has established greater normal seniority to it. This view is actively supported by veterans' groups and many employers, but has been differently interpreted by regional War Labor Board panels and is vigorously opposed by organized labor. The unions contend that the widespread practice of "bumping" a worker with years of actual experience to make way for a veteran could prove as disastrous to employer as to employee.

The issue awaits Congressional clarification. Already one bill, introduced by Rep. Harold Knutson, Minnesota Republican, would give the veteran credit for his military service in computing job seniority. Capitol Hill sentiment, backed by strong veterans' organization pressure, points toward the establishment of veterans' preference as a national policy.

Another reinstatement headache: Of the some 850,000 veterans who have applied for work with their former employers, only one in four wants his old job; the others object that service life has given them additional skills.

(Continued next week)

Going Back to the Farm?

If you're thinking of buying a farm to settle down on when they hand you that slip of paper and gold button, proceed with caution. That is the advice of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

According to a survey, some 1,000,000 servicemen plan to go back to the farm. Of this number, many will go to farms they or their families had before the war. But others plan to buy, and that's where the caution is necessary.

Prices for farm land, according to the Farm Credit Administration, are high right now. They are up because of the soaring prices of farm products. When buying a farm, the purchaser should determine whether his income from his produce in "normal" times will cover the cost of his investment.

This is especially the case if you expect to buy on credit. For, during the period between World War I and World War II, most of the farm foreclosures resulted from the purchase of property at inflated prices, on credit.

LAND COSTS UP

From 1913 to 1920, prices of farm products rose 107%, according to the Farm Credit Administration, while land prices went up 70%. Then farm products took a tumble, and in a few months fell off 52%. That meant that a man and his wife buying a farm who depended on a continuance of wartime prices were out of luck. And as a matter of fact, farm foreclosures jumped from 4 per 1000 in 1918 to 11 per 1000 in 1924, and reached a peak of 33 per 1000 in 1932.

It seems reasonable to suppose, the farm experts go on, that the return on agricultural products will drop after this war, too. The Army will reduce its purchases—in fact, it has already started to cut back. Civilian workers, who have more money than ever before, and worked up bigger appetites, are faced with reduced incomes. It will no longer be necessary to feed our fighting allies, and devastated areas which were once the scene of combat will soon be producing wheat and beef.

So if the familiar pattern is followed, prices will go down. Now, says the Farm Credit Administration, "it would be a different story if you could buy a farm and agree to pay for it with about 40 200-pound hogs a year. That's what it would take, by the way, if pork was worth \$6.82 a hundred and you had a \$10,000 4% Federal Land Bank loan for 34½ years."

TAKES CASH ON THE LINE

But you don't borrow hogs to pay for a farm. It takes money, and it's important to know how much money your hogs are likely to bring so you can pay for that farm. If pork brings \$13.10 a hundredweight as it did in 1944, it would take about 21 hogs to meet mortgage payments, but when pork sells for \$4 as it did during the depression, it would require 68 hogs to meet payments.

The Farm Credit Administration thinks it is a good idea to figure sales on the basis of prices from 1933 to 1940, which includes both good and bad years. You'll find that prices in March, 1944, say, were twice those of that seven-year period.

FIGURE ALL ANGLES

So, the thing to do is shop around for a property. Check water supply, drainage, roads, electricity, telephone, flood danger, school bus, soil productivity, rainfall, and the like. Then figure out the normal expectation for your kind of farming in both good and bad years. Make allowances for drought and bad breaks. Check on local conditions with the county agent, the National Farm Loan Association secretary-treasurer, and well-informed farmers nearby. Figure out family expenses: clothing, doctor and dental bills, groceries, church contributions, insurance, and the like. Total expenses for labor, fertilizer, seed, machinery, fuel, repairs, improvements, taxes, depreciation, and all the rest.

See whether, conservatively figured, your income will cover expenses and provide for payment of interest and principal on your loan.

If you don't have to borrow to buy a farm, that's no reason to squander your capital on a poor investment.

All this may sound like a businessman's approach to tilling the soil. It is. Nowadays it has to be.

Special of a CNS writing on opportunities for veterans.

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

Who's off the Ball?

Editor, The CheYron—I, James Bishop, platoon sergeant, have just seen your article about Lt. Col. Jim Brown. I know for a fact that he was in the Chinese in China in 1941. I did duty with him there. So why don't you get on the ball?

Wt. J. A. BISHOP

Wt. Pendleton

Editor's note—Your story said Col. Brown was made commissioned warrant officer Sept. 1, 1940. Sergeant Jim Robinson your handbook for the difference between a C-130 and the old tank of Marine Mundy.

How Many Rate P. U. C?

Editor, The CheYron—Would you settle an argument? Tell me how many Marine units rate three or more Presidential Unit Citations. Also, has there been any citations for two Jims?

NAME WITHHELD

Editor's note—According to available information, the 1st Bn., 10th Marines, would rate the citation for three different operations. If other units rate it that many times our records don't show it. As for two Jims, a battle star is the only authorization that has been announced. In our opinion it rates more, but that might come later.

Fate of 'Regulars'

Editor, The CheYron—Is it true that a "regular" will be released when his enlistment expires? My husband's enlistment is up January of next year and he is at present overseas. I understand the point system does not apply to the "regulars."

BONNIE HOGAN

Los Angeles.

Editor's note—The Marine Corps has not stated its policy on the release of regulars, but it is presumed that everything else being the same, regulars can get out at the expiration of their enlistment—if they qualify under the point system. Otherwise they would be held at the convenience of the government.

Best Shoot Toqt

Editor The CheYron—I should like to call your attention to an error made in the August 28th edition. True, Pvt. Gray shot 320 at the rifle range, but he did not lead the field in competition. His score was tied by Pvt. Frank W. Hunt, who is also from Platoon 54. His achievements should receive equal publicity to those of Pvt. Gray.

Pvt. EDWARD H. CUMMING

MCB, San Diego, Cal.

No Star, No 5 Points

Editor The CheYron—I would like information on whether I can a battle star for being in Marine Bay, New Guinea, September, 1942. At the time I was attached to the 1st Bn., 1st Mar. Div.

PFC. MICHAEL BERNARDO

Camp Matthews, Cal.

Editor's note—As far as our records show there was no battle star awarded Marines for any action in New Guinea.

Credit to 2nd Mar. Div.

Editor The CheYron—Regarding your "Chain Day" article it is reasonable to assume that the implication to the general readers is that Guadalcanal, Tulagi, etc., were captured by the 1st Mar. Div., reinforced only by Raiders and Paratroopers. In order to set the record straight I would like to invite your attention to the fact that the 2nd Marines, reinforced, was temporarily attached to the 1st Mar. Div. through the operations. . . The 5th Marines also saw almost continuous action against the enemy from Nov. 4, 1942, until February of '43. . . This is submitted in no way as a reflection on the outstanding service performed by the 1st Mar. Div., Raiders, Paratroopers, and other attached units, but is for information in justice to those units of the 2nd Mar. Div. which contributed in a large measure to the successful operations of the Guadalcanal campaign.

Col. J. M. ANTHUR

FVA, San Francisco.

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*Dere Top!

I am very sorry indeed, Top, to learn that you hav bin assigned to reero-til' duty n. Lost Angelets. It will mean your reojnashun an in all probabillities you will lose sevru' of your six stripes as you will not be abul to keep up your waistline and do dooty in the City of Lost Angels. Fourty-three inches, I think, is now the absolut peace-time minimum for forest sarjunts.

Why, oh why, Top, did you akcent that assignment? You who weathered three years in the Passyluk ashun without ever gittin' a scratch. (You were very lucky indeed to hav such a good man as Moonhead to dig your foxholes, Top.)

Don't you know that Lost Angelets and Holly Wood hav bin the death of many a good merabur of the Core? Do you remembar my ol fren Mellon Mouth McClellan who wuz assigned to a kamoflaj school up at one of the moshun picketur stoodies? Well, the school lastid eight weeks but Mellon Mouth only lastid six.

From a strappin' Leatherhead of 186 pounds (stripped for naval inspection) Mellon Mouth went down to 121 (drippin' wet). He blamed it on the heat, I gess it is pritty warm indeed up in those stoodies with all their lights an blonds and brew nets.

Any way, let the case of Mellon Mouth be a lessin to you, Top. When I last saw him he wuz gettin' a survey out of the Core on siko-nawroses. He calls it "war nerves" but he is the furst overseasize man with nawroses I ever saw who keeps walkin' aroun sayin'— "But honey, I just saw your etelings LAST night"

Well, Top, are you gettin' prepared for Civilyun Live? I seem to be havin' considrabul troubul myself. So that the change from Green Soot to Tweeds won't be too much of a shock I am spendin' fifteen minits each day in the privacy of the head wearin' a soot soot I borrowed from a civilyun fren of mine.

Fifteen minits at a time is about as much as I can stand it right now as the sholders are so heavily padded that it wears me out. It is too bad I wuzn't a offiser in the Core so I would hav bin used to wearin' padded sholders in my Green Soot.

I think I will continue to wear my Core overseasize hat when I be-cum a civilyun.

What do you think of the idee of havin' rear poekits in your soot? They will be sort of handy in carryin' your kanten and mess gear on long hikes an picknicks with your feilyun companyun.

I am a littal worryeed about these meekanical gadjets they hav on the frunt of these civilyun trousers, Zippers, they call them. Do you think they are safe, Top? Oh, the problems of a civilyun are many, are they not indeed?

Things are goin' pritty good on my plan to sell apples in the rosy Post-War World, altho I hav run into a coupl of hitches. I probibly will hav to take out a union card an the Sowsightly for Prevenshun of Croodity may take offence at my plan for Heinemann's Wormless Apples. My idea is to kill the worms by injectin' each apple with a small quantity of C rashun—probably the Vegetabul Hash.

This will inahull me to add another slogan for my apple stand. This one will say:

ANY WORM YOU FIND IN HEINEMANN'S APPLES IS DEAD—SO DON'T WORRY

Just in case the apple business does not work out I hav bin investigin' sum of these "wonderful opportunities for veterans" you see so much of in the newspapers, etc. and so forth.

Last week end while on a overnite byvague in Lost Angelets I made applicashun at a large business concern. My conversashun with a Mr. Rabinowitz went sumthin' like this:

Me: "I am a member of the Core who will be out in a few months to reap the rewards of What We Hav Bin Fightin' For."

Mr. Rabinowitz: "So you are in the service. We won't hold that against you. What have you learned in the Corps?"

Me: "I can fire a rifle, pistol, tommy gun, Reising gun, carbine and machine gun, salute with either hand, dig foxholes with great rapidity. I can dig a hole for a head, build a head and stoq lumber for a officers clubhouse. I can lie with a honest face, steal food from the Arnie, whistle at members of the opposit sicks, I can drive a tank, a jeep, a good wohin to ruin. I can "

Mr. R: "This is no time for confessions. What can you do?"

Me: "I can always ship over in the Core."

Well, Top, that gives you an idea how things are. Very promissin' don't you think? I am very glad that people are not goin' to hold it against us because we were in the serviss, I wuz afraid they might.

Will hav to go now as I hav opened a littal pre-discharge business of cashin' civilyuns war booids for them as they don't hav to waste time doin' it. It gives them more time for the races at Dell Marr.

I would suggest that you drop me a littal before you becom the wreck that wuz my ol fren Mellon Mouth.

Your Core fren, a former boot
Now gettin' ready for the soot-soot.
SARJUNT HEINEMANN



'Heroes of Iwo' Issue Still Rages

Widespread discussion among members of the Marine Corps who participated in World War II's perhaps most spectacular and deadly battle—the capture of Iwo Jima—has been kindled by a recent CheVron article.

The following letter from PFC Wilson K. Lythgoe of the Office of Public Information, Camp Pendleton, presents another interesting angle:

"In your Aug. 18 edition, an ardent supporter, Mrs. Frank Kroft of Berwyn, Ill, launched her campaign for the recognition of forgotten captors of Mount Suribachi.

"Well, conveniencing here at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Santa Margarita Ranch, is the Marine who led the first patrol atop Mount Suribachi. He is Corp. John J. Wieland, 26, of Des Moines, Ia. He was wounded in subsequent fighting on the "hot rock."

"Wieland and two buddies, PFC Fred Ferentz of Milwaukee, Wis., and a PFC, 'Mo' Mueller, also from somewhere in the Middle West, were the first American

troops to reach the summit of that vital enemy position.

AWARDED SILVER STAR

"For 'conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action' against the enemy while leading the patrol of two men to the top of Mount Suribachi, Feb. 23, 1945, Corp. Wieland has been awarded the Silver Star Medal.

"The report Corp. Wieland made to his battalion commander on his return was of immeasurable aid in the capture of Mount Suribachi," according to the Iowa Marine's citation, signed by Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, USMC.

"Wieland volunteered to organize and lead the patrol to the top of Mount Suribachi to locate enemy resistance and find routes of approach in order that the Marine infantry battalion commander un-

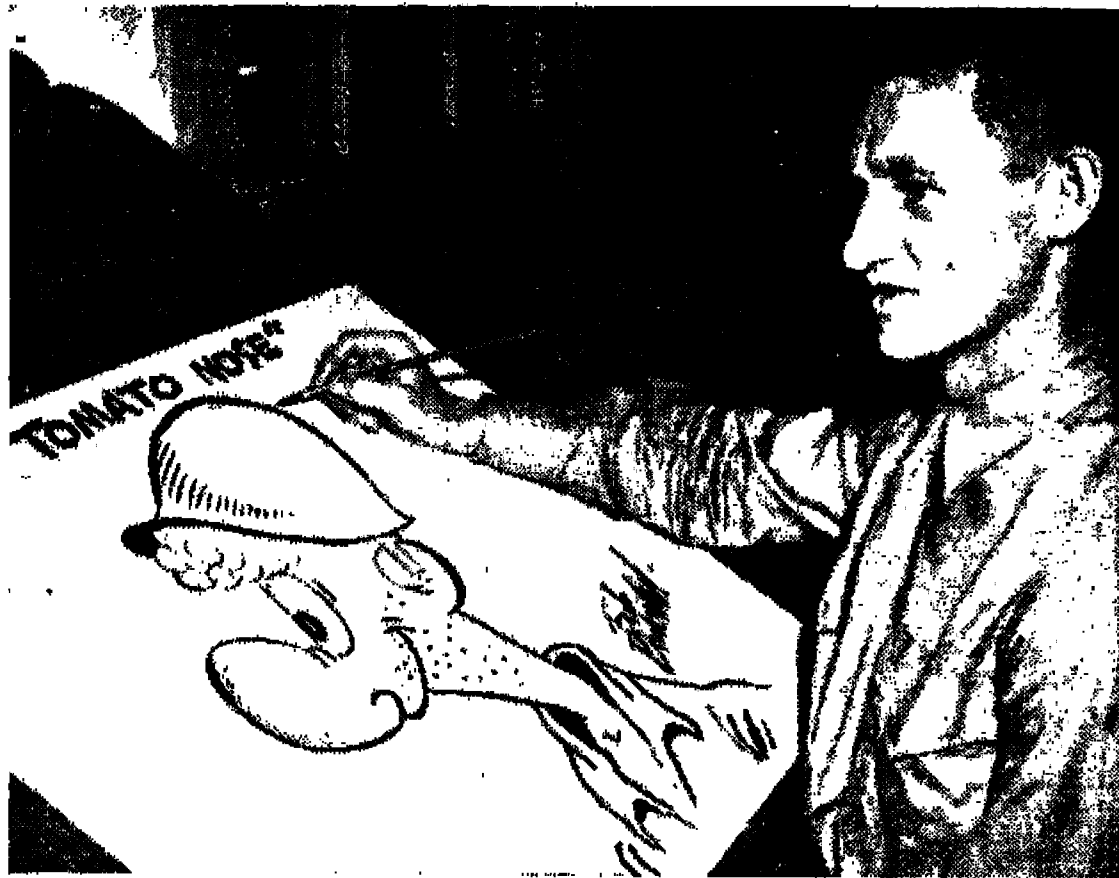
der whom he was serving as a fire team leader could plan the final assault and capture of the enemy position.

"Fashioning 'ropes' of their rifle slings and rifles, Wieland and PFCs. Ferentz and Mueller climbed sheer cliffs of the volcano which offered no cover or concealment.

BEAT OFF BANZAI

"They encountered heavy enemy rifle fire from caves, and repulsed an enemy 'Banzai' attack from one of the caves. The Jap officer who led the charge fell on his sword, breaking it in two in Ferentz's consternation," Wieland recalled. "Ferentz took the broken sword, though."

"The assault on Iwo Jima was the fifth major engagement in which Wieland and Ferentz had participated together. Mueller, an ex-paratrooper, had engaged in combat with the Japanese at Vella Lavella and Bougainville. Both Mueller and Ferentz are still serving overseas with the 5th Mar. Div."



(Photo by PFC. Marion E. Brown)

'TOMATO NOSE' & FRIEND. Combat cartoonist Sgt. Bob Donovan, back from overseas, stopped in the CheVron office long enough to sketch his favorite character, "Tomato Nose." Donovan's cartooning has brought him national recognition.

Marine 'Tomato Nose' Papa Given National Acclaim

An amazing combination of non-artistic temperament, bashfulness and pugilistic ability is Sgt. Bob Donovan, a Marine combat cartoonist with a promising post-war future.

"My work ain't much," he claims, but his cartooning has won national comment, been a top feature in the CheVron, found its way into Leatherneck magazine and later received an excellent spread in Look.

"This fighting's not for me," he says, but he is a former Golden Gloves light-heavy champ from Detroit and veteran of combat at

Guam and Okinawa.

Qualified observers say the 22-year-old Marine's cartooning rates with the best to come out of World War II. That puts him on a par with the creators of Sad Sack, Willie and Joe, Hashmark.

Donovan's trademark is "Tomato Nose," a curly-haired, crimson-probosised Leatherneck who never took the war too seriously. "Tomato Nose" is a caricature of the artist himself.

Donovan's cartooning is all the more astounding when it comes with no background except the war.

"I just doodled with a pencil," says the red-haired ex-fighter.

His "doodling" came between stretches with a relief mapping section of the 3rd Marine Amphibious Corps. Soon his cartoons began delighting his friends; word finally reached "the brass" that Donovan could cartoon. On Guam he was one of the first combat artists to hit the beach.

There he made his first bid for national recognition—and gained it. The cartoon, many times copied but never equalled, showed a headless Marine walking into sick bay, holding his head with both hands in front of him. The caption asked, "Well, what's your trouble?"

A Donovan cartoon, sketched on Okinawa, is carried on the back page of this week's CheVron.

Returned to the States last month after two and one-half years in the Pacific, Donovan is furloughing in the East, may be snapped up by Leatherneck.

He'll keep on drawing after his release from the Corps. "Tomato Nose" and friend have a promising future.

Hiro Hot-o

HONOLULU—Hirohito, with a manila henip noose around his neck, hanged from the "yard-arm" of a Navy repair shop in the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, and was burned to death on Victory Day.

Five minutes after the word was released that peace had come, he was hoisted into the air, and while crowds cheered and sirens wailed, the straw effigy swung flaming in the wind.

It wasn't all in good fun. Many of the men now on duty at the Navy Yard were at Pearl Harbor when the first sneak attack was launched on Dec. 7, 1941, and fire and hate was their portion of that day.

Now they returned fire and hate to Hirohito.—PFC. Norman S. Berg.

New Base Ration Setup Posted

Easing of ration restrictions has resulted this week in the closing of the Base ration office.

For items still on OPA rationing lists, MCB personnel should apply to these units:

For occasional off-base meals and ration allowances for personnel below the first three pay grades living at home, applications for coupons should be made through organization commanders.

Shoe coupons are to be applied for through the Base clothing office.

Food Book No. 4 may be obtained at local ration boards.

Automobile tires also are handled by local boards.

32-Layer, Mmm

OKINAWA—Most satisfying construction job for Seabees here was the creation of a 300-pound, 32-layer, pink-frosted cake topped by a sugar "V-J." Baked by the cooks of a special battalion for a victory celebration, the cake fed nearly 2000 men.

Japanese-Given Medal Returned with Bomb

By Staff Sgt. Phil H. Storch, Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA (Delayed)—A Japanese medal, presented to Lee Conover of Dayton, O., in 1908, was returned to the Nipponese homeland just prior to the final Japanese surrender. Fliers of MAC-31 made the return presentation during a mission over Kyushu — along with a bouquet of 30 500-pound bombs and 128 rockets.

This strike against the Japs was dedicated by the men to the Buckeye state. The medal, with an appropriate greeting card, was dropped by 2d Lt. Alfred Gabriel of Bedford, O.

GIVEN BY EMPEROR

In 1908 when "The Great White Fleet" was sent on a world goodwill cruise by President Theodore Roosevelt, Conover, then a sailor, was in the detail of officers and men who went ashore at Yokohama and went to Tokyo for the presentation of memorial medals. Each man received a medal in a teakwood box as the Emperor, Hirohito's grandfather, stood by.

And last spring at a War Bond rally in Dayton, Conover presented his medal to Rear Adm. A. C. Miles with the request that it be sent back to Japan. Then it started on its 10,000-mile journey.

When the medal reached Okinawa, it was turned over to the Marines by the Navy Pilots of the 2nd MAW were given an opportunity to see it, along with written requests for its proper delivery, signed by Adm. Niles, general representative of the bureau of aeronautics at Wright Field, Dayton, and Vice Adm. A. S. Carpenter, commandant of the 9th Naval Dist.

OHIO DAY GIFTS

News of the medal's presence here spread rapidly and aviation men from all parts of Ohio became enthusiastic. Then it was decided to observe Ohio Day.

Neighbors Meet On Island Road

IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—It was one chance in a million.

Attempting to thumb a ride, PFC. Tony Bonomo of Wilkes Barre, Pa., stood at a busy corner of a road on this island.

A brother, Pvt. Stephen F. Bonomo, unexpectedly walked up. Then Army Corp. Alfonso Gialanella, also seeking a ride, strode to the corner.

Until they joined the service more than a year ago, the three had lived in the same three-apartment house in Wilkes Barre. This was the first time they had met since then and until the street corner meeting they were unaware of each other's whereabouts.



(Official USMC Photo)

BARBER BARBERED. He lost a hand on Iwo, but PFC. Charles I. Huber of Lake City, Iowa, still has his sense of humor. He talks the barber at U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island, into reversing their usual roles and clips the barber's locks.



(Official USMC Photo)

'HELLO, MOM, FRY THAT CHICKEN.' A roar went up from this group of 5th Division Marines when they got the V-J Day word while on the way in from extended maneuvers at a base SWIP (somewhere in the Pacific).

'Masked Phantom' Gladly Trades Corps for Hollywood Life

By Sgt. L. H. Turnbull

The "Masked Phantom" returns to Hollywood this week with the discharge of MTSgt. Dean C. Spencer of Tulare, Cal., after three enlistment tours of duty.

The former Hollywood actor performed trick rope, riding and stunt



MTSgt. DEAN C. SPENCER
... "Phantom" rides again

year enlistment, Spencer joined Tex Rankins' Army Primary Training Center at Tulare as a civilian parachute rigger. While with Tex Rankins, undefeated aerobatic champion of the world, Spencer helped train World War II aces.

TRIES IT AGAIN!
In July, 1948, Spencer enlisted for the third time. He joined a dive bomber squadron as noncommissioned officer in charge of the air group.

Ladies' necks making the Empress Augusta Bay beachhead on Bougainville praised the work of the bombers in destroying Jap positions. Next call for the dive bombers was on Luzon in the Philippines to aid in forcing Japs back there.

Present plans of Spencer are to work for a sound service studio in Hollywood as a sound technician. "It will take several months for me to whip into shape for the trick rope and other routines," he stated.

Marines Discover Rooster Reason for Hens De-Lay

By Staff Sgt. Nixon Smiley

MCAD, MIRAMAR—A love story that had its origin in a few Midway Island Marines' desire for fresh eggs was told at the Marine Corps Air Depot here by Lt. Robert H. Doolittle Jr., a Marine transport pilot.

On a run from Hawaii to Midway, Doolittle carried among his cargo a flock of laying hens which some of the boys had requested.

At first the hens did all right in their new home, laying their normal quota of eggs. Then something happened.

For some reason they slacked off, lost interest in their food and began to mope around. The lonely fowl drew sympathetic attention from the Marines.

Finally the hens stopped laying altogether. Some of the boys suggested fresh chicken would be as good as fresh eggs, but the others demurred. Who would have the heart to kill on the ground to eat a lonely hen?

The Marines could look upon this unhappy situation no longer. Permission was asked of the commanding officer for a special plane to bring a male from Hawaii. The story of the lonely hens already had reached the commanding officer's ears. He granted permission without hesitation.

And the love story at Midway Island had a perfect ending. A large red-combed rooster, triumphant in his colorful finery, was

blown by special plane from Hawaii. Happy chucking, punctuated regularly with a robust rock-a-deedle-de, returned to the chicken yard.

Flyer's Recipe Needs Airing

MCAD, MIRAMAR—An ace Marine fighter pilot is back from overseas with a new story—how to make delicious ice cream at 30,000 feet altitude.

He is Maj. Joseph H. Reinburg of Los Angeles.

Home may be long ago and far away to American airmen on a tiny, sun-baked island in the Palau group where the major's squadron was last based, but they still strive to retain a few of the luxuries of life at home. And ice cream, or at least a reasonable facsimile thereof, was one of those things they weren't going to deny themselves, if they could help it.

"We simply hitched a five-gallon ammunition can containing ice cream mix onto each wing of a Corsair fighter, took her up to 30,000 feet where the cold air quickly froze the cream, and then came down fast," the major said.

"We'd have ice cream right on the airstrip on the hottest days." — Staff Sgt. Bert Hainha.

Can't Top a Top!

IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—1st Sgt. Neil M. Davis of Roswell, N. M., of the 4th Maj. Div.'s artillery regiment, is a veteran also of World War I.

Today, a few hours after word was flashed of Japan's surrender bid, he appeared at morning muster of his battery with a word of caution.

"This," he said, "is my second war, and this is my second peace. There still is a job to be done."

Pause.
"Police detail will fall out at 0630."

A nurse in a hospital noticed a Marine patient with his ear close to the wall. The patient held up a finger warning the nurse to be quiet, then called her over and said: "Listen here."

The nurse listened for some time and said: "I can't hear a thing."
"No," said the patient, "and it's been like that all day."

Lost Buddies

Have important messages for George Toop. When last contacted 18 months ago he was a PFC at San Diego Naval Hospital. Anyone knowing his whereabouts write to PFC, George L. Toop, 205 Colburn Hall, University of California, Berkeley.

Want the addresses of the following: PFC, Michael E. Tajak, Corp. Ernest Robinson, Sgt. Albert A. Schweinich and First Sgt. Mollie. Contact Sgt. George E. Hutchins, 217 W. Phillips St., Council Bluffs, Ia.



(Official U.S. Photo)

CHALLENGES SIWASH. A veteran of Iwo Jima, Eleanor, pet duck of a 4th Mar. Div. amphibious truck (duck) unit, claims to be a much saltier character than famed Siwash of the 2nd Mar Div.

Eleanor Challenges Battle Record of Siwash the Duck

IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—With Siwash, 2nd Mar Div. duck who was at Tarawa and in the Marianas helped to sell bonds in the States, a 4th Mar Div. duck carries on in the field. The duck is a veteran of the Iwo Jima battle.

Appropriately, she is with the amphibious truck (duck) unit of the 4th.

Her adoption as mascot came about when some motor transport men deservingly presented her to the duck outfit. Instead of being offended, they took her to their hearts and she immediately became a great favorite.

ELEANOR'S THE NAME

Her name is Eleanor and that's another story. Naturally, the duck first was called Donald. However, when she landed on Iwo Jima under heavy enemy fire she laid

her first egg. Her owners could leave a hint. They renamed her.

Pvt. Frederick T. Adams of Sealbe, Alaska, takes care of Eleanor. He spoke highly of her conduct on Iwo, calling her practically fearless.

He admitted she did try to jump ship and was a little shy at first. But insisted her nervousness was excusable. Once she became comfortable, she settled down.

JUMPS SHIP

Aboard an LST on the way to Iwo Eleanor must have had some misgivings. She flew off the ship when she saw how rough the water was, she crashed headfirst to her fate and flew back.

She did the same in a duck and betrayed her initial nervousness by laying that first egg.

On Iwo, the Marines marvelled at her savvy. When mortar or artillery shells started to fall, she immediately waddled for cover. Once, she nearly fell victim to a Jap sniper. His bullet missed her by inches.

When it came time for the duck outfit to leave Iwo, Eleanor couldn't be found. The men made an intensive search and had decided to hunt her missing in action. Then someone came across her. She was sleeping soundly in a foxhole!

KING A DUCK

On the way back, Eleanor laid an egg a day. Life aboard the transport wasn't too crowded, she had an exclusive nest near an anti-aircraft gun position. Even when the gun fired, Eleanor took it in stride.

At present, she's leading a solitary life. She's raising a brood of four ducklings.

Mostly of 245 which landed on Iwo.

Their reaction to the war's end was hesitant and restrained. They were happy, they were very happy, but they found it difficult to express themselves. Their spokesman, Corp. Ira H. Hayes, 22, the Quindary (Ileapua) from Bapchile, Aliz, who was one of the three surviving members of the original flag-bearers on Iwo portrayed in the Seventh War Loan poster, admitted that peace was great. "But it doesn't feel quite right with all of those fellows missing."

He referred to the majority of the company, buried on Iwo Jima.

The men of the company seemed to treat peace as a fragile, delicate thing that might get away from them. They didn't grasp it fully. They accepted it, quietly waiting to become accustomed to it. They wondered when they would get home. None were too optimistic.

Yes, peace and its full meaning will come slowly to the company. —Sgt. Henry Weaver, Company Correspondent.

Historic Regiment Patrols Japan

The 4th Marine Regiment, now participating in the occupation of Japan, is completing a job it began in the Philippines on Dec. 7, 1941.

With the men of the 4th as they stepped ashore on the Japanese homeland went memories of Bataan, Corregidor, Makin Island, Guadalcanal, Tulagi, New Georgia, Bougainville, Guam and Okinawa. For all these battle-groups form the history of this Marine regiment.

The proud 4th Regiment was reactivated February 1, 1944, when four Marine Raider battalions took over the name of the 4th Regiment which fell when the Japanese overwhelmed the American forces at Corregidor in the early days of the Pacific war.

A FAMILIAR NAME

With their arrival at Japan, the 4th Regiment has returned to the Orient, a unit name well known there since 1927. For 14 years the men of the old 4th were among the "China" Marines, protecting United States nationals and property.

Time and again in China their presence had kept the Japanese from making an overt move. In 1937, for example, strong Japanese forces drove the Chinese back and attempted to wreck the barricades leading to the American sector of Shanghai. But a few Marines and a few machine guns forced the Japanese commander, and he decided that the Japs retreat. The Japs withdrew.

LEAVE FOR BATAAN

Just nine days before the Japs took Bataan at Pearl Harbor, the bulk of the regiment sailed from China on route to the Philippines.

The 4th arrived in the Philippines in time to fight the Japs. They were joined by remnants of Marine and aircraft detachments from the naval stations at Cavite, Manila and Cebu.

Then came the hopeless, bitter action on Bataan, the order to withdraw to Corregidor, and finally, the surrender to a force of overwhelming numbers.

A few men of the 4th did not participate in that surrender. With several Army officers and enlisted men, a handful escaped the Japs to fight them again with guerrilla tactics. But most of them returned to join the "Bataan Death March," which led to Cabanatuan and other Japanese prison camps.

NEW 4TH STARTS

Even while the old 4th fought the Japanese, the men who eventually were to become the new 4th were training for combat.

The 1st Raider Battalion landed at Quantico, the 2nd Raider Battalion at Camp Elliott.

At Makin Island on Aug. 17, 1942, the 2nd Raiders landed from submarines to surprise and wipe out the enemy garrison. A week earlier, at Tulagi, the 1st Raiders had stormed prepared enemy positions as the Marines had beaches there and an Guadalcanal in soon America's first offensive of World War II.

After securing Tulagi the 1st moved on to aid in the Guadalcanal fight—and they kept their history alive at Lajolo Ridge. Steady Ridge—such saved the airfield. In October 1942, the 1st Raiders also came into action on Guadalcanal. For a period of 40 days the battalions moved through the jungle isolated from other Marine forces, and killed 400 Japs with a loss of 15 Marines.

Naval Reunion Anticipated By Third Div. Marines

By Sgt. Red O'Donnell, Combat Correspondent

GUAM (Delayed)—Four men of the 3rd Mar Div. are planning a special kind of reunion when they return to the U.S. Each will bring a part of a Japanese machine gun. They will meet again, assemble the weapon and present it to a veteran or civil organization.

The heavy weapon was captured during the liberation of Guam and was taken along for the Iwo Jima campaign. It proved useful at classes conducted to familiarize troops with enemy guns.

The gun originally belonged to PFC. Harold M. Fahrman of Rochester, Minn., but he has divided ownership among Cvt. Albert S. Anderson of Hammond, La., and PFCs Dennis White of Raney, Pa., and Warren C. Williamson of Philadelphia, Pa.

Fahrman explained that the 1st Regiment landed the gun and of commission on Guam but he and his three buddies cleaned it and restored it to working order.

"That is why I put each in on a share," Fahrman said.

"We have tentatively agreed," Fahrman said, "to break down the gun when the war is over and have each man carry part of it back with him. Then we will meet and reassemble it."

Fahrman pointed out that no efficient had been designated, but suggestions would be accepted.

"None of us is a member of the Elks or American Legion," he said, "but we have friends in both organizations so we don't anticipate any difficulty in giving it away."

While the two battalions were resting, a 3rd Raider Battalion was forming in Samoa. A fourth battalion of Raiders was formed in the United States.

SMALL UNITS UNNEEDED

The next major tasks in the South Pacific war were the assaults on New Georgia and then Bougainville. After the Bougainville campaign, as Allied strategy in the Pacific shifted to massed attacking forces, the need for separate battalion-sized units as the Raiders no longer existed. The Raiders had served their purpose admirably, but they had been primarily stop-gap, temporary forces, and strategy now turned to large-scale assault.

All four of the Raider battalions were organized into a regular line regiment. Thus was reborn the 4th Regiment, composed of men who could well carry on the famous regimental colors.

The first landing for the new 4th was at Emirau, in the St. Matthias Islands, just north of the Japanese stronghold of Kavieng on New Ireland.

On July 21, 1944, the 4th with the 22nd Regiment, comprising the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade, landed on the southwest coast of Guam. For its part in the Guam action, the 1st Brigade was by Navy Unit Commendation.

At Okinawa, the 4th spent much action as a unit of the newly formed 6th Division.

News from HQ

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Formation of a new division at Marine Corps Headquarters to be known as the Inspection Division was announced this week by Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant.

This new division will be headed by Maj. Gen. Pedro A. del Valle as "Inspector General, Marine Corps." One of his assistants, more of whom will be assigned at a later date, is Col. Alan Shapley.

The purpose of the Inspection General Division is to assist the Commandant in all matters which effect the efficiency and economy in the Marine Corps by assisting commanders and other members and employees of the Marine Corps in the performance of their duties, and to make regular inspections and reports as may be directed by the Commandant.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Creation of a postwar personnel reorganization board to handle transfer of reserve and temporary officers in the regular Marine Corps, was announced this week by Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant.

President of the board is Maj. Gen. James L. Underhill.

An announcement by the Secretary of the Navy stated the Corps will need up to 5000 such officers.

Smoke Too Much

IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—A cigarette he did not smoke saved the life of PFC. Lester C. Whitlock of Long Island, N. Y. in the fight for Iwo Jima.

Plunged down by Jap artillery and mortar fire, Whitlock and five other Marines sat in a ditch. About 15 yards away they saw a blackhouse that had been knocked out, and decided to make a dash for it.

One of the Marines passed cigarettes around. That lit up all but Whitlock. He sat in the blackhouse. Came a Jap gun knocked Whitlock down just as he reached it.

He looked back. The shell which knocked him down had landed squarely in the ditch he had just left.

The five Marines were killed. —PFC. Norman S. Borg.

Suribachi Vets Quiet During V-J Riots

IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Peace came to the Pacific. And with the official announcement in Washington, the famed Suribachi flag of Iwo Jima floated to the top of the White House flag pole. It remained at the balconies in celebration of the first day of peace in the world in almost 15 years.

While the nation went wild, at least one company of the 5th Mar. Div. took peace as they found it—quietly in a wind-swept tent area. These were the men who raised the flag on Suribachi. Only 33 had returned from the bloody com-



'CANAL' TO CHICAGO. Making an enviable combat record, ten Chicago Leathernecks from the veteran 2nd Mar. Div. recently arrived at MCH after nearly three years in the Pacific. From Guadalcanal to Okinawa, these Marines have seen action in every assault of their division. Seated on board from left to right: Sgt. Maj. Norman E. Smith, Sgt. Jack M. Tyler, Sgt. Harold Klein. Seated in front row, left to right: SstSgt. Loren L. McDonald; TSgt. Craig T. Rand; PstSgt. Harold J. Samba. Back row, left to right: TSgt. Charles S. Ross, PstSgt. Roy and J. Pickering, Sgt. Maj. Henry L. Clark; MTSgt. James V. Scattergood.



(Photo by PFC Jeanne Cleary)

HOME (NOT SO SWEET) HOME. Home isn't the sweet place it's cracked up to be, according to Pvt. Joseph G. Shaver, now in Base boot camp, for he was born and raised at Kobe, Japan. Above, Shaver indicates his "home town" on a Pacific map.

No Place Like Home—Nuts! Says Japan-Born Marine

How would you like a trip to Tokyo? Or perhaps a trip to your home town would be more satisfying.

One Marine, Pvt. Joseph G. Shaver, will probably get the chance to do both, but he doesn't think the idea especially appealing.

Shaver was born, and spent over 10 years as a resident, in Kobe, Japan.

He, along with his father and mother and other relatives, left Japan in November, 1940, in anticipation of the recently concluded war.

Shaver believes that after finishing his boot training at MCB he will be placed in an intelligence unit as an interpreter and will eventually find himself again in Japan, for he has spoken Japanese as long as he can remember and is exceedingly familiar with the Japanese people and their customs.

DISLIKES JAPS

But Shaver, by his own statement, is not "too anxious to return to Japan," for he palates a strong distaste for the people native to the country of his birth.

"They were especially disagreeable," Shaver declared, "during our last few years there."

Japan's ill-feeling toward Americans had been mounting since 1935. By 1940 the Japanese had dropped all pretense of good-neighborliness toward American citizens in Japan.

MISSIONARY'S SON

The 18-year-old private is the

son of a Methodist missionary who was stationed at Kobe, Japan, at the time Shaver was born.

For his education Shaver attended schools for English-speaking foreigners at both Kobe, Japan, and Seoul, capital of Korea.

Recruits Are Sought For Bible Class

New recruits were sought this week to participate in the weekly discussion at the Bible Class, little-publicized Base activity held each Tuesday at 1900 in Room 206 of the Administration Building.

Marines and WRs meet to discuss the significance of the Bible and its message for this age. Close study soon is to be given to the Thessalonians, Galatians and Romans. Discussions are led by Chaplain James Stirling.

Sinners Beware!

GUAM (Delayed)—After 40-year-old Comdr. Alvo O. Martin, a Navy chaplain of Manistique, Mich., out-distanced a field of eight to win the 300-yard run in a 3rd Mar. Div. track meet, reports Sgt. Red O'Donnell, a combat correspondent, one Leatherneck sergeant turned to his buddy and said:

"Sinners don't have a chance in this outfit. If the chaplain can't reach 'em with sermons, he can run 'em down."

Jap's Brick-Hurling 'Secret Weapon' Damages Marine-Manned Plane

MCAD, MIRAMAR—The story of another of those devilishly ingenious devices, dear to the Japanese heart, has come to light with the return of 1st Lt. Harold C. Grogan of Dallas, Tex.

This time it was a hoppy trap for dive bombers.

"The contraption," said Grogan, "looked like a bomb crater—just a funnel-shaped hole in the earth. Nearby was a derooy, a two-story house which, with no effort at concealment, housed an anti-aircraft gun. It was near Clark Field in the Philippines.

"We made our dives on the house and just as we started to pull out, the 'crater' exploded.

"The hole was brick lined and in the bottom was a charge of dynamite over which they had placed loose bricks, scrap metal and everything else that might knock a hole in a plane."

'Duffy's Tavern' On Base Screen

Duffy's Tavern of radio fame will come to the Base theater Wednesday as a full length movie with a gallery of Hollywood's favorite stars cavorting through the reels to make an excellent comedy-musical.

Added, for those not familiar with Ed Gardner's radio show, are such notable stars as Bing Crosby, Betty Hutton, Paulette Goddard, Alan Ladd, Dorothy Lamour, Eddie Bracken, Brian Donlevy, Sonny Tufts, Veronica Lake, Arturo de Cordova, Victor Moore and Marjorie Reynolds.

The screen-plot follows closely the usual happenings heard on the weekly radio show. In this instance Archie, the bartender, spends a good part of the 98-minute show explaining why the tavern coffers have been depleted.

It ends well enough with a rip-roarin' stage show and jobs for the servicemen.

Officer Finds Out—But It's Too Late

OKINAWA (Delayed)—This item, reported by Sgt. Leo T. Batt, combat correspondent, sounds like it happened in Vermont instead of on Okinawa.

A Marine major, carrying a water can, observed a truck hauling a water trailer and shouted to the two truck occupants:

"Is that water trailer full or empty?"

"Neither one," was the answer. The officer put down the water can, waited a few seconds, then called to the men:

"Is there any water in there?"

The truck driver, not looking around, shouted back, "Yea," and continued on his way.



(Official USMC Photo)

SOLID CELEBRATION. The amputation ward of USNH, Mare Island, held a victory celebration led by a two-man hill-billy band. At left is Pvt. Virgil Kimbale, Iwo Jima victim; center, Pvt. Elmer Ashley, Okinawa casualty; right, Nurse Ens, Shirley Wheeler.

Casualties

Safe

Arizona

PFC Clifford M. Stamburner, Phoenix.

Michigan

Corp. Donald C. Amara, Hartford.

Pennsylvania

Sgt. John C. McChafferty, Butler.

Missing

California

Pvt. Thomas A. Hancock, San Francisco.

Pvt. John T. Holland Jr., San Francisco.

Pvt. Leonard J. Messenger, San Leandro.

Colorado

PFC Orlo M. Brown, Boulder.

Capt. Edward L. Payne, Leadville.

Pvt. Robert A. Wynn, Garden Trail.

Illinois

PFC David A. Brinker, Chicago.

Indiana

PFC Loren E. Griffin, Monroeville.

Corp. Glenn W. Kenworthy, Kokomo.

Iowa

PFC Teland R. Hubbard, Waterloo.

Pvt. Arthur A. Thompson, Alabaster.

Kansas

Pvt. John R. Bush, Quenemo.

Kentucky

Corp. Howard V. Strang, LaGrange.

Maryland

Pvt. Robert P. Todd, Jessup.

Missouri

Pvt. Albert Dupper Jr., St. Louis.

Pvt. Francis E. Ross, St. Louis.

Montana

Pvt. Charles P. Murphy, Great Falls.

New York

Sgt. Alfred H. Armstrong, Binghamton.

Pvt. John H. Kuchner, New York.

Ohio

Sgt. Charles J. Cronling, Ellettsville.

Pvt. Frank J. Smith, Ellettsville.

Pennsylvania

Sgt. William L. Arnett, Ambridge.

Pvt. Gordon R. Hubbard, Philadelphia.

South Dakota

Pvt. Howard W. Martin, Lake Norden.

Texas

Pvt. Byron C. Moore, Austin.

Pvt. William S. Anderson, San Antonio.

Sgt. Edward H. Shubert, San Antonio.

Washington

Pvt. William H. Davis, Olympia.

Sgt. Richard L. Tracy Jr., Walla Walla.

Wisconsin

Pvt. Charles D. Jensen, Milwaukee.

Pvt. George H. Remold, Milwaukee.

Dead

Arkansas

Sgt. Clifford D. Taylor, Bartle.

California

Pvt. Charles D. Marks, San Bernardino.

Illinois

Corp. Paul P. Mize, Chicago.

Idaho

Pvt. Sylvester E. Hart, Bellingham.

Indiana

Pvt. Robert W. Sanderson, Ellettsville.

Maine

Corp. Bernard E. Bunker, Brownville.

Missouri

Pvt. Arthur E. Wallen, Turkey.

Pvt. Charles D. Marks, Kansas City.

Sgt. Paul H. Todd, Kansas City.

Michigan

Sgt. Peter N. Homrich, Grand Rapids.

New Jersey

Pvt. David H. Ruby, Jersey City.

New York

Corp. Bernard P. Ripschne, New York.

Sgt. Frederick J. Seitz, New York.

Oklahoma

Capt. Joseph A. White, Enid.

Oregon

Sgt. Donald M. Steele, Tigard.

Pennsylvania

Sgt. Robert A. Montgomery, Philadelphia.

Pvt. Joseph P. Woods, Philadelphia.

Pvt. William Krenschel, Summit.

North Carolina

Pvt. James M. Williamson, Georgetown.

Washington

Sgt. Donald W. Modest, Spokane.

Sgt. Arthur C. Philbin, West Wenatchee.

Wisconsin

Sgt. Donald G. North, Malden Rock.

Bear A Hand

For Sale

1935 FORD 4-door sedan, good condition, radio, good tires. Owner wants to sell early for \$110. J. V. Harvey, Co. A, Box 114, Jm. Woodcrest 3200.

BUICK convertible, 1937. Good condition. Will sell for half equity. Corp. Broadway, 2nd fl. 1st.

Lost

BEWARD of 35 will be given to the finder of leather portfolio, black upper bag, lost near Base PX. Contact E. L. Indigley, 594 B. Van Ness Ave., Los Angeles 44.

IDENTIFICATION bracelet, name engraved, Emma Collett, Box 270.

Found

DIAMOND wedding band on Base. Owner may have by identifying and contacting R. H. Allen, MCB.

WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

BASE THEATER 1730 and 2000

SATURDAY—The Southerners. Zachary Scott-Betty Field. Screen story of tenant farmers in the South.

SUNDAY—Three Strangers. Geraldine Fitzgerald-Sidney Greenstreet. Mystery thriller. Also, short subject and news.

MONDAY—Under Fiesta Stars. Gene Autry. Horse opus. Also Arson Squad, Robert Armstrong-Frank Albertson. Murder-mystery romance.

TUESDAY—You Can't Do Without Love. Vera Lynn-Donald Stewart. Musical comedy. A British import film. Also, short subjects and news.

WEDNESDAY—Duffy's Tavern. Ed Gardner-Marjorie Reynolds.

THURSDAY—Keys of the Kingdom. Gregory Peck-Thomas Mitchell. Still as good as it was when it played the Base last January.

FRIDAY—Tell It to a Star. Robert Livingston-Ruth Terry. An elderly guy tries to get his niece into radio. Also, short subjects and news.



(Photo by PFC. Marion E. Brown)

WATER MEN. Here is the MCB swimming team which competed in the 11th Naval Dist. meet and will participate in the La Jolla Rough Water Swim.

MCB Swimming Team Ready For El Toro Water Meet

The Base swimming team wound up one swimming meet, and pointed toward another this week in preparation for the big event when it journeys to MCAS, El Toro, to enter the competition there next month.

Baseballers Win Speedball Tilt

Sparked by Steve Johnson and Al Martinez, the MCB baseball team turned their talents toward speedball and downed a Sea School contingent, 9-5, in a demonstration game this week on the Base football field.

The game was played before a gathering of organization athletic officers and prospective coaches as an introduction to early fall intramural sports in which speedball will be featured. The spectators indicated a general enthusiasm for the sport and judged it a splendid conditioning game.

Steve Johnson was high-scoring man of the afternoon, with a total of six points, followed by Martinez who tallied three times. Hobson, Arnold and LaPlante each netted one score for Sea School, while Knight scored twice.

Last week, the Marine swimmers placed third in two events while competing for honors in the 11th Naval Dist.'s annual races. St/Sgt. "Flash" Gordon was the only individual winner among the local men; he placed third in the three-meter diving competition. The Base freestyle relay team churned 200 meters for a third place win. The team was composed of Sgt. M. P. Rivers, Pvt. James White, PFC. F. J. Zaitz, and Corp. J. R. Dobson.

ROUGH WATER NEXT

Next on the slate for the local watermen is the La Jolla Rough Water meet which is held annually and follows a course of one-half a mile through the surf and rocks near the La Jolla Beach club. 1st Lt. Thomas C. Smith, team coach and officer in charge of the MCB pool, announced this week that eight men had submitted entry blanks from this station. They were: Dr. John E. Walsh, Dr. Robert N. Levine, PFC. F. J. Zaitz, Corp. James R. Dobson, Sgt. M. P. Rivers, Pvt. Harry Driscoll, and Sgt. J. D. Copl.

On the first day of October, the Base WR swimming team will open competition against other service women's squads, when it enters the 11th Naval Dist. tournament.

Chevron Sports

Pacific Athletic Stars' Exhibition Described by 'Sardine Can' Pilot

By PFC. Jack Welsh

MCAD, MIRAMAR—You've probably heard the phrase, "Packed as tight as sardines in a can." Well, that describes the condition of a group of the nation's top-flight athletes while traveling during a recent exhibition tour in the Pacific, according to Capt. Harry Lloyd, 24-year-old transport pilot now at the Air Depot here.

The "can" was a lumbering "Skytrain" transport plane and the "sardines" were the stars of tennis, boxing, baseball and table tennis.

Five major-leaguers headed the baseball talent. Johnny Mize, former hard-hitting first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals and New York Giants; Harold "Pewee" Reese, fleet shortstop for the Brooklyn Dodgers, and Pitchers Johnny Van der Meer, Cincinnati's double no-hit artist, and Mace Brown, ex-Pittsburgh Pirate hurl-

er, represented the National League, while only "Sheets" Diekey, brother of the famous Bill and ex-Chicago White Sox catcher, hailed from the American.

From the fistie circles came two former world champions, Lou Ambers, ex-ruler of the lightweights, and Fred Apostoli, former middle-weight champion.

Bobby Riggs appeared for tennis and worked an amazing act with Bud Blatner, world's table tennis king. Playing Blatner in tennis, Riggs drove over a smashing, one-sided triumph but in table tennis Blatner reversed the situation, and scored an easy win.

Spending four weeks covering the Marshall-Mariana-Palau area, Lloyd boosted his flying hours to 2096 and gained the satisfaction of delivering the men whose names mean tops in sports to Marines, soldiers and sailors whose only contact with professional sports came from out-dated newspapers and recorded news broadcasts.

Brady Kayos Poole In Recruit's Main Event

Jim Brady, 135-pound puncher from Houston, Tex., scored a knockout over Oregon hurricane John Poole, of Portland, in a fast-moving bout at Recruit Depot last week. The Texan finished off his opponent in 1:44 of the second heat with a short right to the chin.

Both fighters were known as kyo artists at the local arena, and the battle moved swiftly and evenly until Brady slipped in the right-cross. Poole's head snapped back, he dropped to the canvas, and the fight was over.

WILLIS WINS SEMI

Two 125-pounders, David Willis of Houston, Tex., and Joe Ayala of Los Angeles, tangled in the semi-final event to keep the crowd on its feet through the three rounds. Willis earned Referee Frankie Forrester's decision with his cleaner punching, but the bout was

hanging in balance throughout the time limit.

Preceding the main event, John Okonishi (154), St. Paul, Minn., won by a clean knockout early in the first round over Jackie Cummings (156), Decatur, Tex. Though Cummings had shown promising talent in the bouts of the previous week, he just couldn't match Okonishi's clean, stiff punching.

Judges for the evening's fights were Sgt. J. D. Copl and PFC. J. E. Johnson, and the timekeeper was PISgt. J. P. Daly. Matchmaker Frankie Forrester served as referee. 1st Lt. Thomas C. Smith announced the events.

OTHER RESULTS

Joel Oliver (138), Ada, Okla., decided John Thompson (139), William, Cal. Robert Hite (158), Baytown, Nelt, threw such decisive punches that the referee had to stop the bout in the first round, giving him a TKO decision over Albert Okonishi (162), Dallas, Tex.

Phil Ayala (125), Attleboro, Mass., was decided by Marcus Lopez (123), Denver, Colo. Robbie Chambers (140), Houston, Tex., took a first-round TKO from Augustine Leyva (136), Los Angeles.

LeRoy Hennigan (180), Woodlawn, Cal., decided Bruce Hinton (172), Salt Lake City. Woody Brooks of Lomax, Tex., and Leroy Lee (143) of Upland, Cal., fought to a draw.

Richard Carlotta (152) of Martinez, Cal., upset pre-fight dope by netting a first-round TKO over John Drummy (136) of Los Angeles. Carlotta had shown a will to fight in his several previous Recruit Depot bouts but never before had displayed the power which gave him the early win over Drummy.

MCB GUARDS IN DOUBLE VOLLEYBALL WIN

Hq. Co., Gd. Bn., pushed into a position to knock off the Base Volleyball league leaders this week when it won a doubleheader match against Shoe & Textile and the Fire Dept.

Next on the list for the guardsmen is the Hq. Co., Hq. Bn. team, which is now leading the league with 19 wins against 2 losses.



By PFC. JOHN R. HUNTER

The "Flying Marines" at El Toro have an open date in their football schedule, which they would like to fill with a tilt against the Fourth Army Air Force eleven. But the doggies aren't about to accept the challenge. At least, this is true if we can believe what the El Toro news dispatches tell us.

"... for money, marbles or chalk, in dungarees or barefoot!" Team Manager Maj. Ben Finney challenged, but the Army airmen turned down all offers," the dispatch said.

"Negotiations for a game with the Fourth were begun last December and continued later at the Pacific Coast Conference meeting in June," the major explained. "Both teams have an open date on Sunday, Nov. 4, and the Los Angeles coliseum, the logical place for the contest, will be available on that date."

Well, who can blame the doggies much? They're out to win.

It is now definitely settled that the Base diamond crew will not participate in the 11th Naval Dist. playoffs. It just doesn't have men enough to field against the winners of the All-Star and National leagues. However, the local team can still boast of winning the American league pennant, while playing against the Corps' transfer system.

On the coming weekend, the Base WR softball team will travel to El Toro for a tournament of Marine women. The affair probably won't hit the big-time in the Coast papers, but it will probably draw more interest from our sisters in green than would an explosion in Madison Square Garden.

Flying Marines' Line Is Coast's Heaviest

MCAS, EL TORO—Col. Dick Hanley's "Flying Marines" will make a strong headhead for the 1945 top football positions with a starting line that is a veritable nation of GI beef—averaging more than 230 pounds per position.

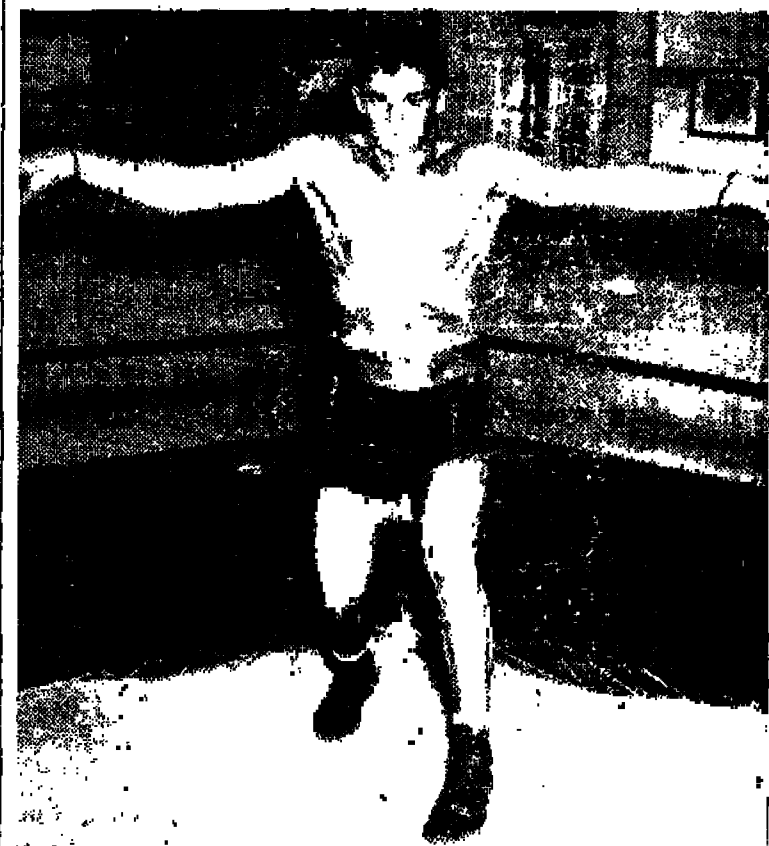
Here is the way these human amphitruces tip the scales, tallying enough pounds to make the Marines' forward wall generally recognized as the heaviest on the West Coast:

Ends—Lt. Bob Dove, 210; Corp. Vera Gagne, 210; Lt. Bob Hein, 210; Corp. Tom Lalley, 215; St/Sgt. Henry King, 197; PFC Sig Sigurdson, 200; PBM2/c Deane Anderson, 210; St/Sgt. Ralph Harmon, 215.

Tackles—Corp. "Wee Willie" Wilkin, 260; Corp. Harley MacCallum, 240; Sgt. Charles Hunka, 220; Lt. John Wickham, 246; Sgt. Joe Bechtold, 220; PFC. Ed Sprano, 215; PFC. Bob Clarke, 235; MTSgt. West Matthews, 205.

Guards—Lt. Bill Kennedy, 207; Lt. Bob Tullis, 215; Sgt. Julian Pressly, 192; TSgt. Joe Venturi, 200; Pvt. John Hyle, 212; MTSgt. Guy Knebel, 235; PFC. Tony Sumpter, 215.

Centers—St/Sgt. Dick Handley, 200; PFC. Sam Brazinsky, 208; PFC. Larry Davis, 192; TSgt. Albert Crosby, 200.



(Photo by PFC. Marion E. Brown)

LIKES IT. Pvt. Leo Lokovsek says he likes to trade punches in the squared ring and has signed for pre-war battles under the managership of Frankie Forrester. A 188-pounder, Lokovsek has plenty of time to grow; he is only 17 and has been fighting since he was 13.



"SNOW-JOB" CHARLEY

THIS WEEK
NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

Monday—MILLIONS SWelter AS HEAT WAVE HITS CALIFORNIA
 Tuesday—CONGRESS MAY INQUIRE INTO PEARL HARBOR CASE
 Wednesday—NAVY RESCINDS ORDER ALLOWING CIVILIAN GAND
 Thursday—STRIKES SWEEP COUNTRY; MORE THAN 85,000 IDLE
 Friday—END OF DRAFT ADVOCATED BY MAJORITY OF CONGRESS

HOUSTON, Tex.—In a men's clothing store a young corporal, assisted by a pretty girl, selected a civilian suit and tried it on. The girl looked him over and said: "You're still cute." The salesman, thinking he had made a sale, said, "I suppose you have your discharge and are ready to be a civilian again." Returned the corporal: "Oh no. My girl just wanted to see how I looked in civilian clothes before she made up her mind about marrying me."

SOUTHBURIDGE, Mass. (SEA)—A radio-telephone effective for distances up to the miles will be placed on the market within six months by a manufacturer here. The device will cost under \$25.

NEW YORK (CNS)—The Department of American women will have to make their old clothes last another year at least. Fashion manufacturers say it will take that long to replace the thousands of ways of wearing the old good old dress.

MCKENNA, Pa. (CNS)—A woman here is out to break the world record for continuous ironing. In 1917 she ironed a package and ironed it 60 days. Recently a herring bone tie had lain in her craw and she played off again.

HASTINGS, Neb. (SEA)—When services were over at a church here, a woman suddenly approached the ushers with a request that her contribution be returned. So long she had dropped her red points in the collection basket instead of money. The swap was promptly made.

LOS ANGELES—The Burbank Burlesque Theater advertised "atom bomb dancers."

ATLANTA, Ga.—Two tired young paratroopers wandered into a large furniture store, stretched out on a couple of beds, and went to sleep. The store manager found them, gently unlaced their boots, brought a blanket and spread it over them. Through most of the day, in the midst of visiting shoppers, the boys had their sleep out.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (CNS)—Easily offended is a local man who slugged a passing woman on the street. "She winked at me," he told the court. "That made me mad."

PLACEMIN, Cal.—An escaped convict, Eric Laubach, took to the highways was finally shot to death. He was promptly nabbed by the driver. The prison warden.

WASHINGTON (SEA)—A well-dressed woman walked into a drug store with 21 cartons of cigarettes under her arm. "What will you give me for these?" she said. "I bought them during the shortage and now I'm afraid they'll get sold." The druggist turned her down.

TULSA, Okla. (SEA)—Publishers of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" here are slightly fed up on the book. The Federal Trade Commission has reported that Goodrich C. Doolley, "prominent collegian" written up in the book, is a skeleton which for 30 years has figured in student pranks at the university from which his name was submitted.

WORCESTER, Mass. (SEA)—Thirty-year-old Mrs. John F. O'Brien gave birth to her fourth set of twins.

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MODEST DISPLAY. This is Jeanette Grae of Hollywood, where the castings are prettier than the so-called movie stars. Jeanette doesn't go around dressed like this all the time—darn it—but just when she is working for Earl Carroll. Earl worries much about his girls having to work in costumes like this. He is always saying, "Jeanette, you're going to catch a bad chest and going around like that. Now hurry and put on a few more heads—just as soon as the last cash customer has left." Jeanette, though, really doesn't care, she had less than this on when she was born. Yes she did too.