

Commandant Plans Future of Marine Corps

More Men of 4th Div. Arrive Stateside

Arrival of the 2nd Bn. of the 25th Regiment in San Diego this week brings to nearly 4500 the number of Marines of the 4th Division who have come ashore in the past ten days from Maui, T.H.

A total of nearly 11,330 men have returned from the Pacific to San Diego since a week ago Friday.

The 2nd Bn. of the 25th were aboard the escort carrier Admiralty Islands.

The group was composed of 58 officers and 1221 enlisted men; they arrived with men of the 4th Engineer Bn.

More than 12 per cent of the engineers have received combat decorations, and of approximately 900 officers and men, 480 were battle casualties. An estimated 65 per cent of the men were eligible for immediate discharge.

EARLIER ARRIVALS

Earlier this week more than 2000 veterans of the 4th Mar. Div., forming the second contingent to return to the U.S., arrived here aboard the escort carriers Sargent Bay and Kailashan Bay.

This group was composed mainly of men of the 24th and 25th Regiments. Aboard the Sargent Bay were the 1st and 3rd Bns. of the 24th and its regimental commander, Col. Walter L. Jordan. The 2nd Bn. arrived here last Friday with the first contingent from Maui, second largest island in the Hawaiian group.

21 MONTHS OVER

Most of the Marines who disembarked were veterans of two or more of the 4th Division's battles in the Pacific, including Iwo Jima, Saipan, Tinian and Roi-Namur. Many left from San Diego 21

months ago and went directly into their first combat action in the Marshalla.

Both the 24th and 25th Marines paid dearly for their hard-fought victories. In all operations, the 24th had 933 dead and 4115 wounded. The 25th lost 943 dead and 3658 were wounded.



(Photo by Sgt. Henry Tothland)

MARINE & FRIEND. Youngest man of three branches of service to receive the Medal of Honor for World War II, 17-year-old PFC. Jacklyn H. Lucas of Belhaven, N. C., is shown here receiving the nation's highest award from President Truman. A Marine at 14, Lucas covered two grenades with his body on Iwo Jima.

War's Over Now -- Marines Save Japs

By United Press

TIEN-TSIN—United States Marines, who had fought against the Japanese on Okinawa, rescued some of their former foes recently from angry Chinese crowds.

Chinese fury was unleashed in five separate street incidents against the Japanese. Marine 31's charged into the crowds, rescued the Japanese and either escorted them to Japanese headquarters or held them until their own military police could escort them to safety.

Scores of Japanese were beaten, but none was reported killed.

A Marine spokesman said the Japanese troops were there to maintain order. The Marine commander had ordered the Japanese commander, Gen. Uchida, to keep all civilians at home as much as possible.

Marines Are World 'Minute Men'; Post-war WR Unit Planned

Recruiting drums began to roll this week as the Marine Corps pointed toward a 100,000 hard-striking "Minute Men" unit designed to help keep peace in a troubled world.

A planned schedule of 1000 enlistments and re-enlistments each month, to increase to 4000 during the months of December to March of 1946, then decreasing to a stabilized peace-time rate of 1750 recruits each month was outlined to Congress recently by the Commandant.

MANY RE-ENLISTMENTS

"It is believed," Gen. A. A. Vandegrift told the House naval affairs committee, "that at least 60 per cent of each month's quota will be met by re-enlistment of Marines who served during the war."

The total male enlisted strength on September 2, 1945, was as follows:

Regulars serving under current enlistments or extensions	71,504
Regulars being held under expired enlistments	11,160
Reserves (including WR's)	306,673
Inductees	87,316
Total	446,642

OFFICER STRENGTH

When Japan capitulated, Gen. Vandegrift said, the total active duty officer and warrant officer strength of the Marine Corps, including the Women's Reserve, was 27,335, distributed as follows:

Regulars, permanent	2,679
Regulars, temporary	4,354
Regulars, retired	105
Reserve (including WR's)	20,081
Reserve, retired	83
Total	27,335

Gen. Vandegrift said that of the 109,000 Marines, 13,892 will be required for the guarding of naval establishments. Of those, 7,182

would be outside the continental limits. Naval vessels will require 4488.

FUTURE OF WR'S

Plans for the future of the WR's were outlined. A post-war Women's Reserve of 500 officers and 4500 enlisted women was set.

BULLETIN

The discharge score for WR's has been lowered from 35 to 30 points, according to a message received Friday at Base Communications Office. The new order amends 147, of Inst. 1110 relative to discharge. Masters of eligible personnel submitted as of Nov. 1 will include those eligible under this directive. Discharge points will include service to Sept. 1, 1945.

NO NEED FOR CHANGE

Gen. Vandegrift said he saw no basis for altering the present concept of the mission and function of the Corps. "The provision for the Fleet of an adequate amphibious component, including a nucleus of specially trained and equipped troops," he told Congress, "is vitally necessary to insure the readiness of the Fleet to undertake operations of all types."

"In the event that present efforts toward international organization to prevent war are successful, the scope of the Fleet Marine Force will be expanded. It is a force of 'minute men' and it will be held in readiness to be moved instantly with the Fleet to any part of the world to strike hard and promptly to forestall at its beginning any attempt to disrupt the peace of the world."

TWO FLEETS PLANNED

The new Navy Post-War Plan provides for two fleets, Atlantic and Pacific. It provides for each an Amphibious Force with diversified amphibious lift in the Atlantic for one reinforced Marine Division, and in the Pacific for one division and one brigade.

Gen. Vandegrift detailed the principal supporting establishments which will be maintained. They are: Camp Pendleton; Camp Lejeune; MCR, San Diego; Marine Barracks, Parris Island; Marine Barracks, Quantico; Headquarters Marine Corps; Marine Barracks, Washington; Procurement Field Service; Logistic Activities; and Quartermaster depots at Norfolk, Philadelphia, Barstow, San Francisco and Camp Pendleton.

Air bases to be maintained are: Cherry Point, Kinston, and Oak Grove, N. C.; Quantico; Kearney-Miramar; El Toro; Ewa, Oahu, all scheduled for full operation. El Centro will have reduced operating strength. Bogue Field, N. C., Parris Island, Mojave, maintenance force only.

BATTLE CASUALTIES

The total battle casualties of the Marine Corps during the war were:	
Killed in action and died of wounds	19,033
Wounded in action	50,617
Missing in action	496
Total	70,146



(Photo by PFC. Marion M. Brown)

GUNG HO, MAMMY! Striking a typical "Al Jolson" before Republic starlet Dale Evans, who sings for the boys of the 4th Mar. Div. as they disembark from their ship, PFC. Larry Glick lets her know that he's glad to be back. Glick numbered among those returning Stateside last week aboard the USS Attu. Dale Evans, Roy Rogers' singing co-star, was brought down especially for the troops' arrival.

No China Duty?

CHUNGKING (A.P.)—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek said recently at his first post-war press conference that United States Marines would be withdrawn from North China "very soon."

He said they would start leaving as soon as they were relieved by Chinese Central government forces.

The Marines were sent into North China recently to help Chinese authorities disarm surrendered forces.

*Dere Top!?

You may have heard the news, Top, but Moonhead has got married — an to a ex-dugate, W that!

This all wuz quite a shock to me indeed as there are only sevral hundred things closer to my hart than the Core as I did not hardly think it wuz right of him to be fraternizin' With the enemy.

The bride is a former army nurse, a furst loois. I thought sinz Moonhead wuz only a stuff sarjunt befour being first out of the Core on pointz that he would be very conshus about honey-mooning with a offiser. But he said it did not seem stranj at all.

I can see his point—sinz I wuz allowed to kiss the bride, an can testifie regarding such. You may not beleve it, Top, but this lootenant kissed jist like any other membr of the opposit sacks. Howsumever, I did not think it necessary of her to say "at ense" to me jist befour I puckered up. Perhaps I wuz a littul nervous of being so intimt with a offiser. Shurly she could not object to my kissing her befour Moonhead did. After all I an he were pritty good frens an he still owes me that \$49.50 from New Zealand.

But I am gitting ahead of my story, Top. I shall paint you a word pickebure of the hole thing as I know you are allways inter-usted in Moonhead. I remembur that you used to say when Moonhead used to empty your ush tray an dust off your offias chair (that wuz jist BEFOUR he made stuff sarjunt) that he would make sum wamin a good wife.

The weddin' wuz a quiet affare, ecksept for Torch Nose belching during the marraige neopuhilis. I had warned him about taking that last shot of Aquia Velve befour the saramoney.

Select indeed wuz the guest list. In addishup to Torch Nose an I there wuz Beast, Blotternose, Peabrain an his fiancée, Moondust. The bride had invited a few odds an ends, like her former C.O. (a one-star man with Victory and Good Conduct ribbons attached) an sum relatives an frens.

Beast conductid hisself real well. I thought. Altho he on ockashun drinkd a littul too much, the three or four quick aspirin-an-cokes he had out in the foyave had littul or no effect. There were sum who thought he should not have kept pulling his time in the serviss on the arnee genral during the saramoney, but in my opinyun Beas's only breach of etti-kyet wuz when he kept whispying to the offiser—"How many points have YOU got?"

Top, Moonhead did not seem at all nervous during the whole thing. Frum the time the juke box began to play "Here Comes the Bride" until the last rites were sed our ol fren wuz the very pick-chure of compasure. It wuz a dubbl ring affare an I think the fact that both rings ended up on the reverend's fingers really wuz not due to Moonhead being nervous. I think he wuz jist going to let the milister keep them for security until he could git his unemployabil insurance an slip him a fiver for reciting the saramoney.

They had a nice recepshun after the wedding, ecksept that Moonhead an the ex-loois kept wanting to leave. I tried to get up a littul puffer game with them an Beas and Peabrain but it wuz no go. I can not understan Moonhead any more as he wuz allways so inter-usted in blackjack, etc. an so forth.

Because of the housing shortage the noolyweds were going to pitch a shelter half in a littul park on the outskirts of town. I offered to go along with them—jist to help with the tent. Top—but my offer wuz declined. Well, Moonhead an I shared and shared alike for three long years, but if he is gubg to spurn our frendship on his wedding day I may be furst to regard that matter of \$49.50 more seriously.

Torch Nose sed it is only fair to wait 24 hours befour calling on noolyweds. I think Torch Nose overestimates Moonhead.

Well, Top, as you know, I wuz antehus intend to return to Sandy Agn. Besides, my furlow had expired. Today I had a littul from the noolyweds, Moonhead sed the furst nite passed without incident, except that about midnight a coupl of Boy Scouts peeked in the shelter half an sed—"Are you guys from Troop 21? We're looking for the * * * * * assistant leader of the Beaver Patrol."

I hope Moonhead's marraige works out okay. If the problem of who wares the pants in the family comes up that Moonhead won't find hisself saluting. I think perhaps this ex-loois will be a understanding spouse, altho I did hear her tell our old Core fren that he would "police up" his motlet-in-laws dining room after the recepshun.

Well I've got to go an try on a few of my civilyun clothes that I brought back from furlow—jist to git used to the padded shoulders. I am undecided whether I will wear that brass discharge pin in the lapel of my tweeds. Mother thinks they look like the pin they give a automobile salesman for selling twenty-five Pontiacs.

Your fren of yore,
A membr of the Core,
Who not much more
will be
SARJUNT HEINEMANN

Jap Rules for Cruelty Revealed

By StSgt. Bill Hengen, Correspondent
OAHU, T. H. (Delayed)—Any Japanese claims that their commanding officers forbade mistreatment of American prisoners of war can be disproved, in black and white, by one Wake Island defender, StSgt. John F. Blandy of Osceola Mills, Pa.
For the 44 months he spent in prison camp, he kept a set of mimeographed instructions distributed to him and other Wake Island prisoners immediately after capitulation of the island. The first rule of conduct set by the Japs for American prisoners listed 12 specific offenses punishable by death. Among the capital crimes (in the official Japanese list) was "individualism, egoism, thinking only about yourself, rushing for your own goods."
The mimeographed paper states: Commander of the Prisoner Escort Navy of the Great Japanese Empire
REGULATIONS FOR PRISONERS
1. Prisoners disobeying the following orders will be punished with immediate death.
a. Those disobeying orders and instructions.
b. Those showing a motion of antagonism and raising a sign of opposition.
c. Those disobeying the regulations by individualism, egoism, thinking only about yourself, rushing for your own goods.
d. Those talking without permission and raising loud voices.
e. Those walking and moving without order.
f. Those carrying unnecessary baggage in enparking.
g. Those resisting mutually.
h. Those touching the boat's materials, wires, electric lights, tools, switches, etc.
i. Those climbing ladder without order.
j. Those showing action of running away from the room or boat.
k. Those trying to take more meal than given to them.
l. Those using more than two blankets.
m. Since the boat is not well equipped and inside being narrow, food being scarce and poor you'll feel uncomfortable during the short time on the boat. Those losing patience and disordering the regulation will be heavily punished for the reason of not being able to escort . . . (rest unreadable).
3. Meals will be given twice a day. One plate only to a prisoner. The prisoners called by the guard will give out the meal quick as possible and honestly. The remaining prisoners will stay in their places quietly and wait for your plate. Those moving from their places reaching for your plate without order will be heavily punished. Same orders will be applied in handling plates after meal.
4. Toilet will be fixed at the four corners of the room. The buckets and cans will be placed. When filled up a guard will appoint a prisoner. The prisoner called will take the buckets to the center of the room. Toilet papers will be given. Everyone must cooperate to make the room sanitary. Those being careless will be punished.
5. Navy of the Great Japanese Empire will not try to punish you all with death. Those disobeying all the rules and regulations, and believing the action and purpose of the Japanese Navy, cooperating with Japan in construction the "New Order of the Great Asia" which leads to the world's peace will be well treated.



(Photo by Corp. Harvey M. Crosby)
MARINE & SOLDIER. Victims of Jap near-starvation in Formosa, Marine Corp. Jimmie R. Murphy of St. Louis and Army PFC. Wilbur F. Hansen of Duluth here are shown eating their first hearty meal in three and one-half years. They were freed by landing Marines.

Marine-WAVE Twins Reunited On Marine's Release From Japs

By Sgt. Allen H. Matthews, Correspondent
HAWAII (Delayed)—A pretty, blonde WAVE beamed happily through her tears here today and admitted that her own, personal war aim had been realized. She had found her twin brother, alive and well.
The WAVE is SKL Helen Sofranoff whose brother, PFC. Mike Sofranoff, arrived in Pearl Harbor aboard the USS Ozark, which brought him from his prison camp in Japan.
It wasn't just luck that found Helen on the dock when the Ozark slid up to its moorings. This was the day she had planned for three years ago when she took the oath to become a WAVE.
REUNION
And it didn't detract from the joy of reunion when Mike, wailed off as he had been for nearly four years from news of his family, failed unbelievably to recognize his twin.
"Somebody came up with this girl and said, 'Your sister is here to see you.' But I said, 'It can't be; my sister's at home,' and then I took another look and said I recognized her."
MEMBER OF FOURTH
Helen, asked if the capture of her brother, a member of the famous 4th Marines at Corregidor, had anything to do with her enlistment, replied:
"Oh—it had everything to do with it."
Her eyes brimming with tears, she continued:
"And then I asked for duty over here because I could be nearer to where he was and there was always the chance that I'd be able to see him. And you see the chance came."
"When the war ended and they started bringing prisoners out of Japan I watched every list of men brought through here. That's the way I found that he was going to be on the Ozark."
"It was such a long time," and Helen laughed through her tears, but now everything is all right."



"Gosh, it's great not to have to salute anyone!"

Vets Vote Sack Duty Real Love

NEW YORK—"Just sleep for a week" and "Sink my teeth into some of ma's home-baked cakes" were the top choices by servicemen in a nationwide poll just concluded by a commercial survey organization.
Hundreds of GIs throughout the country, and many overseas, filled out the questionnaire which permitted listing of three choices. The question was: What three things (other than seeing your loved ones) do you particularly long for?
The first five replies in order of most popularly selected choices are:
1. Just sleep for a week.
2. Sink my teeth into some of Ma's home-baked cakes.
3. Play my favorite song. (A majority giving this answer filled in the name of the desired song. "A Nickel Ride," the Subway Song, was apparently the GI favorite.)
4. Get back to my old job.
5. Get married immediately.

Base Repairs Begun

Acceptance by the Navy of the \$46,390 bid of a local construction company for repairs to the parade ground and roads at the Base was announced this week by the 11th Naval Dist.
Work on the half-mile-long parade ground and many Base roads, which was begun this week, will consist chiefly of filling low spots likely to catch water.
Also to be remedied are the post holes left along the west edge of the parade ground where a section of "tent city" was recently removed.

How About Brewery?

SAIPAN (CNS)—A GI-supervised coke plant employing 48 Jap civilians manufactures enough Coca-Cola to supply a bottle a day for every serviceman on this island and Tinian. Sgt. Bernard O. Bigeman, a coke man from civilian life, and 15 other GIs run the show. Units draw their coke on the basis of strength reports, just as they draw rations. Nobody has done anything yet about opening a GI brewery here.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"This war is no inconvenience to me,"—statement made by Adolf Hitler in August, 1914, according to a stenographic transcript discovered recently in Germany.



(Photo by Pvt. Ralph E. McFarrell)

HOLLYWOOD MARINES. Hollywood moved onto the Base again this week for the third time in recent months. The make-believe Marines in the photo are members of the cast of "They Dream of Home," a new RKO film depicting the trials and tribulations of getting "rehabilitated." The movie troupe plans a full week of shooting at Base 1st Separation Co. before returning to Hollywood.

MORE MOVIE MARINES

Confusion Reigns as Hollywood Returns

Hollywood returned to its "second home" again this week as giant trucks bearing lights and cameras and actors moved aboard MCB for the first day's shooting on a new RKO movie.

Unloading mountains of equipment and 86 persons—actors, directors, workmen and a producer—at the Base 1st Separation Co., the RKO movie company began work immediately. Immediately the Base went snafu.

First office to become prey to the "gentlemen in tweeds" was the separation company quartermaster where operations were severely handicapped while filming was going on.

One Marine, dazed by separation company procedure and anxious to finish his business before discharge, walked innocently onto the set, joining a group of make-believe Marines at the clothing counter. Everyone was baffled, including the movie people.

WHAT MOVIE?

At the other end of the building, the separation company sergeant major did not know that movieland had invaded the office.

"What movie?" he asked when questioned.

He was taken outside and shown the maze of movie equipment before he could be convinced.

One week of filming will be done on the movie here on the Base, which will cover procedure at separation company.

BACK FROM WAR

The screenplay, titled "They Dream of Home," is the story of four Marines, fresh from the war, who go about getting themselves rehabilitated.

First scenes deal with the Marine Corps system for discharging men.

Guy Madison, a new RKO find, will play the lead in the film. He was only recently discharged from the Navy.

EX-SERVICEMAN

Co-starring with Madison, Bob Mitchell, formerly a Western actor, will also take part in the picture.

Although Mitchell had no overseas duty while in the service, a studio publicity man pointed out, his service background leaves him well equipped to play roles of a man who must make mental changeovers before final adjustment to civilian life.



(Courtesy USMC photo)

OLD GLORY OVER JAPAN. Marines raise the Stars and Stripes over the Jap naval base at Yokosuka in the Tokyo area. Corp. Charles Dunn is raising the colors.



John F. Foy

Marines Find Rifles Of Wake Defenders

WAKE ISLAND (Delayed) With a shock we realized that the rifles stacked capelassly in a dark corner of the Japanese headquarters were not Japanese rifles.

The solid barrel... the sight... the stock... the bolt...

They were '03's—the rifles of the Marine defenders of Wake.

There were about 20 of them. On each was stamped "U. S. Springfield Armory, Model 1903."

We who had come through boot camp later had never used the '03. We had been brought up on the M-1 Garand. But the wonderful accuracy of the '03, in the hands of an old Marine, was the stuff of legends and traditions.

Each had a number stamped into the metal: 1032851... 327104... 849298... 803567...

Each had belonged to a Marine rifleman, one of the defenders of Wake.

Frustrated Japs

JAPAN (Delayed)—The most frustrated Japs on Kyushu are the score of officials who maintain a night and day vigil at this former Jap navy base.

They can't find anybody to surrender to.

The Japs brightened with the arrival of forward echelons of MAG 22 of the 2nd MAF. Informed they would have to wait for occupation troops to surrender, the Japs sighed and went back to their tent.

Again they perked up with the arrival of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Woods, 2nd MAF commanding general. But no Gen. Woods had no authority to accept their surrender.

The Japs are still waiting.

HOT MONEY?

LONDON (CNS) Dr. Paul Ellizig, financial expert of London's Financial News, has suggested a new currency for inflation-ridden Europe: American cigars.

Actor-Hero's Exploits Finally Revealed

As Capt. John Hamilton of the Marine Corps, Sterling Hayden, former motion picture actor and husband of Actress Madeleine Carroll, played a part in the European war more exciting than any screen role, the Office of Strategic Services disclosed recently.

In a story that belongs in the now-it-can-be-told category, it was revealed that the blond, six-foot four-inch actor was engaged in secret missions into enemy territory to rescue American fliers shot down over Central Europe.

Operating a small fishing boat along the Dalmatian and Albanian coasts as head of an OSS air rescue team, Hayden, or Hamilton, helped Allied fliers escape to Italy, carried supplies to OSS agents in Yugoslavia and Greece and aided Marshal Tito's Partisans in their guerrilla warfare against the Germans.

His boat, a 36-foot Diesel-powered vessel, was on more than one occasion strafed by enemy planes.

INTO YUGOSLAVIA

In August, 1944, Hamilton, accompanied by Marine GySgt. John Harnicker of Chicago, was dropped by parachute in Yugoslavia and set out to establish contact with Allied airmen who were wandering about the country seeking to escape to friendly territory.

CRUISE GERMAN LINES

Traveling by foot and by pack train, crossing German lines of communication four times, dodging enemy patrols, they reached their destination in five days. But with the capitulation of Bulgaria and Rumania, the country became alive with German troops and secret spies.

The three found their way back to the OSS base at Bari, Italy, but not before plotting the rescue of several American aviators.

TWICE AROUND WORLD

A seafarer for nearly ten years, Hayden served aboard fishing schooners out of Gloucester, Mass., and twice sailed around the world before he came into prominence as a motion picture star.

Pendleton Vehicles Get New Metal Tags

CAMP PENDLETON—Vehicle tags first metal tags to be issued here—are being sold by the Provost Marshal's office to members of the Camp Pendleton company owning vehicles and wishing to operate them within the camp.

The office had issued gummed stickers previously.

Approximately 500 sets of plates were sold the first four days of sale.

Plates issued officers have a crimson background with gold lettering. Plates issued enlisted personnel have a gold background with crimson lettering, and those issued civilians permanently employed on the reservation have a white background with black lettering. In addition to the number, the plates bear the Santa Margarita ranch brand "TO."

'Wire Money' Racket Fleeces Servicemen

One of the cruder rackets to be pulled on servicemen and their families came to light recently with the warning, by Western Union, of the "phony wire for money" racket.

An increasing number of persons have been victimized by fraudulent requests for money by telegram from persons posing as servicemen. The situation became so critical Western Union is advising service personnel who are in the habit of using the wires, to inform their families to be on the alert.

It is suggested that parents and wives should include in their answering message some question with which the serviceman (but no stranger) is familiar. The Western Union employees would then ask this test question of the recipient before turning the money over to him.



with LEE

To whom it may concern: Did you know that California has the largest representation in the MCWR? Now York State is second and Pennsylvania third with number of enlisted women. Just thought you might like to know for those numerous arguments that pop up wherein you are called upon to defend the old home state to the bitter end.

Latest dope from HQ says that married WR's whose husbands are in this country as civilians or in the service will be discharged, provided that the WR has a year of active service tucked away in her SRB. That is fine and very wonderful indeed. You say that you wish you'd taken advantage of the Base Chapel? Don't we all!

Check the October Headquarters Bulletin for job tips for discharged WR's if you're wondering how to keep the proverbial wolf from the door after you get out.

A few of our officers are sporting new insignia on their shoulders, which must mean that our battalion is coming up in the world. Now if we could only put our busy little brain to work and figure out a way to make another stripe...

IS IT YOU?

Our nomination for the meanest gal of the week is the fashion-minded chick who keeps walking off with the current copies of Vogue, Harper's Bazaar and such that are put in the lounge for the use of EVERYONE. Not that we see hopes of a discharge in sight, but we'd like to find out what they're wearing, ya know. Go easy!

From the looks of conspicuous notices posted on all bulletin boards, we are going to be GI from now on or else! Hours of EPD hang over our howled heads if we wear loafers, forget our ted sweaters, or don't keep our hair short and curly. Well, it's a good way of keeping the barracks clean, anyway.

DID YOU KNOW?

That if you care to indulge in roller or ice skating on Thursday



nights, that you can roll off the Base in a bus, dressed in your civvies? Good chance to snap in so why not take advantage of it?

That the WR combination lounge and mile-room over in the Ad Bldg. is crisscrossed with new records? Everything from King Cole to Harry James, with Bach, Beethoven, Chopin and those boys for you "long-hairs". Drop in some night; line forms to the right and you don't have to furnish your own needles.

That if you feel the season creeping up on you and are stuck for Christmas cards that are different, you can go over to the Craft Dept. and make your own? Haven't know you don't have to be artistic!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Why are we eating our breakfasts cafeteria style in the chow hall? We love having our eggs hot off the griddle, but not when it makes us late to work. Yours for a happy medium!



WORLD'S LONGEST LINE. This is the beer line at Transient Center, Marianas Area, said by veteran Marines to be the world's longest. The "Coconut Grove" beer parlor is off to the right of the photo. The line extends far up the hill into the tent area. Several Marines are said to have grown a half-inch beard before getting up to the counter.

Recon Company Star Winners Arrive Here

Eight Silver Star winners, all members of a single company of the 4th Mar. Div., arrived in the U.S. last week aboard the USS Albatross, with over 900 other members of the division.

Their unit, the 4th Reconnaissance Company, is probably the most decorated single outfit of the war.

In the company of 130 men, the have received several decorations.

Among jobs done by members of the company the most extraordinary was a reconnaissance mission made by volunteers off the beach at two times two days before the main body of Marines went ashore.

Then job was to check the landing beaches, search for possible traps and spot gun positions. After spending two hours in the veritable hell of enemy fire the group miraculously got out and returned to its command ship to pass on the vital information it had gathered.

Other battles in which the company participated were Saipan, Tinian, Roi-Namur and Eniwetok including Roi-Namur and Eniwetok in the Marshalls. The company received some 22 small medals in total group.

'Black Hold' Horrors Told

HAWAII (Delayed) That 30-day trip from the Philippines to Eniwetok, during which he and 700 other prisoners of war fought to live and sometimes to die in the ships to by hold, told of a horror story.

Charles A. Kirkland, who was in the ship, said the hold was a "black hole" and that the men were kept in it for 30 days. It was too terrible. We left the Philippines in November, 1944, so crowded in the hold of that prison ship that we never once were able to lie down.

MANY DIE

"Thirty-seven men died of heat, starvation and thirst. Some were killed in fights which broke out during the scorching, feverish nights. We had to sleep sitting up with our knees tucked under our chins. Time after time some of the men became hysterical and had to be quieted by force. The Japs gave us such a ration of water every 24 hours and a cup of food if you could call it that twice a day. But once during those 30 days we were able to sleep out of the hold of that ship."

CAPTURED AT PANGLOSS

Kirkland was captured on Corregidor in May, 1942. As a prisoner of war in the Philippines, he was forced to work for the Japs at the Las Pinas airport at Manila until he was transferred to Fort Magsaysay. From there, he went to Kadena, Japan, last January.

Big Jap 'Victories' Through Courtesy U. S. Marines

YOKOSUKA, Japan (Delayed) The Japanese always believed that American opponents at Iwajima in the prison camp and Sgt. Michael Winterbach of Spokane, Wash., knows why.

Winterbach, captured on Iwajima in May, 1942, said the favorite trick of Jap prison camp guards was to practice Judo on you. If you didn't let them throw you, they would abuse you and would beat you with a stick handle. So we always let them throw us and they'd just pretty up and forget about a beating.

Winterbach fought on Iwajima as one of the "Red" 4th Marines who were sent behind the front a delaying action on the mountain which the main body of all troops in the Philippines were forced back to Corregidor.

He was liberated shortly after the "Red" 4th Marines landed here in the initial occupation of the Jap homeland.

A Marine strolling past Naha's post office and shopkeepers today remarked, "I guess 'The Phantom of the Opera' plays there."

Huge Guam Tent City Speeds Marines Home

By Sgt. Bernie Miligan, United Press Staff Writer
TRANSIENT CENTER, Marianas Area, Guam (Delayed)
 "We have one aim—to move the greatest number of men homeward in the shortest possible time."

This statement is from key men operating the Marine Corps' Transient Center here.

Transient Center is a city of tents, phonograph huts and road signs and road signs in a palm-fringed valley a few miles west of Agaña, capital of Guam, housing some 10,000 Marine veterans of Pacific campaigns. For them it is half way home, their first stop en route to civilian life.

SPEDS IS THE WORD

Primary function is to provide transportation. In addition the center registers, feeds, houses and entertains the incoming thousands. While they are waiting for transport the center checks all their records and answers their questions and complaints. Special and emergency cases are given special attention by the center authorities. Last step is to make out the orders and get the men to the ships that will take them home.

The center draws its inhabitants from six Marine combat divisions, four air wings and numerous service and supply units scattered through the western Pacific islands and China and Japan. Most of them are eligible for discharge, but mingled with the homeward bound Marines are fresh arrivals on their way to Marine units with the Army of Occupation.

SPEDS INTO UNITS

To speed processing of the men, the camp has been divided into departments.

One department handles men over 30 years of age, another men under 30, a third men with 30 days or more of leave, a fourth men with 30 days or more of leave, and a fifth handles the men fresh from training camps in the United States.

Time also was taken prior to the Marine Corps' announcement of lowering the points needed for discharge to 60.

Usually two weeks pass between the time Pfc. George C. Rogers greets the incoming Marine and the time Sgt. Bernard J. Struthers packs him his orders home.

It is estimated that it takes a month and a half, shipped time, to get a man from his unit's headquarters to his living room. Transportation is usually by surface freight. Some in all transport planes.

Army, Navy and Marine Corps have been ordered to release prisoners of war. Over a period of four weeks, Sgt. Struthers recalls, only one man was sent home by air. He was a wounded veteran ordered to

Washington, D. C. to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor from the President.

NOT ENOUGH SHIPS

There are not enough ships available to keep the men moving off as fast as they move in. But the Transient Center maintains communication with Navy shipping authorities 24 hours each day. Every ship entering the harbor at Guam is contacted for space availability.

The Navy Post Director phones Transient Center with a quota and a time of departure.

Usually the procedure from this point on calls for hasty action. In one instance a group of men were notified, given orders and placed in vehicles within 30 minutes of the phone call.

Guam's Future Forecast Bright

WASHINGTON (Delayed) — The Senate naval affairs committee was told recently that present plans, and for rebuilding Guam into a major naval base "corresponding to Pearl Harbor."

Major Gen. Henry L. Larson, Marine commandant of the Pacific, will make that statement to urging congressional action on it will authorize public works rehabilitation for the island up to a limit of \$10,000,000.

Gen. Larson pointed out that Guam is a "major city" in rebuilding the war-torn capital of Manila. Naval residents will be invited to trade in old cars for new. The reconstruction and development of public and private property destroyed during the war.

The death of Agaña, he said, has brought the rebuilding and is doing business in "two little quarters." The city needs an excellent sewage system, new schools, court house, jail, a long hospital and power system he declared.

Japs are still being killed in captured by Marines on the small square island of Agaña, the general added.

"We killed three Japs just before I left last week," he said.

Since American forces recaptured the island from the Japs a year ago last July, some Japs have been killed and 100 captured.



EIGHT SILVER STARS. These men of the 4th Mar. Div.'s crack Reconnaissance Co. number among members of what is probably the most decorated single company of the war. Of 120 men, 100 of the outfit were awarded personal decorations; men pictured have Silver Stars for two.



ARMY OF THE VANQUISHED. In a Jap armory on the Fukutaki peninsula, Marines destroy weapons of the Imperial Jap Army. The Legation's men are shown smashing the barrel mechanism of the machine pieces and breaking the lid for rifles and machine guns with sledge hammers. Note the gleeful Marine at the left.



(Photo by W.D. Donald for Grapic)

TOURNAMENT FINALS. Corp. Harold Miles and PISgt. Marian Huffman, left, defeated Corp. Dale Carnes and Sgt. Lillian Crum in the Base mixed-doubles bowling tournament. Scoring by three and four pins in the final two games, the Miles-Huffman combination took the trophy in a sparkling uphill battle. The photo seems to testify that everyone concerned are happy about the whole thing.

Corps 'Skipper' Yells 'Attention' Ripley

IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed).—A Marine who took up rope skipping "just to keep in shape" while overseas may be the new world's champion.

PFC, Nicholas J. Classen recently skipped the rope 9080 times in an hour—with witnesses.

"I didn't even know there was such a thing as a world's record for skipping," Classen said, "until I ran across a year-old paper the other day with one of Ripley's



'Believe it or Not' panels in it. Ripley was citing H. M. Hunter of Miami, Fla., as the world champion because he'd skipped the rope 8630 times in an hour. So I thought I'd give it a try. I did it easy."



By Pvt. VINCENT MASSE

The basketball season got away to a very fine start this past week, and if what we saw is a forecast of the type of play to be expected, then the best brand of basketball played in intramural competition awaits your patronage. We've seen college basketball teams in mid-season form that didn't come up to the games exhibited the opening night.

The opening game of the season pitted the newly-formed Guard Bn. "B" team against the highly favorite Medical Dept. It didn't take long for the Medical boys to realize that they had grossly underrated their opponents. The Guard team got off to a fast start, and it took to the last few minutes of play before the Medics could get to the front. Scoring five points in the last two minutes of play, they copped an exciting 32-29 victory.

The moral support for the Medical Dept., seated up in the gallery, almost tore the gym down with their loud shrills and high-jumping exhibition. The WAVES were there, but where, oh where, were you WR's?

The Guard Bn. "A" team trounced the Fire Dept. entry in the second game to the tune of 42-23. Not accustomed to making snap judgments, we would, however, like to go on record as saying the Guard Bn. "A" team will be the top team of this season.

TID-BITS . . . Mexican tourist might find interest in the announcement that the Agua Caliente race track is returning to its pre-war schedule of twice weekly. Conveniently making the days Saturday and Sunday, it will afford the liberty boys a golden opportunity to get their fill of gee-gees. . . . There is no truth to the rumor that Charles Atlas was seen on the Base last week. The reason back of the rumor was the disappearance of all that weight-lifting gear that has become so popular with our local strong men. The gear is safely tucked away in the locker rooms at the ball park. Classes will be resumed as soon as the athletic officer can locate a suitable spot, but meantime it would be advisable to get your fill of Wheaties. . . . Weekly spotlights in the world of sports: Champion Joe Louis signed to defend his title against Billy Conn sometime in June. . . . Busher, record money-winning filly of Louis B. Mayer, pulled up lame during an early morning workout and was forced out of the \$75,000 Gold Cup at Hollywood Park today. . . . Predictions: For today's top football games: Navy over Georgia Tech; Alabama to take a close one from Tennessee; Colgate to fall before Columbia power; Notre Dame to continue to fool the experts with a win over Pitt; Southern Methodist all the way over Rice. . . . 'Nuff sed.

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Champs Chosen in Base Mixed Bowling Finals

Rolling the night's high game of 196, WR PISgt. Marian Huffman sparked her team to the Base bowling championship this week as the bowling tournament for mixed doubles came to a rousing finish.

Taking the best two out of three game series, the team of Huffman and Corp. Harold Miles defeated WR Sgt. Lillian Crum and Corp. Dale Carnes. The losers, however, found solace in the fact that they topped the victors in total pins for the three games.

LOSERS WIN OPENER

The Carnes-Crum combination took the first game, rolling 328 to their opponents 288. Ironically it was Sgt. Huffman's low score in this game which caused her team's defeat. She rolled both high and low games for the evening, going from the first game low of 119 to the high score of the night with a very neat 196 in the final.

TIED UP

Faced with the possible loss of the tournament in two straight, Miles and Huffman rolled in the final two frames of the second game to tie it up with a combined average of 310, topping their opponents by a scant three pins.

FINALE

The final game was a nip 'n' tuck affair with a matter of a few pins separating the contestants throughout. It was here that the high score of Huffman aided in the winning of the game and the

tournament by the score 104,383-374.

Individual scores by games:

Miles	119	123	113
Huffman	119	123	113
Crum	119	123	113
Carnes	119	123	113

'Beware'—Future Mat Champ Seeks His Reward

GUAM (Delayed) The part-time wrestling champion, if Pvt. Ruben R. Chico has his way about it, will be Ruben R. Chico.

The 200-pound 3rd Mar. Div. rifleman-scout says he is shooting for history's top prize when he returns to civilian life.

"Before the war, I wrestled here and there on the West Coast," Chico declared. "When I return to the States, I am going to try earnestly to become the champ."

Chico pointed out that he has toughened up and learned new fighting tricks in the service and "after two years, I am not afraid to tackle or wrestle anything."

The owner of several cafes in Los Angeles, Chico added that if he reaches his goal he will be the first Mexican champion in history.

"Tell the matmen of the USA and other countries to be on the alert. Chico is on the way," he said.

Net Stars Booked

The Marines' Lt. Helen Marlowe and the Navy's Sp. 1A Bobby Riggs will meet in an exhibition tennis match Tuesday, Oct. 23, at noon on the Guard Bn. court.

Both were nationally known stars in pre-war competition. Lt. Marlowe, teamed with Ellsworth Vines, held the mixed-doubles Pacific Coast championship for a period of seven years.

Bobby Riggs, rated consistently among the top ten, won the national singles championship in 1941, after which he turned pro.

WAR BOND GAME

On Sunday, Nov. 25, the Flying Marines will appear in a War Bond show game. They will play the Fort Warren Bronchos. The game will be played at the Denver U. Stadium, Denver, Colo.

Speed Experts Take Over On R.D. Abbreviated Card

Although three of the ten bouts of Saturday night's Recruit Depot smokes were stopped in the first round by the referee, the remaining seven bouts were enough to satisfy the fans. Unlike the previous week's card which featured many knockout finishes, this week the card was styled for the fight fans who get a kick out of seeing "speed" used as a primary factor in the ring.

Bill Kitchen, a 163-pound lad from Fresno, Cal., found the key to stopping Russell House, knockout artist. It was Kitchen's superior speed that enabled him to keep away from the strong right-hand knockout punch of his opponent. House, quite confused by this plan of attack, looked very bad on more than one occasion. The judges' verdict was a draw, but friends of both boys are looking forward, with keen interest, for a return engagement in the very near future.

SHORT & SWEET
In the semi-final Bismark Taylor and Manuel Reyes, working

somewhat like a Mutt and Jeff cartoon, had an interesting tangle. Little Reyes applied a terrific body-knocking to the big boy and was awarded the decision.

It took Duncan Robertson just one minute and 45 seconds of his initial scold to put the finishing touches on Albert Lindsey. It was a famous "roundhouse" right (hal sent Lindsey over the ropes and out for the count.

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

Woody Brooks outpointed Jimmy McAnulty in the opening bout. Louis Cann and Donald Thompson gave the crowd a great boxing exhibition as the No. 2 attraction. It was warmly received when the decision was called a draw. In the third round, Charlie Handsaker failed to put the finishing touches on Nelson Romberg, but ran up plenty of points to win the decision. The next three bouts were stopped in the first round, rendering them technical draws. The only other bout was a speed contest between Raymond Scribner and Felix Ford (sent ahead) as with his opponent a few times to gather in a few points and the decision.

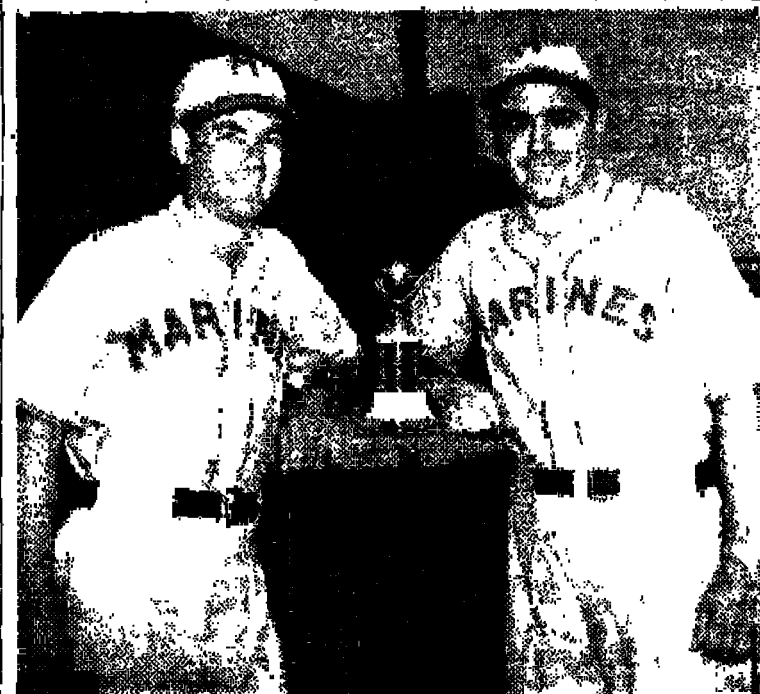
ALL-STARS

The All-Star Baseball team picked from standouts in the 11th Naval Dist. league is as follows:

- C. Donahue, Miramar; Valye Naval Hospital.
- P. Alderson, Naval Air; Gregory, Kearney; Perry, Miramar; Grass, Miramar; Minor, Pendleton.
- 1b. Brotherton, Naval Hospital; Len Gabrielson, Elliott.
- 2b. Bob Hedington, Elliott.
- 3b. Kenny Ray, Elliott.
- SS. Lomman, Miramar.
- OF. Frank Beck, Elliott; Jope Bullock, Elliott; Peering, Kearney; Tosches, Naval Hospital.

FLYING MARINE INJURED

Flying Marine guard, Francis Crimmins, will be out for the season with an ankle injury received in the Superboulder game last Sunday, according to Coach Dick Hingley. Crimmins has been a bulwark of defense for the Leatherstock line this season. He is a student at Aurora where he captained the team in '44.



(Photo by W.D. Donald for Grapic)

IRONIE-HERNIE. Sort of confusing, don't you think? But it's a good start on telling you that the two boys pictured above are the only remaining members of the Marine baseball team that won both halves of the 11th Naval Dist. American League. "Bonnie" Vaughn, star left fielder, is on the left, "Bernie" Issac, catcher and team captain, is on the right. In between—you guessed it—the trophy.

Male Call

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

Glory, What a Prize, or The Little Parade



Lest We Forget - - -

by Lt. Col. E. L. Warner



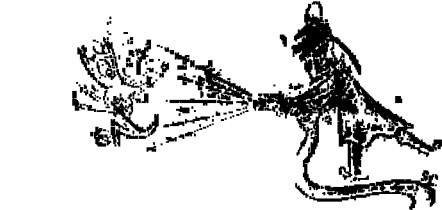
THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS) - An auto ground to a halt on Golden Gate Bridge. From it, a man, who plunged over the guard rail and leaped into the water. Her husband, driver of the car, uncharacteristically lit a cigarette. "Let her go," he told witnesses, "and drive away."

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (CNS) - Thieves are making some curious thefts in Illinois. Recently, a man broke into a Springfield tavern, made a cozy get-away with several cases of empty beer bottles. A day later, someone stole a 300-pound stone lion from a library in Lancaster.

FROSTBURG, Md. (CNS) - Liked by kids in a crowd watching them extinguish a blaze, this town's firemen quelled all re-



ports from the spectators by turning the hose on them. Result: 40 drenched on-lookers, one injured. Hospital the was hit by a rock.

HOLMSTEDT, Neb. (CNS) - PWs here were served their first watermelon. One of them enthusiastically ate an entire melon - rind and all.

NEW YORK (CNS) - Cal Calhoun and Claude Hopkins, swing band leaders, sitting on each other in the Zanzibar night club. Cal hit the floor and Claude hit the ceiling. He had Cal arrested for assault. Said Cal in court: "He provoked me." Said Claude: "He slapped me first." Sarcorial note: Cal wore a green hat and a polka-dot tie. Claude wore an ice cream suit and a pink foulard.

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NEOS, Ky. (CNS) - F. M. Ferguson, 71, went on a hunger strike "because there's no law and order in this town and I ain't gonna eat until we get it."

PIETZBURG, Kans. (CNS) - "Want some pennies?" Arthur Slight asked the clerk at the First National Bank. "Sure," the clerk replied. Slight gave him 23,121, next day returned with 6827 more. "Been saving them," he explained.

MANHATTAN, N. Y. - It took six men two and a half hours to get 350-pound Mary Imahile to a hospital after she fell off a chair and broke her leg.

NEW ORLEANS - Sally Rand, Woodrow Wilson, Gloria Swanson, Marion Davies, Robert Taylor, Gracie Allen and Anne Morris Lindbergh are working at various local restaurants.

CHARLOTTE, Mich. (CNS) - Depositing her baby in a draft board office, Mrs. Bernadine Robbins, 19, announced: "The draft board took my husband and now they can have my baby." As matters now stand, the draft board declined the offer, baby remains in the service, and Bernadine is taking it easy in a hospital.

CANON CITY, Colo. (SEA) - Three prisoners escaped from the state penitentiary here recently after a two-hour battle with guards. A few days later the prisoners requested of their own free will just in time for roll call.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS) - Medford Man in Town Dept. Sergeant stole a local resident's china teapot from his overcoat pocket just as the resident was about to eat an ear of corn.

LONDON - Dr. Claude Walter Gabb spent 20 years suffering steadily all his life from a death, then died at 68.



... by Universal Pictures Co.

WERE NOT WEAKENING. No, we still think plumps are silly, but how can any man say mean things about this woman. Look at those eyes, after you've glanced elsewhere, and you can see we're whipped before we start. The O'Driscoll's had a breath and time and named her Martha. Forgive us, men, forgive us. Next week back in the old Pet Peeve groove, but not today. Mmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm (plus) 0-0-00-00000000!!

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