

They Come, They Go -- By Thousands

Birthday, Triple Tragedy Recruit's P. H. Reminders

Pearl Harbor Day holds special significance for Pvt. Bruce D. Strickland, now at Recruit Depot with Platoon 132.

Until the Japs struck, Dec. 7 had been just another birthday for Strickland. Then in 1941 it became what President Roosevelt described as "a date which will live in infamy."

THREE KILLED ASHORE

The description is even more true for Strickland and his family than for most other Americans. One of his brothers and two step-brothers were killed by Jap bombs at Pearl Harbor. All three were Navy enlisted men, and all were

ashore at the time. Two of the brothers were enjoying their liberty together when the Japs struck.

Strickland was with the rest of his family in Whiteface, Tex., where his father is a rancher. When the Navy Department's telegram advising them of their loss arrived on Dec. 11, Strickland was called from school to learn of the tragedy.

Three more brothers and step-brothers joined the Navy after P. H. Day, but Strickland broke the

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family tradition. As soon as he was old enough to join, he chose the Marine Corps—because, he explains, he believes its personnel, combat record, and Corps spirit are the best of any military branch.

Strickland was with the rest of from Camp Matthews Rifle Range, and will "graduate" from boot camp Monday, Dec. 10. He hopes for assignment to tanks or artillery, and plans to make a career of Marine Corps service.

More EM Eligible For Good-Conduct

Regulations governing the award of Good-Conduct Medals and bars were liberalized this week to include all enlisted personnel who have had three years of continuous service free of convictions by court martial or deck court.



Although the medals will not be available until at least six months after the present emergency, the Good-Conduct Medal ribbon or numeral may be worn by Marines upon their being informed by their commanding officer that they have become eligible.



KING MICKEY
... tears roll down

WR Bn. Deplores Dog Who Snores

King Mickey, sad-sack mascot of the Women's Reserve Bn., is looking even sadder lately.

Corp. Jean C. McCloskey, who was his guardian in addition to her duties as driver for the commanding officer, has been discharged. Inconceivable over her desertion of him, Mickey sleeps at the foot of her bunk, distressing girls in nearby bunks with his snores.

Indifferent to the attentions of other women Marines, Mickey spends his days searching the Base, hoping to find her. But Corp. McCloskey, now a civilian, has gone home to Philadelphia. King Mickey was given to the Base by J. E. Ellis of San Diego.

The dog is a subject of daily debate. To keep or not to keep Mickey is the question of the day.

— PFC. Jeanne Cleary.

Returnees Set All-Time Record; R&R Traffic Hits Peak

By Pvt. John F. Valleau

Separation, reclassification, and transportation records were smashed left and right this week and during the entire month just closed, as the volume of Marines brought home from overseas, for discharge or reassignment, mounted to new all-time peaks.

The largest group of servicemen to arrive here at one time... the largest single transfer of personnel in Marine history... the largest volume ever processed by R&R Center... the largest number handled by 1st Separation Co. since it was established at MCB... These were a few of the superlatives announced by officers and organizations striving to cope with the flood of veterans returning Stateside.

And most of these organizations predict even larger turnover during December.

DEC. 4 IS BIG DAY

A total of 3999 servicemen and women arrived Dec. 4 on the carrier "Hancock"—the largest single group to arrive here on any ship since the "Magic Carpet Fleet" was inaugurated to speed the return of veterans. On the same day, the graybeard battlewagon "Texas" arrived with 1584 military passengers.

Cruisers, assault transports, escort carriers, destroyers, destroyer escorts, operation ships, LSTs, LCTs and almost every other type of ship afloat poured additional thousands into San Diego, and the Navy announced that since V-J Day, Aug. 14, the "Magic Carpet Fleet" alone has returned more than 1,000,000 servicemen Stateside.

1,000,000 THIS MONTH

Nearly 4,000,000 have been brought back from Europe and the

Pacific fronts since V-E Day, and another million are to come home this month.

At R&R Center, Maj. R. E. Carey, Coordinator of Troop Movements, said that while last-minute changes due to many factors make predictions unreliable, present information is that nearly 4000 enlisted Marines and over 200 officers are expected to arrive here within the next ten days. Included in these figures are 15 officers and 680 colored EM of the 51st Defense

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Xmas Party at Base

Santa Claus—with a Marine emblem in his red cap—will pay his annual visit to MCB this year in the form of a Christmas party for children, to be held in the Base theater Dec. 22 at 1400.

Youngsters, between the ages of one and twelve, of Marine Corps and Naval personnel attached to the Base, children of Marines serving overseas and those of deceased Marines are all invited.

Information in writing is requested from parents having children, giving name, age and sex. This should be sent no later than Dec. 10 to the Base Recreation Office, Marine Corps Base, San Diego.

Marine Prisoners of War ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Their Faces Mirror the Past

Not nightmare faces seen in a terrifying dream but testimonials to Japan's bestial treatment of American war prisoners are the five faces below.

Drawn from among his fellow passengers aboard a prison transport by a Marine combat artist, 1st Sgt. H. D. Reeks of New Orleans, La., the Marines pictured

here represent actual case histories, who, for the time being at least, must remain nameless.

The faces are not unique among those who have savored Jap hospitality. Although not a prisoner himself, Reeks saw hundreds of similar faces aboard a transport where no head would be turned in curiosity at this parade of young

men turned old. Among prisoners of the Jap there is no novelty in disease-ravished, broken bodies.

To appreciate these pictures, go without food for 36 hours and without sleep for a week, but still you can never know the tortured bewilderment which rides heavily on the shoulders of every war prisoner. Although many are com-

pletely broken in health, a large percentage of men who were liberated from Jap captivity plan to reenlist in the Marines. They want to show their gratitude to others who set them free.

1st Sgt. Reeks ranged over the Pacific following the war with his brush and pencil. He has recorded Jap-exterminating Marines on the

sandy atolls and within the eerie jungles until his files contained hundreds of sketches. Armed with his sketches and under the direction of Maj. Gen. Earl C. Long, commander of the Marine Base, Reeks is now preparing a mural history of the Pacific war to cover the walls of the Base theater and auditorium. —Pvt. R. M. Frasser.



... Sam thought too much about the Japs. He hated bitterly and openly and his little brown tormentors returned the hate with interest. He was beaten, starved and denied the medical care usually given to hosts of burden of which he was one. Aboard ship he remained apart so that he could stare overboard and curse each swirl of water which washed the Jap coast.

... Joe was an individualist. He was a student in college before enlistment in the Marines. Today he carries the insignia of all Jap prisoners: grotesque calloused hands grown to conform to the primitive tools with which he labored for the Japs in his coal mines and on his wharves. Not a bitter person, Joe's face has been twisted into a feral sneer by a Jap bayonet wound.

... Pete's release from Jap captivity is his own personal triumph. When he saw others weaken mentally and physically under the systematic Jap sadism, he drew from wells of strength deep within him the courage and will to live. He reacts to freedom as he did to captivity, blotting from his mind all thoughts of unpleasantness. He looks to the future with quiet assurance.

... Tired unto death, 38-year-old Dave presents the appearance of an old, old man. Disease-ravished, his face is deeply pocked as the result of a fever which went unattended. The past is dead and so are many Marines with whom he entered Japanese war prisoner life. In the daytime he moves about slowly, content to convince himself that a new life is beginning.

... Don is 24, and when you look at him you try to avoid his eyes. For having stolen a frozen turnip, Don was hauled from his prison compound and led to solitary confinement. His left arm was held across two boards and struck with a third until broken, then without medical aid and with the useless limb dangling at his side he was sent back to his job in a Jap rice field.

Comparison of Vocational Rehabilitation—
G. I. Education for the Disabled Veteran

Vocational Rehabilitation Education--G. I. Bill

- TO BE ELIGIBLE YOU MUST HAVE
1. Active service since Sept. 16, 1940,
2. Discharged under other than dishonorable conditions,
3. A disability pension, or be eligible for one, or be receiving retirement pay for a disability,
4. A vocational handicap caused by this disability,
5. Need for vocational rehabilitation to overcome this handicap.

HOW TO APPLY
File Veterans Administration Form 1960 with the Veterans Administration office paying your pension. Must be done during time you have a vocational handicap. Will not be considered until after a rating board has acted on VA Form 526 (application for pension).

LENGTH OF TRAINING
A course of training not to exceed four years, and not to extend beyond six years after the end of World War II, is awarded. You are eligible for as much as it takes you to be rehabilitated. Example: If it takes two years to learn to be a watch repair man, you would get two years of training.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY YOU
During training period and for two months after you are able to work (including 30 days leave in 12 consecutive months):
Single - \$92 per month including your pension.
Married - \$103.50 per month with \$5.75 additional for each dependent child and \$11.50 additional for each dependent parent, including your pension.
Your pension will not be reduced if it exceeds the amounts stated above. If you are paid by an employer while learning a trade and your pension is less than the amount stated above, you will receive, in addition to your pension, part or all of the difference between your pay and the pay of an experienced worker. The maximum limit on the extra amount you can receive is set by (1) the difference between your pension and \$92 or \$103.50 (depending on whether you are single or married) and (2) the pay of an experienced worker.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL PAY FOR YOU
All tuition costs, books, equipment and other school expenses, including transportation to the place of training if it is not in your home city. The books and equipment are your property if you do satisfactory work.
All benefits are a direct gift from the Government. You do not have to repay.
Up to \$500 for an ordinary school year (30 to 38 weeks) to cover costs of tuition, books, fees, etc. The books are your property if you do passing work.
All amounts paid you and to the school under this bill will be deducted from a federal bonus if one is paid to veterans.

WHERE YOU WILL GET YOUR TRAINING
At any training institution (training on the job included) under contract with the Veterans Administration and selected by the Veterans Administration and you for your training.
You may select any educational institution approved by the state in which it is located or specifically approved by the Veterans Administration. It does not have to be in your home state, but you must pay your own transportation. You must meet the entrance requirements of the school you select. You must do passing work to stay in the school.

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Watch Auto Dealers
If you're buying a used car, don't get stuck by unscrupulous dealers, as many a vet has. There's no need to be gyped, for the OIA has rigorously controlled prices, not only to prevent inflation, but to prevent those who need cars now from being victimized.
Since all used vehicles have ceiling prices, whether purchased from a dealer or private owner, it is illegal to sell for more, though there is no bar to selling for less. Prices are based on make, year, model, and body type.
CARRIES GUARANTEE
A seller may charge the "as is" price, calculated from those four factors, or a "warranty" price, usually 25 per cent higher. In the latter case, the dealer must certify in writing that he will pay half the normal cost for repairs or replacements to keep the car in good operating condition for 30 days or 1000 miles, whichever comes first.
If the car has a radio, \$30 may be added, and \$10 may be added for a heater. If you want to pay cash, the seller may not require time payments, nor can he make you finance the purchase through any particular finance company.

Remember The Maine? Remember Pearl Harbor?
SLOGANS DONT ALWAYS STOP WARS
TIME TO REMEMBER. The war-tossed phrase "Remember Pearl Harbor" has been used so often it may have become distasteful—to some. Just as this country forgot to "Remember the Maine" after the Spanish-American war, and similarly neglected to "Keep the World Safe for Democracy" after the last war, today the same people who wished us who fought World War II a "good luck and get a Jap for me" when we went overseas are doing their best to avoid remembering Pearl Harbor, and Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Iwo . . . The lesson all hands agreed that we so painfully learned that day we were caught with our military trousers at half mast threatens to be lost by the hypocritical shoutings of those who waved strongest the largest flags when we went off to war. It's time that we who fought once and don't want to do it again—but will if necessary—remind someone that it's still timely to remember Pearl Harbor.

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.

Ungrateful Men?
Editor, the CheVron I'm probably wrong, but what is wrong with the American men? This isn't a gripe; I'm just puzzled over your story of Nov. 24—"Overseas Wives Okay." It doesn't break my heart in the least when the men marry foreign women. They can marry a dozen a piece; they wouldn't make good husbands for American girls, anyway. What hurts us is that these men refused our hospitality, then return from overseas, and just because they were received in a friendly manner over there, tell us that foreign people are kinder. We invited these men to our homes and we acted like ladies, but they wouldn't accept us. I guess The Creator put them in the wrong place. They should have been born in a foreign land. After they fought for us they won't even accept us. Did they fight for the U.S. or did they fight for a foreign land? Even so, I'm glad there is one class of Americans who appreciate what little we could do for them. They are the Nigel. After they were forced from their homes on the West Coast, victims of prejudice, they came to live here in the East and Middle West. When those in the service went overseas they thanked us for treating them right. They accepted us as they found us. They say they like the U.S. Why doesn't the white-boy?
A CheVron Reader,
Miss M. E. HUTCHINSON
Minneapolis, Minn.

SS Men Have Points, Too!
Editor, the CheVron—A question has arisen as to whether or not men who entered the Corps through Selective Service are eligible for discharge under the point system. My component is USMC-SS. Am I eligible for discharge and if so, what is the authority for discharge?
NAME WITHHELD
NAD, Puget Sound, Wash.
Editor's Note—We have chewed up and thoroughly digested Letter of Instruction No. 1108 and find that you certainly are eligible for discharge under the point system. As long as you didn't enlist for four years, in which case your classification would be USMC-SS-V, you're safe and can start adding up the points.
Low Pointers Take Chance
Editor, the CheVron To settle an argument between a Regular and a Reserve, please give us the scoop on this. Are there any Reserves or SS men going overseas, besides seagoing Marines? Please answer, for I am going to be shipped east for discharge.
A REGULAR
Camp Pendleton, Calif.
Editor's Note—There is no specific difference between a Regular and a Reserve status when it comes to shipping Marines overseas. The current order is that any man with less than 20 discharge points to his credit is eligible for shipment. There is no regulation covering this, but the "rule of thumb" holds pretty well everywhere.

G. O. Time OK for Discharge
Editor, the CheVron I have a question I would like to have answered. Does a member of the Regular Marine Corps before being discharged have to make up his G. O. time after his enlistment is up before he is eligible for discharge? I was confined for a period of 85 days while overseas in this war in the fall of 1943. I have heard both pro and con on this question and can't seem to get a definite answer.
NAME WITHHELD
Camp Pendleton, Calif.
Editor's Note—No, you don't have to make up your brig time, as the only way you will feel the indirect results of that will be in your SICK or your salary. If loss of pay was included in your sentence. If you were heading for the 30-year mark, you'd have to make up the time, but we assure you that you won't have to sit around an extra 85 days waiting for the Bird of Paradise to hover over your head.

Her Husband Wonders
Editor, the CheVron—My husband, a MTSgt. in the Reserve, is considering requesting discharge in order to enlist in the Regulars. Would you list the special inducements for re-enlistment being offered now? Would he be eligible for a 90-day furlough immediately upon re-enlistment, as in the Army? I'd like to say that I've enjoyed the CheVron a great deal ever since I came to California nearly two years ago as a WR.
NAME WITHHELD
San Diego, Calif.
Editor's Note—If your husband re-enlists, he will get messing-out pay plus shipping-over money. He will also get a 90-day furlough with travel pay to and from your home or wherever you spend your furlough. There should be no change in his rate either, so altogether it's a good deal for anyone who wants to stay in the Corps.

*Dere Top!?

Oh, jurnt sarjunt, I am jist as Gultery this weak as a old maid locked up in a bafracks full of overseize men—so happy am I at a itim in the noospaper. It sez that one Tommy Manville, a civilyua version of Sarjunt Heilmann, is going to take his 8th bride.

This bride-to-be is a blushing young thing in the twenties. This Manville is quite a few decades older—up around my class, I think.

Howsomever, the hole point is that if Manville can get 'em, why can not Heilmann?

You know, Top, at a recint point in my tour I'amour in the Sandy Ago area, 11th Naval District, I wuz ready to commit harry-carry. All the meiburs of the opposit sexes wuz giving me the frijld digst, claiming us old men in our thirty's wuz out of date bekwase of this 16-year-old Kud-dle King up in Lost Angeles who wuz giving all the winin the goose propolla.

Now I hav got something to spur me on. I hav dispatched a litten to this Manville, asking for the dope. This is how it goes:

Oh fren of mine, dere Thomas Manville.
Tell this old man how that he can fill
His dying years—an in between
With a sweet young thing, about sixteen.

You hav the stuff, you are the rage
Do you hav something that improves with age?
Or is it something that, in my posishun
Can be drawn in next month's requisishun?

Tell me—your slave and most ardent fan—
Is your seekrit availahil to a 30-year-man?
If it is, my brains away I will stow
An sign in the Core for 6 cruises mo'.

Well, Top, I do not hav time for much more this weak as I am prilly busy rapping Christniss packtiss. Mother wrote for me to keep my gifta within my income, so I am sending dad a pair of camoo flaged dungarees that I only wore onc, my bruther an his wife a compleat set of Naves silver wear accumulati off many transports. An mother will be happy indeed to receive that silk come-on that Moonhead stole off his Hawayih girl from an gave to me for standin his post one night. How do you like East Coast duty by now? It shure must be sad after that Lost Angeles stretch. Or is it true what they say about winin along the At-lantic see bored?

What is the situashun
At your end o' the nashun
Regarding woo?
Are the winifolk receptiff
To the Core member deceptiff,
Namely, you?
If lady overlapes your big frame,
Call for a Dawn Wan of rekrown fame,
Who?

SARJUNT TOMMY MANVILLE HEILMANN

PX Plays Santa This Year

Maybe it isn't fair to tell what Santa Claus is going to bring but if you're among the "collected personnel at this base" you can look forward to a pleasing gift from the PX, Santa Christmas.

The Council recommends a Christmas donation to the enlisted personnel of this base of a \$5 merchandise coupon book. That's what the Base Exchange Council did at its last meeting. And Maj. Gen. Earl G. Long gave his approval.

Then, still full of Yuletide spirit, the Council with the Commanding General's approval, passed the gravy to Marines again. The price of women's khaki uniform shirts was reduced from \$1.50 to 75 cents. Recruits now receive "a gratuitous issue in the RD buckets" of needles, thread, and folding letters.

\$45,000 TO RECREATION

Finally, the Council offered and the General accepted a donation of \$15,000 per month, during this quarter, from Exchange profits to Base Recreation funds. (Approximately this amount has been donated each month for some time. Maj. F. D. Ross, Base Exchange Officer, explains. It's one of the ways you get back part of the money you spend in the PX, beauty parlor, barber shop, sailor shop, and other Base facilities.)

Remember those cigarettes on

the Corps Birthday, and on Thanksgiving? They came from the same source. Looks as if this "non-profit enterprise" is profitable for Marines!

Speak English? Jap Query

KYUSHU, Japan (Delayed)—War or peace, the Japs still don't know what to make of the Marines, and the Leathernecks admit the confusion is mutual.

Marine Corps correspondents report Leathernecks felt great pride upon successfully teaching Japanese children "God Bless America" and "The Marine Corps Hymn" until the trekkies walked out singing "Auld Lang Syne" in their native tongue.

Further embarrassment resulted when the Leathernecks discovered that Jap machine oil is kept in bottles that are exactly like those containing American beer.

But without a doubt the classic is about the Jap who approached a Marine sergeant engaged in the repair of a flat tire on his truck and solemnly asked:

"Are you American?"

"Yeh," answered the busy driver. "Do you speak English?" inquired the Jap.

Arrivals, Discharges Reach Peak

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Bn., and a large number of men of the 5th Provisional MP Bn., due about Dec. 15.

AIR GROUPS ARRIVE

Personnel of Marine Air Warning Squadron 8 arrived this week on two LSTs. Elements of the 3rd and 5th Divisions, the 11th Service Bn., and of Fleet Air were among the 1548 Marine and Navy men on the assault transport Baxter when it docked Dec. 4.

The first Marine air group to arrive as a unit for disbanding, 1400 officers and men of MAG-22 disembarked at San Pedro Wednesday from the merchant ship "Sea Sturgeon." The personnel were honored at a banquet, taken on a tour of movie studios, and then sent to El Toro Air Station. Those

to be discharged will be assigned to Miramar.

NEW WELCOME MAT

Merchants, officials, and residents of San Diego joined in a program to insure a more suitable reception for these returning vets. For the first time since the war began, San Diego's Embarcadero was opened to the public last weekend and thousands of cheering civilians, including the wives and families of many of the incoming warriors, lined the docks to provide a noisy welcome. Bunting, flags, posters and signs were used liberally, acrobats and drum majorettes performed, and local citizens as well as the Naval Aid Auxiliary women provided doughnuts and cartons of fresh milk to returnees.

The waterfront hereafter will be open on weekends, the Navy announced, so that disembarking veterans can be received with fitting celebration.

K&R SETS RECORD

Working at top speed to keep up

We Recovered, Bub

KYUSHU, Japan (Delayed)—Japs watching endless streams of articles being unloaded from cargo ships made this statement, report Marine Corps correspondents:

"America have more better goods than Nippon. Also more amounts."

Some still can't understand how this can be true after the disaster inflicted upon the United States, for it's not unusual for an American to be asked:

"Please—have seen ruins of San Francisco—please?"



(Photo by Pvt. Ralph E. McHerron)

HE WON'T FORGET. Dec. 7, 1941, was Pvt. Bruce Strickland's 14th birthday, and the day he lost three brothers, all sailors, at Pearl Harbor. Three more brothers joined Navy but Strickland chose the Marines, is now at Recruit Depot.

First WR Citations, Commendations Awarded 16 for Hawaii Service

OAHU, T. H.—With outstanding records of service in the Hawaiian area, 13 women Marines were recently the first to be awarded commendation ribbons. The seven officers and six enlisted women were cited for meritorious and efficient performance of duty by Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commanding general of FMF, Pacific.

Ranging in rank from captain to corporal, the women Marines are: Capt. Dorothy McGinnis Cahill, Chicago, Ill.; Capt. Ruby Bishop, Boynton, Va.; 1st Lt. Carolyn J. Ransom, Astoria, Ore.; 1st Lt. Mary Frances Hughes, Dyersburg, Tenn.; 1st Lt. Volna Curry, Marion, Ill.; 1st Lt. Hope Hendrickson, Webster, Wis.; 1st Lt. Pearl M. Martin, Oak-

land, Calif.; TSgt. Elsie J. Miller, Ito, Ia.; 1st Sgt. Geraldine M. Moran, Chicago, Ill.; StSgt. Dorothy G. Almaroth, Chicago, Ill.; StSgt. Evelyn Rhodes, Pevely, Mo.; Sgt. Justine A. Haverstick, St. Louis, Mo., and Corp. Cecilia Ridge, Romulus, Mich.

THREE RECEIVE LETTERS

Also commended for excellent service were three women Marines attached to the aviation unit in Hawaii. Maj. Gen. James T. Moore, commanding officer of Ewa Air Station, awarded letters of commendation to Sgt. Doris M. Doremire, Webberville, Mich.; StSgt. Della M. Kuehn, St. Paul, Minn., and MTSgt. Sarah S. Buchanan, Knoxville, Tenn.

with the torrent of new arrivals, the Base R&R Center during November processed more men than during any other month in its history. Records supervised by Capt. Frank W. Malobe showed that over 11,000 men "joined" R&R during November; and that 11,423 were transferred, including 10,443 who had returned from overseas.

This volume represents, in monthly figures, a 478 per cent increase since July of this year.

The 1st Separation Co. also set a record in November, separating 4718 men—a figure which does not include Base permanent personnel whose separations were handled by their own companies. Figures issued by Maj. N. P. Hyldahl, CO of 1st Separation Co., indicated that the volume last month was equal to over 40 per cent of the total during the entire preceding twelve months. December, Maj. Hyldahl predicted, will see an even larger volume.

1100 OFFICERS PROCESSED

Marine officers, too, are being handled as rapidly as possible, according to WO. Lawrence J. Scott. The first officers arrived here from overseas for separation Sept. 14, and since that date 1100 have been processed.

Ensuring the continuation of the record traffic through San Diego, A. P. reported this week, the largest transfer of personnel in Corps history will be effected by the return here of 11,000 Marines from Sasebo, Japan. Included will be the 5th Mar. Div., which according to A. P. is to be inactivated at Camp Pendleton, and elements of the 2nd Mar. Div. and the 5th Amphib. Corps.

NEW SHUTTLE SERVICE

To handle the steadily increasing flow, operation of an emergency railwise transport shuttle service has been announced by the 11th Naval Dist. This special service will carry military personnel between all major ports on the west coast. Railroad officials, meanwhile, have announced that special trains and assignment of new cars to this area will prevent serious transportation delays for servicemen here.

Marines Devise Jap Junk Use

AKUNOURA, Japan (Delayed)—Marines at this base which resembles a ghost town of the west are enjoying some of the comforts of home.

When the Japanese cleared out they took many of the more valuable articles but left a pile of junk which Marine ingenuity has put to use.

Two tables, a piece of string and strips of cloth were made into a ping-pong table. Paddles were made from plywood and balls were obtained from the recreation section.

Hot and cold showers were constructed from empty oil tanks, strips of perforated metal and lengths of rubber hose. The hot water is obtained from a drum under which a charcoal fire burns.

The next project will be to clean and repair a swimming pool.—StSgt. Robert A. Price, Marine Correspondent.

Marine Demon Ace Awes Jap Pilots

"A demon in a green muffler," who "must have been a Marine," is the way a Japanese naval flyer describes an American aviator who terrorized Jap airmen.

According to Associated Press, Comdr. Ryosuke Nomura stated that the Yank ace's "skill in the South Pacific in late 1942 was legendary among his awed opponents."

Flying a Corsair, the green-muffled American twice defeated Japan's best flyer, named Miyano, who claimed 30 victories over other American pilots. But each time Miyano tangled with the Leatherneck, he barely escaped with his life, and returned to his base badly shot up and out of ammunition. And never did his bullets touch "the demon's" plane.



(Photos by MTSgt. J. G. Daly)

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW. Her discharge insignia sewed to her blouse, Corp. Marilyn M. Allen of MCB pauses to look at feminine civilian clothes before going inside to make her

selection—as guest of the store. At the left, Corp. Allen tests the materials of an afternoon dress. Next, a new civilian personality hair-do must, of course, be included in the transforma-

tion. After receiving the "works," donning her selection, she is ready to march down the street without saluting. Here she comes (on the right)—a free woman—Miss Marilyn M. Allen.

Lucky WR Given Free \$100 Model-Wardrobe

By Pvt. Robert M. Prosser

After two years or more of wearing the smart but severe uniform of the Marine Corps, what does every woman Marine plan to buy right after her discharge?

Well, she wants frilly clothes and bright colors which will be a contrast to the uniform she has worn while in the service. That was the reaction of lucky Corp. Marilyn M. Allen of Los Angeles, who became the guest of Walker's Department store at San Diego, where she selected a basic wardrobe at the store's invitation.

Advised by Miss Shirley Bradley, radio style commentator and Walker's fashion adviser, Corp. Allen chose a wardrobe thought best suited to fill the needs of the average discharged WR.

COST OVER \$100

Costing slightly over \$100, the clothes are considered within the budget of the service woman, each of whom receives \$100 upon her discharge and a like sum a month later. In addition to this \$200, each WR is also given a cash allowance to cover her train fare to her home town. With her back pay, therefore, each woman has more than the minimum \$100 to spend for clothes immediately upon her discharge.

"I have selected this basic wardrobe as a guide to the woman Marine who is returning to civilian life and who wants her wardrobe built upon a sound foundation," Miss Bradley said. "The business and social success of these girls depends largely upon their selection of sound basic wardrobe articles."

MODEL WARDROBE

Miss Bradley suggested the following basic wardrobe:

Following basic wardrobe:

Suit, street dress or afternoon dress	\$35.00
Coat	39.50
Hat	12.75
Shoes	8.95
Handbag	12.50
Gloves	6.00

Total.....\$114.70

Prices will obviously vary according to the merchandise available in different localities, stressed Miss Bradley. She also pointed out that the wardrobe she selected for Corp. Allen was flexible because some women might prefer a suit to a dress.

As for Corp. Allen's reaction, she was delighted.

"I feel like Cinderella," she exclaimed.

Short Hair, Long Stay

ONJIRA, Japan (Delayed)—PFC Joseph Holter of Lebanon, Pa., "Joe the Barber," to the men of MAG 22, prefaces his tonorial service with an inquiry as to the client's point standing.

"I gotta know how to cut it," he explains before he starts to work, either on a fancy trim for high-point men or the strictly utilitarian version for low-pointers.

'Marines All Gangsters' Japs Told

By SstSgt. George E. Lord, Marine Correspondent

NAGASAKI, Japan (Delayed)—In back-country villages and isolated farmhouses where war meant only the distant rumble of bombs and word-of-mouth news from passing neighbors, Marine patrols daily are uncovering hidden weapons and ammunition in careful combing of the Japanese home island of Kyushu.

Over mountain trails and roads impassable even to the redoubtable jeep, patrols scour the wide area controlled by occupation troops. Wherever they go, fear races ahead, Japanese families hide to escape the expected wrath of the men Japanese propagandists had dubbed the "Bloody Butchers."

CALLED 'GANGSTERS'

With little knowledge of the outside world, the backward Japanese were easy prey for government terrorists. They knew us only as we had been labelled by militaristic-minded "sensational" writers: murderers, thieves, sadists, gangsters.

At each village it was the same. Young girls faded from sight; mothers shooed their children to cover; furtively they lingered in doorways, or peered through dirty windows.

Slirinish lines would form and advance slowly through clustered homes and narrow streets. Here, too, it was always the same. The natural friendliness of the Marines dissolved in a matter of minutes all the fear built up in years of constant propaganda.

COURTESY WINS SMILES

Before searching a home, Marines explained in halting Japanese that the intrusion was necessary.

They stepped carefully around the huddled forms of old women on the thresholds, and passed candy to the children who came to them hesitantly.

When first questioned, the Japanese answered quickly, nervously, hoping their replies would be pleasing, and they would be spared. As the interrogation continued, and it became apparent that there was no danger, Japanese faces were wreathed in wide smiles and hitherto silent families in the background burst into excited chatter.

BITTER TOWARD MILITARISTS

Wherever Marine patrols have gone, they have been their own ambassadors of good will.

One emphysemic old man pointed toward the north end of his battered city and said venomously, "I am glad bombs destroyed homes of the Rich Ones on the hill."

Jap Journals k(No)w News

MOJI, Japan (Delayed)—The Japanese press is giving American occupation forces here a cordial reception and "very good notices," report Marine correspondents.

Reporters and photographers from Mainichi (Every Day) and Asahi (Morning Sun) greet all troops on arrival and squeeze news stories about them, with illustrating pictures, into the columns of their two-page papers.

Despite the small size of their dailies, they boast large circulations. Asahi claims an audience of 3,000,000 readers.

The modern building which is Asahi's home is a sharp contrast to its composing room, where all type is set by hand, the reports say.

Since the Japs use 2000 separate characters in printing, the linotype machine, so essential to daily newspapers in the States, is out of the question. So is the typewriter. Jap reporters "bat" out their stories with brush and ink.

But somehow the paper always gets out with a front-page story about U.S. Marines.

Japs Junk Judo

MOJI, Japan (Delayed)—Judo, Japanese fencing, and samurai traditions are no longer a part of Japanese education, according to a Marine Corps correspondent here.

Highly regimented and standardized curricula have given way to democratic trends with our occupation. Saturdays are expected to be made school holidays and the two-week vacation may soon be extended to two or three months.

English, Chinese, government, and occidental sports will replace the former militaristic courses in the schools.



(Official USMC photo)

FINAL ACT. This is the final scene in the Jap surrender at Tientsin. The Jap men-of-war slowly walk up to the table and surrender their last and most personal weapons—their samurai swords.

'Red Devils' Squadron Folds Wings

By Sgt. Lewis T. Mell

MCAD, MIRAMAR—The famous "Red Devils," one of Marine Aviation's oldest squadrons to participate in World War II, has recently returned to Camp Miramar and been decommissioned.

Officially designated as Marine Torpedo Bombing Squadron-332, it saw action from the beginning of the Pacific warfare. The outfit was based on Ewa Airfield, Hawaii, when the Japs struck Dec. 7, 1941. Suffering many casualties there and on Wake Island, where elements of the squadron were based, it moved to the South Pacific, engaging the Japs in battle from Guadalcanal, Bougainville, through other major campaigns to the war's final battle at Okinawa.

The "Red Devils'" principal role was to strike at enemy installations

and shipping but they were called on for a variety of duties such as anti-submarine patrol, strafing of enemy troops, air protection for ground troops and neutralization of by-passed enemy strongholds.

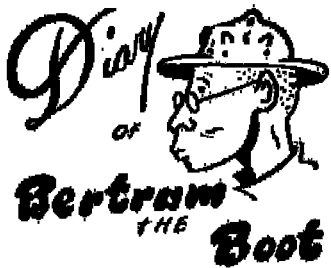
Their strikes at enemy shipping resulted in the destruction of scores of Jap ships. Four cruisers and four destroyers are known to have been sunk and many other warships and transports damaged. An undetermined number of Japanese aircraft was sent down in flames.

The squadron was highly lauded for its work in dropping paratroops of supplies, including sorely-needed ammunition for the ground troops in the front lines during the battle of Okinawa.



(Photo by Corp. Sam J. Rushem)

ITEM FOR TOURISTS. Pigtails, mandatory for all Chinese before 1911, can be seen now only when some country boy comes to town. PFC William E. Holder found these two lads at Peiping, but they don't look happy about it. Neither does Holder.



MONDAY

It may be, as That Man frequently tells me, that I abuse man's inherent right to be stupid. But personally, I think our DI is hypercritical, if not downright cantankerous.

If I dared, I would suggest that he cut down on his snickering. Or perhaps he might take the hint if we nicknamed him "Coffee Nerves."

TUESDAY

Add possible explanations: Mayhap his skivvies creep.

WEDNESDAY

Now I can look back and visualize exactly what happened...

Still think he said "Column Right!" and somehow all the others misunderstood. Anyway, I turned right when rest of platoons went left, and since I was acting Right Guide (very difficult position given me this morning, as punishment for some minor error), therefore didn't see I was alone. So That Man had others halt without my knowing it; and then he stood there singing out commands just for my benefit.

All by myself, therefore, did another Column Right; then, at his command, marked time and went through manual of arms until could hardly lift that gun from ground. (But still did not hear snickers behind me.)

Finally he had me do snappy left-step-right-step-double-rear-march; and it was during my second pivot that I was struck by realization that I had seen no one behind me when did first rear-march. . . . NEVER have I felt so terribly, garishly alone as though spotlighted in center of vast stage.

As penalty for my one-man parade, again I join the Boot Camp Sanitation Society.

THURSDAY

It is my shoulders and back which grow stiff and tired from the type of EPD I always get. But it is a Head-ache, nevertheless.

FRIDAY

Fortunately, we go to the Rifle Range soon. And according to the Eighth-Weekers here, it is a most delightful place: revellie at 0830, breakfast served in pleasant patios, thrilling target practice the rest of the morning, and then the recruits ride back to their barracks in new



station wagons which are left at their disposal all afternoon—in case they want to go swimming, or play golf, or drive up the coast for a beach-party.

"Agency Hill," these Eighth-Weekers say, is a place so named because the DI's work so hard there, "pulling targets" for the Boats.

Yes, I'm looking forward to our vacation at the Rifle Range. I intend to study archery while there, rather than firearms, as the sound of gunfire makes me dreadfully nervous.

SATURDAY

Paintive Cry to my DI: Despite all the Drill I won't go over the Hill;

Creep-Crawl or Long Hikes I won't shirk;

But, Sir, my time Spare is time precious and Rare!

Must I spend it at Janitor Work?

Saturday Morning, December 8, 1945



(Photo by Pvt. Ralph F. Metherell)

HOWDY, DICK. MTSgt. Dick Jurgens renews acquaintance with R&R men who had caught the all-Marine show, presented this week at the Base theater, when it was on tour in the South Pacific. Jurgens was also getting the scoop from them regarding discharges. He entered Separation this past week, too, and by now he must be just another bandleader. Tough, hey fellows?

Jurgens Finishes Tour With Stateside Shows

By Pvt. Vincent Mason

"There goes that band again." With that haunting strain MTSgt. Dick Jurgens completed 33 months of continuous entertainment for Marines here and throughout the South Pacific.

Playing to two complete sellout shows at the Base theater last Monday, Jurgens had just one more Marine base (Miramar) to play before entering Separation. Then his new favorite theme song will be "there goes that MAN again."

Completing a tour of 80,000 miles which covered 39 islands in the South Pacific, Jurgens is a tired Marine and will relish his return to civilian status.

OVERSEAS AUDIENCES TOPS

"It's hard work," he claimed, "but I don't think I've ever played before a more appreciative audience than we've played before overseas."

If you have witnessed the show, you realize why Jurgens is tired. He is on stage constantly from curtain to curtain. The show runs normally two hours in the States and two to four hours overseas. It is understandable that he has lost 50 pounds on the tour.

MOTOR TROUBLE

In the tour of the Pacific, which was entirely by air travel, Jurgens remarked that they had several occasions where he and the boys were whistling "Coming In on a Wing and a Prayer." Fortunately they made it in. A record of which the bandleader and the boys are proud is that they not only played to already-contracted theaters but that they were also responsible for opening up 36 new theaters on Okinawa alone.

"Hell, no," was Jurgens' flat statement when asked if he would like to go through it all again.

CHICAGO-BOUND

After discharge Jurgens plans to organize his own band here on the coast and play one-night stands from here to Chicago. There he will again appear at the Aragon ballroom, where at the time of his enlistment, he was running up a consecutive record of six years.

"I intend to have the same style orchestra that I had before," said

Bingo for Boots

The newest thing in the way of recreation for the recruits in Recruit Depot is Bingo. The Special Services Office put on a Bingo party last Wednesday night in the Recruit Depot amphitheater with Capt. Mitchell Paige, Officer-in-Charge, doing the calling. The prizes were cigarette lighters, bill-folds, games and comb-and-brush sets.

Talent Wanted!

A campaign was launched this week by the Special Services Officer at MCB to form an All-Marine entertainment troupe which will serve a variety of functions in the San Diego area.

One of the principal duties of the proposed troupe would be to visit hospitals and entertain wounded and bed-ridden servicemen. If the caliber of volunteer entertainers became high enough, the group would branch out in its activities to become a regular branch of the stepped-up Base recreational program.

All types of volunteers are needed. Marines with any talent for entertaining were urged to contact the Base Recreation Office, Ext. 224.

Among the talent needed are singers, dancers, musicians of all sort, amateur magicians and a score of other type entertainers.

Texans Lead Firing

Qualification at the Camp Matthews Rifle Range fell off last week, with Plat. 132, the high-firing unit, placing 82.5 per cent of its men above the mark. Plat. 132 qualified 82.1 per cent.

High individual scores of 314 out of 340 were racked up by both Pts. Ronald L. Fox of 132 and Angelo Andow of 131.

Of the nine high-scoring recruits, five of them were from Texas.



(Photo by Pvt. Ralph F. Metherell)

GIZMO AND REPLACEMENT. Featured on the Dick Jurgens all-Marine show, presented this week at the Base theater, was Sgt. Bill Moore, ventriloquist. With him are Gizmo and Giz's civilian girl friend, who Giz relates joined the WR's to release him for overseas duty. MTSgt. Jurgens looks on.



The play-offs of the MCB WR bowling team came off very well, as our gals landed on top of the heap after beating Pendleton in the 11th Naval Dist. tournament. The only thing that seemed strange about the whole affair was the lack of rosters, as all the WAVE teams were backed up splendidly by officers and enlisted personnel.

GREASY SPOON OFF TO NEW START

Along with a few minor, happy things like the end of the war, discharges and Xmas, comes a new regime in the mess hall, at long last. No more do we stand in line with a plate . . . not us! The crew of mess boys has been augmented by a lot of new blood (and apparently adrenalin) and it's charming, ABSOLUTELY, to sit down at a table again and scream for a survey.

WAVES ESTABLISH BEACHHEAD

We have a bunch of little strangers in our midst this week, as Barracks 357 has been vacated by the winners to make room for huge hordes of transient officers. And again, too, at that. Absolute co-operation between the Navy and the Marine Corps will be essential from now on as the WAVES have moved in with us for the duration of their stay on the Base. Let's rally 'round, be nautical again and get back to calling a "floor" a "deck" to make them feel at home.

SEAGOING NOTE

That boatride for WR's is set for tomorrow, so the lucky 50 who signed up will have to be excused if it takes them a while to get their land-legs back again after Sunday afternoon.

PERMANENT WAVE?

The American Association of University Women is endorsing the establishment of the W.A.C. as a permanent component of the U. S. Army and legislation to make peacetime use of women in the Naval Reserve. Their policy encourages the full participation of women in all social, economic and political life on an equal basis with men. What do you say, girls?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



Is Mickey going to the dogs? 'Tis rumored that Prince Mickey, mascot and scourge of the battalion, is going to be given back to his former owner. Being spoiled, untrained, given to fits of barking in the wee small hours of the night and slightly on the ugly side, he is rather unpopular with some, though the mascot idea was good in its original form.

'Who's a Pane?'

NAGASAKI, Japan (Delayed) — A new twist to the painstaking character of the Jap is offered by SSGT. George E. Lord, Marine correspondent who also writes it "panestaking."

The scene is an office building here which lost most of its window panes in the atomic bomb blitz. A Marine officer is trying to explain to a non-English-speaking Jap that he wants the window panes repaired.

In the course of the sign-language conversation the officer accidentally broke one of the good panes. The Jap smiled understandingly, and the officer left on other business.

Now there's not a single intact pane in the entire building.

CHEVRON



BEST BASE BOWLERS. Pictured above are members of the Women's Base bowling team who copped top honors in the recently completed 11th Naval Dist. women's bowling tournament. Pictured from left to right, are Corp. Lois Kline, Corp. Lorraine Kretlow, PFC. Anne Hawk, PISgt. Marian Huffman and PFC. Leona Jaminski. The team rolled a total of 2240 pins. (Photo by Base Photo Shop)

RD Boxing Moves Indoors; Crowded, But Who Cares?

By PFC. Lee Waterhouse

An exciting fight card was the order of the day at the RD boxing matches last Saturday night. The event was held indoors for the first time this year, mainly due to weather conditions, and though Bldg. 127 was packed to the very ceiling with enthusiastic spectators, no one seemed to mind.

Arthur Lang/Will English. Both boys exchanged hard blows in an amateur way until English KO'd Lang in the third round.

Richard Peters/Red Duvall. A rematch of two popular heavyweights, though not as good as last week's show. Peters took the judges' decision over Duvall though handicapped by a sore shoulder.

Robert Didrickson/Russell McNutt. A fast fight in which Didrickson floored McNutt three times with a series of uppercuts and finally KO'd him for a win.

Ray Bierman/Ronald Lyng. Bierman got a decision over Lyng through a series of long-arm punches to the nose. Lyng kept coming back for more but Bier-

man was just a little too good for him.

Roy Taylor/Allen Curtis. One of the best fights of the evening in that the Indian lad, Taylor, kept up a fey defense most of the time and lashed out fast when he uncovered. Taylor finally KO'd Curtis in the last of the third round, after keeping fans on their feet for the better part of the whole bout.

Barney Stence/Robert Ogoria. Ogoria, who fights as though he loves it, KO'd Stence in 1:46 of the first round with a beautiful and effective left. This was his second KO in two weeks.

John Greulich/George Nimmo. Both boys started out strong but Greulich outlasted Nimmo to take the judges' decision.

Charles Rothacher/George Diale. A fast start 'til Rothacher went down in 38 seconds of the first round for a KO by Diale.

Johnny Anderson/Dick Grim. Toe-to-toe slugging in the first

round 'til fight was called a technical draw, as Anderson's hand went back on him.

Main event: George Bevins/Maurice Reyes. It was anyone's fight at first, but the ever-popular Bevins won out via superior technique. Good body blows were landed and Reyes put up a nice defensive fight.

The second main event of the evening was the awarding of a wristwatch, presented by Irving Jewellers, to the most popular fighter.

That was a close decision also and since it ended up in a tie between George Bevins and Roy Taylor, Mr. Irwin Baranov decided to present each of the boys with a watch. Col. A. N. E. Robertson, CO of Recruit Depot, made the presentation.

Judges: Capt. Mitchell Paige and GySgt. A. E. Dugan.

Timekeeper: Pvt. Richard Murawski.

Referee: Pvt. Leonard Dorf.

Ambouncer: GySgt. R. J. Boekelmann.

El Toro-'Swabbie' Tilt Looms as Grudge Fight

Eight victories and one defeat is the record that El Toro's Flying Marines will carry into Los Angeles Coliseum tomorrow when the 1945 football season is climaxed with a "grudge" battle with the powerful Fleet City Bluejackets.

This "grudge" battle dates back to early in September when the El Toro eleven, playing their third game of the season, invaded San Francisco, only to have this top-ranking Navy squad inflict a 21-7 defeat on their record.

Since that setback Lt. Col. Dick Hanley's charges have more than redeemed themselves in the eyes of the sporting public. Knocking off six straight foes since their initial Fleet City encounter, the Flying Marines have amassed 183 points while limiting nine opponents to 49.

BACKFIELD SET

With Elroy "Crazy Legs" Hirsch, former Wisconsin-Michigan star; Paul Governali, ex-Columbia slinging star; Walt Clay and Ernie Lewis, both of Colorado U. fame, plying the backfield men and a forward wall averaging 210 pounds, the Marines may even dabble with the Fleet City outfit.

The unbeaten but once-tied Fleet City eleven have their own ace-in-the-hole with Claude "Buddy" Young, former Illinois star, who is called the fastest man in football today. His teammates have nicknamed him "Jet-propelled."

LARGEST SQUAD

The Bluejackets will bring in one of the largest squads to come this way for a football contest. Newly added stars on the 45-man squad are Bob Sweiger, All-American fullback from Minnesota; Lou Sosamon, USC center; Jim White, former Notre Dame tackle; Bill Leckonby, halfback from St. Law-

rence U. and B'klyn Dodgers, and Les Barnum, T-formation star of the N. Y. Giants.

This clash has been billed as the national service championship. Recent reports from wire service dispatches indicate a possible post-season meeting between the winner of this El Toro-Fleet City fracas and the undefeated, untied Army.

SERVICEMEN FREE

The game, if played, has been tentatively scheduled for Los Angeles with San Francisco being considered a possibility.

For this game tomorrow, it has been announced that a special section has been set aside for servicemen and an indicated gate must be used for this free admission.

Base Boxing Team Needed, Says WO.

"No tournament is a tournament without a Marine team entry."

That's how WO. A. E. Bennett feels about things as he goes about lining up a Base boxing team.

Disappointed in the fact that the Base didn't have an entry in the 11th Naval Dist. boxing tournament just completed, WO. Bennett wants to see to it that it doesn't happen again.

He appeals to all personnel who have any experience, amateur or professional, to get in touch with him at the Recreation Office, Bldg. 1, and start in on a well-planned training schedule under his personal supervision.

"I can safely say," explained WO. Bennett, "that no man who enters into this team will ever leave here on his heels."

"The program I have outlined," continued Bennett, "will be such that these boys will be rated along slowly, in much the same pattern that all professional fighters are trained."

"It's a good deal," Bennett remarked, "and one that will benefit anyone taking advantage of it, regardless of the time that they may still have to serve in the Corps."

Net Stars Booked

"Big Bill" Tilden and Fred Perry, nationally known tennis stars, will appear in an exhibition match for the entertainment of Base personnel Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 1300.

The games will be played on the Guard Co. courts and will be on the basis of a two-out-of-three set.

The first event will be a singles match between Perry and Tilden. Following this match, they will pair up with two of our own Marine stars.

In this doubles match, Lt. Helen Marlowe will team with "Big Bill" and Fred Perry will draw Lt. Baker, former Princeton athletic star, for his partner.

OTHER SPORT NEWS ON OPPOSITE PAGE



RECRUIT DEPOT SMOKER. The left photo is evidence that things really started out with a bang. Shown in the first event on the card is Pvt. Arthur Lang resting for the count of ten, while Pvt. Will English stands by, just in case. In the center fold Mr. Irwin Baranov, local jewelry store owner, is shown presenting



watches to the popular fighters of the evening. When a tie existed between Pvt. George Bevins, center, and Pvt. Roy Taylor, left, Mr. Baranov doubled his previous announced prize of only one watch. Watching the presentation is Capt. Mitchell Paige, Recruit Depot's Special Service officer. In the photo on the



right, Pvt. Russell McNutt is giving a fine imitation of that saying "Going, Going... Gone!" A second after the photo was snapped he was gone. Making way for his fall is Robert Didrickson, holder of the knockout punch. Referee is Pvt. Leonard Dorf. Results proved a "KNOCKOUT" time for all.

(Photos by Pvt. Ralph F. Merrell)

Through the SPORThOLE

By Pvt. VINCENT MASSE

BOXING. This department returned "bootside" last Saturday night to put the eye on the weekly boxing show. Came away with an eyefull of entertainment—and also the germ of an idea. We'll pass it on.

Experts in the line of fisticuffs who are among the faithful crowding the ring on these Sat. night affairs seem to agree on one thing—and perhaps this "thing" could be corrected.

The bouts are outstanding for one thing alone, and that is what is commonly termed "guts" displayed by those recruits. What they lack in experience and lack of time for preliminary training is overshadowed by that intestinal fortitude that has made Marines among the world's most respected and feared fighters on the battlefields in any man's war. Now "guts" are a fine thing, but observers are wondering if maybe a little more finesse added to the bouts would add to the zest of these torrid weekly sessions.

With this idea in mind, this department took a look into the setup. What we found is this: these boys who slug their hearts out for nothing more than the plaudits of the crowd and their own satisfaction have little or no training before entering the ring. On Tuesdays a call is sounded to all platoons for those who would like to try out for the coming week's fights. Those who respond are paired off by Matchmaker Pvt. Leonard Dorf. Age and weight are used as a guide. Then the pairs are sent into the ring to spar for a minute to see if they have any idea of what it's all about. If they pass this test, they are all set for the Saturday night show. The next time they see the ring is Sat. morning when they get a thorough physical checkup. Because of the crowded hours and days in a boot's life, he has little chance to get into the gym for a workout before the bell rings in his corner and the crowd starts yelling for blood.

Well, the germ of an idea hatched by the above facts has resulted in what this department thinks would be a better setup. It has been submitted to Capt. Mitchell Paige, Special Service Officer for RD.

The plan would be to work into the boot training schedule an allotted time in which the recruit would receive some compulsory athletic training in the sport he liked best. For those who choose boxing, a program would be worked along the lines that would bring them along slowly in their first six weeks of training—with a climax of entering these smokers in the seventh and final weeks in tip-top fighting shape. It's just an idea, of course, but would result, we think, in better fighters and even better-pleased fight fans.

TID-BITS. What with Base boxing instructions in effect, wrestling fans say they feel slighted; maybe something could be done. . . . PhM2/c "Jigger" Cranston, former Medical basketball star, is getting himself a real Christmas present. He's to be married on Dec. 25, which goes to prove that some people do love swabbies after all. . . . The 11th Naval Dist. finals in the Mixed Bowling tourney will be held tomorrow at the Towers. Play will begin at 0800 and continue throughout the day. . . . Because of their fine record, the Base basketball team has received an invitation to play the Naval Training Station's top team. (Go get 'em, fellows.) . . . Corp. Whelan, ex-Washington Redskin center, arrived back in the States this week, but was a little late to get in shape to help his old teammates, El Toro, in their big game tomorrow. . . . 'NUFF SED!

Base Quintet Tops Mustangs

The Base basketball team continued their winning ways in the 11th Naval Dist. basketball tournament by defeating the Amphibian Mustangs 63-38 in their only league game this week.

Continuing their present style of a two-team squad, the Base quintet wore down what apparently seemed to be a stronger opponent than they have yet to meet.

Holding a 28-21 lead at the half, the locals really poured it on in the second half and it was a matter of minutes before they ran up 20 points to their opponents' 2.

BIG BUT LAX

This Mustang team was comprised of the tallest men yet seen in league competition. Every member is well over six feet, but what they gained in the physical structure was lost by their lack of conditioning.

This two-team system used by the Base team is comprised of one offensive and one defensive. This type play has been successful thus far, as not only does it confuse the opponent but in time wears him down.

WR Keglers Cop 11th Nav. Title

With PFC Leona Jaminski rolling a high individual score of 522, the Women's Base bowling team took top honors in the 11th Naval Dist. bowling tournament just completed this week.

Compiling a team total of 2240 pins, the Base entry topped eight other entries. The runner-up position was taken by the WAVES from Imperial Beach with a score of 2127.

Members of the Base team are: PISgt. Marian Huffman, Corp. Lorraine Krellow, Corp. Lois Kline, PFC. Anne Hawk and PFC. Leona Jaminski.

Following is the final team standings:

Team	TP
Marine Corps Base	2240
Imperial Beach (WAVES)	2127
Miramar Girls	2080
Naval Training No. 1	2004
Naval Training No. 2	1945
Coronado WAVES	1902
R. C. S., San Pedro	1881
Naval Air Station	1742
Santa Barbara WAVES	1737

'Old Corps' Fighting Units 'Out'

The men who whipped the Jap and the units in which they fought daily are being "closed out" at giant Camp Pendleton, famous war-time training camp for tens of thousands of Marines.

BIG JOB FINISHED

To the officers and men of the 2nd Marine Amphibian Tractor Bn., the name of Tarawa atoll of the Gilbert Islands rings like a battle cry. On Nov. 20, 1943, the battalion landed 2nd Mar. Div. shock troops on powerfully fortified Betio Island of that atoll.

Japanese resistance was fierce. The 76 hours of violent battling there proved more fierce than that encountered by the battalion in landing Marine assault troops on Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, and on Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands.

That was the opinion officers and men of the veteran "amtrac" battalion expressed here last week, when they disbanded. Records and files were "closed out" by Sgt. Maj. J. K. Groves, and the battalion's commanding officer, Maj. V. J. Hardwick.

LUCKY TENTH

Records and files of the 10th Amphibian Tractor Bn., otherwise known as the "Lucky Tenth" to the officers and men of the 4th Mar. Div., have been "closed out."

The 10th "Amtrac" Bn. was dubbed the "Lucky Tenth" because of its phenomenally low casualties while ferrying 4th Division assault troops ashore on the fiery beaches of Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands; Saipan and Tinian, Marianas Islands, and Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.

Of these contested landings, officers and men interviewed here agreed that initially, the landing on Saipan was toughest, but that ultimately the Iwo Jima operation proved to be their most hard-fought campaign.

AMTRACS GONE

The 2nd Marine Armored Amphibian Tractor Bn., first armored

Headquarters Battery, Corps Amphibian tractor battalion to be employed in the role of artillery in battle, was disbanded here last week. Files and records of the battalion were "closed out" and personnel transferred by its commanding officer, Maj. Richard G. Wargo.

Employment of the battalion's 75mm. pack howitzer-armed amphibian tractors, model LVT (A-4) in the role of artillery occurred during the seizure of Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands. Spearheading the assaults on Roi-Namur, Marshall Islands, and Guam, Marianas Islands, the battalion used the LVT (A-4) type armored amphibian tractor, which was armed with 37mm. guns.

ACK-ACK OVER

Two Marine anti-aircraft battalions that took a heavy toll of Jap planes that flew over the Marshall Islands have been disbanded here, their war job done.

They were the 2nd and 16th Anti-aircraft Artillery Bns. that saw action at Roi-Namur and Kwajalein. The 2nd formerly was a defense battalion, and the 16th was a special weapons battalion of the 4th Division, before they went into the business of shooting down Jap aircraft.

FIVE MORE DISBANDED

Five of the battalions that aided to blast the Japs into submission on Okinawa, the last push of the war, have been disbanded.

The units are: 5th, 7th, 8th and 9th 155mm. Gun Bns. and the 6th Separate 155mm. Howitzer Bn.

Also being disbanded are the 1st and the Medical Co. of the 26th Marines, all part of the 3rd Amphibious Corps.

Portions of these battalions saw action at Peleliu, Guam and Guadalcanal before going into action at Okinawa.

The 1st Amphibian Tractor Bn., which participated in the first and last offensive operations of World War II, was disbanded here Nov. 17, ten days following its arrival back in the U.S. from overseas.

Attached to the 1st Mar Div., the 1st "Amtrac" Bn. churned its triumphant way ashore on Guadalcanal, British Solomon Islands, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, Peleliu, Palau Islands, and Okinawa Shima, Ryukyu Islands. Units of the battalion also participated in the landing at Mtschen, New Guinea.



WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

BASE THEATER 1730 and 2000

SATURDAY—The Strange Mr. Gregory. (Edmund Lowe-Jean Regan) A Mopogram picture and only fair. Shorts include: A Nite in Mexico City, Trap Happy Porky, News.

SUNDAY—Detour. (Ann Savage-Tom Neal) A piano player hit, tied a ride with a lady driver who dies at the wheel. Shorts: Highway to Heaven, Lulu in Hollywood, News.

MONDAY—What Next, Corp. Hargrove? (Robert Walker-Kleiman Wynne) Rated excellent. More and better Hargrove blundering into glory and trouble in France after D-Day. Also, Badinham, Pick Up Your Troubles.

TUESDAY—Can't Help Singing. (Deanna Durbin-Robert Frazer) Oldie in tech. Shorts are: Angel Puss, Bikes and Skis, News.

WEDNESDAY—Dakota. (John Wayne-Vera Ralston) Wayne, always good, in a grand scale western. Also: Derby Decade, World Duck.

THURSDAY—Yolanda and the Thief. (Fred Astaire-Lucille Bremer) Good technicolor fantasy with music. Mighty Mouse and the Wolf.

FRIDAY—Casanova Brown. (Gary Cooper-Teresa Wright) Horn good semi-comedy but oldish. Shorts: Campus Mermaid, Let It Be Me, News.

(Camp Matthews films will follow the above schedule by one day.)

The Wolf by Sansone



Church Services

Protestant, 0800 Holy Communion (Bldg. 1), 1015 Morn. Worship; 1100 Holy Communion (General), 1015, 0815 Morn. Worship. Recruit Depot, 0815 Morn. Worship, 110 (Bldg.), 1015 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 1008 Morn. Worship.

ROMAN CATHOLIC, Recruit Depot, 0800 Mass; Base Chapel, 0815 Mass; 1015, 1015 Mass; Camp Matthews, 0800 Mass.

LATTER DAY SAINTS, Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 0800 Morn. Worship, Camp Matthews, 1100 After noon Worship.

JEWISH, Camp Matthews, 0815 Services; Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 1030 Services.

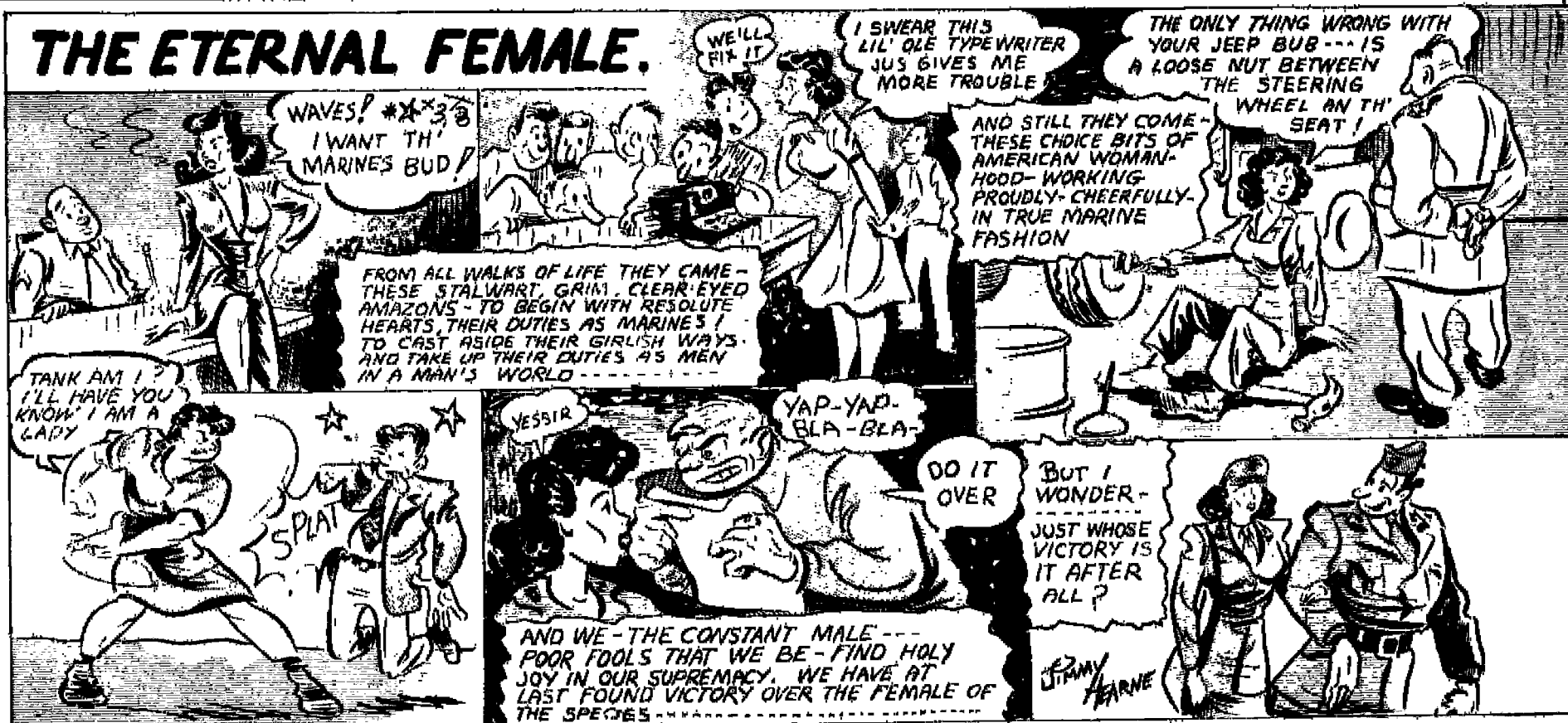
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 1000 Services. Weekly Services: **PROTESTANT**, Ad. Bldg. (Room 206), 1700 Tues. Bible Class.

ROMAN CATHOLIC, Base Chapel, 1000 Confessions, daily Mass, through Sat.; 1030 Mass, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1000 Novena Tues.

R&N, 1700 Confessions, Sat. Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123) 1700 Confessions, Sat.



THE ETERNAL FEMALE.



THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Ex-GI Bill Smith, a cop, was patrolling his beat in downtown Los Angeles when he saw a motorist knock off a pedestrian. A moment later Cop Smith was not unpleasantly surprised to discover that the errant driver was his old top kick.

TULSA, Okla. (CNS)—Harry Holmsted fell asleep in his sandwichmen in an all-night restaurant. When he awoke he found the waiter had rifled his pockets, removed \$1.75 in payment for his meal and took the residue \$3.25 as a tip.

EDDINGTON, Mo. (CNS)—While her son and grandson were out fruitlessly hunting North Woods game, Grandma Martin Hillier, 70, pulled a rusty shotgun from the wall, took a bead on a bear in her back yard, and bagged the shaggy fellow—first shot.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (CNS)—Annoyed when a guest ate peanuts and dropped the shells on his living room floor, Jake Warden, an irritable host, shot his visitor dead. "I didn't like his manners," Jake told police.

CHICAGO (CNS)—Lulu Beltzer, 17-year-old high school girl, set a South Chicago record recently by consuming 15 chocolate ice cream cones, three hot dogs and a marshmallow-nut sundae at one sitting.

OAKLAND, Cal. (CNS)—The plague of Oakland is a gang of teen-aged (or younger) boys who, within a fortnight, plinked out more than 200 of the city's street lights with slingshots and air rifles.

INDIANAPOLIS (SEA)—C. H. Wilken claims he's had no flies in his house since he drew a spider web on his screen door with a white lead pencil.

PUCATELLA, Idaho (SEA)—Mrs. L. J. Hatter sued a barber for \$50 for cutting off all the hair on her small son, whose she'd sent in for an ordinary haircut.

CHATTANOUGA, Tenn. (CNS)—A pedestrian, eating peanuts, dropped some on the sidewalk, slipped on them, accidentally kicked a cop while skidding, broke his leg when he fell. Now he's suing the cop for false arrest and the city for damages.

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—Thieves entered a second-hand men's shop on East Washington Ave., swiped seven suits, returned three of them the next night because the pants didn't match.

CHICAGO (CNS)—Neurotic Al Arati was thirsty. So he jumped from a bridge into the river, drank his fill and swam to shore. Awaiting him was an ambulance, a pulmotor and a cop. The latter arrested Al on a disorderly conduct charge.

SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)—Adventurous Ronny Rittger, 30, and his pal Ed Perrier, four, skipped home one day, lived a week on cookies and old huns atop a movie theater. "It was hell," said worldly Ronny.

WILMINGTON, Del. (CNS)—The housing shortage has reached such extremes here that one local resident commutes every night to New York just so he can sleep on the train.

DES MOINES, Ia. (SEA)—Luis Carrigzales, 46, who keeps in trim by skipping rope, chopping wood and chinning himself 40 times a day, is father of a baby daughter. Mrs. Carrigzales is 31.

BUFFALO, N. Y. (SEA)—A hit-and-run driver knocked down Miss Cora Kaufman, stopped his car long enough to hawl her out, then drove away.

LOS ANGELES (SEA)—Marine Thomas Eastham, who went through two years in the Pacific unhurt, suffered only wet feet when he ran his car over a cliff to avoid a collision.

CHICAGO (SEA)—A small, uninviting West Madison cafe has a sign in the window: "Come in Anyway."

Shamrocks or Mistletoe—Who Cares?



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VIVIAN AUSTIN

Saturday Morning, December 8, 1945