

(Official USMC photo)

**IWO REMEMBERED.** One year ago this week members of the 3rd, 4th and 5th Mar. Div.'s landed at Iwo Jima to fight one of the bloodiest battles in Corps history. The 25-day fight, which cost the lives of 4000 Marines, will be forever remembered by the nation and the Corps. Above is pictured the 5th Division's cemetery at Iwo; each white cross is mounted atop a Marine Corps hero's grave.

## Iwo Commemorated This Week

By Corp. Win. F. Taylor

Marines landed on Iwo Jima one year ago this week to forge a final link in the chain of island battles that led to ultimate victory for our nation over the Japanese.

The glory won at that historic battleground will never restore the lives of Americans who died for the victory.

Iwo, "the Pacific's pen-point of hell," cost the lives of 4000 of the 45,000 Marines who saw combat there. Twenty thousand Marines were wounded from enemy action.

From U.S. newspapers of one year ago, which gave daily reports of the Iwo operation, a brief history of that memorable battle may be drawn.

As far back as Jan. 27, 1945, reports from the Pacific disclosed that Iwo was receiving intense and devastating shelling from our fleet.

Then, all was quiet on the little island until Feb. 19.

### D-DAY

First announcements of the landing on Iwo of the 4th and 5th Mar. Divs. came from Guam, Feb. 19

was D-day; H-hour was 0710. The landing had been prelude by one of the most intense shelling of all history. Eight hundred U.S. vessels supported the Marine units to land.

A Marine Corps combat correspondent, Staff Sgt. Bill Dvorak, reported to the world that "Two hours after the first assault troops had landed and advanced somewhere beyond 400 yards... one battalion reported an estimated 20 per cent casualties, another reported 20 per cent casualties."

### FLAG RAISED

A news report on Feb. 24 stated, "An American flag fluttered peacefully beside the rim of Mt. Suribachi crater today while the northern guns of the largest force in Marine history were rumbling triumphantly below where advance units had surrounded the second Jap airfield on Iwo Jima.

"Located near the beach area, the first of the two Jap airfields was secured during the second day of the invasion. Constructing their lines around Mt. Suribachi on the south tip, the 4th, 5th and 3rd Mar. Divs. are steadily inching forward to the center of the island."

3rd MAR. DIV.  
The 3rd Mar. Div. was called into the fight on Feb. 22 to fill gaps caused by casualties. One week later, March 3, reports from Iwo indicated that the end, and victory, was in sight. With less than 1000 yards to go on the tiny island, a report from United Press revealed that the Japs were

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## Iwo, Okinawa Awards OK'd

### Presidential Unit or Navy Unit For Peleliu, Other Actions

Unit awards have been approved for Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Peleliu, Lingayen Gulf & Manila area, and for the Central Pacific campaign.

Quoting an official MarCorps Dispatch dated Feb. 15, a Base Memo reveals that "The Secy. of the Navy has approved the award of the Presi-

dential Unit Citation and Navy Unit Commendation" to specific Marine Corps organizations.

Warning that "Citations for the... awards are not ready for release," the dispatch promises that "when the citations and lists, of units that reinforced the 4th and 7th Marines (see below) are available, they will be given wide publicity. Therefore no requests for such information should be made to this headquarters."

Authorization is given, however, for "the wearing of the appropriate unit citation ribbon... by those persons so entitled under existing regulations" which govern the decorations listed in the dispatch.

Dates of actions, and units eligible for the new honors, are:

### PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

Peleliu 9-15 to 9-20-44—1st Marines Reinf.; Okinawa 6-4 to 6-14-45—4th Marines; 5-10 to 5-17-45—7th Marines; 5-10 to 6-1-45—22nd Marines.

Iwo Jima 2-19 thru 2-21-45—27th Marines Reinf.; 2-19 to 2-23-45—5th Tank Bn., less Co. C; 1st Bn., 26th

Regt.; B Co., 5th Eng. Bn.; B Co., 5th Medical Bn.; 2d Plat., 5th MP Co.; Detachments 5th JASCO; Detachment 2d Prov. Rocket Plt.; Forward Observers and Liaison Parties, 13th Regt.; 1st Section, 5th War Dog Plat.; 28th Regt. Reinforced.

Okinawa-Shima Area 4-2 to 4-21-45—Co. C, 5th Eng. Bn.; Co. C, 5th Tank Bn.; Co. C, 5th Medical Bn.; 3rd Plat., 5th MP Co.; Detachment 5th JASCO; Forward Observers and Liaison Parties, 13th Regt.; Detachment 3rd Prov. Rocket Plt.; Detachment D-2 Section, 5th Mar. Div.; Marine Observation Sqdn., 3.

### NAVY UNIT COMMENDATION

11th Regt., Cape Gloucester 12-26-43 to 1-30-44, Peleliu 9-15 to 10-21-44, and Okinawa 4-1 to 5-22-45; MAG-24, Lingayen Gulf & Manila area 1-23 to 3-5; Marine Bombing Sqdn. 612, Central Pacific campaign 11-1-44 to 5-31-45.

## NBC Lauds Iwo

Marine Corps Commandant Gen. A. A. Vandegrift and the Sec'y of the Navy were guest speakers on NBC's National Hour last Sunday. The program commemorated the Marine landing at Iwo Jima.

Along with highlights of Marine Corps history, the story of Col. E. A. Ellis, first Marine casualty of the war against Japan, was told.

Col. Ellis died, suspectedly through violence, while on a secret information-gathering mission on the Pacific Islands before 1930.

### Worth Knowing

A Base Memo issued last Friday is of wide and special interest to Marines. By order of Col. Thatcher:

"HOLIDAY ROUTINE WILL PREVAIL AT THIS BASE ON FRIDAY, WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 1946."

## NEWS OF INTEREST TO MARINES

Reduction to 42 of scores required for discharge, effective March 1, will make approximately 10,000 more Marines eligible for separation. To avoid delay in handling these men, all stations were authorized, as of Feb. 15, "to begin transfer this date to separation activities, all eligible personnel whose services can be spared and who cannot be discharged at station by March 7. No discharges are to be effected prior to March 1, but preliminary processing is to be accomplished prior to that date when practical."

### MORE DISCHARGE FIGURES

Since last Aug. 17 and through Feb. 8, Marine Corps separations totaled 236,391. Included were

267,716 enlisted men and 10,805 enlisted WAs. From Feb. 1 to Feb. 17, 1st Sep. Co. at MCB discharged 2606.

And still more statistics: During the week ending Feb. 8, 1947 Marines "departed U.S. for over-

seas," and 2553 arrived Stateside from foreign shores.

Re-enlistments at MCB during January totaled 58. Among those who have shipped over since the first of the year are six men who

spent part of their last cruise as Jap prisoners.

### MILITARY ITEMS

Eleven Japanese-American (Nisei) Wacs last month shipped by plane for duty at Gen. MacArthur's headquarters in Tokyo. One of them was looking forward to a second honeymoon with her husband, whom she married in Minneapolis before he was sent overseas.

According to a United Press dispatch from Nanking, Gen. Ho Ying-Chin, Chief of Staff of the Chinese army, told a press conference that all Japanese in China will have been repatriated by the end of June and the mission of the U.S. Marines in North China will be completed. Asked whether the Marines would leave then, he said, "That's not yet certain."



(Official USMC photo)

**IWO VETS.** One year, to the day, after Marines made the initial landing at Iwo Jima, members of the 28th Marines landed at San Diego as the last unit of the 5th Division to return Stateside. In photo, Col. C. B. Graham, a vet of Iwo, leads his men ashore.

Corps Peace-time Reserve Plans Will Offer Many Advantages

Of personal interest to all except "career Marines" who plan to ship over, is the information recently released by Headquarters concerning plans for the peace-time Reserve.

According to the Division of Reserve: Progressive action is being taken to activate a Ready, or Organized, component of the peace-time Reserve, and to maintain the remainder as a standby component. In the meanwhile, all personnel released from active duty who enlist, re-enlist or continue in the Reserve will be assigned to inactive status. They will learn of the formation of the Organized Reserve through publicity channels. Those who thereafter volunteer and qualify will be assigned to an appropriate unit in their geographical area. Units of the Organized Reserve will be located in as many geographical areas as is consistent with other military considerations. There will be units of aviation and the infantry and its supporting arms, providing opportunities for some specialized and technical training. All training will parallel and be closely coordinated with the Fleet Marine Force so that personnel will be kept abreast of the latest developments and doctrine.

Officers of the Organized Reserve will be afforded the maximum opportunity for extending their military education and experience by: (a) attendance at service schools and enrollment in correspondence courses at Marine Corps Schools, and (b) acceptance of temporary active duty within or outside the continental limits. They will be reassigned periodically in order to familiarize themselves insofar as practicable with a variety of command and staff duties.

Selected enlisted personnel of the Organized Reserve will likewise be afforded maximum opportunity for extending their military education and experience by: (a) attendance at service schools and enrollment in correspondence courses, (b) acceptance of detail to temporary duty with the Fleet Marine Force, and (c) detail, following application and qualification, to

firing may be conducted in addition to required training but attendance will be voluntary. All training will be with modern and accepted types of arms and equipment. Members of the Organized Reserve are paid for weekly drill attendance at the rate of 1/30th of the monthly base pay prescribed for their rank. Active duty training involves full pay and allowance for rank held.

It should be clearly understood that all members of the Reserve are obligated to active service only in the event of war or national emergency and cannot otherwise be called to active duty in time of peace without their consent. Moreover, the requirements of attendance at weekly drills and fifteen days of yearly active training will apply only to members of the Organized Reserve, membership in which is initially and continues to be voluntary only. Members of the Standby component of the Reserve need not attend drills or perform active duty training.

It is realized that membership in the Organized Reserve will be impracticable for those who reside at considerable distance



from the nearest unit of that component, and for those whose family and occupational interests will preclude their meeting drill and training requirements. The Standby component of the Reserve is intended for personnel in these categories. It is planned that officers and selected enlisted personnel of the Standby component will, upon their own application, receive fifteen days' active training duty each year and be permitted to enroll in Marine Corps Schools correspondence courses.

The interest of the people of this nation, of the Government and its Armed Forces in the peacetime military and naval reserve establishments is evidenced by the press and the number of current legislative proposals and enactments relating thereto. Some additional benefits to members of the Reserve may result from the latter. Benefits already existing include:

- (a) Opportunities for increasing personal knowledge in military and naval science.
- (b) Advancement in rank.
- (c) The accumulation of service which counts toward pay when on active duty.
- (d) Exemption from Selective Service under present laws.
- (e) The assurance of serving during war or national emergency with the branch of service already chosen.

Membership in the Reserve on inactive status in no way affects the rights and benefits to which an individual is entitled as a veteran.

Income Tax Worry? Here's 'Who Must'

Who must pay income tax? Who must file a return? The answers are a bit complex, but they're worth studying unless you're already sure how the Dept. of Internal Revenue will view your 1945 profits.

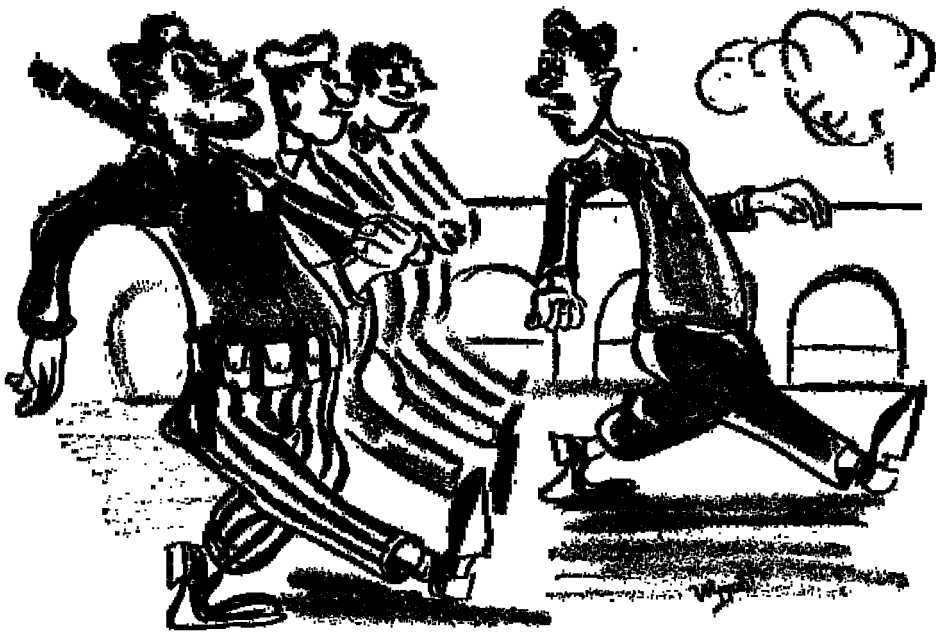
According to the Personal Affairs office at MCB, the first \$1500 of an enlisted man's pay is not considered at all in computing income. Servicemen are also entitled to exemption of the first "computed" \$500 of income from any source.

It is possible, therefore, for a serviceman to have up to \$2000 of income tax-free, if not less than \$1500 of it is service pay, and if his "outside take" is covered by the balance of the \$500 exemption, which applies to either service or non-service income.

Note, however, that if you had more than \$500 of non-service income, it may be taxable no matter how small your service pay was.

Requirements concerning who must file are slightly different. Everyone who had \$500 or more of non-service income must file a return. So must everyone with \$2000 or more income from any source (and the "first \$1500" of service pay is computed in this connection). If you had up to \$1800 of service pay, and up to \$499 of non-service income, you need not file. But if you had an additional \$1 from any source, you must file a return.

Whew!



SAFETY VALVE

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

Income Tax Worries

Editor, the CheVron—I had about \$1900 of service pay during 1945. Will I have to pay personal income tax? If not, will I have to file a return anyway?

MASTER GUNNERY SERGEANT MCB, San Diego

Editor's Note—The answers to your questions are of general interest, but had to be lengthy to insure accuracy. So you'll find 'em in the editorial section on this page—look to your left.

Officially, It's Official

Editor, the CheVron—I have heard (unofficially) that the 3rd Marine Regiment rates two battle stars for their Bougainville operation; and that of a ten-day consolidation period in the northern Solomons.

Could you tell me just what parts of the 3rd Mar. Div. rate it and just exactly what it was for? Thank you very much.

PFC. EDWIN P. BOOKER ECHR Center, MB, NB, Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor's Note—We asked our Feature Editor, who is a 3rd Mar. Div. man. He tells us that from all indications you rate two battle stars for your service in the northern Solomons. A Marine Corps Letter of Instruction (No. 1112), published Aug. 22, 1945, stated that "Where an individual participated in a specific operation in the northern Solomons and in addition, was present in the area between Oct. 27, 1943, and March 15, 1945, exclusive of the time allocated to the specific operations, he is entitled to two battle participation stars. He is entitled to one battle participation star for the specific operation and one additional star for having been a member of a unit in the area aiding in the consolidation of the northern Solomons." The way we see it, you rate both stars if you were at Bougainville from D-Day (Nov 1) until the division secured from there sometime in mid-January of 1944.

Good Shootin'

Editor, the CheVron—I am hoping that I can get a little information about "the Matthews Trophy for 1945." The last time I read up on the matter I found that one "Lopez" was in line for the trophy with a score of 324. I myself shot 324 in the last of February. Now could you tell me who got official credit for "45" and just how far down the list I am?

Pvt. VIRGIL L. BOYT U.S.S. Lexington

Editor's Note—Highest score at Camp Matthews in 1945 was made by Pvt. Louis K. Relyea, of Plat. 111. He fired 393 on Nov. 1. Headquarters at Washington has not yet released tabulations which will show where you stand on the list.

Base Band Applications

Editor, the CheVron—While reading the Jan. 5 edition of the CheVron, I found an article which caught my interest on the re-activation of the Base Band School. Could you give me some additional information?

Is the school and Base Band open to Recruit Depot graduates only, or is it open to everyone with musical talent?

I have had six years of playing in bands and orchestras under the supervision of the supervisor of music, Independent School System of Houston, Texas. I held down the first chair as a sax man.

I would like to know if there is a chance of my getting into the Base Band at any time during my stay in the Marine Corps.

Pvt. J. T. TURNER Keyport, Wash.

Editor's Note—Yes, you are eligible for the Base Band School and duty with the

Base Band, as are all Marines—no matter their post or station. According to CWO, F. A. Locke, Base Band Officer, you should route your application for schooling through channels to the Marine Corps Commandant. Make certain that you attach to your letter a verification of your background. A letter from the Texas bandmaster, according to CWO, Locke, will be sufficient. We suggest that you get hot on the matter as there are many hand openings at present for qualified musicians. Your chances are good.

Aid for Veterans

Editor, the CheVron—Just to note that the "Of Corps" looks out for its own, quote captions side by side in Thursday, Feb. 14, issue: "VETS MAY SELL ALPES SOON, VFW WARNS" and "SELLING COURSES OFFERED BY MCI."

H. S. PRENTICE

MCB, San Diego

Editor's Note—The CheVron makeup man keeps readers' convenience in mind.

Thanks From the Mayor

Editor, the CheVron—We wish to thank you personally for your splendid cooperation with our traffic safety campaign. Our traffic record in San Diego this past year has been poor, yet we feel that it would have been much worse without your help.

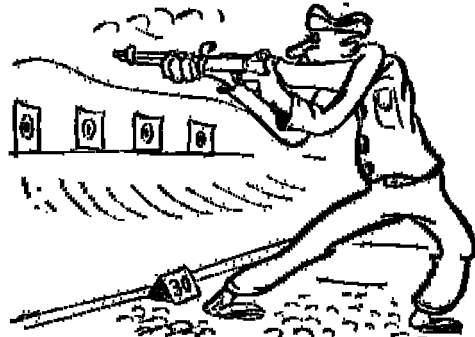
HARLEY E. KNOX, Mayor F. A. RHODES, City Manager C. E. PETERSEN, Chief of Police

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION

Editor's Note—Through a misunderstanding with its source of information, the CheVron last week, in reply to a reader's query, erroneously stated that veterans have to be in the U.S. to take advantage of "GI Rights" education. According to official data, those eligible can study "anywhere in the U.S. at any approved school . . . [or] can even go to school in a foreign country, if the institution is approved by the Veterans Administration."

Published last week, a letter from a Mojave, Calif., correspondent asked what system the Marine Corps is going to use in demobilizing. "I have been led to believe," she explained, "that the Army system had been chosen to get Reserves out. . . . If the Corps has formulated a plan . . . hadn't they better publish it? I am sure there are many people who would be interested. . . ."

Editor's Note—The Marine Corps and the Army do not have the same demobilization plan. The Army was the first to announce a discharge system, based on points accumulated on the basis of length of service, overseas time, campaigns, combat awards and children. Later the Corps announced a discharge system which used the same critical score as the Army's and included a similar plan for computing points. At that time many persons thought of the Marine plan as identical with the Army plan, though that was not the case despite the similarity in point systems. Subsequent announcements by the Army regarding certain length of service creating discharge eligibility has had nothing to do with the Corps' discharge policy of adhering strictly to the critical point system, which has been lowered from time to time until it now stands at 45 for men (dropping to 42, March 1) and 17 for WE's. We are not taking a stand on the respective merits of the two plans; we are merely trying to correct the erroneous assumption that the Corps is using the Army system of discharge.



Platoon Leader Training leading to eligibility for appointment to commissioned rank. The grades and ranks for enlisted men of the Organized Reserve will be identical with those prescribed for the Regular Marine Corps while promotions will be based on requirements similar to those of the regular reserve.

Members of the Organized Reserve will be required to attend weekly two-hour drills and perform active training duty in the field for fifteen consecutive days each year. Officer and non-commissioned officer classes, as well as field problems and range



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# *Story of* **Bertram** *the* **Boot** (The Reluctant Recruit)

By Pvt. John F. Vallan

## WEDNESDAY

Yes, Wednesday. No entry in my diary earlier this week; I have been too nervous with apprehension to write. On Monday, you see, I learned through the Bootvine that today we were to receive inoculations.

Last night my sleep was fitful; frantically I strove to stay awake. For when slumber claimed me, I plunged into a horrid abyss where tortures far worse than Dante ever visualized descended upon me. Each nightmare brought new variations of ingenious instruments of torture, wielded by white-robed fiends who chuckled and guffawed hoarsely as they stabbed and eviscerated my poor dream-self with instruments devised by madmen.

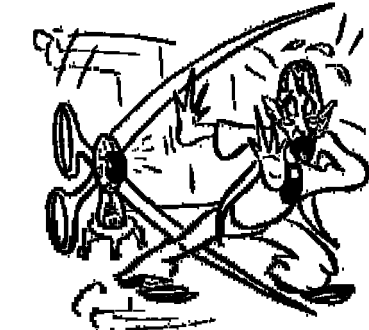
There were needles eight foot long; there were motor-driven scissors which snipped and chopped my quivering flesh, swishing and clacking with an inevitable, mechanistic monotony. There were rip-saws and cross-cut saws, and knives with jagged edges; and steel file-blades with pock-marked shanks, carefully rusted and pitted to increase the friction against my tender tissues.

But worst of all, I think, was the octopus - nurse. Slithering toward me (I was straitjacketed and chained to the wall), eyes gleaming in frenzied anticipation, its evil mouth drioled and slavered; and so did mine, though hardly in earnestness. Suddenly enmeshing me in its eight long tentacles—which felt like strips of soft, warm salt pork until they moved, when they became like hideous, shell-less snails or sea-slugs—the creature suddenly swelled its formless body to double-size, then pumped like a giant bellows. Out of this pulchritudinous vat, into each of the foul, flabby tentacles, spurted a jet of bright-red acid—and each jet founted dozens of tiny apertures through which to corrode my skin and gnaw its way into my bloodstream...

Verily, those were Artzybasheff dreams. They were grisly, gruesome, ghastly and grim. . . . They were, in brief, hardly the type to enable one to face the new morn refreshed and confident.

Finally today, as usual, Fate played me a whimsical prank. I suffered, yes, at the inoculation orgy; but my pain was mental rather than physical. . . . Numbness had engulfed me long before I reached the inoculated with the needle. But as I stood, eyes closed, wearily waiting for the surgery to begin, I felt my nervous system gathering itself together for a complete collapse. Sure enough, at what seemed the instant when the blade must penetrate my poor shuddering shoulder, my controls broke down and my tension erupted as a window-rattling shriek!

The mental mortification, the humiliation, the befuddled bewilderment, came when I learned that the inoculation had already been completed, several seconds before I screamed. It had been painless, I must confess; and as my co-recruits, too, had hardly known when the needle actually pierced their skin, I have since been subjected to endless ridicule.



Consequently, I am quite out of patience with my critics. If they had suffered as I suffered, in my dreams, . . .

## THURSDAY

I have taken a tip from older, wiser men—veterans of interminable years of Sweeney If Out—and have concluded that they are insane. Or at least they are motivated by misanthropy, which does not happen to be an element of my mental or emotional structure.

"Just mark off the days on a calendar," they told me, "as time rolls on. You'll find it a convenient way to keep track of time, and it will enable you to see at a glance how much longer there is to go."

That's just the trouble.

I did a bit of calculation, after checking off that infinitesimal fraction of my enlistment which, so far, constitutes my Unforgettable Past in the Marine Corps. I translated the remaining days, months and years into more realistic, comprehensible units of time and experience. And according to my careful computations, there remain ahead of me:

1,395 days, or 33,480 hours, of enlistment. That means 2,098,800 minutes; and since the time passes, for me, in incredibly slow baks of the clock, I can look forward to counting, personally, the major portion of one-hundred-twenty-million, five-hundred-twenty-eight thousand seconds!

This can, I confidently predict, will include (@ three hours per day) 4185 hours, or nearly 25 unbroken weeks, of BFD.

If I wear out one broom and one swab each month (a VERY conservative estimate), and give my issue clothing the customary usage, I shall wear out during this period: 400 feet of wooden handles; 496 sq. yds. of flannel; and—I may modestly predict—at least seven drill instructors.

Allowing one-thirty-second inch of wear for each scrubbing, I shall—during this multiple eternity—lower the elevation of the head floor some three and one-half feet.

The only encouragement I can draw, then, is that if taxpayers knew the cost of maintaining me as a permanent accessory at R13, they would rise up and demand that I be separated from the service post-haste.



Thursday Morning, February 21, 1946

## Returnees Will Have Seabags Inspected

Marine Corps Headquarters recently directed that all personal baggage of Corps members returning to the U.S. shall be inspected for contraband.

The dispatch, which originated in Washington, disclosed that quantities of government property, especially weapons and live ammunition, both American and enemy, were being returned to the U.S. by unauthorized persons. Much of the property is finding its way into civilian channels.

Headquarters, in an effort to correct this "highly undesirable condition," has ordered the inspection of all personal baggage being shipped Stateside.

The order also directs, by a later modification, that where keys are not available to open gear for inspection, locks will not be forced except on seabags. Inspecting officers will wait until keys are obtainable for opening other luggage, and inspecting units will make every effort to contact the owners.

In all cases where question of ownership of government property or souvenirs by officers or enlisted men is involved, the order specifies items removed from baggage will be marked with name and serial number of the person in whose baggage the items were found, and a report made to the quartermaster general.

## Japs Still Hide In Guam Hills

PEARL HARBOR (A.P.)—Up to 600 Japanese in scattered groups, including women, still are hiding out on Guam, Maj. Gen. Henry L. Larsen, retiring commandant of that island, said this week upon arrival here en route to the United States.

Larsen said one band of 23, including a woman, surrendered recently. "The woman carried a large amount of money belonging to the group," he said. "All were well clothed and well fed and in better physical condition than the average person in Japan."



(Photo by Base Photo Shop)

**LOCAL TALENT.** The MCB branch bank refrains from using animated neon signs, bingo games or even "bank nites" to lure customers. But it obviously has no objection to employing young ladies who might help draw the crowds. In fact, the official who called our attention to Miss Eloise O'Donnell, teller, frankly opines that she makes the local depository one of the most attractive spots on the "campus." If any Base activity wishes to challenge, the CheVron will give its objective attention to all such art-studies submitted.



(Photos by PFC. Ralph McHerrill)

**NO GAG.** Sure, this picture was posed; but it represents what is actually happening to many, many Marines these days. If you're getting out, or going on furlough, remember that carrying your money in cash (instead of travelers' checks) doesn't mean you're a Fearless Leatherneck. It just means you're Not Very Bright.

## Get-Poor-Quick Scheme— Carry It In 'Cold Cash'

"Liberty Boudin Marine slugged in (by) town area . . . Two servicemen robbed by driver . . . Highway crime increases . . ."

Marines being discharged, or going on furlough, are asking for trouble if they carry their funds in cash.

Adding its warning to those already issued by civilian police officials, the MCB banking facility this week called attention to the ease with which travelers can protect themselves against loss.

## RECOVER IF LOST

"Use travelers' checks for the funds you'll need en route," was the advice of Mrs. Elaine B. Luby, teller. "Put the balance of your money into a cashier's check, and mail it to your home-town bank for credit to your own account. Or if you must carry it with you, you still can recover the full amount if the check is lost, or

stolen, or cashed with a forged signature."

Travelers' checks, Mrs. Luby pointed out, are available in various denominations. They can be purchased in ten-dollar, twenty, fifty, or one hundred dollar "bills", and are just like "greenback" currency except that the owner signs them at the time of buying and again when cashing them. All banks and the American Express Agency sell travelers' checks, and most large stores as well as nearly all hotels will cash them upon request.

Cost to the purchaser is 75 cents for each \$100 in checks.

More practical for the safe conveyance of large sums of money is the cashier's check, which may be obtained in any value for a 15-cent fee. This instrument may be endorsed any number of times, being entirely negotiable after the first endorsement by the payee, but the buyer in this case too is reimbursed for loss, theft or forgery. The cashier's check may be made payable to another bank, and mailed for credit to the individual's account.

"Despite the advantages and simplicity of the protection offered," according to Eloise O'Donnell, teller, "many people learn only after the experience of losing or being robbed of their funds."

"A platoon sergeant separated from the service recently withdrew his savings and started home carrying the entire \$3500 in cash. Another Marine took three \$1000 bills and ten \$100 bills, insisting that he'd play safe by putting it in his money-belt. He didn't know that thugs have learned to look for money-belts before bothering with billfolds."

Asked whether WR's, as a group, show a more realistic attitude toward the matter, Mrs. Luby said that they almost over-do the safety measures. "Most girls, when they get twenty or thirty dollars in cash, are scared to death they'll lose it. So they buy travelers' checks one at a time, in the smallest denominations."

But there is no difference in attitude between enlisted men and officers, in the teller's experience. Some individuals are practically some aren't—regardless of rank.

The Base bank is open from 1040 to 1500, Monday through Friday, and 1000 to noon Saturday.

## Nominate NCO's

For non-coms who want to wear Blues:

A Base Memo recently directed CO's to: "Submit immediately nominations NCO's, Regular Marine Corps, of excellent record and with at least ten months to serve on current enlistments, who are suitable for recruiting duty and preferably who desire such duty."

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# Corps Linguists Valuable in China

By Corp. Anthony B. Tranquillo

**TIENTSIN, China (Delayed)**—A unit that has more than proven its worth to the Corps in the North China operation is the Chinese Language Sub-Section of G-2, Hq. 3rd Amphib. Corps.

Their duties here in China principally have been as interpreters at staff conferences and in translating official documents. In the recent detainment of a group of Marine Corps aviators by Communists, the language unit sent representative linguists along with the rescue party to act as go-between in the release of the flyers.

### SMALL UNIT

Totaling 25 men, the section consists of 13 officers, five enlisted personnel (three Army, two Ma-

rine Corps), and seven Chinese civil service linguists. The entire unit specializes in interpretation and translation work.

In charge of the section is Capt. Harold H. Snuggs, whose many years in China, both as missionary and teacher, coupled with a wide knowledge of the Far East, highly qualify him for the job.

The section represents a group of men capable of decoding any and all dialects of China. All men were trained at the University of California. The group united and organized on Guam preparatory to this operation and only the men

who met the most rigid of qualifications were accepted.

### BACKGROUND REQUIRED

The language section accepted only those officers and men who could speak at least one Chinese dialect, as well as read and write same. The section has several who can speak as many as three of the difficult dialects fluently and are capable of reading and writing all three also.

## Many MC Vets Hit L. A. Port This Week

Three ships brought U.S. veterans, many of them Marines, from the far Pacific to Los Angeles Harbor this week. Heading the arriving ships was the transport President Jackson, an old Corps standby, from Eilatwak with 1762 men aboard. The mine sweeper In-lict came from Pearl Harbor and the steamer Camas Meadows from Manila with other U.S. servicemen.

Four ships with 3741 overseas veterans, including Army, Navy, Marines and civilians, also arrived in port. They are the transport Glynn from Saipan, the transport San Saba from Saipan, the steamer Louise Lykes from Shanghai, and the mine sweeper Incredible from Pearl Harbor.

## Marine Return Figures High

**CAMP PENDLETON**—With the docking on Feb. 19 of the U.S.S. Saratoga, the total of Marine Corps personnel returned from the Pacific to enter the San Diego port since Oct. 1 has swelled to 117,271, it was reported.

This figure, though not large when compared to the figures of the other services, is of creditable size when the comparative strength of the Marine Corps is considered.

Aboard the Saratoga were troops of the 26th Regt., returning after occupation of Japan. They arrived on the first anniversary of the regiment's landing at Iwo Jima.

With the Saratoga's 262 tons of equipment and gear, the total of Marine Corps shipping tonnage to pass through the San Diego port since Oct. 1 when the move began from the Pacific got under way in earnest, has reached 106,129 tons. —PFC. J. W. Paul.



(Photo by MTSgt. John G. Daly)

**CONSTANT READER.** "Patter" looks somewhat bored with the "CheVron Chick," but then probably everything would be an anti-climax after being born amid the Saipan fireworks. Hq. Co. of 2nd Mar. Div. claims the pooch as official mascot. PFC. D. E. Bresler claims her as his personal souvenir.

## Cave-Dwelling Pooch Finds Romance in Corps Duty

Born on Saipan while Marines battled to secure their beachhead, "Patter," a recent visitor to the CheVron office, grew up with a phobia for Japanese. The ocean, too, is among her dislikes, but she stowed away on a transport headed Stateside, and then engaged in a romance which highlighted the voyage for everyone aboard.

A pooch of ambiguous ancestry, Patter was about ten days old when found in a cave near the front lines on Saipan. PFC. Daniel M. Bresler, of Hollywood, discovered her while reconnoitering, and immediately claimed her as his special souvenir. Hq. Co. of 2nd Mar. Div.—Bresler's outfit—adopted her as official mascot, and she saw duty on Tinian, Okinawa and other lively spots.

### ROMANCE IN SAIPAN

While on Saipan, Patter met a service dog. Some time later, five little Patters were yipping at Bresler's heels. The young recruits were assigned to duty with other Marines in Nagasaki, and left there.

In some unexplainable manner, Patter showed up a day or two out of port aboard the transport which brought Bresler and others back to the States. Socially, she struck up an acquaintance with "Mike," a captain gent of miscellaneous descent, now at Camp Pendleton with his own, a Marine Corps lieutenant.

### STILL SHELL-SHOCKED

Home-broken, even ship-broken,

## CampPen Polio Drive Hits High Total

**CAMP PENDLETON**—Marines here have contributed heavily toward winning the fight against infantile paralysis, according to the Camp Special Services Officer.

Lt. Col. Levi W. Smith congratulated the Leathernecks here after they had donated \$8074.52 to the March of Dimes. Collections were made at camp theaters, NCO and officers' clubs and at all activities staged during the drive.

Living up to its title, the March of Dimes here netted more in dimes than any other coin, the ten-cent piece accounting for \$1934.90 of the total.

### WR's PLEASE NOTE

WR's may now wear parts of their uniform as civilian clothes upon discharge.

Patter is well-mannered and credit to the Corps, Bresler claims. She's a bit shell-shocked, he thinks, from the roar of battle which accompanied her entry into the world, and is frightened by sudden loud noises. Aside from that her only failing is that she can't be trusted around Japanese—she's been known to bite an unwary PW. Friendly to all accidentals except children (apparently because their smallness is strange to her) and sailors, she warms up even to them after a short acquaintance.

But her loyalty is centered in Bresler. When he's in a formation, she sniffs right down the line until she finds him, and stays with him constantly unless forcibly restrained.

Bresler himself has been in nearly three years, and saw action at Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa, and with occupation forces in Japan. As a member of the 2nd Division, he wears a Presidential Unit Citation.

## Youthful Marine Signs Again

**CAMP PENDLETON**—Pvt. James Ore Fraley, 17, of Agollo, Pa., has just signed up for his third hitch in the Marine Corps. This seemingly impossible fact was brought about as follows:

Fraley first joined the Corps in December, 1943, at the tender age of 15. After he had been in several months, the truth about his age was discovered and he was discharged. In May of last year, when he reached the age of 17, he signed up with the Reserves. Recently he decided to transfer to the regular Corps for a two-year hitch.

Thus he will be eligible for his fourth "enlistment" while still in his teens.

## Mess Co. Dance

Base Mess Co., H&S Bn., announced plans for a dance to be held at Navy Field tonight. The party will be at Picnic Arbor.

Food, beer and soft drinks will be free for invited guests. Music will be by the Base swing band.

A committeeman for the celebration also reported that WR's are cordially invited.

Festivities will begin at 2030 and conclude at 2330. Parking spaces will be available for all hands.

## Hawaii Marine Sergeants Confined: Circulated 'Unlawful' Petition

**HONOLULU, Feb. 19 (A.P.)**—Three sergeants at the Ewa Marine air station are confined because they "violated lawful orders" by circulating a demobilization protest petition, Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commander of the Pacific FMF, announced today.

Those confined were TSgt. Jason P. Shaeffer, of Harrisburg, Pa.; TSgt. Harry H. Cooley, of New Orleans, and Sgt. George M. Darby, of New York City. Gen. Geiger said the petition was recommended by two individuals "not connected with" the Marine Corps.

### POINTS TO GRIEVANCES

Geiger's statement on the confinement said:

"On Feb. 15 a petition protesting lack of information on Marine Corps demobilization policy was circulated at the Marine Air Corps station at Ewa. This petition directed attention of high government officials to certain alleged grievances in connection with the return of the Marine Corps to peacetime status.

"Demobilization of the Marine Corps is being carried out as rapidly as possible. The Marine Corps is an instrument of national policy, acting under orders which stem from the President of the United States. Current orders, as they affect demobilization, are published for the information of Marines everywhere.

"Navy regulations make provisions for an application for re-

dress of wrong, but require that such application be made in writing through the individual's immediate commanding officer to the senior commander.

### ORDERS VIOLATED

"By circulating a petition of protest, three members of the Marine Corps violated lawful orders. These men now are confined pending results of an investigation.

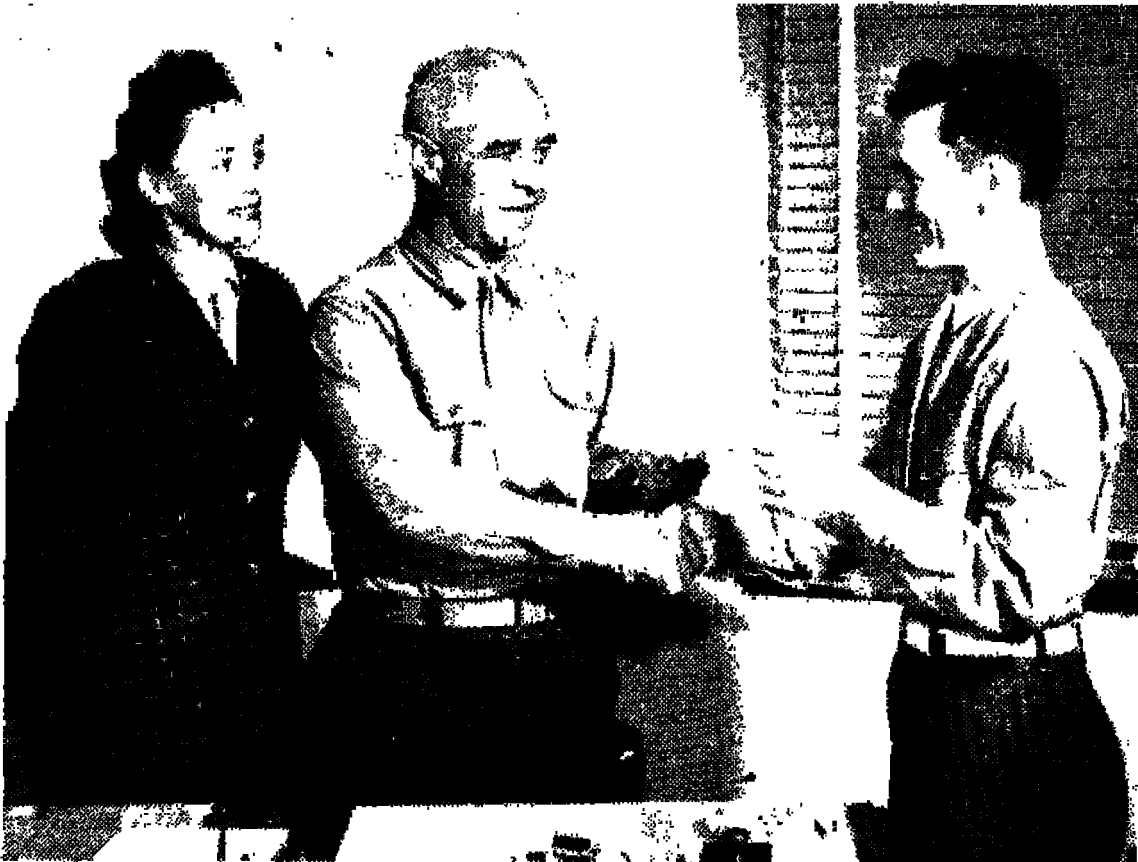
"Marines who have been questioned have testified that this petition was suggested and recommended by two individuals not connected with the United States Marine Corps."

Army T/4 Edward Truman, of Des Moines, chairman of the Oahu servicemen's chapter of the American Veterans committee which sponsored the petition, said he was asking the A.V.C. to furnish legal aid for the Marines.

## Photo Offered

Marines can have a copy of that MCB photo for 25 cents.

Requests poured in so fast for prints of the remarkable air-view reproduced, in ten-column width, in last week's CheVron, that Public Information arranged for the Base Exchange Photo Shop (Bldg. 216) to make copies available. The prints on sale are a convenient 5x10 inches in size.



(Photo by Corp. Jeanne Cleary)

**WON HIS DIPLOMA.** PFC. Roland R. Dennis, who recently passed the General Educational Development tests at MCB, this week received word he'll be awarded his high school diploma as a result. Col. W. W. Davies, Chief of Staff, and 1stLt. Mary V. Gordon, educational guidance officer, on Tuesday congratulated Dennis, a Pontiac, Mich., native whose current duty is clerical work for Hq. Co., H&S Bn. . . . The tests are available free to any Marine, and are conducted at the Education Office, Bldg. 1, from 0800 to 1600 Monday through Friday, 0800 to noon Saturdays, and 1800 to 2030 Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Many Marines Arrive Here from Pacific

More than 2500 Marines arrived in San Diego during the past two days from the Pacific, according to the Marine Base branch of the area G-4 office, and other arrivals amounting to over 1700 are due within the next few days.

Last Tuesday elements of the 26th Marines arrived in San Diego on the APA Sarasota from Peleliu. Aboard were 21 officers and 554 EIM from H&S Co., Hq. Co., 3rd Bn., and T Co., 3rd Bn. Also to arrive were 1000 Marine casualties from Tsingtao, China, aboard the carrier Roi. Most of the men were scheduled for discharge.

CORPS CASUALS

Yesterday 905 Marine casualties docked in San Diego aboard the

Marines in China Not Volunteers, Reports CMC

WASHINGTON (Official Release)—Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps, announced last week that Marine units in China are not composed entirely of volunteers for that duty.

Gen. Vandegrift explained that he was making this statement in an attempt to correct wrong impressions held by many families of Marines stationed in China.

Units now engaged in disarming and repatriating Japanese troops in China, the General explained, consist of Marine regulars and those reserves and inductees who do not have enough demobilization credits for discharge at this time, or who are temporarily irreplaceable. Although preference for duty is considered in the assignment of Marines, the exigencies of the service decide in the long run the station to which an individual will be sent, he added.

Gen. Vandegrift also pointed out that 5000 Marines are now at sea en route to replace high-point veterans on duty in China, Japan and other islands of the Pacific.

APA Monrovia. Arriving from Sasebo, Japan, 621 of the veterans are scheduled for discharge, 270 for reassignment to new duty station. Hospital patients aboard numbered 32. Others to arrive on the 20th were elements of the 11th 155 Gun Bn. Numbering 45 men in all, they arrived from Pearl Harbor aboard the LST 221. The unit will remain intact, and is to be stationed at Pendleton.

MORE DUE HERE

Scheduled for arrival here on Feb. 25 from Yokosuka, aboard the APA Presidio, are other Marine units whose numbers and designations were not disclosed. Also due on that day from Tsingtao, aboard the APA Napa, are 1114 EIM and 37 officers.

On Feb. 27 the escort carrier Prince William will arrive from Okinawa with 564 men of Hq. Sq. 14, and VMF 212, 222, 223. They will be assigned to MCAD, Miramar, for processing.

California Vets Get New Aid

California's Gov. Warren this week signed a bill to permit veterans to take advantage both of the State's educational benefits and farm or home financing.

The bill removes a provision making a veteran who accepts one of the benefits automatically ineligible for the other.

Also approved by the Governor was a bill exempting government compensation received by a disabled veteran in determining whether children of the veteran are entitled to free tuition at State colleges or the University of California.



(Photos by PFC. Ralph Matherell)

RIFLE & PISTOL MATCHES. Shown above are GySgt. Maxin R. Beebe and 2dLt. Louis M. Patterson as they look over their weapons for the forthcoming Western Division matches at Camp Matthews. On the left is a photo of the San Diego trophy to be awarded to the winning rifle team. On the right is the W. S. Van Dyke trophy given to the highest "tyro" score. Both awards are to remain in the winners' possession until the next meet.

Corps Rifle Match Set for Matthews

By PFC. Vincent Masse

Get your shooting irons out, men! No, there isn't another war starting, but the Western Division rifle and pistol matches are coming up the week of April 22 to 27.

These matches, plus the San Diego trophy rifle contest, will be held at the Camp Matthews rifle range. Scheduled for the first time since 1940, they

will feature an innovation in the use of the modern M-1 rifle instead of the old Springfield, which the majority of today's Marines have never touched.

All Corps personnel are eligible for participation, with the stipulation that any Reserve or SS entrant must file a statement that he will stay on active duty till June '46, when the matches will be completed. Those interested in com-

peting may obtain complete details from their commanding officers.

After local eliminations at each base, each team fielded will consist of a team captain, team coach, four shooting members—one of whom must be an officer—and one alternate.

Twelve squads will participate in the Western Division matches, with units of the FMF joining for the

first time. Teams will compete from: Adak, Alaska MB, NOB; Bremerton, Wash. MB, USN Shipyard; Camp Pendleton, MTRC; Mare Island MB, Navy Yard; MCB, San Diego; Mar. Garrison Force, 14th Naval Dist.; 1st Mar. Div. FMF; 2nd Mar. Div. FMF; 6th Mar. Div. FMF; Service Co. FMF; Aircraft FMF; Force Troops FMF.

Individual medals to be awarded for competition include three gold, five silver and nine bronze for rifle, and one gold, two silver and five bronze for pistol.

The course to be completed:

Range	Type	Shots	Target	Post
200	Slow	12	A	Standing
200	Rapid	16	A	Sitting
300	Rapid	16	A	Prone
500	Slow	8	B	Prone
600	Slow	8	B	Prone

Maj. Gen. Peck Wins High U.S., China Awards

TIENTSIN, China (Delayed)—Dual recognition for his direction of repatriation of Japanese in this section of North China and assistance to the Chinese Government has been given Maj. Gen. Dewitt Peck, commander of the 1st Mar. Div.

The medal of the Grand Cordon of Yun Hui (Cloud Banner, second grade) was awarded Gen. Peck by Chiang Chung-chong, chairman of the Chinese National Government, at the direction of the Generalissimo Chang Kai-shek.

"The Chinese National Government certifies that Gen. Peck has rendered such meritorious services as listed in the Regulations Governing Awards to the Army, Navy and Air Corps and is hereby awarded the medal of the Grand Cordon of Yun Hui," the diploma of award read.

Presented to him at the same time was an oak leaf cluster in lieu of a second Legion of Merit, awarded by the commanding general of the China Theater, Lt. Gen. Albert G. Wedemeyer. The decorations were made by Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rokey, commander of the 3rd Amphib. Corps.—SgtSgt. Bob Clark, Marine Correspondent.



SUSgt. INEZ JOHANNSEN and Sgt. Rose A. Gustafsky at the Miramar WR anniversary party ... they cut the cake.

WR Anniversary Celebrated

Miramar's Women Reserve unit last week celebrated the third anniversary of the WR's with open house and a special dinner.

The Miramar special services office reported that only 28 per cent, or 206 personnel, of the wartime peak of 735 Miramar WR's remain at the station, and were present to celebrate what was probably the last WR anniversary.

Brig. Gen. W. J. Wallace, who commands West Coast Marine Air, read a congratulatory message from the Secy of the Navy to the WR's, praising their achievements during the past three years. The general added his personal commendation to the message.

Messages were also read from the Marine Corps Commandant and the director of the MCWR's.

Guests at the evening's celebration dinner included Col. Harold C. Major, MCAD commanding officer, and Maj. Julia E. Rockefeller, commanding officer of the 206 remaining WR's at the depot.

Super-Service Salesman Says 'So Solly Sir'

MARINE AIR BASE, YOKOSUKA, Japan (Delayed)—"Just like Stateside." That's what the boys at this former Jap naval air base are saying about the new gasoline service station recently brought into existence here.

Tired of having to constantly chase here, there and everywhere for gas and oil, the boys in the transportation section, here at MSG 81, procured the services of a couple of Japs and set up a first class gas station. All they have to do now is drive up to the gas pumps and holler, "Fill 'er up." The "new attendants" take care of the rest.

The only slip that has occurred so far happened when one of the Japs inadvertently used the same rag to check the oil and wipe the windshield of a Marine major's jeep. Aside from that, the members of this organization are very happy with their new Super-Service.—Sgt. Ray Stokes, Marine Correspondent.

War Brides Due

WASHINGTON (A.P.)—Approximately 68,000 war brides and children of American servicemen will be brought to the U.S. within the next six months, starting early this month. About 60,000 will come from Europe and the remainder from Australia and New Zealand.

The first ship to bring back dependents from the Pacific will be the Mariposa, expected to arrive with 1200 women and children about March 1.

The trips for war brides, the war department emphasized, will not be permitted to interfere with the return of troops.

APPROVAL NEEDED

Marine Corps Headquarters revealed recently that because of an acute housing shortage at Corps outposts in the Pacific, Marine families would not be allowed to those posts without approval of area commanders.

FRONT

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

JOHN JOE DOE

PRIVATE

Has served and satisfactorily completed a period of training and service on active duty in the United States Marine Corps, World War II

BACK

11 Nov. 1941

9 Aug. 1946

John Joe Doe

(Official USMC photo)

BILLFOLD SIZE. Along with your discharge papers now, you'll get a permanent ID card like this—a record of military service that you can have always on hand. Fortunately, those skin-head boot camp pictures are not carried on this card. Marines separated between last May 1 and the time the card was adopted may obtain theirs by presenting their discharge papers to the nearest Corps activity.

# Through the SPORThOLE

By PFC. VINCENT MASSE

## DEAR EDITORIAL DEPT.:

I was seriously thinking of sending this gripe to your Safety Valve column but I thought it was safer to keep it here on the sports page and avoid an answer.

I enjoyed your writeups regarding the event of E-H Day (Exit Heinemann) but I noticed a slight flaw in your review. Not a line, nary a word, about Mr. H. being remembered as a sports writer.

It "hoit" me plenty to see you miss up on that. You see a lot of people that read Heinemann's stuff on the sports pages, while I was enjoying the snowy shores of BROOKLYN, neglected to note Mr. H.'s byline on the column and now yours truly is suffering the after-effects of that "mass calisthenics" campaign of his.

It gets quite monotonous, this falling-over-locker-boxes business; and to think that with just one word from you in your Mr. H. writeups you could have lengthened the life of your sports editor! OR, don't you care?

**A SPORTING ARTIST.** Last week was E-H Day, this week it's E-L (Exit Loudermilk) Day. Who's Loudermilk? Are you kidding? Sgt. L. is best known for his fine work in revolutionizing the pinup industry with his "drawn from memory" sketches of Pacific belles for the Chevron. BUT



to this department he will always be remembered for his accomplishments in a far different field... the field is GOLF. And believe you me, when Loudermilk plays golf, he needs a FIELD and not a course. Looking through the files on Sgt. L.'s sports accomplishments, we found numerous stories heretofore unpublished. Reason? Marine Corps rules. It's written in the books of rules that a Sgt. outranks a PFC. (Silly, isn't it?) However, there is nothing in the book that says a civilian outranks a PFC, so now we can publish it.

His latest escapade occurred only last Saturday, when Mr. L. and Mr. Heinemann played their final "who-outwits-who" tournament at the La Jolla Country Club. It was on the seventh green that Mr. L. stepped up carrying his favorite nine-iron. He really "tee-hee-ed" off. Ball, club and dignity. The ball traveled 25 yards, the club a record-breaking 100. . . . As for his dignity . . . well, how far can an artist's dignity go? That's how far it went.

Then there is the story he related about himself. It happened during the war, when as a combat artist he landed with an advance patrol on a small Pacific isle. The patrol leader had decided to have a rest period before beginning their mission into Japanese-held territory. While marking time, Sgt. L. couldn't resist the urge to practice up on his form. So, digging into his seabag, which he carried at all times, he brought out his most treasured possessions—his golf clubs. Sneaking away to a secluded spot, he began practicing. His form went from bad to worse and from worse to . . . there must be another word. However, his artist temper got the better of him, and before he knew or realized where he was, he found himself breaking his clubs over his knee and SHOUTING to high heaven such awful, awful names. Here Fate stepped in. Before the patrol leader could find Sgt. L. he had his hands full with previously unseen Japs. They came walking out indignantly into the waiting hands of the Marine patrol, who captured them without so much as a shot being fired.

It turned out later that the Japs, hearing Sgt. L.'s shouting and knowing that they were just what he was saying, came out to object. Result: 100 Japs captured. One set of golf clubs lost. AND Sgt. L. a very surprised combat-artist-strategist. To the members of that patrol he is known as Sgt. Sherman "Pre-Atom Bomb" Loudermilk. (He sez!)

## Ju Jitsu Exhibition Hit at RD Smoker

A ju jitsu exhibition, a fast-ending main event and the presentation of trophies by Lt. Col. Robertson, were the triple feature for the fans attending the weekly RD smoker.

The ju jitsu exhibition under the direction of Sgt. Maj. A. C. Holtman was a great success with the "boots" and will play a return engagement at some future date.

### RECORD KAYO

The main event of the evening resulted in a record-breaking knockout for Rocky Gooch, who took the fight in only 14 seconds of the first round. Edwin Edelmaier was his opponent.

The semi-final was a fast three-rounder that resulted in a win decision for Nicky Demas over Dick "Red" Jacobs.

The winners of the main event and the semi-final were awarded

handsome trophies by Lt. Col. Robertson in a presentation after the fights.

### OTHER RESULTS

Lee Belknap / Derrell Moulton. Draw decision.

Bobby Hopkins / Tommy Regan. Hopkins awarded the decision.

Wilfred Alcantara / Bobby Fritts. Bobby kayeed Alcantara in 50 seconds of the second round.

Billy Gibson / Jimmy Robertson. Gibson by a knockout in 1 minute and 45 seconds of the third round.

Billy Miller / Bob Shouse. Decision to Shouse.

Don Tures / Billy Jones. Nod given to Jones.

Morris Loveridge / J. W. Gregory. Morris all the way for the decision.

Refugio Melendez / Jimmy Ford. Melendez put the finishing touches on Jimmy in 1:10 of the second round.

# THE CHEVRON Sports

## Folks, Meet Your New American League Champs



(Photo by Corp. Jeanne Cleary)

Defeating the Ream Raiders in two straight playoff games, our Base varsity copped the American League basketball championship of the 11th Naval Dist. Like to have you meet the team: Front row (L. to R.) Corp. Turnbow, 2dLt. Walley, HA1/c Wolfe, PFC, Lambert, team captain, PhM2/c Dye, PFC. Head and PFC. Dailey. Back row (L. to R.) Capt. Beeson, PFC. Hemminger. Nice job, fellars, let's have some more.

## Base Quintet Cops League Title

### MTRC Smashes Band Hopes For Title

M.T.R.C. quintet, who seem to be going nowhere as far as the Base basketball tourney is concerned, defeated the Band representatives 39-35 in a game played last Friday evening. This defeat cost the Band boys their last chance to win. They were the only team in position to give the Separation outfit a fight for the title.

With only about a week and a half of play left, it would take nothing short of a miracle to stop this strong Separation quintet, who have yet to taste defeat in this intramural tourney. With two games left to play, they can cop the title with one more victory. They can't do worse than tie.

In contrast to the Sep hoopers, the R&R Wildcats are still plugging away for ring-guard honors by not gracing the victory circle as yet.

### HOW THEY STAND

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Separation Co.	9	0	1.000
Band	7	2	.778
R&R Bulldogs	7	2	.778
Co. "A"	6	3	.667
Mess Co.	6	3	.667
Fire Dept.	6	4	.600
Guard Co.	3	6	.333
Rifle Range	3	6	.333
Headquarters	3	6	.333
M.T.R.C.	3	6	.333
Recruit Depot	2	7	.222
R&R Wildcats	0	9	.000

(Including games played Tuesday, Feb. 19.)

Results and scores of games played Feb. 13 to 19: Guard Co. 82, Recruit Depot 48; R&R Bulldogs 54, Mess Co. 53; Separation Co. 62, Rifle Range 16; Headquarters 30, R&R Wildcats 23; M.T.R.C. 30, Band 35; Fire Dept. 54, Guard Co. 52; R&R Bulldogs 51, Co. "A" 26; Rifle Range 54, Recruit Depot 37; Mess Co. 63, Headquarters 34; Separation 54, R&R Wildcats 17.

Sparked by PFC. Elmo Head and PFC. Frank Dailey, the MCB basketball team last Thursday evening won the championship of the American League of the 11th Naval Dist. Before a large gathering they downed the once-powerful Ream Raiders 50-36 to make it two straight in the championship playoffs.

Unlike the first meeting of these two arch rivals, this final game was a more lopsided affair, as the score attested. Breaking into the lead early, the locals were never seriously threatened throughout.

The heavy-scoring duo of Rollins and Richardson of the Raiders were off their form that had stamped them as the high-scoring duo in the league. The 17 points they scored was far from their sensational score of 39 that helped make the opening playoff game a hotly-fought contest.

With the exception of PhM2/c Walter Dye, who was removed early in the first half because of illness, the starting lineup of the Base quintet held sway for the whole game. PFC. Elmo Head, who replaced Dye, gave a close-to-sensational performance and with PFC. Keith Lambert, HA1/c Dick Wolfe and PFC. Frank Dailey, who

turned in their usual smooth games, formed the backbone of the locals' scoring punch. Lt. James Walley, replacing Corp. Turnbow in the starting lineup, played a full game and his ball-handling and defensive play was beyond reproach.

### Play Ball

The Base baseball squad will hold its initial workout this coming Monday afternoon, Feb. 25, at the Base diamond. All try-outs for the team will be conducted while the squad is in practice.

It is rumored that an exhibition game between the St. Louis Browns and a combined Marine team from the San Diego area will be played here early in March for the entertainment of the Base personnel.

## Undefeated Keglers Lead Tourney

As play went into the third week of the Base-wide Bowling League, the team from Recruit Depot held top spot of the first reported standings. The RD keggers are undefeated with a total of 24 games won. In the runner-up slot, there is a triple tie between Sea School, Sack Rats and the R&R Americans with 19 games won and 5 losses and a percentage of .791.

Complete standings of the teams, including games played Monday, Feb. 18, are as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Recruit Depot	24	0	1.000
Sack Rats	19	5	.791
Sea School	19	5	.791
R&R Americans	19	5	.791
R&R Nationals	17	7	.708
Rifle Range Pistols	17	7	.708
Mess Co. Strikers	13	11	.541
Chowhounds	10	14	.416
Rifle Range Rifles	9	15	.375
Motor Transport	7	17	.291
Mess Co. Cookers	7	17	.291
Band Stars	4	20	.166
Band Office	3	21	.125
Band Down Beats	0	24	.000



New Base Band Plays for Hq. Dance

The new 18-piece Base orchestra is scheduled to play at the Tropical Gardens, Navy Field, this Monday for a dance to be sponsored by the Base Hq. Co., H&S Bn. The dance will be another all-for-free and by-invitation-only party solely for members of the Headquarters unit.

Newly formed, the Base orchestra

promises to give party guests 'big time' entertainment. CWO. F. A. Locke, officer-in-charge of all Base band activities, disclosed that "The Base orchestra compares to most 'name bands' currently making San Diego circuit." He further revealed that 90 per cent of the men in the new unit have at one time or another played with the nation's top-ranking musicians.

HIGH NAME BANDS

Among the musicians are men who have played with Benny Goodman, Red Norvo, Ina Ray Hutton, Sunny Dunham, Charlie Agnew and Bob Chester.

Also listed on the party program, and members of the Base orchestra, are:

Spot entertainers formerly with the Dick Jurgens and Bob Crosby overseas troupes.

Miss Betty Lou Carlson, young San Diego vocalist familiar to re-

turnees as the girl who serenaded them at the docks.

Pvt. Korby Korshak, who does imitations.

PFC. Dick Smith, tenor-sax soloist and vocalist.

Emette Haguen, vocalist and master of ceremonies for the show.

PFC. Bill Moore, formerly with Dick Jurgens, and Gizmo, ventriloquist act and legerdemain.

EVENING'S HIGHLIGHT

Highlighting the spot acts will be PFC. Owen Landey, Sgt. Stash Emeterio and Pvt. Korby Korshak, who will feature in a comedy act, "Three Men at the Movie," a skit depicting the gripes and groans at

PX Okay for Japs

GUAM (Delayed)—"A more democratic treatment of Japanese prisoners of war" was requested in a petition by several Jap officers here—and to their surprise, the request was granted, reports a Marine correspondent.

The petition was made on the request by American prisoners in Japan would probably have been disregarded.

The Japs, who begged for "impartial treatment depending upon the mercy and kindness of democracy's spirit," admitted that such grounds that prisoners captured on islands other than Guam had not been permitted the same "Post Exchange" privileges.

'That Does It'

YOKOSUKA, Japan (Delayed)—It's all in the way you look at it, but Marines stationed at this former Jap naval air base located at the mouth of Tokyo Bay believe they were justified for exclaiming the proverbial "that does it" when the local Japanese radio station JOAK played "China-Town" followed by "Happy Days Are Here Again."

Marine Correspondent Gets Tokyo Rose Souvenir

Remember Tokyo Rose? Remember that "honey-voiced sweetheart" of the South Pacific whose jabs of "you great big forgotten man" and "what 4-F is your girl doing tonight?" would seep through the ether to reach you in some lonely Solomon mudhole?

Tokyo Rose, ace broadcaster of the wartime Radio Tokyo, often rated by Marines as the best program on the air, was this week recalled by many Corps veterans, as a recent returnee from the Orient displayed a microphone used by the No. 1 morale-booster of men in the Pacific.

Brought Stateside by Sfc Sgt. Eddy Predergast, a former 6th Mar. Div. radio correspondent, the mike will go to New Orleans and Radio Station WDSU, where the radio reporter was employed before he became a Marine.

How he came about the souvenir was related here this week.

Predergast, who landed with elements of the 4th Marines at Japan, was one of the first to arrive in Tokyo. He and other U.S. correspondents went immediately into

the city where they commandeered the Jap Overseas Broadcasting Corp.

One of the first rooms they entered at the station was the "Zero Hour" studio.

According to Predergast, it was the studio from which Tokyo Rose made her nightly broadcasts. He reported that on inquiring he was able to find the same microphone over which the "heart-throb of the Pacific air lanes" did her nostalgia-stirring stint.

"I simply cut the wire and slipped the mike in my combat jacket," Predergast revealed.

Predergast was also among the first correspondents to interview "The Rose" in Tokyo. "It was the first time Tokyo Rose didn't know what to say," he declared. "She was so frightened I almost felt sorry for her."

Predergast also pointed out that although his mike was used by "The Rose," it was not the only one that she had used.

"I don't want any arguments," he pointed out. "There'll probably be 50 other original Tokyo Rose mikes show up. And every one she used."

an outdoor movie on the foxhole circuit.

1st Sgt. S. L. Brooks, a committeeman for the Headquarters dance, reported that 800 guests are expected for the evening. Cossages, beer, cokes and a buffet supper will be free to guests.

BEST ENTERTAINMENT

"We plan to give the best entertainment available," Brooks said.

Other committeemen from the Headquarters Co. responsible for the planning, and who will carry the plans through, are:

2d Lt. Warren Tucker, Sgt. Maj. W. R. Peterman, 1st Sgt. P. L. Stone and WR PFC. Lorene Whitlock.

Eel Ends Fish, Zoo Gives Milk

MIDWAY ISLANDS (Delayed)—The "First Lady of Midway," a seal named Josephine, and two male companions are all that remain of the Mid-Pacific's only zoo-aquarium, located here.

According to U. S. Marines stationed on this atoll, addition of an electric eel to a collection of tropical fish, which were on display in a specially-built pool, put the aquarium out of business several months ago.

As for the animal section, it too has shut down. Formerly it consisted of two cows, a pair of calves, and a bull, named—of course—Ferdinand. But the cows have been removed from "zoo-status" and are now busy supplying milk for newly-arrived children of Naval and Marine personnel on Midway.



"But Sergeant, it's got to have a couple more signatures!"

BEAR A HAND

For Sale OFFICER'S uniforms, size 40. Dress blues, \$35. Cap with white and blue covers, \$5. 4 white uniforms, \$20. 2 khaki blouses, 5 pairs pants, \$20. Furry overcoat, \$40. If sold as unit, \$100 complete. Capt. Biles, Base extension 607.

Want to Trade PARTNER 51 pen and pencil set, new. For camera. Will adjust difference in value. Base extension 613.

Wanted NEED apt. or room, with kitchen privileges, for mother and 4-year-old boy. Corp. D. Williams, J-5131, Ext. 576.

For Rent APARTMENT, large bedroom, small sitting room and private bath. Suitable for couple, no children. \$10 a week. 15 minutes to MC's. Mrs. Robinson, 5659 Bellevue Ave., La Jolla.

Church Services

SUNDAY SERVICES: Base Chapel—PROTESTANT, 1015 Morn. Worship; 1100 Holy Communion (last Sunday in each month).

R&R, 0830 Morn. Worship. Recruit Depot, 0915 Morn. Worship. Bldg. 110 (Brig), 0800 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 1030 Morn. Worship.

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

LATTER DAY SAINTS, Recruit Depot (Bldg. 125), 0800 Morn. Worship; Camp Matthews, 1400 Afternoon Worship.

JEWISH, 0915—South Chapel. Naval Training Center (for personnel of the Base), 2015—Camp Elliott (for personnel of Camp Matthews).

WEEK DAY SERVICES: ROMAN CATHOLIC, Base Chapel, 1800 Confessions, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1830 Mass, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1900 Novena, Tues.

R&R, 1700 Confessions, Sat. Recruit Depot (Bldg. 125), 1800 Confessions, Sat.



(Official USMC photo)

MAGIC TOO. Bill Moore, ventriloquist and magician, will appear this week as part of the Base Orchestra scheduled to play for the Base Hq. Co. dance. Party will be at Navy Field. Other Base Orchestra spot acts will highlight the evening.

Base Critic Claims 'Scandals' Rang the Bell -- Almost

By Corp. Beverly L. Westerlund

Base theater-goers in the habit of attending MCB stage reviews for the express purpose of exercising their groaners or snapping in for an evening's catnap, found reason to open both eyes when real talent in the form of the Four Stepbrothers, a Negro tap team, appeared at the Base Theater with Joe Venuti's Parisian Scandals last Tuesday night.

Had this dance team been substituted for one or two of the unnecessary walk-ons of the "Parisian Models," the performance would undoubtedly have rated an even better reception by the typical Marine audience. Despite the fact that feminine pulchritude is supposed to delight every male audience, the most appreciated acts were those featuring male entertainers.

DUMMY AS USUAL

Other headliners included Lyons and Lyons, a ventriloquist duo with—you guessed it—a dummy thrown in for good measure. Although, as almost always happens, the act was a rehash of Bergen and McCarthy, this skit at least had a different introduction, in which the gal stood in for the dummy.

Also winning a full measure of applause were an imitator whose glib line covered every field from soap operas to Shiek Boyer; and accordionist Francine Faye, the show's best Fern personality, who handed her audience in a way that far outshone her musicianship.

Although not much of an MC, Joe Venuti produced some rather interesting band specialties and provided better than average accompaniment for most of the acts.

Renee Vilson, top-billed, over-

rated gal star, made two appearances, once in an attempt at the exotic with her black-garbed chorus and herself doing an ill-appreciated imitation of a strip, and again in the usual copy of the popular fan dance. Need we say more?

We seriously doubt if you'll remember to tell your grandchildren about the Parisian Scandals, but at least the show topped any other review hooked recently at the Base Theater. Of course, it was definitely not the "top level, quality" stuff the Chevrons hopefully hinted about after the Cuban flop, but keep your fingers crossed—we may get it yet.

Iwo Jima Battle Commemorated

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weakening.

"Early today trapped Japs on Iwo were regrouping along the lilly northern tip of the island for a repetition of recent Nip suicide stunts on Guam and Corregidor. Extensive use of scarce ammunition for fire at offshore warships by the enemy prompted the prediction that 'the Japs are beginning to crack.'"

On March 17, newspapers throughout the world carried the headlines "Iwo Won" to conclude the 25-day Marine battle, one of the toughest in all history.

ENDORSES PLAN

On his 31st birthday, Gen. Peyton C. March, Chief of Staff in World War I, came out for universal military training and a delay in the proposed Army-Navy merger until we see the results of the atomic bomb experiments.—SEA.

WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

BASE THEATER  
1730 and 2000

THURSDAY—Salty O'Rourke, Alan Ladd-Gail Russell. A current reissue—whatever that is. All about horse racing.

FRIDAY—Swing Parade of 1946, Phil Regan-Gail Storm. Billed as the best bundle of entertainment to come from Monogram so far. Features Connie Boswell, Three Stooges, Will Oshorne and others.

SATURDAY—Whistle Stop, George Raft-Ava Gardner. Ex-wife of Bronze-Star-winner Mickey Rooney plays opposite Raft, who portrays a "local loafer, drunkard and bum."

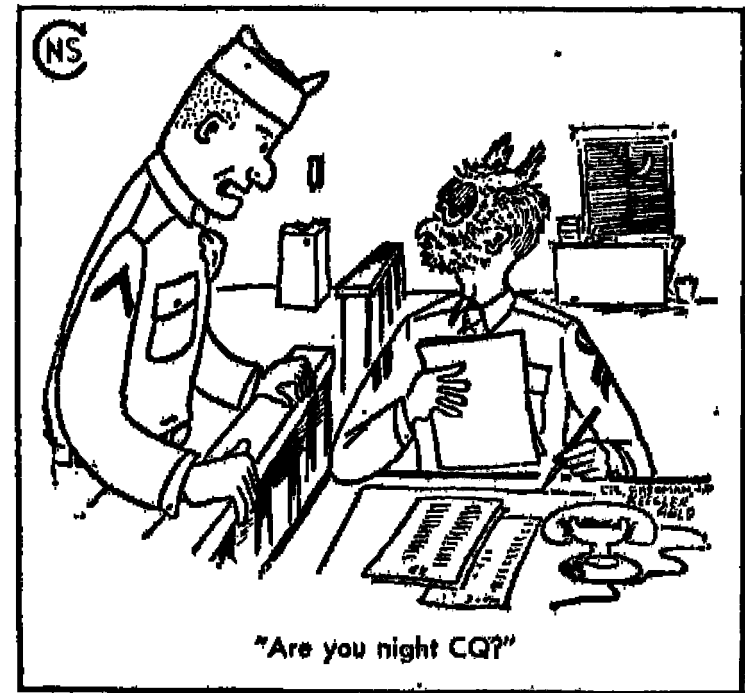
SUNDAY—Madonna's Secret, Francis Lederer. A murderdrama. Model goes to bat for artist-lover who is accused of being too handy with The Lethal Weapon.

MONDAY—The Gentleman Misbehaves, Robert Stanton-Osa Massen. We wouldn't even recommend this to our mother-in-law.

TUESDAY—The Spiral Staircase, George Brent-Dorothy Maguire. Promises to be one of the top movie-thrillers of the month.

WEDNESDAY—Rhapsody in Blue, Robert Alda-Joan Leslie. As we recall from a previous visit to the Base Theater, this is a reissue worth reissuing. Life and music of George Gershwin.

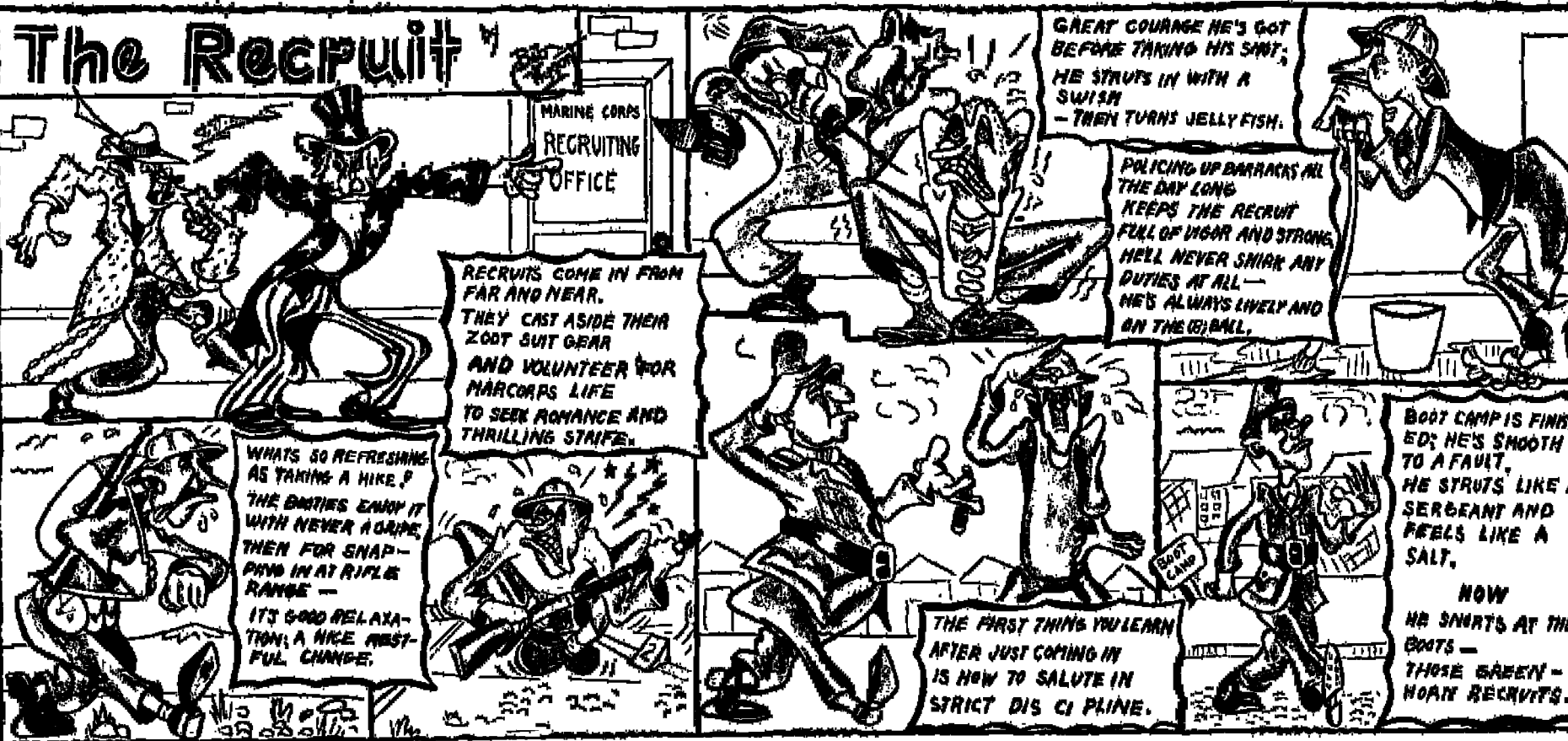
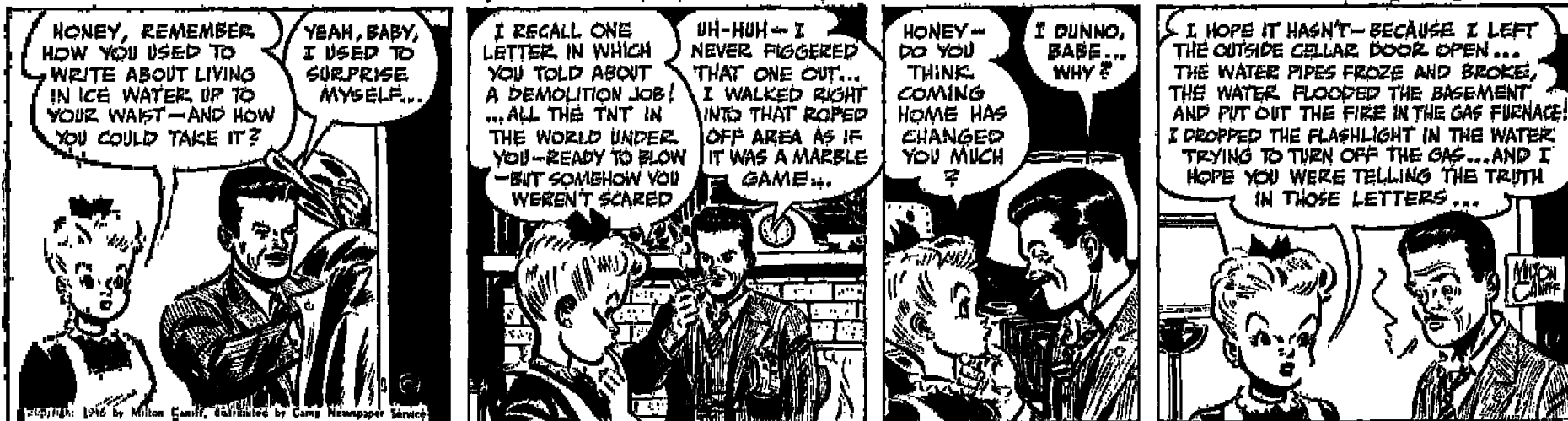
(Camp Matthews films will follow the above schedule by one day.)



## Male Call

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

## Redeployment



## THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

**PORTLAND, Ore.**—A thief politely offered to hold a woman's heavy shopping bag for a moment, craftily ran off with it, found it contained a dead dog.—Time.

**SOUTHAMPTON, England**—Army officials required U.S.-bound war brides to swear that they had no guns or ammunition.—Time.

**LOS ANGELES**—Suicide-bent Ronald Neff turned on the gas, forgot to douse the water-heater pilot, blasted himself safely out the window.—Time.

**KANSAS CITY (SEA)**—Mr. and Mrs. George Cortez are wondering what became of Susie, their watch dog. One night burglars took 30 pillowcases, 15 sheets, 12 towels and Susie.

**LOS ANGELES (SEA)**—Mrs. Virginia McElhinney told police that she fed her husband and paste in his coffee "so I could nurse him and convince him that I love him." But, her husband died.

**BIRMINGHAM (SEA)**—A Medal of Honor winner, Paul W. Bolden, was rejected for re-enlistment in the regular army because of illiteracy. When officials agreed to waive educational requirements in his case, Bolden changed his mind, and decided to "wait a while."

**PERIN, Ill. (SEA)**—Dickie Mason, 14, and his Angora cat, Cookie, are home again after a prolonged Christmas vacation in a Chicago Loop hotel. Dickie left home, he said, because the family stepped on Cookie's tail. The boy spent \$300 of his grandfather's savings on the trip.

**SAN FRANCISCO (CNS)**—"This is a stick-up," said a gun-bearing visitor at Mrs. Anna Wong's grocery here. "My husband's a GI," said Mrs. Wong, crestfallen, as she handed over \$27 in cash. "What's his rank?" asked the gunman, pocketing the dough. "T-5," said Mrs. Wong. "Here," said the gunman, handing back the dough, "you need this worse than I do."

**BATON ROUGE, La. (CNS)**—The Louisiana Teachers Association has disclosed that teachers' salaries in this state are lower than those paid unskilled railroad men.

**DETROIT (SEA)**—The day after the story broke of the murder of Mrs. Gladys Marsden, 19 families had applied to the Housing Commission for her apartment.

**HOLLYWOOD (CNS)**—Because actors kept eating the salted almonds off a prop wedding cake, a properly mailed substituted moth balls.

**WASHINGTON (SEA)**—In a nation-wide poll on domestic relations, wives agreed that their husbands are not affectionate or attentive enough. Husbands' chief complaint against their spouses: They nag.

**BERKELEY, Cal. (CNS)**—Harold Wallin ran down a pedestrian in his car, rushing for aid, Harold tripped and fell into a fishpond. Then, after hauling himself out of the pond, he discovered that the pedestrian had driven away in his car.

**BAIRNE, Vt. (SEA)**—Just dropping in for a visit was Martin L. Wayman, who broke three ribs in a drop to the cellar steps when he went down to the basement to look for friends. The friends had just remodeled the stairway.

**PHILADELPHIA (SEA)**—Peter Paszek, 30, lived for four days and nights in a department store, sleeping in the furniture department, eating snacks from the store restaurant at night. He was arrested, however, when he emerged with a suitcase full of women's undies and furs he'd accumulated in bureau drawers of his "bedroom."

**NEEKER, Okla. (SEA)**—A. L. Marak resigned as city marshal, night watchman and water superintendent in order to have more time for his regular work, which consists of plumbing, tinning and serving as pressman and emergency typesetter for the Meeker Herald. In his spare time he helps out as a waiter in his wife's restaurant.



(Born in Antwerp and made his first splash in the States in 1914.) **HULALULA HOOTCHY-KOOTCHY.** "Miss Tay Koth Killany," her creator called her; "champion net-tangler of the Honolulu Federation of Hula. It is rumored among Marines that she even has mussels in her skirt." The winsome Miss also is Civilian Loudermilk's CheVron swainsong. Next week we'll have to go back to those cheese-cake shots of Hollywood's ill-clad ladies, bared to the winds and the wisecrackers.