



NEWS of INTEREST to MARINES

The House appropriations committee last week "kicked out" all funds for the State Dept's disputed intelligence unit, which had been publicized as "potentially the greatest super-spy system in the world's history."

Latest San Diego census shows a population of 361,942—an increase of more than 75 per cent in six years.

Last day for registering to vote in this year's Calif. primary elections is April 25.

MARINE CORPS ITEMS

Discharge score for EM dropped on April 15 from 38 to 36 points, making eligible an additional 8000 personnel. Scheduled future drops: to 33 on May 1; to 28 on June 1; to 25 on July 1.

The youngest general in the Corps is Brig. Gen. Wm. D. Brice, now 47. . . The Marine Corps band has 38 members, including the director, . . . 22,748 WR's and 575,421 men served in the Corps during World War II. Nearly 80 per cent saw overseas duty. 19,587 were killed in action. Greatest percentage of casualties occurred on Iwo Jima.

OUR ALLIES

Voluntary enlistments in the regular Navy amount to almost 1000 per day, according to a recent announcement. Some 2,000,000 Navy personnel have been discharged, and the demobilization rate is 7000 to 8000 daily; but total enlisted strength is now over 416,000.

The last Navy Reserve will be on his way toward separation by Aug. 20, it has been announced.

(No connection with preceding item.) The Navy last week revealed it has a shortage of lumber, and a surplus of nuts.

MISCELLANY

Contract terminations were one of the major headaches connected with Victory. Navy has just announced settlement of \$723,000,000 in contracts with United Aircraft Corp. Agreement was reached on payment of \$53,000,000, with provision made for an additional \$30,000,000 to meet future claims of sub-contractors, and \$9,000,000 to cover settlement expenses.

Adding his voice to many others, President Eric Johnston of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce this week appealed to Americans to save hungry peoples of other lands from a death "almost unmatched in pain and torture—the slow death of starvation."

Army Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell recently warned that the U.S. will be the target of the first bomb in any future war.

MIGHT BE IMPORTANT

The nation's production of penicillin may soon be doubled, AP reported, because two research workers in Wisconsin "trained a deadly ray of ultraviolet on selected mold spores to see what would happen." (What happened was double production.)

Bird's-eye view of editorial news-treatment: On one recent morning, two daily papers sold on the Base headlined the news: "Russia Offers Iran Compromise;" the third paper's headline: "Iran Offers Russia Compromise."

Come to think of it . . . just what ARE these "frontless evening gowns" we've been hearing about?



(Photo by MTSgt. John G. Daly)

NEW BASE COMMANDER. Col. Harry B. Liversedge, newly assigned Base commander, stands beside a picture of the flag-raising at Mt. Suribachi. Marines who raised flag at Iwo were members of his 28th Regiment.

Colonel Liversedge Assigned Here as Base Commander

Col. Harry B. Liversedge, former commanding officer of the famed 28th Marines, captors of Mt. Suribachi, assumed command of the San Diego Marine Base this week to replace Col. Miles R. Thatcher, who entered Balboa Naval Hospital for medical consultation.

The newly appointed Base head, former Camp Matthews rifle range commanding officer, in an interview said, "It is with great pleasure that I return to this base and San Diego, and under conditions a good deal different than when I left here with my Samoa-bound troops in early 1943. I anticipate a very enjoyable tour of duty during my stay at the Base."

Col. Thatcher, a Marine for 35 years, had served as Base commander since February, when Maj. Gen. Earl C. Long was detached from his post here for duty at San Francisco.

Col. Liversedge, twice a Navy Cross winner, returned to the U.S. only recently with remaining elements of his old outfit, the 28th Marines. Previous to his tour as commander of that organization, he led the 1st and 4th Marine Raider Bns. through the New Georgia operation during the taking of the Upper Solomons.

TWO NAVY CROSSES

Organizer of the 3rd Raider Bn. on Samoa in 1942, the Colonel was commanding officer of the 2nd Bn., 8th Marines at the beginning of the war.

Col. Liversedge revealed that he will live at Camp Matthews.

Plan Easter Services

Easter Sunday services at the Base Chapel will follow the regular Sunday schedule, the office of the Base Chaplain reported this week. In observance of Holy Week, Protestant noon Lenten services will be held from 1230 to 1250 in the Base Chapel Monday through Friday, with the final service on Saturday. Roman Catholic Mass is regularly at 1630, and on tomorrow, Good Friday, the Stations of the Cross will be observed at 1900.

"In previous years," the announcement said, "transportation has been provided to the Protestant and Easter Sunrise Service at Mt. Helix, near La Mesa. All hands desiring to attend this service will turn their names in to their Company Office. A report of how many are going should be sent to the Base Chaplain not later than Wednesday, April 17, by the commanding officers. Transportation will depart from the flag-pole at 0930."

Information concerning transportation to Sunrise services at Mt. Solidad, near La Loma, may be obtained from the Chaplain's office, it was added.

New U.S. Stamp Honors Vets

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Postmaster General Robert E. Hannegan has announced that a special three-cent postage stamp, honoring all the veterans of World War II, will be issued May 9.

President Truman is to purchase the first sheet of the stamps from the postmaster general at the first-day sale ceremonies in the White House.

The stamp shows as the central design a faesnille of the honorable discharge emblem on a graduated-tone background. Five stars, commemorating the war dead of the five branches of the service, are arranged horizontally, three above the emblem, and two below. The color of the stamp is to be announced at a later date.

Pay, Draft Bills Stall In Senate

Senator Voices Bitter Opposition, Calls House Plan 'Impotent'

Strong opposition to the House-approved draft extension bill was anticipated in Washington today after Sen. E. C. Johnson (Calif.) declared in a letter to the SecWar that a nine-month extension of the act would render it "impotent and ineoperative."

Sen. Johnson, a member of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, insisted that a six-week extension would meet all present requirements.

PAY BILL

Along with the House bill favoring a nine-month draft extension with a five-month induction "holiday," a second bill was sent to the Senate which would give a 50 per cent pay boost to buck privates and Navy men of the bottom pay grade, and diminish on a graduated scale to allow a 10 per cent boost for admirals and generals.

The actions contrasted with appeals of the administration and the services for continuation of inductions for one year and a 30 per cent pay boost for all servicemen.

NEEDS TO BE MET

Separate bills the House sent to the Senate are designed, taken together, to meet the manpower needs of the armed forces by voluntary enlistments during a trial period between May 15 and Oct. 15 in which actual inductions would be prohibited.

One extends the draft law from May 15 of this year to Feb. 15, 1947, with these restrictions:

- 1—No inductions of anyone between May 15 and Oct. 15.
- 2—No inductions of teen-agers at any time (the present law permits the drafting of 18 and 19-year-olds).
- 3—No inductions of fathers.
- 4—A limit of 18 months on the service of any inductee, regardless of when he was drafted.

INDUCTIONS AUTHORIZED

5—Restoration of the draft after Oct. 15 and until Feb. 15 by presidential order if the president finds that voluntary enlistments are inadequate to meet these strengths as of July 1, 1947: Army, 1,670,000;

Navy, 553,000; Marine Corps, 105,000.

It was passed by a rollcall vote of 290 to 108 after two days of debate, most of it on the long-age ban and the induction "holiday." Neither had been proposed by the military committee when it asked for a straight nine-month extension.

A standing vote of 164 to 13 passed the pay raise bill, which affects enlisted and officer personnel of all the armed forces.

COMPROMISE FOUND

It represents a compromise between the recommendation of an Army-Navy board for a flat 20 per cent raise for all personnel and a military committee suggestion for \$400-a-year boosts for all. It calls for these pay scales for service personnel (present pay in parentheses):

Monthly pay of enlisted men: Buck privates, \$75 (\$50); privates first class, \$80 (\$64); corporals, \$90 (\$66); sergeants, \$100 (\$78); staff sergeants, \$115 (\$96); technical sergeants, \$125 (\$114); first and master sergeants, \$165 (\$138).

OFFICERS' PAY SET

Annual pay of officers: Second lieutenants, \$2100 (\$1800); first lieutenants, \$2400 (\$2000); captains, \$3040 (\$2400); majors, \$3300 (\$3000); lieutenant colonels, \$3550 (\$3300); colonels, \$4400 (\$4000); brigadier generals, \$6600 (\$6000); major generals and above, \$8300 (\$8000).

Canadian Army Gets Pay Hike

OTTAWA (A.P.)—A boost in the basic pay and subsistence allowances of Canadian servicemen aimed at attracting additional recruits to the nation's enlarged peacetime active forces of 51,104 men, was announced this week, to become effective Oct. 1.

Basic pay and subsistence of the lowest ranks in the army, navy and air force will be increased to \$85 a month, compared with the pre-war rate of \$72 and the war-time rate of \$75.50.

At the top of the scale, the new monthly pay and allowances of vice admirals, lieutenant generals and air marshals—ranks of chief of staff—were listed at \$805. An officer said the increases were proportionate with those of the lower ranks.

Terminal Leave Bill Tied in Committee

WASHINGTON (A.P.)—Rep. Mansfield (Mont.) early this week urged house members to sign a petition to force from the military affairs committee a bill that would grant terminal leave pay to listed personnel of the armed forces. He introduced such a bill six months ago.

Mansfield said he and 102 others had signed. Signatures of 218 are required.

"It is only simple justice that this adjudication be brought about and this wrong corrected—pbt next week or next month, but now," Mansfield said.

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Corps Reveals Plans for Reserve; Includes Aviation, Women's Units

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Marine Corps Headquarters has announced plans for creation of a trained reserve, including organized aviation units and a Women's Reserve.

Inactivated veterans and qualified civilian volunteers will form the Marine Corps Reserve, which will be trained to allow expansion of the Corps to its maximum strength after declaration of war or a national emergency.

The Corps has already selected tentative training sites in 28 principal cities, including Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, New Orleans, Dallas, and San Francisco. In addition, 21 Naval Air Stations have been designated as locations for Marine Corps Organized Reserve Aviation Units.

KEEP VETERANS' RIGHTS

Pointing out that membership in the Reserve is voluntary, Headquarters emphasized that such enlistment "does not affect any of the rights and privileges to which a man may be entitled as a veteran."

Enlistees in the Reserve will be appointed to the rank held at the time of separation from the service. Service in the Reserve will count for pay purposes on periods of active duty.

Training will no longer emphasize close order drill, it was announced, but instead will stress technical subjects and practical application of special skills.

The keynote of the Reserve training program, Headquarters said, will be "military education," consisting

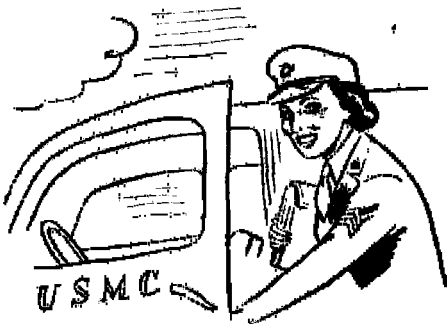
be conducted by the Marine Corps Schools with a view toward discovering and developing regular and reserve officers. Three summer training periods will lead to a commission, under present plans.

Air Reserve activities will be designed to assist personnel to maintain proficiency in aviation skills, Headquarters said. Pilots will be authorized to fly approximately 100 hours per year in late model Corsair fighter planes of the type used by regular squadrons.

Brig. Gen. C. F. Schilt has been appointed Commander of Marine Air Reserve Training. Proposed strength of the reserve aviation arm is 1447 officers and 1575 enlisted men.

The Marine Corps Reserve will consist of six classes, Headquarters announced, composed as follows:

FLEET RESERVE—Officers who have served four years in the regular



Marine Corps, and enlisted personnel with 16 years' regular service, who are available for active duty in a national emergency.

ORGANIZED RESERVE—Officers and men enlisted in companies and battalions in 28 cities. The proposed strength of this branch is 3000 officers and 25,000 enlisted men.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE—Qualified officers and trained and untrained enlisted reservists not otherwise assigned. Training for this class will be through summer encampments and correspondence courses.

LIMITED SERVICE RESERVES—Men enlisted or re-enlisted in the Reserve for limited service to replace combat troops in event of emergency.

VOLUNTEER SPECIALISTS—Officers and enlisted men possessing special qualifications which may be utilized in time of war or national emergency.

WOMEN'S RESERVE—Women enlisted in the reserve for training to replace combat troops in the United States and possessions in time of war.

Early Air Action

Between 1927-1932, Marine fliers, supporting ground troops in Nicaragua, carried out extensive experiments in aerial warfare. For the first time they tried bombing and strafing targets designated by infantrymen. 1st Lt. Christian F. Schilt (now a brigadier general) was the first to effect evacuation of wounded by air. Schilt landed and took off from the unpaved street of a small Nicaraguan village numerous times, and evacuated the wounded in his plane. He won the Medal of Honor for his action.



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.

Constant Correspondent

Editor, the CheVron—Ever since I read the letter by the 11 Marines (March 7), I have been wondering what the American men are thinking of. I wish there was some way I could tell those men a few things they failed to mention.

These men probably have sisters, and they would "brain" any guy who would try to harm them. They don't realize that every American girl is some American boy's sister. They don't stop to think of the American girls who remained single to put a brother (maybe them) or a sister through school, they don't think of the girl who gave up a marriage career to raise her younger brothers and sisters because the mother had died. They don't stop to think, there are thousands of girls like her in America. I know why the men married foreign women. It's because they are the type of men who say they can't live without women. If the highest-ranking generals and admirals (outside of MacArthur) didn't need their wives with them, then why should the lower ranking officers and enlisted men say they need women? They should try leaving women alone for a while and see how happy they can be.

American girls have been taught that men are wolves, and to beware. That's just the reason American girls didn't believe their "snow-jobs" and "sea-stories." Nobody likes to hear the truth, and men more than women hate to hear it.

They mentioned that American women are so anxious to marry. I'll admit there's a time in every girl's life that she wants to marry. I felt that way myself at one time. I saw what men's attitude toward women was. So when I was 18 (I'm 20 now) I left the west coast and came home where we always had a man-shortage, then the men wouldn't bother me because the better-looking and better-dressed girls have the first choice. Judging from the men I have met and gone out with, the other girls are welcome to them.

There is no American man or foreign woman who can deny that they were the ones who started the "mini-slingings." Things were kept so quiet that we didn't even know that our men were marrying foreign girls until Congress passed a bill excluding these girls from citizenship by marriage. They must go through naturalization. Then didn't the marriages slow down? The foreign girls call us selfish, but if they understood us they would see that it isn't selfishness, it is independence. It's something we have learned from living in a democracy and not the monarchies and dictatorships they live under.

To admit that there are mean, sarcastic and selfish people here, and it's a "hell on earth" having to live near them. But I'll put up with them and won't complain if everybody will. I think of the girls who are perfect and deserve all the praise in the world. But what do they get from our American men? Nothing but insults! Come on boys, give the American girl a break. Where would America be without her?

Miss M. F. HUTCHINSON
Minneapolis, Minn.

Editor's Note—"Safety Valve," anyway.

would be minus a dependable source of material. But please, Miss Hutchinson, couldn't you make your letters shorter? Being mere men, we're afraid to edit them.

Americans Too

Editor, the CheVron—I'd like to offer a few brief comments to the 11 Marines in the March 7 CheVron. If you ask me they are like a pack of hungry wolves about to devour a helpless lamb. They only partially answered the girl's questions. They completely ignored the fact that she mentioned the Nisei. You know, the Nisei couldn't get in the Navy or Marines, because they weren't white? Still they had to fight. Most of these boys are as white inside as the majority of white boys. This is what I wanted to stress. . . . It is true many American people didn't want to offer any hospitality; others had none to offer. . . . The servicemen could have given them at least a friendly smile and a cheerful hello in return, to those who deserved it.

NAME WITHHELD
St. Paul, Minn.

Editor's Note—Thanks for the clipping you enclosed, but it was too long to use. The whole story was told by one paragraph, anyway—the quotation from the letter of the soldier who fought in Italy with the Nisei regiment, was wounded there, and later re-enlisted for duty at Zamia, Japan. More than 200 Nisei boys are here. All of them left their hearts in the Twin Cities. . . . the best place in the world. . . . It made a Nisei happy to be alive, proud to be an American. Our impression has been that the Nisei won the sincere respect of all other Americans who saw them in action.

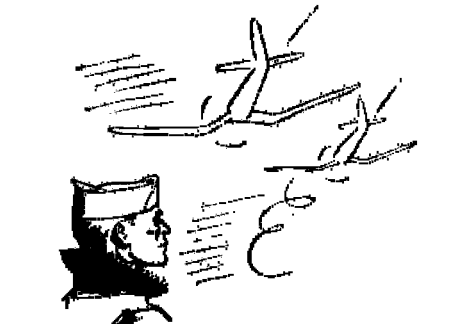
Asiatic-Pacific

Editor, the CheVron—Would you please state the authorization for the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon? Also, would you state whether the Marine Detachments serving in Aleutian Islands in '41 and '42, on guard duty, were authorized to wear a shoulder patch; and if so, what?

Pvt. J. M. JACOBS
MCB

Editor's Note—(1) Closing date for the Asiatic-Pac. Campaign medal has been set at March 2, 1946. Eligibility is established by 30 days' service in the area between Dec. 7, 1941, and that date. Medals will probably not be ready for distribution until supplies are available. (2) We have no information on any shoulder patch authorized for Marine Detachments in the Aleutians at any time.

Editor's Note—Readers are especially invited to write to the CheVron this month, expressing their frank opinions regarding the paper and suggesting improvements. Correspondence is always welcomed, but particularly so at this time, as the staff is trying to obtain a cross-section view of what Marines want to read in the CheVron. . . . More sports, or base features, or Corps history, or world news? Less. . . . ? As usual, writers' names will—upon request—be withheld from publication.



of weekly classes and drills, summer encampments, service schools, and correspondence courses.

STUDY FOR COMMISSION

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Dere Top!

As you had doubtlessly know, Top, General Vandegrift has bin going to grade panes to git me back in the Core. Many, many are the various inducements he has dangled before my blood-shot eyes to no avail.

In desperashun, I gess, he now has gone ALL THE WAY, I refer to the earth shocking announcement that soon enlistid men WILL HAVE HIP POCKITS IN THEIR TROUSERS! I think that is carrying things a bit too far, don't you, Top? Do you think the old Core will be the same if the peons hav hip pockits?

This new style, I fear indeed, may lead to trouble regarding the proper military curtsy. You watch, Top. Jist as soon as they issue those new fangled things sum peon is going to git called for not salooting. I can hear him now, saying—

"I am very sorry indeed, sir, but I wuz jist trying out my new hip pockits."

Howsumever, to git back to the point, my answer to Gen. V. is still "No!" Well, maybe not jist a plain "No." "No Sir!" is more correct. (The matter of military curtsy is still strong with me, Top. I automatickly saloot the doorman of the Town House hotel up here in Lost Angeles every time I go by.)

No, hip pockits will not bring me back in the Core. There is only one thing that will stirr my patriotick furrver, only one thing that will cause my littel remaining blood to run faster, my head to pound, my hart to race. No, it is not the green beer at the Base sloop shoot or the chow in Mess 27.

What I want to bring me back is the GALS OF MONTYZUMA as a permanent part of the old Core! What is it indeed that every red-blooded fighting man wants.

Not Wheatties—but a member of the opposit sacks at his side, sharing his troubles, borrowing his cigarets an getting all the stripes.

I say to you, ol ex-furst sarjunt, that Congress is wasting its time, even more than usual, by worryng how to git more men to enlist in the armored services. Higher pay—phooey! New uniforms—phooey! Give the reerooting sarjunts something to talk about. There old line is runnin pretty thin. If you were a civilyun, Top, which of these two reerooting speeches would git YOU?

No. 1. "Join the Marines an be RUGGED! The pay's good, the fund's better. And you'll look wonderful in a suit of Dress Blues with a full set of stripes on your arms."

No. 2. "Join the Marines an be a RUG-CUTTER! The blondes are good, the brunets better. And you'll feel wonderful with both arms full of stripes—even tho the WR's are wearing them." Ma Ha.

I am quite shure indeed the ol Core could far outstrip the Armees an the Navee with their reerooting posters to attract we men of muscle.

The Navee may urge the rich to "Join the Navee an Slave with a WAVE."

The Armees might reeroot men by saying—"Join the Armees an Relax with the WAX."

If only the ol Core had permanent WR's they could urge potenshull Leatherheads to "Join the Marines an Jam with a—." No, I gess that would never do, Top, as the Core frowns on any such nickname for the Wipin Reserves, rest there merry jiltul sons.

Well, enuff about Naphure's Nebull-wimmin. An more about Heinemann. Before I ever git very far with my collidge trainin I may hav to immitriculate, because of the jealousy of my girl fren Broomhead. One of my classes was Algybray. Broomhead wanted to know what went on in a course like that an I told her I handled equashuns an figures. An she sez—

"If that isn't jist like an ex-Marine; always having your pawns an a woman!"

She wants pte to swt-night in matrimony with her an raise a Marine for the next war.

If A plus B minus X Y Z
Is a algybrake equashun,
Could Me plus She (an baby makes three)
Eplarge my reputashun?

Ex-SARJUNT HEINEMANN

Generals Urge Draft Extension

WASHINGTON (A.P.)—A pair of generals testified recently that unless the present draft act is extended the congress and the country face these alternatives:

1—Retention, for indefinite service, of thousands of men already drafted.

2—Serious manpower shortages in the Army, and possibly the Navy and Marines, at a time when Germany and Japan must be policed and international peace is not determined.

3—Turning the "best army in

the world into a second-rate outfit."

Maj.Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, war-time director of selective service, and Maj.Gen. Willard S. Paul, Army chief of personnel, offered this testimony to the senate military affairs committee.

Both insisted, despite sharp questions and comments from opposing senators, that the only way the United States can hope to fulfill its immediate international obligations is to extend the draft act that expires May 15.



(Photo by PFC Earl P. Osborne)

CHOW STAFF. R. C. Stephens (left), who has been Base Exchange restaurant chef for the past few months, this week took over new duties as manager. Scheduled to leave soon is PFC. Eula Marie Crocker (inset), cashier, who with many other WR's is awaiting the May 1 discharge-score drop. "Home cooking is what the boys want," according to Mrs. Clara Calliari, chief cook on the evening watch, and she likes to give it to the 600 who eat daily at the restaurant.

Base Cafe Statistics, Sidelights Told

By Pvt. Ned Kimball

News of gastronomic importance to hundreds of local Marines was made this week as Lt.Col. M. O. Donohoo, Base Exchange officer, announced the appointment of Mr. R. C. Stephens as new "BX" restaurant manager.

Stephens, who has been chef at the Base cafe for the past three months, replaces John H. Trice, a former 2nd Mar. Div. tech. sergeant and restaurant manager since his discharge from the Corps last September. Acting on doctors' advice, Trice resigned to join his wife, who is ill, at their home in Columbia, Mo.

The new manager saw two years' duty as a Navy cook, and previously was a professional chef as a civilian in Denison, Texas, and in Hollywood. His wife Janet has been a waitress at the Base restaurant for the past three months.

Stephens' duties involve, among other things, supervising the preparation of some 50 dozen eggs each morning. Sunnyside-up, over-easy or just plain boiled, 50 dozen is 600 eggs. (Note to Claghorn fans: that's a yolk, son—a big one!) He has no explanation as to why Marines are so fond of the poultry product, but waitress La Delle McGrath suggests that there must have been quite a shortage overseas. Restaurant customers just returned Stateside, she says, usually want a dozen fried eggs before they want almost anything else.

DOUGHNUTS GO FAST

But customers don't live entirely on "henfrutt." Statistics also reveal a daily consumption of 21 gallons of milk, 19 pounds of coffee, and 670 doughnuts, for example.

Breakfast draws the most customers. At noon, though, the "small side," which is another section behind the "big side," or front, opens for luncheon; BN personnel and officers eat there. The small side then closes, and its crew serves evening dinner in the front section.

Restaurant staff member whose face is most familiar to customers probably is PFC. Eula Marie Crocker, the cashier who hands out bills to patrons as they enter—unless they enter too fast; in which case she calmly awaits their inevitable and slightly embarrassed return to pick up the blank. (You may have noticed that calm, cool attitude. Some Marines, who might otherwise tend to spend the morning leaning on the cash register, describe it as a "No Loitering" personality; others merely say she is impervious to snow.)

PFC. Crocker is from Bloomington, Ill. She joined the WE 14 months ago, and expects to remain

HAND SALUTE!

NEW YORK (U.P.)—A lone GI stood in the doorway of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel and energetically thumbed his nose at pickets demonstrating against Winston Churchill during his recent visit.

Suddenly he stopped. Several sergeants had joined the picket line.

just 12 more days, until May 1. GALLEY GREATS

Most important personnel from a customer's standpoint, of course, are in the galley. As Stephens probably won't have time now for chef's duties, more responsibility for restaurant cuisine will fall upon the other "rulers of the range." Mrs. Clara Calliari is one of them—a healthy, cheerful, well-fed 1st Cook of the evening shift who looks just the way a 1st Cook should look. She has had 32 years' experience in restaurant work, mostly cooking, but carefully avoids a "professional" style in preparing food.



JOHN H. TRICE

... homeward bound

"After K rations," she explains, "what the boys want isn't fancy stuff but good home-cooking. And that's what I try to give them."

Jimmy C. Adcox, who has been

Zoot Life Worse, Ex-GI Moans

WASHINGTON (A.P.)—The trials of "basic training as a civilian" were described by a GI from Missouri in a letter to Rep. Gillie (R-Ind.).

"The Army says I can't wear a uniform after I arrive home because I'll be impersonating a soldier. The stores say I can't buy a suit of clothes because they haven't my size.

"The police say I can't go on the streets naked because it is against the law.

"I would gladly stay off the streets but I can't find a house to live in and with the shortage of lumber I can't buy a barrel.

"Having been wounded, the Army won't take me back because I'm not physically fit."

with the Base cafe about two months, is fry cook—the man who actually prepares those eggs, hot-cakes, and French toast. He had five years' experience in his own establishment at Erick, Okla.

Sgt. Robert Negrin is 1st Cook on the morning watch, and is considered NCO-in-charge of the galley. A Californian by long residence, he handles most of the cooking, except fry-work, for breakfast and lunch.

NICE BOYS, FUNNY TALES

Among the waitresses, Mrs. Yselle L. Murray of Charlotte, N. C., holds top seniority. She has been here over four years, and she likes the job and the customers.

"I think the boys who eat here are the finest young men I've ever worked with," she declares. "They're courteous and clean, and I've no complaints about them not about the staff."

Mrs. McGrath, who has seniority on the morning shift, has been with the cafe over two years.

"Sometimes it's tough being cheerful so early in the morning," she admits. "But I enjoy the work, maybe because everything strikes me funny—especially the stories told by overseas men."

PECULIAR PATRONS

"Screwballs" and "rugged individualists" turn up occasionally among the customers, and though they don't know it, the waitresses usually label them with special nicknames. One regular customer, a member of Guard Bn., is referred to as Joe E. Brown "because he looks and acts like him." A pair of Motor Transport men, who always are splattered with the mark of their trade, are spoken of as "Greaseball and his pal"; but not in disapproval, because, "they're nice guys." And one enlisted man is tagged "The Bookworm," because somehow he eats successfully without ever removing his nose from a magazine or newspaper.

About 600 customers per day have been served recently; during the heavy demobilization period, twice this volume was a frequent occurrence. On last Oct. 30, for example, 1253 meals were sold; on Dec. 7, there were 1218, for a gross income of \$510.75.

The restaurant sells at or below cost, operating usually at a slight over-all loss which is made up from other Base Exchange funds.

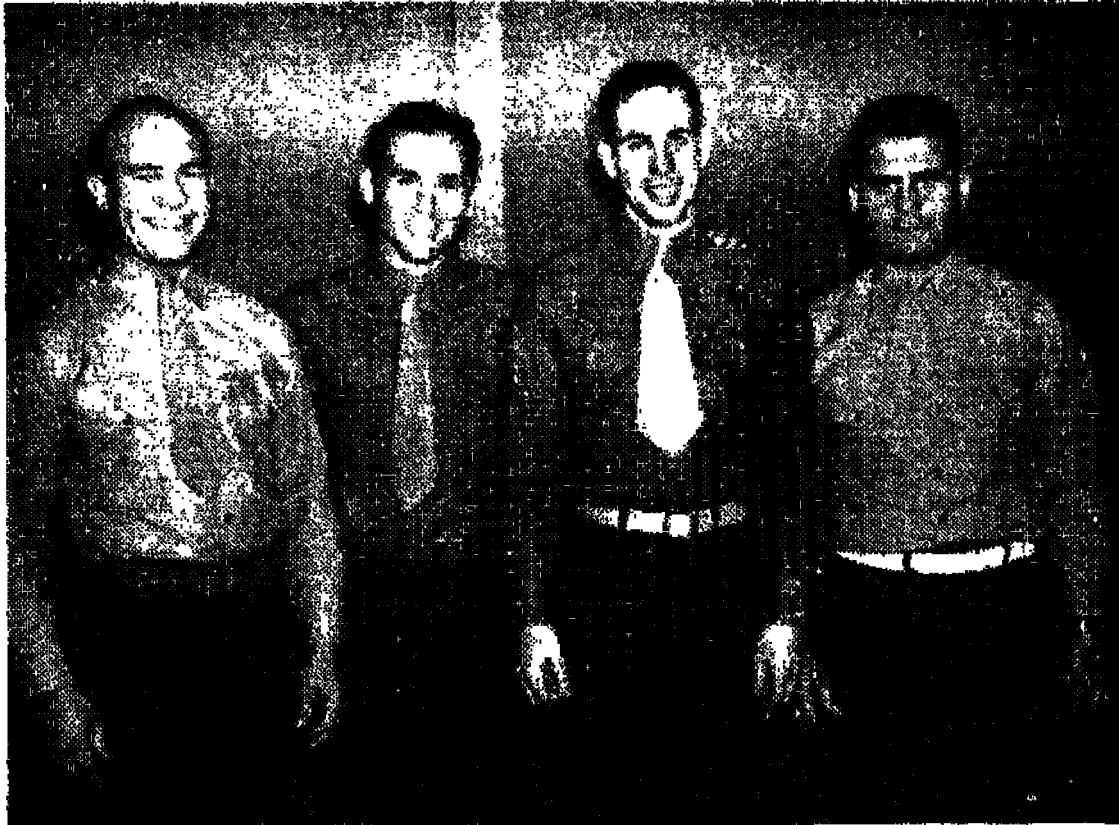
Texas A & M Muster

The 43rd Annual Muster of Texas A&M Men will be held at 0830 Easter morning, April 21, in the MCB Chapel. It was announced this week by the muster chairman, Maj. J. F. Blanton, USMC, Ret., class of 1917.

All Marines who formerly attended the college are "urgently requested" to attend the annual services, which will be of 22-minute duration.



RE-THINK & RESPONSIBLE. Here's the over-all picture story of the increasingly popular Recruit Depot "Ettie Ball," held twice monthly for entertainment of the Depot's permanent personnel. In the left photo, Betty Lu Carlson, featured singer with the base orches-



(Photos by PFC Frank Walker)

tra, is getting enthusiastic response to a torchy ballad at last Friday evening's dance. On the right are the men responsible for arrangement of these popular affairs— from left to right, PFC Billy Beaufield, PFC Leonard Dorf, Cysgt. Arthur Dugan and PFC Johnnie Abreu.

Credit must be given to the committee for foresight. Realizing that there would be a female shortage due to the fast demobilization of WAC's, they arranged for 27 girls from the San Diego telephone company to be present as dancing partners for Marines.

Base Marines Save Cash at City Stores with PX Discount Slips

Discounts on purchases from 10 per cent upward are being given by many San Diego and Los Angeles merchants to Marines who hold Base Exchange discount slips, Miss Blanche DeGreve of the Base Exchange said today.

"But," Miss DeGreve asserted, "the men here on the Base are not taking advantage of these money-saving offers."

In the last ten days, she added, not more than 50 men have applied here for discount slips, although savings as high as \$40 on a \$100 purchase can be obtained.

Discounts offered cover everything from jewelry to home furnishings, and are given at many of the more reputable business houses, according to Miss DeGreve.

Stores cooperating with the Base Exchange on the discount plan include:

In San Diego: Atlas Sales Co., jewelry at wholesale prices; Reliance Sales Co., wholesale jewelry; Adrian L. Josephson, jewelry broker, wholesale; Jessup & Sons, jewelry, 15 per cent discount; Baranov Jewelers, 15 per cent discount; Eastman Kodak Store, 10 per cent; Pitts Luggage Store, 10 per cent; Parmelee-Dohrmann Co., 10 per cent; O. E. Fischang & Sons, optical work, 25 to 33 per cent discounts; Engineers Service Co., engineer supplies, 5 and 10 per cent discounts; Stanley Andrews Sports Goods, 10 per cent; A. C. Cutler, jewelry broker.

In Los Angeles: Wm. E. Phillips, jewelry, wholesale.

Up In Smoke

TOKYO — A Japanese woman was asked recently why so few flags were flown on the holiday commemorating the death of Nippon's mythical first emperor, Jimmu.

"It is very simple," she replied. "Most of our flags have been traded to the American soldiers for cigarettes."

Honored



WINS NAVY CROSS. Ex-Machip Pvt. Salvador Vargas was awarded the nation's second highest award recently for "extraordinary heroism in action against the enemy" at Iwo Jima.

Jap's Last Will Advises U. S.

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — Gen. Tomoyuki Yamashita left as a last will to the United States the advice to rewrite the textbooks on strategy at West Point and Annapolis, the Infantry Journal reports.

Before he was hanged Feb. 23 in the Philippines as a war criminal, Yamashita, the "Tiger of Malaya," was quoted in the semi-official military publication as stating the atomic bomb and American long range bombers had convinced him that ground forces had virtually lost their role in warfare.

In a 1500-word statement of his views as a professional soldier, which the Journal said was dictated in his death cell, Yamashita predicted that any future major war would be settled from the air with a single blow by planes laden with atom bombs.

As a general principle, Yamashita concluded that "in the future any country which possesses the largest terrain in area and attains the highest technical progress, that country will be in a highly advantageous position."

Atom Bomb Test to Cost One Hundred Million

Planned atomic bomb tests at Bikini atoll will cost the government no more than would the construction of a large battleship (\$100,000,000), Vice Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, "Operation Crossroads" chief, said this week. The admiral said that many rumors concerning the cost of the anticipated test had reached a tremendous \$500,000,000.

From Adm. Blandy and other official sources came added information.

TEST IN MINIATURE

A miniature atomic bomb tests are being conducted in Maryland in conjunction with the "Crossroads" operation. Instead of a heavy capsule containing U-238, the experimenters are bombarding miniature ships with TNT.

Appearing recently on a list of items ordered for the experimenting units were 70,000 candy bars and 30,000 cigarettes for each day during the tests.

Adm. Blandy and other official sources came added information.

Plans for the atomic bomb tests, nearly completed at the time of the postponement, have been adjusted to suit the new dates. Inspection and preparation of target ships is progressing rapidly. Some of the principal target ships— Pennsylvania, New York, Nevada, Arkansas, Saratoga, Independence, Prinz Eugen, Pensacola and Salt Lake City—are on the West Coast preparing to sail about the end of April to join in the attack transports, destroyers and landing craft now at Pearl Harbor.

"The Nagato and Sakawa, ex-Japanese ships now at Eniwetok, will join the rest of the target fleet at Bikini."

BLINDING LIGHT

In discussing generally the forthcoming tests, Adm. Blandy said, "Observers of 'Crossroads' probably will have to witness the blast from a distance of as much as 15 to 20 miles. Even at that distance, detailed instructions must be followed. To illustrate just one of the

what must be done to protect the many factors involved, consider vision of observers. The bright flash will temporarily blind an individual in the same manner as looking directly at the sun at noon. We are providing special goggles and glasses to avoid the prospect of observers traveling half-way around the world only to be temporarily blinded by the initial brilliance of the explosion and therefore unable to follow the expected awesome rise of the atomic cloud.

R&R to Receive Six Thousand China Vets

Over 6000 Marines will arrive in San Diego this week from the Orient for separation, furloughs and reassignment in conjunction with the Corps demobilization plan, the Base G-3 office announced this week.

Major shipments will arrive from Taku, China, made up mostly of Marine casualties and separations, it was disclosed.

First vessel scheduled to arrive here will be the carrier Sitoh Bay bearing 267 line Marines destined for Base R&R, and 84 air Marines to be dispatched to Miramar. The ship will arrive April 18. Point of embarkation was not disclosed.

The AF Butner, to arrive on April 20, will carry 2743 line Marines scheduled for Base R&R, and 150 air Marines to go to Miramar. Ship departed from Taku, China.

Departed from Taku, China, the APA Calvert will arrive at San Diego April 21, with 1095 Marines aboard. Men are destined for Base R&R.

The merchant ship Dashing Wave, out from Sasebo, Japan, will arrive here April 22. Aboard are 1077 Marines scheduled for Base R&R. Other troops aboard are 16th Marine Ammo Co., 174 men; 8th Service Regiment, 94 men. Men of the Ammo Co. and Service Regiment will go to Camp Pendleton.

Of Mice and Men — This Is Wah!



By J. THOMPSON JR.

It's cherry blossom time along the Potomac, each day brings more men out of uniform, and thoughts of spring stroll hand in hand everywhere — but Washington's gone to war, on rats.

Declaring open-season warfare, District of Columbia officials are sending six-man "rat panzer squads" into enemy-held territory to slug it out with a vast army of rats, who outnumber Washingtonians two to one and have lodged themselves in Federal buildings and in homes for a last-ditch fight.

Special devices expert of the invading forces is a rat hunter of

the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, who will go into the assault with traps, bait, poison gas, .32-caliber rifles and possibly even his fists on a toe-to-toe basis. Even the atomic bomb of the rat world, red squall, will be used — in a shell of molasses, bread crumbs and peanut butter.

But despite the new weapons and techniques of modern warfare, it's thought the war will be long and hard because of enemy superiority in one vital respect: a couple of affectionate rodents can add 15th members to rat armed forces in a year's time. — SEA.

New PUC, NUC Awards Announced

Veteran Marines this week awaited further information from Washington regarding newly announced awards of Presidential and Navy unit citations to additional Marine Corps units.

Citations for the unit citation ribbons which they are ready for release, a MarCorps dispatch said, will be given wide publicity and "... therefore no requests for such information should be made" to Marine Corps headquarters.

The Presidential and Navy unit citation ribbons are now authorized for wear by persons who served during the following dates, in the units specified:

PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION

5th Marines Reinforced to include B Co., 1st Tank Bn.; H Co., 1st Engineer Bn.; Forward Observer and Liaison parties of 11th Marine Reg.; detachment 4th Joint Assault Signal Co.—for Iwodo from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, 1944.

29th Marines Reinforced to include 3rd Platoon, 1st Bomb Disposal Co., less one section; detachment NGF and AGL Team of 8th JASCO—for Okinawa from May 14 to 19, 1945.

1st Marines Reinforced to include A Co., 1st Tank Bn.; A Co., 1st Engineer Bn.; 1st Platoon, A Co., 1st Pioneer Bn.; 1st Platoon, 1st Ordnance Co., Service Bn., of 1st Mar. Div.; detachment Forward Observer and Liaison parties of the 3rd Bn., 11th Marines; detachment company, 1st Motor Transport Bn., 1st Mar. Div.; Smilitary Squad, 1st Service Bn., 1st Mar. Div.; detachment of 4th JASCO; detachment of 1st Amphibious Tractor Bn.; detachment of 1st Platoon, 1st Bomb Disposal Co.; detachment of Army Co. 11, 713th Armored Flamingo Thruway Bn.; detachment of Army Battery B, 88th Independent Chemical Mortar Bn., Forward Observer Teams for Okinawa from April 30 to June 14, 1945.

The 1st Marines Reinforced to include A Co., 1st Tank Bn.; A Co., 1st Engineer Bn.; Forward Observer and Liaison parties of the 11th Regiment; detachment of the

Vessel, Buddy Honor Tinian Corps Hero

BATH, Me.—The new super-destroyer, USS Robert Wilson, a nation's \$3,000,000 memorial to Marine PFC Robert Wilson who gave his life to save his comrades on bloody Tinian, was on its way to Boston last week with one of those comrades aboard.

Sgt. Harry H. Lehman, who was one of three enlisted Marines saved by Wilson's act of covering a Jap grenade with his own body, was a guest of the Governor of Maine before embarking on his voyage of pilgrimage to Boston.

The vessel, being received into the Navy at the conclusion of the trip to Boston, was launched Jan. 5 with relatives of Wilson attending the ceremony. The Marine PFC's mother gave the name to the ship at the launching.

Wilson was a posthumous recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor for his bravery on Tinian.

UP FROM THE DEEP



No, this isn't a preview of an atomic bomb destroying a Pacific island. It actually shows the birth of an island 200 miles south of Tokyo, where a new volcanic group is pushing its way up from the sea bottom.

4th JASCO—for Peleliu from Sept. 15 to 20, 1944.

The 4th Marines Reinforced to include the 81st Chemical Mortar Co., Separate U.S. Army; 3rd Platoon, 1st Bomb Disposal Co., less one section; detachment 6th JASCO NGF and AGL—for Okinawa from June 4 to 14, 1945.

The 22nd Marines Reinforced for Okinawa from May 10 to June 1, 1945. Additional attached units of the 22nd Marines to receive the PUC for Okinawa were: A Co., 9th Amphibious Tractor Bn. for duty from May 10 to 19, 1945; 3rd Platoon, 1st Bomb Disposal Co. for duty 3rd Platoon, 1st Bomb Disposal Co.

Vet's Post-War Idea Now Million-Dollar Business

CHICAGO (U.P.)—A discharged soldier had an idea. He had his mustering out pay, and he had a little money he had saved in the Army. He put them together and built a million dollar a year business.

His story was told this week in the magazine "Advertising Age."

Max Twentier, 26, former first lieutenant, went back to his old job of managing a bus station at Bisbee, Ariz., after he was mustered out last August.

IDEA IN HOSPITAL

But he continued to nurse along the idea he had when he was in an Army hospital. He knew that most of his buddies would like to have a silver ring bearing the insignia of the 1st Armored Division. Maybe millions of other G.I.s in other outfits would like rings with their division insignia, he said to himself.

So he invested his mustering out pay and savings in sample rings he ordered from an Indianapolis jeweler. Then he mailed the samples to the commanding generals of each of the Army's 105 divisions.

Order forms were enclosed with each ring, and the rings were to cost \$2.75 each.

WAITED MONTHS

Then Twentier waited. But months passed and there were no orders. So he went back to his old job at the bus station. Once he even offered a friend a half interest in his non-existent business but the friend politely declined.

It was a few days after that when Twentier got a letter. But

Thaumaturgy!

Subs Submerge, Merge, Emerge

PEARL HARBOR (U.P.)—Navy officials disclosed this week the "it-could-happen" story of two submarines colliding in the Pacific during the war in a freak accident involving odds of 119,594,745,000 to one.

The collision occurred on Feb. 23, 1945, when the USS Flounder was rammed by the bow of the USS Hoq off French Indo-China in the South China sea. Both submarines were cruising at periscope depth.

Navy mathematicians said it was "virtually impossible" for two submarines, each 300 by 27 feet, and each equipped with ultra-modern safety and detection devices, to ram in an ocean with 69,634,000 square miles of surface.

Navy officials said "the Flounder had just reported 'all clear on sound.' Suddenly, the ship shuddered and water began entering."

The Flounder raised her periscope. Nothing could be seen but calm seas and blue skies.

When the collision occurred, the skipper of the Hoq sent his crew to battle stations and the submarine surfaced.

"It was not until late that night, when both ships reported their accidents, that anyone realized what had happened," the Navy said.

for duty from May 13 to June 1, from May 10 to 16, 1945; detachment of 6th JASCO; 1st Section, 1945; Reconnaissance Co., Hq. Hq., for duty from May 27 and 28, 1945

NAVY UNIT CITATION

The 3rd Amphibious Corps Signal Bn. for Bougainville, Guam, Palau and Okinawa from Nov. 1, 1943, to June 21, 1945.

The Amphibious Reconnaissance Bn., FMF, Pacific, for the Gilbert Islands from Nov. 19 to 26, 1943; for the Marshall Islands from Jan. 30 to Feb. 2, 1944; for the Marianas Islands from June 15 to Aug. 4, 1944; for the Ryukyu Islands from March 26 to July 24, 1945.

The 3rd Bn., 10th Marines, for Saipan on July 7, 1944.

The 4th Engineer Bn. for Okinawa from April 1 to June 21, 1945.

closed was a check for \$15,000 from the 3rd Armored Division. The division wanted 2000 rings.

Twentier quit his bus station. He told the Indianapolis jeweler to start making rings. The first order was followed by others, and the checks ranged from \$7000 to \$15,000. Twentier expanded, selling rings to the Marines and the Army Air Forces. His production soared to 20,000 rings per week.

He ran nation-wide ads suggesting that servicemen's wives and sweethearts buy the rings as gifts. And he suggested sweetheart pins for the wives and sweethearts.

Recently he incorporated, and now he has general offices and a factory of his own at Phoenix, which makes other kinds of costume jewelry as well.

Promoted



Capt. Catherine Mohr, Personnel Affairs officer at JICB, was promoted recently from first lieutenant. Capt Mohr will retire to civilian life this Friday. Capt. Helen Marlowe also received her promotion from first lieutenant last week.

Hollywood to Get Brightest Light

NEW YORK—An instrument, generating microscopic points of light equal to one-sixteenth of the sun's brilliance, was demonstrated recently by its inventors, W. D. Buckingham and H. D. Bishop, Western Union engineers.

The intensive glow was emitted from a crater of molten metal, only three one-thousandths of an inch in diameter, focused in a vacuum so large that a radio tube used in an average home receiver. The rays produced were so powerful that dark glasses were necessary to view them.

The development of this new light-producing device is expected to establish new standards of clarity and high definition for projected motion pictures.—CNS

NEW APPAREL APPEALS

Base Marines Sold on New Uniforms

"What do you think of the new Marine uniforms?" Base Marines, for the most part, replied favorably when asked their opinion of the restyled Corps uniforms this week, and made further suggestions toward additional improvements.

Most persons questioned opined that a new field scarf is needed.

Sgt. B. H. Mathwin, NCO in charge of clothing issue at the Base Clothing Issue Room, commented, "The uniforms are fine if they get here. We've heard talk before of uniform changes but they never seem to get to the issue stage. If they do come through though," he said, "it's going to be fine."

From what I understand they'll be a lot more comfortable. All the extra fullness in the jacket, you know. And the Blues look like they'll be a lot dressier. But I guess you know that when they do come through we'll have to work like a bunch of beavers here in the issue room."

MTSgt. John J. Daly, NCO in charge of the Base Photographic Service, declared, "I believe the new uniforms are a great improvement. The tunic is full enough for comfort, and not like the 'giraffe' we now wear. But as for wearing the new jackets, I think they should be kept for station wear only, and the tunic should be retained for liberty. The new Blues are fine too, I am especially glad they kept the high collar for the sake of both tradition and distinction. I think they should also bring out a new field scarf similar to those that we buy in town. The cotton ones are hard to be properly, and they look messy."

PFC M. E. Reich, Base Theater manager, asserted, "Anything is better than the current issue. And when you compare the two, it's a cinch that the new outfit is more practical. The pockets bulge on the present uniform if you carry anything in them, while the fullness incorporated in the new outfit allows you room to carry anything you please without looking sloppy. About those issue field scarfs though," he concluded, "I think they ought to make a few drastic alterations. They're only good for one wear the way they are now, and if you don't tie them correctly

the first time, they're not even good for that."

CWO W. D. Fowler, personnel officer of Base 1st Separation Co., said, "I think the new uniforms are a fine idea. The tailoring makes the outfit extremely practical, in that it will be good for field wear as well as dress. I would like to see them made of a finer material though. Something in

will would last longer and look better." CWO Fowler also commented on the enlisted field scarf. He stated that a smarter appearing 'ble' would improve the uniform greatly.

PFC S. E. Heyl, WR recreation hall attendant, said, "Personally I can't think of any reason for changing the uniform. I think the men look fine the way they are. Of course most of the girls say they like the jackets, but I've yet to find one who knows why. Perhaps most of the people who say they like them are just impressed by the change. I know I always like a new hat. Maybe the change is good though."

CySgt. C. O. Ostrom of the property room at the Base Guard House reflected, "I'm strictly neutral on the change. I've found that after a few years in the Corps you can get used to any uniform. Whatever they issue me, I'll wear. The trouble with a number of the men is that they haven't been in long enough to get used to the uniform. Let them wait a few years before they start talking about why the uniform should be this way or that."

MATH vs. POKER

CHICAGO—A mathematician here has figured out that there are 2,598,240 possible poker hands. Forty are straight flushes, 624 fours-of-a-kind, 3744 fullhouses, 5108 flushes, 10,200 straights, 54,192 three-of-a-kind, 123,552 two-pairs, 1,098,240 pairs, and 1,302,540 blanks. Now do you see why you can't win?—CNS.

Marine Corps Demobilization Report

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 5, 1946
(Prepared by the Director, Division of Public Information)
OFFICERS

Male Officer Separations.....	494
Total Male Officer Separations, Aug. 17, '45, to April 5, '46.....	21,800
Female Officer Separations.....	10
Total Female Officer Separations, Aug. 17, '45, to April 5, '46.....	150

MALE ENLISTED	
Discharged (reasons other than demob. plan).....	207
Discharged (in accordance with demob. plan).....	8,123
Total Discharged During Week.....	8,330
Total Discharged, Aug. 17, '45, to April 5, '46.....	261,004
Enlistments and Re-enlistments (Mar. 30 to April 5, '46).....	1,044
Departed U.S. for Overseas.....	24,150
Arrived U.S. from Overseas.....	1,367

FEMALE ENLISTED	
Discharged (reasons other than demob. plan).....	27
Discharged (in accordance with demob. plan).....	421
Total Discharged for Week.....	438
Total Discharged, Aug. 17, '45, to April 5, '46.....	12,268

PROGRESS	
Planned Discharge Quota, Week Mar. 30 to April 5, '46.....	1,022
Actual Number Discharged, Week Mar. 30 to April 5, '46.....	8,798
Planned Discharge Quota, Aug. 17, '45, to April 5, '46.....	234,554
Actual Number Discharged, Aug. 17, '45, to April 5, '46.....	254,330

Through the SPORThOLE

By PFC. VINCENT MASSE

PERSONALITIES. This department would like to try something new this week and have you meet a few of the boys who help make life enjoyable and different, and we say that with reservations, in the weekly tour of our duties.

First of all, we'd like you to meet PFC. Miles "Itchy" Gardner. "Itchy" is the ballfield's clubhouse custodian, rec-



PFC. MILES GARDNER
... No. 1 fan

ord-book keeper, No. 1 rooter, information bureau and a few more odds and ends too numerous to mention. Talking about rabid rooters, and we have seen some 'way back yonder in Brooklyn, this boy Miles takes the honors.

During any of the Base nine games, he goes through more agony in nine innings than the whole team and manager together. From watching him go through his paces during the course of the game, the boys bestowed the nickname of "Itchy" upon him. How he can squirm, yell, live every play on the field, and keep the scorebook

at the same time, we have yet to understand, but we expect to find out.

"Bull" Trometter, manager of the Base ball team, is toying with the idea of putting "Itchy" in a uniform and letting him use his energy on the field. We think this is unnecessary, as from his seat in the dugout "Itchy" already plays nine positions; he pitches, he bats, he guides the ball into the outfielders' hands, sometimes he even calls signals for the "take" on an infield pop-up. Yes, we think it's better that the team stand the way it is and keep "Itchy" for our No. 1 Fan, Watta Character, and he isn't even from Brooklyn. Oh, hum.

Next we'd like you to meet PFC. Anthony "My Mother Calls Me Baby" Maggi. You may remember reading about him in this column some time ago. He was the boy who sent in the days to take on anybody in a handball game. Remember? He gave us such a spiel at that time that we couldn't resist publishing it. When the time came and some of the readers got in touch with him to back his boast,

Tony was always "too busy." Our readers sent the "word" on to us, and despite continual wordage on his athletic prowess reaching this desk, we have refrained from putting ourself out on the limb by publishing it. From star handball player he went to basketball star and down through the line. Finally the man once again aroused our curiosity and just to be sure we weren't passing up any sport phenomenon, we decided to give the boy another looksee for ourselves.



PFC. ANTHONY MAGGI
... watta 'baby'

We contacted the great man while he was going about his chores at Base Quartermaster. If you think for a minute we got time to question him, you're sadly mistaken; that boy gave us the "word," and fast, AND all about Maggi. At the present time, according to him, he is the star player on the Service Co.'s softball team. "Boy, you oughta see me knock the cover off that ball" . . . "Bet I'll hit over .250 for the season" . . . "Our team should cop this tourney" . . . and other quotes came at us with unheard-of rapidity, and once again we just WONDER!

We had at least some measure of success when we succeeded in finding out how he came about his nickname of "My Mother Calls Me Baby." It seems during the first few days of boot camp, when the DI's make that attempt to become acquainted with their men, they approached this one Pvt. Magg. After inspecting him from head to foot, one said to the other: "And just WHAT would you call this?" Without waiting for them to reach a decision, Maggi blurted out, "My mother calls me baby." During the rest of boot camp the DI's didn't exactly adhere to his mother's affectionate nickname for him, but the saying stuck with his buddies, and even today you can hear them shout: "Come on, 'My Mother Calls Me Baby,' knock that ball over the fence!" . . . 'Nuff sed.

THE CHEVRON Sports

MOUND MAINSTAYS OF MCB NINE



(Photo by PFC. George Lowe)

Upon the strong right arms of these three members of the Base baseball team's pitching staff rests the future of the Base team. In the spring training season the team showed it had the "batting punch," and with a good defensive infield and outfield to back them up, all that is needed is for them to hold the opposition. Looking over the "ol' apple" are (left to right) Parker Swan, "Duff" Lambert and "Frenchy" Couturier. Manager "Bull" Trometter calls them his Big Three.

Tourney Begins

Play got under way yesterday in the 11th Naval Dist. classification baseball tournament, with Naval Sound School playing the Marine Corps Base on the latter's diamond. The Amphibious Base nine played at Camp Elliott home grounds. Results of the games were not known at press time but the winners of those games will play in another league game this Saturday, April 20. Other league games include: Naval Air Station at Marine Repair Base; VJ7 at Camp Miramar; Navy Hospital at Camp Kearney; Naval Ammunition (Fallbrook) at Naval Repair Base. Camp Pendleton and Naval Training Station drew "byes" and will play next Wednesday, April 24.

'What's Up, Doc?'



No, "Bud" Hancken, Base nine star catcher, is not giving an imitation of Ted Lewis, but everybody will be happy when he gets that foul he's chasing. Although the first-string catcher on the roster, Bud is filling in at second base for the injured Dart.

Base Nine Has Field Day Downing Repair Base

Unearned Tally in 9th Inning Spoils Shutout for 'Frenchy' Couturier

Pounding out a total of 12 hits, 7 of them for extra bases, the Base nine walloped the Repair Base, Marine detachment, 15-1 in a game played here last Monday. An unearned run in the ninth inning deprived "Frenchy" Couturier of a whitewash job.

The issue was settled as early as the first inning when the locals battered around to score five runs. After one down, O'Sullivan doubled to left and Hancken walked. Both scored on a double by Gibson off the left-fielder's glove. Lambert was safe on a fielder's choice when Gibson beat Nicholson's attempt to get him at third. Gibson scored and Lambert went all the way to third on a wild pitch. Zaker doubled inside the right-field foul line, scoring Lambert. Zaker scored the final run of the inning when Kerl let Smith's grounder go through him for an error.

ZAKER INJURED

The Base added another in the second on Head's single, another double by O'Sullivan, and an error. The run picked up in the third was a costly one. Zaker walked and stole second; when Kobleman dropped the third strike on Smith, Zaker sprained his ankle sliding into third. Ashcraft ran for him and then took his place in right field.

A double by Hancken, Gibson's single, two walks and another double by Ashcraft combined to give the locals three more in the fourth. They failed to score in the fifth, the only inning they were held.

FANS NINE

Meanwhile, with all this batting support, "Frenchy" Couturier was sailing along blanking the Repair Base, seldom in any trouble, getting nine of them on strikeouts.

With one down in the top of the ninth, the visitors put over their lone tally and though unearned, it spoiled "Frenchy's" shutout. Mulkerin was safe on Lyster's error.

Baratt singled. Mulkerin stopping at second. After retiring Johnson for the second out, Frenchy grooved one for Houts, who hit a line drive single into center-field to score Mulkerin.

Despite the lopsided score, Bill Nicholson, Repair Base flinger, was a pretty fair sort of pitcher. His own wildness and ragged support by his teammates caused most of the scoring.

Repair Base

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Johnson, cf.	5	0	1	0	0	0
Buchel, 1b.	1	0	0	4	0	0
Houts, 2b.	4	0	2	0	0	1
Kerl, 3b-lf.	4	0	0	2	1	1
Kobleman, c.	3	0	0	2	2	0
Zimmerman, 3b.	4	0	1	0	1	1
Zimmer, lf.	4	0	1	7	0	1
Lester, if.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mulkerin, cf.	4	1	0	0	0	0
Baratt, ss.	4	0	1	1	1	2
Nicholson, p.	4	0	0	0	3	0

Totals . . . 38 1 8 24 8 4

MCB

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Head, cf.	5	1	3	2	0	0
O'Sullivan, ss.	5	1	3	0	3	1
Hancken, 2b.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Gibson, 1b.	5	3	3	10	0	1
Lambert, lf.	3	3	1	1	0	0
Lester, if.	1	1	0	1	0	0
Zaker, cf.	1	1	1	0	1	0
Ashcraft, rf.	3	3	3	1	0	0
Smith, c.	3	0	0	10	0	0
Bence, 3b.	2	0	0	1	2	0
Lyster, 3b.	1	0	0	0	1	2
Couturier, p.	4	0	0	0	1	0

Totals . . . 37 15 13 37 8 4

Score by innings:
Rep. 15 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1 8 6
MCB . . . 5 1 1 3 0 2 1 2 x—15 13 4
Runs batted in: Gibson 4, Ashcraft 2, Zaker, Bence, Smith, O'Sullivan, Hancken, Houts. Three-base hits: Ashcraft. Two-base hits: O'Sullivan 2, Gibson, Zaker, Houts, Ashcraft, Hancken. Base on balls: off Couturier 3, off Nicholson 7. Struck out: by Couturier 9, by Nicholson 7. Wild pitches: Nicholson 4. Passed ball, Zimmer.

NATIONAL Baseball ROUND UP

The Texas league started on its second half-century after a three-year delay. Its structure strength, ened from top to bottom with a new classification, new managers and owners in half its cities, and with typical Texas confidence, the league will be aiming for its second season in which the turnstiles may click a million times.

One of the real speed merchants in baseball, George Washington Case, will attempt to duplicate his base-stealing prowess with the Cleveland Indians--after having performed so admirably for the Senators.

However, Case had a confession to make when asked to describe the funniest baseball incident he had ever witnessed.

"In the spring training game between the Washington Senators and the Boston Braves back in 1933," said George, "a guy stole second base with one of his own teammates already occupying the bag. That was really funny."

"And who was the hero who pulled that startling stunt?"

Case grinned sheepishly. "Me."

George Shinnweiss, Yankee infielder, signed his contract this week after wrangling for \$3000 raise over \$16,000 salary of 1945. A compromise in salary, vari-ously estimated from \$17,500 to \$20,000, was reached.

The Cubs had their players visit the local oculist for eye examination. It is believed Manager Jim Gallagher suspects eye weakness in several individuals.

Connie Mack, manager of Philadelphia Athletics, is rooting for 38-year-old Jack Knott to make his team. Knott left the A's three years ago with a torn arm--a major league bust. He was inducted into the Army, fought his way into Germany, and was commissioned a second lieutenant on the battlefield.

Catcher Ray Muller of the Reds was notified by National League President Ford Frick that his consecutive-games record would not be impaired by service in the Army. Any game Muller catches from the start of the season will be added to 217 he had when he answered the call to the colors.

Genuine pre-war baseball re-

turned to the major leagues Tues-day with all the hip, hip, hurrah of a welcome-home parade down Main Street as Joe DiMaggio, Ted Williams, Johnny "Dubble No-Hit" Vandermeer, Pee Wee Reese, Terry Moore and hun-dreds of other ex-G.I.'s came back to their old jobs.

With the golden sports boom already spilling toward a new peak, record crowds are expected all around the National and American leagues. Although more than eleven million custom-ers watched the willing but often inadequate wartime players do their stuff last year, even more are due this season, ac-cording to pre-opening day jams at the windows.

Returning veterans, for the most part, have been able to pick up where they left off upon en-tering the service, but many have yet to prove themselves in actual league play. A few, like Benny McCoy of the A's, Rip Radcliff of Detroit, and Chubby Dean of Cleveland, have already been re-leased.

Results and batteries of the opening games are as follows:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Chicago	0	3	0
Cleveland	1	6	2
Feller and Hayes; Dietrich and Dickey.			
St. Louis	1	6	0
Detroit	1	6	0
Foster and Mahan; New-houser and Richards.			
Boston	6	11	0
Washington	3	11	1
Hughson and Wagner; Wolfe, Hudson and Evans.			
New York	5	7	2
Philadelphia	0	5	1
Chandler and Dickey; Chris-topher, Harris and Rosar.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago	4	6	1
Cincinnati	3	11	0
Fassau, Fleming, Pein and McCullough; Beggs, Hauser and Muller.			
Brooklyn	3	10	2
Boston	5	8	1
Gregg, Casey and Anderson; Sain and Mast.			
Philadelphia	4	8	1
New York	8	11	1
Judd, Mulcahy and Henley; Voiselle, Adams and Lombardi.			
Pittsburgh	6	11	1
St. Louis	4	9	1
Ostermuller, Heinzelman and Smith; Reasley, Brecheen and Rice.			

RD Boxing Show Moves Outdoors

By PFC. John J. O'Keefe Jr.

After months of forcing the usual Saturday night boxing smok-er indoors, the weatherman last week gave the fans and boxers a break by allowing the bouts to re-turn to their old slapping grounds in the outdoor arena, where condi-tions allow for a larger and much more comfortable audience.

Added attraction for the evening was the donation of a 17-jewel shock-proof watch by a local jew-elry store for presentation to the most popular boxer of the evening, Mike Sanchez, winner of the semi-final, was acclaimed as such and so . . . "What time is it, Mike?"

Resume of the 10-bout card:

Harold Braun/Bobby Luna. A good fight all the way, ending in a draw.

Stuart Tom/Bobby Carty. An-other draw, one which the crowd liked. Plenty of action. Should rematch.

Ruben Sierra/Roy Saylor. The Saylor sank the 'Sierra' in this one. Nice exhibition.

Lloyd Stout/Fredde Romley. Freddie ended this one quickly when he stopped Stout on a TKO in 1:27 of the first round.

Bill Lomeli/Marcellon Martinez. This was very close, with the judges' nod going to Martinez. Lomeli deserves a rematch.

Tom Swearingen/Paul Strapper. Tom wanted to end this in a hurry and did. The bout was awarded to Swearingen on a TKO in 1:03 of the second round. Paul was no scrapper and it had to be thus.

Pingley Ju/Art Jaurequi. Too much 'Ping' not enough 'Art.' A good fast bout. The nod went to Pingley Ju.

Dave Thomas/Melvin Hubbard. Another good bout, going the route. Called a draw, a popular decision with the fans.

Krith Pearson/Mike Sanchez. A rematch from last week. Mike was acclimated the best boy of the eve-ning, winning easily.

Glenn Wallace/Browning Wood. Main event. Wood is a tough man with a wicked left hook and lost to Glenn only after a hard battle. Could see more like this.

Officials: Announcer, PFC. J. T. Hendrix; Judges, Lt. Westcott and PFC. Rocky Rich; referees, PFC. Johnny Abren and PFC. Leonard Dorf; timekeeper, GySgt. Art Dugan.

CASEY AT THE BAT, OR IRISH FACSIMILE



Frank O'Sullivan, Base nine shortstop, is shown taking that "mighty" cut. Photo was snapped during recent drill just as Frank got hold of a "fat" pitch and sent it to his favorite spot over the left-field fence, hitting for extra bases, including TWO home runs in recent exhibition games. O'Sullivan is quickly earning his nickname of "Slug-ger." His two doubles and single aided in the rout of the Repair Base nine 15-1 in an exhibition game here last Monday.

CASUALTIES Recently Announced

Dead
District of Columbia
1st Lt. James S. Chambers, S.W. Washington.
Alabama
Corp. Daniel W. Wilby, North Birmingham.
California
PFC. Leon Davis Jr., San Diego.
TSgt. Robert T. Lee, Los Angeles.
MTSgt. Frank T. Lukash, San Fran-cisco.
MTSgt. Charles D. Phillips, Orange.
Sgt. Oscar D. Lohm, Santa Barbara.
Florida
PFC. William E. Van Vleet, Apala-chicola.
Illinois
1st Lt. Patrick M. Fitzgerald, Chicago.
TSgt. Joseph J. Donahy, Chicago.
Corp. Frank L. Rudyak, Chicago Heights.
Michigan
Sgt. Joseph Marlow, Dowagiac.
Minnesota
1st Lt. Wallace Martzfeld, Duluth.
Missouri
SUSgt. Lawrence C. Smith, St. Louis.
Nebraska
1st Lt. Thomas D. Pace, Grand Island.
New Jersey
TSgt. Herschel C. Shropshire, Mill-ville.
GySgt. James W. Tuxas, Spring Lake.
New York
Pfcgt. Frederick J. Brunner, De-peraville.
Corp. Abraham Kupcwasser, New York.
North Carolina
Corp. David W. Offman, Julius.
Pennsylvania
Pfcgt. Paul E. H. Dobler, Philadel-phia.
PFC. Stanley E. Gudek, Titusville.
Sgt. Robert K. Butler, Philadelphia.
1st Lt. Frank J. Mikula, Johnstown.
Sgt. Francis J. Simson Jr., Philadel-phia.
1st Lt. Gordon R. Woodr, McKees-park.
South Carolina
Corp. James M. Jankley, Sumter.
Texas
Pvt. Robert D. Bode, Dallas.
Sgt. Charles H. Hill, Dallas.
Capt. Robert M. Jones, Galleg.

BEAR A HAND
For Sale
RADIO, small table model, 6 tubes. Sgt. Daly, Base extension 331.
EQUITY IN ALTO for \$100. Valpara-iso 2770. Nash latitude 2-door sedan 1945. Radio, heater, new tires. Needs motor repairs. Pvt. Rogers, Base extension 601.
BLUEPRINTS and drawings show-ing conversion of Ford V8 82 or Mercury motor for use in Juggernaut hydroplane or small boat not requireg reverse gear. No expensive ma-chine parts. Proved for Irish or salt-water use. Zakman Engineering, Jackson 1529.
PACARD 42, Convert, Comp. 400. 1st road tires, good running con-dition. TSgt. Tex Simmons, Base extension 309.
MOTORCYCLE, trade or sell. 1940 Harley "40" Corp. Newmarket, Sta School.
Lost
LADY'S GLOVES, brown kid, lost SAT evening in or near Base. They also. TSgt. Tex Simmons, Base ex-tension 309.

Wager's Variety Show Booked

Al Wager's Variety Show will appear at the Base Theater Tues-day evening, April 30, the MCB recreation officer announced this week.

According to advance informa-tion, the Wager company "casts the finest talent available." The-ater-goers will see eight complete acts featuring dancing girls, a jug-gling performance, gags, songs, and a ventriloquist.

The performance will follow by approximately three weeks the Ted Mio Rite show, which appeared here last week and according to many personnel was "among the best entertainment offered at the Base in a long time."

Utah
Sgt. Dallas L. Hyatt, Duvallville.
1st Lt. Joseph W. Winslow, Provo.
Vermont
Sgt. Ralph A. Russell, Montpelier.
Wisconsin
1st Lt. Jonathan S. Schmitt, Milwau-kee.
TSgt. George A. Grubb, Mukwonago.
MTSgt. Robert E. Wulrow, Arpin.
Dead
Kansas
MTSgt. Truman A. Grady, Olathe.
Maryland
Sgt. Roy C. Hoover, Hyattsville.
Massachusetts
Sgt. Norman E. Whitledge, South Boston.
Michigan
Sgt. Joseph Marlow, Dowagiac.
Minnesota
1st Lt. Wallace Martzfeld, Duluth.
Missouri
SUSgt. Lawrence C. Smith, St. Louis.
Nebraska
1st Lt. Thomas D. Pace, Grand Island.
New Jersey
TSgt. Herschel C. Shropshire, Mill-ville.
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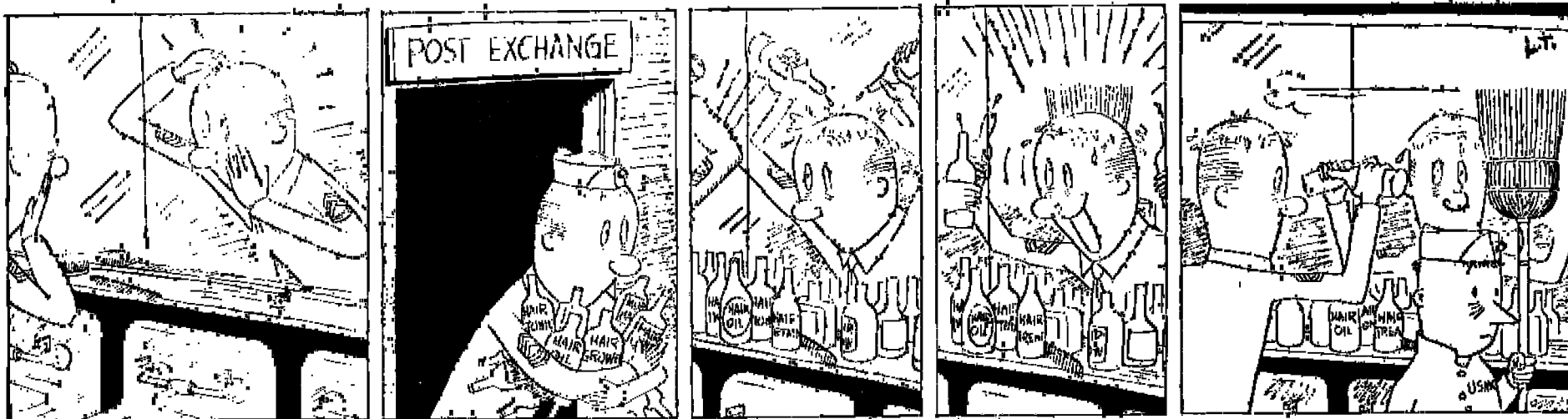
WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

BASE THEATER
17:30 and 2000
THURSDAY--Madonna of the Seven Moons. Phyllis Calvert, Stewart Granger. This one, our friend at the theater tells us, has a "hairy-chested gypsy lover," a woman with a mental condition, and a rich husband. Our wife tells us that "hairy-chested gypsy lovers" are okay but not dependable.
FRIDAY--Hurricane. Dorothy Lamour-Jon Hall. A technicolor reissue. This has all the hallmarks of a tropical scorcher.
SATURDAY--Thank Your Lucky Stars. A Holadalywood musical. Releases say this one has everyone on the Warners' lot and two city pigeons thrown in.
SUNDAY--In Old Chicago. Alice Faye-Tyrone Power. They're burning Chicago at the Base Theater again.
MONDAY--Adventures of Mark Twain. Alexis Smith-Fredric March. Life story of Mark Twain. If you like frog races don't miss it.
TUESDAY--Raffles. David Nevan-Olivia DeHavilland. If we remem-ber rightly we were very impressed with this when we were 11. Nevan plays the part of Raffles, notorious jewel thief.
WEDNESDAY--Strangler of the Swamp. Rosemary LaBlanche-Robert Barrett. Swampland murderdrammer. We're going to take a neighbor's youngster we don't especially like to see this one. (Camp Matthews films will follow the above schedule by one day)



OFF - BASE

By PFC. LES THOMPSON



THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

MAMARONECK, N. Y. (CNS)—One of New Haven Railroad's best-known if not best-liked commuters is a mouse, who rides the 8:11 express in the night tide, and preys the 8:21 local at night. The railroading gent, unlike most commuters, never has to run for his train, never tries to shuffle in a hop skipping cap, and never pines, never rides past his station. (Mamaroneck)

LOS ANGELES (CNS)—Is this where I declare \$3,000 income I won in dice games in Europe in 1915? an ex-GI asked at the Riverside Internal Revenue Office. It was, and he paid over \$20,000 tax.

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—Bill Landigan's grocer, an old friend, cut off his real estate agent's supply of butter and she found the actor and his family in a movement. Landigan got the apartment; the agent got his butter.

LONDON (CNS)—The English press has protested action of proposal to bring Frank Sinatra over to sing for them. The papers claimed that if there were any dollars to spare they'd better spend them for dried eggs.

MARTIN (CNS)—Burglars who went to the trouble of carrying a sub-machine gun over five flights of stairs evidently decided it wasn't worth the trouble. They left the contents undisturbed.

DETROIT (SEA)—Four daughters are to be given away in marriage on Sunday, April 28, by George Sniel, a grocer. Last year he saw a son and another daughter wed in a double ceremony.

BOSTON (CNS)—William C. Tomkins, a cab driver, was fined \$25 for failing to stop his cab during a test blackout. It took police three years to find him.

MANTI, Utah (SEA)—100-year-old Hyrum Beebe will have his share of death by hanging or beheading a thing square. He was convicted of murder.

LOS ANGELES—Charged in a divorce suit with cruelty, George Bruce testified that his wife, violinist Erna Rubinstein, spent the night before their wedding hugging her bulldog and her wedding night with her mother. When Bruce objected, his bride said "Don't be a child."

SANTA MONICA, Cal. (SEA)—Patrick Nicholson, 6, and his brother, Michael, 4, each appeared at school one morning with a live hand grenade hanging from his belt. Panic-stricken officials gingerly removed the weapons, learned that the kids' dad, a veteran, had thought them harmless.

STAFFORD SPRINGS, Conn. (SEA)—While a elbow dog and a pointer frolics on a frozen millpond, the ice gave way, plunging the pointer into the water. Quik to the rescue, the elbow grabbed the other dog by the back of the neck and pulled him to safety.

BALTIMORE (SEA)—Fourteen Baltimore lawyers, complaining that federal alphabet agencies monopolize downtown office space, formed the ATSGAEP-OSNBI, short for Association to Stop Government Agencies from Pre-empting Office Space Needed by Lawyers.

DETROIT (SEA)—Attempted theft of 41 50-cent postage stamps netted Douglas Tate a five-year prison sentence. He was nabbed by Mrs. Anna Beglin, bank messenger, and explained his failure to escape by saying "I couldn't hit a lady."

SAN FRANCISCO (SEA)—Motelist George Thomas brought four rabbits into the world by a caesarian operation performed after he accidentally killed their mother. His wife is feeding them, an cow's milk through a dropper.

ARLINGTON, Va. (SEA)—William Thompson found a hound in a snow bank and gave it to his children, who liked its spunk. Later, the hound was evaluated at \$500.

For Publicity Only



ANOTHER WEEK. Come, come, Men! Last week we asked for applicants to take over our tedious task as Pin-Up Editor; where are your applications? Perhaps you're not interested in this stuff, after all. At any rate, we're asking for applicants once more. Candidates must have considerable self-control, an objective attitude toward art studies, and wide master of such adjectives as "sultry," "provocative," "pulchritudinous," and so forth. (Above is sultry, provocative, pulchritudinous, etc. Martha Vickers of the Warner Bros. stable.)