

Merry Christmas to All

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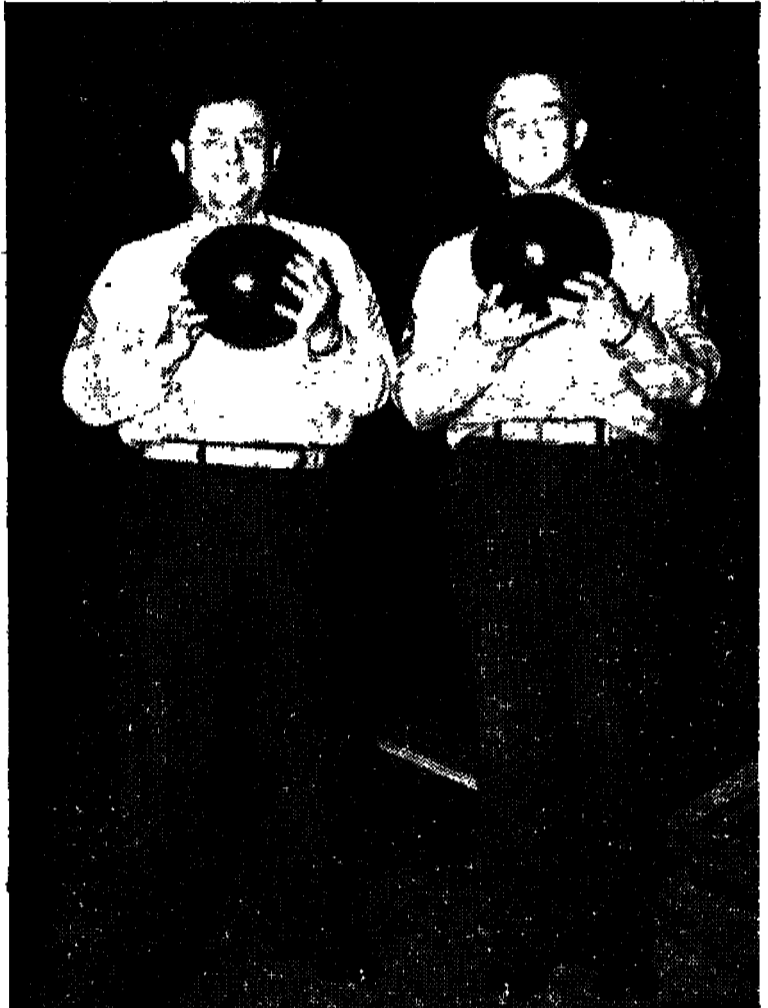
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DOUBLES CHAMPS. M/Sgt. Garland Respass (left) and partner, M/Sgt. Stephen Jacobs, walked away with the doubles bowling crown in the 11th Naval District Bowling Tournament held at the local alleys last Sunday with a 1181 score. (Photo by PFC, John Richards.)

Beer Parlor Opens Saturday And Marines Get Plenty

Hey, Fellars, Maj. H. K. Jackson just called the CheVron office to get the word around that our new Base Beer Garden opens tomorrow at 1500.

Come early and bring your friends as there will be plenty of free beer. When the allotted free beer runs out the clerks at the counter will sell you 12-oz. glasses of the foaming stuff for one thin dime per glass. It's cafeteria style, fellows, but you won't have to wait as they will have plenty of help to dish it out.

If you want to shoot the breeze with your buddies, families or friends, why, order up the large pitchers of beer; they sell for 40 cents. You can rest comfortably in the leather overstuffed furniture they have there. The present furniture was borrowed from the Special Services until our new gear gets here, which will be obtained at the earliest possible date.

It's located in the old WR Recreation Hall, Bldg. 341, just west of Gate No. 4, and opposite the gas station. Hours: 1500-2130.

They have a fair size guest room, where you can take your family and friends; dance, too, if the little lady so desires. Then there's the large bar-room and sun porch, all handy to where you can get your beer, coffee and sandwiches, so come early, fellows, and stay late. Remember it opens tomorrow, Saturday, from 1500 to 2130 and open daily from then on.

FINE PICKLE
(CNS)—Pickle consumption in the U.S. has spurted unaccountably during the war from an average of 5,000,000 bushels annually to an average of 7,250,000 bushels.

70,000 Iwo Jima Marines Are Cited

Navy Relaxes Ban On Guam Industries

WASHINGTON, (UP) — The Navy has relaxed its ban against outside business interests entering Guam in an effort to provide the islanders with a more diversified economy, Capt. William F. Jennings, officer in charge of island government, disclosed this week.

Jennings said applications for enterprises on Guam would be screened carefully by Rear Adm. Charles A. Fownall, naval governor of Guam. Only businesses which Guamanians cannot establish themselves will be permitted to start on the island, he added.

"The policy of the Navy Department is to prevent the unrestricted admission to Guam of outside business interests until such time as the Guamanian economy has been rehabilitated by payment of claims settlement, land allocations and restoration of civilian facilities to the point where the people there can compete on an equitable basis," Jennings said.

Capt. Hooper's "Guide to Administration" is now on sale at the Base Post Exchange for \$1.75 per copy. The book is a desirable aid to all clerical workers and first sergeants.

New Zealand Friend Of Marines Here

Visiting in San Diego at present is a woman who is known by many a marine who has seen duty in New Zealand during the past few years. New Zealand's "friend of the marines" is Mrs. Harold Vestey, whose name will be especially familiar to the officers and men of the 8th Regiment, 2nd Marine Division of Guadalcanal fame.

With the aid of the women and several organizations of New Zealand, Mrs. Vestey was able to organize a campaign to find homes for the marines disembarking from the hard won battles of Guadalcanal. With unceasing effort Mrs. Vestey and her aids were able to acquire more than 2000 private homes for the Marines of Guadalcanal.

Mrs. Vestey who has served as New Zealand's Member of the League of Nations permanent secretariat in Geneva is now visiting her friends in San Diego, she thinks "The Base is beautiful," and "The Officers Club is one of the most beautiful I have ever seen."

The Vestey's have visited several members of the regiment since their arrival in New York, and hope to see many more of their friends during their visit in San Diego. Planning to spend 2 or 3 months here, they "may stay longer if we like it."



GENERAL HUNT
... to new duty
SAN FRANCISCO, (UP) — U. S. Marine Headquarters last week announced Maj. Gen. LeRoy Hunt, former commander of the Pacific Fleet Troop Training unit at San Diego, Cal., will become commanding general of the Marine Corps' Pacific Department next Jan. 10.

He succeeds Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, who has been assigned to other duty.

Assault and support forces of the third, fourth, and fifth Marine Divisions have been awarded the Navy Unit Citation and the Presidential Unit Citation for distinguishing themselves in the bloody battle of Iwo Jima.

In one of the bloodiest battles of the Pacific war the Marine Units distinguished themselves to win the awards—the highest of its kind.

Support troops of the Marine Fifth Amphibious Corps were also awarded the Navy Unit Citation. The total number affected by the mass decoration totals about 70,000.

Fifty-nine units under the command of Gen. Schmidt, who resides in San Diego and commands the Marine Training and Replacement Command, San Diego area, with headquarters at Camp Pendleton, will receive the former award.

This is one of the largest mass awards ever given to the military forces of the United States and results in five out of six of the Marine divisions participating in World War II being thus honored.

The Fifth Corps earlier in the war led assaults against Tarawa, Roi-Namur in the Marshalls, Saipan and Tinian. Following the Iwo Jima campaign it occupied the Japanese main island of Kyushu. The Corps Headquarters, along with the Fourth and Fifth Marine Divisions, were later returned to Camp Pendleton, where they were disbanded.

OTHERS ELIGIBLE
Small Army and Navy detachments attached to the Fifth Corps



LT. COL. S. C. ZERN
... to colonel

ALNAV ANNOUNCES

Lt. Col. Shelton Zern, commanding Base Troops, was selected this week for promotion to the rank of colonel, according to ALNAV 026 dated Dec. 17.

Lt. Col. Zern was assigned here from Guam where he was serving as the Island Command G-3. He served as signal officer for the 4th Marine Division during the battle for possession of the Marshall Islands.

Included in the official dispatch were six officers selected for promotion to the rank of brigadier general, one of whom, Col. E. A. Craig, is now serving with the Troop Training Unit headquarters here. Others selected for promotion to brigadier general are: Cols. H. D. Linscott, M. D. Curtis, D. S. Brown, R. H. Pepper, F. S. Robillard and V. E. Megea.

also will be eligible for the award. A list of the Marine units awarded the Presidential Unit Citation follows:

Third Marine Division reinforced, Ninth Marines, 21st Marines, Third engineer battalion, Third tank battalion, Third joint assault signal company, Reconnaissance company of the Third Division, liaison and forward observer parties of the 12th Marines, pilots and air observers of VMO-1.

Fourth Marine Division reinforced, 22nd Marines, 24th Marines, 25th Marines, Companies A, B and C of Fourth engineer battalion, First joint assault signal company, First Second and Third platoons of Military Police company of Fifth Division, Companies A, B and C of Fourth pioneer battalion, 10th amphibious tractor battalion, Fifth amphibian tractor battalion, Reconnaissance company of Fourth Division, Companies A and B and Headquarters detachment of Second armored amphibian battalion, Seventh Marine war dog platoon, pilots and air observers of VMO-3, liaison and forward observer parties of 14th Marines, First provisional rocket detachment.

Fifth Marine Division reinforced, 26th Marines, 27th Marines, 28th Marines, Fifth engineer battalion, Fifth tank battalion, Sixth war dog platoon, 17th joint assault signal company, Third amphibian tractor battalion, 17th amphibian tractor battalion, Companies A, B and C of Fifth pioneer battalion, Reconnaissance company of Fifth Division, First Second and Third platoons of Military Police company of Fifth Division, Third provisional rocket detachment, pilots and air observers of VMO-3, liaison and forward observer parties of 13th Marines, and Companies C and D and detachment headquarters company of Second armored amphibian battalion.

MCB Team Bow To Miramar Five Wednesday Nite

Unable to find the hoop during the first half of play, the San Diego Marine Corps Base basketball team bowed to Miramar, 40-29, in an upset at the Miramar gym Wednesday night.

The Miramar victory came as a surprise to all as the San Diego team was favored to take the game with ease. The victory had no effect on the standings since all other teams had lost three games.

Starting right from the opening whistle the Miramar Wildcat five began to score steadily while holding the usually high-scoring San Diego five down. Three quick baskets gave the Wildcat team a good lead, a margin that soon widened to a 12-point advantage. By halftime the Diego team was trailing 37-10.

Lt. Col. George Newton's cage team looked like a new squad in the second half as they completely reversed the lackadaisical type of ball they had been playing.

Fast breaks and good shooting brought the Newtonmen within 6 points of the Wildcat quintet, but a basket and free throw by De-Croft, Miramar guard, put the game on ice in the closing minutes of play.

Ralph Turtinen took scoring honors for the evening with 13 points while Miller racked up 10.



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Beneath The Tinsel

THE CHAPLAINS WRITE . . .

The glitter of the tinsel is bright. Christmas tree lights, shiny bubbles of glass, sparkling and twinkling, fancy wrappings, glistening ribbons, carefully selected gifts—all of these are part of the picture of Christmas.

Sometime this year, though, in the stillness of night with only the spangled sky above, or in the quiet of a chapel, turn your eyes from the shimmering tinsel and focus your heart on the glowing truth of the real meaning of Christmas.

The birthday celebration of the Son of God, of Jesus the Savior, must not pass without a thought for the honored Guest. Look away from the tinsel into the face of our Lord. Turn your mind from the celebration and look at the Savior. Forget the presents and contemplate God's "unspeakable gift."

Perhaps the words written by an unknown author will help you in your meditation. He says about our Lord, whose birthday we commemorate at Christmas:

"Here is a man who was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman. He grew up in another obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty, and then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never owned a home. He never had a family. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where He was born. He never did one of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself. He had nothing to do with this world except the naked power of His divine manhood. While still a young man, the tide of popular opinion turned against Him. His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to His enemies. He went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. His executioners gambled for the only piece of property He had on earth while He was dying—and that was His coat. When He was dead He was taken down and laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend.

Nineteen wide centuries have come and gone and today He is the centerpiece of the human race and the leader of the column of progress.

We are far within the mark when we say that all the armies that ever marched, and all the navies that ever were built, and all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of man upon this earth as powerfully as has that One solitary life."

"What Child is this, who, laid to rest
 On Mary's lap is sleeping?
 Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
 While shepherds watch are keeping?"

Why lies He in such mean estate
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
 The silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh,
 Come, peasant, King to own Him;
 The King of kings salvation brings,
 Let loving hearts enthrone Him."

Society Notes

Miss Helen Cox, daughter of Mrs. William W. Cox of Portales, New Mexico, and T/Sgt. James G. Cleland of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, will be joined in matrimony at the Base Chapel at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 22.

Chaplain Frank H. E. Wood will perform the informal double ring ceremony. Mrs. Homer Condit will act as maid of honor and M/Sgt. C. Joseph Mulligan as best man.

A reception is to be held at the home of M/Sgt. J. P. Rauhof.

A Christmas Ball will be held at the Hostess House on Dec. 21, Saturday evening, for Base enlisted personnel and eighth week recruits. There will be two acts.

Bill Tulant, the greatest comedy juggler in America. And Castell and Barrett, a dance team. The Base orchestra with girl vocalists will play. Refreshments will be served.

On Dec. 28 there will be a Christmas party for the children. Three acts lead the program, John Gallus, comedy juggler and puppeteer. Stetis and his educated mule, and Williams and Charles, the two musical clowns. Santa Claus will be there with gifts and refreshments for everyone. The Base Band will play. One movie that night at 8 p.m.

The Hostess House will give a dance for the recruits Monday evening, Dec. 23. Entertainment by Lindsay and Betty, the two Blond Bombshells, and Fawn and Jordan, dance creations.

New Year's Eve dance will be given at the Hostess House for Base permanent personnel Dec. 31. There will be entertainment and refreshments. Three acts by Clifford and Pearl, comedy team. Jonny Romero, juggling and comedy impersonations, and Mignone King, control artist. One movie at 11:30 in Base Theater.

The Lutheran Service Center, 1041 Seventh Ave. (between Broadway and C), invites all Marines to enjoy Christmas the old-fashioned way. Two Christmas trees, a huge manger scene, wreaths, garlands, holly, and Christmas carols provide the atmosphere.

Christmas at the Lutheran Center:

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2000—Christmas Party.
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 1600—Carol Sing.
 Sunday, Dec. 22, 2000—Pre-Christmas Vesper.
 Monday, Dec. 23, 2000—Christmas Song Fest.
 Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2130—Carol Sing and Gifts.
 Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2000—Vesper and Carol Sing.
 Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2330-2405—Song Service.

Liberty Leads

COMING EVENTS

Russ Auditorium this week offers top-drawer entertainment for local piano enthusiasts when it shows Vitya Uronsky and Victor Bakin, twin piano teams, on Dec. 24.

The two Russian pianists, husband and wife, followed separate but parallel musical careers which eventually brought them together and resulted in their marriage. Since uniting in wedlock and pianos, they have built up a tremendous following in this country and in Europe.

The program tickets are on sale now and reservations may be obtained at the Army-Navy YMCA. Curtain time has been set at 8:15 p.m.
 Dec. 21—Vronsky and Bakin, Duo Pianists.
 Dec. 22-23—"Hansel and Gretel"—San Diego Light Opera Co.
 Jan. 7-8—"Life with Father."
 Jan. 10—"Tito Gubzar, Guitarist and Spanish Folk Singer."
 Jan.—Todd Duncan, Negro Playhouse.
 Jan. 11—Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and Eula Hall, Soprano.
 Jan. 12—Rialto Theatre.
 Mar. 22—Jeanne Steber, Soprano.
 Mar. 23—Claudio Arrau, Pianist.
 Jan. 24—Douglas Beattie, Baritone.
 Feb.—Robert Casadesu, Pianist.
 Jan. 24—Morley and Geyghart, Duo Pianists.
 Feb.—Maggie Teyte, Soprano.



PARTY ENTERTAINERS. Featured at the Hostess House Saturday evening is the Castell-Barrett dance team. Base personnel and recruits in their eighth week are invited to attend.

WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

TWO SHOWS DAILY
 1730 and 2000

FRIDAY—Lone Star Moonlight. Joan Barton, Ken Curtis. Col. Another one of those returning G. I. films, this one has something to do with an unfaithful father. Sounds like a western to us but we'll take the Theater's word for it. Also two shorts: Birds Make Sport and Half Wits' Holiday.

SATURDAY—The Secret Heart. Claudette Colbert, Walter Pidgeon, June Allyson. MGM. Drama. "I'd rather kill myself than face them! Here, where my own father kept his date with destiny. . . . They'll wonder why. . . but they'll never know. . . ." A moody shadowy picture about a young girl hell bent on suicide because of unreturned love. Her bewildered stepmother's lover is the cause of it all.

SUNDAY—Incendiary Blonde. Betty Hutton, Arturo de Cordova, Barry Fitzgerald. Para. Musical. A movie based on the life of Texas Guinan, glittering brassay nightclub queen of the Roarin' '20's. The real Texas wasn't as pretty as the film makes her out nor as talented, but no one really cares. Of Betty Hutton's performance, Texas herself would say, "Give the little girl a great big hand!"

MONDAY—Magnificent Doll. Ginger Rogers, David Niven, Burgess Meredith. U-I. Historical Drama. Universal's film biography has a fine disregard for facts, a superb play on figures—especially Ginger's. Every time she appears on the screen she seems more dazzling. Salten's musical score is one of the best since Republic's famed "Warsaw Concerto." Also: March of Time.

TUESDAY—The Virginian. Joel McCrea, Barbara Britton. Para. Western. A beer class horse opera brewed on a bourbon and Technicolor budget which results in same empty barreled hangover. Also: Feminine Class (short).

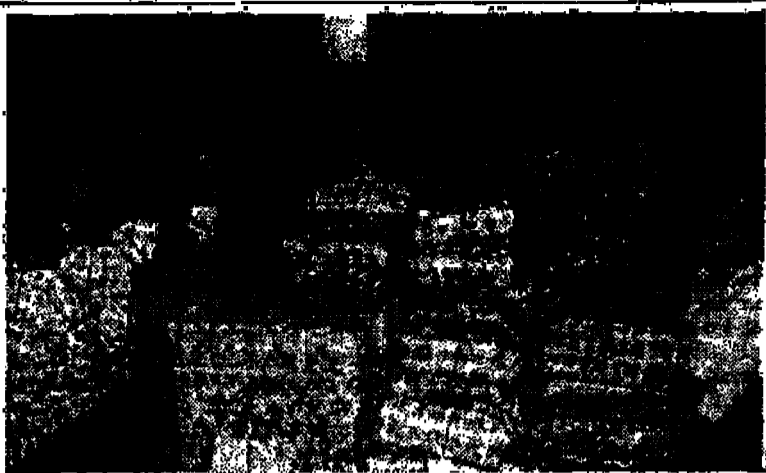
WEDNESDAY—Easy to Wed. Van Johnson, Esther Williams, Keenan Wynn, Lucille Ball. MGM. Comedy. A remake of the late Jean Harlow's "Labeled Lady" into which MGM throws nearly everything except the towel. The story: "Lady Killer" Johnson is hired by a newspaper to talk (or sumpin') a rich gal out of suing said paper for \$1,000,000. Ethel Smith and her organ are also in there pitching. She does NOT play "Tico Tico."

THURSDAY—Humoresque. Joan Crawford, John Garfield. WB. Drama. For her first picture since the Academy Award winning "Mildred Pierce," Warner's favorite and most beautiful dramatic actress (Bette Davis has taken a back seat) chose a story of a down and nearly out musician who is sponsored by a wealthy and bored lady.

MCB and Matthews Church Services

SUNDAY SERVICES	
PROTESTANT:	
Base Chapel:	1015 Morning Worship. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
Camp Matthews:	1030 Morning Worship. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month.
ROMAN CATHOLIC:	
Base Chapel:	0915 Mass.
Camp Matthews:	0915 Mass.
LATTER DAY SAINTS:	
Recruit Depot:	0500 Morning Worship in Bldg. No. 123.
Camp Matthews:	1400 Afternoon Worship.
JEWISH:	
Tifereth Israel Synagogue—(18th and Market Streets)—	
Friday evenings at Sunset.	
CATHOLIC:	
Base Chapel:	0615 Confessions daily Monday through Saturday.
Recruit Depot:	0630 Mass daily Monday through Saturday.
	1700 Confessions, Saturday, Bldg. No. 123.

Lack Of Housing Holds Up Army Families



VOLUNTEERS. Inspired with the spirit of Christmas, the ladies, all wives of Marines, spent long hours wrapping packages to make the youngsters happy. For the youngsters, the CheVron wishes to thank you one and all for a job "Well Done."

From The CheVron

FOUR YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Two hundred Michigan Marine recruits were royally feted Friday evening at the Recruit Depot Amphitheater when Linda Darnell, Hollywood movie star, presented nearly three tons of candies, cookies, cigarettes and other useful gifts from the chain store merchants of Michigan.

On returning from an overnight conditioning hike yesterday, the Third Parachute Battalion, Camp Elliott, claimed an amazing nonstop hiking record. The group of 150 men completed a hike of 45 miles in 11 hours, 35 minutes. They had spent a strenuous day in the field before starting the record-breaking march.

Plans have been installed for classification of all men entering the Recruit Depot, it was announced this week. The classification is intended to determine the type of duty that the men are best fitted for. This plan will eventually be used to classify all men in the Marine Corps, regardless of their stations.

THREE YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Battered but with high morale, the first Marine casualties from bloody Tarawa Atoll arrived this week at the Navy Hospital. To a man, they expressed their gratitude for having been brought back so soon after the battle, and turned their thoughts happily toward spending Christmas in the States, if not in their own homes.

While thousands of Marines will pursue grim tasks on tiny atolls in the Pacific and at stations and posts throughout the world this third war-time Christmas, their children and young brothers and sisters will not be without the yearly visit of Santa. The plans for Yuletide parties at camps in the San Diego area assured as much this week.

A British Royal Marine officer, Lt. Col. Ernest St. John Brockman, highly praised the basic training of the U. S. Marines following an inspection of the Recruit Depot this week.

Delayed reports from Munda revealed this week that Allied landings on the Treasury Islands in the northern Solomons met with little opposition. Not a single Japanese plane opposed the assault and resistance on the beach was light.

TWO YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

More than 1300 First Marine Division men, veterans of nearly three years' duty overseas, will spend Christmas at the R&R Center at Marine Corps Base. They landed at San Francisco Thursday, arriving too late for reclassification and furloughs before the holidays.

In line with the request of President Roosevelt addressed to the Secretary of the Navy recently, MCB personnel was ordered this week to refrain from making speculative public statements indicating an early termination of the war.

Secretary of the Navy Forrestal has ruled that it is now permissible to carry beer and ale aboard naval vessels for the crews, provided the men do their elbow bending on the beach. However, he was very definite in reminding that under no circumstances should beer be sold or consumed aboard any vessel.

The Navy Unit Commendation has been established as a new unit citation for award to any ship, aircraft, detachment or other unit which has distinguished itself in action, but not sufficiently to merit the Presidential Unit Citation.

ONE YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Reconstruction of building wreckage at Camp Matthews, caused by the terrific explosion of a Navy ammunition truck on adjacent Highway 101, was moving toward completion today as civilian and Marine workmen finished their fourth day among the debris.

Generalissimo and Mme. Chiang Kai-shek reviewed a parade of the U. S. 5th Marine Regiment near the legation quarter recently and presented awards to more than a score of officers and men.

The Army and Navy announced jointly this week that a "testimonial of appreciation" bearing the Presidential seal will be given to all who served in the Army, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard after September 16, 1940, and who have or will receive honorable discharges.

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Corrigan Off!

CENTARIO, Cal. (UP)—Douglas Corrigan, who once took off from New York for California and landed in Ireland, was hired to fly cargo planes from California and his boss hoped — land in New York.

Corrigan, recently a candidate for U. S. Senator on the Prohibition ticket, was added to the staff of Royal Air Service, based at Ontario International Airport.

R & R Skipper



COMMANDS R&R. Lt. Col. Robert S. Viall took over the command duties of the West Coast Reclassification and Redistribution Center the first of November. The R&R Center processes an average of 1,500 per month. The Colonel served two years in the Garrison Forces in the Pacific. His last station was M.B., N.A.D., Lualualei, Oahu.

POWs Made To Build Railway And Highways In Siberia 'Pravda' Says

SHANGHAI, (UP) — Almost 3,000,000 axis prisoners of war are building railways and highways for the U. S. S. R. in Siberia, according to a report in the Irkutsk Pravda received here.

The report ties in closely with an estimate in the files of the Senate War Investigating committee that the Soviets still are holding 3,000,000 German prisoners of war alone. The estimate was contained in documents gathered by George Meader, committee counsel.

The newspaper said that "Nazi and Japanese dreams of meeting in Central Asia are realized as Japanese and German prisoners of war in Siberia are working on railway and highway construction."

The paper said that about 2,000,000 prisoners of the western Axis powers, including Germans, Italians, Hungarians and Finns and about 800,000 Japanese were engaged in the projects.

The paper, published not far from Lake Baikal, said that the European prisoners were working on a new railway linking European Russia with Siberia.

The western terminus of the railway, the largest transport construction in the U. S. S. R.'s fourth five-year plan, was said to lie on the left bank of the Volga and its eastern terminus to be at Taisht, about 400 miles northwest of Lake Baikal, and a stop on the present

MIDLAND, Pa. (CNS)—James Aeschbacher stole Ernest Albert's car one night. A few days later he drove up to pick up a blind date and who should it be but Albert's daughter.

WASHINGTON, (UP)—About 25,000 Army wives and children have been shipped to distant posts around the globe but thousands more who want to go overseas have a long wait because of a shortage of housing, the Army Transportation Corps said last week.

The housing shortage and not a lack of transportation has become the real bottleneck in the program to get the dependents of Army personnel

overseas. The last transportation difficulty was overcome with a decision to transport women with small children to Frankfurt, Germany by commercial airline. The Army does not permit single

women or wives with grown children to travel by air.

The first plane load of 20 dependents left New York for Frankfurt on Dec. 7.

The Army is conducting a poll of officers and men overseas to determine how many of them want their dependents to travel by plane. The Army said it is encouraging air travel of wives with small children because it does not have enough ships with diet kitchens and nursery facilities for them.

The Army transported 5,235 dependents overseas in November. The bulk of these 3,074 went to Europe. Others went to North Africa, South America, Newfoundland, Panama, Puerto Rico, Trinidad, Jamaica, Japan, Korea, Alaska, Hawaii, Manila, Okinawa and Singapore.

Wives must wait until there is a ship going to the port where their husbands are stationed. Sometimes this takes months. Some wives get tired waiting and take a ship or plane at their own expense. If they do they cannot be reimbursed.

Wives and children can't get orders to go overseas, however, until the theater commander decides there is housing available for them.

The Army is taking over barracks, Nazi party buildings and other structures in Germany and converting them into apartment houses.

The situation is better in Japan than in Germany because Gen. Douglas MacArthur had time to decide on headquarters sites near existing housing. But there is a housing shortage in Japan, too.

trans-Siberian railway. The line crosses the heavy industry area centered in the Kuznetsk coal basin.

Two highways south and north of this railway also are being built with war prisoner labor, Pravda said.

The newspaper said that German and Japanese prisoners of war also were being used in the construction of modern buildings at Krasnoyarsk, Minusinsk and Irkutsk.

A new opera house at Uren in the Buriato Mongolian autonomous

republic was said to have been built by Japanese prisoners.

The paper added that 50,000 Japanese prisoners were engaged in mining gold around Bodaibo, north of Lake Baikal.

Many women were said to be among the prisoners. It was claimed that they enjoyed relative freedom although they were under armed guard, and to enjoy movies, lectures, dance halls and sports. They have been issued winter clothing. Their daily wage is six roubles for an eight-hour day plus food.



SOLE COMPETITORS. Platoon 226 were the only ones on schedule for the weekly "drill down" held every Monday on the parade ground at 1300. M/Sgt. M. W. Tabler, correcting the stack, is assisted by T/Sgt. William Gordon. Also with the platoon but not shown is S/Sgt. J. Negro Jr., a former P.O.W. (Photo by PFC. J. W. Richards.)

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TOP KEGLER. M/Sgt. H. "Pop" Gayer rolls a perfect strike at the 11th Naval District Bowling Tournament held at the alleys last Sunday. "Pop" was in top form as he walked away with the singles and all-events crown. (Photo by PFC, John Richards.)

The Scuttle Bucket

By RALPH TURPINEN

Chevron Staff Sports Writer

The attempted bribery of Frank Filchok and Merle Hapes, star New York Giant football players, has caused a lot of consternation in pro grid circles. The incident is a matter of vital concern to the National Pro Football league; it can do a lot of harm or a lot of good to the loop. If the case is allowed to slip away and nothing much done about it, the league will be marked as a "weakling." On the other hand, a quick, thorough investigation coupled with strong punishment to those in the wrong will do much for the reputation of the league. Baseball handled the 1919 Black Sox scandal superbly. If the National Pro Football League can repeat the trick, they'll be set for the future. There is more to the incident than meets the eye.

Veteran bowler on the Base, Harry "Pop" Gayer is a credit to the sport. Last Sunday the pop-



RALPH TURPINEN . . . starting forward for the Marine Base basketball team, copied high honors for the Marine team in a free throw contest at the YMCA Monday.

nlar keglar brought home the singles and all-events trophies in the 11th Naval District bowling tournament. But there is more to the story than tournament victories. Old "Pop" really loves the game. Nearly every noon hour you'll find him at the local alleys bowling for the fun of it. He deserves all the credit given him and then some. Nice going, Pop! Good luck to you in the future.

Last week a great figure in baseball passed away - Walter Johnson, renowned fireball pitcher for the Washington Senators. He will long be remembered in the hearts of all baseball fans. Many have sung his praises, but probably the nicest tribute of all was made in Washington. A collection of 4499 pennies from the children of the Washington playgrounds purchased a floral tribute to "The Big Train." The inscription read: "To the memory of a great leader - by the children of the Washington playgrounds."

Seven Stars Named Most 'Uncooperative'

HOLLYWOOD (UP) - Seven movie stars last week were in the running for the title of "most uncooperative" film celebrities, named annually by the Hollywood Women's Press club.

Nominees for "most uncooperative actress" were Ingrid Bergman, Betty Grable, Ginger Rogers and Katharine Hepburn; and for the "most uncooperative actor," Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Charles Boyer.

Last year's awards went to Greer Garson and Fred MacMurray.

Awards will be announced Dec. 23.

Grand Slam

Not content with taking all honors in the team events in the 11th Naval District Bowling Tournament, the San Diego Marine Corps Base followed through with winners in the singles, doubles, and all-events in the tourneys last Sunday at the MCB bowling alleys.

Harry "Pop" Gayer, veteran Marine bowler, proved himself the top keglar of the tournament by winning the singles event with a terrific 654 three-game total, the all-events contest with a 1644 score, and playing on the winning MCB team No. 1 the week before.

Garland B. Respass teamed up with Stephen Jacobs in the doubles tournament to post up an 1131 total to edge out two other Marines, J. Colley and G. Malloy who finished with a 1076 total.

Respass turned in the "freak" of the tournament when he rolled all spares in his second line for a 181 total.

The results:
Doubles—First, G. B. Respass and S. A. Jacobs (MCB No. 2) 1131, second, J. Colley and G. Malloy (MCB Recreation) 1076; third, K. Pershing and J. K. Scheels (El Toro) 1057, and fourth P. Shezidan and W. E. Joyce (Naval Hospital) 1032.

Singles—First, H. Gayer (MCB No. 1) 654; second, J. K. Scheels (El Toro) 578; third, Howard Bailey (Fort Rosecrans) 578, and fourth G. Jereczek (MCB pay office) 567.

All events—First, H. Gayer, 1644, second Howard Bailey, 1306, third, G. B. Respass, 1029, and fourth, S. C. Cone (MCB No. 1) 1094.

MCB Basketball Five Takes Naval Air Team 68-29

Coming back in the second half with a blistering offensive while holding their opponents to a minimum, Lt. Col. George Newton's MCB basketball team overpowered the Naval Air five, 68-29, in an All-Star League game played at North Island gym last Friday night.

Playing a faster and snagther brand of ball than they showed all year, the Leathernecks had no trouble in chalking up their fifth victory in loop play.

The jumping Gyrons quintet ran up a 16-4 score in the first five minutes of play, but had to be content with a 28-23 margin at half-time when the Naval team put on a surprising rally.

Faced by Dick Novak, flashy Marine forward, the Newtonmen went to work in the second half to stop the Navy five cold for 15 minutes while scoring heavily themselves. The reserves also proved to have scoring power when they continued the terrific offensive during the final moments of the game.

Dick Novak's 22 points, Ralph Turpinen's 12, and Dub Baker's 9 paced the Marine team while Ott scored 10 and Saunders 7 for Naval Air.

He Dood It!

DALLAS, Tex. (CNS) - A man telephones Plummer May, city corporation court clerk, and asked the fine for fighting.

He was told that the minimum is \$15 and the maximum \$50.

"Okay," said the voice at the other end of the wire, "I'm going out and whup a guy. I'll probably be seeing you soon."

Base Troops Start 2nd Half As Improving Five

For the second straight week favorites in the Base Intramural Basketball League came through with victories as Sea School edged out Rifle Range, Base Troops romped by Dental Dept., and Recruit Depot squeezed past TTU.

After being held down in the first half, Base Troops looked very impressive in their 53-46 triumph over Dental Dept.

Although Wayland Ashcraft, Trooper center, scored 15 points in the first half, Base Troops could get no better than a 25-25 tie at half time. Coming back in the second half, the Troopers began to find the basket and easily walked away to victory.

Ashcraft racked up 27 for the winners while Turpinen collected for 21. Iverson paced the Dental five with 20 counters.

Sea Schools protected their undefeated slate for the year, but only after a terrific scare, by edging out Rifle Range, 28-25, in a hotly-contested game.

The first half champs were held down to a 14-10 score at the intermission, and with only 40 seconds of the game remaining found themselves on the short end of a 25-24 score. At that point, Dick Noel intercepted a pass to put SS ahead with Macklin following with another bucket to put the game on ice.

McWilliams topped Sea School's

scoring column with 8 markers, while Macklin chalked up 7. Gal-laway's 8 points paced the Camp Matthews team.

Fire Department had no easy time in winning their first game of the year last Tuesday at the Base Gym when R&R pushed the Firemen to the limit in their 39-33 victory.

The game was a nip-and-tuck battle throughout with Fire Department leading, 25-19, at half-time. Paced by Falcone and Frances, the Firemen protected their slim margin to eke out their triumph.

Falcone and Frances each racked up 15 for the winners while Sanford led R&R with 18.

Recruit Depot kept space with the league-leaders Tuesday night by winning their second straight game of the second half, 59-44, at the expense of TTU.

Faced by Smith and Reed, the TTU five kept the scoring of Novak and Baker, Recruit Depot stars, down during the first half to hold RD to a 19-16 difference at half-time. After the intermission Depot's two stellar players broke loose to mark up their victory.

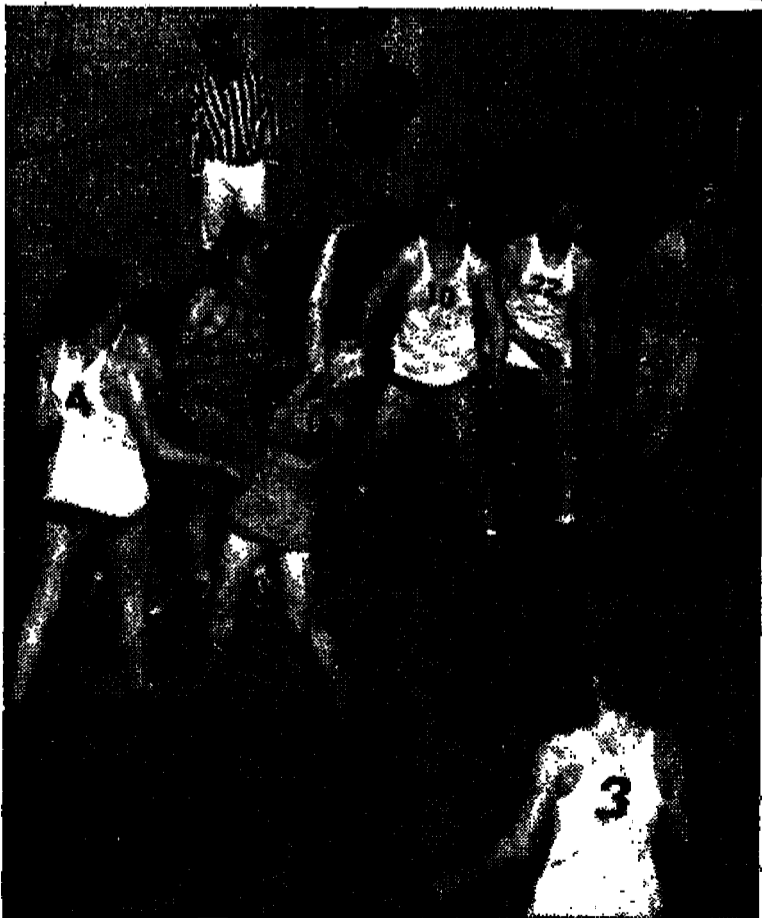
Novak and Baker each tallied 17 for Recruit Depot, while Walters scored 13 and Smith 10 for TTU.

Following are the Base League standings up to and including games played on Tuesday, Dec. 17:

	W	L	Pct.
Sea School	3	0	1.000
Base Troops	2	0	1.000
Recruit Depot	2	0	1.000
TTU	1	1	.500
Fire Dept.	1	2	.333
Dental Dept.	0	2	.000
Rifle Range	0	2	.000
R&R	0	2	.000

JAP IMMORTAL STILL MORTAL

(CNS) - Ever since the Russo-Japanese War of forty-four years ago, Naval Warrant Officer Magosachi Sugino has been immortalized in song and statue as one of the original "suicide" boys. But Sugino turned up the other day. Seems he didn't want to disappoint all his hero worshippers so he just settled down in China.



HOT BATTLE. Fire Department's versatile forward, Frances (No. 1), tips the ball away from R&R's Bolt (No. 4) in a tense moment of the Fire Dept.-R&R game played in the Base Gym last Tuesday. Fire Dept. edged out R&R, 39-33, only after stopping a rally in the final moments of play. (Photo by Don Cicotesto.)

College Football 'Small Time' Business

THE CHEVRON Sports



TOURNEY MANAGER. Glen Hesseltine, MCB bowling alley manager, starts the 11th Naval District Bowling Tournament off over the public address system at the local alleys last Sunday. Hesseltine, a member of the San Diego Bowling Association, was referee of the tournament. (Photo by PFC. John Richards.)

Wickhorst Out, California Students Vote 'Bonus' Pay Compensation

BERKELEY, Cal. (UP)—Frank Wickhorst is going to get \$23,500 for not catching the University of California football team the next two years, but the recently ousted mentor said the financial settlement of his contract "is not satisfactory."

The Associated Students of California agreed last Thursday to buy off Wickhorst's contract, which has two years to run, and also to pay him a "bonus" as compensation for what the discharged coach called damage to his professional reputation.

SALARY NOT PUBLIC

The exact figures were not available because Wickhorst's salary never has been made public. It was believed, however, that he drew about \$10,000 a year, and that he received about \$8,500 as a bonus. Discharged last Wednesday as a result of student and alumni pressure over California's doleful grid season in his first year as head coach, Wickhorst said "I still contend this was all instigated by a very few people, and in some cases by disgruntled ex-football players." "It was suggested up by one committee member when he said, 'It was obviously unfair to Wickhorst, but it has gone too far.'"

Most Professionals In Crosby Tourney Exempt In Rounds

DEL MONTE, Cal. (UP)—Nearly every one of the 74 professionals playing in Bing Crosby's \$10,000 National Pro-Amateur Golf Championship Jan. 10-12 will be exempt from qualifying rounds, the tournament committee indicated last week. Northern California's top professionals began competition at San Jose Country club for 10 places on the "elite" list, and will be joined in exemption from the first rounds at Cypress Point and Pebble Beach courses on the Monterey Peninsula. All former national PGA champions, all former U. S. Open champions, all former Los Angeles Open champions, the top 30 money winners for 1946, the British professionals Dai Rees and Charles Ward, the 40 low scorers in the 1947 Los Angeles Open, the 20 low scorers in the 1946 National Open, the quarterfinalists in the 1946 National PGA meet, titleholders of the southern and northern California Open and PGA, three local course professionals and the Byrd Cup team.

Congressman To Urge S.F. Service Play

STOCKTON, Cal. (UP)—Rep. LeRoy Johnson, Cal., said that he would urge Congress in January to bring the Army-Navy football game to San Francisco Bay Area Stadium in 1947.

Johnson said the annual service classic should be rotated to various parts of the country. He said he would offer a resolution to that effect in Congress and press for its early passage.

His plan to bring the game to California next year includes transporting 6,000 cadets and midshipmen to San Francisco to see the game. He has written Vice Adm. Aubrey W. Fitch and Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, superintendents of the two academies, asking that they give serious consideration to the plan.

DEFENSE PROBLEM

Johnson said the transport of cadets and midshipmen across the nation would have value "as a defense problem in mass air transportation."

Stanford and California both have open dates in 1947 the Saturday after Thanksgiving, which is the traditional date of the Army-Navy game. Navy will play in Berkeley earlier in the season and Johnson said there might be some objection to a repeat appearance by the midshipmen. He said that Stanford University officials had said they would be delighted to play host to the game in their stadium, which seats 90,000.

'Clipper' Smith Quits To Take Boston Yanks

BOSTON (UP)—Maurice (Clipper) Smith, who resigned inexplicably as head football coach at the University of San Francisco recently, last week replaced Herb Kopf as coach of the Boston Yanks, last-place team in the National Football League Eastern Division.

Owner Ted Collins said he would make "the necessary settlement" with Kopf, whose contract still has a year to go. Kopf had headed the Yanks since their entry into the NFL three years ago.

Smith, who attained national recognition as a coach in 1938 and 1939 when his Villanova teams were undefeated, was reported to have signed with Collins at \$15,000 per year.

His resignation at San Francisco had been regarded as mysterious, since he still had four years to go on a five-year contract at \$10,000 per year, and USF officials said they were pleased with his work despite six losses in nine games.

He had been mentioned as possible coach of either the Chicago or Buffalo teams of the All-American Conference.

Kopf was expected to take a college coaching job in New England.

McKinney Crowned Acey Ducey Champ

Master Sergeant Emmett M. McKinney was crowned the Acey Ducey Champ of the Rifle Range Staff NCO Club in a tournament held in the Staff NCO Club last week. The runner-up was Technical Sergeant James E. Mansfield.

There are three deposits left in the box after the weapon has been fired. Salt, which comes from the primer; powder ash, which comes from the burnt powder; and metal fouling, which comes from the bullet.

Boston University Official Contends Collegiate Football Is Maligned

BY OSCAR FRALEY

United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, (UP)—This may startle that \$7.20 bowl ticket right out of your vest pocket—but college football "is not big business."

So said John Harmon of Boston University before the Eastern College Athletic conference, in session to consider ways and means of cutting down the other guy's recruiting methods.

Harmon contended that collegiate football is as much maligned industry and complains that "many colleges are spending more in football than they take in at the gate." The press, he added, has contributed vastly toward making the sport "a victim of rumor mongering."

The bulky, gray-haired gentleman must, of course, have been speaking of Boston University—as of last year.

HIRE DONELLI

For it wasn't but a few days ago that Boston University hired Aldo (Buff) Donelli, a cute character at teaching winning football, with the announcement that Bu was heading for the "big time" and planning "bigger and better" schedules.

BU announced that it would en-

courage the enrollment of athletes, in the proper way, of course, and with no proselyting or subsidization. Everything is in the up and up, but BU is going to have major football hub.

NOT BIG BUSINESS

Still and all, football isn't "big business" there—yet.

Nothing like those Pennsylvania and Notre Dame seasons, for instance, where crowds of 60,000 were ordinary. And at a low estimated \$3 a copy for a seat it stretches the imagination to wonder how you can describe that as "little business."

Or take the Army-Navy fracas. The estimated crowd there is 103,000 who have shelled out \$1.80 each or a neat \$184,400. That's for one game. Junior, did you ever try to purchase a seat the night before the Army-Notre Dame, Penn-Cornell, Army-Duke, Navy-Notre Dame or innumerable other "little business" deals?

BLINK AT REMARK

Even the staunchest exponents of pigskin purity blinked a bit at Harmon's remark—and then settled back to try to loosen the proposed NCAA iron rule against recruiting. The NCAA doesn't want any athletic official of a school to be able to talk to a probable enrollee off the limits of the campus.

"Perhaps they have more acres on the campus on the Pacific coast and in the mid-west," said Bill McCarter of Dartmouth, chairman of the Eastern purity committee. "But it doesn't seem reasonable for 10 or 15 men of the athletic staff to have to be silent off the campus while thousands of alumni are recruiting."

TRANSFER STUDENTS

There is also much ado over the manner in which service transfer students should be handled so as not to lose their football playing eligibility.

"If they are good football players and a transfer is easy, then other schools will be after them to leave your school," one athletic director contended.

But it seems that some colleges have potential stars farmed out at smaller schools until they can find room for enrollment at the home campus and now they are afraid they'll lose them. So the maneuvering continues.

PURIFY ATHLETES

Meanwhile, efforts continue to purify athletics and to eliminate such credit courses for football players as snooker pool, African polo and home economics, eating variety. It is peculiar, too, that in the discussions you never hear about cross-country runners, chess players or music scholarships.

It's always about the football player. And yet the gridiron game isn't big business, Harmon said so.

Wilsey Shoots Top Qualification Day Score At Range

Firing a higher score on the 500-yard slow fire range, Private Larry L. Wilsey, Rapid City, South Dakota, took top honors away from Charles E. Jett on qualification day on Dec. 15 at the rifle range. Both fired a 312 score. Private Lloyd H. Wutcherich was third with a 310 score. All men were from Platoon 219 whose percentage of qualifications was 84.6.

Government Asks Navy Aid On Fire Arms Act

The Treasury Department, last week, requested the assistance of the Navy Department in bringing to the attention of all naval personnel ashore and all civilian employees the provisions of the National Fire Arms Act requiring registration with the Bureau of Internal Revenue of certain types of fire arms.

Under the provisions of the 1934 Act it is mandatory that all fully automatic fire arms must be registered. That means a gun firing more than one round with a single pull of the trigger.

Now registration of such weapons may be accomplished without cost through any office of the Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue. Failure to comply with the requirements of this Act is punishable by a sentence of five years imprisonment and a fine of Two Thousand dollars.

Selling or otherwise transferring such firearms is also a violation of this Act. So have your weapon registered today.

Complete Eastern Shrine Game Contenders Named

SAN FRANCISCO, (UP)—A 21-man eastern squad was announced for the annual East-West Shrine Football game here on New Year's day. The complete eastern team:

Ends—Cecil Snodders, Ohio State; Elmer Mader, Michigan; Arthur Littleton, Penn.; Walter Roberts, Holy Cross, and Bob Skoglund, Notre Dame.

Tackles—William Moore, Penn. State, and John Kerns, Ohio University.

Guards—Fred Royal, Notre Dame; John Mastrangelo, Notre Dame; Ed Dean, Ohio State, and John Stocco, Colgate.

Centers—Robert Orlando, Colgate, and John Cannady, Indiana.

Backs—Bob Sandberg, Minnesota; Joe Andrejco, Fordham; Pete Pinos, Indiana; Paul Weaver, Penn. State; Nick Saccully, Wake Forest; Ed Allen, Penn.; Bernie Gallagher, Penn.; Ed Cody, Purdue; Ed Hirsch, Northwestern; Tommy Dorsey, Brown, and Nick Bruno, Geneva.

2nd Mar. Division Announced As East Coast Striking Force



THREE STARS. Retired as Lieutenant General by Presidential order, Julian C. Smith, leaves active service after 3 years of colorful duty. Nine companies of Marines and a military band pass in review.

Leader Of Tarawa, Palau Battles Retired From Active Duty

By S/Sgt. JOHN SHEEHAN
A Marine Corps Correspondent

MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, PARRIS ISLAND, S. C.—At an impressive ceremony, held here Monday, Dec. 2, one of the Marine Corps' most colorful officers, Major General Julian C. Smith, who commanded the Second Marine Division at Tarawa, was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant General, and retired by direct order of the president of the United States.

The Commanding General of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, Brigadier General Franklin A. Hart, presented the third star to Lt. Gen. Smith.

Immediately following the presentation General Smith reviewed his last parade in the role of an active officer. The parade consisted of nine companies of Marines and the Post Band.

FIRST POST

It is interesting to note that Parris Island was the General's first post, for on January 6, 1909 he reported here as a Second Lieutenant, and on December 2, 1946 he retired as a Lt. General at the same post where he acted as Commanding General from February until 7 October, this year.

General Smith, 61, a native of Elkton, Maryland, has been in the Marine Corps for nearly 38 years making him one of the four Senior Marines in length of service.

Graduated from the University of Delaware in 1907, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps on January 2, 1909, simultaneously with General A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps. Since then he has served in many of the far corners of the globe to which many Marines have been sent.

AT PALAU

In addition to Tarawa, General Smith was commanding general of the Expeditionary Troops, Third

Blind Veteran Gets 'Head Of Line'

(SEA)—They were all veterans—all 7,000-plus of them—and they were attending a surplus automobile sale in Atlanta, Ga. Yet they all waived their priorities to permit a fellow veteran, blind Claude J. Bedenbough, to purchase a station wagon he needed to set up a business. Bedenbough's name was near the bottom of the list and he probably would not have been able to get the car under the War Assets Administration rule of first come, first served.

When the official conducting the sale made Bedenbough's case known, his former GI buddies announced their waivers, and only a personal plea by Bedenbough prevented them from taking up a collection to purchase the automobile for him.

Old Oklahoma Is Consigned To Scrap

(SEA) — From blueprint to glistening, fighting ship to scrap heap—that's the saga of the Oklahoma (BB-37), which was sent to its ignoble end by the Japs at Pearl Harbor on 7 Dec. 1941. Affectionately dubbed the "Okie" by the thousands of men who served aboard her, she was sold for \$46,127 to a West Coast dry-dock company which plans to scrap the gallant old vessel.

Moor'd at Pearl Harbor, the Oklahoma is stripped of most of her armament and superstructure. An expensive and risky tow is in sight for the battleship, since the 30-year-old veteran cannot be broken up in Hawaii.

The vessel contains 600 tons of non-corrosive metal, 5,900 tons of Class A armor, 1,400 of nickel steel, 2,100 of special treatment steel, 6,600 of medium and high tensile steel and 6,700 of other steel.

Salvation Army Is Again Active On Streets Of Tokyo

TOKYO, (UP)—The Salvation Army kettle reappeared on the Ginza, Tokyo's busiest street, for the first time in six years as the Army opened a drive to help war sufferers, repatriates and war orphans.

Donations poured into the kettle at the rate of one every three minutes. Japanese militarists banned Salvation Army activities during the war.

Test Pilot Of Rocket Plane Says Sound Will Be Barrier In Flight

LOS ANGELES (UP)—The U.S. Army's plan to crack the barrier of sound with its new XS-1 Rocket Plane next summer is doomed to disaster, Chief Test Pilot John Cunningham of the British De Havilland Aircraft Corp., said last week. "I do not wish to say that this new rocket plane won't go through the wall of sound," Cunningham said. "But it is my opinion it won't. There is a vast multitude of difficulties in the way of that achievement."

He predicted it would be 10 years before any pilot in any aircraft could exceed the speed of sound—and lived to tell about it.

NOT LIMITED BY POWER

"Attainable speeds are not limited by power," he said, "but by man's ability to control the aircraft at these great speeds. The planes don't behave like planes any more when they go that fast."

Cunningham, Britain's top night fighter ace with 20 planes to his credit, was invited here by Northrop Aircraft, designers of the flying wing, to confer on problems of tail-less high-speed aircraft.

The Army's new rocket ship made its first powered flight last Monday at Muroc Army Air Base but was held down to a "crawling" 550 miles an hour. This ship, capable of 1,700 miles an hour at 60,000 feet, was expected to assault the invisible sound wall next summer after some 20 additional preliminary flights.

THE DUMMIES

SEATTLE, Wash. (CNS)—C. W. Johnson reported on his return from a long trip that his plan for discouraging hitch-hikers worked out fine.

Johnson rigged up two store dummies: Ole the Swede and Pat the Irishman. He said when hitch-hikers raised their thumbs for a ride, they would notice the crowded car. Johnson felt that he wasn't traveling alone and yet wasn't "bothered with conversation."

Atlantic FMF Activated With Maj. General Keller E. Rockey As Commanding Head

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Activation of an Atlantic Fleet Marine Force, to take place on December 16, was announced today by Marine Corps Headquarters.

The organization of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, will closely parallel that of the Fleet Marine Force Pacific, which conducted the Marine amphibious forces in the Pacific war. It will be composed of a striking force of ground troops and supporting aviation units which will operate under the jurisdiction of the Atlantic Fleet.

The ground troops will include the veteran Second Marine Division of Tarawa fame, who also saw action at Saipan, Tinian, Okinawa and took part in the occupation of Japan.

Aviation elements of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, will include units currently operating with the Second Marine Air Wing Headquarters of the aircraft command will initially be located at Cherry Point, North Carolina, a Marine Corps Air Station.

HEADQUARTERS AT LE-JEUNE

Headquarters of the service command will be activated around January 1, with headquarters located at Camp Le-Jeune, North Carolina.

Major General Keller E. Rockey, veteran of both World Wars, has been assigned as Commanding General of the new Fleet Marine Force. General Rockey, who has served in Nicaragua, Haiti and France, commanded the Fifth Marine Division at Iwo Jima, and later became Commanding General of the Third Amphibious Corps in the China Theater. He was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1913. Prior to assuming command of the Fleet Marine Force, Atlantic, he was Commanding General, Department of the Pacific.

Navy's Shortage Of Nurses May Be Severe

WASHINGTON, (UP)—Faced with a shortage of 200 nurses next year, the Navy asked for that many members of the Naval Reserve Nurse Corps to volunteer for a year of active duty. The Navy said its nurse force has dropped sharply as result of demobilization while the number of patients has remained unchanged during the past several months.



EXPEDITION. Final preparations have been completed for a joint scientific and test expedition to Antarctic regions under the command of Rear Admiral Richard Byrd. Photo shows, left to right, Capt. Richard H. Cruzen, task force commander, Admiral Byrd, Capt. George J. Dufek, commander of the Eastern Task Group. Standing, left to right, Capt. Robert S. Quackenbush and Capt. Charles A. Bond. The expedition's 4,000 men left for the South Pole region recently.

Local Docks Are Scene Of Antarctic Expedition Leaving In Near Future

(CNS)—The largest and most elaborately equipped expedition ever to head for Antarctica is sailing soon from San Diego and Port Hueneme on the West Coast.

Making up the Antarctic Developments Project 1947, the 13 naval vessels and their planes, under the command of veteran polar explorer, Rear Ad-

miral Richard E. Byrd, will attempt to plot as much of the Antarctic continent as possible and map the interior as far as long-range seaplanes and ice-based transportation can penetrate. The planes are equipped with new devices to detect mineral deposits beneath ice and snow. The most important mineral that the expedition hopes to find is uranium, the primary source of atomic energy.

Equipment for the 4,000 man task force, ranges from helicopters to dog sleds. On one ship alone, there is stored 18,000 pounds of coffee (a Navy "must"), 150,000 packages of cigarettes and 35 moving pictures to help pass away lonely polar nights. After the first month fresh vegetables will have been exhausted. Cooks will then dig into their eight month supply

of dry provisions and wild can-openers.

The exploration will continue as long as winter in the Southern Hemisphere permits, but it is expected that the ships will have to begin fighting their way out of ice packs by late March, and will probably arrive home sometime in May.

LOS ANGELES, (UP)—A fund of \$500,000 was turned over to a committee of Catholic church dignitaries by the Hearst Foundation, Inc., this week for restoration of California's historic early missions.

A second gift of \$300,000 was announced by Martin F. Huberth, foundation president, to be divided among five humanitarian and educational institutions.

War Crime Trials Testimony Proceeding



Santy Claus visits the old Core base at Sandy Ago jist like he duz the rest of the world, I rememburr, but I'll bet the old gentleman puts that visit down at the bottom of his list along with the State Reform School, San Quentin and Alcatraz.

I gess the reason St. Knick and the Leatherheads are not on sich friendly terms is on account of a few inmates which mite hav made Mr. Claus mad at the Core.

I do hope he duz not still hold a grudge because on Christmas Eve of 1941 some of the Marines out in the eyelands did not hang up their stockings. Why, some of the boys out in the Pacyfick then were so busy they never had their shoes off for weeks at a time—much less taking off their socks.

Mr. Claus probabully duz, howsomever, hold it against Moonhead for impersonating him that Christmas down in New Zealand. That wuz the time, Top, that Moonhead stuffed himself with pillows until he wuz gunnry sarjant size and went around saying he wuz Santy Claus and trying to fill the wimin folks stockings without their even taking them off—much less hanging them up.



And you rememburr how on manewvers down there when we used to stick branches in our helmets for camouflage that Moonhead used to put mistletoe in his helmet and sneak off to town to sample the local lipstick?

Once again this year the Marines overseize are preparing for the holiday season, spraying holly about their tents—and flea powder on their mattresses; hanging gay ornaments on the tree—and the Core in effigy; their little heads filled with visions of plum pudding—and the next Stateside ship.

And about this time they'll be saying: "Well, in just three to eight more months we should have our Christmas packages."

Sometimes Christmas is a very gala ockashun indeed overseize in the Core. You will rememburr the Christmas in New Caledonia when the peons were practically showered with favors by the good old Core on account of the holiday. Why, among other things, we were given two handfull of peanuts and a bottle of beer—and allowed to bark three times apiece at passing Dogfaces as well as stand near the road and watch officers driving by in their jeeps with those beautiful Armee purses. They wuz no limit, you will rememburr, on how much we could look.



Things are certainly different this year tho, Top. Here I am up in Lost Angeles, up in the big-money-country making a killing by jist selling the rubber bands that the Hollywood people throw away from around their thousand dollar bills.

Well, Top, I hope you git away from the Base for the holidays. If there is any place more lonlier than a military reservation on Christmas I do not know what it is—unless it might be the Shammar nightclub on the day before payday.

"Twas the nite before Christmas
And all thru the barracks
Not a creature wuz stirring
Not even some staff NCO screaming:
"Tain't all these *!%*! lights
And hit the *!%*! sack!"

Ex-SARJUNT HEINEMANN

WARNER INSIDE

SALEM, Ore. (CNS)—Lt. John Tuel knows the real meaning of "Laughing on the Inside, Crying on the Outside." He is a much happier man today after finding the rigors of the Northwest's coastal storms, no match compared to the peace, quiet and comfort of his prison cell.

Police reported that Tuel stumbled into the jail of a coast town, wet and haggard, and pleaded with the police, "Feed me and look me up. I just can't stand the weather."

The escaped lifer told of walking 6 miles during coastal storms with winds so strong that he once had to crawl on hands and knees across a railroad trestle.

HAD TO TELEPHONE

(CNS)—In the most critical phase of atomic experimentation during the war, Dr. Enrico Fermi, the Italian scientist, succeeded in the risky task of setting up a controlled chain reaction. Dr. Compton, another top scientist, then succeeded in the risky business of telephoning the good news to Dr. Conant of Harvard. The conversation went like this: "The Italian navigator has just landed in the New World." "Were the natives friendly?" Conant asked. "Everyone landed safe and happy," was Dr. Compton's bit of gossip.



HELEN GREENE, Watertown, N. Y., is one of the candidates entered in the 1947 Swim for Health Week girl contest to be held Dec. 23 at Miami Beach. She is 5 feet, 5 inches tall and weighs 113 pounds.

Two Hollywood Writers Clean Out Los Vegas

HOLLYWOOD (UPI)—Two Hollywood writers swore last week that their clean-up of \$104,000 at Las Vegas a week ago was the real thing, and not a publicity stunt for a movie they're making about gambling.

Ed Scofield and Sam Taylor, who started out at 2 a.m. with \$2,400 and left the gambling tables five hours later with 43 times as much, said they've been so busy insisting they made the money they hadn't had time to spend it.

REFUSE INFORMATION

All they would divulge about their system was that it was part Monte Carlo, part Cattle Creek, Colo., and a lot of mathematical hocus-poens figured out by a retired Canadian businessman with a mind like an adding machine.

"He told us when to switch our bets," Scofield said. "That's the real secret of the thing."

They don't claim their system is infallible. But they restaged the gambling for a magazine and in one hour ran up \$500 in movie chips to \$29,050. Andre D. Maysaudon, a croupier at Monte Carlo for 20 years, swore he'd never seen anything like it.

Silence Under Duress Is Golden

(CNS)—They were awarding medals at Buckingham palace—the George Cross, highest civilian award. Albert Guerrier, a Belgian doctor who had saved 600 British and U.S. flyers from the Nazis, got one. Then Mrs. Odette Sanson of the French resistance received hers. Mrs. Sanson is soon to become Mrs. Peter Churchill. How did she earn the medal? Oh, when the Gestapo held her one month for questioning, branding her with hot irons and pulling all her toenails out, she still refused to identify her British commander, Captain Peter Churchill.

Japanese High Command Ordered Punishment Of American Prisoners

TOKYO (UP)—The Japanese high command issued specific orders for the mass punishment of American prisoners of war, Lt. Col. Austin J. Montgomery, Sherman Oaks, Cal., testified in the war crimes trial. Montgomery, a former prisoner of war in the Philippines, Japan and Korea, said he was told of the orders by a Japanese major when 600 Americans at the Davao penal colony were placed in 600 wire and wood cages as punishment for the escape of 10 prisoners.

Most of the cages were five feet long, three feet wide and three feet high and the men were forced to sleep in them for two months. Describing them as "bedbug incubators," he admitted on cross-examination that the cages existed at the prison before the Japanese arrived.

Montgomery, 34-year-old survivor of the siege of Corregidor, said he underwent his worst experience when he was placed aboard the prison ship Oryoku Maru with 1,650 other prisoners.

The heavily armed and unmarked ship was strafed by American planes at Subic Bay while Japanese machine gunners along the shore raked prisoners fleeing the stricken vessel, he said.

He said the ship was so crowded that the men could not sit. Water was so scarce that men cut their wrists to drink their own blood and also to drink their own excretions.

"Many men went out of their minds," he told the court.

Robert Mahon, Lake Geneva, Wis., who helped organize the Philippine phase against the 27 leading Japanese defendants, said the Philippine phase of the trial would last another week. Another half-dozen witnesses are expected to testify.

TOKYO (UP)—Japanese slaughter of civilians at Singapore "like sheep" and at times the incoming tide at nearby beaches was red with blood, according to eye-witness reports and affidavits introduced in the war crimes trials here last week.

The British introduced testimony that when Brig. Gen. Frederick G. Galleghan protested the Japanese brutalities and atrocities he was told that the orders came from Tokyo and Tokyo alone could amend them.

Official figures showed that the Japanese shot and bayoneted 323 persons at the Alexandra hospital, of whom 230 were patients. The massacre came after a Japanese officer on Feb. 17, 1942, entered the hospital and assured the patients that the Japanese were kindly captors and they would have nothing to fear.

REPRESENTATIVE OF EMPEROR

Patients were told to regard the officer's visit as being made by a direct representative of Emperor Hirohito and that no higher honor could be bestowed upon them.

Documents disclosed that the Japanese used troops of the Subhas Chandra Bose—the Indian National Army—as a firing squad to execute some British prisoners.

Another affidavit said that one night the Japanese led 133 patients—some on crutches, in plaster casts or swathed with bandages—from a British base hospital. Only two survive to tell the tale of "terrible screams" while the men were bayoneted.

Evidence concerning the atrocities was introduced as the British prosecution opened its phase of the trials.

The Japanese became "insane with rage" when the strategic Burma-Siam railroad was not completed by August, 1943, and they then turned the project into a "living morgue," affidavits introduced into the war crimes trial said.

One Japanese officer, the evidence showed, told allied slave

laborers that the rail construction must go on without delay so that it would be finished within the time limit, "irrespective of the loss of lives among Australian and British prisoners."

AFFIDAVITS DISCLOSED

The affidavits disclosed that at one camp 1,060 prisoners among a total of 3,662 died during the construction.

Come sick or wounded prisoners carrying logs for the roadbed were beaten with bamboo poles every 10 yards by Japanese guards eager to speed completion of the railroad.

Australian prosecutor Justice Alan James Mansfield introduced an affidavit from a former war prisoner who said that prisoners too sick to work were given no food. They were sent to an area where they remained without care until they died.

TAKES TOLL OF LIVES

Dysentery, malaria, cholera and other jungle diseases also took a huge toll of lives. The evidence showed, prisoners were billeted in huts which had been evacuated the day before because of a cholera epidemic.

The court was told that on one occasion, five Japanese doctors visited the camp and witnessed a crude operation. One of the Japanese fainted and another became ill.

Seven thousand British prisoners were moved from Singapore to Burma to construct the railway. "I can imagine nothing more appalling than the conditions under which these men lived and died," said an affidavit by a Capt. C. R. E. Richards. "It was in effect a living morgue."

TOKYO (UP)—An Australian soldier who was "beheaded and buried" by the Japanese while he was a prisoner of war today was told the war crimes tribunal here today the story of how he lived.

He is Colin Brien, 23, former sergeant who was seized by the Japanese in Malaya in 1942 after he had been wounded.

Later he was ordered to leave his sick bed at pistol point and marched to a jungle clearing. In the center of the clearing he said there was an open grave with a sword sticking into the earth. A platoon of Japanese soldiers and 15 officers were lined up nearby to witness the execution.

Brien said he was made to sit on the edge of the grave with his feet dangling over its edge. A Japanese officer told him to bow his head. A blindfold was put over his eyes.

"You will now meet your god," the Japanese officer said.

Brien said he felt a sudden thud against the back of his neck. The blade had struck him.

Realizing he was still alive, he feigned death. He then fainted.

"I awoke covered with blood," he told the court. Earth and sticks covered his body and he realized he had been buried. He finally uncovered himself through the use of his toes and feet and crawled out of the shallow hole. His hands were still tied behind his back.

Three days later Brien surrendered to the Malayan civilian police who turned him over to the Japanese again. Brien remained a prisoner until he was liberated in 1945.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD

(CNS)—At the peak of its war time stride, Q. M. was buying \$100,000,000 worth of powdered eggs a year.

