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PROMISE
Out attacks will be relentless and unceasing. — Teletan Declaration.

CERTAINTY
The end is not yet in sight but victory is certain. — Gen. Marshall.

Army Given Command

Marine Invaders Of Bougainville Receive Relief

Ground operations on Bougainville were taken over from Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger's Marines by Army forces under Lt. Gen. Millard F. Harmon on 18 Dec. It was disclosed by AP reports from Allied Headquarters in the South Pacific this week.

At last reports a beachhead of eight miles long and five miles wide had been established from Empress Augusta bay where Marines made the initial landings a month and a half ago. A week after the Marine assault, Army troops were landed at a time when Japanese were undertaking an attempt to pinch off the beachhead.

JAPS PULLING OUT

SOUTH PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 21 (AP)—Indications that the Japanese are beginning to pull out of the heavily defended southern part of Bougainville island were disclosed today by a spokesman for Adm. William F. Halsey.

(The southern sector, which centers at Buin and embraces Japan's big bomber field at Kahili and the subsidiary air strip of Kara, was by-passed by American forces which invaded Bougainville at Empress Augusta bay.)

ARTILLERY TRAINED

SOUTH PACIFIC ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 20 (AP)—Summarizing the seven-week-old Allied invasion of Bougainville, a spokesman for Adm. William F. Halsey said today.

Buy War Bonds

Aviation Chief Visits Miramar

MCAI, MIRAMAR—The Director of Marine Aviation, Brig. Gen. Louis E. Woods, recently made an inspection tour of MCAI, it was disclosed this week.

He was greeted by Col. T. J. Walker, Jr., commanding, and Lt. Col. L. H. Steadman, Jr., executive officer, MCAI; and Lt. Col. F. H. Pledge, commanding, and Maj. C. D. Woodward, executive officer, Personnel Group.

Gen. Wood served as Chief of Staff for Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger when the latter was in charge of Marine Aviation forces at Guadalcanal.

Tarawa Living Conditions Better Than Guadalcanal's

TARAWA ATOLL (Delayed)—Loved ones of Marines who might be fretting about the kind of living conditions the Leathernecks found when they invaded this Japanese stronghold can rest easy this time, because the hardships here are nothing in comparison to Guadalcanal.

Instead of sudden foxholes, where they tried rather unsuccessfully to sleep during the crucial stages of the Solomon campaign last year, the Leathernecks have made bivouac areas of shelter (tents and canvas) when they have the chance, and blankets spread over soft coral sands.

Malaria, bitterest enemy besides



"It came upon a midnight clear"

The age-old promise that Christmas holds for all men is told in song by four members of the Base chapel choir. Grouped in front of the candle-lit altar at Base chapel are (from left): TSgt. Clyde S. Hill and PFCs. Ralph J. Driscoll, Wallace L. Moom and David R. Smith. Christmas rites are planned at all Marine camps. (Photo by PFC. Richard Stotz).

Marines Bow At Christmas Shrine In Pacific

By Sgt. Gerald A. Walndel
Combat Correspondent
SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—A stretch of canvas is our cathedral. The rhythmic fall of tropical rain is our choir. This is midnight mass at Christmas. "Silent night, holy night. All is calm, all is bright..." Men's voices are raised in ancient hymns. The night is black and solemn, pressing down on the vague silhouette of palm trees. The twinkling beams of tiny candles cast flickering patterns across the rude altar made of packing cases covered by a blanket.

"Hail you Virgin Mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild..."
Worshiping Marine Corps dignitaries beneath his simple vestments, Father Charles M. Eggert, formerly of St. Michael's parish, St. Paul, Minn., sings the mass. Now he is chaplain of a special troop of Guadalcanal veterans who are still in the South Pacific in training for further action. All about him are bearded Marines kneeling reverently in the soft mud. Tropical breezes whisper a lullaby to their unbreakable spirit.

"Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace."
Father Eggert gazes at the flicker of rapid faces about him. He knows the men are thinking about other Christmases, in other surroundings, half around the world. He tells them his thoughts, too, are with his parents.
The simple story of the birth of Jesus, told these thousands of times, is retold. There is a prayer and Father Eggert speaks again:
"This is not the first time that Americans have carried guns to Gethsemane, nor will it be the last time."

Reserves Volunteer As Gift Wrappers

Women Reserves stationed on the Base got into the real spirit of Christmas this week by volunteering to wrap presents purchased in the PX by Marines and by spending hours of liberty time at the task.
The donation of liberty time speeded the busy parcels by the wrapping table and enabled many more persons to prepare their packages for mailing immediately after purchase.
The girls did such a sterling job that special permission was secured for them to take over the same duties in MP to aid recruits in their gift wrapping.
The Base post office was flooded as last minute packages were posted.

Betio Airfield Named For Hero Of Bloody Fight

Second Field In Pacific Named For Marine After Being Wrested From Japs
WASHINGTON—Beta airfield on Tarawa island has been named for Lt. William D. Hawkins, who fell taking the most hazardous strip of sand ever taken in combat.
Lt. Hawkins, leading a special scout-sniper group, struck the initial blow against the Japs on Betio 10 minutes before the zero hour 30 Nov.

The group was told to secure the 600 yard pier jutting out from Betio Beach and to wipe out all the Jap machine gun nests threatening the invasion force. Continuing on his mission though wounded, Lt. Hawkins was hit by an explosive shell in the shoulder. During the night he died.

BRAVEST MAN

Robert Sherrod, correspondent for Time Magazine, called: "The bravest man I have ever seen was Lt. William D. Hawkins, a Texas boy from El Paso who commanded a platoon. To say that his conduct was worthy of the highest traditions of the Marine Corps is like saying the Empire State building is moderately high."
Lt. Hawkins is the second Marine whose gallantry has been recognized during this war in the naming.

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Special Christmas Day Church Rites

Special Christmas services, both Catholic and Protestant, are scheduled at camps throughout the San Diego area today:
MARINE BASE
Catholic: Base Chapel, 0630 and 0930.
Protestant: Base Chapel, 1015.
Interdenominational, RIB: Base theater, 0730, 0830, and 0930.
CAMP PENDLETON
Catholic: Bldg. 12-G-1, 0800, 0900, and 1000.
CAMP ELLIOTT
Catholic: Post Chapel, 1630.
CAMP MATTHEWS
Catholic: Theater, 0630.
Protestant: Theater, 0930.
CAMP GILLESPIE
Catholic: Training Bldg., 0830.
MCAI, MIRAMAR
Catholic: Lecture Bldg., 0830 and 1130.
Protestant: Lecture Bldg., 1000.

Christmas At MCB

Marine Children Treated At Party In Base Theater

The third Christmas of World War II found Marines on distant atolls delivering special "gifts" to the enemy and although they had no time for Yuletide celebrations, they did have the knowledge that back in the U.S. their families were keeping the annual date for them.

On the Base, Christmas was ushered in with the annual party for children of Marines at sea and overseas in combat zones. In a mammoth Christmas Eve party in the Base theater, more than 200 kiddies were treated to one of the most diversified Yule programs ever staged at MCB.

NOVELTY ACT

A glistening 16-foot Christmas tree was the center of attraction until the program opened with music and a novelty act, "At The Circus", which featured clowns, acrobats and trained horses. PFC. John Harrison served as ringmaster.

Accordion solos by Pvt. Billy Starckel were followed by animated movies. Pvt. Dick Luby was featured in a juggling act that brought

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Desert Marines Celebrate Xmas, Shower Kiddies

MCAI, MOJAVE Christmas in the Mojave desert for Leathernecks stationed here was one of good cheer and lots of entertainment.

A special committee of officers and enlisted men was appointed by the commanding officer, Lt. Col. Joseph P. Adams, to prepare and take charge of all Christmas programs. Highlighting Christmas Week activities were the traditional Christmas dinner, which included turkey and all the trimmings. Tonight the station auditorium will be the scene of a special USO Camp Show titled "Let's Go".

SANTA ARRIVES

On Friday afternoon a special children's party was held in the station auditorium. Children of the personnel, both military and civilian, were on hand to welcome the arrival of Santa Claus with his bag of gifts and candy. A special showing of Walt Disney animated cartoons rounded out the entertainment.

Last night a program of carol singing, entertainment by the Women's Reserve and a motion picture was presented. After the program

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

The Commanding Officer and his Staff extend Christmas Greetings to all officers and men of the Marine Corps.
This, our third war-time Christmas, finds the armed forces of the nation fighting in every part of the globe and giving a good account of themselves. The road to Victory is proving a long and hard one, but the men and women of America have the courage and determination to win.
Marines who are in the combat zones are gallantly upholding the glorious traditions of the Corps. Marines still in training are working hard to prepare for what lies ahead. I am confident that the efforts put forth will hurry the day when we may all once again enjoy Christmas in a world at peace.

COLONEL WILLIAM C. JAMES
Commanding, Marine Corps Base,

Deeds In Action Win Awards For 18 Leathernecks

Citation List Includes Parachutists, Aviators And Marine Infantrymen

WASHINGTON—Eighteen Marines, including aviators, parachutists and infantrymen, recently were cited for outstanding deeds in the service of their country. Eight of them won the Navy Cross.

One Legion of Merit went to Col. William J. Whaling of Washington. The balance of the list included Silver Star Medals to two men, DFCs to two, Navy and Marine Corps Medal to one and Air Medals to four.

Two of the three fliers who received Navy Crosses are reported missing in action. They are 2d Lt. Joseph L. Narr of Hickman Mills, Mo., and WO. Henry E. Hamilton of Poyner, Tex., both of whom saw action in the Solomons. The other flier similarly honored was Capt. Jefferson D. DeBlanc of St. Martinville, La.

PARAMARINES HONORED

Paramarines winning the Navy Cross were 2d Lt. Robert L. Manning of Hixson, Tenn., Wilfred V. Michaud of Portland, Me., and Corp. Ralph W. Fordyce of Concord Lake, Pa., since given a medical discharge. All were attached to the 1st Marines and figured in the Gavutu invasion.

Maj. Edgar J. Crane of Galveston, Tex., and Capt. John J. Smith of Brooklyn, both of whom were with the 1st Bn., 2d Marines, reinforced, were the infantrymen so honored.

ORGANIZED SNIPERS

Col. Whaling, serving on the 1st Marine division staff on Guadalcanal, was decorated with the Legion of Merit in recognition of personally-conducted scouting and sniping expeditions deep into enemy territory.

Silver Star Medals went to Lt. Col. Robert A. Black of Corona, Cal., communications officer with one of the Marine air wings on Guadalcanal in the fall of '42, and 2d Lt. Harry M. Tully of Hastings, Neb., a Paramarine who fought a lone mission for two days and nights against hidden Japs on Gavutu.

SECOND AWARD

In lieu of a second DFC, Maj. Herington A. Hansen Jr. of Kansas City, Mo., was awarded a Gold Star for aerial photography and reconnaissance flights.

The other DFC went to 1st Lt. Alexander R. Berry of Chicago, now missing in action and cited for his daring work in a night raid against Japanese-held Kahili Field on Bougainville.

DAKINO RESCUE

PFC. John J. Mix of Yenton Harbor, Mich., received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his part in a daring rescue of a pilot who crashed in the New Hebrides group last February.

Air Medals were awarded to Maj. William R. Campbell of Coronado, Cal., Warren G. Mollenkott of Lexington, Mo., 1st Lt. Henry M. Bourgeois of New Orleans and A/C. Ruel W. Davidson of Birmingham. For Maj. Campbell it was a second citation.

HQMC Clarifies Pay Allotments

WASHINGTON—Officers and enlisted personnel may make two allotments from their pay, in addition to those for insurance, allotments to Navy Relief or for purchase of war bonds, provided that not more than one of the two is made payable to the same payee, according to an interpretation given this week by HQMC of a Navy Department regulation covering this point.

If it is desired to increase an allotment to a person or institution, the allotment in force will be discontinued and a new one for the larger amount granted, it was ruled.



RED AND WHITE signal flags give these Gyrones a way of transmitting 'Merry Xmas' to their stateside friends. From the left, back row: PFC. William H. Follett, Pvt. Robert R. Dunbar, PFC. Byron W. Trumbull, Pvt. Joseph F. Simone and Corp. Chester S. Marsh. Front row: Corp. Louis W. Pyle, PFCs, Jack W. Carpenter and Edward T. McMahon and Corp. William J. Ruppel. The picture was taken "Somewhere in the South Pacific".

Cagey Marines Prey On Bougainville Japs

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—A Jap officer peered out of the underbrush along Piva River and PFC. Lawrence Curry thereby became owner of one Samurai sword, three feet long and handsomely decorated in ivory and gold.

It cost Curry, who is 21 and hails from Parma, Ohio, just one rifle shot—straight through the officer's helmet and smack into his head.

The officer was Curry's fourth kill in the Piva River fighting. One of the others was a Jap who had killed his buddy, Sgt. Frank Devine, combat correspondent.

TRAFFIC COPS

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—Only a week after Marines landed here, traffic was so heavy it was necessary to establish "traffic cops" along the beach roads. Although the beachhead still is relatively small, there is a constant stream of jeeps, large and small trucks, half-tracks and tanks moving back and forth along the beach and to the inner island.

In addition to controlling the flow of traffic, the military police vet

as information centers, directing front line messengers carrying information to various units.—Sgt. Whitcup E. Cady, combat correspondent.

MESSANGER SERVICE

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—To front line messengers carrying information from one commander to another unit, the killing of Japs is incidental to the mission.

Take the case of PFC. John P. Mulcahy jr. of Worcester, Mass. Only 16 minutes after first going into combat, he was assigned to work his way through the jungle with a message. He was about 10 minutes gone on his mission when he stumbled across a Jap in a well-concealed foxhole. It was a toss up as to which was the more

surprised, but Mulcahy moved faster. One shot from his rifle silenced the Jap.

PFC. Lewis G. Marro of Whitefield, N. H., surprised a Jap in a foxhole. As he pulled the trigger, the Jap snarled at him "You beast!" and then toppled over. The question now argued by Marro and his squad buddies is whether the Jap meant the adjective to be applied to the former personally or to include all American Marines.—Sgt. Peter Payne jr., combat correspondent.

—Boy War Bonds—

Weather Report

BOUGAINVILLE, Nov. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 (Delayed) It rained today.—Sgt. Frank Devine, combat correspondent.

Betio Airfield Named For Hero Of Bloody Fight

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of an airfield. Henderson Field on Guadalcanal was named for Maj. Lofton R. Henderson, commanding officer of a dive bomber squadron.

GALLANT CONQUEST

TARAWA, Nov. 22 (Delayed)—Thirty five daring Marines and their indomitable "skipper", 1st Lt. William L. Hawkins, wrote one of the most gallant chapters in the conquest of Tarawa.

Lt. Hawkins and more than 100 of his men are buried beneath the sands of Bloody Betio Beach.

Their job was one of the most hellish ever assigned any contingent. They were to wipe out all the Jap machine gun nests threatening the invasion force. They routed six nests before our first wave struck the beach.

But when our carrier-based planes began the terrific bombardment that rocked Tarawa without letup for two days, Lt. Hawkins and his Marines were right in the middle of it.

Blasts from the bombs were not enough. Then the enemy jets dynamited one section of the pier, set off several mines near the gas-stripes and raked them from the beach with all types of fire.

The plucky Devil Dogs refused to retreat and stormed forward with rifles blazing. They used grenades almost every 10 yards, and finally it was the Japs who retreated—far enough to lessen the danger to the troops scrambling ashore.—Sgt. Pete Zurlinden, combat correspondent.

When you argue with a fool, make sure that he isn't stupidly occupied.

Army Given Command

Marine Invaders Of Bougainville Receive Relief

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Halsey, South Pacific commander, today said the situation is well in hand and offensive tactics there are "a perfect example of coordinated jungle fighting."

The artillery barrage which supported the American push on the Torokina river front on Bougainville forced the Japanese to abandon several scores of well-constructed bunkers.

The commanding officer of the American troops attributed their success to date to aggressive tactics by regiments and battalions and to the accuracy of artillery.

GUNFIRE ACCURATE

Maj. Gen. Allen Turhage of Wide Water, Va., told Sgt. Ted Link, combat correspondent: "We estimate artillery has accounted for 50 per cent of the Jap casualties, with infantry accounting for the other half. Our artillery fire landed right on the enemy line time and again."

In one barrage guns tossed more than 5000 rounds at the enemy for a new high in South Pacific artillery bombardment.

Col. Walter Wachtler of Washington, D.C., a member of Turhage's staff, said that because of lack of observation points in the dense jungle, artillerymen had to do a great deal of their range-finding by sound.

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TARAWA VETERANS arrive home in time to decorate a Christmas tree at USNH, where they are recovering from injuries. From left are PFCs John Desmarais and Tommy Gooch, S1/c Danley Southerly and Corp. Jack Snyder.

Marine Children Treated At Party In Base Theater

More Than 200 Sons And Daughters Of Overseas Men Enjoy Festivities

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rounds of applause from the children.

Highlight of the entertainment program was the presentation of a Nativity play, "Gift of the Little Shepherd," written and directed by PFC W. A. (Babe) Richards. The role of the "Little Shepherd" was played by Jack Junke of Ft. Luna, brother of 1st Lt. James Junke, now overseas. Special carols were sung by the Women's Reserve chorus throughout the play.

CAST LISTED

The cast included: 2d Lt. Irene Holmquist, Sgt. Archie Leonard, Corps. Lou Glynn and Norman Jolley and PFCs William Wheeler, Eddie Lyon, Frank Carroll, Victor Moore, Florence Bergerson and Jack Jante.

Santa Claus, only pony Sgt. Leonard—was the children's favorite character at the party. He distributed a gift to each child attending in addition to candy, nuts and fruit.

The Base recreation office, under the direction of Maj. Harry V. Maynard, sponsored the party and provided appropriate decorations for lounges and recreation rooms throughout the Base.

Women Reserves stationed on the Base observed the start of the Christmas season Tuesday evening with the entire enlisted personnel present.

WOMAN SANTA

Santa Claus, played by Corp. Athena Magoun, clad in dungarees and a GI fatigue hat with a sea bag over one shoulder, arrived at 10:30 to distribute gifts. The girls finished the evening by singing Christmas carols.

Miss sergeants on the Base whipped up their most tasty dinners of the year, serving fruit cup, roast turkey with sage dressing, giblet gravy, cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, creamed corn, lettuce, tomatoes, celery, mixed pickles, olives, assorted nuts, nut rolls, butter, mince pie, fruit cake, coffee and candy. Menu orders for Christmas dinner were made and supplied by members of the Junior Red Cross.

—By Insurance—

Rations Holiday Fare On Tarawa

TARAWA, Nov. 23 (Delayed)—Tomorrow will be Thanksgiving back home.

Someone just reminded us of it, though, frankly, we'd lost all track of time.

We have our choice of C or K rations. C rations consist of meat and bean hash, very edible, but very tiresome. K rations include a tin of pork luncheon meat, two packages of hard tack biscuits, four cigarettes, a small envelope of soluble coffee, three lumps of sugar, and a single stick of chewing gum.

Maybe we'll be home next Thanksgiving.—MTSgt. Jim G. Lucas, combat correspondent.

—By War Bonds—

Chaplain Collects Jokes For Morale

CAMP PENDLETON Taking a page from the life of Bob Hope as a camp entertainer, Chaplain Andrew T. L. Armstrong of Millboro, Penn., is collecting a joke scrap book for morale purposes.

Chaplain Armstrong, the first to be assigned to duty here, is preparing for overseas duty with Leathernecks.

Because Hope has proved that servicemen everywhere enjoy humor, Chaplain Armstrong has accumulated several hundred anecdotes to fit any occasion in camp or in foxholes.

Desert Marines Celebrate Xmas, Shower Kiddies

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a buffet supper was served in the general mess hall.

Religious services were held in the station chapel with Chaplain William Kottlitz and Albert Rhuman in charge. Special carols were sung by a choir composed of Women Reserves and enlisted men.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

MCA's, EL CENTRO—For personnel of this station Christmas has been a one-day affair, the holiday being only the halfway mark in a round of activities backed by all organizations.

Parties for everyone—local children, NCOs, officers and newly arrived Women Reserves have been held and more are coming.

Observance of the day itself was marked by a special high mass held at midnight Christmas eve in the station theater, conducted by Chaplain J. M. Lyben. A choir under the direction of 1st Lt. Patricia Mulaly sang traditional carols and the Mass of the Angels. Both Catholic and Protestant services were observed on Christmas Day.

Station officers met at their club Thursday night for a holiday dinner-dance which featured a tree, humorous gifts and group singing.

For some 50 Howley, El Centro and Imperial children it was a GI Santa Claus. Financed by contributions of Marines of this station, the

party was held in the theater and featured the appearance of St. Nick with gifts for everyone. The party was sponsored by Base Hq. Sq., recreation council.

Last Friday night sergeant of Base Hq. Sq. was host at a party held for Women Reserves.

MIRAMAR PARTY

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Holiday activities here were centered at the Lecture Bldg. 24 Dec., when 26 members of AFD-131 held a Christmas eve party at 1418. Pvt. Art Williams was "M.C." for the occasion.

The group was entertained with solo numbers by PFCs Chris Karaga and Gerald Danille, who belted "Ave Maria" and "The Lord's Prayer" for their Christmas songs.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of George S. Kaufman's comedy, "If Men Played Cards As Women Do", directed by Pvt. Mike O'Hara.

The Yuletide observance was brought to a close with a Christmas message delivered by the squadron commander, Capt. G. W. Baile, followed by the singing of carols by the entire group.

—By Courtney—

And then there was the company clerk who said his job was "unfulfilling."

Kriss Kringle Pays Visit To Naval Hospital Men

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Marine patients here have been treated to a gala Christmas entertainment with more to come. Every Marine at the hospital received a gift, and those who were able also received the usual assortment of sweets.

The entertainment beginning Christmas activities started last Wednesday with the presentation of a variety show by members of the San Diego Elks club. Christmas eve at 1730 a choir of 60 male voices from NTS and the NTS orchestra put on a program of Christmas music and carols for patients.

Highlighting events this week will be the appearance Tuesday of the Bob Hope radio show with Cary Grant as special guest. Two shows will be given, one for the radio broadcast and another after the

broadcast. Harpo Marx brings his troupe of entertainers to the hospital for a variety program Thursday.

Included in the Marine audience to enjoy these Christmas shows are veterans from Tarawa, Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

Distribution of Christmas gifts and the decoration of wards was made possible through the cooperation of the MCB Chapter, American Red Cross, under the direction of Mrs. Lois Auchenbach.

Xmas Greetings To The Fourth

The Commanding General wishes to extend the Season's Greetings to officers and men of the Division. It is gratifying to report that, in spite of all the hardships of our enemies, we are able to manifest the spirit of the holidays this year as we always have done.

The right to do so in years to come is one of the things for which we are fighting. God willing, we shall win. Merry Christmas and a Victorious New Year!
Maj. Gen. HARRY SCHMIDT
Commanding General,
4th Marine Division.

Trees Twinkle Christmas Cheer

MCB definitely had the Christmas feel and look this week as gaily decorated Christmas trees blinked from the windows of all recreation and lounge rooms along the arcade. A huge Christmas sign over the entrance to the theater sent its cheery message down the entire length of the parade ground.

The job of seeing that all available rooms had Christmas trees and that the Base in general was decorated was done by the recreation office.

Hanging the 1520 foot Christmas sign was handled by members of Base maintenance under supervision of Capt. T. E. Mitchell.

Marine's Prayer

Lord, shadow with Your living care
The path of this Marine;
On land, on sea, by night, by day,
From him all dangers screen,
The Leathernecks of God, brave men,
The soldiers of the sea,
Wherever perils threaten most,
Marines will always be.
Be with them, Lord, in all the lands
Where duty bids them go,
Keep strong their faith, keep high
their hearts,
Protect them from the foe!

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CHRISTMAS 1943

In a Christmas message to the Marine Corps yesterday, Warren H. Atherton, national commander of the American Legion, stated:

"Your sacrifices are keeping the spirit of Christmas alive in every land where men and women seek liberty. Out of your heroism and your gallantry will rise a new era of enduring peace and happiness for all mankind."

It won't seem much like Christmas to the man in the foxhole, waiting with rifle and grenade ready. The green stuff he's wearing on his helmet isn't holly. His Christmas music will come from a bugle sounding the urgent "General Quarters." Yet, mixed up as it all seems, there is no mockery in this pistol packin' Christmas of the admonition to bear "good will toward men."

It is ironical that we have had to take up arms to fight on behalf of good will and peace. Down in his heart, even the most cynical knows, however, that we are fighting for just that. And the people all over the world who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with us against those who would enslave their neighbors, who have attempted to crush religious freedom, know that that's what we're fighting for—even if we have overworked such words as peace, brotherhood of man and democracy.

This is our third wartime Christmas. It is in some ways a more cheerful Christmas than were the first two, because, although there is still a terrific struggle ahead, equal victory now seems assured. The first two years of this war were not easy. It has been an uphill fight, both on the battlefronts and on the production front at home. The things that has enabled us to make that fight has been our faith in the Prince of Peace and the enduring principles which he laid down nearly two thousand years ago. Faith—faith in God, faith in the destiny of this nation, faith in our democratic principles—is one of our strongest weapons, one that the enemy can never capture.

It is faith which will carry us through to a righteous victory so that a war-torn world can once again enjoy "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

WAKE ANNIVERSARY

It was just two years ago this week—on 23 Dec., 1941—that over the radio there came this challenging message from the beleaguered defenders of little Wake Island: "Enemy on island, issue in doubt."

It was the last message sent by the gallant little handful of Marines who for 14 days had repulsed one attack after another. Wake's defenders numbered only 365 men and 13 officers of the Wake Detachment, 1st Defense Bn., under command of Maj. James P. S. Devereaux, plus the men of Marine Fighting Squadron 211. That little group of cocky Marines had earlier wirelessed the immortal message, "Send us more Japs", at a time when they were reeling under the heaviest air and sea blows the Japs could deliver.

No chapter in Marine Corps history is more typical of the finest traditions of the service than the story of the defense put up by Wake's heroic "400".

No story of Marine action during the Corps' 168 years of history stands out as a finer example to those who today are donning the forest green uniform to fight for our nation. In the words of the President, their "courageous conduct will not be forgotten so long as gallantry and heroism are respected and honored."

DANGEROUS DAYS

This week brings the shortest days of the year—and, in one respect, the most dangerous. Marines going ashore and returning to their posts find themselves making the trip in semi-darkness.

Your green uniforms are just about impossible to see during those hours—and that makes you a potential casualty every time you cross the street or walk along the highway unless you exercise the greatest of care. Never forget that it is difficult for motorists to see you—it's up to you to walk safely if you want to avoid becoming a traffic victim.

Marines Keep Lonely Vigil On Pacific Isle

By Sgt. Ralph A. Peck
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Waiting, waiting, waiting—A foursome of Marines sit day in, day out on 24-hour watches on this pin-point island jutting remotely out of the Pacific on what is perhaps one of the loneliest duties of the war.

Their eyes are peeled toward the horizons waiting for approaching signs of the enemy.

Their home for the first few months was a fox hole, then a tent, now a crudely erected cabin constructed from coconut logs. Comprising the Marine crew are:

Sgt. Thomas R. Lelack of Berkeley, Ore., and PFCs Francis J.

Kenny of La Salle, Ill., Kermit L. Anderson of Moorhead, Minn., and Thomas C. Bienna of St. Paul, Minn.

On this island, they have as their only companions Marines who likewise huddle about their anti-aircraft positions.

Just back and over the hill lies an aviation base, at all times a beehive of activity.

Sgt. Lelack, NCO in charge with over two years out of the States and over a year on this island, was an Oregon farmer in civilian life.

"Most of the time while not on watch we try to occupy our minds with little odd jobs, but regardless how we try we usually wind up talking about home and our families," he said.

"But when we first hit this island there was little time for talk. We were on the alert practically 24 hours of the day."

With only the barest essentials, the Leathernecks maintain an alert watch extending far over the glassy surface of the Pacific. From this rugged coast of coral rock, they usually stand in pairs, always ready to flash a signal at the approach of any unidentified ship or plane. From their position, it is possible to sight a craft as far as 10 miles out.

The "rock", as these Leathernecks call it, also has a generous supply of pesky mosquitoes and flies, which the Marines say they have learned to ignore in their time here.

THE SAFETY VALVE

Letters of General Interest to Readers of J. C. Callahan. Please do not sign your name, although it can be withheld if you wish.

NEWS MISSING SON

Editor, The Chevron—May I take the liberty of asking you to aid in locating my son, PVT John L. Porter, whose last known address was 2nd Anti-Tank Bn., PPO, San Francisco, Calif. While at Camp Elliott, he was in 1st C. 2nd Anti-Tank Bn.

I have not heard from my son since last June.

Can you also tell me the name of the Marine in the picture on Page 13, Dec. 4 issue of The Chevron. He is posed as a prisoner in the foreground and looks so much like my husband, 1st Sgt. Charles M. Porter, also overseas.

MRS. CHARLES M. PORTER
101 E. Pine St.
Shady Side St.,
Albany, W. Va.

Editor's Note—The picture in question shows an Army man "captured" by Marine privateers on maneuvers at Escondido, Calif.

SHOULD PATRIES

Editor, The Chevron—I served with the 5th Regt., 1st Div., and 1st and 2nd Divs., and Div., before being sent back for hospitalization. Are those of us who served with both divisions eligible to wear either shoulder patch when not serving with those units?

COL. M. J. BENEDET
1st. Div., USMC,
San Diego, Calif.

Editor's Note—Hospitalized Marines sent back from overseas may wear the shoulder patch of the division to which they are attached because their names are carried on that division's rolls until they are transferred to another unit upon leaving the hospital. At that time the patch must be removed.

Purpose of the patch is to designate the division to which the Marine is attached at the time he wears it. It is not worn to indicate areas or engagements in which he previously served. You may not wear more than one patch.

EXPEDITIONARY MEDAL

Editor, The Chevron—There has been considerable argument concerning the Marine Corps Expeditionary ribbon. Can you give us the dope on this ribbon?

PTX. JACK A. MARSH
Eng. Co., Eng. Bn., TC,
Bks. 13-16, Camp Pendleton.

Editor's Note—The Expeditionary Medal, awarded in recognition for taking part in such campaigns as Nicaragua or Haiti, has not been issued for years. It is issued only when there is no previously authorized medal to cover the engagement. None will be issued for the duration because

The chap with bad eyesight was examined by his draft board doctor and placed in 1-A. "But my eyes are terrible," he exclaimed, "I can hardly see anything."

"Look, son," said the doctor, "we don't examine eyes any more—we just count 'em."



MERRY CHRISTMAS to all America is wished by Marines serving in the South Pacific. This greeting card was selected for mailing to the U. S. by "V" mail. It was designed by Corp. Portirio G. Navarro of Houston, Tex.

the three medals for this war—the Asiatic-Pacific, American Area and European-African-Middle Eastern—cover every possible theater of operations.

THANKS, FELIAN

Editor, The Chevron—To the men of this detachment, The Chevron is the finest newspaper published by any branch of the service. It has more dope than the Army's Yank and Yank just half bad.

A lot of the boys in this MAD are from MCB, San Diego, and every one of us enjoy the copies sent. Keep up the fine work.

ENLISTED PERSONNEL
MAD, NACS,
Hollywood, Florida

SPILL, CONFUSED

Editor, The Chevron—A few of us who have returned from overseas would like to get the dope about the shoulder patch put out a few months ago. I was informed here yesterday that it is not authorized.

PFC. EDWIN BLOMBERG
Ward 122 W., USMC,
San Diego, Calif.

Editor's Note—The authorized 2nd Div. insignia is a gold torch on a scroll background, on which are emblazoned stars to represent the Southern Cross. On the torch is the numeral 2. (See 11 Dec. issue of The Chevron).

Some members of the 2nd Div. have worn the "serpined" insignia. This is not authorized.

CHURCH SERVICES

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel, 0700 Services-0930, Services, Auditorium; Holy Trinity Service 1830 Chapel, (Catholic); 0800 Mass, Auditorium; 0830 Mass, Chapel, Daily Mass (Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.), 0930-0700; Friday 1900 Chapel, Confessions; Saturday 1230-1600, Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 123, Bk. 1600-1700 Chaplain's Office, Ad. Bldg. (Jewish); Chapel, 0645, (Christian Science); Sun days, 0930, Bldg. 123, Bk.

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MARINE HUMOR makes the best of an impossible situation. These Marines demonstrate why humor runs a close second to fighting qualities by naming their dugout on Tarawa "The Lousy Lounge". Nevertheless it's 'home' and the safest place to be.

Wounded Recall Attack On Tarawa

USNH, OAKLAND—The first of Tarawa's wounded, weary but unbroken after the bitterest fighting in Marine Corps history, were welcomed home here last week.

The arms of these men were in slings and their bodies were lacerated. Their eyes were tired but their spirits were high. They spoke in unison for beer "cold, American beer." Some of them had left this country before the formation of the Women's Reserve and all they wanted was "to look those skirted Leathernecks over." Others showed interest in the words and music of "Distol Parkin' Mama."

"We heard so much about it and we don't know how it goes," a sergeant declared.

Approximately 33 per cent of the arrivals sustained gunshot or shrapnel wounds along the island's bullet swept beach the morning of Invasion Day.

"These bullets were flying around so thick and fast," said PFC John J. Strachan of Exhampston, Mass. "It was just a question of whose name was on which one."

Typical of the group was Sgt.

Norman C. Britton of Denison, Tex., who suffered hip wounds and a fractured right arm when a hand grenade exploded 10 feet away. He was among the first Marines to storm the concrete bunkers which buttressed enemy fortifications along the beach.

Pvt. Gilt N. Laperruque of Las Angeles was also in the first wave to storm Tarawa.

"The Japs tried to get at our emplacements stretched out on the beach," he said. "One worked his way around to us through the water. He dashed at us and was about to throw a grenade when a Marine machine guard ran him through with his bayonet."

"Two hundred yards off shore a bullet hit me in the upper part of my right chest and came out of my right arm as I logged in a radio," said PFC Richard Grant Land of Minneapolis. "It spun me around and I fell into the water. I got up, though, and pushed on."

Pvt. Newman Baird of Morristown, Penn., rode an amphibious tractor,

with its machine guns blazing, into the beach to spearhead the first attack on the Jap belt stronghold. He was shot in both shoulders and sprinkled with pieces of shrapnel.

"When that Jap bullet hit me near my left elbow, it felt like someone had cracked me there with a stick of something," said PFC Norman Wagner of Pontiac, Mich.

"It took us slightly more than two days to get across Tarawa Island, and most of that time we were fighting the Japs anywhere from a few yards to maybe 50 yards at the most," said Pvt. Eugene Lawler of New Orleans. He was shot through the head and his right arm was struck by shrapnel.

"As we walked through the water toward the beach in a continuous spray of lead the bullets were coming at us in sheets," said Pvt. Rufus Gilmont of Houston, W. Va. Gilmont failed to reach the beach. He was struck in the water some 50 yards from shore, a shell shattering his knee.

Miramar Fliers Tell Of Battling High Zero Odds

One Dive Bomber Survives 35-Minute Running Fight, Counts 108 Bullet Holes

By Staff Sgt. Wallace R. McLain
Combat Correspondent

MCAI, MIRAMAR—Two Marine dive bomber pilots, back at this depot after considerable South Pacific action, know how that the Japs can't win, even with odds of 5-to-1 and 7-to-1 in their favor. They are Capt. Eystein J. Nelson of Ponscha, Wash., and 1stLt. Eldon E. Ballard of Flint, Mich.

Seven Zerus jumped Lt. Ballard while on submarine patrol off the Russell Islands, but the lieutenant and his gunner, Corp. Albert E. Weidol, survived a 35-minute running air battle and lived to count 108 holes in their planes.

Narrow escapes got to be somewhat of a habit with Lt. Ballard, whose combat missions took him over airfields at Kolombangara, Rabaul Bay, Munda and Vila. It was a final hop to Vila that proved nearly fatal. After dumping his bombs and returning for a strafing run, enemy ground fire disabled his prop and motor. With the engine vibrating excessively and the plane losing speed, Lt. Ballard nursed his crippled ship to an emergency landing.

SAVES BUDDY

Capt. Nelson, who holds the Air Medal, had six Zerus playing leap frog with him after he had scored a direct hit on a Jap destroyer, but still the Marines are found time to run a Zero off a buddy's tail.

"Three of them poked on my tail while the other three scoured around," said Capt. Nelson. "One made a run and his fire shattered the upper cable on my stabilizer. I got 14 holes in my plane."

"Just then I saw a Zero moving in on another Marine flier. The Jap opened up just as I hopped onto his tail. I squeezed off about 10 rounds. It looked as if I might have hit the pilot... my tracers were going right into the cockpit. The Zero slid off and his nose started going down."

Be Choirboys

Marines never despise a camp by the comfort of its quarters or quality of its food. It's either "good liberty" or "lousy liberty," according to the number of amusement places nearby and the cordiality of the residents.

NCO Draws Xmas Card In Ireland

LONDERRY, Northern Ireland (Delayed)—Marines here have their own distinctive Christmas card this year, thanks to the artistic ability of SgtMaj. Albert H. Battle of Griffin, Ga.

The sergeant major has designed two Christmas cards for their use. Both have been printed in quantity on V-Mail blanks by the Navy V-mail office here with the cooperation of the print shop.—Sgt. Robert T. Davis, combat correspondent.

Write Home

Marine Battles Wild Boar In Foxhole

USNH, OAKLAND—Pigs may be almost as formidable as Japs on Guadalcanal, Corp. Ernest L. York of Nashville, Tenn., discovered.

Finding a visitor one night in his foxhole, Corp. York lashed out with his machete and was wounded in return. He lashed again and again in a short but furious melee.

At dawn, when relieved by a sentry, he discovered his adversary to be a wild boar, very dead. York suffered bloody but superficial injuries.

(Adv.)

This Is La Jolla (Calif.)



This is the Christmas issue of this good newspaper and so we wish a Merry Christmas to every dog gone U. S. Marine in the world, and that's covering a helluva lot of territory. We could get awfully sentimental right about this time, were we to express everything in our mind with reference to the War, and Christmas and you, but sentiment is out for the duration and only early victory counts.

The San Diego market just got in 54 million pounds of canned fish. I guess food in the Army hasn't changed any from the last war, but I thought I personally ate all the "gold fish" there was twenty-five years ago. Gosh, have you ever had it cold for breakfast?

I see in the papers that Mr. Man Power McNutt says we need more women to help win the war, and we need better slogans to catch the women. Seems like that ought not be very difficult and with your permission I offer a couple, to wit:

"Go to work baby, Or I'll tell you this. From your boy's boy friend You've had your last kiss,"
or
Listen Blue Eyes Get into this game Or when I come home Things won't be the same.

How about some of you fellows writing a few to men and sending them in. It's a total blunk today anyway due to a party the Boss had for us employees at his house and at which party milk was not the popular beverage.

I had a note from a sweetie cousin, since removed. His name is Emilio. He has a sister whose name is Maudie, but they don't live together. Emilio seems to like his pen house better. I can't read his writing so well, and I don't know whether he said "pen" or "pen".

Anyway Emilio says he hears that in Berlin if you wear good clothes you ain't popular with the rest of the Berliiners. In fact the less clothes you wear the more popular you are. Well the French had that idea long ago if you ever saw the "Follies" in Paris.

The Boss, that's Mr. Alfred Uler, wants to personally wish each one of you a Merry Christmas, and a much more Merry one for next year, in his prayer.

OLD ROSIE
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Sea School Shifts Command, Advances Duties of NCOs

Recent changes at Sea School included changes in the command and advancement in duties for two NCOs.

1stLt. Joseph F. LaFonte, formerly assistant to the C-in-C. of Drill Instructors, was made commanding officer of Sea School.

NCOs, who assumed new duties were Sgt. R. H. Atchinson, who replaced Pfc. H. A. Bonavon, and 1stSgt. W. J. Moynihan, who relieved 1stSgt. Andy Frank.

Sgt. Atchinson enlisted in the service in 1939 and was serving aboard the USS Astoria when it was sunk.

Pfc. Bonavon entered the service in 1939 and before his Stateside duty at Sea School served aboard the USS Wasop when it was sunk. After spending four and a half hours in the water, he was rescued by a destroyer and brought to an Allied port.

Duty Changed

Maj. W. C. Ronaldson, base security officer, has been appointed fire marshal, effective 1 Jan. He will succeed Capt. W. S. Brazor, newly appointed Base Motor Transport officer.

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A YARGA PIN-UP GIRL goes with Marines as their landing barge approaches the Jap-held island of Tarawa. Last looks at the beauty were hastily taken before the battle started.



THERE'S A LIGHTER SIDE to most events, even such bloody battles as Tarawa, where this Leatherneck found a frightened kitten and quelled its thirst with water.

Bard Lauds Tarawa Veterans

MCAS, CHERRY POINT, N. C.—This station's new five and a half million dollar aircraft assembly and repair shop was dedicated recently by Asst. Secy. of the Navy Ralph A. Bard. Other speakers at the dedication ceremonies were Brig. Gen. Claude A. Larkin, Command-

ing General of the Third Air Wing, and Col. C. F. Schilt, CO of this station.

Paying special tribute to his speech to the Marines who took Tarawa, Mr. Bard described that battle as "one of the greatest landing operations ever carried out by American forces."

Newsman Describes Recruit Life

One of the finest books ever written about the life of a Marine recruit, "Boot: A Marine in the Making", has just been released by Houghton and Thornley, publishers at Columbia, S. C. The author is Corp. Gilbert P. Bailey, former weekly newspaper editor, who a few months ago was a "boot" himself. Corp. Bailey in cooperation with

the Public Relations Office at Parris Island, has told the story of recruit training in the simple easy style of any rookie writing letters to the folks back home.

"Boot" skillfully blends the episodic life of a recruit into a humorous story full of accurate information. Numerous full-page photographs—solid, clear and typical—accompany the text.

Flying Cross Won By MCAS Instructor

MCAS, EL TORO—Capt. Samuel Richards Jr. of Bates, Ark., has been awarded the DFC for courageous conduct in the face of superior enemy forces while attached to a fighter squadron in the Solomons.

The decoration was presented here recently where Capt. Richards is a combat fighter instructor. He is credited with two Zeros and two probables for his missions in the South Pacific.

Hotel Of Marine's Father Restricted

TULSA, Okla., Nov. 29 (AP)—Lieutenant Rex Walker of the Marines came home from the Mediterranean to find the provost marshal's office had included his father's hotel in an area marked out of bounds to military personnel. Walker will get to see his father, though. The provost marshal, hearing of Walker's plight, lifted the ban for three days.

—Write Home—
A quarrel is one who loves his fellowman with gravity.

Gunnery Sergeant Proves Ability With Machine Gun

Vet Of 20 Years Service In Navy And Marine Corps Outwits Japanese Snipers

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC (Delayed)—A man of pronounced patience is GySgt. A. M. English of Cottage Hill, Fla.

With a record of three years in the Navy and 17 years in the Marine Corps, English is admittedly one of the most expert machine gun men in the Corps. He can field strip a machine gun while blindfolded.

"This trick is no harder than slipping a jammed gun in action when you can't even see your hand before your face," he said.

CHAIYAI, VET

He was referring to those black nights in Guadalcanal where he won the reputation for patience. Any time a sniper was bothering the boys, they would send for English.

The "Gunny" would take his position and wait. The Japs are patient people, but English had a way with him. He always came back alive.

Regarding machine guns, he will admit that he must have jessed from at least one person—his brother, MGySgt. E. T. English, two years his senior in the service. MGySgt. English was the immediate superior of his brother on Guadalcanal. He was evacuated and is now stationed at New River.

Back in 1936, A. M. English (the always has gone by his initials) enlisted in the Navy and served 18 months in European waters. He was discharged as Fireman 1st in 1938.

TRIPS EVERYTHING

During the next three years he worked at firing engines, as an electrician and as machinist jobs.

"Guess I tried a little of everything," he remarked.

In 1936 he went back into the service, enlisting as a private in the Corps. In those days recruit training at Parris Island was something to be remembered.

But English struck a bit of luck. He spent only two days as a recruit when officers decided he should be exempt from recruit training because of his navy experience. They put him in the Military Police Co.

SLOW RATINGS

Ratings were slow in those days, and especially in the M.P.s. It took Pvt. English exactly six and a half years to make private first class.

"And I had a clean record, too," he says.

However, he was promoted a short time before he went out of the Corps in 1933. Once again he tried a "little of everything" and finally re-enlisted. He went to 1st and 1st and 1st corporal in 1935. In 1940, while serving with the famous Fourth Marines in Shanghai, he became a sergeant. A year later, he added the additional stripe of a platoon sergeant while serving in China.

His warrant for gunnery sergeant came through just a day or so before he sailed for duty in the South Pacific.—StSgt. Donald A. Haltman sr., combat correspondent.

—Buy Bonds For Freedom—

Name New Adjutant For Miramar Depot

MCAD, MIRAMAR—WU J. R. Collins, with nine years of service in the Corps, was promoted from sergeant major last week and appointed adjutant of Hq. Sq. (Depot).

Originally enlisting in December, 1934, he has served in many foreign and domestic posts including China, Brooklyn and Quantico. He spent two years seagoing aboard the USS Oklahoma.

He is a veteran of Miramar, having arrived 28 Feb., 1943, before the MCAD was organized. After assisting in organizing Hq. Sq. he was promoted to sergeant major in May and served in that capacity until his promotion to warrant rank.



BLINDFOLDED, GySgt. A. M. English demonstrates his ability to field strip a .50 calibre light machine gun.

Money Orders Flood Mails From Islands

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC (Delayed)—Married in a combat team at this base sent home postal money orders totalling more than \$200,000 in the 30-day period ending 11 Nov.

The combat team mail clerk, StSgt. Rudolph R. Hendrick of Brooklyn, said he sold money orders to the amount of \$27,000 on a single day during the period.

Money order business is expected to decrease soon when free wire service will be offered troops desirous of sending money home. In addition, the first three pay grades of enlisted men can now be paid in government checks, which will cut down the volume of money order purchases.—StSgt. Jeremiah A. O'Leary, combat correspondent.

Promotion Given Air Station CO At Camp Kearney

MCAS, CAMP KEARNEY—Promotion of Lt. Col. Deane C. Roberts, USO of MAC-13, to the rank of colonel, was announced this week.

Col. Roberts entered the Corps as a second lieutenant following his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1929.

NEW AIR OFFICERS

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Capt. W. J. Willoughby, MCAD War Bond officer, became CO of ATS-132 this week, in place of 1st Lt. E. J. Bissner, detached.

HEADS SQUADRON

MCAS, CAMP KEARNEY—After serving for more than a year in the South Pacific, Lt. Col. Owen C. Ross returned (this week) to assume command of a Marine transport squadron here. A veteran in Marine aviation, Col. Ross received the Silver Star decoration and a Presidential Unit Citation for gallantry in combat.

GIVEN NEW POST

MCAS, CHERRY POINT, N. C.—Col. Pierson K. Conyadt, who returned in October after a year and a half of duty in the South Pacific, has assumed the post of Deputy CO here. He is a veteran of campaigns in China, Haiti and Nicaragua.

Col. Conrad was attached to the 2nd MAG in San Diego in 1940 before he became Executive Officer of MCAS, Quantico. He held that post when he was ordered to the South Pacific in March, 1942.

SPOT PROMOTION

NEW GOROKA ISLAND—For displaying outstanding leadership of an anti-aircraft unit during contact with the enemy, StSgt. Leon Karmen was recently awarded a field commission as a second lieutenant. StSgt. William S. Frank, combat correspondent.

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TARAWA CAMPAIGNERS LIVE THROUGH HELL BEFORE HITTING BEACH

"I guess we rate some campaign news now." Capt. Richard Anderson of Gustine, Calif., said to the men in his landing boat when it was struck by Jap mortar fire 500 yards off Tarawa. It was shortly after "H" hour and 35 Marines under command of Capt. Donald A. Farkas of Detroit were trying to run badly needed communications equipment through to the beach.

Pushed out to sea by heavy fire after the boat was struck by shrapnel, the captain ordered PFCs John S. Bjorneby of Crafton, N. D., and

Philip H. Hampton of Salem, Ill., to rig up a powerful radio set. They had just contacted a flagship when mortar shrapnel struck, one piece grazing the neck of 1st Sgt. William F. Benzen of St. Louis.

On its third run for shore the boat was shipping water as the coxswain, S2/c Clifford G. Shaver of Mineola, Tex., laid his chin on the wheel and zigzagged ahead full speed, his helmet showing above the boat. This time the boat reached the beach but was forced to sea again because Jap fire was too

heavy to permit unloading.

Capt. Farkas ordered the boat abandoned and the supplies transferred to a lighter out of range of the shore batteries. On the next day the 35 men made shore. Sgt. Hy Hürwitz, combat correspondent.

At noon on the first day, aboard a transport seven miles offshore, Navy Chaplain Harry R. Boer of Holland, Mich., conducted funeral services for three men hit by a shell when their landing boat neared the beach.

Pvt. Rufus Abbe of Walters,

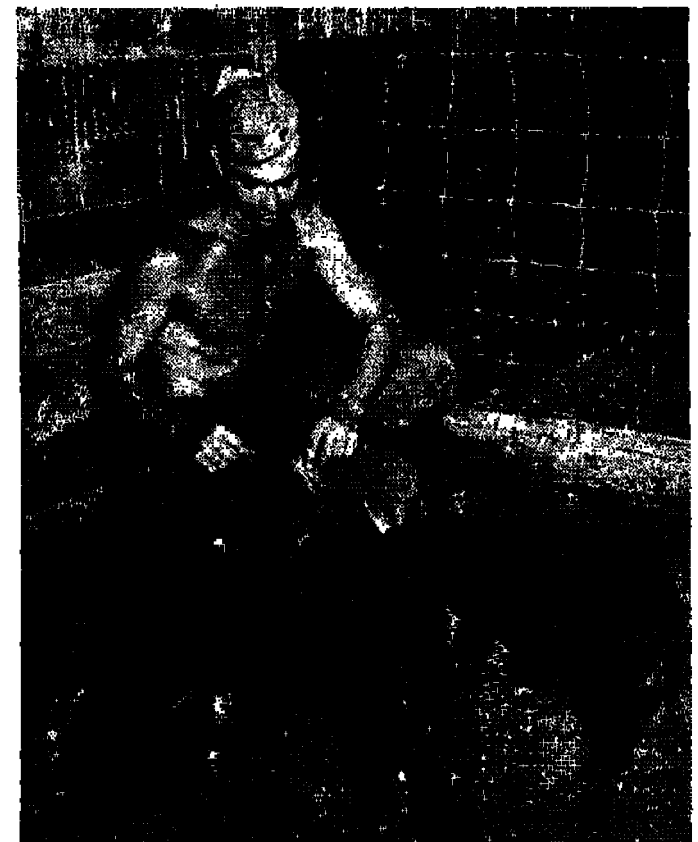
Okl., was with a unit which reached the shelter of a concrete tank trap 25 yards offshore on the second day. When he raced through the shallow water for the beach a bullet ripped through his helmet but he kept going. Others of his group ran back from the beach into snipers' fire to help wounded men reach shore.

Next morning his battalion, commanded by Maj. Lawrence C. Hays jr. of Atlanta, began clearing the last Japs out of their holes on Tarawa's western tip with flame

throwers. TNT charges, grenades and 75mm. guns on half-tracks.

Cory, Robert Mitchell of Winchester, Tenn., drove one of the half-tracks. TSgt. Donald L. Baker of Portland, Ore., was with a flame-throwing detail. TSgt. Gene Ward, combat correspondent.

On the southern beach a company of Marines commanded by 1st Lt. Norman K. Thomas of Monterey Park, Calif., was undergoing eight hours of hell beginning at dusk on the second day. — TSgt. Samuel Shaffer, combat correspondent.



MEAT ON THE TABLE is the slogan of PFC. Frank J. Sedlak as he feeds a quintet of 'Oink-Oinks' on a Leatherneck farm near Pearl Harbor. The farm is strictly a Marine operation.

Two Pearl Harbor Marines Supply Meat On The Table

PEARL HARBOR (Delayed)—No doubt there are many young men who have joined the Marines to get away from farm life but there is a post near here where a couple of men have reversed this situation. Both city dwellers, they joined the Corps and now are operating a farm.

The two are PFCs. Frank J. Sedlak of Omaha, Neb., and PFC. C. Chancy of Canon City, Colo.

INCREASES SUPPLY

As things go, this one is small but already it is providing fresh meat for the chow line at this post. The amount of livestock being produced lessens appreciably the amount of food necessary from outside sources.

Asked if he knew anything about raising pigs, chickens and ducks, Sedlak merely laughed and replied: "Didn't you know a Marine could do anything?"

It required a little cash and a bit of work to get the farm in operation. The PX recreation fund provided the money; Marines at the post did the work. Chancy directed the start of operations. When he was transferred recently, his job was taken over by Sedlak. — Sgt. Robert Kirkpatrick, combat correspondent.

Island Provides Woman Recruit

CAMI LAJEUNE—One of the leading beauties of the Caribbean, Miss Norma Frances Aran, has reported here for recruit training.

She is the first woman Marine enlisted on the island of Pualoa Rico.

She was enlisted out of Army personnel, having been working in a civilian capacity with the HQ command of the Antilles Dept. prior to enlisting 14 Oct. at San Juan.

Base Protected By Modern Fire Fighting Units

Even 'Susabelle' Keeps Pace With New Equipment As MCB Department Grows

Back in pre-hazooka days, white (at least some) recruits smoked in barracks at the base, the Fire Department consisted of a booster tank truck and "Susabelle," a 1926 model hose wagon and grandmother of the present assembly of efficient firewagons.

Today "Susabelle," her face tiled — she was converted into a sound and light wagon in the Fire Department machine shop — is traveling in fast company.

ADD EQUIPMENT

This week a new General Pacific 500-gallon pumper was added to the equipment at Camp Matthews, which is operated under the Base Fire Dept. The pumper is especially suited to fighting brush fires as it is equipped with a small booster pump which can be operated while the truck is moving.

Equipment added at the Base alone within the last two and one-half years include a 750-gallon Sea-tane pumper, a 500-gallon GMC pumper, a Chevrolet booster tank truck which carries 350 gallons of water, a Chief's buggy and four Chrysler 500-gallon trailer defuse pumps.

Early in 1941 the personnel consisted of approximately a dozen Motor Transport men selected each day for assignment to the Fire Dept.

The present staff of specialists — Chicago-domiciled, some say — totals 48, with 42 at the Base, 23 at Camp Matthews and 3 at Camp Pine Valley. All have completed five weeks' schooling at the 11th Naval District Fire Training School on the Base.

SCHOOL STARTED

The school, of which MTSgt. George Hebrer is chief instructor, was started about 18 months ago to teach the latest firefighting techniques to members of the Base Fire Department. Now instruction is given to Marines from all parts of the 11th Naval District.

The signal system also has been modernized. To report a fire in 1941 a person who detected it telephoned the power house, sick bay or Motor Transport dispatcher's office. Upon receiving the report a whistle was blown to designate the zone in which the fire was located.

Recently a Camewell box alarm system was installed, with 37 connections. Pulling the box alarm will bring two pieces of fire apparatus to the area of the box. Through use of a master key a Fire Department official can direct the dispatching of more equipment.

MTSgt. H. B. Lockwood heads the department as chief.

Former Chevron Man In Landing

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—1st Sgt. Earle W. Johnson, now a combat correspondent and former assistant editor of The Chevron, came more than 5,000 miles and trained overseas to report the initial landing here 3 Nov.

In the landing boat 1st Sgt. Johnson was seized with malaria. Within an hour after landing, he was lit on his back unable to do a thing.

When doctors ordered Johnson evacuated to the ship, he refused because he felt that he would get better soon. He was right. Within four days he was up and about, pounding out a story on his typewriter. Staff Sgt. Solomon Wechsman, combat correspondent.

Women Promoted

First promotions were made last week to Women Reserves on the Base when PFCs. Ann Aschmann and Margaret Mule were promoted.



NEWEST ADDITION to Camp Matthews firefighting apparatus is a 500-gallon pumper. Gadgets are inspected by PFC. J. E. Barker, engineer at the Matthews substation. The pumper, which can be operated while moving, is especially adapted to fighting brush fires. (Photo by PFC. Dick Stotz).

Pendleton's 'Leatherneck' Promoted

CAMP PENDLETON—"Leatherneck" has been promoted from corporal to sergeant by order of Maj. Gen. J. C. Fogar, commanding general, but nothing was said about his pay.

For "Leatherneck's" money, they can make it in oats. He's a burrhead for six years stood as a familiar figure in front of an Occidental gift shop before he "promoted over" with the Marine Corps.

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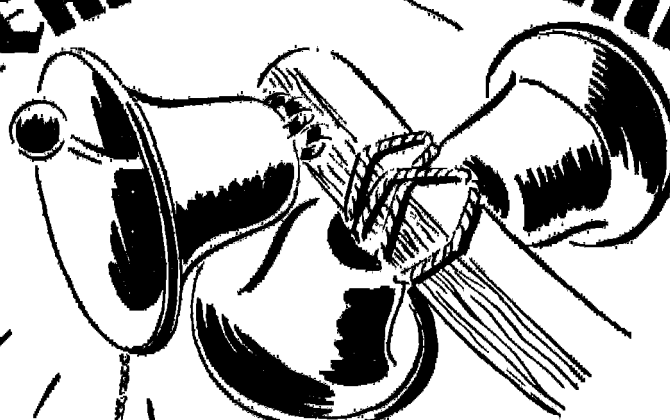
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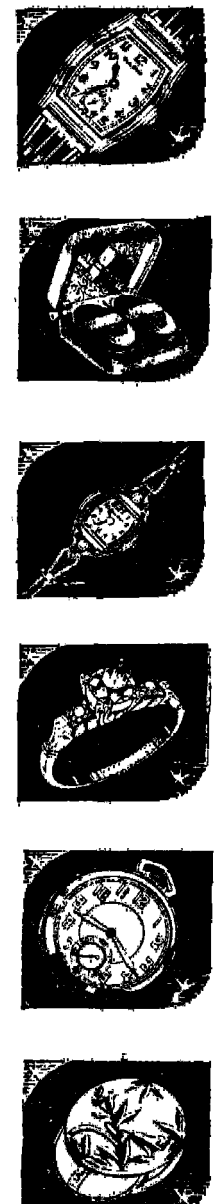
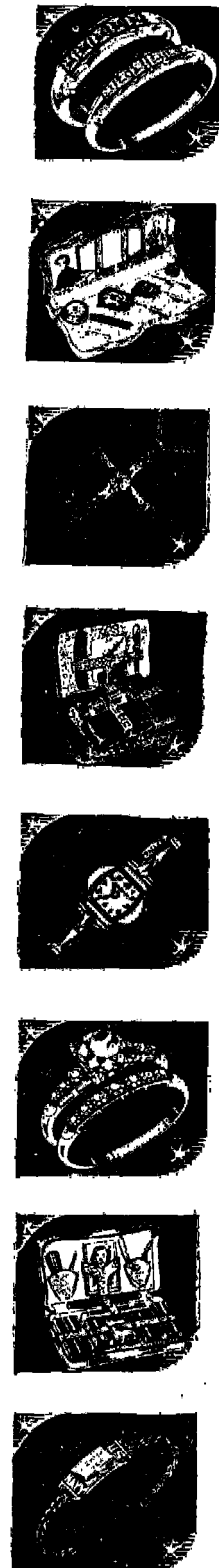
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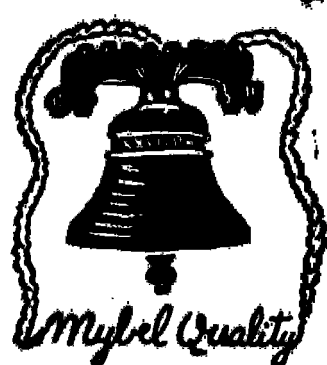
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THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

World at War

A heightened air of uneasiness pervaded the Axis camps this week as indications of impending large scale operations by the Allies continued to mount.

German leaders, with one eye on the renewed Allied bombings of their cities and the other on the Russian execution of three German "war criminals" in Kharkov, threatened reprisal killings of American fliers.

GHOST CITY

Frankfurt, which felt the weight of 3000 tons of bombs, and Bremen were this week's chief targets of Allied bombers. A Swedish correspondent in Berlin described the German capital as a "ghost city", with smoke still rising from month-old ruins.

As a prelude to the promised blow from the "east, west and south", Allied planes also struck from bases in North Africa at the German cities of Augsburg and Innsbruck while planes from the Middle Eastern theater were blasting the Bulgarian capital of Sofia and Nazi-occupied air bases near Athens in Greece.

PLAN STRATEGY

Both Germany and Japan watched with anxiety the activities of Gen. Eisenhower and Marshall. Eisenhower was reported to have arrived in Great Britain to plan the opening of a second front in western Europe, while Gen. Marshall was disclosed to have met with Gen. MacArthur at advanced headquarters on an island north of New Guinea as an aftermath of the Cairo and Tehran conferences.

Early invasion of the Marshall Islands appeared likely following

this week's bombings of Mill Atoll and Maloclap, bombings which followed the pattern of those which preceded the American Sixth Army's landing at Arawé on New Guinea 15 Dec.

The bombing of Cape Gloucester on New Britain presaged possible additional landings on that island to hasten MacArthur's drive on Rabaul.

RED DRIVE

Activity flared suddenly on the northern end of the Russian front, where Red forces liberated 100 towns and destroyed 2000 Germans in three days' fighting. The Russian Baltic Army, said to number 100,000 troops plus two tank brigades, was moving on the German bastion of Vitebsk.

But despite recent Allied successes, sober military leaders in Washington, London and Moscow stressed that a big price must yet be paid to bring Germany to her knees.

DEATH TOLL HIGH

Comparing World War I and II, it was pointed out that Adolf Hitler already has outlasted Kaiser Wilhelm by two weeks as a wartime ruler. Allied military deaths on all fronts in date were placed at 7,000,000, as compared with 2,752,715 in the first World War. Germany's military deaths in this war were estimated at 2,500,000 as against the loss of 1,773,700 in World War I.

Congress began a 20-day vacation this week, leaving unfinished the passage of legislation governing instating-out pay for servicemen and granting servicemen the right to vote in next year's elections.



THAT EYES LEFT look of MGM's Ann Rutherford is enough to make a reserve ship over in the regulars.

Movies

Moviegoers accustomed to surractions of hi-Tinks on a neurotic level will find welcome relief in the portrayal of a down-to-earth, mature courtship of two great scientists in "Madame Curie."

The story concerns the lifelong association of Marie and Pierre Curie from their first meeting until Pierre's death, of their love which develops almost unconsciously as they work together side by side in a cold, leaky shed in their joint search for radium.

Greer Garson continues with even greater success in the role of the mature woman which she carried to new box office heights in "Mrs. Miniver" and "Random Harvest." Her shy, hard-working husband is Walter Pidgeon, who first teamed with her in "Blossoms in the Dust."

Write Home

How Awful!

You may add to the horrors of war, To the bombs and bullets that you, The plight of the bright Drill instructor named White Who forget how to count over four.

The Home Front

This is a brighter Christmas for the American people and the little girl back of the ribbon counter can tell you so. In spite of taxation, labor shortage and dwindling merchandise, the nation's department stores report sales as up from 10 to 15 per cent over those of a year ago.

For six mid-Western states it was a "White Christmas", too, but the shivering inhabitants are having trouble catching the spirit as thermometer readings drop to as low as 25 below. None of this caused the nation's threatening influenza epidemic.

In Buffalo a health commissioner took the fun out of mistletoe by suggesting "No Kissing" signs under the inviting sprigs to prevent spreading of colds, he said.

WORK SAVING PLAN

So as not to slow up war work, some cities toyed with the idea of postponing the traditional New Year's eve celebration from Friday to Saturday night this year.

A German-born American saved hundreds of American soldiers from possible death or serious injury when he flagged down a New Jersey troop train just 300 feet short of a huge fallen tree.

President Roosevelt this week ordered more cafeterias, rest rooms and locker facilities in war plants depending largely on women to turn out the work. Still, maybe the women are losing their grip. Army Air Forces announced that between 1940 and 1943 enlisted men will be released for work in West Coast aircraft industries, some of them before the year is out.

GETS ANSWER

American Legion blasts at slow payment of World War II disability which brought this answer from the veterans' administration dept. in Washington: Nearly 17 million dollars already has been paid out to veterans or their dependents, while more than 100,000 cases have been adjudicated.

When the tax commissioner of

Harpawell, Me., demanded five cents interest on an overassess tax bill, he received 10 cents from the taxpayer and this note: "If you need a nickle you probably could use a dime."

In Walla Walla, Wash., dramatics saw the ne plus ultra in fidelity when a state prisoner stayed four days after drawing his release papers just so he could take his role in a prison play. Four Detroit brothers appealed to the courts for permission to change their surname—from Fuhrer to something else other.

Two million ration tokens will be turned loose on the American public next February, these to be distributed as change for ration book stamps. They're supposed to be counterfeit-proof.

NEWSPRINT SHORTAGE

The Chicago Daily News declared a seven-issue "blackout" on display ads as its only answer to newspaper shortage. Sen. Walsh (D-Mass.) declares the American people will be shocked when war contract profits are finally disclosed.

PDR came out in favor of a billitary absentee vote—That is, for those not actually in an active battle zone. New York believes it has busted up a million-dollar black liquor market. Meanwhile, Washington pointed out that illicit liquor traffic is on the upswing, with November seizures of stills numbering 554 as against 385 of the same month a year ago.

In answer to a questionnaire on postwar desires, 39 Sacramento farmers said they'd like to have portable "walrus-talkies."

Juke Box

The Hit Parade listing: No. 1—My Heart Tells Me. No. 2—Oh What A Beautiful Morning. No. 3—Paper Doll. No. 4—Sunday, Monday Or Always. No. 5—Plat Packin' Mama. No. 6—They're Either Too Young Or Too Old. No. 7—For The Last Time. No. 8—Heads Will Say We're In Love. No. 9—My Ideal.

'Round The World With Leathernecks

Just because PFC, Matthew J. Pagurdo is the barber for his outfit, his first sergeant insists he should make an excellent grass barber, too, and puts him to work equipped with a lawn mower. When he joined the Corps he omitted his experience as a barber but the shaggy hair of his buddies in the Pacific started him clipping again.

Cupid shot a slow-breaking curve to C/Sgt. Clarence E. Mackey of Cimarron, Kan., when a Valentine card reached him at Bougainville 20 months late. The girl in the case is Viola Dutton of Battle Creek, Mich.—and the gunky still wants to be her Valentine.

It isn't like playing on Broadway, but TSgt. Eugene Barrington of Charleston, S. C., trumpeter, says his "Beacon Amphiphon Boys" can satisfy the "heppiest" of "heppies" in the South Pacific.

Missing middle initials and periodicals give Marine postal clerks their worst headaches in the South Pacific, testifies Sgt. Raymond S. Langdon Jr. of Marshalltown, Ia., who plied the same trade in peacetime.

Bougainville now has ferry service, but PFC George McKay Jr. of Baltimore, Md., one of the operators, jokingly says it'd be much more fun if the powers-that-be would let the boys charge a nominal fee for services rendered.

After a bout with an overturned jeep in a river, Pvt. Angelo Stuenkel of Long Island thinks he'll be ready for most anything Southwest Pacific boxing can dig up for him. He was just starting a professional fistic career on Gotham's cauliflower boulevards when the war rudely interrupted.

For five hours Pvt. Peter J. Spahnke of Cleveland battled on the Bougainville beach unaware

of a stomach wound. He remembers noticing a burning sensation in his midriff but he also noticed that the beach was pretty hot, too.

Sixth member of a dive bombing unit to make a successful water landing, 1st Lt. James W. Dougherty of Arcadia, Calif., stepped from his sinking plane into a life raft without getting his feet wet.

Jungle trails and seabags filled with sand make suitable boxing training tools for fireman 1st Frederick J. Crowley Jr. of Dorchester, Mass., Seabee attached to a Marine unit somewhere in the Southwest Pacific. He was an amateur boxer in peacetime.

As long as there are Marines near San Juan, Mrs. Jeanette DeWane figures she can stick around Puerto Rico without getting lonely. She has a son, Corp. William A. DeWane, fighting in the South Pacific. Recently her daughter left to join her husband, Corp. Ralph H. Boulton, at Camp Hill, N. C.

Writing a song from one end of the world to the other in the space of two years is a job that Sgt. Emory K. Stone recently completed. The song, "Heart and Angels" is dedicated to his wife. It was started in Iceland while he was an duty there and finished "Somewhere in the South Pacific."

Mechanic Witnesses Yank Air Victory

USNH, OAKLAND—On a small overlooking a key landing strip on Russell Island, an aviation mechanic from Pennsylvania saw the out-numbered planes he conditioned for combat down 75 of 100 enemy fighters in a duel for air supremacy of the Central Solomon.

PFC Joseph J. Mark of Hantsville, Pa., recovering here from a kidney ailment, today described the critical action of 16 June.

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Marines, Sailors Disappointed By German Refusal

By 1st Lt. Weldon James
Public Relations Officer

WITH AN ANGLO-AMERICAN TASK FORCE (Delayed)—The sailors and Marines of this great U. S. battleship got within 90 miles of Norway yesterday, and dared the Germans to come out.

The great fleet of American and British warships steamed majestically through the northern seas to within 90 miles of the Norwegian coast—where, in other months, they might well expect hundreds of German torpedo planes and dive bombers to give battle—let the Elbom and Vaga 133 take a good look, gave it plenty of time to radio back its findings.

Then they shot it down.

"WE WIZ ROBBED"

Two Seafires got it. Launched from a British cruiser, they brought it down 20 miles from the fleet, robbing the sailors and Marines of seeing Jerry zoom seaward in flames, but giving them all the cause for celebration they could have asked.

After that, nothing happened. "Absolutely nothing," growled one sergeant. "There weren't even any ants on this picnic."

No German warships, no torpedoes came out to harry the armada as the well-advertised fleet maneuvered in the northern seas. Here in this quiet another group of Marines and sailors learned with relief that they had missed no action, they joined with the travelers in deciding the Germans for not giving battle.

SIGN OF WEAKNESS?

Officers and men, in the inevitable and endless post-mortem of discussion about the various ships, agreed on one thing: the Germans might be too busy elsewhere, or they might be too fearful of the great firepower of such a fleet as this—but in any case their non-appearance was just one more indication of the weakness of a Germany whose days are numbered.

What goes but the Germans could answer were other questions: Did Berlin panic with fear that a Norwegian invasion was on the way? How many German divisions were rushed northward? And which one of several of these "invasion feints" will finally be the real thing?

The sailors and Marines figured they were looking for the Trippe. Add them to the list of those who failed to find her but who, in their hard and vigilant campaign, played their part in "keeping the German navy put."

—Buy War Bonds—

Public Relations Men On All Fronts

LONDON (Delayed)—First member of the Marine Corps Public Relations Division to serve on both the Pacific and European fronts, 1st Lt. Herbert L. Merrill, Guadalcanal veteran, and TSgt. Richard T. Wright, arrived here recently.

Lt. Merrill was the first PRC to land with the Marines on enemy held territory in the Pacific. TSgt. Wright was one of the first combat correspondents to leave the U. S. with Marine units.

—Buy Bonds For Freedom—

Marine Welfare Unit Established By HQMC

WASHINGTON—Establishment of a rehabilitation office to administer cases involving the welfare of commissioned or enlisted personnel upon their discharge or demobilization was announced this week by HQMC. The office will have charge of the rehabilitation, re-education, vocational training, hospitalization, re-employment and compensation matters affecting Marines.

Saturday Morning, December 25, 1943

Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Of War
USN	11619	3025	7044	2392
USMC	2371	2612	255	1954
USCG	149	78	44	1
	14246	5915	5953	4247

DEAD
Colorado: Sgt. Walter H. Darnis, Denver.
Illinois: Capt. George L. Hays, Chicago; 1st Lt. John J. Morello, Joliet; Corp. Edward J. Schmidt, Waukegan.
Indiana: Sgt. Oliver L. Will Jr., Gary.
Iowa: 1st Lt. Maple C. Bice, Des Moines.
Kansas: 1st Lt. Robert G. Phillips, Chaney.
Missouri: Corp. Elmer L. Halbrook, St. Louis.
New Jersey: 1st Lt. Milton J. Schneider, Holms.
New Mexico: Pvt. Alfred Thomas, Shiprock.
New York: Corp. Robert A. Berry, Albany.
Ohio: Pvt. Russell J. Smith, Cleveland; Pvt. Henry Ludwig, Albany.
Pennsylvania: Sgt. Robert W. S. Stinson, Wagon.
Texas: 1st Lt. Walter D. Hall, Groesbeek.

MISSING
Alabama: Corp. Roy Lillard Jr., Birmingham.
California: Pvt. William S. Shardon, Los Angeles.
Georgia: Corp. Joe M. Davis, Valdosta.
Illinois: Pvt. Steve A. Khan, Kewanee; PFC James J. O'Leary Jr., Chicago.
Kansas: PFC Irwin B. Griffin, Council Grove.
Maine: Capt. Elyator H. Perle, Portland; PFC Arnold L. Mallett, Lisbon Falls.
Massachusetts: PFC Richard C. Adams, South Portland; John J. McCarthy, Boston; PFC Lawrence J. Rogers, William; Pvt. Charles J. Watkins Jr., Milton.
Minnesota: Sgt. Glenn J. Rygh, Brainerd.
Missouri: PFC Stanley W. Lemay, St. Louis; Corp. Russell T. Simpson, St. Louis.
New Jersey: Pvt. Robert S. Bell, Trenton; PFC George B. Crush, Booking Judge; Corp. Kenneth T. Lynch, Ludh; PFC Louis H. Harty, Hiram; PFC Joseph M. Kalka, Pittsburgh; PFC Thomas J. Mahoney, New York; Pvt. Salvatore P. Molinaro, South Plainfield.
New York: PFC Alvin Harvey Jr., Troy; PFC Alfred J. Macomber, Elmira; Pvt. Alexander J. Mercedino, Brooklyn; PFC Jacob J. Platon, Bronx; New York City; PFC Edward R. Dyak, Brooklyn; Pvt. Peter P. Yoncalo, Brooklyn.
North Carolina: PFC Joseph A. Whitledge Jr., Cherrystone.
Ohio: PFC Oakley S. Brock, Amherst; PFC James Hugh Jr., Port Clinton; PFC Robert N. McNeill, Cincinnati.
Virginia: PFC Jesse W. Rodgers, Norfolk.
Pennsylvania: PFC George F. Hall Jr., Upper Merion; Corp. Eric C. Hildreth, Lower Merion; Corp. Louis Lyons, Pittsburgh; Corp. Andrew T. Sabo, Clairton; Sgt. Robert M. Swain, Gary.

Florida: PFC Edwin E. Gules, Wausonahel.
South Carolina: Sgt. Nathan E. Dunn, Wallburg; Corp. John M. Stevenson, Santeeville.
Tennessee: Pvt. Gilbert R. Alexander, Nashville.
Texas: PFC Walter A. Board, Trancas; PFC Owen C. Gann, South San Antonio; PFC Henry C. Johnson, Gumball; Pvt. James O. Dille, Nacogdoches.
Virginia: Pvt. Charles O. Gullis, Westfield.
West Virginia: Pvt. Walter C. Walker, Beckley; Sgt. Albert N. Tolosa, Maysbury.

Seven Jap Planes Downed By 'LTS'
SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—This is written aboard an LTS—"Landing Ship, Tanks" in Navy terminology. More accurately described, she is a squat, armed ferry, plying cargoes of war to amphibious fronts.
On her deck are jammed trucks, their windshields grease-splattered to mask reflection. Below, hub to hub, heavier rolling equipment, bulldozers and cranes. In this respect she is like other LTSs.
What distinguished this LTS shows on her bridge—seven Rising Sun emblems are painted there, to denote enemy planes downed. There are destroyers that would be proud to have that many.—TSgt. Douglas White, combat correspondent.

—Buy Insurance—

Seven Jap Planes Downed By 'LTS'

CHOW HOUNDS
This menu was taken from the Japs at Attu:
Breakfast—Two grams dried carrots.
Dinner—Cold bean curd, soy sauce, sugar, pickled plum.
Supper—Seaweed, roll, salt potatoes.

—Write Home—



ROOMS WITH BATH being what they are in the Southwest Pacific, SF1/c William L. Hardy, a Seabee attached to a Marine unit, demonstrates what can be done with an old oil drum and a piece of battered pipe. Looks happy, what?

Bougainville Bathing Complicated

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—The relatively simple function of taking a bath becomes a major operation with enemy gunfire to enliven the proceedings.

There are several techniques employed by Marines engaged in a fight to throw the Japs out of this corner of the world.

PFC Walter D. Stansberry of Anderson, Ind., who landed with the first wave, said:
"The first day we just took a dip in the ocean—that is those of us who didn't mind the Japs snipe at us from Pagan Island and the mainland."

PFC Lester L. Achen of New Orleans prefers bathing in a nameless little stream which now is in Marine hands.

"Of course, we had to wait till they moved a few Japs from the stream," he said.

Then there are others who can't indulge in the relative luxury of a soft sponge bath from wells sunk by water purification plants if they are lucky enough to gain possession of an enemy dehydrated food tin of five-gallon capacity.

Corp. George A. Edwards of Fort Huron, Mich., belongs in this class. Abilitions can also be performed with a quart-size caskin of water, but after shaving, scrubbing one's teeth, etc., from this source, bathing must necessarily be on the installment plan. TSgt. Maurice P. Moran, combat correspondent.

—Buy Insurance—

Veterans Report For Police Duty

CAMP PENNINGTON—The veterans of overseas service around the world have reported here for MP duty.

They are: Cpl. Milton J. Hovey of Philip, S. D.; Sgt. Alphonse Kilian of Syracuse, N.Y.; Corp. Mario Brugnaccioni of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; James H. Patrick of Vidalia, Ga.; Robert Griffith of Nantucket, Penn.; Archie K. Smith of Chicago; Frank C. Bryant of Thomasville, N. C., and PFCs Robert J. Dolby of Stockton, Calif.; Lawrence R. Shuler of Cameron, S. C. and Claude S. Dress of Houston, Tex.

—Buy Insurance—

Hand Lotion Sales Boom On Subchaser

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Sales of hand lotion have been brisk aboard a subchaser conveying Leathernecks to primitive Pacific islands.

It's pretty much accepted that Marines and sailors aren't in the habit of worrying about "lovely, romantic hands". But they've bought plenty of the beautified because of persuasive RAs, Robert L. Albertson.

Albertson turned hand lotion salesman when a case of hand lotion was delivered to the ship's stores in place of the shaving lotion requested.

A former announcer, Albertson played records between commercial plugs on the intra ship radio and disposed of the entire supply within 30 hours.—Sgt. Bob Stinson, combat correspondent.

Bear A Hand

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—Write Home—

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Japanese Remove Shoes In Defense Of Bougainville

PURUATA ISLAND, BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—Most of the Japs killed in the battle of Puruata Island wore only one shoe.

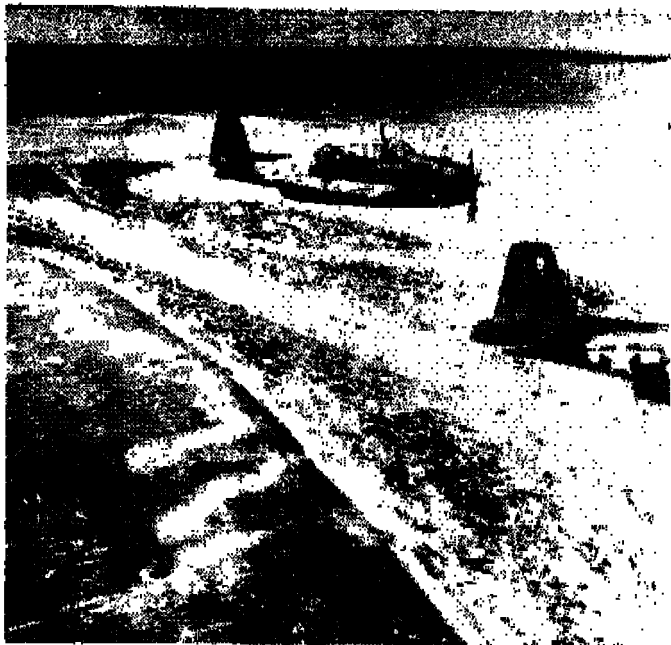
This was reported by 2d Lt. John L. Sterling of Greenwich, Conn.

Lt. Sterling was leading an advance patrol which encountered many of the Japs during the first day of fighting on Puruata.

"Practically every dead Jap we found had a shoe on his left leg but none on the right," he said. "Even when the right leg was covered with a legging there'd be no shoe on the foot."

Lt. Sterling and other Rifle Company officers who led the Puruata attack think the Japs simply removed one shoe so they could climb trees better. The Puruata opposition was characterized by sniping and grenade throwing from tree tops.

Most of the left shoes found on the enemy dead were Japanese tennis shoes split between the big and second toe. — Staff Sgt. Milburn McCarty, combat correspondent.



MARINES WRESTED this Betio Island airfield for Allied use. Over it the TBF torpedo bombers, with other American planes dotting the hard-won landing strip below.

Marines Paint New Georgia As Sniper's Heaven

USNH, OAKLAND—Ambushes and Jap snipers screened by dense-foliaged trees gave Marines their worst trouble on New Georgia Island, according to convalescing South Pacific veterans who fought there under Lt. Col. Samuel B. Griffiths.

Among recent arrivals were two men who were wounded twice, the second time as they were being attended by comrades in the field. Such was the bitter lot of PFCs. Joe D. McCulloch of Devise, Tex., and Ernest G. Reed of Wethersby, Miss. Both men went through the fighting at Eniwetok and Vella.

CHARMED LIFE

PFC Jack J. McGovern of Detroit was one of three Marines in a 10-man patrol to come out of a Jap ambush alive and now he's convinced that he's leading a charmed life. Once on Guadalcanal he and a Jap took refuge on opposite sides of a big tree. A fellow Marine shot the Jap dead after McCulloch's rifle had jammed.

Banyan trees, of which New Georgia has plenty, turned that battleground into a sniper's paradise, testified PFC Jesse W. Robinson of Nashville, who ran a scout of knee mortar fire at Balrope.

"Night or ten Japs sniped from each tree, the foliage was that dense," he said. "There was no way of sighting them and they knew it. We were forced to spray the entire tree to wipe them out."

HARD GOING

Wounded at Eniwetok, PFC Albert Joseph Green of Philadelphia told of jungle growth so dense that it took his outfit four days to make nine miles.

Malaria mowed down Corp. Leonard and Jack Burk of Bethlehem, Pa., after he had gone through stiff battles at Eniwetok and Balrope. He had nothing but praise for Col. Griffiths, who led his outfit.

"We would attempt to go anywhere he ordered, and we usually got to the places he wanted us to go," he said.



'SERGEANT DOC', held by Staff Sgt. Jimmy F. Rosa, has 200 flight hours as mascot of Hellhawk fighter squadron.

Hellhawk Mascot Discharged For Injury To Leg

MCAIB, MIAMIAR—"Sgt. Doc", dubbed the "air travelingest" dog in the Marine Corps, has washed out after duty across the far reaches of the Pacific which netted 200 hours in the air.

"Doc" served as mascot of the famed Hellhawk fighter squadron, recently returned to this depot from overseas, during a period of several months that saw destruction of 104 Jap planes. She has flown in many types of planes, from Grumman fighters to B-24 Liberator bombers and is one of the few dogs to take off from an aircraft carrier in a plane.

Her duty was cut short, however, when she suffered permanent injury in the light foreleg when run over by a jeep.

Upon arriving in the U.S., "Doc" was given a far from warm welcome—first being taken into custody by an agent of the Humane Society to determine whether or not she should be allowed freedom of the camp. Then came a medical discharge for injuries of a permanent nature.

Her faith in humanity was restored, squadron officers reported, when she was fed at a banquet of eight hamburgers and a quart of milk.

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Medical Corpsman Proves 'Dr. Christian' of Samoa

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—With no previous experience and fortified only with knowledge from occasional reading of medical books, a hospital corpsman attached to a Marine unit became more or less the "Dr. Christian" to Samoan natives while he was stationed there some months ago.

Although assistant to a Naval dentist in the field, PFC John E. Leonard of Norfolk, Va., delivered babies for seven Samoan

women in their thatched bamboo huts in the hills.

Leonard, who from the first was drawn to the natives and who by constant association with them learned the native tongue fluently, spent many free hours during more than eight months on the island in the native villages, tending illnesses, sterilizing and bandaging cuts and bruises, and applying salves and ointments for jungle skin disorders. "They were my friends," Leonard says of the natives. "I knew I could do them no harm, as I cared for cases only when I knew something about them." Sgt. Peter Pavone Jr., combat correspondent.

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"The Messiah" will be sung by an outstanding choir at 1700 Sunday at Imperial Presbyterian Church, Wilshire and Brevard, Los Angeles.

A Christmas pageant, "The Light Of The World", will be given at 1900 Sunday at the Army and Navy YMCA in San Diego. It will be a dramatization of the Christmas story in five scenes.

"Christmas Carol" will be given on the stage of the Community Playhouse in Pasadena at 800 Sunday.

FREE HOCKEY TICKETS

Free tickets to the Los Angeles Monarchs - San Diego Skyhawks hockey contest at 2030 Saturday may be obtained at any Hollywood or Los Angeles USO.

Marines who wish to enjoy a Christmas dinner in a San Diego home are asked to contact the hospitality desk at the "Y" at 0600 today. A Christmas Fellowship Supper is scheduled for 1700 Sunday at the "Y", with music by the Greenwood quartet and an address by Chaplain H. N. Dyce of the 11th Naval District.

A free movie, "One Foot In Heaven", will be shown at the "Y" from 1000 to 1200 Saturday. At 2000 "Hollywood Headline Revue", featuring several outstanding variety acts, will be given.

— Buy War Bonds —

Leatherneck Escapes Direct Hit By Bomb

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Corp. Daniel J. Kilmarth, wounded when Jap bombs struck a landing craft, owes his life to the gun and cartridge which he was handling.

Shrapnel from a bomb-burst killed several Marines near Kilmarth but the gun and cartridge stopped all but a few of the fragments which would have riddled him.

The action occurred on the beach at Vella Lavella in the Solomon Islands last month. Corporal Kilmarth was chief of a gun crew fighting off an attack of seven Jap bombers. TSGT. Theodore C. Link, combat correspondent.



FREDDY MARTIN

Freddy Martin Band Heard At Air Depot

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Freddy Martin and his orchestra and a group of radio entertainers put on two shows for packed, enthusiastic audiences here Monday night.

Broadcasting the Coca Cola Victory Parade of Spotlight Bands over 167 stations of the Blue Network was only part of the performance. In between musical numbers Jackson Wheeler, announcer, Charles Bulotti, advertising agency producer, and Louie Quinn, Blue Network gag man, put on a show of their own.

After broadcasting, the band remained to play another show for a second audience.

Before going on the air, the group was presented to the audience by Lt. Col. L. R. Friedman Jr., executive officer.

— By Correspondent —

Wins Promotion
1st Lt. John W. Moore of Ser. Co., Ser. Bn., engineering officer of the Base Maintenance Department, has been promoted to captain.

— Stop Loose Talk —
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Combat Artist 'Halls' Feature

Wednesday afternoon the Halls of Montezuma broadcast from the Base theater featured not thrill-packed action stories from Marines who lived them but deeds of heroism as seen through the eyes of a man who depicted them on canvas.

TSGT. Elmer Wexler, combat artist, was the man. Four of his sketches, drawn on Bougainville Island, were presented in dramatized form on the program. TSGT. Wexler was the first enlisted man from the Bougainville front to appear on the "Halls".

Sharing the spotlight with TSGT. Wexler were four Marines who returned from the "hell" of Tarawa. The veterans appearing were: PFC, William H. Oakley and Dwayne Edward Rogers and PFCs, Edward C. Schmitt and Patrick Francis Healy Jr.

Bringing the pre-Christmas program to a fitting close the Marine orchestra accompanied PFC. Bill Taylor and the new MCB choir in the singing of "Till We Home For Christmas".

— Write Home —

Two Features—Movie And Jap Air Raid

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Red sheets served as a screen and coconut palm logs as seats in a Solomon Islands theater set up by 1st Sgt. William C. Cullis of Star City, Ark., former movie operator.

Jap raiders invariably would provide a second feature and send the audience scrambling for nearby fox holes.

— Stop Loose Talk —

Music Makers Arrive At Pacific Island

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—The first Marine aviation combination band and orchestra to arrive in the combat zone has landed here.

Members of the musical unit include 1st Sgt. James C. Calhoun of San Diego and Sgt. Newton H. Tharp of Albuquerque, N. M. Calhoun was known to radio listeners as Jimmy Castle when he sang with Chuck Foster's band in the Hillmore Bowl last month.

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Monday—Ricky Pango, Frank Buck; Renaldo.
Tuesday—In Old Oklahoma, Wayne Scott.
Wednesday—Yankee Doodle Dandy, Barker-Lader; Got Going, McDonald-Pope.
Friday—Ball Of Fire, Stanwyck-O'Neary.
Saturday—Nobody's Darling, Lee-George; Queen Of Broadway, Hudson-Grubbe.

SANT MATTHEW
1745

Sunday—Action In The North Atlantic, Bogart-Marsay.
Monday—Casablanca, Bogart-Bergman.
Tuesday—Battleground, Tracy-Latture.
Wednesday—River Stage, Frank Buck-Ronald.
Thursday—In Old Oklahoma, Wayne-Scott.
Friday—Yankee Doodle Dandy, Barker-Lader.
Saturday—My Darling Clementine, Barker-Lader; Got Going, McDonald-Pope.

MCAD, MIRAMAR
1745 - 3000

Sunday and Monday—Old Acquaintance, Davis-Lader.
Tuesday—Presenting Lady Hatter, Van Halbe-Hurland.
Wednesday—1-80 Blue Skies, George Burns.
Thursday—Air Force, Charles-Kelton.
Friday and Saturday—Yankee Doodle Dandy, Bogart-Lader.

CAMP KEARNEY
1780 - 1916

Monday—Moloch of Brooklyn, Judge-Hart; Accused Rebel, Thelma-Lewis.
Tuesday—The Devil With Three Claws, Woodworth-Hunter-Hunter.
Wednesday—Action In The North Atlantic, Bogart-Barker.
Thursday—Till We Meet Again, Hattie-McCarty.
Friday—The Hot Peppers, Scott-Traylor.

Jokester Keeps Marines Happy

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH WEST PACIFIC (Delayed)—Not after an all-day patrol in the steaming jungle?

How about a cooling lemon soda or beer?

Of course, it's all a joke. These delicacies have long been forgotten out here.

But Sgt. Nathan H. Clark of Wellsville, N. Y., is strong on psychology.

"If you can keep a Marine laughing, he'll put up with any hardship," he contends.

To give the boys a laugh, he has labeled the spigots of one Lyster bug with nationally advertised brands of beer. The taps of another drinking water keg are designated by popular soft drinks. TSGT. John W. Black, combat correspondent.

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Miramar Quintet Also Feels Sting Of MCB Shooting



FASTER COMPETITION in 11th Naval District basketball awaits this crack Miramar Depot team when second-half play starts next month. From left, back row: Sgt. Ed Curcio, PFCs, Izzy Perry, Duke Schaefer, Bob Brown and Harold Jungbluth. Middle row: Sgt. Jay Skilmore, PFC, Pat Hinds, 2dLt. John Eager, coach, 2dLt. Bud Sims and Sgt. Bob Weisich. Front row: Pvt. Walter Clay, Sgt. Doug Schenckler, PFC Julian Peadar and 2dLt. Bill Ryan. (Photo by PFC Richard Stetz).

McCaffrey High Point Man In Trojan Fray; Folks Big Gun Against Air Depot '5'

Still flying the victory banner, the Marine Corps Base basketball five chalked up its 19th victory of the season against no defeats as they eked out a slim 42-40-33 decision over the University of Southern California Friday night.

With both teams exponents in great defensive and fast, deceptive plays, the spectators crowd saw basketball at its best. The Base quintet drew first blood a few seconds after the opening whistle and held its slim margin until the final gun.

At halftime the score stood at 21 to 16, in favor of the Marines. Southern Cal's tall, fast Bobby Howard accounted for 10 of his school's 16 points in that first period and finished the game with a total of 16. Leo McCaffrey, with 12 points, showed the way to the Marines.

The two teams meet again next month on USC's home floor.

The Joe Folks of Kentucky, scoring 15 points, spearheaded a blistering attack that carried MCB's powerful basketball team to a 40-33 victory over Camp Miramar Depot in a battle between unbeaten Leatherneck outfits this week on the Miramar floor.

A return game Monday night on the Base Gym floor at 2000 will find the Miramar high coming in with revenge in their hearts and blood in their eyes, determined to regain lost prestige.

The issue was never in doubt after the first five minutes of play. Miramar jumped into a 7-4 lead and then bogged down badly as the Base Marines went on a scoring rampage for 32 points.

BIG LEAD

At halftime the count stood 32-13, in MCB's favor. Capt. E. F. Church let his reserves take over after five minutes of second-half play and the defense softened as a result. Miramar scored 12 points on six buckets in the last three minutes.

After winning 19 straight games, the Miramar club suffered from inaccurate shooting and a lenient defense. Its chief scoring threats were PFC Robert Brown, formerly of Miami University, and Sgt. Edward Curcio, an ex-Olympic clubber of San Francisco.

Lineup: Mir. (5) - PFC 1101 Miramar McCaffrey (9) - PFC 1211 Schenckler (13) - PFC 1311 Peadar (13) - PFC 1411 Brown Schenckler (14) - PFC 1511 Curcio Walker (5) - PFC 1611 Hinds Sims (1) - PFC 1711 Jungbluth (2) - PFC 1811 Schaefer (4) - PFC 1911 Sims (1)

THE CHEVRON Sports

Miramar Quintets Moving Into Faster Competition

MCAD, MIRAMAR—First-half champion of the B-1 league, Miramar's Depot basketball team will draw tougher competition in the next round when it moves into the 11th Naval District's "A" league. Announcement of the new classification came this week.

After dropping a decision to the high-flying Marine Base team this week, the Depot five bounced back in whip Ship's Repair, 48 to 32.

Miramar's other successful hoop unit, Personnel Co., also will move into faster 11th Naval District competition. Tied with NTS and Const. Guard for first place in the B-2 league, Personnel will play in the B-1 league in the second half.

Buy More Bonds

Buxer Marries

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 18 (UP).—2dLt. George (Honny Boy) Walker, who came out of Arizona in the late '30s to clean up in heavyweight boxing circles on the West Coast, yesterday was married to Ida May Minotto at Quantico, Va.

De Gansoons

Halls Winning Streak
Hq. Bn., preparing for the start of Base inter-hall basketball, ended the Firemen's winning streak at six games this week by scoring a 30-27 victory. PFC Calvin G. Braden passed the winners with 11 points. PFC Steve Yoko counted 10 points to lead the Smoke Eaters.

Athletic Quintet Serves In Corps

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—They don't carry a football, and their helmets are steel instead of leather, but the five men fought that once-capped honors in Los Angeles high school sports is now a part of the "Best thing" in the United States Marine Corps.

On 8 Dec. 1941, they enlisted as privates in the Marine Corps.

Today three of those men are lieutenants. Of the remaining two, one, Sgt. Harold H. Friedman, has just been appointed to attend OCS school. Two of Sgt. Friedman's pals are brothers, 1stLt. Leo V. Gross and 2dLt. Maurice Gross. The other two are 2dLt. William A. Binder, and Sgt. Sidney Fisher. Sgt. Jack Pepper, combat correspondent.

Buy Insurance

"Thank Heaven America is a free country where a man can do as his wife pleases."

Milwaukee's Fabulous Bill Vecek In Boot Camp; Wants Line Infantry Assignment

If the Japs come up with too many left-handed hitters, the Marines might do worse than call up Pvt. William L. Vecek of Milwaukee, Wis., for tactical discussion.

As owner-president of the Milwaukee Brewers baseball team in the American Assn., Pvt. Vecek never let a preponderance of left-handed opposition throw his team for a loss. He stopped them with a 50-foot extension on his right field fence.

CPERS TREASURER

That's only one of many stories about this recent ID arrival. Nine years ago he was hustling soda pop in the bleachers of Chicago's Wrigley Field. Six years ago he was custodian of the Chicago Cubs' money box. Three years ago he and ex-Cub Manager Charlie Grimm pooled their resources and bought the Brewers.

Milwaukee's baseball attendance had hit a new all-time low in 1941, but Vecek changed all that with tactics that were efficient though foreign to the trade. He was among the first to go to the rescue of swing and graveyard shift workers with morning baseball. He introduced swing bands and quiz programs to the game, and even gave away away-begged horses.

WINNING CLUB

But probably the best paragon he had to offer was a winning ball club. Last year the Brewers won the league title.

Although deferred as a father and farmer, Pvt. Vecek was voluntarily inducted into the Corps. He has requested immediate transfer to a line infantry unit upon completion of his recruit training.

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Weather Knocks Out RD Boxing Program

For the second straight week, Recruit Depot's boxing card suffered a full-count knockout at the hands of Japs flying last Saturday night. Because of Christmas arrangements in the RD amphitheater, no fights are scheduled for tonight.

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Quarterback Ty Daly, now playing football for the Camp Lejeune Marines, is a former jockey.

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THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC. VICTOR H. LEWING

This being the time of year when, normally, sports editors shuffle and reshuffle their copy for headline material, Associated Press this week announced results of its annual poll on the year's outstanding individuals and teams.

When the voting was over, Gunder Haegg, Paddy Berg and the New York Yankees were in line for the ribbons, or whatever one gets for being named "This or That of the Year". None needs elaborate introduction to the true sports fan. Haegg is Sweden's great distance runner. Miss Berg, a USMCWR lieutenant, can make golf clubs talk almost as well as a man. The Yankees are—well, just ask any St. Louis baseball fan to the point.

APPLING IN ARMY

Speaking of the Yankees, Paddy Berg was back in his office this week for the first time since the World Series and Bob Shawkey got himself "hit" again.

Aside from the fact that Luke Appling of the Chicago White Sox took his induction rather philosophically, baseball had little to offer on the newsy side. As he traded his baseball bat for a rifle, Appling remarked: "Ducking bullets isn't be much worse than ducking some of these bad boys and head balls."

Of course, it's just possible that philosophy came easier for Appling with receipt of a \$500 check for winning the American league batting championship, which is now "official."

REDSKINS RECOVER

Pro football finally got down to its stack of blue chips when the Washington Redskins, after suffering two straight upsets, whipped the New York Giants, 28-0, for the Eastern division crown. Now they are to play the restless Chicago Bears for the big bauble.

Boxing's chief news concerns Sgt. Joe Louis and Sammy Angott. The heavyweight champion will ship across one of the two big ponds, come late January and conclusion of a Southern states tour. Angott, NBA's 135-pound king, whipped a rugged boy in Bobby Ruffin and got himself a date with Beau Jack on 28 Jan.

HOCKEY DOPE

Montreal, Toronto, Boston and Chicago, in that order, are leading the ice hockey chase. And here's

another icy fact: Old "Ching" Johnson, 18 years with the NY Rangers, turned up in Pacific Coast hockey circles this week.

Lt. Tommy Haymon, the Michigan grid great who twice cheated death in plane accidents, wrote his parents from a Chinese hospital that his burns were almost healed but that "the old pep and zip aren't with me yet." Pvt. Robert Westfall, who ran with Lt. Hufnagel at Ana Arbor, was discharged from the Army Air Forces for physical reasons.

University of California bestowed grid honors on Art Hoenegger, Marine trainee. Gene Venezia once more announced that he is hanging up his track shoes. Bowler Johnny Cullings of Detroit ran afoul of the law when his car struck and fatally injured a pedestrian.

POOR CHICAGO!

Stanford gave Football Coach Marchmont Schwartz leave of absence so that he could take a public relations job with a Wichita (Kan.) oil company. Chicago Univ., the school that quit football because it lost too many games, recently saw its basketball losing streak stretch to 43 straight.

Top Row's nine-year-old record for the mile-and-a-half was tied this week at Bay Meadows, but the customers didn't rasp nearly as much over that one as they did when a couple of thill wagon plugs bounced in for a daily debate payoff of \$1000.

Steve Wurga Jr., a swing shifter in a war plant, made well-known professionals take a back seat in the \$5000 Miami open golf tournament.

— Buy Insurance —

All-Brother Team's Shortstop In Corps

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Sgt. Charles R. Hoffman, a young Malden, Mass., athlete whose greatest thrill was playing shortstop on an all-brother baseball team, is still battling a high average as wire chief of a Marine communications section.

Hoffman once had a tryout with the Boston Red Sox. He and his brothers, coached by his father, Maurice, played several seasons around Malden. Sgt. Peter Pavone Jr., combat correspondent.

Ray Sears Wins San Diego State Cross Country

PFC. Ray Sears—old "Iron Legs" in the gang around the Base Athletic office—capped a successful cross-country running season last week when he won individual honors in San Diego State college's annual meet, last competitive event on the Marine schedule.

The Base hill-and-dalers, however, lost their bid for a team trophy, bowing to San Diego State's greater stamina in the middle of the pack.

UNBEATEN THIS YEAR

Sears' time for the two and one half miles was 11 minutes 22 seconds. Unbeaten this year, he led San Diego State's Steve Pined to the tape by 200 yards.

PFC. Marvin Bischoff, fourth; Pvt. Joe Hale, seventh; Pvt. Alfred Amos, tenth, and Pvt. Clarence Cripp, twelfth, were other Leathernecks in the scoring picture.

— Mail Address Correct? —

Former Gridders Team Up On Japs

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed) — Four years ago they were playing football like a couple of normal college boys at the University of South Dakota. Calling the signals at halfback was Smith, catching his passes at end was Plak.

But today it was slightly different. The signals weren't the same, the opponent's line was tougher, and a fumble meant the game.

For, when a crack unit of Marine torpedo bombers dove over Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville this morning to blast a path for U. S. Marines establishing a beachhead, Smith of South Dakota was calling the squadron's signals.

Down on the beach, plowing ashore through a rough surf in a landing barge, leading a company of fighting Leathernecks, was Plak. Maybe Plak saw Smith overhead. Perhaps he didn't. Anyway, they were both there—and slugging.

The men: Maj. Roland F. Smith of Deland, S. D., and John Plak, Tyndall, S. D.—Sgt. Harold Fowler, combat correspondent.

— Buy War Bonds —

Making Hoop Schedules

Inter-battalion basketball will get under way the first week in January. Capt. C. R. Church, Base Athletic officer, announced. Schedules are now being drawn.

Year's Final Fight Card Uncovers Promising Youth

Base boxing coaches started beating the ballyhoo drums for Sgt. Dick Green last week following a one-round knockout for the young 145-pounder, a green youngster but promising.

Sgt. Green high-lighted the year's final card when he stopped Gordon of Ft. Rosecrans. The only other bout involving a Base scrapper saw PFC. Vern Watkins score a two-round technical knockout over Don Herring of Miramar, 175-pounder.

The regular schedule of bi-monthly cards will resume 13 Jan. — No Courtneys —

Dorsett Natural Grenade Tossing

CAMP ELLIOTT—A mean man with a hand grenade is Corp. Cal L. Dorsett, attached to a TC infantry Bn. And little wonder, because he's been throwing things ever since he can remember.

Baseball fans will remember his name, "Dorset", in the Cleveland Indian line-up. During the summer seasons of 1940 and 1941 he helped pitch that ill-fated American league club to two of its best seasons.

Prior to his short sojourn in the "big show", Dorsett distinguished himself on the island for Ft. Worth in the Texas league. Enlisting in the Marine Corps in Feb., 1942, Corp. Dorsett has kept his pitching arm in shape by hurling for Leatherneck nines at Mare Island and at MCR.

Now he gets little chance to fling the horseshoe, but finds a 20-ounce fragmentation hand grenade makes a fair substitute.

— Write Home —

Sixth Straight Win

Base Fire Dept. racked up its sixth straight basketball victory last week when it posed out Recruit Depot, 34 to 31, in a game that required two overtime periods. PFC. Albert W. Champion, with 11 points, led the Smoke Eaters.


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Gyrene Pitcher Widely Traveled

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Pfc. John Unger of Lakewood, O., is a widely-traveled baseball pitcher, to say the least.


Recently his strong, tricky right arm carried his team to a highly successful season that included only two defeats after his semi-pro and professional career had carried him through Libby, Mont., Spokane, Wash., Fargo, N. D., Sheboygan, Wis., and Cleveland. School-day stopovers included Bend, Ill., Detroit and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Sgt. Peter Pavone Jr., combat correspondent.

— Stop Loss Talk —
Four members of the Baseball Writers Assn. of America are Marines.



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Scrap-Bound Scooter Saved By Sharp NCO

Possible shelling of M1's fleet of motor scooters has been averted by the inventive ingenuity of Sgt. W. A. Tompkins, who works on the war-born theory that the impossible just takes a little longer.

With the mercury clutches on several scooters beginning to wear out, Base Motor Transport tried unsuccessfully to locate a supply. The clutches cannot be repaired because they are sealed units.

No Sgt. Tompkins, motorcycle and scooter repairman, began looking around the garage for something from which to fashion a mechanical clutch which would operate on the fluid drive principle and which could be torn down and repaired.

Working in his spare time for the last month, Sgt. Tompkins hit upon the idea of using the side drum of a motorcycle type wheel brake and parts of an engine shop. He machined and set moving parts, then assembled them to make his new clutch, using \$9 worth of motorcycle parts in all.

The result is a mechanical hydraulic clutch that takes hold when the motor speeds up and releases when the motor slows down. When it wears out it can be repaired by retuning the brake stroke. Unusually conditions will not affect it.

A "Tompkins clutch" has been used for some of the scooters for the last several days. Sergeants of Motor Transport say it is safe to leave the day for the motor scooper.

By Will Rouse
Passes Exams

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—Corp. Grville S. Whitney jr. of Richmond, Calif., has passed Naval Academy entrance examinations. —Tsgt. Samuel Shaffer, combat correspondent.

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WASHINGTON—The "Hello" and "Number, Please" girls of the country may take a deep bow.

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—War Dept. News
Love in Life—It was to be developed in the dark.

Sinking Survivor Trains For Battle

FARMIS ISLAND—While swimming for six hours in the cold, choppy waters of the North Atlantic, Thomas J. O'Connor, merchant seaman from Woods-in, N.Y., vowed he'd get back at the Axis some day.

Today, O'Connor is going through further training here—a major step toward fulfilling his vow.

OC Graduates Warned Of Long, Hard War

QUANTICO—OC graduates were warned recently by Capt. Agis, Adolphus Andrews, USMC (ret.), that the U.S. has taken only "our first steps on the long, hard, bloody road that leads to Tokyo."

On the island of Tarawa the Japs built what they felt to be an impregnable fortress. Adm. Andrews said, "but they failed to tell this to the Marines."

—War Dept. News
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Alabama 'Boots' Pepper Targets For High Marks

CAME MATHEWS—Kentucky and Daniel Boone, Tennessee Medal of Sgt. Alvin York, and now Alabama can point with pride to M1's Sgt. 95 by way of hitting the world record that not all the world's good rifleman can do from the same amount of woods of the South.

In all assigned today last week as 31 targets went to the firing line at this little range and watched the M1 work up the day's high qualifying percentage of 81.1.

HIGH SCORES

The distinction is that the men under Capt. W. L. Bell, III, and Pvt. Arthur W. Hinesdale, school range coach, and the most part are Alabamians because all three of their past better times from that southern state. They are Pts. William L. Coteland of Athens, who shot 317; Glen W. Whaley jr. of Birmingham, good for 312, and Verdis A. Hale of Hillsboro, who earned his crossed rifles with 311.

None of these, however, was good enough to claim the day's individual honors. That one produced a tie at 324 out of a possible 340 between Pts. John J. Wolf of Duluth, Minn., Plat. 014, and Rowland A. McIntyre of Artesia, Calif., Plat. 006. Next highest was 322 shot by Pvt. Herman T. Hughes of Mansfield, O., Plat. 018.

1222 ON LINE

Of the 1222 "hot" lines for record, 1064 qualified to give the range a percentage average of 87.1. Recaptulation showed 127 marksmen, 390 sharpshooters and 27 marksmen.

Other top ranking shooters were: No. 849, qualifying 91.9 per cent (Corp. H. E. Roberts, Pl); Cysar, Roger K. Fensler, co-sh., No. 841, qualifying 88.2 per cent (Sgt. W. J. Harding, Pl); Sgt. Vernon H. Newcomb, coach; and No. 831, also qualifying 83.2 per cent (Corp. M. H. Wharton, Pl. DFC William Joyce, coach).



CHEVRON CHICK

That pert expression in Noel Nell's eyes is what influenced the selection of this week's pin-up girl. The flower is pretty, too. If this picture is hung to the right of your bunk, Noel will be smiling you first thing each morning. She is a new Paramount star.