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## Crucial Luzon Invaded As Philippine Battle Nears Climax

### Texans On Texas Soil—But Stranded In South Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Corp. Donald G. McWilliams celebrated Christmas on Texas soil—here at a tropical island in the South Pacific.

The soil was in a box which Mrs. R. E. McWilliams of Union, Tex., mailed to her son with instructions to share it with a buddy, Corp. B. Gilbert (son of Wink, Tex., according to Sgt. Walter Wood, combat correspondent.

McWilliams, a 1st Div. veteran of Cape Gloucester and Peleliu, explained with a smile:

"Mom said we could be standing on Texas soil on Christmas."

"There is enough soil in Texas, McWilliams claims, to last every Nip 'and his cousin."

"Texas soil has something that no other soil has. If there was Texas soil on the ground on these islands, I could stand anything."



LEYTE VET, Lt. Col. Floyd Moore, first Marine officer to return from Leyte, told of role Leatherneck artillery played in Philippines. (Photo by Staff Sgt. W. J. Wasson).

Those valiant Marines who gave their lives at Batang and Corregidor and other spots along the bloody island path to Tokyo "rested secure" last week.

For Gen. MacArthur landed with 100,000 U. S. 6th Army troops on Luzon, capital and key island of the Philippines.

### '44 Income Taxes Must Be Filed

Devvy Collector George H. Crosshaw will be available at the Base library on Feb. 3-9 to assist any taxpayers under this command in filing their 1944 income tax returns.

All personnel in the Navy must file an income tax return if they are single and have total Navy base pay, plus sea pay, and longevity of more than \$2000.

It is not necessary to file a return if the income is less than \$2000 and is all from Naval sources. Each individual child born within the calendar year is entitled to a \$500 exemption. Married couples are entitled to \$1000 surtax exemption.

Crosshaw is an expert in income tax matters and has been schooled on all the new forms and regulations.

Prior to the actual landing operations, Marine aviators in Corsair fighters had attacked Formosa and Okinawa, destroying 148 enemy aircraft and sinking 27 ships. It marked the first time Marine pilots ever operated in combat from carriers.

During 48 hours of unchecked pre-invasion operations over Luzon, Navy and Marine planes from Vice Adm. John S. McCain's fast carrier force and Leyte-based Army bombers and fighters blasted airfields on either side of Manila. One hundred fifty Nip planes were destroyed and enemy ships were sent fleeing toward the China Sea.

Storming ashore along a 15-mile beachhead, the Americans quickly grabbed several coastal towns, among them San Fabian, on the southeastern corner of the gulf, 175 miles northwest of Manila. By 10:00 the beaches Wednesday morning, the troops completed the first assault without a single casualty.

The Japanese had resisted stubbornly the preliminary three-day assault. (Continued on page 7)

## Marine Artillery Proves Prime Factor At Leyte

SAN FRANCISCO—"The battle for the Philippines will probably be a long, drawn-out campaign," according to Lt. Col. Floyd R. Moore, 34-month veteran of the Pacific fighting and first Leatherneck officer to return from the Leyte battle in which he was an operations officer of an artillery unit attached to the Army ground forces.

"The Japs realize they've got to fight for the islands and fighting is just what they're doing," said Lt. Col. Moore, whose home is at Greencastle, Ind.

The artillery unit, under the command of Brig. Gen. Thomas H. Houder of Severna Park, Md., landed on the second day of the Leyte invasion, and supported the advance of the Army forces commanded by Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge.

"On Leyte, the swampy terrain and the bad weather caused us more trouble than the Japs."

"They waged a good delaying action. In cases where the battle is fought on a large land area, the Japs scatter as they withdraw into the hills, making it difficult for us to mass our artillery in one spot and concentrate on a few targets."

"As the war in the Pacific progresses, artillery is playing an increasingly important part," Lt. Col. Moore continued.

"Many times on Leyte our artillery didn't have the high ground. Our spotting planes were our mainstay in observing enemy positions."

"Every one of the sub-spotter planes attached to our unit was shot full of holes. The jungle was so thick our pilots had to get down low and broil it down."

"And the Japs fired at them with

everything they had—including rifles," he added.

"The Japs would send anti-artillery patrols to infiltrate through our lines and attempt to blow up some of our pieces. Those men came equipped with automatic weapons and demolition charges."

"During the first week of the campaign, we were harassed at night by Jap snipers. They'd remain in hiding around our positions and wait until we fired a gun before shooting at our men. We had plenty of trouble determining where the snipers were."

"Much the same tactics were used in relation to the use of artillery on Leyte as were used on Saipan," he said.

"And I'd like to add that the artillery doctrines that are taught here in the States have proved

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### Solitary Marine Aids U. S. Army

The Marines have landed! Or perhaps it would be more correct, insofar as the Luzon invasion is concerned, to say that the Marine landed.

For in the landing craft which took Gen. Douglas MacArthur ashore with his assault troops Tuesday morning was a lone Leatherneck—Sgt. Adam Shorter of Altoona, Pa.

The craft which took Gen. MacArthur back to the soil he left nearly three years ago off the shore about two hours after the first wave, according to an AP dispatch from headquarters in the Philippines.

## San Diego Area Commands Now Given New Titles

Several Marine commands in the San Diego area were sporting new titles (his week). Changes include:

Fleet Marine Force, San Diego area, becomes Marine Training and Replacement Command. Maj. Gen. Charles F. B. Price is commanding general of this unit with headquarters at MCB.

Training Command, Fleet Marine Forces, becomes The Marine Training Command. San Diego Area. Brig. Gen. Oscar R. Campbell heads the command.

Base Depot, Fleet Marine Force, San Diego Area, becomes Base Depot, Marine Training and Replacement Command. Col. E. P. Suddards is the CO.

## Wounded Corsairs 'Hospitalized' After Meeting Jap Opposition



WOUNDED BIRDS. Ground crewmen scurry to move the wrecked Corsair (left) from the airstrip at Leyte, (Luzon). Theodore Olsen of Brabec, Ala., "exec" of the "Lily Packer" Falcons' Squadron and since reported killed in action, successfully crash-landed this ship after a super-slugging match with several Zeros. Right, aviation mechanics salvage parts from a Corsair fighter



plane of the First Marine Air Wing. It was smashed by a Jap bomber which was shot down and crashed on the Leyte airstrip in the Philippines. (Photos by PFC William F. Wolfmuth.)

# One-Legged Peleliu Veteran Organizes 'Stump Club'

By Pvt. Robert S. Terrell



**HOPALONG CASSIDY.** The movie cowboy hero can't approach his Leatherneck namesake in ingenuity. PFC. John J. Cassidy is founder of the renowned "Stump Club".

**USNH, SAN DIEGO**—The loss of a leg was the birth of a dream for PFC. John J. Cassidy Jr., better known to his hundreds of new-found friends as "Stumpy" or "Hopalong Cassidy". Happy and confident, the 21-year-old Leatherneck from Bridgeport, Conn., told of the dream which became a reality and which now holds the promise of happiness for thousands of casualties like himself.

The idea of The Stump Club, of which he is president, was conceived aboard a ship which brought him home from the South Pacific and the island of Peleliu.

"The impression we want to get across is that our handicaps are not going to ruin our lives—that they are not too great to overcome," he says. "My loss has given me a new lease on life and it can be the same for other fellows. After I lost my leg I first discovered how much fun it is to know people. Aboard the ship the fellows treated me really swell and I found that I could entertain them and make them laugh by clowning on my peg-leg."

The men aboard fashioned a crude but effective leg and had presented it to "Stumpy". Covered with the signatures of its craftsmen, the leg itself is a work of art.

Proudly patting its shellacked surface, Cassidy declares, "I have had offers for it from other patients here at the hospital, but I wouldn't part with it for any amount."

Before releasing PFC. Cassidy, the Navy will provide him with a modern artificial limb and teach him to use it.

"It occurred to me that I was really happy," he continued, "and the only time I have been sad since was when the Purple Heart Medal was presented to me. Then I began to think of many things. I thought of my uncle who lost a

leg in the last war and of how he has been able to get around and lead a normal life. I thought of all the other fellows who will be coming home without their legs or arms and then I thought of The Stump Club. I thought of how we could have members chip in with small dues and we could buy cigarettes and provide entertainment for new membership.

"A few of us formed a board of governors and one of the Marines designed a membership card and freshhand he drew up the first batch of 10."

PFC. Cassidy proudly displayed his card which bears the numeral one. In the center and on the face of the card is a sketch of a tree stump and above it are the words, "The Stump Club", formed by pieces of driftwood nailed together. Below the stump is the sentence, "Know ye this date Sept. 28, 1944, I, John J. Cassidy, have been sworn in as a trusty member," and the card signed by the honorary president. On the back appears the list of officers or board of governors: President, PFC. J. J. Cassidy; vice president, PFC. J. D. Pietranonico; 2nd vice president, Corp. R. W. Sparks; treasurer, PFC. A. D. (Tex) Hackler; chaplain, PFC. E. Friski; sergeant at arms, PFC. L. L. Holmes.

"If Sparks can get around the way he does with two legs off then anyone can if they want to," Cassidy continued.

PFC. Cassidy lost his leg when he went in with the assault wave on Peleliu as a bazooka man.

Cassidy claims his greatest thrill occurred when a cheer went up from the men aboard his home-ward-bound ship as he walked down the gangplank with his home-made leg strapped on.

## Varned Names

During their 169 years of existence, Marines have been referred to as "Webfoot Soldiers," "Soldiers of the Sea," "Devil Dogs" and "Leathernecks."

Recruit: "What time do we go to work in the morning?"

DI: "Listen, Mac, you don't ever go to work here—god wake up surrounded by it."

## Gunny Names Howitz 'Linnie' After Wife

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC**—When the guns of a Marine field artillery unit begin to roar in earnest, the wife of GySgt. Albert L. Betts of Camden, Ark., will have her say also.

Betts has named one of his big howitzers "Linnie" after his spouse, Mrs. Linnie D. Betts. "Lots of Japs will know she's around," grins Betts.—Sgt. Allen Sommers, combat correspondent.

## Movieland Likes Marine Husbands

**HOLLYWOOD**—Another member was added to the long list of movie stars who have married Marines when Leslie Brooks, Columbia glamour girl, took the vows with Leatherneck vet Donald A. Shay last week.

Shay served two years in the South Pacific before receiving a medical discharge.

"If I sound blue, it isn't that I got up on the wrong side of the bed. It's that I got up on the wrong side of the world," writes a Marine from the Pacific.

## Dinner Music New Chow Hall Feature

**MARSHALLS (Delayed)**—Though long chow lines, torrid heat and dehydrated foods tend to make the best of meals none too satisfactory at Pacific outposts, SstSgt. Gerardo H. Visci recently gavechow call more appeal at this 4th Mar. Air Wing base.

Visci rigged up a loud speaker attachment to a radio-phonograph in the recreation hall, and now a steady pat, pat of feet and tapping of silverware accompany the dinner music from 1100 to 1230 daily, writes Sgt. Theron Rice, combat correspondent.

The GI's are calling those gold stripes denoting six months' overseas service "Hornsey Bars."

# Survival Course Saves Flyer's Life

## Guts, Bayonets, Hand Grenades Frighten Nips

**USNH, SAN DIEGO**—"We got tired of being clay pigeons for the Japanese and just drove out of there."

This was the Marine's explanation of how his outfit got out of one of the toughest situations encountered in the occupation of Peleliu. He is PFC. Marcel J. Arsenneau of Pittsfield, Mass., convalescing here from phosphorous mortar burns sustained in the bloody assault on that island.

The incident occurred soon after he and his companions waded "neck-deep" to the beach when their landing craft stalled on the choppy coral 400 yards off shore. His unit had secured a neck of the island and moved on to a new position, a small valley.

"Here," the New England Leatherneck said, "we found we were trapped and our positions vulnerable to the enemy from above. The Japs could determine the number as well as the location of our guns. We were about like so many clay pigeons."

To the question of how his outfit got out of this precarious position, PFC. Arsenneau replied, "Guts, bayonets and hand grenades."

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)**—There was a bouquet for the teacher in the mail today, the teacher being Capt. Richard F. "Dick" Hyland, former sports columnist and Stanford Univ. football star.

As combat conditioning officer of a Marine air group at an outlying base in the Pacific, Capt. Hyland put many a Marine pilot, gunner and radioman through his course in how to save himself if he were shot down or otherwise forced to land at sea.

Like most instructors, there was always a question in Dick's mind whether the students appreciated his efforts, especially after a tough 10-hour day of climbing in and out of rubber rafts.

Today, though, he "got the word". One of his ex-pupils, Maj. Frank Hoffacker, a fighter pilot who was in the Marshalls and saved his life by following the rules he had learned from Capt. Hyland, wrote the following experience:

"On Oct. 11, my plane was hit while I was bombing the Japanese on Jaluit. I immediately headed for home, losing oil at a great rate. In a few minutes I had to make a dead stick landing about six to eight miles off shore, and believe me, in about two more seconds I was swimming away from the doomed airplane. It sank in 45 seconds.

"Well, it was purely with the recollection of our session on the beach, when you were combat con-

ditioning officer, that I was able to get my life raft afloat and get aboard it. I was prepared for at least one night at sea, but I was the extremely fortunate subject of a 12-minute sea rescue. A PBV landed, took me aboard, and I was home an hour and a half later.

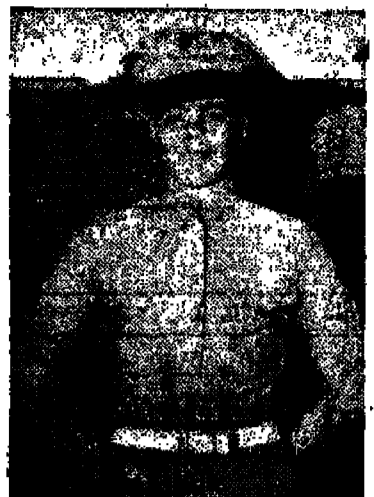
## New Pendleton Dental Clinic 'Most Modern'

**CAMP PENDLETON**—The new dental dispensary, recently opened in 11 Area here, is reported as one of the most modern in the country. During one month, 12,394 patients were treated at the new hospital. Included in that total were 5729 fillings, 1298 extractions and 1403 gum treatments.

The clinic is composed of 32 units, two of which are used for cleaning, seven for prosthetics and 23 for operative purposes, including extractions, restorations and fillings.

The staff numbers 70 corpsmen and 88 dental officers, most of whom have seen duty in the Pacific.

Capt. E. D. Fouk (DC) USN, Area and Post Dental Surgeon, in charge of the dispensary, served with the 1st Mar. Div. on Guadalcanal.



**PFC. HANSEN**  
... "Enterprising"?

## Enterprise Vet Never Leaves Home Either

By MTSgt. John W. Black  
Combat Correspondent

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)**—Like Radio Comedian Bob Hope, PFC. Delbert R. Hansen of Enterprise, Ore., can claim to have "never left home".

By a quirk of warfare, Hansen has been assigned to the USS Enterprise since completing sea school training at MCTC, San Diego, nearly a year ago. He is an anti-aircraft gunner aboard the big carrier.

"The 'Big E' is a great ship," he said, "but there have been times when I've wished I had some good old Oregon dirt under my feet instead of a flight deck.

"The last time I did a little wishful thinking along those lines was during the first Battle of the Philippine Sea. A Jap bomber, hit by our ack-ack, dived into the sea so close to us that its explosion drenched us with water."

Hansen has participated in 12 naval engagements in his last three months aboard the Enterprise. The last six of the battles have been off the Philippines. He also has taken part in the "Big E's" raids on Bonin, Yap, Palau, Ryukyu and Formosa.



**INVENTIVE.** Marine ingenuity is renowned, but it remained for Corp. James Baird to swap an oxen for a truck.

## Necessity (Aided By Oxen) Still Mother Of Invention

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)**—Marines are forever proving an old axiom "Where there's a will, there's a way," and Corp. James L. Baird of Detroit has come up with the latest one. He substituted an ox-cart for a truck.

When Corp. Baird was informed that there was no available trucks to haul shoes from outlying batteries to his repair shop, he took a day off, commandeered a native ox and wagon and set out to gather in the bogans.

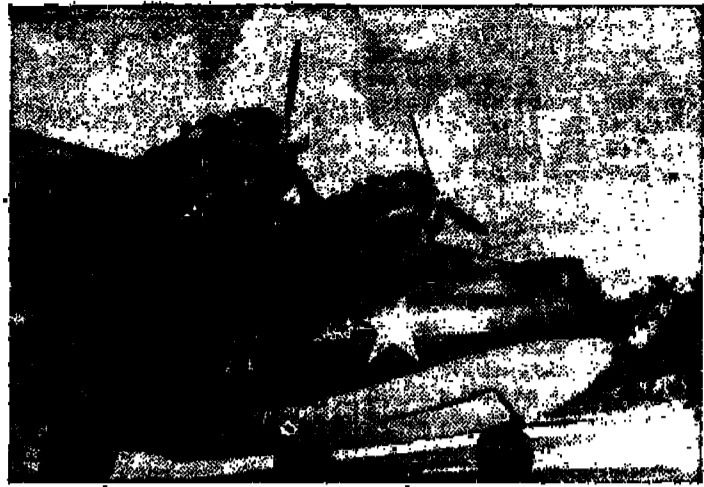
The job, the husky corporal said, took seven hours, but it was "better than toting them on my back."

Before he entered the Marines, Corp. Baird was employed by the Ford Motor Co. and played professional baseball in between times. He never saw an ox before.

How did he get along with the 2000-pound beast?

"I just fed him a can of dehydrated potatoes to start out and we hit it off fine after that," he said.—Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent.

# Flying Boat 'Maggie' Outsteps All Juvenile Pacific Aircraft



**OLD-TIMER.** A Catalina PBV-5A, "Maggie's" log book shows a coverage of 392,000 miles during 2800 hours of flight time since leaving Consolidated plant Mar. 7, 1942.



**CHOW-HOUNDS, PFCs.** Long and Fryer, who eat fire and glass, respectively, dropped into The Chevron office for "chow" the other day. (Photo by Corp. Louise Petty).

By Sgt. James H. Driscoll, Combat Correspondent

**SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS (Delayed)**—Few combat planes in World War II can equal the amazing record of "Old Maggie," the Group command plane of Col. Lawrence Norman, Cincinnati, O., of the 4th Mar. Air Wing.

One of the oldest planes in continuous combat operation in the South and Central Pacific areas, the sturdy PBV-5A is still holding her own against faster ships on the firing line in the Marshalls.

While speedy Marine Corsair fighters and husky Marine Dauntless dive-bombers daily rain tons of bombs on the remaining Japanese atolls of Maloelap, Mille, Jaluit and Wotja, "Old Maggie" is not to be outdone.

During the recent pulverizing Marine air attacks on Jap-held Mille, military necessity demanded the presence of Col. Norman at the scene of operations. Proudly the tough Catalina flew out on several missions with the Group command.

Orders were barked over her radio to the fighter and dive-bomber squadrons. Last-minute formation changes were effected. Tactical instructions were given to the squadrons. Observations on target hits and misses were recorded from her blisters.

On another occasion her crew members took part in the spectacular rescue of a trio of Koreans fleeing from a bomb-blasted Jap stronghold.

The beleaguered Koreans had commandeered a Marshallese outrigger and were heading for the safety of a native haven on the southeastern tip of the atoll when they were observed by a crew member of the PBV. For almost four hours "Old Maggie" kept them under surveillance until a destroyer on patrol duty 30 miles away arrived and took the Koreans to safety.

The history of this amazing air-

plane is the history of Marine aerial warfare in the Pacific theater. She was completed at the Consolidated Aircraft plant in San Diego on Mar. 7, 1942. America had not yet recovered from the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor when, on Apr. 11, the new plane landed in Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, T. H.

Tafuna, Faleola, Suva, Funafuti, Nuku-Petau, Naitumera and similar names of South Seas origin became regular entries in her log book. More than 75 airstrips in the South Pacific were visited. The island groups of Samoa, Wallis, Tonga, Society, Union, Phoenix, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Fiji, Manus, Palmyra and Christmas were regular ports of call in her military meanderings.

Then, on Oct. 24, 1942, she became the Group command plane of Col. Norman. Names brilliant in Marine history were added to her log—Makin, Tarawa, Abemama, The Gilberts and Ellice island groups were secured.

The march from Guadalcanal to Guam had started in earnest. Marine airmen and infantrymen were intent on staffing "Old Glory" over each of the scores of Japanese-held Marshall atolls.

"Old Maggie" moved in with her fighters and dive-bombers; a mother hen watching over her chicks, Roi, Eniwetok, Engebi and Kwajalein became familiar nesting places.

And now, in the twilight of the Marshall war, "Old Maggie" has been refitted with new engines. After nearly three years of combat flying her props are still fronted toward the West.

Her pilot, Capt. Robert A. Green of Houston, Tex., estimated from log book readings that the Catalina flying boat has traveled in excess of 392,000 miles during her 2800 hours of Pacific flight.

## MC Fliers 'Roll Their Own' Bomb

**TINIAN (Delayed)**—Bombing tactics reminiscent of World War I were employed by Leathernecks who flew observation planes over Tinian during the campaign on the island.

The Marine observers, according to Sgt. Murray Lewis, combat correspondent, dropped one-pound rocket bombs, ordinarily used as "bazooka" ammunition. Thus, they made personal contributions to the Jap defeat.

After they spotted an enemy target for the heavy artillery across the straits on Saipan, the grass-hopper-plane men would pull the bomb pin, line up their objective with the wing and struts of the plane, then drop the bombs by hand.

Originated as a gag, the observers competed with one another for top honors. Flying at 500-foot levels, they knocked out a number of Japanese machine-gun nests and caused damage to small Jap block-houses.

## 'Where There's Snow On Roof'

**USNH, OAKLAND**—Inherent fighting spirit will overcome all obstacles. Witness the record of 56-year-old Pvt. Frank J. Miller of Rodeo, N. M., one of the oldest enlisted men in the Saipan operation.

Miller, who is receiving treatment here, killed a Jap major in a hand-to-hand struggle and was wounded while handling ammunition and supplies for a machine gun section.

## LEAVE IT TO MARINES

### MCB Fire, Glass Eaters Uncovered

By PFC, Norris Anderson

There were two alarming bits of evidence last week that the MCB "don't waste chow" drive is taking effect.

PFC, Glen S. Fryer of San Diego is not content with merely draining the contents of a coffee cup. He also cuts the cup.

PFC, Albert F. Long, also of San Diego, goes one step further than merely eating a cooked meal. He also cuts the fry.

Known to bartenders from San Diego to New Zealand, Fryer is particularly fond of beer glasses. "They are much more useful than coffee cups," he maintains, "and seem to contain more calories."

Hearing that The Chevron had an abundance of broken light bulbs and paper to be burned, Fryer and Long dropped in for "lunch" the other day. While Fryer licked his chops over a diet of broken light bulbs and broken glasses, Long greedily devoured several flaming newspapers.

"A fire of magazines always tastes better than newspapers," stated Long. "I find the Police Gazette especially tasteful."

PFC, Fryer, a wounded Saipan vet, will tell you that his pastime started five years ago in Denver when he saw a man swallow fish bones. Not caring much for fish, the 25-year-old Marine took up glass-eating.

"I do it only for my own entertainment and to distress people in swanky places," Fryer says. Asked what glass tasted like, Fryer answered: "Have you ever tasted Marine Corps scrambled eggs?"

PFC, Long, a former carnival professional, also likes to sleep on a bed of nails. "It is fully as comfortable as a beef camp sack," he adds, "and you don't wake up in the morning with spring marks across your back."

The spouses of PFCs, Fryer and Long do not approve of glass or fire eating. "Women are finicky," grunted Fryer.

Neither Marine is interested in a survey.

## Former Museum Curator Now Instructs Survival

By Sgt. O. W. Nelson Jr. Combat Correspondent

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)**—Sgt. Lewis W. Walker of San Diego, Cal., former curator of exhibits at the Museum of Natural Science there, is now an instructor and lecturer in the Sea and Jungle Survival School for Marine pilots and air crewmen at Ulithi.

The California Marine has spent more than 20 years studying, photographing and writing about wild

animal and plant life. His knowledge is now being passed on to his students for use in case they are forced down on an uninhabited Pacific island.

While a student at Cornell Univ., Sgt. Walker took a job at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City as a lecturer. Later, he edited the camp nature paper at Camp Wigwag, Harrison, Me. The next year was spent on a ranch in the wilds of Colorado, where he wrote and photographed the natural history of the region.



**DECORATED.** Sgt. Louis F. Sizota receives the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service on Parry Island from Lt. Col. Jesse L. Perkins, CO of Gd. Bn. Others decorated at the ceremony (left to right) were Corp. William G. Patsy, Corp. Ralph W. Austill, Corp. Robert E. Munn and Sgt. James H. Helden, all Purple Heart winners. All of the men were wounded during the Guam invasion. (Photo by Corp. Louise Petty).

## Five MCB Men Decorated For Valor



**JAPOLOGY**  
THE Jap soldier eats little. He is content with a "Rising Sun"—a meal consisting of one cupful of rice with a pickled plum in the center. There are few rolling kitchens in the Jap army. Each man cooks his own food in the field—or a few of them get together and cook their rice over one fire. The Japs can get along with very little.

And then there was the sage sergeant who commented: "Dames? I treat 'em like War Bonds. I get a new one every month!"

Five enlisted men of Gd. Bn. were decorated last week-end in ceremonies held in front of Bldg. 26 with Lt. Col. Jesse L. Perkins, CO of Gd. Bn., as decorating officer.

The Bronze Star medal was awarded to Sgt. Louis F. Sizota of Chicago, Ill., for "meritorious service in action against Japanese forces on Parry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, on Feb. 22, 1944," when on his own initiative he directed his men to fill a gap in a battalion line and "successfully repelled a counter-attack aimed at the unit's exposed right flank."

The other four men received Purple Heart Medals. They were: Sgt. James M. Helden of Los Angeles; Corp. Robert E. Munn of Fairfield, Cal., and Corp. Ralph W. Austill of Alton, Ill., all of whom were wounded on Guam, and Corp. William G. Patsy of San Francisco, wounded on Saipan.

During 1914, prisoners of war in this country increased from 50,000 to 200,000, about 75% of them Germans.

## Night Flyer Sees Scenery By Day

**ULITHI, West Carolines (Delayed)** Add things seldom thought about:

Since shortly after this atoll was occupied, a Marine fighter squadron has been on nightly patrol duty. Recently, however, the troops were stepped up. Now the night fighters are supplementing day patrols, and are flying by day and night.

"You know," remarked highly-trained instrument fliers, "I sort of welcome a change to double up. I had never really had a good look at the scenery in broad daylight." —Sgt. Claude R. Chapp, combat correspondent.

## Nips Stay High

**USNH, OAKLAND**—Leatherneck aerial defenses were so effective on Saipan that only one Jap ship succeeded in flying low enough to strafe, according to Corp. Orville E. Duggett of Leachville, Ark. He is also a veteran of the renowned Hill 500 fracas.

# New Yankee--Jap Road Completed

By Staff Sgt. Ward Walker, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Guam, Titián, Saipan, Eniwetok, Kwajalein, Tarawa, Guadalcanal. Within four days they streamed under our wings—odd-shaped, blood-drenched islands bought with American lives.

It took two years to build the air highway we covered in a few hours' flying time. Trace the route we took on a map from Guadalcanal to Saipan. Continue that smooth curve and Tokyo lies at its end. That air route has become U. S.-Japan Highway No. 1.

The whirlwind tour, made in routine travel from Guam by this base, emphasized the progress of the Pacific war and illustrated in workaday fashion why those islands had to be bought at so terrible a price. Superficially, there is no comparison between the red clay hills of Guam, the jungle-thatched mass of Guadalcanal, the sandy pinpoints of Kwajalein and Tarawa. Yet the similarities are many.

Each was torn from the Japs. Each has one or more airports teeming with freight and passengers, lined with warplanes that guarantee the air lanes remain open. Each is a stepping stone—seven-league boot size—on the road to Japan. Each is a page in Marine Corps history.

It's hard to imagine the hell that rode these beaches, the shell fire, the bombs, the stubborn Japs.

Yet at each there are reminders: GUAM—Already the Seabees and Marine engineers are at work on the roads, the bridges and the

blasted hopes in the city of Agaña. From the transport plane we see the temporary refuge camp for the Guamanians; the bursts of artillery fire on the northern tip as the Marines close in for the final kill.

TITIAN—Pillars of smoke on the rugged southern part of the island mark the spots where Leathernecks are putting the finishing touches on Jap caves and on men who insist on fighting until they are dead. The plane sets down on the bomber-size drome, an airfield rimmed with wrecked Jap administration buildings.

SAIPAN—Tents are waiting for the travelers who spend the night. There are screened-in messhalls and a movie. Again there are wrecked buildings about the air-drome. Jap snipers still are being weeded out of the caves—the score runs to 50 a day.

ENIWETOK—Our plane, a huge Curtiss Commando, drops through the clouds and there is the rough circle of the atoll, composed of hundreds of tiny islands strung like beads.

GUADALCANAL—Two years ago, 1st Div. Marines saw this elephantine island loom over the gun-wales. Their struggle has been told. And now Guadalcanal is a lough of Suburbia in the South Pacific.

Its camps are as modern as those of California. At the desk of the flight station is a handbill advertising movies playing at the various camps throughout the week. And over the radio comes the smooth

## Honorable Swing Proves Alluring To Jap Soldiers

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Lt. William W. Wagner of La Porte City, Ia., has become a staunch believer in the power of speech—plus a little swing music, according to Sgt. Edward C. Stadel, combat correspondent.

Lt. Wagner's special patrol drove through the remote sections of the island in the dark of night, stopping every few miles to broadcast a surrender plea to the Japs over a special sound amplifier.

The brief "programs" consisted of an American swing tune played on a phonograph, then a special recording of a surrender message. The first evening's bag was two Japs. Two more gave up the next night.

In four days, six of the enemy succumbed to the combined magic of music and voice—faced, of course, with the alternative of surrender or death.

### Planes For Spraying

Marines were first to use the airplane to spray large areas of ground for the elimination of mosquitoes and larvae.

voice of an announcer, "This is Guadalcanal's Radio City . . ."

The battle for the air highway started two years ago. It has gone far.



"PAINT-UP" GAL, Pvt. Norma Blankenship's likeness graces the plane of her flyer fiancé in the South Pacific.

## Local WR Floats Through South Pacific Airwaves

Pvt. Norma Blankenship's name is blazing its way through the skies of the South Pacific these days.

For her boy friend has named his bomber after her and recently sent her a picture of the ship with her name emblazoned across it in large letters, above a painting of a lovely lassie seated becomingly

on the arm of a chair.

Pvt. Blankenship, a native of Corpus Christi, Tex., has been a WR since April 7, 1944, and is a telephone operator at this base.

The boy friend is MTSgt. Otis Patrick of Alice, Tex., a section chief in the AAF who has been overseas 32 months.

### 'Routine' Job

USNH, MARE ISLAND—The job of keeping an umbrella of Marine planes over ground forces on Bougainville was "routine" for TSgt. Jack J. Houllhan of Chicago. "The minute one of our planes hit the airstrip, we grabbed our toolboxes and sprinted for it," he said.

## Japs Use M-1s, Wear GI Clothes

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—Capt. Lawrence F. Snoddy of Charlottesville, Va., believes there is more than one grain of truth in the axiom, "If you hear 'em coming, they can't hurt you."

Capt. Snoddy, a veteran of the Marshalls and Marianas campaigns, had his closest call at "Fourth of July Hill" on Saipan. He was caught there in cross-fire from machine guns and mortars and then cut off from his unit by Jap snipers behind him. Four of his men were killed and 10 wounded before this jungle trap was destroyed.

All of the Jap snipers who molested the Leathernecks wore Marine uniforms, fired captured Marine rifles and spoke perfect English.—Staff Sgt. Bob Cooke, combat correspondent.



## Filariasis Patients Return To Combat

### Leatherneck Now Sells For 15 Cents

Commencing with the February issue, The Leatherneck will go on sale at a reduced rate of 15 cents per individual copy and a subscription rate of \$1.50 a year. This price reduction conforms with the non-profit policy of The Leatherneck association.

Leatherneck subscriptions may be sent to MB, 8th and Eye Sts., S.E., Washington, D. C. The MCB address is Bldg. 1.

### Headgear Variety

Marines wear 26 different types of headgear.

A new Navy and Marine Corps policy concerning the reclassification of personnel with a history of filariasis for duty without limitation as to area is contained in a joint letter, dated Oct. 27, 1944, and prepared by the Bureau of Navy Personnel, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery and HQMC.

Any enlisted man or officer with a history of filariasis, whether on a full or limited-duty status, may upon his own request, be examined by a medical officer to determine his physical fitness for any duty without limitations as to area and including duty with combat organizations.

If a man has had no incapacitating disability attributed to filariasis for a period of 8-12 months and shows no evidence of clinical activity or disability, such notation

will be made in his health record by the medical officer making the examination. A report of the findings will be made to the man's CO.

A man who thus is found physically fit will be assigned, insofar as practicable, to duty with a unit undergoing combat training or any other training requiring the same amount of exertion.

If the man is able to complete the training without recurrence of the disease, notation also will be made in his health record to this effect that he is physically fit for full duty without limitation to area.

If he is unable to complete such training because of the recurrence of symptoms of filariasis, the medical officer shall report this fact to the individual's CO with recommendation that he be returned to his former duty status.



JUNGLEMASTERS. After Marine beachhead was secured on Bougainville, part of the 1st Regiment which participated in the engagement set up an outpost at this, barely 10 miles from the heart of the Jap forces. Several of the native jungle fighters are shown here preparing for another day at their headquarters on this South Pacific island.

## Last Man Off Wake Island Returns To South Pacific

By Staff Lt. Louis Olszyk, PRO

SOMEWHERE IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC, Dec. 23 (Delayed)—On this, the third anniversary of the fall of Wake Island, it can be announced that Col. Walter L. J. Bayler of Lebanon, Pa., "Last Man Off Wake", is back in action in

the Central Pacific.

Col. Bayler, assigned as a staff officer in the 4th Mar. Air Wing commanded by Gen. Louis E. Woods, now helps plan the bombing of by-passed Jap atolls in the Central Pacific, including Wake. Asked how he felt about his duties he said:

"It's a damn sight more comfortable on the right side of the fence, and to be sending out strikes than receiving them. It's always better to give than to receive."

He explained the "Last Man Off Wake" name given him as follows: "Actually I was the last one to leave Wake bound easterly—the rest of the garrison, as prisoners, were westbound one day after I left. By coincidence, a patrol plane arrived 36 hours before the fall of Wake and that being the first transportation to Midway, I, as ordered, climbed aboard to carry out orders."

### Learn Chinese Lingo

Univ. of California Extension division offers a course in Chinese language starting Jan. 11. Classes will be held Thursday evenings from 1900 to 2100 in room 202, YMCA, corner 8th and C sts. Classes in art, education, political science and Spanish are also offered. Information is available at 409 Scripps bldg., M-9716.



SCOUT Here is a typical Jap soldier. Pvt. John Sedwina. A soft olive-drab cap will reduce the metal helmet which this jungle scout goes into action.

# King George Hotel Is Marine Lair



**CHOW HOUNDS.** Enjoying a King George snack with enthusiasm are PFC Wallace G. Joiner of Tampa, Fla., Corp. Madrick and PFC John A. Coady of New York City.



**KING GEORGE GUESTS.** Deeply engrossed in a last game of shuffleboard at the King George Hotel are (from left): Corp. Mildred Madrick of New York City, Sgt. Harper Price of Mansfield, O., Corp. Floyd M. North of Dryden, Mich., and Sgt. Bernard J. Jagiello Chelsea, Mass.

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Marines passing through this city, which is just as packed with humanity per square inch as Washington, D. C., are making their headquarters at a hotel named the King George.

Operated exclusively for service men by Lutheran pastor Rev. J. Edward Ostlund, it has 150 rooms with private baths. Each rents for \$1.50 a night, regardless of how many soldiers, sailors or Marines occupy the room.

Cybernetics with problems are a specialty with Rev. Ostlund. He secures plane reservations for those who want to head east immediately, offers advice on any domestic situations, and provides entertainment in the lounges and game rooms on the main floor, which is open to service men and women.

A canteen, where everything is free, is open afternoons and evenings, staffed by volunteer San Francisco women.

For men of the Lutheran faith, there's a chapel where services are held regularly. But Rev. Ostlund doesn't believe in enforced religion. The chapel's walls are sound-proof so that men not wishing to attend will not be forced to take part.

One surprised Marine said to Rev. Ostlund one day: "I can't understand it. I've been here three days now, you have three preachers here, and nobody's said anything to us about religion."

The King George has been operating under the direction of Rev. Ostlund for the past three years, during which period accommodations have been provided for 500,000 overnight guests. More than 1,550,000 service men and women have visited the canteen and game rooms in that time.

## Training Film Realistic As Flyer Bails Out

**PELELIU ISLAND (Delayed)** — A Navy unit based here got an unexpected touch of realism with their screen fare recently when Marine 2dLt. Robert V. Barnett of Kenosha, Wis., parachuted from his disabled plane within sight of their open air theater.

Flares and shore-based searchlights quickly flooded the area, and an educational movie was suspended during subsequent rescue operations, reports 1stSgt. Wallace R. McLain, combat correspondent.

As the picture resumed, the service men viewed the final reels of "Castaway"—the Navy's training film for fliers forced to bail out of their combat planes.

## Improvises Foxhole

**USNH, OAKLAND** — Falling wounded in a clearing on Peleliu, and lying there still within the sights of the Jap sniper who shot him, PFC Robert M. Hopkins of Roosevelt, Tex., quickly improvised a "foxhole" by pulling coral rocks around him for protection.

## Ammunition

In a little more than three months, three American armies in France fired 300,000,000 rounds of small arms ammunition; 4,426,000 rounds of 105mm. ammunition; 1,248,000 rounds of 155mm. shells and 8,500,000 rounds of mortar shells.

## Island Secure, But —

**USNH, OAKLAND** — After fighting through the entire battle for Saipan until the island was declared secured, Corp. Daniel A. Laguna of The Bronx, N. Y., was wounded in a small-scale Jap banzai attack from the mouth of a cave during mopping up operations.



**COUNTRYMEN.** Capt. Alfred Leonopoulos, RNH, naval attache representing the Greek embassy at Washington, stopped to chat with Corp. Theodore N. Chronis at MGB.

## Still Dreaming Of 'A White Christmas'

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)** — Too busy battling Japs on Bougainville last year to give more than a passing nod to the holiday spirit, officers and men of the 3rd Div. this year celebrated Christmas in typical American fashion.

Holiday packages began arriving from home six weeks before the big day. Not only did the Marines open their boxes and share the contents with each other, but the natives, too, were treated to a part of the stateside offerings.

Christmas was ushered in with carol singing and Protestant candlelight services Christmas Eve, followed by Catholic midnight masses. Both faiths held additional services the following morning.

A division theatrical was unveiled Christmas Eve, using as a theme, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas". Impromptu performances were presented to the various units through the holiday week. — Sgt. Harold Brent, combat correspondent.

## WRs Display Typical Marine Ingenuity

**CAMP PENDLETON** — Leatherneck ingenuity is another tradition absorbed by the WRs.

On duty in the PX warehouse here and in need of additional storage room, Corp. Grace I. Deibert of Burbank, Cal., and PFC Margaret McGuire of Brooklyn, N. Y., spotted a nearby shed which needed remodeling.

Displaying surprisingly good carpentry, the two WRs repaired the entire building, inside and out.

## Marine Green

The forestry green shade of uniform worn by U. S. Marines was adopted during World War I.

## Greek Attache Talks With WR

Corp. Theodore N. Chronis of Dorchester, Mass., and Capt. Alfred Leonopoulos, RNH, naval attache representing the Greek embassy at Washington, D. C., met here at the Base while the latter was on a tour of the 11th Naval Dist.

Though American born, Corp. Chronis speaks Greek fluently, and was able to discuss the Hellenic hero's adventures aboard the destroyer Queen Olga in evacuating the Greek government to Crete.

## Jaques Farm Man Awarded Medal

**JACQUES FARM** — The Purple Heart Medal was awarded this week to Corp. John H. Heston of Kewanee, Wash., at a special Tank Co. formation.

Brent's award was for wounds received in action in the South Pacific last July. He is now serving as a cook in the Tank Co.

## Motley Group Takes Over Guns

**PELELIU (Delayed)** — Marine versatility came to the fore in fighting here when 2dLt. James F. Stanfield organized a machine gun section from eight scouts, two quartermaster men, one clerk and two cooks, none of whom had ever handled a machine gun before.

The 13 were volunteers for duty with an MG unit whose ranks had been depleted in fierce encounters during four previous days. The self-styled "Command Post Commandos" supported a series of infantry attacks on "Suicide Ridge" from early morning to mid-afternoon the next day. — TSgt. Joseph L. All, combat correspondent.

## The Bazooka Kid



Illustrated by 1stSgt. Elmer Wacker from a Combat Report by Sgt. Ray Fitzpatrick

(1) A Marine infantry outfit moved cautiously along a trail on the afternoon of D-Day in the invasion of Peleliu. A 20-year-old hazopist man, PFC Robert Bungalow of Hammond, O., slipped forward with his buddies. His eyes searched the [ ] for signs of the enemy. He was in action for the first time and his throat was dry. (2) And

denly, a fleet of Jap tanks topped the crest of the hill and lumbered down toward the Marines. Bungalow dived into a shell hole and waited for the Japs to come within 3000 yards—then he started to blast them with his rocket launcher. (3) When the tanks were only 50 yards away, a shot by Bungalow hit the lead tank. The [ ]

20 all sought to spread out over the ridge. Three more shots halted the second tank. (4) By this time, Bungalow's buddies were cheering for him like a crowd at a football game. Two well-placed rockets knocked out a fourth tank. (5) The Japs fled and Bungalow commenced to wear the nickname—"The Bazooka Kid".

# Seven 'Hell Cats' Reunite At El Toro



**REUNION.** Seven young "Hell Raider" vets had a big reunion at El Toro when they recently checked in individually for duty as flying instructors. Left to right (top row): Capt. D. Carley, Robert Kiernan and William Barr; (lower row): 1stLt. Marvin Krueger, Capt. Ralph Stefanik, 1stLt. Noble Shepherd and Capt. Robert Collett.

**EL TORO**—Seven young Marine pilots checked in here recently to join a dive-bomber squadron as combat instructors.

Arriving individually, each expected to be lonesome.

Instead, all discovered, within 48 hours, that it was like a homecoming celebration, for all had served together overseas six months ago and all had won decorations for their work with the famed "Hell Raiders" dive-bombing squadron.

When hand-shaking and back-slapping were concluded, the roster showed the men were: Capt. Ralph S. Stefanik of California, Pa.; Capt. William J. Barr of Racine, Wis.; Capt. Robert J. Kiernan of Maplewood, N. J.; 1stLt. Noble N. Shepherd Jr. of Indianapolis, Ind.; 1stLt. Marvin L. Krueger of Floyd Knobs, Ind.; Capt. Don Carley of Dayton, O.; and Capt. Robert A. Collett of Evanston, Ill.

During three tours of duty in the South Pacific, the seven "Hell Raiders" campaigned at Guadalcanal, Munda, Bougainville and Green Island for various periods ranging from 12 months for Capt. Carley, who holds the Purple Heart and Air Medal, to 16 months for Lt. Shepherd, holder of the Air Medal.

None of the seven ever had to bail out and only Capt. Carley was wounded. But Lt. Shepherd told of the narrowest squeeze of his flying career when, his plane crippled from enemy anti-aircraft fire, the motor quit three times and he found it necessary to toss machine guns and all extra equipment overboard to keep the dive bomber aloft. He sneaked beneath Capt. Barr's plane for protection on the trip and with wheels shot away, made a crash landing. He and his gunner escaped injury.

The seven "Hell Raiders", recalling their exploits in the South Pacific, counted 70 gun emplacements destroyed, 6 ships sunk, 6 Zeros shot down, 1 ammunition dump blown up, 1 radio station blown to bits, several warehouses, supply depots, motor convoys and wharves obliterated.

Toughest raid of their overseas duty, they recalled, was at Tobera airdrome near Rabaul, when every ship in the squadron was shot up, but none was lost.

Most humorous incident of their travels and exploits was Capt. Collett's strafing mission when he spotted a Nip officer riding a bicycle along a highway and gave chase until the Jap scrambled either to safety or death in a bomb hole.

"I only know my aim was good and my guns were working beautifully. I doubt that the Jap lived to take another bicycle ride."

Currently the seven "Hell Raiders" are teaching new Marine pilots tricks which have been found effective in combat.

## Price Knowledge Wins For WRs

A knowledge of OPA ceiling prices, plus the standard feminine sense of injustice, gained \$60 for two Base WRs last week.

Judgments of \$25 each were awarded last week to the pair, who reported to the court that they had been charged \$1.20 for a cold beef sandwich and \$2 for a hot beef sandwich at the Shalimar Cafe. Ceiling on cold beef sandwiches is 50 cents; hot beef sandwiches, \$1.

## Amphibious Assault Orderly From Air

USNH, LONG BEACH—"From the ground, one gets an impression of confusion and chaos (during an amphibious assault). From the air the vast, orderly scheme is visible."

The speaker was Maj. Louis Aronson of Freeport, N. Y., who was in the air over Guam for five hours during the initial assault. The major said he was "thunderstruck" at the immensity of the operation.

## Old Timers



**LT. MURPHY** keeps planes in shape

## Engineering Aviator Has Never Flown

**EL TORO**—2dLt. Vincent E. Murphy has replaced CWO V. E. Murphy as engineering officer of a dive bomber squadron here and therein has something Ripley could use.

Despite 18 years in Marine aviation, Lt. Murphy has never flown a plane!

Promotion of Lt. Murphy to his new rank was announced by Maj. Glenn L. Todd, CO of the squadron, who tossed in a verbal bouquet by adding:

"Our planes are flying, our students are learning combat tricks, our safety record is one to be proud of chiefly because Lt. Murphy, as engineering officer, has kept the morale of the ground crews high and the hum of the motors steady."

The promotion took place as Lt. Murphy began his 7th term of enlistment. He joined the Corps in December, 1920, and received recruit training at Parris Island. His career as a Leatherneck has taken him to all corners of the globe and across the equator four times.

Since 1927, he has served aboard such famous aircraft carriers as the Saratoga, Lexington, Langley, Yorktown, Ranger and Enterprise.

"They're all swell," Lt. Murphy said, "but give me the Ranger. She's my baby."

Of his 24 years in the Corps, Lt. Murphy has spent 10 of them outside the U. S. In addition to his sea duty, he has served in Sanioa, San Domingo, Cuba and Panama.

"Some day," he mused, "I want to see China. I'll never really feel like a full-fledged Leatherneck until I see all those pretty oriental places my pals have talked about these final years."

Lt. Murphy was a plane captain in the first Marine fighter squadron ever formed. He also was plane captain for a group of planes which in 1931 and 1932 won the Schiff Trophy for safety. As engineering officer, it is his duty to see that every plane is in condition to fly.

## Mojave Station Tops Bond Sales

MCAS, MOJAVE—This desert air station again has topped all Naval air commands and probably all competing activities in War Bond sales, it was revealed. Mojave's Marines and civilian workers bought \$129,850 worth of bonds in the recent Pearl Harbor Day campaign, 625% over the quota and \$129 per capita.

Lt. Col. L. W. Ashwell, CO of the station, praised the efforts of Capt. John G. Kull, War Bond officer, and his assistants, 1stLt. Eugene C. Kaiser, 1stLt. William B. Irwin and Wave Ens. Vivian M. Richards.

Largest bond purchases were made by Pvt. Lyle Woodruff, who bought five \$1000 bonds; 2dLt. Lloyd Hill, three \$1000 bonds; CWO A. R. Donaghy and Sgt. Werner Pyikas, who each bought a \$1000 bond.

Duties are tasks that we look forward to with distaste, perform with reluctance, and brag about over after.

# Hellhawk Airmen Set Endurance Mark For Day

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)**—The Hellhawk, Marine fighter squadron veterans of Guadalcanal, Munda, Rendova and Bougainville, recently set a new record of 272.2 flight hours logged in a single day, reports Sgt. O. W. Nelson Jr., combat correspondent.

The 21 participating Corsairs, commanded by Maj. D. P. Frame of Council Bluffs, Ia., landed only long enough to refuel before taking off again on day and night navigational hops that covered a 20-hour period.

Three of the squadron's pilots have won DFCS for past actions: Capt. Wilbur J. Thomas of Los Angeles, who also holds the Navy Cross, has a total of 16½ planes downed in combat to his credit; Capt. John L. Morgan Jr. of Spokane, Wash., holder of the Air Medal as well, is credited with 10 enemy planes shot down, and Capt. George De Bahio of Cleveland Heights, O., has downed three. The squadron is credited with 162 combat kills in all.

## Girls Run Up Male Non-Com For Desertion

First sergeants of WR Bn. imposed full vengeance on their former sergeant major, Charles Larson, by "court martialing" him with three specified offenses against him.

Specification No. 1 charged that the sergeant major "had himself relieved from his duties at the WR Bn. while his services were sorely needed, creating unsafe situations."

A violation of En. Memorandum 23-44, covering uniform regulations, was the second specification. The sergeant major refused to wear the proscribed red chin strap and red muffler issued him.

A third offense was also charged: "for calling on any number of occasions in a loud voice: 'call the first sergeants!' and did thus disturb unnecessarily the peaceful routine of Hq. Co., Cos. A, B and C, the U. S. then being in a state of war."

Pleading guilty, the sentence was duly imposed. Penalty: gift of a key and watch chain and sincere thanks for his help in the past year and best wishes for him in his new assignment.

## Chicago Survivor

USNH, OAKLAND—A survivor of the USS Chicago, sunk off Guadalcanal in January, 1943, Corp. Vernon A. Brown of Kansas City, Mo., describes the experience as "a lifetime of nightmares." He swam around for two hours after the sinking before he was picked up.



**COMPOSER.** MTSgt. Frank L. Psaude of San Diego, veteran of Bougainville and Guam, is composing an original marching song for the 3rd Div., with which he has been serving as bandmaster.

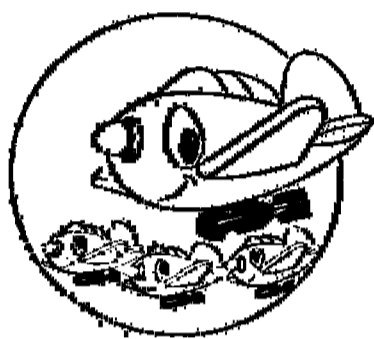
## Montezuma Card Features Real Battle Verses

"Poetry in War", verses written by battle-inspired Marines, will be the theme of the 199th "Halls of Montezuma" radio program for today. The all-Marine program originates from the Base theater at 1600 and is broadcast to all parts of the nation via station KGB, Mutual Corp. Hank Richards directs the production.

Among the interesting highlights of today's script written by PFC. Gene Shumate is the history of the Marine Hymn, although its composer and origin are still debatable. Battles of Wake Island, the Canal, Hell's Point and Midway, where Marines weary from the rigors of ship killing still found time to write their thoughts in never-to-be forgotten lines will be told in dramatic form.

The Regimental Band will play several selections on the program. PFC Ivan Dumore has arranged the special musical score and will be featured at the organ console.

All Base personnel, R&R men, WRs and their guests are invited to attend the broadcast.—Pvt. John Shepley



Group-41 Insignia

## Group-41 Sports New Insignia

**EL TORO**—An insignia has been officially approved for Group-41 by HQMC and the Chief of Naval Operations.

A caricature of planes in flight, the idea was conceived and drawn by TSgt. Bill Benesch, a former radio announcer and cartoonist. Benesch is a cartoonist for the Flight Jacket, station paper.

A Base WR asked in a classification questionnaire about her experiences in the field of nutrition, wrote "I have been eating for years."

## Midway-Guam Cable Back After Two-Year Lay-Off

**GUAM (Delayed)**—The Midway-Guam cable, cut at Midway by the Navy for security reasons just prior to the Battle of Midway, has been repaired and opened after two and one-half years of silence.

The first message to flash to Pearl Harbor over the newly-repaired lines was from Marine Maj. Gen. Henry L. Larsen, island commander, to Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

The cable read: "This first message rededicates

the Guam-Midway cable service and forges another link in your line of communication to the west and victory. Your forces on Guam wish you a Merry Christmas and continued success in the New Year."

The Guam-Midway cable, 2760 miles in length, is the second longest cable in the world. It was installed in 1903 and was in continuous use until shortly after the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor. The cable was repaired by the crew of the Army Transport Service ship "Restorer"—PFC. Stanley Fink.

## Upstairs Message Tabs Fickle Gal

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC**—Corp. Donald J. Skinner of Mobile, Ala., claims that it required the U. S. mails to convince him that a message could come from above.

"We were getting a pretty sharp attack by Jap bombers in the Marshalls," Skinner explained. "When it was over I discovered that a fragment had ripped through the picture of my best girl."

Corp. Skinner was uneasy for several days. Then a letter from home left him in a mood to ponder the weird ways of symbolism.

"The gal," he explained, "had married somebody else."

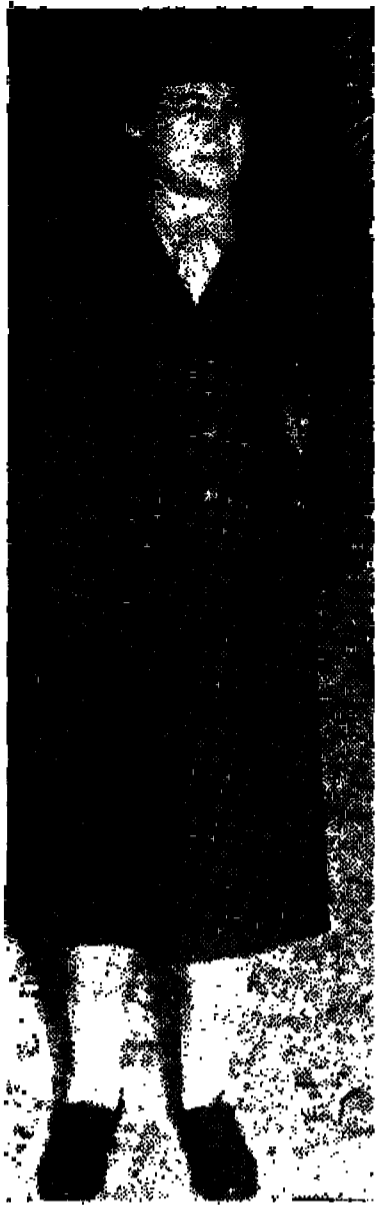
## GI Bill Payments Will Be Prompt

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Veterans taking part-time studies under the GI Bill of Rights will be put on the payroll "immediately," Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs, said today. This applies unless a veteran is gainfully employed in a full-time job not related to the course of training, when no payment will be made.

Payments to veterans and educational institutions will be in proportion to the time a veteran devotes to the education or training program. Thus, if a veteran is going to school half time, he will receive half the full rate, but may continue the course twice as long.

## Marine Swimmers

Every Marine must be able to swim before he is assigned duty aboard a battleship or cruiser.



**RESEMBLANCE.** Salutes received by Corp. Margaret E. Carey at MCAS, Mojave, mystified the driver as she drove to pick up her rider, but were explained when she arrived and recognized her resemblance to the passenger—Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, Director of the WRs (left).



# Chevron Celebrates Third Birthday

As this issue goes to press, a year only remains for The Chevron to be wearing a hushmark.

This 3rd birthday of your paper also marks an anniversary for those hectic days of 1942 when Marine camps and training areas were springing up all over San Diego, making the need for a Marine newspaper really urgent.

Founded by Maj. Gen. William H. Rupertus, then MCE commanding officer, recent leader of Marines on New Britain and Peleliu, The Chevron has grown from a four-page tabloid to a 12 to 16 page weekly.

Lt. Rupertus launched the paper on its career with the order: "I want it to be a paper for the men of the Marine Corps. Make it so readable it will be indispensable! Print the news the men want to read . . . and don't preach!"

This order has been The Chevron's main effort for the past three years—to keep the Marines here and in the South Pacific, and their families, well informed and sometimes amused, without preaching.

Many changes have come about since that original four-page tabloid. The Chevron has added complete combat correspondent coverage, cartoons, and a host of other new features.

Across these pages has passed a saga of Marine history that will never be forgotten. From the initial landings on Guadalcanal to our present-day operations, the trials and death, the heroic, the unusual, have been printed.

To many Leathernecks fighting in the South Pacific during 1944, The Chevron was the main source of news. Its mail is so full of questions from all parts of the globe that an answer column, "Safety Valve", had to be formed.

Members of the staff have served for only short periods then shovied off to the battle fronts. But when one newsman goes out to fight, another steps in to take his place for a while.

## Outdoor Movies All Over Guam

GUAM (Delayed)—This Central Pacific Island, which before the war boasted only two motion picture theaters, now has 45 movie houses, all of the outdoor type.

Operated by various Army, Navy and Marine units, nightly shows are well attended by both service men and natives.

The two pre-war theaters were located in Agaña, Guam's capital, destroyed during the Allied re-occupation last July.

GI theaters go under such names as Span Bowl, Ace of Spades, Little Aek Aek, Skee Boo's Asakie, Little Man's Show House, Hellzap, Dengue Bowl, New Shangri La, and Last Chance.—PFC. Stanley Fink.

## March Of Dimes Campaign Starts

Annual March of Dimes campaign for contribution of funds by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will begin with a benefit performance of A. J. Cronin's "Keys to the Kingdom" on Sunday, Jan. 14, according to Capt. Buckleigh Oxford.

All proceeds will be turned over to the March of Dimes. Admission is 10 cents. The two performances are at the regular time, 7:30 and 2:00, at the Base theater.

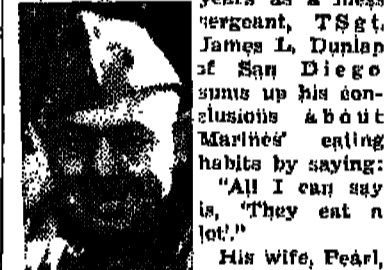
Individual contributions may be made through the battalion offices.

MCAS, El Toro, is also swinging into the spirit of the cause by distributing attractive boxes near all coke machines and juke boxes, Capt. A. M. Padella announced.

One of the top-selling books of all time, "Keys to the Kingdom" is considered one of the largest movie productions of 1945.

## Marines' Hunger Still Astounds Old Messman

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—After nearly 30 years in the service, including more than 12 years as a mess sergeant, TSgt. James L. Dunlap of San Diego sums up his conclusions about Marines' eating habits by saying:



"All I can say is, 'They eat a lot.'"

His wife, Pearl, now a San Diego resident, took care of the wounded at Pearl Harbor. "She saw action besides I did."

Acting to keep the enemy occupied in conjunction with the Luzon movement, the B-29s reported "good hunting."

## L. A. Boot Fires 316 For Tops

CAMP MATTHEWS—Individual high score at the rifle range last week was a 316, scored by Pvt. James L. Davis (Plat. 789) of Los Angeles. Other high men in the platoon were Pvt. Virgil O. Harrell of Rathdrum, Ida., with a 311 and Pvt. LeRoy E. Hovden of Fairfield, Mont., scoring 310.

The platoon, under Coach Sgt. Ernest H. Hachmeister, qualified 90.7% DI of 792 by P1Sgt. E. E. Johnson.

## Marine Artillery Shines On Leyte

(Continued from page 1) sound in all operations in the Pacific to date."

Lt. Col. Moore is a veteran of the Marshalls and Marianas campaigns, prior to his participation in the Philippine operation.

He described the Jap parachute landing one evening behind our lines, in which 250 to 300 Nip chutists landed near some Marine airstrips.

Two Marine artillerymen who were not in action at one point, decided to join a stray Seabee to get to the front. There, they fought as infantrymen, picking off Japs with hand grenades and rifles before returning to their artillery piece.

A Marine liaison pilot found himself out of gas while en route to the beach from a carrier, so he landed a few hundred yards from the beach on Samar while that island was still completely in Jap hands. Luckily he didn't encounter any Japs at that point, so he set off in his rubber raft and was snatched up by one of our ships.

### First to Box

U. S. Marines introduced the western art of boxing to the Chinese.

## Navy Doc Says Gyrenes Boast Most Courage

Lt. Edwin S. Budge Jr. of Los Angeles has a high respect for Marine courage.

Wounded during the Palau invasion early in September, Lt. Budge had 140 Jap wounded among his regular patients. When questioned about Nip courage, Lt. Budge says:

"Jap stoicism? Hell, the average Marine has more stoicism and courage—you may call it 'guts' if you like—in one little finger than any Jap I ever ran across."

Lt. Budge gropes for language adequate to praise the Marines with whom he went ashore on New Britain and the Palau.

"There's nobody in the world like them. People back home here would be humbly grateful and immensely proud if they could know a mere fraction of the story of heroism and self-sacrifice our boys display at every opportunity."—Los Angeles Times.

## Luzon Invasion May Be Climax

(Continued from Page 1)

air and sea bombardment, but during 15-day the warships encountered virtually no opposition as they unleashed a two-hour bombardment to smash shore defenses.

The strikes on Formosa and Okinawa were the second within three months.

Tokyo again suffered a body blow when B-29s attacked industrial targets en masse Tuesday.

## Puzzled Marines Contact Correct Answer Source

WASHINGTON (AP)—Six Marines in search of a senator were handed the keys to Capitol Hill before their search ended.

Here between trains, the officer candidates spied a portly, wavy-haired figure walking briskly toward the capitol at the early hour of 0500.

"Are you a senator?" they asked. "No," replied early-rising Rep. Frank W. Boykin (D-Ala.), "but what do you want with a senator?"

When the day was over the Marines wouldn't have swapped Boykin for half a dozen senators. At the Alabama member's invitation they had catch steaks in the capitol dining room, toured the hill, sat in the house chamber and shaken hands with scores of house members, including Speaker Rayburn, (I-Tex.) and Democratic Leader McCormack (D-Mass.).

## 'One Moment of Greatness . . .'

Pictured by TSgt. Vic Deaneham from a Combat Report by TSgt. Percy Zuercher



(1) In the invasion of Saipan, a certain Marine platoon was given the job of cleaning out a Jap pocket which was impeding the advance up the western coast. Shy, quiet Norman Arsenault, an 18-year-old private from Lawrence, Mass., was a member of this platoon. (2) The Japs were imbedded in a deep crevice in the face of a seven-foot cliff. Lying in a prone position, they opened up on

the platoon with a murderous machine-gun and rifle fire. (3) Arsenault and his companions were pinned down behind the limestone boulders that separated the cliff from the sea. Realizing their hopeless position, Arsenault quietly left the outfit and, gripping his carbine, started to move back to the water. The lad thus began the act that will forever keep him in the memory of his buddies.



(4) Twenty feet out in the tidewater, Arsenault stood erect and began pumping bullets into the crevice. Fifty enemy guns returned his fire and hundreds of enemy bullets went singing toward him, ripping in the surf about him. (5) While Arsenault carried out this daring one-man maneuver, his buddies scrambled from behind the boulder. One by one, they began to creep to safety atop the cliff, while the Japs concentrated their fire on Arsenault. (6) Out of ammunition, Arsenault dashed through the water to the

Marines still behind the boulders. He borrowed as many ammunition clips as he could and went back to take up where he left off. (7) With all the men safely evacuated, Arsenault continued to fire. Ordered to come back, he emptied one more clip. As he made for the beach, Jap bullets killed him. Next day, after the pocket had been cleaned out, Marines found some 20 victims of this young hero's carbine sprawled in the crevice. The lad none of them had gotten to know proved himself a fighting Marine beyond any doubt.



**HARDWOOD CUTIES.** El Centro WRs are primed for a full season of participation in 11th Naval Dist. Women's loop. Facing the world here are (left to right): Corp. Letha P. Willingham of Long Creek, Ore.; Sgt. Bernadine Ryan of Newberg, Ore.; Sgt. Lillian Choate of St. Louis, Mo.; PFC. Cordelle Donley of Scotland, S. D.; 2dLt. Barbara Burgess of Hillside, N. J.; Sgt. Doris Lutes of Alliance, O.; Sgt. Lucile Upton of Saticoy, Cal., and Corp. Dorothy Bryant of Camden, Me. There are six players on feminine teams.

# Camp Pendleton Boxing Show Features Heavies

**CAMP PENDLETON**—PFC. Jerry Stratman, 190, South Dakota, had the stage all set for a knock-out victory in the main event of the Monday night Oceanside USO fight show, but Pvt. Phillip Martin, 175, Washington, stayed on his pins to the final bell, forcing Stratman to take a decision.

In the final round, Stratman landed countless lefts and rights to the face and body and had Martin gruggy, but could not throw the Sunday punch needed to end the fracas.

The long and short of boxing tangled in the semi-final, when long and lanky S2/c. Eddie Wood, 148, N. D., met short and husky S2/c. Jim Rossman, 140, Philadelphia. The final decision was a draw. Wood kept at long range and fired looping lefts and rights while Rossman fought in rushes, hurling flurries of punches.

The whirlwind of the evening

was S2/c. William Irvine, 165, Los Angeles, who peppered S2/c. Curtis Domingue, Louisiana, 185, with a barrage of stiff lefts and crushing rights. Domingue was unable to answer the bell for the third and final round, the nod going to the clever California boxer.

Irvine lashed out with plenty of dynamite in the first round, decking Domingue for an eight-count with a thundering left. In the second round, Domingue went down for two no-counts and for a seven-count. He was on the mat when the bell ended the round.

S2/c. Ben Wilcox, 145, Illinois, started the second bout of the evening with his version of a polka, but wound up taking the count after running into a barrage of leather thrown by S1/c. Max Grand, 150, Michigan.

Corp. Walt Trout, 140, Miss., won the curtain-raiser from S2/c. Bill Burke, also 140, Pittsburgh.

# El Toro Five Takes NOB Loop Opener

**NOB League Standings**

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
El Toro (MCAS)	1	0	1.000
Los Alamitos	1	0	1.000
Long Beach (NH)	0	1	.000
San Jacinto (NAS)	0	1	.000
Roosevelt (Base)	0	0	.000

**MCAS, EL TORO**—Getting off to a flying start in the Naval Operating Base league, El Toro's basketball team submerged USNH, Long Beach, 16-22, in the opener at Laguna Beach.

A five-team unit, the NOB league was formed for the travel convenience of operating base teams in the San Diego area. Los Alamitos, joined by former Southern California clubs, and El Toro are early favorites.

While the Bulls were trouncing the competition, Los Alamitos Naval Air Station defeated the Santa Ana blimp base quintet, 82-57, on the city high school floor. Roosevelt Base broke a bye.

Starting with a rush, El Toro built up a 26-10 advantage over the hospital engers by halftime and coasted through. Julian Pressley collected 10 points for Mac's scoring honors.

Doug Winans, ex-Santa Barbara State, and Alex Ormalev, ex-UNIV. of Southern California, got 26 and 24 points, respectively, for Los Alamitos. Lineups:

- El Toro (46)** (22) Long Beach Tech (2) Schriber (11) Gavel Ryan (9) Cam (7) Kirsch (5) Kyras Sigurdson (5) Apperson
- Substitutes: El Toro—King (5), Dotts (6), Kunka (4), Long Beach—Blake (4), Bustin (4), Folds—Long Beach 2, El Toro 1.
- Los Alamitos (57)** (13) Monte Kimball (3) Turnbull (12) Diergoette Martin (8) Swartz White (11) Vickers
- Substitutes: Los Alamitos—McCombs (4), Coit (2), Sherman (2), Kurey (1)



**HOOPED!** StfsGt. "Cotton" Stark, Mojave forward, finds range for 2 points against Miramar. His team won, 54-41.

# Fleet Champion Topples Marine

**QUADALCANAL** (via Navy Radio)—Sailor Levi Bryant, Lake Charles, Ga., fleet heavyweight champion of the Southwest Pacific, won a decision over Marine Walt Hafer of Dayton, O., recently.

In a light heavyweight bout Soldier Gene Stafford, Atlanta, Ga., took the nod from Sailor Henry Wright, New York City. Light-weight Sailor Aaron Pollard, Kansas City, Mo., won a decision over Soldier Oscar Munez, San Francisco.

**Total GI Vote**

Best estimates obtainable indicate that approximately 2,000,000 service men cast ballots in the recent Presidential election, far below earlier estimates, according to a Washington dispatch.

# Colorful Maddox Misses Duke Tilt

**CAMP LEJEUNE**—The many Duke Univ. basketball fans who came to see the much-publicized Jack Maddox perform for the Camp Lejeune Marines against Duke, there Saturday night, were disappointed.

Jack, the long "short" man of the celebrated West Texas State Teachers College team of 1943, didn't know the Marines were going to schedule the game when he left on a short furlough for his ranch at Medicine Mound, Tex.

Without the 8-ft. 4-in. court clown, the Marines were just another club and they lost for the first time this season.

# Santa Ana Wants El Toro Games

**EL TORO**—The Santa Ana city council has approved use of the Municipal Bowl for another season by El Toro gridders.

Losing only to March Field during the 1944 season, the Flying Marines were ranked as the No. 5 service team in the nation. Home games next year are with March Field, NTS and the Fleet City Bluejackets. St. Mary's Pre-Flight and Alameda Coast Guard games are expected to be added to the slate.

Marine Corps rifle teams have captured 15 championships during the 31 national rifle matches held since 1903.

# New Lineup For Lejeune Hoop Quintet

**CAMP LEJEUNE**—Besides building morale here, the Marine basketballers of Camp Lejeune are making Tokyo feel their strength.

The squad has sent so many of its favorite songs to the war fronts that Coach Lt. T. Wesley Bennett today could find only one player, Joe Behmer of Southern Illinois Normal, who was in the starting lineup when the Leathernecks opened their season Dec. 10. Jack Maddox, West Texas Teachers bachelorette who ordinarily would spearhead the Marines, was furloughing on his ranch at Medicine Mound, Tex.

Lejeune athletic officer, Capt. Robert M. Edd, former court captain at the Univ. of Pittsburgh and wearer of the Silver Star medal for gallantry in the Pacific, will be on hand, however, and is said to be handy on the hardwood.

# Capt. Todd Buys Sports Business

**SAN DIEGO**—Capt. O. W. (Junior) Todd, who recently returned to civilian life after serving two years in the South Pacific with the 2nd Div., has purchased controlling interest in the Stanley Andrews Sports Goods store.

Capt. Todd has long maintained a major interest in all sports. He gained renown in the South Pacific by sponsoring a baseball game in New Zealand which drew 38,000 paid admissions.

Formerly head of the board of governors for the national AAU, Capt. Todd expects to assume immediate management.



**1stLt. WILSON**... player and coach

# Quantico Team Has Former MCB Cager As Player-Coach

**QUANTICO**—1stLt. Harold A. Wilson, new player-coach of the Quantico cage crew, performed with the San Diego MCB unit in 1942. Prior to entering the service, Lt. Wilson was a star performer at Kilgore Junior College in Texas.

Other members of the Quantico first team are PFC. Samuel H. Bell, captain and center and another former Kilgore Junior college star; Sgt. John Wells, all-veteran performer at the Univ. of Idaho from 1938-40; Sgt. Lee J. Berndorf, for-

mer Univ. of San Francisco ace; Corp. Bruce K. Behner, Univ. of Indiana and Kansas City Oiler pro performer; and PFC. Paul A. Harler, a Western Kentucky Teachers alumnus.

**Show Day Changed**

**LOS ANGELES**—"Comical and Performance", one of the top radio programs of Armed Forces Radio Service, is changing its production date from Saturday to Thursday of each week.



# Drafting Of 4-Fs Darkens National Sports Field

Unless all signs and omens fall, the 1945 national sports front is going to be strictly a fly-by-night proposition.

As a result of the President's message to Congress urging the enactment of legislation making all 4-Fs available in "whatever capacity is best for the war effort", the sports field appears doomed.

Three years ago President Roosevelt, in a letter to the late Kenosaw Mountain Landis, baseball's high commissioner, expressed his personal rather than official point of view, urging the national game to continue in wartime.

Roosevelt's latest stand, however, might spell the end of professional sports for the duration, if Congress adopts his suggestion. In full accord with War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes, whose request last Dec. 23 that all 4-Fs be re-examined for duty either in the armed force or in war jobs, Roosevelt's wish parallels War Secretary Newton D. Baker's "work or fight" order of

1918 which disrupted baseball in the waning days of World War I.

Only three days ago, Jan. 3, horse and dog tracks were closed at the request of Byrnes.

Pro sports are studded with many men rejected by the Army and Navy doctors for physical disabilities. Major league baseball, with 281 of its 400 players in 4-F, will be hardest hit. With spring training only two months off, club owners are at a loss as to what to do. Despite the insistence of Will Harridge, president of the American League, and Ford C. Frick, National League president, that baseball "will continue as long as we have nine men on the field," it is an even-money bet the parks will not open, especially if the Army lowers its physical standards, as already hinted by sources close to Washington.

Football, with more than half its personnel either in 4-F or Army and Navy discharges, is not too alarmed, as it has several added months in which to mark time and hope for something to happen as the year lengthens to change the picture.

Golf and boxing will also be hard hit, with such links stars as Byroil Nelson and Jug McSpaden, two of the leading money winners of 1944, in the 4-F group. Boxers either in 4-F or discharged from the services include Willie Pep, featherweight champion, Sugar Ray Robinson, Bobby Ruffin, Jimmy Elvins and Ken Overlit.

College athletics, supported in the main by pre-draft age athletes and naval trainees, would be affected to some degree by the loss of 4-Fs or the universal service act, asked by the President.

Hockey probably will lose little, since most of its players are Canadians under strict supervision of the Dominion government. The only Canadians available are those discharged or rejected from military service, or those in the under or over-age group.

## Fourth Air Wing Has 'Fish Bowl'

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS (Delayed)—The National Football Rules Committee may be confronted with a real problem if members of the 4th Air Wing present them with their tropical version of the game, played in the "Fish Bowl".

According to the rules, reports 1st Lt. Louis Olazyk, PRO, it's touch football just so long as the runner remains on the sand. When he touches the water, it's tackle—and SPLASH!

## New 'Freeze' Play Pacific Feature

ULITHI, Western Carolines (Delayed)—Marines have added something new to basketball, but fans in the States will never see it.

It is strictly a combat area revision of the controversial "freeze" play, according to Sgt. Claude R. Casup, combat correspondent.

Out here, where men snatch a few minutes of basketball on improvised courts, some with oily one basket nailed to a coconut tree, the play is hot and furious—hot because of the temperature, furious because these Leathernecks love to shoot. Nobody wants to freeze the ball.

Several men were playing recently when the freeze play revision was first observed. All were scrambling for the ball, wanting to shoot. Suddenly each player froze in his tracks, every one looked up.

Our planes were coming back from a mission. Nobody moved until they roared by and began peeling off for the landing.

"Well, they all got back," remarked one player as if to himself, but loud enough for all to hear.

That was the cue to resume the game.

The Marines had scored again.



**KOWLERETTE.** Top woman bowler at MCB is Pvt. Lois Kline of Cheyenne, Wyo., former champion of United Air Lines. Pvt. Kline, with a 573 individual series and a 167-game average, is far ahead of other keepers in the 11th Naval Dist. Bowling league.

## Doggie Hoopsters Defeat El Toro

MCAS, EL TORO—Victorville Army Air Base basketball team made it two straight over El Toro this season by whipping the Bulls, 52-48, Jan. 5 at Victorville. Julian Pressley of El Toro was high scorer with 16 points.

El Toro held a 24-18 halftime lead, but was overhauled seven minutes after the rest period.

The score:  
El Toro (48) (52) Victorville  
Hein (10) F. (7) Bouchet  
Toth (4) F. (12) Albrecht  
Wynn (1) C. (5) Oberlein  
Pressley (10) G. (12) Zalus  
Sjogren (10) G. (12) Souder  
Substitutions: El Toro—Schroeder (7), Victorville—Davis (3), Conover (7).

## Miramar WR Five Tops Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON—Miramar Air Depot's WR basketball sextet came from behind Thursday night to defeat a potent Pendleton squad, 26-23, on the MCAD court.

Led by their center, Walters, the Miramar lassies trailed for three quarters of the contest before they were able to push ahead to victory. Walters scored 12 points to garner honors for the evening, while a substitute forward, Merklin, poked in 5 points in the closing minutes of the game to clinch the win.

## Charleston MC Team Wins Game

CHARLESTON, S. C.—The Charleston N.Y. Marines bounced back in the last quarter to tie the battling NAS five, then went ahead to take the game, 37-35, last week.

After trailing most of the game, the Marine quintet overcame a 13-point lead in the first period. With 80 seconds remaining, Stimson, flashy Marine guard, dribbled the length of the floor to tie the game. Good, former Indiana star, rang the bell twice in the overtime to clinch to victory.

"I married a tattered hula dancer so my kids could always have moving pictures."

## Free Throws Aid NTC In Victory Over El Toro

MCAS, EL TORO—Thirteen gift conversions by San Diego Navy Training Center's basketball team spelled defeat for El Toro at San Diego last week as the Sailors racked up a 49-38 win over the Flying Bulls.

With El Toro leading 25-20 at halftime, it looked as though the Bulls were going to upset the Navy, which last week conquered Univ. of So. California, but the Marine scoring machine spluttered and stalled in the third quarter and the Sailors registered 16 points while holding the Bulls to five.

Lineups:  
NTC (49) (38) El Toro  
Bloom (7) F. (2) Hein  
MacCarty (16) F. (4) Pressley  
Pugh (14) G. (5) Wynn  
Jarrow (8) G. (11) Clay  
Christiansen (2) G. (4) Sjogren  
Substitutions: NTC—Pelka (2), Prange (2), El Toro—Toth (4), Schroeder (2).

## Brunswick Cagers Remain Unbeaten

BRUNSWICK, Me.—Unbeaten so far this season, the Marine cagers dropped the Station Officers, 39-14, last week to come within one victory of the first-round title in the station league.

Topping the Communication Sparks in two of three games, the MC Reglers also paced their loop.

MILWAUKEE—Major league baseball officials joined with Milwaukee fans last week at a testimonial dinner for PFC. Bill Vecek of the Marines, who recently returned from the South Pacific. Vecek is president of the Milwaukee club of the AA.

## Miramar Team Scores 238 Points In Four Contests

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Scoring 238 points in four games last week, the Miramar cage five added further emphasis to claim as an early

## Topping Pros May Face '45 Without Field

Pros. Branch Rickey and his Brooklyn Dodgers baseball club are giving the "poor relative" treatment to their less-famous cousins, the Brooklyn Tigers of the National Football league, according to the New York Times.

Property of Marine Capt. Dan Topping, the Tigers have been using Ebbe's Field, Dodger stamping grounds, since 1920. Rickey, reportedly perturbed by the box office threat of professional football, has warned the Tiger front office that Ebbe's Field may not be available next fall.

## Mojave Topples Miramar Cagers

MCAS, MOJAVE—Getting revenge for the defeat handed them in a previous tilt, Mojave's basketball team edged out the fast and tricky Miramar MCAs five, 54 to 41, last week.

Mojave came from behind in the second half to beat the only team that has topped it this season. The score at the half was Miramar 23, Mojave 18. Lineup:

Mojave (54) (41) Miramar  
Murray (17) F. (11) Morris  
Hudson (17) F. (17) Campbell  
Giles (17) G. (14) Brown  
Mintz (17) G. (12) Panajiotis  
Childs (8) G. (7) Schroeder  
Substitutions: Mojave—Overson (2), Sims (8), Wilson, Thibauer, Smith, Butler (2), Miramar—Sundberg (1), Kline (3), Dalton (2).

favorite in the 2nd half 11th Naval Dist. race.

Led by Corp. Bobby Brown with 54 points in the four-game spree, the Miramar team defeated ATE, 59-40; Camp Gillespie, 62-43; San Diego YMCA, 68-36, and El Centro, 78-32.

1st Sgt. Frank Sato, captain of the Miramar team, accumulated 44 points for the four games.

First 11th Naval Dist. second-half league game for the Miramars is a tussle with the strong NTC team, first-half runner-up, Tuesday night.

## Southern Pacific Marines Discuss 4-F Sports Heroes

CENTRAL PACIFIC (AP)—A heated discussion about the pros and cons of professional sports during wartime has brought various opinions from Leathernecks in an informal survey.

Pvt. Vern Nuremberg of Millford, Mich., asserts that "we don't get to listen to the radio, so I don't see that it makes any difference to us."

Pvt. Donald Moore of Box Springs, Mont., believes that "if the athletes are able to participate in sports they should be in the service."

Pvt. Carroll Miller of Ramah, Colo., is of the opinion that professional athletics should be carried on.

Pvt. Dale Noyes of Victoria, La., agrees also, and continues: "People back home need sports. People who work in factories can get their minds off their jobs for a while, if for instance, they can see a baseball game Sunday afternoon."

"I think sports are all right," Pvt. Frank L. Caprio of Lock Haven, Pa., finished the interview. "But if the players are physically

fit to play baseball or football they should be in the service with the rest of us."

## Ex-Dartmouth Coach Returns After MC Duty

Maj. Tuss McLaughry, athletic officer at the Parris Island recruit depot, has returned to civilian status and his peacetime job as head grid coach and director of athletics at Dartmouth.

Tutor of the Indians during the 1941-42 season, Maj. McLaughry obtained a leave of absence to accept a commission in the Marine Corps. He has been stationed at Parris the past two years.

He signed a three-year contract with Dartmouth in 1941 after serving 15 years as head coach at Brown Univ. A nine-game schedule, featured by an inter-sectional fracas with Notre Dame, faces McLaughry.



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Education And Training For Veterans

More and more, letters coming to The Chevron indicate that Marines are looking to the future and that many of them intend to insure that future by taking advantage of the world of educational opportunity offered under the GI Bill of Rights.

While these opportunities are the most liberal in the nation's history, the bill is by no means a "gravy train". Only those serious-minded students who demonstrate the requisite industry and capacity for learning will be able to take full advantage of the educational benefits.

Any ex-service man — and that means both regulars and reserves — will be able to get at least a year's education or training, or its equivalent in continuous part-time study, at government expense at any approved educational or training institution, provided:

- 1. He is discharged or released from the military or naval service under conditions other than dishonorable.
2. He has served in the active military or naval service for at least 90 days between Sept. 16, 1940, and the end of the war, or is released from active service by reason of an actual service incurred disability or injury.
3. He has had his education "impeded, delayed or interrupted" by reason of his entrance into service, or desires a refresher or retraining course.

A service man who was not over 25 at the time he entered the service will be deemed to have had his education or training interrupted and need not prove it.

Service men who were more than 25 when they entered the service also are entitled to a year's free schooling or training. If they want more than a year of schooling, they must present

satisfactory evidence that their education was interrupted by military service. A ruling of the Veterans Administration makes it possible for the schooling to be abroad, providing the selected schools meet American standards.

The service man must begin the course or training within two years of his discharge, or within two years after the end of the war, whichever date is later.

The industrious veteran will be able to pursue his studies or training free from financial worry, for the government will pay costs of tuition, library, laboratory, health, infirmary and other similar fees up to \$500 for an ordinary school year. The subsistence allowance is \$50 a month for an ex-service man without dependents, and \$75 a month for one with dependents.

GUADALCANAL—"Love and kisses from the two men who packed this gadget," read the note inserted with a piece of Japanese equipment sent to Washington for analysis. "Here is hoping you find out what makes this tick so we can stop in Tokyo and pay Tojo a visit."

CAMP ENSIGN, BOHEGO, Cal.—Dedication ceremonies were held here this week for the Motor Transport drivers' camp, most distant outpost of the San Diego Base.

WASHINGTON—Units of Mar. Air 22, Sq. 221, and Scout Bombing Sq. 241 were cited for bravery in Midway's aerial battle.

WASHINGTON—Lt. Col. James Roosevelt and 14 other Marines who raided Japanese-held Makin Island last August have been awarded the Navy Cross.

Personnel Classification, an ultra-modern system of "finding the right man for the right job", has been adopted by the Base in an effort to place a man where he will be needed most.

WASHINGTON—A woman's unit of the Marine Corps will be established to relieve men of administrative and technical jobs.

Safety Valve

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

Question Box

Editor, The Chevron—Since arriving back in the States, we 2nd Div. men have had many arguments. So I've been elected to write to you, hoping the straight dope will appear in The Chevron.

- (a) Are we allowed to wear the VFW ribbon on our uniform? (b) Who were the first AEF Marines in this war? Was it the 4th Marines that left Jan. 6, 1942, and are they entitled to a ribbon? (c) Do all ribbons rate medals which will be issued after the war; i.e., Asiatic-Pacific, Presidential Unit Citation, etc.? (d) Why is it, when a man rates five different ribbons, his record book doesn't show it? (e) Who rates a Good Conduct medal? (f) Who rates a star on the American Defense ribbon? (g) Who do we see to change government insurance to 20-year life? (h) When do the CGU men get out of the service? (i) The Army will start discharging its men when the European war is over. Will some of us be discharged?

The boys in Tent Camp 2 will be looking forward to the answers to these questions in your interesting paper. NAME WITHHELD

Marine Corps Base,

Editor's note—(a) No, except on occasions of ceremony. However, when the VFW ribbon is worn, you do not wear any other ribbons or badges. (b) The 1st Mar. Brig. sailed for Iceland June 22, 1941. The 2nd Mar. Brig. sailed from San Diego for Saipan Jan. 6, 1942. Personnel of these units do not rate a special ribbon. (c) Yes, medals will eventually be issued. However, this is not true of the Presidential Unit Citation. You receive a copy of the citation itself. If you rate it and do not have one, make application for it through official channels. (d) Ltr. of Instr. 729 provides that to establish eligibility to wear the Unit Citation ribbon or stars on Area ribbons, appropriate notations should be made in SRBs. If this was not done overseas, your present CO should enter in your book "such evidence as definitely establishes" your eligibility for the awards. (e) The Good Conduct medal is awarded ONLY upon discharge—a discharge upon completion of enlistment or a discharge during or upon completion of an extension of enlistment—and ONLY when the discharge certificate clearly states that a Good Conduct medal has been approved. When a CGM is approved and a CGM number assigned, you wear the ribbon bar. The medals will be issued six months after the war. (f) A star on the Defense ribbon may be worn by personnel regularly attached to a 1st, 2nd or 3rd Squadron of the Atlantic, Pacific or Asiatic Fleets; or by those who were serving on shore at bases and fleet stations outside the continental limits. (g) Your first sergeant. (h) Tent held for the convenience of the men—it are in the same boat with those who enlisted for the duration. (i) The Army will not discharge anyone until the war has been counted out.

Rumors Untrue

"Recently a minor note of doubt has crept into public comments about the Navy's announced success in the Second Battle of the Philippines Sea from Oct. 23 to 25. Rumors have spread that the Navy sustained losses which have not been announced. These rumors are not true. All vessels lost in that battle have been announced. All planes lost in combat during that battle have been announced.

"The public should not be led by false rumors of supposedly unannounced facts to depreciate the achievement of the officers and men of the Third and Seventh Fleets in that action. The Japanese fleet was indeed 'beaten, routed and broken'.—Secy. Forrestal.



"We'll have to keep him in the army—he's no longer fit for civilian life."

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Rotation Again

Editor, The Chevron There's a "What?" question that I dare say Marines overseas would like to have answered. We are told in various division orders that we may not apply for Marine Corps schools, a tour of duty, or furlough in the U. S. until we have completed our normal tour of foreign shore duty. Now for the 500 question: What is the Marine Corps' present policy on the length of an individual's tour of foreign duty?

Corp. L. D. STEPHENS
Corp. V. E. STEWART
c/o EPO, San Francisco, Cal.

Editor's note—Marine rotation policy is based only in part on the time element. This policy embraces returning first those seriously wounded; secondly, those physically unfit for further combat, and, then, those longest outside the United States. HQMC states: "Marine combat personnel has been and is being rotated whenever and wherever such rotation will not impair the combat efficiency of the Corps. Due consideration is being given to the fact that rotation plays a large factor in combat efficiency."

Reporting on Hon. Jap

Hon. motto of Hon. Jap on Luzon when MacArthur came back was, "Wait until you see Yanks, then show Hon. white feather". . . The only Japs going away faster than Hon. Jap from Lingayen Gulf were the F-38s. The only Japs who remained to become casualties were those who got stuck in the mud of the rice paddies as they were trampled on in the rush to the rear.—Los Angeles Times.

Library Gripe

Editor, The Chevron—This letter is in the form of a gripe, but I feel certain that it will come under the heading of general interest inasmuch as numerous associates of mine were left in a similar situation.

A few days ago I attempted to check out three books from the Base Library. They politely informed me that I was restricted to two books. A civilian woman ahead of me had just carted off seven of the current best sellers—books that I had attempted to secure for weeks.

Is there some regulation that allows civilians precedence over Marines or is the library being conducted for the convenience of the civilian populace?

NAME WITHHELD
Editor's note—The Base Recreation Officer states: "On the surface, it would appear that the above gripe is well founded. However, the writer and all others interested should know that each member of an eligible household is entitled to a library card which permits the withdrawal of two books. For example, if an enlisted man—or officer—has a wife and a family, his wife may take out two books for each eligible member of the family. To conserve gas, the wife generally makes one trip to the library and takes all the books to which the family is entitled.

"The library operates primarily in the interests of Base personnel. Base personnel takes precedence over civilians at all times. When a Marine and a civilian request reservation of the same book on the same day, the service man or woman gets that book first."

Cited Air Units

Editor, The Chevron—Has the 4th Marine Air Wing received the Presidential Unit Citation?

Sgt. J. J. OARSTER
Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor's note—No. The following Marine Air units are those which rate the citation: MAW-22, June, 1942; Sq. 211 of MAW-21, Wake, Dec. 8-22, 1941; 1st Mar. Air Wing, Guadalcanal, Aug. 7-Dec. 9, 1942; VMO-4, Saipan and Tinian, June 13-Aug. 1, 1944.

Purple Heart Medal

Editor, The Chevron—Our son has just sent his Purple Heart medal to us. It has three small stars on it and under the stars are two stripes. I would like to know what they stand for. Some say it's for how many battles he's been in.

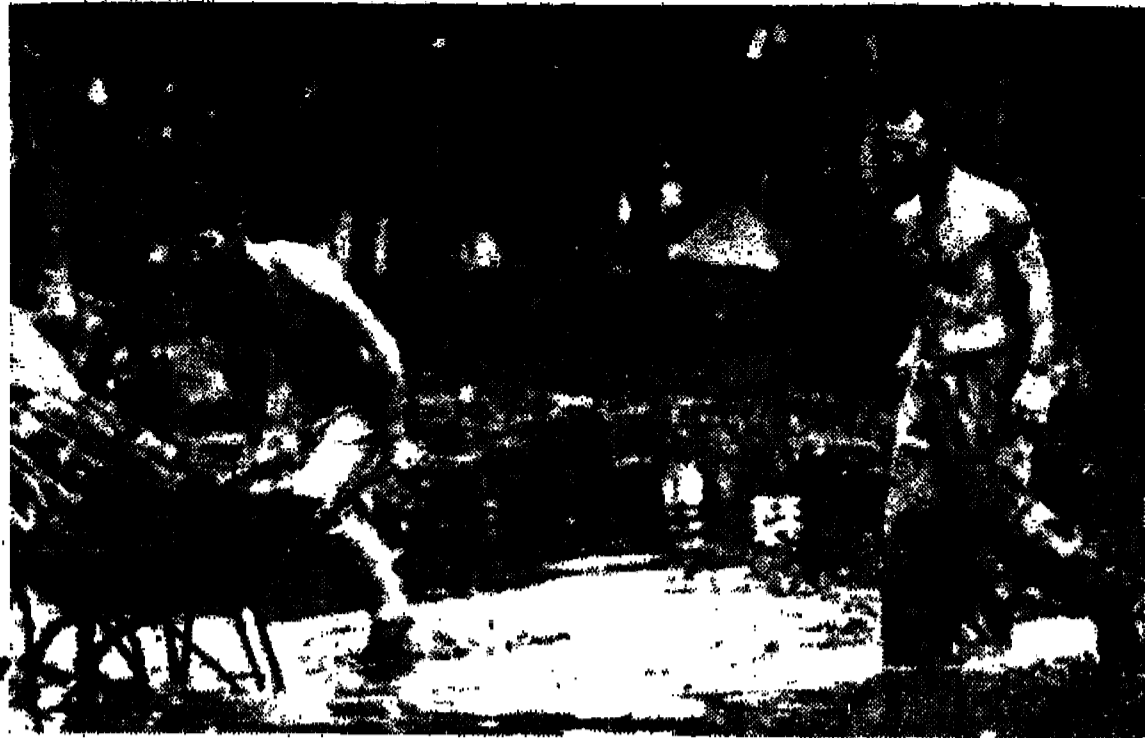
Mrs. VERNON BRANSON
2216 Marshall Ave., Matteson, Ill.

Editor's note—Participation in battles is indicated by stars on Area service ribbons only. The stars and stripes on the Purple Heart medal to which you refer are part of the coat of arms of George Washington.

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**HOBBY SECTION.** When they are not fighting the Japs in the skies over the Philippines, 1st Mar. Air Wing pilots battle mud and tropical rains at their new Leyte camp. These two haul dirt to build up the floor of their tent. No linoleum is available.

## Rehabilitation Moves To Los Angeles

Increased demands upon the MCB Rehabilitation Office by discharged vets in the 11th Reserve Dist. have necessitated opening an office at 1202 Chester Williams bldg., Los Angeles.

Capt. William B. Jackson and his crew of veteran trouble shooters left the Base this week to occupy the new offices. Lt. Florence B. Rickard takes the post of Assistant Rehabilitation Officer for the district, with S/Sgt. C. J. Williamson as NCO in charge at the new location. Interviewers will be Sgts. Frank E. Keller, Henry G. Norton, Richard J. Hinnier and William W. Baldwin. The stenographic duties will be handled by Corps. Martha Juntunen, Josephine Fitcher and Leona E. Dickey.

"Our job is more than just another employment service," Capt. Jackson said. "Broadly speaking, it's a counselling service, run by veteran Marines who have been trained as practical psychologists."

### Marine Trio Routs Troublesome Japs

**AN ADVANCED PACIFIC BASE**—Three Marines armed with automatic rifles and grenades killed 6 Japs and dispersed the remainder of a band of 15 that harassed Marine lines on Guam after organized resistance ended.

Members of the patrol which searched the Barrigada hills for the stragglers were PFCs, Elmer Janklewick of Baltimore, Md., Albert Carson of Reselle, N. J., and Robert J. Wakefield of Chicago.—PFC. Cyril O'Brien, combat correspondent.

"These men have a close-hand slant on the job a discharged Marine faces in getting adjusted to civilian life after doing things the Marine Corps way for so long. The discharged vets are usually pleased to find they can talk to the MRO man as easily as they talked to the guy in the next sack or foxhole."

The CO of 1st Separation Co., Capt. William B. Murphy, is now designated as Post Rehabilitation Officer to cover any immediate problems of men being discharged at the Base.

### 'Winged Victory' Now Downtown

One of the most unusual service pictures of all time is showing at the Fox and State theaters in downtown San Diego and will be at the Orpheum next week. "Winged Victory" features a cast wherein all male members are actually members of the Army Air Forces.

Written by renowned Broadway playwright Moss Hart, "Winged Victory" will give all proceeds to Army Relief.

### ABC-2 Conquers

Scoring six runs on six hits, the ABC-2 line downed the North Island All-Stars, 6-1, in a sandlot baseball game last week.

### Banking Hours

Banking facilities at the Base PX will be open daily from 1030 to 1600 and on Saturdays from 1030 to 1230.

### All Faiths Day Noted Overseas

**SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)**—A good-will program among all faiths as part of his program observing the opening day of Hanukkah (Festival of Lights) was conducted by Lt. Samuel Sandmel, (ChC) USN, attached to the 2nd Div.

The all-day celebration included a sports program, traditional services and feast, and a motion picture.

### Bear A Hand

**Found**  
MARINE who left his furflange bag in a car en route to Los Angeles last week please report to 316 W. 3rd Ave., Escondido, Sgt. Clinton Robinson, MCAD, Alpinist.

**Wanted**  
RIDER who commutes from Base to East San Diego. Joe Sladock, Base Tailor Shop, ESI, 521.  
TWOPEE riders with residence in Escondido or vicinity. Inquire at Base Recreation Office, ESI, 271.

**For Sale**  
TAILORED Marine officer's overcoat, never been worn. Size 40. Call Mrs. Robinson, Glenview 8-3941. CLOTHES overcoat, 38, like new. Call S. C. Doleher, T-4589; 2329 Palm St.

**Lost**  
CLOTH zipper satchel, left in 1938 Oldsmobile en route to Los Angeles on Jan. 3. ESgt. C. Warden, Ho. Sq. MPAAW, Com. Office, NAS, San Diego 35, Cal.

**RATION** books Nos. 3 and 4. Please return to Capt. Parsons, Chevron office, Bldg. 15.

### Changes of Duty

**To Overseas**  
Col. Frank G. Dickey from HQMC. Lt. Col. Joseph L. Dickey from Navy Dept., Washington; William A. Kuffelich from Walnut Ridge, Ark.; Paul J. Fontana from West Coast and Clyde T. Mattison from El Centro.

**From Overseas**  
Col. Caleb T. Bailey to West Coast.  
Lt. Col. Norman H. Jungers to San Francisco; Louis C. Reinberg to New Orleans; Lewis H. Tolano Jr. to HQMC; Joseph L. Wipperfurth to Quantico, Va., a modification of previous orders; and Charles R. Boyer to San Diego.

**Other Changes**  
Col. Charles N. Muldrow to Charleston, S. C. from HQMC; Alexander W. Krieger Jr. to HQMC from West Coast.  
Lt. Col. Thomas A. Callane Jr. to HQMC; Floyd R. Moore to HQMC, a modification of previous orders; Thomas C. Robinson to Paris Island, a modification of previous orders.

### Lost Buddies

Information and address of PFC. John McLaughlin is sought. He was stationed at a Marine Air Station in this area in May, 1944. Neva Hadley, 1347 "G" St., San Bernardino, Cal.

## South Pacific Offers Many Attractions—All Negative

By Lt. Milburn McCarty Jr., PRO

**EMIRAU ISLAND (Delayed)**—The South Pacific is a place:

Where envelopes seal automatically before they can be used and must be cut open at one end—then secured with tape or stapling machines.

Where there is no summer and winter—only an hourly variation of stifling heat and drenching rains.

Where electric light bulbs have to be cleaned periodically because millions of little insects fly into them at night, are roasted, and form a coating around the bulb which keeps out the light.

Where clothes and bedding never seem to dry.

Where spectacles have to be

wiped off every few minutes, because the humid air constantly beclouds them.

Where one must build a "hot-locker" for shoes, pocketbooks and other leather goods—otherwise they pick up a sticky coat of green mould within a few days.

Where some Marines, when they have time, take two or three showers a day just to keep cool.

Where a fly would rather die under the hand than relinquish a hold on the arm.

Where a close inspection of a plot of beach often reveals such a mass of miniature marine life that the surface of the sand or coral appears to be in constant motion.

### Nips Use Elaborate 'No Parking' Signs

**PELELIU**—Jap scrawlings are as numerous as flies in a combat zone, but a neatly painted sign is a rarity.

The most impressive sign on the island was found by Sgt. Paul S. Peters, combat photographer of Houston, Tex.

"I'll bet some general is buried around that tree," said Sgt. Peters, as he carefully removed the sign and rushed it to an interpreter. An hour later, he used it for firewood. "No Parking" was what the sign had warned.—Corp. James B. Galloway, combat correspondent.

### Grrr! Matron Beats Up Wounded Marine

**SAN FRANCISCO (UP)**—A new candidate for the "World's Meanest Woman" title has been found here.

Mrs. Loreese Williams, 36, has been booked at the police station for assault with a deadly weapon. She beat up three wounded Marines—one who lost a leg on Saipan—with a blackjack in a bar.

### Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoners
USMC	20,687	10,312	8,107	2,113
USMC	10,186	26,222	907	1,413
USMC	472	194	97	0
	31,443	36,728	9,111	4,179

### Dead

**Illinois**  
PFC. Edward E. Phemister, Carbonate.  
**New York**  
Corp. Desmond E. Gleason, Bronx.  
**North Carolina**  
PFC. Mark J. Rattier, Topolis.

### Pacific Fleet Communiques

From the Pacific Fleet Communiques, the following excerpts concerning Marine action have been taken:

#### December 28 (Communique 219)

Enemy aircraft attacked United States air installations at Saipan and Tinian, in the Marianas, on Dec. 28 (United States time) in two separate raids of five and two planes respectively. Our fighters shot down two enemy aircraft.

Fighters of the 2nd Mar. Air Wing bombed enemy installations on Cebu Island, in the Palau, Dec. 26. 4th Mar. Air Wing fighters continued neutralizing attacks on enemy-held bases in the Marshalls on Dec. 27.

#### December 29

Copsairs of the 2nd Mar. Air Wing bombed and strafed enemy-held bases in the Marshalls Dec. 28 on neutralizing attacks continued in that area.

#### December 31

Marine Mitchell bombers made rocket attacks on enemy airbases between the Bonins and Volcanos Dec. 27 and 28.

Copsairs of the 2nd Mar. Air Wing bombed and strafed supply dumps and other objectives at Rabaul and other areas in the Palau Dec. 9. A bridge was destroyed at Rabaul.

#### January 1

Marine Mitchell bombers scored rocket hits on a small coastal airbase which was left dead in the water near the Bonins on the same date.

Ammunition dumps and supply areas on Eubethup in the Palau were strafed and bombed by fighters of the 2nd Mar. Air Wing on Dec. 30. On the same date Marine fighters sank four launches at Wotani in the western Carolines and Marine torpedo-planes bombed Yap in the same group.

Copsairs of the 4th Mar. Air Wing on Dec. 30 strafed targets on Rota in the Marianas.

Neutralization attacks on enemy-held bases in the Marshalls were continued Dec. 30 by airplanes of the 10th Mar. Air Wing.

#### January 3

Fighters of the 4th Mar. Air Wing strafed Rota in the Marianas on Jan. 1. On the same date our fighters shot down an enemy reconnaissance plane near Saipan.

Elements of the 2nd Mar. Air Wing struck at installations at Eubethup in the Palau and Yap in the western Carolines on the same date.

Neutralizing raids on enemy-held bases in the Marshalls continued by planes of the 4th Mar. Air Wing on Jan. 1.

#### January 4

Fighters of the 4th Mar. Air Wing bombed and strafed targets on Eubethup in the Palau and strafed Rota in the Marianas on Jan. 2.

### The Wolf

by Sansone



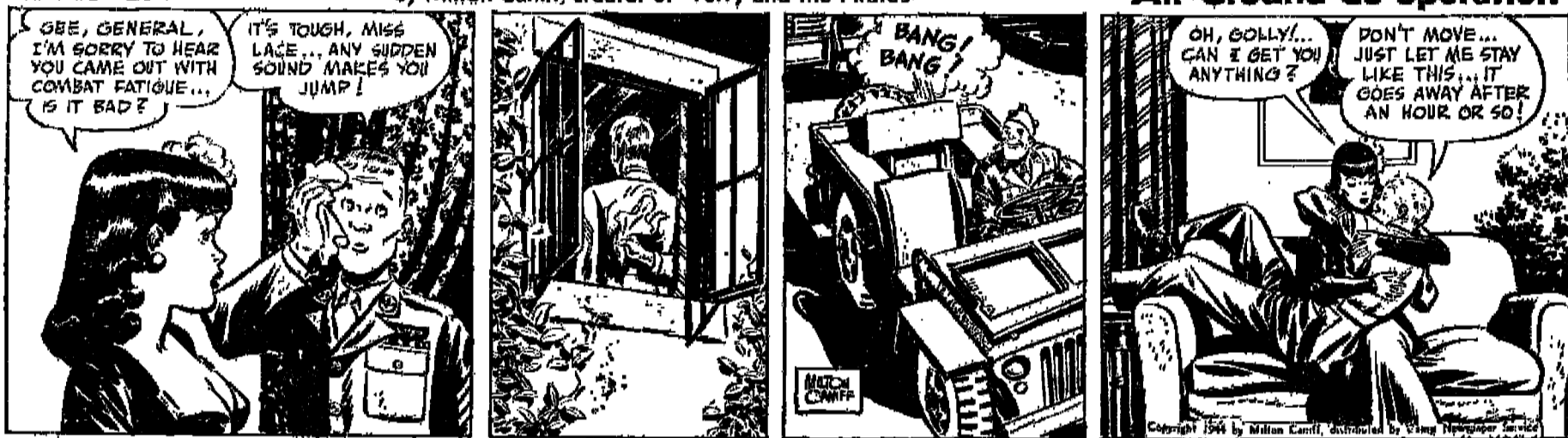
**GYRENE-G-SCOPE**

By **SHERIDAN**



**Male Call**

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



**W.R. CYCLISTS.** Cycling ranks tops among sports at MCAS, El Centro, since the recreation department purchased new bicycles. Left to right: PFC. Mary K. Smith, Fortman, N. D.; Sgt. Edith McClinton, St. Louis, Mo.; PFC. Louise Rehn, San Francisco; Corp. Althea Helwig, New Orleans.

**Chevron Chick...Eve Whitney**



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- WHACKS - Dutch treat.
- SAYED - This afternoon.
- GRABBER - Good worker.
- COOZE - Coe-lion.
- TO SMITE - To boast.
- POKE DORAK - To insult.