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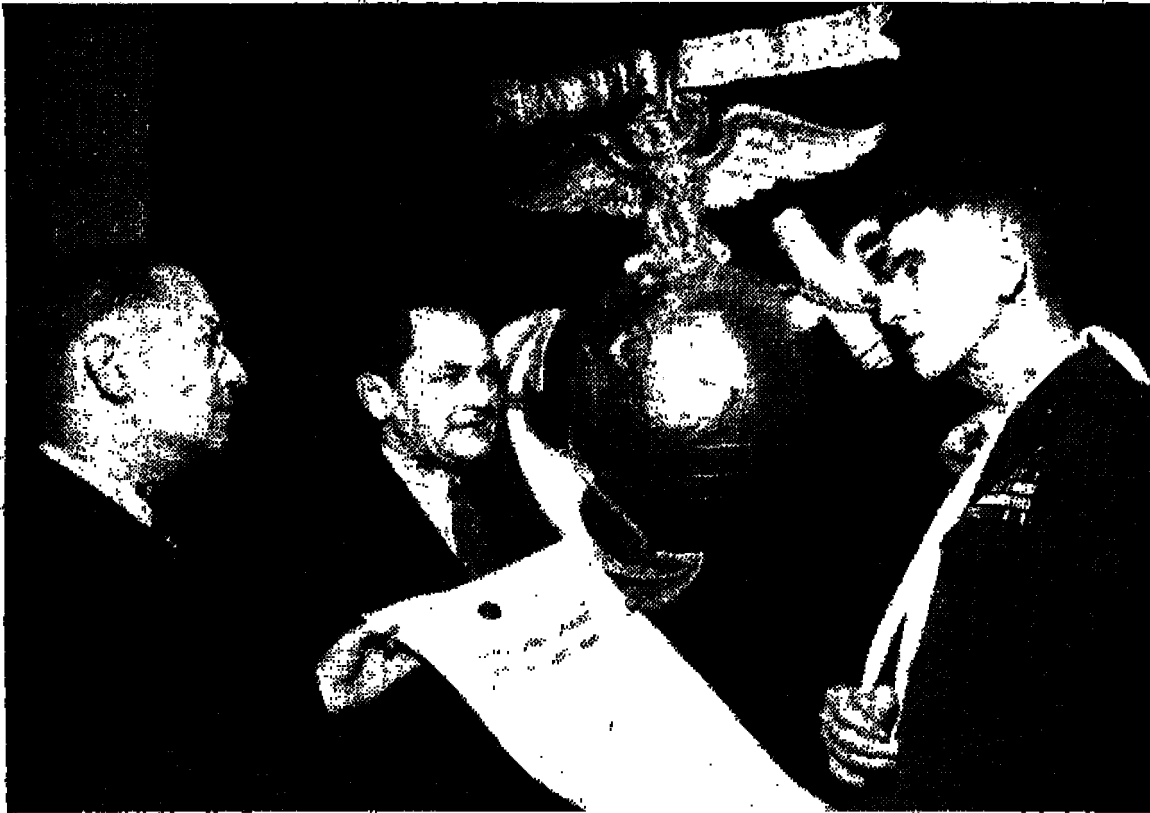
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MARINES IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA



M-25 raids on Japan have them "bleeding internally." — Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

China Coast Hit As Russians Enter Germany



PARENTS' DAY. Col. Evans F. Carlson, organizer of the famed Raiders, is honored by parents of Chicago members of his unit. He receives a scroll from two officials of the Carlson's Marine Raider Family Club of Chicago. This is a new organization.

Herr Heinie and Hon. Jap furthered their retreat behind the eight ball last week as Allied forces applied staggering pressure to every front.

While U. S. carrier planes from the 3rd Fleet bombed the China coast, over two million Russians surged across onto German soil along a 250-mile front.

Montezuma Airing Has FMF Tint

"Halls of Montezuma", all-Marine radio show presented over coast-to-coast Mutual network at 1600 today, will dramatize the thunderous history of Fleet Marine Force and the part played by its officers and men in originating and developing modern amphibious warfare.

The history, written by Corp. Hank Richards, is based upon records and recollections of Maj. Gen. Charles H. Lyman, USMC (Ret.), first commanding general of Fleet Marine Force, augmented by recollections and additional material furnished by Brig. Gen. Archie Howard and Lt. Col. A. Zuber.

The program will trace the story of FMF from the date of its origination at the recommendation of Maj. Gen. Commandant Joan H. Russell, now retired, through early trials and tests at Quantico, trial operations in fleet maneuvers in the West Indies, through the period of expansion brought about by this war.

Maj. Gen. Charles F. B. Price, a regimental commander in the first days of FMF, now commanding officer of FMF activities in this area (now known as Marine Training and Replacement Command, San Diego Area), will report on the

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Rolling forward in Marshal Stalin's greatest winter offensive, the Russians liberated Warsaw before crossing the German frontier into the coal and industrial region of Silesia. "The liberation of Warsaw announces the forthcoming fall of Berlin," was the Moscow press announcement.

Pacific Fleet carrier task forces, which had been attacking Formosa, moved across the South China sea to hit the vital Jap-held Chinese ports of Hongkong, Swatow and Apoy. Emphasis on the Chinese coast bombing heightened predictions of an approaching ground invasion there.

Third Fleet carrier planes had wrecked 69 Jap ships before hitting the coast ports. Meanwhile, Chinese troops, under Gen. Sun Li-jen, captured Nanking, last remaining Nip stronghold in North Burma.

Giant Superfortresses raided Formosa for the third time in a week. Under the command of Maj. Gen. Curtis E. Lemay, the 20th bomber command negotiated the successful daylight raid with minimized opposition.

A fighting speech by Prime Minister Winston Churchill asserted that he had reached an agreement with Marshal Stalin to "prevent future wars by skilled Balkan dealing." Churchill also stated that Spain and Italy would be absent from the proposed peace table.

Forty-one Jap ships, totaling about 127,000 tons, were sunk and 28 more ships of about 70,000 tons were damaged by carrier planes in the strike on ports and convoys off Indo-China. Over 100 Nip planes were damaged during the assault.

Chicagoans Form Club For Carlson

CHICAGO—Members of the Carlson's Marine Raider Family Club of Chicago held an informal dinner recently in honor of the famous leader of the Marine Raiders, Col. Evans F. Carlson.

The three-time decorated Navy Cross winner, still carrying his right arm in a sling from injuries recently received on Saipan, spoke before some 70 parents and relatives of men who were formerly

under his command in the Pacific. The celebrated Marine colonel was presented with a signed scroll from the parents which read, in part: "We, the parents, relatives and friends of the 'Carlson's Raider Battalion' of the Marine Corps, feel honored on this occasion in having the opportunity and privilege of extending to you, in the name of our boys and yours, and ourselves, our expression of appreciation of

the leadership and understanding which you so ably demonstrated in guiding them through their glorious yet perilous campaigns in the South Pacific.

"As a result, many of us are happy in still having our Raiders, and those of us who have lost our Raiders are comforted in the full knowledge and understanding that their passing has been glorious but not in vain."



Sgt. FROST ... 45 big minutes

Tank Deadeye Kills 90 Japs

Sgt. Duane W. Frost of Portland, Ore., killed more than 90 Japs during a desperate 45-minute counter-attack on Tinian, according to the citation accompanying the Silver Star medal awarded to him in recent ceremonies at a Pacific base. "Fighting from his tank, Sgt. Frost gallantly and boldly held a vulnerable position during a Japanese counter-attack," the citation read. "He fired the tank's machine guns for 45 minutes, killing more than 90 of the enemy. His action saved the lives of many Marines and prevented the enemy from establishing a strong defensive position."

Teamwork, Speed Gives Yankees Sky Margin

"Close teamwork and superior planes" are the decisive factors in American aerial victories over the Japs," Maj. Max J. Volcansek of Santa Barbara, Cal., said upon his recent return from the Pacific.

Wearing the Air Medal for meritorious performance of duty, he now is at the air depot at Midway. "We got them all by teamwork," he said. "That's proved by the fact that the 22 Jap planes were bagged by 16 different pilots. Unlike the Japs, who scatter during a dog fight, we made it a policy to fight as a unit at all times."

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Base Sergeant Hurt In Crash

A fractured shoulder and probable brain concussion were suffered by MCB Sgt. William M. Mitchell in an auto accident last week at Washington and Eagle sts., San Diego.

Mitchell was a passenger in an auto driven by Kathryn Larson, when it collided with another driven by Robert Jaegnot, naval photographer stationed at sound school. Mitchell and Jaegnot were taken to the Naval hospital, the latter receiving treatment for shock.

Flying 'Non Com' Downs Four Zeros

By Capt. Earl J. Wilson, PRO LEYTE (Delayed) — In a lone raid against a Jap airfield on Luzon, TSgt. John W. Andre of Miami, Fla., a Marine night fighter pilot, shot down two Zeros about to land and left fires burning on the enemy airstrip.

This brings his total of Jap kills to four, all knocked down within the past two weeks.

Sgt. Andre said, "I was patrolling around the north end of Leyte when I saw two Jap planes. When I dropped down to take a look I saw a third one straggling. The two planes must have seen me because they zoomed up and started heading north."

"The third Jap disappeared and I followed the other two for about 70 or 80 miles staying around 2000 feet behind them. It was just getting dark and I could still see them. Pretty soon I lost them, too."

"I knew I was over Luzon and I started making a turn when I saw a few lights below that looked like they were on a runway. By this time I was about 3000 feet. Then I saw one of the Nips again. He had his wing lights on and was circling to land."

"Just as I was pulling in position to get a burst at him I saw the second plane coming in from about a mile away so I got behind the second Jap. I opened up on the second Zero just as he was making his turn approaching the field. He crashed and exploded on the field. I kept on and got the



LEYTE LION. TSgt. John W. Andre flying sergeant, talks with Capt. Harlin J. Morrison of Dallas, Tex. (left).

first Zero just 30 or 60 feet off the ground.

"He nosed over and exploded and I kept on down the runway strafing. The Japs were throwing a lot of tracer up from small stuff. I pulled over and came back strafing the other side of the runway. There was one big explosion and two small ones. I think they were probably a gas truck and two planes."

"At the end of the strip I did a wingover and came back down the other side. Small fires started and there was another big explosion. All in all I made six strafing runs on the field. On the last one my motor cut out on me for a minute and I could see myself being boiled in a stewpot. So I got out of there and headed for home."

Two days before Sgt. Andre and

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SHOUBOUND. 4th Mar. Air Wing was anxiously await the gangplank to be installed as their transport docks at San Diego. Most of the gyrenes aboard were viewing the States for the first time in two years. Things looked mighty good to them.

Flying Leathernecks Reach Miramar

MIRAMAR—Approximately 800 aviation leathernecks recently arrived in San Diego from overseas for furloughs and reassignment. They were men who had served in the Central Pacific with various air groups and squadrons of the 4th Mar. Air Wing and had completed tours of duty ranging up to two years. Among them were veterans of two tours of duty in the Pacific, but most of them were returning from their first overseas service. They served in the Gilberts, Marshalls and Marianas Islands. All have been replaced in the field by other personnel.

First down the gangplank was a colorful chapter of success across the Central Pacific and has added its share to the blows that swept Jap air power from the skies on the road to Tokyo. The wing moved from positions in the Ellice and Samoan Islands and was based in the Gilberts when the campaign for the Marshalls began. To this air unit fell the task of attacking by-passed Jap bastions in the Marshalls. Enemy strongholds on the fortified Pacific atolls of MIS, Makodesy, Jidit and Kwajalein were pounded into uselessness.

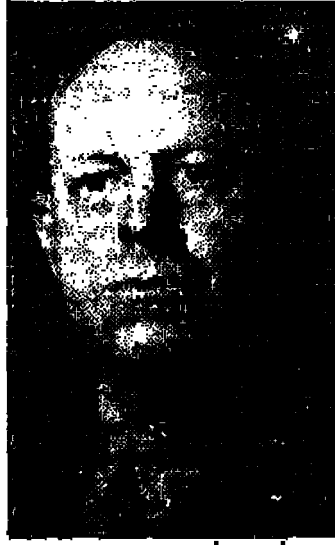
MTSgt. A. W. Montgomery of Madoc Falls, Vt., a veteran of 16 years in the Marines. He was returning from his fourth overseas assignment, but the first since the outbreak of the war. He was followed closely by others who jammed the gangplank. They were interested in one thing—to set foot again on American soil. Several stopped and patting the ground as they jumped from the gangplank. Many of them saw for the first time wanted in uniform and they covered a group of WOs, drivers of the trucks and buses which took them to the Miramar depot.



Lt. Gen. HOLLAND M. SMITH, commanding general



Maj. Gen. J. L. UNDERHILL, deputy commander



Brig. Gen. N. A. EDISON, chief of staff

FMF Heads Marine Operations in Pacific

Fleet Marine Force, Pacific—the major operating arm of the Marine Corps—is the senior Marine field command in the Pacific theater. Created immediately after the Marianas campaign, the designation grouped together in one command all Fleet Marine Forces in the Pacific for "hot-the-spot" coordination. Commanding general of the FMF, Pacific, is Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith. Before assuming his present duties, the general, who is described as "typical enough to be all man devil dog himself," commanded the 5th Amphib. Corps in the Gilbert and Marshall Islands, and in the Marianas.

The FMF, Pacific, is led by Maj. Gen. James L. Underhill, who was an island commander in the Marianas before assuming his present duties. Brig. Gen. Merritt A. Edison, of "Edson's Raiders" fame, is chief of staff of the FMF, Pacific.

Montezuma Card Tells FMF Past

(Continued from Page 1) present functions of the FMF, type of advanced training at Camp Pendleton, and things to come when the mighty Navy and Fleet Marine Force extend operations against the Japs on the road to Tokyo.

Originating from the Base theater, the broadcast may be seen as well as heard. All service personnel at the MCB and their guests are invited to attend.—PFC Jim Shelby.

Trial balance—A man's first attempt to hold a girl on his lap.

Sergeant Downs Four Jap Zeros

(Continued from page 1) six other flight pilots of the "Hot Eye" night fighters of the 2nd MAW Air Wing were covering a convoy over Ormoc when 33 Jap planes attacked the ships. In the 14-minute fight the Marine pilots accounted for 11 of the planes and drove off the others. During the fight Andre accounted for four planes. A week before that Andre knocked down a Zero at night, his last kill and the first enemy plane he had seen in the air. Before coming to the Philippines, Andre flew for several months in the Palau Islands, and took part in night bombing operations against Koror and Pabelthuan Islands in that group. He enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1940 and served for two years as a mechanic before winning his wings in March, 1942.

Marine Fighters Score Hits In Philippine Raid

By Tsgt. William K. Terry, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—When the American fleet met and defeated the Jap fleet in the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea, shells roared through the night so fast it seemed our Navy was firing automatic weapons.

That is the impression of four Marines from Iowa who were aboard the battleship USS Maryland when it helped sink two battleships, two heavy cruisers, two light cruisers and 10 destroyers in this sea battle with the Jap fleet.

"It was a black night and the tracers from our fleet's big guns looked as if we were firing automatic weapons," said PFC. Willoughby & Lee of Iowa City.

"We were credited with direct hits on a Jap battleship, which sank quickly."

Lee, a truck driver before he enlisted, is a member of an anti-aircraft gun crew of the Maryland.

During the Saipan campaign, a Jap torpedo plane hit the Maryland with a "tin fish," knocking a hole in her bow. This damage was repaired in record time.

PFC. Harm W. Kadous of Shell Rock lists his most exciting period while aboard the Maryland as the series of Jap plane attacks against American battleships and cruisers late in October around the Philippines.

"Three planes made a run on a cruiser, but they were knocked out of the sky before they could release their bombs," he said. "Other planes worked out on a battleship, and they, too, were blasted by Japs. About 10 planes were shot down, and things got quiet all of a sudden. Then a torpedo plane made a run on us. We got the plane after it had launched its 'tin fish,' which missed us by about 100 feet. This one plane attack lasted about three and a half hours."

Kadous, who worked with his father on a farm, has been through the Saipan, Peleliu, Leyte and second battle of the Philippines campaigns.

"What a thing to witness!" is the reaction of PFC. Robert E. Welsh of Fairfield to the second battle of the Philippine Sea.

"It was great, knowing those projectiles were heading for the Jap fleet, and seeing the big splashes made by Jap shells which landed a few hundred yards off our starboard side. It was fine to see the big flames on the horizon when Jap ships were hit."

PFC. Eldon R. Akers of Central City is another member of a Leatherneck gun crew aboard the Maryland who took part in the Saipan, Peleliu and Leyte operations and the second battle of the Philippine Sea.

"When we met the Jap fleet, it didn't last long but it was exciting while it lasted," he said.

Pendleton Opens New Dance Spot

CAMP PENDLETON—A bright spot in evening entertainment loomed this week for Marines as the past cafeteria swung open its doors for the first time, featuring dancing and refreshments.

The new accommodation is located on the main camp highway near the Santa Margarita hospital road, and will be open to Marine men and women each evening from 1700 to 2200. Light lunches will be featured from 1130 to 1330 and available to civilian employees of the camp.

In charge of the recreational center will be Mrs. Virginia Atkinson with WO. Edwin E. Vassar in charge of maintaining discipline. Military uniform is required for admission. Music and ample space are offered for dancing.

MC Flying Ace Cites Teamwork

(Continued from Page 1) Maj. Volansak is credited with destroying a Zero over Bougainville in an air battle he termed his most exciting combat experience. Twenty-five enemy fighters attacked his flight of seven Corsairs.

"That's where the superior spend of our planes came in handy," he said. "Two of the Zeros got on my tail, but I managed to shoot one down and my wingman got the other."

Insignia Dealers Listed By FBI

Department of Justice has asked U. S. attorneys throughout the country to give special attention to violation of the wearing of unauthorized service ribbons. Wearing of such ribbons by any unauthorized personnel constitutes a federal crime.

William A. Murphy, chief of the San Diego F.B.I. office, releases a list of dealers entitled to sell service ribbons. They are instructed to obtain proper identification, including name and serial number of the buyer, and to keep a record of all sales.

CORONADO

The Coronado, 1116 Orange Ave. Jahn's Naval Tailors, 353 Orange Ave.

INDIO

The Harris Co., 442-44 Fargo Ave. Myers Bros., 112 Miles Ave. Thomas' Men's Wear, 452 Fargo Ave.

LA JOLLA

Hill's, The Guard and Wall St. Jurgensen's Men's Wear, 7028 Girard

PALM SPRINGS

DeSnoy's in the Plaza. G. C. Lybeck, 380 North Palm Canyon Dr.

RIVERSIDE

Anderson & Son, 355 1/2 N. St. Ardora's Men's Shop, 3805 Main St. Grinnel's Men's Wear, 3827 Main St. Gump's Military Store, 3787 N. St. H. P. Grant & Co., 3721 Main St. Hollywood Luggage & Military Shop, 3523 8th St. Military Shop, 3523 8th St. Kuylenrow Gift Depot, 3786 8th St. Sweet's, Inc., 3180 Main St. McCreath-Cohen Co., 3869 Main St. St. Miller, 3837 N. St. Zoo's Men's Shop, 3775 Main St.

SAN DIEGO

MacDonald's, 625 Broadway. The Cleaners, 3004 Barnard Ave. Brooks Clothing Co. of Cal., Ltd., 418 Broadway. Columbia Clothiers, 348 Broadway. Lester Cooper, 107 Broadway. Crystal Palace Men's Shop, 629 E. St. H. L. Davidson, 612 W. Broadway. Federal Clothiers, 820 Broadway. Gagnon, Inc., 1131 Third Ave. Harry's Naval Surprise Store, 624 W. Broadway. J. J. Hargrave, 1125 Fourth Ave. Murphy, The Naval Tailor, 1015 Columbia St. Ketchum-Moore Co., 631 Broadway. Neuman's, 608 W. Broadway. Sam Newcomb Tailoring Salon, 616 Commonwealth Bldg. Warwick Jewellers, 316 Broadway. Rex's Jewelry & Clothing Co., 302 Fourth Ave. Sears, Roebuck & Co., 1101 Sixth Ave. Shinn's, 1200 Main St. 120 Fifth Ave. Snyder's, 2801 Broadway, 114 Broadway. Subway Tailors, Broadway & Third St. 1400 N. Market & P., 110 1/2 W. P. St. Terry W. Work, 27 Broadway.

SANTA ANA

Appliances, 1000 Broadway, 110 S. Main St. Brooks Clothing Co., Ltd., 208 W. 4th St. Fred J. Lowe, 100 W. 4th St. 1111 W. Ind., 201 W. 4th St. Sam Thurgate, 118 West 11th St. Johnson's, 205 W. 4th St. J. J. Military Store, 201 W. 4th St. Santa Ana Army & Navy Store, 119 W. 4th St. Underwood, The, 170 W. 4th St. 84.

'Isms'

Communism: If you have two cows, you give them to the government and the government gives you some milk. Nazism: If you have two cows, the government shoots you and keeps the cows. Capitalism: If you have two cows, you sell one and buy a bull supervisor.

Master 'Ear Banger' Does Five Jobs



BUGLER—Sgt. Linard, 2nd Mar. Div., bugle master, doubles in brass as he sounds off another day "somewhere in the Pacific".



CARPENTER—Sgt. Linard puts his finishing touches on a chair for a Marine Officers' Club while awaiting time between chores. A fellow has to keep busy somehow. He also built tables and benches.

By Int'l. Arthur M. Spalding, PEO
SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Sgt. Wallace G. Linard Jr. of Elmhurst, Ill., is popularly dubbed "Jack of All Trades" even by his Marine buddies, who have to know most of the trades themselves.

As part of the day's routine, he blows the bugle for morning and evening colors, catches two hours of stitching on his portable sewing machine, carpenfers a bit and operates the general's motion picture machine in the evening.

In combat, the 25-year-old sergeant, who has been a Leatherneck for seven years, serves as a body-guard for high ranking officers.

Usually in the early morning, and always surrounded by his Hollywood pin-ups, Wally threads his sewing machine with either New Zealand or Hawaiian thread and sets the bobbin humming. He alters all types of Marine clothing.

Linard, now official 2nd Div. bugle master, learned his trade at MCB Music School in 1938. He became expert while serving as music aboard the USS Rangor. During his two-year cruise, he visited Lima, Peru, Haiti, the Panama Canal, Puerto Rico and the British West Indies.

As a carpenter, the sergeant explains that he gets along best with the least. "I get a lot of fun turning out a good table or chair from an old hunky piece of lumber."

As a movie operator for the general, the Leatherneck says that the division commander "goes for light and gay shows, namely musical comedies."



MOVIE OPERATOR—Sgt. Linard crouches with his Tommy gun ready. He accounted for two Japs on Saipan. The Illinois Marine serves as a bodyguard in action.

During the bloody Saipan fighting Wally accounted for at least one Jap. "I was scouting around with two corporals," he recounted, "when I heard a rustling in the undergrowth. A Jap ran out and I cut him down with my pistol. Next time I'll carry this Tommy gun, because I know there'll be a lot of them."



MOVIE OPERATOR—Sgt. Linard prepares his movie projector program for flashing a musical comedy on the screen for the general.



PIN-UP—With his Hollywood pin-ups as a backdrop, Jack-of-all-trades sews on shoulder patch.

Merchant Marine Declines Reward—Then Loses \$140

CAMP PENDLETON—When PFC. Dorothy Ott discovered the loss of her wrist watch during a week-end spent in San Diego, she inserted an ad in a local paper with little hope of ever finding it again.

An unemployed ex-merchant marine found the time-piece and purchased a newspaper to check the list and found column. The second

edition carried the notice and the young man delivered the jewelry the next morning, declining a \$20 reward.

Ironically, he had only a few cents to his name at the time, and spent his last two nickles buying newspapers to find the owner of the watch. En route to California from Philadelphia he was robbed of his billfold along with his train ticket and \$140 in cash.

Volunteers Erect Memorial To Men Killed On Peleliu

PELELIU (Delayed)—Marines, soldiers and sailors, many of them veterans of the assault and capture of Peleliu, recently volunteered to complete a memorial cemetery here as tribute to their fallen comrades.

With nearly 1300 white crosses marking the fresh graves of men who died on this island, Peleliu's armed forces cemetery is nearing completion less than three months after assault units established the first beachhead nearby.

Work of final beautification of the tiny site, solemn monument to fighting men of America's three services, is under the direction of a Navy lieutenant and his crews of volunteer workers who devote off-duty hours to the task.

Site for the cemetery, known on pre-invasion charts as "Orange Beach", once bristled with the strongest defenses the island's enemy garrison could improvise.

Shattered amphibian tanks on the nearby reef are a grim reminder that veteran units of the 1st Mar. Div. established the initial beachhead less than 300 feet away.

Today, across war-scarred Peleliu on the Jap-built airstrip, systematic aerial neutralization of enemy-held Caroline bases by Marine airmen is continuing on a round-the-clock schedule.

Leatherneck plane crews, together with infantrymen from the Army's "Wildcat" Division, are completing lag work of grading while coral sand and planting wild flowers on the site.

Barber's Lassies Go—But Fast!

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Pvt. Ralph F. Scott of Sioux City, Ia., sleeps in his barber shop now.

When Scott's new tensorial parlor was opened here recently, he tackled 82 choice pin-up pictures around the tent frame.

Customers appreciated the sketches—but too well. Night disappeared the first night, four more the next.

The market for pin-up girls is sky-high in the South Pacific area.

So Scott now is on permanent guard for his pin-up girls.—Sgt. A. D. Hawkins, combat correspondent.

Lensman Steals Flyer's Thunder

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Corp. Robert V. Byron of Concord, N. H., a combat photographer, was harboring the jealousy in his breast for a long time.

Whenever he passed an airfield he saw the beautiful pin-up girls and the clever games adorning the planes. He even saw truck drivers start lifting their not-so-glamorous vehicles.

Finally, he could stand it no longer.

He looked up an artist friend and had one of those pin-ups painted on his camera.

Then, eyeing the voluptuous pin-up gal that was now his, he added the name, "Click Chick"—Sgt. Stanford Opotowsky, combat correspondent.

Mistaken Memorium Becomes Real

Sgt. Elmer Murray's name was placed on a memorial obelisk dedicated at Inglewood, Cal., by mistake.

His mother protested. The committee promised to remove the inscription as soon as it stopped raining.

The next day dawned bright and clear, but Sgt. Murray's name was left on the memorial.

His mother had received a notice from the War Dept. that her son was killed in action.—beathorpe.

Training Area Features Real Japs

Marines Sponsor Native Schooling

Voluntary contributions by a group of Marines stationed on a Central Pacific atoll in the Gilbert Islands with a 4th Mar. Air Wing unit are being used to educate hundreds natives at a missionary school.

A group of Leathernecks, discussing means to assist the natives at an informal meeting conducted by Chaplain Harold A. MacNeill, offered several suggestions. They learned that a native could be provided with board, transportation and a year's education for \$20. The boys started a little fund, and it has grown until it now totals more than \$200.

Six natives have already been delegated to attend the school and there is a lengthy list of applicants. The school is officially known as the "London Missionary Society Training Institute."—Sgt. James J. McElroy, combat correspondent.

"My son smashed the car up last night, the wife's sick in the hospital, nobody due at the bank, taxes—I'm going crazy, I tell you!" said one neighbor to another while chatting over the fence one morning. Just then a bird flew overhead. The complaining neighbor got out his handkerchief and said, "See, see what I mean! They sing for other people."

By Sgt. Cyril O'Brien
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE CENTRAL PACIFIC (Delayed)—Fists, rifle butts and flying buckles were the means employed by a platoon of Marines without ammunition to capture five Japs discovered during a training problem.

PFC. Edward F. McQuillan of Lynn, Mass., saw the first Jap. Holding his rifle high he ran after the enemy soldier and slammed him between the shoulder blades with the butt. The Jap sprawled on his face and McQuillan sat on top of him until the Jap was convinced that resistance was useless.

PFC. Donald H. Mills of Shawmut, E. L., had a little trouble with his Jap. The Jap popped out of a clump of brush three yards in front of him. Throwing down his empty rifle, Mills rushed forward and brought the little enemy down with a flying tackle. But the Jap wasn't licked. He reached for a grenade. That was too much for Mills, so he pounded the Jap with his fists. The Jap was soon a beaten man, and the Marine clamped an arm lock on him and marched him away.

Corp. James Miller of Metropolis, Ill., had no intention of tackling a Jap who carried a grenade so he crept behind him and clicked his bolt as though the weapon was loaded.

The Jap sped off, but Miller's arm was upon him and

him down with a blow from the butt of his M-1 rifle. The Jap gave no fight after that, but the Marine had to drag him 30 yards before the stubborn enemy would "co-operate" and walk.

The platoon leader sent the Japs back to camp under guard. The platoon went back to its next problem.

Marines Chase Pigs For Native Owners

ULETHI, West Carolines (Delayed)—Members of a Marine unit stationed here have developed a new sport—pork pig hunting.

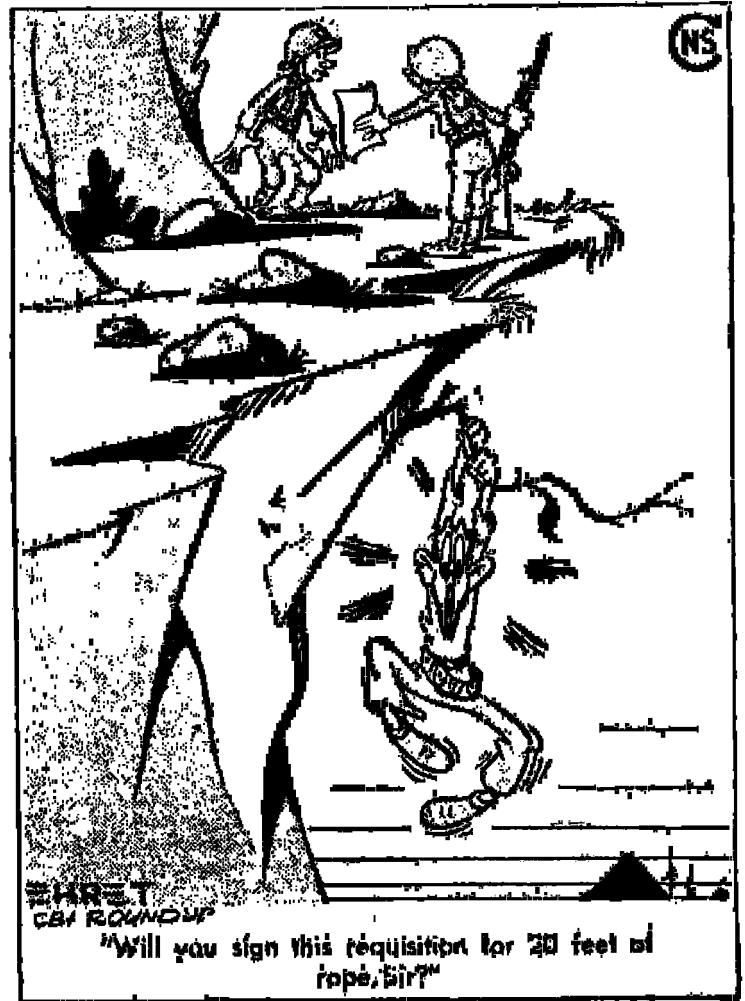
It started when natives on this island were transferred to another shortly after the American occupation. The islanders—acquainted with little prior violence—were unable to round up all of their pigs, running loose around the island.

Now the Leathernecks, in their spare time, have taken to hunting the porkers and turning the captured strays over to the native owners.

"Some sport!" say the Marines.
"Some pork!" say the natives.
Sgt. Claude R. Canup, combat correspondent.

Vision of a modern girl! Her lips are kissproof, her skin water-proof, and her breath—86 proof.

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LEATHERDOG. Jack, a 3-year-old Belgian Shepherd, was wounded in the back by a Jap sniper. He is shown here with his handler, PFC. C. Finley of Elmira, N. Y.

'Amtracs' Prove Mettle In Pacific

By Sgt. Pete Zur Linden
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) -- Nobody contributes more to the success of a Marine amphibious operation and stays farther out of the spotlight than the courageous Leathernecks who man the amtracs, those sea-going, caterpillar, ship-to-shore taxis that can crawl over the spikiest coral reef almost without shifting gears.

Amtrac crews are the middle-men in any landing. Without them, American successes at Tarawa and in the Marshall and Marianas Islands might never have been accomplished. No other outfits draw stiffer assignments on any Pacific D-Day.

The amtracs more than proved their worth at Saipan last June 15, where their chore was the risky task of hauling the initial assault waves over water-bound reefs jutting from 600 to 1500 yards out from the Jap-infested beaches.

It was at Saipan, too, that Marines like 2d Lt. Walter A. Sonnenberg of Iloilo Terrace, N. Y.; P1SGts. J. B. Wisdom of Duncan, Okla., and L. R. Posey of Dallas, Tex., and Sgt. Ray H. Witherell of Bowling, Okla., proved their courage.

As long as he lives, Lt. Sonnen-

berg is going to remember two things about Saipan's D-Day: an explosion, and what looked to him like miles and miles of water.

The explosion was the mortar shell that dropped into the cargo compartment of his amphibian tractor like a basketball going through a hoop. The shell killed or wounded every member of a shore-bound infantry party just after the amtrac had left deep water and crawled onto the reef at a point more than 800 yards from the beach.

The young officer and everybody else who still could swim splashed about in the water looking for survivors. Most of the troops had been killed and others drowned almost as soon as they were carried under the water by the sinking amtrac. Within a few moments only a handful were alive. They spread out as Jap shells and machine gun bullets whistled toward them.

Lt. Sonnenberg, a platoon leader, struck out for the shore for he had to get to the beach to help reorganize the amtracs that had survived the Jap barrage. But he had to swim most of the distance beneath the surface. One or two snipers ashore seemed determined to stop him every time his head popped above the water as he sucked air into his lungs.

When he finally reached the beach after several hours in the water, he reorganized his group and kept the amtrac service going until the job was done.

Marines Compose Poem After Top Sauerkraut Crop

QUANTICO—

"From the Halls of Montezuma to the swamps of old Belle Chasse, When we start making sauerkraut You can bet on it showing class."

So chortled Marines at ME, NAD, 10 miles below New Orleans, La., as they chopped a home-grown cabbage crop before being sent here.

According to John Chapman, writing in The Sentry, the Marines learned their kraut technique from their "pops" of World War I. Maj. W. E. Hess, CO, decorated the Marines with the "Kraut Cross" for their expertness with the favorite German dish.

Maj. H. S. Keimling originated the farm and since has seen the Marine vets fight off hungry rabbits and bugs to produce a yearly crop of 3000 pounds of cabbage.

Weather conditions left Maj. Keimling with the decision to either let the kraut rot in the field or make sauerkraut of it. He summoned all "kraut-makers" and Der Fuehrer is reportedly burning with envy.

Marine Dogs Exhibit Leatherneck Combat Savvy

By Sgt. Hal Goodwin, Combat Correspondent

It was on the jungle-choked Numa-Numa Trail that PFC. Fritzie fulfilled his destiny as a Marine dog of war.

A company of Marines moved up the dim trail on patrol, Jap-bound, through thicket and foliage so dense that a man could see only a few feet at a time. The enemy was somewhere near by, but no one could tell exactly where.

Out on one flank moved PFC. Fritzie, a little black shape negotiating the wet jungle with enviable ease. Suddenly he stopped, stiffened, ears cocked, staring at some unseen thing. The Marines frozen out, went to work. There was a few seconds of shattering sound, then the patrol moved forward again.

Fritzie, a Doberman pinscher, had spotted a hidden Japanese machine-gun nest at the amazing distance of 150 yards, saving his Marines from a costly ambush. Once the men knew the machine gun was there, wiping it out was child's play. But suppose they had walked right into its line of fire, unknowing?

BOUGAINVILLE DOGS

The value of war dogs was first proved to the Marine Corps during the battle for Bougainville. It was re-emphasized at Guam. The dogs have become a definite part of Marine Corps combat units, serving as messengers, as scouts and as spotters, both of Japanese and our own wounded.

Acceptance of the war dogs by the Marines came early in the fight. They began to think of the Dobermans and shepherds as definite personalities. When Gussar, a German shepherd messenger dog, was wounded on Bougainville after serving for 48 hours as the only link between a front line outpost and a command post, the first thing a Marine would ask after returning from the front was "How is he?"

Capt. Clyde Henderson, chief of the Marine War Dog Division, returned from Bougainville, where he commanded the first dog platoon to go into action, with some interesting conclusions. First of these was that female dogs were unshakable—they suffer from shell shock. Second, the "Red Cross" dog of the last war, a first-aid carrier, was impractical in present warfare. The first-aid carriers were converted into messenger dogs.

NO ATTACKING

Capt. Henderson decided that only in a rare tactical situation should the dogs be used to attack. Now and then, however, one of the dogs does a little commando work of his own. Battle-front re-

ports describe a peculiar race that took place on one Pacific island.

The Marines take pride in the accomplishments of their dogs. And they never tire of telling stories about them. "Bull sessions" bring hilarious descriptions of Casanova Otto, a Doberman with an eye for the ladies. He was always at his best during training when female dogs were eyeing him. Then his ears would twitch, his proud head would lift and his roving eye would be more on the little girl dogs than on his trainer.

The story is told, too, of Andy, another Doberman, fondly referred to as "a real chow hound." Andy had a helmet all his own, one with the chin strap buckled for convenient handling. At the sound of "mess gear" Andy would, without any prompting, pick up his helmet and quietly fall in line with the Marines, keeping his place until he reached the steaming vats of food. Then the messmen would fit up his helmet.

Peleliu Nips Meet Group Slaughter

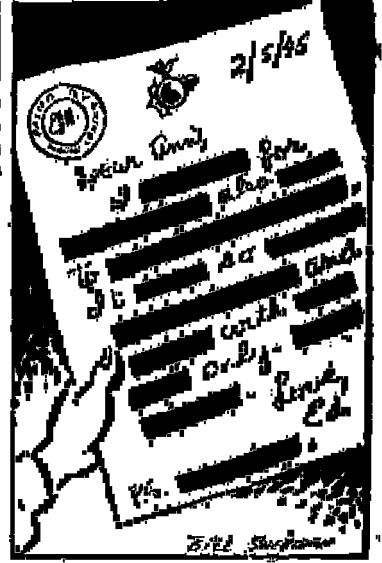
GENERAL OAKLAND One midnight in the moonlight at Peleliu 150 Japs joined their advance while murreling single file across a shallow inlet at one end of the island. It was all 2d Lt. Robert O. Nolan's fault. His weapons platoon happened to be dug in on a ridge overlooking the approach.

"We could hear the Japs coming," says Lt. Nolan of Greensboro, N. C., undergoing treatment here for a hand wound received in the Peleliu fight. "They were trying to escape from a point of land 200 yards away where we had several hundred of them bottled up.

"It was low tide when they came splashing over the reefs. We waited until the Japs were almost to shore. Then we opened up on them with our machine guns. It was a real field day. There must have been several officers with them because we found six sabers on the beach next morning."

Did you hear about the fellow who backed his jeep into a buzz saw? No, did he ruin it? Ruin it! Heck, no. Now we've got two motorcycles.

DON'T KID YOURSELF!!!



Chevron Cartoonist Draws New Manual

CAMP PENDLETON With a sharp eye to the public trend toward comic books, the Training Aids Library here has turned to this medium of instruction and is preparing the first of a series of educational books in comic strip form.

The program is based on the fact that recent nation-wide tests show that facts presented in picture strips are (at first reading) grasped 10% to 30% more thoroughly than the same facts presented in words alone.

The book now under way will contain an estimated 30 picture strips for which comic situations have been invented to deal with such subjects as personal hygiene, membership, combat tips, take-

equipment, prisoner sense, horse talk and field sanitation.

Chevron cartoonist Corp. William Sheridan is being aided by PFC. James D. Hearn, with whom he works in the silk screen section, in making the drawings. The book will be printed by the reproduction section of TAL.

According to Capt. Landon J. Smith, officer in charge of the Training Library, the books will be designed to impress and refresh the men regarding training they have already completed.

Customer: "Have you a book entitled 'Man, the Master of the Home?'"

Salesgirl: "The fiction department is on the other side, sir."

Young Man With A Jap Horn!

PFC. Fred Greenfield, field music, had to leave his beloved bugle behind, when a 3rd Raider Bu, unit moved in to establish a beachhead on Bougainville.

But not for long. He singled out a Jap field music who sported one of the prize horns on his person, went the Nip to meet his ancestor and coolly helped himself.

After all, all's fair in love and war.

RESTRICTED—A piece of inside news you get from a civilian.

MP Cycles More Than Eight Times Around Globe

CAMP PENDLETON — SMSGT. William F. Ellis, the man who maintains the motorcycles of the military police at this camp, knows those roads of steel better than any. Having ridden over a distance equal to more than eight times around the world!

The former boxer and California ring referee, whose family resides at Santa Maria, Cal., rode and maintained his motorcycle 229,000 miles as one of the "Good Samaritans of the Highway" with the Southern California Automobile Association.

Old enough to go home whenever he wants to, he feels his experience with the two-wheeled mounts of the MPs makes him a needed man and his willingness to serve that brought him into the Marine Corps at 33, is keeping him in at 41!

Well known in Southern California boxing circles as "Billy" Ellis, ex boxer, trainer and referee, SMSGT. Ellis enlisted in the Corps in 1912 when a call was issued for experienced men. "I used to stop along the highway many times," he said, "to give the boys in uniform a helping hand with their vehicles when something mechanical went wrong."

"I got to thinking that maybe I could be of help in service by keeping vehicles in good running condition and they wouldn't be breaking down along the highway," he said. Shortly after that his father enlisted the Army and went to France in the first World War. Young Billy Ellis at 15 had the idea that all ships sailed to France,



229,000 MILES! SMSGT. W. F. "BILLY" ELLIS, an MP at Camp Pendleton, has driven the equivalent of eight times around the face of the globe during his motorcycling days.

so he joined the merchant marine with the hope that he would see his father there.

Well, he got to France all right aboard a merchant vessel, but that was a year and a half later and his father already was home. So in 1918, young Ellis was making the ports of the world as a sea-going man and continued to do so until 1922. With most of the stops, he also engaged in boxing matches. He boxed in Liverpool, Copenhagen, Marseille, Le Havre, Houston, Tex.,

and many other ports and cities in Southern California, including San Diego.

His boxing career at an end and his sea-going days behind him, he settled down and became one of the original members of the "Good Samaritans of the Highway," the fellows who ride motorcycles up and down the thoroughfares of the state aiding motorists in distress. From 1924 until 1928, he traveled a distance of 229,000 miles with this service.

Veteran Gyrene Wins Citation

1st Lt. Arlen W. Maynor of Wadsworth, Cal., has been awarded the Bronze Star medal for heroism in action. A sergeant major with the 4th Mar. Div. on Saipan at the time he won the medal, Maynor was decorated at an advanced American base in the Pacific.

He was specifically cited for flushing four Japanese soldiers out of a fortified cave, killing three of them and capturing the other one single-handedly.

A veteran Marine, Lt. Maynor enlisted in July, 1933.

One Marine who doesn't object to being called "kool" is a recent graduate of the Amphibious Warfare Maintenance School at Camp Pendleton. His name is PFC. George A. Boet of Morton, Pa.



LEFT: Names on identification cards are examined by PFC. Mariad Shayer of the Base Theater staff. These sixteen wallets and assorted items have been found during the last two months. (Photo by Corp. Louise Petty).



CARROLLING. Glamorous Georgia Carroll, May Kysor vocalist, gives four Mojave Marines a break after a recent program here. Left to right: TSgt. Wallace C. McLean, San Francisco; PFC. Robert B. Phillips, Twenty Nine Palms, Cal.; Miss Carroll; SMSGT. Forrest O. Prutton, Tampa, Fla.; and PFC. Robert R. George, Greeley, Colo. PFC. Phillips won the quiz contest for the evening.

Leathernecks Rescue B-29 Army Crew

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS (Delayed)— Cooperation among three branches of the armed services resulted in the rescue of a B-29 Superfortress crew after they had spent more than 15 hours in the shark-infested Pacific.

While returning from a bombing strike on Tokyo, the huge Army plane was forced to land on the water, approximately 140 miles from its home base. An extended bombing run over the Jap capital had expended the plane's gasoline supply.

Although it made a perfect three-point landing on the heavy sea, the B-29 broke up and the crew was forced to take to emergency life rafts. After drifting for more than 15 hours, the fliers were spotted by a medium bomber plane of Maj. Gen. Louis E. Woods' 4th Air Wing.

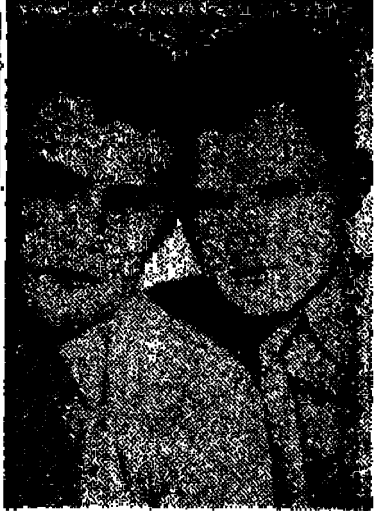
RADIO POSITION

Circling the survivors, the Marine bomber radioed their position to the Army base. Army and Navy planes were then dispatched to hover over the life rafts until a destroyer reached the men.

"We were returning to our base after a mission to the Kusan Islands when the B-29 crewmen were spotted," Marine 1st Lt. James E. Colgan of Hamden, N. Y., pilot of the medium bomber, said. "We always keep a sharp lookout for signs of any activity on the water. Suddenly, Lt. Fitzgibbon, my copilot, spotted two life rafts lashed to each other and carrying 12 men."

"We circled several times to identify them and let them know we had seen them. About a quarter of a mile away, we saw the wing of their plane just before it went under. Our own gas supply was low and we couldn't stay over them too long. We radioed their position and then headed for home. They were picked up several hours later by a destroyer," Lt. Colgan concluded.

Lt. Colgan's crew included 1st Lt. Maurice B. Fitzgibbon of Long Island, N. Y., copilot; SMSGT. Roy E. Woodruff of Oakland, Cal., navigator; Sgt. William G. Ship of Westport, Mass., and Sgt. Frank A. Fowler of Kansas City, Mo., radioman.



BROTHERS. 1st Lt. Francis I. Benton Jr. (left) and Pfc. Michael L. Benton met for the first time in 18 months on an island near...

Warrant Officer Unites Brothers

"The" and "Mike" met in the South Pacific recently, thanks to CWO. L. I. Brandt who taught the brothers boxing on Guam back in the '30s.

Pfc. Michael L. Benton and 1st Lt. Francis I. Benton Jr., both of Col. Francis Benton and Mrs. Benton, were raised in Kansas and China, and were baseball mascots for several of the old-time teams managed by their father.

Spotting Lt. Francis who is stationed aboard ship, CWO. Brandt arranged the reunion with Pfc. Benton who is with a peeper group. Two other Marine brothers, PFCs. John W. Taylor and Lloyd R. Taylor of Olympia, Wash., had a reunion here after not seeing each other for 18 months.

Boxing between battle cruises as an anti-aircraft gunner on a battleship, John was able to contact Lloyd who is at a replacement center awaiting assignment to combat duty.



... returned to North Island

Gillespie Veteran To North Island

NORTH ISLAND—Sgt. Maj. Walter A. Olson of Hollywood, Cal., who has served with the Leathernecks for more than 20 years, recently was assigned to the Marine west coast aviation headquarters squadron at North Island, San Diego.

He previously served at Camp Gillespie, Cal., as sergeant major of the headquarters squadron, his first post in aviation.

The veteran Leatherneck's long military career includes service at stations on both coasts as well as overseas. He has seen duty at Guam, the Philippines, Hawaii and Tientsin, China, and took part in the 1929-30 Nicaraguan campaign. He wears ribbons for the Marine Expeditionary Medal, the Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

During the present war, Sgt. Maj. Olson was overseas from May, 1942, to September, 1942.

Old Salt Upped To WO

By Sgt. James H. Brownell
Special Correspondent
SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS (Delayed)—It's WO Craig now in the thousands of enlisted men in South and Central Pacific combat areas who knew him as "the old" sergeant major in a War Air Wing.

Owners Of Many Lost Wallets Can Claim Property

Lost a wallet lately? Sixteen billfolds have been turned in at the Base Theater in the last two months and no one has claimed them. Most of them carry social security cards, drivers' licenses, family pictures and identification cards.

The lot could also give identification bracelets, three key chains and a number of coins (without glasses).

Names carried in the wallets are: Chantley B. Gardner, James E. Trimble, Herbert Thompson, Franklyn E. Riggins, John J. Franklin, Albert Skymanski, Dell W. Sanders, Gladys M. Harmon, William G. Adams, Thomas J. Coyle, Loren Conway, Eugene F. Lehnardt, James T. Moore, Donald E. Ninger, John T. Montgomery and Thomas L. Malbewa. Identification bracelets are: "Doc", John Selger, Guy Frickson and Brian A. Ketch.

As sergeant major of an air group, Walter Craig of San Francisco, Cal., won his promotion a few days after his ship arrived from the United States. He is now scheduled to go home, having served 22 months with Marine dive-bomber and fighter groups in the Pacific.

WO. Craig fought in France as a private first class under then Brig. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and went through the battles of St. Mihiel and Argonne with the famous Rainbow Div.

He then spent 20 years as a civilian, employed as a U. S. customs inspector. He enlisted in the 12th Res. Mar. Bn. at San Francisco in 1922.

Pacific Movie Comes In Rain

ULITHI. Western Carrinnes (Delayed)—The movie opened the scene where a man said to one of the beautiful, dumb blondes:

"You are so dumb you haven't sense enough to get out of the rain."

The Leatherneck audience roared with laughter. There is an outdoor theater, and it was raining.



WOOLLY DOG, Honolulu orphan girl selects her own gift on shopping spree as she pinches for the 23-month-old daughter that Sgt. Arthur Fred Knighton Jr., of Oakland, Cal., has never seen. Sgt. Knighton has been stationed at Pearl Harbor for over two and one-half years since '41.

'Shrimpers, Rice' Are Nice

By Sgt. Edward F. Ruder
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—PFC Ralph E. Muller of St. Louis, Mo., claims he was the first Marine to sit down to a home-cooked meal on Guam.

During the drive to Orta Peninsula, Muller and a buddy noticed a clothesline flapping in the breeze, and a gas lamp burning in one of the thatched huts.

Muller crept up and peered over the window ledge. Two Jap soldiers had just squatted down to a small table. The afternoon menu consisted of a piping-hot bowl of rice gruel, the size of dog biscuits and fish.

"It is a shame, indeed," said Muller to his buddy, "that we

should eat canned hash." His buddy agreed.

According to Muller, the two Marines had more trouble manipulating the chopsticks than disposing of the Jap soldiers.

Stateside Chow Pleases Veterans

MCAD, MIRAMAR—MTSgt. James A. Wheeler of Maquon, Ill., mess sergeant for the staff NCO mess here, probably gets fewer gripes than any mess sergeant in the Corps.

"Most of the boys I feed," MTSgt. Wheeler explained, "have just returned from overseas. I give them plenty of fresh meat, vegetables, eggs and ice cream and they're happy."

The mess sergeant spent two years in the Pacific himself. Following duty as mess sergeant for the NCO club at Pearl Harbor, he served as cook for Brig. Gen. Lewis C. Merritt at Samoa, Funafuti and Tarawa.—StSgt. Ben Wahrman, combat correspondent.

An insurance statistician, while pencil-ordering on these scroful facts of life, came up with the following world-shaking item:

"For every man 85 years of age, there are seven women.
But it's too late then.

Found! Horseshoe Fans Under Sixty

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS (Delayed)—Members of the 4th Mar. Air Wing unit here are stealing a game from Grahda, the antique sport of horseshoe pitching.

StSgt. Theron J. Rice, combat correspondent, reports that officers were first to rediscover the old-time sport. Enlisted men quickly followed suit and now tournaments have been organized in every squadron.

Censor Lists New Love Letter Musts

By Sgt. Charles H. Philip
Combat Correspondent

WILMINGTON, Western Carolines (Delayed)—Aptitude makes the heart grow fonder. So does the censor.

A policy placed on censors boards here shows the censors have a sense of humor. But more than that, they encourage letters

full of sweet nothings for wives or sweethearts.

Here, for instance, are the things they want your Marines and other fighting men to put in letters—things that will pass the censor:

- "Love"
- "Friends, shipmates and relatives, including your mother-in-law, if you have one."
- "Entertainment, religion, art,

Two Stars On Heart Given At Lejeune

CAMP LEJEUNE—Sgt. Robert E. Sharp of Okmulgee, Okla., three times wounded in Pacific action with the embattled 3rd Mar. Div., has received all his Purple Heart awards in a group here.

Along with three other Marine sergeants from the same regiment, Sgt. Sharp was decorated by 1st Lt. B. L. Burgham, adjutant of the Gd. Bn., to which the four are attached.

Sgt. Sharp's awards were the Purple Heart and two gold stars in lieu of the second and third Purple Heart medals. He suffered his

wounds in action with his division at Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian attacks.

Others decorated here were Sgts. Richard Zawada of Kansas City, Kan., who was wounded on Saipan; Charles C. Fortner of Ft. Smith, Ark., also wounded on Saipan; and Milton Paul of Des Moines, Ia., wounded during the Marianas campaign.

Wants Vets To Fish And Hunt

WASHINGTON—Fishing and hunting are precisely what the doctor ordered for the frayed nerves of returning war veterans, and a House group intends to see that the men get plenty of both.

The Committee on Conservation of Wildlife, having completed a two-year study, has legislation ready for introduction next month.

"Our immediate objective will be to help ease the nerve strain of about 10,000,000 fighting men who must be rehabilitated inside as well as outside," chairman Robertson told a reporter today.

After the first World War, interest in hunting and fishing increased 30 per cent. Mr. Robertson expects an increase of as much as 50 per cent this time.

Captured Masks Serve Useful New Capacity

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Springs to keep screen doors closed are no problem to South Pacific Marines. They use rubber tubing off of captured Japanese gas masks.

The accordion-like tubes are cut from the Jap masks, which are inferior to American equipment and useless for protecting Marines. Dead Japs don't need masks and Marines need door springs for mess halls and office.



RAZOR SHARP. This happy Marine with the razor-sharp mustache, PFC William B. Messenger of Denver, Colo., is pictured on arrival at San Francisco following 27 months in the South Pacific. He started the mustache 16 months ago in Melbourne.

Pendleton Opens Bowling Alleys

CAMP PENDLETON—Two new bowling alleys have been opened here for the use of all Leathernecks aboard.

Maj. Gen. Charles F. B. Prier, commanding general, Marine Training and Replacement Command, San Diego area, sent the first sphere trundling down the hardwood Friday night.

It is hoped that the first ball sent down the alley by Gen. Prier will not cast an omen of future teeling customers... the general knocked down one pin.

The alleys are to be open from 10:30 to 2:30 each evening, with bowling at 10 cents per line.

'Puddle-Jumper' Promotes Jealousy On Island Base

By Sgt. Phillip J. Jochim
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—1st Sgt. John H. Martin of Brockton, Mass., and his homemade "runabout", are the envy of the entire 2nd Mar. Div. While others walk—he rides!

The 27-year-old peacetime automobile mechanic constructed his "puddle-jumper" out of scrap parts found at this base—including an

American one-half h.p. motor, a Japanese bicycle and a British transmission. Martin, who already has refused a \$300 offer for his "scrap-heap-on-wheels", has officially named it the "Black Widow".

"The remarkable thing," said Martin facetiously explained, "is that it will run both day and night." To aid in steering over the rough roads in darkness, Martin made a "headlight" out of a steam lantern.

Navy Carpsman Kills Thousand Rats

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—The Pied Piper at the Pacific is a gangling, smiling lad with a hooked-up nose who never pined a time in his life.

Yet he killed thousands of rats during a two-day period, saving thousands of food-filled packages which Marines of the famous 1st Mar. Div. hoarded for Christmas feasts, according to Sgt. Vic Kallman, combat correspondent.

"The rat killing is done with poison," said PHM1/c. Floyd W. Dick of Cleveland, O., a veteran of Cape Gloucester and Peleliu actions.

Dick mixes barium carbonate in a can, scoops it out with a table tennis paddle and sprays it around tree trunks. A working party buried more than 1000 rats in one day recently attending to their success.

The Navy carpsman first thought of traps, but they were not very effective. His report on them read: "Killed during night—10 rats, 20 land crabs, 114 frogs; injured—one second lieutenant."

Confusion

Margaret Morgan of Raymondville, Mo., was engaged to a sailor, married to a soldier, honey-mooned with a civilian and is now living with a Coast Guardsman.

But it all adds up to one guy—Bill Hamlett.

She became engaged to Hamlett when he was in the Navy, but his Navy hitch expired and he joined the Army. Just before being released from the Army, they were married and went on a honeymoon. Now he's in the Coast Guard—1st-therneck.

Marines Support One Common Itch

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed)—Due to queer bugs, climatic conditions and sundry other reasons, itching every inch on a 4th Mar. Air Wing unit has some sort of an itch, according to StSgt. Gerald T. Gordon, combat correspondent.

It takes various forms—heat rash, fungus, allergies. But the greatest, most common itch is the one to get at the Japs and get back home.

"How did you stop your husband from staying out nights?"

"When he came in late last week, I called out 'Is that you, Jack?'"

"Yes!"

"My husband's name is Bill."



YANKER INGENUITY. Saving shoe leather and studding energy, 1st Sgt. John H. Martin of Brockton, Mass., constructed this homemade runabout for getting around.

Top Kick Has Leather Back, Too

By Staff, First Marine, Combat Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—Probably no one has returned from the Pacific with more surprise to be alive than 1st Sgt. Daniel J. Moss of 1st Marine Div. He was hit in the back by a 75mm. Jap artillery shell during the opening minutes of the battle for Peleliu and wasn't so much as a scratch to show for it.

He has arrived here, on Route 1, with a furlough, following 31 months overseas with the renowned 1st Mar. Div.

"A few minutes after we made the beach at Peleliu," he said, "and were organizing our lines, I felt and heard the hot 'swooshing' of two Jap shells which passed up and exploded yards away. Seconds later, a third one tore into the pack on my back, knocked me flat, and dropped to the ground a few feet from me. Lucky for me it didn't explode and that it was pretty well spent before it hit me. Even then if it had hit me square on it would have driven my pack right through me.

"I lay there for almost an hour, paralyzed from the waist up. My pack, of course, and its contents—socks, underwear, toilet articles, K rations, poncho—were ripped to shreds.

"Use of my muscles returned to me little by little during that hour, and after I got to my feet and walked around for a while, I was okay.

"Sure I had some bruises and sore spots for a couple of weeks, but was able to go through the rest of the campaign."

Officers who returned with Moss told of the efficient manner in which he led an infantry and tank attack against the Japs on the twelfth night of Peleliu's battle.

Moss took part in the original engagements at Guadalcanal, and participated in the battles for Cape Gloucester and Tulagea, New Britain. He also saw duty at New Guinea, the Russell Islands, New Zealand and Australia.

"There were times," he continued, "when I felt certain I was going to see those Beaches (at Buna) but I am, looking at the Golden Gate, and if I am dreaming, just leave me be."

GI Legal Advice To Be Broadcast

A series of weekly radio programs on the subject "GI Legal Aid," sponsored by the State Bar Assn. of California, will be heard over station KFSD, San Diego, every Saturday at 2:45.

Service men will be encouraged to direct specific inquiries to a special committee of the association, which in turn will study them and endeavor to answer in a way concise terms on weekly broadcast.

Postwar Collegiate Plans Made For Service Women

Post-war schooling plans for over 165,000 "GI Juries" eligible for free training under the service Bill of Rights has been designed by her plans and pocketbook by the New Jersey College for Women (Rutgers Univ.).

Biggest innovation is the broadening of entrance requirements. These are based on the applicant's seriousness of purpose, the feasibility of the schedule she wants and her capability.

Full allowance will be made for war-time learning, especially when accredited by the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. Costs are scaled to match almost exactly the basic provisions of the GI Bill of \$500 a year for tuition plus \$50 a month subsistence.

Most other women's colleges

Marine Flags

Flags of the U. S. Marine Corps are scarlet and newly-minted gold.

have taken little public notice of the women veterans. The theory is that the interested minority, being older than the average girl student, will feel more at ease.

Station Mascot Killed In Accident

SANTA BARBARA (UP)—Loathsome cracks at the MAS here were in mourning this week as they missed the gay antics of their pedigreed bulldog mascot, Pvt. Slug.

Slug, who lost his life in a hand-to-hand combat brush with a passing automobile, was buried with full military honors in an early morning service on the drill field.

The personnel of the station fell in formation and listened attentively as Capt. R. H. Holmiz, commanding officer of the unit, read a one-minute eulogy for Pvt. Slug.

Warrant Officer Delivers Goods

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—WO. Joseph V. Murray of San Diego has been officially commended for his work in getting desperately needed ammunition to the big guns during the first days of the battle for Guam.

The artillery unit to which Murray, a veteran Marine, was attached was in position within six hours after the first Leathernecks hit Guam.

From then on, the guns kept a steady stream of high explosives pouring at the Japs dug in on the hills encircling the beachheads.

The demand for artillery fire was so great that on the second day, the supply of ammunition was dangerously low. It was during this period that WO. Murray and his men worked day and night.

Despite the mortar fire covering the beach, the ammunition handlers got thousands of rounds to the artillery positions in the next few days. Throughout the second and third days, the guns used the ammunition almost as fast as the men could get it ashore.

"We were practically transferring it from the ship into the breach of the guns," said WO. Murray.



WO. ELLER
keeps things moving

San Diego Vet Keeps Moving Around Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed) WO. Lawrence G. Kyle of San Diego, a Leatherneck veteran of 18 years' service, is officially listed as administrative officer, office of the chief of staff, 4th Mar. Air Wing. Simply, his job is to "keep things moving."

As a warrant officer, he has kept things moving here for the past six months; as a non-commissioned officer he kept things moving at bases in Guam and China, and at a score of more posts in the United States, over a period of almost 10 years.

WO. Kyle enlisted as a private in 1924. He served in Nicaragua and Panama. He was discharged in 1928 and remained a civilian for two years, re-enlisting in 1930. Then he spent five years as a member of the Mar. Inf., aboard the aircraft carrier Lexington, put in two years at Bremerton, Wash., and, in 1938, was transferred to Iquay. From there he went to the legation guard at Peking, China, and then to the United States again. He entered Marine Aviation in 1942 and was promoted to his present rank in February, 1943. He has been overseas since early this year.

Marines Never Quit Fighting

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—M1Sgt. Wesley R. Main of Los Angeles is a square-set, 150-pound Scotchman with a striped moustache and gold-rimmed spectacles.

When he came overseas two years ago, his buddies jokingly nicknamed him "Pop"—too old to get mixed up in the rough stuff, they figured.

But that was two years ago. Somewhere along the months, Main was rechristened "Raider," a nickname now known throughout the 1st Mar. Div. He also picked up three letters of commendation for meritorious performance of duty.

Aviators Relax On Peleliu Picnic

By Staff, John T. Kirby, Combat Correspondent

PELELIU (Delayed)—Relaxation was the order of the day in a 2nd Mar. Air Wing campsite here as Leatherneck ground crewmen took a brief holiday from their work in the first time since they landed to enjoy a hard-earned "picnic"—Peleliu style.

The eating is one of this island's

few unspoiled beaches for an afternoon of swimming and relaxation followed by nearly two months of the initial landings by Marine assault units on Peleliu.

After six grueling weeks of day-to-day work rebuilding this war-torn island, weary Marine aviators were eager to accept an opportunity to enjoy a few brief hours of recreation.

Lacking the customary picnic

accoutrements, the Marines were obliged to resort to exploration wading on the wide coral reef.

While Corsair fighter bombers feared overhead towards nearby Japanese air and searchlight, recreation-hourly Leathernecks spent hours exploring deserted enemy beach installations intended to forestall an attempted landing on Peleliu's northern shoreline.



ALEUTIANS. The forgotten men in the Marine Corps are the lads stationed in the bleak Aleutians. They break the monotony of a regular day's guard duty by furnishing honor guards at all ceremonies. Lt. Leslie G. Driegh heads the formation.

Spot Bombing Used In Pacific

Marine squadrons in the Central Pacific have tried several bombing techniques but the most effective found for the Corsair seemed to be a 70-80 degree high-speed dive at small targets, usually Jap blockhouses 50 feet square and 20 feet high.

A Marine fighter-bomber pilot just back from this work reported that he would like to have a try at some of the German targets, "and if they asked me to bomb a factory," he said, "my first question would be: what department?"

Uniform Regulations Will Be Enforced

Allowances are being made for units newly arrived from overseas in complying with uniform regulations. This in no way, however, excuses MCH officers and enlisted personnel for overlooking these regulations.

It was made clear in a reminder memo this week that steps will be taken to enforce uniform regulations and the performance of military courtesies.

Compliance not only requires that the type of uniform worn be an authorized uniform but it should be one suitable for the occasion.

Boot Fires 312 At Rifle Range

CAMP MATTHEWS High individual score for recruits firing for record at this range last week was a 312 fired by Pvt. John H. Borigo of Bend, Ore.

Borigo's platoon (793) coached by Sgt. Marvin N. Gerstner, had a qualification of 87.8%, with two members failing to qualify. DI of the platoon is 1st Sgt. R. M. Wood.

The ten most common names in the service are, in order: Smith, Johnson, Brown, Miller, Jones, Davis, Wilson, Anderson, Martin and Taylor.

A REAL THINKING CAP Pilot Saves Fifteen Injured Riders

By Sgt. James J. McElroy, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS ISLANDS (Delayed)—A quick-thinking Marine Corps aviator piloting a transport plane with 15 hospital patients aboard, averted a serious mishap after a mechanical failure here, landing his crippled plane by parachute.

The 4th Mar. Air Wing plane piloted by Capt. Donald Vail of Plympton, Mass., was about to land when a leak in the hydraulic system developed, making brakes and landing flaps useless. A crash landing appeared certain, until Vail suddenly thought of the paratroopers aboard.

He ordered his crewmen to lash the paratroopers to supporting struts in the plane's cabin, then toss the chutes out of emergency hatches and pull the releases when he signalled.

Cutting his speed to a bare minimum, the captain glided the large transport to the very tip of the runway, utilizing every foot of airstrip. Just as the plane reached the halfway mark on the runway, he signalled his men to release the chutes.

The paratroopers billowed out, catching the rushing airstream. The plane slowed down abruptly, then eased ahead, finally rolling to a stop at the extreme end of the runway. The landing was made without jarring the patients or scratching the plane.

'So Solly' But Japanese Politeness Is Give Away

The Jap soldier is sometimes too polite for his own good.

The field telephone network had just been completed in an important area during the battle for Saipan. An officer put through a call to a forward observation post, gave his orders and snapped, "Got it?" "Yes," came the reply. "Thank you very much."

The officer leaped up. "Hell," he said, "no Marine in combat would ever say that! The Japs must be on our wire."

Communications men went out again and strung a new line; new orders were issued and American lives saved—all because of Jap politeness.

Postcard from a GI on furlough: "Having a wonderful time. Wish I could afford it."



JAP soldiers in training rise at 0500 each morning and keep going all day. Their ideas of setting up exercises differ somewhat from ours. The Japs, stripped to the waist, line up in a long file and each man massages the muscles of the man in front. They believe this loosens their muscles.

Ex-Coast Baseball Official Returns From Guam Flyer Crew

USNH, SAN DIEGO—The story of a ferocious Jap banzai attack aimed at an American field hospital on the beaches of Guam is told by Maj. Roscoe C. Torrance of Seattle, Wash. The officer fought through the entire campaigns of Bougainville and Guam and is now convalescing at this hospital from the effects of fever and combat fatigue.

Maj. Torrance was secretary of the Seattle Rainiers of the West Coast baseball league before joining the Marines.

"Our medical structure was nestled between two ridges and on the morning of the fifth day of the battle a large group of the enemy broke through," he recounted. "They came screaming down upon us and immediately the whole of Hq. Bn. became a combat outfit. Patients were running to safety and anyone who was able fought back. We repulsed the attack and before the day was over we had accounted for about a hundred Japs," the major concluded.

Maj. Torrance was the division recreation and morale officer and during landings was "attached to shore parties in the capacity of reef transfer officer," he said.

"This was a new title and a new job," he explained. "We had not found it necessary to land on reefs before. The job was exactly what the title implies and it was exciting work. We sometimes stood out there for hours while being shot at."

When the landings had been achieved and beachheads established Maj. Torrance took over the duties of "exec" of Hq. Bn.

Pendleton Team Features USO Mitt Showing

CAMP PENDLETON—Throwing punches with plenty of sting was the main event of the weekly Oceanside USO boxing show for S2/c. Eddie Wood, 143, N. D., last week, as he knocked out S1/c. Cliff Gray, 145, Pa.

Y3/c. Mill Fisher, 185, Ala., eked out a decision over S1/c. Richard Slide, 180, Ariz., in the semi-final.

The judges took a sound jeering from the crowd in the third bout of the evening when they awarded a decision to S1/c. Ernie Greene, 160, Va., over S1/c. Max Grant, 160, Mich. The opening rounds of the fight were of little consequence and Grant scored a no-count knock-down in the third round providing the only act of brutality.

Corp. Jim Dixon, 135, N. M., was awarded a hairline decision over Pvt. Art Jensen, 135, Utah, in the second bout after the Navajo had used a looping left to stack up points in the closing minutes of the melee.



ALL-AMERICANS. These Marine officers would be easier to spot in gridiron togs. They're 2dLts. Leon (Mickey) McArdle (left) of Southern California fame and Paul Governali, the Columbia passing star. Both played with the El Toro Flying Marine club during the 1944 season.

Torpedoes NTC Team

MIRAMAR—The Miramar Flyers pulled the first upset in opening play of the second-half 11th Naval Dist. league race by defeating the touted NTC eagles, 48-34, last week.

Since the MCB club, first-half league winners, is disbanded, the Miramar team has jumped into a favored role. NTC was the first-half runnerup club.

Tutored by PFC. Bill Smith, former New York Celtic star, the Miramar crew depended on the sharpshooting of their 6-ft., 6-in. center, Corp. Bob Brown, and TSgt. Frank Sabo for their main weapons. Team Capt. Sabo netted 17 counters while Brown totaled 13 points.

Miramar held a 24-19 half-time advantage. Next fray for the Flyers, who are averaging 51 points per contest, is a match at St. Tor's Thursday. March Field will invade the Miramar court Friday.

Box score:

	Miramar	NTC	TOT
Campbell, F.	2	0	2
Schroeder, F.	2	0	4
Pignaterra, F.	0	1	1
Morris, F.	0	0	0
Brown, C.	0	0	13
Sabo, F.	0	0	17
Dufkin, S.	0	0	2
Smith, S.	0	0	10
Fallon, S.	0	0	0
Total	48	34	48

	NTC	TOT
McCarty, F.	5	10
Walt, F.	0	0
Jayne, F.	0	0
Irish, F.	0	0
Green, W.	0	0
Christensen, G.	0	0
Dallas, G.	0	0
Skelly, G.	0	0
Krogge, G.	0	0
Total	5	10

Score at half: Miramar 24, NTC 19.

FDR Approves Baseball

Pres. Roosevelt gave baseball the official "go" signal for the 1945 season last week—provided the sport can operate without bothering the war effort.

He pointed out that he does not think any perfectly healthy young man should be playing baseball in these times. Nevertheless, baseball officials felt that the President had befriended the game for the second time during the war. Shortly after Pearl Harbor he took the position that the sport should keep going as a morale builder.

Since War Mobilization Director Jimmy Byrnes called for re-examination of professional athletes and 4-Fs, baseball has had the jitters, but the President's comment dissolved much of this doubt about the immediate future.

Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, said that "Baseball is pleased that the President has said to go ahead without interference in the war effort."

What caliber of teams the clubs

field will "depend on the rejected and returned players that we get," Griffith added.

Most of the teams have a few men above the age limit as well as a handful of "kids about 17 who will have a wonderful opportunity to play in the big leagues," he said.

"I think we can continue all right under Mr. Roosevelt's outline," Griffith declared.

Approximately 500 players including 225 4-Fs were on the rosters of the two major league clubs last season, but a substantial percentage of these were farmed out to the minors.

Army physical standards have not been lowered and it is presumed that some 4-Fs will again be rejected upon re-examination. However, these are expected to go into essential industry.

Baseball officials have maintained all along that they will put teams on the field, if they have only nine men to a side, unless the government definitely halts play.

MCB Cage Teams Needed At Once

MCB Fem Hoop Club Wins Two

Led by PFC. Mary Mierocht with 12 points, the MCB edition of WE basketball trounced the El Centro girls, 39-15, last week.

PFC. Leone Jamieski with 11 points was second top scorer. Prior to the El Centro conquest, the protégés of Coach Lt. Beth Clow had beaten Camp Elliott, 35-15. Neither game was an 11th Naval Dist. Service Women's league tilt.

Even sports activity was limited to WE basketball last week as Capt. Charles R. Church, athletic officer, posted an SOS for four extra-base male cage teams to fill out a league.

"We have all the facilities," commented Capt. Church, "but require four teams more to round out a league, which we intend to open around Jan. 27."

The wholesale exit of MCB athletes to combat duty left the sports program devoid of participants.

Tennis and golf programs will be organized during the early weeks of March.

Movable Maples Used In Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN THE PALAU ISLANDS (Delayed)—Here's a new recreation note from the combat zone:

A movable basketball court has been built on runways of the "Death Dealers" fighter squadron of the 2nd Mar. Air Wing here.

The baskets can be moved from revetment to revetment, depending upon which planes are in the air and which are on the ground. The baskets and size of the court are regulation.

There is also a volleyball court about 100 yards off the runway and a touch-football field nearby, reports TSgt. Bill Goodrich, combat correspondent.



HOT CLUB. Victors in line of ten starts, the Mojave basketball crew has emerged as one of the strongest Marine outfits in the Coast area. Left to right, front: Sgt. Severino A. Minutella, 2dLt. Glenn O. Thacker, Sgt. Herbert D. Riley, TSgt. Fenton D. Oveson, PFC. George Butler. Left to right, rear: St/Sgt. Maurice H. Stark, St/Sgt. Cornelius Mosser, 1stLt. William A. Gates, 2dLt. Eric F. Childs, PhM/c. Robert C. Goldstrand. Coach is Capt. Jesse Morrison. (Official U. S. Marine Corps photo).

MC Vet Shines
PHILADELPHIA — The sharpshooting of Bill Matchneer, discharged Marine from Columbus, O., sparked Penn State to a 63-37 victory over Cornell last week.

ABG-2 Keglers Capture Service Women's Title

Defeating the NTC Waves, 3-1, the ABG-2 keglers clinched the Service Women's Bowling league championship.

Miramar won second place, but annexed all of the team honors. High team average of 732 was set by Miramar, along with the team high series of 2482 and an 890 high game. MCB won third-place laurels.

Lois Kline of the MCB squad took all individual booty. She won trophies for her 573 series and her 155 individual game averages. Top single game was a 216 by Arlene Shindldecker of Miramar.

The Big Ten

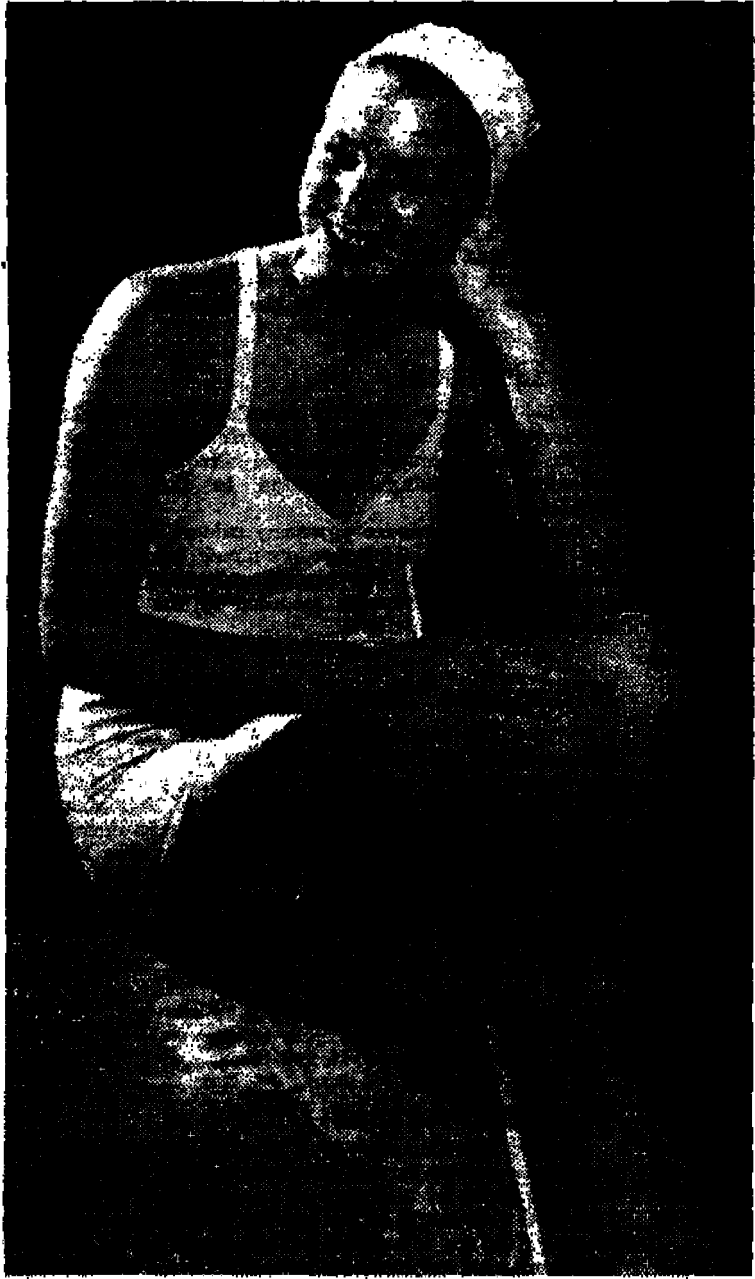
The ten bowlers with the highest averages are:

Lois Kline, Marine Corps Base	162
Zella Layton, ABG-2 Marines	161
Arlene Shindldecker, Miramar Marines	159
Betty Hinn, Miramar Marines	154
Mildred Stuart, ABG-2 Marines	153
Julie Hill, Coronado Waves	151
Jane Fisher, Elliott Marines	150
Clara Gray, Miramar Marines	149
Harbor Miran, Naval Air Station	147
Hazel Schmidt, Naval Air Station	147

Final Standings

Team	W. L.	Loat	Per.
ABG-2 Marines	11	1	.760
Miramar Marines	23	13	.737
Marine Corps Base	29	17	.628
Coronado Waves	24	20	.545
Naval Air Station	21	21	.500
Repair Base	20	23	.467
Naval Training Center	21	23	.477
Elliott Marines	19	26	.420
Mathews Marines	13	30	.312
El Toro Waves	8	26	.231

Marine Officer's Daughter Wins Sullivan Award



SULLIVAN WINNER. Swimmer Ann Curtis, outstanding athlete of 1944 and Sullivan winner, is the daughter of Capt. James M. Curtis. (San Francisco News Photo.)

A self-made harness provided the medium with which Capt. James M. Curtis, 2nd Div. veteran, taught his daughter, Ann, national free style champion, the art of moving through the water faster than any girl in the business.

Retired recently and now residing in La Jolla, Capt. Curtis watched his daughter develop from a gangling beginner into the current national AAU women's free style champion at 100, 400, 800 and 1500 meters.

For her performance which was dipped only because she didn't get a chance at an Olympic title, the 18-year-old wonder was awarded the James E. Sullivan Memorial Award as the country's outstanding athlete of 1944.

Miss Curtis was named by a poll of the nation's sports writers and leaders. Her selection was announced at a luncheon meeting of New York track and field writers by Dan Ferris, National Amateur Athletic Association secretary.

Capt. Curtis relates amusingly how he used to hold the end of the harnesses while Ann and her sister, Sue, one year younger, splashed around in the water at the ages of six and five.

A total of 694 votes, compared with the 440-vote total of the second-place winner, Yale's famed Alan Ford, gave Miss Curtis her Sullivan Award.

The award annually goes to the athlete who "by his performance example and influence as an amateur and an individual, has done the most during the year to advance the cause of sportsmanship."

Capt. Curtis says Sue may be offering Ann competition before 1945 ends. "If the war is still going when the girls hit 20, they both intend to join the WRs."

Miss Curtis' 1944 record:

Athens Ath. Club—Oak Short Course	United States Amer. Records	Ann Curtis' Time	Record Lowered By
200 meters	2:30.0	2:28.0	2:00
250 yards	2:40.0	2:35.0	1:1-10
400 meters	5:25.0	5:17.0	6:1-10
440 meters	5:28.0	5:21.7	14:8-10
480 meters	5:28.0	5:15.8	12:8-10
440 yards	5:28.0	5:15.8	12:8-10
500 yards	5:15.2	5:05.8	16:6-10

Pendleton Girls Sink Wave Five

CAMP PENDLETON--Pendleton WRs staged a scoring parade on the Oceanside High school basketball court Thursday night, sinking the Waves of Santa Margarita Hospital by a score of 33-6.

Oceanside fans applauded the uncanny eye of PFC. Janie Cowart who scored 18 of the WRs points. This gives her a total of 26 points in two games and she still has several games to go this season. PFC. Elva Olsen was close behind with 11 points.

The Camp Pendleton sextet lost its season opener to the Miramar lassies, 25-23.

Box score:

Pendleton (26)	(6) Waves
Olsen (11)	F.....(4) Orneljek
Cowart (18)	F.....(2) Lowe
Wolfe (2)	F.....(2) Hunt
Trinkle (2)	F.....(2) Carroll
Thompson	F.....(2) McDonald
Pepling	F.....(2) Brandt

Substitutions: Pendleton—Floucher, Sheehan, Kirby, Stryleski. Santa Margarita—Vollmer, Kilgus, Seymore, Harris, Albano, Shaeffer.



PFC. CUMMINGS
... fastest on wheels

Roller Skating Champ Moves To Klamath

KLAMATH FALLS—The world's fastest man on wheels, roller-skate champ PFC. Jack V. Cummings, in a recent arrival at the Klamath Falls barracks.

Cummings, a professional skater before the war, negotiated a banked half-mile track in Cleveland in 1936 in 1:17.7, and that record still stands. The old mark was just about two seconds slower, 1:19.4.

Originally from Chicago, the 31-year-old speedster toured the country with a troupe coached by Sgt. Les Israel, who is also here. The two men met in a California hospital not long ago for the first time in several years and neither had known the other was in the Marine Corps.

Cummings started making fast and fancy skating a career 13 years ago. At first he and a partner harpooned the country with a novelty act on wheels, and in 1935 he began racing.

He has made several movie shorts featuring his specialty. Once, in Miami, he performed on a small floating dock in the Roney Plaza hotel's swimming pool.

He enlisted in the Marines in June, 1942, and served overseas 22 months at Rendova, New Georgia, Humboldt and Florida island with the 11th Det. Bn.

Right now Cummings is scouting talent here in Klamath Falls, trying to locate a suitable partner to form another act. He wants to put on shows here. The partner, Cummings says, should be able to skate fairly well already, weight not more than 145 pounds and have a good sense of balance. The trick stuff he can learn from the champ.



GIANTS. When 6-ft. 4-in. Lejeune pivot, Jack Maddox, former West Texas Teachers All-American, and Horace (Bones) McKinney, Fort Bragg's 6-ft. 5-in. center, jumped in a game recently, pigeons in the balcony received a scare.

Marshall Island Natives Know Game

By Sgt. Theron J. Rice
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS (Delayed)—Marshall Island natives knew nothing about softball or baseball until nine months ago when units of the 4th Mar. Div. invaded this former Japanese outpost. But 20 members of a 4th Mar. Air Wing unit based here will tell you that they've learned plenty.

On a recent Sunday afternoon trip to a nearby island where native labor gangs live, Marines took a 24-2 walloping in a softball game played on a field almost ankle deep in coral sand and no larger than a tennis court at Forest Hills.

Natives have learned the game from several Navy men who live with them and act as supervisors. Gloves and all necessary equipment have been furnished them, and two native teams have been organized and play almost daily after working hours. There are endless arguments as to which is the better native team, but neither one has been beaten on his home field by any Marine or Navy team.

In Sunday's game Marines received the surprise of their life as the native team took the field and snapped the ball around like a group of professionals. Characteristic infield chatter such as "easy man" and "get hot," mixed with chatter in their own Marshallese language, drew expressions of awe from Leathernecks.

But they were in for an even greater surprise when a slow, medium-built, easy-going native took the mound and began throwing a blazing fast ball and an occasional curve.

No complete box score of the game was kept but final estimates were that at least 10 Leathernecks were strike out victims and only five got clean base hits. Several drives into deep centerfield seemed like certain extra base hits. But Marines failed to reckon with the native centerfielder, who, standing in water up to his knees, would start swimming at the crack of the bat, turn, and make the catch. Drives into the ocean were two-base hits, but the runner had to make his base.

Due to soft underfooting no one wore shoes. The natives, accustomed to running in soft coral, had no trouble generating speed. But many Marines fell on their way to first base and were easy putouts.

A particular pleasure to the natives was to trap a runner between bases. When this would happen not one or two but all nine members of the native team would rush over to aid in the putout while native spectators would loudly shout their approval. But the greatest ovation of the afternoon came when a line drive struck a native squarely on top of the head, bounced high into the air, and finally was caught by the native himself.

Brunswick Team Has Clear Slate

BRUNSWICK, Me.—Winding up the campaign with victories over the Operation five and the Company Adil team, the Brunswick Marines finished their first-half play with an unbeaten record against service competition.

Lejeune Basketballers Plan Heavy Schedule

CAMP LEJEUNE—Camp Lejeune coasted to a 51-28 victory over the Edenton Marine basketballers here last week.

Behind in the second quarter, the locals rallied with 26 points while holding Edenton scoreless until late in the fourth period. Joe Brehmer and Paul Donat, both of Lejeune, divided scoring honors with 10 points each.

Camp Lejeune has scheduled basketball games with 3rd Air Force Gremlins of Morris Field, Charlotte, here Jan. 22, and Edenton Marines, there, Feb. 16, announcing at the same time cancellation of contests with Fort Monroe, Norfolk Air Station and Norfolk Training Station.

Fort Monroe, slated to come here Feb. 24, has withdrawn from competition, and Lejeune is unable to be in Norfolk Feb. 21-23 to fulfill tentative engagements.

The Marines open the 1945 portion of their local showdown against Greenville Marines (Sq. 354) Saturday night. Greenville was beaten by Lejeune, 42-31, previously.

Minnesota Head Returns To Job

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—Lt. Col. Bernie Bierman, one of the nation's most renowned football coaches, has severed his connection with the Marine Corps to again resume charge of Minnesota football.

Possessor of a record of 63 wins and only 12 defeats in tough Big Ten opposition, Bierman's record at Minnesota includes four national championships. Spring football drills will open Jan. 15 in the Gopher fieldhouse.



A slow native hurler started tossing a blazing fast ball and an occasional wide curve.



Standing in knee-deep water, the center fielder would start swimming for his catches.



A line drive struck a native, bounced high in the air—then was caught by same native.

From The Chevron Jan. 22, 1943

WASHINGTON—Marines turn Guadalcanal over to the Army.

A new regimental emblem is designed for the 2nd Marines by Col. Lemuel Shepherd, CO.

CAMP ELLIOTT—The FMP has set up a Jap language school, and the Leathernecks will learn to read simple field messages and will endeavor to question prisoners.

SAN FRANCISCO—Handfuls of candy in reward for dead Japs have won Solomon natives to the American cause. The natives had organized a scouting service to aid the Marines, and it is not rare for natives to come to officers and tell them locations of Jap patrols.

CAMP ELLIOTT—Three graduates of an English Leatherneck training unit in Scotland will give a six weeks commando training to the Seabees.

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Oh, Brother!

(AF)—Emperor Hirohito remained "unperturbed" in conference Tuesday while Superfortresses flew over Tokyo. Domei agency reported in a broadcast which also indicated continuing opposition to the government's policies.

"Despite the presence of enemy raiders in the sky over the capital, His Majesty remained unperturbed and listened intently to the reports submitted by the governors," said the dispatch recorded by the Federal Communications Commission.

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Nipponese 'Snow' Job

"While the war situation in Greater East Asia progresses daily, the alliances with our friendly nations are also being further solidified. We, the Emperor, feel great joy in this. Now the war situation is becoming more critical and now is the time for all truly to devote their total effort and to repel the enemy. We, the Emperor, are emotionally overwhelmed by the loyalty and gallantry of you, the subjects, and expect to see an early accomplishment of the objective of this sacred war."—Emperor Hirohito.

Take Problems Through 'Channels'

Don't get all fouled up because you are not aware of proper procedure. When you have some problem crop up, it is usually a big problem to you. Ask advice! You have every right, IF you go through the proper "channels".

Be sure, however, you don't let the word "channels" frighten you. It wasn't used to do that. There has merely been adopted a way by which you can assure yourself of the quickest and most valuable advice.

Some "officials boot" may know a better solution, but you will save yourself many embarrassing and difficult positions if you act according to procedure. This procedure was set up for you, and to relieve the higher echelon of unnecessary interruptions to their important work.

There is not, or if there is, should not be a Platoon Sergeant too busy to listen to your initial request for advice. He knows you better than anyone else and can take the time to understand your difficulty. When the matter is out of his scope he will send you to the "Top".

The First Sergeant acts as a buffer between the Platoon Sergeant and the higher echelon. There are few matters he cannot aid you on in a few moments. When these few arise he will take them up with the Company Commander.

Remember your Company Commander has in his command many Marines who are in as serious difficulties as you. He will either forward a decision in your case, or he will refer it to a higher authority—the Battalion Commander.

The Commander of the Battalion will see that everything possible is done in his office before sending it higher up.

The men who have framed the regulation regarding "channels" had your convenience as well as that of the higher ratings in mind when they wrote Navy Regulations, Article 1326, which is quoted in part: "... men of the lower ratings should be encouraged to consult their petty officers and division officers in regard to their requests, reports and statements, but such procedure shall not operate as a restriction."

"... but shall not operate as a restriction" makes it obvious that a great waste of time can

be eliminated between the man and the solution to his problem in many instances.

Some of the problems which you are free to discuss and may rightfully do are: liberty, rights, allotments, welfare, assignments, censorship, legal matters, uniform regulations, furloughs and many others not here listed.

Remember, see your Platoon Sergeant first. He may send you to the First Sergeant, who may in turn take the matter up with your Company Commander. Your CO may direct that you come to see him, or may render a decision immediately or may send you to the Battalion Commander.

In any event the problem confronting you has a more than even chance of being presented logically and clearly to you more quickly than if you jump the "channel", fall in and are washed down to swim again.

In special cases, and in some routine cases, you always have immediate recourse to the Legal Assistance Officer whom you may see any free time when involved in legal matters. Then, too, the Chaplain will offer advice when he is able and he usually has regular "office hours". These matters need not be strictly religious.

If you are troubled with matters at home, many times the American Red Cross representative on your base can be of great assistance. He, or she, is always available.

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Native Sage

Dutch Indian native, as we saw a U. S. bulldozer at work: "Aussie, him good jungle fighter, Jap, him good jungle fighter, American come, jungle go."

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.

Old Vets Needed

Lt. Gen. William S. Kaudsen, plane production boss, now favors drafting all men between the ages of 18 to 60. He undoubtedly is considering that many men have had previous military experience during the Civil War and at San Juan Hill.

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Bivins or Dorsett

Editor, The Chevron—Just received the Jan. 6 issue of The Chevron and find that you have made a slight error on page 8. You have a photo of "Big Jim" Bivins Jr., former pitcher of the Phillies. He and Dorsett both hurled for the 2nd Regt. team. I am sure you can take my word for the mistake for both men served with me in the 2nd Regt. You see the picture is Bivins, not Dorsett. Sgt. ROEDIGER.

Editor's note—The picture sent us was taken overseas. The picture was identified to us as Dorsett.

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Paratroopers' Wings

Editor, The Chevron—Would you please give me some information regarding the wearing of parachute wings? Are ex-Paratroopers allowed to wear their wings although the Paratroopers have been disbanded? And who are allowed to wear the gold wings? If a Marine was a rigger for only a part of his time in the paratroops, does he rate wearing gold wings?

PFC. H. E. BLUM

Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—Art. 26-13 (11), Marine Corps Manual, authorizes personnel who have been designated as parachutists to retain and wear permanently such badge as prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy. Circular Letter No. 535 states a SILVER badge has been adopted for all "persons who have successfully completed a course of training in an approved parachute school and have been designated as qualified parachutists." Gold wings were designed in 1942. They were never approved and the sale or manufacture was forbidden.

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R and R

Editor, The Chevron—I returned from overseas last June with illiarius after 22 months of duty. After a few days in the Oakland Hospital I was shipped to 2nd Cas. Co., MCH, San Diego. From there I received my furlough and reported back to MCH and then to Camp Pendleton. I have never been through R&R and desire to do so. Do all returning men rate this privilege? If so, what is the procedure?

E. R. A.

MB, NAS, Astoria, Ore.

Editor's note—The R&R Center was not in operation when you returned from overseas. Only men returning from overseas or those ordered to Pendleton from U. S. stations go through R&R.

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Total Allotment

Editor, The Chevron—If a service man makes an allotment to his wife and also an allotment to his mother for substantial support, is there a total of \$27 taken from his pay or is there \$22 for the wife's allotment and an additional \$27 for the mother's allotment, making a total of \$49 for both allowances?

V. D. C.

Ravenwood, Mo.

Editor's note—According to the information received, only \$27 per month would be deducted from the man's pay.

Yet to Come

"At last we have come to the knock-down-drag-out phase of the fighting. At last we are fighting on the enemy's home grounds. The close-in action is beginning in earnest. And the casualties are beginning to roll in. There is not a person in this audience who does not at least know of some wife or parent or sister or next-of-kin who within recent weeks has received a message from the War or Navy Deptis.

"These messages, more than anything I could possibly say—convey the true meaning of the phrase: "A long, hard war." And I am afraid I cannot be optimistic about it—I believe the fighting will get worse before it gets better."—Underscored, of the Navy Ralph A. Bard at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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An Ocean's Between Us

An ocean's between us and yet you are near,
Yes, close to my now and forever, my dear;
And tho' there be sadness, worry and tears,
Separation, my darling, is not one of my fears.

An ocean's between us by all that we do,
Hundreds of miles divide the fraim you,
But oceans or miles, they only keep few
The old love we hold, together, so true.

An ocean's between us by day and by night,
Rolling and roaring with all of its might.
It echoes to me the sound of the fight,
But most of all the things that are bright.

An ocean's between us, but darling let's feel
That this is only a part of the deal.
So send out our kisses for the ocean to send
'Til we're together again making them real.

An ocean's between us and far may it roam
Carrying my love to you with this poem.
But remember, my darling, let it be on its own,
I'll carry you back to me and our home.

—MRS. J. W. ORR



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'Bloody Nose Ridge' Scrap Shot In Color Film From Air

By Staff Sgt. Gilbert F. Kappel
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—An intimate color film story of Corsair pilots from the 2nd Mar. Air Wing who "bounce-bombed" Peleliu's impregnable garrison was completed recently by TSGt. William S. Kappel of Westmont, N. J.

Traveling more than 10,000 miles by air to cover the operation on special assignment, Kappel made six trips in "grasshopper" observation planes over "Bloody Nose Ridge" where the Japs were holding out on Peleliu.

His work there is something new in combat photography, the record

of a special bombing technique filmed in color at a 500-1000 foot altitude.

Bombing Peleliu called for pinpoint accuracy, combined with a naval bombing technique. The ridge itself was a cruelly ravined, cave-studded natural fortress 200 by 200 yards in area, completely surrounded by our own troops. The steel-hard coral caves offered almost complete air defense against everything, but the most daring kind of glide bombing.

'No Small World' Says Frustrated Saipan Veteran

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Sgt. Lawrence A. Doran and his wife, 2dLt. Elizabeth M. Doran of Lakewood, R. I., are fighting in the same war, but are a bit dismayed at its global aspects.

Sgt. Doran is a photographer with the 4th Mar. Div. "somewhere in the Pacific" and Lt. Doran is an Army nurse "somewhere in France".

It is not precisely the way they had planned things.

Back in 1942, after Sgt. Doran had been ordered into the Pacific, his wife shipped to the Hawaiian Islands as a Red Cross nurse. Doran spent his entire tour of duty at Guadalcanal and Australia and the two didn't meet until they returned to the States more than a year later.

After her husband shipped out again early in 1944, Mrs. Doran joined the Army Nurse Corps. Came the invasion of Europe and she was sent to France, while Sgt. Doran was invading Saipan and Tinian, half a world away.

"And it is not a small world," says Sgt. Doran with emphasis. Staff Sgt. J. B. Campbell Jr., combat correspondent.

Tankman Gains Silver Star

Sgt. Wayne R. Fish of Deer Park, Wash., Marine tankman, has been awarded the Silver Star medal for heroism in action on Saipan.

He was decorated at an advanced American base in the Pacific.

The citation accompanying the medal, signed by Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, chief of Marine forces in the Pacific, credited Fish with being instrumental in the destruction of two Jap heavy gun positions.

"His quick judgment and perfect maneuvering of his tank allowed his gunner to destroy two enemy positions in a few moments," the citation said.

"While he was maneuvering to strike the third position, the tank received its seventh and fatal hit. Sgt. Fish helped to cover the escape of his crew by firing at the enemy with his pistol, then assisted his platoon leader to the safety of our own lines, 500 yards away."

There are many qualifications for the title of "genius". In the Marines, it is a fellow who can tie a presentable knot in a GI field scarf.

Actresses Love Marines

Hollywood scored again this week with still another screen actress showing top preference to the Marine Corps by taking a middle aisle trip with Lt. William Casey, Marine flyer.

The bride, 20-year-old Pat Parrish, a Columbia starlet, met the Marine at the Beverly-Wilshire Officers' Club several months ago.

They left for Las Vegas but 50 miles from the desert resort their car broke down. They thumbed their way in, arriving only a few hours before the scheduled noon ceremony.

The long list of Marine-movie marriages was added to last week when Leske Brooks, Columbia

glamour girl, took the vows with Donald A. Suaw, discharged Marine veteran.

Three Colonels Up For General

WASHINGTON (UP)—Pres. Roosevelt has nominated three Marine colonels for promotion to the rank of brigadier general.

They are William L. McKittrick of Pensacola, Fla., Lawson H. Sanderson of Santa Barbara, Cal., and Christian F. Schilt of Olney, Ill.

Corpsman Knows Victory Price

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—The corpsman knows the price of victory.

Perhaps he knows better than others. For his job is to bind the wounds of the Marines who have leaped ashore on a hostile beach to make victory possible. Often he has to look on men so badly torn that life is no longer possible. Sometimes they die in his arms.

So it is with mingled feelings that a Navy corpsman like PhM2/c. Joe Edward Genola of Moberly, Mo., receives the Bronze Star he has just won for his heroism on Saipan Island. He is attached to the 4th Mar. Div.

The Missourian assisted in setting up a medical evacuation station on the bloody Saipan beach. The station was set up under intense enemy mortar and artillery fire. "He displayed outstanding courage and coolness under the most difficult circumstances and was unceasing in his efforts to aid and evacuate the wounded," according to a citation by Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith.

Pacific Marines Now Wear Ties

SOMEWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES (Delayed)—Liberated portions of the islands have already returned to normal, 2dLt. Milburn McCarty, PRO, reports.

Local debutantes holding dances for visiting Marine aviators sent out formal invitations, on one occasion, requesting guests to wear neckties.

The "necktie" party was one of the most exclusive affairs of the season.

Reassurance

Oss Johnson, woman explorer, reassures wives and sweethearts of men stationed in the Solomon Islands with: "They may lose their hearts to the natural beauties of the islands, but they will not fall in love with the native women—they are fat and ugly."—Leatherneck.

Base Changes

Base Dispensary
Joined: Lt. (ig) Evans Speers, MC VG USNR Navy V-12 from Northwestern Univ.

Lt. (ig) Ernest Leavel Jr. MC VG USNR from V-12 Unit, St. Joseph's Hospital Phoenix, Ariz.

Lt. Comdr. Harry M. Kline, MC, from USS Kipten (APA-122).

Quartermaster
CWO, Ralph H. Gull, asst. where Patrol Office vice WO. Albert La. Chapelle.

Headquarters Bn.
WO. Allen O'Connor has been assigned duty as Base Sighting Officer vice WO. James M. Campbell with additional duty as custodian of public property on charge to base headquarters.

Joined: Sgt. Herbert C. Falrall to duty with The Chevron.

Capt. Edwin Wiencke to Pay Office.

Detached: Capt. Tullant Tubba to oversea.

WR Bn.
2dLt. Mary J. Winterhalter detached to Staging Area.

Recruit Depot
Joined: Lt. Col. Claude W. Stahl.

Screen Guide

Base Theater
1730-2000

Sunday—Guest in the House, Baxter-Bellamy.

Monday—She's a Sweetheart, Sweetheart, Parks-Darwell.

Tuesday—Can't Help Singing, Durbin-Palge.

Wednesday—Destiny, Jean-Curtis.

Thursday—Murder in the Blue Room, Gwynne-Cook.

Friday—I Love a Mystery, Eason-Poeh.

Saturday—The Missing Link, Bannon-Carter.

Camp Matthews
1710

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COMMENCEMENT. Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, USMC, Commanding General, Dept. of the Pacific, recently received an LL.D. degree from the California College in China at the Univ. of California, Berkeley. Dr. Robert R. Fitch, college provost, is shown adding the college decoration to the general, holder of many military citations.

No Beer, Babes, Nuthin' Atoll

KWAJALEIN ATOLL (Delayed)—Signs along the road to Tokyo still are springing up, reports Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent.

Latest Marine addition is: HOTEL ATOLL, No Beer Atoll, No Women Atoll, Nuthin' Atoll.

Citations

Legion of Merit
Brig. Gen. John T. Walker, Lt. Col. Lloyd C. Granger, Cols. Julian E. Brown and Frank H. Schwable.

Distinguished Flying Cross
Lt. Col. Hugh McJunkin Edward, Maj. Wilbur A. Free, Capt. Edwin L. Olander, 1stLt. James L. Fowler, Donald C. Gill and Robert W. Sherman.

Silver Star
Lt. Col. Joseph P. McAffery, Maj. Sidney S. McMann, Capt. Lawrence P. Harris, 1stLt. Howell T. Ueffin, Staff Sgt. Naomir W. Wojniak.

Air Medal
Capt. Alexander A. Edwards II, 1stLt. Walter L. Murphy, Wilbur G. Patton, Thomas Rosga and Robert J. Weaver.

Bronze Star
Col. Harold B. Fassell, Maj. Malcolm C. Deyer, Capt. Ralph C. Rosacker.

Letter of Commendation
1stLt. Donald E. Givens.

Changes of Duty

From Overseas
Cpls. Lawrence Norman and John Walsh to San Diego; Louis E. Marie Jr. to USNH, Annapolis, and Lawrence T. Burke to Cherry Point.

Lt. Cols. Eric W. Wood to Navy Dept., Washington, D. C.; Robert C. McDermott and Lee C. Merril Jr. to San Diego; John S. Messer to San Francisco; Charles K. Boyer to Camp Lejeune, a modification of previous orders; Arthur H. Reed to USNH, Oakland; Francis T. Eagan to Camp Lejeune, a modification of previous orders.

To Overseas
Cpls. Charles C. Brown and Samuel S. Jack from HQMC; Amor J. Siga from Washington; Charles J. Schlauchel from Cherry Point.

Other Changes
Cpls. Robert C. Thaxton ordered home to be relieved from active duty upon discharge from USNH, San Diego; Robert H. Porter from HQMC to Lima, Peru; James Snedeker from Parris Island to Navy Dept., Washington; Melvin J. Maas to HQMC; Thomas C. Herin from Quantico to Washington; Emory E. Larson from Navy Dept., Washington, to HQMC; Guyon G. Miller to San Diego upon discharge from USNH, San Diego.

Lt. Cols. Leonard M. Mason from San Diego to HQMC; Mark J. Hoffbauer from USNH, San Diego to USNH, Chicago, Mass.; Waldemar L. Fromhold from Klamath Falls, Ore. to HQMC.

Bear A Hand

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Casualties

USN	USMC	USAF	Dead	Wound	Missing	Prisoner of War
21,059	10,918	5,408	2,530	26,069	908	1,943
674	104	94				
31,840	37,781	6,505	4,474			

Safe

1stLt. Robert J. Magerly, Jacksonville, Fla.
Capt. Walter W. Smith, St. Louis, Mo.

Missing

1stLt. Frederick W. Mander, Carmel, Calif.
2dLt. Albert W. McGary, Chicago, Kentucky.

TFC. John W. Knop, Louisville, Michigan
Sgt. Robert J. Boylan, Detroit, New York.

1stLt. Messak Zanger, New York, Virginia
TFC. Carl W. Henstree, Harkness, Virginia.

2dLt. Peter Clinch, New York, West Virginia
Sgt. Donald B. Smith, Stamford, Wyoming.

Corp. Robert L. Cook, Sheridan, Arkansas

Dead

PFC. Jesse W. Arnold, St. Charles, California
Maj. Theodore Olsen, Los Angeles, California.

1stLt. Clifford E. Welch, Mead, Florida
PFC. James N. Constant, Venice, Florida.

1stLt. William E. Bradley, Tallahassee, Kansas
2dLt. Jack E. Whitaker, Tallahassee, Kansas.

PFC. Eldon R. Huebner Jr., Wichita, Kansas
PFC. Gwyer D. Dixon, Middleboro, Maryland.

PMSG. Roland E. Bailey, Baltimore, Mississippi
PFC. James L. Schulz Jr., Memphis, Mississippi.

PKC. Jesse L. Gray, Pomona, Nebraska
1stLt. Robert L. Gillis, Omaha, New Jersey.

PKC. Harvey J. Young Jr., Alhambra, N.Y.
New York
PFC. Leonard Allman, New York, Oklahoma.

Sgt. Truman L. Mallicoat, Wauneta, Oregon
PFC. Albert H. Morrison, Silverton, Tennessee.

Maj. Lewis S. Butler Jr., Nashville, Texas
1stLt. Harold E. Bryson, Houston, Wisconsin.

MSGT. W. D. Banger, Gilmer, Wisconsin
PFC. Ernest B. Deaton, Taylor, Wisconsin.

PFC. Donald R. Reiffuss, Milwaukee, Wis.

Pacific Fleet Comiques

January 5

Fighters and torpedo planes of the 4th Mar. Air Wing straddled and bombed the enemy power plant, supply dumps and other installations on Babelthau in the Palau Jan. 2 and 3. Marine fighters also strafed targets on Houshou and Merir Islands southwest of the Palau on the same date.

Aircraft of Fleet Air Wing 3 and the 4th Mar. Air Wing continued punishing attacks on enemy-held bases in the Marshalls Jan. 3.

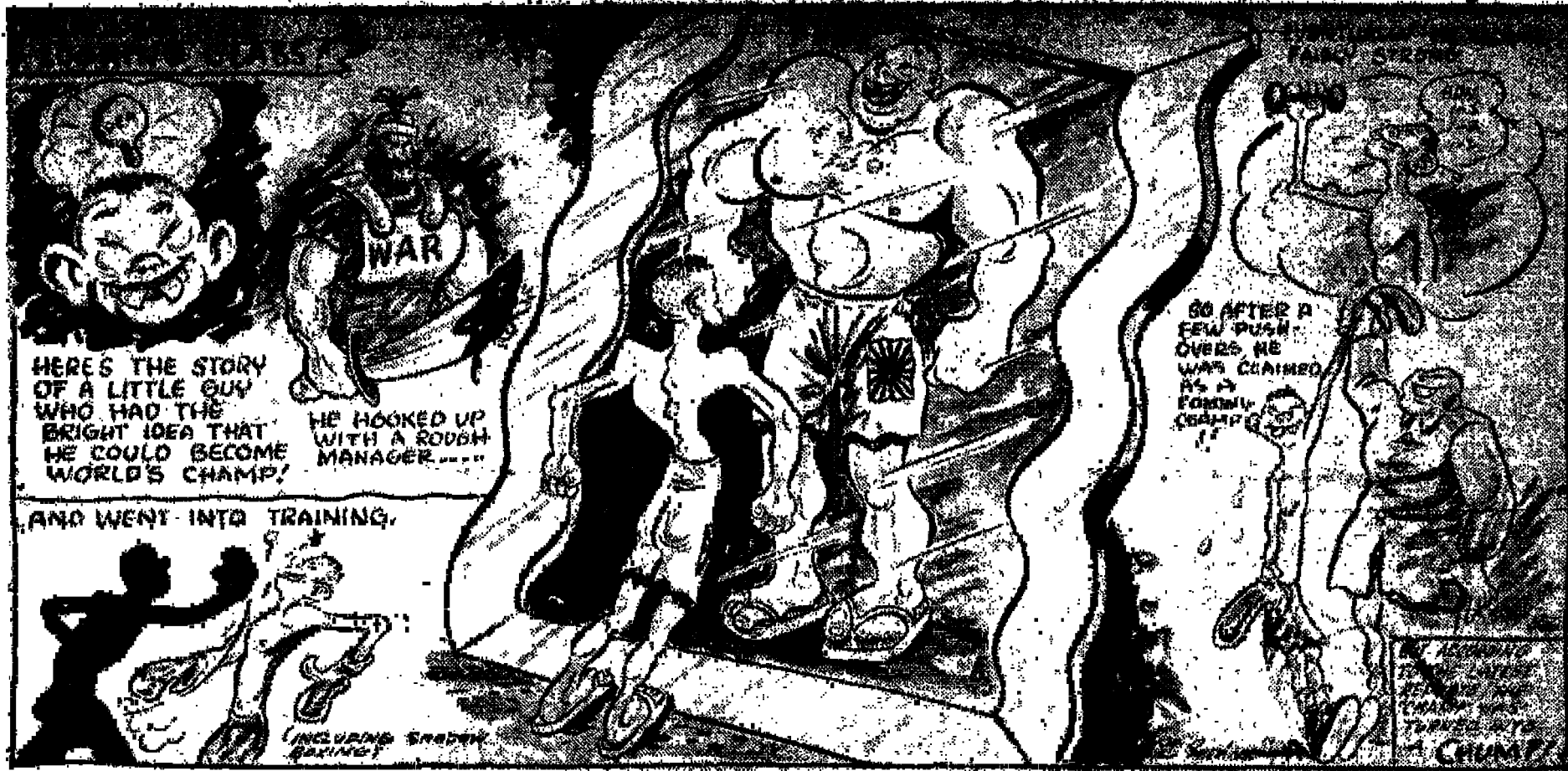
January 11

Crews of the 4th Mar. Air Wing attacked enemy installations on Babelthau in the Palau the same date. Heavier anti-aircraft fire was encountered by 4th Mar. Air Wing fighters in an attack on gun positions and the power plant on NAUKU Jan. 9.

Fighters of the 4th Mar. Air Wing used carrier off neutralizing attacks on enemy bases in the Marshalls Jan. 8-9.

The Wolf by Sansone

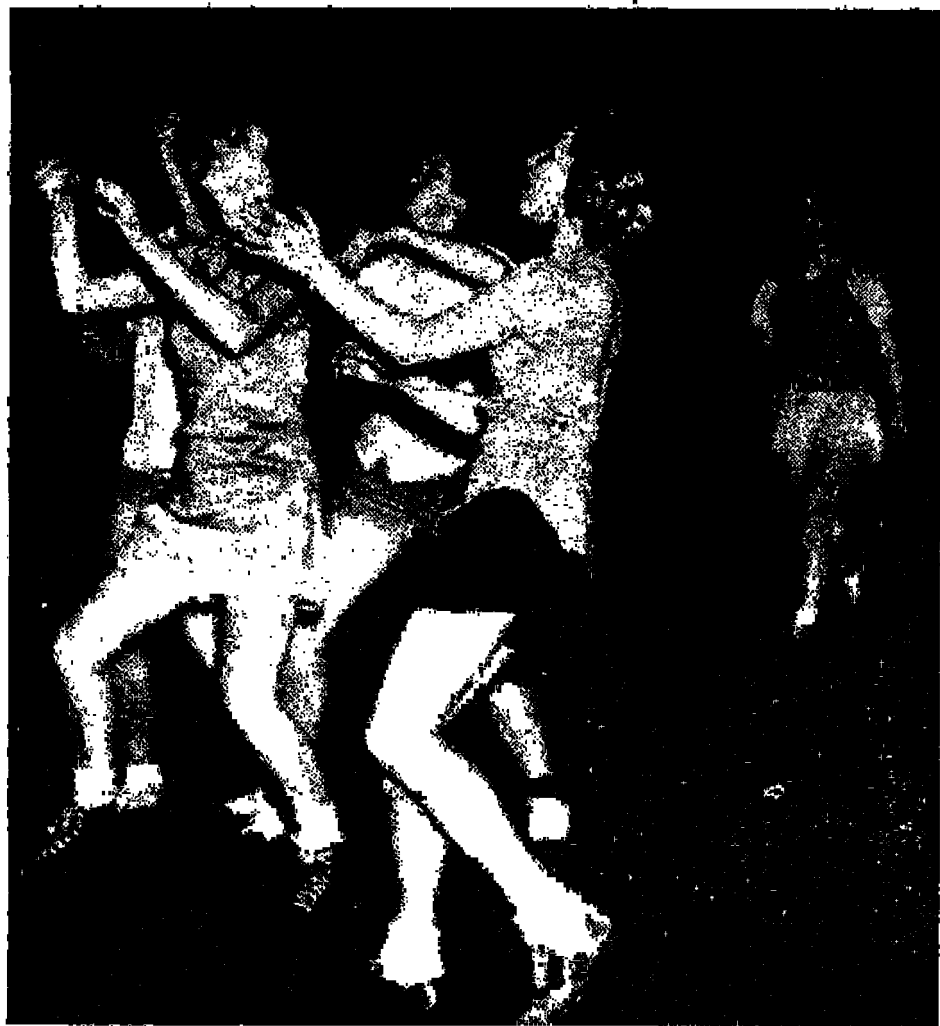
“EEEEEE—there's that mouse again!”



Male Call

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

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Chevron Chick--Jean Trent



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New Zealand has contributed generously to phrases adopted by the Leathernecks through the years. Add the following to your lingo list:

- TIKI—A green stone charm, a popular gift between friends.
- NAWK—An unpleasant person.
- UP THE POLE—Ruined, made a mess of.
- SWITCHBACK RAILWAY—Roller coaster.
- DRAWING PIN—Thigh-back.