



Anger improves nothing except the back of a cat's back. — Coleman Coe.

Happiness is a delicate balance between what one is and what one has. — J. H. Denison.

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POSTMISTRESS. The Base post office has been the place of endeavor during the past year for attractive S1Sgt. Barbara Jean Bettles of Los Angeles. A complete story of the Women Marines' 2nd birthday anniversary is on pages 6-7 of this issue. (Photo by Corp. Louise Peltey.)

Next Stop Corregidor!

Montezuma Airing Has WR Chorus

Repeating a broadcast made originally six months ago, today's "Halls of Montezuma" presents "Requiem on Bougainville" over the Mutual network at 1500 before an audience made up of members of the San Diego area clergy and their families.

The play, written by Corp. Hank Richards and PFC. Gene Shumate, has been acclaimed as one of the best in the "Halls" series. It is the real life, action-packed account of Corp. Milton A. Dodson of Fort Smith, Ark., who left the pulpit to become a fighting Leatherneck. His life in boot camp with "ragged" Marines, his work with the Paraveterans, the comfort he gave to wounded men without regard to the murderous fire of a pagan enemy will be among the high points of the 30-minute radio drama.

Another repeat on today's show in answer to hundreds of written requests will be Sgt. Archie L. Leonard's reading of an original poem found in a Marine's steel-clad Bible near Bloody Nose Ridge on Peleliu.

Halls of Montezuma will also pay tribute to the Women's Reserve 2nd anniversary. The WR choral group of Camp Pendleton, 25 voices under the direction of Sgt. Ruth Plack, will sing "Blessed Savior" and "The March of the Women Marines."

S1Sgt. Ivan Ditmars and TSgt. Grady Howard will share baton honors in conducting the 45-piece post band, which is under the supervision of CWO. Gus Olaguez. An invitation to attend the broadcast is extended to all Base personnel, R&R men, WRs and their guests.—PFC. Jim Shelby.

Field Glass Case Proves Japanese Are Indian-Givers

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Among their other unpleasant characteristics, the Japs are Indian-givers.

At least, that's one veteran Marine's experience, reports Sgt. George E. McMillan, combat correspondent.

Sgt. Charles C. Coffman bought a pair of field glasses from a Japanese while on duty at Shanghai in 1936.

A Marine tank commander, Sgt. Coffman carried the glasses through the Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and Hollandia campaigns.

He took them along to Peleliu. But when his tank was disabled, he left the glasses behind. The Japs counter-attacked, and the tank was inside the enemy lines for two days.

When Coffman went back the third day, the glasses were gone.

The fifth day, our lines moved ahead again. Coffman, coming along in his tank, saw a pair of field glasses on a dead Jap. He got out to have a look.

They were the same glasses Coffman had bought in Shanghai.

Manch Corregidor loomed today as the next Yankee way station on the swift "Guadaleanal to Tokyo" express after the War Department disclosed that Manila harbor was going to open for Allied shipping.

While Gen. MacArthur was moving his headquarters into downtown Manila after exterminating all "city" Japs, the final battle for Germany was rapidly forming. All American armies are poised for the kill along the western front and the rampant Russians are entering the outskirts of Berlin.

Corregidor is a byword among all Marines. Joining forces with groups of soldiers and sailors, the Leathernecks of 1942 Corregidor fought off overwhelming Jap forces for three weeks before succumbing in a desperate stand. The rocky island fortress was the last major conquest of the Japs.

NBC Correspondent Pat Flaherty broadcast from inside Manila that "American troops have crossed the Pasig river," which bisects the city. "American troops have crossed the Pasig river and the Allies are on the march to seal the fate of Jap pockets of resistance," said Flaherty. "The pressure is being ap-

plied from the north, east and south."

Artillery duels roared over the explosion-torn streets of Manila as American armor and foot soldiers strove to wipe out Japanese who transformed the city into a battle-ground.

The Moscow radio said the "Oder line has been pierced and Berlin in panic is witnessing the crumbling of the last obstacle in its foreground."

A prior broadcast by an American chain commentator said Marshal Stalin's capital was hourly expecting an official announcement that the First White Russian army had smashed across the river in force, "signifying the complete breakdown of the Oder line."

Berlin accounts said the Russians had hammered out seven bridge-heads on the Berlin front, one of them 30 miles northwest of the (Continued on page 2)

Where Will It Be Now, Key Islands Or China?

With Manila in our hands, the next logical question seems to be: Where do we go from here? To which one may logically reply by mentioning Mindanao, to the south, and the long island of Palawan, to the west. Palawan, incidentally, constitutes the best approach to Borneo, to mention only one point of interest in the vicinity of the Philippines. Both of these objectives are important, although from a narrower viewpoint the recapture of Mindanao would be far more vital.

At this stage of our war in the Pacific, we must understand clearly that we are facing a long and bitter campaign in the Philippines before the last enemy is driven out. And perhaps even before we

got to Mindanao we will have to complete the occupation of such other islands as Mindoro and Panay, Cebu and Negros, not forgetting Bohol, which forms a screen protecting Mindanao from the north and presumably is strongly held by the Japanese.

However, we may assume that all these will mostly be routine operations, while the attention of our high command may be directed toward other larger objectives. Formosa, in this connection, is the most important strategic spot in the picture.

First, because its possession by our forces will most effectively break the connection between Southeast Asia and the Dutch East (Continued on Page 2)



DONNER. Donating her eighth pint of blood, Sgt. Doris Hayes of Rankin, Pa., becomes a member of the "Gallon Club." The blood of WRs filling Red Cross jugs is symbolic of their pledge to support the men they release.



MONTENZUMA AWARD. G. Aubrey Davidson, representing the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, presents a scroll of honor in appreciation of his group's admiration for the show to Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard, CG, MCB.

Released Marine Prisoners Weep On Getting Uniforms

LUZON (UP)—Tough American Marines, who had endured hunger, sickness and Japanese brutality for three years without a whimper, wept today when they were handed new uniforms with glittering insignia to replace the rags they had worn during their long ordeal as prisoners.

There were 19 of these men of the Marine Corps among the American prisoners rescued last Wednesday from the enemy camp near Capanatuan, and to a man they intend to settle their score against the Japanese.

PFC. Fred S. Vinton of Jackson, Miss., told today how the Marines made certain that the Japs would never capture at least one Ameri-

can flag on the day Corregidor fell. The Colors were wrapped around the waist and under the clothes of a Navy hospital corpsman who was carried from the island fortress. At Bilibid prison near Manila, the flag was given to a Marine captain who burned it and buried the ashes.

Vinton was one of hundreds who were placed in small boats by the Japanese on May 25, 1942, for transfer from Corregidor to Bilibid.

"They made no pretense of landing us," he said. "We were simply dumped into neck-deep water in the bay and told to wade ashore. Those who were too weak to make it were helped by their buddies. But many drowned."

Aviators Convert Jap Gear Into Use

By Staff Sgt. Chester D. Palmer Jr.
Combat Correspondent

GUAM (Delayed)—Machine aviation ordnance men with a Corsair fighter squadron on Orote Peninsula airfield met the problem of renovating derelict Japanese equipment not only by repairing the Jap gear, but by adapting and adding to it another Jap machine to produce a new and better, though strange-appearing piece of machinery.

Upon finding two large, Jap hydraulic tail jacks—used to lift planes from the rear—the ordnance men decided to repair the better of the two with spare parts from the other. Finding at the same time a long, intricately-built Japanese torpedo carrier with many wheels and odd gadgets, they combined the tail jack and torpedo carrier into one unit.

Cut in half and welded, the torpedo carrier, with its geared wheels for moving in any direction, makes an excellent attachment to the tail jack for more accurate hose settings. Once the plane is jacked up, the geared carriage on the torpedo carrier shifts the plane in any desired direction. A more unwieldy chain hoist usually is employed.

Squatting on the ground beside the tail jack, oiling parts and trying to refit them properly, was Staff Sgt. John J. Lardner of Lockport, N. Y., whose comment was: "This Jap heavy gear is pretty good, except that all the parts aren't often interchangeable and none of the parts will fit, because Jap threads are one-sixty-fourth of an inch different from ours."

He pointed to a small valve with a bullet hole through it. "Fortunately," he laughed, "this part on the other Jap jack just happens to be interchangeable, or we couldn't put it together again." Lardner is an old hand in ordnance. He was with Maj. Joe Foss' squadron at Henderson Field on Guadalcanal during the early days of the Solomon Islands campaign.

Working beside him, Sgt. Ben J. Hurrayshi of Bay City, Mich., remarked that "all these Jap gadgets and things seem to work backwards; we had a heck of a time getting some of these wheels off." He pointed to some small Jap valve fittings. "These are odd, too. The Japs always seem to have a lot of parts made in two sections, instead of one like American machinery. They waste plenty of time on these small parts."



Maj. Gen. SMITH
... visits Base

D of P Commander Makes Inspection Of Local Outfits

On a tour of inspection of Marine organizations in the 11th Naval Dist., Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith spent four days on the Base last week.

Gen. Smith is commanding general of the Department of the Pacific, Headquarters in San Francisco. Recently returned from the Pacific where he was in command of the 2nd Mar. Div. when it stormed Tarawa, and more recently was in command of Marine and Army troops in the invasion of the Palau Islands.

Where Will Yanks Hit Next Time?

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Indies on one hand and Japan proper on the other, and, second, because, once in Formosa, we will be in position to anticipate a landing on the east coast of China.

Here, however, a word of caution is advisable, and this has mostly to do with the prospect of a long land war in China. Here the enemy has built an armed force of more than 1,000,000 men, and is likely to increase it easily at will. Being in possession of all of East China and all her major cities, controlling all the land communications of that country—Chinese guerrilla activity notwithstanding—he is a formidable enemy. For this reason it will be the wisest course not to play into his hands and not to fight our war on a battlefield of his choice.

In our struggle with Japan we have found her weakest points and those are in the air and on the seas. It is essentially our mastery in these fields that has given us practically all our victories so far. Therefore, we have no need to deviate from this practice.

Such being the proper case, it is reasonable to expect that our war in the Far East will continue to be waged mostly in the air and on the seas, with our ground forces used more or less sparingly, and in highly concentrated, and hence most effective manner. In which case, again, it may prove far more preferable to increase our blows on Japanese communications and on the Japanese homeland proper, rather than to engage in a long-drawn-out war against the huge Japanese land armies on China.

On the basis of historic experience insular empires can expand only through their control of sea and air, and with Japan becoming weaker in these two elements, we can even now begin to anticipate her eventual downfall as a great power.—Los Angeles Times.

American troops surrounded the doomed Japanese garrison in Manila and Gen. Douglas MacArthur, proclaiming the fall of the Philippine capital, announced: "Our motto becomes 'on to Tokyo!'"

"Was that coffee or tea we got with chow this afternoon? The darned stuff tasted like kerosene!"

"Must have been tea. The coffee tastes like turpentine."

Current Manila Victory Recalls 1941-42 Days

Not a genuine comparison of opposites, the study of the 1945 Yankee drive for Manila is radically different from that of the 1941-42 story of the Jap conquest of the Philippine capital.

JAPANESE 1941	AMERICANS 1945
Dec. 10—Land north coast.	Jan. 9—Land at Lingayen.
Dec. 11—Enemy held at Aparri.	Jan. 10—Four miles inland.
Dec. 12—American planes strafe Jap beachhead.	Jan. 11—Take Umanay, seven miles inland.
Dec. 13—Japs raid Nichols Field.	Jan. 12—Take San Carlos, 12 miles inland.
Dec. 14—Japs land at Vigan, Legaspi; repulsed at Lingayen.	Jan. 13—Gain eight miles.
Dec. 15—Fierce fighting.	Jan. 14—Beachhead widened to 40 miles.
Dec. 16—No official word.	Jan. 15—Take Camiling, 28 miles inland.
Dec. 17—No official word.	Jan. 16—Take Moneada, 32 miles inland.
Dec. 18—Philippines' army merged with U. S. Army.	Jan. 17—Take Paniqui, 27 miles inland.
Dec. 19—Japs land on Mindanao.	Jan. 18—Widen all fronts.
Dec. 20—Hard fighting in north.	Jan. 19—Seize 37 miles of main highway.
Dec. 21—No official word.	Jan. 20—Tarlac captured.
Dec. 22—80,000 Japs land at Lingayen.	Jan. 21—Drive 13 miles past Tarlac.
Dec. 23—Japs land on southeast Luzon.	Jan. 22—Camp O'Donnell taken.
Dec. 24—Japs land at Nasugbu.	Jan. 23—Reach Clark Field.
Dec. 25—Baguio evacuated.	Jan. 24—Take Malabacat, 48 miles from Manila.
Dec. 26—Manila declared open city.	Jan. 25—Clark Field taken.
Dec. 27—Japs bomb Manila.	Jan. 26—Fighting around edges of Clark Field.
Dec. 28—Japs bomb Manila.	Jan. 27—Angeles captured.
Dec. 29—MacArthur shortens lines.	Jan. 28—Advance continues.
Dec. 30—Japs gain on north and south.	Jan. 29—Land on Zambales coast near Batang.
Dec. 31—Japs land at will all over Luzon.	Jan. 30—Capture San Fernando, 33 miles from Manila.
	Jan. 31—Land at Nasugbu, south of Manila.
	Feb. 1—Capture Sapaug, 23 miles from Manila.
	Feb. 2—Loss of 15 miles from Manila.
	Feb. 3—Americans enter Manila and reach center of city.

CORREGIDOR ISLAND IS NEXT STOP ON TOKYO EXPRESS

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capital, and a dozen others along 185 miles of the river from Atibor in Silesia to Grunberg, 50 miles southeast of Frankfurt.

Manila Blitz
Liberated Manila's business district was ablaze Monday from Japanese torches, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today, but three American columns still were liquidating the desperate enemy in a lightning three-way trap. CBS Correspondent William D. Bishop reported the fires had been burning 36 hours.

Arthur Feldman of the Blue network said earth-shaking explosions were followed by sheets of flame Monday at sundown, and the business area was soon a raging inferno.

He quoted a disappointed American doughboy as saying, "Well, there goes our good time in Manila."

Progress of the big three conference in the Black Sea area prompted speculation that Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, in his capacity as supreme commander of Allied forces in western Europe, might personally issue an ultimatum to Germany to surrender.

A surrender demand, it was thought, might be timed by the supreme commander to coincide with a jump-off by Allied assault forces along the entire length of the Reich frontier.



CHECKING IN. Women Marines, taking advantage of the comfortable, inexpensive accommodations offered by the new Service Women's Hotel in San Francisco, are welcomed at the door by Maj. Helen O'Neill, departmental director, and Mrs. Julian C. Smith, wife of Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, commanding general, Department of the Pacific.



SIGNING. Women Marines and Waves register at the newly-opened Service Women's Hotel in San Francisco, where enlisted women and women officers of all branches of the service are welcome. The hotel was recently established by Naval Aid Auxiliary, of which Mrs. Julian C. Smith, wife of Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, is vice-chairman.

Hotel For Service Women Fills Great Need In Frisco

SAN FRANCISCO—Women Marines traveling through war-torn San Francisco on transfer orders, furloughs or leave may obtain inexpensive overnight accommodations at the new Service Women's Hotel, 20 Jones Street, N. E.

Answering an urgent need for transient housing, the Naval Aid Auxiliary has opened this 101-room, budget hotel for enlisted women and women officers of all services, many of whom would otherwise be unable to find a suitable place to stay.

Instrumental in making possible this long-desired facility for service women is the vice-chairman of the local chapter of the Naval Aid Auxiliary, Mrs. Julian C. Smith, wife of Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, commanding general of the Department of the Pacific. Mrs. Smith acted on the furnishings committee and took part in selecting the comfortable and smart chairs, lounges and drapes which enhance the lobby and lounge of the hotel. Cost for a night's stay at the

NAA Service Women's Hotel is \$1. Reservations will not be made in advance, but rooms will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to service women traveling on orders. Maximum stay at the hotel, except in cases of emergency, will be five days.

The women will be assigned two to a room, which are furnished with double bunks, a locker for each woman, and a chest of drawers. The lobby and lounge, in which male guests may be received, is attractively decorated with gray-green walls and handsome water colors, on loan from distinguished San Francisco artists.

The Service Women's Hotel was made possible by the combined efforts of the Naval Aid Auxiliary, whose local board is composed of wives of ranking officers in the 12th Naval Dist., and of Paramount Pictures which made the building available, rent-free, and state and city funds.

All Yellow Passes Are Now Revoked

An announcement has been issued by the Base Intelligence Office to the effect that the 1944 "yellow passes" for dependents of officers and enlisted men were revoked this week.

All persons holding these passes are requested to return them to the Base Intelligence Office for cancellation.

"I used to be in the prescription game," says our pharmacist, who is closing his cigar department, "and I'm not too proud to start over."

Former Chevron Officer Leaves

Capt. James E. Parsons, Base public relations officer and former officer-in-charge of The Chevron, left last week for San Francisco where he will be detached for overseas service.

Commissioned in 1942 as a first lieutenant specialist, Capt. Parsons was promoted to his present rank in June, 1943. During his tenure with The Chevron, the paper received several national citations for make-up and coverage excellence.

Marines Can Be Discharged 48 Hours After Records Arrive

By UFG Erika Nau

One of the most vital spots in this area within the next few months, the First Separation Company, commanded by Capt. William A. Murphy, will be the 11th Naval pool for all Marines awaiting discharge.

A man may be discharged within 48 hours after his complete records arrive, according to Capt. Francis Trahan, executive officer. The necessary items are the authority for discharge, service record book, health record, copy of survey and the 940 or classification card.

According to Dept. Order No. 53, the man to be discharged is entrusted with his own staff returns and reports to the sergeant major in Bldg. 4 for final settlement.

The rest is routine. At the record office, the final status of pay is settled and allotment stoppages and mustering-out pay details as well as reduced rates on travel allowances are handled.

The Red Cross and the U. S. Employment Service are two vital activities in the separation process and their efforts will help to adjust many a discharged veteran to conditions new to him.

The Red Cross will act as liaison between the person about to be discharged and the military and the various veteran organizations throughout the country. Their services are to include interpretation of the veteran's rights and benefits, counsel in all matters associated with discharge, assistance in the compilation of claims data, clerical assistance and free notarization of documents. They submit also complete forms to the proper military and veterans association channels for ultimate disposition.

The U. S. Employment Service, a part of the War Manpower Commission, undertakes to place the man in the proper job. Here he is given an aptitude and a Kuder test to determine his interest and abilities.

The complete information is then mailed to the Rehabilitation office

nearest his home and kept on file for further reference. Often problems may arise during the readjustment period and the veteran is encouraged to write or contact his rehabilitation officer personally on all matters of importance to him.

Mustering-out pay totaling \$100 is paid at this time, with another \$100 following one month later. If the man has been overseas, a third \$100 check will be forwarded during the third month.

The discharged veteran must report to his draft board within ten days after his arrival. He is placed in Class 1-C (veterans' classification) whether he has been previously registered or not.

Though few veterans are recalled for the existing army draft, the matter is entirely at the disposal of the local board.



ONE YEAR LATER. Seabee Jack J. Varnum, a former flower grower and seed analyst, has supervised the maintenance of 37 Marine cemeteries on Tarawa. He does all his work in this little ramshackle nursery.

Seabee Works On Marines Cemetery In South Pacific

TARAWA ATOLL (Delayed)—A Jack of all trades, mastering many of them, Seabee Z/c. Jack J. Varnum of Reno, Nev., has been well repaid for his efforts during the past eight months on the Atoll of a Thousand Graves.

Selected for the job of grave custodian because of his past experience as a florist, Varnum has added more than his official supervision of the Atoll's 37 cemeteries. Tricks of the florist's trade, in which he is well versed, have turned the larger cemeteries into paradises with white crosses and well-kept and scenic areas.

"I feel there is a definite obligation to the men of the 2nd Marine Div. to make this as beautiful a place in the Pacific as circumstances will permit," Varnum said.

Glenn Ford Father Of Infant Marine

HOLLYWOOD—A husky but diminutive Leatherneck was born here last week to Eleanor Powell, film dancer, and her husband, actor Glenn Ford, recently discharged from the Marines. Born in Cedars of Lebanon Hospital, the Ford infant weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces. Sgt. Ford was connected with public relations and the radio unit while stationed at MCT.

"The wives, mothers and sisters, sweethearts, friends and buddies of the fellows who died here, will feel a little better if they know that something is being done to make little American touch to the cemeteries."

Varnum, who operated his own nursery before his enlistment, attended the Univ. of Nevada, where he majored in Botany.

316 High Score On Rifle Range

CAMP MATTHEWS—High score for boots firing for record on this range last week was tied, with two men making a 316 out of a possible 340. The score was turned in by Pvt. William W. Graf of American Fork, Utah, and Morris G. Telford of Ogden, Utah. They were qualifying with Plat. 797. Pvt. Harry A. Belanger was third with a 310 in the same platoon. Plat. 797, coached by C/Sgt. A. M. Foudanovs, qualified with 83.8 per cent making marksman.

Jap Prisoner Pig Freed On Guam

GUAM (Delayed)—That piglet went to the Jap market—but came back again! Nina is a nine-month-old sow belonging to Felix Jajalla, ex-Navy seaman first class, a Gunanishan. Nina loves Felix's 11-year-old daughter, Clvirona, with all of its 150 pounds and follows her about like a pet dog. Several months ago Felix needed food for his family. He took Nina to a Jap camp three miles from his home near Piti to trade the piglet for rice. The Japs kept Nina, but refused Felix the rice. Two days later American air forces began the bombardment of Guam. Felix returned to his farm home. It had been leveled by the attack, but a happy grunt greeted him. It was Nina, who apparently had escaped from the Japs when the bombardment started.



Pvt. William W. Graf
—top marks in rifle range

Bronze Star Given For Quick Thinking

Because he had a hunch the Japs would come within their artillery barrage, Pvt. Jack Putnam braved the shell blasts to set up his machine guns at advantageous spots. When his hunch became a reality, Putnam's guns did a real job in sending most of the attackers to see their honorable ancestors. This action, which occurred during the struggle for Bongainville, won him the Bronze Star Medal and Citation, awarded here on the Base last week.

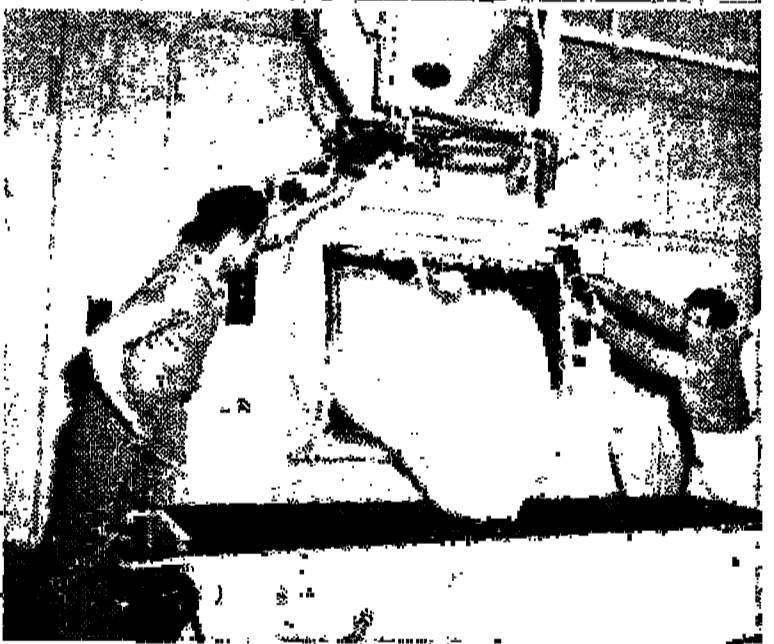
Jap Quitter Runs 80 Yards To Goal

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—A Jap who, regardless of the Emperor's wishes, preferred surrender to death, chased a Marine 80 yards through the Navy-1st Guam night to do it.

Conceding that he was no superman, and a firm believer in "live and let live," the Jap disregarded all fear of the withering fire around him as he ran close on the heels of a Marine who was returning to his lines for reinforcements against a Jap "banzai" attack by 50 crazed Japs.

As the Leatherneck ran toward his own lines to muster the needed reinforcements, he yelled to his brother Marines "Don't shoot, I'm a Marine." And the Jap, who later turned out to be the leader of the attacking enemy force, ran in hot pursuit of the Marine, yelling, "Don't shoot me either, I'm his buddy."

MARINE CORPS EMBLEM
The Marine Corps emblem, showing the Western Hemisphere on the flank of an anchor and surmounted by an eagle, has been kept virtually the same as when adopted in 1924.



'DOUGHBOYS.' First time a Marine has been pictured with a sizeable amount of dough. Asst. Cook F. W. James of Charleston, W. Va., turns the lever on the high-speed mixer at the Camp Pendleton bakery while Asst. Cook L. Hankins of Detroit, Mich., looks on.

Camp Pendleton Bake Shop Uses 100 Sacks Flour Daily

MIAMI PENDLETON—The newest and largest bake shop in the Marine Corps has recently been put into operation at Camp Pendleton.

Boasting completely modern machinery which is the "last word" in technical developments for large-scale baking, the shop has gotten off to a flying start in its routine which will include baking and supplying all of Camp Pendleton's training areas and main areas and also the nearby Amphibious Training Base, Fallbrook Naval Amphibious Depot and the U. S. Naval Hospital, Santa Margarita Ranch.

With its complete complement of men it will have a potential capacity of 60,000 pounds of bread per 20-hour day. Figuring that bread is the staff of life and that each Marine consumes about one-half pound of the staff of life in a day,

this gigantic shop could conceivably turn out enough bread for 120,000 men. For those who like to play with figures it means that this single plant could insure the daily bread supply for the residents of Miami, Fla., or Fort Worth, Tex. What is more, the Pendleton bakers could still get an adequate supply from what was left over.

With two train-car loads of flour always on hand, the shop is now using 100 sacks of flour each day and as yet it is only turning out bread. While the finishing touches are even now being put on the construction and installation, bread is rolling out of the ovens, nearly 700 loaves per oven, at the rate of 10,000 pounds daily. On a single experimental day it produced 21,000 pounds.

BOND ALLOTMENTS

Saving For That Rainy-Day Advised

A War Bond allotment is the best way for systematic saving. It's smart to buy bonds—where else could you draw better interest? The bonds can be sent directly to you, to your home or held for you in Washington until you want them.

There is a War Bond officer in every outfit. See your first sergeant if you haven't already an allotment. He will take care of it for you.

The chart below shows just how large or small allotments may be, and how they are applied to the purchase of bonds.

A Monthly Allotment of	At the End of a Month	And Buys a Bond Worth at Maturity
\$6.26	3	\$25.00
12.50	3	50.00
18.75	1	25.00
25.00	3	100.00
37.50	1	50.00
75.00	1	100.00

AND NOW THOSE BONDS PILE UP!

The maturity value of bonds accumulated by the allotment plan for varying lengths of time is shown below

Monthly Allotment	Maturity Value of Bonds Purchased After Allotment Has Been in Force for		
Amount of	1 year	2 years	3 years
\$6.25	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$300.00
12.50	200.00	400.00	600.00
18.75	300.00	600.00	900.00
25.00	400.00	800.00	1,200.00
37.50	600.00	1,200.00	1,800.00
75.00	1,200.00	2,400.00	3,600.00

Importance Of Rockets Proven By Increased Production

Reported to be used by Marines in the South Pacific, the rocket has emerged as one of the newest weapons of war. This report by Staff Sgt. George E. Hussey, chief of the Navy Ordnance, explains the significance of the rocket.

WASHINGTON—In the tripartite war we are waging the rocket is proving a tactical weapon of immense and increasing value.

While rockets will not displace guns in the foreseeable future, their performance in action has demonstrated their superiority over traditional projectiles in certain phases of military operations, and their potentialities for additional uses are considerable. They deserve and are receiving increased operational and developmental attention.

The Navy considers rockets so essential to the success of forthcoming operations that it is calling for a 300 per cent increase in their production during the next few months. Production in the last quarter of 1943 will exceed 600 per cent of the production in the fourth quarter of 1942. The 1944 rocket production schedule is a \$1,000,000,000 program. This involves vastly increased requirements for steel, manufacturing manpower, assembly and loading facilities.

Navy Is Increasing Types
Now in production by the Navy's Bureau of Ordnance are seven main calibers of rockets. They are of three general types—aircraft, barrage and special purpose. New ones, under development, will be in production soon. Rockets of greater caliber and accuracy will be available in the near future to bite into enemy defenses. In general, rockets will parallel projectile caliber and bombs of substantial size. This does not mean that rockets will take the place of other weapons to any substantial degree. Their role in modern warfare is more properly to complement, to deliver the punch in circumstances which limit the effectiveness of other forms of firepower.

Both rockets and guns have the same purpose to smash the enemy—his ships, tanks, installations or personnel—by delivering a projectile on the target. Each has its limitations of range, accuracy, velocity and rate of fire, and each has its advantages in military operations.

A gun can hurl its projectile with greater velocity, at a speed of nearly 3000 feet per second. Its limitations are those of range and heavy recoil, which requires a

heavy, relatively complicated and expensive mount structure. A rocket does not impart as great velocity to its projectile, but its launching device is light, simple and inexpensive and there is no substantial recoil. This is of obvious advantage particularly in increasing firepower. No present-day airplane can mount a five-inch gun but planes are carrying five-inch rockets and can carry larger ones.

Although steps are under way to increase the accuracy of rocket fire, a gun projectile can be sent to the exact spot of vulnerability with far greater certainty that it will land there and not in the near vicinity. On the other hand, rockets can be used where guns cannot be brought to bear. They have proved of particular value in laying down a close-in barrage as landing boats approach enemy shores and rocket launching planes can be more effective than bomb dropping over where targets are pin-pointed.

Basically, the head of a rocket is the same as a gun projectile of comparative size. Depending on the target to be attacked, the rocket head must have the same qualities expected of a projectile which may be used successfully against the same target.

The rocket gains its velocity from the reaction of gases generated by a burning stick of powder. The stick is contained in a tube called a motor which is the after half of the rocket. The gases which are generated are expelled at the open end of the motor tube through a nozzle, driving the rocket forward. The principle is a simple one but rockets are precision ordnance and their construction is not simple. Manpower, facilities and material are critical and the program must have and, I am confident will receive, the fullest support of American industry and labor.



PRISONER. "Service heroine of the week" is the honor bestowed upon Staff Sgt. Mary Virginia Herst, center, by the radio program "Tin Pan Alley of the Air." Staff Sgt. Herst, chief cook at an El Toro mess hall, was teaching school in Bangkok, Thailand, in November, 1941, when the Japs took possession of that city. She was moved to a concentration camp and returned to the United States in the summer of 1942 in an exchange of prisoners and later enlisted in the Women's Reserve. Lt. Col. Charles R. Luers, executive officer of El Toro, is presenting Staff Sgt. Herst with a bouquet from the Society of American Florists, while Maj. Grace H. Cotton bids her congratulations.

Singing Leathernecks Form Quartet

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—At last it's happened—the S. P. E. B. S. Q. S. A. has come to the Marine Corps.

For the uninitiated, this bit of alphabet soup stands for "Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America" and, despite the fancy handle, the "society" is merely a group of Marines who get together during off-hours and pour on the melody.

Their attitude is: "If we murder a song, so what? It's fun."

The group, increasing in size daily, is proud of the fact that its charter—signed, sealed and delivered from national headquarters in Tulsa, Okla., and Detroit, Mich.—is the first of its kind in the Marine Corps.

The S. P. E. B. S. Q. S. A. is no fly-by-night organization. Started in 1938, it now has more than 4000 members. The Army has one official chapter. Membership in the first Marine chapter is based on three prerequisites: you must be a Marine, you must be able to sing, or, you must be able NOT to sing.

Non-singers are "crows." They sit on the fence and listen. Rather strangely, a robust baritone or a sweet tenor voice is not necessary for admission to the "singers" group.

As Staff Sgt. Anthony Weber of Detroit—a barbershopper from way back—puts it, "A rule of the society is that true barbershop harmony discounts individual ability. If you can't blend into genuine quartet singing, you're out."

Officers and enlisted men are active in this Marine combat unit's chapter. Three quartets—"The Tunefinders," "The Barberpole Cats" and "The Serenaders"—are now established and more are on the way. Meetings are held on the average of once weekly.

Barbershopper Pvt. Robert F. Holbrook of Fayetteville, Ark., helped organize the group. Holbrook, formerly of Tulsa, national center of the society, was a member of the "Chordbusters," 1941 national champions. He summed up the attitude of the chapter this way:

"There are very few times when Marines can't get together and 'take off' on a time or two. During lulls in a march, after meals, and even in long intervals during combat, men drift together and warble a few of the old favorites.

"The best thing about it is that no props are needed. No books, no music, not even an instrument. Get four heads to start a number and before you know it most of the men in the immediate area will pick it up. Singing is like baseball—a grand, old American pastime."



IMPOSTERS. When there's no USO show at this Marine replacement center "somewhere in the Pacific," the "Three Andrews Sisters" as they are known here provide their own musical entertainment. They even go their namesakes one better because this trio has four members. Left to right are PFC, Jack E. Murphy, Pvt. George E. Hardin, Pvt. Harry F. Price and in front is Pvt. Tom Tuttle.



WILY ART. Learning the tricks of the recruiting trade. Three Pacific veterans are shown taking their final written examination before graduating from the Recruiting School in Philadelphia. WR instructor Sgt. Christine Clifford is supervising the test.

Pacific Veterans Taught Fancy Art Of Recruiting

Teaching Marines the problems and procedures of recruiting in an intensive two-week course is the purpose of the Recruiting school established in Philadelphia.

Most of the students are recently returned veterans from the South Pacific battle fronts. "Individual help and plenty of typical problems" is the policy of instruction at the school. Each Marine is given a stiff written examination upon completion of the course.

When all examinations are passed, the Marine is graduated and presented with a letter stating that he has received proper instruction

in the complicated business of convincing civilians of the advantages of being a Marine.

From the school the Marines are sent out to the various stations in the Eastern Procurement Division. At present the school is teaching an average of eight returned-from-combat Marines each week. Instructor for the Recruiting School is WR Sgt. Christine Clifford of Boston, Mass.

Persons interested in the educational opportunities offered by the MC Institute may contact Maj. Ronaldson, Ext. 351.

Palau Japs Use Evening Darkness For Farming

PALAU ISLANDS (Delayed)—Natives escaping by outrigger canoe to this island from nearby, enemy-held Babelthiap and Koror Islands report that round-the-clock neutralizing raids by Corsairs of the 2nd Mar. Air Wing have turned the desperate Japs to farming at night to meet the growing food shortage.

Lack of food is the greatest problem of Babelthiap's beleaguered Jap garrison.

Since Leatherneck Corsair pilots, operating daily as fighter-bombers over the Jap islands, have made normal farming virtually impossible, potato crops now are being cultivated at night under the supervision of enemy garrison troops.

In three months of operations from this airstrip, gull-winged Corsairs have destroyed huge stores of enemy materiel, including food supplies which might have supported the Japs during a prolonged siege, according to Staff Sgt. John T. Kirby, combat correspondent.

Although rich soils and tropical climate of the Palau group produce

crops in half the time required in the States, enforced native laborers have been unable to supply sufficient food for themselves and the Japs in the three months since D-Day here.

Even rice crops, staple food of most Caroline islands, have been abandoned since Leatherneck Corsairs began pounding the enemy bastions.

Once-mighty Yap, which has been pounded systematically by Leatherneck airmen for more than two months, is also feeling the food shortage.

There's some consolation for ration-weary housewives.

HANDS OFF!

NEW YORK—Some New York girls, with husbands and sweethearts in the armed services, have appeared on Gotham's streets wearing a lapel decoration designed to let home front wolves know they are out of circulation. A little silver figure of a Marine (or soldier) points to a heart on which is inscribed the word "Take a."

End In Sight For Remnants Nip Navy

WASHINGTON (UP)—The U. S. Navy, secure in its strength as the greatest sea force the world has ever known, is just about ready to search out the remnants of the Japanese navy wherever they may be hiding and "sink them in their harbors."

This announcement, made by a Navy department spokesman, revealed the minkado's mighty fleet, which once dealt the U. S. a crippling blow at Pearl Harbor, is now no bigger than a single American task force.

The announcement also disclosed that the U. S. has sunk or damaged the huge total of 310 Japanese warships and freighters since Dec. 7, 1941.

And from figures reported by the Navy department and Pacific fleet communications reporters grew the conclusion we now are destroying or damaging more than 50 enemy vessels every week.

The Navy spokesman said that all remaining Japanese naval units still afloat could possibly equal the size of a strong American task force but "couldn't touch" Adm. William F. Halsey's pile-driver task group which is only one of several such units of the U. S. Pacific fleet.

Hinting that aerial reconnaissance planes may already have spied out the main remaining forces of the minkado's sea arm, the spokesman said, "The time is coming soon" when the enemy will no longer be able to hide his fleet units.

The growing superiority of U. S. Naval forces was clearly demonstrated in the Navy's statement that more enemy vessels have been sunk or damaged since the first battle of the Philippines, June 19, 1944, than during the entire period from Pearl Harbor up to date.

The number sunk or damaged prior to June 19 was 1383, the total since then 1725. Surface warships and their planes are credited with two-thirds of this bag, submarines with the rest. Just last week the Navy announced an additional 10 sinkings by U. S. submarines.

Meanwhile the score in this country's epochal Naval victory in the famous Second Battle of the Philippines last October has been revised upward to give the U. S. a credit of 23 to 25 enemy warships definitely sunk. We lost six.

'Bunko' Publicity Paints GI Bill As Bed-Of-Roses

"Come-on" advertising and misleading publicity about the provisions of the GI Bill of Rights were hit in a recent speech by Edward S. Rooney, an Albany, N. Y., lawyer, before the New York State Veterans Service Agency.

Said Mr. Rooney: "I feel that the advertising that is put forth by banks generally and the misinformation that has unfortunately been disseminated to the veteran has created a very serious situation. The veteran feels that he is coming home to his bank and all he has to do is walk in and there is \$2000 waiting for him in a little envelope with his name on it."

"The fact is that this is entirely untrue and the banks, in my opinion, instead of using 'come-on' advertising, as they have been doing, should engage in an education campaign and explain to the veteran that if he borrows money he must certainly pay it back."

He declared that those interests in the veterans' welfare could perform a real service in their own thinking if they would "explain to the veteran and outline to the bank the real need for a frank discussion and explanation of that fact that the veteran is getting absolutely nothing free except a part of the first year's interest, and that if he borrows money, it must be paid back."

Misleading publicity, he added, has made some legitimate benefit of the GI Bill of Rights appear a careless gesture of charity rather than soberly-considered assistance for self-respecting men.

FURLOUGH TICKETS

A recent War Department authorization provides for the issuance by rail and bus carriers with in the continental United States of round-trip furlough tickets upon presentation of War Department transportation requests by enlisted personnel who have been granted furloughs before increment over seas and who find themselves with out sufficient means to purchase such tickets.



CHAMP. Undoubtedly high in service men's bond purchasing records is Pvt. Alfred J. Marks Jr., of Chicago. The Leatherneck, owner of a rag and paper company before entering the Marine Corps, has purchased bonds with the maturity value of \$43,000. (Official USMC photo.)

Champion Bond Buying Title Goes To Marine At \$43,000

Perhaps the champion War Bond buyer of the Marine Corps, Pvt. Alfred J. Marks Jr., of Chicago, has a stack of bonds that adds up to \$43,000 maturity value.

A mail clerk in Hq. Sq., Marine Fleet Air, West Coast, San Diego, Pvt. Marks turned rags into bonds.

Owner of a rag and paper company, he started buying bonds in civilian life soon after the official issue. Since enlisting in February, 1944, the Leatherneck has invested \$16,000 in bonds.

After deductions for dependents and life insurance, the Chicagoan turns the remainder of his government pay into bonds. And he has never cashed one.

"I have always expanded myself to buy the greatest amount of War Bonds possible because I have always considered them a form of life insurance policy on our country as well as on my family's well-being," Pvt. Marks said.

Vets Get First Call On U. S. Property

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Senate has confirmed a three-man Surplus Property Board in the Office of War Mobilization which will prescribe regulations governing disposition of an estimated \$100,000,000 worth of government-owned material, tools, plants, land and facilities.

Board members are: Former Senator Guy M. Gillette, Iowa Democrat; former Governor Robert A. Hurley of Connecticut, and Lt. Col. Edward Heiler, Army Finance Officer.

Congress has directed the board to draw its regulations so as to give any lawful preference to veterans in the disposal of any property useful in the establishment or maintenance of small business enterprises.



SILVER STAR. For "conscious gallantry and intrepidity" during the Marianas campaign, CySgt. Hugh D. Reeves of San Antonio, Tex., has been awarded the Silver Star Medal by Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith at a Pacific base.

Pacific Vets Would Rather Face Bullets Than Females

ST. LOUIS—The female of the species is more deadly than the male, and that's why SMSGT. J. E. Coleman, a veteran of four major battles in the South Pacific, will be glad when his furlough is over.

The 26-year-old veteran looked forward today to getting back to the battle zone where he will be safe—safe from a pack of enraged hometown girls.

Coleman's troubles began when a local newspaper quoted him as saying that he preferred Australian to American girls because the latter were "too artificial."

Nobody, least of all Coleman, was prepared for the barrage that followed. For two days letters poured in, and the telephone rang constantly. One enraged female suggested St. Louis women far and feather the "traitor."

"Maybe it's a good thing my furlough is about up," he said ruefully. "I've flown through flak and storms of machine gun bullets, but it was never like this. I'm going back to war where I'll be safe."

Jose Iturbi Hits Southern Camps

CAMP LEJUNE—Jose Iturbi, famed concert pianist and musical director of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, is including this big Marine camp in his current tour of the Carolinas.

In addition to his two appearances in the camp theater, Iturbi recently gave two concerts in the auditorium of the U. S. Naval Hospital here.

"Is the Oak Leaf Cluster a new decoration?"
"Heck, no. Adam wore one."

Stunt Cyclist Patches MP 'Mounts'

CAMP PENDLETON—Entering the Marine Corps to instruct Leathernecks in the art of riding motorcycles in combat, Corp. Charles G. Dudley was stationed at Camp Lejeune. He is now stationed here as a mechanic for the Provost Marshal's office.

Dudley has probably one of the most colorful careers as a motor cyclist to be found in the Marine Corps. Starting at the age of 16, he began taking part in racing events. He chewed dust and spurred his iron mount through many of these grueling races.

Entering the National Jackpine 600-mile endurance run held near Lake Huron, Mich., Dudley placed fifth over a course which ran through tall timber, sand, mud and creek beds. For his efforts, he was awarded a prize of \$150. It cost him \$325 to put his motorcycle back in good running condition.

Included in the repertoire of tricks of Dudley and his fellow stunt riders were such feats as riding five-man pyramids on a "speed," riding with handle bars removed while maneuvering between a row of stakes on a downhill, muddy course, and standing on the seat of the mechanical hog at break-neck speed.

Before entering the Marine Corps, Dudley was employed as motorcycle officer with the Louisianah, Ohio, police department.



Corp. DUDLEY is a stunt rider.

MC Swing Show Ends Pacific Tour

If Bob Crosby, USMC, is back after a 2000-mile swing which took him and his troupe of Marine entertainers to the battlefronts in Leyte, Guam and Saipan.

The expedition was the first of its kind in 170 years of Marine history. "Most of the entertainers put on their shows in the hospitals, which is wonderful, of course, but I wanted to boost the morale of the fellows before they went into battle," Crosby said.

He received permission from his superior officers to organize a troupe, the 30 members of which put on acts for the boys and then formed a swing band to finish the show. Their biggest thrill so far was a show which Adm. Chester W. Nimitz attended.

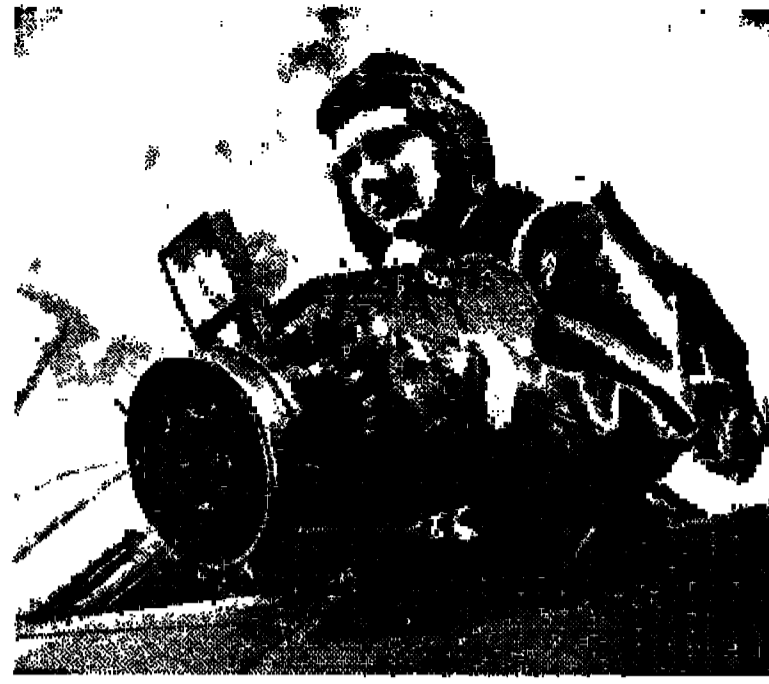
SOLDIERS AWOL

Dispatches from Paris under date line of Jan. 25 report that between 12,000 and 13,000 American soldiers in the European theatre are now absent without leave. More than half of these, the reports state, are mixed up in black market operations.

The Wolf by Sansone



"You would ask for a match!"



SHOOT. But it's a camera Sgt. Grace L. Wagoner of Westfield, Mass., is using. Assigned to MCAS, Cherry Point, Sgt. Wagoner is one of a group of WRs trained in aerial photography. (Official Marine Corps photo.)

WRs Overseas Conditioning Includes Rugged Program

The first contingent of women Marines to be sent to the Territory of Hawaii departed. They came from Marine Camps, bases and air stations throughout the country, having passed the 100-mile march of good health and work and having had at least six months' active service in the Marine Corps. Only a few were exempted due to the rigid tests of the selection, which included a complete physical and psychiatric examination.

The staging process will continue for the next few months until the full contingent of over 1000 women has arrived in Hawaii.

The overseas training is a more rugged version of boot camp and includes a stiff program of obstacle drill and calisthenics, toughened by the first few days of marching with empty field packs. The women Marines gradually fill the parks with the regulation supplies, including pajamas, uniforms, shoes, mess kits and rations, and then drill with the full 52-pound weight.

Several hours a day are devoted to refresher courses in Marine Corps administration and organization, ranks and ratings, Navy law and lectures on conditions in the islands to which they will be shipped. Instructional movies are also shown to the women, preparing them for service abroad.

Living at 0515, the close-packed order of the day given the Marines little liberty, save a few hours in the evening, which is mostly devoted to letterwriting, laundry or marking clothes destined for sea-bags.

In Hawaii, five two-story barracks, plus 15 additional buildings, have been converted for their use. A general mess hall, bakery shop, beauty parlor, two laundries and a



ARMYMAN. Pvt. Marion Pillsbury of Peppercorn, Mass., is shown assembling a .30 caliber machine gun that goes the part of the armament on a plane. Pvt. Pillsbury is stationed here at MCB.

Women Reserves Celebrate Their Second Anniversary

While a tense world watched, the United States Marines wiped out the final enemy opposition on Guadalcanal in February, 1943. The evident pattern of the Pacific War had made apparent the necessity of more Marines for the combat zones, and, on Feb. 13 of the same year, the Marine Corps Women's Reserve was organized to release them for action.

Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter of Middletown, N. J., was appointed director of the newly created reserve with the rank of major. Three officers were commissioned to assist her in the organizing and training of 10,000 women. As they rank today, they are Maj. Anne Adams Leitz, who was in charge of uniform design and procurement; Maj. Charlotte Day Gower, who was director of the training program; and Capt. Elizabeth Louise Stewart, public relations officer.

FIRST TO JOIN
On March 13, 1942, 71 officer candidates reported at the Naval Reserve Midshipmen's School, Northampton, Mass., for training. Two weeks later, the first contingent of enlisted personnel arrived at Hunter College, the Bronx, N. Y., for indoctrination.

As the women completed six-week boot training and the specialist courses, they began reporting to camps and bases in small units. In May, 15 women were assigned for the first time to MCAS, Cherry Point, N. C. The first draft of clerks and typists also reported at that time for duty at Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING
As the fighting Marine Raiders stampeded across the news sheets of the world with their landing on New Georgia and the capture of Viti Harbor in June, a seemingly insignificant event was taking place in Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., where the first two women completed the Motor Transport course and climbed into military trucks. Since then, hundreds of miles have replaced wrenches and steering wheels in the hands of women, such as the women Marines who mastered auto mechanics as well as driving.

In July, the decision to train recruits at Camp Lejeune, the great Marine training center, followed. Women added smartly in Columbia and in the training grounds of Northampton and Hunter College. They were also moving into paymaster and quartermaster schools, conscious that the Central Solomons were being blasted by Marine fliers and more men would be needed for the island-hopping conquest of the enemy.

August found the women Marines at Lakehurst, N. J., their patient fingers learning to fold the silken safety of parachutes. The vital importance of the rigger's work was underlined by the news bulletins as Marine Crusades began to land on Munda airfield, a roaring promise of air battles to come.

TRAIN PLAYS
Meanwhile, in Camp Lejeune's Recruit Depot, under the command of Col. John M. Arthur, three battalions of women Marines were training simultaneously, and—as the first Marine planes landed in September on the newly constructed airfield at Durakoma, Vella Lavella Island, in the Solomons—25 women skilled in the handling of the tank trainer began instructing future Marine pilots at the air station in Johnston, N. C.

By the following month, the first women Marines had reported for duty on the west coast at Camp Pendleton and the air stations at Santa Barbara and Escondido, Cal., in that instance releasing back into men for action. At Cherry Point, where the women were already concentrated, the entire assignment was taken over by them. With the onset, they assumed the responsibility of dispatching mail, telegrams and repairs.

TANK OVER JOBS
On Nov. 1, 1943, the Marines landed on Bougainville and, 20 days later, ground came out of the

horror of Tarawa. Meanwhile, at San Diego, Cal., and Parris Island, S. C., teletype operators, cashiers, stenographers and file clerks prepared to throw on battle packs as the women Marines reported for duty. At MCAS, El Toro, Cal., 57 women paved the way for the thousands who now work in offices, handle mail, drive jeeps, repair aircraft engines and instruct combat crewmen in aerial gunnery. At the same time, at Quantico the first four women radio operators reported for duty; for women Marines, trained at the Univ. of Wisconsin, the Miami Univ. at Oxford, O., and Omaha, Neb., were learning the International Morse code, the maintenance and operation of sending and receiving equipment in preparation for eventually taking over station-to-station communication at posts throughout the country.

TAKE AIRCRAFT JOBS
In September, the findings of a special study were set into replacement and supplies. Cherry Point graduated its first class of women skilled in PBI airplane repair, and women radio operators began standing watch at the lighthouse tower. Aviation mechanics' mates, knowing their aircraft engines from inside him to prop shafts, were graduating from the Naval Air Technical Training School in Norman, Okla., and reporting for crew work on air fields.

NOW GOING OVERSEAS
The next assault in the Pacific now occupies the mind of every woman Marine. In Chicago at the Aviation Instrument Training School, they work with deft fingers, handling the delicate instruments of the flight panel. In the Dept. of Supplies in San Francisco and in Philadelphia, they are packing and repairing radio parts, getting clothes and driving trucks. They are librarians, chemists and electricians at Quantico—they are draftsmen and sales clerks at the San Diego Base. At the Marine Corps Air Station at Fagan Mountain Lake, Tex., they are working raphers and clearance clerks.

Most of the skills they use in these assignments are going with them to the Territory of Hawaii as the women Marines dip their overseas packs on this 50-yard line of the war zone. Serving in Hawaii, they are making it possible for specialists to move still farther into the Pacific.

Even typical islands to desert ailments and fog-bound Navy Yards, each woman Marine who took a man's job is conscious that the responsibility of freeing a Marine to fight didn't end when that Leatherneck shipped out. Here is a 24-hour job of support to the combat man that will end only when he walks down the gangplank with victory firmly in his grasp.



ON PARADE. Team members of the WR Drill Platoon work out for the battalion review on Tuesday, Feb. 13. 1st Sgt. Doris I. Thomas is drill instructor. The fifty girls, all volunteers, have appeared for all important MCB functions. Lt. Margaret E. Myers is officer in charge. (Photo by Corp. Louise Petter.)

Base WR Drill Team Gains Praise

Letters of commendation in the Marine Corps are a every-day occurrence, but when the recipients are a group of WRs, that's news.

The WR drill team of the WR Bn. of MCB has long since been recognized by visiting dignitaries as an outstanding attraction during special performances and have appeared at military and social functions for the past year.

Signed by Brig. Gen. A. F. Howard, the letter read: "I desire to express to you, and through you to the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Women's Reserve as an outstanding attraction during Exhibition Drill Team, my appreciation of the excellent work of this team. I particularly appreciate the efforts of all concerned because of the fact that the excellence of their work has been attained by personal sacrifice of many liberty hours, inasmuch as all time devoted to instruction and practice has been entirely voluntary and in addition to regular assignments."

The degree of efficiency attained is indicative of an interest in their organization that is very commendable and reflects great credit upon each individual, the Marine Corps and the Women Reserves.

Organized April 20, 1944, the team still retains eight of its original members, chosen by their commanding officers to represent the WR Bn. The old-timers are: Mildred Kopke, Margaret Flanery, Ruth Davey, Gertrude Keane, Dorothy Peterson, Maria DeBottis, Joe McVey and Lois Coleman.

Sgt. Altona Craig, drill instructor, has been replaced by 1st Sgt. Doris Thomas.

2d Lt. Margaret E. Myers, officer in charge, says the present strength of the team is 50.

Watching the combat men slip out for battle zones, the women Marines worked steadily at their jobs and assumed new ones. A new assembly and repair building was completed at Cherry Point, N. C., and the women worked side by side with sharp-eyed mechanics, learning instrument and aircraft engine repair.

ALL-WOMAN-MARINE POST
As June and July of 1944 crawled through the jungles of Salpa and Guam, the casualty lists passed through the hands of the women Marines stationed at Marine Corps Headquarters in Washington, D. C. Billed at Henderson Hall, Arlington, Va., the only all-woman-Marine post in the country, over 2000 women are typists, clerks, messengers and stenographers, aiding in the tremendous task of administration. On duty in procurement, aviation, mail and file, plans and policies and other divisions, they handle the clerical detail of muster rolls, decorations, statistics, payrolls, identifications and discharges.

Discharges mean the return of a Marine to civilian life and in his adjustment to that life the women Marines are active, too, assisting the veteran in his choice of employment, notifying him of his rights and privileges.

Given 'Overseas' Pay To Go Home
PEARL HARBOR—It's a tough life for Marie Cecy Alice M. Philpotts of Honolulu.

Corp. Philpotts went overseas from Hawaii to join the Marines in the States. Then she included herself in the first contingent of Women Reserves to go overseas. She came back to her home in Hawaii to make the matter more complicated for the Marine official who had pay while she was here "overseas," but now that she is home again she is receiving her overseas allowance.

Reports say Hirohito is planning to move to Korea. Tokyo is getting too noisy for him. So he'll be leaving, perhaps.

ABANDONED TO FATE
"How did you come to get so completely intoxicated?" asked the provost.

"I got in bad company, sir. You see there were four of us. I had a bottle of whiskey and the other three didn't drink."

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WRs Have Varied Collection Of Pets
Where Marines are, mascots will be found. It has always been so, and the women who wear the eagle, globe and anchor are no different from their male counterparts in this respect.

Perhaps as illustrious as lineage as any of these mascots is a striped kitten who goes by the name of Helicat. Offspring of Helicat, famous Guadalcanal cat who shared the rigors of battle with the Marine division that launched the first American offensive of this war, Helicat believes in keeping hers a Marine Corps family. In line with this belief, Helicat has adopted the women Marines and is now on duty with them at the Marine Corps Base in San Diego.

But although the mascot is often feline—and sometimes may even be a billy goat—the women Marines, like the men of the Corps, show a particular fondness for canines. From Seattlebut, log-eared, patch-eyed mascot of a motor transport unit on the west coast, to the General, bulldog who adopted the Marine women at Headquarters on the east coast, the women Marines have taken their mascot terriers, sheep dogs and just plain mutts, to their hearts.

There was Corp. Bozo, for instance. Corp. Bozo, an English bull, was lonely after his Marine master went to the South Pacific, and finding that he was too busy to pine when he was with the women Marines, he attached himself to them. They officially enrolled him as a member of the Marine Cavalry Corps and have him his own service record book.

The General was another bulldog—his whose name led to an amusing incident when, not so long ago, the Commandant of the Marine Corps visited the post where the "General" was "assigned." Finding the Commandant at the gate, the sentry telephoned in: "The General is on the compound."

Case the reply: "Oh, that's all right. Keep him in the sentry box, and when one of the Marines comes along, have her bring him up."

Spurred a little, loved a lot animals chosen as mascots by the Women Marines are invaluable units to handle.

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Local WR Follows Footsteps Made By Mother In Last War

"Like mother, like daughter," says the mother of the Base film library, is probably the only WR able to claim the honor of being a second-generation Woman Marine. She worked as a bookkeeper before enlisting in the Corps at Los Angeles on Sept. 3, 1943.



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Base Athletic Department Officer Leaves Bright Record

One of MCB's most well known figures will leave this week when Maj. Charles R. Church, athletic officer, is detached for temporary duty in Washington, D. C.

Serving at Camps Elliott and Pendleton before receiving his MCB assignment, Maj. Church has seen his Base basketball and baseball teams gain national prominence.

Maj. Church's successor will be Maj. Ernie Nevers, the famed Stanford All-American fullback of the mid-1920s. Nevers, who will arrive at MCB Tuesday, has been listed by Walker Camp and all All-American gridiron selectors as an "all-time All-American fullback."

Nevers and Bronko Nagurski, the Minnesota bruiser, are gradually rated as the two best fullbacks in collegiate gridiron history. After completing his career at Stanford, Nevers played for the Chicago Bears before turning to coaching.

Led by such stars as Kenney Sanders of Wyoming and Joe Pullis of Kentucky, the cagers won 42 of 53 games during their season-and-a-half under Maj. Church. The Marine "war over sports" policy kept the current team to disband in the middle of the season.

11th Naval Dist. champs, the 1934 team also won the Army-Navy YMCA trophy and the Navy national cup during their run of 75 straight triumphs.

Pvt. Harry Hughes, former Southern league star, acted as play-by-play manager of the baseball team which was under Church's sponsorship. Winning 54 of 72 tilts, the 1934 team won the 11th Naval Dist. title.

THE CHEVYON Sports



LONG FACES. Here is the last shot snapped of Maj. Charles R. Church, who was transferred to Washington, D. C., last week, and his powerful MCB basketball team. Forced to disband in mid-season, the squad includes: (top row) Corp. Fred Smith, PFC. David Humerickhouse, PFC. Joe Fuks, Pvt. Struett DeMoisey, PFC. Charles Schroyen and Corp. Ray Wells. (Bottom) Corp. Mickey Marty, PFC. John Simmons, PFC. Bob Kramer and Pvt. Bill Jones.

Base WR Bowlers Keep Loop Lead; Cagers Triumph

Pvt. Lois Kline led the MCB cagers to another victory in the 11th Naval Dist. Service Women's league last week with a high individual game mark of 214.

Miramar, second-place team, is leading in all team races. Led by Pull, the Miramar team has a game average of 770, a team series of 2220 and a team high game of 804.

Standings:

Team	W.	L.	Tot.
Marine Corps Base	4	0	1,000
Miramar Marines	4	0	1,000
Naval Air Station	4	4	500
California Waves	4	4	500
Temple Base	2	5	375
South	1	3	250
Marine T & B Co.	0	8	0

Led by PFC. Mary Miarecki's 14 points, the MCB team cagers defeated El Centro, 28-23, last week in the opening competition in the 11th Naval Dist. Service Women's league.

El Centro led by 14-12 at half-time, but Miarecki's steady shooting pulled the Base team ahead during the final stanza. A substitute forward, Ruetter, led the El Centro team with 9 tumbles. Godfrey and Fisher with 4 points each followed Miarecki in the MCB scoring.

Ex-All American Joins Lejeune

CAMP LEJEUNE—Scoring punch was added to Camp Lejeune's Marine basketball today, with the return of 2d Lt. William C. (Bill) Morris, All-American guard from the Univ. of Washington.



LEATHERNE. Capt. John H. "Hul" McCreary, former Stanford football great, is pictured here at a Pacific base where he is serving with a 1st Air Wing as construction and maintenance officer.

El Centro Team Wins 6th Game

EL CENTRO—Led by TSgt. George Nellmark who tallied 15 points, the El Centro basketballers marked up their 6th straight victory here last week by defeating the Sandy Beach Naval Air Station quintet, 55-to-41.

El Centro led 29-17 at halftime and at no time during the game did the Marines trail. Sgt. Harold Hintz played an outstanding floor game for the Marines. Lineups:

El Centro (50) (41) Sandy Beach
Frazier (13) F. (14) Cook
Voss (6) F. (11) Ray
Nellmark (15) F. (8) Butler
Hintz (10) G. (4) Zion
Hinta (5) G. (10) Cullion

Substitutions: El Centro—Schmitz (1), Davis (2), Miller, Sandy Beach—Fulk, Savojon, Silvers, Franz, Wittman.

Paced by Sgt. George Nellmark, who tallied 15 points, El Centro team ran its winning streak to seven games at the expense of the Navy Amphibious Base of San Diego later in the week by a 50-to-36 score.

The Marines led all the way and held a 36-to-13 lead at halftime.

Lineups:
El Centro (50) (38) Amphib. Base
Frazier (7) F. (4) Falingen
Voss (13) F. (4) Retchen
Nellmark (13) G. (6) Costello
Hintz (10) G. (8) Keating
Hinta (5) G. (4) Malbacher

Substitutions: El Centro—Toebe (2), Miller, Davis, Amphib. Base—Nathan (6), Malachuk (4), Kozak, Measures.

Major Leaguers To Play In Pacific

PEARL HARBOR—The Navy's all-big league baseball squad, as a prelude to its tour of the Pacific fighting front, plays here Thursday against the Army Air Force of the Pacific Ocean area which is also sprinkled liberally with major league stars.

Lt. Bill Dickey, Navy team manager, said his squad would depart soon after the game for a tour which will take it to the Marshalls, Guam, Saipan, Leyte and possibly Australia.

South Pacific Marines are looking forward to the visit by the all-star fleet teams. The players and their pre-war clubs:

Third Fleet—Pee Wee Reese, Brooklyn, shortstop; Joe Grace, St. Louis Browns, leftfield; Barney McCosky, Detroit, centerfield; Elbie Fletcher, Pittsburgh, first base; Gene Woodling, Cleveland, rightfield; Billy Herman, Brooklyn, second base; Merrill May, Phillies, third base; Vince Smith, Pittsburgh, catcher; Johnny Rigney,

White Sox, pitcher; Hal White, Detroit, pitcher; Jim Tackett, Braves, pitcher; M. J. Egan, Seattle, pitcher.

Fifth Fleet—Connie Ryan, Braves, second base; Jimmy Wynn, Washington, leftfield; Glad McQuillen, Browns, centerfield; Johnny Mize, Giants, first base; Lydwood (Schoolboy) Rowe, Phillies, rightfield; Al Brancato, Athletics, third base; Al Gross, Cubs, shortstop; George Dickey, White Sox, catcher; Virgil Trucks, Detroit, pitcher; Johnny Vander Meer, Cincinnati, pitcher; Bob Klumper, Pirates, pitcher; Tom Ferrick, Cleveland, pitcher.

The Air Force lineup for the Thursday game: Bob Dillinger, Toledo Madhens, third base; Mike McCormick, Cincinnati, centerfielder; Ferris Fain, San Francisco Seals, first base; Walt Judvitch, St. Louis Browns, rightfield; William Hitchcock, Detroit, shortstop; Don Lang, Kansas City, leftfield; Darlo Lodigiani, White Sox, second base; Al Lien, San Francisco Seals, pitcher; Bill Schmidt, Sacramento, pitcher.

Pacific Marines Plan Baseball Careers

SEATTLE—Maj. Roscoe (Torchy) Torrance, colorful vice president of the Seattle Rainiers, came back from the wars with a burning admiration for the American athlete in his heart.

"I've seen the baseball players, the football, track and boxing stars go surging onto a Jap-infested beach with a jest on their lips," he said.

Maj. Torrance knows whereof he speaks. He went along at the head of his men, going through hell at Guam while his unit was pinned to a reef off shore by the fire of enemy guns.

The Major returned from his hitch as welfare and athletic officer with his Marine division convinced of one thing: Baseball is close to the hearts of millions of youngsters from Kokomo, Ypsilanti and Walla Walla, who still follow the game through the radio and their Army and Navy publications. News of the game, winter and summer, gives a tremendous lift to the men overseas.

Torrance goes further and predicts that an army of young players will come out of this war.

"I wonder if the folks at home realize the hold baseball has on the men," Torrance said. "I'll give you a little idea. In our outfit alone, we had 40 teams and 21 specially-built fields. Imagine a tournament with 62 teams battling for the championship!"

Have the youngsters any chance to develop under severe battle conditions? we asked him.

"You'd be surprised to see how quickly a man snaps out of it after going through an invasion," Torrance replied. "Baseball and other sports take his mind off what he has gone through. And let me say one more thing. If big league scouts could see the caliber of young players in some of those teams, they would schedule their 1935 ivory-hunting tours to include Saipan, Leyte, Guam and other Pacific points."

At this point the Major grew secretive. Upon being pressed, he finally broke down and confessed that he has already signed up a dozen of the best youthful players for Emil Sick's Seattle team.

INTRA-BATTALION BASKETBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE		
TEAM	MANAGER	EXT.
1. Fire Department	Sgt. Null	100
2. Molars	Pvt. Leon Taylor	500
3. Base Dispensary	Pvt. J. E. Wood	300
4. Service Co., Service Bn.	Sgt. Plichty	442
5. Guard Battalion	Pvt. T. Robinson	307
Second Round—Feb. 14		
Fire Department	vs. Base Dispensary	1000
Molars	vs. Guard Battalion	2000
Service Co., Ser. Bn.	Bye	
Third Round—Feb. 21		
Fire Department	vs. Guard Battalion	1000
Service Co., Ser. Bn.	vs. Molars	2000
Fourth Round—Feb. 28		
Fire Department	vs. Service Co., Ser. Bn.	1000
Base Dispensary	vs. Guard Battalion	2000
Molars	Bye	
Fifth Round—March 7		
Molars	vs. Base Dispensary	1000
Service Co., Ser. Bn.	vs. Guard Battalion	2000
Fire Department	Bye	
Eight-minute quarters instead of 20-minute halves will be played. Intercollegiate rules will be followed.		

Mojave Cagers Lose To Army

MOJAVE—The crack basketball five of MCAS, Mojave, suffered defeat at Palm Springs last week when the Army 21st Evacuation Group team overpowered them to the tune of 42 to 27.

Slow to get started, the Mojave Marines were trailing at the half by 13 points, due to a scoring spurt in the third quarter by Hinton and Frear, managed to gain a slim lead over the Palm Springs boys, bringing the score to 26-24 at the end of the third. Lineups:

Stark (1) F. (11) Watkins
Hinton (11) F. (11) O'Brien
O'Brien (11) G. (10) Roberts
Childs (11) G. (11) Brown
Smith (11) G. (11) J. Brown

Substitutions: Mojave—Frear (10), Tompkins (2), Hudson, Emery, Malloy (2), Palm Springs—Williams, Wilson, Patterson, C. Williams, Calish, Evans, Macker, Dick (2).

El Toro Cagers Top March Field

MCAS, EL TORO—Held scoreless in the final five minutes after they had knotted the count at 30-30, El Toro's Flying Bulls were draped, 51-39, by the March Field basketball team last week. Frank Lubin, ex-UCLA All-American, pumped 14 points into the bucket to lead the Army to victory.

Lineups:
Mojave (27) (42) Palm Springs
El Toro (39) (51) March Field
Lubin (14) (13) Sunderland



GREAT RECORD. The basketball team representing the Marine Corps air station has won all but one of its 12 games this season. Personnel includes: Front row, left to right: Sgt. Severino A. Minutella, Wilmington, Del.; 2dLt. Glenn O. Thacker, Lakeville, Ind.; Sgt. Herbert D. Rley, Long Island, N. Y.; TSgt. Fenton D. Oveson, St. John's, Ariz.; PFC. George Butler, Indianapolis, Ind. Back row, left to right: St/Sgt. Cornelius Mosser, New Martinsville, W. Va.; 1stLt. William A. Gates, Louisville, Ky.; 2dLt. Eric E. Childs, Hamilton, O.; P/M1/c. Robert Goldstrand, Minneapolis, Minn.

Virgin Island Marines Take Honors In St. Thomas Sports Tournament

Bowling Standings

Player	W	L	Pct.
Miramar	10	8	.703
Coast Guard	10	17	.588
Elliot	14	19	.518
Amphib.	6	22	.458

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands. — A full-time sports program has been prepared for the Marines here by 2dLt. L. Keri Egan, recreation officer.

The Marines easily sniped top honors in the recent USO bowling tournament, winning 10 of 27 starts. Bowling for the Marines were St/Sgt. N. J. Conti (Capt.) of Phillipsburg, N. J.; TSgt. N. Schwartz of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Sgt. D. S. Honeyman of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Sgt. M. C. Sterling of Crisfield, Md.; PFC. E. W. Mayfield of French Lick, Ind., and PFC. L. V. Kline of Canton, O.

St. Thomas Leathernecks totaled 889 points to the toe's 243 in winning a recent basketball tourney. The softball team also went through an undefeated season, capped by victory in an interservice USO tournament.

Cherry Pointers, Lejeune Add Four

CAMP LEJEUNE—The Marines of Camp Lejeune and the nearby Cherry Point Air Station, boasting two of the hottest basketball squads along the Atlantic seaboard, have extended their 1945 competition to four games.

Dates for two additional contests between the teams, which split their previous engagements, still are indefinite, but the finale is scheduled to dedicate a huge field house for Cherry Point.

This agreement will help round out attractive states for both clubs without encroaching upon limited travel facilities, Capt. R. M. Port, Lejeune athletic officer, said.

Miramar Cagers Pace District Court League

Miramar's high-riding basketballers edged out the Coast Guard five, 38-35, last week to maintain an unbeaten pace in the 11th Naval Dist. loop.

Sanders and Brown each found the range for 10 points to pace the Miramar Marines. Chinard scored 12 points to lead the Coast Guard cagers.

Center Raiser scored 24 points to pace the Elliott entry to a top-sided 63-41 conquest of the NTC team. Fugh scored 15 points for the NTC club.

Naval Air, WPE and the Amphib. teams are a game behind the scheduled pace. The standings:

Team	W	L
Miramar	4	0
Coast Guard	3	1
Elliot	3	1
Amphib.	2	2
NTC	2	2
WPE	2	2
Naval Air	2	2
USNH	0	4

El Toro Baseball Squad Lines Up Full Schedule

MCAS, EL TORO. Station recreation officials have announced an outstanding baseball schedule for the coming season which includes games with two Pacific Coast league teams plus the top service and intercollegiate nines.

Pvt. Frank Ramsey, former Oregon State College football star who played tackle for El Toro's Flying Marines last fall, has been named to coach the local club. Ramsey tutored high school athletics at Klamath Falls, Ore., before enlisting last spring.

El Toro will open its season meeting the Los Angeles Angels,

defending Pacific Coast league champions, at Anaheim on March 4. A return game at El Toro is scheduled with the Angels and the Hollywood Stars are on the docket for three contests.

Intercollegiate competition will be furnished by Univ. of Southern California, Univ. of California at Los Angeles, Redlands Univ., and Santa Ana Junior College.

Service nines listed on the schedule are Los Alamitos NAS, Santa Ana NAS, San Diego NTS, San Diego MCB, Port Hueneme. Sixth Ferrying Command, March Field Flyers and Ontario Army Air Base.

Screen Guide

Base Theater 1730-2000

Saturday—Between Two Women, Johnson-Haydnote
Sunday—Tonight and Every Night, This World-Bowman
Monday—Mummy's Curse, Chaney-Cox
Tuesday—The Suspect, Loughton-Hobbes
Wednesday—Tomorrow the World, March-Field
Thursday—Her Lucky Night, O'Driscoll-Andrews Sisters
Friday—Hangover Square, Darnell-Sanders
Saturday—Leave It to Blondie, Singleton-Lake

Camp Matthews 1745

Saturday—Main Street After Dark, Arnold-Royce
Sunday—Between Two Women, Johnson-Haydnote
Monday—Tonight and Every Night, This World-Bowman
Tuesday—Mummy's Curse, Chaney-Cox
Wednesday—The Suspect, Loughton-Hobbes
Thursday—Tomorrow the World, March-Field
Friday—Her Lucky Night, O'Driscoll-Andrews Sisters
Saturday—Hangover Square, Darnell-Sanders

Changes of Duty

From Overseas

Capt. Max B. Smith admitted to USNH, San Diego, Frank C. Craft to Cherry Point, and Alfred R. Peley admitted to USNH, Oakland, Cal.

1stLt. Richard D. Hughes and Horace S. Mast to San Diego.

To Overseas

1stLt. John S. Carter from Edenton, N. C.

Other Changes

1stLt. Michael S. Currie, John R. Kowles, Herman Nickerson Jr., Lawrence S. Juddville and Guy S. Tinsley from Quantico to San Diego; John A. Anderson from Atlantic Fleet to Camp Lejeune; John E. Starr from Quantico to Atlantic Fleet; Hugh M. Elwood from Quantico to HQMC; Robert W. Ticker from HQMC to Quantico; Jean H. Buchner, Edward H. Drake and Chester A. Henry Jr. from Quantico to Camp Lejeune; John S. Messer from Yorktown, Va., to USNH, Bethesda; R. J. Putnam from San Diego to Charleston, S. C.; Joseph N. Reimer from Navy Dept., Washington, D. C., to Cherry Point, and Clifton E. Fox from Jacksonville, Fla., to San Diego.

JAPS REVISE ARMY

A revision of the Japanese army organization on the main island of Honshu to bring it into closer cooperation with the wartime production setup has been ordered by the Nippon army, the agency Domei reported.

Order Stresses Proper Usage Of Decorations

Proper organization of campaign bars and decorations is stressed in a new order from Headquarters.

1. The following order is published for the purpose of standardizing and clarifying the manner of wearing and size of stars upon campaign and decoration ribbons and supercedes all existing instructions relating thereto. However, all previously authorized stars may continue to be worn in the manner previously prescribed until replaced by new equipment.

2. (a) The Gold stars of a size inscribed in a circle 3/16-inch in diameter presented in lieu of additional awards of the same medal will be worn only upon the suspension ribbon of the medal.

(b) Gold stars worn upon the ribbon representing the medal, indicating additional awards, will be of a size inscribed in a circle 6/16 inch in diameter.

(c) In lieu of five such stars upon one ribbon, one silver star of the same dimensions will be worn.

3. (a) Stars authorized to be worn upon the Presidential Unit Citation Ribbon and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon shall be of a size inscribed in a circle 3/16-inch in diameter and shall be of bronze.

(b) In lieu of five such stars one silver star of a size inscribed in a circle 5/16-inch in diameter shall be worn.

4. (a) Stars authorized to be worn upon campaign ribbons indicating participation in an operation or engagement for which a star has been authorized by the Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, shall be of bronze and of a size to be inscribed in a circle 3/16-inch in diameter.

(b) In lieu of five such stars one silver star of a size inscribed in a circle 5/16-inch in diameter shall be worn.

5. The first star authorized to be worn upon a ribbon shall be centered upon the ribbon. If more than one star is worn they shall be placed in a horizontal line close to and symmetrically about the center of the ribbon. A silver star worn in lieu of five bronze or gold stars shall be located as near the center of the ribbon as the symmetrical arrangement permits. Stars shall be placed upon the ribbon point down.

Citations

Navy Cross
1stLt. Dolmer C. Deckard.

Distinguished Service Medal
(Gold Star in lieu of second medal)
1stLt. Roy S. Gering.

Distinguished Flying Cross
Capt. Marion E. Dally, Howard M. Humphrey and Romulus R. McCallie, 1stLts. Herbert W. Allison Jr., Paul Fulton, Robert N. Jackson and Thomas L. Kizer Jr.

Silver Star
PFC. Jacob Solomon.

Navy Cross
Corp. Langdon H. Secrest.

Navy and Marine Corps Medal
1stLt. Charles H. May.
Legion of Merit
(Gold Star in lieu of second medal)
Col. William J. Whaling.

Air Medal
1stLt. Herbert H. Williamson, Capt. Richard E. Bacon, Major F. Brooks Jr., 1stLt. L. Fraser, Raymond C. Hubbs, William A. Montfort, Willie N. Shaw, 1stLt. W. Tenbyson and Augustus H. Wright Jr.

1stLt. Michael S. Carlton, Thomas A. Conrad and Sheldon G. Parr, 1stSgt. Paul T. Harbour, James J. Kelly and Robert J. Nichols, Sgt. Joe E. Garcia, Robert W. Chapman, James W. Moses Jr. and Raymond D. Schmitt, PFC. Zeff J. Cox.

Navy and Marine Corps Medal
(Gold Star in lieu of second medal)
WO. Clair S. Dennis.

Maj. Perry H. Aitiff, William R. Leay and Harley E. Stewart, Capt. Philip J. Carmichael, James R. Dyer, Charles O. Lewis, George U. Little, Martin Morrison Jr., Dayton B. Rittman, Robert W. Kenley, William E. Sherwood III, Sidney A. Shute, Robert C. Thompson, Bucky L. Tucker Jr. and John J. Windsor, 1stLt. Thomas N. Wood, Corp. Harold L. Riddle, PFC. Dan K. Huppel.

Silver Star
1stLt. James A. Brenden and Max R. Smith Jr.
Sgt. Harold H. Cathor.

Bronze Star
Col. Alva Stanley,
Col. John B. Wilson,
1stLt. William R. Fairbairn,
1stLt. L. R. Hanley and Vernon A. Peterson.

Capt. Walter A. Coakley Jr., Capt. George W. Toupe Jr., Maj. George A. Frost and Donald M. Schmuck,
1stLt. David L. Anderson,
1stLt. George R. Dwyer,
Capt. Martin T. Blanchard and Peter H. Houtz.

1stSgt. John Fulton,
Sgt. Jackson E. Humphrey,
Corps. Josus H. Alvarez and Martin W. Young,
Pvt. James W. Neill,
PFC. Alfonso N. Faustini.

(Gold Star in lieu of second medal)
Capt. Harry J. Anderson, Robert H. Brundley, Robert A. Carr, Herbert S. Carter, Abraham M. Daniels, Kenneth H. Duffenbach, Dan G. Jones, Harry A. McCarthy and Col. H. Nelson.

Bronze and Silver Stars
Maj. John J. Padley,
Letter of Commendation
Corp. Ralph H. Dean.

* Posthumously.

MARINE STATION
Detachments of U. S. Marines have been stationed at Portsmouth, N. H., since 1915.

Casualties

	Dead	Wound	Missing	Prisoners
USN	22,841	13,701	9,009	2,523
USMC	10,275	28,016	500	1,940
USCG	192	212	99	0
	33,248	40,923	10,003	4,470

Safe

New York
Pvt. Louis W. Gijmans, Bronx.
South Dakota
PFC. Russell R. Daise, Rapid City.

Missing

California
1stLt. Robert W. Mullins, Beverly Hills.
Michigan
2dLt. Glenn J. Ann, Wyandotte.
New York
2dLt. Walter C. Hornum Jr., Buffalo, Texas.

Dead

California
1stLt. Edwin G. Robinson, Sacramento.
Illinois
1stLt. Donald R. Anderson, Chicago.
1stLt. Richard G. Nelson, Rockford.
MTSgt. Thomas V. Little, Decatur.
PFC. Robert E. Andrews, Chicago.

Michigan
Sgt. Harvey B. Prober, Bay City.
Minnesota
2dLt. Walter R. Norton, Minneapolis.

Ohio
1stLt. Charles H. Lawrence, Lexington.

Base Changes

Headquarters Bn.
WO. J. D. Robbins joined to pay office from overseas.

Service Bn.
Capt. Ralph E. Palmer from MB, Mare Island, as CO HQ Co.
Capt. Carl G. Shell Jr. detached to Amph. Forces, Camp Matthews.

Recruit Depot
Capt. John R. Howell and Bryan F. Jinnell joined from overseas.

Base Dispensary
Joined: 1stLt. Francis H. Butler from 12th Naval Dist.
1stLt. Bruce E. Barnhill, MC VS USNR, from Mercy Hospital, Denver, Colo.

1stLt. Albert R. Orsler, DC, USN, from 11th Naval Dist.
Comdr. John E. Ludwig, MC VS USNR, from 11th Naval Dist. from overseas.

1stLt. Edward W. Courtney to MCAD, Miramar, FET, OMA.

Bear A Hand

Wanted to Rent or Buy
Sgt. of 3L dress blues by Feb. 24. (BySgt. Iverson, Ext 533, MCB).

Wanted
APARTMENT or small house for service couples or furnished room with kitchen privileges. Pvt. Matjez, 1941, 637.

For Rent
ROOM for one person only. Marine preferred. \$12 weekly. Glen Cove 4 493 after 1800.

Will America's Citizens Go Back To Sleep?

Remember back in September and August of last year when America folded her drawing boards, tucked her riveting guns under her arm and went on vacation? We generally sat back and watched the supposed end of the Axis powers.

At that time we thought it was merely a matter of months or even days until Germany would fold and Japan would follow very quickly. Hets were circulated that the war would be over before the turn of the new year.

Our papers' headlines are designed to tell only a part of one particular action. We may be inclined to forget that for every "good-news" news story there have been hundreds of American boys dying on foreign battlefields to make that story.

Now the news from the war fronts again look encouraging, but do not let us be lulled into the false feeling of security that was prevalent last summer.

Much-bombed, battered and blasted Manila is free and Germany is teetering on her heels from the punches of Allied air power and cowering under the shock of Russian guns. Now is the time for America to muster her forces, both military and productions, for the knock-out. This is no time to relax.

Marines especially should not let down. Their fight is still a long hard one. Training and still more training must be endured to thoroughly indoctrinate the recruit and the veteran in the most expeditious way to eliminate the enemy and to protect his own life.

Well-trained troops are determined not only by the way they fight, but by their appearance, bearing and alertness. Slovenly, unkempt and undisciplined men at rest camp or in the States are never good Marines in the field. Men that lay down on their training are dead men before very long.

We entered the war to protect our homes and our families from Axis tyranny and domination.

By-passin' War

This is the "by-passingest" war—violating the military-naval maxim to clear out as you advance, says Army and Navy Register. But the Germans still "hold" the French port of St. Nazaire and also these seaports south of Brest: Lorient, La Rochelle and Bordeaux. These and others like them in the Pacific are not "withering on the vine." Japanese pockets remain in the Marshall Islands, Bougainville, New Ireland, Rabaul (New Britain), various spots in New Guinea, Truk and other Caroline Islands, and the Palau group.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel; 0830 Services, 11:45 Communion (Widg); 0915 Services, Base Theater; 1015 Services, Chapel. **(Catholic):** 0800 Mass, Base Theater; 0915 Mass, Chapel; Tuesday, Novena, 1000, Chapel; Confessions, Saturday, 1000, Chapel—1500 (Widg); 123, RD—1900 RSR Chaplain's Office. **(Jewish):** Tuesday 1800, Bldg. 123, RD (Latter Day Saints); 0900 Services, Bldg. 123, RD; Wednesdays 1500, Bldg. 123, RD.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 1000, Camp Chapel, Bldg. 222. **(Catholic):** Mass, 0830, Chapel. **(Jewish):** 0915, small room in Camp Chapel Bldg. **(Latter Day Saints):** 1100 in Camp Chapel.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel. **(Catholic):** Sunday Masses 0830, 0800, 1015, Mass daily, 1030, Confession before Mass. **(Christian Science):** 1800-1730, Chaplain's office, Wednesdays. **(Jewish):** Post Chapel, Thursday, 1830. **(Latter Day Saints):** 1930, Camp Post Chapel, Friday 1830.

HEAD, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services; Communion 1st Sunday of month. **(Catholic):** 0700 and 0800, Confession; 0730 and 0830, Mass. Barracks 823. **(Jewish):** Thursdays, 2000. **(Latter Day Saints):** Discussion meeting Tuesdays, 1800. **(Christian Science):** 1400-1500, Chaplain's office, Fridays.

CAMP PENNINGTON (Protestant): Post Chapel, Communion at 0900, Bible Class 0930, Morning Worship at 1015, Vesper Service 2000; Wednesday, Vesper Service 2000; Branch House Chapel, Service at 1015; Infantry Training Center, Sunday morning worship, 0700, at Theater, 14-T-1 at 0800, 15-T-1 at 0900, 16-T-1 at 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900. **(Catholic):** Post Chapel, Sunday Masses 0500 and 1115, Daily Mass at 1730, Confessions Saturday at 1000, Novena, Wednesday 1900; Branch House Chapel, Sunday Mass 0915; Tuesday and Friday, Mass 1045; Confessions before all Masses. **(Jewish):** Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0700, at Theater, 11-T-1 at 0900, daily at 0800; 13-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 1000, 17-T-1 at 0900; Confessions before each Mass. **(Christian Science):** Branch House Chapel, Sunday 1115; Study Group, Thursdays 1930. **(Latter Day Saints):** Post Chapel, Sunday 0900, Monday 1000. **(Latter Day Saints):** Post Chapel, Friday at 1900.

CAMP GILLESPIE (Christian Science): 1200-1300, Adm. Bldg. Wednesdays. **(Catholic):** Services at 0815. **(Protestant):** Services at 1000.



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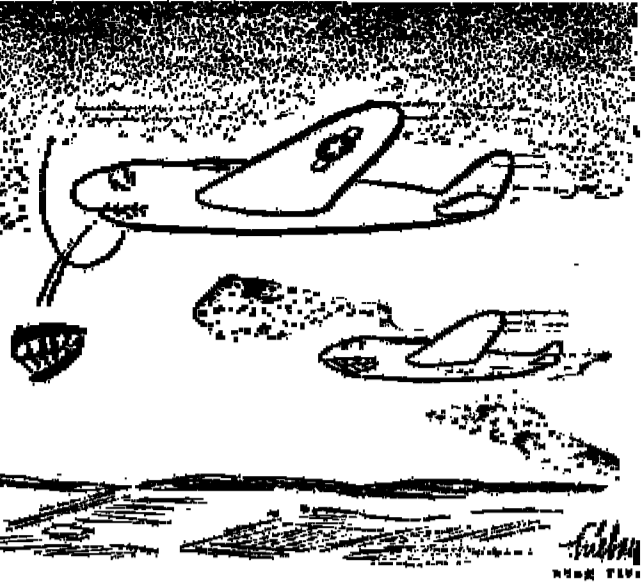
The job will not be finished until we have completely defeated those aggressor powers and destroyed their will to fight.

Our task might be easier if we remember the small Marine garrison at Wake Island, who tapped out a spirited "send us more Japs and more ammunition."

Then there was the Fourth Marine Regiment which fought hopelessly, stubbornly and relentlessly at Manila, Bataan and Cavite, taking many Japanese lives for every one they gave up.

Along came Midway Island, Guadalcanal, Makin Island, New Georgia, Rendova, Vangunu, Bougainville, Tarawa, Saipan, Guam and Peleliu. Those names will be remembered as long as there is a Marine Corps.

Rather than to sit back and adopt the role of an armchair Marine, we should remember the brutal treatment the nations of Europe received at German hands and the machine-gunning of American soldiers taken prisoner at a road junction at Malmedy. The Death March undergone by our men on Luzon should be remembered



always as one of the atrocities of history. The war news looks encouraging but the road ahead looks very dark if we keep in mind the reasons for which we are carrying this war to its end. Don't let the headlines fool you!

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.

Slacks For WRs?

Editor, The Chevrón—There has been an argument here at camp as to the proper recreational liberty uniform for WRs. We would like to know if slacks are permissible for that purpose. We would also like to know if slacks have been authorized for regular liberty.

Sgt. C. W. WINTERS
Sgt. G. M. ANDERSON ADDISON
Corp. T. E. O'NEAL
PFC. M. E. WEBBER
PFC. H. P. HAWKINS

San Diego, Cal.

Editor's note—No Marine, man or woman, may leave the gate on liberty unless dressed in the proper liberty uniform. Sport clothing may be worn by the Women Reserves only when actively engaged in sports. A slack uniform has been created but is not as yet being issued. It may be purchased in some Post Exchanges.

Stateside or Across?

Editor, The Chevrón—My brother has been overseas for 22 months with the 2nd Div. He participated in the landings at Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian and was slightly wounded. Do you think he has much of a chance of coming home in the next group?

ROBERT (RED) KEARNS

Bennington, Vt.

Editor, The Chevrón—In a recent issue of The Chevrón it was stated that the 18-month bill for overseas Marines was not official. Does this necessarily mean that Marine outfits will not return to the States before 24 months are up? Is it unusual for a Marine outfit to be returned before 24 months? Is there any specific number of campaigns Pacific Marines must be in before returning Stateside?

Mrs. ALBERT F. MAIERHOFFER

Albany, N. Y.

Editor, The Chevrón—At the time of my son's enlistment we felt that the four-year period would be divided between foreign and domestic service. Practically all his service has been outside the United States. Inasmuch as we have seen our son only 20 days in approximately 50 months of service, naturally we are wondering who he has not been eligible for service within the country.

Mrs. MARY HILDBETH

Elmira, N. Y.

Editor's note—There never has been any OFFICIAL designation as to the number of months or number of campaigns which govern the return of a unit or individual from overseas. The policy of the Marine Corps has been to keep the "greatest fighting force in the world" in a place where it can fight and not miles away from the enemy. Overseas duty is not a foreign expression to the men of the Corps. Marines have been doing duty overseas for many, many years before the present conflict. The Chevrón staff is not capable of determining the eligibility of a man for return to the States. The Corps, however, does provide that the man serving the longest tour will be considered AFTER the evacuation of the seriously wounded and those unfit for continued duty. Some Marines have been overseas much longer than any mentioned in the above letters; some have been back for 30 days and have returned. An inexperienced man is of less use than an experienced man, both to the Corps and to himself.

Thisa and Thata!

Editor, The Chevrón—What is the purpose of the property pass if the guards are more interested in what is being taken onto the Base? Also, Camp Lejeune rented out record albums weekly in the area libraries. Would it be possible to rent out musical recordings at the Base library?

NAME WITHHELD

Editor's note—It is noted by the signature you are a Women's Reserve, so maybe this will clarify your first question. The country's duty is to "take charge of this (his) post and all government property in view." He is squarely bound to see that no government property illegally leaves the Base and that no banned articles are brought in. Secondly, there is no provision made here for renting or lending recordings. There are some records at the Base Theater but they are not to be taken out.

Old Timers

Editor, The Chevrón—We old timers in the Corps should thank you a thousand times for "digging up" an old friend now and then and letting us know where he is. You know that old parting shot—"I'll write? Well, Marines come and go, promise to write but soon neglect to do so. So you see it's rather nice to have a friend like yourself to sort of get us together every 10 or 15 years.

I'm enclosing a letter to Cysgt. Parsons. Perhaps the "Pop" will be sufficient now that you have given him publicity, but if you think not, would you be so kind as to call up my old sparring partner, Lt. Ford Wilkins, at Base Headquarters and say hello for me and then when you get him feeling good, ask him for Pop's full name and proper address.

CWO, R. B. (PATTY) QUINN

Editor's note—Your letter has been forwarded.

Good Conduct Ribbon

Editor, The Chevrón—Does an enlisted man rate a Good Conduct medal under the following conditions: enlisted in the Marine Corps on Jan. 24, 1941; discharged Jan. 20, 1941, to enter pre-flight training under Class V-6 USNR; discharged from USNR on March 20, 1941, and re-enlisted in the Marines.

Upon discharge from the Marine Corps on Jan. 20, 1941, a letter was addressed to the man stating his eligibility for the Good Conduct medal.

NAME WITHHELD

ATS 131, Miramar, Cal.

Editor's note—The medal should have been awarded on Jan. 30, 1941, if the markings were sufficiently high to warrant the award. Medals are not, however, being issued until six months after the war. An entry concerning such an award should have appeared on the discharge certificate. If such an entry was not made an application may be made through official channels.

Marine Devildogs

Editor, The Chevrón—I would like to know how and who to contact to find out if they are taking any more dogs. The reason is that I have two police pups just three months old, who, I believe, may make good dogs for the service.

H. BRILLHART

Santa Monica, Cal.

Editor's note—Write to this Dog Detachment, Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C.

Discharge Emblem

Editor, The Chevrón—Being an honorably discharged soldier, I wonder if you could give me information on obtaining an honorable discharge emblem.

GEORGE BEVERLY

Joliet, Ill.

Editor's note—Being a soldier and in Joliet, Ill., your best bet would be to contact the Veterans' Bureau nearest your home.

More Battle Stars

Editor, The Chevrón—In the Dec. 9 issue of The Chevrón you state in answer to a letter that "stars indicate participation in actual combat. NCO No. 207 states that units supporting an engagement or operation, but subject only to the ordinary hazards of war, do not merit an award."

Should our service record books show whether we are authorized to wear a star or merely state that we participated in the campaign? If the latter is true, is that sufficient authorization for the wearing of stars?

Sgt. B. G. RIDER
Corp. M. A. BOLING

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—U. S. Marine Corps Letter of Instruction 739 states all Commanding Officers will make a notation in current service record books "concerning the battles participated in so that the appropriate number of bronze stars can be determined in each case in connection with the Area Campaign Medal." That notation is sufficient.

Community Sings Aid Men's Morale

By Sgt. Norman Miller
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed)—From time immemorial, fighting men have joined their voices in song—marching to battle or gathered around their roaring campfires. Ancient warriors, who carved a niche for themselves with broadswords, spears, catapults, flintlock rifles and muskets, all had their favorite music.

No different from their predecessors, the fighting men of this war rate community songs high on the list of entertainment. It is a far cry from the ancient hard and hard-playing minstrel to the present streamlined version—aided by mechanical devices as befits the songs of men who fight with modern weapons.

Men of the 4th Mar. Air Wing, commanded by Maj. Gen. Louis E. Woods, participate in this pastime weekly. They are encouraged by Gen. Woods, who favors songfests as a morale factor and says:

"A singing Marine is a happy Marine, and a happy Marine is always a fighting Marine."

Songs favored, old and new, and flashed on the unit's movie screen by an ingenious mechanical process. The words of the songs are photographed on V-mull film, developed and placed in the regular Ikoma motion picture projector.

Far from perfect, this improvised system is jumpy and the film is often off-center, causing the men to lose a few words, but the blanks are filled in by humming or whistling. Yet, however lacking in perfection, the process is an improvement over the colored slides used in World War I.

It is agreed by doctors, chaplains and recreation officers that community singing is a "number one morale factor."

And so our men sing, as they have sung through Guadalcanal, Tarawa, the Marshalls, the Marianas, the Palau. It is reasonably certain they will sing as they go through the gates of Tokyo.



GOODBYE DIGNITY. A Leatherneck officer takes his "dunking" with enlisted men during "shellback" initiation ceremonies aboard a Marine troop transport crossing the equator in the South Pacific en route to the war zone.

Stars For Asiatic Bar Are Clear, Official List

The Commander in Chief, United States Fleet, has designated the Naval operations and engagements through the occupation of the Marianas Islands for which Naval personnel are authorized to wear bronze or silver stars on Area Service Ribbons.

This new list constitutes an extension of two previous lists, one issued in March, 1944, and the second in September, 1944.

Operations and engagements which appear either for the first time or in revised form on the current list are as follows:

- Asiatic Pacific Area Service Ribbon**
- Marianas Operation**
- Only one star for participation in one or more of the following:
 - Neutralization of Japanese Bases in the Bonins, Marianas and Western Pacific, June 10-Aug. 27, 1944.
 - Capture and occupation of Saipan, June 11-Aug. 10, 1944.
 - First Bonins Raid, June 15-16, 1944.
 - Battle of Philippine Sea, June 19-20, 1944.
 - Second Bonins Raid, June 24, 1944.
 - Third Bonins Raid, July 2-4, 1944.
 - Capture and occupation of Guam, July 12-Aug. 15, 1944.
 - Capture and occupation of Tinian, July 20-Aug. 10, 1944.
 - Tinian, Yap, Ulithi Raid, July 25-27, 1944.
 - Fourth Bonins Raid, Aug. 4-5, 1944.
 - Treasury-Bongainville Operation Supporting Air Actions, Oct. 27-Dec. 15, 1944.
 - Mariana Archipelago Operation Supporting Air Actions, Dec. 15, 1944—Date to be announced later.
 - Green Islands Landing, Feb. 18-19, 1945.
 - Escort, Anti-submarine, Armed Guard and Special Operations Action off Vanikoro, July 17-21, 1945.

Bell Mascot Of 5th Marines Will Toll In Jungle Chapel

By Sgt. Walter Wood
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—It rang when Jap planes came over Tulaosa and later it called Marines to show. Soon it will sound on Sunday morning and men will worship God under the thatched roof of the cocobut-palm log chapel in which the bronze bell is to be hung.

Black-skinned natives, most of them Christians, are building the chapel now for the Marines of the 5th Regt. who fought at New Britain and Palau.

When word spread that the often discussed new chapel was actually under way, the men of a weapons company let it be known that they would like to have their bell put in the wooden structure.

"We picked it up on March 11, 1943, on the trail between Tulaosa and Bitokara Mission (New Britain)," said Sgt. Francis Rucey of Medford, Mass.

"We used it to sound air raid alarms when the Japs came over. When we got back to a rest area we used it for show call."

"Here we want it in the chapel." And that's where it will be as soon as the chapel's finished.

The Marines don't know whether it's a Jap bell or an Australian bell. There are no markings on it. They like to believe that it was originally in the mission at Bitokara and that the Japs ripped it out.

There is nothing pretensions about the bell. It's not more than 10 inches in diameter and doesn't weigh more than 20 pounds. But it sounds loud and far.

Ex-Chevron Head Back In States

A former Chevron editor, TSgt. Jack Pepper has recently returned to the United States after having served for 17 months as a combat correspondent with an engineering unit of the 3rd Div.

"If it were not for the assault engineers, the boys who wield flame-throwers and drop demolitions practically into the laps of the Jap, we still might be trying to take Tarawa, Saipan and the other so-called impregnable Pacific bastions now in American hands," he said.

Sgt. Pepper had his own taste of combat when an unfrag he was in on D-Day at Saipan was hit by a Jap shell and seven men aboard killed. Pepper was unhurt.

A former editor of The Marine Corps Cheyron at MCB, he is now on his way to Washington, D. C., for further assignment.

Proceeds Of Show Go To Navy Relief

A specific time has been set aside this year, the first half of the month of February, during which contributions will be gratefully received by the Navy Relief Society.

The Base Theater has planned a special show for Sunday, Feb. 12, "Tonight and Every Night," starring Rita Mayworth, Janet Blair and Lee Bowman. Admission price will be 25 cents with all proceeds being contributed to Navy Relief.

The purpose of the Navy Relief Society is to collect funds and use them to aid, in times of emergency, men of the U. S. Naval service, their dependents and the dependents of deceased Naval personnel.

VARIED MARINE MISSIONS

U. S. Marines, in years past, have been called on to perform such varied missions as chasing seal poachers in the Bering Sea, dealing with native uprisings in Samoa, escorting diplomatic missions into Abyssinia and calming riotous coolies in Korea.

Corpsmen Present Satire Song To Fourth Marines

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—SUSGT. Bob Cooke, combat correspondent, reports that Navy medical corpsmen serving with the 5th Mar. Div., recently awarded a Presidential Citation for its victories in the Marianas, are singing this parody on "The Barktown Strutters' Ball" as they prepare new methods to save Marine lives in the 5th's next attack on Japan's crumbling Pacific empire:

"I'll be down to get you with a stretcher, buddy,
Better be handy with a tourniquet.
Now buddy, don't you fret,
I'll have you out before the choppers fallin'.
And remember, 'til I get there, buddy,
Make yourself look mighty small.
For I've got plasma, 'nough for two,
And I can give you morphine, too.
Tomorrow night when the Jap keep hittin' F-1."

Dive Bomb Poppa Upped To Gen.

Promotion to the rank of brigadier general of L. H. M. Sanderson, who enlisted in the Marine Corps 27 years ago and is recognized as the "father of dive bombing," was announced today at his Marine Fleet Air West Coast headquarters here.

One of the earliest Marine aviators, he was commissioned a second lieutenant after completing flight training in January, 1918. During action against Haiti rebels, Sanderson is credited by official records with the first successful dive bombing attacks, using for his bomb release a flail sack into which a bomb had been placed and fastened to the plane's undercarriage. A single flail opened the sack and released the bomb.

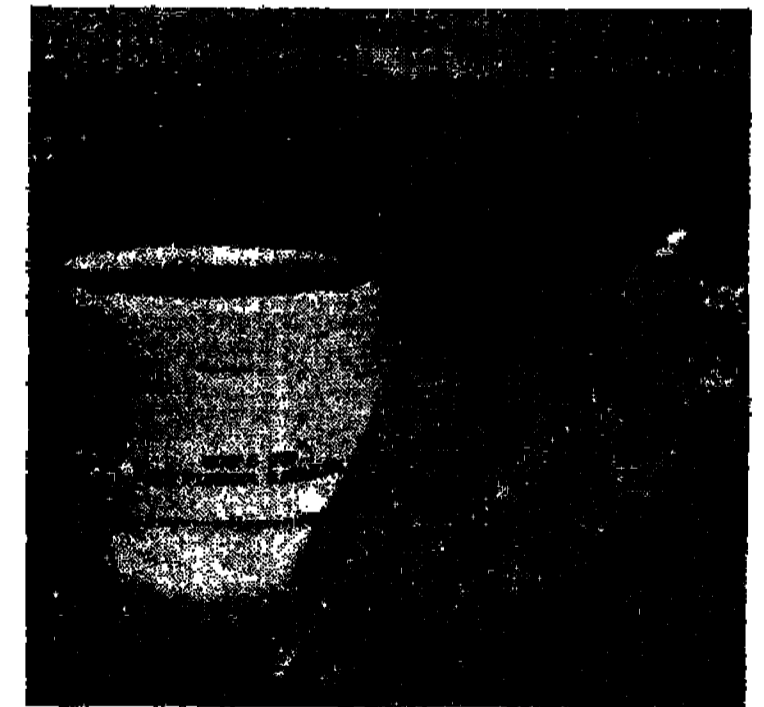
Tropical Value Sense Unique

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—These tropical islands produce a sense of value all their own.

A truck comes lurching down the road, loaded with coles and beer. Sitting atop the boxes is a business-meaning sentry, complete with rifle, guarding his precious cargo. He smiles understandingly at the joyful shouts of roadside Marines.

Next comes another truck, bearing off-eaten C and K rations. This one is unprotected and unguarded, according to P. V. G. (unfired) Spotowsky combat co. correspondent.

One of the boys in the band tried to write a drinking song, but he couldn't get past the first two bars.



MOE, MASCOT. Moe, a praying mantis and battalion mascot with the 4th Mar. Div., is toasted in coffee by Sgt. Tommie L. Williams, his master. Mr. Moe is particularly offended by the language of some former DIs.

Marine Praying Mantis Has Grudge Against Jap Beetle

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—The latest thing in mascots is Moe.

Moe is a praying mantis. More important, he is a battalion mascot with the 4th Mar. Div. He is also sentimental. As a result, he makes his home in a Christmas tree, a papier mache Christmas tree, by way of explanation, which the Seattle Times sent as a holiday greeting to Moe's friend and guardian, Sgt. Tommie

L. Williams of Yakima, Wash. Moe is built along the general lines of a toothpick, and appears frail. His appetite belies it. He eats liverwurst, flies and assorted native flora and fauna.

He also has a mug of his own, out of which he drinks his coffee—black.

Those who know Moe are looking forward to his first meeting with the enemy. It should, they say, be a long.



BIRTHDAY VALENTINE. Mascot of Camp Pendleton, the diminutive WK in the sketch is the creation of PFC Eileen Provey of the recreation department. The little blue represents combined valentine and birthday greetings.

Valentine Greetings From Three Leaders To Three Bums



YOU'RE NOT ON THE HATE PARADE, YOUR FACE IS WEARING NO GRIN, AND THE HITLER TUNE, YOU SOON WILL CROON, IS CALLED - DON'T FENCE ME, IN '41



VICTORY
WINSTON CHURCHILL, YOU'RE QUITE A GUY, YOU'RE LAYING THE GOODS ON THE LINE, THE MIGHTY BLITZ, YOU'VE TURNED ON FRITZ, WITH A BOMBS FOR A VALENTINE!



THE NAZI WAR, YOU SOON WILL WIN, AND DRINK YOUR VODKA, IN OLD BERLIN!



EX-BALCONY BLOWHARD, YOUR BUBBLE HAS BURST, OF ALL HISTORIC WASHOUTS, YOU RANK AS THE FIRST!



'SON OF HEAVEN,' YOU'RE SICK IN THE HEAD, FROM THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE, IT MUST HURT, MANILA HAS FALLEN, YOU'D BETTER START BAWLIN', FOR SOON YOU WON'T HAVE ANY SHIRT!



YOUR FACE AND SMILE ARE FAMILIAR, YOUR EYE HAS A 'VICTORY' GLEAM, 'CAUSE FOR YOU KNOW YOU ARE, HEAD MAN ON A WINNING TEAM!

Bill Beatty

Male Call

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

Is He Trapped Or Is She A Mouse?



WHAT KIND OF DATE HAS LACE DRAWN FROM THE PAMPHLET ROAD? THIS JOKER ACTS AS IF I BE MOSQUITO REPELLENT FOR PERFUME!



LATER... THIS IS GETTING SERIOUS... HE SAID HE WASN'T MARRIED OR ENGAGED—AND WHEN HE SAID WE WERE OUT OF GAS—WE WERE!



YOU MUST BE CHILLED FROM YOUR WALK, FOR THE GAS, GENERAL... WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME IN FOR A CUP OF HOT COFFEE?

OH, NO, MA'AM! GOOD NIGHT!



TROUBLE, MISSY?

I'M TRYING TO MAKE UP MY MIND WHETHER TO CALL MY BEAUTICIAN OR THE PROVOST MARSHAL! - EITHER I'M SLIPPING OR THAT GUY'S A SPY!

THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

- Monday—AMERICAN CAPTIVES FREED IN MANILA
- Tuesday—JAPS SET FIRE TO DOWNTOWN MANILA
- Wednesday—AMERICANS BREAK SIEGE LINE
- Thursday—BERLIN OUTER DEFENSES TATTER
- Friday—BATTLE FOR BATAAN NOW RAGING

LINCOLN, Neb.—The ominous number 13 has been attached to a bill in the Nebraska legislature. The bill deals with cemeteries.

SPOKANE, Wash.—"Why did you conceal your prison record?" the judge asked a burglar suspect with a long record. "People would have thought I was a genius," the prisoner replied modestly. "Now the record can speak for itself."

DANVILLE, Va. The donors of prizes for farmers at a tobacco auction were asked to leave them in the lobby of a local bank. One donor drove his prize to the front door in a truck, demanded the bank to open its doors. The prize: a ton of fertilizer.

SAN FRANCISCO—When George Kellogg, clerk in a local hotel, was robbed by a stick-up artist a few weeks ago, he resolved it wouldn't happen again. He set to work building an elaborate burglar alarm system. But while he was building it, the stick-up man returned and robbed him once more, this time for \$80.

BUFFALO, Ala.—A farmhand's plough hit a rock in a cornfield. He investigated. The "rock" turned out to be one of 10 gold bricks, marked "1708" on one side and stamped on the other with an Indian head. Value of the bricks has been appraised at \$300.

KNOXVILLE, Ky.—A young steer escaped from the Union Stockyards here and kicked back a barrel of molasses, trapping itself and four stockyard employees in the gooey mess. The steer was destroyed but the employees were merely cleaned off and preserved for further use.

NEW YORK—When Johnny comes marching home he will find a famed New York institution missing. The Fifth Avenue Coach Company's old open top buses are going to be sold to Mexico City.

MUMFORD, N. J. Suing for the return of his engagement ring, William Wittmer testified that he and his fiancée had a falling out over beds. "She wanted two—one for us and one for her mother."

SAN DIEGO, Cal. Petros Protopapadakis has applied to Federal Court here for a change of name. His new name: Petros PDR Protopapadakis.

BOSTON—An OPA official lost his brass collar button. After days of search he located it in a downtown department store. The price: 25 cents, plus a "library" fee. "It's our own fault," he retorted with a sigh. "We forgot to put a price tag on collar buttons."

Cheyron Chick... Ramsay Ames



RAVISHING. A luscious new threat to Hollywood's glamour queens, Ramsay Ames poses for the Academy Award pin-up picture. We don't believe there will be much doubt in the minds of Cheyron readers whether or not the title should be hers. Ramsay, it is said, has an overwhelming weakness for Leathernecks, and aims to hold the Corps to its "Semper Fidelis." (Photo by Universal's Ray Jones.)

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