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# MARINE CORPS CHEVRON

FLIGHT  
We eat flight with-  
out food but not  
without arms.  
— Yeagley Patterson.

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## 400 Marines Battle Fire

### Air Station Men Fight Blaze In Mountain Forest

MCAS, MOJAVE—For over 30 continuous hours recently, approximately 400 Marines desperately fought a raging forest fire in the Beckenridge mountains near Sequoia National Park. The blaze got out of control when State Forest Rangers were unable to cope with it due to the lack of manpower.

A plea was made to Lt. Col. Joseph D. Adams, commanding MCAS, and almost immediately the first contingent of 75 men were on their way. They were shortly followed by others until over 400 were at the scene of the fire. Out and field kitchens were set up at the Ranger station at the work of bringing control got under

knowledge of how to fight fires, the Marines followed the lead of the Rangers. The fact that the blaze was on three occasions and they well past the point of fatigue they stayed on the job until the fire was brought under control.

Some active were the corpsmen from the desert station who worked ceaselessly to give first aid for burns and blisters, treating eyes smarting from the mixture of smoke and dirt.

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## DOP Prohibits Snake Insignia

Pacific order board prohibits the wearing of "serpent" insignia which made its appearance as a unit insignia of the Second Marine Division.

The insignia, which has not been approved nor authorized, is similar to the First Marine Division's blaze with its Southern Cross background. In place of the figure "1" with the word "Guadalcanal" superimposed, the unauthorized Second Division insignia features a serpent entwined in the rough form of a figure "2" with the word "Guadalcanal" superimposed.



FIRST TO DRAW Japanese blood in the battle for Guadalcanal when he shot down an enemy plane. Lt. Col. Merrill E. Twining was recently decorated by Maj. Gen. John L. Marston, commanding, DOP. Col. Twining was Assistant Chief of Staff in charge of operations in the Solomons campaign.



JAP TERROR is Marine 1st Lt. Kenneth A. Walsh who with 20 planes to his credit is second only to Maj. Joe Foss in the number of enemy ships downed. Lt. Walsh saw action with the famous Marine Fighter Squadron 121, which has just returned from the South Pacific.

## First Marine To Draw Jap Blood Wins Merit Medal

SAN FRANCISCO—First Marine to fire a shot and draw Japanese blood in the Guadalcanal campaign, Lt. Col. Merrill E. Twining was decorated with the Legion of Merit Medal recently by Maj. Gen. John L. Marston, commanding DOP.

Col. Twining bagged his first "Jap" when he took part in a reconnaissance flight from Port Moresby with Army fliers. He manned the bow gun of the lightly-armed bomber and shot down the enemy plane during a hide and seek battle in the clouds.

Known at Guadalcanal as "president of the Five Phone Funk Hole Philosopher's Club," Col. Twining presided as assistant chief of staff in charge of operations during the campaign to oust the Japs from the Solomons.

The eb and flow of battle throughout the island was chronicled through his communication center built up from a captured Japanese telephone. Confined enemy bombardments frequently disrupted the phone service until the switchboard was finally moved to the "funk hole" partially chiseled out of a coral cliff.

During his long stay in the "Five Phone Funk Hole" Col. Twining left only once a week to Wash. D.C.

With Home

## Civil Employment Warning Issued

Marine personnel was warned this week not to seek outside civil employment by Rear Adm. D. W. Bagley, Commandant 11th Naval District.

The memorandum pointed out that leaves for leave or liberty are extended as periods for rest and relaxation and should be used as such and not utilized as opportunities for private employment except in such cases as may be specifically authorized by proper authority.

Organization commanders will institute appropriate action to enforce the commandant's policy, according to Col. H. Winans, Base executive officer.

## Holiday Travel Restrictions To Be Made By Corps

WASHINGTON — Wartime restrictions in holiday travel will be invoked by the Marine Corps during the period of Thanksgiving to 12 Jan. 14, with furlough and liberty pass travel to be limited to not more than 10 per cent of the strength of any post or station.

A letter of instruction states all furloughs during the period 12 Dec. 1942 to 12 Jan. 1943, inclusive, shall be for a full fourteen days.

One day passes only will be issued to not exceeding 10 per cent of the strength of any post or station for Thanksgiving, Passes for Christmas Day to commence on 22 Dec. and end not later than 26 Dec. New Year's day passes commence 29 Dec. and end not later than 3 Jan.

## Wins Wings Despite Delays

CAMP GILLESPIE After more than two years of service as a non-jumper with the paratroops, Corp. Walter P. Poor has finally won his coveted wings.

Bad luck and more bad luck prevented him from qualifying long ago. First, it crept up in the form of measles at Quantico, just before he was due to start paratroop training.

Next time he was ready to start the course, an attack of appendicitis proved to be the wrench in the works.

Although Poor was far from willing to forego his ambition to jump, he went overseas with his paratroop outfit in a "grounded" status, rather than miss the show

## Squadron Back Home

### Fighter Pilot Credited With 20 Jap Planes

MCAS, MIRAMAR -- The first group of Marine fliers to fly Vought Corsair fighter planes which spread terror to Japanese bases in the Southwest Pacific has returned home.

They have come back proudly displaying a record of 68 enemy planes destroyed and 20 probables chalked up to the credit of the now famous Marine Fighter Squadron 121.

More than two dozen airmen who had sent Zeros, dive bombers and horizontal bombers screaming in flames from the skies were back at this base for further orders, with only three pilots left of the 30 who saw combat on Guadalcanal, the Russell Islands and at Mundu at- droops.

Walsh With Group

With them was 1st Lt. Kenneth Walsh, who is second only to Maj. Joe Foss in the number of enemy aircraft downed. Lt. Walsh has 20 Jap planes to his credit with several more probables. He made his biggest bag on his last combat mission after taking off from the Russell Islands escorting B-24s to bomb Rabaul airfield. A fierce fight developed when the force was attacked by a large group of Zeros. Near Bougainville he got two and returning he bagged two more over Vella Lavella.

While warding off Zeros swarming over a badly outnumbered group of bombers four planes poured lead into the engine of his plane. Badly crippled, he made a crash landing. A P-10 came to his rescue and drove off the attackers. Lt. Walsh came down in the wings of Vella Lavella and later was picked up by a Higgins boat.

VMB-121 was formed by Camp Kearney in September of last year by Maj. William B. Gise, who led to return from a mission over Guadalcanal.

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## Brig. Gen. Woods Heads Aviation

WASHINGTON (A.P.) — Announcement has been made of the appointment of Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Woods as director of Marine Corps Aviation to succeed Maj. Gen. Hoy C. Geizer, who is now on duty in the field.

For a month and a half during the fall of 1942, Gen. Woods commanded air units on Guadalcanal.

## Wins Wings Despite Delays

entirely. Officially a non-jumper, he proved to be anything but a non-combatant. He took part in the assault on Cavutu, the occupation and defense of Tulagi and the defense of Guadalcanal. He was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries sustained during the latter campaign.

Early this summer, Corp. Poor returned to the States with a recommendation from his commanding officer that he be allowed to attend the paratroop training school at Camp Gillespie. Unhindered by measles, appendicitis or other ills, Corp. Poor has survived his rugged six-week course of training and now proudly wears the emblem of a Marine paratrooper on his blouse.



**TWO MARINE TANKMEN** examine a Jap flame thrower captured during action on New Georgia Island. Sometimes they're used against infantry but usually against tanks, with an effective range of 40 yards.

## Midway Vet Still Pounding Japs

**HENDERSON FIELD, GUADALCANAL (Delayed)**—A veteran of Midway and one of the few Marine pilots to win both the Navy Cross and the DFC, Capt. Daniel L. Cummings now is on his fourth combat duty tour, his third in the South Pacific, diving a Dauntless bomber on Jap territory and shipping in almost daily raids. He has participated in 25 raids on Jap shipping and ground installations in this area.

He won the DFC for sinking a destroyer leader in a Jap task force off Guadalcanal 18 Jan. At Midway he dived to within 400 feet of a Jap battleship before releasing his bomb and scored a direct hit. He was awarded the Navy Cross.—TSgt. Harry S. Bulser, combat correspondent.

### FRIDAY THE 13TH LUCKY

**HENDERSON FIELD, GUADALCANAL (Delayed)**—Friday the 13th turned out not to be a bad luck day for 1st Lt. James R. Turner, a Marine torpedo bomber pilot here.

For it was on that day that he found a man who had been wandering in the jungles for 63 days and it was also on that day that he landed, for the first time, a Marine TBF on recently-captured Munda airfield on a scheduled hop.

The lost man was Lt. Hugh B. Miller, USN, who had been cast on an island from a sunk destroyer.—Sgt. Dan Bailey, combat correspondent.

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## Miramar Fliers Tell Of Sorties Against Japanese

By Sgt. Wallace R. McLain,  
 Combat Correspondent.

**MUAD, MIRAMAR** — Stories of air action against the enemy include that of 1st Lt. Aubrey H. Jones, who has received the DFC for his exploits in a series of aerial attacks in the Solomons. The citation stated that Lt. Jones while serving as a WTSgt. participated in numerous hazardous missions including the sinking of an enemy cargo vessel.

Back home after a year overseas during which time he made 65 contacts with the enemy while operating from Guadalcanal, Capt. Kenneth M. Ford recalls in particular the time when he was shot down behind enemy lines. Capt. Ford set his ship down near a coral reef and then boarded his rubber boat from which he was later rescued.

### PREDICAMENT

Battling Jap Zeros with the odds 3 to 1 against him, Capt. Harold R. Trenchard vividly remembers the difficulty he had in deciding whether to bail out, parachute into the sea, or crash land on the first available island. Jap bullets were tearing his ship to pieces but he managed to escape and land on friendly soil.

After knocking down a Jap Zero, bomber and float plane in 13 weeks of air operations without mishap, Capt. Thomas H. Hughes crashed head-on with a fellow flyer during a routine patrol flight. He parachuted into the sea where he was picked up later by a friendly destroyer.

Bugging a Jap Zero in an aerial dogfight with the odds 7 to 1 against him, provided the closest call for Capt. Rex L. Lunde. With 30 combat missions totaling 400 combat hours to his credit, Capt. Lunde is now back in the states for the first time in a year.

### —Buy More Bonds—

Man: "Aren't you the girl who used to shriek from my embraces?"  
 She: "I don't recall it the moment."

## Bear A Hand

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### —Woods Or Bouquet?

### Women, Lights, Action

**CAMP PENDLETON** Scheduled to fill clerical and various other jobs, Camp Pendleton's first detachment of Women Marines was to arrive this week. Newsreel cameras and photographers stand eagerly by.

### —Silence Is Golden—

And, as the medium said when the table began to rise, "That's the spirit."

## Rigger Proud As Chute Does Job

**HENDERSON FIELD, GUADALCANAL (Delayed)** — PFC Richard L. Cook, parachute rigger for a Marine fighter squadron here, displayed a little card today of which he is justly proud.

The card states simply: "Thanks a million for a parking job that worked. It saved my life." The signature at the bottom was that of 1st Lt. Grafton S. Stinger, fighter pilot.

Lt. Stinger was forced to bail out over Henderson Island following a fight with a group of Zeros over Kahili airfield while escorting Allied bombers.—Sgt. Harold O. Powell, combat correspondent.

### —Mail Address Correct?

Of course, you've heard of the sailor who married a glass blower's daughter. And they had little goblets.

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# Personnel NCO Graduates East, West Boot Camps

SgtMaj. Ripka Rejoins Marines When Japanese Strike At Pearl Harbor

Boot camps hold no terrors for SgtMaj. George A. Ripka for he has been through two of them. The toughest was at Parris Island 14 years ago while the easiest was at San Diego slightly more than two years ago.

Leaving his trade as a machinist, SgtMaj. Ripka enlisted as a private in the Corps on 9 July, 1920. He spent six weeks in boot training at that depot and was then assigned to various posts around the country. He was aboard the USS Salt Lake City when that ship was commissioned.

In July, 1937, following the completion of two cruises in the Corps, SgtMaj. Ripka resigned from duty and returned to private life where he was engaged in industry in Los Angeles.

The bombing of Pearl Harbor brought SgtMaj. Ripka back into the service as a private when he voluntarily enlisted again on 9 March, 1941.

This time SgtMaj. Ripka went through his boot training at San Diego and was rated a sergeant upon the completion of his course. From boot camp he was assigned to Cpl. Co. and from there later went to First Sergeants' School.

Following graduation from this training he was assigned to Co. "B" Base Hq. Bn. as first sergeant. His next assignment was as "Fog" of Hq. Co., Base Hq. Bn.

Promoted to SgtMaj. his present rating, he first served as SgtMaj. of Base Hq. Bn. and was then transferred to SgtMaj. of Personnel Hq. Bn. where he is now stationed.

## Friday The 13th His Lucky Day

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed) — Friday the 13th proved no jinx to 1stLt. James M. Wilson, Marine dive bomber pilot. During his third raid on enemy territory yesterday, he was credited with blowing up a Jap supply building at Saizoko Harbor, near Makua, with a 1,000-pound bomb.

Twice previously 1stLt. Wilson scored near misses on anti-aircraft positions on the Japs' Vila plantation, on Kolombangara Island. — 1stLt. Harry S. Tolson, combat correspondent.

## Servicemen Warned Against Bonfires

A warning has been issued to servicemen who while awaiting rides along highways have started bonfires for purposes of warmth. Upon securing a ride, men have failed to extinguish blazes, and in some cases the fires have caused a serious menace, according to San Diego County fire authorities. — A Base memorandum issued this week points out that such bonfires are in direct violation of coastal drought regulations and warns Base personnel against starting fires.

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# CO Urges All To Allot Now

The Commandant of the Marine Corps has directed that the period 4 November to 10 November be designated as "Marine Corps War Savings Bond Allotment Week". Since June 1, when the bond allotment program was instituted on the Base, some 32,276 allotments have been taken out by Base personnel. This fine showing means that the men are forming a habit of thrift that will stand them in good stead the rest of their lives.

Now is the proper time for those who have not already signed an allotment to do so. On the night of 10 Nov., the 188th Anniversary of the establishment of the Corps, I would like the privilege of reporting to The Commandant that every officer and man stationed on the Base had a bond allotment.

COLONEL WILLIAM C. JAMES

## Bond Sign-Up Week Scheduled By Commandant

Marines will be asked to build their savings account by additional purchase of War Bonds in a week-long drive that, significantly, will link with the Corps' celebration of its 188th anniversary.

From the Commandant this week came a directive setting aside the week of 4-10 Nov. as "Marine Corps War Savings Bond Allotment Week."

Col. William C. James, commanding Marine Corps Base, has issued a statement in conjunction with this order and hopes to be able to report 100 per cent participation to headquarters.

### RECRUITS SIGN UP

According to Capt. M. H. Haas, War Bond officer, the Base program is showing excellent results, with 5033 recruits taking out allotments so far this month. Largest single purchase of Series E bonds recently found 1st. Cmplr. Charles A. Fleischer taking out \$2000 worth.

October purchases are running 50 per cent over those of last month, Capt. Haas said. He commended Cpl. Bn. on a month-running setup in which all necessary allotment forms clear through a central point supervised by Sgt. William J. Nutt.

## Marine League Plans Cavalcade

Marking receipts for a rehabilitation program, a two-day luncheon show, "Marine Cavalcade", will be staged the afternoon of 13-14 Nov. at Riviera Country Club, Santa Monica, Calif., by the Marine Corps League, Los Angeles Detachment.

"Snowy" Baker, well known horseman and sportsman, will assist in putting on the program which includes military demonstrations and the annual League dinner and dance.

**Stop Loss Talk**  
Pvt.: "Do you believe in a club for non-coms?"  
Squid: "Sure, it might be a good idea if you can't persuade 'em any other way."

## Eligibility For Housing Outlined

The qualifications for eligibility of Marines and their families for housing in the San Diego area were clarified by the National Housing Agency in a statement released this week.

To be eligible for any sort of accommodations at this agency, an applicant must be an in-migrant in the San Diego area after 30 June, 1941, and be temporarily or not housed.

In-migrants civilian and Marine personnel are eligible for the following types of housing, and should apply to the War Housing Center: (1) Any service or civilian family, living together, with or without children, any member of which works in a war industry, or in the civil service of the Army, Navy, or the Marine Corps, is eligible for any type of housing, old, converted, or new fitting the family's need. (2) A service family living together, with or without children, no member of which is employed in war industries or in the civil service of the Navy or Army, is eligible only for vacancies in pre-war housing. (3) A single enlisted man or commissioned officer is eligible only for a room in a house built before the war.

## Former S. F. Editor Assigned To Area

WASHINGTON — 2dLt. Paul C. Smith, who resigned his commission as lieutenant commander in the Navy to enlist in the Marine Corps, has completed Reserve Officer's course at Quantico and has been ordered to duty in the San Diego area. In civilian life, he was editor in chief and general manager of the San Francisco Chronicle.

Maj. John D. Nevin, Capt. M. E. Ebbings and 1stLt. Carl M. Airgle were transferred to the revised list of the Reserve effective 1 Oct.

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# Jap Stores Left At Kolombangara

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN THE SOUTHWEST PACIFIC (AP) — A Marine officer reported that the Japanese left behind some of the largest quantities of ammunition ever abandoned in the South Pacific area when they pulled out of Vila on Kolombangara Island in the Central Solomons.

Marine Public Relations Officer Charles Mathien Jr. said the Japanese usually try to take their equipment along but they left new unburned motors, landing barges and boats on the beaches at Kolombangara. Automobiles, trucks and bicycles were left inland. Some were used by American troops to mend bridges and railroads destroyed by American bombs and shells.

## Radio Messages Sent Overseas

Free messages of not more than 100 words may be sent to Marines overseas via "Tell It To The Marines," a 10-minute shortwave radio program.

Civilians with messages to send to Marines should mail them immediately to the Office of Marine Public Relations, Crocker First National Bank Bldg., Post and Montgomery sts., San Francisco. Marines wishing to send messages should send them to The Chevron, MCB, San Diego.

# Plat. 725 Takes Honors At Camp Matthews Range

CAMP MATTHEWS — Platoon qualification scores last week at the completion of firing for record were slightly lower than the previous week. Top qualifying percentage was made by Plat. 725, scoring 95 per cent.


Second high was Plat. 713 with a qualifying score of 93.7 per cent to lead Plat. 722 in third place with a qualifying percentage of 93.2. Platoon leaders for the three top platoons were Sgt. L. K. Block, 725, 1stSgt. C. J. Koltberg, 713 and Corp. N. A. Drake, 722.

High score was fired by a recruit from Plat. 725, Pvt. Ralph B. Knight, with 324 out of a possible 340. Pvt. George G. Borell of Plat. 727 was second with 323 and Pvt. Kenneth W. Johnson of Plat. 723 took third with 321.

Twenty-four platoons comprising 1461 men fired for record, with 1205 qualifying. There were 123 experts, 432 sharpshooters and 710 marksman qualifiers. Coaches for the three top platoons were PFC William W. McDowell, 725, PFC Richard L. Emerson, 713, and Corp. Robert E. Brown, 722.

**Mail Address Correct?**  
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## NAVY DAY 1943

Next Wednesday, 27 October, the nation will celebrate Navy Day. First observed in 1922, the day annually serves as an appropriate occasion for civilians to become better acquainted with the Naval service. The day itself is significant for it was 27 October in 1775 that the first resolution to authorize American warships was introduced into the Continental Congress and 27 October is the fifth date of Theodore Roosevelt, so much of whose public life was devoted to establishing a sound naval policy for the nation.

The fighting record of the Navy since World War II started is known to every school child in the country. It is a record of victories achieved often in the face of overwhelming odds.

It is also the story of tremendous expansion and growth that backs up the slogan selected for 1943's observance: "Your Navy—Spearhead of Victory." That is the story of the widespread ramifications of a fighting service — of the development of anti-aircraft firepower that has enabled the fleet to shoot down Jap planes at the rate of one a minute in our Pacific sea battles; of ability to not only deliver telling attacks but to stay aloft under heavy aerial assault; of quantity production of weapons, torpedoes, mines, depth bombs and aerial bombs; of modernizing the fleet and arming the ships that carry men and supplies to the battle fronts despite shortages of skilled workers and limited supplies of strategic materials; of the salvaging during the past year of more than 400 million dollars worth of ships and cargo; of developing the Destroyer Escort program; of a mortality rate that has been held to an extremely low figure; of lowered disease rates and a high percentage of recoveries.

The list could be extended indefinitely for the U. S. Navy is a complex organization. Citizens over the nation will learn of these things on Navy Day and take new pride in this service which is indeed the nation's first line of both defense and attack.

## KEEP QUIET

One of the hardest tasks facing the serviceman overseas is writing home letters that are interesting and yet still free from censure.

It takes fortitude to keep quiet, for every man has a wife, a mother or some friend who he feels can be trusted implicitly and whom there'll be no harm in telling. He would be quick to resent any implication on their patriotism, but what he fails to realize is that the issue of patriotism is rarely involved. Friends and relatives are not victims but simply careless and have had little if any education in the importance of military security.

That's where the sometimes unpleasant but very necessary function of censorship comes into the picture. The censor isn't interested in prying into your personal affairs and sees so many letters that he probably forgets what you have written 15 seconds later. But he will be quick to delete anything that experience has shown is information that would be dangerous if it fell into the hands of the enemy.

Marines writing home from overseas should remember that a secret can be best kept by convincing others it does not exist; in other words, by behaving normally during times of alarm. Hints only provoke curiosity.

While the censor can and does nullify a harmful letter written from overseas, Marines on the home front must apply the same tests of security and safety to the things they say. Little scraps of information, apparently harmless in themselves, sometimes furnish the clue to big secrets. Your relatives and friends, if told, may pass the information along without realizing its value. The place to stop such leakages is at the source—that's why the service expects absolute silence from you to security regulations.

# Marines Find Another U.S. 'Down Under'

By Staff Sgt. Jeremiah A. O'Leary Jr.  
Combat Correspondent.

SOMEWHERE IN AUSTRALIA (Delayed) — U.S. Marines in Australia say the country is in many ways pretty much like the United States.

The climate is like ours except that the seasons are a little confusing. The Leatherneck who might arrive in December or January finds a warm, summery land; coming in the summer months of the States, he would find a windy, damp and mild climate.

He lives, you'll realize, son, husband, brother, friend or sweetheart, in a tent with several others. Maybe this tent is near a city or maybe the camp is located out back in the "bush", far from any civilization. The Marines keep their tent warm with a pot-bellied sheet iron stove. He chaps his own wool

ration of six legs per day.

He has liberty, if he is lucky, from 4 p. m., daily, until 6 a. m. the next day. Believe it or not, he probably has not seen a kangaroo, a kooka bear or an aborigine Black-fellow since he got here.

He finds a people very much at war, a people in which practically every family seems to be represented in the armed forces.

Australia is doing the speech sounds very similar to the English, certainly except to American ears is vivid and plentiful. Here are some of the words Yanks have gotten used to: tub—bar; robber—friend; dikup—truth, good; fair—denotes emphasis, as, "fair dinkum" or very good; bloke, joket—man;

apple (the toga dispute); crook—hood, as "I feel crook today"; digger—Australian soldier; biscuit—cookie or cracker; flimsy—motion pictures; shella—girl; nark—unpleasant person; petrol—gasoline; wommie—Englishman; wawser—temporary advocate of sport; about—to buy someone something, usually a drink; stone—a unit of weight, about 14 pounds. What has been a little confusing is the use of the word "tea". Morning tea (10 up 11) and afternoon tea (3 up 4) are plain enough. But the Marine may be invited to tea and not be completely in the dark as to what time he should present himself. Tea is what Americans call supper (of course, unless dinner is meant) and supper is what Australians call refreshments served during the evening.



### THE SAFETY VALVE

Letters of general interest to Marines will be put in this column. There be criticised and your name withheld if you wish.

#### WITNESSED BY KISSNESS

Editor, The Chevron — My kisser recently presented his knowledge of the "bush". He don't get things that a young thought how wonderful it is that the Gunks, like you, and other manufacturers are doing all these things for the serviceman.

Here is the truth. The auditorium has room for 3000 persons. There were two shows, one afternoon and one evening. Admission in the evening was by ticket only. Anyone who had to work could not see the afternoon show, a first come first serve proposition. For a company of well over 1000 men, 25 tickets were made available. In other words a per cent of the men and women at Camp Bullcut were able to see the show. All of this would be okay if the seats were being used by service men and women. By past performance a great many of the seats at night are occupied by civilians, friends of both enlisted men and officer personnel. So why don't they bill the show that way and knock off all this old malarkey about doing so much for the man in the uniform? If every one did as much for the man in uniform as is talked about, he would be dead from kindness.

THE GANK

PT. CO. #12,  
Camp Bullcut.

#### STAINLESS STRIPES

Editor The Chevron: In these days of so many changes in our Epistles for various reasons, I would like to suggest one change in our present service stripes arrangement. The change would take less material, be less cumbersome and more attractive and could not be all over one's sleeve. I could say much more on the subject but would like to have some opinions of readers of The Chevron before I say anything else.

Staff Sgt. G. NITSCHEK  
AFC-2, Sqd. 24  
NAS San Diego, 35 Calif.

Editor's Note—The suggestion by Staff Sgt. Nitschke calls for discontinuance of the present "hand-mark" arrangement in favor of making the ribbon sleeve cuff with the stripes one and a quarter inches in length placed horizontally in that way.

#### DIALIN' IN THE DARK

Editor, The Chevron—This is an open letter in the MCI's shoes:

Dear Guards—We love you, and all that, but why in the name of Heavens don't you use numbers or flashlights when dialing in the dark? Everytime you birds out on a post dial the sarge's 'L' guard, you miss the cue just one number and that rings our phone instead. It's a cold, toe-slubbing hike from our socks to the phone. And we get mad enough to split our skyvies when from 0100 to

0200 the ones of the other end says "Post No. X returning, off's with."

All right, well and we want you to know it!

THE MOST OFFICER WATCH  
MCI'S San Diego

#### WITHER AWAY?

Editor, The Chevron—It seems that since so many men are being disqualified for OOI school by the new order requiring an MCI rating and two years of college training, they should be allowed to return to their old outfits. There doesn't seem to be any fairness in tossing a man into the first infantry outfit handy after he has completed the school in good standing. After all, we didn't come into the Corps when they made boots anything from PFC. to first sergeant. At least they could allow us to go through boot camp again and get a fair and 10-day furlough.

AN EX-OOI PVT.

#### INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION

Editor, The Chevron — I have just come back from the South Pacific after 21 months with a defense outfit there. Some of the boys here say we are entitled to an emblem for our uniforms to show what outfits we were in. Will you please inform me on it.

PFC. TONY A. COSTA  
U. S. Naval Hosp., Ward 80-A  
Santa Margarita Ranch  
Commande, Calif.

Editor's Note: It is impossible to advise Corps members as to what emblems they're entitled to wear without sufficient information as to outfit, campaigns, etc.

#### HEARS THE KIND WORD

Editor, The Chevron Undoubtedly the saxophone player who continually blew out with his instrument at the USO show "Hot Your Lights" did not realize that the audience wanted to

hear the two fingers instead of him.

We could only hear a small portion of what they were saying due to this rude person. Won't someone please pass the kind word to the sax player in order that this incident will not occur again.

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#### STILL THE BIGGEST

Editor, The Chevron — Due to your recent article about Camp Pendleton there have been some arguments between East and West coast Marines as to which camp, Pendleton or Lejeune is the larger.

PFC. ALLEN D. CORMINGER JR.  
Co. "F" 1st Bn. 23rd Marines  
Camp Pendleton.

Editor's Note—Pendleton contains 121,000 acres, Camp Lejeune 26,800 acres.

#### BABY BIRTHDAY

Editor, The Chevron—A couple of boys here in the barracks made a little bet with me that I couldn't have a little write-up in The Chevron. It's about a fellow named Pvt. Ralph W. White. Four of us are married and the wives are here in San Diego. White was always bragging how tough he was and that he was the boss in his family. Here lately he's been kinda meek about it all. The last few months he wouldn't even go have a beer when we were in Diego.

Well we found out there's going to be a baby in December. We wondered if maybe you couldn't write a little something to the effect . . . "Tough Marine Turns Meek As Stark Approaches With Baby Birthday". We'd appreciate it if you could. Thank you.

SGT. V. S. TAYLOR  
Barracks 13-12-8 Camp Pendleton,  
Oceanside, Calif.

## CHURCH SERVICES

**MARINE CORPS BASE** (Protestant): 0800 Services, Commission, Chapel, 0700 Services—0930 Services, Auditorium; Evening Vespers Service 1930. (Catholic): 0930 Mass, Auditorium, 0930 Mass, Chapel, Daily Mass, 7:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m., 0930-0700; Friday 10:00 Chapel Confessions; Saturday, 12:30-1:00, Chaplain's Office, 10:10, 11:10, 12:00-12:30 (Chaplain's Office, 10:10, 11:10, 12:00 (Catholic Science); Sunday, 09:00, 10:10, 12:00, 1:10.

**CAMP MATTHEWS** (Protestant): 10:30, Theater, (Catholic): 10:00, 10:30, Theater, (Christian Science): Sunday, 10:30, Chaplain's Office, A.D. Diego, (Jewish): 09:30, Theater.

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**CAMP KEARNEY** (Protestant): 10:00 Chapel; Vespers, 17:00, Auditorium, (Catholic): 09:00-11:30, Chapel, Mass daily, 09:15, (Christian Science): 11:30-12:00, Wednesday, Chaplain's office.

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# Tulagi Hero Leads Unit In Three Enogai Fights

## Platoon Earns High Praise In New Victories

By 1st Sgt. Frank J. McDevitt  
Combat Correspondent.

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC — One of the outstanding heroes of the battle in which Marine Raiders and Army troops wrested Enogai Island from desperate Jap defenders was 1st Lt. Thomas Pollard.

Amplly decorated for heroism on Tulagi and Guadalcanal, he gained new praise when he led three triumphant charges against strong enemy positions.

### MEETS AMBUSH

On the day our forces first contacted the enemy, he led his platoon against what the Japs evidently had meant to be an ambush near Trini, two miles from the Enogai objective.

Yelling and screaming after the enemy's own fashion, Lt. Pollard and his men killed 16 Japs, including an officer, and wounded at least five others. Three light machine guns were put out of action.

The following morning in the same area, a similar charge resulted in the seizure of another machine gun. Twelve Japs were killed. About noon the following Saturday, although the platoon had been numerically weakened by casualties, the remaining men made another charge against an enemy position that was preventing the union of troops fighting their way into Enogai from two directions.

### ADVANCE DELAYED

A jammed machine gun nest at one end of a narrow crossing was holding up the advance.

With his usual leaders, Corps. John H. King, John Carson and Wilfred A. Hunt, and their men in position, Lt. Pollard gave the signal. They charged forward bellowing at the top of their lungs. "That stunt is just as hard raising to them as it first was to us," Lt. Pollard said later. "The Japs were paralyzed with fright."

By the time they settled down, Lt. Pollard and his men were on top of them. The machine gunner, although wounded, tried to swing his weapon into position, but sandbags prevented him from lowering the muzzle sufficiently. Lt. Pollard, by crawling forward shot him with his carbine. The capture of that gun and disposal of the troops at that point enabled Lt. Pollard and his men to gain access to several anti-aircraft installations.

# Heroic Actions Win Awards For Island Warriors

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC — While on duty as a sniper behind enemy lines, Sgt. John Zajac spotted a large force of Japanese threatening the security of an advancing Marine unit. For his prompt and successful transmission of the information, thereby aiding in the rout of the enemy, Sgt. Zajac was awarded the Silver Star Medal.

Friendships forged in foxholes and tempered in battle are valued souvenirs. Such is the friendship of Corp. James Dunn Jr. Awarded the Navy Cross and 100¢, Wesley J. Farrar, possessor of the Silver Star Medal, for their actions while on combat patrol behind enemy lines.

### GIVEN PURPLE HEART

Despite shoulder wounds and being trapped in enemy machine gun fire, 1st Lt. Joseph H. Dulech, succeeded in returning to his battalion command post to report the position. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal for his wounds.

Awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received during the fighting on Guadalcanal were the following: Sgts. Bernard Kawala, Richard N. Mjeki, Ira B. Nelsop, Carl W. Vorlander; Corps. Gilbert J. Owen Jr., Theodore J. Mahluk, John F. Watson, Francis J. Barry, Adner J. Flowers, Donald L. Evans, Walter R. Eddy, Donald M. MacDonald; and Pvt. Robert W. Hall. Sgt. Harold E. Brooks was recently cited for his actions while on duty as a telephone linesman.

# Change Gasoline Ration Methods

Gasoline was the burning subject around Base Rationing Board quarters this week following receipt by Capt. John T. Stanton, executive officer, of a new "Paythrough Rations" order from the district CMA board.

Quantity of gas allowed for fuel-local purposes remains unchanged at five gallons but the procedure of procurement has been changed. The Base board no longer is empowered to issue one-gallon bulk coupons. Entitled men quartered on the Base will make application at San Diego Board No. 2, 301 West "C" st.; those living ashore, at their neighborhood boards.

Many holders of B and C gasoline cards issued prior to 11 Oct., when West coast coupon value was cut from four to three gallons, have been putting their problems in the Base board's lap. It was explained that 25 per cent of unexpired time on the tickets will be allowed by the Board to compensate for loss through coupon value reduction.

### Buy War Bonds — Mustangs' Loss

Southern Methodist lost a football prospect when Pvt. David F. Wyatt came into the Corps. He went through training with Platoon 418.

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# Drowning Girl Pulled From Oregon Surf By Marines

Maybe Marines are bashful by nature or it's just that they go about their life-saving with as little noise as they would go about a barracks work detail.

Anyway, it has taken nearly two months and some help from far-away Wisconsin to learn that Sgts. Joseph H. (Happy) Kupp and Ken Peak of MCI personnel classification department are entitled to recognition and, perhaps, gold life-saving medals.

While on tour with a mobile unit on the Oregon coast last summer, they saved the life of a 10-year-old Portland, Ore. girl, struck by a log while surf bathing. Sgt. Kupp first noticed the girl's distress and plunged in to her aid. He was able to keep the full weight of the heavy log off her until Sgt. Peak could afford the rescue.

The girl suffered serious pelvic injury and a crushed leg. The two Marines administered what first aid they could and quietly vanished from the scene after ambulance attendants had taken charge.

Not until Sgt. Kupp went home on furlough did the story come out in a Madison, Wis. newspaper. Sgt. Peak also happens to be a native Badger. The latter recently was transferred to Miramar.

Mail Address Correct? No one knows what the short skirt will be up to next...

# Col. Wallace Wins Purple Heart Medal

Col. William J. Wallace, commanding Marine West, has been awarded the Purple Heart Medal for wounds received in action against the enemy on Guadalcanal.

Compulsion from the explosion of a heavy-caliber naval shell during a Japanese bombardment of American positions on 13 Oct., 1942, was responsible for Col. Wallace's injuries.

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# Dehydration Process Added To Cooks' Course

A new and revised course of instruction for advanced cooks and bakers, Ser. Bn., that will include two weeks study on methods and preparation of dehydrated foods, goes into effect Monday, 23 Oct.

The school is under the direction of Lt. Col. Joseph M. Swinnerton, commanding Ser. Bn. with MarChin, C. L. Norwood, O-1a-C., and SMSGT. R. O. Gustavson, NCO. The new course will consist of eight weeks of study in place of the former six week training period.

While the entire course has been revised, the addition of training in methods of preparing dehydrated foods adds to an already intensive program for prospective field cooks. The special course teaches the science of removing water and inedible portions from foods to preserve and make them lighter for overseas shipment.

### "OLD STUFF"

The dehydration of foods is nothing new, dating back to the days of the Civil War and later in World War I. In the present war, the Army has made an intensive study of dehydrated foods, and conducts a special class in its school of instruction in cooking and baking at Fort George Meade, Md.

SMSGT. George Taut and Paul Blackledge, attached to Ser. Bn., and instructors at the advanced school for cooks and bakers, recently returned from the Army's school where they studied menus using only dehydrated foods.

The use of dehydrated foods has many advantages. Less material is used in packing, shipping space is conserved, manpower hours are reduced, and the handling and preparation of meals in combat zones is simplified. Taut illustrates the advantage by pointing out that 11 cartons of fresh eggs can be reduced by dehydration to one-half carton, leaving 10% extra available for ammunition and medicine.

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For information contact the Field representatives, Lt. Herbert M. Collett, Bldg. 97 (this issue), Camp Elliott, Lt. John E. Conway, Classification section RA, and the MCI representative at Classification section, Camp Pendleton, Bldg. 616.

drying meats, vegetables, or liquids does not destroy the flavor nor food value. From a can, tin, barrel, or sack of the odd-looking dehydrated stuff the students at advanced school will be able to produce a fancy meal. It may not look like what the boys have been used to seeing, but the same taste and nourishment will be there.



NOT MUCH art work here sighted PFC. Jesse W. Burbridge as he gave a typical GI haircut to PISgt. Guy S. Pangborn on a Pacific island.

# Style Artist Now Clips Hair GI

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC "There is not much art work here", sighed PFC. Jesse W. Burbridge as he clipped away at PISgt. Guy S. Pangborn's locks recently.

From designing hair styles for beautiful women to cutting hair (GI style) on the head of a rugged old-time Leatherneck, is a far cry for this mis-lime coiffure artist.

As he squatted to get at the back of the neck of PISgt. Pangborn, PFC. Burbridge recalled the time when he owned his own hair styling shop and worked at the art of making pretty women beautiful and keeping beautiful women that way.

His shop today is in the open, set up between two rows of tents and his equipment consists of a pair of hand clippers, an old pair of scissors, a comb and a chair.

"A professional touch still remains," testifies PISgt. Pangborn.—Sgt. Leodel Coleman, combat correspondent.

# Vet Of Mexican Revolt Corps Demolitions Man

By Sgt. Bill Burnett, Combat Correspondent

GUADALCANAL—Setting out to become a soldier of fortune at the ripe old age of 18 and winding up as a prisoner of Pancho Villa during the Mexican revolution in 1914 is the story of one of the most colorful Marines to hit this island, Corp. John Russell.

It wasn't a very auspicious start. Corp. Russell will admit but it was complete with blazing 45's, the thunder of hoofs and all the prays of the best horse opera.

It was from his birthplace, Slatlar, Texas, that he set out, only to wind up as a member of an outfit headed by Pascual Orozco, the first rebel leader in the uprising across the border. In this outfit, Corp. Russell quickly became a staff major.

the entrance to an abandoned mine and when a troop of 1200 men headed by Villa arrived the next day Orozco's men were neatly trapped and dragged off to jail in Chihuahua City.

Fortunately the latter turned out to be a friend of Corp. Russell's father and aided his escape.

Corp. Russell is now an instructor in demolition here. He says that he was very grateful when the Corps waived his age and accepted his enlistment 15 months ago.

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# Marines Build Tramway Over Island Cliffs

Anti-Aircraft Battery, Crew Supplied Through Part Of Engineering

By Sgt. Ward Walker, Combat Correspondent.

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS won't be surprised but they'll be proud of the engineering feat accomplished by three Marines from the Long Star state.

With little more than a hammer and saw, elbow grease and the urge, they conceived, planned and directed the building of a tramway that runs 680 feet over cliffs and the sheer, jagged-walled wall of a mountain.

## SUPPLY ROUTE

Capt. Cliff A. Jones, commander of an anti-aircraft battery, found the field of observation of his battery cut in half by the mountain. To establish an effective position on top of the ridge, a tramway was necessary to supply men and guns.

Capt. Jones called in Corp. Marvin L. Robinson, the camp handyman. After discussing the possibilities with Capt. Jones, Corp. Robinson talked it over with Corp. Thomas Goodwin. Soon the entire camp became interested.

Two 24-foot cliffs had to be bridged and a one-foot ridge of rock had to be steeled away. Men coming off their watches took turns at the sledge hammer and chisel. Meanwhile, Capt. Jones secured timbers and got permission to tear up some old rails from an abandoned siding for the construction of a trestle.

## TRACK LAID

Hacking and cutting crews armed with bush knives and axes, cleared the way through the dense undergrowth; digging crews leveled off the road bed, working in some places where they had to hang on with their toes and one hand while they handled the shovel with the other.

Capt. Jones located 1,300 feet of one-inch steel cable, a powerful motor, the necessary pulleys, and a hand car. In a short time the project will be completed and the tramway will go into action.



IT'S COW-COW Boogie on Guadalcanal now as six-worded "Sally" listens to Sgt. John Queen, left, and Sgt. F. L. Psauter turn out a tune in her honor. "Sally" was saved by Marines after her mother was killed in an air raid.

# Trio Of Leatherneck Softies Adopts Motherless Calf

By Sgt. Peter Favone Jr., Combat Correspondent.

GUADALCANAL—Hard bitten Leathernecks who have earned the hatred of the Japs for their ferocity in battle are really softies at heart.

Three of them somewhere on this island have adopted a tiny brown and white calf. Added to that fact are the endless hours of patient care, persistent bottle-feeding and the daily preparation of "mush-foed". Carrying and petting are added to the most important item of all protection of this motherless boyish waif from the threat of its becoming the guest of honor at a barbecue for less sensitive Marines.

The "foster-mothers", who would

probably slug a man for applying this term to them, are MTSgt. Frank D. Peault, Sgt. Maj. Joseph A. Lada and TSgt. John Queen. They picked up their charge from a group of Seabers who had found it too weak to walk, on the outskirts of the jungle after her mother had been killed in an air raid.

# Crocodiles, Jap Air Raids Keep Observers On Toes

By Sgt. James E. Hague, Combat Correspondent

GUADALCANAL (Delayed) — How a party of eight Marine artillery observers, landing with the first wave of invaders on Vella Lavella, played hide and seek with a crocodile, had their dinner blown out from in front of them, and escaped death by inches on the return voyage was related on their arrival at this base.

Although the landing itself was without opposition, the fireworks opened up shortly afterwards in the form of an air raid. "It lasted 27 minutes," said Corp. William F. Carmer. "I didn't time them after that. I just counted them. There were 18 and then I lost track."

Corps. Carmer and Charles W. Allum were piloting their K' rations near a tree when the first raid began. The men escaped injury but their lunch was scattered all over the beach.

## TAKE TO SWAMP

One raid caught the men while they were advancing. "We were near a river when the Japs came over," said Corp. Charles J. Falk. "It was a black, stinking swamp. I crawled under some logs and there was just about everything crawling around in there. I was on my face in the mud. A crocodile about 12 feet long came crawling toward me. I didn't know which was worse, this thing or the Japs, so finally I picked the Japs, got the hell out of there and hid behind a log on the bank."

After several days on Vella Lavella the party was ordered to return to Guadalcanal. Enemy planes attacked the ship in such force that they were forced to put back into Vella Lavella.

"It was a case of the front lines being even safer than the rear areas," Sgt. John F. Hamilton said.

## Bonds Or Bouquet?

### New Duties

P1Sgt. Herbert A. Underhill who recently joined the staff of the Base Sig. Rm. has been transferred to Los Angeles where he will take over the duties of NCO of telephone classes being conducted there.

# New Air Training Offered Marines

MAS. CHERRY POINT, N.C.—Opportunities for training in theory and practical duties of a bombardier-navigator are now being offered Corps enlisted personnel as Marine aviation develops its bombing tactics in a further adjustment to the changing demands of a modern war.

Need for men with such training arises from a more extensive use of bombing techniques by Marine units in combat areas, requiring the services of enlisted men trained to handle the duties of the dual position.

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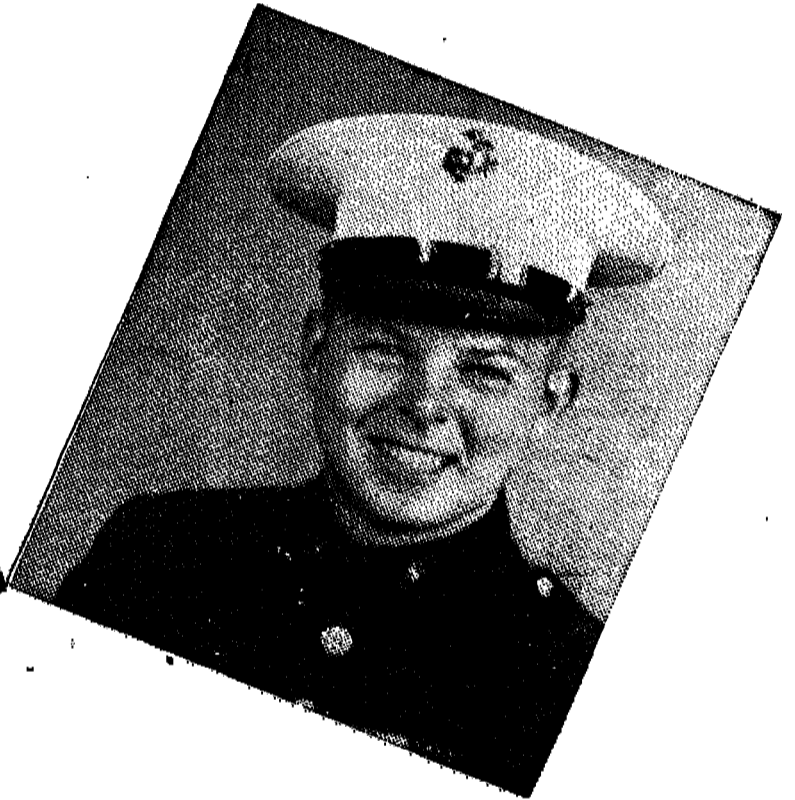




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# THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

## World at War

Deserters of the sinking ship probably will be scarce within the next few months. There were those who thought Italy's surrender might persuade other Axis partners to seek an armistice.

Now that the half hearted collaborators have seen Italian soil turned into a battleground and Italian cities razed, they probably will think twice before seeking peace.

Finland was on the verge of asking peace. Undoubtedly Russia would be glad to have her quit, gaining, perhaps, certain concessions from the Baltic country—principally sea outlets to the outside world.

The Russian drive toward Riga, in Latvia, therefore will probably not meet with much opposition from Finnish forces. Once the corridor to this port is secure, the Finns will be able to ask for peace with reasonable security from German detachment.

### THREATEN BOMB

Having secured the entire lower Volturno Valley, Allied forces were in a position this week to close rapidly on Rome. The going has been slow with supplies being moved in by rickshaws through clinging mud. The advance has been painfully slow through rugged country, where well placed guns have eeded only three miles a day to the persistent forces of Gen. Clark and Gen. Montgomery.

The assault on the Circeia bastion proper is going to be stepped up to a vicious tempo, the Allied air command promised this week.

Two meetings were held this week. Hitler called together his political and military leaders to discuss Germany's plight. Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden of Britain, and Foreign Commissar Molotov of the Soviet Union, met in Moscow to exchange war views.

### NAZI MORALE BAD?

In the first, it was apparent from communications from the Nazis that there is growing uneasiness about home front morale. Hitler's generals probably are concerned too about the steady string of defeats they are suffering on two fronts, and probably want to eliminate some of the military power of the "master ruffin" Hitler.

In the second, attention probably centered on post-war aims, rather than military objectives. It is probable that Stalin will sound a con-

ference with Churchill and Roosevelt. The latter would undoubtedly welcome one. Add Molotov, although a personage of importance in the Soviet state, will echo the sentiments of Stalin. The meeting, by its very membership, is obviously one concerned with economics and diplomacy rather than the military.

In the South Pacific, the air war progressed favorably with destruction of more than 200 Jap planes within a week in the Rabaul, New Britain, vicinity. On land, however, the enemy was putting up stiff opposition in the Finschhafen area of New Guinea. Allied forces met their first reversal when counter-attacks by the Japs at Sattelberg, 19 miles northwest, met with some success.

## Juke Box

"Sunday, Monday Or Always," seems destined for a good run as No. 1 on the Hit Parade, judging by the fact that it once again has been selected as the top musical hit of the week.

"Paper Doll" gained one place when it moved up to third position. From 1 to 10 the parade listing: No. 1 Sunday, Monday Or Always, No. 2—People Will Say We're In Love, No. 3—Paper Doll, No. 4—I Heard You Cried Last Night, No. 5—Pistol Packing Mama, No. 6—Put Your Arms Around Me Honey, No. 7—All Or Nothing At All, No. 8—You'll Never Know, No. 9—They're Either Too Young Or Too Old, No. 10—The Victory Polka.

## Movies

Two new films hit the silver screens this week. Ann Southern, in another of her popular "Maltese" characterizations, this time portrays the typical swing shift gal who draws wolf calls from the welders' ranks as she goes about the plant in movements that are glacially undulant.

Another picture that is causing comment is "Stalingrad". It is the first Soviet film to be distributed by a major U.S. company. Maphatan's PM calls it "the mightiest war film ever".

## Grid Scores

(Week-end of 16-17 Oct.)

**EAST**  
Army 22, Columbia 8.  
Navy 14, Penn State 6.  
Ohio State 20, Cornell 7.  
Ohio 7, Lakehurst Navy 8.  
Villanova 13, Bucknell 8.  
Rutgers 13, Colgate 6.  
CUNY 22, Brooklyn Coll. 6.  
Carnegie Tech 9, Lehigh 6.  
Lafayette 12, Willow Grove Navy 9.  
Franklin-Marshall 20, Muhlenberg 9.

**MIDWEST**  
Noble Game 30, Wisconsin 8.  
Northwestern 13, Great Lakes 6.  
Indiana 7, Iowa 7.  
Minnesota 13, Camp Grant 7.  
Illinois 21, Pittsburgh 29.  
Purdue 30, Ohio State 7.  
West Virginia 6, Maryland 2.  
Iowa State 31, Nebraska 6.  
Kansas 12, Washburn 6.  
Iowa State 31, Missouri 6.

**SOUTH**  
Wake 14, North Carolina 7.  
S. C. College 22, Camp Davis 18.  
Georgia Tech 27, Clemson 8.  
Louisiana State 28, A&T 7.  
Camp Lejeune 51, Ft. Monmouth 6.  
West Virginia 6, Maryland 2.  
Georgia Tech 22, Newberry 6.  
South Carolina Coast Guard 26, Davidson 6.  
Vanderbilt 30, Tenn Poly 9.  
Tennessee 27, V. M. I. 0.  
Georgia Tech 18, Georgia 7.  
Wake Forest 21, North Carolina State 6.

**SOUTHWEST**  
Texas 31, Arkansas 9.  
S. M. U. 12, Rice 9.  
Texas A&M 13, T. C. U. 0.  
Tulsa 20, Oklahoma 6.  
Northern Navy 20, 1916, Agustin 9.  
Arkansas A. & M. 35, Ft. Knox 9.  
New Mexico 21, Arizona State 6.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN**  
Colorado 14, Salt Lake Air Base 0.  
Utah 47, Denver 6.  
Idaho Navy 15, Pacific Flyers 12.  
Utah Valley 20, Willard Field 9.  
Utah Air Base (Salt Lake) 27, Utah 0.

**PACIFIC COAST**  
College of Pacific 15, Del Monte Prep 7.  
S. F. State 31, San Francisco 9.  
California 13, U. C. L. A. 9.  
March Field Flyers 7, Naval Training 6.  
Alameda Coast Guard 21, 21, 21, 21, 21.  
Williamette 25, Oregon 6.

**PROFESSIONAL**  
Washington 24, Boston Bay 7.  
Chicago Bears 43, Phil-Phil 21.  
Pittsburgh 7, Chicago Cards 6.  
New York 20, Brooklyn 9.  
San Diego Mustangs 25, L. A. Mustangs 13.

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## The Home Front

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach — and his pocketbook, too, in which case servicemen will welcome news that Senate and House have agreed on dependency boost.

Awaiting White House signature is a bill which leaves a wife's allowance (\$30 a month) unchanged but increases child allotment—from \$10 to \$30 for the first one and from \$10 to \$20 for each additional child. Only the first four grades, through sergeants as before, will be affected.

U. S. Attorneys read the riot act to draft evaders, of which there are some 90,000 on file. Water-softened roads derailed a crack Milwaukee train at Miles City, Mont., injuring 58 passengers, five seriously. At Detroit Army Air Force personnel went on the carpet for selling valuable cutting tools at "junk prices."

FDR slapped at Argentina for suspending Jewish newspapers. Lt. Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr. has been wounded in enemy action against a warship on which he serves as executive officer. He scoffed when an attending physician remarked that he now could wear the Purple Heart.

Republicans are fighting increased taxation while not a few Democrats are accusing G.O.P. of using the tax issue as a political football. Wendell Willkie stamped in St. Louis this week, advocating international participation and calling for a qualified G.O.P. candidate at the next election.

The labor front rumbled when more than 20,000 Alabama coal min-

ers went out and nearly a million and a half railroad workers protested the administration's handling of wage demands. Striking Santa Fe bus drivers, who crippled travel in four states, returned to work this week.

Al Jolson is making progress in a fight against virus pneumonia and malaria. Johnny ("Tarzan") Weismuller will have a divorce suit on his hands soon, so his wife says. Gen. Eisenhower's chief birthday present from his wife was a batch of Western story magazines. Movie Director Norman Taurog is divorced.

California state guardians dashed off to war in Dec. '41 with harrowed gear, so now Western Costume Co. of Hollywood wants to collect \$174 from somebody.

Navy's largest transport plane, the huge Martin Mars, stayed in the air more than 33 hours in passing a difficult endurance test.

Death came to Ben Bernie, old maestro of music, from heart attack.

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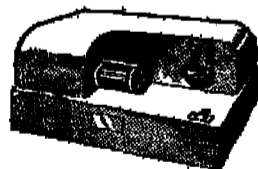
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## Marine Machine Gun Crew Wins New Georgia Duel

By **TSGT. Jim Lucas**, Combat Correspondent

**SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC**—A death duel between a Marine and a Japanese machine gun in the thick jungle around Viru Harbor on New Georgia Island—a duel which the Marines finally won—is described by Pvt. Andrew Gatzke, a gunner.

### CLOSE RANGE

Gatzke and his crew had set their gun between two banyan trees commanding the approach to Viru harbor, when a concealed Jap machine gun opened up on them from close range. The Marines opened with their fire and were forced to fire more than 400 rounds before they could knock out the Jap emplacement.

The duel lasted an hour and a half, with the Jap bullets flying a few inches above the heads of

the Marines. Gatzke explained that the jungle was dense and it was impossible to fire at the target by sight.

### MOBE ACTION

Gatzke's machine gun squad later took part in the first battle of Bairoko, on the northwest coast of New Georgia. It succeeded in knocking out one enemy gun and, with the help of Marine riflemen, in silencing another.

When the order came to withdraw, enemy fire was so heavy his squad was unable to leave with its gun. It was destroyed and abandoned.

"She was a grand piece, and after that duel at Viru, it was like going off and leaving a friend," Gatzke said. "But we made certain the Japs could never use her."

## 'Round The World With Fighting Men Of The Marine Corps

**1stLt. Edward M. Gorham**, who carved his niche in the hall of fame as second baseman for the All-Marine baseball team in 1930 and prior to that starred in the Pacific Coast league, is now battling 1,000 on Guadalcanal as adjutant of a special weapons unit.

During the attack on Bairoko, a lone Leatherneck machine gun kept up almost continuous fire to knock out four Jap light machine guns and permit two rifle platoons which had been pinned down by the Japs to join up, reports Corp. George Mitchell.

The "Count" — who knew the patrons of the famous Cathay hotel in Shanghai as intimately as he knew the streets of Moroco — is now serving on Guadalcanal. He is **Pvt. de Bayliff**, member of a Seabee unit operating with the Marines.

Amphibious by snipers on Vangunu Island, **PFC. Mirquel J. Martin Jr.** was saved from being shot in the back when a Jap bullet struck his first aid packet and was deflected to a bandolier of ammunition which he had around his shoulders.

While his buddies go out of their way to avoid Guadalcanal's spiders, Corp. Harry Yourell goes out of his way to find them. He's also continuing a peacetime hobby by collecting butterflies.

**PFC. Charles V. Paolini** could have killed a Jap with a bullet during the Raiders' attack on Bairoko, but instead he chased him into a native hut and there finished him off with a slanting stroke of a stiletto.

Back home in Texas, **PFC. Eugene Morrison** was never able to pass the test for a driver's license, but in the South Pacific he is the expert driver of a General Sherman tank. Recalling that license examiners told him he was too nervous to drive a car, he says: "There's something something about a tank."

A former member of the RCAP and a veteran of bombing missions against occupied France was one of two Marine radioman-gunners recently commissioned a second lieutenant at Henderson Field. He is **1stLt. Eugene F. Langan**, who enlisted as a staff sergeant after being honorably discharged from the RCAP in May, 1942. He has participated in 20 raids on Jap territory.

"Things are pretty quiet around here since the Greeks left," said a South Pacific bullet in board item after Corp. Thomas Franks was returned to the States to recover from malaria. Reputed to be "the best known man" in the engineers on Guadalcanal, he was wounded there in the first bombing attack by Japanese on Henderson airfield, returning to duty a month later.

**Pvt. Dlynes S. Gardner**, who took part in some simulated demolition work during the filming of "Guadalcanal Diary" at Camp Pendleton, has arrived in the South Pacific with the unit on whose accomplishments the picture is based.

**Pvt. Billie J. Rutter** has to be a policeman, wit and musician to keep the movies going at a Marine camp in the South Pacific. It takes a magician to straighten out some of the mixed up reels which arrive, and a wit to temper the educational films with features. Before the show starts, Rutter acts as policeman.

One week before he was to have met Ralph Zanelli in Boston Garden for a \$2000 guarantee, **Corp. Garvey Young** was shipped out. Now he's fighting—for freedom at a remote Marine outpost in the South Pacific.

Three of America's top-ranking cowboys were re-united as Marines recently in the South Pacific. They are **TSGT. McDonald Summers**, **PMSGT. Luther Finley** and **PFC. Fritz Truan**. They have ridden together in various rodeos and all have held many titles.

In a daring reconnaissance flight recently over Jap-held Kanihill airfield, two fighter pilots, **Maj. Harold G. Torres** and **1stLt. Harold A. Langstaff**, engaged seven Zepps in aerial combat and sent two down in flames.

## Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoner Of War
ARMY	2722	2806	8122	2750
NAVY	2077	2022	680	1211
USMC	204	00	41	1

### DEAD

Kentucky: **1stLt. Lloyd Harold Holmes**, Birmingham; **2ndLt. Clinton M. Hutchison Jr.**, Lexington.  
Michigan: **CFC. Philip O. Funn**, Jackson; **PFC. Allen Hudd**, Lenoir, Detroit.  
New York: **PFC. Virgil T. Kuehl**, Franksville.  
Pennsylvania: **Corp. Joseph Kubajko**, Bradford; **SMSGT. Philip Langeweg**, Johnston.  
Texas: **1stLt. Vernon L. Glasscock**, Kingsville.  
Virginia: **1stLt. Preston P. Wolfe**, Old Stone Gap.  
Washington: **1stLt. Paul J. Sax**, Colville.

### MISSING

California: **1stLt. Robert T. Roberts**, Santa Monica.  
Florida: **SMSGT. Lawrence H. Dickson**, Miami Beach.  
Idaho: **Corp. William L. Casper**, Ripley.  
Illinois: **PFC. Henry W. Schroeder**, Chicago.  
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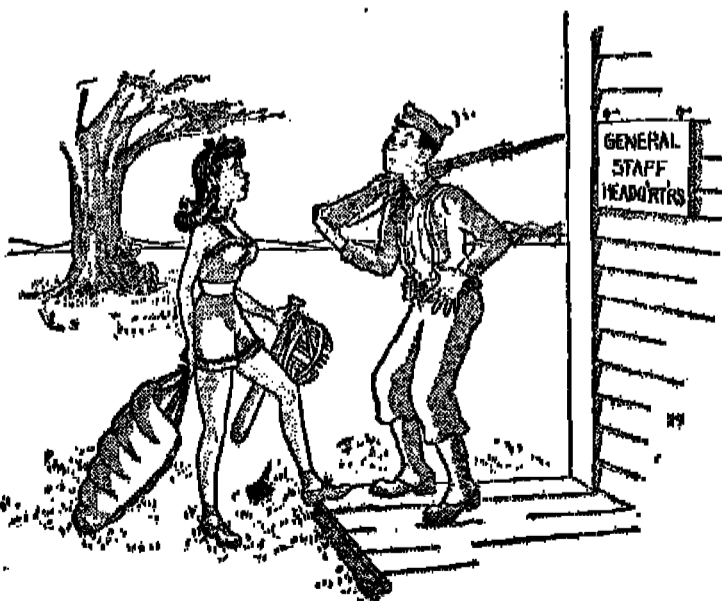
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# Base Dance Set For Hallowe'en

Base personnel will have opportunity to observe Hallowe'en at the annual dance in the Base Gymnasium 29 Oct., starting at 2000. The hall will be appropriately decorated and Hallowe'en atmosphere will prevail. Music will be provided by the Base dance band. Uniform of the evening for men will be Winter Service "B". It will not be necessary to wear a blouse but dress shoes will be a requirement.

# Two Top Shows At Pendleton

**CAMP PENDLETON**—November will long be remembered as a banner month of entertainment at this camp. Scheduled to appear on the 7th is Bob Crosby and his Orchestra airing their "Old Gold" broadcast. Crosby will be followed on the 10th by Kay Kyser and his "College of Musical Knowledge". This will be Kyser's second appearance at the camp.

## Screen Guide

**BASE THEATER**  
1730 - 2000  
Sunday — Young Ideas, Astor-Marschall.  
Monday — Good Luck, Mr. Yates, Trevor-Buchanan.  
Tuesday — Dr. Gillespie's Criminal Case, Barrymore-Johnson.  
Wednesday — Girl Crazy, Hooney-Garland.  
Thursday — Appointment in Berlin, Sanders-Clayton.  
Friday — Kitty People, Ginger Rogers.  
Saturday — Halls of Montezuma (Broadcast, 2000).  
**CAMP KEARNY**  
1730 - 2000  
Monday — Chatter Box, Brown-Hobart.  
Tuesday — U.S.A. Show at 1930.  
Wednesday — Good Morning, Judge, O'Brien-Millette.  
Thursday — China, Young-Ladd.  
Friday — Peppermint Lily, Moran-Garland-Carlson.  
**CAMP MATTHEWS**  
1745  
Sunday — Maggush Law, Hill-Edwards; Spirit Of Shanghai, Albert-Clayton.  
Monday — Frankenstein Meets Wolf Man, Chaney-Morgan; Taxi Mister, Spadis-Bradley.  
Tuesday — Young Ideas, Astor-Marschall.  
Wednesday — Good Luck Mr. Yates, Trevor-Buchanan.  
Thursday — No Show.  
Friday — First Comes Courage, Mitchell-Almore.  
Saturday — Adventures of Tartu, Donald-Kobron.

**ROAD, MIRAMAR**  
1745 - 2000  
Sunday — Fallen Sparrow, Garfield-O'Hara.  
Monday — Fallen Sparrow, Garfield-O'Hara.  
Tuesday — I Did It, Skelton-Powell.  
Wednesday — Above Suspicion, Crawford-McMurtry.  
Thursday — Stage Variety Show.  
Friday — Lady Takes A Chance, Wayne-Arthur.  
Saturday — Lady Takes A Chance, Wayne-Arthur.

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**Write Home**  
Marks Anniversary With Proxy Party

**GIADALCANAL**, (Delayed) — He's thousands of miles from his wife but yesterday was Corp. D. W. England's third wedding anniversary so he held a party, by proxy. His wife, Winifred, was represented by her picture placed on an up-turned fruit plate and lighted by two candles.

Corp. England could hardly invite his best friends in Sacramento to come to his Guadalcanal grave tent for the celebration so he asked his best friends in the Marine Corps to represent those friends, by proxy.

Beer, the only refreshment possible, is rationed so each man brought his two bottles. One of the friends-by-proxy had hurt his leg so the other five sat around his cot and nursed their beer to make it last. —Sgt. James E. Harvie, combat correspondent.

**Write Home**  
Missing Youth Sought By RC

Where were you on the morning of 5 Oct.?  
If you were at Sarah's in Hollywood and took part in their "Breakfast at Sardi's" radio program that morning and if your name is Herbert John Ellis you are the man for whom the Red Cross has been searching.

It all started when the Red Cross office at Lake Charles, Ind., forwarded the information to Base Red Cross officials that a certain Alvin Louis Ellis, had heard the program and believed that the Herbert John Ellis, a serviceman who took part, was his son, missing since infancy.

The Red Cross has made every effort to locate Herbert John Ellis to no avail and feels that perhaps this story in The Chevron will be seen by him. Should this happen he is requested to immediately contact the Red Cross office at MCB, San Diego.

# Entertainment World

## Chaplains To Be Honored On 'Halls' Radio Show

Chaplains of the U.S. Navy who have served with Marines through the battles of the Pacific will be honored at tonight's presentation of "The Halls of Montezuma" radio show when five of their distinguished rank appear personally in the Base auditorium.

## 'Canal Scene Of Song Premiere

**GIADALCANAL**, (Delayed) — In probably the most unique setting any world premiere has ever had, a new hit song by Nick Kenny, songwriter and New York columnist, was presented here recently before an audience of Marines.

The song, "Little Did I Know," written for a forthcoming Broadway musical, was dedicated by Kenny to Maj. I. R. Friedlander, a personal friend, and to the regiment of which the major is adjutant.

Marines squatting on logs on the ground and on empty wooden boxes fished from in back of the gallery received the tune with enthusiasm as it was sung by Pvt. Jack S. Reider. —Sgt. Peter Davano, combat correspondent.

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# Base Hoopmen Reach Tourney Quarter-Finals

Sailors And Denmark Hottest As Fellow Marines Square Off

When Marine meets Marine, the fur should fly and it did Wednesday night at the Army-Navy Y. M. C. A. when Capt. Charles R. Church's red-shirted Base basketball team slugged ABC-2 Blues to the tournament sidelines, 54 to 39.

By marking up a second straight win in the "sudden death" procession Y. M. C. A. event, the MCH Leathernecks reached the quarter-finals. They'll play again Monday night at 8:00 against either NTS Schools or NAS Army.

## CLOSE AT FIRST

The North Island Marines made it hot for Capt. Church's outfit for half the ball game, trailing at the intermission by three mealy points, 15 to 18. Thereafter the Base men had things pretty much their own way, with SGT. Ken Sailors, Wyoming University's all-American, and PFC. Grant Denmark, a San Francisco product, leading the way.

Lt. Sailors found the bucket for 19 points and Denmark rattled it for 18. The other hot scoring package was Corp. Jack Fulla, also an all-American in his college days at Michigan, who hit for 10.

## ELLIOTT SURVIVES

If the Marines successfully pass their Monday night test, they'll play in the semi-finals Friday night at 10:00 against either NAS Blues or Nav. Sec. Base.

Four Marine outfits came to grief late last week in first round skirmishes. FC. Emory bumped MAG-15 Reds, 48 to 31, SCU 1001 defeated NAS Marine Ctl., 30 to 27, ID Radio won from MAG-15 Hellcats, 41 to 40, in an overtime period. Camp Leake's Cavalry scouted ABC-2 Golds, 30 to 27.

Camp Elliott alone moved ahead in the lower bracket with a 64-60 win over 140th Inf., ATR. The Elliotts go back into action tonight at 10:00 against NTS Blues, a team that steamrollered NAS Corporations, 78 to 33, for the tournament's most lopsided win to date.

## Buy More Bonds

# Twin Boxers Turn Up In Solomons

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (AT SEA) Now boxing their way around the world and through the war zone are two scrapping twin brothers, Pats Morris and Harvey Weiss, well known in professional light circles before they enlisted last December.

They had been in the service only a few weeks when they were made boxing instructors at Parris Island. Later they fought in exhibitions at San Diego and aboard ship enroute to the South Pacific.

Neither Harvey, who weighs 150 pounds, nor Morris, 143, has dropped a fight in his own class since he entered the Corps. Each has fought exactly 57 pro bouts and each has lost exactly six. They react so similarly, their buddies say, that they will eat and sleep the same food even though eating at opposite ends of the mess hall.

Both are also in complete agreement on their post-war careers. They want to head for Madison Square Garden's ring. — By Sgt. Sgt. Milburn McCarthy Jr., Combat Correspondent.



# Signalman Speer Shows Way To Cross Country Runners

Long-winded cross country runners touched off their fall fireworks between halves of last Saturday's football program at Balboa stadium with Mag. Speer leading Signal En. to victory over a mixed team of Motor Transport and Field Music gallopers, 26 to 16.

Speer came through with a terrific kick that took him across the finish line of a 1 1/2-mile course in eight minutes 30 seconds.

By way of proving that Marines and barriers alike are tough, Lewis Blehoff of MT-FM ran five of the six laps on a bare foot and still finished a close second. His big toe is now minus a square inch of protective hide.

Finishing behind Blehoff, in order named, were John Bowers, MT-FM; Kenneth Barnes, Sig; Don Garber, Sig; William Miller, Sig; Ted Morris, Sig; Joe Hale, FM, and Ted Thompson, MT.

PFC. Ray Sears, cross country coach, will have another competitive program to offer Base runners today, possibly with Camp Elliott, ABC-2 and the paratroopers from Camp Gillespie joining the high-burning fun. "The latter's entry would have interest. Paratroopers do everything on the double."

## Stop Loose Talk

# Heavies Feature RD Boxing Card

With 236 pounds of steam behind his punches, Waldo Tenney, Plat. 846, technically knocked out Thomas Hennessy, 200-pounder out of Plat. 818, last Saturday night to provide the main fireworks of a weekly RD boxing card. It was the only knockout in eight fights.

Three draws testified to the matchmaking efforts of 1st Lt. Ed Rawlough's athletic department. George Chisholm, Plat. 842, and Harold Stoughton, Plat. 844, light heavyweights, drew. So did Napoleon Magna, Plat. 840, and Bob Hoyt, Plat. 845, 150-pounders; also John Joslin, Plat. 833, and Ned LaPaluzza, Plat. 837, 180-pounders. Other results:

Middleweights — Don Fortkovic, Plat. 845, decisioned Charles Stepanek, Plat. 840; Robert Ordway, Plat. 843, decisioned Richard Bryan, Plat. 842.

Lightweights — Paul Baird, Plat. 836, decisioned Holly Adams, Plat. 830; Robert Meyer, Plat. 835, decisioned Gilbert Garcia, Plat. 842.

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# Name Fighters Meet In Rifle Range Feature

Billy Conn's Former Stablemate Drops Decision To Frank

CAMP MATTHEWS — Two top-flight heavyweights with professional backgrounds sparred a 10-bout Rifle Range fight card last Saturday night when Pvt. B. E. Frank, Plat. 726, outpointed Pvt. H. Leslie, Plat. 758. In their professional day both men had been in the ring with Max Baer, former world champion. Leslie, one-time National Glove champion, was in the same stable with Billy Conn.

Five knockouts helped dish up plenty of excitement for boots and judge personnel. J. E. Quinlan, Plat. 732, middleweight, touched it off by stopping A. Oliver, Plat. 738. Other results:

Heavyweights — Lt. L. Macdonald, Plat. 730, knocked out B. J. Jackson, Plat. 719.

Middleweights — W. A. Gathman, Plat. 738, decisioned V. Turbot, Plat. 728; P. J. Jamison, Plat. 730, stopped H. T. Miller, Plat. 735.

Lightweights — L. P. Weingarth, Plat. 747, stopped B. Morrison, Plat. 724; G. J. Walsh, Plat. 723, decisioned D. G. Callahan, Plat. 735.

Welterweights — Y. Spaul, Plat. 718, stopped P. W. Skiver, Plat. 724; G. C. Scorsone, Plat. 719, decisioned S. N. Schuly, Plat. 722.

Lightweights — M. J. Duran, Plat. 728, decisioned J. V. McGarry, Plat. 732.

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Four Guard Bn. Courts Kept Busy As 40 Men Take Part In Tourney

It's strictly a barnyard hand-me-down from your forefathers, but horseshoe pitching still whips up a lot of interest wherever men meet and Marines around Base Gd. Bn. are proving its popularity. Nearly 40 of them started pitching this week in the first of a series that will carry War Bonds as prizes.

The event has the approval of Col. William E. Maxwell, commanding, and of Capt. C. E. Church, Base athletic officer, who is providing the awards—\$25 war bond for first place, \$10 in war stamps for second and \$5 in stamps for third.

3d Lt. James W. Platt, supervising the tourney, says the finals probably will be reached by next Tuesday, 26 Oct., but refuses to single out a favorite in the big field.

"The men we enlisted over this thing and among them are some top ringers artists, thanks to the good coaching of Corp. John E. Williams of 2d Casual Co. Our four regulation courts will accommodate about eight tournament matches a day," said Lt. Platt.

She was only a grave digger's daughter, but you ought to see her lower the beer.

# Thursday Boxing Card Scheduled

Boxing shows will continue on a bi-weekly basis at the arena opposite the Base gymnasium, with plenty of two-fisted action promised by Pvt. Billy Joyal and Corp. J. W. Romero, matchmakers. An eight-bout card is being arranged for Thursday night, 28 Oct.

Val Graff, Consolidated warworker, and Ray Magana from Ft. Rosecrans, lightweights, topped the last show with a fast draw.

Four out of five Marine scrappers came out with wins in the supporting card. The only loser was Vern Watkins, light heavyweight, technically knocked out in the third by Warworker Carl Schroeder. Ralph Vance, RD light-heavy, decisioned Ely Lopez, Middleweight Earl Poljar of the Base flashed a fast left to win from Warren Surrent, NTS. Lloyd Peterson, still another Base middleweight, whipped Mike Barbois of NTS.

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**FOOTBALL SHIRTS** don't make good tackling anchors as Pvt. Albert M. Richmore, Sig. Bn. halfback, can testify. On his play last week at Balboa Stadium Pvt. Milford Kittrell went 40 yards for TD Clks, but the latter lost, 26 to 0.

## Three Marine Nines Play League Games Tomorrow

Except for halcyon reminiscences, baseball is strictly a passe subject on the East coast, but not so in this balmy climate.

Marines in the San Diego area, entered three teams strong in the County Winter League, swing back into action tomorrow with the following schedule:

At Kenney Mesa—Camp Elliott vs. Camp Miramar.

At Navy Field—Music Makers vs. ABC-2.

Forrest Main pitched and batted

ABC-2 in victory, 9 to 2, over Ryan All-Stars last Sunday. His plate work included a triple and two doubles. On the mound he gave up only seven hits and whiffed 17 men.

Camp Miramar, with Grissom hurling, defeated Camp Calton, 5 to 1. The Miramar Marines took on Coast Guard Patrol in a mid-week exhibition game, winding up on the sorry end of a 7-0 count.

Camp Elliott dropped an 11-2 decision to the Music Makers in the other league game.

## MarFair Cagers Put Best Foot Forward

**NORTH ISLAND** — MarFair West's basketball team served advances notice to entrants in the North Island-Coronado league that it will be a strong contender for the crown by winning three games this week.

Coached by Corp. Marie Vesp, MarFair defeated Army Fighter Squadron, 41 to 20; Marine Detachment, 23-18; and ABC-2, 28-17.

## Outstanding Back

An 11-letter man in high school, Pvt. Walter Clay, who recently wound up his recruit training here, was voted Colorado's outstanding prep football back in 1941.

—Ray Hernandez

## Football Star

Pvt. Stephen J. Chiovaro, who recently completed boot training with Platoon 618, was an all-city fullback and active in swimming circles in his home town.

# Signalmen Loom As Football Contenders

## DI's Also Flash Possibilities In Scoreless Clash

Intra-base football shaped up as a three-club race this week as four more battalions swung into action. Out of a doubleheader last Saturday came Signal Bn. as the strongest challenger to Lt. Don Strong's base-selling Headquarters eleven.

The Signalmen flagged down RD Clerks, 26 to 0, with a display of solid ground work and spectacular overhead action. They simply had too much firepower for the opposition.

## NO PUNCH

Although checked to a scoreless tie by Service Bn. in the opener, Recruit Depot's DI team showed enough offensively and defensively to rate as a challenger. The DI's knocked heavily on the touchdown gates six times but couldn't muster enough push to open them up. Their line is rugged enough, how-

Ev. Kent and PFC, V. S. Yen have developed plenty of horsepower for Signal Bn., on the other hand. The communications men pitched over a touchdown in the first five minutes with an ex-Missouri Tiger, PFC. Frederick C. Bruce, sparking a 45-yard drive. When he wasn't running, Brock was pitching strikes to PFC. Ralph L. Robinson, an end.

They went out of the game after the first score and an entire new squad, fully as effective, went into action. New spearhead of the attack was PFC. William V. Oubre. He provided the hipper-dipper while his backfield mate, PFC. Blaine B. Astou, came through with the punch when needed. Pvt. John L. Gates took up at end where Robinson left off.

The Clerks' standout was Pvt. Milford Kittrell, a former Baylor scout back who typed out some headlines for himself by knocking Texas out of a Home Bowl date. Late in the third quarter Kittrell broke away on a 40-yard dash that took the Clerks down to the Signal 11-yard line.

That was their lone bid for a

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DI 1 & 2	0	1	1	1
Service Bn.	0	1	1	1
Recruit Depot	0	1	0	0
RD Clerks	0	1	0	0

## TODAY'S GAMES

At Balboa Stadium: Guard Bn. vs. Signal Bn., 1:00; Headquarters Bn. vs. Service Bn., 1:30.  
At Ft. Camp (pitch): DI 1 & 2 vs. RD Clerks, 1:00.

over, to give any team trouble. In Clay and Lewis they have two clever backs who might get away. Declusin is still another.

Marine W. F. Duacher's white-shirted outfit was staunch enough when the chips were down, but it couldn't work up enough offensive steam to come close to touchdown territory. In fact, it managed to bite into DI territory only once the whole game.

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## Ferriers Beat Pendleton, 10-6

**CAMP PENDLETON** — "Red" Ruffing and his 5th Ferry Command baseball mates defeated the Pendleton Scouts, 10 to 6, here this week to go one up on the local nine in their seven-game series. Ruffing pitched only four innings and then turned over his mound chores to Al Olsen, former San Diego Padres southpaw, who received credit for the win.

Missing from the Pendleton lineup was Capt. Ted Lyons of Chicago White Sox pitching fame. He was suffering from a mild attack of "flu". The Scouts used four pitchers—Howard, Harrison, Moore and Abadella—in a vain effort to choke off the Ferriers' late rally. Third baseman Munda, with three singles in four times up, and Hal Hirston, who hit two for four, led the 18-hit Pendleton attack.

touchdown and it floundered out with Kittrell vainly trying to find receivers for two desperate passes.

PFC. Henry H. Reynolds, Hq. end, and Astou was tied for individual scoring honors, each with 12 points. Back of them came Jimmy Boswell, Hq. back, with eight points, Oubre and Bruce with seven each and Jack Bellamy, Hq. tackle, with six.

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BY PFC. VICTOR H. LEEDING

Nineties are on the football hit parade is still Notre Dame, by pull of the nation's serving fraternity. It almost went without saying after Angelo Bertelli & Co., including Marine and Navy business, popped up on feeble Wisconsin, 30 to 0, last Saturday.

But the most startling turn of grid events this week saw little College of Pacific, also padded with Leathernecks and Gobs, jump up into the No. 6 slot ahead of such powers as U.S.C., Iowa Pre-Flight, Duke and Michigan. If you give two whoops for the opinion of press box barons, Army picks No. 2, Navy No. 3, Purdue No. 4 and Penn No. 5.

## FOOTBALL

Old Aljizo Stagg tossed a decisive curve in tripping Del Monte Pre-Flight. He used a five-man line and scattered his six remaining Tigers through an unorthodox secondary setup.

Sometimes, though, you just "can't win for losing." In narrow some sports double talk. A fast-talking "cog" man pulled a slicker on Stagg's ticket window gals, showing his "pith" into the backs of the books and telling the ladies he was instructed to pick up currency and bring 'em back change. He got away with \$1000 at College of Pacific's expense.

## AN OLD STORY

Baseball produced little startling news this week, unless one wants to take Joe Gordon seriously. The Yankee infielder, best of his Eugene (Ore.) home, said he might not play next year. He said the same thing 12 months ago, nearly to the day.

The Cards came to terms with Bulling Champ Stan Musial on a new three-year contract. James Barton ("Mickey") Vernon, Washington first sacker, joined up with Navy. Bill Sweezy, Los Angeles boss, denied that he and the Cubs talked managerial business in Chicago recently.

By the time his boxing entourage reaches the Pacific coast late this

month, Sgt. Joe Louis will have given 48 exhibitions before more than 700,000 servicemen. After that the champ gets a rest. He's tired. Upcoming fights worth mentioning: Heavyweights Lee Savold and Tapit Mafuriella in Madison Square Garden, Lightweights Sammy Angott and "Sluggo" White in Los Angeles for Angott's title.

## GOLF CHAMP

Willie Hunter nosed out Lloyd Mangrum for the Southern California open golf title. Harold ("Jug") McSpaden, unofficial U.S. mushie champ, takes an army physical next month. Horsey folks named Col. Matt Winn, Churchill Downs' "Grand Old Man," as the outstanding turf figure of the year. Locusts' Francisco Segura kept his Pan-American tennis crown at William Talbert's expense in Mexico City. Segura and Pauline Betz took the mixed doubles from Talbert and Margaret Osborne, U.S. champions.

## — Buy More Bonds —

## Guadal Insect Collection Here

The first known collection of insect and reptile life from Guadalcanal arrived at the San Diego Natural History Museum recently—sent by a Marine officer.

Capt. Josiah Green, preparator of exhibits at the museum for more than 19 years, found time amid the exigencies of battle on Guadalcanal to collect some of the island's insects and reptiles and send them back here for study. The collection is valuable from the standpoint that, as far as is known, it is the only one of its kind in the United States.

According to Clinton G. Abbott, museum director, the collection contains 10,000s, lizards, snakes, lizards, and a toad. Each specimen is a member of some family common to the United States, but their similarity ends.

## Acclaim Marine Art At Exhibit

WASHINGTON—Acclaimed the most popular feature of the Annual Outdoor Art Fair held here recently was the Marine Corps Art Exhibit, entrants in which took three first prizes and one second prize.

A watercolor of a battle-torn Marine on Guadalcanal, sketched by Maj. Donald L. Dickson, took first serviceman's prize; Capt. George M. Haffling took the first professional prize with an oil painting entitled "First Man Out"; a member of the USMCWR won the First Servicewoman's prize with a series of sketches of Women's Reserve Uniforms; and the second servicewoman prize went to T Sgt. Elmer Westler, who submitted a wash drawing of a Jap infantryman.

## — Buy War Bonds —

## Showmen Perform In South Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC—Top-flight entertainers from the "Great White Way" recently completed 10 performances and one informal hospital showing in this area, drawing the congratulations of Brig. Gen. Harold D. Campbell, commanding an air unit here.

The men offering the entertainment were part of an Overseas Unit of the USO. Those taking part were, Lobby Del Rio, comedian and accordionist; Bob Ripa, known as Denmark's juggling genius; and George Stalzer and Ralph Kirk, comedian singers of old time favorites.—Sgt. Benjamin J. Masse-link, combat correspondent.

## — Buy Congress —

## Receive Promotions

WASHINGTON—Promotions of four women officers to rank of first lieutenant have been announced by HQMC. The officers are Ruth S. Ferrell, Virginia Strauger, Meredith R. Lynn and Esther L. T. Greenwood.

## Boogie-Woogie Returns To Jungle With Marines

GUADALCANAL—Where but one short year ago the only sound was the banshee's wail of high-explosive shells, there now resounds the boogie-woogie beat as only an American trumpeter can dish it out.

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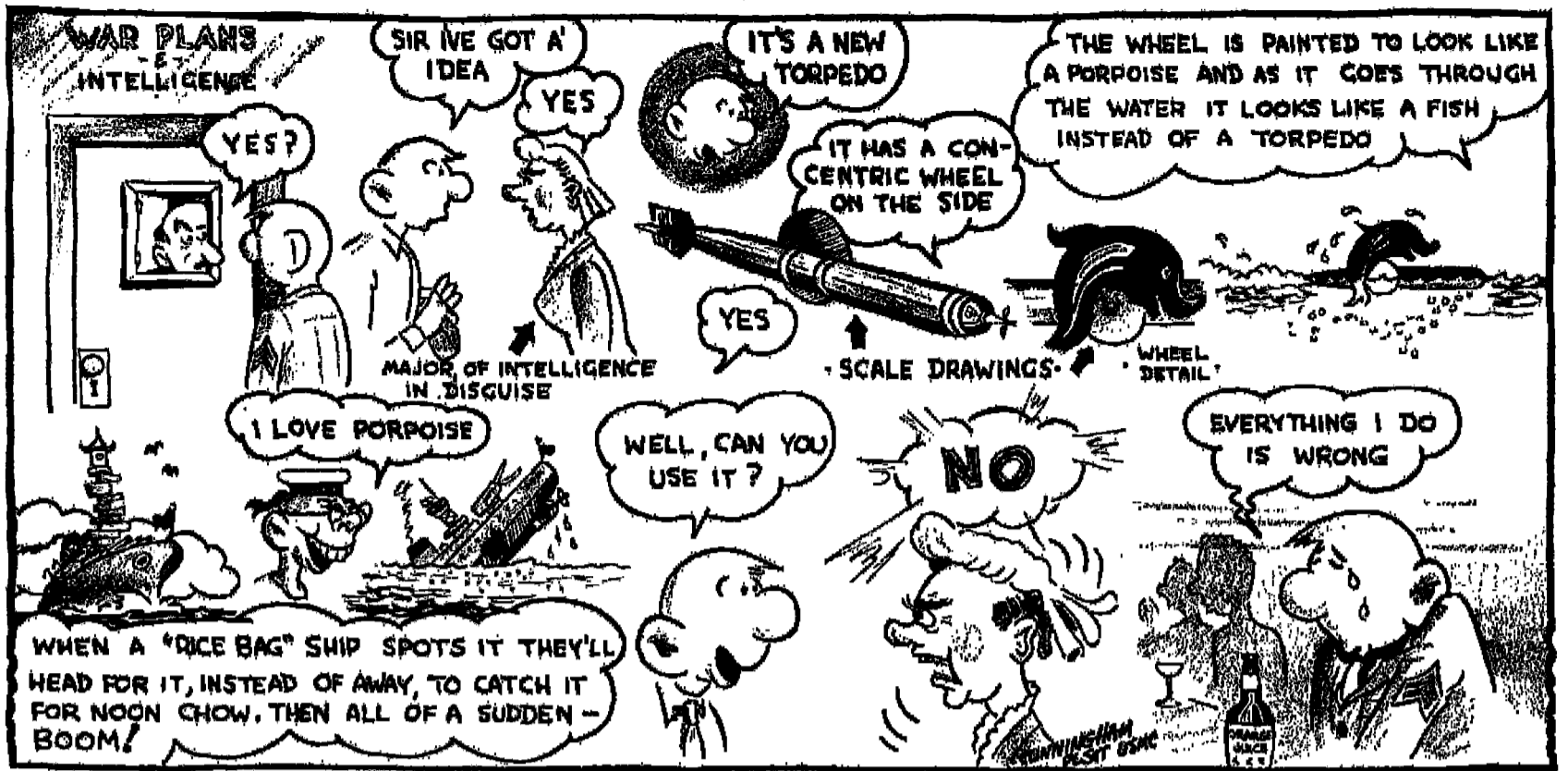
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# Puzzled Private Pinned By Pithy Passage From 'Pinafore'

By Corp. James F. Howe

The editor called me over.

"The opera season opens tonight in San Diego," he advised. "It should be a stimulating . . . I might even add for your enlightenment . . . a brilliant spectacle. Now as church, dog, lost and found, animal editor and art critic, you ought to be able to do a good story."

"But," I protested, "I don't know anything about music. I couldn't even tell who wrote the Beethoven Fifth Symphony. What opera is it, Puccini?"

"Never mind who's singing," he replied. "Just get the story."

HAVING ALWAYS been a patron of the arts (such as collecting French postcards, book match covers, indecent stockings and other bric-a-brac) I took off on my assignment. It was nightfall when I reached the Russ (Russian) Auditorium, so named, I am told, because it's a hassle to get in without a charge and like a Siberian winter when you die.

Notebook and camera handy, I took up my position near the entrance, ready to record on paper and film the great personages of San Diego due to appear.

Disdainfully, I passed up several Consolidated workers with lunch pails and stacks, obviously killing time until the swing shift whistle blew. The service men were as usual looking for free tickets. The first man appearing in full dress turned out to be the orchestra conductor. Two others in tuxedos were ticket buyers. A couple of dolls in evening gowns were usherettes. In the absence of any upper crust, San Diego is obviously a crummy town for opera, I concluded.

Several hours later I returned to the editor, after being released from the sergeant of the guard by his explanation.

"What are you doing working, particularly while on duty, and also being out of uniform?" he asked. "I told them you were covering a story so they let you go. Can't you know that the admiral says nobody can work for pay. That you just after a hard day's work for the Corps?"

"It's this way," I explained. "I guess there's a British warship in the harbor and they were giving a benefit tonight at the auditorium."

I told the editor how I tried to get backstage to interview some of

the stars or maybe the author.

"Gilbert and Sullivan, the authors, have been dead more than 50 years," he snarled.

"Well, then, why should we do a story about them if they've been dead as long as that?" I asked.

He ignored my question and told me to go on and explain myself.

"Well, some guy asked me if I wanted a job. He told me all I had to do was put on a sailor suit and kind of fill in the background. Say," I continued, "these

things are all right. They put on a pretty good show, too.

"The captain and the admiral were swell fellows. Everybody was quite polite. Why aren't they like that in our navy? This admiral, his name was Sir Joseph Portly, was a song saying:

"For I hold that on the seas, the expression if you please, a particularly gentlemanly tone implants . . . and stuff like that. Then from there on, every line one of the officers spoke to the man he said 'if you please.'"

I was all wound up now with enthusiasm.

"And this admiral said that any man who wanted to become a big man in the British navy just had to 'stick to his desk and never go to sea.' Can you imagine that, coming from a sir?"

"And say, they really do things right in the British navy," I went on. "These big shots had all their relatives on board, sisters and equines and aunts, because that's the way he introduced them and they weren't a bit snobbish. They all fraternized with the seamen."

The editor was grinning.

"One thing I don't understand though," I continued. "How do those guys get time to be over here singing. I thought they were supposed to be in the Atlantic fighting. Guess that's why we had to send our fleet over there, huh?"

"Stop it, stop it," screamed the editor. "I should have left you in the brig for working and being out of uniform."

In a very firm and calm voice he proceeded to enlighten me.

"The opera I told you to cover was 'H. M. S. Pinafore,' written by Gilbert and Sullivan as a satire on the British navy. There is no 'Pinafore' in the San Diego harbor and never has been. It's just a mythical name. The uniforms were the type worn in 1814, more than a century and a quarter ago. That was the American Opera Assn, giving the performance and they are all professional singers."

I was stunned. But I recovered.

"Wouldn't it be wonderful, though," I exclaimed, "if the American navy was like that, all the officers saying 'if you please' and everybody taking along his sisters and his cousins and his aunts and maybe the captain, like he did, exchanging uniforms just for the fun of it with one of the seamen, and . . ."

"Get outta here," the editor yelled, as I dusted his typewriter.



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