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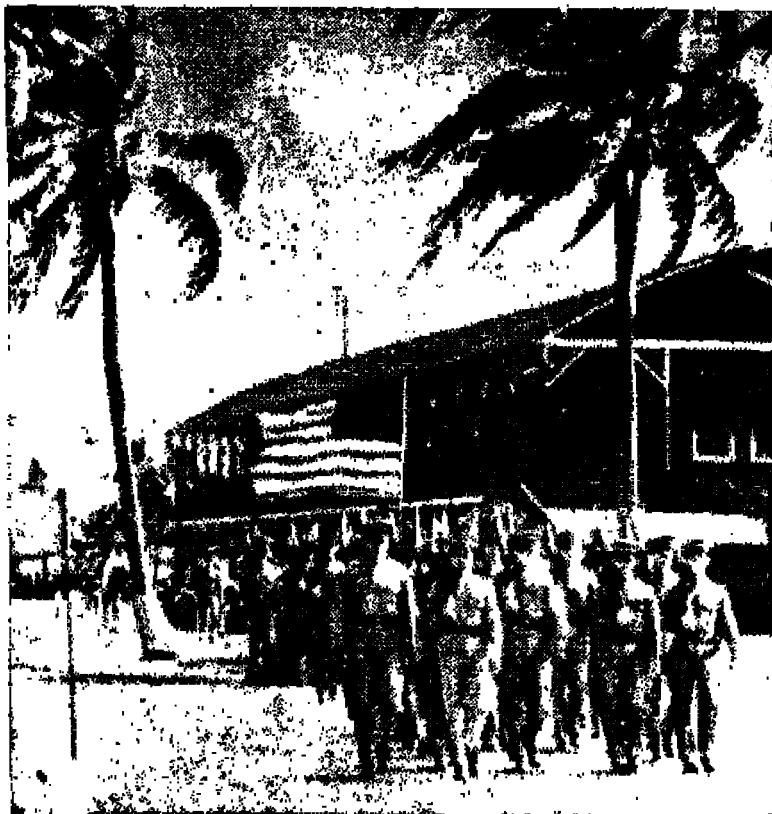
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BEFORE THE ATTACK. Some of the 145 Leathernecks who garrisoned Guam before the overwhelming Jap attack Dec. 10, 1941, are shown going about their peace-time duties. Barracks, now back in Marine hands, is in the rear.

Old U. S. Barracks On Guam Retaken By Leathernecks

PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, PEARL HARBOR, July 29 (AP)—Leathernecks have battled their way into the rubble-strewn barracks of the 145 Marines who defended Guam's Orote Peninsula when the Japs attacked Dec. 10, 1941.

In the ruins of the barracks an American flag used by the Japs for a cushion was found by Marines as they paused momentarily.

JAPS TOOK HARD WAY

When the Japs landed on Guam the night of Dec. 8, 1941, they picked Agaña and Umatac Bay on the southwest, assuming that we had fortified Apra Harbor. They picked the two most difficult landing places.

Capt. George J. McMillin, USN, with his small garrison held off the overwhelming invading force for a time. Then on Dec. 10, the radio station went off the air. The Japs captured the survivors of a garrison of 145 Marines, 400 other Naval personnel, including five women nurses, and a larger number of American civilian construction workers building a sea-plane base.

glimpsing for some familiar residue of pre-war days.

"I'd like to ram my bayonet into the pants of every Jap who sat on this," Sgt. William Brown of Los Angeles told John R. Henry, war correspondent, as the Leatherneck held up the flag's remnants.

The Marines did not pause long in the wreckage of their first recaptured garrison, but lunged ahead toward the 4700-foot Orote airfield, pressing in for the kill against 2000 trapped Japanese.

Negroes Serve With 2nd Div.

SAIPAN (Delayed)—For the first time in its combat history, the 2nd Mar. Div. had Negroes serving with it in the battle for this island.

Two of these men were wounded by shrapnel during a shelling by Jap artillery. They are; Sgt. Tinsler E. Kirven of Philadelphia, Pa., and PFC. Samuel James Love of Jackson, Miss.

Base Personnel To Have Chance To Cast Ballots

Machinery Set Up At MCB To Provide Applications For Ballots To All Voters

Machinery for affording MCB personnel the opportunity to vote in the November election was being set up here this week. The first step will be to place in the hands of all men and women of voting age the postcards which will bring about the return of ballots or applications for ballots from the various home states.

Maj. David P. Ross, executive officer of Base Hq. Bn., has been named voting supervisor of the Base and Lt. Col. Kenneth O. Cuttle the supervisor for RD. Voting officers for the Base organizations are:

VOTING OFFICERS

Maj. Robert J. Putnam, Trng. Regt. RD; Capt. Warren H. Pittman, Hq. Bn., RD; Maj. Earl C. Nicholas and Capt. Harold K. Jackson, Rifle Range Det.; Capt. Howard B. Smith, Base Hq. Bn.; Capt. Charles A. Pennington, Ser. Bn.; Maj. Edwin Gould, Sig. Bn.; Capt. George L. Ball, Qd. Bn., and 2d Lt. Ruth E. Gordon, WR Bn.

To be eligible to vote service men (Continued on Page 2)

— Stop Loss Talk —

Secret Weapon Of U.S. Used In Tinian Campaign

One of the most fearful instruments of death from America's arsenal of secret weapons aided immeasurably in the whirlwind conquest of Tinian Island, it was reported by Associated Press from the Marianas Islands this week.

Effectiveness of the secret weapon has been definitely proven. It is truly fearful and it is extremely doubtful whether any human being within 100 feet of its action would be able to live.

First use of the weapon came in the Tinian campaign, but because of security reasons it is impossible to even hint at its construction or its manner of use. Associated Press said.

Guadalcanal Day

(See pictures on pages 11-12-13)

"It is fitting at this time, when other more recent victories in the Pacific are uppermost in our thoughts, to pause and to recall those grim days of the Solomons campaign. On Aug. 7, 1942, U.S. Marines landed on the beaches of Guadalcanal and also on the nearby islands of Tulagi, Gavutu and Tanambogo. This commenced the first American major offensive of World War II.

"The Marines in conquering the island encountered many hardships and suffered great losses during the months following Aug. 7, 1942, until on Jan. 21, 1943, U.S. Army forces officially took over Guadalcanal. Since that time we have moved far more swiftly, meeting, however, no less savage opposition in the taking of New Georgia, Bougainville, Tarawa, Cape Gloucester, the Marshalls and, finally, Saipan in the Marianas.

"The heroic conquest of the 1st Mar. Div. in achieving victory at Guadalcanal, the turning point in the campaign in the Pacific, will never be forgotten. Victory, in these days, was not an inevitable through a long drawn out event.

"At this time, two years later, as Commanding General of the Dept. of the Pacific, where many Guadalcanal veterans have returned for duty or for naval hospitalization, I am proud to recall to the public's mind the indomitable courage and dogged perseverance of our Marines, living and dead, who, on the Island of Guadalcanal achieved the first major victory for United States forces in this global war.

"It is an appropriate time to pay homage to these brave men by purchasing War Bonds and by being a blood donor. We could not do less and keep faith with them."

MAJOR GENERAL JOSEPH C. FEGAN
Commanding General, Department of the Pacific
United States Marine Corps

Marines Capture Tinian, Press Forward On Guam



Brig. Gen. HARRIS
... top man for air

Brig. Gen. Harris New Director Of Marine Aviation

Brig. Gen. Field Harris, a veteran of 20 years in Marine aviation, has been assigned as Director of Aviation, effective on detachment of Brig. Gen. Louis E. Woods, HQMC announced in Washington this week. He will also be Assistant Commandant (Air).

Until June 7 this year, Gen. Harris served in the Pacific with the 1st Mar. Air Wing. During the Bougainville operation, he was with the first wave of invasion troops and, as commanding general of the forward air echelon, 1st Mar. Air Wing, directed air support. He served in the same capacity at Guadalcanal and Green Islands.

He was given the Legion of Merit for his services as chief of staff for operations by all United Nations aircraft during the New Georgia campaign.

LONG IN AVIATION

Gen. Harris was appointed a second lieutenant in the Corps in 1917 and entered Marine aviation several years later.

Gen. Woods, who has been Director of Aviation since October, 1943, was in command of all Allied air units on Guadalcanal for six weeks during the late fall of 1942. He also served as chief of staff to Maj. Gen. Roy Geiger when the latter was Commander, Aircraft, Solomons. He won the DSM for his services during the bitter fighting in the opening phases of the Solomons campaign.

— Stand Erect —

Lt. Col. Carlson Visited By FDR

The office of censorship has authorized disclosure that President Roosevelt visited USNH, San Diego, to call on Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson, famed Marine raider leader, who has been under treatment at the hospital for wounds received in the fighting on Saipan.

— Say War Bonds —

Gets 'Sniper'

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Pvt. Bud A. Gill of New Orleans blazed away at a moving object near his foxhole one night. Next morning he found a dead cow nearby.

Apra Harbor, Fields Operate As U.S. Bases

Fast-moving Leathernecks of the 2nd and 4th Mar. Divs. won complete control of Tinian Island and its two airstrips this week while advancing Marines compressed an estimated 10,000 Japs ever deeper into northern Guam.

Tinian fell to Marines in a bloody operation that began July 27 and ended Monday, July 31. The invasion cost assault troops 200 dead, 1121 wounded and 32 missing while the enemy suffered 4700 casualties.

In the conquest of Tinian, Marines for the first time employed a new and fearful secret weapon to capture Tinian town and to drive an estimated 4000 to 5000 troops into the southern one-third of the island. Jap resistance tightened as the U.S. trap was closed.

BIG TANK FORCE

Associated Press War Correspondent Rembert James reported: "They (the Japs) have nothing to look forward to but dying." The greatest tank force ever assembled in the Pacific and a continuous barrage protected Marines who cornered the Jap garrison on the southern tip of the island.

As Marines captured Tinian and pressed forward on Guam, new landings were made on western Dutch New Guinea where troops leaptfrogged to within slightly more than 600 miles of the southern (Continued on page 2)

— Use V-Mail —

Mortar KOs Jap Machine Gun At 35-Yard Range

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Such shooting is not in the books, but PFC William E. Alley of Wytheville, Va., is an artist at his trade.

You can take it from his CO and a whole unit of grateful Marines who saw what he did to a Jap bazooka raid.

Fifty screaming Japs staged an attack while the infantry was still digging in for night defense. Alley's mortar was the only weapon available to stop a Jap machine gun spitting lead 25 yards away.

The shortest mortar range listed on the charts is several hundred yards.

"You won't find it in the books," Alley said, "but we had to do something."

The mortar tube was almost straight up when Alley let fly. From the CP 50 yards to the rear we thought the shell was going straight up and land in our own lines. Instead, it landed on the Jap machine gun.

The next morning when we counted the Japs killed in the attack, someone muttered: "Shades of Lou Diamond." Sgt. Gilbert H. Bailey, combat correspondent.

— Mail Address Correct? —

First Enlisted Man Over 38 Discharged

CAMP PENDLETON—PFC. Norman K. Doyle of Los Angeles was the first enlisted man over 38 years of age to be discharged here in accordance with Ltr. of Instr. No. 792. His discharge became effective Tuesday, July 25. Prior to joining the Corps PFC. Doyle was an employee-relative... at 20th Century-Fox Studios.

Aviation Leader Given DSM For Rabaul Attacks

Coordinated Air Strikes Against Enemy Stronghold Cripple Hostile Shipping

WASHINGTON—Maj. Gen. Ralph J. Mitchell, CG 1st Mar. Air Wing, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for the skillful planning and execution of coordinated air attacks against the Japanese stronghold of Rabaul, New Britain.

The citation accompanying the award, signed by Secy. of Navy James Forrestal, said that Maj. Gen. Mitchell reduced and finally eliminated effective enemy air opposition in that area, crippling hostile shipping to such an extent that the value of Rabaul as a supply port became negligible.

Maj. Gen. Mitchell served as commander of all Navy, Marine and Army aircraft in the Solomons area.

Marines Capture Tinian, Press Ahead On Guam

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Philippines. The Americans invaded the Sansapor area and took nearby Amsterdam and Middelburg Islands.

Guam's Apra harbor, finest in the Marianas, and the Orde peninsula airfield on the harbor's south arm were in operation two days after their re-conquest from the Japanese.

Late this week, Adm. Chester Nimitz reported that Marines and soldiers have captured Tinian airfield on Guam, the seventh airfield to be taken in the Marianas Islands. Tinian airfield is within Superfortress range of the Jap homeland.

Adm. Nimitz said the new airfield fell Tuesday and that three more villages were captured by Americans the same day as they advanced one mile.

The 10,000 defenders left in the north half of Guam were being prepared for the knockout punch by carrier plane bombs and rockets.

LOW U.S. LOSSES

American casualties on Guam through Aug. 1 were 1022 killed, 4946 wounded and 305 missing, compared with 7419 counted enemy dead.

The smashing U.S. Marianas offensive has cost the Jap defenders of Guam, Tinian and Saipan nearly 30,000 troops killed, a Nimitz communique disclosed. It was announced that 21,036 Jap dead have been buried on Saipan.

— March Forward —

Voting Machinery Set Up On Base

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and women must be 21 years old on Nov. 7, 1944, in all states except Georgia, where the voting age is 18. All must be eligible to vote under the laws of their respective home states.

The procedure for obtaining state absentee ballots varies among the states. Some states are planning to mail ballots to servicemen without application having been made by postcard. Residents of these states are advised to fill out and return the postcards, however, in order to provide their state officials with correct mailing addresses.

Methods to be used by the voting



GUAM BOUND. Aboard an LST headed for Guam, Marines and mascot gather on deck to hear the latest news picked up by ship's radio. (Photo by Corp. Arthur Sarno).

'Tonsorial Secret' Hides In Bougainville Jungles

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—If the editors through whose hands this passes are bald or losing their hair, the bets are down that this will be used even if it has to go on a classified ad page during a big war news day.

Last February, reports by jungle grapevine and inter-island steamer began to drift back from Bougainville to encampments on relatively-civilized Guadalcanal. The reports had it that three totally bald members of the Seabees had been camped deep in the heart of the Bougainville jungle along with their outfit and miraculously grew hair in the humid camp.

ENCOURAGING START

Scorning correspondents belittled the statement that the three Seabees had grown full heads of hair in three months—so full they had to get haircuts. Rumors grew that more Seabees, suffering from exposed knobs, had gone to the growers of hair and, after treatments with the particular water and mud, had gone away with an encouraging start on their topside.

Then it got so bad Seabees relieved of duty at Bougainville and returning through Guadalcanal would seek out this correspondent and tell him of the miracle of Bougainville and urge an investigation with the usual statement, "Boy, there is a story there that will sweep the bald-headed world. Get on it." Some doffed caps to show fuzz they had accumulated.

'TONSORIAL SECRET'

But alas, the exigencies of war will not permit correspondents to traipse off and run down a tonsorial secret. So the miracle of Bougainville remains undeveloped but is reported for possible investigation in the future peacetime days. Who knows but that the energetic Seabees, who build so fast they work themselves out of jobs, have unearthed a contribution to the vanity of man in the far-off Solomons?—TSgt. Theo. C. Link, combat correspondent.

— Say War Bonds —

Jung Ping Louie, Chinese-born boot at NTS, Great Lakes, has allotted his entire pay for War Bonds and has named the U. S. government beneficiary in event of his death.

officers in distributing the postcards are now being worked out.

Questions of Base personnel will be answered by the organization voting officer, who is acquainted with the election laws of the various states.

Base Rationers Warn Against Pleasure Rides

Use of gasoline ration coupons for last-minute pleasure trips by MCB auto owners about to be transferred constitutes an infraction of regulations, Base ration board officials pointed out this week in stressing that car owners are accountable for unexpired coupons on a prorated basis according to total mileage allowed.

Names of car owners who fail to surrender all coupons above the amount necessary for post-to-home travel up to the time they are detached will be reported to their COs for disciplinary action, it was pointed out.

Sellers of autos were cautioned to turn in their A, B or C books to the Base ration board and not to give the book to the buyer.

LONG WAY TO GO

A book holders were advised to use their coupons conservatively as those remaining must last until Sept. 21. Those who have less than five coupons in their books at present are off schedule, it was said.

Car owners not carrying full complements of riders were warned that ride-sharing is to be more rigidly enforced. One policy under consideration is to require such car owners living in the same neighborhood to double up and take a 50 per cent cut in gasoline allowances.

— Say War Bonds —

Alimony—The high cost of leaving.



SHOULDER PATCH ... given approval

Artist's Sketch Shows New Patch

An artist's sketch of the official shoulder patch for the 3rd Amphibious Corps, recently given approval by HQMC, shows a dragon and the numeral 3 on a background of red. The dragon is yellow and the numeral is white, according to an HQMC announcement made this week.

— Stop Loose Talk —

Marine Guards Win USNH Title

USNH, SAN DIEGO — Corp. "Hap" King and his Marine Guard softball team won the all-hospital league championship last week by shutting out the P.O. ten, 2 to 0. Twenty teams took part in the tournament.

The championship game was played at San Diego High School's field and was worth \$5 worth of short beers to the winners.

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Namur Hero Goes Home

Winner Of Medal Of Honor Leaves Base On Furlough

PFC. Richard Keith Sorenson left the Base for his home in Anoka, Minn., this week while across the country his family and the 7000 residents of his native town prepared to welcome the youth who won the nation's highest award—the Congressional Medal of Honor—for throwing himself on a hand grenade to save his buddies on Namur Island.

Arriving at MCB from USNH, Seattle, Wash., PFC. Sorenson was handled speedily in the Reclassification and Redistribution Center and boarded a train for his home town. Upon expiration of his 30-day furlough, he will report for duty with the guard detachment at an airfield near his home.

SET ON GRENADE

The Medal of Honor winner is credited with saving the lives of his companions in an open base, most on Namur Island at the height of a Jap counter-attack. He squatted on the grenade as it rolled across the basement floor without thinking of the personal risk involved.

On a quick trip to Camp Pendleton this week, Sorenson met the only other living enlisted Marine who holds the Medal of Honor—Cysgt. John Basilone.

Striding across the area where his unit is in training at Camp Pendleton, Cysgt. Basilone greeted Sorenson heartily.

"Congratulations, kid," he said, "we've heard all about what you did. I am really very happy to know you."

The youth, 19 years of age, towers 6 ft. 2 in. and weighs 176 pounds—a fact that made him a letterman in football at Anoka High School in his junior year before he quit classes and joined the Corps.

THINKS OF HOME

As Sorenson prepared to leave San Diego for home this week, he was as calm as the day he raised his right hand and was sworn into the Marines—but every minute was spent thinking of his homecoming.

The youth visualized the two-story white frame house at 444 Benton St., surrounded on three sides by lawns that his younger brother keeps well-cropped. "It's the second house from the corner of Green Ave. on Benton St.—and just 18 miles from the Twin Cities," he recalled.

"Dad kind of expected me to go into the Navy," Sorenson said, "since he was a gunner on a tanker in the North Atlantic in the last war. But I guess he is pretty well satisfied about the way things turned out."

Waiting for his return to Anoka is the Medal of Honor winner's mother, Virginia; his father, Carl Sorenson; his brother, William, 16; and his sister, Mary Carol, 3.

— Aim True —

Heavyweight Job

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Corp. Leonard Mason of Peekskill, N. Y., is the smallest man in his platoon but does one of the biggest jobs. He packed a heavy flame thrower through this battle.

White-haired Vet Leader Of Assault Unit

SAIPAN July 9 (Delayed)—A white-haired veteran of 23 years' Marine Corps service, including Guadalcanal, captured the first Japanese soldier on Saipan, took over his platoon after the lieutenant in command had been killed in the landing and led them through three weeks of the toughest fighting in the Pacific war to earn the distinction—in the words of his captain—of being "the youngest old timer in the 4th Mar. Div."

The Marine is MGysgt. James E. Farrell, 43, of Philadelphia, Pa.



DIGGING IN. Marines take to natural cover as they hit the beach near Asan, on Guam island, as U.S. forces landed in a drive to reclaim the American possession. Note Marine running, upper left. Half of the island has fallen to Marines.



HEROES MEET. The only two living enlisted Marines who hold Medal of Honor, Cysgt. John Basilone (left) and PFC. Richard Keith Sorenson, meet at Camp Pendleton.

Chinese Leader At Camp

Medical Situation Critical In Free China, U.S. Told

CAMP LEJEUNE—Lt. Gen. Robert Khe-Shang-Lin, chief of the Supervising and Planning Commission of the Chinese Army, made a two-day tour of this base, conferring with Naval medical officers who have returned from Pacific warfare.

"The medical situation in China today is critical," Gen. Lin told Marine and Naval officers. "There are only 6000 fully trained doctors in Free China, and 3000 of these are serving with the Chinese Army."

2dLt. Wilbur Carl Sze of Washington, D. C., first Chinese commissioned in the Marine Corps and now an electronics instructor here, met and accompanied Gen. Lin on the inspection.—Sgt. Charles B. Kopp, combat correspondent.

Five Ships Sunk By Marine Flyer

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Recalling ruefully the "big one that got away," 1stLt. Paul Fullop has arrived at this station from the South Pacific credited with single-handedly sinking five Jap ships.

The "big one" was a cruiser in Rabaul harbor which escaped the weight of Lt. Fullop's bombs.

On four other occasions, the lieutenant ship bombed cargo ships, sinking all of them. The ships ranged in size from 200 to 400 feet. Three of them were so well camouflaged that "they looked like small islands with trees on them," he said.

On one mission, his gunner's leg was broken by concussion of another's flyer's bomb as Lt. Fullop's plane passed over a target.

Destroyer Named For First Pilot In Marine Corps

WASHINGTON—The USS Alfred A. Cunningham, a 2200-ton destroyer named in honor of the late Lt. Col. Alfred Austell Cunningham, father of Marine aviation, will be launched soon.

The officer, who died May 27, 1939, at the age of 57, after a colorful career of more than a quarter of a century with the Marines, was the first Marine pilot and the Navy's fifth. The Navy's sixth and the Marine's second pilot was Col. Bernard L. Smith, now on duty at Guatemala City.

Imbued with a fervent desire to fly, Col. Cunningham in 1911 started experimenting with an airplane, the famous "Nasty Nan." On May 16, 1912, he was ordered to the aviation camp the Navy had set up at Annapolis to learn to fly. After two hours and 40 minutes of instruction, he made a solo flight.

He was the first Naval aviator to take instruction in flying landplanes. In 1916, he became the first Naval pilot to catapult from a warship underway.

Construction Of New Shop Starts

A new Base butcher shop was under construction in Bldg. 330, formerly the decontamination center, this week as shifts in Base offices and quarters continued. The old shop was located in the center of the tent area in Bldg. 157, recently converted into a mess hall for transient troops.

It is planned to move the auto paint shop of Base Motor Transport to Bldg. 213, near the boat house. When repairs to that building are completed the shop will accommodate huge trailers, which now are being painted outside.

The Shoe and Textile Repair School, which has been in hut area 5 of RD since being moved to MCB from Camp Pendleton last week, is expected to take over Bldg. 129 when that building is vacated by Motor Transport School.

MT School is expected to be moved to Camp Lejeune upon receipt of orders from HQMC.

— Bonds Or Bombs? —

Federal Ballots

The laws of 20 states will permit use of federal ballots by service men this year.

— Say More Bonds —

When World War I broke out the Navy had 54 planes and the Army 55

Boot Rifle Scores Tie

Duo Falls One Short Of Record At Camp Matthews

CAMP MATTHEWS—The scores of 330, one point below the high M-1 score of the year at this range for recruits with no previous service in the Corps, were fired last week by Pvt. Chester E. Carter (Plat. 654) of San Marcos, Tex., and William A. Kirby Jr. (Plat. 656) of Oakland, Cal.

On almost any other record day the runner-up score of 329, fired by Pvt. Marlon W. Treadwell (Plat. 660) of Solgokackia, Ark., would have earned its holder high individual honors.

HIGH AVERAGE

The high average of qualifications recorded in recent weeks was maintained by both firing details last week. Ninety-five per cent of the 891-man detail fired qualifying scores on Wednesday and 94.6 per cent of the 867-man detail bettered 2d on Thursday.

Another 100 per cent qualification was marked up by Plat. 654, coached on the school range by PFC. Mervin J. Kelleh. DI of this platoon is Sgt. W. L. Benintendi. Five other platoons dropped but one man each.

Range records for the week were:

July 26
Leading individuals—330, Pvt. Carter and Kirby; 329, Pvt. Treadwell.
Leading platoons—100, Plat. 654; 98.3, Plat. 660 (PFC. Edmund A. Posselt, coach, PFC. L. V. Williams, DI); 95.3, Plat. 662 (PFC. August C. Heilmann Jr., coach, PFC. L. S. Hazard, DI); 95.3, Plat. 661.

July 27
Leading individuals—325, Pvt. John M. Ruark (Plat. 676), Robinson, Tex., and Stanley L. Schmidt (Plat. 670), Zion, Ill.; 323, Pvt. Frank Steinhilberg (Plat. 678), Borden, Cal.

Leading platoons—98.4, Plat. 676 (PFC. Paul M. Krasowski, coach, Sgt. W. E. Bingham, DI); 98.4, Plat. 670 (PFC. Wayne B. Dolan, coach, Sgt. J. "A." Donnelly, DI); 96.3, Plat. 671 (PFC. John W. McNeill, coach, Corp. J. A. Bagnach, DI).

— Keep Clean —

Sleeping On Post Fatal To One Jap

SAIPAN (Delayed)—This is to tell of one Jap soldier who will never sleep on his post again. Sgt. Elman A. Anderson of Brownwood, Tex., found him at daybreak a few days ago, sitting asleep on watch by the mouth of a cave with his weapon beside him. After killing the sentry with a rifle, Sgt. Anderson tossed a TNT charge into the cave and accounted for three more Japs.—Sgt. Herb Schultz, combat correspondent.

(From The Chevron, Aug. 1, 1942)

The Walrus—A Good Guy To Emulate

"The time has come", the Walrus said,
To talk of many things:
Of shoes—and ships—and sealing wax—
Of cabbages—and kings—
Of why the sea is boiling hot—
And whether pigs have wings."
—Lewis Carroll

Naval personnel might well borrow a leaf from the Walrus's book and confine their conversation to such innocuous things as cabbages and kings, leaving strictly military matters entirely alone.

But, despite constant hammering, there are those who are careless not only of what they say but where they say it. Their loose mouths drip little bits of information here and little bits of information there—the very things that, when pieced together, provide the dope that our enemies like to know about what's going on in this country.

The Commandant of the 11th Naval Dist. calls attention to a recent statement of the Secy. of the Navy that the departure of a convoy from a U. S. port and its destination were "common knowledge" in the locality of the port of departure. The report indicated that there was considerable loose talk in the locality not only with respect to the convoy but also in connection with other ship movements.

The statement points out that "loose talk in public places, over the telephone, in the home, at a party, or anywhere else, except in strictly official circles, may bring disastrous results, the magnitude of which could only be weighed by what happened to be at stake."

This business of keeping your lips buttoned

Break The News By V-Mail

Note to parents, friends and other civilian readers:

If some emergency arises at home, don't notify the man in service by telegram unless the situation is such that he can do something about it immediately.

Instead, use V-Mail and give him a full explanation.

"A dispatch such as 'Father passed away'," the Navy explains, "is of dubious help. The man who receives the message is stricken not only by grief but by doubts and worries. In addition to impairing his morale and efficiency, getting emergency news to a fighting man quickly is often of no advantage. As further information may take some time to reach him, he is subjected to prolonged and unnecessary worry and doubt. It is recommended that naval personnel ask their families to communicate any such news fully by letter or V-Mail."

V-Mail gets top priority by air. Use it not only when you need to explain an emergency but use it also for your regular correspondence.

Springboard Of Offense

The Pacific Coast has become one of our springboards of offense, in inverse ratio to the somber days of 1941-1942, when it was a bastion of defense. Much of the power that is now beating back the Japanese in the Pacific is generated here, where the mighty units of our Fleet are launched, repaired or supplied.—Asst. Secy. of Navy Arthur L. Gates.

Reserves Do The Job

"We of the regular Navy furnish a certain amount of direction and leadership, but the bulk of the work necessarily has to be done by the Reserves. . . . The war is being fought by the American people and not by a professional Army and Navy. The high quality of our personnel is shown by the results they obtain when given the weapons for fighting."—Adm. Spruance.

doesn't apply entirely to the times when you're in the presence of strangers or in public places. It's just as dangerous—perhaps more so—to reveal military information to those whom you hold most dear and in whom you place the most confidence.

Those persons—your wife, your family or your sweetheart—wouldn't knowingly endanger lives or the nation's safety. But they have had no security education and consequently are not aware of how perilous it is to pass on little bits of information which they have obtained from you.

There's only one safe course. That's to discuss military matters with no one except as is necessary in carrying out your work. The consequences to others could easily be fatal. The consequences to you could be prosecution and disgrace.

Safety Valve

Back At The Old Job

Editor, The Chevron—I arrived back in the States on May 29 after 29 months' overseas duty and completed two combat missions—Guadalcanal and Tarawa. I arrived back to duty July 15, 1944, and was placed in an artillery school after I only spent 34 months on the guns they are teaching me. I asked for east coast duty, so they put me on the west coast. Where is this choice of duty for overseas men? That is the question six buddies and myself would like to know. Also, why don't we rate liberty every day instead of just two days out of every 10?

Corp. CHARLES PEICK
PFC. WILLIAM C. REYNOLDS
1st FAB, ABTC, Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—It is customary to put all returned personnel selected for instructors, including officer personnel, through the course they are to teach before they begin instructing. Possibly that's what you're doing.

The Reclassification and Redistribution Center was set up at MCB partly to attempt to place men where they want to be if such is possible. You returned before that agency was set up. However, needs of the service come first and men with long experience on particular weapons will be sent to posts where they can be most useful to the Corps. These posts will not be satisfactorily located for all returned veterans.

Marine Family

Editor, The Chevron—Two of our sons met at Saipan after two years. PFC. George R. Porter of a 2nd Div. artillery unit had been at Tarawa earlier. Corp. Weyman W. Whitfield of a 4th Div. tank unit had seen action in the Marshalls. They were not able to make contact while in training, and so did not meet until Saipan.

We also have another son, John N. Porter, now in Plat. 720, RD, MCB, San Diego, and our daughter works at the Marine Depot in San Francisco, so you can see we have quite a Marine family.

MRS. JOHN PORTER
675 Jean St., Oakland 10, Calif.

Drop Them A Line

Editor, The Chevron—Since returning from overseas, I've become well acquainted with the parents of PFC. Winston Henry, USMC Unit 260, who was killed in October, 1942, on Guadalcanal. Anyone knowing him or having information of his death write J. P. Henry, 1300 Maple St., Santa Ana, Cal.

Sgt. ROBERT F. MOSS
MCAS, El Toro, Cal.

Editor, The Chevron—I would like very much to hear from anyone who served with my son, PFC. Warren Fraser, in Co. C, 7th Marines. He was at Guadalcanal and died Jan. 13, 1944, of wounds.

MRS. ALICE B. FRASER
50 Lewis St., Lynn, Mass.

Editor, The Chevron—Will anyone who knew my brother, Sgt. Hilbert Siegel, who was killed in action, please contact me?

ALBERT SIEGEL
6207 4th Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

Any More Higdon's?

Editor, The Chevron—I notice in The Chevron that PFC. June Higdon is one of two WRs studying aerial gunnery. I thought I was the only Higdon in the Corps and would like to have her address to find out if she's a relative.

PFC. R. W. HIGDON
Field Sig. Bn., TC, Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—ME, Pensacola, Fla.

No Squadron Patches

Editor, The Chevron—Is there a shoulder patch for Marine Fighter Squadron 337?

Pvt. J. L. HANRETTY
MCAD, Miramar.

Editor's note—No. Shoulder insignia are not authorized for units lower than Aircraft Wings.

A new type field pack now being issued is equipped with entrenching tool, bayonet, cartridge belt and mess gear. It is strapped to the back.

The latest class to graduate from the Base MT School turned in the highest record of grades so far, with an average of 92 per cent.

Col. William T. Clement was awarded the Navy Cross and was cited by the President for his heroic conduct at Bataan and Corregidor, where he was liaison officer between Army and Navy forces.

1st Lt. William F. Schroeder III handed 12 paratroopers a surprise when he made an unscheduled leap from their plane with them. A medical officer who "just went along for the ride," he could not withstand the urge to bail out when the paratroopers did.

Maj. Richard Hanley, former football coach at Northwestern Univ. and now executive officer of the Marine Aviation Mechanics and Metallurgy School in Chicago, has started a new type physical fitness program, which he calls "combat conditioning."

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

Celestial Navigation School

Editor, The Chevron—My CO has suggested writing you for information on how to enter celestial navigation school.

TSGT. S. E. PRESCOTT
MCAS, Santa Barbara, Cal.

Editor's note—Celestial navigation course at North Island is primarily for bomber navigators and applicants must first have attended navigation school such as Max-Fair West's at Corvallis, Ore., which is primarily for training of transport navigators. You may apply for the latter if you have these qualifications: (1) be a citizen; (2) two years college or high school graduate who can get 125 on aptitude test; (3) hold rank of sergeant or higher; (4) no previous specialist schooling; (5) pass Form 1 physical (flight exam); (6) be morally, physically and psychologically qualified for long range flying; (7) be examined by a designated board, in this case the classification board at Miramar.

"Bless Them All"

Editor, The Chevron—Can you send me the words to "Bless Them All"? The fellows whistle it out here but no one knows more than the first two lines. When the film "Marine Raiders" was shown in Tent Camp No. 1, the song was sung about three times, but I couldn't catch the words.

PFC. WARREN J. GAUTREAU
5th Mar. Div., Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—Marines picked up this English song in Australia and have added many lyrics of their own. San Diego music stores do not have it in stock at present but will order a copy for you.

Wants His Own

Editor, The Chevron—I get a laugh when I see Marines writing in to say that they look forward to The Chevron. By the time I get it, it is worn out by the other fellows, so I'll fade my two bucks herewith to get my own copy.

Corp. HAROLD MASTERMAN
Central Pacific.

Editor, The Chevron—The Chevron is like the Bible out here and we really do appreciate it.

PFC. RUSS HOPKINS
c/o PPO, San Francisco.

Doesn't Rate Salute

Editor, The Chevron—Does an officer salute, at all times, an enlisted man wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor?

NAME WITHHELD

Editor's note—The legend that an enlisted man wearing the MCHM rates a salute from everyone, regardless of rank, is one of those durable legends that persists in both Army and Navy. However, it has no basis in regulations.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel, 0700 Services—0830 Services, Antiochian; 1015 Services, Chapel; Evening Vesper Service 1830 Chapel. (Catholic): 0800 Mass, Antiochian; 0915 Mass, Chapel, Friday Mass (Monday through Saturday); 0930-0730; Chapel, Friday Evening Service, 1900, Chapel, Confession; Saturday 1230-1600, Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 125, Hearing Dept.; 1600-1700 Chaplain's Office, Administration Bldg. (Jewish): Chapel, 1100, (Christian Science): Sundays, 0930, Bldg. 125, RD. (Latter Day Saints): 0800, Reception Room, Bldg. 125, RD; Wednesdays, 1830.

CAMP MATTHEW (Protestant): 0800, Theater. (Catholic): Mass, 0800, Theater. (Christian Science): Sunday, 1830, Room across from this office to Ad. Bldg. (Jewish): 0915, Chaplain's Office. (Latter Day Saints): 0800, Armorer's School Bldg.; Thursdays, 1800.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel. (Catholic): Sunday Masses 0830, 0900, 1115, Mass daily, 1830, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science): 1400-1730, Chaplain's Office, Tuesday and Friday. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Thursday 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1830, Camp Chapel; Mondays, 0800.

MCAD, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services; Communion, 1st Sunday of month. (Catholic): 0700 and 0900, Confession; 0730 and 0830, Mass, Bldg. 322. (Jewish): Thursdays, 0900. (Latter Day Saints): Discussion meeting Tuesdays, 1800. (Christian Science): Tuesdays, 1800.

CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant): Post Chapel, communion at 0800, Bible Class 0830, Morning Worship at 1015, Vesper Service 1800; Wednesday, Vesper Service 2000; Ranch House Chapel, Service at 1015; Infantry Training Center, Sunday morning worship, 0700; at Theater, 11-T-1 at 0800, 15-T-1 at 0900, 15-T-1 at 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900. (Catholic): Post Chapel, Masses at 0830, 0900, 1115, Confessions, Saturday, 1800-1800; Novena, Wednesday 1800; Ranch House Chapel, Mass 0915; Tuesday and Friday, Mass 1845; Friday, confessions at 1830 to 1800; Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0700, at Theater, 14-T-1 at 0800, daily at 0800; 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 1000, 17-T-1 at 0800; Confessions before each Mass. (Christian Science): Post Chapel, Sunday 1800, Thursday 1830; Study group, Mondays 1800, Infantry Training Regt., Row 28, Tent 1. (Latter Day Saints): Post Chapel, Sunday 0900, Mondays 1800. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Friday at 1800.



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LADY LUCK. Their life raft was destroyed with their dive bomber by ack-ack over Rabaul, but a "Dumbo" rescue plane spotted and picked up Corp. Lewis L. Selover of Neptune, N.J., (left) and 2dLt. Robert D. Zehrung of Berkeley, Cal., after they had been in the sea but 34 minutes.

Flying Midgets Uncover Enemy Saipan Positions

SAIPAN (Delayed)—The "Mighty Midgets of Saipan," reconnaissance planes operating here, demonstrated that they can get close enough to the Japs to spot the fillings in their teeth.

The tiny Stinson observation planes have been spotting targets for our devastating artillery fire. Although they look puny enough to be blown over by a brisk wind, they have been hopping over the ridges and mountains of this island like a hive of busy bees, swooping down to get a close look at potential enemy pockets and then down again to judge the effects of Marine shells.

One of these planes was among the first aircraft to land on Saipan. Piloted by 1stLt. John N. Barbas of Woburn, Mass., it came in on the second day on the captured Japanese fighter strip just north of Charan-Kanoo.

IN AIR EARLY

The remainder arrived soon afterwards and were shortly in the air over Mt. Tapochau investigating enemy activity.

Until two days ago, they had to accept the hazards of taking off and landing from the wrecked strip, but there were no accidents. Since then, engineers have put the field into perfect shape.

The only thing that endangers them here is not enemy aircraft, but the blasts of high explosive shells as they are shot toward the Japanese lines. Weighing only 2800 pounds, the observation planes are occasionally knocked against nearby trees by concussion. But that problem is rapidly being solved.

The unit is commanded by Col. Ralph E. Forsythe of San Diego. 1stSgt. Murray Lewis, combat correspondent.

— Shoot Straight —

'Rockettes' CO Back In U. S.

MCAS, MIRAMAR—Lt. Col. Alben C. Robertson, flying skipper of the "Rockettes," first Marine torpedo-plane squadron to use rockets, has returned to the U. S. after a tour of blasting South Pacific Jap bases and shipping.

The colonel organized the "Rockettes" at MCAS, Santa Barbara, and commanded the squadron during three tours of combat operations from Munda, Bougainville and Green Island. He has emerged unscathed from 54 combat missions, although bombers he has flown have been damaged on eight different occasions. He shares credit in the sinking of a Jap destroyer in the Simpson Harbor area, Rabaul.

— Shoot Straight —

V-mail gets an A-1 priority. Use it often.

New Rest Camp Open

Marine Barracks Built In Heart Of Oregon Mountains

MB, KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Hundreds of Marines returned from overseas with tropical ailments are being rehabilitated and made ready for return to duty here at a unique rehabilitation center recently opened and where construction is still under way.

Located a few miles northeast of Klamath Falls at an elevation of 4805 feet, buildings and other facilities are being constructed for upwards of 5000 men, who will be given every known remedy to rehabilitate themselves from ailments and fatigue they suffered in battling the Japs.

CLIMATE HEALTHFUL

Medical authorities recommend the high, dry climate for hypertension and other nervous disorders. Col. B. Dubel, veteran of many years of service, is CO, with Maj. Clyde G. Roberts as "exec".

A fixed training program is carried out every week day. Some men do close-order drill, others are on working parties.

"Our job is a clear-cut one," said Maj. Roberts. "It is to rehabilitate the men as best we can under a carefully worked out program aimed at bringing them back and making them as fit as they once were."

Klamath Falls citizens have already announced they "are eager" to take the Marines on hunting and fishing trips with them. The nearby country is famed as a hunter's and fisherman's paradise.

CAMP EXPANDING

Everything necessary for the care and comfort of Marines is being made available. A modern theater and large PX were recently opened.

In order to enable parents and friends of Marines to visit them, a large Guest House has been erected in the camp area.

The men are encouraged to participate in sports of various kinds. Boxing is a favorite. So is horse-back riding.

The big job, as Maj. Roberts pointed out, is to bring the men back, restore them to health and then to duty, and it looks as though that job is well under way here.

ATTEND HIGH SCHOOL

MB, KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Enlisted men at this station are being given an opportunity to study vocational subjects at the local high school.

Eighty-six men, all veterans of overseas service, started to school July 17, taking such subjects as machine shop, welding, radio and radio repair, aviation and general sheet metal, and typing.

The program was designed to render the men more valuable in the service, as well as to assist in their rehabilitation and readjustment upon return to civil life.



STANDING WATCH. Sgt. Winfred Chintis (left) and Corp. Laurie Bowler, radio operators, are among WRs who now completely staff the radio-teletype section at MCAS, Santa Barbara, freeing men for combat duty.

U. S. Fleet Triple In Size Next Month

WASHINGTON—The Navy on Aug. 18, 1944, will triple the number of combatant ships it had in the fleet on July 1, 1940, with the completion of the destroyer escort USS Grady.

When the Navy began its intensive building program in July, 1940, it had in the fleet 333 combatant ships. Completion of the Grady, barring any additional combat losses and failure to complete any of the ships listed for completion before Aug. 18, will triple this.

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Indian Officer Visits Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON—While many Americans may not know it, India has an army of more than 2,000,000 men composed entirely of volunteers, according to Maj. Meraj Ud Din, Indian army officer who is visiting here.

At Camp Pendleton to observe the 5th Mar. Div. in training, the 32-year-old major said that many Indian troops are fighting in Europe, particularly in Italy.

Approximately 80 per cent of Allied troops fighting in Burma are Indians, Maj. Din added.

The major came to this country as an observer after nine months of combat duty on the Arakan front in Burma.

— Bonds Or Bondage? —

No Wonder They Liked This Chow

SAIPAN (Delayed) — Enlisted Marines of the Hq. Bn. of the 2nd Div. really look forward to chow here. So far it's been the only mess hall and chow line—and probably the only time the privates can look to the rear and spot colonels and majors behind them in line.

— Okey Orders —

Sgt.: "I don't trust you too far."
Gai: "I don't trust you too near!"

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U.S. Coast Guard Landing Marines On 154th Anniversary

'Ugly Ducklings' Of Pacific War Set Japs Reeling

Guardsmen Use Peace-Time Life-Saving Training To Advantage Against Enemy

Editor's Note—The U.S. Coast Guard, which has done a notable though unheralded job of landing landing craft in the Pacific war yesterday observed its 154th anniversary.

Its blunt bow crunches to a halt a short distance from shore. Its bow ramp drops with a clank and a splash. Grim-faced Marines come out of a crouch, trot down the ramp into hip-deep water and splash for shore. Another Allied invasion has begun.

A short time later this saucy landing craft heads back for the mother ship, perhaps with wounded aboard. But she'll be back again with more Marines. And she won't stop coming back until D-Day and H-Hour progresses to complete victory.

GROWING FAMILY

Most people call this landing craft one of the "ugly ducklings" of the fleet. But the Coast Guardsman at her helm knows different. These seagoing monstrosities—LCIs, LCAs, LSTs and the rest—were designed by tacticians instead of artists. For the job they've been assigned, they're the grandest thing afloat. Like the men who man them, they fit the occasion. Their family grows daily. When invasion problems arise and top-ranking tacticians gather together to search for the solution, you can bet that the "ugly ducklings" of the fleet are going to have a new sister.

Men wearing the white shield of the U.S. Coast Guard are the experts bringing these craft ashore. From its peacetime lifesaving duties, the Coast Guard learned how to bring a boat through heavy surf. After Pearl Harbor the Coast Guard, a peacetime part of the Treasury Department, became a part of Uncle Sam's Navy. Coast Guard surfmen proved from lifeboats to landing craft, already experts in their new post. They were a ready-made force for Uncle Sam's newest seagoing wrinkle.

OLDEST SEA FORCE

On every front these Coast Guardsmen have been adding to a history that stretches back to 1790 to stamp the Coast Guard as America's oldest sea force. On Aug. 4 of that year Alexander Hamilton organized the Revenue Cutter Service, which later became the Coast Guard. Since then this service has spearheaded countless peacetime and wartime tasks at sea. It was the first U.S. sea force to do any fighting for Uncle Sam when, in the undeclared war with France in 1798, revenue cutters of the Coast Guard represented the nation's only naval force. In World War II, men of the Coast Guard were the first to have contact with the enemy when they seized German radio installations in Greenland.

VARIED SERVICE

Few services can boast of the variety of wartime tasks being handled by the Coast Guard today. Coast Guardsmen watch over our nation's 40,000 miles of coastline cutters are ever on the prow for enemy undersea raiders as they escort precious convoys of men and materials. In the fogbound waters of the Aleutians and North Atlantic, weather ships face heavy storms as well as enemy surface, undersea and sky raiders to give fighting Yanks vital weather information. Coast Guard fireboats help protect American harbors and docks. Its planes go up in all sorts of ugly weather to perform daring feats of rescue. Small coastal craft patrol offshore. Coast Guard inspectors keep careful watch over loading of explosives and stowage aboard merchant vessels. Many large troop transports have Coast



ASSAULT. Coast Guardsmen play a vital but little publicized role in Pacific amphibious operations—that of getting the Marines from ship to shore. Coast Guard-manned landing craft carries these Marines ashore on Carlos Island in the Marshalls.



SEIZURE. Prepared for a battle, Marines and Coast Guardsmen from a Coast Guard-manned assault transport swept to the beaches of Emirau, but found Japs had fled. In came the supplies and the Americans established themselves without a fight. Coast Guardsmen function as part of Navy in wartime. (Official Coast Guard photos).

Saipan Mailman Uses Captured Car

SAIPAN (Delayed) Marines are getting mail again, mostly special delivery.

A captured Japanese-owned, but American-made, saipan has been taken over by Staff Sgt. Joseph B. Wetzel of Monroe, La., a mail clerk.

Wetzel has seen to it that nobody will mistake the Jap auto and start shooting.

Large white letters, US MAIL, have been painted on both sides. In red, Wetzel's sense of humor is

evident with the marking, "RFD No. 1."

Though the tires are up, the windshield, back window and most other glass have been shattered by artillery shells. Every joint rattles and the exhaust pipe all but drags on the ground.

"But she runs," says Staff Sgt. Wetzel, "and because she does you fellows are getting your mail several hours ahead of everybody else."—Sgt. Pete Zurlinden, combat correspondent.

Young Man's War?

SAIPAN (Delayed) — PHM2/c. William "Pop" Foxbrook of Danville, N. Y., who at 44 is the oldest man in his outfit, landed with a company of Marines here and took care of their casualties despite heavy enemy fire.

Guardsmen at the helm and manning its deck guns.

In the war of today men of the Coast Guard, operating as a vital cog in America's fighting machine, are a part of the Navy. In the peace of tomorrow, they'll once again work under the Treasury Department. The men who are getting the convoys through and the troops ashore today will then be manning lighthouses, repairing buoys, towing sea derelicts out of the navigation lanes, aiding the shipwrecked, policing the ports and racing to the rescue in times of hurricane and flood.

In peace or in war, the Coast Guard is true to its motto—"Semper Paratus—Always Ready."

New Duties Slated For Base Casuals

Processing of active duty personnel of Base Casual companies was begun this week by the Re-classification and Redistribution Center for the purpose of reassigning them to posts for which they are fitted.

Twenty more WRAs joined the Center this week from New River, bringing the total number attached to 64.

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100 Leathernecks Fight Brush Fire

One hundred Marines, members of the Sig Bn. and Co. C fire watches at MCB, were called to Julian, Cal., early Sunday to fight a 100-acre brush fire which raged out of control in Rodriguez and Charol canyons, 70 miles northeast of San Diego.

2d Lt. William H. Ford of Sig. Bn. was in charge of the detail and was assisted by Sgt. Roger Marrott of Co. C. The fire was brought under control in about three hours, after which the men dug a four-foot trench around the area of the main blaze.

Mail Address Correct?

Luck Gives Out

ME, KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Corp. Charles C. Casebeer of Milwaukee fought on both Guadalcanal and Tarawa without being wounded. Then, shortly after he boarded a ship to return to this country, he fell and broke an ankle.

Services Team Up To Evacuate Hurt From Battle Zone

Hospital Ships Shuttle From Invasion Coast To Rear Bases In Marshalls

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—Every branch of the armed services—Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard—teamed up to evacuate casualties from Saipan.

Wounded Leathernecks received emergency treatment on the battlefield, and at beach dressing stations, from Navy corpsmen.

As soon as the men could be moved, Marine amphibian tractors took them out to a Coast Guard ship off shore, where they received further treatment, had their personal gear collected and stored, and were prepared for transfer out of the battle zone.

SHUTTLE SERVICE

Navy hospital ships, shuttling back and forth from the Marines to hospital bases, brought the wounded out.

Army provisional hospitals received them here, starting their regular hospitalization and their eventual journey back to non-combat areas for final recovery.

A number of men were also brought out by air. Curtis Commandos of the 4th Mar. Air Wing flew the wounded from Saipan to the Marshalls. Some of these patients were hospitalized here, and others taken back to Hawaiian hospitals by planes of the Naval Air Transport Service and the Army Transport Command. Sgt. Robert W. Harvey, combat correspondent.

Write Home

So—He Was Just Taking It Easy

SAIPAN (Delayed)—There were Japs all around the Marines' machine gun pit. The Marines were working feverishly to stave off the attack.

Suddenly they noticed that PFC Donald E. Evans of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., wasn't doing his share of the loading.

One Jap showed them why. A nearby Jap was heaving grenades at the emplacement. PFC Evans was calmly holding up a sheet of iron roofing so that the grenades would bounce off.—Sgt. Stanford Opetowsky, combat correspondent.

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'Fighting Fourth Div.' Lauded In Victory Message

Maj.Gen. Schmidt Commends Vets Of Isle Assault

Officers And Men Covered With Glory In Constant Attack Of 26-Day Drive

SAIPAN (Delayed)—In a victory message to the officers and men of his 4th Mar. Div., Maj.Gen. Harry Schmidt of Stapleton, Neb., declared yesterday that their "sustained attack in the face of heavy casualties has few parallels in military history."

Praising them for their "difficult and dangerous task" during the 26-day campaign on this island, the general said: "Their (the dead and wounded) deeds and yours have truly made this the Fighting Fourth Marine Division."

The message follows: "The commanding general takes pleasure in commending the officers and men of this division for their outstanding performance of duty during the battle for Saipan. Your sustained attack in the face of heavy casualties has few parallels in military history."

COVERED WITH GLORY

"In the word of the task force commander 'you have covered yourselves with glory.' Yours has been a most difficult and dangerous task, constantly on the attack during the 26 days of this campaign."

"You have seized every assigned objective from your beaches to the south, east, and north. In the lowlands, across the hilly strong points, in the valleys and gorges, through the tunnels and caves you have met and beaten the enemy. Nowhere has he been able to withstand the force of our combined battalions, nowhere could he stop the will to win of our platoon leaders, our squad leaders and our individual Marines."

CONSTANT INSPIRATION

"I am proud of every officer and man, Army, Navy, or Marine, of this division. The officers and men who have given their lives or been wounded in this battle will serve as a constant source of inspiration for us in our continued destruction of the enemy. Their deeds and yours have truly made this the Fighting Fourth Division."

"May God be with you in the days to come."—TSGT. Martin Kivel, combat correspondent.

— By Courteson —

Lejeune Marine 'Born' Into Corps

CAMP LEJEUNE — Sgt. Francis J. Cornwell of Brooklyn, N. Y., just couldn't help being a Marine.

He explains that his family has served a total of 123 years in the 166-year-old Marine Corps and has been represented in the last four wars.

Cornwell's great-grandfather and his granddad, a drummer boy, took part in the Civil War. The Spanish-American War found his grandfather, father, stepfather and uncle fighting with the Leathernecks.

With the exception of his father, who was also with the Devil Dogs in the first World War, each retired after an average of 30 years spent in the Corps. His father died in his 23rd year of service.

Sgt. Cornwell joined the Marines immediately after the Pearl Harbor attack.

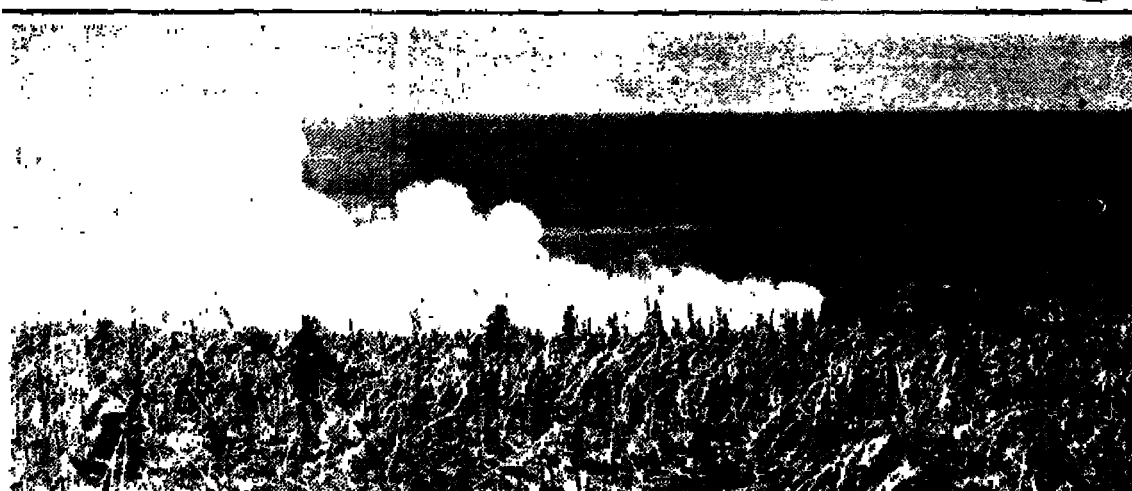
— Buy Bonds For Freedom —

'Jeep Hats' Serve As Luck Charms

CAMP PENDLETON — Marines have discovered a new good luck charm.

Leathernecks, now overseas, are going into combat zones with "jeep hats" given them by their WR wives and sweethearts.

Many of the green fatigue hats bear autographs for good luck and are signed by the WRs before their men depart.



SMOKE SCREEN. Supported by tanks, Marines move across Saipan field behind smoke screen, mopping up isolated pockets of Jap resistance. Japs were dug in with backs to ocean in last ditch stand on northern tip of island. (Photo by Sgt. R. B. Oppen).

New Group Of WRs Arrives On Base

The west wing of Bldg. 8 was occupied this week by a detail of WRs who arrived from New River. The north wing is being made ready for WRs attached to the San Diego Area FMF, soon to be moved to MCB from Camp Pendleton. Bldg. 8 was vacated recently by Sig. Bn. The galley in that building has been converted into a mess for WRs only.

Saipan Souvenir Hunters Fight It Out

SAIPAN (Delayed)—According to Sgt. Edward F. Ruder of St. Louis, Mo., combat correspondent, Marines were scouring the coral ledges of a hillside on Saipan when strange goings-on were heard from inside a cave.

"Fare you with a Jap saber!" "An ear-slitting bara-kiri knife says you don't!"

"Double you with a Jap pistol!"

Edging stealthily inside, a Marine patrol did not find a battle

royal, but a peaceful threesome of Marines sprawled out on the floor of the cave.

They were settling in a sporting way with a pair of Jap dice who was going to be souvenir king of Saipan.

— Keep Clean —

Mail Goes By Air

In the past few months, more than 60 per cent of mail for Navy personnel has been flown to front line zones.

Classes In Shoe Repairing Open In Recruit Depot

Shoe and Textile Repair School classes were resumed Monday in the RD hut area after a layoff since June 20, caused by the school's being moved from Camp Elliott to Camp Pendleton, then to MCB.

CO of the new Base school is WO. Robert D. Fighera, author of the "Shoe and Textile Handbook," published this year and now being used at the school.

The school will remain in hut area 5 of RD until the present class of 64 completes the six-week course on Aug. 19. At that time, the school will be moved to Bldg. 128, now occupied by Motor Transport School. Three rows of eight huts each are being used now, with six huts for classrooms.

Instruction is also given in two mobile trailer units and five knock-down trailers of the type used in the field. Mobile units are equipped to handle repairs for 2000 men for 30 days.

The school was started in Nov. 1942, at DOP, Philadelphia, and moved to Camp Elliott a month later.

— By Courteson —

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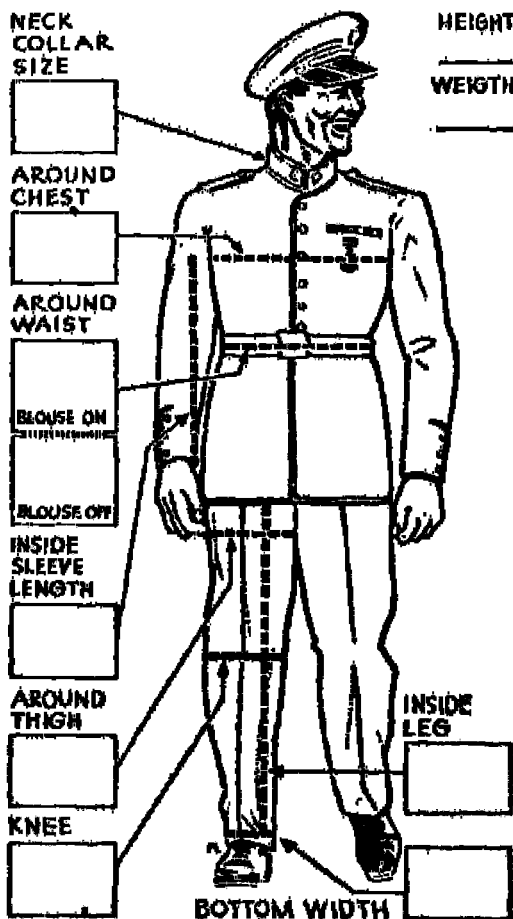
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Military Skills Of Leathernecks Told By Numbers

Returned Veterans Placed
In Duties Which Make Use
Of Ability And Training

The burning question at the Re-
classification and Redistribution
Center these days is, "What's his
spec?"

The "his" applies to the hundreds
of overseas veterans being re-
turned to the U. S. for reassign-
ment to duties in this country.

A "spec" is each man's specifica-
tion serial number, used to classify
personnel in such a way that his
number will designate exactly what
he can do.

MILITARY SKILLS

Chief dispenser of "specs" at the
R. & R. Center is Capt. Glyn Clark,
O-in-C of the classification section.
This section is charged with plac-
ing returned veterans in duties
which will utilize fully their mili-
tary skills.

This is another program carried
out by the numbers. Trained clas-
sification specialists quiz each man
closely on his civilian background
at first, then bring their informa-
tion up to date on "940" cards
after the men graduate from
schools or return from combat.

For example, Marines handy with
rifles are classified still further.
A 744 is a reconnaissance NCO, a
745 a rifleman, a 746 an automatic
rifleman, a 747 a rifle NCO, and a
761 a scout and sniper.

UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE

This universal language of mili-
tary skills was adopted by the
Corps late in 1942 and first put
into effect by the classification
sections at MCB and Parris Island.
Since that time 300 classification
specialists have been sent overseas
to classify many of those who had
moved on from the two recruit de-
pots before the new classification
system was adopted and to assist
in the placing and requesting of
personnel.

The Corps recognizes 375 types
of military specialties. Behind each
of the 375 spec numbers is a de-
tailed description of a job which
its holder can fill.

In the "old Corps" each man's
record book was considered suf-
ficient testimony of what he had
done and could do. But that sys-
tem, geared to a well-stabilized
Corps without much personnel
turnover, became impracticable
after the Corps' vast expansion in
this war.

MANY PURPOSES

The SRB became unwieldy to
work with because it had to be
used for too many purposes—pay
roll, clothing issues, court martial
and health records among other
things.

Now, when men are transferred
from post to post, it is not neces-
sary to examine their record books
or question them about their skills
before deciding in what battalion
they belong. One look at their
"spec" will tell where they should
be placed.

The Corps' rotation policy plays
some havoc with the classification
system by giving some men too
many skills. But most of the "new
Corps" are kept within the area of
their specialties.

— March Forward —

Fancy Hair Stylist Now Has G.I. Job

CAMP LEJEUNE—A former hair
stylist for Charles of the Ritz is
now doing snappy hair-do crea-
tions for Mac of the Marines—the
ragged GI haircut. He is PFC
William F. Lewis of Philadelphia.

At a New York hairdressors'
show a few years ago, Lentz won
a silver cup for creating a coiffure
that was acclaimed by experts
present the most original and most
attractive.—Sgt. Bernard Barol,

— Bay Insurance —

Quotas Cancelled

The quotas of recruits to be as-
signed to aviation and pre-radio
leading to radar were cancelled as
of July 28 by order of DOP.



MAIL. During lull in Saipan fighting, half-trac driver
concentrates on mail while crewman watches for Japs.
Mail was given same priority as food and delivered to
men in front lines. (Photo by StfSgt. H. Neil Gillespie).



HIGH SCORE. StfSgt. Nick Duchscher, overseas veteran,
is congratulated by Lt. Col. Joseph M. Swinnerton for
attaining the highest average ever made in a mess
sergeants course. (Photo by PFC. Edward J. Wishin).

15 Graduate First Food Course Of Kind On Base

The first mess sergeants course of the Base Advanced
Cooks and Bakers school drew to a successful close last Fri-
day, graduating 15 future mess sergeants, one with the
highest rating ever given in a course of this kind.

The top average of 95 per cent
went to StfSgt. Nick Duchscher,
recently returned from overseas.
Award of the diplomas was made
by Lt. Col. Joseph M. Swinnerton,
O-in-C of the school.

The 15 graduates, all commissary
personnel, were selected for the
four-week course from the 4th
Cas. Co., Base Gd. Bn., where they
were billeted after their return
from overseas.

Under the instruction of MTSgt.
Raymond O. Gustafson the men
learned mess administration and
took special classes which included
protection of food and water from
chemical attack, rules for sanitation,
dry and fresh stores requisition
and other subjects.

Graduates are: StfSgts. Bernard
Coffee, Adna R. Wellington, Ever-
ett O. Jones and Duchscher, Chf-
Grs. John M. Colyer, Sam C. Grist,
Paul A. Mize, Glen Wetzel, David
E. Welsey; FdChs. Billie Dennis,
Robert E. Negria, William "L."
Rhodes, Robert Waller, Henry Wal-
ters; ACh. James E. Temple.

— White Home —

Mail Rapid

Three days after the invasions of
the Marshalls and Saipan, Navy
seaplanes arrived with the first
mail.

Marine Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoner
USN	15,997	8,603	8,584	2,534
USMC	8,554	9,282	869	1,945
USCG	346	175	230	0
	21,877	18,060	9,683	4,479

Missing

Illinois
1stLt. Edward J. Becker, Chicago.

Oklahoma
1stLt. Lon H. Stolt Jr., Oklahoma City.

Dead

Alabama
PFC. George R. Murrack, West Hump-
ingham.

PFC. James A. Wood, Russellville.
PFC. Myral L. Chaney, Hightville.

Arkansas
PFC. Eugene Colley, Delight.

California
1stLt. Luren R. Holderly, Long Beach.

1stLt. Robert K. McAllister, Los Angeles.

1stLt. Lee M. Hupp Jr., La Jolla.
2dLt. Joe M. Glover, National City.

Corp. Roy Star, Oakland.
PFC. Henry Teras, Wilmington.

PFC. Albert Popaditch, San Diego.
PFC. James O. Harris, Pittsburg.

PFC. Myrell H. Clark, Oakland.
PFC. James V. Mitchell, San Fran-
cisco.

PFC. Jack G. Ashworth Jr., Los Angeles.

Pvt. John R. Warrington, Berkeley.

Colorado
MSgt. Thomas B. McNeil, Fruita.

Corp. Donald W. Smith, Monte Vista.
Pvt. Frank W. Stuehlan, Pueblo.

PFC. Waldemar J. Monahan, Pueblo.
PFC. Robert L. Brown, Pueblo.

Connecticut
PFC. Charles J. Adamakis, Water-
bury.

Florida
2dLt. Hugh D. Mashburn, Nokomis.

2dLt. Robert J. B. Sullivan, Palm Beach.

PFC. William E. Vinson, Palatka.
Pvt. Rodney Cropper, Bagnall.

Georgia
Sgt. Emory C. Lassiter, Cochran.

PFC. Handel R. Ray, Nashville.

Idaho
1stLt. Newell T. Berg, Basalt.

Illinois
Sgt. Robert A. Langensacker, Chicago.

Corp. John A. March, Chicago.
Corp. Donald A. Pancher, North-
brook.

Corp. Jacques L. Schween, Beard-
town.

PFC. Edward S. Duckshat, Alton.
Pvt. Williams S. Eddy Jr., Waukegan.

PFC. Robert B. Jagan, Ocala.
PFC. Francis M. Hanby, Chicago.

Indiana
Corp. Wallace L. Wilson, New Al-
bany.

Pvt. Floyd E. Aron, Gary.
Pvt. Stephen E. Mohr, South Bend.

Pvt. Charles E. West, Indianapolis.
Pvt. Homer C. Keescher, Gary.

Iowa
2dLt. Roscoe T. Graft, Ayerfield.

MSgt. William C. Cross, Mason City.
Sgt. Jay C. Freeman, Waterloo.

Kansas
Pvt. Clarence R. Taylor Jr., Kansas City.

Kentucky
1stLt. James W. Holcomb, Louisville.

PFC. Vernon W. Hayes, Louisville.

Louisiana
2dLt. John B. Cecil, Jovon.

PFC. Garlin Huff, Morrisburg.

Maryland
Capt. Edwin M. Schmitt, Baltimore.

Massachusetts
Sgt. Francis J. James, Pittsfield.

PFC. Raymond J. Hubbard, North-
ampton.

PFC. Patrick S. Lodato, North Co-
lumbus.

Pvt. James D. Curran, Ashby.

Michigan
First John W. Whiteside, Detroit.

Sgt. Alfred L. Kirby, Royal Oak.
Corp. Allen L. Cooper, Birmingham.

PFC. David W. Brunjes, Pilot Grove.
PFC. Warren L. Elser, St. Louis.
PFC. Roy W. Searlengen, Baccinated Springs.

Nebbraska
PFC. Chester A. Veach, Omaha.

New Jersey
2dLt. Frank L. Cleary Jr., Somerville.

Corp. Thomas E. McVay, Elizabeth.
PFC. Frank J. Marchiano, Union City.

PFC. Victor Rodin, Kearny.
PFC. Chester Smutko, Camden.
PFC. Joseph T. Belgrowles, Bayonne.

New Mexico
1stLt. Gilbert Lujan, Espanola.

New York
Capt. Robert E. M. Oliver, New York.

1stLt. Robert M. Stevenson, Rochester.

2dLt. Richard L. Orrok, Brooklyn.
Corp. Richard T. Cheney, New York.

PFC. Francis M. Intaria, Niagara Falls.
PFC. Robert C. Ryder, Brooklyn.

PFC. Donald W. Spaff, New York.
PFC. Robert H. Turk, Yellerville.
Pvt. William G. Berberich, Ossining.

Pvt. Harold R. Malone, Brooklyn.
Pvt. Floyd H. Woods, Rochester.

North Carolina
PFC. Wyle N. Corbier, Lenoirville.

PFC. Arnold G. Bitts, Durham.

North Dakota
PFC. Clarence B. Wolf, Medora.

PFC. Conrad E. Olson, Mayville.

Ohio
Corp. Robert C. Skillman, Hamilton.

Corp. Robert L. Isenogle, Cincinnati.
PFC. Frank E. Markasky, Youngs-
town.

Pvt. Elmer A. Silvaroll, Bay Village.

Oklahoma
2dLt. William M. Skinner, Norman.

PFC. James H. McCurtain, Stillwater.
Pvt. Floyd H. Rogers, Baya.

Pvt. Cody H. Johnson, Pryor.

Oregon
PFC. Francis E. Caffey, Myrtle Point.

Pvt. Stanley J. Francis, Portland.

Pennsylvania
1stLt. Miles E. Goodman Jr., Harris-
burg.

2dLt. Raymond E. Reinhard, Phila-
delphia.

MSgt. John Rachitsky, Feagertown.
Corp. Norman H. Reber, Pine Grove.

PFC. Edward Yadelinski, Shamokin.
PFC. George H. Lamm, South Lang-
horne.

PFC. John C. McCormick, Allentown.
PFC. Joseph A. Turbaki, Midland.

Tennessee
PFC. Stanley J. Smith, Humboldt.

PFC. Paul K. Lunnah, Tipton.
PFC. Oral G. Day, Dayton.

Texas
1stLt. James E. Passons, Wheeler.

Corp. George S. Tullum Jr., Hille-
brand.

Corp. Alfred C. Scott, Waco.
PFC. Frank L. Kirkpatrick, Houston.

PFC. Billy J. Trimmer, Stamford.
PFC. George R. Smith, Longview.

PFC. Manuel C. Timpessa, Comptch.
Pvt. Claude B. Stonestreet Jr., Fort Worth.

Utah
1stLt. Paul N. Kozman, Murray.

Virginia
Corp. Walter E. Johnson, Farmington.

Pvt. Allen M. Fisher, Cambria.

Washington
Capt. Raymond C. Kraus, Tacoma.

Gold. Franklin E. Wilkinson, Everett.
Corp. Robert L. Marshall, Tacoma.

PFC. Vernon C. Conner, Seattle.

West Virginia
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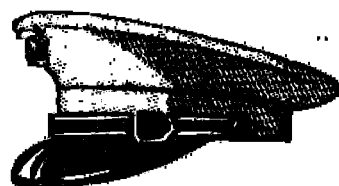
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HEADED FOR JAPAN. Marine aviation ordnance men at a Bougainville airfield make last-minute check before chaining each 2000-lb. bomb to its cart for the journey from the dump to the bomb bays of waiting planes. (Photo by TSgt. Douglas Q. White).

Re-Addressing Booms Miramar Mail Business

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Occasionally it may take a little time, but mail for all Marine aviation personnel on their way to or from the Pacific will eventually be re-addressed by the post office staff of 1stLt. Martin A. Dupree Jr. here and forwarded to overseas posts or stations in the U. S.

The Miramar post office has a unique function to perform since all activities of MarFair West forward mail here when addressees cannot be located. Mail funnels into this depot from air stations at San Diego, Mojave, El Centro, Santa Barbara, El Toro and the Marine Air Facility at Corvallis, Ore.

HEAVY LOAD

Mail for men who have gone overseas is re-addressed at a rate of about 10,500 pieces per day.

A recent survey covering a six-day period showed that an average of 16,000 pieces of first class mail and 2970 parcel post packages are received daily, while men send out about 11,500 first class pieces.

Since this depot is a transient center, a large amount of business is in money orders and registered letters, to take care of accumulated sums of overseas pay. In June, nearly \$70,000 worth of money orders were sold and 694 pieces of registered mail and 1042 pieces of insured mail were sent out.

Obey Orders

Stage Show Slated For Base Theater

The USO stage show "What's Cookin'" will play in the Base theater on Aug. 16 and 17, the first performance at 1800 and the second at 2000 on both dates. It was announced this week.

The show will include ventriloquists, a comedy team, a tap dancer and blues singer and other specialty numbers, all from Harlem.

Marine Fliers In Marshalls Strafe At Tree-Top Levels

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS—Tangible evidence that 4th Mar. Air Wing fighter pilots staging daily raids on Jap-held Marshall Island atolls go down not only to the treetops but lower was brought back when 2dLt. Elie Tremblay of Nashua, N. H., returned with the top of a palm tree wrapped around and inside the engine of his Corsair.

"I was so interested in what was happening (he was engaged in a strafing run at near water level) that I almost failed to notice some trees about 50 feet tall directly in front of me. I pulled up as sharply as I could but I still clipped the top of the tallest tree. **UNLUCKY 13**

Strike number 13 recently proved to be an unlucky one for 1stLt. Van A. Dempsey of Belvidere, Ill. As he made a low level strafing run his plane was hit twice by flak which exploded a gas tank and set the plane afire. Despite this, he continued his dive and released a bomb.

As he leveled off he was able to bail out into the sea. There he kept afloat on a rubber life raft until he was picked up by a flying boat a half hour later.

One plane in a Marine dive bomber squadron which can't help but "do it up brown" is that piloted by 1stLt. Archie F. Brown of Shufeld, Pa., whose gunner is Sgt. Alan M. Brown of Kirkwood, Mo. They are unrelated.

Brown and Brown have been together since they paired up coincidentally in a draw about a year ago. The sergeant has been on all but two of Lt. Brown's 17 strikes on the Jap-held atolls, and was with him the day they were hit by enemy anti-aircraft slugs.

Use Y-Mall

USS Gloucester
WASHINGTON—One of the Navy's newest "baby flat tops" will bear the name of USS Cape Gloucester, honoring the battle-ground made famous by Marines on New Britain in the South Pacific.

First Enlisted Woman Of Corps Serves On Base

The first woman to enlist in the Women's Reserve is now aboard the Base and on duty in the Re-classification and Redistribution Center. She is SttSgt. Lucille E. McClarren of Nemahoe, Pa., who enlisted in Washington, D. C., Feb. 13, 1943, the first day that enlistments opened.

For the first three months of her enlistment, SttSgt. McClarren worked in HQMC offices with Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, WR director, and Maj. Anne Lentz, designer of the WR uniform. She did not don a uniform until she attended boot camp at Hunter College, New York, three months after she was sworn in.

PAYROLL CLERK

From indoctrination training, she went to Camp Lejeune and remained there for more than a year as payroll and transfer clerk.

When boot camp for WRs, which was transferred from Hunter College to Camp Lejeune last summer, ended mass training as enlistment quotas were filled, Sgt. McClarren was transferred to the Base.

Prior to her enlistment, SttSgt. McClarren worked as the secretary of Army Maj. Henry Ehrlich, in the office of the undersecretary of war.

Arm True

Establish Camp Film Library

CAMP PENDLETON—A visual training aid library, which will distribute films to all Marines west of the Rocky mountains, is now being established here.

The new library is a result of the merger of the Area Visual Training Aid Library, which was located at Camp Elliott, and the Camp Pendleton sub-library.

Twenty enlisted men will handle all Marine requests for loan of the films, which cover every phase of troop training up to and including the battle for Tarawa.

1stSgt. E. J. Coleman of Belmont, Mass., is NCO-in-C of the library.



SttSgt. McCLARREN
... first enlisted WR

Only Armistice Will End Mystery Of Coded Letters

CAMP PENDLETON—When the war is over, Corp. Louis R. Burmeister and Miss Orla L. Sirelow, both of Milwaukee, Wis., are going to get together and decipher the letters they are writing to each other.

Corp. Burmeister has been receiving letters from Miss Sirelow with notations in shorthand. So he obtained a book of Japanese symbols and has been copying brief phrases in Japanese at the end of his letters.

The corporal can't read shorthand. Miss Sirelow doesn't know Japanese. They're both mystified. But they are looking forward to the time when they can sit down and translate their letters for each other. —Sgt. John H. Wintersteen, combat correspondent.

Write Home

Celebrates

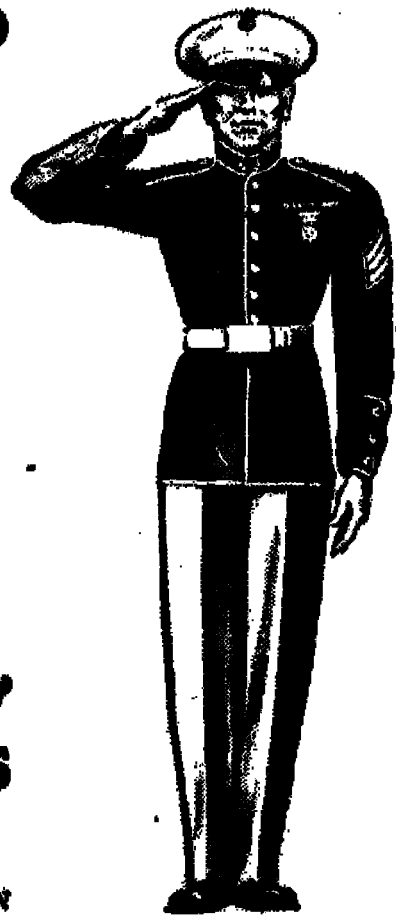
SAIPAN (Delayed)—TSgt. William W. Adams of Scipio, Utah, had two good causes for celebration today. It was his first wedding anniversary — and the American flag was raised over Saipan, signifying conclusion of the 25-day campaign.

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Christmas Greeting Arrives On Saipan

SAIPAN (Delayed)—The mail finally caught up with Corp. Matthew George Robertson of Mansfield, Ga., who for 17 continuous days has been in the front lines fighting through shell-shattered palms and fly-infested farmyards.

He has just received a letter—his first in weeks. It was a Christmas card, much re-addressed. Corp. Robertson has done a lot of traveling since he left for the Marshall Islands invasion some months ago, reported Sgt. Bob Cooke, combat correspondent.

Even the Christmas card looked good to Robbie, until he read the verse:

"We miss you neath the mistletoe,
We miss you with the holly;
May all your nights be peaceful
And all your days be jolly."

TWO YEARS

Just two years ago, on the morning of Aug. 7, 1942, U. S. Marines started America's "first real offensive in force"—the landings on Guadalcanal which halted the Jap advance in the Pacific.

Marines had seen action earlier in the war, for they were at Pearl Harbor when Japan struck its sneak blow. The famed 4th Mar. Regt. fought heroically on Betah and at Corregidor. A gallant little band of Marines under Maj. James P. S. Devereux made the Japs pay dearly for Wake Island. Marine flyers were first aloft at Midway when the Japs were turned back in a memorable sea and air engagement.

But Guadalcanal holds an unusual place in Marine history—and in the history of World War II. For on this tiny 30 by 50 mile Pacific island, Leathernecks launched America's Pacific offensive. In six months of bitter fighting, men of the 1st Mar. Div. Rein. met the best troops the Japs had and beat them at their own game.

Under then Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, now The Commandant, they fought against usually numerically superior forces in five months of almost continuous battle—one of the longest periods of day-to-day fighting in which any unit of American troops ever participated. They cut the Japs down to their own size by exacting a toll of 10 to 1 in casualties.

Immediately upon landing on Guadalcanal, Marines seized Henderson Field—the base from which Japan hoped to operate to sever the lifeline to Australia. Other Leathernecks met and overcame strong resistance to secure nearby islands. But Henderson Field was so important to the Japs that they lashed out time and again in furious attempts to re-take it. In preponderant numbers they sought to batter through the Tenaru River line under cover of darkness, but withdrew leaving 800 dead. They stormed Marine positions on Lunga Ridge time and again and fell by the scores in bloody, hand-to-hand struggle. They tried to drive across the Matanikau River and were repulsed, and finally unleashed an all-out assault in which they attacked from varied points by land while blasting at American lines from planes and off-shore ships. After a week they withdrew, again staggered by heavy losses.

With hardly a breather, Marines crossed the Matanikau and took the offensive, and from that time on until the island was turned over to Army replacements Jan. 21, 1943, they slashed at the Japs without letup.

Existence on Guadalcanal consisted mainly of fighting or preparation for fighting. By day, when it wasn't raining, the sun was so hot Marines scoldered as they drew beads on the enemy. By night, seepy tropical rains chilled the men and night was the time when the Jap bombers came over and their big ships and subs shelled American positions.

Guadalcanal proved a turning point of the war. It stopped the Japs in their tracks and soon thereafter Marines began a series of operations which extended to other islands of the Solomons, then to the Gilberts, Marshalls and Marianas an advance which has taken us to Japan's front door. (For pictures of Marine action during two years since Guadalcanal see following two pages).



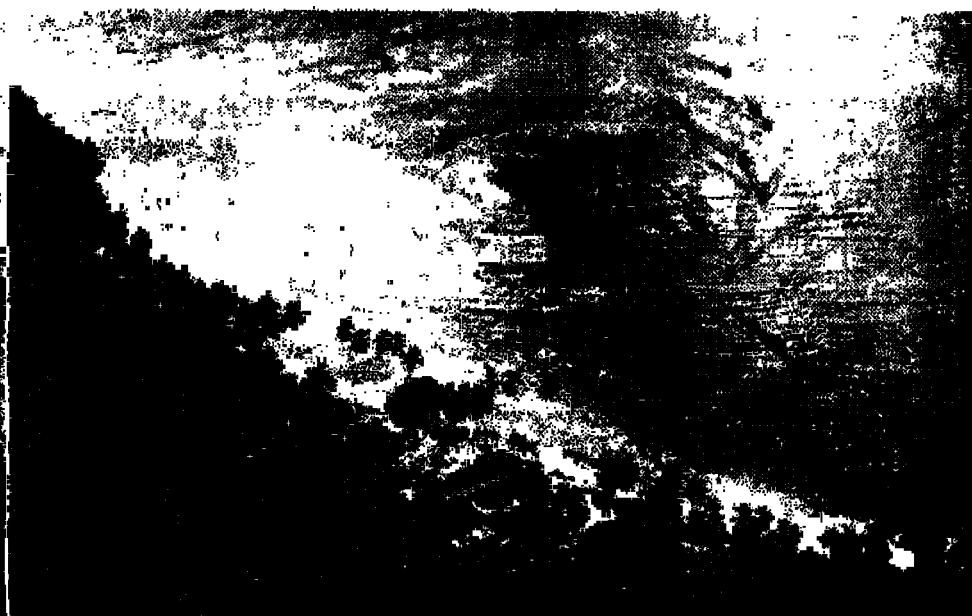
FIRST: It was at historical position when this flag was raised by Marines shortly after starting their successful attack on Guadalcanal. It marked the first advance against the Japanese, who until that time had been

spreading out over Pacific islands with little opposition. After securing Guadalcanal and nearby islands, Marines went on later to spearhead amphibious attacks which have carried American flag within 1500 miles of Tokyo.

Guadalcanal . . .



OBJECTIVE: A stick of heavy bombs burst on Henderson Field, around which Marine defenses had been thrown. Japs kept landing reinforcements on Guadalcanal and made several major attempts to retake the vital airstrip. By day and by night they blasted the field from the air, with land-based artillery and naval shelling. Even Jap subs added to din and punishment by hurling shells ashore during nights.



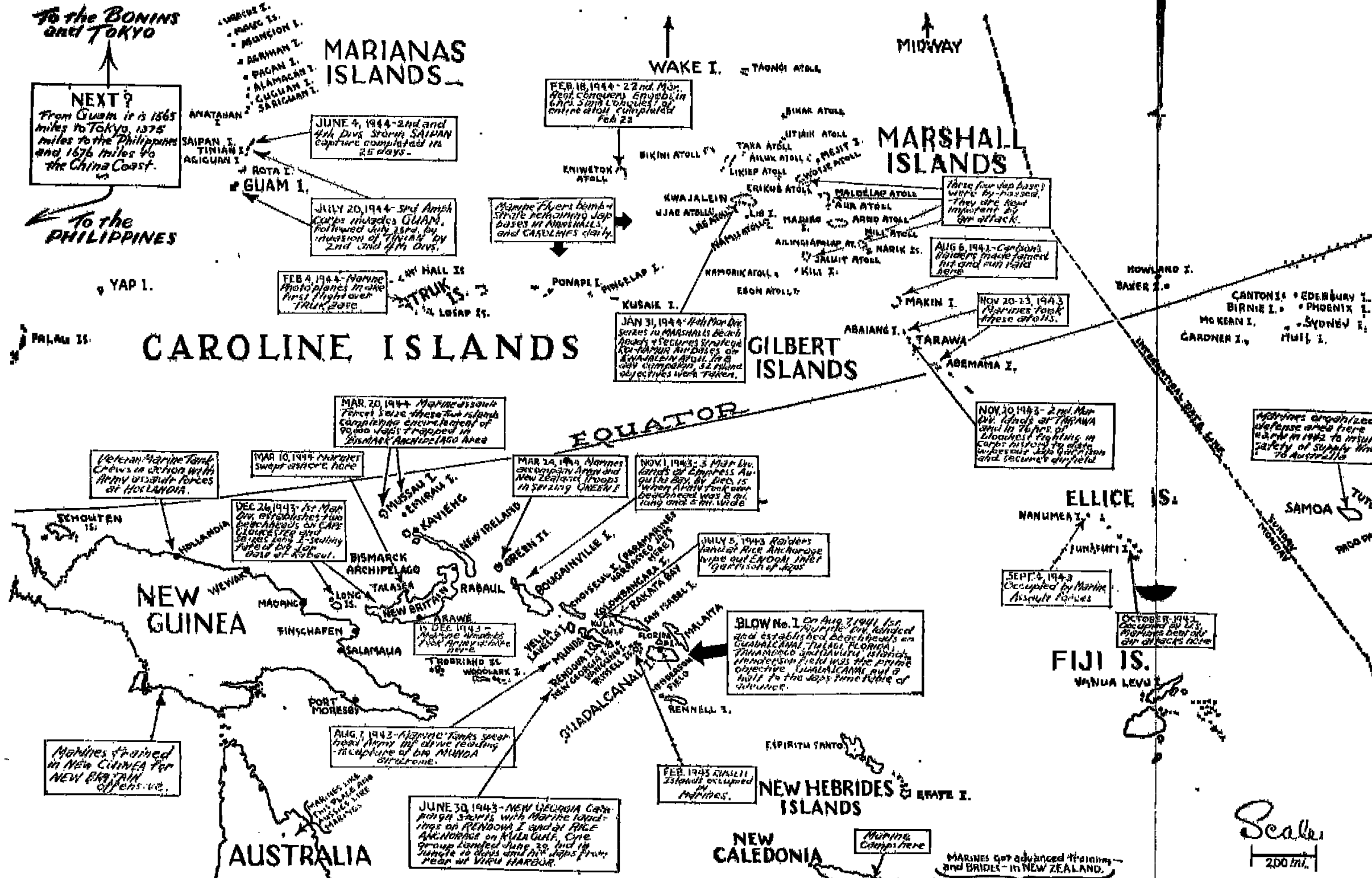
LANDING ON FLORIDA: Looking for all the world like zig-zagging water bugs, barges carrying Marines head for the beach on Florida Island. Naval and air bombardments which preceded first Solomons landings were puny compared to those of recent attacks, but Japs had not had time to dig in on Guadalcanal and neighboring islands as they did at Tarawa, Marshall, Saipan, etc. Marines managed to beat Japs at own game.



ONE FOR THE JAPS: Marine artillery played an important part in clearing way for Marine advances as well as in defense against repeated Jap attacks. In this field position on Guadalcanal, a pack howitzer is being used against Jap strong point. Light and easily maneuverable, howitzers were a favorite weapon. Combined bombings, shelling and artillery fire often made island's ground shake like an earthquake.



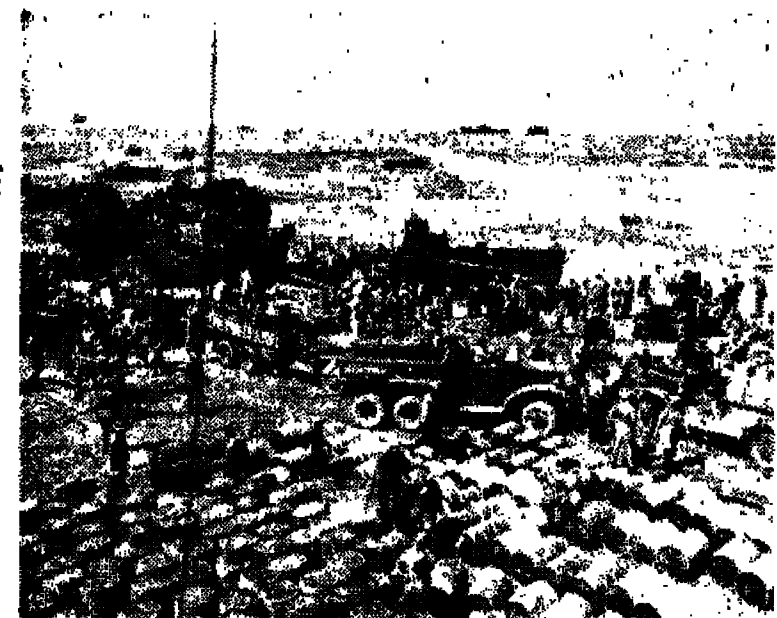
RAIDERS: These famed Marine units first won their spurs in the Solomons. Officers of one battalion go into a huddle with Col. Merritt A. Edson before starting another attack to push back Jap lines on Guadalcanal. On the night of Sept. 13, 1942, Col. Edson's unit drove back one of most powerful of repeated Jap thrusts at Lunga Ridge. Though fought at such close quarters Marines could not make use of artillery support.



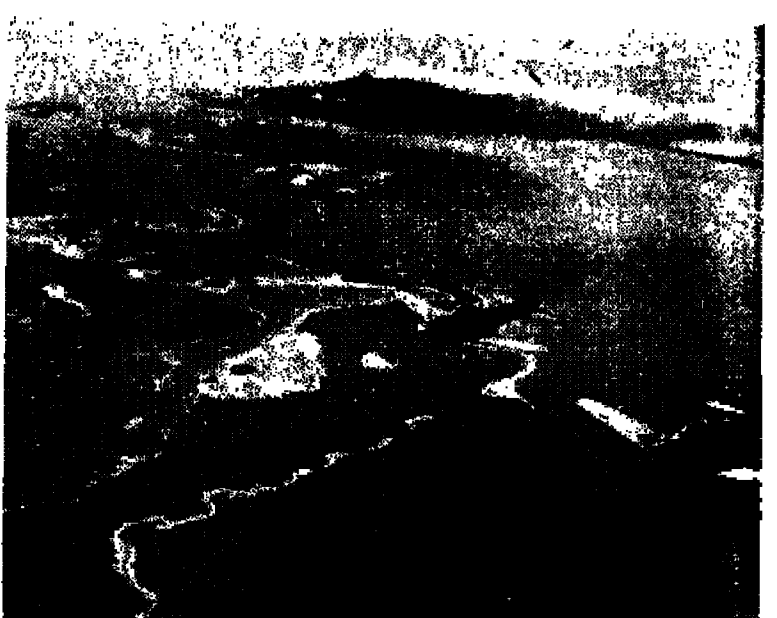
ENIWETOK Leathernecks of the 32d Regt. wasted no time here, securing Perry Island in 4 hrs. 8 min. on Feb. 18, 1944. On Feb. 23, they and soldiers annihilated garrison of 2000 Japs on Eniwetok in 10 1/2 hours of tough fighting.



MARSHALLS More than 30,000 troops made the 500-mile amphibious jump along the route to Tokyo Jan. 31, 1944, and seized 10 jet beachheads. In 8-day fight, they took all 32 island objectives, leaving 4 Jap bases isolated.



EMIRAU Marine assault forces landed without opposition on Emirau and 22 Munas Islands Mar. 20, 1944, to complete encirclement of Bismarck archipelago. Placed Raider units took part and put Marines within 600 miles of Truk base.



KOLOMBANGARA Occupation of Kolombangara early in October, 1943, ended New Georgia campaign begun 15 weeks earlier. Island had been pounded often by Marine bombers. Two here are starting run.



RENDOVA After Marines and soldiers landed on Rendova June 30, 1943, Marines set up big guns to pound Munda airfield, only a few miles across water. This crew is preparing a 105mm. gun for action. It was on Rendova that Marine A.A. gunners set a record by downing 12 bombers with 25 rounds of ammunition.



PURUATA Tiny island off Bougainville was not only scene of heavy ground fighting but also holds distinction as one of the most heavily bombed Marine positions of any in this war. Men spent so much time in foxholes they called it "Bomb Bay Island." This photo was taken after Jap bombs fired a fuel dump.



TOROKINA Some of fiercest fighting on Bougainville centered around this Torokina Point airfield, where C-47 Marine transports are being loaded with wounded Marines for evacuation to field hospitals at other bases. Inevitably to Bougainville operation, Paramarine units landed on Choiseul and kept Japs busy.



RABAUL After Marines landed Dec. 26 at Cape Gloucester and again Mar. 10, 1944, at Tolbach, on New Britain, main Jap forces on island retreated to big Rabaul base, where they are trapped. Marine bombers raided air fields daily.



GREEN Jap forces were wiped out Mar. 24, 1944, by Marines, soldiers and New Zealand troops and A.A. batteries were set up. Green, farthest advance to date into Jap-held territory in South Pacific, is near both Buks and Rabaul bases.



TARAWA When Marines stormed this coral atoll Nov. 20, 1943, they found themselves engaged in the toughest fight in the Corps' 160-year history. The Japs were well dug in and took a heavy toll of the invaders, but Marines virtually exterminated the 4000-man Jap garrison around Betio airfield in 76 hours of fighting.



BOUGAINVILLE When the 3rd Mar. Div. landed at Empress Augusta Bay Nov. 1, 1943, they started a campaign which was to seal the fate of Japan's big key base of Rabaul, 260 miles distant. This picture of a Marine at right is running to dodge bullets cracking around him.



NEW BRITAIN Cape Gloucester airfields were one of immediate objectives of 1st Mar. Div. veterans of Guadalcanal when they landed on New Britain Dec. 26, 1943. Here they follow their fire-splittin' Gen. Sherman tank through dense jungle. New Britain's Battle of Hill 609 was one of most savage of war.



SAIPAN 2nd and 4th Divs. stormed Saipan June 4, 1944, and secured the island in 25 days. Japs put up bitter struggle to hold this Marianas base and caused high casualties. In capturing Garapan, Marines got first taste of street fighting.



GLOBAL In addition to spearheading major blows against Japan in Pacific, Marines have performed traditional duties as guards of Naval bases and as gunners aboard ships all over the world. Marines shown here landed in West Aleutians.



WO. SCHAAF
... purrles 'em off

Six More Win Navy Cross For Tarawa Heroism

The Navy Cross, highest ranking decoration except for the Medal of Honor, has been awarded posthumously to six enlisted Marines for heroism during the Battle of Tarawa last November. They were: Sgt. Emmett L. Dimon, Robert E. Simpson and Vincent H. Wlehardt; Corp. Hubert C. Luther and PFCs. Demosthenes V. Katsulis and J. D. Thaxton.

The Navy Cross also was given PFC. G. B. Cearley for gallantry on Guadalcanal in 1942.

Other decorations announced by HQMC (this week):

Legion of Merit

Col. Frank D. Weir,
Lt. Col. William C. Lemly.

Silver Star

Capt. Elmer Moskowitz,
PFCs. Bernard G. Bent, Carl Emanuel, Magnuson, Clement M. Viera (posthumously),
PFCs. Jack R. Stambaugh and Edwin H. Vancil (both posthumously).

Distinguished Flying Cross

1st Lt. Allan S. Harrison III (missing in action).

Navy and Marine Corps Medal
1st Lt. Robert Franklin Clark.

Bronze Star

1st Lt. Eugene F. Sydnor,
Maj. Sherwood F. Moran and Ben E. Wainwright,
PFC. George A. Polich (posthumously).

Air Medal

1st Lt. Edward A. Croker and Paul D. Ward,
Sgt. Edward M. Shipman,
1st Lt. Henry W. Schroeder.

Letters of Commendation

WO. Norman J. Hatch
Sgt. John T. Kreole, Oble Newcomb Jr. and Roy H. Olund,
Sgt. Ernest J. Diet, Norman H. Dixon and Raymond A. Maljasic,
Corps. Chris G. Demb and William F. Bollier.

All above Letters of Commendation were for fighting combat pictures at Tarawa.

Smart Straight

"I'm fed up on that," said the baby as he pointed to his high chair.

Distinguished Marksman Serves In QM Dept.

Warrant Officer Lophy
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On Philippine Islands

He is an "in and out again" Marine but hundreds of friends of WO. (QM) G. P. A. Schaaf consider him an old timer and always link his name with stories of expert rifle firing.

Entering the Corps in May, 1917, WO. Schaaf was detained at Parris Island as a rifle range instructor after recruit training. His ability with the '03 soon won him a berth on the national Marine rifle team and the Distinguished Marksman's Medal.

ATTENDS SCHOOL

Transferred to Quantico in 1918, he continued as a rifle instructor and attended QM school, from which he was graduated a sergeant. His first QM duty was at Naval Ammunition Depot, Hingham, Mass. He served in the same type of duty at MB, Washington, D.C., until 1922.

His next station was Cavite, Philippine Islands, and that is where he hopes he will be sent again. It was in Cavite that "those dirty dogs (the Japs) burned down my store house" in their 1942 invasion, he said.

He had supervised reinforcement work at a large Cavite warehouse during his three years' Philippine duty, from 1922 to 1925.

GIVEN DISCHARGE

Returned to the U.S., he was discharged at his own request in 1926 but again donned the Marine green immediately after Pearl Harbor.

His first assignment of the war was at Camp Matthews where he served as chief QM statistician. He was appointed to his present rank in October, 1942, and came to MCB in May, 1943, as assistant clothing officer.

The Base clothing office, he soon found, supplies clothes for all Marines in the San Diego area—including WRs.

— Bay Insurance —

Invasion Story Told In Actions Of Hurt

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS (Delayed) — Marines wounded on Saipan were resting quietly. It was a peaceful, sunny morning.

Sgt. Robert W. Harvey of Longmeadow, Mass., a combat correspondent, was in the hospital interviewing an 18-year-old Marine, who had been under constant artillery fire for three days and two nights.

Outside, an anti-aircraft gun let go with a test barrage. Sgt. Harvey looked around the ward. Every other man present had dived for the floor.

The boy he was interviewing looked at him soberly. "You see how it was?" he said.



MUSIC TREATMENT. Four members of the Base band and their vocalist, Corp. Pauline Rederth, entertain battle wounded on semi-weekly ward-to-ward tours at USNH, San Diego. From left, PFC. Hugh R. Brannum, Corp. Rederth, Pvt. Loren O. Shook, PFCs. William V. Starkel and Morris K. Perlemuter. Tunes are appreciated by Corp. Philip W. Alleggiamento (left bed), and PFC. Thomas C. Biondi (right bed), both Saipan veterans. Standing at head of bed is PFC. Rudolph T. Cherney. (Photo by PFC. Harvey Payne).

Battle Wounded In USNH Cheered By Troubadours

Four Base Marines and a "WR" cheer patients in USNH, San Diego, and the Base dispensary in addition to their regular duties as musicians in the MCB band and the "Halls of Montezuma" orchestra, making regular ward-to-ward tours every week.

Veterans from Saipan and other Pacific battlefronts request everything from "Ave Maria" to "My Buddy" as the musicians tour USNH wards semi-weekly.

The musical group is headed by PFC. Morris K. Perlemuter, formerly a first violinist in the Radio City orchestra, New York. Other members are PFC. Hugh Brannum of Redlands, Cal., who played base violin in Fred Waring's orchestra for four years; PFC. William V. Starkel of Portland, Ore., and Pvt. Loren O. Shook of Murreleshore, Tenn.

WR Corp. Pauline Rederth, a vocalist, is a recent addition to the group.

The group's repertoire runs well over 500 numbers, PFC. Starkel estimated.

— Okey Orders —

Base War Bond Office Moved

The Base war bond office has moved into its new location in the old training film library, Bldg. 10, and is ready for business, according to Capt. Melvin Hass, war bond officer.

The bond office, near the Base typewriter shop, was moved from Rooms 204-206 in the Ad. Bldg. to the more central location to offer better service to MCB and transient personnel, Capt. Hass said.

All questions on bond purchases and allotments will be answered by personnel on duty in the office and Series B cash sales will continue to be made. Orders will also be taken for Series F and G bonds.

Since June 1, 1943, when the MCB office opened, more than 100,000 war bond allotments have been made here.

The war bond office telephone extension remains 608.

The Base Training Film Library has been moved from Bldg. 10 to Bldg. 124 and placed under the control of the CO of RD, WO. William T. Long Jr. was designated O-in-C to succeed Lt. Col. Frank T. Strong.

— Salute Smartly —

Youth 'Very Handy' In Saipan Battle

SAIPAN (Delayed) — "A very handy young man to have around" is the description of PFC. Edward R. Atwood of Pembroke, N. H., given by his commanding officer, Lt. Col. George B. Wilson.

In the heat of a surprise attack this morning, PFC. Atwood carried ammunition under fire, carried wounded under fire and fought effectively with his carbine. Earlier he had laid telephone wire in the heat of a mortar barrage. — Sgt. John B. T. Campbell Jr., combat correspondent.

Son Of Draft Head Now In Training

PARRIS ISLAND — Gilbert H. Hershey, son of Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, director of Selective Service, is now in recruit training here.

MARINES

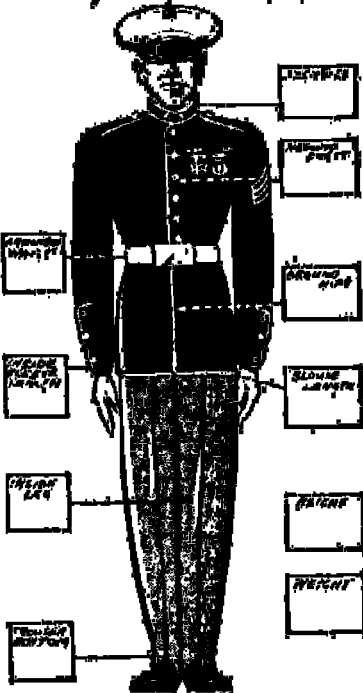
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Japs Try To Break Marine Morale By Hiding Saipan Losses

Dead Of Enemy Carried To Rear As Lines Break

Discovery Of Heavy Jap Losses Lifts Leatherneck Spirit Before Last Drive

By Sgt. Jack Vincent
Combat Correspondent
SAIPAN (Delayed)—The Japs' little game—hide the dead—boom—cranked against them in the final days of the bloody campaign for Saipan.

Enemy dead littered the cane fields, palm groves, and rocky ridges that were battlefields. Marines of the 4th Div., which fought on Roi and Namur, found huge mounds of Jap dead as they advanced to drive the enemy into the sea.

INVISIBLE ENEMY

For 22 long days, Marines had been fighting what was almost an invisible enemy. We knew at the outset that the Japs were dragging back their dead, first, to hide any evidence as to the number of troops on the island, and second, in a fruitless effort to cripple the morale of Marines by concealing their losses.

Often, on a day's march, we saw more dead Marines than we saw dead Japs, although we knew we had been killing them as we advanced.

In the first days, the largest number of dead were found when Marines trapped Jap snipers in dugouts and caves. The numbers found on an open battlefield generally could be counted on two hands. The Japs had orders, it was apparent, to drag back their dead at all costs.

MANY CASUALTIES

The Jap strategy began to crack about the 18th day of the campaign. Then advancing Marines found occasional truckloads of enemy dead and valleys were discovered where the enemy had buried their casualties by the score and even hundreds.

Veteran officers who had been at Guadalcanal, Tarawa, and the Marshalls expressed amazement that the Marines could continue to find energy to fight. Most of the Marines were in rags; the stubble of many days' growth of beard was on their faces; they were dirty and unkempt; but their rifles were clean.

The Japs' strategy of hiding their casualties may have been successful partly at the beginning of their defense, but it spelled sudden doom to them in the final analysis by giving Marines a psychological shot in the arm in the last days before victory.

— Ray War Bonds —

Japs Sneak Into Marine Positions

SAIPAN (Delayed)—The Japs sneaked in just a little too close to Marines here last night.

Nobody noticed them until they started setting up a machine gun in a foxhole occupied by two Leathernecks. The tripod struck the head of Sgt. Gene R. Howe of North Hollywood, Cal.

When Howe sat upright, the Japs fell back and tossed a grenade in the hole. It killed Howe's foxhole companion. In the ensuing skirmish, 17 Japs were killed and the rest driven back. There were no other Marine casualties.—Sgt. Herb Schultz, combat correspondent.

— Navy Orders —

Seahags Cited

The 10th Construction Bn., USN, has been cited by the War Dept. in the name of the President for outstanding performance of duty on Los Negros Island.

— Mail Address Correct? —

We all mourn the shortage of bourbon but reckon we'll just have to gin and beer it.



BANGO! Or it might be Bingo in this case, for Marines have just hit the "jackpot". They tossed a charge of high explosive to flush Japs out of a dugout during mop-up operations on northern tip of Saipan Island. (Photo by Sgt. R. B. Oppen).



PEEK-A-BOO. Tank serves as shield for Leathernecks advancing against Japs holed up in caves on Saipan. Last man uses walkie-talkie to keep CP informed of progress of mopping up. (Photo by Corp. Angus Robertson).

Marine-Made Instruments Save Wounded On Saipan

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Marine engineers of the 2nd Div., now in action on Tinian Island, have been highly praised for building several essential medical instruments during the fierce battle for Saipan, so that wounded Marines could receive expert care and treatment.

A Japanese flame thrower motor was converted into a stomach pump. From copper tubing in a Jap salvage pile, the engineers made several airway tubes for throat breathing. Dressing shirts were constructed from Jap bicycles.

Lt. (sgt) John S. Agar, USN, Little Rock, Ark., said that the ingenuity of engineers helped save many Marine lives.

Detailed to one of the main hospitals here was Lt. Kenneth O. Sears of Cottage Grove, Ore. His

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Nine Lives Of Cat Not Enough For Leatherneck

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Meet "Corp. Cat" of the Marine Corps.

He is Corp. Nick Onia of East Chicago, Ind., and his buddies claim he has more than nine lives.

In the Guadalcanal campaign, he won several eyelash decisions over the Grim Reaper when sniper fire cut down his comrades. At another South Pacific base he plunged over a 40-foot cliff in a truck and lived to hit the beach at Tarawa, where his life was a desperate gamble for three days.

In the present campaign, he has been under enemy fire every day since he landed with the second wave of the assault troops. On one occasion, a mortar shell dropped 10 feet in front of his foxhole and decapitated another Marine.—Sgt. Tony Smith, combat correspondent.

— Shoot Straight —

Toad Makes Pig Of Himself, Dies

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Saipan Sue is dead, reports Sgt. A. D. Hawkins, combat correspondent.

An over-sollicitous Marine placed his pet toad in a fly trap containing hundreds of the swarming insects.

It was a toad's paradise if there ever was one, for there are so many flies here that Marines have named the place "Flypan."

The toad actually ate itself to death.

— Use V-Mail —

"I told my girl friend I was joining the Air Corps and now she wants me to take her flying."

"If it's the one I saw you with last night, just buy her a broom, she'll fly."

Col. G. T. Hall Assigned New Duties For DOP

Col. George T. Hall, executive officer of RD, will be detached Sept. 1 for duty at DOP as departmental war bonds promotion officer. Col. Hall was CO of RD from April, 1942, until June, 1944.

Enlisting in 1917 after graduation from the Univ. of Washington law school, Col. Hall was commissioned that year. He took part in campaigns in China, where he was stationed in 1937-38, and Nicaragua. At one time Col. Hall commanded the Mar. Det. aboard the USS Nevada.

Other posts where he served include Guam, Alangabo, Philippines, and stations on the east and west coasts. He also served with the Asiatic and Pacific Fleets.

BASE CHANGES

Maj. John H. Stillman joined the Trng. Regt., RD, this week from USNH, San Diego. He will be assigned duties upon returning from leave.

WO. John B. C. Ruiter of the Royal Netherlands Marines was attached temporarily to RD this week to study the physical training and bayonet fighting programs.

Capt. John J. Bukowy was named Base Motor Transport Officer. He joined Ser. Bn. from DOP.

CHANGES OF DUTY

WASHINGTON—The following changes affecting the status of Marine personnel have been announced:

Brig. Gen. Field Harris has been assigned duty as Director, Marine Corps Aviation, effective on detachment of Brig. Gen. Louis E. Woods. Gen. Harris also is assigned to additional aviation duty as Assistant Commandant (Air).

Col. Richard H. Jeschke from overseas to HQMC, Hamilton, N. Y. Replacing to Camp Lejeune: John Hall from overseas to Camp Lejeune; Edward C. Dyer detached from HQMC; Lt. Col. Donald N. Ditt from Camp Lejeune to Quantico; John C. Macomber from overseas to Oakland, Cal.; Samuel B. Shaw from San Diego area to overseas with temporary duty enroute at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.; William K. Davenport Jr. from overseas to Camp Pendleton; Earl E. Holmes has returned from duty overseas.

Capt. William H. Abrams, base legal assistance officer, was detached to FMF Bn., Camp Pendleton. Replacing him is Capt. G. C. Martin, who will add the legal assignment to his present duties as CO of A and C Co's of the Base Hq. Bn.

— Salute Smartly —

First To Meet Japs

Marine fighter squadrons were the first to speed from their base to meet the oncoming Japanese bomber horde head-on in the Battle of Midway.

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By GUNTHER (Schnapping-In) GHERKIN

The other morning I was lying in just flown here from America . . . my sack, at peace with the United Nations part of the world, when there was a knock at my door. At my invitation to enter, there came across my threshold two of those gold bars to which an officer is usually attached.

This congressionally sponsored gentleman gazed at me as I lay between the sheets like a sparrow between two slices of rye bread. "Gherkin," he said sternly, "do you know what time it is?"

"I heard you cockle crow 'ere dawning," I said. "But he's been rather quiet lately."

"With good reason," the officer said. "We just had him for dinner."

"Zounds!" I exclaimed, closing my eyes. "We live in a world that races madly on. And to what end? To what goal?"

"In your case," he said, "you mean to what goal?"

"Please stop, sir," I pleaded. "You are bugging my heart."

"Sluggard," he said, "it is, to be exact, 4 minutes after 9 o'clock in the morning."

"Sir," I said, "I appreciate your coming all the way down here to let me know what time it is. I really do. But is your trip necessary? Isn't there some battle you could be planning, instead of wasting your valuable time telling me what time it is? You know, sir, I have a bad memory. Ten minutes from now I'll forget it is 4 minutes after 9 o'clock."

I Do, I Do

The officer leaned over and whispered, "Sprechen sie Deutsch?" "Jawohl, Herr Lieutenant," I answered, without thinking, which is an old German habit I find difficult to lose.

"Then you're my boy. You are to leave for Germany at once, on a special mission. You, Gunther, are to interview Hitler, and find out the truth about the attempt on his life, and what is going on inside Germany."

"Excuse me, sir," I said. "You have the wrong Gunther. John Gunther is the man who writes all that Inside-Either-and-Thither stuff. He's your man."

"You," the officer said, dragging me from the sack, "are going to make a long voyage. We have a special rocket, built like a chair, which will carry you to Berlin in comfort. You will be our version of Robert Hess."

Well, before I could break a leg, old rocket chair had me. I arrived over Germany and glided gently to earth at the edge of a wheat field that manufactured dive-bombers. In an adjacent field, a non-com about seven years old was drilling a company of four-year-olds. As I watched, they stopped to listen to a speech by a Gestapo agent, which took the place of noon chow.

"In a few days," he said, "you will be able to prove your devotion to der Vaterland by going into battle against the impotent, decadent, tottering enemy, which is now attacking Germany."

It's A Pleasure

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"Work hard, don't ask questions, and eat on all your friends, and some day you may achieve a high position like mine, as Third Sub-Inspector of the Unteroffiziers-schlangebaben, District 43. Then you, too, will be able to eat every Tuesday. Heil Heetler!"

"Heil Tuesday!" the little children responded.

I walked away, hoping to find the direction of Berlin. A kilometer or so down the pike, I came across a German farmer who was trying to milk a cardboard cow, which the Nazis had substituted for the usual cattle.

"Pardon me," I said. "But could you tell me how to find Berlin. I've

"You're the first American pilot I've heard of who has had difficulty finding Berlin," he said.

"Does your cardboard cow give much milk?" I asked.

"None at all."

"I'll bet you're sorry you don't have the old fashioned kind that does."

"On the contrary," he said, "this Nazi robot-cow is much superior to the old-fashioned Democratic-Jew-Bolshevik-Capitalist cow."

"In what way?"

"Well," he said triumphantly, "it doesn't cost anything to feed her."

"But what about milk?" I persisted.

"Our scientists have learned how to extract milk from coal," he said. "But there is only one flaw."

"And that is . . . ?" I prompted.

"We haven't any coal."

"And now," I said, "if you will kindly direct me to Berlin . . ."

He pointed toward the east. "It used to be over there," he said, "but that was before they invented the airplane."

What Destruction?

I followed his directions, but after a few hours I got lost. I was standing helplessly in a place that looked as though some excavations had been started, and then abandoned.

A member of the SS came along. "Did the USAAF and the RAF create all this destruction?" I asked.

"What destruction?" he asked, closing his eyes. "I don't see any destruction."

"But what about this?"

"Oh, this. Why this is a newsreel of what the Luftwaffe did to New York."

The SS man drew out his pistol and moodily shot a few non-Aryans who were passing by. "What are you trying to do?" he asked threateningly. "Spread a pack of truths around here?"

"I came over to interview Hitler," I said. "Could you take me to where he lives?"

The SS man put away his Luger. "Follow me," he said.

I followed him to a rugged fortress, where Hitler had made his headquarters. A guard stopped me at the gate, and I explained my mission. "You'll have to wait a few minutes," he said. "There's just been a meeting of the general staff, and the morticians are using the waiting room."

Several horses drove away, and the guard said to me, "You can go in now. I think they're out of ammunition."

What's The Latest?

As I entered the building, I heard a hoarse, plaintive voice, which I recognized as Hitler's saying, "But Hermann, if I let my mustache grow, and I smoke a big curved pipe, wouldn't I look a teeny-weeny bit like Joe Stalin?"

"A little bit not even!" Goering shouted. "And stop shaking. He's not here. Yet."

"What is the latest news?" Hitler inquired anxiously.

"My reports show," Goering said, "that the Russians are advancing 20 miles a day. The Americans and British are moving toward Paris. Our submarine fleet is almost wiped out, and our air force is hopelessly outnumbered."

"Issue a communique to the German people," Hitler ordered. "In the direction of Siberia our armies are conducting a skillful series of disengaging movements according to plan, which will confuse the disintegrating Russian armies and lure them into a trap that will result in a complete catastrophe. In Normandy it will only be a matter of time before we can lure the stupid Americans and British into Paris, where there will be a great victory. Our gallant pilots are keeping German skies clear by remaining on the ground, and our submarine fleet continues to remain under the sea."

I decided it was time for me to join the conference. I knocked gently on the door. A rough voice

yelled, "Who is it?"

"Your chief of staff," I replied jokingly.

"There was a hail of machine gun fire and artillery shells that swept through the door and nearly struck me."

I raised myself slightly and knocked again. "This is Corp. Gunther Gherkin, of the United States Marines. I want to ask you a few questions."

Howls of fear resounded in the room.

"Ask der questions through der door," Hitler said.

"Who do you think will win the war?" I asked.

"Which war?" Hitler said impatiently. "The next, or the next after the next?"

"This one," I said. "I've come all the way from America to ask you this question."

"In that case," Hitler said, "I'm asking as a member of the gasoline rationing board. Was your trip necessary?"

"You can quote me as saying," he bellowed, "that Germany was tricked into this war."

"How was that?" I asked.

"We didn't think the others would fight back," he said sadly. "They started the war. Just because we marched in to protect them, they started shooting at our soldiers."

"Do you still think you can win this war?"

"Of course!" Hitler screamed. "Didn't you read in the newspapers that yesterday 57,000 German soldiers held a giant victory parade in Moscow?"

Quit Quibbling

"Yes," I said. "But those Germans were prisoners of war, and the celebration was for Russian victories."

"Bah!" Hitler exclaimed. "You Americans. Always quibbling over technicalities."

I looked at my watch. It was almost time for me to return to the United States for chow. "One last question," I called to Hitler. "When the Allies win the war, what are your plans for the future?"

A little slip of paper was pushed under the door. I picked it up. On it was written: "The Allies win the war, and for me you call that a future? Signed: A. Hitler."

I went out, climbed into my rocket plaque and took off. Sporadically, I heard bursts of shooting as the Germans, for the first time in 31 years, began once more to freely discuss politics.

Shoot Straight

"I think Betty has a sylph-like figure."

"Yeah, and she keeps it all to her sylph, too."



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Buy Insurance — Appropriate Name

SAIPAN (Delayed) — One of the bloodiest actions here was at the Valley of the Thousand Dead, reports Sgt. John E. T. Campbell, combat correspondent. Marines were twice repulsed trying to storm a hill protecting a jungle valley. Then the artillery, which had pounded the hill, faltered and as the Japs retired into the valley, concentrated fire there.

Marine Brothers Reunited On Base After 30 Months

Two Marine brothers separated for 30 months were reunited here when Pvt. Thomas L. Carden, stationed at Camp Pendleton, secured special liberty recently to come to the Base to greet his older brother, PFC, Matthew H. Carden Jr., who has just returned from the South Pacific. The two Leathernecks are from Romulus, Mich.

"You sure have changed," was the greeting of the older brother as he greeted Pvt. Carden.

"You were only so high," Pvt. Carden commented, holding a hand waist high. He had last seen him in December, 1941. Pvt. Carden now almost as tall as his brother, listened eagerly to the latter's accounts of battle experience in the Pacific.

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Marines Salvage, Re-Use Equipment

Repair Of Gear Pays Off During Pacific Battle

Marine Unit Even Turns Japs' Supplies To Use In Battle For New Britain

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Salvage is a business in the Marine Corps. Not a simple business like calling the junk man and telling him to pick up the stuff in the back yard, but a complete repair service for broken-down equipment. It pays off.

Five thousand Marines would have been sleeping in the mud of monsoon-soaked Cape Gloucester but for the little company of salvage specialists who repaired their pots and torn, leaky tents.

Hundreds more would have been practically barefooted, for it took many men many days on their rough shoes to capture rugged Gloucester.

STOVES REPAIRED

Field stoves went to pieces. Spare parts were exhausted before the campaign was over, and the specialists rounded up scrap parts to keep the chow cooking and the coffee hot.

Ten thousand blankets were sterilized, cleaned and patched up after the rigors of the campaign.

Tons of ammunition—Japanese and American—were reclaimed from abandoned positions as the specialists moved up just behind the front lines.

The salvagers turned the Japs' own guns on them. And for the second time, some of the American guns that defended doomed Saipan were also turned against the Japs.

JAP GEAR SALVAGED

Combing through the rubble of blood-stained Hill 660 and beyond, the salvage artists came up with valuable Jap radios, field glasses, chemical warfare and medical equipment, aircraft parts and tools.

At their shoe repairing unit—big trailers powered by gasoline-generated electricity—the boys turned out 400 pairs a day, working at top speed in three shifts.

At their sewing machines they remodel and mend clothing.

Ninety Marines make up the salvage unit at this base, 1st Lt. Mark M. Corbinoff of Boston is O-in-C.—TSgt. Paul G. Long, combat correspondent.

— No Comments —

Tinian Attack 'Outstanding'

Secy. of Navy Forrestal this week in Washington described as "an outstanding military achievement" the attack on Tinian, which is being made by the 3rd and 4th Mar. Divs. which conquered Saipan.

"After 24 days of the meanest kind of fighting through cane fields and caves, followed by 10 days of so-called rest, these same men are in shape to conduct a second major assault," the Secy. said.

Pointing out that over 8000 men wounded on Saipan have already returned to duty and are now participating in the Tinian attack, he said this reduced Saipan not losses by a third and "speaks volumes for both the morale of the troops and the effectiveness of the Medical Corps."

Nevada Makes Invasion Comeback

ABOARD USS NEVADA (Delayed)—After supposedly being put out of commission for good at Pearl Harbor, this man o' war made a comeback with her big guns in the opening days of the European invasion and set a record that probably beats that of any other ship.

With a range of 30,500 yards, about 17 land miles, the ship's 14-inch guns scored two perfect hits



JUNK YARD. Scrap from the Cape Gloucester battlefield is piled here, to be sorted and prepared for use in the field again. Nothing that can be salvaged goes to waste.

Treatment Of Pendleton Man Ends Hiccup Siege

CAMP PENDLETON—PhM2/c B. S. Shope of Missoula, Mont., attached to a Marine unit here, brought a sudden end to the suffering of Lawrence Schone of Los Angeles, who had been hiccupping for 18 days.

Reading in the newspapers of the Los Angeles man's affliction, the pharmacist's mate offered his services. He massaged the victim's feet for an hour, using what is technically known as zone physiotherapy.

As the result of the massaging Schone went to sleep for the first time without anesthetics since the hiccupping started. Twenty-four hours later when the hiccupping had not returned, Schone's physician ordered him released from the hospital.

— Written Home Recently —

Eight Airfields In Marianas

In referring to Guam, Tinian and Saipan as the "key" to Japan, China and the Philippines, Secy. Forrestal noted in a recent press conference that their occupation gives us bases aggregating about 300 square miles and containing eight airfields and five harbors within 1500 miles of Japan and the Philippines.

Adm. King said that 1500 miles is a "practical radius" for fleet operations.

— No Comments —

"You've left off your medals," snapped the captain.

The PFC. looked down at his chest.

"Great Scott!" he cried, "I forgot to take them off my pajamas."

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First Class For DIs Opens In RD With 35 Students

Graduation From School Requirement For Drill Instructors In Future

Thirty-five DIs began three-week courses of instruction Monday in the newly established Drill Instructors School in RD. Ratings of the "students" range from corporal to gunnery sergeant.

Graduation from the school will be a requirement for all DIs in the future, according to Lt. Col. Max Cox, CO of the Trng. Regt. Eventually all DIs now serving in RD, as well as those added later, will take the course, he said. The first class is made up of those off schedule when the school opened.

RD officers are giving lectures on their specialties in the classroom in Bldg. 123. These are being followed up with realistic demonstrations outside. Capt. R. A. Smith is O-in-C of the school.

VARIED SUBJECTS

Subjects being taught and the officers in charge of the courses are:

CWO, Charles Klein, clothing and equipment, organization, indoctrination; Capt. Frank H. Brinkman, weapons; Capt. George S. Reed, bayonet, physical training; WO, Ernest J. Jensen, chemical warfare; 1st Lt. George E. Kiltredge Jr., infantry drill, military topography and map reading.

2d Lt. Richard A. Reseuvre, military courtesy, sanitation, first aid; 1st Lt. Adolph W. Norvik, infantry drill; Capt. DeWitt M. Shepard, tactics; and Capt. Robert Kolsky, leadership, morale.

Purpose of the school is to improve the system of recruit training and to make instruction methods uniform.



MARINE CHOICE. Fan mail of Grace McDonald (Universal) proves she is popular with Leathernecks. But, South Pacific vets know that sarong-clad figures like hers are found only in Hollywood.

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Marines Witness Jap Withdrawal From Saipan Hill

Leathernecks Spend Two Days Atop Hill Skirted By Big Body Of Japanese

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Four Marines came back to camp today with a hair-raising story of having lived two days atop a hill around which at least 1000 Japs withdrew to take up a new line of defense a half mile ahead.

For much of the time, the four Marines had an Army machine gun company to help them hold the hill. For three long hours, however, they sat on the height alone. Had the Japs chosen to come over the hill, rather than around it, the four Marines would have faced certain death.

The four men are Sgt. Rayford K. Adams of Skillman, N. J.; Corps. Stanley Smolik of Yonkers, N. Y., Hurwood Benware of Owls Head, N. Y., and Lauren Curtis of Milwaukee, Wis.

MASS WITHDRAWAL

Directly beneath them, less than 500 yards away, they saw Japanese in groups ranging from two to 200 withdrawing from the glove under heavy artillery fire. Army troops stationed directly beneath them opened fire into the marching ranks, killing the enemy by the score.

On one occasion, Adams reported that enemy troops were so weary that the men were scarcely able to move. Many of them had lost their weapons, parts of their clothing and their packs.

"Obviously, they were so tired they just didn't care," Adams said. "We could see the bullets nick the dirt at their feet. The Japs would stop, draw a deep breath, and plod on until they were knocked down."

Other Japanese troops, however, were in good condition, under control of their officers, and with full equipment, the Marines reported. Through field glasses, they seemed near enough to touch.

SNIPER FIRE

The Marines frequently were under fire. At breakfast, on the second morning, they were attacked by a single sniper, who was spotted by one of the Army machine gunners behind a banyan tree. His left shoulder protruded slightly, and an officer put a slug in it. The Jap moved over so that his other shoulder was exposed. Sgt. Adams shot him there. The Jap decided to evacuate altogether, and was brought down by a three-slug burst of a BAR.

On another occasion, a Jap opened fire on them from a rock only 20 feet away. The Marines returned his fire, and found his body the next morning.

Withdrawal of the machine gun company left the Marines alone, so they withdrew to a narrow gully, hid their radio equipment, and waited for an opportunity to get back in their own lines.—2d Lt. Jim G. Lucas, PRO.

—Keep Clean—

Pendleton 'Oldster' Still In The Pink

CAMP PENDLETON — Corp. Russell W. Savatt of Kings Park, N. Y., is living proof of the fallacy of the old belief that a man's legs are the first to give out.

Corp. Savatt, at 41 the smallest and oldest of the "muscle men" of Training Command's Physical Training School here, is as active and spirited as a teen-aged youngster when going through bayonet, knife, machete, tumbling, judo and disarming drills.

The course Corp. Savatt teaches includes forced hikes at speeds of from five to seven miles an hour.



DI ARTISTS. PFCs G. E. Kubrak (left) and Jack D. Fox are at work on one of a series of drawings to cover walls of RD Receiving Bks. Sketches will depict battle scenes and Corps activities. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey O. Payne).

RD Artists Depict Battle Scenes, Service In Corps

Two former DIs are at work on the first of 25 ink drawings and paintings depicting Marine battle scenes and activities of various branches of the Corps to be hung on the walls of the Receiving Bks. in RD.

The artists are PFCs. Jack D. Fox of Cleveland, O., who studied for 18 months at the Cleveland Art School and later did a syndicated cartoon strip for an industrial magazine, and G. E. Kubrak of Detroit, Mich., who has drawn for many years as a hobby.

Approximately 10 weeks will be required to complete the drawings, which are to be 30 by 40 inches in size. Purpose of the work is to provide instructional and inspirational material for inductees in the first building to which they report upon arriving here.

NEW SIGN ERECTED

A new sign reading "Through These Portals Pass The Bravest" was erected over the door of the barracks recently.

Construction also has begun on a wooden monument commemorating battles won by Marines in this war. This will be erected on the lawn in front of the Receiving Bks. Names of the battles will be inscribed in a scroll on the face of the monument, which will be 11 ft. high and 7 ft. wide at the bottom.

—Bob Henderson—

Talented Marines Sought For Show

CAMP PENDLETON Sgt. Dick Jurgens, well-known band leader, is ferreting out talented Marines for shows in the area. Sgt. Jurgens will "MC" the shows, and his orchestra will be toplined.

A "theatrical circuit," which will include all Camp Pendleton post theaters, Jacques Farm, Santa Margarita Naval Hospital, the Boat Basin and all Tent Camps, is being arranged. Maj. Austin G. Harrison, post recreation officer, said a new show will play the entire circuit once each month.

—Bonds Or Bondsage?

Mail Total High

In one month, the Navy flew more than 200,000 pounds of mail into Central Pacific advanced areas.

—Alm True—

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Screen Guide

BASE THEATRE 1750-2000

Today — Slightly Terrific, Errol-Rooney, Halls of Montezuma broadcast, 1800.
Sunday — The Uninvited, Milland-Hussey.
Monday — They All Kissed the Bride, Douglas-Hussey.
Tuesday — Marine Variety Show, 1930.
Wednesday — Tunisian Victory (Documentary Film).
Thursday — Woman of the Town, Trevor-Dekker.
Friday — The Rains Came, Loy-Power.

CAMP MATTHEWS 1745

Today — Around the World, Kay Kyser.
Sunday — Under Two Flags, Colman-Colbert.
Monday — Slightly Terrific, Errol-Rooney.
Tuesday — The Uninvited, Milland-Hussey.
Wednesday — They All Kissed the Bride, Douglas-Hussey.
Thursday — Boxing Matches, No Movie.
Friday — Tunisian Victory (Documentary Film).

MCAD, MIRAMAR 1745

Today — Bride By Mistake, Marshall-Day.
Sunday and Monday — I Love a Soldier, Tuttle-Goddard.
Tuesday — Take It Big, Healy-Bill-Hard.
Wednesday — Kay Kyser (Stage Show).
Thursday — The Patron in Mexico, Tom Conway.
Friday — Take It or Leave It, Phil Baker.

—Shoot Straight—

'Halls' Program On New Schedule

The dramatized story of Cysgt. Jesse R. Glover, who has fought with the 2nd Mar. Div. through many Pacific battles, will be heard on this afternoon's broadcast of the "Halls of Montezuma" as the radio show starts on its new air schedule of 1500 every Saturday.

In addition to the dramatization of the Leathernecks' exploits, music will be provided by the "Halls of Montezuma" orchestra.

—Mail Address Correct?

Science is wonderful. First there were silent pictures, then talkies, and now a lot of them smell.

First Marine To Land Plane On Saipan Returns

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Jap defenders of Saipan's key airfield fled so hastily that many usable aircraft, ready to fly, were left to American

invaders, according to Lt. Col. Neal R. MacIntyre of La Jolla, first Marine flyer to return from the recently-captured island.



First to land a Marine plane on the Saipan airstrip, Col. MacIntyre set his Com-tyre set his Com-

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—Saints Smackly—

Lucky Star

SAIPAN (Delayed) — Shrapnel broke the carbine of 1st Lt. Joseph O'Leary of Buffalo, N. Y., and destroyed the pack and gas mask strapped to his back, but left him uninjured.

—Use V-Mail—

Wife: "Wake up, John! There's a burglar in the next room."
Hubby: "Well, I've no revolver. You go in and look daggers at him."

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Easy On The Cream—And Two Lumps

SAIPAN (Delayed)—The Japs supplied cream for the Marines' coffee in the early days of the fighting on this island, before full quantities of supplies had been landed, according to Sgt. Bill Dvorak, combat correspondent.

Among Jap stores seized was a quantity of canned evaporated milk

MCB Near Net Title

NTC Scores 5-3 Win But Trails By Three Points

Although bowing to NTC, 5 to 3, on Tuesday, MCB's tennis squad this week virtually clinched the 11th Naval Dist. championship. Scoring 8 to 0 sweeps over USNH and Miramar last week, MCB now leads NTC by three points and meets a weak Imperial Beach outfit Thursday at Navy Field in the final matches of the season, while NTC engages Miramar.

Highlight of Tuesday's series was a thrilling doubles victory by Corp. Harold Brogan, team manager, and PFC. James Beall over NTC's Langham-Toomey duo. After dropping the first set, 4-6, Brogan and Beall rallied to take the next two, 6-3, 6-3. MCB's only other victory was chalked up by PFC. Gen. Steldi who blanked NTC's Langham, 6-0, 6-0. Other results: Singles—Machonid (NTC) d. Pvt. G. Myerson 6-2, 8-6, 6-3; Friedman (NTC) d. PFC. Beall 6-1, 6-3; MCB's Kahan (NTC) d. Sgt. Roger Carney 6-1, 6-2.

Tombles—Machonid—Friedman (NTC) d. Myerson-Steldi 6-1, 6-1.

Results of the Miramar series (MCB players first): Singles—Corp. Brogan d. PFC. Steldi 6-3, 6-3; PFC. Beall d. PFC. Steldi 6-3, 6-3; Sgt. Carney d. Toomey 6-1, 6-1; Doubles—Brogan-Beall d. Langham-Toomey 6-3, 6-1; Sgt. Abel Mattos and PFC. Beall d. Toomey-Carney 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

THE CHEVRON Sports



TITLE HOPES. Miramar bases its hopes of adding the Southern California AAU team title to its MarFair West championship on these six boxers. From left, Pvt. Johnny Serpa, heavyweight; Pvt. Joe Music, light-heavyweight; Pvt. Nick Ragusano, middleweight; Corp. Joe Schenck, welterweight; Pvt. Jose Maese, lightweight, and Pvt. Dickie Jorja, featherweight. (Photo by Sgt. Gene Locke).

Pat O'Brien, Film Star, Referees Fights Tonight

Mantoya And Mendez Clash In Top Attraction Of Standout Program

With Pat O'Brien, star of "Marine Raiders", in the role of guest referee, one of MCB's outstanding fight programs will be held tonight in RD Amphitheatre. As stand-out bout on the card, Corp. Marty Schwartz and PFC. Quentin "Baby" Breesé, boxing coaches, have matched Pvs. Pedro Mantoya and Gilbert Mendez to exchange blows in a featherweight duel.

San Diego Grid Ace Back From Pacific Action

MCAD, MIRAMAR—1st Lt. Francis E. Mattingly, former fullback on the San Diego pro "Bomber" eleven, has returned from the Southwest Pacific where he participated in 40 combat missions and accumulated more than 200 combat flying hours in escort and strafing missions.

A fighter pilot with the "Flying Deuces" squadron, Lt. Mattingly engaged in frequent encounters with enemy fighters and, despite numerous flights through heavy ack-ack, his plane was never hit.

"It was like running through a broken field of tacklers," he said, "except that those days were playing for keeps."

The 240-pound Marine flyer, six feet tall, received "Little All-America" honorable mention for two seasons while playing for Texas A. and I. He plans to continue professional football after the war.

Stand Erect Seats At Fights

With 18 platoons of recruits filling most of the available space, a few seats will be available for permanent Base personnel at tonight's fight program in RD Amphitheatre. The first bout starts at 1930.

Mantoya, representing Plat. 869, is a protégé of Manuel Ortiz, world bantamweight champion. His home is in El Centro. Mendez, a former San Antonio Golden Gloves champion, was a sergeant in the Mexican army until he was released and joined the Marine Corps. Both weigh 130 pounds.

Another attractive bout brings together, in a welterweight encounter, Oscar Gracida (Plat. 766) and Raymond Perez (Plat. 766). Gracida last week won a decision from Robert Herdman, highly regarded fighter from Plat. 753. Perez and Gracida are expected to turn in one of the best fights of the night, on a program that may well be the best ever staged on the base.

Fourteen fights were held last week, and the evening was packed with action. One of the features was the participation in two bouts by Robert Polle of Plat. 756. He won both. Last week's results:

Heavyweights—Pvt. Sidney Solomon (Plat. 782) Worcester, Mass., dec. Pvt. Robert Jereau (Plat. 757) Bay City, Mich.

Light-heavyweights—Pvt. C. P. Galliano (Plat. 758) and Pvt. J. E. Wilkerson (SS48), draw; Pvt. E. Wilkerson (Plat. 760) dec. Pvt. J. Nelson (Plat. 763); Pvt. Robert Polle (Plat. 753) Elkhart, Ill., dec. Pvt. John Adams (Plat. 753); Pvt. Polle dec. Pvt. Jesse Simpson (Plat. 771) Comstock, Tex.; Pvt. E. Solomon (Plat. 780) and Pvt. I. Perkins (SS8), draw; Pvt. Burnell Brunsford (Plat. 753) dec. Pvt. Blake Moore (Plat. 753).

Middleweights—Pvt. Donald Snyder (Plat. 782) Toledo, O., dec. Pvt. James Tucker (Plat. 755) Dyrarburg, Tenn.; Pvt. Robert Hickson (Plat. 761) Pontiac, Mich., dec. Pvt. Don Redding (Plat. 763) Decatur, Ala.; Pvt. G. Moore (Plat. 754) dec. Pvt. L. Snydal (Plat. 760).

Welterweights—Oscar Gracida (Plat. 766) Sacramento, dec. Pvt. Robert Herdman (Plat. 753) Palo Alto; Pvt. Robert Blakerby (Plat. 753) Lake Station, Mich., dec. Pvt. Roland Reyes (SS8) San Antonio.

Lightweights—Ken Young (Plat. 751) Tulsa, dec. Pvt. William Williams (SS8) L. A.

Featherweights—Pvt. Erven Wilbur (Plat. 762) Milwaukee, dec. Pvt. James Butler (Plat. 754) Nashville.

They say it's so hot at the desert air stations that the dog-tags have distorted.

THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PVT. GEORGE LIAPES

As intriguing as the sight of the St. Louis Browns leading the Yankees and the rest of the American League, is the sorry state which engulfs the once riotous Dodgers. Run-boys of Brooklyn. The twin picture shows the stolid Browns now tripping happily along, 1½ games in front, and the Dodgers half-timing it in the National League, 3½ games or several laps, in terms of the speed of light.

It is not a safe bet yet that the Browns will win the pennant, but it is a sure thing the Dodgers won't.

In terms of money the comparison is not odious except to the extent that it brings to mind thoughts of what is occasionally termed filthily lucre. Otherwise it fits right in. Money in this instance may be expressed in terms of receipts at the box office, which, holders of stock in a baseball club have been known to keep one eye upon. When you put it that way (pretend, say, you own the Browns) the unusual antics of the two clubs take on a new light.

37 ROARING ROOTERS

A season or two ago, for instance, the Browns played one game on their home grounds which was cheered by a paid attendance of something like 37 spectators. Last week three successive night games with the Yankees, who are fighting for the league lead, drew 13,973 fans in St. Louis. The fourth game drew 4288 and the Yankee check for the series was the largest taken out of St. Louis since 1932, which in the last time the Browns and Yankees fought for a pennant. That time the Yanks won it.

Even with icebergs in center field, the Dodgers would draw more than 97 onlookers and the fans of Flatbush would be paying to see the Dodgers, not the icebergs. But Brooklyn's calamitous condition has thawed even baseball's loudest and most loyal following and the club's front office is looking askance, to borrow a Flatbush phrase. Since the team's return from a disastrous road tour, attendance has fallen alarmingly and the owners of Ebbets Field can see the rust collecting on the pay-as-you-enter doors. Not rust as it used to collect in St. Louis, but still rust.

Here is how the attendance thermometer dropped after the Dodgers came home: First game 19,319. Second game 12,539. Third and fourth (combined) 6000. At this

point the Dodgers captured undisputed possession of last place and the daily attendance was tapering to 2800 or thereabouts. About this time the owners think of rent and taxes. That's why any owner would rather picture himself owning the Browns, ½ games in front, than the once-relicking Dodgers, now 3½ games behind.

WORLD SWIM RECORD

Elsewhere along the sports front: The Angels made pennant-race news, too, in the P.C.L. After a week's series Los Angeles took the lead away from San Francisco's Seals... Better news from San Francisco was the fact that Ann Curtis, tall and pretty mermaid, sliced nearly eight seconds off the world 880-yard freestyle record. Miss Curtis' time was 11:08.6. The old mark, set by R. Hveger of Denmark in 1937, was 11:16.1... Frank Thomas signed a new contract, binding him to coach the Univ. of Alabama for the next five years... Sammy Byrd shot a 66, six under par, at Detroit to whip Craig Wood in a 36-hole challenge match... In New York "Turkey" Thompson lost a close decision to Lee Q. Murray. They weighed 207 and 206... The daily double at Washington Park in Chicago paid each of 52 race fans \$1045 for \$2... The San Diego Padres sold Rex Cecil, ace righthander, to the Boston Red Sox for delivery by Aug. 15... Joseph and Rosalie Di Maggio, parents of Joe, filed their final citizenship papers. They came from Palermo, Sicily in the 1890s.

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CAMP PENDLETON—Pushing over a run in the tenth, Camp Pendleton scored a 6 to 5 victory over Amphibious Base Tuesday at Navy Field. Joe Miller, Base first baseman, banged four hits in five trips to the production line.

Pendleton used three pitchers. The score:
Camp Pendleton 6
Amphibious Base 5
Morton, Simmons, Ames and Dupinsky; Munn, Abadie and Frost.

Championship Hopes Fade As Miramar Loses Poteet

By Sift Sgt. Ben Wahrman, Combat Correspondent

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Miramar's hopes of adding the Southern California AAU boxing championship to its MarFair West title were weakened today with announcement that MTSgt. Lee Poteet, champion light-heavyweight who had been looked upon as a certain winner, has been transferred. The tournament opens tomorrow night in San Diego's Coliseum.

To offset the loss of Poteet, 2d Lt. Harry C. Wright, Depot athletic officer, will send Pvt. Joe Music, who has been fighting as a heavy-weight, into the light-heavyweight division. Pvt. Johnny Serpa, a newcomer, will be the heavyweight representative. Miramar will enter but six men, and will not be represented in the flyweight and bantamweight brackets, since Marines seldom grow that small. Lack of point winners in these two classes may endanger Miramar's chances.

Featherweight entry is Pvt. Dick Borja, MarFair West and San Diego County champion. In the 135-pound competition will be Pvt. Jose Maese, who ran up a sensational string of knockouts at Norman, Okla. One of Miramar's outstanding boxers, Corp. Joe Schenck, is the welterweight entry, and Pvt. Nick Ragusano will move into the middleweight department to replace Sgt. Tommy Warren, who is

ineligible for the AAL tourney. Out of seven bouts at Miramar, Music has won five, lost one and fought one draw. Serpa, 206 pounds who once played football for College of the Pacific, is an Oakland Golden Gloves heavy-weight champion. Other members of the squad who may be called upon to compete are Pvt. Paul Kopacka, 147, PFC. Ed Echon, 150, Pvt. Sammy Corrito, 140, and Corp. Jimmy Mars, 160.

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CAMP MATTHEWS—Throwing leather with a precision that approximated the spurring of a BAR, two former Golden Gloves champions waged a thrilling three-round battle last week before recruits and personnel of the rifle range.

The fight, closing feature of a slam-bang card, was won by Pvt. C. S. McHenry of Plat. 687 (and Detroit) from Pvt. Lou Mendona of Plat. 714 (San Francisco). They weighed 147 and were almost as evenly matched in their ring technique, with McHenry carrying just enough extra firepower to take the decision.

Other results:

HEAVYWEIGHTS: Pvt. K. Shelp (Plat. 691) Mahalo, Maui, K.O. Pvt. M. C. Hyatt (Plat. 670) Deweyville, Utah, Pvs. W. J. Ladden (Plat. 724) Honolulu, Minn., and W. J. Brown (Plat. 678) Des Moines, draw.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS: Pvs. G. B. Van Korman (Plat. 676) Pualoa, Ida., and H. Darino (Plat. 723) San Francisco, draw. Pvt. T. Montes (Plat. 725) San Diego, TKO Pvt. E. Melring (Plat. 691) Burlington, Wis.

WELTERWEIGHTS: Pvt. R. M. Smith (Plat. 688) Seattle, TKO Pvt. R. M. Rudolph (Plat. 788) Seattle. Pvt. R. E. Isola (Plat. 724) North Platte, Neb., dec. Pvt. L. T. Munson (Plat. 679) Portland, N.E.

WELTERWEIGHTS: Pvt. D. E. Brooks (Plat. 734) San Luis Obispo, dec. Pvt. E. McCarraugh Jr. (Plat. 718) San Antonio.

LIGHTWEIGHTS: Pvt. J. Fredrickson (Plat. 726) Cochin, Ore., dec. Pvt. J. E. Linder (Plat. 696) Kailua, Mo. Pvt. S. V. Tambova (Plat. 723) Olathe, Kan., dec. Pvt. R. M. Woods (Plat. 681) Denver.

Marine Uses Enemy Weapon On Saipan

SAIPAN (Delayed)—PFC. George R. Stentel, son of Reinhardt C. Stentel of Harrisburg, Ore., not only killed a lot of Japs here but did it all with a Jap gun.

It was in the midst of a fierce enemy counter-attack that the Oregonian grabbed a captured machine gun, set it up in front of the Marine howitzer which he was defending, and mowed down the onrushing enemy.—Sgt. Stanford Opatowsky, combat correspondent.

'Drop In Again Sometime'

Two months ago PFC. Ed Simonson of Base Gd. Bn. dropped into the PX bowling alleys and rolled a game that was good enough to win the carton of cigarettes awarded to the weekly high man. Only, before he could collect his prize, PFC. Simonson was transferred to a 5th Div. regiment at Camp Pendleton.

This week PFC. Simonson dropped in again, to claim his cigarettes and to roll another game. Proving that two months at Pendleton doesn't hurt your bowling eye, he knocked over 233 pins, and the score threatens to stand up as the week's high. About September, PFC. Simonson should drop in to pick up his cigarettes and, if he's in the mood, to roll still another high game.

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EAST-WEST GUESTS. Lt. Comdr. Leo B. Calland tells these four USNH patients of plans to give 10,000 servicemen free admission to the annual East-West pro football game to be played at Balboa Stadium Aug. 20. The patients (left to right) are PFC. James Craft, Sgt. Edmund Durrocher, TMS/c Jack Ashenhurst and Corp. Walter Mohler.

Like To Swim? Here's Chance

Can you swim a mile? If you can, you may represent MCB in the annual La Jolla Rough Water Swim Aug. 20. The team trophy, awarded to the organization finishing the most men, was won last year by MCB. Trophies are also awarded winners of the first three places in each division, and each contestant finishing the race will receive a certificate. If you think you can qualify, report as soon as possible to O-in-C of the RD Athletic Office, Capt. Edward F. Rawling, who plans several workouts before the three-quarter mile open water event is held.

MCB's team golf match with Miramar, scheduled for last Tuesday, was called off this week when the MCAD linkmen announced that exigencies of service prevented them from competing.

Clement W. Kwitt of Plat. 43, Gr. 3, 2nd Div. Sgt. Kwitt's winning score was 227.

Football Similar To War Tactics

CAMP PENDLETON—"Football gives a man the go-gettem stuff the Marine Corps needs. The game teaches a man courage, team work, quick thinking and leadership."

These are the words of 2dLt. Joe Mutha, former All-American and captain in 1942 of VMI's football team. Lt. Mutha believes the aim of military combat tactics is similar to that of football. He pointed out that a gridiron squad tries to hit the enemy where he is weakest or least expects to be hit.

"Military units are out for the same thing," Lt. Mutha said.

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MCB Gets Quota For East-West Football Game

Enlisted personnel on the Base will be given free admission to the East-West professional football game Aug. 20 in Balboa Stadium. Directors of the annual benefit game, sponsored by Al Bahr Shrine Temple, have allotted 10,000 seats in the stadium for servicemen.

Distribution plans for MCB's quota have not been announced but reservations are now available and those who want to attend can obtain information at the Base Athletic Office, Ext. 620.

The game, played for the benefit of the Shrine Crippled Children's Hospital, will feature the famed Washington Redskins, coached by Doc De Groot.

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CAMP MATTHEWS—Scoring a 7-5, 6-2 victory over PFC. W. E. West, Pvt. H. E. Gatewood last week became the first champion to be crowned on the rifle range's new tennis courts here. Pvt. F. A. Green finished third.

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RD Loses 3rd Game

NTC Post Office Softball Team Captures Title

NTC's Post Office softballers won the first half championship of the 11th Naval Dist. this week by defeating MCB Recruit Depot, 1 to 0, in the third and deciding game of the playoff series. Held harmless through the entire game by "Sig" Lawson, NTC scored in an over-time eighth inning, aided by an error and two stolen bases.

Lawson struck out 14 men, while his rival on the mound fanned 12. The two previous games of the series also were decided by 1 to 0 scores. RD collected three hits in the final game—two by PFC. Johnnie Staten and one by PFC. Albert Stancato.

The score:

NTC Post Office	1	0	0
MCB Recruit Depot	0	0	0
Pendergass and Witherson	1	0	0
Staten and Stancato	0	0	0

Other scores last week:

NTC All-Stars	1	0	0
Camp Gillespie	0	0	0
Bill and Cary	1	0	0
Victor and Gray	1	0	0
McB Air Station	1	0	0
Smith and Palmer	1	0	0
Thompson and Hines	1	0	0
Miramar ATH 121	1	0	0
NTC Tenth	1	0	0
Takestraw and Heath	1	0	0
USNH	1	0	0
Stearns West	1	0	0
Claxton, King and Almon	1	0	0
Hall	1	0	0
Wheeler and Zimmoner	1	0	0
Camp Gillespie	1	0	0
McB Gd. Bn.	1	0	0
Victor and Gray	1	0	0
Stearns	1	0	0
Repair Base	1	0	0
Harris and Schuyler	1	0	0
McKenzie and Skel	1	0	0
Miramar GR. G.M.	1	0	0
McB Signal Bn.	1	0	0
Sizler and Presley	1	0	0
Messy and Salyer	1	0	0
Ryan Alreft	1	0	0
AI 12	1	0	0
Carey, Marlett and Nickols	1	0	0
Campbell, Heuser and Hughes	1	0	0
McB Gd. Bn.	1	0	0
Amphibious Base	1	0	0
Tucker and Sanfilippo	1	0	0
Barlow	1	0	0
Miramar WSS 4	1	0	0
NAS Glendale	1	0	0
Irvin and Pierphen	1	0	0
Green and Cargen	1	0	0
Miramar JDM	1	0	0
Flag Marines	1	0	0
Lott, Holmer and Osborn	1	0	0
Triggs and Yost	1	0	0

Ex-Ballplayer Now A Captain

WITH EXPEDITIONARY FORCES BOUND FOR GUAM—A former Pacific Coast League ballplayer who has risen from the enlisted ranks to captain was notified of promotion to his present rank while aboard a Navy transport headed for Guam. He is Capt. Edwin N. Gorman of Chicago who, except for a three-year "furlough" he took in the '20s to play baseball with Sacramento, has been a Marine 24 years.

After his "hitch" in baseball Capt. Gorman served at Quantico and was an outfielder on the all-Marine nine that played Harvard, Yale and other university teams in '29, '30 and '31. His wife and daughter live in Chicago.

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CHIPPER CHERRY POINTERS. Victors over the outstanding teams in its area is this baseball club from MCAS, Cherry Point. Highlight of the season is a no-hit, no-run game by Corp. Norm Scott, whose perfect game came against Greenville (S.C.) AAB on June 18. Shown here from left, bottom row: Corp. Mel Malkasian, cf; Corp. Kenny Reese, 3b; Corp. Sam Houser, p; Corp. Duke Doolittle, c; SltSgt. Cecil Hubbard, ss and coach; Sgt. Pete Rafferty, lf and p; Corp. Walter Halsall, 2b; Corp. Tom Clavin, c; PFC. Bill Brown, lb. Back row,

standing: Capt. T. F. McEvoy, Rec. & Ath. officer; 2dLt. D. H. Magill Jr., assistant athletic officer; Corp. Scott, p; Corp. Bill Wright, cf; PFC. Robert Stumpf, c; Corp. Fred Snoddy, p; Corp. Bill Van Breda-Koff, p; and Sgt. Francis F. Kelley, bat boy. Victims of the Cherry Point nine include Norfolk NTS, Greensboro (N.C.) AAF Rec. Depot; Fort Bragg Rec. Center, Ft. Bragg 397th Infantry, Parris Island, Camp Davis, North Carolina Pre-Flight, U. of North Carolina, Duke U., Seymour Johnson Field, Pope Field AAB, and Edenton Marines.

USMC 'Biggest League Of All'

CAMP PENDLETON — 2dLt. Thomas Sutak, former Colorado State baseball star who turned down a berth with three major league baseball teams to become a Marine officer last November, declares he became a member of the biggest league of all when he joined the Corps.

"The Marine Corps offers bigger things than baseball," he said.

Athletic officer of a field artillery unit undergoing combat training, Lt. Sutak is also a member of the strong 5th Mar. Div. baseball team.

Perkinson Joins El Toro Eleven

Karl Perkinson, famed on the Base last year as RD's "one man football team," is now stationed at El Toro where he is expected to play for Lt. Col. Dick Hanley's MarFair West eleven.

A star center on the RD squad, Perkinson was a roving terror backing up the line on defense.

Sue? Maybe It's The Truth!

PARRIS ISLAND — "Boots" Poffenberger, former major leaguer now lending his services to Marines here, is not one to quibble. Describing "Boots" as one of "baseball's bonafide eccentrics," Coronet Reporter Sidney Carroll writes that Poffenberger once called a hotel clerk and gave the following order:

"Send me the breakfast of champions, six bottles of beer and a scrambled egg."

When Poffenberger's teammates suggested that he sue Carroll for libel, the pitcher squinted his face in an overall smile and said:

"He may be telling the truth."

College All-Stars Lose Bertelli For Grid Classic

By Sgt. Charles Kopp, Combat Correspondent

CAMP LEJEUNE — 2dLt. Angelo Bertelli, Notre Dame's All-American football alumnus, will not play with the college all-stars against the Chicago Bears Aug. 20.

Bertelli, who reported here yesterday, said exigencies of the service make it impossible for him to accept the invitation he received from the college committee.

The newly-commissioned officer was not disappointed, being more enthusiastic about getting into his new duties here. He said he would like to play a year or so of professional football after the war, and is therefore all the more anxious to help and the conflict in a hurry. He also wishes to complete work on his degree at Notre Dame. He lacks one semester's credits.

Bertelli, one of the greatest forward passers in gridiron history, was called into the Corps as a V-12 officer candidate, after performing in six games last fall.

Modest about his own feats, he is lavish in his praise of two other quarterbacks, Creighton Miller, his Notre Dame teammate, and Bill Daley of Minnesota and Michigan.

Credit for his aerial genius, Bertelli said, goes to William Wise, a Holy Cross graduate who coached him at Cathedral High School in Springfield, Mass.

Several weeks ago, Bertelli was married to Miss Gilda Passerelli who is now living in Holyoke, Mass.

Stancato's Team Whips Crunchies

PFC. Al Stancato's Star Babies scored an 8 to 6 softball victory over PFC. F. K. Munch's Crunchies last week at the RD picnic. It was the continuation of a rivalry dating back to April when, in an intra-depot tournament, the Stancato and Munch teams were so intent upon blitzing each other that a dark horse squad edged in to capture the title. Pitchers at the picnic were Stancato and PFC. V. E. Kuhrak.

Another feature of the outing was the football-throwing contest, won by PFC. Johnnie Staten with a 55-yard toss.

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Yochim Pitches Against 6th Ferrying Gp. Today

Ace Hurler On Mound For Third Game Of Series; Twin Bill Tomorrow

MCB's ambition to derail the former major leaguers grouped under the banner of the 6th Ferrying Group's baseball team will be under the personal command this afternoon of PFC. Raymond A. Yochim, "slide" ball artist and ace pitcher of the Base club. The meeting of the two teams, their third this season, occurs on MCB's home diamond at 1430. In their last two engagements, MCB has collected the hits, but not the runs, to win.

Yochim, who defeated the stars under ex-Yankee "Red" Ruffing and ex-Giant Harry (the horse) Danning last year, will be starting against 6th Ferrying for the first time this season. At Long Beach on July 18 the decision went to 6th Ferrying, 3-1, when Pvt. Wellington "Wimpy" Quinn's homer was declared foul. The first game of this year's series, at the Base diamond, got away when an error allowed Ruffing's men to get in front after trailing by two runs until the eighth.

TWIN BILL ON SUNDAY

Tomorrow MCB plays a double-header, a stretch on the team's short mound staff. D. C. Moore will pitch against MAG-42 at 1300 and Ray Miner against MAG-45 at 1500. Unexpected visitors dropped in

Wednesday, and MCB took time out from practice to whip MCAD, Miramar, 5 to 2, in a game featured by a triple play. It came in the eighth when Shortstop Crookwell of the visitors made a spectacular catch of Andrews' line drive. He threw to second and second threw to first, catching "Nip" Jones and Stan Bolton who had lit out from their bases on the hit-and-run. MCB trailed until the fifth, but exploded in that inning when Pvt. Harry Hughes and PFC. Rudy Fugh blasted out doubles that sent home five runs. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Miramar	5	11	2
MCB	2	11	2

BASE WINS REPLAY

Replay of the game protested last week by Camp Elliott was held Thursday at Elliott, with Pvt. Ray Miner pitching an 11-0 shutout. Catcher Neil Andrews was the game's hitting star, collecting four for four. Miner struck out eight. The score:

	R.	H.	E.
Camp Elliott	0	2	3
MCB	11	12	0

Johnson, Lannard and Quinn; Miner and Andrews.

Over the week-end the Base nine played two games, losing one and winning one. The scores:

	R.	H.	E.
MCB	1	6	1
Port Miramar	3	7	0

Miner, D. C. Moore and Andrews; Johnson and Andrews.

MCB 15, Port 18 2.

Camp Cooke 0 8 3.

Yochim and Andrews; Fortetella and Wilkowski.

Other results of the week:

Camp Miramar 4, Amphib. Base 1.

Camp Matthews 5, 1st Subron 4.

(12 innings).

NAS 6, Camp Gillespie 1.

NTS 15, AIG-2 0.



MTSgt. ALLAN J. BURTON
... divot instructor

MCB Mermen Walk Off With El Centro Honors

Base Aquatic Aces Take All But One Event From MCAS Squadrons

Winning all but one event, MCB's powerful swimming squad made a walkaway of the meet Wednesday night at MCAS, El Centro. Competing against six El Centro squadrons, the Base mermen lost only the 50-yard free style, and in that race PFCs. Ben Sloane and Alan Welsh took second and third spots for MCB. The event was won by 1st Lt. Christenson of El Centro in 25.3 seconds. Lt. Christenson also finished second in another race and third in two more.

PFC. Don Alfaro, who won the 50-yard breaststroke in 32 seconds was also a member of two winning relay teams.

50-YD. FREE STYLE: Won by 1st Lt. Christenson (EC), PFC. Ben Sloane (MCB) second, PFC. Alan Welsh (MCB) third. Time: 25.2.

100-YD. FREE STYLE: Won by Corp. Ken Marsh (MCB), PFC. John Harris (MCB) second, Lt. Christenson (EC) third. Time: 54.8.

50-YD. BACKSTROKE: Won by PFC. Bob Parkhurst (MCB), Lt. Christenson (EC) second, Sgt. Johnson (EC) third. Time: 36.

100-YD. MIDDLEBY RELAY: Won by MCB (Welsh, Alfaro, PFC. Cornelius Butler, Marsh), MCB second team (Parkhurst, Gresh, Harris, Sloane) second, El Centro third Time: 1:16.

50-YD. BREAST STROKE: Won by PFC. Don Alfaro (MCB), PFC. Anthony Gresh (MCB) second, Lt.

Corp. Crome Dies Of Pneumonia

A blow to his many friends at the Base was the death last week of Corp. Roy A. "Chick" Crome at MCAD, Miramar. Manager of MCB's championship basketball team, the popular Corp. Crome was attached to the Base athletic office until his transfer to Miramar in June. Taken to the hospital with what was believed to be hay fever, Corp. Crome died of bronchial pneumonia two days later. His wife, an expectant mother, lives in Richmond, Ind.

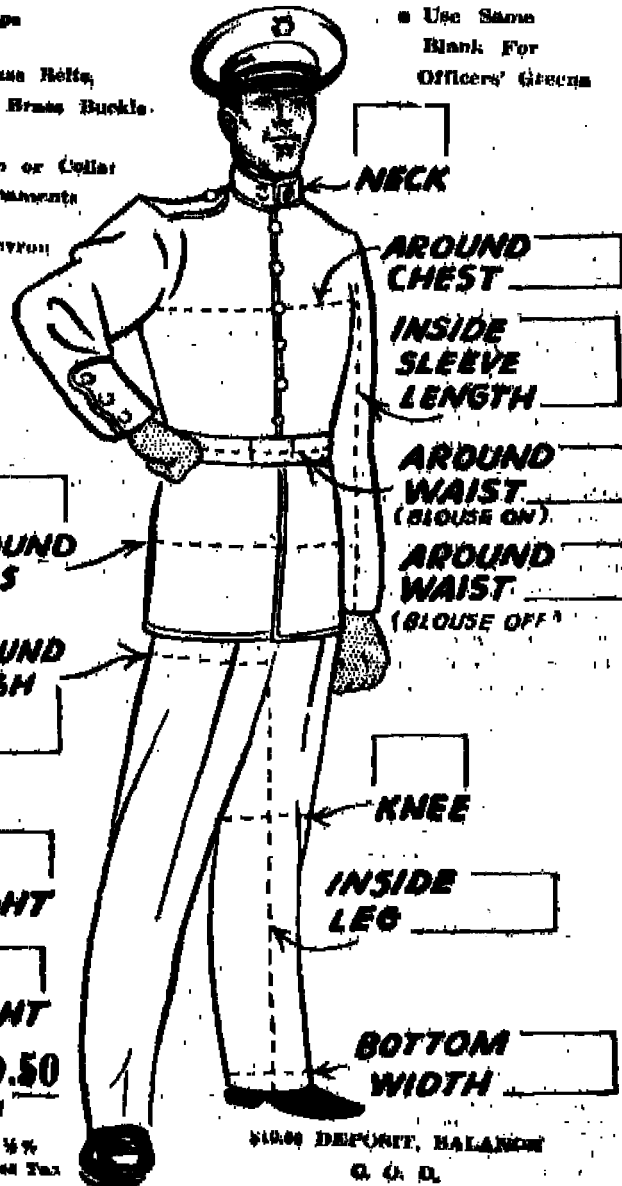
Christenson (EC) third. Time: 32. 100-YD. "STICK" RACE: Won by MCB (Sloane, Butler, Welsh, Alfaro), El Centro second.

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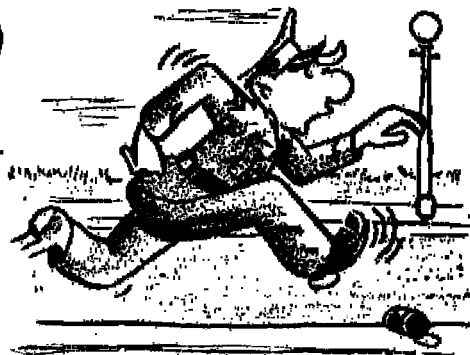
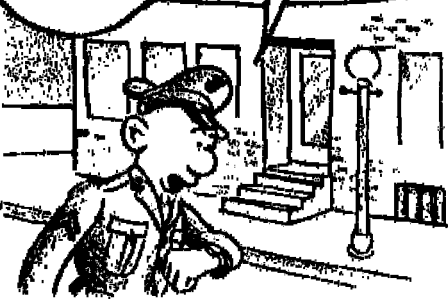
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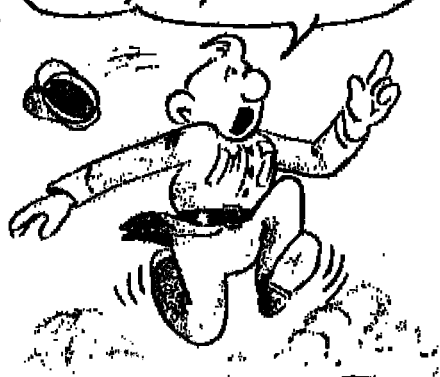
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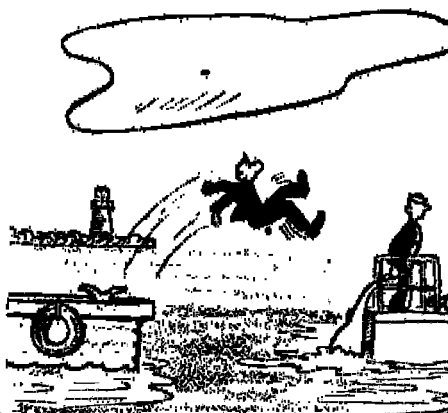
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