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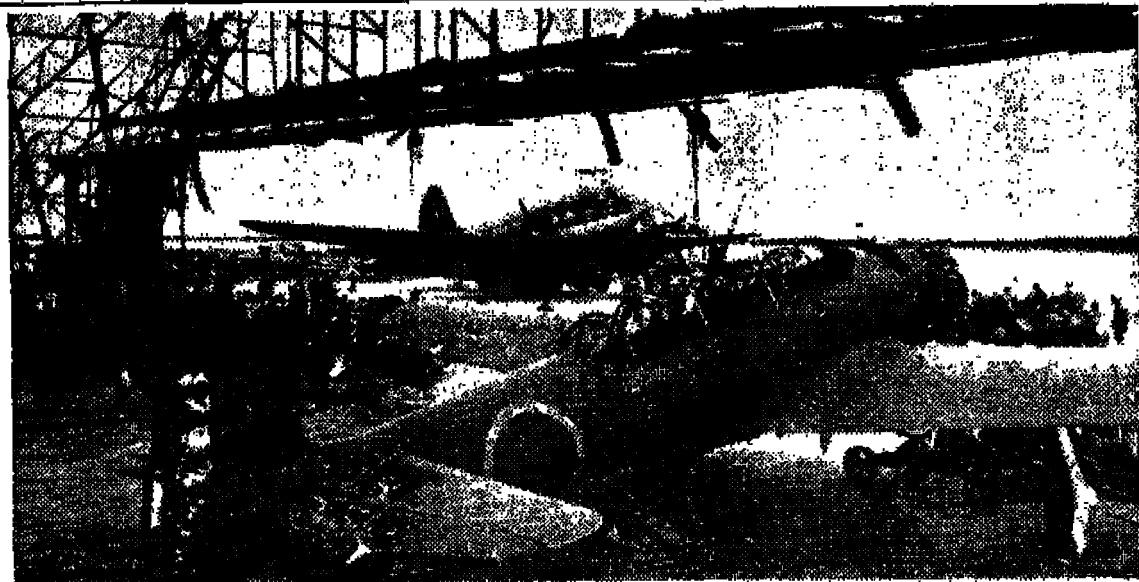
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CAUGHT WITH PLANES DOWN. Jap plane in foreground was a victim of pre-invasion bombardment on Tinian. When wreckage was cleared from field a transport plane landed with cargo of supplies and prepared to evacuate wounded Leathernecks.

Veterans Sent Home

Men Back From Saipan, Tarawa Given Furloughs

A small group of 2nd Mar. Div. men headed home for 30-day furloughs this week-end after 20 to 31 months' service overseas and quick processing at the R&R Center, MCB. Eighteen of the 26 were wounded in action at Saipan but are back on active duty status.

Upon arrival at the Base the veterans were given assignments to Stateside posts, to which they will report after expiration of their furloughs.

BEST OVERSEAS

Several of the group shipped overseas Jan. 6, 1942, for Samoa with the first expeditionary force to leave the U. S. after war was declared. These included Sgt. Virgil R. Benson of Sioux Falls, S. D., of the 8th Regt., and PFCs. Harry E. Arnold, Bellefontaine, O., and Warren Goodman, Lilbourn, Mo., of the 10th Marines.

These men landed on Guadalcanal in November, 1942, and later took part in the Tarawa and Saipan actions with the 2nd Div.

FOUR CAMPAIGNS

Corp. Walter E. Barnhill of Houston, Tex., demolition team leader on Saipan, took part in four campaigns—Guadalcanal, Kwajalein, Tarawa and Saipan. He ran a bulldozer on 'Canal and did demolition work in the other three actions. Corp. Barnhill was shot in the left leg on the fourth day of the Saipan invasion.

"Tarawa was hardest to land on," he said. He spent eight days there and came through uninjured.

Recruit Field Training Closes At Matthews

The week's field training activity for recruits at Camp Matthews will be discontinued as of today and in the future will be carried on in RD. Recruits will spend only three weeks instead of four at Camp Matthews.

Discontinuance of field training, during which recruits set up bivouacs in an open field and ate field rations, is in accord with the new policy of concentrating upon fundamentals in boot camp. Recruits inducted here on or after Aug. 1 will be transferred by platoons to Camp Pendleton for four weeks of basic infantry training,

735 Base Marines Respond To Call For Blood Donors

A total of 735 Marines stationed at MCB, including 145 WRs, have registered with their company officers to donate blood when the Red Cross mobile blood donor unit visits the Base Monday. The unit will be set up in mess "O" in RD.

The call for 500 volunteers went out a week previously, and more registrations came in later this

BIGGEST YET

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Believed to be the largest mass donation of blood ever made by a military camp to the Red Cross blood donor service, 609 Marines donated a pint of blood each when the mobile unit visited here this week.

Quartermasters reported the consumption of 304 doughnuts, 34 gallons of lemonade and 48 gallons of coffee during the day's activities. Two trips of the mobile unit truck were required to transport the blood to San Diego for shipping in ten 500-pound containers.

Expressing gratification at the good response, Capt. W. L. Irvine, (MC) USN, Base surgeon, urged that all registrants keep their appointments. Adequate facilities will be available to handle all who report, he said.

—Ray Insurance—

Japs Slow Setting Up Biggest Guns

USNH, OAKLAND—Marines hit the Japs on Saipan before they could emplace probably the largest guns they had on the island, according to 1st Lt. William B. Abbott of Houston, Tex. "Shortly after we hit the beach near Garapan we ran across a number of 6-inch guns the Japs were in the process of setting up and never had opportunity to use," he said.

USNH Receives First Wounded Back From Guam

USNH, SAN DIEGO—One of the first contingents of wounded Marines evacuated from Guam, members of the 3rd Mar. Div. who earlier in their 18 months overseas conquered the Japs on Bougainville, arrived here this week.

PFC. V. C. Delan of Spokane, Wash., said "Bougainville was a picnic compared to Guam." He landed near Guam's old Navy Yard and was wounded on the fifth day of fighting. "The Japs dug caves as big as subways, with all sorts of tunnels," he said.

One cave on Asan point was converted into a battalion aid station only a few minutes after the last Jap had been killed there, the Leatherneck reported.

PFC. Robert E. Lano of Port Clinton, O., said he and other men in the initial assault waves ran 1000 yards inland before they encountered enemy resistance. Mortar fire hit later waves.

Super Infantry School Started At Pendleton

Marine Aviators Launch Jap Boat

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—The only recorded instance of fighter pilots launching a boat from the air is contained in a recent intelligence report.

Strafing a hut on the north-west shore of nearby Taurate Island, three fighter planes saw it burst into flames and send clouds of black, oily smoke into the air. Two iron rails ran down from the hut into the water. While the hut was burning, a 30-foot whaleboat shot down the rails and launched itself.

Then, appreciating the opportunity, the fighters strafed the whaleboat and sank it, according to the intelligence officer of this Marine aviation unit. — Capt. James A. Kelly, PRO.

—Okey Orders—

Award Date Set In RD

Efficiency Award To Be Presented First Time Oct. 1

Presentation of the first efficiency award to the outstanding recruit completing boot training here, originally announced as scheduled for Aug. 26, will be made on Oct. 1. The award will be an engraved silver identification bracelet.

The first winner of the award will be selected from Plats. 771 or 772, which went on schedule Aug. 7. It was announced originally that the first recruits eligible to receive the award would be members of platoons which went on schedule on or about July 1.

The outstanding recruit will be selected from the honor men chosen by the DIs. These honor men will be given written examinations covering subjects learned in their recruit training as well as a personal inspection by a board of RD officers.

The award will be made each week, shortly before each group of platoons leaves here.

400 Instructors All Back From Overseas Combat

CAMP PENDLETON—A new super combat school—first of its kind among the nation's armed forces—has come into being out in the rugged ravines and hills of Camp Pendleton.

Unique in that every one of its more than 400 instructors is a veteran of South Pacific combat action, this infantry school was recently organized under the Trng. Command headed by Brig. Gen. Oscar R. Cauldwell.

The training unit itself, which has been designated as Infantry School Bn., is commanded by Maj. Wade M. Jackson of Kansas City, Mo., who spent 18 months overseas with the 3rd Mar. Div.—the outfit which smashed the Japanese at Empress Augusta Bay on Bougainville.

TRAINING INSTRUCTORS

Primary purpose of the school is to train instructors and leaders. These "students," ranging in rank from corporals to majors, upon graduation from an intensive, eight-week training course, will be assigned as: (1) key personnel in replacement units; (2) instructors at recruit depots, and (3) to the Trng. Command itself, either as members of the Inf. School Bn., or as members of supervisory groups in other training units.

Many students are officers and enlisted men who also have had combat experience across the Pacific.

Underscoring this fact, Maj. Jackson emphasized that his school will be less concerned with the teaching of new tactics than with standardization of instruction techniques.

"Obviously we aren't going to waste any time teaching a man something he already knows," said

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—Write Home—

German Collapse No Celebration Time For Navy

Regardless of announced civilian plans for work stoppage and widespread holidays scheduled to follow the announcement of Germany's defeat, the Navy won't stop fighting and begin celebrating victory until Tokyo surrenders.

"Defeat of the second partner in the Axis trio does not mean personnel of the 11th Naval Dist. can take time out to celebrate," said Rear Adm. W. L. Friedell, USN, commandant.

"The Navy couldn't afford to stand still when Mussolini was ousted and it will not have time for a victory celebration until Tokyo unconditionally surrenders. Defeat of Germany only means we can concentrate more upon the essential defeat of Japan," Adm. Friedell said.

—Shoot Straight—

Two Generals Named For Higher Rank

WASHINGTON—Brig. Gens. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr. and Graves B. Erskine have been nominated to be major generals.

Cols. Robert Blake and William A. Worlton have been nominated to be brigadier generals.



GOOD LUCK. Congratulations of Lt. Col. Max Cox are received by Sgt. Maj. Albert T. Luck of the RD Drills and Instruction Section as he completes 30 years' service. See story on page 2. (Photo by Corp. Louise Parker.)

Doctors On Guam Set High Health Record Among Marines

Few Leathernecks Unable To Make Assault Landing

Fighting Men Remain In Good Condition Despite Blistering Sun, Monsoons
By John E. Henry

GUAM (Delayed) (INS)—Despite the brisk business of treating battle wounds, Navy medical men on Guam today are seeking to maintain the amazing health record of 3rd Amph. Corps troops throughout the campaign. Considering that illness prevented less than one man in a thousand from landing on schedule, the doctors admittedly have set a high goal for themselves.

Regardless of the prolonged cruise aboard crowded transports that preceded the assault, "less than a tenth of one per cent of our men were in sick bay on 'D-Day,'" according to Capt. O. B. Morrison, the Corps surgeon.

GET WARM FOOD

The troops at last find warm food available on the beachhead but Capt. Morrison issued orders that no cooking would be permitted on the beaches until portable mess-hall kitchens were installed.

Other precautions against disease included building of screened latrines in all areas where fighting had ceased.

The 3rd Mar. Div. and the 1st Prov. Brig., all veterans of the Marianas South Pacific, consumed more than 30,000 atabrine tablets daily while enroute to battle, according to Capt. Carl Edmund Newton, Wm., who is staff medical officer of Rear Adm. Richard L. Conolly's amphibious force.

The Corps medical staff, meanwhile, was concerned more immediately with the treatment and evacuation of wounded.

KILLED IN ACTION

Minus four physicians who were killed in action accompanying assault troops, at least three more who were wounded and more than 35 hospital corpsmen who became casualties during the first week of action, the medical units of the Guam forces fought a winning battle against death. In the first day of action, 120 men were wounded, treated on the beaches and evacuated across the rugged shelf of coral reef off shore to transport ships.

500,000 Letters Handled Monthly By Quantico P. O.

By Corp. Robert W. Kelly
Combat Correspondent

MR. QUANTICO - Like most other situations at this time, the Leathernecks have the mail situation "well in hand."

Half a million pieces of mail pass through the military post office here every month, and the job of handling it has been turned over largely to Marines.

The military post office, which is housed in Quantico's recreation center, is under the direction of WO. Murray G. Dowler of Detroit, Mich. He is one of two Marines in the Corps to reach the grade of postal officer from the ranks.

WEST COAST DUTY

WO. Dowler established Marine post offices at Camp Pendleton and Camp Elliott at San Diego before coming to Quantico to set the mail ball rolling. A veteran of 15 years in the Corps, he served overseas in this war with the 1st MAC at New Caledonia and Guadalcanal.

The NCO-in-C of the post office is TSgt. Sam D. Abbott of Lewis-town, Pa.

"Our biggest job," according to Sgt. Abbott, "is maintaining an accurate directory service and the forwarding of improperly addressed mail." He said as much mail is handled in the post office here as passes through a town of 40,000 persons.

The monthly half a million figure is tripled at Christmas time, with the summer months of July, August and September being the least busy.

Base Board To Renew 'A' Books

MCH and Area FMP auto owners may apply for renewal of their 'A' gasoline ration books at the Base ration board office in Bldg. 14 between the hours of 0800 and 1800 through Wednesday. Rifle range personnel may apply at the Camp Matthews ration office.

In making application it will be necessary to present the tire inspection record, back cover of the old "A" book properly endorsed, auto registration certificate and speedometer reading.

This arrangement was made through OPA after it was announced in local newspapers that WIC personnel should apply at a local school for "A" book renewals.



GI MAILMEN. Picking up the mail at Quantico's railroad station for distribution to Marine organizations at that base is routine for SstSgt. Francis X. McElroy of Bronx, N. Y. (left), and PFC. (left) LaRue of Van Wert, O.

30-Year Marine Career Of SgtMaj. Luck Closes

A 30 year career in the Corps ended yesterday with the retirement of SgtMaj. Albert Tushley Luck, who as NCO-in-C of the RD Drills and Instruction section for the last two and a half years had a part in training thousands of Marines now carrying the war to the Japs in the Pacific.

SgtMaj. Luck's Marine career began in 1914 at Mare Island with Corp. (now Lt.Col.) Max Cox as his DI. It ended this week with a formal ceremony in which recruits marched in review on the Blue parade ground, where he received the congratulations of Lt.Col. Cox, now CO of the RD Trng. Regt.

FOREIGN DUTY

Fifteen years of SgtMaj. Luck's career were spent at sea or on foreign duty. He was President Roosevelt's chief personal orderly during the president's cruises on the USS Houston in 1924 and 1925. He holds three letters of commendation, one of which is from the president.

But his greatest thrill came when he was retired by the "man who made me a Marine," SgtMaj. Luck also served under Lt.Col. Cox in the Philippines and in the 12th Naval Dist.

WR Leads Blood Donors With Gift Of Eight Pints

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Spurred on by the conviction that their contributions will hasten the return of brothers, cousins and friends to service overseas, several hundred Women Reserves here have paid visits to the Red Cross Blood Bank.

A recent survey revealed that the most generous contributor was Corp. Marjorie Monte of Minne-

apolis, Minn., with a donation of eight pints. She is a motion picture projectionist at the station.

Next highest contribution was six pints, made by PFC. Elizabeth M. Harding of

Oakland, Cal., who is serving as a stenographer.

Contributions of five pints each were made by the following: Sgt. Dorothy Porter of Kirkwood, Mo.; PFC. Esther Dorris of Bellaire, O.; Betty Hayes of Cleveland, O.; Olga Lonsdale of Rochester, N. Y.; Mary Nowicki of Detroit, Mich.; and Lois Pfandler of Crescent City, Cal.

Four-pint donations were made by: Sgt. Lucille Tillong of McKinzie, N. D.; Corp. Ernestine M. Jagniak of Emmaus, Pa.; and PFCs. Mary E. Cahill of Washington, D. C.; Charlotte Dorris of Bellaire, O.; and Mary MacArthur of Edgely, Pa.

— Salute Quarterly —

Marine, 50, Still At Place Of Birth

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C.—A man's birthplace does have an effect on his future.

Fifty years ago William N. Henderson was born in Marine, N. C. Today he is a technical sergeant in charge of the bathhouse at this base on whose territory Marine, N. C., formerly was located.

Wedding Bells Chime For Indian Pair In Service

Two Indians in uniform, a Coeur d'Alene in the forest green of the WR, and a Yakima in Navy blue, married recently and now are separated by the vast breadth of the U. S.

Corp. Celina Garry Iyall of Plummer, Ida., is stationed at HQMC, Washington, D. C. Her husband, S1/c. Jack A. Iyall of Olympia, Wash., is at the receiving station, Puget Sound NYd., Bremerton, Wash.

There was no war-time romance. They were friends several years before marriage was discussed. When S1/c. Iyall returned to the U. S. in June, after overseas service, he came to Washington to see Corp. Garry. Then and there wedding plans were made. The ceremony was performed on July 18 at Rockville, Md. A week later S1/c. Iyall was assigned to his present station, 3000 miles away from his wife.

Corp. Iyall is happy in her present assignment—clerk-typist in the Administrative Audit Div., PM Dept. but she wouldn't object if an assignment should open at the Mar. Bks. at Bremerton.

In her division, vouchers received from Corps paymasters throughout the world are checked and routed to the various paymaster sections for auditing.

Corp. Iyall enlisted on Sept. 13, 1943, in Spokane, Wash. Ordered to active duty at Camp Lejeune, she completed "boot" training and was assigned immediately to her present duty.



Corp. CELINA IYALL, 3000 miles away

New Duties

SgtMaj. Frederick J. Coffey of 2nd Cos. Co., East 3d. Bn., was transferred to Camp Matthews as sergeant major of the rifle platoon this week.

He is replaced by SstSgt. James S. McDonald.



MARINE FIXERS. During a lull on Tinian, Marines make minor repairs on a small gauge railroad flat car. Pushing the car as they advance, they use it as protection in case of attack. It also carries their extra gear. (Photo by SstSgt. R. E. Olund.)

Leathernecks Establish First Unit For Standardization Of Teaching



MACHINE GUN UNIT. Another crack combat instruction outfit demonstrates the right way to do it. Corp. E. H. Nemleruf of Salida, Colo., (left) designates the target to PFCs, L. P. Tvaristo of Stamford, Conn., gunner, and E. H. Bortell of Elmhurst, Kas., assistant gunner. Three other Marines in background guard flanks and rear of the MG. unit.



MORTAR EXPERTS. Showing how a mortar should be set up are two Bougainville veterans, PFCs. P. A. Gardet of Revere, Mass., (left), first gunner, and J. A. Cole of New Bedford, Mass., assistant gunner. The two are members of a new group designated as the Infantry School Bn., organized at Camp Pendleton to train infantry leaders and instructors.

New School Under Way

Teaching Tactics Taught Marines At Pendleton

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Mr. Jackson. "But we are not concerned with bringing about uniformity in the teaching methods used throughout the Corps."

To keep instructor personnel at the school at the highest possible level, then, Cauldwell has given the school the top priority on all Marine officers and enlisted men returning from combat to Trng. Command. The school will draw upon these battle-wise veterans for new or additional instructors as needed.

The school's training program is unique in one other respect: it provides students with an opportunity to practice the technique of teaching under supervision.

Executive officer is Capt. R. M. Simpson of Minneapolis, N. Y.

Capt. Simpson spent a year and a half in the South Pacific, seeing action at Guadalcanal and in the swampy jungles of New Guinea before a tropical ailment sent him to the hospital and subsequently back to the U. S.

The officer explained that the school is made up of three separate units: a headquarters, embracing administrative and instructor personnel, and two demonstration groups, one infantry and the other artillery.

BLACK IN TERT

"We believe our school is the crack outfit of the Corps because of the fact that every one of its members—from cooks and clerks to instructors—has had combat experience," Capt. Simpson said.

The eight-week course embraces three phases: demonstration and observation, specialized instruction with various infantry weapons, and practice teaching.

The students get a chance to practice the teaching methods they have learned during the latter part of the training period. For this purpose a large infantry unit made up of men fresh from recruit depots has been assigned to school.

With recruits as their students, the erstwhile trainees become full-fledged instructors and take a considerable part in the training of the raw unit.

Way War Bonds

WH: "So you met your wife at a dance, wasn't that romantic?"

Sgt: "No, it was embarrassing. I thought she was at home taking care of the kids."

Naval Air Arm Observes 31st Year Of Service

Marines Holding Pacific Enemy Count On Planes, Ships Of Navy For Cover

Naval aviation—the powerful striking force of the Navy—learned up with Leathernecks this week across the broad stretches of the Pacific to keep Japan's island empire reeling while in the U. S. the 31st anniversary of the founding of the Navy's air arm was observed by fledglings learning their lessons well before moving on to join their fellow aviators in combat.

Official birth of naval aviation came Aug. 31, 1913, less than three years after the first aircraft flight from the deck of a ship in San Francisco Bay.

AVIATION HISTORY

Since its founding, naval aviation has participated in many history-making events—the famous flight of the twin-engine Liberty flying boat across the Atlantic in 1919, the flight of the first land plane to set down on Hawaiian soil from the continental U. S. in 1925.

The officers and men of naval aviation now striking notable blows in the Pacific are all highly trained specialists. Navy pilots have the longest and most expensive flight training in the world. It takes 18 months and costs nearly \$30,000 before a pilot earns his gold wings and is fit for combat.

DOUBLE DUTY

Aircrewmen are taught to be experts in their selected fields. Each bluejacket who wears the new silver wings of the Navy combat aircrewman has been trained in each of two specialized duties, making him of double value to his aircrew.

At Guam, Saipan and in the Marshalls the hard-hitting teams of ships and planes led the way for the occupation of strategic islands along the road to the Jap homeland.

Leathernecks wading ashore to hit Pacific islands know the ships and planes of the Navy are out there beside them—ready to blast the Jap wherever he sticks his head out.

Way War Bonds

Fraises Sergeant

USNH, OAKLAND—After tanks had failed to completely knock out a Jap machine gun nest on Saipan, a squad led by Sgt. George Sailor of San Francisco did the job, killing 18 Japs and capturing three machine guns without one Marine being injured, according to 1st Lt. Joseph B. Linder.

With Marines In Battle . . .

First steam roller operator to work on the captured Jap air strip on Orote peninsula, Guam, was PFC, Donald R. Ball. Another Marine engineer who helped get the strip ready for American planes by the first evening after its capture was PFC. Ray J. Wood of Rexburg, Ida. Snipers were still operating at the far end of the field when they started to work. Within



night of enemy snare positions. Capt. Edwin A. Tucker of Lancaster, Cal., was ferried after his for-sail was shot down in a strike against Japs somewhere in the Marshalls.

JAPIN HUMY AT NIGHT

USNH, SHOE MAKER, Cal. -- Japs made infiltration attempts all night long after his outfit went ashore at Charan-Kanoa on Saipan, according to 1st Sgt. Charles C. Killian Jr. of Abilene, Tex. Saipan was just one close call after another, recalls PFC. Daniel F. Nealey of Falls Creek, W. Va., who says Marines spent most of their time dodging mortar and artillery shells. As he lay wounded behind a rock on Saipan, PFC. Walter Horne of East Greenwich, R. I., was the target of Jap snipers for about three hours. Corp. Robert K. McKim was operating a switchboard in a foxhole when a mortar shell landed practically on top of him and blasted both him and the switchboard clear out of the hole.

SAVED BY BUDDY

USNH, OAKLAND—PFC. Cyril A. Gravel of East St. Louis, Ill., looked up from his foxhole on Saipan to see a Jap officer swinging a sword at him. Just then a Marine in a nearby foxhole shot the Jap. Corp. Stanley J. Rundquist of Danville, Ill., is "disgusted" because he went through the battle of Saipan and then was shot by a sniper five days after the island was secured.

The thing PFC. William B. Seiler of New Albany, Ind., remembers about the night he lay wounded in a potato field on Saipan awaiting medical aid is that the "potato bugs nearly ate me alive." It was the "unod, much and wider than made life so tough" in the jungles of Gloucester, recalls PFC. John Stankosky of Jessup, Pa. Although a Jap mortar shell hit the barrel of the machine gun operated by PFC. James N. McIlwan of Mill Creek, Pa., on Engebi Island, none of the crew was seriously hurt. Japs around Garapan attacked

with a ferocity unequalled on Tarawa or elsewhere on Saipan, in the opinion of PFC. Joseph J. Haller of Albany, N. Y. PFCs, William A. Dryden of Beaverton, Tex., and Harvey B. Hahn of DeSoto, Mo., agreed that it was tougher going ashore at Tarawa.

Way War Bonds

Anti-Mosquito Campaign Started By MCB Marines

Co. C of Base Hq. Bn. furnished 26 men this week for the anti-mosquito campaign now being carried on in areas directly north of MCB under the direction of the base sanitation officer.

The group will call on residents of homes adjacent to the Base to the north and in the Mission Bay and Mission Valley areas to ask that fish ponds and bird baths be kept drained, tin cans emptied and septic tanks covered.

THREE GROUPS

The men will work under PISgt. Forrest Lefel, assistant to the base sanitation officer. The detail will be divided into three groups, each of which will be accompanied by two Navy corpsmen from the base dispensary.

The mosquito problem on the Base has been most serious in the tent areas.

High Range Mark Set

Recruit Platoon Qualifies All Hands With M-1

CAMP MATTHEWS—Plat. 764 became the 38th platoon to register 100 per cent qualification at this rifle range this year when all its members carded 268 or better on record day last Thursday. The platoon, under PFC. P. H. Morrison, TM, was coached on the school range by Corp. Ernest H. Hackmeister.

High individual honors of the week went to Pvt. Floyd E. Halder of Dallas, Tex., and Don Lawler of Dallas, Tex., who fired tie scores of 338. Both are members of Plat. 764. On their heels was Pvt. Lee J. Malina sr. of Houston, Tex., who carded a 321 while firing with Plat. 763.

WINNERS UP

Near-perfect qualifications were turned in by members of Plat. 764, with 98.8 per cent, and Plat. 762, with 97.6 per cent. School range coaches of these platoons were PFC. William B. Eason Jr. and Sgt. Marvin N. Hestner. Their DIs are Corp. G. Brown Jr. and PFC. F. F. Hayt.

Only one record day is now held each week due to the smaller number of recruits undergoing shooting.

20 Leathernecks Receive Awards At USNH Ceremony

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Eighteen Leathernecks received Purple Hearts for battle wounds, one received a Purple Heart and gold star for being twice wounded and another received a letter of commendation in a mass decoration ceremony conducted here Tuesday by Capt. M. D. Wilculla, (MC) USN, medical officer in charge.

Already the holder of the Purple Heart, PFC. Wallace K. Cooper of Poland Springs, Mo., received the letter of commendation for meritorious performance of duty near the village of Sumera on New Britain Dec. 30, 1943.

TWICE WOUNDED

Corp. Milford J. Snyder of Lakeview, O., received the Purple Heart for wounds suffered on Guadalcanal on Sept. 26, 1942, and the gold star for multiple wounds suffered while going ashore with the first wave on Tarawa Nov. 30, 1943.

Purple Hearts were received by the following: Sgts. Harry W. Eckmann of

Trempealeau, Wis.; John C. Struble of Galesburg, Mich.; Corps. William H. Lockward of Miami Springs, Fla., and Charlie F. Kalkmeyer Jr. of Rosenberg, Tex.; PFCs, Donald W. Jones of Indianapolis, Ind.; William J. Dunn of Toledo, O.; Albert W. Adams of East St. Louis, Ill.; Allan A. Pearce Jr. of Kansas City, Mo.; Donald O. Cameron of Moline, Ill.; Kenneth Ray Wine of Spencer, W. Va.; Michael Maida of Syracuse, N. Y.; Floyd M. Penland of Scottsville, Va.; J. B. Grotts Jr. of Refugio, Tex.; Willie W. Foshet of Decatur, Ala.; George Melton Dikens of Little Rock, Ark.; Billy R. Snow of Fort Worth, Tex.; and five William L. Varlo of Duluth, Minn.

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'Follies' Grows To Leading Variety Show Of Corps

Conglomeration Of Leathernecks Get Show Started

Million In Bonds Sold Through Performances For Civilian Audiences

From meager beginnings and sparse audiences the "Marine Corps Follies," called by some the Marines' "This Is the Army," has become the Corps' topnotch variety show, having played to the throaty approval of more than 57,000 Marines and uncounted civilians.

The show—of, by and for enlisted personnel—was initiated by an enterprising group of Base Marines in early 1942.

First dubbed "The Libertytimers" because their daily schedule of Marine duties had to be met, the little group rehearsed under the direction of PFC. W. A. (Hank) Richards during off-duty hours. At first the cast was makeshift.

From RD came Corps. Norman Jolley and Alden Vale, the first a personnel clerk, the latter a DI, and both former radio announcers from the Midwest.

JOIN SHOW CAST

CySgt. Richard W. Cunningham, now on sea duty, and PFC. Victor Moore Jr. joined the cast from the Base PRO office. Sgts. Archie Leonard and Grant L. Sowell came from the Base Gd. Bn. and Base QM Dept., respectively.

Corps. Edward Lyon and PFC. Richards added the show to their duties of producing the weekly "Talia of Montezuma" radio broadcast.

Early struggles included the almost insurmountable obstacle of obtaining costumes and props. The little cast dug deep into its own pockets, in its pioneering days, in order to get proper outfits and settings.

A major triumph for one of the early productions was the time the cast was allowed to use costumes "for free" provided the staff of the costume company could attend the show.

Encouragement was given by WO. Fred A. Lock, director of the Base band and "Talia" orchestra, who lent his support, convinced that the boys "had something."

Rehearsals were informal meetings, usually over cups of "joe" or in squadrooms, where scripts were discussed, blue-penciled or "gagged up" by any and all who could contribute ideas.

PROVES POPULAR

The Follies debut was in the Base theater in July, 1942. The show ran to the tune of thunderous applause for 11 weeks. After that problems were chiefly those of trying to supply the demand for performances. As the result of showings for B'nai B'rith and the ARC, approximately a million dollars worth of war bonds were sold.

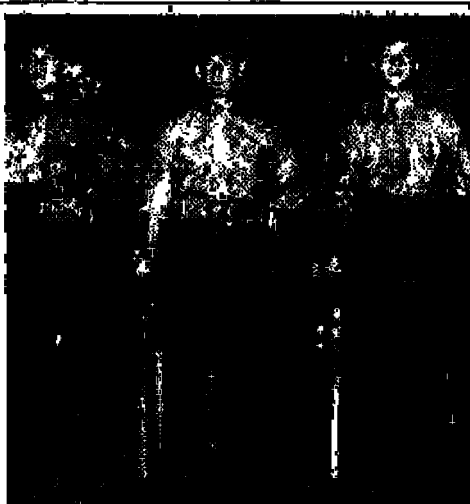
Sgt. Leonard recalled one show in which acts were auctioned off. The production was halted until sufficient bids in bonds were placed to warrant a continuance of the performance.

Recent additions to the cast include three WRs: Sgts. Ray Paulus and Corp. Pauline Rederli, singers, and PFC. Laurie Leonard, stage technician. Others who contribute performances are Corp. John Johnson, PFCs. Ivan Dittmars, William Moore and Thomas Gieson, Morris Perlmutter, William Starkel, Hugh Brannum and Pvt. Gene Shook.

Shell Sputters—And Time Drags

USNH, OAKLAND—The longest 30 seconds in the life of Sgt. George W. Esphorst of St. Louis, Mo., was when a time-fused Jap shell landed in the sand at the edge of his Saipan foxhole.

"I was lucky I decided to stay in the hole rather than try and get away from it, however, for fragments were into my equipment for my 'around', he recalled.



MARINE "CORN." Birth-provokers, PFC. Victor Moore Jr. (left) and Sgt. Archie L. Leonard (right) are old standbys in the "Marine Corps Follies," known as the Marine version of "This Is the Army." A platoon from Ben Schol goes through its paces (top) and the Base band swings out with some of its own entertainers (center).

Divine Services Held For Marines Fighting On Guam

GUAM (Delayed) — Marines, caked with the red clay of Guam and gaunt after four days of bush fighting in the hills to the north, knelt in a wooded ravine a few yards from a blacking field piece for one of the first divine services of the campaign.

Lt. (jg.) Budde Jones, a Navy chaplain from Santa Cruz, Cal., himself a veteran of Pacific jungle warfare, chose as his text, "Be Strong," from the writings of Paul.

The sermon was brief. The nearby howitzer sent salvoes into enemy positions on Trade Island.

Chaplain Jones ducked sniper fire for five days while officiating in the burial of Marines that had fallen during this campaign.

"It's nerve straining," was the quiet-spoken chaplain's only comment when asked about snipers taking pot shots at him in the cemetery that has been established not far from the invasion beaches.

Chaplain Jones has also seen to it that the Jap dead have been buried. The snipers showed their gratitude by continuing to fire at him.—Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent.

— AIN TRUE —

Lifting Device Saves Manpower

CAMP PENDLETON—A truck-boom, built by Sgt. Woodward W. Wheeler of Paris, Tex., is saving many hours of manpower.

Mounted on a two and a half ton cargo truck, it is used to lift weights upwards of one and a half tons which were previously handled by men.

Built and welded together, the boom is easily disassembled and can be packed aboard ship when a unit leaves for overseas.

2nd Lt. Robert E. Swackhammer of Ulrich, Mo., maintenance officer of a Tank Bn. here, originated the idea of the truck-boom.

— SA COURTESY —

Transferred In 1800

Headquarters, U. S. Marine Corps, was transferred from Philadelphia to Washington in June, 1800.



CLEAN RECORDS. Comparing their record books at MCAD, Miramar, are CySgt. Otto Linderman (left) and MTSgt. Joseph H. Budrow, who between them have nearly three score years in service. Neither has a black mark of any kind in his book. (Photo by Gens Locke.)

Miramar Old Timers Near Three Score Service Mark

MCAD, MIRAMAR—A pair of veteran Marine campaigners who collectively have nearly three-score years in service held a reunion here, compared service record books and vowed to meet again at war's end—preferably in Tokyo.

MTSgt. Joseph H. Budrow and CySgt. Otto Linderman last met in Quantico, Va., in 1941. Their divergent Marine careers have taken them to many countries including China, Haiti, Nicaragua and Santo Domingo. Both served in the Army prior to enlisting in the Corps.

CLEAN RECORDS

The two veterans point with pride to their records. Neither has been court-martialed nor have they lost any service time.

MTSgt. Budrow, 58, is in his 30th service year. Since joining Marine aviation in 1918, he has served under Maj. Gen. Ross E. Rowell, Roy S. Geiger, Ralph J. Mitchell and Francis P. Mulcahy. His last overseas post was at Guam in 1930. He is now Depot police sergeant.

An old line Marine, CySgt. Lindemann, 67, has been in aviation only three years. More than 22 of his 29 service years have been spent at foreign stations, including

four "hitches" in China. He returned here after serving 17 months in the Solomons and New Hebrides Islands. He is on duty with a Marine service squadron.—Sgt. Wallace McLain, combat correspondent.

— Mail Address Correct? —

'Booby House' Built At Camp Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON—A three-sided room with all the furnishings wired for booby traps has been built at one of the infiltration courses here.

The outdoor shack, built like a room in a house, will be used to train infantrymen to be wary of obstacles found in the wake of retreating Japs.

Design and construction was by WO. William Wallace, and his staff of eight, all veterans of war in the South Pacific.

Corsair Built By Marines From Salvaged Parts

Plane Constructed From Wrecks Placed Back Into Use As Photographic Ship

MCAD, MIRAMAR—How 12 industrious Marines in the South Pacific built a super-powerful Corsair plane from salvaged parts of wrecked and discarded airships was told on the return here of MTSgt. John B. Rognie of Minneapolis, Minn.

MTSgt. Rognie was NCO-in-C of the utility squadron members who labored in their spare time for two months at a New Hebrides base to complete their task. They were under the supervision of Maj. Leslie T. Bryan Jr. of Altamonte Springs, Fla.

SECTIONS ASSEMBLED

Nucleus of the ship was the fore section of a plane which had had its tail section completely destroyed in a crash landing. A tail section came from another wrecked plane, wings from a third and the propeller from a Navy Helicat.

The engine was resurrected from still another plane, and required a tremendous amount of work and major alterations to put it in proper working order. Armament was left off the plane, and the entire ship was lightened so as to give it added speed and climbing power, thus fitting it for its present job as combined scout and photographic ship.

The plane first was test-hopped by Capt. William Freeman of Pensacola, Fla., who pronounced it such a decided success that many fighter pilots asked that it be armed for their use.

WORKERS NAMED

In addition to MTSgt. Rognie, others who worked on the plane included MTSgts. L. S. Johns of Chicago, Ill., and Thomas Kaniady of Bradenton, Fla.; TSgt. William A. Mogielsky of Chicago, E. M. Szegedy of Tanton, Mass., and E. V. Woodward of Baltimore, Md.; Sgts. Frank Viera of Lexington, Mass., Edward Smith of Minneapolis, E. J. Marick Jr. of Chicago and R. A. Olsen of Sacramento, Cal.; Sgt. Albert C. Boettcher of Hope, Minn., and PFC. Frank Hays of Rock Island, Ill.—Sgt. Ben Wahman, combat correspondent.

— THE V-JACK —

California Tax Exemption Set

Servicemen from outside California but residing temporarily in the state because of military orders are reminded by 11th Nat. Dist. legal office that any personal property they may have with them is not subject to a California tax, but that an affidavit of exemption probably will be required.

An amendment to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act was enacted by Congress in July providing that where service personnel are stationed by reason of military orders in a state other than that of their permanent residence, the state where they are stationed, or any political subdivision thereof, cannot levy a tax upon the personal property at their temporary residence.

— AIN TRUE —

Japs Entertain Saipan Marines

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Marines en route to attack this island were closer to Tokyo than to the nearest American radio station, and depended on the enemy to supply entertainment.

It may or may not have been significant, but 48 hours before our attack was launched, Radio Tokyo closed its 1800 program by playing:

"Let's Call the Whole Thing Off."—2nd Lt. Jim G. Lucas, PFC.

Corsairs Dive Bomb

Airmen In South Pacific Harass Japs At Kavieng

By Staff Sgt. Dan Ralley
Combat Correspondent

EMIRAU, St. Matthias Islands (Delayed)—With the skies in the South Pacific area cleared of Japanese bombers and Zeros, Marine fighter pilots here are leading their Corsairs with explosives and using the planes as dive-bombers against enemy targets at Kavieng and Rabaul.

Every day the blue, gull-winged fighters carry aloft one bomb each, on strikes or patrol missions to blast anti-aircraft gun positions, supply dumps and camps. During June, Kavieng and Rabaul shook under 100 tons of TNT thrown by the Corsairs.

Maj. Marion E. Carl of Hubbard, Ore., 18-plane ace, said the Corsairs have been carrying mostly 500-pounders and 1000-pounders.

VALUABLE WEAPON

Corsair-bombing, begun primarily to give the fighter pilots something useful to do, has developed into a valuable weapon in keeping neutralized the Jap-held positions on New Ireland and New Britain, Maj. Carl said.

To the pilots of the Corsairs, bombing is something entirely new. In flight school they received no training in it and these fliers have had to learn literally by the hit-and-miss method.

"This isn't the first time Corsairs have dropped bombs," Maj. Carl continued. "The idea has been used in another section of the Pacific for several months. But there it's been mainly low-level bombing, while here I think we have the first extensive experiments in dive-bombing."

KEEPS 'EM AWAKE

One important use of Corsair-bombing here is constantly disturbing the sleep of Kavieng Japs. Patrols are maintained over the town every night, and occasionally one of the planes will drop a bomb.

The Japs stay in their foxholes, for they never know when another bomb is coming down, nor where it will land. It is similar to the type of bombings the Japs carried out against American forces in the Solomons for many months.

"The men like the bombing idea," said Maj. Carl. "It's something different, and it's something to do. Recently, in an attack on Rabaul, we started seven fires. And every time somebody mentions dive-bombing, we talk about our fires as if we'd sunk a battleship."

DIRECT HIT

One of the best hits recently was made by 1st Lt. David S. Bishop, who climbed up to 15,000 feet and dove 5000 feet, with a two-story, brown house as his target. 1st Lt. Bishop, who lived in Oakland, Cal., was missing in action later.

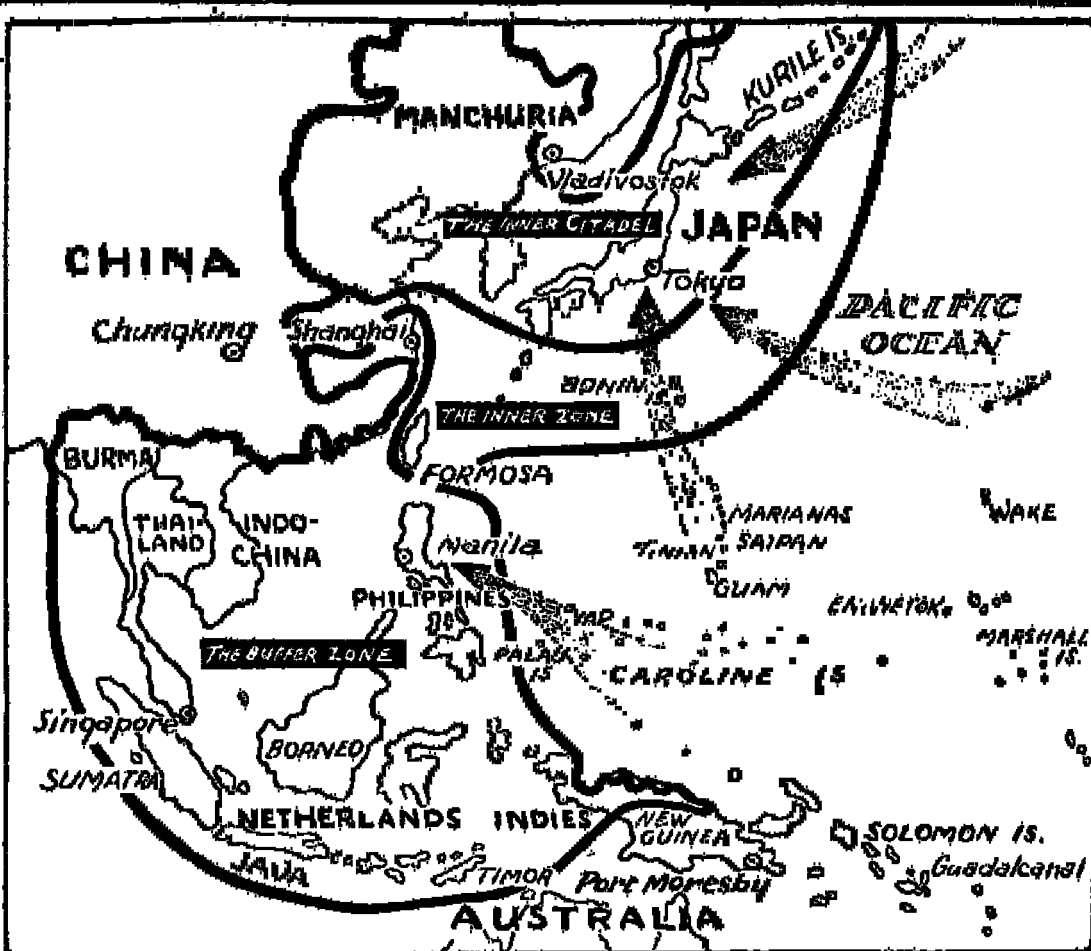
The plane's plunge was half as long as a regular dive, and the bomb, after release, had to travel approximately five times the usual distance to the target. Despite these handicaps, the missile landed directly on top of the brown building, demolishing it and wrecking half a dozen others around it.

— Any War News —

First Marine Lands On Orote Airfield

GUAM (Delayed)—After 15 days of continuous flying as an aerial observer over this battle-torn island, Capt. V. T. Willis today became the first Marine to land in a plane on newly-captured Orote Peninsula airfield.

He landed in a Navy-piloted torpedo bomber just 24 hours after the last Japanese resistance on the peninsula had been crushed by Marines and only a few minutes after Leatherneck engineers had completed clearing a 2,000-foot strip on the shell-battered field. — Staff Sgt. Chester D. Palmer Jr., combat correspondent.



"FORTRESS JAPAN." Defense of the Empire is based on a three-zone system—the buffer zone, the inner zone and the inner citadel, indicated by heavy lines. Arrows indicate growing U. S. offensives aimed at conquering the inner citadel.

'Fortress Japan'

How is Japan going to fight from here on?

Will she, as in the two years past, stubbornly defend almost to the last man every bit of either her own territory or that which she usurped?

Or will she pull in her horns of defense for a desperate struggle within the "inner citadel" itself?

Japan's situation has changed enormously since the days when the South Pacific, now firmly in our hands, and the Southwest and Central Pacific areas, which Japan must write off for strategic purposes, were considered Japan's outer defenses, and the inner defenses were viewed as stretching from the Kuriles down through the Netherlands Indies.

Although Japan still has centers of resistance in the central, southwest and northern fringes of the South Pacific, writes Sidney Shalett in the New York Times, it is obvious that the estimated 200,000 troops remaining there are both trapped and doomed.

Japan, Mr. Shalett writes, might follow this strategy if she elects to continue on the purely defensive, giving ground as slowly as possible:

First, a determined defense of what now may be regarded as the buffer to Japan's "inner zone."

This buffer would take in the Philippines, which are the key to the vital oil fields of the Netherlands Indies; the Netherlands Indies themselves, and possibly Indo-China, Thailand and Burma, which protect the approaches to China. South China itself, where the Japanese now are struggling to consolidate their positions, eventually may fall into the buffer zone, if the Japanese decide on a strategy of inner zone defense.

Second, if the Philippines become untenable, a retreat to the inner zone. As indicated, it cannot be stated clearly yet whether the southeast Asia area will be considered part of the buffer or part of the inner zone. In any event the outlying Bonin Islands, if they do not fall to our forces too quickly; the Nansei group, stretching southwest of Japan; Formosa, and all of China down to the mouth of the Yangtze River.

Third, if the inner zone falls, or in the extremely unlikely event that the territory-hungry Japanese should "pull in their horns" to that last possible line, a retreat to the inner citadel. The inner citadel would be Japan proper, the Kuriles, Korea, Manchuria and North China as far south as the Yellow River.

That inner citadel, it has been made clear, is our real goal.

Carrier Planes Blast Japanese Pacific Islands

The pattern of expanding Pacific-Asiatic warfare against Japan was reported this week to have swung to Nippon's southwestern flank, with heavy attacks by Allied carrier planes and Far Eastern fleet units on vital industrial and other targets on Sumatra Island, in the Dutch East Indies.

The strike against Sumatra, the fourth Allied blow there, was carried out in the Padang area, on the central-west coast 250 miles southwest of Singapore. Bombers, heavily supported by warships, plastered the mammoth Indarong cement works, Japan's source of material for construction of fortifications in occupied areas.

HIT CENTRAL PACIFIC

Widespread aerial attacks by American Central Pacific bombers were reported Sunday by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz. In spite of heavy ack-ack fire and fighter opposition, Liberators blasted the airfield and other installations on Iwo Jima in the Volcano Islands 750 miles south of Tokyo. Truk, in the Carolines, and Yap, east of the Philippines, also were hit while Marine planes continued to harass Jap-held islands in the Marshalls.

DI School Graduates Nine

17 Instructors Enrolled In 5th Class Of School

Nine DIs were to graduate from the Drill Instruction School in RD today with the third class to complete the three-week course of instruction now required of all DIs. Seventeen others were enrolled Monday in the school's fifth class.

Today's graduates are PISgts. R. M. Simonson, L. C. Willis; Sgts. W. D. Todd, C. M. Toff; and Corps. F. A. Jack, J. G. Crouse, R. P. Trook, H. W. Miller, J. F. Watkins.

Three DIs are now being assigned to each platoon. It is hoped to have a platoon sergeant, sergeant and corporal with each platoon as soon as possible, according to Lt. Col. Max Cox, CO of the Trng. Regt.

— Aim True —

Guam Native, 103, Found By Marines

GUAM (Delayed)—Oldest Chamorro refugee to cross Marine lines on Guam was Mrs. Ana Mendiola, 103-year-old resident of Anigua. After eight days of hiding in a cave, Mrs. Mendiola was brought into American-occupied Agaña by her 79-year-old daughter.

Hospitalized for fatigue, both mother and daughter were doing well. It was reported by 1st Lt. Millard Kaufman, PRO.

If At First You Don't Succeed—

WE, MAKE ISLAND N.Y.—PISgt. John E. Fleck of Clearfield, Pa., tried repeatedly on Bougainville to squeeze his five feet, nine inches into midge Jap foxholes but never succeeded—until one night the Japs started dropping mortar shells around him. Then he made it on the first try.

— Shoot Straight —

Lipstick Print Sets Cup Value

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—An ordinary GI china coffee cup is one of the most treasured souvenirs of an aviation unit on this war-torn island.

Nostalgic Marines have it on prominent display, suspended by a string in the officers' mess.

The cup, unmistakably marked by scarlet lip rouge, was used by a flight nurse who was a dinner guest when her hospital plane made a brief stop-over here.—Capt. James A. Kelly, PRO.

— Write Home —

A sense of humor is what makes you laugh at something which would make you mad if it happened to you.

Pay Regular Overseas

Marines Receive Money Due After Marshalls Battle

By Sgt. William C. Harris
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—He may have no place to go or nothing to buy, but a Marine likes to get his pay, even if he's in a foxhole. And the Corps sees to it that he is paid on the spot wherever he may be and regardless of the conditions.

When Marines invaded the Marshall Islands, the pay office came right along and set up headquarters in a company street appropriately named "Wall Street." Each of several tents housing the records and personnel was named for some well-known bank in the States, such as "Chase National Bank," "Bowers Savings Bank," "Bank of America," etc.

PAY AFTER BATTLE

The first pay day after D-Day the Marines were lined up and paid off, just like other Leatherneck units in Quantico, Va., Parris Island, S. C., or San Diego, Cal.

Responsible for paying Marine personnel in the Marshall Islands is WO. Oliver E. Doxey of San Diego.

With a box full of the de rei me, WO. Doxey and his staff move about the Marshalls, giving every Marine his due in brand new dough.

READY TO FIGHT

Should occasion arise, the pay office force abandons the typewriters and adding machines and the money changers take their places in combat.

WO. Doxey is assisted by the following staff:

MSGT. James T. Flynn of Belmont, Mass.; Staff Sgt. Robert D. Fisher of Lacey, Mont.; Sgt. Edward C. Williams of Portland, Ore.; Corp. Robert E. Bombard of Hudson Falls, N. Y.; 1st Lt. W. Garrett of Mississippi City, Miss.; 1st Lt. W. Heller of Berrien City, Mich.; 1st Lt. M. Johnson of Chicago, Ill.; 1st Lt. J. Qualls of Spokane, Wash.; Robert L. Wozniak of Jefferson City, Mo.; and 1st Lt. Frederick A. Wright Jr. of Glen Falls, N. Y.

— So Courtious —

Cafeteria Style Serving Effects Big Food Saving

MCAS, EL CENTRO—You're free to help yourself during chow time here, but what you take, you eat.

WO. Raymond C. Harris, mess officer, introduced the cafeteria style of serving yourself to the enlisted men a month ago, making one stipulation: "Take all you want, but you must eat what you take."

The system, believed to be the first of its kind in operation at Marine bases on the West Coast, caught the Marines' fancy. They helped themselves according to their likes and dislikes. And in the meantime the GI cans stood empty.

GARBAGE REDUCED

Now, after a month's experimenting, the system has been declared an unqualified success.

Here's what a month's check of the system revealed:

1. The supply of meat necessary to make everyone happy was cut one-third.
 2. The saving on vegetables (corn, peas, beans, etc.) figured approximately one-third.
 3. A 100 per cent increase in the amount of canned and fresh fruits consumed.
 4. A definite increase in salad helpings.
- And the saving has reverted to the savers. More varieties of meats, more milk (200 gallons were consumed by approximately 900 men at one sitting recently), a wider selection of vegetables and desserts have made their appearance to whet Marine appetites.

Raging Brush Fires In San Diego Area Fought By Marines

Camp Pendleton Sends 700 Men To Fires Daily

Medical Facilities Hurried To Fire Fronts From MCB To Meet Any Emergencies

Marine posts and stations throughout the San Diego area contributed hundreds of men and equipment this week to augment civilian fire fighting crews battling brush fires in the Laguna mountains and slopes bordering Highway 56 in San Diego's back country.

Comdr. G. W. Robinson, (MC) USN, of the Base dispensary, was dispatched to the scene of the fire to stand by for possible casualties among fire-fighting Leathernecks. He was equipped with ambulances and medical supplies.

BATTLE BLAZES

Camp Pendleton contributed the greatest number of men to the fire fighting forces, sending 700 men a day to battle blazes sweeping across brushland in the Agave area. The first group left Camp Pendleton Tuesday morning under supervision of Maj. Q. A. Bradley and was relieved by another group under command of Maj. T. W. Huston. The Leathernecks have worked 12-hour shifts, 350 at a time. In addition to fighting the fire they have been guarding a fire break on a 12-mile front to keep the flames from hurting the gap.

Monday night the first group of MCB Marines, 85 from Co. C, Hq. Bn., and 15 from Sig. Bn., were called into action. Upon their return, 100 men from 3rd Cas. Co. fought the blazes Tuesday morning and were later replaced by an additional 100 men from the casual company.

ESCONDIDO AREA

A total of 240 men with equipment was sent from MCBAD, Miramar, to the Escondido area. Camp Elliott supplied a bulldozer with three Marines to operate it in eight-hour shifts.

The aid of servicemen was lauded at the scene of the fires by George Euston, federal fire suppression chief, who said: "We are indebted to the armed services for their prompt and cordial cooperation. Without their help we would be facing disaster."

— Be Courteous — Gateway Open

USNH, SHOEMAKER, Cal.—"Tojo said the Marines were the gateway to the Orient", grinned PFC. William J. Dawson of Kansas City, Mo., now recovering from wounds here. "We opened that gate, but we had a tough time doing it!"

New Quota Assigned Base Cooks And Bakers School

Continuance of MCB Cooks and Bakers School on a smaller scale was assured this week after receipt from DOP of a quota of 20 students every four weeks. The school had been operating without a definite quota since its load of 20 students a week was canceled about three months ago.

The school's class schedules were also revised. Instead of the former 10-week course, the regular cooks' course now will be eight weeks and the dehydrated foods course one week. New classes will be started every four weeks instead of every week.

NO RECRUITS

No recruits will be assigned to the school. Students will be obtained from the Reclassification and Redistribution Center, the Base, or from other Stateside posts.

A mess management course also was authorized for field cooks, chief cooks and staff sergeants (commissary). A large number of these students will be returned overseas veterans who made their



DECORATION CEREMONY, Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard (right), commanding general of MCB, reviews troops with Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, USA, commanding general of the Western Def. Command, after receiving the DSM in ceremonies at the Presidio, San Francisco, last week.

Service Medal Presented Brig. Gen. Howard In S. F.

Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard was back at his duties as commanding general of the Base this week after receiving the DSM in ceremonies conducted at the San Francisco Presidio by Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel, USA, CG, Western Def. Command.

The medal was awarded for exceptionally meritorious service in positions of great responsibility as Island Commander at Guadalcanal and later at New Georgia in 1943 and early 1944.

SET HIGH STANDARD

"Gen. Howard demonstrated an impressive talent for exercising authority under the principles of unified command," the citation read. "He obtained the complete loyalty and confidence of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps officers comprising his staff and promoted an exceptionally high standard of efficiency."

"Particularly at Guadalcanal, Gen. Howard's duties involved unusually difficult and complex command and logistical problems and it was through his resourcefulness and perseverance that an efficient, consistently dependable system was developed. In both assignments, Gen. Howard displayed tactical and administrative ability of the highest degree and was conspicuously successful in welding all services of these important military bases into smooth-functioning commands."

Los Angeles Opens Information Center

A new Servicemen's Information Center has been opened by the Los Angeles City War Council in Pershing Square near Olive and Sixth Sts., War Council headquarters announced this week.

The center is open daily from 1200 to 2000 and all night on Saturdays.

Warrant Officer Receives Award At Rifle Range

CAMP MATTHEWS — WO. Charles S. H. Revels of Encinitas, Cal., received the Silver Star Medal from Maj. Earl C. Nicholas, executive officer of this camp, in recent ceremonies conducted here in recognition of his gallantry in leading a patrol into enemy territory on Bougainville.

The citation accompanying the medal was signed by Adm. W. F. Halsey and told how, in four harrowing days, WO. Revels guided a group of five Marines on a reconnaissance mission behind Jap lines in the Cape Torokina area in December of 1943. Three of the Leathernecks never returned.

ENCOUNTER JAPS

During one encounter with the Japs, two members of the patrol were cut off and were not seen again. Another died of hand grenade wounds despite all WO. Revels could do to aid him.

At one time, WO. Revels and his two remaining men were close to a Jap bivouac area for 25 hours, remaining there to gain additional information.

"We could hear them eating and bedding down for the night," he said. "There were groups of from three to 20 Japs traveling on a trail near us continuously."

After securing all available information, the warrant officer led the survivors of the patrol back to his own lines.

The Silver Star winner is now stationed here.



WO. CHARLES REVELS
... gallantry in action

Ship Detachment Spends Liberty Visiting Fliers

A MEDITERRANEAN PORT (Delayed)—The heat was unpleasant. The nearby town had few sights to see.

So Marines and sailors aboard this battleship, on liberty for the first time since tying up here, decided to try something new. They went calling on fellow servicemen — Army girmen quartered in a camp a few miles outside the city.

There the visitors were separated into two groups, to be taken up for flights in B-24 bombers. Inspecting the dashboard in the cockpit, Marine Sgt. Maj. Charles B. Widstrom of New York City remarked, "Brother, it would take me a month of Sundays to learn what all those gadgets mean."

YOUTHFUL FLIERS

Marine GySgt. John H. Chittles of Pontiac, Mich., was surprised at the youthful appearance of the Army pilots.

"These guys sure are young," he said. "One of them looks like he just started to shave. But he certainly can fly this plane."

And when the party was over, there were invitations from the Marines and sailors to the Army men to visit their ship — invitations which were promptly accepted.

Score another point for good will among America's fighting men. — TSgt. Richard T. Wright, combat correspondent.

— Obey Orders —

Youthful Veteran Serves On Saipan

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Sgt. Roland C. Gray of Philadelphia, serving here as a maintenance and supply worker, is a veteran of eight years in the Corps despite being only 23 years of age.

Sgt. Gray, the son of QMSgt. H. M. Gray, is carrying on the tradition in which he was reared, having landed in the first wave at Tarawa. The elder Gray joined the Corps in 1916 and is on active duty in charge of supplies at DOS, Philadelphia. Sgt. Herb Shultz, combat correspondent.

Lost Buddies

The following Marines are sought:

Albert N. Skiles, Claude Atkinson, Charles W. Harman, Carl E. Davis, N. E. Tittle, Robert Lee Winkle, George W. Gaddis Jr., Edward M. Meadows, all members of Platoon 1153, December to February, 1943-44; by PFC. Erroll Crow, Class 51-A, AMM, Squadron 23, Bn. 64, Norman, Okla.



HE'S MY DAD. The two-year-old son of StfsGt. Robert C. Toler inspects the Navy Cross awarded to his father in recent presentation ceremonies at Camp Pendleton. The nation's second highest medal was presented for gallantry in the famed Marine assault on Tarawa Atoll.

Corpsman Hit, Run Over By Jap Tank

USNH, OAKLAND — Shot in the arm by a Jap 37mm. gun and then run over by a Jap tank as he was having his arm treated on Saipan. Pfc. Henry F. O'Neil of Pittsfield, Mass., figures he's pretty lucky to live to tell about it.

A corpsman attached to a Marine unit at Tarawa and Saipan, he has been returned here for treatment of injuries.

"A number of Marines and I were in a trench about 40 feet long when the Japs attacked our positions with about 30 tanks," he said. "The tanks were straddling the trench and firing down at us. One of the shells went into my left arm."

"A Marine applied a tourniquet

to stop the bleeding. He put my arm on the edge of the trench and the next thing I knew a Jap tank rumbled across my arm and crushed it."

"Our company accounted for 26 tanks that night. The Marines were throwing grenades through an opening in the front of the tanks, and I even saw some of them climb up on the backs of tanks to throw their grenades in on the crews."

— Buy Insurance —

"You must think you are a pretty hard guy, sergeant."

"Hard? Listen, recruit, I wasn't born. I was quarried."



Naval Dist. Sets Up Golf Program

Complete plans for 11th Naval Dist. tournament and league competition were drafted this week as MCB golfers whetted their games in a series of practice matches and sought their six low-handicap men.

Open to enlisted men only—Navy specialists like Sam Snood barred, too—the Naval Dist. will conduct a 36-hole medal play tournament on Sept. 17-21, with both team and individual awards at stake. Capt. Charles R. Church, athletic officer, announced.

LINT LEADING MCB

Starting the week of Sept. 23, six-man teams will open a round-robin, home-and-home league schedule. From 8 to 12 Navy, Marine and Coast Guard bases in the area are expected to enter.

Low man on the MCB totem pole probably will be Sgt. Merle Lint of Des Moines, Ia. Team candidates this week included QMSgt. Dec Crouch of Colorado Springs, Colo., Sgt. Joe O'Neil of Oklahoma City, Okla., PFC. Len Cearley of Tulsa, Okla., and three baseballers—Corp. Gerald Lee of Los Angeles, Pvt. Wellington (Wimpy) Quinn of Portland, Ore., and Sam Hancock of Tulsa, Okla.

Not Proud Of It But They Do Rate

MIAMI (Delayed)—Babe Ruth, the old Hambo, and Shirley Temple, Hollywood's young movie queen, have their following, even among the Japanese.

A unit of the 1st Mar. Prov. Bn., passing through several swamps the Japanese had abandoned, found several photographs of Babe and Shirley.

Babe and Shirley, along with Greta, are now back in Marine hands, according to S1SGT. Dick Gordon, combat correspondent.

Keep Clean

Hawthorne Marines Win

NAD, HAWTHORNE, Nev.—Five double plays helped the Hawthorne Marines score two victories over an invading Regt Army Air Base softball team here recently, 13 to 4 and 7 to 4.

Leathernecks In Battle Cling To Sense Of Humor

GUAM (Delayed)—Marines, fighting a desperate enemy, cling to their sense of humor through danger, fear and peril.

On D-Day plus one, a Marine huddled in a shell crater as mortar shells whistled overhead.

"You know," he mused, "this is a young man's war. The only trouble is as soon as you're in it, you're not young any more."

Then there was the private first class who was being guyed by his buddies in an artillery gun crew after a 105-mm. shell had jammed.

"Listen, you guys," roared the little red-head, "if things get dull around here, just drop open that breech and I'll drop-kick the things in."

The sky was filled with both Marine and Jap mortar shells. The wiremen, just behind the front,

TEE TIME. Sgt. Merle Lint, MCB golf team captain, leans into a fairway shot as his mates looked on. His "gallery" includes, from left: Pvt. "Wimpy" Quinn, Sgt. Joe O'Neal, PFC. Len Cearley, Corp. Gerald Lee, Pvt. Sam Hancock, Capt. C. R. Church, O-in-C, and QMSgt. Dec Crouch. (Photo by PFC. Chester Turk.)

Waived Hollywood 'Date' With Esther Williams To Join

CAMP LEJEUNE—Corp. Edgar A. (Eddy) Storey, former national backstroke swimming champion, of Portsmouth, Va., was a hero with Marines in the Pacific—and he's a hero to Leatherneck trainees as, between swims, he tells of passing up a movie contract, pitting him opposite voluptuous Esther Williams in "Girl Crazy," to join the Marine Corps the day after the Pearl Harbor attack.

As an instructor in the new combat swimming course here, Corp. Storey is helping turn his "Devil-dog" comrades into "waterdogs" as well.

FOUGHT ON GUADAL

Corp. Storey fought with the 1st Mar. Div. at Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester, was given the Purple Heart medal for wounds and a special citation for bravery. While in a hospital tent, recovering from a shrapnel leg wound suffered on Guadalcanal, his area was shelled by Japanese warships. For helping move other patients to a place of safety, he was cited by the Navy Dept.

STARS FOR U. S.

Later, in Australia, Storey starred again for the Stars and Stripes. By taking first place in 50-yard and 150-yard breaststroke events, he paced his American team to victory in an Allied Nations' swimming meet.—Sgt. Charles B. Kopp, combat correspondent.

Sound Effects

PFC. Edward Prendergast, responsible for the sound effects on the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show for the past eight months, has been transferred to RAR Center for further transfer, leaving an opening for an experienced sound effects man on the program.

winced as each shell moaned overhead.

"The trouble is," one of them said, "that I can't tell whether they're coming or going."

"Keep your eye on me," said a corporal. "If they're coming, I'll be going."

Old War Horse

Old Tom, a war-horse who served with the Marines in Cuba during the Spanish-American War, was retired and lived to the ripe old age of 41 years 3 months and 19 days.

Leathernecks Stay On Right Baseball Trail

Quinn Back On Top In Race For MCB Hitting Laurels

Although both men lost altitude last week, Pvs. J. Wellington (Wimpy) Quinn and Stan Bolton continued to lead MCB's hitting parade on the baseball diamond as the Leathernecks breezed over Ft. Huenueme, 6 to 0; rallied in the ninth for a 10-5 victory over Amphib. Trng. Base, and brushed aside Ft. Rosecrans, 11 to 2.

Quinn collected three hits against Ft. Huenueme's Seabees to weather

ON TAP

Today—Camp Gillespie here, 1430.

Sunday—Naval Training Center here, 1430.

a "dry" afternoon against ATB and moved back into the top hitting perch as Bolton settled for one blow in seven trips to the plate. Records of the Ft. Rosecrans game are not included in the current release of averages.

MINOR IN FORM

Big Pvt. Ray Minor settled an old score for MCB when he let the Seabees down with two hits last Saturday. In his last 18 innings the raw-boned Southwesterner has given up only six blows, but Coast Guard Patrol made the most of four of those to hang a 3-2 defeat on him two weeks ago.

Out of Recruit Depot came Corp. Joe Gautreaux, Atlanta-owned righthander, to make his MCB pitching debut Sunday, but it took some airtight relief hurling by PFC. Ray Yochim and a five-run rally in the ninth to turn back ATB and its plucky chucker, Warren Abadie.

HAND PRESSED

What looked as if it might be a cinchway, when the Leathernecks hammered Abadie for five runs on six hits in the first two innings, turned out to be a bitterly fought game when Gautreaux lost control and Abadie became stingier than a destitute Scotchman.

With their backs to the wall and time growing short, the Marines broke out in the ninth for five runs on as many hits. Better support behind Abadie might have

Last Time For Bowling Cronies

Bowling Alleys personnel bade farewell to two old favorites at MCB this week—TSgt. Mike Bannach and PFC. Mark Moore.

TSgt. Bannach left his customary indelible mark, a high single game of 226, before shoving off for Camp Pendleton. For Moore, who long officiated with Sgt. M. Michaud as co-boss of the pin plant, it was the end of the Corps trail. He received a 782-survey.

made it even tougher on Manager Harry Hughes' men.

Ten hits, eight walks and 10 errors helped MCB to an easy 11-2 victory over Ft. Rosecrans in a mid-week league game as Minor came through with another steady mound performance. Ray ran his string of scoreless innings to 15, then weakened momentarily in the seventh to give up two rallies on three bingles.

Barrel-chested PFC. D. C. Moore, third baseman, poled out two blows in three trips up to lead the Marine hitters. Quinn, PFC. "Nibby" Jones and PMS/c. Lee Mohr also finished in the two-hit class but were charged with more times at bat than Moore.

Scores:

Port Huenueme	0	2	0
Marine Corps Base	6	11	2
Utah and Seabees: Minor and Andrews.			
Marine Corps Base	10	11	2
Amphib. Trng. Base	5	10	5
Gautreaux, Yochim (5) and Abadie, Abadie and PFC.			
Marine Corps Base	11	10	1
Ft. Rosecrans	2	0	10
Minor and Ray: Hoffmeyer and Andrews.			

Baseball Dope

11th NAVAL DIST. STANDINGS

	W	L	Pct.
Coast Guard Patrol	7	0	1.000
Marine Corps Base	8	1	.889
Air Base Group No. 2	6	1	.857
Naval Training Center	6	1	.857
Camp Meunier	6	2	.750
Camp Matthews	5	3	.625
Amphibious Trng. Base	3	4	.429
Port Rosecrans	2	5	.290
Naval Repair Base	2	6	.250
Camp Elliott Marines	2	7	.222
Naval Air Station	1	5	.167
Camp Gillespie	1	6	.143
USS Surron	0	9	.000

MCB HITTING AVERAGES

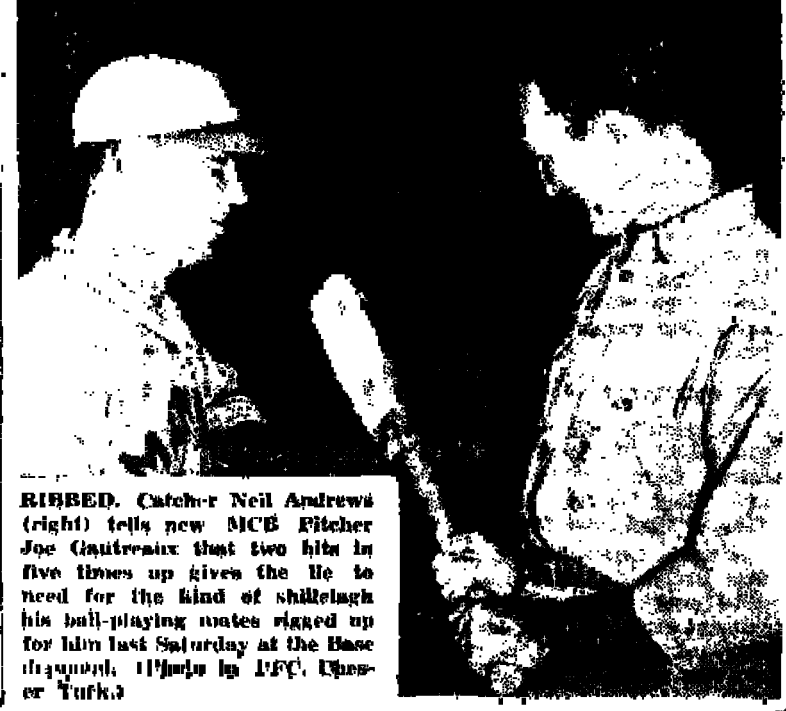
	AB	R	H	AV
Quinn	22	88	33	.321
Bolton	33	118	43	.361
Summons	45	174	56	.344
Hughes	43	111	35	.324
Mohr	55	207	55	.329
Andrews	58	204	57	.317
Moore	53	198	51	.317
Jones	17	65	11	.304
Lee	30	93	13	.280
Campbell	20	32	8	.287
Minor	11	32	4	.250
Ruck	28	84	7	.214
Yochim	23	67	7	.210
Hancock	17	50	5	.176
Finley	14	40	4	.17
Gautreaux	2	1	1	.000

Wants Shot At Pro Football After War

CAMP LEJEUNE -- He's busy right now training with a combat unit at this base, but when he does have time to contemplate the future, 2dLt. Joe Andrejco, former Fordham and Dartmouth grid star, plans for a shot at pro football after the war.

"I may go back and finish school," he explains, "then I'd like to take a whirl at the pro game for about three seasons. After that, a coaching job somewhere would be swell."

The war interrupted Andrejco's grid career after his junior year at Fordham, but he managed to get into three games with Dartmouth while in the V-12 program.



RIBBED. Catcher Neil Andrews (right) tells new MCB Pitcher Joe Gautreaux that two hits in five times up gives the lie to need for the kind of shillelagh his ball-playing mates rigged up for him last Saturday at the Base diamond. Photo by PFC. Chester Turk.

Boot Ring Show Good

Pena Shows Too Much Class; Draw Scrap Steals Show

Recruit Depot's boxing spotlight played on Pvs. Eddie Pena of Los Angeles, Mike Duffy of Chicago and V. D. Mitchell of Ringling, Okla., last week-end in the heat of a rousing eight-bout card—on Pena for his one-round TKO over Pvt. Charles Sebeena of Chicago; on Duffy and Mitchell for their three-round draw.

Pena had too much experience for his main event opponent and brought the match to a quick end. They fought as lightweights. With Duffy doing most of the leading and Mitchell fighting in spurts, but gamely, the semi-judicious proved to be the night's show-stealer and a headache to the judges.

REVERSE DECISION

By popular demand Mitchell was given a draw after arbiters had voted a slight edge to the Chicago boy. At 145, Duffy had a five-pound advantage over Mitchell.

What started out to be a blistering punching bee between Pvs. Frank Tausin of Lafayette, La., and Toby Simoncini of Pekin, Ill., middleweights, was stopped in the opening round and called a technical draw when Tausin suffered a cut head from an accidental butt.

Battlin' buols go back into action at the RD amphitheater tonight at 1930. Other results:

Light-heavyweights — Pvt. Robert Thomas of Wilmington, Del., defeated Pvt. Robert Thompson of New York, 111-100, in a 10-round bout. In the first round, Thomas was hit by a right hand from Thompson, but he came back and won the fight.

— Write Some —

Tank Guns Finish 200 Tinian Japs

TINIAN (Delayed) — "We had our cannon looking right down their throats," said 1st Lt. Cecil M. English of Los Angeles, telling how his tank cleared a Saipan coral ledge of its 200 Jap occupants.

"We were operating up north of Garapan, and hadn't run into any excitement all day," he said. "We were coming down a hill in the tank when someone spotted the enemy concentration ahead. The shell was 300 yards long and high enough so the 76mm. cannon barrel cleared it."

"It was terrific. We eased along the stretch with all guns blazing, firing 58 rounds of the big stuff and 14 belts of machine gun bullets. None got away." — Sgt. Charles R. Vandergriff, combat correspondent.

FIGHTING ATHLETES

By Their Sports You Can Tell Them

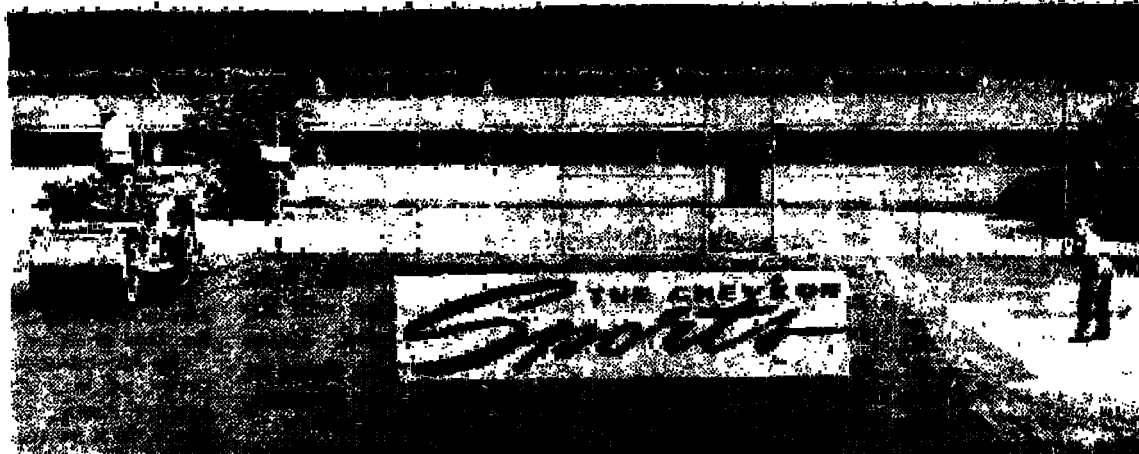
"I was lucky at Tarawa. I was a shell fragment, tore through my lungs and ribs and skinned my knee. Another inch and I might not have walked again."

This spoke PFC. Dan J. Conway of Ohio, Mich., as he rested at USNH, Shumaker, Cal. Artillery shrapnel felled him at Saipan while he was packing ammunition from the beach to front line buddies.

At Ohio high school, Conway won two varsity football letters and one in varsity basketball.

Mortar shell fragments took PFC. John B. Hayman of Leon, W. Va., out of action as he and his buddies strove to take up positions at a lake on Saipan.

Saturday Morning, September 2, 1944



FACE LIFTING. Dermatomes were chugging, heavy rollers as four more MCB tennis courts received new asphalt top dressing this week. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey O. Payne)

Klamath Marines Issue Summons For Sportsmen

MR. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — Basketball and football were two prime sports topics at this Marine post last week as O-18-Ca announced plans for fall and winter campaigns.

Maj. Clyde C. Roberts, who has been in and out of the coaching game for a number of years, will direct the football program with Capt. James B. Higgins, 240-pound ex-Chicago Cardinal, as his assistant.

TRYOUTS TO START

Tryouts, they announced, will start early this month. Basketball candidates also will turn out this month under the surveilling eye of Sgt. Les Israel, former roller skating champion and hoop coach of Kansas City, Mo.

Maj. Roberts coached football at MCB, Philadelphia, and Brown Military academy in San Diego as well as taking an active part in boxing, basketball, baseball and lacrosse. Capt. Higgins coached the 11th Mar. Cannoniers to the Melbourne, Australia, championship while overseas. Before that he played at Quantico.

Sgt. Israel expects a basketball turnout of at least 50 men, including three who played for Japs in the South Pacific.

— Any War Bonds —

28,000 Complete Swimming Course

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA — More than 28,000 Marines have completed the combat swimming course given MarFair West personnel during the past five months.

Classes are being held daily in this station's new swimming pool under direction of 1st Lt. John J. Miller, former Olympic swimming star.

The swimming course tops off the calisthenics, hand-to-hand grappling and bayonet fighting taught Leathernecks under the combat conditioning program.

Baseball was Hayman's favorite sport at Point Pleasant (W. Va.) high school.

Born in Egypt 20 years ago, 1st Lt. Donald W. Baird of Monticello, Ill., where he played high school football, went through the Guadalcanal and Tarawa campaigns unscathed only to get hit by shell fragments on Saipan. Sgt. Baird was personally commended by Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith after the Tarawa fight.

Lt. Dave Lownds of Westerly, R. I., basketball and baseball star at Rhode Island State College, was among officers mentioned in a story by 2d Lt. Jim G. Lucas, PRO, praising a particularly hard-fighting battalion on Saipan.

THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC. VICTOR H. LEEDING

On almost every front we've warned against over-optimism these days, so maybe The Chevron's "Sports Front" conductor for, to, these last 12 months could be accused of once-over-lightly sabotage when he chooses to base his going-home column on the promising future rather than the grim past.

But, secretly, we do believe that—Johnny Athlete will come marching home sooner than we had reason to hope...

His return to the civilian way of sports life will give birth to an era that will out-glitter the "golden era" which followed World War I. Baseball's big boom will continue to shoot for new ceilings and, Ed Harrow's beliefs to the contrary, night-time play will keep it climbing...

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DOUGH IN 'THEM HILLS'

Boxing will collect its due in public acclaim, with Joe Louis and Billy Conn swinging at least once for a generous slice of the melon after which some "GI Joe", whose name never made pre-war headlines, will take over...

MCB baseball fans will see the day when Ray Yochim and Johnny Simmons — maybe "Nippy" Jones and Lee Mohr, too — will pull down big league salaries...

St. Louis's one-ring baseball circus will come to pass in October, but the Brownie-less era won't...

Sincere Sister Stoggers Seers; She's No Sissy

When a WFF releases a man to fight, that's alright. But PFC. Ray Seers, Bang Frank coach, thinks it's going just a little bit too far when a gal tries to fill the GI boots of a cross country runner.

It happened this week after Seers had issued his first call for runners. A sweet young thing (unidentified) insisted that if he (Seers) was looking for runners, he didn't have to go any farther. She was "his man."

"I've heard everything now," Seers said as he pointed out that the Base still needs cross country men. "But you've got to hand it to those ladies. They'll do anything to get this war over."

— Salute Quarterly —

RD Softballers Win League Race

Behind the striking pitching of PFC. "Sig" Lawson, the RD softball team this week won second half honors in the 11th Naval Dist's American softball league by defeating Supron-5 in shutout figures, 5 to 0.

Lawson hurled a four-hitter in the league game, then in mid-week came back to flip a two-hitter as his RD mates won an exhibition game from La Jolla, 8 to 2. RD now awaits a playoff with NTC Postoffice at Navy Field sometime between Sept. 6 and 11.

A "second story" man is one whose wife never believes the first story he tells her.

have what it takes to stop the Cardinals...

THEY'LL BE SHOPPING

College football, already revealed by survey to be well on its way to recovery, will be back in full swing by the fall of '45 but...

A lot of coaches who became duration absentees will be looking for new parking places when they get their HDs...

Professional football will draw the bulk of returning war heroes who, hardened by combat and urged by the twin desires of cash and fun, will take a whirl at it...

Especially those young men who came roaring out of college on V-12 tickets will be eager to try their pay-for-play hands, having neither business nor job to which to turn immediately anyway...

WON'T STOP HIM

Frankie Sinkwich could gain as many battleground yards as he'll pick up in pro grid suit this fall. Kinky knee notwithstanding...

"Wimpy" Quinn winds up as "Sultan of MCB Swat"...

Good as they are and game as they are, our Marine diamond hopefuls won't be quite equal to the pennant occasion if the 11th Naval Dist. boils down to a playoff with our bluejacketed rivals from NTC.

We're going to knock off this drive and go home doing nothing for awhile.

Victory, Defeat For El Toro Men

MCAS, EL TORO — El Toro's golf team defeated MCB, San Diego, 5 1/2 to 3 1/2, in a golf match at Santa Ana Country club this week, but its baseball club ran afoul of San Diego NTC, 12 to 2, and closed its season with a record of 42 wins, 37 losses.

NTC's Pete Jones and Jack Paepke checked the Marines in eight hits while their mates pummeled two El Toro hurlers for 21.



SWAN SONG. Baseball barons of MCB look on as PFC. Victor H. Leeding of Portland, Ore., writes his farewell article for The Chevron after nearly a year's duty as sports editor. From the left, Pvs. Harry Hughes and Ray Minor, PFC. Rudy Pugh and Corp. Joe Gautreaux. Leeding was returned to civilian status on a "792" (over-age) this week. (Photo by PFC. Edward J. Wishin.)

Swimmers Seek Cups

Base Entering 23-Man Team In Rough Water Swim

Headed by 13 members of the RD swimming pool staff, a 23-man MCB squad will battle the Pacific ocean's swells and rip tides tomorrow in the second annual La Jolla Rough Water Swim.

Barring unforeseen strength from challenging units, the Leathernecks should have little trouble repeating their victory in the Mission Bay event held earlier this year and thus swell their growing collection of aquatic trophies.

FINISH AT COVE

Team honors are awarded on the basis of numerical strength at the finish of a three-quarter-mile grind, starting at 1400 from the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club and finishing at the La Jolla Cove. MCB easily outscored NTC and other service posts in the half-mile Mission Bay swim.

Of the 23 men registered this week by Capt. Edward F. Hawling, O-18-C, five are sergeants, four from Sig. Bn., and one from Mq. & Hq. RD.

A week from Sunday the Marines will write "Tide" on their highly successful 1944 season in the annual 11th Naval Dist. meet.

— 2d Quarter —

Captured Tire Marine Souvenir

TINIAN (Delayed) — Among the souvenirs brought before the censor by Marines who fought here was "One Yokohama Six Fly Tire."

PFC. Jack Gidich, who found the tire beside a disabled enemy scout car, pictured the case of his brother, Andrew Gidich Jr. of Lorain, O., a war worker in a steel mill.

According to the Marine, his brother has been having a deuce of a time getting to work, and this was tying up production at the plant. The Jap tire, he maintained, would fit his brother's car, which in want of a tire has been kept garaged.

The censor almost changed his mind about stamping the package when the Marine slipped in a note: "Car to follow." — Sgt. Edward F. Ruder, combat correspondent.

— Shoot Straight —

Closes Ball Season

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA — 1st Lt. Matt Wasko's Santa Barbara Bombers brought their 1944 baseball season to a successful close last week when they defeated Camp Cooke's 782-Tankers, 14 to 4.

(From The Chevron, Sept. 5, 1942)

The first pictures of Marines charging ashore on Guadalcanal appeared on the front page of The Chevron this week.

Basic fundamentals of ju jitsu are now being taught in RD.

Enlisted Marines are now eligible for glider training. Heretofore only Naval Aviation pilots have been accepted for this training.

By special dispensation from Washington, D. C., Arthur Corey, 16, was allowed to enlist in the Corps with his brother Leroy, 17. Their father, now a justice of the peace, is a veteran of the last war, during which he received 11 citations, including the Croix de Guerre, DSM and Purple Heart.

This Week--A Change In Chevron Policy

With this issue, The Chevron discontinues the advertisements of civilian business firms which have appeared in its pages for more than two and one-half years.

To those firms, we express our thanks and our gratitude, for it has been their continued patronage which made possible the growth of this paper from a four-page beginning in the San Diego Area to a Corps-wide publication with the largest circulation of any Marine newspaper.

Although The Chevron may seem to be of smaller size than it did when carrying advertisements, there is actually no reduction in the amount of space devoted to news. The smaller bulk will result in a considerable saving of precious newsprint and will facilitate handling and mailing to units overseas.

This week's Chevron thus involves no changes in either news or circulation policies. It is simply the dropping of paid advertising in conformity with the general practice of service publications and consequent providing of the same amount of news as ever except that it is in a smaller "package."

The Chevron will continue to be distributed

They Don't Seek Glory

The Marine Corps is never at a loss for volunteers.

This has been demonstrated countless times in the combat zones, and again last week at MCB when the call went out for 500 blood donors.

One week after the call was issued 735 volunteers had responded, and more registrations were coming in daily.

The record of Stateside Marines in buying bonds and donating blood is good at all camps and bases in the U. S.

Undramatic tasks, yes, and not involving risk of life. But chances of personal glory are nil.

A different type of strength is behind response to general appeals based on the logic of necessity. No finger of shame is pointed at those who just fail to speak up.

Response to the blood donor appeal here is another case of Marines doing what is expected of them. It indicates that they will continue to do so wherever they may be stationed.

It is this spirit that wins battles—unflinching response all along the line to whatever is called for at the time, no matter how small or how lacking in personal glory.

Raider Bn. Patch

Editor, The Chevron—We have been discussing a few questions and since we are deadlocked we call on you for answers. (1) Can the 4th Marines still wear the Raider patch now that the Raider units have been formed into that outfit? (2) Does the 3rd Raider Bn. rate any citation ribbons? (3) What ribbon or star is there for Eniwetok? (4) Under what theater does Guam come?

PFC. L. SELIG

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—Yes. You continue to wear the Raider patch until joining an outfit that has its own patch. (2) No. (3) Bismarck Archipelago operation, Dec. 15, 1943, to date not yet announced. (4) Asiatic-Pacific Area, Central Pacific theater.

Still In The Pacific

Editor, The Chevron—You've stated many times that the 1st Div. has returned to the States, and now the 2nd Div. is coming back.

The 1st Div. has not completely returned, so why not give credit to members of that outfit who have remained in the South Pacific—the men they can't replace. My brother, Corp. John A. Heisler, took part in the initial landing and fighting on Guadalcanal, and was also in the Cape Gloucester campaign. He's been a 1st Div. man from the start and hasn't come home.

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We hope our readers will like the more compact newspaper which we now present to them.

Safety Valve

Merchant Marine Ribbons

Editor, The Chevron—Prior to entering the Corps I was awarded the Mediterranean-Middle East war zone ribbon bar, also the Atlantic bar and the Pacific war zone ribbon bar of the merchant marine. Am I entitled to wear them on my uniform?

Men awarded merchant marine bars of World War II carry identification cards showing the bars were officially awarded. The ribbons cannot be bought in stores as they are available only through official channels. It would be a good idea to have the military services do likewise in issuing identification cards.

Sgt. G. R. DAILEY

MCAD, Miramar.

Editor's note—Persons who have been awarded merchant marine medals or ribbons while serving in the merchant marine and prior to entering active duty in the Naval service are authorized to wear such ribbons, provided they were created by federal law.

Radar Technician

Editor, The Chevron—A buddy of mine graduated from Electronics School at Camp Lejeune Nov. 2, 1943, with a rating of radar technician (CP), and on his diploma are the designations PE-74, PE-81, and PE-85. He has been in the Marine Corps 13 months, nine of which were spent overseas.

What rank does the above call for and what do the PE numbers signify?

NAME WITHHELD

Norristown, Pa.

Editor's note—No precise answer can be given to your question. If your buddy was in the top 25 per cent of his class in radio school prior to attending Electronics School, he would have been made a corporal in late 1943 or early 1944. Then if he finished in the top 25 per cent of his class in Electronics School, he would have been made a sergeant. If he had attended an intermediate school before attending Electronics School, he could have gone to staff sergeant. These promotions are no longer being given, however. At present all promotions for this type of personnel come through HQMC.

The PE designations signify the type of equipment your buddy can operate.

May Wear Two Stars

Editor, The Chevron—Are there any battalions of the 1st Mar. Div. authorized to wear more than one star on the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon?

Corp. SIDNEY J. WEAVER

ME, Treasure Island, Cal.

Editor's note—The 2nd, 8th, 10th and 18th Marines are officially listed in both the Unit Citations of the 1st Div. for Guadalcanal and the 2nd Div. for Tarawa. Personnel of those units who participated in basic actions for which the citations were issued may wear two stars.

Haitian Fliers

Editor, The Chevron—Recently I read an adventure novel based upon the experiences of Marines in Haiti. It was stated that Marine fliers were training fliers for the Haitian Air Force. I knew Marines trained and organized the Haitian constabulary, but were any Haitian pilots ever trained by Marines?

ROBERT COMBS Jr.

138 W. 145th St., New York City.

Editor's note—No. Army Air Forces trained Haitian fliers.

Information Sought

Editor, The Chevron—I would like to hear from someone who served with my best buddy, PFC. Ben Maldonado Jr. killed somewhere in the Pacific.

MTSAL RALPH H. BROCK

54 11. MAD, Naval Trng. Center, San Diego, Cal.

... from someone who knew my grandson, Pvt. Earle Pineland, killed June 24 at Saipan.

Mrs. CARRIE HERON

213 Turk St., San Francisco, Cal.

... from anyone who served with PFC. Charles I. Summers, reported killed in the Marianas.

VIRGINIA GIBSON

3602 Villa Terrace, San Diego 1, Cal.

... from someone who knew my son, 1st Lt. Loren Hedderly, killed on Saipan.

FRANCES L. HEDDERLY

936 1/2 East 6th St., Long Beach 2, Cal.

Star For Attu Service

Editor, The Chevron—My buddy says that any man who served on Attu, the Aleutians, from October, 1942, to an undesignated date in 1944 rates one star on the Asiatic ribbon. I say that you do not rate a star for this service. Who is right?

NAME WITHHELD

Hq. Bn., MCB.

Editor's note—Stars authorized for the Aleutians operation are for the Komandorski Islands, March 26, 1942, or the Attu Occupation, May 11 to June 2, 1943. (Only one star may be worn for either or both.) However, only those who participated in actual combat on those dates are eligible to wear the star.

Maps Available

Editor, The Chevron—The large map in your Aug. 5 issue which showed all Marine actions of the first two years of the war was very much enjoyed. Is it possible to secure additional copies?

NAME WITHHELD

Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—There have been no many requests for copies of the map that large reproductions suitable for framing are being made available and will be distributed free while they last.

Ribbons For 3rd Div.

Editor, The Chevron—What campaign ribbons if any does the 3rd Mar. Div. rate?

Corp. RUSSELL SHOOP

Ward 21-E, USNH, Oakland, Cal.

Editor's note—The 3rd Div. does not rate the Unit Citation. A star on the Pacific Area ribbon has been authorized for the Treasury-Bougainville operation from Oct. 27, 1943, to a date yet to be announced. A star for Guam has not been authorized.

Was 18 Too Soon

Editor, The Chevron—I am 18 years of age and was drafted but volunteered for the Marines. I tried to enlist but was 18 too soon and am now classified as USMCR. Who do I see to sign up for a four-year cruise?

NAME WITHHELD

MCAD, Miramar.

Editor's note—See your first sergeant and proceed through official channels.

Up Minnesota Way

Editor, The Chevron—Is there any truth to the statement that an officer or NCO in the Marines actually rates higher than the "seemingly" equivalent in the Army or Navy?

NAME WITHHELD

Waconia, Minn.

No, but that story certainly does get around.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel. 0930 Services, Agnignum; 1015 Services, Chapel; Evening Vesper Service, 1830, Chapel. **(Catholic):** 0800 Mass, Auditorium; 0915 Mass, Chapel. Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) 0830-0730, Chapel. Friday Evening Service, 1900, Chapel. Confession: Saturday 1800-2000, Chaplain's Office; 1230, 1800, 1900, 2000, Chaplain's Office. **(Jewish):** 1000, Chapel. **(Christian Science):** Sundays, 0930, 1100, 1230, 1400. **(Latter Day Saints):** Service, Bldg. 125, RD, Wednesdays 1830. Bldg. 125, 1412.

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MIDNIGHT & Q.



"THIS LAND IS MINE"

The following poem was written by Corp. Henry H. Gertzel of Venice, Cal., who was fatally wounded in the action at Eniwetok atoll in the Marshall Is.

What makes a soldier love the land
That gave him birth and life?
What makes him sure it's worth
the price
Of death in mortal strife?

Why is it he must fight and die
To make a nation great?
Is it human failing,
Or is it merely fate?

I've posed a question often asked
Since the very start of time,
And the only answer I can give
The phrase—"This land is mine."



—Pvt. Jeff Vohn
Plat. 752, RD, MCH

THE ONLY TWO BROTHERS I OWN

This poem was written by Florence O'Bid about her two brothers—one a Navy aviation cadet, the other Pvt. E. W. O'Bid of Ser. Bn, MCH.

Please, Lord, watch over
The only two brothers I own.
Keep them from danger and
Send them quickly home.

We'll all depend on You, Lord,
To have them do what's right,
Through hell, disaster, victory,
From dark 'til early light.

I know you had no brothers, Lord,
To miss while far away,
But you know that we, left behind,
Feel more lonesome every day.

When this world strife is over,
And thoughts of war have flown,
Just send them back to waiting
arms—

The only two brothers I own,
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	22,545	20,946	9,587	4,366

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1945

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