

Big Howitzers Meet Tough Test On Guam

By Sgt. Charles M. Platt
Combat Correspondent
GUAM (Delayed)—In its big-
gest test against the enemy, on
Guam and elsewhere in the Mari-
anas, the Marines' heaviest artil-
lery has shown that it can be em-
ployed both efficiently and ef-
fectively in support of island in-
vasions and jungle warfare.

The performance on Guam of one
battalion of 155mm. (6-inch) how-
itzers is perhaps illustrative.

The battalion, under command
of Col. James J. Keating of Phila-
delphia, landed during the initial
phase of the assault, four of its big
pieces making it ashore the first
day. By afternoon of the second
day, all the unit's pieces were in
position a few hundred yards be-
hind the front lines and in plain
view of enemy hill positions.

In the first 18 days of the cam-

paign, the outfit displaced four
times and brought virtually the
entire 225 square miles of the is-
land within range of its batteries.

In that period, it fired approxi-
mately 7000 rounds at enemy con-
centrations, bridges, road nets,
batteries and tanks. In one 24-
hour period, the battalion hurled
nearly 1000 rounds of terror and
destruction at the enemy.

One gun, breaking its own pre-
vious time, fired five 100-lb.
projectiles in 23 seconds.

The problems of logistics en-
countered by the unit have been
all but insurmountable. The worst
reefs yet hit in the Pacific, and
the tropical jungles of the island
complicated the landing and move-
ment of the vast quantities of ma-
terials involved.

The 7000 rounds actually fired
during the first 18 days represent

nearly one billion pounds of pro-
jectiles, propelling charges, fuses
and primers. Additional require-
ments include tons of oil for lubri-
cation and recoil
mechanisms,
spare parts for
the howitzers,
small arms am-
munition for lo-
cal security, nearly
50 miles of com-
munications
wire, and other
items, including
food, fire direc-
tion equipment
and other gear.

The guns themselves weigh approxi-
mately six and a half tons apiece.

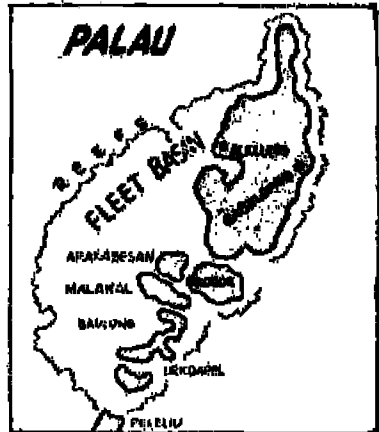
All the materials and much of
the gear, from the time it was
hoisted from ship holds into land-
ing boats, had to be moved manu-

ally from the larger boats to am-
phibian tractors, which alone were
able to negotiate the reefs with
full loads; from the amtracs to
trucks on the beach, from the
trucks to dumps at the unit's posi-
tion. Where there were no roads
to the actual gun positions, the
ammunition was moved in again
by hand. Each displacement re-
quired partial repetition of this
performance.

The speed, for heavy artillery,
with which the unit landed and set
up drew high commendation from
Brig. Gen. Pedro del Valle, com-
manding general, Corps Artillery,
2nd Amph. Corps, under which Col.
Keating's outfit operates. Later in
the operation, the outfit received
perhaps even more significant
praise from grateful front line in-
fantrymen who "enjoyed" the ar-
tillery's support.

Palau Hit By Marines Islands Blasted By Fleet Units Before Invasion

Marine assault forces have
stormed ashore at Peleliu in the
Palau Islands, in a thrust that
put them within 600 miles of the
nearest Philippine Islands and
1040 miles from Manila, it was
announced from Pearl Harbor
yesterday.



Battleships of the Pacific Fleet,
such as pulverized the defenses of
Guam in the last few days before
invasion there, joined Monday with
cruisers and destroyers in daily
blasting of the Palau Islands.

Peleliu Island is five miles long
and two miles wide. It marks the
southern end of the reef which
surrounds the Palau Islands, which
are volcanic and heavily covered
with trees and vegetation.

Another amphibious landing was
being carried out on Morai Island,
northernmost of the Halmaheras.

New Groups Of Leathernecks Back From Pacific



BUMPS-A-DAISY. While other Leathernecks await their
turn, a Marine cuts a rug with Patty Thomas, dance star
with Bob Hope's unit on a tour of South Sea bases.
Servicemen formed a mile-long audience to see show.

Two and One-Half Years' Fighting On Many Jap-Held Islands at End As Marines Head Home on Furloughs

(Pictures on page two)

The second and third sections of
2nd, 3rd and 4th Mar. Divs., com-
posed of more than 1000 men re-
lieved for furloughs and reassign-
ment after up to 25 months in the
Pacific, were on the Base this
week.

The second section was composed
of 529 2nd Div. men and the third
—in which 2nd Div. men and those
of the other two divisions arrived
together—was composed of 476
Leathernecks.

Like the 693 members of the 2nd
Div. who had come in late last
week, the returned Leathernecks
were tanned and fit and dressed
in the battle gear of their latest
campaign.

HIT GUADALCANAL

They helped grasp Guadalcanal
from the Japs in the first U. S.
offensive of the war, and they
drove the enemy off Tarawa, Sai-
pan and Tinian in some of the Pa-
cific's latest actions.

In addition to infantrymen, there
were engineers and men from
tank, amphibious tractor, motor
transport and ordnance units.
Most of them had received their
"boot" training at this base before
setting out to drive the Japs back
up the road to Tokyo.

"Coming into San Francisco
Thursday, our first sight of
America in over two and a half

RD Platoon To Disband

Composite Platoon in RD will be
disbanded this month and any re-
maining personnel transferred to
3rd Cas. Co., according to Lt. Col.
Max Cox, CO of the Trng. Regt.

The platoon has quartered non-
swimmers, personnel unable to get
immediate transportation to their
homes or new posts upon complet-

ing recruit training, and messmen
awaiting transfer after finishing
their month's duty.

Since all graduating recruits will
be transferred directly to Camp
Pendleton for four weeks of basic
infantry training beginning Sept. 23,
there will be no need for quarters
for men awaiting transportation
after that date, Lt. Col. Cox pointed
out.

Non-swimmers will not be held
here for 10 days' instruction after
Sept. 23 but will move on to Pen-
dleton with their platoons.

WO. John H. Jaroszewski is O-in-
C of the platoon and Sgt. Jack
Hayes is his assisting NCO.

Marines In France Find Good Hunting

Snipers Infest Marine Barracks

USNH, SAN LEANDRO, Cal.—
Jap snipers infested the ruins of
the old Marine barracks on Guam,
according to Corp. Gerald R. Fos-
ter of Winona, Minn., who was
shot by one July 28 as he and other
Leathernecks pushed past the
buildings in pursuit of fleeing Japs.

"Navy guns had given the old
barracks a real going over and
they were practically demolished,
but snipers hid in the ruins and
popped at us from all sides," Corp.
Foster said.

"After the Navy ended its bomb-
ardment the Japs made crude lean-
tos for which they sought shel-
ter from our fire and where they
got what rest they could," he said.

Marines who went ashore from
U. S. cruisers to occupy the small
islands dominating the port of
Marseille in the recent Allied in-
vasion apparently found good
hunting.

A delayed Navy communique re-
vealed that "nearly 900 prisoners of
war, taken by the Americans on
the islands off Marseille, were
evacuated by 0700 on Aug. 30."

The Leatherneck landing detail
included 90 men.

In a statement to the press,
Navy Secy. Forrestal said:
"The most interesting Naval
event of that week was linked with
the complete occupation by Army
forces of the important French
harbor of Marseille. Paralleling
the events of the previous week
when the Hyeres Islands capitu-
lated, the commanding officer of
the USS Philadelphia on Aug. 29
received the surrender of the Ger-

man forces on the islands of Ra-
toneau, Pomegues and D'I. Sur-
render was unconditional. A small
detachment of U. S. Marines was
landed from cruisers at Fréjus, a
small harbor which lies between
Ratoneau and Pomegues. These
islands, situated a mile and a half
to the westward of Marseille,
dominate the port. The Germans
were prevented from using the de-
molitions they had prepared and
these have now been removed."

New Pendleton Contract Let

CAMP PENDLETON—Approx-
imately one million dollars will be
spent by the Navy for construction
of advance base huts and for road
paving here, it was announced this
week by 11th Nav. Dist.



WAR BOGS. These Doberman-
Pinscher pups will be trained by
Mrs. Rhys Carpenter of Dowling-
town, Pa., for Marine duty.

Pendleton Opens New Transient Housing Units

CAMP PENDLETON—The Ho-
moja Huts in Area 21 were ready
for occupancy by transient person-
nel and dependents this week.

Officer and enlisted personnel
may avail themselves of the new
convenience at \$1 per day and an
additional \$1.05 per week for
laundry services. Occupancy by
any Marine and dependents is for
a period not to exceed 60 days.

Inquiries should be directed to
the Camp Pendleton QM officer.
Preference will be given personnel
of units shortly to leave for over-
seas.

3rd Div. Marines Still Mopping Up Japs In Guam Guerrilla Fighting

Patrols Flushing Out and Killing Average of 60 Enemy a Day Despite Cessation of Organized Resistance

By Staff Sgt. James E. Hague, Combat Correspondent
GUAM (Delayed)—Guerrilla warfare has replaced organized fighting on this island and the 3rd Mar. Div. veterans of Bougainville are proving far more expert at it than the Japanese.



HOME AGAIN, 2nd Div. veterans glad to be back are (top to bottom): Sgt. Harold T. White, Piedmont, Cal., MTSgt. Floyd E. Hester, Douglas, Ariz., Sgt. Frederick H. Binger, Millington, Ill., and PFC. James W. Lyalls, Moulton Grove, Neb.

More Men From 2nd Div. Return

(Continued from page 1)
PFC. L. J. Wagnersack Jr. will make a big "T" bone steak with plenty of vegetables his first important business when he returns to his home in New Orleans, La.
"We had plenty to eat," he said, "but what we missed most were fresh vegetables and meat and fresh milk."
PFC. Reeder M. Lyons of Dallas, Tex., was a member of a demolition squad.
"Our job was thickish, but nobody got hurt," he said.
The men were being interviewed for assignment to new posts in the U. S. and outfitted in complete new clothing. They will be sent home for 30-day furloughs before reporting to their next stations.

Weekly Quiz Show
A new servicemen's entertainment feature—a quiz show—has been scheduled for Thursday nights in the Fifth and Ash Sts., San Diego, USO Club. The winner of each contest is entitled to a free telephone call to his or her home.

Marine Builds Mobile Shelter In Guam Drive

GUAM (Delayed)—Tired of building one shelter after another as his unit moved up, PFC. Charles Lee Cross Jr. of Mountville, Tenn., solved the problem by making one portable.
PFC. Cross salvaged some lumber that drifted ashore and built a mobile trailer fashioned in the shape of a sled with a pup tent on top.
The portable shelter, christened "Alud Mobile," has seen several locations.
"It's not hard to get it around," PFC. Cross explained. "All I do is hitch on to a passing truck or bulldozer for transportation to a new camp site. Scooping out a hole for it is only a matter of several minutes."—Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent.

Enemy Destroyer Sunk By Marine Fighter Pilot

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Capt. John D. Yeagley of Grand Island, Neb., who returned here recently after taking part in 75 raids in the South Pacific as a fighter pilot, is credited with the single-handed sinking of a 400-foot Jap destroyer at Simpson Harbor, Rabaul, last April.
Diving through a barrage of AA. shells, he began strafing the large warship from stern to stern until his fire hit a powder magazine, exploding the ship.
"My machine gun bullets just bounced off the steel decks," Capt. Yeagley said. "It was like trying to destroy a tank with a pea shooter." Reconnaissance reports later confirmed the remarkable feat.

In the air corps they've changed that old saying to read: "A boy's best friend is his motor."

Marine Patients Defend Guam Front Line Sector

GUAM (Delayed)—Seven machine guns set up in the windows of a besieged American first-aid station held a bitterly contested sector of the Marine front lines for several hours.
The station was commanded by Lt. George W. Eldering, Navy doctor from Los Angeles, who in desperation had asked for weapon support when the Japs ignored the aid station's immunity under international law and had launched an attack toward it.
"After I had ordered the guns set



SOUVENIR HAPPY. A Jap saber is proudly shown PFC. Jean Mondine by PFC. Leo Renault of Detroit, Mich., upon his arrival in San Diego. He saw action on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian with the 2nd Mar. Div.



MUSIC FOR VETS. "Four Men of the Marines," one of four Base band units which have begun entertaining returned veterans at R&R Center, play request numbers for men of 2nd Mar. Div. (Photo by PFC. C. O. Turk).

Overseas Vets Catch Up With New Tunes

Hourly entertainment programs for returned combat veterans at the R&R Center here were begun this week by four units of the Base band, giving the veterans an opportunity to request the musical numbers they have missed in the last two years.
It is planned to give the programs regularly from 1230 to 1430 four days a week, according to WO. Frederick Lock, Base band officer.
The program was worked out by Sgt. Morris Perelmutter, violinist in the "Halls of Montezuma" orchestra whose unit, "Four Men of the Marines," has been playing for patients at USNH, San Diego, and the Balboa extension for the last six months.
Other Base band units taking part will be PFC. Tommy Gleason's singing "Invaders," the swing band, and the "Spotlighters" singing group of three male Marines and a Wave. The "Schmaltz Band"

directed by PFC. Martin Drexelius will be on the program with the "Spotlighters."
Added features will be the ventriloquist act of PFC. Bill Moore and his dummy "Gizmo" and songs by PFC. Ray Huber.
Sgt. Perelmutter said the idea occurred to him when he noted the interest of the veterans in the band's martial music before and after morning colors.

Radio Program To Salute ARC

This afternoon's "Halls of Montezuma" radio show, on the air at 1500 from the Base auditorium, will be dedicated to the American Red Cross and the work that organization is doing in this war.
Maj. Gen. Charles H. Lyman, USMC (ret.), chairman of the San Diego ARC chapter, will speak of the continuing need for blood plasma donations.
Several Leathernecks who were administered blood plasma after being wounded in the Pacific will also be heard.

Write Them

Information is sought by the following:
Mrs. Dunbar, 1631 25th St., San Diego, about her son, 2nd Lt. William H. Dunbar, killed in action.
Susan Tipton, USNH Wave Bks. No. 126, San Diego, about her husband, Sgt. Elmer Tipton, killed on Guam.
Kathleen Nichols, 1524 E. 30th St., Phoenix, Ariz., about her brother, Charles L. D. Greenham, killed on Saipan.
Mrs. Charles Brandt, Bismarck, Wisc., about PFC. Everett J. Michalsky, killed on Saipan.
Mrs. L. O'Leary, 628 Grand Ave., South Pasadena, Cal., about her son, PFC. Vincent L. O'Leary, killed on Guam.
John M. Elder, 846 N. 52nd St., Los Angeles, about her husband, Sgt. Allen E. Elder, killed in action.
Charles R. M. Kelley, 1535 Ordway Ave., St. Louis, Mo., about his son, Donald McKelvey, killed on Guam.
Vernon C. Ciesler, MWSR-4, McAD, Miramar, San Diego 45, Cal., about his brother, PFC. Lloyd A. Ciesler, killed on Saipan.
Mrs. Ray Godfrey, 4500 Kingsway Ave., Hollywood, Cal., about her son, PFC. Raymond L. Godfrey, killed on Saipan or Tinian.
Mrs. C. L. Wilks, Nysa, Tex., about her son, PFC. Lowell F. Wilks, killed serving with Marines.
Mrs. C. E. Dimpson, 484 Mabel St., Littleburg, Miss., about her son, 1st Lt. Charles Add Dimpson, killed on Saipan.
Mrs. Everett Gibson, Pomona, Cal., about her son, Sgt. Armond J. Gibson, killed in action.
Present addresses of the following are sought:
Edward C. Engel, last known to be in Cooks and Bakers School, RFL MHI, San Diego; by Sgt. William E. Mahely, overseas. (Send name and address for forwarding).

Fares Reduced For Dischargees

Reduced one-way fares to homes or places of employment have been established by the principal railroads for discharged servicemen traveling at their own expense. It is pointed out in Ltr. of Inst. 826.
Such tickets will be sold at a rate of approximately 1 1/2 cents per mile and are good for travel in coaches only. They must be purchased within 30 days of discharge and can be obtained only upon presentation of an identification discharge certificate.

Raised First Flag

When U. S. Marines marched into Germany after World War I, Capt. Galpes Moseley raised the first American flag on the banks of the Rhine.

Vets Of African Invasion Are 'Piped' Home



DEVILDOG PIPER. Just to prove Marines are versatile, men of the Londonderry, North Ireland, detachment formed bagpipe band. They've just returned to Quantico.

Quantico Ga-Ga Over Pipers

QUANTICO—Everyone here is going ga-ga over the bagpipe band which Marines brought back from Ireland.

If you were to bill 10 of the nation's top name bands at the post theater in a gigantic musical and have the Londonderry outfit go for a practice skirl down a back road, you could bet 100 to 1 that the crowd would follow the whistle bags.

When the Navy CO of NOB, Londonderry, first conceived the idea of the Marine bagpipe band, he suggested they wear kilts as part of their parade uniform. Volunteer pipers scattered in all directions when they got the word. The order was rescinded.

The 27-piece band, born February, 1943, is believed to be the only musical organization of its kind in the U. S. armed forces. The pipers have led the Marine battalion in many parades in Ireland. After five months of practicing on their liberty time, they took third place in the famous Irish piping event.

Sergeant Major Back In Civvies After 20 Years

Although severely wounded during the first days of the war, Sgt. Maj. William A. Barbour made a comeback as an active duty Marine and has now retired to civilian life with 20 years' Corps duty under his belt.

Sgt. Maj. Barbour was wounded on Midway Island by shell fragments during a bombardment laid down by Jap naval units offshore. He was evacuated to Honolulu, then to USNH, Mare Island, and finally to USNH, San Diego, during the five months it took him to recover.

ASSIGNED TO MCB

Upon discharge from the hospital, the old timer was assigned as first sergeant of 2nd Cd. Co., MCB, and in September, 1942, became sergeant major of Gd. Bn., where he served until his retirement. He now makes his home with his wife in Chula Vista, Cal.

Sgt. Maj. Barbour was first sworn into the Corps in Nashville, Tenn., in 1924. Since then his services as a Leatherneck have been varied and his travels have been wide.

DUTY AT SEA

The third cruise of the sergeant major included a short tour of sea duty aboard the USS New Mexico after which he requested additional duty in China.

After extensive anti-aircraft training, Sgt. Maj. Barbour again went overseas in the summer of 1941 to be on hand when Midway was attacked.

Allotment: An arrangement whereby the government guarantees that some of a GI's money is spent on the woman entitled to it.

Saturday Morning, September 16, 1944

Marines Who Captured Three French Ships at Oran Back From Northern Ireland With Famed Bagpipe Band

By 1st Sgt. William J. Neill

QUANTICO—To the weird skirling of Irish bagpipes, U. S. Marines from Londonderry, Northern Ireland, returned here a few days ago to mark their departure having "a crack at the Japs."

It was early in 1942 when the first of the Londonderry Det. gathered here to form what was then known as the 1st Prov. Marine Bn.

They came from all corners of the Corps and were under command of Col. Lucian W. Burnham. Their executive officer was Lt. Col. Louis C. Pluin, who later was to become famous in the North African landings.

AT SECRET BASE

After undergoing a rugged training course here, the battalion landed in Northern Ireland.

The base, at the time of the Marines' arrival, was considered high-

ly secret, but this classification was dropped June 17, 1943, when the King and Queen of the British Empire inspected a Marine Guard of Honor under the command of Lt. Col. James J. Dugan, at Larné, Ireland, and the inspection was made public.

Soon after this event, a small portion of the battalion left for Scotland under command of Lt. Col. Pluin, assisted by Capt. William Davis, to undergo commando training.

CAPTURED SHIPS

In November these men landed at Oran and Arzew in North Africa as part of the Allied invasion forces. Their part was no small one. During the attack they managed to capture three warships of the French navy. The only U. S. Marines to participate in that action, a few of the Londonderry Leathernecks were killed, but those who lived were decorated and commended.

800 Base Gas Applications Processed

Lauds His Men For Fighting Spirit

USNH, OAKLAND—High praise for his men was voiced by 2d Lt. William H. Reynolds of Vienna, Ill., recovering here from wounds received on Saipan.

"The toughest in my outfit did a glorious job," he declared. "They were always so anxious to move ahead that I had to hold them back, rather than see them take unnecessary risks. Those fellows weren't afraid of anything. I'm proud of 'em all!"

More than 800 applications for "A" gasoline books were received and processed by the Base ration board last week for MCB, FMF Hqts. and Camp Matthews personnel. Distribution of the new books started this week.

The ration board took on the job by special arrangement with OPA to spare Marines the inconvenience of filing applications at local schools as originally planned.

Ration board personnel also prepared and certified over 2000 food forms this week for men going on furloughs, principally veterans returned from overseas being pro-

cessed in the R&R Center.

These duties—in addition to the regular work of handling over 100 applications for supplemental gasoline rations, making Base tag inspections, and checking tires for possible replacements—gave the office its busiest week since its organization, according to 1st Sgt. Gerry H. Lockner, office manager.

"A" book applicants will not get their live inspection slips back. Instead they will be issued a mileage rationing record, which should be retained for the purpose of obtaining supplemental rations.

Tire rationing will not be lifted or modified, however. To obtain tire replacements, worn-out tires must continue to be inspected.

Personnel getting the new "A" books, which become valid Sept. 21, were urged to endorse the individual coupons immediately to prevent possible loss or theft.

New Band Leaves Base

19-Piece Group To Give Out With Swing in Field

A 19-piece battalion band left the Base this week for duty in the field, the fifth to be formed here and shipped out this year. TSgt. Scott Haynes, former radio musician, is in charge. He formerly played with the Glen Gray and Don Bestor orchestras.

1st Sgt. Ross E. Bates is assistant to TSgt. Haynes. Though the unit does not rate a drum major, PFC Sidney H. Gilbert, formerly of the "Halls of Montezuma" orchestra, will act in that capacity when called for. Another former "Halls" member attached to the unit is Corp. Dick Cutler.

Nucleus of the unit is a 14-piece swing band equipped to provide entertainment for men in the field.

First Aerial Gunner: "What's the last word in Jap planes?"
Second AG: "Jalap!"

AA. Hit Just Like Sock in Dark Alley

SOMEWHERE IN THE GILBERTS (Delayed)—"Just like you were walking through a dark alley and somebody reached out and hit you over the head with a two by four" was the way 2d Lt. Robert E. Stitt of Glen Ellyn, Ill., described the moment when a Jap AA shell smashed the windshield and cockpit of his plane. He escaped with a couple of slight cuts.

Service Battalion To Picnic Tomorrow

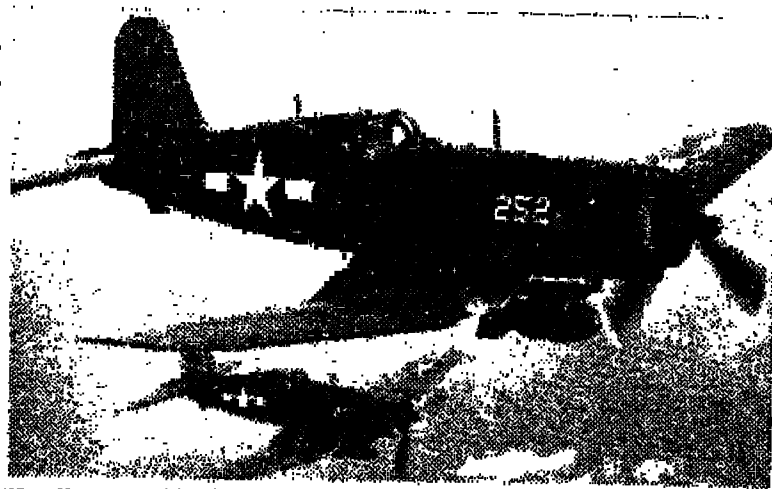
Last of the Ser. Bn. picnics for this year will be held tomorrow at El Monte Oak Park. All families of Ser. Bn. personnel and WRs not on duty have been invited. Transportation will leave about 0830 from Gate 4, the WR area and the flag pole.



Sgt. Maj. BARBOUR
... met Japs at Midway

The sergeant was convinced he had enough will-power to pass his favorite tavern on his way home. As he approached it he became somewhat shaky, but remembering his resolve, he walked past the door. Then after going about 50 yards he turned and said:

"Well done, Mickey me boy; come back now and I'll treat ye."

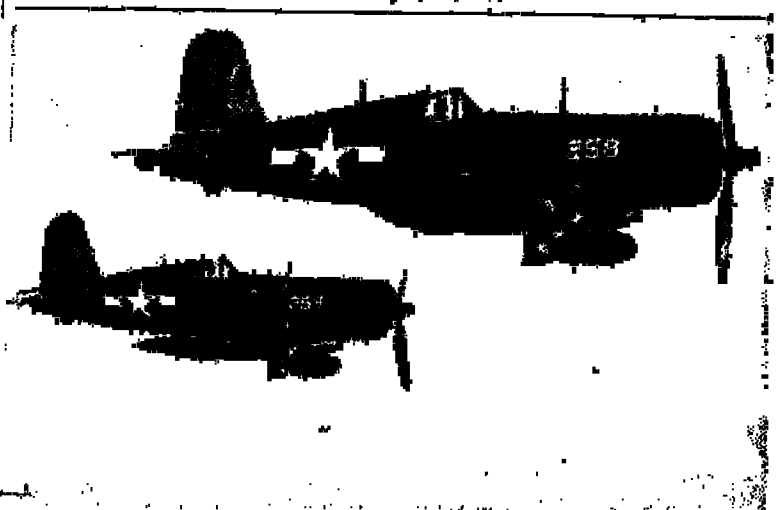


Battle Wounds

So far, 70 per cent of all battle wounds are in the legs and arms as compared with 70.8 per cent in the Civil War and 76.5 per cent in World War I.

First Of Dances

First of a series of dances at the Hostess House near Gate 4 was held Wednesday night, with the swing band directed by 1st Sgt. Hal Trueta providing the music.



DOUBLE DUTY. Fighter plane speed and bomber accuracy are newest Jap worry since 4th Mar. Air Wing Corsairs were fitted up with special bomb carrying racks.

Jap Worries Doubled As Corsairs Lug Bombs, Too

Increasing bomb loads dropped on Jap-held territory in the Pacific has been partly due to the special bomb racks which enable Marine Corsair fighters to pound Jap installations daily.

A Pearl Harbor dispatch reveals, for example, that Marine dive bombers and fighters teamed up for a "field day" Sept. 1 in the

Marshall, dropping 63 tons of bombs and strafing concentrations of personnel on three atolls.

Fighter plane speed surprises enemy AA batteries. One squadron of the 4th Mar. Air Wing recently totaled 1,257,130 pounds of high explosives in less than 60 days. They frequently attained better than 90 per cent accuracy on small targets.

Pacific Skies Now Dull To Famed Marine Fliers Veterans 'Hit' PX

By Special Staff Writer
Guadalcanal Correspondent

EMILIAU, St. Matthias Islands (Delayed) Nine sharpshooting Marine fighter pilots who blasted down an average of twenty-eight planes each in the battle of Guadalcanal two years ago are fighting together again and longing for the busy days when there were plenty of Jap planes to fight.

Today, in this area, there are no enemy planes at all. And the nine airmen save two who hold operations jobs are lashing explosives to their gull-winged Corsairs and dive-bombing Rabaul and Kavieng.

25-PLANE ACT

The aviators are Maj. Joseph Ross of Fairfax Falls, S. D., first 25-plane ace of World War II and holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor; Maj. Marion E. Carl of Hubbard, Ore., 18's planes (15's on Guadalcanal); Maj. John King of Brookline, Mass.; Capt. Roger A. Huberman of Hollywood, Cal.; 7; Lt. Col. Rivers J. Morrell of San Diego, Cal.; 5; Capt. Jacob A. O. Stuy Jr. of Minneapolis, Minn.; 3; 1st Lt. John D. Lipdley of Oklahoma City, Okla.; 1; and Maj. Thaddeus P. Wojcik of St. Paul, Minn.

There is little comparison be-

tween the present activities of the airmen and the life they led on "the Canal." They live in spacious, airy huts, eat an occasional egg and steak at a clean, wooden mess hall, and have time for swimming, volleyball and movies. They fly every other day.

On Guadalcanal they flew seven days a week against discouragingly heavy odds of Japanese bombers and Zeros. Sometimes they could put out but a dozen planes—which

they not infrequently serviced themselves—into the air to meet attacks by hundreds of enemy aircraft.

Nearly all the nine pilots hold medals for their Guadalcanal duty. Maj. Carl has two Navy Crosses and an Air Medal; Capt. Huberman a Navy Cross and a Purple Heart; and Col. Morrell, Maj. King, Capt. Freeman and Stuy and Lt. Lipdley have been awarded the DFC.

Navy Will Hold Men Until Japs Licked

WASHINGTON—The defeat of Germany will bring about no demobilization of the Navy, Navy Secretary Forrestal said today.

"On the contrary, the Navy is expanding and will continue to expand," he declared. "The Navy cannot demobilize until Japan is defeated."

Luggage Supply Dwindles as Vets Arrive on Base

Supplies of luggage, barracks caps and leather belts dwindled at the Base PX this week as hundreds of 2nd Div. veterans added the finishing touches to their new khaki uniforms and prepared to head for home for 30-day furloughs.

Maj. L. W. Putnam, assistant PX officer, said the exchange was prepared for the group, having learned by experience during the recent return of 1st Div. men.

With luggage in week-long demand by the veterans of Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian, PX trucks made trips to the Los Angeles area to obtain luggage ordered earlier, manufacturers being unable to comply with demands for delivery.

A large supply of articles most needed by the homeward-bound Leathernecks was on hand in the PX warehouses when 2nd Div. men arrived, Maj. Putnam said.

During the first 11 days of September, the period of heaviest demand, 2000 pieces of luggage valued at between \$12,000 and \$13,000 were sold. During the same period, 1200 barracks caps and 1250 leather belts passed over the PX counters.

Ship Losses

WASHINGTON—Since Dec. 6, 1941, the Navy has lost by sinking 1 battleship, 6 carriers, 5 heavy cruisers, 3 light cruisers, 38 destroyers, 4 destroyer escorts, 3 submarines and 73 miscellaneous craft.

Many Marines In Pacific Study For Diplomas

MIDWAY (Delayed)—Nearly 10 per cent of all personnel stationed here are taking advantage of educational programs offered through the U. S. Armed Forces Institute.

Some Leathernecks and sailors are working on college courses while others, who entered the service before completing high school, are building up night school credits. Already several hundred men here have completed their high school credits and received diplomas here.

Most popular subjects are mathematics, radio, mechanics and other technical courses. Classes in bookkeeping and accounting, business law, physics, art and Spanish are also well attended—Sgt. Malvern McFarley Jr., F204.

Old Shanghai Hands Started Chevron

Now it comes out that the Marines who started this newspaper weren't so original, after all, when they picked the name, "The Chevron."

For WO. Everett L. Tennyson of Pers. Grp., MCAD, Miramar, rummaging through some mementoes of Shanghai duty, turned up a copy of the first "Chevron"—a four-page weekly paper published by the NCO Club of the 4th Marines in Shanghai back in 1934 and '35.

Two old-timers on the Base, Sgts Maj. J. A. Plumadore, "top" at 2nd Gd. Co., and C. H. DeZarn of the D and I office, who between them have turned in 58 years of service with the Corps, got a chuckle out of the old "Chevron"—for they were stationed in Shanghai at the time of the printing (Sept. 5, 1935) of the issue owned by WO. Tennyson.

"The Chevron was a good paper even then," recalled Sgt. Maj. Plumadore, "but quite naturally it didn't compare with The Chevron we know today."

"Every Marine out there read it," Sgt. Maj. DeZarn added. "We looked forward to the paper each week—pretty much like the Marines today look for The Chevron."

The old issue lists Corp. Matthew R. Kenney as editor, with Col. John C. Beaumont as honorary president. Leading news item of the issue was a radio dispatch telling of the death in the Philippines of Sgt. Maj. Alexander Piley, No. 1 enlisted Marine at Weiping and third ranking sergeant major of the Corps.

Short story of the week: "Wipe Them!" She wrote.



REMEMBER? Sgts Maj. J. A. Plumadore (left) and C. H. DeZarn chuckle as issue of the old Chevron recalls Shanghai duty of the '30s. (Photo by PFC. E. J. Wishin).

Overseas Xmas Mailing Time Here

Santa Claus may well take on temporary rank of rear admiral during the next few months, for a fleet of hundreds of cargo ships will be placed in his service to deliver Christmas packages to Navy, Marine and Coast Guard men everywhere throughout the world.

Final preparations are being made by Navy fleet postoffices to handle 25,000,000 packages which are expected to be mailed to men overseas during Christmas mailing month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15.

This is almost four times the volume of packages mailed to men of the "Mae" services for Christmas of last year.

Seaparcels may travel by train, truck, ship, plane and amphibious craft before reaching the addressees, officers of the San Diego fleet postoffice said.

Because of the great morale value of the packages, the Navy will make every effort to deliver them by Christmas. Senders must comply with the following regulations, however, to make such delivery possible:

1. Give the full address of the man, including his ship or unit. Place the address clearly on one side of the package and inside on a card. List contents on the card.
2. Packages must not exceed 10 pounds in weight, 15 inches in length and girth combined. They must be wrapped securely.
3. Christmas gift parcels must be mailed between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15.
4. Perishables will not be accepted and foods and materials of a fragile nature are strongly discouraged.

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Ex-Cowhand Still Totes His Fancy Shootin' Iron

CAMP PENDLETON—"Pistol Packin' Papa."

That would be an appropriate title for TSgt. John E. Choate, who lugs around a .375 cal. Manhurst pistol that appears to extend from the holster to his shoe tops.

Choate, on duty as a mess sergeant at a Medical Bn. here, purchased the weapon when he rode the range on his Buckholts, Tex., ranch back in 1936.

Nov. 12, 1937, Choate stepped off the trail at Quantico and enlisted. He totes his pet pistol with him and hasn't parted with it to this day.

Sgt. Choate boarded the USS Augusta and dropped anchor in China in 1939. The first thing he yanked from his seabag was the firearm and it was almost constantly on his hip.

The weapon fires three different shells—38s, .38 specials and No. 357s—and Sgt. Choate spends several hours each week on the pistol range sharpening up his shooting eye.

Sgt. CHOATE... faithful to his favorite

Bank Book of ARC Located on Guam

GUAM (Delayed)—The Guam Chapter of the ARC can resume activities. Its bank book was found in a muddy blunder in the northern hills.

First entry on the account, started in 1936, was on Dec. 3, 1941, a week before the Japs swarmed over this American head. Sgts. Bill Burnett, combat correspondent

Bear A Hand

FOR RENT
DOUBLE ROOM in private home. adj. to bath. \$10 per week. 1210 Laguna, San Diego. Two blocks from No. 1 car line.

LOST
LONGER WATCH at Oceanview beach. Silver case, round face, sweep second hand, two stems. Call Mr. Tring. Command, Camp Pendleton, Exchange 31, Mar. 1955. Long Two; or write PO Box 205, San Clemente.

FOR SALE
OFFICER'S OVERCOAT, worn twice. Call M-8736 or RUC No. 5, USNH, San Diego. 13. Lawrence Brown.

AUTO HEATER and four tires, two new and two retreads. Cash deal. Call 1514. Pennell, Camp Pendleton, Exchange 31, Mar. 1955. Long Two; or write PO Box 205, San Clemente.

WILL DRIVE EAST
MARINE to be discharged next week will drive car to east coast address of owner, with or without passengers. Phone M-34141, Ext. 1282. Sgt. Lou Givins.

WANTED
SMALL bicycle. Capt. Ward, Ext. 327.

With Marines In Battle . . .

USNH, SAN LEANDRO, Cal.—Japs on Saipan "seemed to want to slug it out with us" around Garapan, according to PFC. Maxime V. Duran of La Mesa, N. M. Japs on Guam resorted to the old American Indian method of fighting from tree to tree when the going got rough for them, said PFC. John M. Prohaska of Des Moines, Ia.

Dirt and debris thrown up by exploding Jap shells on Saipan literally buried PFC. Billy J. Garrett of Hollis, Okla., twice on the first day of fighting, but quick work by a buddy saved him from suffocation. PFC. Albert J. Wolff of Chicago, gunner in a tank crew, related how four Marine tanks met an equal number of Jap tanks on Guam and knocked out three in less than three minutes. PFC. Harold E. Carey of Chicago said a Saipan casefield was "so thick it was hard to get at Japs with rifle and MG. fire, so our mortars opened up and really mowed down that cane—and some Japs, too."

Although relieved at Garapan after 23 days of continuous fighting, his outfit went back into action, according to PFC. Joseph G. Balba of St. Louis, and retook lost ground, captured a great many Japs, and advanced about 600 yards beyond the previous day's front-line.

a field hospital on Guam and tried to bayonet some of our wounded.

"Col. Carlson has plenty of nerve and isn't lacking in that so-called 'moxie,'" said PFC. Robert M. Doyle of New York City. "His contempt for the Japs just seemed to inspire the rest of us." PFC. Gordon E. Nelson of Minneapolis was shot through the left hand by a "dead" Jap officer.

"It was a new type of fighting for us veterans of Guadalcanal," recalls Sgt. James A. McCarroll, Buffalo, N. Y., of the Guam assault. "For the first time the Japs came to us instead of having to be dug out. It was open terrain and there was very little bush fighting."

320 High Range Score For Week

CAMP MATTHEWS—High score among recruits firing for record at this range last week was the 320 scored by Pvt. Bruce J. Zobel of Platoon 703 and San Francisco, Cal. Crowding the leader with a 319 was Pvt. Roy J. Cradick of Platoon 770 and Clarkston, Wash.

Qualifying scores were made by all but three of the 67 recruits in Platoon 770, giving the platoon a qualification percentage of 95.5, high for the week. Sgt. Marvin N. Gerstner coached this platoon on the school range. Its DI is PFC. M. G. Orton.

"You say the sergeant was shocked over the death of his mother-in-law?"

"Shocked! He was electrified!"

'Human Bomb' Explodes In Corsair

Jap Stays Hidden
In Ship 9 Hours
Awaiting Flight

OROTE AIRFIELD, Guam (Delayed)—A grenade-laden Jap with a flair for the spectacular hid for nine hours behind the seat of a parked Corsair fighter and then scared the daylight out of two pilots and a ground crew when he wrought his own destruction.

1stLt. Rolland E. Marker of Kansas City, Mo., who sat in the plane for hours reading and writing letters before being relieved by another pilot, said "I guess the Jap became tired of waiting for the plane to go up. He probably intended to ride the plane into the air and make a surprise attack."

PILOTS UNSUSPECTING

Neither Lt. Marker nor his fellow, 1stLt. Lowell E. Wilkerson of St. Maries, Ida., suspected anything wrong though both heard noises inside the plane, which they attributed to mechanics on the outside. Just a few minutes after Lt. Wilkerson entered the craft, the Jap blew himself up. A large piece of shrapnel lodged in the double armor plate on the pilot's seat.

Probably the man most surprised by the presence of the Jap was Sgt. Athel W. Pearson of Bunker, Tex., who had begun working on the plane long before daylight.

"It beats me," said Pearson, "I had been working around the ship since 0400—about eight or nine hours. I was scrubbing the bottom of the fuselage—that crazy Jap must have been only a fraction of an inch from my hand and I didn't even know it."

After inspecting the damaged plane, Sgt. Pearson was surprised to find that the Jap hadn't tampered with the controls or installations in the fighter.



LAST STAND. Fanatical Jap sniper armed with grenades hid out in this Corsair fighter on Orote airstrip several hours before attempting to kill pilot, 1stLt. L. E. Wilkerson (shirtless, bending over Jap's body). It didn't work.

tions in the fighter.

After the first explosion, TSgt. Charles Mohalechko of Centralia, Pa., leaped to the cockpit to check a gas leak and narrowly missed having his feet blown from under him by a second explosion. He thought the explosion was caused by oxygen or carbon dioxide bottles, and climbed into the plane to shut off gas and hydraulic lines.

Bomb disposal experts extracted the crumpled Jap corpse and unexploded grenades from the plane.—SgtSgt. Chester D. Palmer and Harold Powell, combat correspondents.

Marine Engineer Wrecks 'Old Nell'

SAIPAN (Delayed)—This island had its first train wreck today. The little Jap engine, which looks like one of our toy trains, didn't quite make a curve and landed on its side.

Lying there helpless, it was still giving off steam. The engineer had left, but a few Marines said they thought he had probably put too much pressure on the boiler and little Nellie just couldn't take it around a curve.

But it wasn't long before a crew

had little Nellie right side up and back on the tracks. She had only a few bent places and scratches to show for the crash.

Nell, who used to haul sugar for her former owners, has been doing yeoman service hauling Marine supplies up and down the island. Needless to say, the engineer has been warned, and from now on there will be no steaming around curves over 10 miles an hour.—SgtSgt. Gerald D. Gordon, combat correspondent.



CARRY ON. Two entering recruits, Pvt. David Buschman of Williamsburg, Mo., (left) and George Dan of Fruitland, N. M., read Marine record on new monument in front of Receiving Bks., RD. (Photo by PFC, E. J. Wishin).

Two Schools On Base Without Student Quotas

Base Cooks and Bakers School and the QM School of Administration have been receiving no new students and instruction is being awaited as to what agency is to furnish them. It was made known this week.

A new class at the QM School would normally start Monday, but the school has received no students for some time.

Although authority was given to Cooks and Bakers School recently to instruct 10 men a month in the mess management course and 20 every four weeks in the regular cooks course, no students had been obtained for these classes by this week. At present five classes remain under the old schedule, with the last of these to graduate Oct. 14.

A total of 304 students remain in Base Motor Transport School, which is scheduled to close about Nov. 1. No new students are being taken into this school here.

Shoe and Textile Repair School has been receiving its regular quota of students, 30 from the east coast and 30 from the west coast. Japanese Language School also has been supplied with its quota.

Changes of Duty

Capt. Albert F. Maréchal joined Ser. M. J. Tran, Command, Camp Pendleton, as relief of Maj. Joseph A. Meyer, CO of MT School.

1stLt. Byrne has been assigned as assistant to the Base MT officer.

1stLt. Paul L. Hira joined Sig. Co. from overseas as an officer in field platoons.

Capt. George P. Satter, CO of Radio Co. 1, Sig. Bn., to his home in Kansas City, Mo., to await return to active duty. He had been confined at USNH, San Diego, for about two months. His post has been taken by Capt. George M. Hays.

WO Robert D. Fighera, O-4 of the Shoe and Textile Repair School, received an appointment as second lieutenant in the QM Dept.

Capt. Dan D. Edwards, purchasing officer of the Base PX for the last two years, to his home to await return to active duty. He has been replaced by Capt. Leo J. Wilson, an assistant PX officer.

1stLt. Charles M. Dismukes Jr. from duty with 3rd Cd. Bn. is assistant PX officer.

WO Charles Klein from duty in RD to personnel adjutant of Qd. Co.

Dispensary Changes

Lt. Comdr. Dwight W. Miles, USN, psychologist, to N.A.T.P. Jacksonville, Fla.

Lt. (jg) Marvin Carmichael, USN, reported as assistant dental officer at the 1st Dental Clinic, his first duty station.

WO Ralph Green, USN, joined the Base Dispensary staff from overseas as base sanitation officer.

Gherk Almost Goes Outpost

Reluctant Gunther Slowly Volunteers For FMF Duty

By GUNTHER (Harry M. Pack) GHERKIN

The other day I got a letter from Gringle which I didn't believe at first. But I do now. Gringle (he's my overseas brother in the Marines) said that before the Marines attack, each man has to sign for his equipment and ammunition, and get a release from the local Changée-For-Changée store, certifying he is all paid up for his purchases of Kleenex, Joy Juice, South Pacific style. He also said that after each battle, the men had to account for their expended ammunition, and unless there was a dead Jap to show for each bullet, the cost of the bullet was deducted from the next pay.

I believed this was one of Gringle's snow jobs until an experience I had this very week.

Tuesday morning, as some of you may recall, was payday. I was in line in time and drew my monthly stint, \$35. With the bills tucked away safely, I wandered toward the slot chute to see if it really did open at 0800.

That Man Called Me

Suddenly a deep voice wrapped itself around my ears and hauled me into the battalion office. I stood before the sergeant major of our local.

"Gherkin," he rumbled, "I have great news for you."

"Fine, sir," I said. "When do I leave for home?"

"This is better than going home," he said. "It's something you've been wanting for a long time."

"Am I to become a sergeant?"

"Now you're dreaming wild dreams of glory," the SM said. "But I'll tell you. You can say goodbye to your hated life on FI. You are leaving tomorrow for Camp Lejeune and FMF. Congratulations."

They revived me with a dash of cold water.

"When do I leave?" I finally stammered.

"Tomorrow morning. Now there are a few little things you will have to do before you go. It shouldn't take you more than 15 or 20 minutes."

He handed me a sheet of papers. "Just get these signed by the proper authorities and have them back to me by this afternoon. Then pack your sea bag. Do you have a weapon?"

"No, sir," I said. "I have a Reling."

"Turn it in at the armory and draw an M-1. Turn in your pistol belt and draw a cartridge belt. Turn in your aluminum canteen and draw an enamel wash bowl.

Turn in your tent, cot and draw a first aid kit M-2. Turn in your long bayonet and draw a short sword."

"I have no bayonet," I said.

"Then draw one and turn it in. It says here you have to turn one in. If you don't have one, do what I said."

"Do I turn in my equipment first, or do I get these signatures first?" I asked.

"It doesn't matter. Before you can get the signatures you have to show a receipt for your 782 equipment, and before you can turn in your 782 equipment, you have to have your signatures. So either way you do it doesn't matter because if one comes before the other it can't because the other has to come first and both at the same time according to regulations."

I staggered out and started to gather my possessions together. I looked around for a few moments, then called the sergeant major on the phone.

"I'm sorry," I said. "I can't ship out."

"Why not?" he inquired politely.

"I have too much stuff," I said.

He ignored me.

"Have you turned in your Reling for the M-1?"

"That I have," I said.

"Well, a new order just came out. Run right over to the armory and turn in your M-1 for a BAR."

And Then This —

I picked up my Reling and raced to the armory, requesting I turn it in for an M-1. The armory people looked at the Reling. "Your gun is rusty," they said.

"It must have happened on the way over," I said. "It was clean as a whistle when I left a few minutes ago."

"Well, you'll have to pay for the depreciation. Five dollars, please."

I gave them the five, then requested I draw an M-1. As soon as I had signed for my rifle, I shoved it back across the counter. "I'd like to exchange this for a BAR," I said.

The armory man examined the rifle. "Mountain," he said. "You've been neglecting this weapon. It's got STB, TMEB, a crooked muzzle velocity, BO, and a broken sight alignment. That will cost you \$11."

"But . . ."

"Eleven bucks or you go to Portsmouth," he growled.

I finally staggered out, carried my BAR back to the shack, and had just put it down when the phone rang again. It was the ser-

geant major. "When you go out to get your signatures," he said, "you'll have to carry your park sea-bag and BAR with you. It's an old custom."

I glanced at the thermometer which was bubbling nicely at about 140 degrees. "Yes, sir," I said. "And do I have to wear greens?"

"Certainly," he replied. "And your overcoat."

I dressed, hoisted my baggage to my shoulders, and picked up my BAR.

I stopped at the PX for that signature. They were nice to me. "It won't be the same old PX with you here to hold the counters down to keep them from floating away," they said.

I shouldered my burdens once again and set out for the Post Farm. Twenty minutes and a mile later, I dragged myself to the farm office and pushed my paper forward.

In His Heyday

"Help us get in the hay and give me \$10, and I'll sign your paper," the GI farmer said.

I agreed. It took two hours, and was it hot! Have you ever tried pitching hay while you carried a sea bag and a Gatling gun, and wore your greens and overcoat? But there was no other choice. I had to be in the uniform of the bay.

As I passed the farm office, they called me to the telephone. It was the sergeant major. He advised me to run back to the armory (some two miles) and turn in my Gatling gun and cutlass for a knee mortar and scimitar.

I crawled away from the armory on my hands and knees, weak from hunger, exhausted, but with most of my signatures still to be secured.

I had to see the chaplain to get a release from him. As I slithered slowly into his office, dragging my body on the deck, the phone rang. It was the sergeant major.

"Say, Gherkin," he said jovially. "There's been a little mistake. You're not going outpost after all. I hope I haven't caused you any inconvenience."

"What?" I screamed. "Not going? You can't do this to me. You can't do you hear me. No! No! No! It's too cruel. Chaplain! Chaplain!"

Corp.: "Sir, your daughter has promised to be my wife."

Father: "It's your own fault, Mac. I knew you were hanging around too long."



They Want To Go Back

By Sgt. Keyes Beech, Combat Correspondent

CAMP PENDLETON—Whatever illusions they had about war they left in the jungles of the Solomons and on the beaches of Tarawa, but now they are ready to go back again.

They want to go back.

Six veterans of some of the bitterest fighting in the Pacific, chosen at random from a unit with a high percentage of men with overseas service, said they preferred to be overseas rather than remain in the U. S.—"so long as there's a war going on."

They wave no flags and they are not, to quote a familiar expression, "eager to get another crack at the Japs." They know that the Japs crack back.

"Don't get me wrong," said Sgt. Robert C. Turner of East Aurora, N. Y., a veteran of Bougainville who spent 19 months overseas.

"I won't feel the same as I did when I went over the first time," he said. "I know it's no South Sea island cruise. But I'd feel awfully funny if I stayed here in the States when my outfit was overseas and I had to read in the papers how my buddies were getting hell shot out of 'em."

Capt. Leonor "Frenchy" Olivier of Eunice, La., at 20 a veteran of Tulagi, Guadalcanal and Tarawa, was one of the first Marines to land on Tarawa, where he won the Silver Star.

Now that he is about to go overseas again, "Frenchy" had this to say: "People here in the States just don't know the score. Maybe it isn't their fault, I don't know. All I know is that I'll be happier when I get back over. Life is a lot simpler over there, and I'd like to be back with my buddies."

Sgt. Leonard M. Stregowski of Detroit spent 12 months overseas and was with a paratroop unit on Bougainville.

"The sooner we get it over with the sooner I can get back to civilian life," he said. "You can't win a war sitting here in the States. Besides, military life is a lot simpler overseas. Another thing is you don't have any money worries."

PFC. Louis H. Boone of Birmingham, Ala., has five years in the Corps, including 18 months overseas, and served with paratroops on Bougainville.

"I'm not brave," said Boone, "but I'm glad I'm going back into combat. Over there you can tell the men from the boys."

Sgt. James E. Owens of Lansing, Mich., also wants to get the war over with so he can go back to peacetime life. He served 22 months overseas and fought on Guadalcanal and Bougainville.

CySgt. Robert B. Ettenborough of Bremerton, Wash., with 10 years in the service, is a professional fighting man. And although he won the Silver Star on Bougainville, Ettenborough knows enough about war to admit that he doesn't like it.

"I'd be a liar if I said I was anxious to get back over," he said, "but with the war still going on I might as well be over there as in the States. Besides, since I intend to stay in this outfit the more overseas time I have in the better off I'll be."



Marines Listen When He Talks About The Weather

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Everyone talks about the weather, but when PFC. Fred Kalseth of Chicago discusses it, he gathers rapt listeners.

Kalseth, a glum student here, was a mechanic in the Norwegian Air Force for approximately nine months. Part of his training called for a 27-day expedition from a base in Canada to the Yukon area. And the temperature there nosedived occasionally to 72 below. Consequently, at the El Centro airport, where the thermometer at times zooms to 120 above, he considers his experiences with these extremes sufficient to warrant voicing occasional comparisons.

In December, 1942, Kalseth, who was born in Trondheim, Norway, tried to enlist in the Corps. Not being a naturalized citizen, he was rejected.

Undaunted, he enlisted in the Norwegian Air Force and received part of his recruit training in Canada. He served under the Norwegian flag until August, 1943.

Back in Chicago on a furlough, he found that a new law made it possible for him to enlist. He joined the Corps in August, 1943, and became a citizen.—Pvt. William L. Hengen.

Cooks and Bakers Demonstration Set

A cooks and bakers demonstration team from Camp Lejeune will conduct a week's demonstration at each MCB mess hall beginning about Oct. 1. Appropriate training films on cooking, baking and butchering will be shown. The team, now at Camp Pendleton, is composed of one officer and six NCOs.



PFC. KALSETH
... knows his weather

War Bond Record Of Base Praised

High praise for MCB's War Bond record was voiced by Capt. R. S. Rose, Bond promotion officer, HQMC, who was aboard the base this week during a tour of West Coast stations. "The War Bond program has been well handled here and is to be highly commended," he said.

Capt. Rose was accompanied by Col. George T. Hall, former CO of RD who was recently named War Bond officer for DCP.

More and more Marines are signing up for bond allotments, Capt. Rose said, pointing out that it is "the one program of the Corps under which the individual himself gets the benefit in the form of a nest egg for the future."

Trio In Heroic Role As 3000 Japs Join Their Ancestors In Bitter Battle

By Sgt. George H. Mattie
Combat Correspondent

SAPAN (Delayed)—It takes (fabulous courage, fighting skill, and that extra something that makes a Marine to change 3000 screaming, desperate, fanatic Japs into sprawling bodies on a short, narrow beach strip in four dark hours of night.

Here is the story of three Leathernecks and their experience in the bloody hell that was the coast west of Kaberra Pass.

The three are Corp. Robert J. Blaha of Bessemer, Mich., and PFCs. Marvin E. Atchison of McPherson, Kans., and William J. Micklick of Kansas City, Kans.

JAPS DRIVEN TO OCEAN

Their story starts at about 2300 on the night of July 8. The crack 2nd Mar. Regt. had driven seaward from the high cliffs shadowing the northwest coast of Sapan, pinching the desperate enemy into the caves at the ocean's edge.

When the fired warriors dug their foxholes in the dusk, they were only 35 to 50 yards from the enemy. The Japs had their backs to the sea. They waited till night, then slipped from their caves, crawled through the high grass toward the Marines and charged.

Blaha, Atchison and Micklick had a light machine gun on the line. Hugging the earth, they peered into the dark trying to spot the screaming enemy.

JAPS KEEP COMING

Using their rifles, the machine gun and incendiary grenades for illumination, the Leathernecks started at the enemy. The Japs continued to come. Their fire fire criss-crossed the area. Their grenades lobbed around the foxhole. One grenade registered and the machine gun was damaged beyond immediate use.

The three Marines moved to an adjacent hole, laid over another machine gun from dead and wounded buddies, and continued to spray the area in front of them.

Jap dead were piling in the grass, but more came. They attempted another storming action against the spitting machine gun, but this time they played smarter. The gun position was on a slight rise. They crawled under the line of fire to toss hand grenades into the position. The second machine gun was knocked out.

USE ANOTHER GUN

The three Marines rushed to another hole nearby. While two of them blasted at the enemy with rifle and grenades, the third scouted another gun, set it up, brought ammunition, and put it in to action.

For better fire position, Blaha left his buddies and scurried to a flanking hole. He didn't stay long. "I wasn't there a minute when a Jap grenade glared off a rock, and landed right in the hole. It got the guy in it in the leg. I helped get him out, then got back to my buddies," he said.

Things were no better for his pals. With Atchison on the machine gun and Micklick covering, the Japs still swarmed in. A Jap grenade found its target, and the third machine gun was blown out of action. It was time to move again.

STREAM OF FIRE

In an adjacent hole, a dead Marine lay at his gun. The three Leathernecks moved him. Micklick taking the dead man's pistol and ammunition. While Atchison tried to get the machine gun, the fourth, into action, Blaha and Micklick held off the enemy. Micklick's fire was almost continuous. He would empty his pistol, reload, fire his rifle, reload, then repeat with pistol.

Atchison was having trouble with the machine gun. Too many parts were damaged too badly for field repair. He rushed to the hole the three had left, dragged the other damaged gun back with him and went to work to rebuild one work-

able gun from two that were damaged.

Frequently, he had to stop work to dash out for ammunition for his two buddies. Behind them they heard the welcome rumble of a Marine tank. Big help had come.

"And at about that time," said Blaha, "the sky opened up and it rained the worst rain I think I was ever in. It was cold, too, and I started to shiver. Come to think of it, I shivered plenty before the rain came, too, and I wasn't cold."

With the tank's support, the three Marines had time to scout out the necessary parts to get the machine gun in working order. Their ammunition supplies replenished, the gun parking, they continued the fight. They didn't

moved backward a step.

How long had they been fighting? They didn't know. Said Micklick: "It was a helluva long night, that's all I know." But by about 0300, the fury of the Jap attack lessened, fell to sporadic thrusts, died.

When the grey dawn lighted the beach area, Jap bodies sprawled to left, to right, at the gun's very mouth, behind Marine foxholes. In many places along that bloody beach, the bodies were actually stacked.

By actual count, over 3000 Jap soldiers died in the night's four hours of hell. Marines bled and died, too.

How many Japs did the three Marines kill? "We got our share," they said.



GOING TO SCHOOL. Instruction on the M-1 is included in the three-week course at the DI school. "Students" are, from left: Sgt. John Robinson, Corp. C. E. Vandemark and Sgt. R. J. DeWitz. (Photo by PFC. E. J. Wishm).

18 Drill Instructors End Studies In Base School

Eighteen DIs were to graduate today with the fifth class to complete the three-week course in the RD Drill Instructors School. Six others enrolled Monday in the school's seventh class, which probably will be the last of the large classes to be enrolled every week.

After graduation of the class which started Monday the school will have supplied sufficient DIs to handle the present load of recruits. The school will be continuous, however, as one-twelfth of the DIs are to be relieved each month and completion of the course will be required of all DIs who report to RD in the future.

Those to graduate today are:

1st Sgt. Bob Balliew, John D. Daly, Herman C. Jones, John Caska, Ralph A. Wood, Sats, Melvin E. Foster, James W. Lister, Theodore D. Price, Fred C. Reynolds, Edward Strobe, J. Leland E. Sutton, Jesse L. White, Charles Daniel R. Berg, Donald K. Erickson, Jacob K. Cyndeyev, James S. Rankin, Cyrus D. Vandemick.

DOGGONE—HE'S HOME

GySgt. Smoky Dreams Of Soft Duty

Four and a half years of faithful service with Leathernecks at Kodiak, Alaska, was at an end for GySgt. Smoky Smoky this week and with his black tail wagging he headed for Bassett, Neb., to

overseas, he showed considerable interest in Women Marines—but obligated his hope that they will return to their rightful place in the home after the war.

GySgt. Smoky's baggage includes considerable cocker spaniel and soiree terrier. The latter may have been responsible for his having "committed a nuisance" in the FCO quarters at Kodiak which resulted in six months' probation.



GySgt. SMOKY

... Wants to be a ranger

spent a 30-day furlough with his adopted sister, GySgt. Dallas R. Bennett.

Interviewed by classification officers in the R&R Center on the Base, GySgt. Smoky expressed a desire that his next assignment be in the forest ranger service. Like most other Marines returned from

Marshall's Marines Turn to Gardening

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALLS (Delayed)—One of the most popular hobbies on this island, where six months ago Japs were strongly entrenched, is the cultivation of victory gardens.

Marines stationed here are planting everything from lettuce to watermelons. The 26-day raid has so far proved to be the most successful vegetable planted.—Sgt. Earl G. Waters, combat correspondent.

Amphibian Tractors Deliver Goods At Guam

Almanac Second To Bible In Reading Popularity

SOMEWHERE IN THE GILBERTS (Delayed)—If any one is wondering about what to give a Marine in this area for Christmas, here's a suggestion—give him a copy of the latest World Almanac. Mine is wearing out from overuse.

Statistics show that the Book of Facts is a close runner-up to the Bible as the most popular of literature. The reason is simple: the most favored form of recreation by far around here is arguing—about anything and everything. The arguments frequently wind up in bets, and for settling arguments and bets about anything and everything, the World Almanac has no peer.

SETTLES WAGERS

The first day my copy arrived on the island, it was quoted to settle wagers as to the capitals of Massachusetts, Tennessee and West Virginia. The word got around and pretty soon somebody borrowed it to check up on a guy who claimed he could name all the U. S. presidents. He missed Rutherford B. Hayes.

After that there was a little dispute about the relative populations of Texas and New York City, another on the date of the first Taisho Schmeeling fight, and a third on the population of Japan. It's been in circulation ever since. —Sgt. Robert W. Harvey, combat correspondent.

Women On Parade

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Passing in review in their military appearance, two companies of WRs made a colorful and highly successful debut at a parade and review held here recently.



BIG BOY. CWO, John P. Romer Jr. has kept pace with the growth of the Corps. He adds five pounds of weight a year, which has taken him from 143 pounds in 1918 to 270 at present. He can no longer squeeze into a cockpit.

Marine Gains 127 Pounds During Service In Corps

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—CWO, John P. Romer Jr. of Washington, D. C., now serving with a unit of the 4th Mar. Air Wing here, has gained an average of five pounds a year since his enlistment.

Five pounds a year doesn't sound like much, but in the case of CWO, Romer, who has been a Leatherneck since 1918, it means the difference between 143 and 270 pounds. "I haven't been up in a two-seater plane for a long time," he says. "I just couldn't squeeze into the cockpit." He originally enlisted in July, 1918, and spent a year in France. "I made PFC while I was serving on mess duty in France," he says. "The cook fixed me up a big dinner to celebrate the occasion."

Leathernecks Play For USO Dances

The "Halls of Montezuma" swing band directed by WO, Frederick Lock, Base band officer, will begin playing for the USO-sponsored dances at the Mission Beach ballroom tomorrow afternoon. The dances are held from 1500 to 1800 every Sunday, with Marines and WRs invited.

First All-Marine Water Show Staged At Mojave

Marines Battle Brush Fires For Six Days, Nights

MCAS, SANTA BARTBARA—Hundreds of Leatherneck volunteers from this air station formed the backbone of the fire-fighting strength mustered for six days and nights to bring under control a forest fire that ravaged nearly 20,000 acres of grazing land and threatened scores of homes in the Los Padres National Forest area about 25 miles from here. The fire broke out Aug. 26.

Officers in charge said the heat, smoke and rugged terrain made the work particularly dangerous.

Hit Aquacade Will Appear at Other Stations

MCAS, MOJAVE—Amphibious operations in the Mojave desert are something new—but the Marines staged them last Sunday at the Station's Combat Training Tank in the form of an aquacade—the first all-Marine water show of its kind ever presented.

The novel performance, staged in the huge new swamped pool under bright floodlights, drew a packed "house."

The aquacade guest, PFC, Peggy Crendon, was introduced by Col. Daniel W. Torrey, CO of MBDA(1-44. In an exhibition by the "world's fastest kicker," Corp. Dick Warton of March Field swam 50 meters—using rubber foot-fins in 17 seconds. TSgt. Bernard S. Puchalski challenged him to a race, kickboard against fins, and made the distance in the phenomenal time of three seconds. The time was later disallowed when it was discovered that the kickboard was attached to a wire pulled by a jeep outside the pool.

Sixteen WRs put on exhibitions of precision formation swimming, forming elaborate patterns in the water. The WRs perfected the intricate maneuvers in only a week of intensive rehearsal.

Fancy diving on the high and low boards was performed by Corp. Dick Clegg, PFC, Robert Rice and Donald Bookman, 16-year-old Mojave boy. Two clown-divers, Corp. Walter Sandy and Sgt. Joseph Phillips, elaborated on the famous Shubly Fragar-Johnny Weismuller act in being down the house. Later

One of the most terrible sights on D-Day was the blowing up of an amphibian tractor on Luminag Reef during the first hour. The tractor, which struck an undetermined type of water mine or torpedo, was thrown into the air in the explosion and its crew and cargo of assault troops thrown high above the smashed vehicle like rag dolls. All were killed.

Many crew members in Lt. Col. Sylvester L. Stephan's unit were veterans of the 3rd Mar. Div. landing and campaign on Bougainville last fall, but they braved "hotter" fire from the Japs on this landing and had the added hazard of a reef extending 500 yards from shore which slowed them up and wrecked treads at crucial moments.

Incidents of heroism were numerous. A crew was observed working on a disabled tractor in the

ocean swell at the edge of Luminag Reef. Under fire, the Marines were using a cutting torch to sever the damaged treads of the disabled tractor which carried a load of vital ammunition. A slip would have meant injury or death.

Two crews are being recommended for awards because they continued to evacuate wounded although they had been wounded themselves. Capt. Charles L. Mills of Tupelo, Miss., although wounded, continued to direct his vehicles and supervise removal of other wounded. As he was being evacuated to a troop ship he was killed by a direct mortar hit.

Two amtrac officers, Capt. Milton F. Thompson of Upper Montclair, N. J., and Paul S. O'Neal of Brighton, Mass., were the first individuals to plant an American flag on the sands of Iwan Japen as the assault troops landed.



CLOWNS. Riotous diving act in MCAS, Mojave, aquacade Sunday was staged by Corp. Walter Sandy and Sgt. Joseph Phillips, kneeling on board. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Varga).

Corp. Sandy teamed with another clown, Staff Sgt. Francis Tins, in an exhibition of "Chinese life saving."

Sgt. Phillips demonstrated an escape trick when he was thrown in the tank tied inside a bag and freed himself under water.

WR Corp. Caryl Hollister and Staff Sgt. Tins were one of the show's hits with a water ballet, one of the most difficult performances in swimming. Eight men

gave a demonstration of combat swimming.

The aquacade was climaxed with a spectacular fire dive by Corp. Sandy, who was burned during a rehearsal.

Although some of the performers are shipping overseas soon, others will replace them and plans are being made to stage the show at other military camps and swimming pools in Southern California.

Blades Flash In Weird Night Battle

GUAM (Delayed)—In a midnight battle churning from foxhole to foxhole under the weird light of flares a small band of Marines halted a Jap "hanza" charge with grenades, bayonets and knives to exact a toll of 13 Japs for each of the 3 Marines who died.

The three Marines were killed before 1st Lt. Oscar Salgo of The Bronx, New York City, gave the order to withdraw. When the Marines shoved the Japs back a few hours after dawn, there were 39 Japs dead on the tiny battleground.

Salgo and 1st Lts. Donald S. Floyd of Portland, Ore., and Sidney Martin of Atchinson, Kans., led 23 Marines and one corporals across 800 yards of draws and defiles to fill a gap in our lines late in the afternoon. They dug in under constant rifle fire.

"We dug two-man foxholes and set up our machine guns," said Lt. Salgo. "A red flare went off, probably the Jap signal to attack. I called for flares from our mortars and they lighted up the rugged country as the Japs rushed into our position. They were moaning and shrieking and shouting 'hanza!'"

"One grenade landed near Lt. Martin and wounded him. PISgt.

Claude P. Cotes of San Diego got out of his foxhole and began killing Japs all over the place.

"The fighting was so close we were using knives and grenades. The Japs were fighting with bayonets, Beckman (PFC, Eugene W. Beckman of Lorain, Tenn.) was bayoneted. Cut across the forehead, Beckman played dead and the Jap sat on his stomach, apparently catching his breath. Beckman pulled his knife and got the Jap."

Finally, Lt. Salgo decided to withdraw his men temporarily. The word was passed, as PFC, Kenneth Frank of Elamath, Cal., was jabbing clip after clip into his machine and firing at Japs all over the place. He killed six of the enemy.

PFC, Arthur L. Rodgers of Hilda, S. C., ripped off his steel helmet and went to work. Four Japs jumped into his foxhole. He got three of them with his carbine, the muzzle never more than six inches from the target. His foxhole buddy got the fourth Jap.

At the foxhole where Lt. Martin was wounded and Sgt. Cotes died, three Jap bodies were found. One of them was the officer who led the charge.—Staff Sgt. James E. Hague, combat correspondent.

Woman Officer Awards Citation

SAN FRANCISCO—1st Lt. Doris R. Harford of Akron, O., now on duty here as administrative assistant to the O-in-C, Ordnance Div., Depot of Supplies,

recently had the unique distinction of being selected to award a citation to a Marine who distinguished himself on Guadalcanal.

Receiving the Presidential Unit Citation, awarded for his services with the famed 1st Mar. Div., was PISgt. Charles F. Adams of Chelsea, Mass., now on duty with the Ordnance Div.

Juke Box Dance
MCAD, MIRAMAR—Dancing until 2300 every Tuesday and Saturday at the WR's PX fountain room to juke box music is the latest recreational activity here.

Miner Hurls One-Hitter As Base Nine Takes Over Dist. Loop Lead

Holds Air Base Group Hitless Till Fifth Inning; Scores 4-0 Triumph as Three Opponents Reach First Base

Lanky Ray Miner, ace MCB hurler, knocked on the door of the Corps' sports "hall of fame" last week as he pitched a one-hit, no-run triumph to defeat North Island's Air Base Group 2. The 4-0 victory gave the Base, momentarily at least, undisputed first place in the white-hot race for the second half championship of the 11th Naval Dist. Baseball league.

Hot on the heels of the MCB nine are Naval Training Center and the Coast Guard—with less than a game separating the three teams. If the Base wins Saturday's encounter with the Coast Guard, MCB will retain first spot in the loop race and will be assured a place in the league playoffs.

MASTERFUL HURLING

Miner had the situation well under control throughout the ABC game and with a display of masterful mound work, he retired his opponents in order for the first four innings. Rightfielder Bill Anton of ABC spoiled Miner's classic attempt at a no-hitter by blasting a hard-hit single past second base in the fifth inning. Only two other North Islanders reached first base—and they were given walks.

Miner's excellent hurling chore was backed up by sizzling play from the entire Base nine. Several times it was quick fielding and accurate throwing that cut off what appeared to be sure hits from the bats of ABC players. Miner's blazing fast ball accounted for seven strikeouts and most of the other balls hit were easy outs.

The Coast Guard diamond at 1100 today will be the scene of the all-important MCB-Coast Guard contest, and the Base team tomorrow goes to Long Beach for an exhibition encounter with the Ferry Command outfit.

THE SCORE:

Air Base Group 2.....	0	1	0
Marine Corps Base.....	4	0	0
Main and Leslie, Horse (6); Miner and Andrews.			

Navy Loses 17-1 To Quantico Nine

QUANTICO—More like a track meet than a baseball game—that's the story behind the Quantico Marines' recent 17-to-1 diamond victory over the Navy's Bureau of Aeronautics in the most devastating defeat inflicted by the local club this season.

Charlie Quimby, Leatherneck first sacker, was the star of the contest, lambasting a home run with the bases loaded. The Marines counted three runs in the first inning, four in the second, six in the third and four more in the sixth—and the contest, by mutual agreement, was shortened to seven innings. Calvin Ermer, Marine third baseman, hit four times in as many trips to the plate for a perfect day at bat.

Baseball Dope

11th NAVAL DIST. STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Marine Corps Base.....	10	1	.910
Coast Guard Patrol.....	9	2	.818
Naval Training Center.....	9	2	.818
Air Base Group No. 2.....	6	5	.545
Camp Matthews.....	6	5	.545
Camp Miramar.....	6	5	.545
Amphib. Trng. Base.....	3	8	.273
Naval Air Station.....	3	8	.273
Camp Gillespie.....	1	7	.125
Port. Basecamp.....	0	9	.000
Camp Elliot Marines.....	0	9	.000
Naval Repair Base.....	0	9	.000
USS Rupert.....	0	9	.000

See Possibility Of Base Football On Small Scale

Possibility that battalion football teams will have an opportunity to play on the Base field this fall was disclosed this week by Capt. C. E. Church, MCB athletic officer.

"The principal reason for an earlier announcement that football would not be played," Capt. Church said, "was that it appeared there would be insufficient personnel to work out a schedule." The captain added that now, however, two battalions—Gd. Bn. and Ser. Bn. already have tentatively picked squads and that there is a possibility that the Cooks and Bakers would enter a Base league.

NEED ONE MORE

It was pointed out, however, that at least one more team must be entered—making four teams in all—if a grid schedule is to be arranged. Capt. Church said a full supply of equipment is on hand. Tentative plans call for a double round-robin schedule with the championship team being awarded a silver cup.

So far absent from this year's pigskin picture has been RD, last year's defending Base champion. Few members of the championship squad still are on duty here.

MarFair West Ring Champ in Northwest

MR. KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — MTSgt. Lee A. Potock, who early this year won the MarFair West 170-pound boxing championship while stationed at Camp Miramar, Cal., is coaching the Post boxing team here. An overseas vet hailing from Temple, Tex., he intends to try his hand professionally after the war.

Marine Clouts Hit On Jap Skull In Tinian Campaign

TINIAN (Delayed)—When the 4th Mar. Div. landed here, they not only defeated the Japs once and for all, but they broke up the Southern Marianas Baseball League—due to the "temporary" lack of players.

When the Leathernecks pounded their way into Tinian Town, they found the baseball diamond had been chopped into a series of bunkers and trenches—defenses designed to impede the American advance. When the last enemy had been cleaned out, all that was left of the sports ground was a two-toed rubber sandal near the pitcher's mound and it was pointing toward the outfield in the direction of the Japanese retreat. Nearby was a baseball bat, inscribed with one of the sport's immortal names, "Roger Hornsby."

PFC. Bill Benton, a fighting Leatherneck from St. Louis, Mo., carried the bat throughout the battle of Tinian, using it at one time to make a home run clout on the scalp of an inquisitive Jap. He got the enemy, but the blow put a slight notch in the heavy end of the willow.

Benton—who was a kid in knee pants when the famous "Rajah" played second base for the Cardinals—is sending the bat, damaged as it is, to Hornsby. The bat, the Marine thinks, has served its purpose in the Pacific war.—Sgt. Edward F. Ruder, combat correspondent.

El Toro Opens Fight Stadium

MCAS, EL TORO—A capacity crowd of more than 2000 fans witnessed the recent dedication of this station's new boxing arena when El Toro and MCAS, Mojave, fought to a 2½-2½ draw in a team fistie match.

In the evening's main event, TSgt. Paul Buchalski, Mojave heavyweight, won a TKO over El Toro's Corp. Johnny Wetzel in the second round after Wetzel suffered a broken nose. Corp. Johnny Campbell, 133, El Toro, decisioned Pvt. Sam Ragland, 133, in the semi-windup affair. Campbell had Ragland on the deck twice in the second round but couldn't uncork the finishing punch.

Sgt. Bill Twardowski, 144, El Toro, and Corp. Art Corl, 110, Mojave, fought to a draw. Corp. Frank Kalamasz, 162, El Toro, decisioned PFC. John Desjamon, 160, Mojave. PFC. John Hartcastle, 136, Mojave, decisioned Pvt. Jimmie Amoro, 134, El Toro, in the curtain-raiser.

THE CHEVRON Sports



ON THE BALL. Corp. Johnny Browne sinks a nice putt on the green of No. 2 hole of the course at USNH, San Diego, where he is stationed with Gd. Det. A long-time pro golfer and tournament player before the war, Johnny's heading back to the Melrose Country Club in Philadelphia to resume his sports career when the conflict is over. He spends his spare time now in giving pointers to his buddies recuperating at USNH. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey Payne).

'Canal Vet Plans Return To Professional Golfing

USNH, SAN DIEGO—"Hope it won't be too long until I'm lining 'em up like this on the greens at Melrose Country Club in Philadelphia."

The 36-year-old Guadalcanal veteran spoke just before he sank a three-foot putt on the second hole of the course situated on the hospital grounds. The golfer was Corp. Johnny Browne, former top-flight pro and tournament linkman now attached to the USNH Marine Guard.

MARINES APPRECIATED

On the links as a mild means of celebration, the corporal had just received a letter reassuring him that his job as pro at the Melrose course would still be waiting for him—no matter how long the war lasts. "Just goes to show," Johnny said, "that some people appreciate what the Marines have done."

Browne, before joining the Corps in April, 1912, had played in tournament competition with some of the nation's best golfers. He finished the National Open in 1932, shot a blistering 66 in the Pine Valley, N. J., \$10,000 Open in 1937, and competed in the Los Angeles Open while on furlough last spring.

SEES SPORTS BOOM

"There will be a tremendous boom in golf after the war," Johnny said, "just as there will be a boom in all sports." Browne went on to reveal that, while on Guadalcanal, he had written a letter to the official publication of the Professional Golfers' Assn. urging that the sport be continued during the war. The letter was widely published as a fighting man's viewpoint of sports in wartime.

Greatest golfer he ever saw? "Well, I don't really know," the Marine replied. "I played with

Bobby Jones, and he was plenty good. But I guess I'll just have to say the American people are the greatest golfers I ever saw—they play the game of golf just like they fight... to win."

The corporal sighted in for a 12-foot putt on No. 3 green, then took a quick swing. "Flop!"—and the ball dropped in.

State Baseball Title To Marines

NAD, HAWTHORNE, Nev.—Marines from this depot—for the third consecutive time—have captured the softball championship of the state of Nevada. The Leathernecks celebrated their victory last week by downing the Takopah Army Gunners, 4-3, in the final game of a double-header.

The defending champions drew a twirl bill in the final evening of play and defeated the Saviers team from Reno, Nev., before meeting the Gunners for the state title. Starring for the Marines were the battery of Evans and Hunt. The Hawthorne Leathernecks were managed by Sgt(Maj. Sells.

Baseball on Tap

Today—Coast Guard Patrol, there, 1400.
Sunday—Long Beach Ferry Command, there, 1400.



NEAR TOP. Among the leaders in the pennant race for the championship of the 11th Naval Dist. Baseball League is the Air Base Group Two squad. In the front row, from the left: PFC. Chet Porowski, Sgt. "Red" Hughes, Sgt. Mark Pitre, StfsGt. Martin Barth, Corp. Norbert Ahr, Sgt. Carol Moore, StfsGt. Frank Vivirito. From the left in the back row: PFC. Roland Schaefer, Corp. Rony Klisura, PFC. Al Heuser, Sgt. Dean Scarborough, Sgt. Bob Gohm, TSgt. Don Gilchrist and Corp. Ed Rose.

Flying Marines Of El Toro Loom As Ace Gridiron Outfit

Lt. Col. Hanley's Team Shaping Up In Fine Style

Leatherneck Footballers Split Two Pre-Season Games With L. A. Tebals

MCA, EL TORO—Pre-season play was under way this week as Lt. Col. Richard (Dick) Hanley put his "Flying Marines" grid squad through preliminary paces in preparation for a schedule of top-flight football games.

With two practice games but in the way—at Los Angeles with USC and UCLA—the El Toro gridsters were showing signs of developing into the No. 1 service team of the Southern California area. The Marines last Sunday were on the short end of a 14-0 score in the scrimmage contest with the Uclans, but the Leathernecks came back Wednesday afternoon to best the Trojans, 13-12.

GOOD LINE

From early indications, the El Toro squad will have a fast and heavy line and a thoroughly competent backfield. In the first scrum with the Uclans, the Marines were paced by Charlie Fennelback, former UCLA player, and Bill Schroeder, late of Wisconsin Univ. Fennelback held down the left halfback spot with Schroeder on his right.

The second contest saw Don Griffin pass to Bob McLeod, sometime Dartmouth All-American, who moved behind Leatherneck Gordon Gray to make the first tally of the game. The second tally came on a Trojan fumble that gave the Marines the ball on the 28-yard stripe. A pass from Tony Palumbo to Verne Gagne carried the ball over.

STELLAR LINEUP

The "Flying Marines"—coached by Lt. Col. Hanley, formerly one of the nation's top grid mentors—boasts of a lineup of ace footballers. In the lineup are such well-known stars as "Wee Willie" Wilkin, Chuck Fennelback, John Palumbo and others. Coach Hanley is assisted by 1st Lt. Cliff Battles, himself a highly capable, and Capt. Jim Tuttle, formerly with the New York Giants.

Seeks Hopefuls For Track Squad

MCB track coach, PFC. Ray Sears, today issued a "help wanted" appeal—help wanted to round out a Base cinder squad. The mentor explained that there are prospects for considerable track activity providing enough persons show an interest in the sport.

"Anyone interested," he said, "should report at his earliest convenience to the Base athletic office in Bldg. 13."

Jap Lines No Obstacle To Marine Football

MCA, MIRAMAR—It was quite a contest—that football game played just a few hundred yards behind the front lines on Bougainville.

Sgt. Frank S. Balazs, former Iowa Univ. Green Bay Packers and Chicago Cardinals grid ace, told about it upon his arrival here from the Southwest Pacific where he was attached to the forward ground echelon of a torpedo bomber squadron.

"Between air raids, members of our outfit started a football game on the Bougainville airstrip, almost a stone's throw from the enemy lines," the husky Leatherneck said. "Capt. Ernie Nevins, our CO and former Stanford All-American, organized the teams and played himself."

"It was great fun," the sergeant said, "great fun until the Japs lobbed over some shells and sent us diving for foxholes. However, as soon as the shelling stopped, we finished the game."



FLYING MARINE MENTORS. Lt. Col. Richard (Dick) Hanley, former football coach at Northwestern Univ., talks things over with 1st Lt. Cliff Battles (center) and Capt. Jim Tuttle (right). Hanley and his two assistants are handling the coaching of El Toro grid team this fall.

THE CHEVRON Sports

Hurls In 'Big League' To Win Highest U. S. Award

CAMP LEJEUNE—1st Lt. Mitchell Pajgo was one of the Marine Corps' best known baseball pitchers before the war, and after America went to war he kept pitching—shells at the Japanese.

So well did the lieutenant hurl in the "big league" of modern warfare that he became the 10th Marine in World War II to win the nation's highest award, the Congressional Medal of Honor. As a platoon sergeant he led a fierce counter-attack which wiped out a strong Jap force attempting to retake Henderson field in October, 1942.

Before the war, he was offered a chance in professional baseball but chose instead to remain in the Corps. The McKeesport, Pa., hero, now living in Richlands, N. C., still loves baseball and hopes to play again.

Who'll win the world series? "I don't know," he smiled, "but what about the St. Louis Browns being right up there. Hope they can hold on—would be the best thing that ever happened to baseball."—Sgt. Charles E. Kopp, combat correspondent.

Grid Film Popular

GREAT EXUMA, Bahamas (Delayed)—A two-year-old film showing 1942's college football thrills has been one of the most popular movies shown at this Marine base's outdoor theater in a long time.

Base WRs Tied For Loop Lead In Softball Race

Scoring two victories in the past week, MCB's Women Reserve softball team currently is tied with Miramar's WRs for first place in the service women's kitchenball loop and are in undisputed lead in the San Diego city league.

In a game played on the Base football field last Tuesday evening, the MCBers swamped the Camp Elliott Waves, 11-to-1, in a contest that was the Marines' all the way from the first inning. Wednesday night the WRs performed in the city league, nosing out the San Diego Catholic Youth Organization, 3-7. The Base tallied in the fifth and sixth innings and the score was tied up in the seventh but MCB put another counter across to gain the victory.

The Base women's team this year have played exceptional ball in their schedule so far, and it is expected that they will finish the season among the leaders in both loops in which they are competing.



Sgt. BALAZS ... glad to be back

Sgt. Balazs, who wears the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon for his service in the Solomons,

was attached to the first torpedo bomber outfit to use rockets against the Japs. His squadron also was commended by Adm. William F. Halsey. Earlier, the sergeant was stationed at Munda, where he was a member of the famed "Wake Avengers"—the fighter squadron which pounded down 71 Zeros in the Northern Solomons and New Britain fighting zones.

Balazs began his gridiron career at Chicago's Lane Technical High School where he earned All-State and All-City honors. Later, he was a star in the Big Ten, playing with the Hawkeyes of Iowa Univ. His professional gridiron career began with the Green Bay Packers in 1939 and ended in 1942 with the Chicago Cardinals. He entered the service in July of that year.

What does the sergeant intend to do after the war?

"If it doesn't last too long," he said, "I intend to resume playing professional football."

THE SPORTS FRONT

By Pvt. BILL KIMS

"Your eyes behold before you, my friend, the outfit that may not—and probably won't—cop the American League pennant. But it will keep several other clubs from turning the trick."

The speaker was John J. Carmichael, esteemed sports editor of the Chicago Daily News, and he was speaking of none other than the White Sox. The scene was the press box at Comiskey Park; the time was early last May when we watched the Sox swing into action against the New York Yankees.

Last week there was occasion to re-visit Carmichael's "words of wisdom." When the falling St. Louis Browns moved into the baseball palace on the Windy City's south side, it was generally believed that they would recover at least a portion of the seven-game lead they dropped while on their disastrous eastern road trip.

WRONG GUESS

But as it turned out, the Sox capped the series three games to two. All of which was a stunning defeat considering the fact that the Browns—in their previous encounters with Jimmy Dykes' boys—had won nine out of 13 contests. And so it is that the White Sox—just one notch from the American League cellar—did their part, as Jimmy Carmichael said they would, to keep "several other clubs from turning the trick." Still the race is tight and as we write this, the Yanks are leading Detroit by half a game; St. Louis is one game out of the lead, and Boston but three games from the top.

Anything still can happen—and probably will.

GLUMMY GUS

"Old Gloomy Gus" is with us no more.

Death came to him last week at the Bethesda, Md., Naval Hospital.

where he had been hospitalized for almost eight months suffering from leukemia. "Gloomy Gus"—as he was known to thousands of wrestling fans—was Gus Sonnenberg, 44 years of age, who served in the Navy in World War II at Great Lakes, Ill., and Bainbridge, Md.

Gus was one of the first "grapl and grap" artists to go into wrestling from college—he was a star athlete at Dartmouth in the late 1920s. Sonnenberg was credited with introducing the "flying tackle" to the professional mat game and he gave the sport a color it will miss.

WATCH EL TORO

The word is missing the rounder (1st Lt. Col. Richard (Dick) Hanley really is going to have a football team at El Toro this fall. The former Northwestern Univ. mentor—despite current personnel problems—expects to field a powerful aggregation that should rank among the top grid outfits of the Pacific Coast.

Meantime, the sports picture is gradually turning to football all most everywhere across the nation. Teams won't be quite what they were before the war, but most observers agree that the quality of the game has started an improvement that will reach boom proportions when the war is over.

ODDS AND ENDS

More than a million fans attended American League baseball games this season than last . . . Sammy Sneed, the noted pro golfer, is a civilian again. He received a medical discharge from the Navy last week . . . Fritzie Zivic, the former welterweight king and now well into his 30s, scored a after-round KO over an up-and-coming fighter in a bout at San Antonio last week.

Boots Score Two KOs In Week's RD Prize Fights

An eight-round program of free-swinging boots will display their finest in flinty wares when they square off tonight at 1930 in RD amphitheater in a continuation of the popular weekly bouts being staged for recruits and MCB permanent personnel.

Holding top spot on last week's card were Pvt. Robert De Avila of Los Angeles and Lee Damon of Ft. Defiance, Ariz. Damon, in the feature bout of the evening, belled out an impressive decision over Howard Dofan of Great Falls, Mont. Damon gained a crowd-pleasing verdict over Bert Kelly of Portland, Ore.

ONE-ROUND KO

Two knockouts were recorded in the card of recruit scraps. Pvt. Edward Anderson of Lynwood, Cal., let fly with a barrage of blows that sent Pvt. Stuart Hall of Sacramento, Cal., down for the count in the first round. The other KO was achieved by Pvt. William Asbury, hailing from Merced, Cal., who put away Pvt. Charles Ruff of Fresno, Cal., in the third round.

"There's plenty of room for Base personnel to watch the fights now," PFC. Quentin Reese, boxing instructor revealed, "since the number of boots in training has been reduced."

Other results:

Lightweights—Pvt. Elmer Currie of Coeur d'Alene, Ida., defeated Pvt. Edward Kelly of Sacramento, Cal.; and Pvt. Jack Bailey of Los Angeles defeated Pvt. James Shannon of Emmett, Wash.

Marine Bowlers Tie

USNR, SAN DIEGO—Tied for first place in league bowling here are Mar. Det. and the Navy's Corps School. So far this season, the Leathernecks have scored ten victories while dropping two matches.

Sergeant Coaches WR Softball Team

MCA, MIRAMAR—Take it from Sgt. Gene DeWitt—and he should know—members of the Women's Reserve softball team here really know their stuff about the diamond sport.

Under the sergeant's guidance, the Miramar "Gizmos" have trounced many league opponents by wide margins, and are tied for the league lead at the present time with the season more than half completed. DeWitt, who hails from Oskaloosa, Ia., managed several softball teams in his home state before entering the Corps in July, 1943. He is serving in the Grp. QM section here and played center field on the section's baseball team this season.

Leathernecks At Pendleton See Top Fight Show

CAMP PENDLETON—It was a great night for some 3000 Marines here last Thursday as they watched a combination boxing card and exhibition of wrestling—plus the appearance of several notables of yesteryear.

Bull Montana, the old-time movie villain, was on hand, as was Jim London, former world champion wrestler. Highlighting the fight card were PFC. Don Bogel of Wagner, S. D., and S1SGt. Chet Raughter of Keokuk, Ia., who fought to a draw. PhM 2/c. Jim Donofrio of Canton, O., defeated PFC. Dominic Gusto of Kaskaskia, Ill.

Earlier in the week, a boxing show was held at the Oceanside USO. In the bouts there, S 2/c. Nappy Tessier of Massachusetts defeated PFC. George Tenhase of Iowa; and PFC. William Baker of Iowa defeated PhM 3/c. Al Berkowitch of New Jersey.

Demobilization—a Peek Into the Future

Marines can take a peek into the future and get a rough idea of how they will be demobilized at the war's end as a result of recent developments in Washington.

The Navy has made it more than clear that expansion—not reduction—will be the rule until Tokyo is on her knees, and that its final plans for releasing men will not be drawn until defeat of Japan is "at hand."

However, the Navy statement indicates that naval policy will be to follow the Army's plan in principle, giving "due consideration to the factors of length of service, service outside the continental limits, combat service and parenthood."

In general, the Army's plan is to issue "Adjusted Service Rating Cards" to enlisted personnel and on these will be scored the following four factors that will determine priority of separation:

1. Total number of months of Army service since Sept. 16, 1940.
2. Total number of months served overseas.
3. Combat credit based upon first and additional awards of decorations and battle participation stars on Area ribbons.
4. Parenthood credit for each dependent under 18 up to a limit of three children.

As soon as Germany quits, the War Dept. intends to announce values of point credits for the

A Self-Contained Army

The following paragraphs are excerpts from the daily column written by David Lawrence, widely known Washington newspaperman.

"The Marines are probably the toughest fighting outfit in the world. Others among our Allies concede it. This is not because the boys in the Marine Corps are at the start of their training any different from the boys who go into the Army. They are made of the same stuff. But it is because the rigorous training of the Marines over a long period of time is utterly unlike that which can be given to a large Army that has to be trained and expanded quickly.

"The Marines have been an amphibious arm of the Navy for generations. This war has put an emphasis on the word 'amphibious,' but it is nothing new to the Marines. They know what it is to land on a shore in the face of enemy artillery and enemy machine guns. They know what it is, after they get ashore, to storm the enemy's strongholds. As man-to-man fighters the Marines are unexcelled. This has been particularly important in the present war where the Japanese fight to the last man.

"Our Marines have fought on many battlefields in the last century, but they have never encountered an enemy like the Japanese. The amphibious operations in Europe have been very severe, and it is no disparagement of the brave and gallant work done by those who have landed in the Mediterranean area or in France to say that the fighting against the Japanese is something wholly different and calls for a rugged physique and endurance in the jungles which is unquestionably more demanding than any other type of fighting.

"It is regrettable that our armed services did not provide for more American Marines for use in the landings of Europe, but, on the other hand, the Marine Corps has progressed because it has been a relatively small organization with its own artillery, its own communications and its own aviation. Naturally this special organization, being limited in size, has been reserved for the Pacific war. Few people realize that the Marine Corps is a self-contained army and that is why its work is so smoothly and successfully carried out."

foregoing. When demobilization starts, men with the highest credits will be discharged first.

That is the plan which the Navy has said it will follow in principle. Although such a demobilization by individuals is more complicated than a system of demobilization by units, it is regarded by the War Dept. as more fair. The Dept. has also announced that the giving of priority to men with children and men with long service overseas is in accord with preferences of the men themselves, as determined by an actual survey.

Safety Valve

That PI Feud Again

As Artist Sheridan Pictured P.I.—



And the Way the P.I. Alumni Overseas Think It Should Have Been Done—



Dear Bill (Corp. William Sheridan, Chevron Artist)—We know it was all in fun; however, being P.I. Marines, we couldn't take it lying down. We're referring to your cartoon, "To Hear the P.I. Marines Tell It," in the July 8 issue.

Incidentally, if you West Coast boys will check up on the batch of boys that came home lately from our division, we're afraid you'll find a decided lack of boys from your side of the Mississippi. Those fellows hung up some good records—remember Guadalcanal and the Cape? For replacements, we're getting some of your poggyhat crew and it's East Coast men who are teaching them what this war is all about. However, being Marines, we figure they'll hold up their end plenty not forgetting who gave them the scoop out here, though!

You didn't draw enough of that last picture showing the boys going to the movie (see cuts). Anyone can see that 1000-inch state they have—and that's not from eyeing legs at the corner of Hollywood and Vine, either.

As for the gyrene eating the C ration—he's just a typical P.I. boy. Any good Marine knows you police up an area before you move out—and time out here is essential—so he eats the damn thing, can and all, and saves himself a little leisure time.

Hgt. JAMES A. FINAL.
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Paramarines

Editor, The Chevron—Why were the Paramarines disbanded as stated in July issue of "Leatherneck"? Are Paramarines no longer used?

Mrs. FRED RIMBALL
607 So. Main St., Canton, Mo.

Editor, The Chevron—I understand the 1st Parachute Bn. got a Presidential Citation for the Paramarines' role on Bougainville.

Mrs. BRYAN McALLUM
Box 312, Center, Tex.

Editor's note—Paramarines, as such, are no longer used, but they have a distinguished record in action against the Japs. A notable instance was when fewer than 2000 of them kept the Japs so busy on Chosico Island for nearly a week, diversionary to the Bougainville landings, that Radio Tokyo radioed 20,000 of them were ashore. Paramarines did not receive the Unit Citation. They also made a daring slash behind Jap lines late in November on Bougainville. In a foray lasting less than 24 hours, they destroyed a number of supply dumps and installations and were successfully evacuated despite overpowering Jap opposition. In neither instance, however, were the troops airborne. They operated as ground forces.

Camp Pendleton, newest training camp of the Corps, is one-fifth completed. A regiment commanded by Col. Lemuel Shepherd has arrived and is undergoing rigid training.

Damon Runyon visited MCB to pick up material about Marines for his syndicated column. Among others of his old friends, he chatted with Pvt. Joe Benjamin, former second for Jack Dempsey; PFC. Cy Schindler, Base boxing instructor; and Pvt. Jimmie Ingram, well-known pugilist.

Authorization for 150 additional rifle range coaches, sufficient to have one for each target, was obtained by Camp Matthews.

An Armorer's School, first on the west coast, will open at Camp Matthews in a week.

A 60-man decontamination squad was formed under Capt. W. C. Ronaldson, Base gas officer, to handle the necessary equipment and tools in the event of a gas attack.

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

D-Night on Tinian

Editor, The Chevron—Your article, "Old Slugger and Seven Marines Do a Night's Work," in the Aug. 12 issue contains numerous exaggerations and gross misrepresentation.

I assume from your mention of seven men's names that this was the unit adjacent to our battery. In this particular skirmish it was peculiar to note that the attacking Japs were found dead next morning immediately in front of our battery, 15 to 100 yards out and covering an area of not more than 500 square yards.

When such articles are published in The Chevron they are read by the actual participants in the battle and the men who know the facts. Should you wish a detailed account, I shall be glad to contact one of your correspondents and introduce him to many of those from whom an accurate description may be obtained.

Sgt. EDWARD J. McCABE
c/o PFO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—The Chevron receives all its overseas material from PROs and combat correspondents. By way of explanation, be it known that 95% are experienced newspapermen who make every effort to check the accuracy of their accounts; their stories are then checked by the division PROs, and given still a further check when they arrive Stateside. They try not to hand out any bum dope, and it's not often that any gets past them.

Not an FMP Patch

Editor, The Chevron—A number of retail stores around Oceanside are displaying a shoulder patch for the FMP. This patch has wide red, white and blue stripes with a green seal and the letters FMP. Is this patch authorized to be worn by members of the FMP?

PFC. WAYNE W. DITFURS
Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—No. The patch which you describe is the patch of the 1st Inf. Bn.

Merchant Marine Medals

Editor, The Chevron—I have made three trips to the South Pacific and one to Dutch Harbor during my service with the Army Transport Service, a branch of the Merchant Marine. Am I entitled to wear ribbons on my Marine uniform?

NAME WITHHELD
Editor's note—Yes. Application for such ribbons should be made to Mr. Frank Busk, executive secretary, Seamen's Service Awards Committee, War Shipping Admin., Washington, D. C.

Ahead in the Pacific

"The day of the final assault upon Japan itself is still in the future. Whatever our progress in Europe, the Pacific war still stretches many hard months—perhaps years—ahead of us in spite of the bold thrusts of recent days."

—Rear Adm. William E. Munroe.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel. 0930 Services, Auditorium; 1915 Services, Chapel; Evening Vespers Service, 1830, Chapel. (Catholic): 0800 Mass, Auditorium; 0915 Mass, Chapel. Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) 0630, Chapel. Friday evening Service, 1900, Chapel. Confession: Saturday 1800-1700, Chapel; 1800-2000, Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 123, Recruit Depot. (Jewish): Chapel, 1100. (Christian Science): Sundays, 0930, Bldg. 123, R.D. (Latter Day Saints): Service, Bldg. 123, R.D. Wednesdays 1830, 1900, 1950, R.D.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 1000, Theater. (Catholic) Mass, 0600, Theater. (Christian Science): Sunday, 1130, Room across from CO's office in Ad. Bldg. (Jewish): 0915, Chaplain's Office. (Latter Day Saints): 0800, Armorer's School Bldg. Thursdays, 1900.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1800 Post Chapel. (Catholic): Sunday Masses 0830, 0900, 1115 Mass daily, 1630, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science): 1800-1730, Chaplain's office. Wednesdays, (Jewish): Post Chapel, Thursday, 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1930, Camp Post Chapel, Friday 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1930, Camp Chapel; Mondays, 2000.

MEAD, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services; Communion 1st Sunday of month. (Catholic): 0700 and 0800, Confession 0730 and 0830, Mass, Baracks 522. (Jewish): Thursdays, 2000. (Latter Day Saints): Discussion meeting Thursdays, 1900. (Christian Science): 1400-1500, Chaplain's office, Fridays.

CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant): Post Chapel, communion at 0900, Bible Class 0930, Morning Worship at 1015, Vespers Service 2000; Wednesdays, Vespers Service 2000; Ranch House Chapel, service at 1015; Infantry Training Center, Sunday morning worship, 0700; at Theaters, 14-T-1 at 0800, 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 0800, 17-T-1 at 0800. (Catholic): Post Chapel, Masses at 0630, 0800, 1115, confessions, Saturday, 1800-1800; Novena, Wednesday 1800; Ranch House Chapel, Mass 0915; Tuesday and Friday, Mass 1845; Friday, confessions at 1820 to 1900; Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0700; at Theaters, 14-T-1 at 0800, daily at 0800; 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 1900, 17-T-1 at 0800; Confessions before each Mass. (Christian Science): Post Chapel, Sunday 1500, Thursday, 1930; Study group, Mondays 1900. Infantry Training Regt., 1100, Tent 1. (Latter Day Saints): Post Chapel, Sunday 0800, Monday 1700, (Jewish): Post Chapel, Sunday at 1900.

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FIELD NOTES by Cunningham

