

FUTURE
The Jap fleet has
got to fight some-
time.—Adm. Halsey

POOR
Hell, Jap snipers
can't hit anybody.
—Seabee on Palau



LUCKY. Pfc. Ivan Hamilton of Butte, Mont., found this priceless tub on Guam and happily takes a bath while less fortunate buddies must 'bathe' in steel helmets.

Tarawa Lessons Pay Off In Landings On Peleliu

By Rembert James
UP War Correspondent

WITH U. S. MARINES ON PELELIU ISLAND, PALAU GROUP, Sept. 15 (Delayed) (UP) (Via Navy radio)—American Marines showed today just how much they had learned since the battle of Tarawa.

They invaded strongly held Peleliu Island under almost identical difficulties experienced at Tarawa, but they came off with only a fraction of the losses suffered in that Gilberts landing.

Famed Guadal Seabees Arrive Home For Rest

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Twenty-three hundred Seabees, including the famous 6th Bn., which built and maintained Guadalcanal's Henderson field under bombing were enroute to their homes Tuesday after an absence of from 21 to 27 months.

In addition to the 6th, the 38th and 40th Bns., veterans of Bougainville, Los Negros and the Admiralties, arrived at San Francisco Monday.

The 6th Bn. was thrown together 10 days before shoving off for the bitter Solomons battle. Their commander, Joseph P. Blundon of Keyser, W. Va., said they arrived as "partly armed civilians."

He'll Be First Marine In Tokyo

One lone Marine was headed from MCB straight for Tokyo this week.

The Leathernecks—Corp. Larry C. Barrett—was expected to enter the city without meeting any resistance.

Educated in Tokyo public schools, Corp. Barrett was a farmer there until entering the Corps in 1940. It will be a long-awaited homecoming for the Marine, who has been processed in the Basic R&R Center and sent on his furlough to Tokyo-Texas.

Toughest Terrain Of Pacific Slows Mop Up Of Jap Defenders On Peleliu

Remnants of Enemy Forces Make
Bitter Stand in Heavy Network
Of Defenses After Losing Field

The worst terrain in the Pacific and the best Japanese fortifications since Tarawa were encountered by Leathernecks as they crowded remnants of the defending garrison into the rugged north peninsula of Peleliu Island in mopping-up operations where gains were measured by mere yards.

The enemy was pressed back into prepared positions in wooded hills north of Peleliu's airfield where Jap defenses are so constructed that they are the first which literally, as well as figuratively, can be compared with Gibraltar, it was reported by Richard W. Johnston of United Press.

The captured air field was rapidly being prepared for American use by Seabees.



Gen. Smith

Leatherneck veterans who struck the first offensive blow against Japs in this war—the 1st Div. of Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester fame—made the initial landings Thursday on Peleliu, southernmost of the Palau group and containing a fine airfield with two runways about 4200 feet in length.

The expeditionary forces on both islands are under command of Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, who commanded Marines in the famed Tarawa battle. Commander of the 1st Mar. Div. on Peleliu is Maj. Gen. William H. Rupertus.

Establishing a beachhead, the

Marines weathered a hail of mortar and artillery fire, strong counter-attacks featuring tanks, and started moving toward the big airfield.

The landings were preceded by what observers described as the "most furious naval bombardment" of the Pacific war.

The initial landing waves were hindered by a jagged reef 700 yards offshore.

The Japs directed vicious mortar and artillery fire from a small island just south of Peleliu on the amphibious vehicles.

Some early difficulty with Jap rathole pillboxes on the beach level was encountered. One sniper was operating in one of these six hours after the Leathernecks landed.

After high-ranking Marine officers established a CP near a

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Bulletin

ABOARD EXPEDITIONARY FLAGSHIP, PELELIU ISLAND (Via Navy Radio) (UP)—The battle of Peleliu—already the most savage of the Pacific war—reached barbaric height with the disclosure that the Japanese are converting Marine dead into human mines.

Maj. Henry Adams of San Diego, revealed that Japanese attached grenades to the bodies of Marines slain in actions beyond U. S. lines. Early in the campaign the enemy began booby-trapping their own officer dead.

Marines also found a crude Japanese crematory where the enemy had burned his own slain in gasoline.

Peleliu 'Toughest' Fight Yet For 1st Division

By Richard W. Johnston
ABOARD EXPEDITIONARY FLAGSHIP, PALAU, Sept. 17 (UP) (Via Navy radio)—Marines who held "Bloody Ridge" on Guadalcanal almost exactly two years ago won a precarious foothold on sheer coral-edged cliffs of Peleliu's "Bloody Nose" today in the most vicious fighting in the history of the 1st Div.

I have talked to many Marine veterans of Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester and they all agree that the battle for this two-by-five battalion guarding the Philippines was the toughest they have experienced.

But foot by bloody foot they are winning it.

The battle is progressing as well as can be expected against intense opposition. Despite fierce opposition, the casualties still are not excessive and the ratio of killed to wounded is extremely low.

The troops are getting the most smashing air and naval support accorded any amphibious operation I have witnessed.

Once this battle is finished, an estimated 40,000 Japanese trapped helplessly on Babelthuap, Koror and other Palau islands literally will see the dissolution of their last barricade to the Philippines.

Guam Vets Claim Bougainville Just A 'Maneuver'

Too many Jap mortar and artillery shells destined for "To whom it may concern" were flying around the beach at Guam to suit PFC. Alex J. Juszczyk of Milwaukee, Wis., one of 25 wounded 3rd Mar. Div. veterans of the Bougainville

and Guam assaults who were back at the R&R Center here this week.

"Bougainville was just a maneuver compared to Guam," said PFC. Walter H. Petri of Wausau, Wis., member of an 81mm. mortar platoon. He was hit in the head and

finger by a Jap sniper while patrolling on the third day of that battle.

To illustrate the difference, PFC. Petri said his mortar platoon lost 25 of its 69 men the first day on Guam, whereas not a member of

his platoon was scratched during the entire Bougainville campaign.

The 25 veterans were sent back to the States under the Corps rotation policy. Upon completion of 30-day furloughs at home, they will report to Stateside posts.

PFC. Juszczyk, No. 1 gunner in a machine gun crew, was hit in the knee in the morning of the second day but kept going for 12 more hours until his knee swelled up and walking became difficult. The No. 2 gunner of his crew was hit in the chest and killed and the No. 3 man's hand was shattered when a shell landed near their position.

Both PFCs, Petri and Juszczyk thought chances of survival were better in the swampy, jungle terrain of Bougainville than in Guam's open country.

For one thing, brush obstructs enemy mortar and artillery shells, PFC. Petri said. "And the Japs could get our range at quite a distance from their positions on the ridges on Guam," PFC. Juszczyk added.

PFC. Raymond Page of Clarion, Ia., was a member of the Spec. Weapons unit which stood at attention while Mrs. Joseph Pendleton raised the flag during the ceremonies in which Pres. Roosevelt dedicated Camp Pendleton in September, 1942.



GUAM VETERANS. Eight wounded veterans of Guam, all members of the 3rd Div., arrived at R&R Center this week. From left (back row): PFCs, Walter H. Petri, Wausau, Wis.; Harry L. Piercy, Kennedy, Neb.; Raymond Page, Clarion, Ia.; Corp. Theodore L. Scheld, Merced, Cal.; PFC. Robert V. Shannon, South St. Paul, Minn. Front row: PFC. Howard E. Russell, Cedar Springs, Mich.; Sgt. Sherman Reed, Tahoka, Tex.; PFC. Edward W. Nolin, Devine, Tex. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey Payne).

The Battle for Palau Day by Day

The following reports of the progress of the battle for Palau were compiled from reports of war correspondents on the scene and communiques from Pacific Fleet headquarters.

Thursday, September 14

Marines landed, established a mile-and-a-half long beachhead and began driving toward the airfield and high ground just northwest of it which commands the strip. There were Japs in pillboxes on the beach but the sharpest resistance was offered by Jap troops and artillery and mortar fire from inland positions. The Jap defenders were shielded from the heavy pre-invasion bombardment by

heavily-wooded areas. The Japs counter-attacked strongly three times, but were thrown back. One of the attacks turned into a pitched tank duel, with 18 Jap tanks being knocked out by our General Sherman, with the loss of only one of ours. During the night, Jap snipers emerged from caves, infiltrated the left flank of the beachhead and pinned Marines down.

Friday, September 15

Marines started an inexorable advance across the southern tip of the island, by-passing Jap forces in the southern sector, and closing in on Peleliu airfield from three sides. Field artillery barrages pin-pointed enemy troop concentrations, but strong enemy counter-attacks continued. Progress was slow but steady through deep, well-organized Jap defenses on ridge tops north of the airfield. As the Japs broke and ran after one counter-attack was broken, Marines organized a lightning pursuit

which gave the enemy no chance to make a stand. The resulting push carried all the way around the airfield, although the regiment that accomplished the victory had the heaviest losses of the assault groups. An estimated 1500 Japs were killed during the day and by nightfall the airport had been captured. Units which drove across the island were identified as the 1st Regt. under Col. Lewis B. Puller, 5th Regt. under Col. Harold D. Harris and 7th Regt. under Col. Herman C. Hanneken.

Saturday, September 16

After enveloping the prize airfield, Marines reached the town of Asias, about half a mile north, and then converged for an attack on "Bloody Nose" ridge (Unur Brogol mountain). It is a denuded coral and limestone ridge pitted with caves and bulwarked by concrete emplacements and compounds the air field and the entire southern end of the island. The 1st Regt. assaulted the ridge after pushing its silted into a narrow valley on its eastern flank. The first assault was beaten back by heavy Jap fire, but a second ferocious frontal attack gained headway. The 5th Regt., which swept over the airfield in the wake of a counter-attack, drove

toward the eastern coast through thick jungle and mangrove swamps in which individual Japanese fought with insane fury. The 7th Marines are completing the mop-up of Peleliu's southern tip. During the night the Japs had infiltrated in a desperate escape effort and 20 were killed at Col. Hanneken's CP, but speedy vengeance was exacted after dawn when forward battalions surged over the narrow bottleneck to a small peninsula and annihilated the trapped enemy garrison. Wheeling from their left flank, Marine advances in the three days' fighting ranged from a comparatively short distance on the left to 3500 yards on the right.

Sunday, September 17

After repulsing a Jap counter-attack against the western flank of forward lines during the night, Marines inched forward in heavy fighting. Gains ranged from 200 to 600 yards along the line except through the comparatively clear ground in the center of the island, where Leathernecks advanced three-quarters of a mile. They advanced along both sides of "Bloody Nose" ridge. A second radio station was captured, Asias town was occupied, and tiny Ngarmoked island off the southern tip of Peleliu was seized as mopping-up progressed in the southern sector. Seabees began rebuilding the air field. First aerial opposition of the invasion came when two enemy aircraft bombed U. S. positions. Captured enemy dead to date total 3485. Along "Bloody Nose" ridge, Japs died by the hundreds in their escape-proof gopher holes after putting up bitter resistance. Virtual conquest of the ridge removed the positions from which Japs had covered the airstrip.

Monday, September 18

Battling tenacious but depleted enemy forces, Marines occupied the town of Ngardablok in a vicious engagement. "Bloody Nose" ridge was also taken by the 1st Regt. after a vicious fight and the battle for Peleliu appeared to have passed the crisis point. Leathernecks have seized their primary objectives, in the fight for "Bloody Nose," described as the toughest fighting 1st Div. Marines have encountered. Jap soldiers were found bound hand and foot to their guns in the coral heights. Fall of the heights silenced most of the Jap fire directed against the airfield which Seabees were preparing for combat aircraft to nullify permanently the uninvaded Palau

islands to the north where an estimated 30,000 Japs are immobilized. Piper Cubs are already taking off from the field to spot for artillery. About half of Peleliu is in American hands, with an estimated 3000 survivors of the Jap garrison being pressed relentlessly northward. The battle was raging in temperature described by one correspondent as "like the inside of a kitchen stove." Beyond "Bloody Nose" ridge, the most difficult part of the island remains still to be taken. For the first time, Americans were encountering dead Jap officers rigged up as booby traps. Warships and planes continued the unrelenting bombardment.

Tuesday, September 19

Marines began the final phase of their campaign by digging out stubborn Japanese from ridge pillboxes while Army troops engaged in mopping-up operations on nearby Angaur. Despite loss of three-quarters of their garrison of 10,500 men, Japanese continued fighting bitterly from trenches and other prepared defenses, from which they hurled intermittent artillery and mortar fire into Leatherneck ranks. Marines who cleared "Bloody Nose" ridge in

one of the most vicious battles of the Pacific, continued their advance about one mile northward to gain almost full control of the eastern side of Peleliu. There was little change, however, in their positions on the west coast or in the center. Adm. Nimitz disclosed that 117 damaged enemy aircraft were found at Peleliu airfield. The field will be used by U. S. planes to neutralize the northern Palau Islands.

Wednesday, September 20

Marines who conquered two-thirds of Peleliu yard-by-yard, today fought for inches in the western peninsula against the best fortifications they have encountered since Tarawa and over the worst terrain in the Pacific. The Japs have dug in along an incredible network of connecting caves equipped with steel doors. These natural forts range from ridge to ridge, and the Japanese are able to give one another mutual support with cross-fire from the entrance of every ravine. Their mortars and artillery cover the peaks. The caves are hollowed and

floored five levels deep, making the entire chain of coral cliffs into a gigantic bombproof shelter. The ridges on the western peninsula are so sheer and craggy that it would be possible to surmount them even without opposition. Maj. Gen. Roy S. Geiger toured the front lines, encircling the ridgehead, and termed the terrain "the worst I ever saw." The 1st Regt., which has been in the line's unceasingly for seven days, finally achieved the peak of Unurbrogol Mt. The 7th Regt., after a two-day rest, joined in an effort to flank the ridge. Both units have suffered heavy casualties.

Thursday, September 21

Several small gains were made along the western ridge and six more Japanese trench mortars and 31 machine guns were taken in bloody close-in fighting. A communique from Adm. Nimitz reported that Leathernecks were occupied with mopping-up operations while Japanese entrenched in coral ridges con-

tinued stubborn resistance in hand-to-hand battles. Ten additional aircraft were found destroyed on Peleliu airfield, raising the total to 127. Revised counts of enemy dead disclosed 8792 Japs killed on Peleliu and 850 on Angaur, where Army troops landed in a diversionary action.

Former Chevron Artist Back From Pacific War

Sgt. Harry A. Jackson, an artist for The Chevron and the Base PRO before shipping out to Pacific battle zones, was back at MCB this



Sgt. JACKSON
... seen his work in print

week wearing a star on his Purple Heart for being twice wounded and now holding the official designation of combat artist for HQMC.

Sgt. Jackson received his promotion to that rank and his HQMC appointment upon arrival in Honolulu after the battle for Saipan. The artist was first wounded by shrapnel on Tarawa and later by a sniper's bullet on Saipan while probing the front lines for picture material.

Of 100 rough drawings made by Jackson on Kwajalein and Tarawa, 40 were given the finishing touches in Honolulu and forwarded to Washington for release. Another 17 pen-and-ink sketches were flown to Washington from Saipan.

Already seven Jackson sketches illustrate the book, "Marines at War," and another group from his crayon will give the same graphic descriptions to a sequel almost ready for publication.

Jackson will remain on the Base for a broadcast of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show on which he has been scheduled to be heard.

Peleliu Japs Liquidated

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wrecked Zero, a correspondent asked if the landings were considered successful and got this reply:

"The island is ours. We are on it."

Almost simultaneously with the Marine landing on Peleliu, the Army's 8th Div. landed on Angaur, six miles southwest. Resistance was light, with only 48 Japs reported killed in the first four days of fighting, but the landing prevented the possibility of Jap artillery harassing Marines on Peleliu.

Ten thousand Japs were reported strongly entrenched on Peleliu and bitterly resisting every yard of Marine advance.

On the second day of fighting, Marines climbed a three-way pier on the airfield and by nightfall had captured it.

Tanks and bulldozers were landed—the latter being used to fill in shellholes.

Marines were getting support from their own artillery as they beat off attacks by Jap tanks and snipers. The densely-wooded hills were the scene of bloody fighting. On the western side, Peleliu is hilly. Two-thirds of the island's

two-mile width on the east side is chiefly swamps.

As was the case in the Marianas, Japs had prepared strong positions, including caves and emplacements on the hills from which they poured a blanket of mortar and artillery fire.

There was a possibility that as the remaining Japs were crowded to the island's north end, they might escape to join large enemy forces on Rabaul and other Palau islands to the north.

Gen. Smith said that "this terrain is savage and the parallel ridge is comparable only with Mt. Tapachau on Saipan."

He said Peleliu is "not as tough as Tarawa, but tougher than Balwien and Kwajalein."

Marines Contribute To Garapan Church

TINIAN (Delayed)—Thousands of Marines, who fought to wrest Saipan and Tinian from the hands of the Japanese, have contributed more than \$2500 for rehabilitation of the island's only church, the tiny Catholic mission at Garapan.—2d Lt. Jim G. Lucas, PRO.

Gasoline Attack Drives Japs From Cave On Guam

GUAM (Delayed)—When Molotov cocktails and hand grenades failed to force three Japs out of a cave, two Marines did the job by rolling a blazing drum of gasoline into the cave's mouth.

The Marines, Corp. Worth Stretch of Los Angeles and PFC. Robert N. Barrett of Portland, were taking part in mopping-up operations when they heard the Japs talking inside the cave.

They ordered the Japs to come out. The Japs refused, so the Marines tossed in several hand grenades. When the Japs still refused to move, Corp. Stretch filled bottles with gasoline from a nearby drum, wrapped the bottles in rags, set the rags afire and threw the "cocktails" into the cave.

The tenacious Japs still failed to budge, so the Marines kicked the gasoline drum into the cave's mouth. Then, they set the drum afire by shooting tracers into it. Immediately the Japs, jabbering and coughing, ran into the hands of the waiting Leathernecks.

New Communications Courses Under Way

Two new communications courses were started this week by Sig. Bn. in Bldg. 317. A high speed radio course lasting 4 to 12 weeks and a 4-week message center course are being given.

Duties Change For MCB Officers

Orders were received to detach 1st Lt. Kenneth C. Cutler, combat and inspection officer of 1st, to Peleliu Island as CO of MCB upon completion of temporary duty at MCB, Ft. Totten.

WO, Ernest J. Jessen, now on duty, was ordered detached from MCB to San Francisco for further transfer overseas.

Maj. Edwin Gould, executive officer of Sig. Bn., was detached to Camp Pendleton.

Maj. Harry T. Maynard, Base recreation officer, was ordered to his home for return to inactive status. He is replaced by Capt. Burkhardt R. Oxford.

Capt. William M. Scheff, company officer in 2nd Cos. Co., Base Gd. Bn., was detached to San Francisco for further transfer overseas.

WO, Cleo T. Via has been assigned duties of Base police and munitions officer in place of WO, Norman L. Currier who will be detached.

Dispensary Changes

1st Comdr. R. B. Reed, (MC) USN, joined as head of the WR Dispensary, his first duty station.

1st Comdr. Lionel Ruess, (MC) USN, reported from Peru, to MCB, San Bruno, Cal., as assistant medical officer of MCB dispensary.

1st George Wise, (MC) USN, from San Bruno as assistant medical officer of MCB, Base Dispensary.

CWO, Joseph James from Med. Bn., Camp Lejeune, as Hospital Corps officer.

New Musical Comedy Production Started On Base

Four Performances Slated Here for 'Home Talent' Show

A new musical comedy—written, directed, and staged by Marines—is now in the making and is expected to play its first date on the evening of Nov. 23 in the Base theater.

Sponsored by the MCB recreation department, the show is being written by PFC. W. A. (Hank) Richards, producer of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio program and author of several popular radio serials. Musical score will be written by PFC. Ivan Ditmars, member of the "Halls" orchestra, while Pvt. Robert Ryan, late of Hollywood and star of "Tender Comrade," will direct the show.

All scenery will be created by PFC. Laurie Leonard, well-known Broadway stage director before her enlistment in the Corps. She handled the stage for the Base production of "Claydia" last spring.

PFC. Richards said the show will have 3 acts and 10 scenes.

2dLt. Florence Stewart of the recreation department said four performances of the show have been scheduled to allow attendance by as many Marines in the San Diego area as possible.

All Base personnel with acting, singing or dancing talent who are interested in participating in the production should contact Pvt. Ryan at the Base theater.



START BALL ROLLING. Trio responsible for new MCB musical comedy are (from left): PFC. W. A. Richards, author-producer; Pvt. Robert Ryan, director; PFC. E. J. Wishin, composer. (Photo by PFC. E. J. Wishin).

Lone Marine And Jeep Rout Jap Tank

SAIPAN (Delayed)—A Chicago Marine, a pistol and a crippled jeep shattered a Jap tank crew and sent the tank rumbling to the safety of its own flock.

During the closing stages of the battle here, PFC. Julius Zinni was bouncing over a road in a jeep, not aware that one of the final Jap "banzai" charges had started. He suddenly found himself almost bumper to bumper with a Jap tank.

As the tank opened fire, Zinni scrambled beneath his jeep. In riddling the jeep the Japs punctured the four tires, leaving the Marine under the vehicle.

Two Japs piled out of the tank, and one peered under the jeep. Zinni's shot hit him between the

eyes. The second Jap investigated from the other side, and he, too, was killed.

The tank and the remnants of its crew promptly took off down the road. Zinni, uninjured, wriggled from under his improvised pillbox.

—Sgt. Stanford Chotowsky, combat correspondent.

Reward Offered For AWOL Mascot

MCAD, MIRAMAR—The boys of air warning Sq. 11 are unhappy. Their mascot, a seven-month-old bridge-white English bulldog, missing since last Thursday, is absent without leave.

The squadron shipped in last May, purchased a puppy and planned to take it overseas. A registered male, the pup is named "Kempston Lucky" but answers to the name "Lucky."

When last seen, "Lucky" wore a harness with a tag showing the date of his rabies vaccination.

A reward awaits the person who finds "Lucky" and returns him.

Training Regiment To Disband in RD

RD Trng. Regt., activated Sept. 1, 1943, under its present CO, Lt. Col. Max Cox, will be disbanded Sept. 30. After that date the RD command will comprise only a Hq. Bn., to be made up of Hq. and Hq. Co., Sea School and 3rd Cas. Co.

New Rest Center Planned

30 Enrolled In Postal Course

CAMP PENDLETON—Thirty students were enrolled in the first class for postal clerks started here last week to supply overseas units with men experienced in handling postal problems.

Every type of postal work will be covered by the students. Following graduation in November, many will be assigned to the Trng. Command for transfer overseas.

W. E. R. Murrell, acting postmaster here, supervises instruction.

Postman's Song—No Letter Today

SOMEWHERE IN PACIFIC (Delayed)—All "Guani-bound" Marines received their mail—all except the postman.

Leathernecks, who were later to wrest the island from the Japanese, were greeted by 239,000 pieces of mail at their Central Pacific atoll staging area, midway between their port of embarkation and the objective. Almost every Marine received letters. Some by twos, some by threes and some by the fistful.

There were a few unlucky men who did not get a single letter and naturally some griping was to be expected. The loudest griper was the man who had made this minor sea miracle possible—the unit's Postal Officer—Capt. Raymond Henri, PRO.

Tent Area Section To Be Taken Down

Because of the reduction in RD and Base personnel, the first four rows of tents of the tent area on the south side of the parade ground will be taken down.

Army Buildings To Be Converted For Patient Use

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Thirteen former Army buildings at Rancho Santa Fe will soon be opened to 300 patients, following their conversion into a convalescent center. It has been announced by Capt. Morton D. Willett, (MC) USN, O-in-C of this hospital.

The center will be used by Marine and sailor veterans of the Pacific war who need little medical care but extensive rest and recreation. Facilities will include a swimming pool, putting green, tennis court, softball diamond, volleyball court and archery range.

New Schedule Of Parties, Dances Starts On Base

First in a series of weekly recreational events in the new hostess house near Gate 4 was held Wednesday evening when enlisted personnel and members of their immediate families gathered for a bingo party.

Such parties will be held bi-weekly and on alternate Wednesday evenings the hostess house will be used for invitational dances for enlisted personnel. It was announced this week in a Base memorandum.

First of the dances will be held next Wednesday under sponsorship of Base Hq. Bn. Enlisted men will be permitted to attend with their wives, civilian or WR dates. All WRs must be accompanied by a serviceman, according to Capt. Buckleigh F. Oxford, recreation officer.

Drivers Urged To Draw Books

With approximately 250 of the 500 "A" gasoline ration coupon books still uncalled for at the Base ration board by late this week, ration officials urged MCB and Area RMP applicants to pick them up immediately.

The coupons became effective yesterday. Holders of supplemental rations were advised that no application for more coupons could be accepted unless the "A" book is furnished.

Old Timers



Sgt. Maj. W. M. WALSTON . . . has satisfaction

Service As DI Most Satisfying Of 20-Year Vet

NORTH ISLAND—Sgt. Maj. W. M. (Bill) Walston of Hq. Sq., MarFair West, has been around during his 20 years of service as a Leatherneck but still remembers the days he spent as a DI at Parris Island as his most satisfying assignment.

"Each recruit has his own personality and reacts differently to Marine training," the sergeant major said. "But the results are the same. I have gotten a lot of satisfaction in seeing my former boots advance and take over important assignments in the rapid expansion of the Corps."

Sgt. Maj. Walston visited numerous ports in the western hemisphere as a seagoing Marine aboard the USS Texas, served as a mess sergeant for six months on Guam and learned the ways of the Latins while serving as a chauffeur for Brig. Gen. John H. Russell, now retired but then serving as high commissioner of Haiti.

The sergeant major had a fox-hole view of the air battle for Guadalcanal while serving with a scout-bomber squadron.

He holds the Expeditionary Medal for service in Haiti and the American Defense ribbon with star for service in Cuba, the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon and the Good Conduct ribbon with numeral three.

After the war, the veteran Leatherneck plans to retire and find time again for his hobbies of fishing and swimming.

Hospital Expense

Under an ALNAV dated Sept. 13, the Navy Dept. may now defray expenses of emergency medical and hospital treatment received by enlisted personnel from civilian sources while on leave or liberty where it is impractical to obtain treatment from Naval or other government facilities.

Screen Guide

BASE THEATRE 1730-2000

Today—Halls of Montezuma broadcast, 1200, followed by Variety Show. Movie, Minstrel Man. Fields-George. Sunday—Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble, Roney-Stone. Monday—A Wave, a Wave and a Marine, Enters-Knox. Tuesday—Stage Show, 1948, You're a Part of Me. Wednesday—Song of the Open Road, Ferguson-Fields. Thursday—Meet the People, Powell-Ball. Friday—Gunga Din, Grant-McLaglen.

CAMP MATTHEWS 1745

Today—Jimmy Sticks Out, Stewart-Goddard. Sunday—Minstrel Man, Fields-George. Monday—Andy Hardy's Blonde Trouble, Roney-Stone. Tuesday—A Wave, a Wave and a Marine, Enters-Knox. Wednesday—Voice in the Wind, Loder-Turn. Thursday—Song of the Open Road, Ferguson-Fields. Friday—Meet the People, Powell-Ball.

MCAD, MIRAMAR 1745

Today—Sweet and Lowdown, Goodman-Jernell. Sunday and Monday—Archie and Old Lace, Loretta-Hutton. Tuesday—A Star is Born, March-Guyton. Wednesday—The Singing Sheriff, Crosby-McKale. Thursday—Crime by Night, Jane Wynn. Friday—The Inpatient, Johns-Coburn-Arthur.

Two Brothers Home After Fighting In Same Outfit Through Four Campaigns

A real homecoming awaited two brothers who fought together through four of the Pacific's bloodiest campaigns as members of the same company in the 2nd Mar. Div. upon their arrival in Indianapolis, Ind.

Quitting their jobs as riveters with a construction company to enlist, GySgt. Robert Boyd and PISgt. Paul Boyd went through boot camp

in the same platoon here before shipping out, then fought through Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian together.

Both wear the Presidential Unit Citation with two stars and the Purple Heart.

Both will wear stars on their Purple Hearts for second wounds received when the two were but a few hundred yards apart on Saipan.

pan. These awards have not caught up with them.

Each has enough battle experiences for one family, but they will have to compete for the floor in post-war days with two other brothers. David has been overseas 18 months with the Army and Philip recently joined the Seabees.

In one vicious Jap counter-attack on Saipan all but one man of two MCB crews in Robert's platoon were lost.

Robert was "given up for dead" on Guadalcanal, where a bullet smashed through his chin and came out the upper part of his back. Hospitalized two months, he learned upon reporting back to his outfit that he had been listed as killed. Apparently another Marine was mistaken for him.

When Paul took charge of his rifle platoon on Saipan, it was the third time he had been forced to take command because his superiors were put out of action. His platoon leaders on Saipan and Tarawa were killed, the third stricken with an ailment on Guadalcanal.

BOATS SMASHED

Paul was wounded first at Tarawa. Landing boats were shot out from under him both at Tarawa and Tinian.

Both were reluctant to talk about their battle experiences. Robert summarized his views on this by saying: "The real heroes are the ones who will never come back."

He did not hesitate to express pride in the work of his battalion, however, and admiration for his company commander, 1stLt. William H. Sanders III, who received the Navy Cross for heroic action on Tarawa.



BROTHERS RETURN. PISgt. Paul Boyd (left) and GySgt. Robert Boyd, brothers from Indianapolis, Ind., returned to the States after more than two years overseas in the same company. (Photo by PFC. E. J. Wishin).

'Iron Man' Glidden Sets Dive Bomb Record

Redistribution Center Takes Over RD Section

Billeting of returned combat veterans in huts in Areas 3 and 4 of RD instead of in the tent area on the south side of the parade ground was begun this week by the R&R Center.

The R&R Center took over 223 huts, three mess halls and the PX and barber shop in RD this week in order to give the veterans better accommodations during their stay at MCB for processing. The move gives the Center most of the south half of the RD area.

Construction of a barbed wire fence separating Hut Areas 3 and 4 from Areas 1 and 2 was begun this week. The Center's field administrative unit under W.G. Lawrence Scott has been set up in Mess Hall "P." Mess "Q" will be used for feeding the troops.

The Center's administrative of-

fices will remain in Bldg. 143 and the returning officers' quarters in Bldg. 140.

A new PX for recruits will be opened about Oct. 3 in Bldg. 170, now occupied by the Insurance and Investigation office.

Gen. Mulcahy New Aviation Chief

PEARL HARBOR, Sept. 18 (AP)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today the appointment of Maj. Gen. Francis P. Mulcahy, former CG of MarFair West, as CG of Aircraft, FMF, the new designation of Marine Aircraft Wings.

Maj. Gen. Mulcahy succeeds Maj. Gen. Ross E. Rowell of Boise, Ida., a ranking Marine aviator for the past 14 years.

By 1stLt. Louis Olczyk
Public Relations Officer

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—In what may well be a world's record for all combat bombing—dive or level—Maj. Elmer G. (Iron Man) Glidden Jr. of West Roxbury, Mass., a veteran of Midway and Guadalcanal, today completed his 100th dive-bombing strike of this war with an attack on Jap-held Mille atoll.

From a patrol plane, we watched him lead his flight of Dauntless dive-bombers of Brig. Gen. Louis Woods' 4th Mar. Air Wing, saw him peel off and nose toward enemy beach positions. He left his mark below—his one 500-pound bomb and two 100-pound bombs sending up a geyser of debris, smoke and dust.

Back on the ground at his home field, there was no fanfare and, at first, only an occasional congratulatory handshake. Glidden had kept the number of his missions a secret, with only 1stLt. Lytton (Bud) Bliss of Garrettsville, O.,



Maj. GLIDDEN
... "Iron man" of aviation

who served with him on Guadalcanal, and members of the flight records office knowing the score.

When others learned of his 100th dive and expressed awe at the number, Glidden dismissed them with:

"If you keep flying long enough, the number just automatically piles up."

Records reveal, however, that Glidden's performance has been nowhere as easy as he puts it. Less than 10 pilots who served with him on Midway and Guadalcanal are in squadrons today.

Glidden is an elusive target for the Japs. His plane has been hit several times, though never seriously. He himself hasn't as much as a scratch.

Only one person of several operating squadrons in the Marshalls exceeds the major's 73 dives made here. He is Glidden's gunner, MTSgt. James A. Boyle of Chicago. 1stLt. Glenn (Lou) Rieder of Madison, Wis., "pulled a fast one on the skipper" recently by taking Boyle on a mission when the major was grounded with a severe cold. Thus, Boyle is one up for the local show.

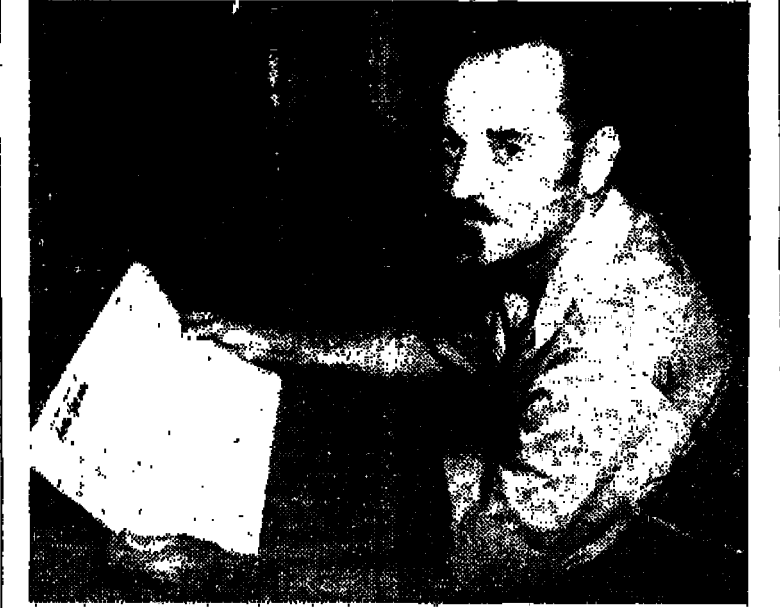
Maj. Glidden began his combat career in the Battle of Midway in 1942.

Highest M-1 Score Yet Fired At P.I.

Platoon Sergeant Within One Point Of Perfect Mark

FAIR ISLAND—The highest known record ever fired with the M-1 rifle—339 out of a possible 340—has been turned in at the rifle range here by a 15-year veteran in the Corps, PISgt. James M. Sutika of St. David's, Pa.

PISgt. Sutika made his 339 under exact record conditions but was not firing "for record," leaving the 337 of GySgt. John C. Cochran of the Camp Lejeune RR Det. still the official high mark.



VARIETY. Who says the life of a bandsman isn't exciting? MTSgt. James T. Tichacek has done everything from conducting symphonies to chasing Santo Domingo bandits in Marine campaigns in Latin America.

Famed Corps Band Leader Has Seen Action Aplenty

By TSgt. Paul G. Long
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Ask the old Marines about Tichacek. They know him from way back. Back to the days when he conducted the Shanghai symphony orchestra, rode a pony through Manchuria, chased bandits in Santo Domingo and wrote an article on yodelism for a New York City newspaper.

Now, after two campaigns against the Japanese in this war, he's headed back for the States.

MTSgt. James T. Tichacek of Ocean Beach, Cal., and Summit, Ill., is a bandmaster. But in the Marine Corps they don't hit defended beaches with music. On Cape Gloucester, his band was guarding the CP and carrying the wounded to the rear when he was hit in the shoulder. He continued directing the stretcher parties.

Guadalcanal was more exciting. Tichacek was in charge of evacuating 27 wounded men from the front lines in a boat. The boat ran out of gasoline and drifted below the Jap lines into the naval engagement of Nov. 12, 1942. For eight hours they drifted, with shot and shell and fighting ships all around them. Three of the wounded were lost that dark night. It was 0400 when they were finally rescued.

"First thing I did next morning was to look at all the gray hair I had acquired," said the 41-year-old Czech-born Marine.

In 23 years, he has served under nearly all the Corps' living generals. With the late Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler he made the 50-mile Marine conditioning hike from

Quantico to Gettysburg, Pa. He taught a famous Marine colonel of this war how to fire his rifle.

Tichacek has always been a leader in Marine musical circles. At the San Diego Base, he built a 32-piece orchestra into a 175-piece symphonic band. He organized the first string ensemble in the Corps, the first FMF band and its first drum and bugle corps and helped originate the "Halls of Montezuma" radio program.

Finds 'Lost' Buddy Asleep In Base Bunk

A Pacific-wide search for a lost buddy ended at the Base this week when PFC. Henry J. Goldy of San Diego awakened to find his pal during training in the San Diego area and comrade during many battles sleeping only a few bunks away.

Object of Goldy's search was Corp. Alex Neroda, with whom he had served as an instructor on the Base during the early days of the war. The pair volunteered for special sniper training and shipped out together.

Soon after arrival in the Pacific, the Marines were separated when Neroda was transferred into a machine gun unit. While on Guadalcanal, Goldy heard that his friend was nearby but was unable to locate him. Later, during the battle for Bougainville, the Leathernecks met again.

Goldy transferred to his buddy's unit but on the first day of the Guam invasion, Neroda was wounded. The following day, Goldy was hit by flying shrapnel and

evacuated to a ship in the harbor where he again took up the search.

Sent to USNH, Shoemaker, Cal., for treatment, Goldy wrote letters to nearly every hospital in the country but was unable to find his friend.

Sent down to San Diego for a furlough, Goldy arrived late and decided to spend the remainder of the night at MCB.

When Goldy awakened, he glanced around and saw his friend on a nearby bunk. They are going to try to stick together for the remainder of the war.



PFC. HENRY J. GOLDY
... long search ends

Marine Drenched In Foxhole On Saipan

USNH, SHOEMAKER — PFC. Matthew M. Maringer of Cincinnati, O., under treatment here, recalls that he was "all wet" on Saipan.

He was in his foxhole near a large water tank on his second night ashore when a mortar shell hit the tank and gave him a thorough drenching.—Sgt. Ellsworth A. Shiebler, combat correspondent.

Course in Japanese

A free beginners' course in Japanese began Monday at San Diego High School. Classes are held from 1900 to 2120 on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Bear A Hand

FOR SALE
1923 CHEVROLET sedan, newly re-upholstered, rebuilt motor \$175. Phone Sgt. V. J. Davetta at W-2250.

FOUND
MARINE BLOUSE BELT at intersection of Point Loma Ave. and California St., S. D. Initials "RUC." May be claimed at 1201 Navy St. Tel. D-2809.

TRAVEL COMPANIONS
OFFICER'S WIFE driving to Florida on Oct. 1, wishes to have another officer's wife accompany her. Tel. Oceanview 2223.

SERVICE wife or couple to help drive to Chicago. Mrs. Johnson, Henlev 3-2478.

FOR RENT
SINGLE ROOM, bath, 2740 1st ave., San Diego, Tel. M-2421.

Youth's Life Saved By Col. Carlson

By Sgt. Ellsworth A. Shiebler
Combat Correspondent

USNH, OAKLAND—PFC. Vito A. Cassaro of Brooklyn, N. Y., is confident that if it hadn't been for the heroic actions of Lt. Col. Evans F. Carlson he wouldn't be here recovering from wounds but probably would be dead on Saipan.

PFC. Cassaro was a radioman on a special assignment with Col. Carlson, famed Raider leader. With another officer and a sergeant they were advancing towards Mount Tapetahau.

It was the 10th day on Saipan and the battle for the mountain was in the offing. Cassaro's job was to keep contact with Bn. Hq., transmitting and receiving messages by means of a portable radio attached to his back.

"We were moving up a little to the rear of the main body of troops," he said. "Suddenly there was a burst of machine gun fire from behind and I fell with a bullet in my thigh. I couldn't crawl out

of the line of fire because of the heavy radio apparatus on my back, so the two officers rushed over and helped me to cover behind a small



PFC. CASSARO

dirt bank.

"Then the machine gun opened up again and bullets zipped into the dirt inches above my head. Col. Carlson realized the cover was not adequate so he picked me up to remove me to a safer place.

"The colonel hadn't carried me more than a few yards when there came another burst and he was struck in the right shoulder and left arm. It seems almost miraculous to me that I wasn't hit again.

"A corpsman and stretcher bearers arrived seconds later. They started to remove Col. Carlson first until he instructed them to take me because I had been wounded first.

"They don't come any better than the colonel," declared the Leatherneck. "He has won the respect and admiration of all who have served with him. I knew if he hadn't carried me away from that spot I would certainly have been hit again and probably killed. That gunner really had my range."

CAMP PENDLETON In Two Years Huge Marine Camp Has Trained Two Divisions and Thousands of Replacements

By FPC, John H. Burford

CAMP PENDLETON—Major participation in recent island-hopping drives on the road to Tokyo by men trained at this biggest and busiest Marine camp was recalled today as a fitting tribute to Camp Joseph H. Pendleton, on the second anniversary of its dedication by Pres. Roosevelt.

Two divisions and tens of thousands of replacements have received their over training here since the big camp was dedicated here in full battle gear from which Elliott, Sept. 1, 1942.

In a statement commending the anniversary, Maj. Gen. Charles F. B. Price, commanding general, FMF, San Diego Area, and commander of Camp Pendleton, pointed out that Marines trained here have participated in all of the recent victories in the Pacific and that men from this training command would be better prepared to meet the fighting during the next year, which he anticipated will progress in ferocity.

Anniversary Statement

"The past year has been one of increasing intensity in the training activities at Camp Pendleton. Several organized divisions have received their training here in addition to the steady flow of replacements for the Pacific front," said Gen. Price.

"The operations and victories at Guadalcanal, Iwojima, Cape Gloucester, Saipan, Eniwetok, Saipan and Guam were all participated in by men who went overseas via Pendleton. Veterans of those engagements have now returned as instructors to add the experience gained in battle to the lore of the training schools so that future replacements may go to the front even better prepared to meet the ferocious enemy."

"The engagement of the coming year undoubtedly will be even more ferocious as the trained Marines see their friend of Empire crumble. Officers and men physically rugged and professionally available, the product of the Trunk Command at Camp Pendleton, will be present at the front when the Rising Sun sets forever," he concluded.

Classrooms of these combat-wise veterans, referred to by Gen. Price, are scattered over the 130,000 acres of this once Spanish land grant, which embraces three mountain ranges, five rivers and three lakes. Leaders and students over the rugged terrain of this former Rancho Santa Margarita y las Flores, trainees participate in a program designed to fit them with the confidence and ability to retain safety and victorious from the battles they engage in.

Since the camp's dedication in 1940, it has become an overgrowing laboratory of war.

The sounds of battle noises that replaced the living of thousands of cattle on the hills of this ranch was greatly increased recently when personnel and facilities of Camp Elliott were brought here to be merged with this vast land.

The transition that took place at this area gave and robust habitat

of the Peninsula was spread through the world, has not ended.

Valued at 12 million dollars when dedicated, an additional 35 million dollars has since been spent, and improvements are still under way.

The spacious ranch lands and its landscaped grounds have been renovated by the Corps and remain as the big mark of new-time provincialism in the old atmosphere of men studying the most modern forms of warfare.

This beautiful, rambling adobe structure was once the home of the first, last Mexican governor of Alta California. It is now an of historic interest and amusement.

Ten miles from the main gate, the President had to drive over dirt roads to visit the ranch house which, now for the dedication.

On a return inspection trip last July the chief executive drove there over a paved highway, part of 67 miles of pavement, since built. An additional 70 miles of graded roads have been constructed and 30 more miles of road have been contracted.

Over the same period the number of camp buildings has increased from 70 to over 750. Three tent camps have also been constructed, one of them the largest in Corps history. The camp can now accommodate well over 10,000 men. Sixty-



RAIDER. Painted Raider units which made history in South Pacific actions during the past two years were product of Camp Pendleton's rugged training courses.

Two of the new structures are school buildings, one are theaters.

Warehouses of which there were none, now cover more than one million square feet.

In addition to numerous combat and firing ranges, new construction includes three complete outfitting swimming pools with



VAST. Three Marines pause to inspect road sign which gives some idea of distances on Camp Pendleton's 130,000 acres. Terrain is varied with both mountains and ocean handy for Marine combat conditioning and training.

at a cost of \$600,000, and a 1200-bed Naval Hospital costing five million dollars.

While watching amphibious operations from a cliff overlooking the beach on his recent tour of "Camp Big," Mr. Roosevelt viewed a new boat basin costing over

here, making this a paradise for hunting, has been driven from this vast acreage by the sound of marching feet, the rumbling of half tracs and the roar of exploding shells.

The yipping of colorful vaqueros has been replaced by the blood-curdling yells of rugged young men simulating warfare from the 18 miles of ocean bordering the camp, where they are practicing beach-head assault, to 20 miles inland where the trainees are practicing jungle warfare at its fiercest.

Not all the training is physical, however, for an MP in a jeep on patrol in the dark country, pulling over the crest of a hill, might very likely find a group seated in a natural amphitheater viewing a training film.

Visual Training

Since more and more importance is being placed on visual training aids, mobile equipment has been obtained and training films are shown throughout the camp, outdoors and indoors, day and night. New shadow box screens enable showing of the films in the outdoors during daylight hours.

With a growth of from one borrowed projector and a few reels of film to 40 projectors of all types and a library of thousands of films, Camp Pendleton is now the training aid library for the entire west coast, having charge of distribution of film to all Marine camps.

Operating as a part of the training command under the direction of Maj. Gen. J. C. Clegg, the department now provides pictures for an audience that totals over 100,000 viewers a month (one man may see 20 films).

Captured Jap weapons are found at the many ranges scattered

throughout the camp and exact reproductions of Jap enemy's pill boxes and beach defenses have been constructed here by men who fought against the real Japs.

Marines who battled in the Marianas used the same type shells, dynamite and flame throwers that they first used here in the destruction of defenses built to simulate those found earlier at Tarawa, Bougainville and Cape Gloucester.

A huge geyser of dirt rising from the air from behind a distant hill, followed by the rumble of an explosion, signifies that trainees at the anti-tank school have used TNT to build a tank trap that will stop any crawler-type vehicle when they later meet it in the "fight for tanks."

Lessons in warfare are taught in such a harrowing and unforgettable manner that they caused one member of aviation, whose wife are now getting their combat conditioning here, to remark: "I don't care how much they ever pay infantrymen, it won't be enough."

The Marine flight student had just been a party to one of the greatest night spectacles ever watched outside the front lines.

He had just crawled through the 160-yard infiltration course, as given an introduction to simulated warfare as an infantryman in his branch of the service has ever experienced.

An exact panorama of an actual battle is unfolded as the trainees crawl through barbed wire against violent explosions, while bullets from machine guns pass only a few inches over their heads.

Battle Noises

Merle lights and sounds are given off by rockets, flares and incendiary rushes of fire from flame throwers. Fire and mortar bombs and dynamite charges shake the ground, filling the air with dust and the smell of burnt powder. Battle sounds emitted from a loud speaker add to the confusion.

Nearly 50,000 men have been trained over the course built and directed by the veteran fighter, WO. William Wallace Jr., during the past 18 months and a second course is now in operation.

The first Marines to fight the Japs in this war learned to distinguish between the sounds of our fire pieces and those of the enemy by listening to them at the height of battle on Guadalcanal, Tarakan, Iwojima and Okinawa.

Today trainees here sit safely on the side of one of the brush-covered hills while enemy planes are fired over their heads to acquaint them with their distinctive sounds. The map the afterwards taught him to render the weapons useless in a simple manner that will prevent infiltrating Japs from turning the guns against them from the rear, as has been reported as happening in past engagements.

Booby traps that have kept many a Leatherneck from retreating as a live hero are a "must" for study.

Traps are placed on the ground before school begins and students (Continued on next page)



FLAME THROWERS. These weapons of modern warfare have proven invaluable against Jap pillboxes and prepared defenses. Marines in training on one of Pendleton's two infiltration courses crawl under jet of flame while bullets whiz overhead and dynamite charges explode.



ARTILLERY. Marine artillery has been playing an increasingly prominent role in island warfare. Camp Pendleton's sprawling acres give units such as this one getting ready to fire from position of natural camouflage ample opportunity to familiarize men with these weapons.

Big Camp Deals In Modern Mayhem Boots Now Fire BAR

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are subjected to harmless but surprisingly terrifying explosions when through curiosity they unwittingly set off the innocent looking objects. The men then pass through a building, tripping off traps attached to everything from window shades to spigots on a wine barrel, after which the students are shown how to construct simple traps, from a stick of dynamite or a grenade, for use against the enemy. WO Wallace and his nine assistants all have fought against the Japs.

The training command readily accepts the returned veteran's knowledge of fighting. However, to make certain that he can carry his message to the men in training properly, he is put through a super-infantry school, first of its kind among the armed forces.

Under direction of Brig. Gen. Oscar P. Cauldwell, the training command puts the would-be instructor through a series of field problems in simulated infantry warfare, in which pillboxes are destroyed, an attack on a Jap village is reenacted, and combat patrol operations, demolition exercises and other offensive tactics are carried out.

Vets Contribute

Credited as being one of the greatest advances made by the training command was the combining of specialized and infantry training under the one command following the consolidation of Camp Elliott with this camp.

The result of the juncture is the standardization of training for each individual and organization. Heretofore, few Marines were sent overseas with the same amount or type of training and conditioning. The Corps' reputation of being the best amphibious military body in the world is upheld to a large measure by the training given on the beaches here.

According to officers of the training command, practically every Leatherneck who has gone overseas since the activation of Camp Pendleton has received his amphibious training under this command.

Two Army divisions, Dutch, English and Australian troops have also been trained in a program which includes landings, transport of supplies, setting up of communi-



ENEMY WEAPONS. Through use of captured enemy weapons and equipment, Pendleton-trained Marines are familiarized with combat situations. These men are inspecting shot-up Jap tank sent back from South Pacific.

cations and establishment of beachheads.

To further prepare the men for the rigors of war a stiff combat conditioning course has been developed by the Phys. Trng. Sec., headed by Capt. Edwin (Dutch) Smith, former Olympic champion.

Instruction includes judo, knife and bayonet fighting, abandon ship jumps, landing boat exercises and combat swimming.

During the past year two theories important to men forced to abandon ship were exploded. It was discovered that a man could jump from a ship while wearing a steel helmet without injury to his neck, contrary to former belief, and that the kapok life jacket could be worn by a man abandoning ship in full marching order.

To make this camp complete for men who fight "on the land, in the air, and on the sea," fighter squadrons are now training at the airfield here, which has grown in size until it is large enough to accommodate any size aircraft.

Lending more hours for training to the men in the field are the nearly 1200 WRs now stationed here. The first group of 92 arrived last October. The women have their own area, beauty parlor and PX, and the only officers' club for women in the Corps was established here recently.

WRs Do Many Jobs

In relieving men for combat, the WRs can be found from one end of the camp to the other doing jobs which range from soda fountain work in the PXs to driving bulldozers in the building of firebreaks.

They also provide a welcome atmosphere for the men at shows, dances, fights and other morale building entertainment programs.

To meet religious needs of those training here, a new \$35,000 chapel was dedicated in March of this year. The ancient winery which adjoins the ranch house, and which was reported by padres to have been in existence since 1810, has been remodelled and converted into an impressive chapel, which is used together with the theaters and the natural amphitheaters in the field for services by the nine chaplains attached.

A new reception center, called the "Pendleton Marine's front room," which includes a writing room, telephone room, spacious social room and restaurant, was recently opened. It serves as a place where the men can relax and entertain their visiting friends and relatives.

The usual amount of camp shows, star appearances, fights and social gatherings are provided to maintain the morale of the trainees and to provide them with breathing spells during the arduous training period.

Some idea of the enormity of the camp can be gained from figures given out by the PX, Post Laundry, Bank and commissary.

Since its inception last May the

laundry has handled more than one million pieces of laundry and dry cleaning a month, returning the gear to the owner in the record time of from two to four days, according to 2d Lt. James C. Jay, post laundry officer. In addition the laundry trains mobile units for overseas and stateside camps.

PX business has grown until monthly receipts now exceed \$700,000. The help situation required the services of lady barbers in the post barber shops run by the exchange.

Deposits of over \$ million dollars have been made in the Post Bank since it opened a year ago. More than 80,000 people have been served by the bank.

Approximately 350 tons of food is issued and received by the Post Commissary every day. Food consumption here per day averages 60,000 eggs, 27,000 pounds of beef and pork, 10,000 pounds of bacon, 15,000 pounds of bread, 4000 pounds of sugar and 5000 pounds of coffee. Plans for construction of a new

commissary are under way and a new bakery is now being built. It was announced by Capt. John R. Gray, post commissary officer.

A new cafeteria for civilian employees who commute to the camp from nearby Oceanside is also being built.

Effect on the city of Oceanside by the presence of the camp has been to increase that city's population from 4000 to 10,000.

All of this camp's great facilities were used to mold the 4th Div. into an efficient fighting machine capable of winning battles such as those fought in the Marshalls and Marianas, for which that organization's insignia will mark the pages of history.

Ready for Action

The 5th Div., the second to train here, is about ready to forego simulated warfare for the real thing.

It is going forth to war they will continue to uphold an earlier declaration by Gen. Price, in which he said, "Wherever Marines are fighting today, there you will find men who have received at least a part of their training at Camp Pendleton."

On land, in the air, and on the sea...

Catholic WRs Form Base Choir Group

A group of 32 Catholic WRs has been organized into an MCB choir under the direction of Lt. (jg) J. J. Cassidy, (ChC) USNR, and will later form a women's sodality.

Sgt. Mildred Kenle was elected president and PFC. Marion Storts vice president at the organizational meeting, conducted by 2d Lt. Madeline Cochrane and Katherine Hartman.

Weekly choir practice will be held following Novena services on Friday evenings in the Base chapel. The group will sing at regular services and will provide special music for Christmas mass.

Joins RD Staff

Sgt. Maj. Douglas S. Catchim, an old-timer with more than 25 years of service in the Corps, joined the D&I office in RD recently from Trng. Command, Camp Pendleton.

Additional 125 Rounds Fired In Recruit Training

CAMP MATTHEWS—Recruits began two days' firing with the new A2 BAR on B range here last week as part of their revised training schedule. Each recruit now fires 125 rounds at distances of 200 and 300 yards in addition to the previous BAR firing at 1000 yards.

The weekly record day here was changed to Thursdays to permit giving instruction on the BAR on Fridays and Saturdays.

Recruits were cautioned that firing the course does not entitle them to wear the BAR medal, as the course is not fired for record. However, an entry is made in record books to show that they have fired the BAR.

HIGH RANGE MARK

Plat. 712 turned in the highest qualification mark last week when but two of its 60 members failed to shoot marksman scores or better on record day, giving the platoon a qualification percentage of 96.7.

PFC. Ray L. Wells coached the platoon on the school range, 1st DI is Sgt. D. McAlexander.

High individual score was the 321 scored by Pvt. Charles L. Holland (Plat. 771) of LaMonte, Mo. His closest competitors were PFC. Dalton F. Clevenger (Plat. 772), Ontario, Cal., and Roger L. Roberts (Plat. 772), Oakland, Cal., both with scores of 317.

Bougainville Drama Slated For 'Halls'

This afternoon's presentation of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show, on the air from the Base theater at 1000, will feature a drama entitled "Christmas on Bougainville."

PFC. Wilbur Vandermolen of Chicago, who, with his buddies, was greeted on Christmas morning on Bougainville by a series of earthquakes, will be interviewed on the program.

The "Halls" orchestra will supply the show's music under the baton of WO. Fred Lock.



WATER. Trainees leap from 33-ft. tower at one of Pendleton's three combat swimming pools.



SHOFAR. Marines attending Rosh Hashonah (Jewish New Year) services in San Diego rank Rabbi Moise Bergman as he blows the Shofar (or ram's horn) as the call to awaken the conscience. From left: Sgt. Arnold Wimper, Camp Pendleton; PFC. Dorothy Weiss, MCAD, Miramar; Rabbi Bergman; Lt. Herman E. Snyder, (ChC) USN, Pendleton; PFC. Meryl Bestner, Miramar; and 1st Sgt. Philip Katz, Camp Pendleton.

Army Musical Set For Base Showing

The Army will invade the Base next Tuesday and Wednesday at 2000 with its showing of the 4th Air Force musical comedy, "You Got Your Life," in the MCB theater.

The show, free of charge for Base personnel, was produced by Army personnel at March Field and is now on a three-month tour of the West coast.

1st Lt. Louis Rizzato, USA, who booked the show for MCB, said seven Hollywood starlets rounded out the cast of air force personnel.

Hi-ya Pop!

1st Sgt. John P. Revell of San Diego, back in the U. S. after 27 months in the Pacific, has just one complaint. His 20-month-old son showed no signs of recognition.

Many Leathernecks Attend Jewish High Holy Rites

Hundreds of Jewish Leathernecks and Women Marines from every camp and station in the San Diego area this week observed the beginning of their High Holy Day Season with Rosh Hashonah services, marking the beginning of their New Year.

Rosh Hashonah services started at sundown Sunday and continued until sundown Tuesday, with special observances being held in every San Diego synagogue.

Marines having been granted special liberty to attend services in San Diego, no observances were held at Marine establishments. Synagogues were crowded to overflowing by Leathernecks and other service personnel.

The High Holy Day Season con-

tinues next week and ends with Yom Kippur, a 24-hour time of fasting, beginning at sundown Tuesday and ending at sundown Wednesday.

Services in the San Diego area were being conducted by Lt. Herman Eliot Snyder, (ChC) USNR, stationed at Camp Pendleton; 1st Lt. Bertram W. Korn, (ChC) USNR, of Camp Elliott; and 1st Lt. Emanuel Lifschitz, (ChC) USNR, of Nav. Trng. Center.

THE SPORTS FRONT

By Pvt. BILL ROSS

White-hot and increasingly serious is the situation arising in the major leagues as to whether night baseball should be permitted to flourish after the war. Latest to enter into the argument is one George Herman Ruth or shall we just call him "Babe"?

The "sultan of swat" has his own ideas on the subject—and they are pronounced views, to say the least.

"Night baseball is murdering the sport."

That, in short, is the Babe's stand and he has some pretty convincing theories with which to back up the statement. In the first place, the Babe says, "Night baseball is strictly a business proposition—an offshoot of war conditions."

Ruth goes on to declare that playing under the lights will make it virtually impossible to develop new players; that it will cut short the playing life of veterans; that the fans will tire of the "nocturnal nuisance," as he calls it; and that—lastly—night baseball might well become the germ that killed the "great American sport."

"Night ball is murdering the sport with the help of cradle-robbing magnates who are killing the source and substance of the game by neglect of kids without whom it cannot exist."

So endeth the quotation from Mr. Ruth—you can form your own opinion as to the future of baseball under the lights.

But somehow we're inclined to believe as does "the Babe"—baseball without sunshine somehow is like baseball without peanuts, umpires and bleachers.

By the time most of our readers have a chance to see this issue of *The Chevron*, the pennant race in the American League will have been decided.

But right now the league still is in doubt.

With that being the case, here's our prediction for the way the season will end. Detroit on top . . . St. Louis, second . . . and the Yankees, third. Personally, we'd like to see the Browns cop the flag and if they would happen to turn the trick, our money's on them to go on and take the Cardinals in the World Series.

Professional football is on the upswing in Southern California and almost everywhere else in the nation, and there's a carload of ex-footballers—now in the armed services—who expect to hit the "play-for-pay" trail when the fighting's over.

However, there'll probably never be another pro gridster like our all-time favorite—the great Bronko Nagurski, now assistant coach at UCLA.

The Bronk undoubtedly has played more pro ball than any other man. He's been around so long, in fact, that he's become a platoon legend. Braveheart Dyer of the Los Angeles Times tells the story of the time Bronk came up against Frankie Sinkwich, who was a kid in knee pants when Nagurski began playing football. On one play, Frankie tried to give The Bronk a hip-and-switch but Nagurski just stuck out one big, hairy arm and hauled the youngster to the ground, saying:

"You can't fool an old man like me with that stuff, Sonny. But it's very nice . . . very nice. Try it on the other tackle."

Basketball Star Killed In Action

SAIPAN (Delayed)—One of Manhattan College's outstanding basketball players, Timothy Donegan, was killed by snipers in the Leatherneck offensive to take this island. A Marine first lieutenant, Donegan refused to allow his men to venture into a sniper-infested area until he had investigated it first. He was found dead the next day.

MCB Fight Shows Begin Wednesday

Boxing shows, absent from the Base for several months, will return in full fury the evening of Sept. 23. It was announced this week by PFC Ray Sears, who will have charge of the program.

A card has not yet been arranged for the opening show, Sears said, but he asked that all persons interested in appearing in the bouts contact the Base athletic office in Bldg. 13. Boxers then will be picked to represent the Base against opponents from other service establishments in the Southern California area.

Guam Youth Plays Yankee Baseball

GUAM (Delayed)—An old Chamorro, leading an equally ancient ox, passed by a group of Marines. He answered their hello with a wave of his hand and remarked in the natives' typically well-spoken English, "It is certainly nice to be with civilized people again."

Later, a younger Chamorro passed the same group. He wore a green jersey with a monogram on it.

"I suppose you play baseball," a Marine asked.

"Sure," was the answer.



Sgt. LOU FORTUNA . . . wants crack at Japs

Pendleton Boxer Seeks 'Bout' In Pacific Offensive

CAMP PENDLETON. Currently sharpening his fighting sense at this training establishment is a former professional boxer whose name has graced the cards of some of the nation's top fight events.

He is Sgt. Lou Fortuna of Philadelphia, who fought as a lightweight and welterweight from 1933 until the time of his enlistment in the Corps in February, 1942. In 1940, the sergeant tackled Freddie Cochrane, then welterweight champion but now in the Navy, in a bout at Meadowbrook Bowl, Newark, N. J. The Leatherneck dropped the verdict, but gave Cochrane plenty to worry about before being declared the loser.

Sgt. Fortuna has participated in approximately 110 professional bouts so far in his career.

Coast Guard Meets NTC In Series To Pick MCB Opponent For League Title

MCB Nine Assured Place in Playoffs For Loop Crown

Baseball's spotlight in the 11th Naval Dist. is focused this week on Naval Trng. Center and the Coast Guard Patrol as the two teams square off for a two-out-of-three series to determine the opponent for MCB in the service league championship playoffs.

The Base team—by virtue of its loop victory in the first half of the current season—definitely is assured a shot at the district crown, but NTC and CG must battle it out since they tied for the league pennant during the second round of play.

CRUCIAL GAME TODAY

The first game of the crucial series was scheduled for this afternoon at the Coast Guard field, Point Loma, with the second contest slated for NTS tomorrow. If a third contest is necessary, it will be played at CG's field. The Coast Guard outfit won the right to meet NTC in the preliminary playoffs by defeating MCB last week, 6-1, in an encounter at Point Loma.

The Coast Guard forged into the lead immediately in that game and held it until the end. The MCBers just couldn't seem to find themselves throughout the contest. The Base's "two Kays"—Yochim and Miner—both saw mound duty but neither could stop the Coast Guard's hitting attack. They were reached for a total of eight hits while Bob Snudel gave up four for CG.

ARMY WINS

Sunday saw MCB's nine in action in a non-league affair against the Army Ferry Company at Long Beach with the Eilers gaining a 5-1 victory. Joe Gaultreux and Ray Yochim were on the hill for the Base and Jack Olson hurled for the Eilers.

Rudy Fugh pitched the Base nine to a 3-to-1 victory over Camp Miramar in a practice game played here last Tuesday. MCB showed plenty of speed and played consistent ball to notch the success.

Cage Outlook Dark Compared To Last Season's

Two Veterans Return From Undefeated Team To Mainstay Quintet

"Prospects aren't too bright right now but we have hopes, and we'll do our best to carry on the record of last year's team." So spoke Capt. Charles R. Church, Base athletic officer, when asked last week about plans for MCB's 1943-1945 basketball season. No definite date yet has been set for commencing workouts, the captain said, but he added that anyone interested in trying out for the squad should contact the Base athletic office in Bldg. 13.

"We just have two of last year's team still stationed on the Base," Captain Church explained, "and, quite naturally, we'll probably attempt to build our squad around them." The remaining veterans of last season's outfit—which won 35 consecutive games and was rated the best service cage team in the nation—are PFCs Joe Finks and Charles (Swede) Schroyen. Finks gained his civilian cage experience at Murray State Teachers' college in Kentucky and Schroyen played basketball in his home state of Wisconsin.

Missing from the Base lineup will be such stellar performers as 20LH Kom Sailors of Laramie, Wyo., Corp. Grant Denmark of Palo Alto, Cal., PFC David Hamrickhouse of Paris, Ill., and Pvt. Edgar Cerr of San Francisco—all cage stars in their own rights.

Leathernecks Cop Baseball Crown

NATTC, CHICAGO—The Mar. Air Det. here this week was in possession of the station's baseball championship by virtue of two consecutive play-off victories over the team composed of Navy Car-buretor men.

The Marines took the first contest of the crucial series 3-0 and edged out a close victory in the second, 3-7. Moe Koplen, on the mound for the Leathernecks, was the star of their offensive. The Car-buretors began the game in what appeared to be runaway style, scoring three runs in the first inning. However, the Marines scored three in the third and momentarily knotted the score. The Sailors put across four more tallies in the fifth, but the Marines had enough stuff to stay in the game, take the lead and hold it against a last-minute rally.

The championship was the second for the Mar. Det., current holders of the station basketball crown.

Base Netmen Win In Tennis Meet

Netmen from MCB continue to make their bid for top honors in the enlisted men's tennis tournament of the 11th Nav. Dist. Led by Corp. Harold Brogan, last year's defending champion, three men from the Base's original entry of six still are among the leaders in the elimination tourney being played at Navy Field.

Besides Brogan, those still in the running are StSgt. Roger Carney and PFC George Stiedl. Brogan has scored two victories in tournament play so far, defeating E. Le-roy of Amphibious Trng. Base, 6-1, 6-1, and J. Penner of Miramar, 2-6, 6-4, 6-1. StSgt. Carney's two victories both have been defaults—one from C. Stimpson of Nav. Trng. Center, the other from E. Roethlis of RR, Camp Matthews. Stiedl has defeated W. McDonald, NTC, 6-1, 6-4, and S. Fulcher of Miramar, 6-0, 6-0.

Other MCBmen originally in the tournament were MTSgt. Leslie Caskey, Pvt. Robert Olson and Sgt. Abel Mattos.

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WR MERMAIDS. In training for soon-to-come Women's Reserve swimming competition is the Base Wt tank squad. PFCs Louise Stringfield and Helen McGrath sit on the edge of pool, while PFCs Doris Kinrade, Nancy Latham and Helen Haug swim. (Photo by Corp. Louise Parker).

Two Knockouts Top Card In Recruit Fistic Show

Boot boxing's weekly bill at RD amphitheater was highlighted last week by the ring appearance of three recruits, two of whom scored knockouts while the other gained an impressive win over his opponent.

Pvt. Fred Blue Eyes of New Mexico put away Pvt. Charles Ruff in the first stanza of their scheduled three-round go. Ruff, a Californian, previously had been victorious in two other boot fistic shows. Pvt. John Busch of Washington KO'd Pvt. Ed Anderson in the last round of their bout.

Top crowd-pleaser of the evening was the contest between Pvs. Lee Damon and Bob De Avila, both of whom had won earlier recruit victories. Damon, who hails from Arizona, was given the decision after a fast and furious fight. De Avila, a California youth, is expected to be rematched with the victor next week.

The other results:

Pvt. Jack Bailey of California de-

clined Pvt. William Vaughn of Idaho; Pvt. Charles Walter of Oregon defeated Pvt. Dennis Harrison of California; Pvt. James Pierce of California defeated Pvt. Don Seals of Arizona; Pvt. Sam Wilson of New Mexico defeated Pvt. Albert Kadosian of California; and Pvt. Willis King of Missouri fought to a draw with Pvt. John Smith of Idaho.

Corp. Rolls 242 To Top Bowlers

Rolling a neat 242 to take top honors as the "bowler of the week" on the local PX alleys, Corp. M. H. Moss was awarded a carton of cigarettes for his victory last week.

El Toro Flying Marines Swamp Sailors 13 to 7

Leatherneck Stars Win Against Stout Defense

CAMP SHOEMAKER—Lt. Col. Dick Hanley's powerful "Flying Marines" football team from MCAS, El Toro, went to the gridiron wars last week and smashed through a strong Fleet City Bluejackets eleven to take the first game of the season, 13-7.

The victory had been expected inasmuch as the Leatherneck outfit boasts of some of the finest pigskin talent on the West Coast and is coached by Lt. Col. Hanley, one of the nation's top grid mentors while at Northwestern Univ. The Sailors, however, played a consistent brand of good football and threatened to tie the score late in the final period.

EARLY START

The Marines set their offensive in motion early in the game and there were few setbacks until they had scored their first touchdown. However, the Bluejackets' defenses stiffened after that and the contest took on the "dead heat" nature which the Sailors put across a tally in the second stanza.

In the second half, PFC. Walter Clay, late of Colorado Univ., plunged five yards after a field-long march to count the second and game-winning touchdown. The tallying drive was sparked by Bill Kennedy, quarterback and former star at Michigan State College. The score came during the closing moments of the third period.

The Sailors found the offensive range in the final quarter and time and again threatened to knot the score but the Marines held and the game ended 13-7. The Leathernecks will play an intra-squad game today at El Toro.

Baseball Dope

11th NAVAL DIST. STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Naval Training Center	11	1	.917
Coast Guard Station	11	1	.917
Marine Corps Base	10	2	.833
Air Base Group No. 2	8	4	.666
Camp Miramar	8	4	.666
Camp Matthews	6	6	.500
Amphib. Trng. Base	6	7	.463
Camp Elliott Marines	4	7	.375
Naval Air Station	4	8	.333
Camp Gillespie	4	8	.333
Port Rosarans	3	7	.300
Naval Repair Base	3	10	.167
USS Dupont	1	11	.083



FLYING MARINES TAKE OFF. Pvt. Bill Schroeder totes the ball around his own left end to gain 19 yards for El Toro's Flying Marines against the Shoemaker Bluejackets at Shoemaker, Cal. The play was called back, however, and the Marines were penalized 15 yards for holding. On the deck is Corp. Julien Pressly (No. 22) and leaping over him is Corp. Seymour Fuhrman (No. 19). Marines took the game, 13 to 7.

Battalion Grid Teams Begin Action October 7th

Ormanski Heads Lejeune Gridsters

CAMP LEJEUNE—Navy Lt. Bill Ormanski, former Holy Cross and Chicago Bear fullback, will coach the Lejeune Marine football team this year. It was announced this week by Lt. Col. William W. Stickney, camp recreation officer. Assisting "Bullet Bill" will be Pvt. Frank Rhoads, line coach; 1st Lt. E. B. Lerch, backfield coach, and PFC. Charles Malone, end coach.

Ormanski, stationed here as a Naval dentist, will have only a short time to whip his charges into shape before the opening game here Sept. 30 against the 3rd Air Force Gremlins from Charlotte, N. C. However, he is fortunate in having a staff with many years' experience in both collegiate and professional circles.

Four Squads to Compete in Base Football Tourney

MCB football fans will have an opportunity to see what Base battalion eleven's have to offer in the way of pigskin fare when the fall season begins Saturday, Oct. 7, with a double-header gridiron program arranged for the local field.

A complete schedule has not been announced but is expected to be drawn up next week. Four teams will compete in a double round-robin tournament for the Base championship with squads entered by Hq. Bn., Gd. Bn., Ser. Bn., and the Shoe and Textile School. Last year's defending champion—Recreation Dept.—does not have a team in this season's play.

ONLY BASE FOOTBALL

Since MCB will not field a Base football team, battalion squads will offer the only display of the pigskin sport by Marines stationed here. For a time it was thought it might be impossible to carry through a schedule of battalion play because of personnel problems. However, a decision was reached to carry on an abbreviated schedule inasmuch as men were available for at least four teams.

Rosters of the respective teams were not yet available but were expected to be released next week. Considerable grid talent reportedly has been uncovered in the practice sessions to date and the four teams promise a schedule of lively competition.

The season's activities are under supervision of Capt. Charles R. Church, Base athletic officer.

THE CHEVRON Sports



MASTERMINDS AT WORK. Deep in consultation on a trick play are the line coaches and O-in-C of Gd. Bn.'s football team. From left, Sgt. F. L. Dixon, assistant line coach, 1st Lt. L. J. Dewey, Pvt. Wilton Allen, head line coach of the squad. (Photo by PFC. F. J. Wishin).

NAS Waves Drop Game To Base WRs

MCB's Women Reserves' baseball team continued its winning ways defeating the Waves of the Naval Air Station, 7-1, in a game played on the Base last Tuesday. The victory kept the Base WRs

tyed for first place with Miramar in the service women's softball league. They also lead the San Diego civilian women's league.

The WRs play two games next week—one service, one civilian.



OLD HANDS. Sgts. M. L. Mauehand and H. L. Hill know their stuff when it comes to billiards and bowling. They are shown in the midst of a hot game at the PX bowling alley-pool room where they are getting things in shape for the fall and winter season. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey Payne).

Base Boxers To Compete In Naval District Meet

A complete team of boxers from MCB is expected to enter the 11th Nav. Dist. Boxing Tournament scheduled for the San Diego Coliseum Sunday, Oct. 1, it was disclosed this week simultaneously with the announcement of plans for the championship event.

PFC. Ray Sears, who will have charge of the Base squad, said his team has not yet been picked and that several vacancies still exist among the ranks. Anyone interested in performing in the tourney should get in touch with the Base athletic office in Bldg. 13, Sears pointed out.

United States fleet rules will govern the matches and all bouts will be of four rounds each, with each round lasting two minutes with a minute's rest between each

round. A total of seven championships will be decided with awards being made in the following weight classes: bantamweight, featherweight, welterweight, middleweight, light-heavyweight and heavyweight. Winners and runners-up will be given medals for the performances. Only enlisted men will be allowed to compete in the tourney and all entries must be in by Wednesday morning. Sears said no definite names had yet been entered in the district slug-fest.

Cage Workouts Open At Klamath

MB, KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Basketball is in the air at this Marine base and approximately 65 men have turned out to try for berths on the cage squad coached by Sgt. Les Israel, formerly of Kansas City, Mo.

Little is known so far about the prospects of the team but the newly-chosen coach has a varied and colorful career in sports. His parents were professional roller skaters, who met for the first time on a rink floor, and the entire Israel family virtually was reared on wheels.

Les' brother, Jack, was at one time world's roller champion, and a sister, Dorothy, once held the national skating title. Not to be outdone, Les himself carried the national honors from 1929 to 1931. After quitting pro skating, he was coach for movie star Eleanor Powell and her publicity roller team.

Home in Kansas City, Les worked at various boys teams of different athletic clubs. With Israel coaching, the cage team of the Kansas City Broadway Athletic

club won the city championship one year and earned for Les a spot as athletic director of the DeMolay junior fraternal organization.

Under his tutelage the DeMolay boys won the Missouri state basketball championship in 1939.

While overseas recently, Sgt. Israel assembled a cage squad which held top honors in the islands throughout their span of competitive play. Three regulars of that team now are at Klamath Falls, and the coach expects them to be mainstays of the new outfit's competitive clinics.

Leathernecks Second In Naval Cage Loop

NOB OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL LIMITS—They're already well into the basketball season at this Naval Operating Base where the cage sport is one of the top events on the athletic schedule.

Leading the league at present is the Navy, with the Mar. Det. in second place. The sailors, in their last encounter with the Leathernecks, were victorious.

MCB Cagers To Enter Tourney

Plans were under way this week for MCB to enter a team in a pre-season service basketball tourney scheduled for the San Diego YMCA beginning Oct. 10. The event will be a straight elimination contest, a team losing one game being automatically eliminated, and is expected to draw entries from throughout the San Diego area.

The Base—which last year had perhaps the best service basketball team in the nation—is expected to rate well in the competition despite the fact that only two men from last year's squad will be available for play this season.

"The purpose of the tournament," Capt. C. R. Church, Base athletic officer said, "is to stimulate interest in the sport and to acquaint coaches and players with new rules governing play." The captain further revealed that workouts soon will begin for the MCB squad but no date has yet been set.



Chevron Chick

Marilyn Maxwell of M-G-M—looking like she has the right slant on things—is this week's back page toast to the Leatherneck Corps. Miss Maxwell is The Chevron's answer to the age-old question: "Do men prefer blonds?"



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GLOMS—Hands, claw hooks.
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KNOT-HEAD—A hot very clever character, slow on the up-take.
OFFICE HOURS—Preliminary trial before the CO at which time the accused is given the specifications of his offense.
SACK TIME—To take five—loafing on your bunn

FIELD NOTES

by Cunningham

