

CONVINCE
We must convince
Germany it has
really lost the war.
—OWI.

MARINE CORPS CHEVRON

SUPPLY
This is a war of
beans, bullets and
oil.—Adm. Chester
W. Nimitz.

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PELELIU FRONT LINES. Marine infantrymen squat on their heels while they wait for one of their tanks to knock out a Jap pillbox on Peleliu that has been holding up an advance. After tank has smashed the position, the men will move forward and clean up the area.

Marines Seize Three Palau Islands

(See pages 4 and 5 for Peleliu pictures and stories)

Marines successfully invaded three additional islands in Japan's strategic Palau group during the past week and secured Peleliu with the exception of small groups of fiercely resisting Japanese whose elimination is continuing.

United Press dispatches from Pearl Harbor also revealed that

Corsairs of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing had gone into action at Palau—the first mention of this group being in action in the Central Pacific.

The Corsairs struck at the airfield on Babelthuap Island—largest of the Palau group—and scored numerous direct hits on landing strips. Anti-aircraft fire was "intense." They also spotted 1000-pound bombs across the cave forts on Bloody Nose Ridge on Peleliu as ground troops fought their way slowly up the rocky slopes, and peppered Koror Island.

The Corsairs were operating from the captured Peleliu airfield.

Pushing toward the main island of Babelthuap, Marines overran Ngesebus and Kookaibu islands (see map on page 2), off the northern tip of Peleliu, and a third tiny unnamed islet.

Invasion of the three, giving the Americans nine islands in the chain, firmly secured the northern end of the Allied line which is tightening around the southern Philippines.

Elements of the 1st Div. went ashore and overcame light enemy opposition. Capture of Ngesebus and Kookaibu eliminated the possibility of the Japanese using them as posts from which they could observe American activities on Peleliu.

Ngesebus is connected to Peleliu by a causeway. It has an airstrip (Continued on page 2)



REUNION. Sgt. David L. Walsh chats with PFC John M. Beck, wounded in Britain, while touring USMC, San Diego. They were former neighbors at Milton, Mass. (See story on page 7).

'Death March' Survivors Fighting Japs On Palau

By Sgt. George E. McMillan, COMBAT Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—This is a message to the CG of Japanese Prison Camp No. 1, Philippine Islands:

Two of your former captives, both Marine officers, landed today on Peleliu.

They are eager to see you. They remember you well, if not too fondly. They want you to know of their proximity.

The officers are Lt. Col. Austin C. Shofner of Shelbyville, Tenn., and Maj. Michael Dabovich of Ironton, Minn.

They want to remind you of the harangue you used to make when you mustered them in the yard of your rat hole.

You told them: "This is a struggle to the death. The Japanese are going to exterminate you. Japan and the United States will be enemies forever."

The two Marines made the famed March from Batavia, later escaped to Australia with Army Lt. Col. Edward Dyess, and collaborated with him in the report on prisoners in the Philippines.

They have only recently returned from the States to duty in the Pacific.

Both were in the famed old 4th Regt. in Shanghai, and landed at Hong Kong Naval Base with a part of that outfit Dec. 2, 1941. They fought on Bataan until they were ordered to surrender.



JAP PILLBOX. Two 1st Div. Marines make a search for survivors in pillbox on southern end of Peleliu airfield after they had tossed a hand grenade into the opening.

New Device Effective

First Men to Use Flame-Throwing Tanks Return

Marines who were among the first to use the Corps' newest weapon—the flame-throwing tank—on Saipan, returned to the R&R Center on the Base last week-end.

They were part of a group of 65 members of a 2nd Div. tank unit returned here for processing and reassignment with 735 other 2nd Mar. Div. veterans.

The weapon was put to effective use on Saipan, according to Sgt. Frank J. Ladd of Indianapolis, who said there was also a definite psychological effect on the Japs when it went into action.

Corp. Burton D. Powers of Alhambra, Cal., made probably the outstanding record with the weapon, Sgt. Ladd thinks. He said Powers, a communications man who was setting up a helio tank commander, bagged between 250 (Continued on page 2)

1000 Enlisted WRs Slated For Hawaii

Approximately 1000 enlisted WRs and an unannounced number of WR officers will be assigned to Hawaiian duty, it was announced by HQMC in Washington this week. The following statement was issued:

"Enactment of legislation to permit women Marines to serve outside the U. S. within the American area and in Hawaii and Alaska, will make possible the release of additional Marines for combat duty.

"According to tentative present plans, approximately 1000 enlisted Marine women will be assigned to duty in Hawaii. They will be preceded there by a group of women Marine officers.

"Selection for overseas service will be based in part on length of service in the Corps and on qualifications for the assignments to be

filled. No member of the Women's Reserve will be ordered to duty outside the U. S. without her consent."

It was likewise announced that Col. Ruth Cheney Streeter, director of the Women's Reserve, and Maj. Cornelia D. T. Williams, personnel officer, would proceed to Hawaii in October to make a survey of living accommodations and possible assignments for the women to be sent.

Fliers Support Seabee Training

CAMP PENDLETON—A Marine fighter squadron is putting reality into training of Seabees here.

Planes lay down smoke screens in front of landing craft, making it possible for the Navy men to land unseen, then return to simulate enemy strafing.

The combined training, which benefits both the landing parties and the fliers, is an example of full cooperation between land, sea and air units in combat and training.

Squadron members are under the direction of Capt. Stanley Synar of Warner, Okla.

Men Under 38 Go To Combat, Journal Reports

The Marine Corps desires that all men in the United States who are physically qualified for combat duty, and who have not been in combat, be given combat assignments. It is reported in the Army and Navy Journal, which states:

"Effective Sept. 30, commanders of Marine Corps stations in the United States will submit with their monthly report a list of all men physically qualified for combat. This list is to include those men who have not previously served in combat assignments.

"Several months ago the Corps cleared Washington Headquarters of those men who were eligible for combat duty.

"Marine Corps spokesmen say that while there is no set age for combat, men under 38 are desired. Exceptions are made in cases where enlisted personnel such as sergeants major, who do administrative duties only, are needed by combat units."

Time Says Russia To Fight Japan

Although giving no hint as to the source of its information, Time magazine in its current issue makes this statement:

"From an authoritative source, Time learned last week that as soon as Germany is defeated Russia will declare war on Japan."

Miramar Marines Shatter Pendleton's Blood Donor Record

MCAD, MIRAMAR—New blood donor records were established here Monday when 782 pints of blood were received in six hours from members of Marine Air-Warhing Group Two, MarFair West.

The previous record, established recently by Camp Pendleton Marines, was 764 pints for the same period.

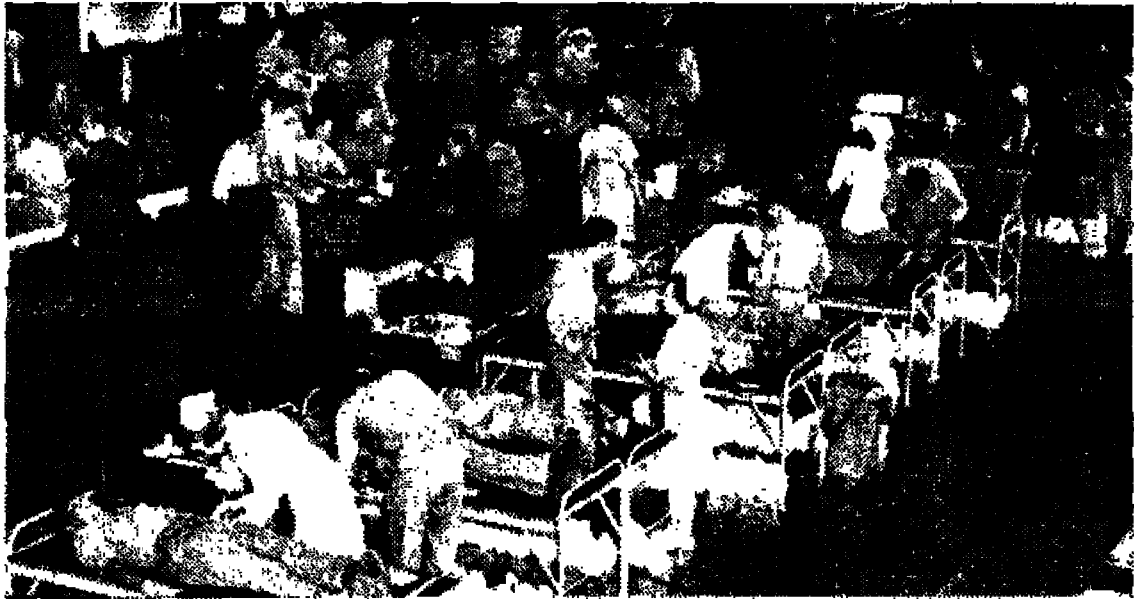
Red Cross officials expressed the

belief that this mass blood donation was the largest of its kind in the world. The 151 pints given during the first hour also set a new, all-time high record for that period.

The occasion was the first anniversary of the San Diego American Red Cross Mobile Unit, which was placed in commission Oct. 2, 1943. During the year this unit has handled 13,734 donations, largely from service personnel in the San Diego area.

The mass blood donation was made under the direction of Lt. A. A. Allegrini, (MC) USN, Red Cross "Grey Ladies" under Miss Margaret Price, director of the Mobile Bank, issued donor cards to the Marines and served coffee and doughnuts.

In order to collect the great amount of blood, more than 25 cots and beds were set up in the Miramar gymnasium. Fifteen nurses, plus a number of nurses' aides, were required to complete the collection.



ANOTHER RECORD. This was the scene in the Miramar gymnasium this week as 782 Marines donated blood to break the world's record for a single day's donations set the preceding week at Camp Pendleton. Men at tables in background have already given blood and are enjoying coffee and doughnuts. (Photo by Sgt. Gene Locke).

Three New Isles Fall

Corsairs Blast Remaining Japs In Peleliu Forts

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which was rendered inoperative by bombings.

Over the week-end, Marine and Army units had secured four of the southernmost islands of the chain. These include Noarmoked, Ngabad and two unnamed islands.

A dispatch from Mac R. Johnson, UP war correspondent, said an estimated 2000 fanatical enemy troops were believed holding out in two pockets—one on Peleliu's bloody nose ridge and the other on Angaur island. The bulk of them apparently dug in on the ridge, which already has witnessed some of the toughest fighting of the Pacific war, and which Marines by-passed to clean out the rest of the island.

There was every indication that the surviving Japanese would fight to the last man and that further costly fighting lay ahead before they could be dug out and killed.

Of the estimated 12,000 Japanese holding the southern Palau when the American invasion began Sept. 15, 187 were known to have been captured and 11,043 killed, against officially-announced American Marine and soldier casualties of 1022 killed, 6115 wounded and 280 missing.

The total Palau casualties of the 1st Div. are 771 killed, 4850 wounded and 267 missing. Total 1st Army Div. losses were 251 killed, 1466 wounded and 13 missing.

Strong Japanese forces still were believed entrenched on Babelthau and other islets in the Palau chain farther north.

As a result of the bloody, no-quarter Palau battle, the U. S. now holds three airfields within three hours' flight of the Philippines.

New System Speeds Mail Delivery



Mail to be Held By COs Overseas For Leathernecks

WASHINGTON—Through a new change of address system inaugurated by the Navy Dept., Leathernecks enroute to overseas stations will find their mail awaiting them upon arrival.

Under the system, all Marines and other Navy personnel leaving an activity within the U. S. are required to fill out cards providing their new address. The last CO as well as the prospective CO of each man are also informed of the new address.

Having been informed that a man is enroute to his command, prospective COs will hold each man's mail pending his arrival.

In the past if individuals failed to inform correspondents of changes of address, mail was usually returned to the sender.

The Navy Dept. announced that the improved situation will eliminate a large part of the mail directory service, thereby making available additional personnel for dispatching mail, as well as serving to boost morale.

He said he was going to kiss me and I said I wouldn't stand for it—so he led me over to the divan.

Old Timers



GySgt. A. V. HALPIN
... he found adventure

Adventure Trail Ends With Wound On Bougainville

USNH, SAN DIEGO—The tale of a colorful 17-year quest for adventure in the Corps, which culminated on the beaches and in the hills of Bougainville, is told by GySgt. Alfred V. Halpin, recuperating at this hospital from wounds received there.

GySgt. Halpin suffered a bullet wound in his left hand during the fierce fighting for Hill 1000.

PUSH JAPS BACK

"We had successfully taken the hill," he said, "and as we reached the top, our outfit swept over and down the other side in an attempt to push the Japs further before setting up to defend the position against counter attacks."

"It was then that a slug smashed into my hand from somewhere in the brush ahead."

GySgt. Halpin first enlisted in 1926. After three "cruises," one of which was extended two years, he was honorably discharged in 1940. During those 14 years, he had shipped on three tours of duty which took him to Haiti, Nicaragua and China.

DUTY IN ARMY

After leaving the Corps he was inducted into the Army and served four months before being released. After Pearl Harbor, the gunny once again enlisted in the Corps as a private.

Of the future he said, "I'll be happy with any duty I'm assigned. I have decided to stay in the service from now on and make it my career."

A Marine complained that he waited in line so long to see the picture "Wilson" that Coolidge was elected before he got inside.

New Device Effective

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and 300 Japs on a narrow strip of land jutting out into the ocean just north of Tanapag harbor. A large number of Japs had taken refuge there in a small area honey-combed with trenches.

Several other tanks got smaller groups of 30 to 50 Japs in caves and other emplacements, Sgt. Ladd said.

All the returned tankmen agreed that U. S. tanks were far superior to those of the enemy.

"The Jap tanks are like tin lizzies compared to ours," said Sgt. Robert Mills of Houston, Tex. "They don't have either the fire power or protective armor that ours do."

Sgt. Warren E. Schickling of Prescott, Wis., recalled that a U. S. medium tank took a direct hit from a Jap 77mm. high explosive shell but suffered no damage other than having its ammunition rack knocked down inside.

The tankmen enjoyed a reunion at R&R with WO. William F. McMillan of Merryville, La., who was their platoon leader on Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Saipan and Tinian.

The original booby trap was mislabeled.

'Old Time' WRs Still Serve Together

Gas Chisellers Given Warning

CAMP PENDLETON—Declarator Marloes at this camp have been falsifying rationing statements and making fraudulent statements to procure extra gasoline. Lt. Col. Daniel P. Closser, camp ration officer, issued a warning that gas chisellers face fines and imprisonment ranging up to \$10,000 and 10 years.

Lt. Col. Closser reported cases in which married men applied for extra gasoline to visit families allegedly residing as far away as the Atlantic coast.

The officer warned that criminal penalties would be invoked if the filing of fraudulent applications continued.

Mass Suicides

USNH, OAKLAND—PFC. Conn Arlin of Tarrant City, Ala., says he will never forget the hundreds of Japs committing suicide during the last few days on Saipan. "They stood out on the coral reefs," he said, "throwing grenades at each other or diving into the water to float out to sea. Many of those who participated in the mass suicides were women and children of all ages."

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Sixteen WRs who were in the first regiment trained at Hunter College, N. Y., are still serving together at this station.

Representing seven different departments, they have replaced men in supply, quartermaster, synthetic training, PX, post office, radio and control tower work.

Four of the 16 who met during recruit training have been together in every assignment of their Marine careers, from storekeeper school at Bloomington, Ind., to posts at Edenton, N. C., and Cherry Point, N. C., and are continuing to serve side-by-side at this station.

They are: SttSgt. Ellice Brown of Odessa, Mo.; Sgt. Pearl A. Enmark of Medford, Mass.; Katherine

L. Klester of Des Moines, Ia.; Mathe A. Mortenson of Chicago, Dorthis Portenor of Kirkwood, Mo.; Lucille Tilgong of San Francisco; Corp. Mary E. Applegate of St. Louis, Mo.; Doris Lutes of Rochester, O.; Florence Offtermatt of Cleveland, O.; Pauline Pope of New York City; Doris B. Prothers of Bronx, N. Y.; Agnes Roberts of Dearborn, Mich.; Louise Rossi of Waterbury, Conn.; Florence Sjolman of Troy, N. Y.; Rita Tirrell of Newton Center, Mass., and Marie Wohltmann of Bronx, N. Y.

Some WRs have been wearing the same hat for a year and a half, which just goes to show what a little discipline will do for womanhood.

Fleet Heads Authorized To Award Commendations

Authority to award the commendation ribbon has been delegated by the Secy. of Navy to all fleet commanders of the rank of vice admiral and above.

When issuing commendations, fleet commanders will include authorization to wear the ribbon, if it is desired to accord that privilege. Wearing of the ribbon is not

authorized for commendations by fleet commanders, other than a commander-in-chief, issued prior to Sept. 13, 1944. This delegated authority will not be extended to task force commanders or other flag officers who are not fleet commanders.

The delegated authority to fleet commanders became effective Sept. 13.

Caves, Big And Little, Center of Bitter Fighting On Peleliu



RESECT'NT. Sheltered by a wounded Jap bunker, Naval gun fire from objective directly shelling for Jap positions on Peleliu

PELELIU (Delayed) As they dug at Quar and Sulphur, the Japs are fighting the Marines here from the battlements of their caves—the last desperate stratagem of a beaten soldier.

Takes big enough to hold 250 or more men, caves running for more than 100 yards inside a ridge, covered with many entrances and exits, caves reinforced with concrete little caves cleverly camouflaged—they've used them all with the same result: death.

Most of their caves are proof against Naval gunfire and bomb-

General Lauds Fighting First

PELELIU (Delayed)—Marines of the famed 1st Div. who stormed ashore here had the word of their commanding officer, Maj. Gen. William H. Rupertus, that he was "proud to command such a body of men and to be with you in your victory."

"Once again the eyes of the Marine Corps will be focused on you," said Gen. Rupertus in a statement read to his men just before they hit the beach.

"In a few days you will prove that your selection to spearhead another and deeper thrust into enemy territory is an honor which you richly deserve."

"At Guadalcanal, Cape Gloucester and Takahe, you demonstrated that you were superior to the best troops the enemy found place in the field. You still are superior."

"That each and every one will do his duty is well known. I am proud to command such a body of men and to be with you in your victory. Good luck and God be with you."—Sgt. Joseph P. Donahue, combat correspondent.

Seabees, Ground Crews Rebuild Peleliu Strips

PELELIU (Delayed). Ground crewmen of four Marine fighter squadrons and Seabees began the task of rebuilding two former Jap fighter and bomber air strips on the American forces' fourth day on this island. Even as they worked, enemy mortar shells and sniper fire fell around them.

The Marine aviation units landed less than 24 hours after the invasion started. For three days, Marines of these groups served as demolition engineers and mappers for the ground troops and as stretcher bearers. —Sgt. Bill Goodrich, combat correspondent.

Five-Man Bazooka Detail Blasts Japs' Pillboxes

PELELIU (Delayed). Using a bazooka to full advantage, a five-man Marine unit headed by John A. Becker of San Marcos, Tex., blasted two concrete Japanese pillboxes to help pave the way for the capture of strategic high ground overlooking the airfield on this battle-scarred atoll.

While two BAR men—PFCs Hunter J. Doherty Jr. of South Norwalk, Conn., and Albert J. Weeks of Cincinnati—covered the pillbox entrance, the bazooka men moved into position.

PFCs Julius W. Stearns of Conway, S. C., and Robert J. Elyne of Richmond Hill, N. Y., went into action.

Four well-directed shells found their way into the pillbox, and that was enough for the Japs. Some of them tried to get out, but the automatic firemen put them down as they poured out of the entrance. A few Japs grenades landed into the concrete structure completed the job, it was reported by Sgt. Joseph L. Aik, combat correspondent.

ing, although a direct hit may knock out one entrance. But Marines with blocks of TNT, a flame thrower, or a tank, can—and have—solved the rest of them.

Only at night, covered by darkness, do the Japs sneak out and stab at the Marine lines. Some times they form for their mass suicide charges, again they slip through in pairs, frequently to hide in caves still full of their own dead.

One squad of assault engineers tackled a cave and wound up blasting five of them—all connected by passages—before the job was done.

Elaborate stores of food, ammunition, sake and clothing are found in the caves. Frequently the Japs will return to a cave within Marine lines and with the bodies of their own dead, attaching explosives so that Marine burial details will be blown to bits when they attempt to work.

Marines have difficulty understanding the psychology of men who refuse to surrender and dig in to meet certain death.

"I'd rather take mine standing up," a bearded Marine sergeant spat in the silence that followed the whop of the flame thrower and the screams of the 15 Japs who died inside a large cave.



RESULTS. Two Marine artillerymen examine their handiwork on Peleliu. The Jap tank came to within 100 yards of Leatherneck gun emplacements before it was blasted.

Food, Water Follow Fighters Ashore



LIGHTS OUT. 1st Div. Marines take cover for a respite in Jap searchlight position during bitter struggle for Peleliu.

Commissary Unit Gets Job Done Despite Enemy

By Sgt. Joseph P. Donahue, Combat Correspondent

PELELIU (Delayed) — They caught hell approaching the beach and were pinned down ashore by Jap mortar fire, but the 1st Div commissary unit was set up to supply the front line fighters with food and water less than 48 hours after H-hour.

Headed by Lt. Avel Ostrom of San Diego, the unit of bakers, clerks and radio troops started in four hours after the assault troops again hurled against the Jap defenses.

Four negro boys were killed outright when a mortar shell hit and another was seriously wounded.

Seven Jap tanks attacked a loading detail headed by Sgt. Raymond C. Ackermann of St. Louis, Mo. It looked like curtains for us until one of our Sherman tanks came along and, with the help of three planes, knocked all seven out of action," he said.

"Five of us spent the first night in a foxhole, wondering when a mortar shell would blow us out," Lt. Ostrom said. "A Jap patrol of about 75 men passed within 100 feet of us. We didn't even breathe."

In the hole were MTSgt. Sturman M. Carmichael, chief baker of Knoxville, Tenn.; Sigs. Robert E. Nichols of Palatka, Fla.; and R. E. Strange of Royal Oak, Mich.; and Corp. Floyd E. Keen of New Orleans.

In another hole in the same tight predicament was PFC Archie Norton, a baker of Syracuse, N. Y.

About 150 bakers worked as unloaders with the commissary unit. They'll set up ovens and proceed with the baking of bread as soon as the food dump is secure.

Writer Describes Battle For Toehold On Beach

By Capt. Benjamin Goldberger, Combat Correspondent

PELELIU (Delayed) — The Japs withheld fire until the first wave of Marines approached the feet, 400 yards offshore, and then commenced a rain of deadly mortar fire.

Those who made the beach lay on the sand for 20 minutes, unable to proceed under the fire from cave-concealed machine guns. Casualties were heavy. The advance was but 20 yards from the water's edge.

The first three waves were held in the thin ribbon of beachhead. Then they advanced. Men dropped from shrapnel and shell bursts, but the push continued.

Ten yards in from the beach edge, five wounded Marines lay in a foxhole. Corp. William Souza of New Bedford, Mass., went to their aid. A mortar shell dropped directly into the foxhole. Corp. Souza looked around for the 12 men of his machine gun squad. He saw six of them, dead.

Snipers were everywhere and took a heavy toll. Wounded remained in foxholes. Corporals discarded shells and bullets to ad-

minister Japs out. A doctor was giving blood plasma to a wounded man in a foxhole when a sniper shot the bottle which was secured to a life support in the sand. The doctor replaced the bottle and again the sniper smashed it with a bullet. Before the third bottle was put into place, the sniper was flushed from the brush and killed.

The mortar shells sent up geysers as the succeeding waves of Marines landed. Past a dozen fiercely burning amphibian tanks and "ducks" they came. Pvt. Clarence L. Garner of Bessemer, Ala., leaped from his tank to the beach. He took half a dozen steps and a mortar shell landed directly on the tank.

At the right flank of the beachhead, a mammoth pillbox halted the advance. A flame thrower crept up to pour his searing flame into one of the three openings. He was killed. A second flame thrower moved up and loosed a tongue of flame. He was successful. When the Marines entered to mop up, they found 15 enemy dead.

Four hours after landing on this tiny strip, the troops had advanced 150 yards. They fought bitterly for every inch. Japs were in trees, concealed under brush, in well-

camouflaged pillboxes. Each and every one had to be slain, flamed and killed. The Japs infiltrated between the troops and the beach and wrought havoc.

Corp. Dale L. Miller of Tacoma, Wash., veteran of 10 years in the Corps, squatted on the beach beside an officer. A mortar shell exploded a few feet away and killed the officer.

At darkness the Japs sneaked in our lines, 50 yards from the beach. A Marine was bayoneted in his foxhole. His buddy clubbed the Jap with his carbine, felled him, and then shot him. Ten feet away, a Jap raised himself to fling a grenade. He was shot and the grenade exploded in his hand.

Into the same pillboxes and caves where dead Japs lie, the enemy sneaked during the night. Sniper bullets criss-crossed the defense line, from both flanks and the rear.

Before dawn today, the flushing of Japs from pillboxes and caves, cleaned out yesterday, went on again. In the pillboxes at the left flank, 30 yards behind our lines, five Japs were killed. They killed one Marine.

The wounded are being taken out on amphibian tractors to the edge of the reef, transferred to landing

craft and rushed to hospital ships lying several miles offshore, out of range of enemy artillery and mortars.

The Navy engineers are doing heroic work. PFC William S. Pace of Fairfax, Va., spent the first night crawling from foxhole to foxhole under sniper fire tending the wounded. With the same outfit, PFC Robert L. White of St. Joseph, Mo., made several trips beyond front lines during the night to treat and bring back wounded.

The shelling, bombing and strafing resumed at dawn. We have many mortars ashore and they are sending hundreds of shells into the three ridges. From the highest ridge, about 250 feet above sea level and highest point on the island, is a Jap observation post. They are peppering the reef, where the amtracs are plying back and forth, and the beach, where the shore parties are unloading equipment.

A special battalion of colored Seabees, who hold the record of unloading LSTs at the rate of a ton a minute, constitutes most of the working party. They are working steadily, despite the constant rain of mortar shells.

Sergeants Major Switch Again

Sgt. Maj. Cecil C. Paquette of Base Hq. Bn. was transferred in 1st Cas. Co., Base Gd. Bn., this week, to await further transfer.

Replacing him is Sgt. Maj. Garland E. Regess, recently returned from overseas, where he served with an artillery outfit of the 2nd Mar. Div.

The last time the two NCOs met was in Wellington, N. Z., in early 1943 after Guadalcanal was secured. Sgt. Maj. Regess, then a first sergeant, relieved Sgt. Maj. Paquette, who was evacuated to the U. S. for treatment of a tropical ailment.

A Combat Correspondent Tells the Story of THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF HELL ON PELELIU

By TSgt. Joseph L. Allen
Combat Correspondent

PELELIU (Delayed)—It's 11:30 p.m. now, for 48 hours our planes have been bombing and strafing enemy positions. Mortars and artillery have been raking hill defenses. Naval guns have been sending a stream of explosives into the fortified ridges of this battered Japanese stronghold.

Enemy mortars and artillery have inflicted heavy casualties.

The artillery is working now, preparing the way for an assault. Infantrymen are ready to move out behind tanks and armored amtracs.

For two solid days—and nights, too—the fighting has been furious. From the very beginning progress has been slow, with the Japs counter-attacking in attempts to break through our lines.

Two days ago, we stood on the deck of an LST and watched our warships pound this reef-bound island in one of the heaviest bombardments of the Pacific war.

Then our planes came—light bombers, medium bombers and dive bombers. As our armor rumbled down the ramp of the LST, a huge portion of the island seemed to be asleep. Nothing, it seemed, could survive that furious concentrated bombardment.

As we neared the beach, we learned that many Japs had survived. Mortar shells fell like raindrops all around us.

We reached the beach without mishap. But some of the others weren't so fortunate. Of six LSTs which started out from our LST, only two reached the beach. Direct hits stopped the others.

We discovered within a few moments why the Japs were still there. The answer lay in block-houses and pillboxes carved out of the coral formations that fringed the beach.

Pillbox Pins Marines Down

There was one to the left of the spot at which we landed. Scores of Marines were pinned down there, taking cover under a coral ledge. Cysgt. A. M. Linton of Fresno, Miss., climbed over the ledge.

"Let's get the hell out of here," he said as he reached the top. We stumbled some 15 yards over boulders and brush and hit the deck. There was an explosion behind us. A mortar shell had landed in the spot we had just left.

To our left was a mass of debris, the remainder of a small structure devastated by bombing. We circled around it. A few hours later we were to learn that seven Marines were wounded in an attempt to knock out a Jap machine gun hidden under the rubbish heap. Demolitionists finally knocked it out.

We kept going to the left. There we found units of the assault battalion. In a swamp behind us was one of the armored amtracs. Pfc. Thomas J. Cardell of Baton Rouge, La., the first amtrac driver, waved at us. His amtrac was one of the first to hit the beach. It had received three hits, but was still okay.

At 11-hour plus one we saw two of our medium tanks. They circled about and reached the edge of the airfield—our final objective. We climbed into a bomb crater and waited. A few moments later we received orders to move back into the brush.

The explanation came a few moments later as waves of planes bombed and strafed the enemy positions ahead of us. All morning they continued the assault. Late in the afternoon they were still working on block houses and hill positions.

But the Jap mortars kept coming. The sounds were busy, too. They were all over the place—in front of us, to the flanks, in the swamp behind us. There was a call for stretcher bearers. A lieutenant had been hit in the leg. As the stretcher bearers carried him to the rear, one of them was hit.

The Jap was hidden in a coral cave covered with brush. A burst from a Tommy gun into the mouth of the cave; a hand grenade, and then silence. Silence except for the mortar shells dropping around us.

There wasn't much we could do, except wait. Then at 1645 the Jap tanks attacked. Across the airfield they came. Fanatical Japs stood in the turrets as machine guns and rifles sent a hail of bullets in their direction.

Two of the tanks got through our front lines, but bazooka men took care of them in a hurry. One Marine, PFC Robert C. Bungard of Diamond, O., knocked out at least three of them and helped knock out a fourth with his bazooka.

One of the Jap tanks roared toward a bomb crater. There were five Marines in the crater. Four of them got out. The other was caught under one of the tracks. He's still there. So are the Japs. Bungard's



SNIPER'S END. Marine patrol closes in on a Peleliu pillbox while one of their number sends a shot of fire into an opening from a flamethrower. The scene was common during 48-hour fighting for this Japanese bastion.



NERVE CENTER. Three hours after first assault waves stormed ashore on Peleliu, this command post was set up in a narrow ravine just off the beach by the 7th Regt of the 1st Mar. Div. on this Pacific island.

DEATH BLOW. Phosphorous shell sends up a billow of white smoke as Marine tanks close in on a burning Jap radio station on Peleliu. 1st Div. artillery hit the Jap defenders of this island with telling effect.

bazooka blasted it, set it alight. It burned all night. This morning it was still smoking. Another tank went clear through our lines, into a swampy gully. Bungard's bazooka went to work on it. PFC Harold S. Miller of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., threw a grenade into the open turret. That finished it.

On the edge of the airfield, some 25 yards in front of our lines, one of our mediums stopped a second wave of enemy tanks. In a few minutes there were five Jap tanks blazing. Bazookas helped stop the assault.

but it was the General Sherman that did the major portion of the damage.

But if the Japs' tanks were stopped, our casualties kept mounting. Funniest men on the scene were the engineers. They suffered heavily, too. By nightfall, only two of them were available to treat the wounded.

One Hospital Apprentice, Louis J. O'Leary of Buffalo, N. Y., treated more than 30 casualties during that first nightmarish day.

"I was bandaging one wounded Marine in a foxhole," he related. "In another foxhole alongside, another corpsman was working on a casualty. A mortar shell landed in the hole, killing both men. Hell, I'm nearly out of bandages."

Through the battle, one man stood out above the rest. He was 1stLt. Gordon Maples of Middletown, Ky., a Navy Cross winner on Guadalcanal. When the Japs threatened to break through, it was Lt. Maples who rallied the Marines, setting up defenses and directing fire.

1stLt. Russell E. Honsowetz of St. Charles, Mo., was right there, too. "Everybody on the firing line," he ordered. "We have plenty of fire power. There's nothing to worry about."

Japs Busy During Night

It was a sleepless night for all hands. Under cover of darkness, some Japs had infiltrated through our lines. Two of them had dived into a foxhole, apparently each thinking the other was a Marine. One of them bayoneted the other. He wounded a Marine, too, before a burst of Tommy gun fire stopped him.

It was mid-afternoon before we started moving. To our right, infantrymen were advancing behind the General Shermans.

We followed just a company toward a barracks area. We crossed a road. Up ahead a flame-thrower tank was blasting a blockhouse. We crossed a road hugging the side of a ridge as we moved ahead. Then we saw more reasons why the Japs had been hard to dislodge. Their pillboxes and blockhouses were solid concrete, sometimes several feet thick.

"Careful," an officer warned. "Some of those Japs are still alive." But if they were, they would do no more damage. A demolition unit in charge of TSgt. Charles G. Chester of Spencerville, Md., took care of them, sealing the openings with blocks of TNT.

Up ahead a machine gun nest, buried in the wreckage of a concrete pillbox, temporarily stopped the advance. A bazooka was brought up. A medium tank moved up from the right. There were a series of explosions. The machine gun was silenced.

Amtracs Thrown Into Furious Fight

Jap Ears Good But English Bad

PELELIU (Delayed)—The radio operator is in a bombed shipwreck, his tank further down the beach.

"Can you hear me? Can you hear me?" repeated the operator. There was crackling static in the reply.

"Can you hear me? Can you hear me?" he called again.

Then, according to TSgt. Benjamin Goldberg, a combat correspondent, a reply came:

"I can hear you good. Give me message."

But the Marine recognized the Japanese touch to the English language and replied:

"I can hear you good, too. Goodbye."

PELELIU (Delayed)—Unexpected intensity of Jap resistance and one of the worst coral reefs ever encountered in the Pacific have complicated the use of amphibious tankers and trucks in this invasion.

The vehicles have suffered heavy losses. Only about one-half of those that came ashore at H-Hour on 11-May are now in operation.

The vehicles have averaged 11 trips a day from the transfer line.

The drivers have named their route to the Marines fighting past the airport, "The Purple Heart Run." Another route, that going to the forces fighting for the ridges which command Peleliu, the drivers call "The Silver Star Run."

Five amtracs were knocked out on the airfield yesterday, as they made their run across the uncovered area for safety. They zig-zag across the field in their highest gear, logging in about 30 miles an hour, with if they're lucky—the

Jap mortars falling behind them.

They maintained this airport route during a tank battle waged on the airport on D-Day, and as a result two of the tanks now lay claim to a Jap tank.—Sgt. George E. McMillan, combat correspondent.

Story Of Battle Hero On 'Halls'

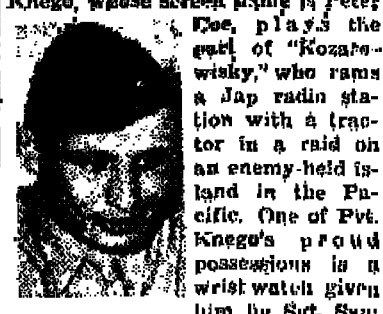
"Greater Love Hath No Man" is the title of this afternoon's "Halls of Montezuma" radio program, on the air from the Base Theater at 1500.

PFC Gene Shumate of the Base radio unit authored the authentic story of PFC Harold E. Carver of Chester, Pa., who was killed after rescuing a buddy in the battle for Saipan.

'Gung Ho' Actor Now In Real Leatherneck Role

A movie actor who played the part of a Marine Raider in "Gung Ho" is now going through recruit training as a G.I.

He is Pvt. Peter Knego of Larchmont, N. Y., in "Gung Ho" Pvt. Knego, whose screen name is Peter



Knego, who plays the part of "Kozarowski," who runs a Jap radio station with a tractor in a raid on an enemy-held island in the Pacific. One of Pvt. Knego's proud possessions is a wristwatch given him by Sgt. Sam Brown, whose

corps came after he had collapsed closely with Marine officers and men during the filming of "Gung Ho."

Born in Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, Pvt. Knego came to the U. S. in 1937 after studying at the Univ. of Yugoslavia and at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in England. His family still resides in Yugoslavia. He has not heard from them in four years.

Office Established

NORTH ISLAND—A new quartermaster office has been established at Hq. Sq., MarFair West Coast, with 1stLt. William K. Rudolph of San Diego as QM in charge.

Assistant to 1stLt. Rudolph in handling increased supply activities of the squadron is WO. Jack W. Couch from MCAS, El Toro.



THEY HARRASSED JAPS. Eleven enlisted gunners who sprayed destruction on Japs in the South Pacific were given the Commendation ribbon by Lt. Col. John P. Condon (right) in ceremonies at MIA's, Santa Barbara. The commendation letters were signed by Adm. Nimitz. (From left): MTSgt. Jesse

W. Hedger; TSgt. Roger M. Hansen; STrSgt. Richard E. Clark, Lawrence C. Dertle Jr. and Albin J. Przybylski; Sgts. George C. Bosco, James H. Brinson, Stanley M. Danielson, Philip J. Miller, Carlyle W. Vornachek and Lowell W. Young. The ribbon is myrtle green with two white stripes.

Base Will Have Only Sea School Of Corps

Sea School at Norfolk, Va., was ordered disbanded as of Jan. 1, 1945, and consolidated with the Base school in a directive issued this week by The Commandant. This will make the MCB school the only one of its kind in the Marine Corps.

The school's present quota of 200 students a month will be raised to 600 and the instructor staff doubled. All training material of the Norfolk school will be shipped here.

NEW QUARTERS

Larger quarters will be needed by the school following its expansion. Taking over of all of Bldg. 1 at the east end of the archway, now occupied by Cooks and Bakers School, is being considered, according to Capt. Joseph LaBonte, CO. Heretofore most graduates of the Base school have been used as replacements for ship's detachments, with occasional new detachments provided for new transports built on the west coast. After Jan. 1 the school must necessarily be called upon to provide full detachments for all types of new construction.

A new, two-day course in fire-fighting will be started at the school soon and probably will be held at the Navy Repair Base. Capt. LaBonte said.

Other new equipment added last week are a reproducer with vic-

trials records of all hog's calls used aboard ship and a reproducer with film to teach use of the 5-inch, 38 dual purpose gun and 20 and 40 mm. AA. guns. Casualty drills in event of fire or collision also are taught with the latter reproducer.

Mojave Marines Get New Dance Patio

MCAS, MOJAVE—"Cafe Society" at the Astor Roof had nothing on Marines here at the recent opening of the PX Patio—a real desert oasis.

A duplicate of the patio at the officers' club, the new entertainment center will be open every night, dance music to be provided by a jukebox. A door at one side leads direct to the fountain.



MARINES HONOURED. This plaque has been placed on new Pacific Island Church in appreciation of \$2000 contributed toward its rebuilding by 2nd Div men. Marines volunteered their contributions after the church burned.

Promise To The Dead Kept By Marine

By Sgt. Elvis Lane
Combat Correspondent

Marine Dunked As Home Sinks

SEATTLE (INS)—PFC. John McCoy saw a lot of action in the Pacific. He rode a great many troop ships and other craft and never got a scratch or had to swim for it.

But when he returned here the honorably discharged Marine had his craft sink under him. He awoke to find his snow-bottomed houseboat, moored on Lake Union, had sunk in six feet of water. He and his mother swam out the front door.

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—A promise made two years ago by Sgt. Merton F. Taylor of Patsdam, N. Y., when he doubted he'd live long enough to fulfill it, has been kept. Four of his former buddies finally received military burials in the Army, Navy and Marine cemetery on Guadalcanal.

Two years ago, Taylor was with a group of Marines just west of Matanikau River, on Guadalcanal's Unnamed Ridge, where they were surrounded on three sides and were catching everything the Japs could fire at them.

When four Marines alongside

Base Musical Comedy Rapidly Shaping Up

The male lead for the new Base musical comedy "Bad News," about to hit for Marines, will be PFC. Tommy Gleason, it was announced this week by PFC. W. A. Richards, the show's author.

PFC. Gleason, who leads the "Singing Invaders" on the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show, took a lead part in the production of "Claudia," staged by the Base Recreation Dept. last May.

While Richards was finishing off the show's last two acts, PFC. Ivan Oltmars was shaping up music. Numbers titled "Get on the Ball, Mac," "The Smoking Lamp Is Lit," "Strictly Sausal" and "The Shuffled Song" have been turned out.

Another number, "No Technique, No Physique," is under consideration for a spot on the show. Music for the number was written by PFC. Robert Huston, now overseas. PFC. Victor Moore Jr., featured player in the Marine Follies, is writing the lyrics.

Pvt. Robert Ryan, recently of the movie industry, will direct the play. He announced that WRs and Marines will be auditioned for roles within the next two weeks.

Opening performance of the show will be in the Base theater about Nov. 25.

Diplomas Won By 68

Pre-Graduation Party Held For Shoe Repairmen

Diplomas were presented yesterday to 68 graduates of the Shoe and Textile Repair School by Lt. Col. Joseph M. Swinerton, CO of Ser. Bn., at ceremonies held in the school office in Hut Area 4 of RD.

Promotions to PFC. were given to the 17 skilled and 27 semi-skilled men. Other graduates completing the school's six-week course were 10 helpers.

At the pre-graduation party held Tuesday night in the Base gymnasium prizes were presented to the top three graduates. First prize, a fountain pen, went to PFC. Efstrates Kalogorakos of Queens Village, N. Y.; second prize, a pair of polarized sun glasses, to PFC. James G. Sager of Mineral, Va.; and third prize, a briar pipe and tobacco pouch, to PFC. Reynold F. Palazone of Ludlow, Va.

OVERSEAS DUTY

Parties are held for every graduating class, said 2dLt. Robert D. Fighera, CO, because completion of the course means almost immediate overseas duty for the graduates.

A series of spots were given under the direction of Corp. Norman Jolly of the Base radio unit. A swing band directed by Sgt. Roger Marcotte provided music. Prizes were given to winning and runner-up couples in jitterbug and waltz contests.

A new class will be started at the school Wednesday. About Nov. 1 the school will move from RD to Bldgs. 34 and 151, now occupied by MT School.

Seabee's Praise For Marines High

USNH, OAKLAND—Sgt. W. L. Hays J. Drake of Los Angeles, a Seabee, pays high tribute to Marines who worked on the beach at Saipan under extremely hot Jap artillery fire from the hills without flinching an inch.

The Seabee said it was his unit's job to keep ambulances, trucks and other vehicles moving off the beach as quickly as possible to escape the Jap shelling.

Transfers Near Homes Set For Marine Patients

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Marines and other Naval personnel returned from combat and now under treatment at west coast hospitals, will be moved to hospitals closest their homes in all cases where that is possible, it was announced by Rear Adm. George C. Thomas, (MC) USN, medical officer in charge here.

Adm. Thomas said the new policy will have the dual effect of relieving crowded conditions in coast Naval hospitals as well as boosting morale.

In cases where moving patients might prove dangerous, they will remain here until they have recovered.

All transfers will include transportation at government expense.

New Book Tells Seabees' Story

A good-humored entry in the who's-winning-the-war argument is a new book, "Can Do! The Story of the Seabees," by Philip Hamburger. (E. P. Dutton & Co., \$2.75).

Much of the story is told in the letters and reports of Seabees themselves. An appendix, thoroughly indexed and annotated, lists Seabee casualties. There are several poems by and about Seabees.

The Wolf

by Sansone



PFC. Entertains Buddies By Eating Razor Blades

Camp Lejeune has among its fighting forces a "razor blade eating" Leatherneck. Yes, PFC. Henry Copley of San Fernando, Cal., iness-miah, devours safely razor blades as easy as 'Jee' or 'Mac' puts away his daily chow.

"It all happened while I was serving with a Det. Bn. last year in the Hawaiian Islands," said the "steel" wizard, as he continued to take gritting bites of the thin blade he was consuming.

"One of the boys in our outfit was trying to prove how tough he

was by biting off a piece of razor blade and chewing it to bits before swallowing it," he continued. "Well, I figured that if he could get away with it that I could too, so I tried it without any ill effects."

"Recently, here at Camp Lejeune, I consumed 12 blades in four days for the entertainment of my pals," he said. His buddies vouched for this statement. — PFC. Russell Thom, combat correspondent.

Infantryman's declaration: "I'd walk a mile for a colonel."

Sen. Walsh Talks With Many Marines On Inspection Tour

Sea, air and land training facilities of the area which prepare Navy and Marine forces for war against the Japs were inspected during the past week by Sen. David J. Walsh, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee.

During a comprehensive tour of San Diego county bases, Sen. Walsh inspected training activities, informally reviewed an amphibious assault landing, and talked with Marines and sailors from his home state of Massachusetts.

Both at USNH and MCB, the senator talked to men who recently returned from battle at Saipan, Guam, Tarawa, Kwajalein, Bougainville and New Britain. Many of the battle veterans he greeted at the Base had just returned from more than two years' duty overseas.

He interrupted a tour of wards at USNH to talk with men wounded on Guam and Saipan who had arrived in the U. S. only an hour before.

Inspection of the hospital was climaxed by a reunion with PFC. John Beck, a former neighbor from Clinton, Mass., who is receiving

treatment for wounds suffered at Guam.

Before arriving in San Diego, Sen. Walsh inspected air bases in Imperial Valley, including MCAS, El Centro. He was met there by Maj. Gen. Charles F. E. Price, commanding general, San Diego area, FMF, who accompanied him on his tour through the area, and by Col. William J. Fox, commanding MCAS, El Toro.

At El Centro, which he toured with Lt. Col. Karl E. Voelter, CO, and Carl W. Nelson, executive officer, Sen. Walsh enjoyed meeting and talking with a group of Massachusetts Marines. They included 1st Lts. Robert Whalen and Charles Earson Jr., 2d Lts. Eleanor Jensen and Violet Moyes; MTSgt. Raymond Cornier; Sgts. Joseph Skillings, Helen Burns, Pearl Ene-mark, Ruth Ford, Amelia Taft and Lillian Sheridan; Corps. Rita Tirrell, Eleanor Williams and Marjorie Decoteau; DECs, Irene Karpinsky, Elizabeth Sullivan, Bernadette Sheehy and Agnes Sapowsky; and PFCs. Nicholas Vaccaro, Patricia Hallett, Nancy Honey, Mary Grubich and Beverly Spencer.

Sen. Walsh toured MCB with Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard and Camp Pendleton with Gen. Price. Thursday, he inspected MCAS, El Toro, with Col. Fox.



British Decorate General Vandegrift

WASHINGTON — Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, commanding general of Marine forces during the heroic defense of the Solomon Islands, has been presented a high British decoration by the Earl of Halifax on behalf of King George.

Lt. Gen. Vandegrift received the Companion of the Order of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath (Honorary C. B.) at ceremonies conducted in the British Embassy here in the presence of U. S. and British Service representatives.



EVERYTHING'S DUCKY. Two well-known Marine characters met this week when Siwash, famed Tarawa duck, arrived from combat with his owner, Corp. Francis Fagan. "I hope he ducks out of here soon and leaves me alone" was all that the Base mascot, Gysgt. James Jolly Hum Duff (Duffy to you) said. (Photo by PFC. Edward J. Walsh.)

Missourian Wins Second Recruit Bracelet Award

Second award of an engraved silver identification bracelet to the outstanding recruit completing boot training was made yesterday to Pvt. Edward W. Leber of Bridgeton, Mo., member of Platoon 773. The presentation was made by commanding officer's inspection of recruits by Col. John Graft, CO of RD.

Runner-up for the award was Pvt. Harry R. Schmidt of Ventura, Cal., honor man of Platoon 774. Selection of the award winner was made by Capt. Robert A. Smith, O-in-C of the D&I section, assisted by 1st Lt. George E. Kittredge Jr.

Honor men of the graduating platoons are given field drills and written examinations on subjects covered in boot camp each week to determine the outstanding recruit. Certificates are given to honor men of all platoons.

Given New Duty

MCAS, EL TORO—Lt. Col. Keith B. McCutcheon of East Liverpool, O., has been assigned duty as executive officer of an aviation group here. Prior to receiving the assignment, Lt. Col. McCutcheon attended Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston, where he completed a study of aeronautical engineering.

Feathered Hero--Or Heroine-- Of Tarawa, Home



WET DRILL. Base firemen run through regular drills to keep on their toes in case of emergencies. From left: Sgts. Arthur W. Diekelmann, TSgt. Arthur T. Winkelmann, Pvt. Edward J. Thijaka. (Photo by PFC. H. Alden.)

Siwash, foremost warrior of the duck species, arrived at the R&R Center this week after 18 months' duty overseas as mascot of a pack howitzer unit of the 2nd Mar. Div.

Sgt. Siwash added a footnote to Marine battle lore at Tarawa when he paddled ashore on D-Day plus one and chased a Jap rooster up the beach while the fighting was at its height.

Later the conquering duck went ashore on Saipan on D-Day and hit the beach at Tinian on D-Day plus one with his owner, Corp. Francis Fagan of Chicago. The sergeant stayed by his 75mm. howitzer until the islands were secured.

On the battlefield, with shells landing less than 50 yards away, Siwash was always last to waddle into a foxhole--and last to get out, according to Corp. Fagan.

The famed mascot was won in a raffle at a New Zealand pub by PFC. Verne Erickson and was named after Sgt. Jack (Siwash) Cornelius of Skagit County, Wash. Sgt. Cornelius acquired the nickname first because of the sound of his home county's name.

Since joining the artillery unit in June, 1943, Siwash has gone along on all the division's maneuvers and became quite chummy with his battalion commander, Col. Pressley Rixey.

Life has become increasingly more complicated for Siwash since his outfit left the battle zones and headed for the States.

The bulky sergeant suffered his first wound aboard the transport blinking him back. He stepped on something sharp and cut his "foot."

Back in the States his 2nd Div.

buddies began arguing whether Siwash was a WR or a Marine. The question of the sergeant's Stateside uniform hinges upon the answer to that one.

Because all returning veterans are restricted to the Base while being processed at the R&R Center, Siwash has had none of his favorite beverage--beer--since leaving foreign soil.

To add to the sergeant's woes, his future is unsettled. His outfit is being broken up and it has not been decided whether the fighting mascot will remain at Corp. Fagan's home in Chicago after their joint 30-day furlough or whether he will continue his (or her) Marine career.

"None of this clerical stuff for me," says Siwash.

Marianas Marines Get Dinner Music

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed)—Members of a unit here get their meals to something like a band of music, reports Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent.

Over a newly installed public address system, requested tunes are aired daily at meal times by Corp. Joseph F. Gagliolo of Boston.

Records are new and many, having been purchased by the recreation fund.

Wife: "Yes, and when you married me you said I had the figure of a slim, sleek destroyer."

Sgt.: "Yeah, I know; but your cargo's shifted."

Base Firefighters Keep Clean Slate

Japs Lose Duel With Half-Trac

USNH, OAKLAND—PFC. John R. Midgley of Jackson, Mich., recovering from a bullet wound here, recalls a duel in which two Jap tanks were knocked out and a third was routed by a half-trac on Saipan.

Midgley and his buddies held off the enemy tanks with grenades until the half-trac arrived and destroyed two enemy tanks in two minutes.

Members of the Base fire department at Stations on MCB, at Camp Mather and Elie Valley, will put a little added zip into their wet and dry drills next week--in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week.

Maj. William Ronaldson, Base fire marshal, said that men on duty at all the Base stations have set a record of no losses due to fires since the start of the war by keeping constantly on the alert.

Fires on MCB, it was pointed out, have been limited to small galley blazes and outbreaks from oil stoves in tents and huts in RD. However, members of the fire department practice daily to insure maximum efficiency.

The Base fire record was credited to thorough inspections and constant alertness in guarding against fire hazards.

It was pointed out that since the outbreak of the war, fire hazards on the Base have been multiplied through expansion of training and other facilities.

Pistol Matches Set For Week-End

MCAS, EL CENTRO—All air stations and groups at Marine West are expected to enter teams in pistol matches to be held next Saturday and Sunday at North Island. It was announced by CWO. Gordon Hopp who is donating cups for the winning four-man team and individual high scorer.

A silver cup will be presented the team scoring highest over the Army "A" course with the .45 cal. service pistol and over the Navy "B" course using the .38 cal. revolver.

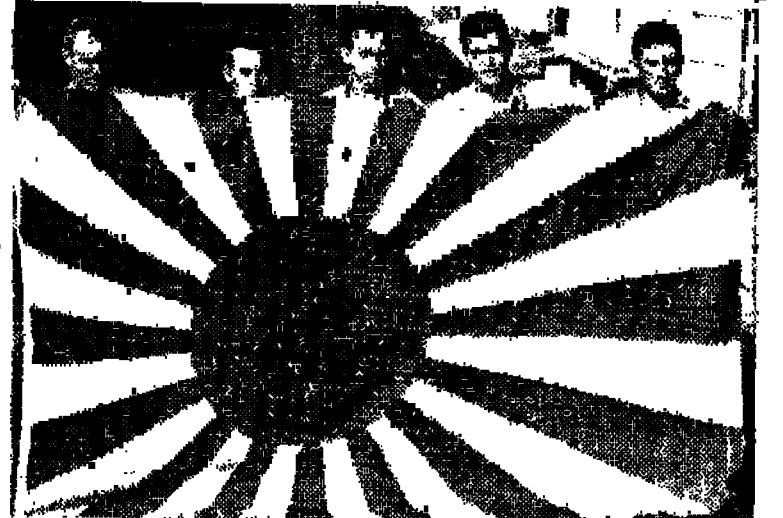
An optimist is one whose glass is full; a pessimist is one whose glass is half empty.

72 of 80 Men In Combat Unit Too Young To Vote

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—When only eight of 80 Marines in an amphibian tractor unit declared their intention of voting in the coming presidential election, the commanding officer was perturbed by his outfit's inexperience for a great American privilege.

Investigation proved, however, that the Lethalbacks suffered not from a lack of interest but from a lack of years. It was reported by 1st Lt. Millard Kaufman, PRO.

Of these 80 veterans of Guam and of Bougainville, 72 were under 21. This puts "Wop" back, an officer and a voter, in 24.



SOUVENIR. Unusual souvenir is this Jap battleship flag found on Saipan by PFC. Francis S. O'Leary of Neche, N. D. Displaying it at R&R Center are (from left): Sgts. Jack T. Lent, Dallas, Tex.; PFC. Harry E. Poling, Bloomington, Ill.; PFC. Arthur V. Parry, Chicago; PFCs. Charles L. Pitt, Mobile, Ala., and O'Leary.



HAIL THE CONQUERORS. Champions again of the 11th Nav. Dist. Baseball League, the Base diamond squad won the title for the third consecutive time, defeating NTC. In the first row (from left): PFC. Vernal (Nippy) Jones; PhM3/c. Lee Mohr; Corp. Joe Gautreaux; PFC. Rudy Pugh; Pvt. Harry Hughes, manager; Corp. Elmer Ruck; Pvt. R. R. Campbell; and Pvt. Sam Hancock. Standing: Capt. Charles R. Church, O-in-C; Corp. Neil Andrews; PFC. John Simmons; PFC. Stan Bolton; PFC. Dee C. Moore; Pvt. Wellington (Wimpy) Quinn; Pvt. Ray Minor; Corp. Gerry Lee and Corp. Ray Yochim. The Base team won 54 games this season as against 18 defeats. (Photo by Pvt. Harvey O. Payne).

Marines Win Baseball Title For Third Time

Leathernecks Down Navy in Series For District Championship After Losing First Playoff of Games

MCE's baseballers—class of season-long play in the 11th Naval Dist. league—last week sunk Naval Trng. Center in a two-out-of-three playoff series to cop the loop pennant for the third consecutive year. The Marines came back to win two-in-a-row, 6-to-4 and 1-to-0, after dropping the opener, 6-to-3.

The final game in the San Diego area's version of the World Series was played at NTC last Saturday and saw the Marines lead most of the way to the 6-4 victory. Masterful pitching by Ray Yochim paced the Leathernecks to the championship, while the Bluejackets were forced to use three hurlers.

OPEN PAST

MCE opened the game in fine style, pushing across three runs in the opening frame, but the Navy nearly tied the count in the same inning when two runs were scored and another man died on third base. The Base tallied again in the second stanza when catcher Neil Andrews walked and later crossed the plate on a hit by shortstop Lee Mohr.

The Sailors threatened several times in the last of the second but Yochim pitched himself out of the hole and allowed but one run although three men were on base at one time. NTC scored again in the sixth and tied up the game.

LUCKY SEVEN

Highlight of the hard-fought contest came in the seventh inning when Nippy Jones, first man to face hurler Cotton Pippin in that frame, hit a hot grounder to the shortstop and beat it out for a single. Dee C. Moore sacrificed him to second, then Wimpy Quinn walked, setting the stage for the winning run. Manager Harry Hughes, just as he did in the pre-

vious game, hit a sharp ball to right field.

Hughes was out, but the hit gave Jones sufficient time to cross the plate with the all-important tally. If that wasn't enough, Stan Bolton, Base centerfielder, next singled to left field and he was followed by Johnny Simmons, leftfielder, who beat out an infield hit, scoring Quinn.

The game was a tight contest all the way with both teams determined to gain a victory. A capacity crowd of approximately 2500 watched the proceedings which included music between innings by the Marine Corps and Navy bands.

The final win was the 54th of the season for the Base, as against 18 losses. They won the league pennant the first half of the season and NTC took it in the final period of play, thus necessitating the playoff.

STELLAR PERFORMERS

MCE's 1944 baseball lineup included a list of top-flight men with both amateur and professional diamond experience. Regulars on the team were such performers as: Pvt. Harry Hughes, manager, who formerly managed Atlanta in the Southern League. He led the team to the championship and played top-notch ball all season.

Corp. Ray Yochim, pitcher, displayed a fine brand of hurling. The 21-year-old moundsman is the property of the St. Louis Cardinals.

PFC. D. C. Moore, third base-



PICTURE STORY. Star of the two pictures above is Nippy Jones, Base second-sacker, who accounted for the first run and the winning tally in the championship ship NTC game. In the first inning, he crossed the plate standing up (left), but in the seventh he slid under Cliff Dapper, Navy catcher. Umpire Truckin eyes the proceedings with professional interest, to say the least. (Photos by Pvt. Harvey O. Payne).

man, played a "big time" style in the infield. He's a major veteran and played with Brooklyn and Philadelphia before entering the Corps.

Corp. Neil Andrews, catcher, was a mainstay in the lineup of the St. Paul Saints of the American Association before joining the Marines.

Pvt. Wellington (Wimpy) Quinn played part of the season at first base and finished up in the outfield, doing a great job at both. He's an ex-pro and intends to play ball again after the war.

PFC. John Simmons, who was a college diamond ace, was a stellar outfielder for the Base nine. Hailing from Flushing, L. I., he throws and bats righthanded.

PhM3/c. Lee Mohr, shortstop, is a flashy performer who did his part to garner the championship. Now 23 years old, Lee's the baseball property of the Boston Red Sox.

Marine Boxer Hurt In Saipan Battle

USNH, OAKLAND—One of the best-known boxers of the famed 2nd Mar. Div. is recovering here from wounds received during the third day of the Battle for Saipan. He is PFC. Forman Barrett, 24-year-old Leatherneck from San Diego.

Barrett—who held the 2nd Div. welterweight ring title—also saw action at Guadalcanal and Tarawa before taking part in the Saipan operations. He was wounded while fighting the Japs about 500 yards inland at Saipan between Charan Kanon and Garapan when the enemy opened up with machine guns. He was hit in his right leg and foot.

"Don't get near the fan with your wig on, grandma. You're too old to be blowing your top."

THE SPORTS FRONT

By Pvt. BILL ROSS

As this week's edition of The Chevron goes to press, the World Series is all tied-up with the Browns and the Cards each having won a game. The American League champs took the first one, 2-to-0, and the Cards the next—an 11-inning affair—3-to-2.

And that brings us to the point in the column where we must "eat crow," so to speak, for our prediction of three weeks ago that Detroit would beat out the Browns for the American League's pennant.

We were wrong in our selection—that much is certain. But we also stated that if the Browns did win the American League title,

they would go on to sweep the Series. Next week will tell whether our second prediction pans out. Incidentally, the fact that we like the Browns hasn't kept the sports editor of the Camp Pendleton "Scout" from picking the Cardinals.

PFC. Marion O. Milton, our colleague at Camp Pen, was—for 13 years—a sports reporter for the St. Louis Star-Times before enlisting in the Corps. "The Cards have a better team and will take the classic," Milton said upon his return to Pendleton after a brief furlough home during which he saw both the Cards and Browns in action.

Another Pendleton Marine—WO, William B. (Bucky) Harris—was in

1000 Marines See Pendleton Fight Show At USO

By Pvt. J. W. Paul

CAMP PENDLETON—Boxing continues to be one of the top sports at this sprawling Marine camp. Most recent fistie card at the Oceanview USO saw Pvt. Charles Bridgman, 153 pounds, drop a close decision to Sgt. Billy Felix, 160-pound Oklahoman.

Bridgman, who hails from Ohio, opened the moles with a barrage of rights and lefts that had the 1000 Leatherneck spectators on their feet and clamoring for a KO. However, the sailor weathered the storm and came back strong in the closing minutes of the bout to gain a popular verdict.

In the curtain raiser, two Marines—Pvt. Ken Baily, 130 pounds, from North Carolina and PFC. Vince Lannie, 130, Chicago—stood toe-to-toe and slugged each other for a three-round draw.

the same boat as The Sports Front in expecting the Tigers to cop the junior loop pennant. Harris, formerly a top-ranking Leatherneck ball player from Quantico, thought the pitching of Hal Newhouser and Paul (Dixie) Trout would carry the Bengals to victory.

WO, Harris And maybe that's what we thought. At any rate, it's the Cards and the Browns and they're both giving out with an exhibition of the best in baseball.

It's Knox For Osmanski In Lejeune Grid Set-Up

CAMP LEJEUNE—Pvt. Frank Knox, former Detroit Lion line coach, has been named to succeed Navy Lt. Bill Osmanski as mentor of this Marine camp's football team.

The change was necessitated by the transfer of Osmanski, a naval dentist.

Knox, 34 years old and a nephew of the late Navy Secy. Frank Knox, starred in football, boxing and track at New Hampshire Univ. and Illinois Univ. After his college career terminated, he was blocking back and later running guard for

the Detroit Lions of the National Professional football league. In addition, he served as coach for the Lions' forward wall.

Knox said he will continue to use the "T" formation which Osmanski installed during his short reign at Lejeune. Assisting the new mentor will be PFC. Charlie Malone, former Washington Redskins end; 1st Lt. E. B. Lerch, former Ohio State back; Capt. John Winberry, ex-Notre Dame end; and PFC. Stan Kubac, one-time backfield ace at the Univ. of Scranton, in Pennsylvania.

Base Grid Season Begins Today As FMF Headquarters Enters Battle



Corp. ELBERT ROOT
... invaded Japan before

Ex-Olympic Swim Ace Awaits Next Japanese Trip

CHERRY POINT, N. C.—It was seven years ago that Corp. Elbert A. Root first invaded Nippon but then he was in quest of an international diving championship. Next time he goes back, however, the Marine's springboard will be the navigator's blister of a Leatherneck bomber.

Currently stationed at MAB, Corp. Root expects another chance to test his skill against the best the Japs can offer. "And I'll be a whole lot more pleased at seeing one of our big eggs nosing down toward Tokyo than I was in picking up medals in the aquatic meet in 1937."

Root won the national amateur tank championship in 1935 and the following year was one of the first men named to America's Olympic swimming team. That year the Olympics were held in Berlin and Root captured second place honors in the high and low platform events.

It was because of these victories that the corporal received an invitation to compete with the world's foremost swim stars in the 1937 Japanese meet. He entered the Corps in January, 1942, and after boot training was stationed for eight months at Parris Island as a combat swimming instructor.

"I did right well in 1937 hitting the mark in Tokyo from a diving platform—but I hope I do better the next time I'm over the city," he said.

Fight Show Next Thursday At MCB

Boxing at MCB is expected to swing into high gear next Thursday when a full six-bout card is scheduled for the fight arena adjacent to Bldg. 13, PFC. Ray Sears announced today.

All Base personnel are invited to attend the slugfest which will feature fighters from Miramar, North Island, Naval Trng. Center, and Consolidated Aircraft as well as MCB. The local fight season opened last week with an abbreviated card that was witnessed by an overflow audience.

Sears said he expects to have several boxers on the card who currently are entered in the 11th Nav. Dist. boxing tournament now being held at the San Diego Coliseum.

Grid Ace Shines In Guam Fighting

QUAM (Delayed)—Bob Herwig used to hold down the center of the line for the Univ. of California football team—but that was a few years back. Just recently, however, Herwig—now a Marine first lieutenant—helped hold down the center of the Leatherneck line that blasted the Japs from this island.

"Big Bob" commanded a platoon in the bitter fight for Orate peninsula and the important airfield. His unit was in the thick of the action from the very first; casualties of the outfit ran well over 50 per cent. But the Japs paid a price, too.

Between 430 and 600 of the enemy troops were killed in less than three hours by Herwig's platoon and another commanded by 1st Lt. Leonard Alford of Garfield Ind. Herwig was hit in the foot and thigh by shrapnel as the battle started but refused to go for medical aid until the Japs had been defeated and his own battered outfit reorganized for another push forward. —Sgt. John F. Reilly, combat correspondent.

Schedule Opens With Twin Bill On MCB Field

"Something new" was added last week to the MCB football schedule which gets under way today with a doubleheader set for the new Base gridiron just south of the parade ground.

The "something new" was another battalion team—one entered by FMF headquarters.

The latest outfit to join in the grid program will not see action in the initial afternoon of play, the team having drawn a bye in the

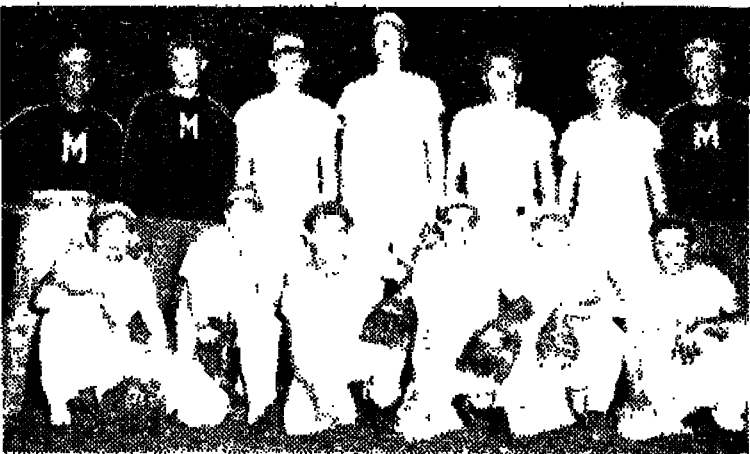
REVISED FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 7	
Gd. Bn. vs. S. and T. 1300.	Ser. Bn. vs. Hq. Bn. 1500.
FMF Bn.—bye	
Oct. 14	
Gd. Bn. vs. Hq. Bn. 1300.	Ser. Bn. vs. FMF Bn. 1500.
S. and T.—bye	
Oct. 21	
Hq. Bn. vs. FMF Bn. 1300.	S. and T. vs. Ser. Bn. 1500.
Gd. Bn.—bye	
Oct. 28	
Gd. Bn. vs. FMF Bn. 1300.	S. and T. vs. Hq. Bn. 1500.
Ser. Bn.—bye	
Nov. 4	
Gd. Bn. vs. Ser. Bn. 1300.	S. and T. vs. FMF Bn. 1500.
Hq. Bn.—bye	

first phase of the round-robin competition. The entrance of FMF into the Base grid picture was expected to enliven the schedule considerably from a competitive angle.

Gd. Bn. meets the Shoe and Textile school eleven in this afternoon's first game, which begins at 1300. The nightcap will be a contest between Ser. Bn. and Hq. Bn. Meanwhile, Capt. C. R. Church, Base athletic officer, announced that final placing of teams in the tournament will be based on a point system. Two points will be given for a win, one for a tie and none for a loss.

Practice sessions, meantime, were held each evening last week with all workouts being held after 1600. Admission to all games will be free.



STATE CHAMPS. Marine footballers from NAD, Hawthorne, recently won the Nevada state championship. In the first row (from left) are George Childs, 2b; Everett Thomas, 1b; Al Deligallo, 3b; Owen Linn, ss; Gerald Hunt, c; and Elmer Burge, rf. In the back row are Sgt. Maj. George Sello, manager and coach; Bill King, p; Jack Moore, utility infielder; Fitch Fusholz, 1b; John Grams, cf; Joe Sloan, lf; and Rufus Evans, p. It was the team's third state title.

Three Straight El Toro Goal

By Pvt. William L. Hagen
MCAS, EL TORO—It was "two-in-a-row" in the victory column for the El Toro "Flying Marine" gridsters today as they sought to add the scalp of the Beaumont Army Raiders from Beaumont, Tex., to their string in a game scheduled here this afternoon.

Lt. Col. Dick Hanley, Leatherneck mentor, watched his entire squad in action last Saturday as the Marines defeated Fairfield Army Air Base, 56-0, at Santa Ana. The El Toro regulars opened the game and

in five plays scored three times.

Fullback Walter Clay started the scoring rampage by intercepting a pass on the Skymasters' 43-yard line and returning it to the 37. Two plays later, Chuck Fenebock ran 22 yards around his right end to tally. Next time the Marines took over, Bob MacLeod ran over left tackle—on the second play—for 29 yards and six more points. Fullback Ethie Lewis accounted for the next pny dirt, intercepting a pass on the Army's 32 and running it over.

Bill Schroeder, halfback, ran 15 yards on a reverse and then lateraled to Chuck Horvath to complete the scoring for the first half.

The regulars scored on the first play of the second half when Fenebock tossed a pass to Dick Evans, who lateraled to Clay for the tally. Clay later passed to Bill Kennedy for the seventh touchdown.

Only Joe Venturi and Fenebock were able to kick placements successfully. The Marines missed seven of their nine tries.



FAREWELL. In the "squared circle" of RD for the last time are Corp. Marty Fields and PFC. Quentin (Baby) Breese, who supervised boot ring shows for the past year and a half. Looking on is Capt. Edward F. Rawling, RD athletic officer. (Photo by PFC. Edward J. Wishin).

Boot Boxing Bows From Picture With Top Card

Battling boots will do battle no more—at least in the much-battered prize ring of Recruit Depot.

It was "finale time" last week for boxing at RD; the final curtain after almost three years of uninterrupted fight shows.

It was fitting that the main event of the last card should be one of the best fights ever held in the amphitheater. Pvts. Ed Pena and Jerry Salabey—both slugging 150-pounders—presented the boots with a top-notch, slam-bang exhibition of punching that had the spectators on their feet from the first blow of the first round until Referee Quentin (Baby) Breese declared the bout a draw.

HEAVYWEIGHTS APLENTY

Three of the eight bouts were in the heavyweight class with top honors in that division going to Pvt. Marvin Jacobs of Washington and Bill Conway of California. The two "big boys" gave out with a slugging bee that was declared a draw—a decision very popular with the fans.

Pvt. Don Tucker of California scored a KO in the second round in his bout with Pvt. Pete Balfour of Washington. That fight also was in the heavyweight category. A third round KO was marked up by Pvt. Lawrence Morrelli of Utah. He defeated Pvt. Ben Alder

of Washington in a fight that Morrelli carried all the way.

The other results:

Pvt. Ted Gower of Oregon fought a draw with Pvt. Frank Tomin of Louisiana; Pvt. Lloyd Alister of California defeated Pvt. Richard Martin of California; Pvt. Ralph DeSola of California defeated Pvt. Hank Donahoe of California; and Pvt. Bob Dempsey of California defeated Pvt. John Johnston of Washington.

Base Linksmen Defeat Sailors

Play will be resumed in the golf league of the 11th Nav. Dist. Tuesday when MCB Linksmen play the Coast Guard in a match at the China Vista course. The contest is expected to be a close one since the Coast Guard reportedly has one of the best teams in the loop.

Sgt. Merle Lint carded an impressive 71 last Monday to lead the Base Marines to a 15-5 victory over the team from USNH, San Diego. Low man for USNH was Corp. Johnny Browne.

STATESIDE SPORTS

Brief Bits From Marines At Play

NORTH ISLAND—Coach Mike Triolo's Marine boxers from MCAD, Miramar, last week scored an impressive victory over the Navy ringmen from North Island in the monthly boxing show held here.

Pvt. Nick Ragusano and Navy boxer Jim Wisner opened the card with a hard-fought contest which ended in a draw. Corp. Joe Schenk, Miramar ace, won a three-round decision from Jack Corloza. In what was perhaps the most exciting bout of the night, Pvt. Sam Cerrito scored a two-round KO over George Reyhal.

Corp. John Campbell won the main event with a KO over John Hackett in the first round of their scheduled three-round melee. Pvt. Ted Watson kept the Marine "no loss" record for the night intact by gaining a draw with Jose Ramos.

An impressive 238 was the top bowling score recorded during the past week at MCB's bowling lanes. GySgt. J. H. Little, drill instructor at RD, achieved the fancy bit of kegging necessary to make the high mark. Little received a carton of cigarettes for his line, which included six consecutive strikes.

QUANTICO—This Marine Base's diamond team wound up the 1944 baseball season last week scoring

a 10th inning, 1-0, victory over the White Oaks nine of Fredericksburg, Va. The win was a personal triumph for Leatherneck hurler John Carden, who pitched only 101 balls in the extra-inning contest.

Chuckling as hard in the last frame as when the game began, the lanky Marine from Texas struck out 13 opposing batters and walked but one man. He allowed only three hits and only one ball was hit out of the infield as the Marines kept the Oaks to a tan, from reaching second base.

An 11th Naval Dist. memorandum issued recently has restated an order from the Espy. of Navy prohibiting Navy and Marine personnel and athletic teams from competing in games with professionals unless such a game is played on the reservation involved. The memorandum also pointed out that it has been reported that some officers and enlisted men attached to the 11th Naval Dist. have been taking part in professional sports—a violation of the original order.

The order directs that every effort be made to prevent professional sports activities by Marine and Navy men and warned against the use of assumed names as a possible means of circumventing the order.

The Reasons Why Warriors Fight

A favorite theme with some overseas war correspondents has been that the average American doesn't have a definite idea of what he is fighting for, that he's just been thrust into the midst of a conflict and is fighting solely to bring it to an end so he can get home.

Writing in the current issue of the Marine Corps Gazette, Charles Edmundson, an associate editor of Fortune who has covered Army, Navy and Marine participation in this war, suggests that it's time right now to begin the education and indoctrination of fighting men in a simple, straightforward, realistic way.

Only by so doing can the nation insure against a wave of disillusionment such as swept the country after World War I, he thinks. Mr. Edmundson quotes Walter Lippman, who said that because the simple fact that America went to war in order to preserve American security was never made explicit, "the nation never understood clearly why it had entered the war. As time went on the country was therefore open to every insinuation that the country had fought for no good reason at all, that its victory was meaningless, that it had been maneuvered into a non-American war by the international bankers and British diplomats."

Preventing a recurrence of this feeling, Mr. Edmundson believes, would be comparatively simple if every man in uniform had a credo like this:

1. We fight because of our national honor, Japan, with Germany's collusion, slapped us across the face.
2. We fight in self-protection. If we had permitted Japan and Germany to win this war, they soon would have brought the war to us on unfavorable terms.
3. We fight for humanity. Common decency would not permit us to sit with hands folded while Germany enslaved Europe and Japan raped and robbed a defenseless Asia.
4. We fight in the hope of establishing a world order which can secure peace and a division of the world's resources to give a better life to all nations.

The War Chest

Throughout the nation next week, the annual War Chest drive gets under way to finance a triple need—for the fighting forces, for those at home and for our suffering Allies.

The War Chest was more familiarly known to you in peacetime days as the Community Chest, the organization which asked for your support once each year to carry on the work of various relief and character-building agencies.

Since the war's start, the War Chest has taken over. It still carries on the work at home and in addition, has taken on a group of war-born activities. These include relief for occupied countries in the form of food and medical supplies, and the financing of vital services for our own forces, such as USO shows both at home and abroad, aid for merchant sailors and aid to Americans held prisoners of war by the enemy.

A contribution to the War Chest isn't a donation—it's an investment.

No Patch for 12th Def. Bn.

Editor, The Chevron—What is the official patch for the 12th Def. Bn.?

USNH, San Diego.

Editor's note—The 12th does not have a patch. Its personnel wear the patch of the higher echelon to which it was last attached.



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5. We fight in the faith that God will bring victory to the brave and the just.

The way Americans are fighting on every world battlefield has shown their ability to acquit themselves with honor despite a decade of pacifist-isolationist upbringing. Perhaps their adoption of a set of simple ideals of why they're doing it will insure the nation against a repetition of what followed the last war.

Safety Valve

Embarrassed

Editor, The Chevron—Will you please help me in correcting a very embarrassing situation? In the Sept. 23 issue you printed a picture of me and some fellows from the 3rd Div. I thought the photographer was taking pictures for the men personally and since I was in the 3rd at one time I sat in hoping to get a print. Now, much to my embarrassment, it comes out in The Chevron.

I wasn't wounded at Guam. I had my arm broken aboard ship enroute to Guam and was evacuated a few days before the landing. Too, I'm in an outfit not attached to the 3rd Div. and it would be very embarrassing to meet any of my outfit who did a good job on Guam. I have no wish to get any credit for something a lot of my friends did.

Takeoka, Tex.

Sgt. SHERMAN E. REID

Forgotten Outfit?

Editor, The Chevron—We are not seeking any glory or even care about any personal publicity, but we have just received July 22 Chevron (on Sept. 24) telling about almost everyone that was in the Saipan invasion but our outfit. We don't especially care only that our wives, girl friends and just friends have written and said that a lot were mentioned but not us. Now, how are they gonna know that we're not trying to give them a snow job if we aren't even mentioned in our own Corps paper?

Sgt. CLIFFORD W. HEDGE
Sgt. ROBERT L. STURGEON
Corp. CECIL T. ROBERTS
2nd Mar. Div., c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—Your amphibian truck company wasn't intentionally overlooked. Since when has any 2nd Div. outfit had to resort to a snow job?

Medal of Honor Winners

Editor, The Chevron—I noticed you said 23 Marines have been awarded the Medal of Honor in this war. You forgot to list Maj. Kenneth D. Bailey, who gave his life while leading a Raider Bn. on Guadalcanal.

StfsGt. JOHN PLATT
DOP Hq., San Francisco.

Editor's note—Right. An orchid to sharp-eyed Sgt. Platt.

V-12 Training Program

Editor, The Chevron—Just what is this V-12 training and how does one qualify for it?

Lafayette, Ind.

Editor's note—V-12 is a college training program which has one objective: to provide the Navy and Corps with properly-trained officer candidates for combat duty. As of Aug. 1, it had provided the fleet with 23,000 officers and was functioning in 233 colleges, universities, medical and dental schools and theological seminaries. At 34 of these there were detachments of Marine privates. V-12 provides the necessary educational fundamentals for specialized professional training. Marine graduates go to OCS prior to field service. (On Nov. 1, the total number of men studying under the program is to be reduced around 25 per cent. See Navy V-12 Bulletin No. 324 for revised procedure for transfer of enlisted personnel to Class V-12.)

Readers' Views

Editor, The Chevron—The Chevron copies distributed to this command are passed from hand to hand and widely read. They are eagerly awaited each week.

CWO. R. L. WILSON
Adjutant, MB, Klamath Falls, Ore.

... I send The Chevron on to my husband on Saipan and he says everyone in his outfit enjoys reading it.

Mrs. L. E. CRANE
El Cajon, Cal.

... a copy here in the Div. of Disbursement, Treasury Dept., is just like a copy in the islands—it becomes ragged from so many hands.

Los Angeles, Cal.

... It may interest you to know that all hands out here enjoy reading The Chevron and even pass it on to a Seabee outfit.

Lt. C. K. McCOLLUM
c/o FPO, San Francisco.

... the 120 students here certainly enjoy reading The Chevron and keeping in touch with the Marines.

LIONEL McKEANE
St. Augustine's Seminary, Toronto, Canada.

(From The Chevron, Oct. 10, 1942)

Using 45 trucks, MCR Marines have collected 200,000 pounds of scrap iron in support of the nation-wide salvage drive.

Tenaru River on Guadalcanal has taken its place with other great battlegrounds where Marines met the enemy and emerged victorious. The battle lasted 12 hours.

Seeking to send a hail of death-dealing Devil Dogs over Axis countries, the Corps has opened glider units to enlisted personnel.

Latest Navy Dept. release: Airmen in the Solomons, in four days of widespread action, have damaged an enemy destroyer, shot down 10 enemy aircraft and damaged two others, with no American losses.

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

V-12 Exhibition

Editor, The Chevron—During the half of the Muhlenburg College-Bucknell Univ. football game Sept. 23, Marines of the V-12 detachment here put on an exhibition drill. Due to the fact that most of the fellows who participated in the event have not yet received their recruit training, the show was in my estimation (and also to a number of "old Marines" among the spectators) comparable to those of some of our finest Corps drill teams.

Credit for this splendid demonstration goes to Pvt. Richard B. Dingfelder, who spent much of his own time drilling and instructing this special detail in the complicated movements which were so well executed.

1st Lt. JOSEPH P. FRANCESKA
O-in-C, Mar. Det., Bucknell Univ., Lewisburg, Pa.

Sunday Morning Yippers

Editor, The Chevron—Please head this "F'r cripe sake, pipe down" or "Sunday Morning Yippers." Have just had to get up at 0630 (and on a Sunday morning, too) because all I could hear was the full details of a party the night before.

Wonder if these people think they are the only ones who go out nights. Whether they do or not, no one cares to rehash it all over the morning after at a time most of us in the barracks are trying to recuperate and get a little shut-eye from our own party of the night before.

If these inconsiderate so-and-sos must yip on Sunday morning, then let them talk in modulated tones.

NAME WITHHELD

Base Pay Office, MCR.

No Photographs

Editor, The Chevron—Everyone here read with interest the article, "Two Years," in your Aug. 5 issue and there were many comments. Naturally, the article and pictures were appreciated by all who took part in the first offensive.

I have been collecting pictures of Marine events, especially of the 1st Div., and wish that I could get a copy of each one of the pictures that accompanied your article reviewing the war to date. I don't think that I have even seen a better group of pictures. Is there any way I could get a set?

Sgt. WILLIAM M. LAWRENCE
1st Mar. Div., c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—Photos taken overseas are released by Div. of Public Relations, HQMC, which has just announced that requests for sets of photographs cannot be granted.

Expeditionary Medal

Editor, The Chevron—We have been told that those of us who landed on Eniwetok will rate the Expeditionary ribbon because the island was foreign soil.

Corp. S. T. SERIO
USN Convalescent Hosp., Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Editor's note—There have been no awards of the Expeditionary Medal in this war except to Wake Island defenders—and probably won't be any more. Area ribbons and stars cover all situations.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel. 0930 Services, Auditorium. 1015 Services, Chapel. Evening Vesper Service, 1830, Chapel. (Catholic) 0800 Mass, Auditorium; 0915 Mass, Chapel. Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) 0630, Chapel. Friday evening Service, 1900, Chapel. Confession: Saturday 1600-1700, Chapel; 1800-2000, Chaplain's Office. 1945, 123, Recruit Depot. (Jewish) Chapel, 1100. (Christian Science) Sunday, 0930, Bldg. 126, RD. (Latter Day Saints) Service, Bldg. 125, RD. Wednesdays 1930, Bldg. 125, RD.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 1000, Theater. (Catholic) Mass, 0800, Theater. (Christian Science) Sunday, 1430, Room across from GI's Office in Ad. Bldg. (Jewish) 0915, Chaplain's Office. (Latter Day Saints) 0800, Armorer's School Bldg.; Thursdays, 1900.

CAMP BELLEVILLE (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel. (Catholic) Sunday Masses 0830, 0900, 1115, Mass daily, 1830, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science) 1600-1730, Chaplain's office. Wednesdays, (Jewish) Post Chapel, Thursday, 1830. (Latter Day Saints) 1830, Camp Post Chapel, Friday 1830. (Latter Day Saints) 1930, Camp Chapel; Mondays, 2000.

MEAD, MARINE (Protestant): 1000, Services; Communion 1st Sunday of month. (Catholic) 0700 and 0800, Confession; 0730 and 0830, Mass. Barracks 512. (Jewish) Thursdays, 2000. (Latter Day Saints) Discussion meeting Thursdays, 1900. (Christian Science) 1445-1500, Chaplain's office, Fridays.

CAMP FREDERICKSON (Protestant): Post Chapel, communion at 0900, Bible Class 0930, Morning Worship at 1015, Vesper Service 2000; Wednesdays, Vesper 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 0900, 16-T-1 at 0930, 17-T-1 at 0900, (Catholic) Post Chapel, Masses at 0830, 0900, 1115, Confessions, Saturday, 1800-1830; Novena, Wednesdays 1900; Ranch House Chapel, Mass 0915; Tuesday and Friday, Mass 1945; Friday, confessions at 1830 to 1900; Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0700; at Theaters, 14-T-1 at 0900, daily at 0800; 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 1000, 17-T-1 at 0900; Confessions before each Mass. (Christian Science) Post Chapel, Sunday 1500, Thursday, 1930; Study group, Mondays 1900, Infantry Training Regt., Nov 28, Tent 1. (Latter Day Saints) Post Chapel, Sunday 0900, Monday 1900. (Jewish) Post Chapel, Friday at 1800. **CAMP EXETER (Christian Science):** 1200-1300, Adm. Bldg., Wednesdays.



Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Dry Run -- But All Under-water Shots



"DITTY BAG"

MARINE MOTHER

According to Mrs. Mary Smith of Philadelphia, who has two Marine sons, we left out this verse when we printed "Marine Mother" recently:

"I'd like to shield these boys of mine
From all that's wrong and happen;
I'd gladly sacrifice my life
But they need no go-between,
For God has given to my sons
The gift of love supreme:
The red, white and blue blood
Of the United States Marine."

POPULAR MARINE



Fourteen-month-old "Sgt." Michael Perelmutter was just about the most popular Marine in San Francisco during the time his dad spent on furlough there recently. Dad is Sgt. Morris K. Perelmutter of the Base band.

"BLESS 'EM ALL"

Doris State of Grinnell, Ia., and Doris Hink of Des Moines, Ia., nearly fell over recently when a Marine wrote The Chevron requesting the words to "Bless Them All."

"We were greatly surprised to think ANY Marine failed to know the words," they wrote, and pass along these two verses which they acquired from Marines:

"The dogfaces came to New Zealand
And there we unloaded their craft,
Their kennels and tables,
Their armchairs and cradles
We watched and we laughed and we laughed,
To care for these dears in New Zealand
We built them their huts and mess halls,
We'll leave them all stuck in the mud and the muck,
So, cheer up, Gyrenes, bless 'em all."

"And when we get back to Dago
We'll toss out the gobs, one and all,
If they say it ain't right
There'll be quite a fight
And out on the grass they will fall,
And there let our journey be ended
With the U. S. Marines conquering all,
All Tojo's flunkies, those Japanese monkeys,
So, cheer up, Gyrenes, bless 'em all,
Anybody else got any?"

Editor's note - Contributions of poetry, short articles, jokes, cartoons, puzzles or anything else you think readers would enjoy are welcome for this column.

Chevron Chick--Lina Romay of MGM



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LEATHERNECK LINGO

ON THE LINE--An experience which every enlisted Marine has had. It means on the rifle range firing line.

SEACONG TURKEY--Fish, Friday fare.

BEAN BAG--The meal pennant aboard ship. Always a welcome sight.

STRAIGHT DOPE--Correct information. Opposite of "scuttlebutt," which is rumor.

PILL ROLLER--Marine's name for Navy pharmacist's mate.