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MARINES IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA

I want to see that the Japanese language is spoken only in Hell.—Vice Adm. Ghormley.

We will bring the battle to our enemy on his home grounds.—Former Secy. Navy Knox.

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Ships Shell Iwo Jima, Clark Field Secured



LIFE'S BLOOD. Wearing a grin as he gives blood to save San Diego man's life, PFC. William H. Oliver is shown shortly after he was rushed to the County hospital on an emergency call. (Photo by Corp. Louise Pettey.)

Four Base Marines Save Life At County Hospital

By Staff Sgt. William T. Harrell Jr.,
Combat Correspondent

Four men from MCB were on hand at the San Diego County Hospital this week, ready to donate their blood in answer to a plea from relatives of Everett O. Reese, a local man who underwent a serious operation.

Recently returned from overseas, the four youths who volunteered to the plea placed through the American Red Cross, are: Corp. Jack C. Padgett of Somerset, Ky., and PFCs. Robert C. Wideman Jr. of Beaumont, Tex.; Roy L. Harvey of Forest, Miss., and William M. Oliver of Isonville, Ky.

Pvt. Wideman, wounded during the successful invasion of Guam in the Mariana Islands, expressed the

sentiments of the donors which he said, "We're glad to be able to repay the many loyal citizens who have donated plasma to the armed forces by giving our blood now."

The Texas was hit in the shoulder by shrapnel and the seriousness of his condition necessitated the administering of plasma in several instances while undergoing treatment in hospitals overseas.

At the hospital, the four Marines were directed to the blood bank where Mrs. Mary R. Booth, hospital technician, supervised the taking of their blood.

Many civilians and service men little realize the great need for blood on the battlefield, such as Guam. These four Marines have been there, and are thankful for the many donations delivered.

Amtracs Scare Charging Nips

USNH, SAN FRANCISCO—"The Japs are scared to death of our amtracs.

"How do I know? They came at us with sabers in a charge one day, before scattering for cover when we opened up on them. They seem to think they operate by some kind of magic."

This was the story told by TSgt. George R. Miller of Abilene, Tex., convalescing here following his return from the Marianas Islands.

Progress of MacArthur's troops to within 40 miles of Manila and the intense shelling of Jap Iwo Jima Island caught full focus of the South Pacific spotlight last week.

Averaging 10 miles a day, Russian troops advanced to a point 125 miles from Berlin for the leading European theater achievement.

Old Homecoming

Combat correspondent material flowing into the office last week included articles by Staff Sgts. Jack Pepper and Ted Link, both familiar names to Chevron readers.

Pepper was one of the first editors of the sheet when it was established three years ago. Link served as editor for a span during 1943. Both Chevrons went directly into combat corresponding after leaving MCB.

Volcanic Iwo Jima lies exactly half-way between Saipan and Tokyo. Only five miles long and barren, the island has been the take-off spot for the Jap bombing raids on our B-29 Superfortress field at Saipan. Four Allied cruisers and eight destroyers shelled Iwo Jima while 200 fighter and bombing planes bombed the oil center of Palembang on Sumatra.

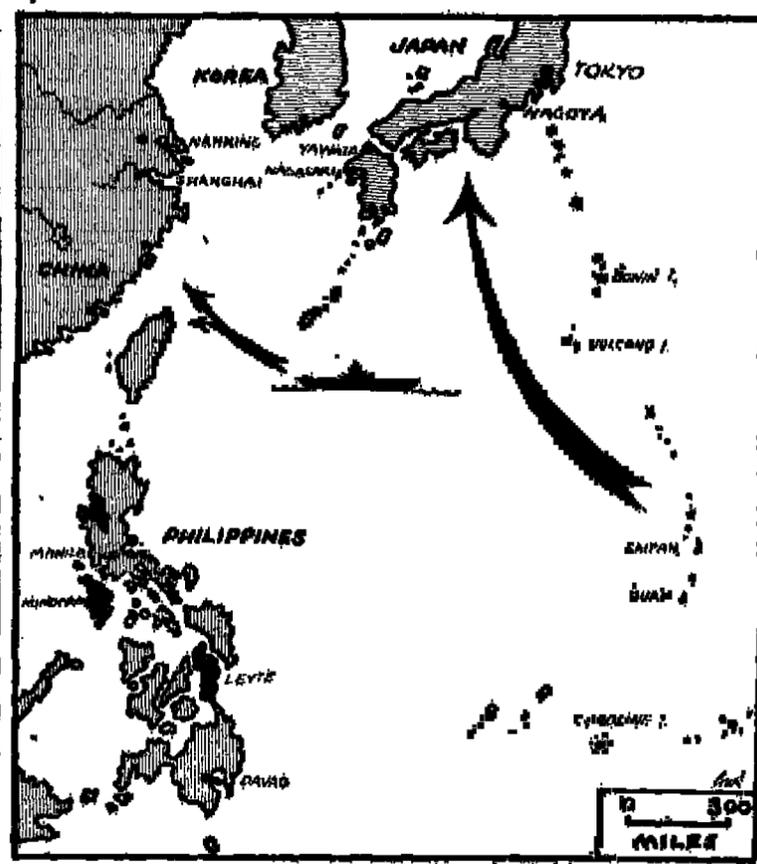
Motorized Yankee patrols pressed far down the central Luzon plains toward Manila and captured crucial Clark Field, biggest Jap air base in the Philippines and only 40 miles northwest of Manila. Gen. MacArthur announced that the Nips had suffered 14,000 casualties in the two-week period since Luzon was invaded.

Camp O'Connell prison camp in the Tarlac Province of Luzon was passed on the road outside Clark Field. It was here that the "march of death" in which so many Marines gave their lives, halted for a brief stay of torture and death. Graves of more than 3500 Filipinos and several hundred Americans were found by the Yanks as they marched through on the present drive toward Manila.

Flying in close support of the ground forces, Yank birmen dropped 45 tons of explosives on Corregidor, scene of the heroic Marine stand three years ago.

Clark Field was the place where the Japs knocked out the American-Philippine air force three years ago. The 13 runways on the field can feed hundreds of bombers and fighters into the growing belt in hard meat of unvanquished enemy islands of the China coast and on the southern approaches to Japan.

A spokesman for the British Far-
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CEREMONY. The dedication procession of the Naval Hospital's Chapel included a Marine Color Guard and Guard of Honor, headed by Capt. Stanley J. Partyka, commanding officer of the 3rd Cas. Co. at the hospital.

Balboa Hospital Inaugurates Chapel

The new chapel at the Naval Hospital here, erected at a cost of \$100,000, was officially opened last week with dedication ceremonies conducted by the Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Diego, celebrant of the Mass.

Protestant dedication services will be conducted tomorrow (Sunday) morning at 1000 by Comdr. D. B. Wright, now senior protestant chaplain at the hospital, while Jewish services were held Friday evening, Chaplain E. Lewis Lifschitz, 11th Naval Dist., in charge.

Included in the procession which opened Catholic ceremonies were a Marine color bearer and Guard of Honor, headed by Capt. Stanley J. Partyka, commanding officer of the 3rd Cas. Co. at the hospital.

A cross bearer and four acolytes preceded the Marine Guard which was followed by a Guard of Blue-jackets and Waves, which in turn was followed by visiting chaplains and clergy, the masters of ceremonies, the preacher, the chaplains to the Bishop and finally Bishop Buddy.

Services were under direction of Capt. Thomas F. Regan, USN, senior chaplain of the hospital, while Capt. William A. Maguire, 11th Naval Dist., delivered the sermon.

Situated on Still ave. near the Main Gate, the new structure's main auditorium has a seating

capacity of approximately 600 persons. A small Protestant chapel and Catholic chapel are located in the east and west wings, divided from the main section.

It is expected that the many

wounded men returning from overseas to the hospital will find much peace and contentment in this new project. A complete schedule of Sunday worship services for all faiths has been arranged.



COLOK GUARD. Standing at attention after the procession has entered the Chapel and taken seats are: Sg. LeRoy J. Richoux, bearer, and PFCs. W. R. McHugh (right) and F. V. Slak. (Photo by Corp. Louise Pettey.)

Peleliu Barber Offers Coffee, Shines



Drawn by M. J. V. Douglas, Marine Corps Combat Artist

PELELIU, Palau Islands (Delayed)—The Peleliu Clip Joint is an Alice-in-Wonderland barber shop conjured up by three Marine bandmen who were stretcher bearers early in the campaign and then found themselves with little to occupy their time.

The customer relaxes in a captured Jap chair while the proprietor tells jokes and reads news items aloud from a daily paper. He is handed a canteen cup of steaming coffee, his hair is cut and—really, it's true—his shoes are dusted!

If the customer wishes to open his eyes, he must watch Corsairs bomb the Jap cave strongholds a few hundred yards away.

The proprietor is PFC. Bernard E. McSweeney of Wilmington, Del., tenor soloist in the band. He was a machine-gunner at Guadalcanal and New Britain before his voice was discovered. Formerly, he was a blacksmith with the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The barber, PFC. Frank J. Gorsody of New Eagle, Pa., plays the French horn. Called "Chink" by his mates because of his mandarin-style mustache and goatee, Gorsody is on his second "cruise." He served in China from 1934-36.

Carp. Guy F. Cogswell of Fort Madison, Ia., makes the coffee and dusts the shoes. He also plays the French horn and is a veteran of Guadalcanal.

Each day, the Clip Joint draws hundreds of spectators and about 20 customers. They watch McSweeney print the day's headlines on a large blackboard. Yesterday's banner screamed:

"Tokyo Rose Gives Us 8 Hours to Evacuate Peleliu!"



WIND POWER, 1st Sgts. D. B. Chapman (left) of Long Beach and N. R. McIyer of San Diego are shown here with their wind-powered washing machine at a Pacific Marine base. The machine churns out a clean wash in an hour with a gentle breeze or in 15 minutes in a typhoon.

Proposed Shoulder Insignia Must Be Submitted By Unit

Letter of Instruction No. 918, governing the wearing of shoulder patches, has been issued by HQMC. Proposed insignia must be submitted by the unit concerned to the commanding general, FMF, Pacific, for approval.

The new order states that "returned personnel shall be authorized to wear such insignia until

assigned to another unit having no insignia of its own."

It is made clear that shore activities "are not authorized distinctive shoulder insignia since the patches are identifying markings for members of an organization that might have distinguished itself in combat."

Educational Institute Will Establish Pacific Outpost

WASHINGTON—Completely reorienting and making significant new additions to its curriculum of nearly 100 extension courses, the Marine Corps Institute will on Feb. 2 observe the 25th anniversary of its founding by completing preparations to "invade" the Pacific area with an advanced detachment designed to provide educational service to many more thousands of bootnecks in the battle zone.

The coming transfer of facilities and a sizeable administrative and instructional staff to a garrison in the Pacific Ocean will give the Marine Corps Institute an outpost close to many of its corresponding students. The saving in time in the calling of lessons to and from students will in itself constitute an important advance in the work of the school.

In its quarter-century of service the Marine Corps Institute has grown from an enrollment of 650

students in April, 1920, to the present enrollment of more than 60,000 Marines—many of whom are sending their completed MCI correspondence lessons from far points in the Pacific.

Today Marines can take without cost through the Marine Corps Institute correspondence courses in nearly 100 different subjects ranging from Algebra to Aviation Engines, from Plumbing to Psychology.

New courses are constantly being developed, among them "The Pacific World," the first in a series designed to offer background information on lands and peoples of the Pacific area. Two other courses of the series—"Human Geography of Japan" and "Human Geography of Asia"—soon will be ready. Other new courses include "Radio Speaking and Writing," "Fundamentals of Selling" and "Thomas Natural Shorthand."

Japs Blow Ammo Dump

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Three times on a night, Cvt. Harry S. Lemaster of Denver, Colo., helped set up a division ammunition dump, and three times the Japs blew it up.

Each time it was at night, and Lemaster was in his foxhole in the middle of the dump. Each time the enemy sergeant escaped only with his clothes and was forced to draw new equipment the next morning.

The third time was the worst, however, for the explosions came so quickly that Lemaster started running and was several yards away when he discovered he'd forgotten his shoes. But as he says, "It was too late to go back and get them."

Marine Aviator Is Small Fry

1st Lt. Stanley Rumbough Jr. of Huntington, Long Island, N. Y., a veteran 4th Mar. Air Wing pilot, calls himself "small fry" in spite of his 6-ft. stature.

Two uncles in the Army are generals, two cousins are colonels, a cousin in the Army Air Force is a general and another is a colonel.

Iwo Jima Blasted By Task Force

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sign Office declared today that recent reports of German peace moves may "possibly be true this time."

The spokesman referred to an Ankara broadcast which reported that Franz von Papen, German Ambassador to Turkey, had arrived in Madrid as head of a peace mission, and that Von Papen apparently "had gained the confidence of the German army."

Various reports of German efforts to negotiate peace have been circulated before, especially when Nazi military fortunes seemed at their lowest ebb.

Soviet troops drove today to within four miles southeast of Breslau, Germany's "eastern Pittsburgh," after seizing the Upper Silesian capital of Oppeln on the Oder River, while Berlin indicated East Prussia had been virtually isolated, along with its estimated 200,000 to 300,000 defenders.

Waitress: "We have practically everything on the menu today."

Marine: "Yes, I see. How about a clean one?"

Girl Marine Makes Rubber Stamps

Proving the versatility of women in the service, PFC. Neva Smith, a former secretary of Newark, N. Y., prides herself in being the only girl making rubber stamps in the Marine Corps.

She works the entire process, from typesetting to fixing the label on the top side of the stamp when finished.

PFC. Smith, who stands a trim 5-ft. 2-in., performs the nine jobs that go into making a rubber stamp with a deftness that would put an ordinary jack-of-all-trades to shame.

The typesetting comes first, followed by proof-reading, arrangement of the plaster of Paris matrix or mold must be exact and it is then baked for one hour. The uncured gum-rubber is laid over the hot, dry mould, slid into the vulcanizer and cured for approximately seven minutes under high steam pressure. When cooled, the sheet of stamps must be assembled and mounted on various types of mounts, depending on their use. A label is pasted on the top of the stamp for proper identification.

The undertaking is not without its moments of humor, for PFC. Smith has pasted a number of odd names up on her private bulletin board to keep prospective customers amused. Running from two to 27 letters to the name, we find: Konstantynowicz, Nieman t e v e r d r a e t, Scifrassharabakka, Oh and Au. Other odd names are: White Maggie, Cashdollar, Manydeeds, Drybread Sr. and Boozer.

The stamp shop serves other bases in the San Diego area also with approximately 24-hour service at a cost of only 15 cents per stamp.

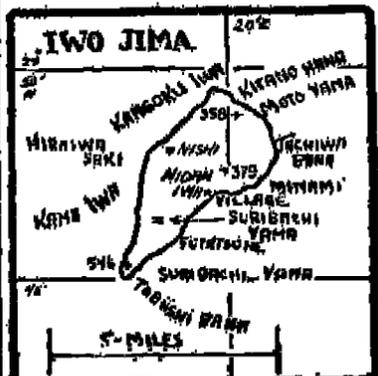


STAMPED! PFC. Neva Smith here applies her pet hobby—the manufacture of rubber name stamps. PFC. Smith has made a lot of stamps. (Photo by PFC. M. E. Brown.)

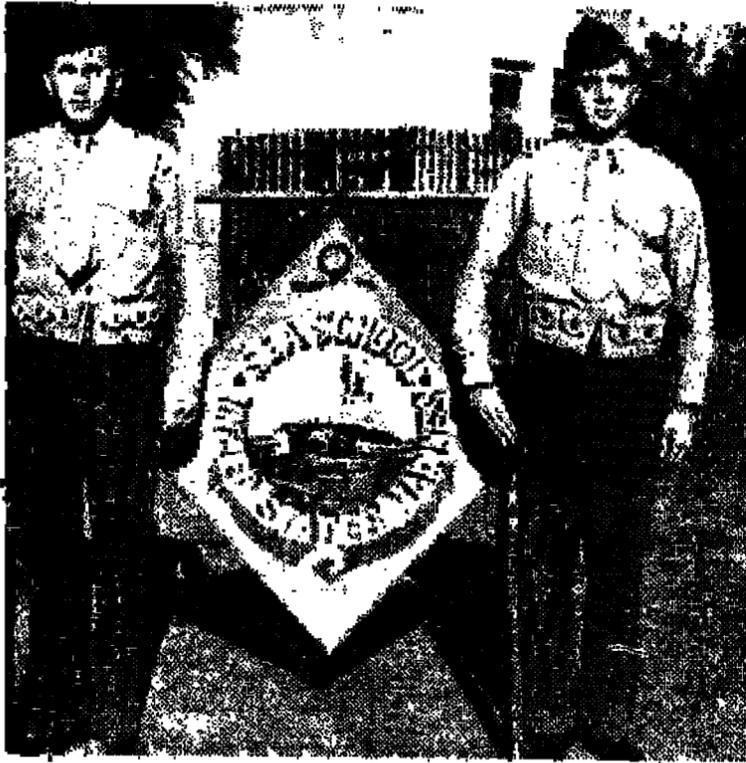
Marine Fliers See G.I. Variety Show

BODCAINVILLE (Delayed)—Marines from the 5th Div. here recently staged a 90-minute show for thousands of Leathernecks of the 1st Mar. Air Wing.

The 30 entertainers kept the program moving at a rapid pace. Acts included a hill-billy trio, a barber shop quartet, an impersonator, a juggler and a hypnotist. Musical portions of the special program was furnished by a Marine orchestra with 1st Lt. Bob Crosby handling the baton.—Pvt. Dave Wilbur, Mankato, Minn.



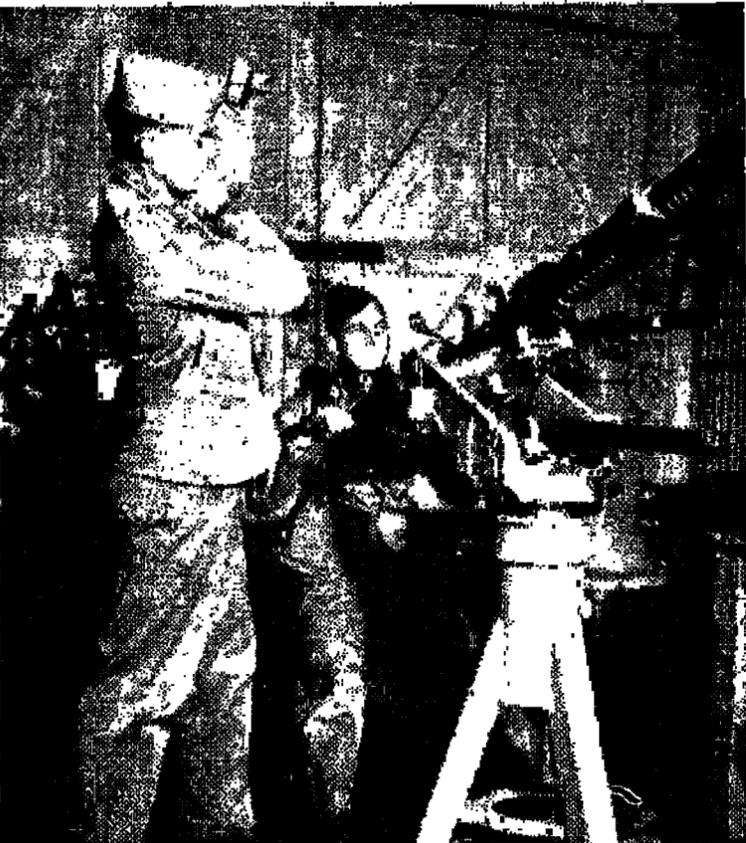
Marine Corps Base Sea School Students Lead Busy Existence



ATTENTION. The golden sea horse emblem with a super-imposed battle-wagon is proudly displayed at sea school headquarters, Bldg. 1, MCB, Pts. East 4, Tinian, (right) and Marine Corps (left) school personnel stand.



STRIPPED. The intricate workings of a 20mm anti-aircraft gun are explained by Cpl. Thomas E. Kane, sea school instructor, to Capt. Bryan E. Mitchell (right) and 2dLt. Paul B. Byrum (left). The 20mm instruction room has a total of 18 guns. (Photo by Corp. Louise Petley.)



STEADY. 20mm anti-aircraft gun on mount is being readied for action as Pvt. Russell Pitzer swings up magazine. Pvt. Colman P. Starky stands by to commence firing the weapon. (Photo by Corp. Louise Petley.)

Aboard every capital ship, cruiser, carrier or large transport in our Navy can be found a detachment of Marines. These men did not just happen to be stationed aboard ships; most of them volunteered, worked and trained for the privilege of becoming a "Seagoing Marine".

Duties of Marines aboard ship consist of serving as gun crews on anti-aircraft weapons, as orderlies and as security guards while at sea or when the ship is in port.

Sea School at MCB, San Diego, is now the only one of its kind functioning in the Marine Corps. Upon arrival here the student is assigned to a platoon. During the next five weeks this platoon is formed into a coordinating, efficient and cooperating team, capable of working together as smoothly and as quickly as a first-rate football team. Each man will know his job and be able to fill in at any other man's post in the event it should become necessary.

The first week's training in a busy one; hardly a moment is not used for some type of instruction in subjects such as Marine Corps History, Military Courtesy, Aircraft Identification, Duties of Marines at Sea, Duties of Naval Officers, Parks and Insignias of the Navy and Marine Corps, Interior Guard Duty, Navy Taste and Hells, Ship's Nomenclature, Organization of a Ship's Crew, Compartmentation of a Ship, Condition Watches and Emergency Drills.

The following weeks are mainly concerned with advance work on many of the subjects begun the first week. Training films are used

and deal with details of these subjects. Gunnery is one of the most important classes. At all times there is available to the students and instructors alike the latest in finest equipment that the Navy possesses.

An entire week is spent at the Naval Anti-Aircraft Training Center, Pacific Beach, where the actual firing at moving targets is done. Each student receives a thorough and complete working knowledge on the duties of a gun crew; instruction on 5-in. 38-cal. loading machine, 5-in. 38-cal. Anti-Aircraft gun; 40mm. Anti-Aircraft gun; and the 20mm. gun and

mount. In addition, training is given on the Panoramic Gunnery Trainer, Mark 2; Browning Automatic rifle; 45-cal. automatic pistol; and the Mark 14 gun sight.

Upon completion of the fifth week of training, the students are available for transfer to sea duty. Usually they are dispatched within a short time to some part of embarkation to await further assignments to a ship in our fleet.

Whenever you see a sea-going Marine proudly displaying the shoulder patch of the Golden Sea Horse, you may be sure he has worked and fought for the privilege of wearing that insignia.



MODEL. A cut-away model 20mm anti-aircraft gun is used for instruction, shown here being examined by Capt. Joseph F. LaBonte, sea school executive officer (right), and 1stSgt. Harry A. Danahy, MCO in charge of drills and instruction (left). (Photo by Corp. Louise Petley.)



USS NORTH CAROLINA. Perfect scale model of a battleship was built at a total cost of 15,000 man hours by former sea school student, PFC. Norris F. Shook. Now used to instruct ship's nomenclature, it is being shown to Pfc. Clarence E. Rouse (center) and William F. Schultz (left) by sea school instructor, Sgt. Cecil T. Blue. (PRO photo.)



GUNNERS. Operating a 40mm. air-cooled single-mount anti-aircraft weapon, these sea schoolers learn sighting. This is a section of the new gun shed which also houses a 5-in. 38-cal. naval gun. Loading and sighting is done here—the actual firing takes place on the range, where a whole week is spent. (Photo by PFC. Marion E. Brown.)

Five St. Louis Marines Fire Maryland Guns

By Sgt. Edward P. Blaser
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—To protect the USS Maryland from surprise aerial attacks during the air-sea battles off the Philippines, Marine flak gunners slept alongside their weapons.

Among the battleship's "back" crews were five St. Louis, Mo., Marines. They are Corp. Elmer Noltemper and PFCs, John Fisher, Melvin Schneider, William Mathews and James Smith.

They have been in all major operations since the Marshalls, including the Marianas, Palau and Philippines.

Most vividly they recall the sea battle that raged for two days in the Surigao off the Philippines.

"The turrets of our big guns were belching flame most of that first night," said Noltemper, "and the whole sky was polka dotted with flak bursts."

"At first we tried to keep track of our hits," said Fisher, "but in a gun crew a fellow learns that all hits are just as much the next gun's credit as his own."

Aside from a little stiffness, the Marines are none the worse from sleeping on steel mattresses.

The Japanese, however, did not fare so well. The USS Maryland is part of the task force that has already destroyed 16 enemy warships in Philippine waters.

Here Is Real \$64 Question

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—During the latter stages of the battle for Saipan in the Marianas Islands, a Marine private received a letter from his parents asking him when he thought he would be home, reports 1stSgt. Jack Pepper, combat correspondent.

The dirty, battle-weary Marine took from his pocket a soiled penny post card he had been saving and wrote:

"I'm more than 6000 miles from the United States. I am 1500 miles from Tokyo. What do you think I'm headed?"

Post-War South Pacific Guarding Now Stressed

By Sgt. Herman Kogan, Combat Correspondent

HONOLULU—“... The streets are guarded by...”
 Veteran Marines, who have fought the Japs all the way from the steaming jungles of Guadalcanal to their former bases in the Marianas, are currently training here for the far-flung job of guarding the Pacific after the war.

“The instant firing ceases—and, in some cases, even before that time—they will be ready to take over,” explained Capt. Robert H. Houston, in peacetime a nemesis of Oklahoma bandits and bank robbers. The captain is in charge of the training program.

“They will work together with military and civil authorities in keeping order and enforcing the laws. What they are learning here will prove important later on,” he added.

Men who were at Makin with Carlson's Raiders are looking traffic whistles at busy downtown intersections.

Rugged Marines who battled the enemy on Guadalcanal and in the Marianas are riding “prowl cars” with local detectives.

312 High Score On Rifle Range

CAMP MATTHEWS—High individual score last week on this rifle range was turned in by Pvt. Chester Wilkins of Concho, Ariz., who tallied 312 out of a possible 310 while firing with Platoon 794.

Pvt. William R. Massey of Los Angeles was runner-up with 311 in the same platoon. Third highest was Pvt. Kenneth J. Parr of Bakersfield, Cal., with a 309.

Platoon 794 qualified 87.8%. Sgt. Francis Bretschneider was coach and P1Sgt. H. Conley was DT.

Leathernecks who flushed Japs from caves on Peleliu are learning the techniques of preparing reports on everything from who made off with Willie Katsuo's bicycle to who broke the window of the Pacific Paradise pool parlor.

All these activities are part of the training program, in which the “professors” are Honolulu policemen and detectives like Capt. George Parr, a real old-timer hereabouts, and Sgt. Axel Nelson, who formerly lived in Minneapolis, Minn.

Actually, they merely augment the numerous military police courses taught by Marine instructors. But, together with lessons in dealing with prisoners of war, enemy civilians, their own trouble-makers, and other aspects of military law enforcement, this work is designed to fit the men for police duties in towns and cities which some day will be occupied by American forces on the path to Japan.

“This is a good example of how civilian police forces can best lend their talents and experience to helping the military policemen,” said Capt. Houston. “Because of the valuable lessons learned here, these Marines will be equipped to take up their assigned jobs with a greater knowledge of routine and special problems which may confront them in the future.”

Police Chief W. D. Gabrielson, through whose cooperation the training was arranged, returns the compliment without much urging. For, last Christmas Day, when traffic was especially heavy, his call for additional Marines to act as guides in outlying districts was answered promptly.

“And the job they did was 100% perfect,” was Chief Gabrielson's comment.



NIGHT ACTION. Showing a Marine 155mm. gun crew in action, this picture was taken during mid-afternoon in the South Seas. Heat waves give the midnight touch.

Memo To Nip Soldiers: Never Use Dead Marines For Seats

MB, KLAMATH FALLS Wounded repeatedly by a Jap bayonet on Guam, PFC, Eugene W. Beckman of Loreto, Tenn., was awarded the Purple Heart medal in a ceremony here recently.

Beckman was a participant in one of the strangest experiences of the Pacific war. It all happened on the fifth night of the Guam campaign, while the Tennessee Leatherneck was serving with the 3rd Reconnaissance Co., a scout detachment.

The scouts were dug in for the night, right in the front lines, when the Japs began one of their banzai charges. That was about 2330, according to Beckman. In the hand-to-hand fighting that followed, he was slashed repeatedly by a Jap bayonet, in the shoulder, chest and hip, and wounded in the feet by a rifle slug.

Half-unconscious, he dropped into a foxhole. A few moments later a wounded Jap came in, evidently believing Beckman dead, and proceeded to take a rest, sitting on the Marine's neck and shoulders.

The fight was still raging outside, and Beckman grappled with his Jap, trying to get a knife into

him. While they were struggling, another Marine dashed up with a rifle and in his haste to shoot the Jap, put a slug through Beckman's left hand.

Together they finally finished off the Jap.

Japanese Mines Worry Marines

USNH, SAN FRANCISCO—P1Sgt. Johnnie T. Steele of Fort Worth, Tex., who landed at the Leyte beachhead on D-Day, has arrived here twice-wounded, missing his left thumb and index finger and wounded in his right eye.

The wounded Marine said every step up the soggy Leyte Valley was turned into a treacherous trap by retreating Japs who heavily mined the jungle in a desperate attempt to slow the American advance. “The trees, bushes, trails—everything—was mined,” he said.

A small Japanese mine was reported by Steele. The mine, only three inches long, can be set and attached to any type of foliage. “Thousands of them were used,” Steele said.

It was one of these mines that first wounded the Texan. “It was 20 miles up the valley from the beachhead,” he said. “I had taken this mine from the root of a tree near our gun position and was trying to take out the detonator when it exploded.”

No More Palau Japs, So Major Had His Revenge

MIRAMAR—Probably the only Marine Corps paymaster wounded in combat area in this war, Maj. Vernice S. Calvert of San Diego, Cal., has returned here from the Pacific for leave and reassignment.

Maj. Calvert was wounded in the back by a Jap sniper last November on a Palau island while there still was scattered fighting. He was awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

“I was bending over my helmet, which I was using for a wash basin, washing my face before a noon meal when a sniper cracked down on me,” Maj. Calvert said. “I spent nearly two weeks in a hospital, but the bullet never was removed.”

Asked if the Jap sniper was killed by other Marines, the major replied:

“Well, when I left Palau, there were no more Japs there.”



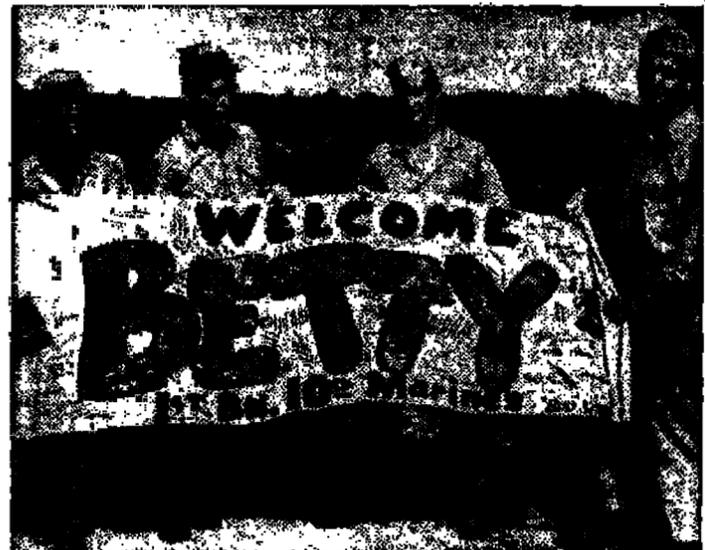
1st Sgt. KIPP ... top FMF non-com

Pacific 1st Sgt. Lists Generals Among Members

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC—1st Sgt. John D. Kipp of San Diego has a position that would make most top sergeants shake in their bootstraps.

He is first sergeant of Hq. Co., FMF, Pacific, which includes such members as Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, two other generals and several hundred officers.

Serving his third enlistment, 1st Sgt. Kipp has spent over five years in the Pacific zone. He was on the USS Augusta for three years prior to Pearl Harbor and spent two other pre-war years in Samoa.



SOUVENIR. After Betty Hutton's visit members of an artillery unit all signed the “welcome banner” and appointed the above quartet to mail it. Pictured, left to right, are Corp. Horace W. Davis, Diasetta, Tex.; PFC, Lester R. Thomas, Crawford, Neb.; PFC, R. V. Rodecap, Anderson, Ill., and PFC. Kermit L. Kjos, Portland, Ore.

'Thin Man Junior' Seeks Marine Career As Gunner

PARRIS ISLAND—PFC. William D. Powell, 18-year-old son of Hollywood's “Thin Man”, has no desire to follow in his famous dad's footsteps as an actor, but he “sure as heck would like to get into a Marine machine gun platoon.”

Just completing his recruit training at this base, young Bill sums up his own acting ability with one word: “hammy”. He does admit, however, that he has hopes of becoming a movie writer and director when the war is over.

“Right now, though,” he says, “my main ambition is to be a good Marine. Dad's repeated advice to me has been to put everything into whatever job they give me as a Marine.”

By way of getting off on the right foot, PFC. Powell shot a 301 out of a possible 310 on the rifle range to qualify as a sharpshooter.

He came into the Marine Corps under the V-12 college program and

attended Princeton Univ. for a year before coming to Parris Island.

He's looking forward, by the way, to seeing the coming attraction at the post theater here. It's “Thin Man Goes Home”, starring William Powell.

MCB Civilians Ranked Second

MCB civilian personnel ranked second in the “per cent invested” section in the 11th Naval Dist. standings in the Navy payroll savings plan standings for the month of December. MCB had held first place for the past 18 months.

Only the Marine Corps Aux. Air Facility at Camp Gillespie is ahead of the MCB civilians. Gillespie has a 14.4 percentage with MCB boasting a 13.2 rating.

Miss Hutton's Visit Causes 'New Uniform'

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Marines were under special orders to go formal during actress Betty Hutton's recent visit to this island.

The following memorandum was posted on all bulletin boards:

“Since Miss Hutton and her troupe will be in the area from 1200 to approximately 1600, commanding officers will take necessary steps to see that men traveling to and from showers wear trousers.”



PFC. POWELL ... no grease paint for him

Marine Wife Dubs Ship

MB, KLAMATH FALLS—Martha June Albritton, wife of Corp. Larry Albritton of this station, will christen the 10,800-ton cargo vessel, SS Paducah Victory, in honor of the couple's home town, Paducah, Ky., at Portland on Feb. 5.

The ship is being constructed at the Oregon Shipbuilding Corp. yards now, and was paid for by citizens of Paducah who bought \$2,500,000 worth of War Bonds to have the vessel bear that city's name.

Both Mrs. Albritton and Larry are life-long residents of Paducah, which was also the home of Irvin S. Cobb, late humorist and writer. She was selected to christen the ship by Paducah Chamber of Commerce, and Larry, a 2nd Marine veteran, was chosen the principal speaker for the occasion.

Resume Mail Service

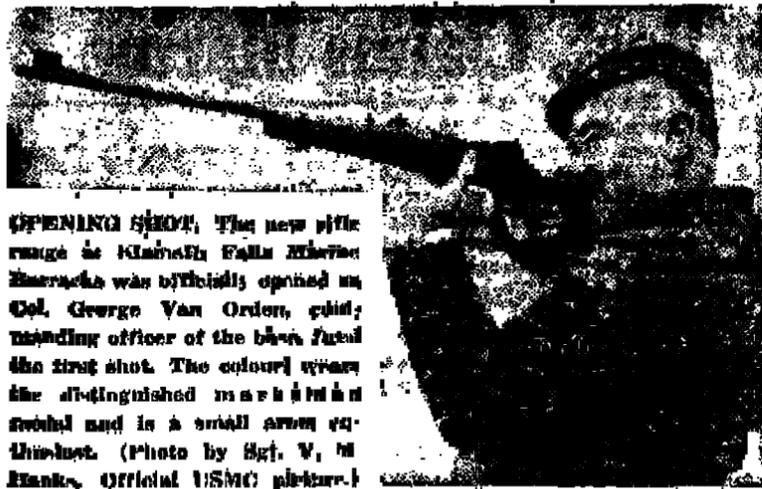
The resumption of mail service to certain islands in the Philippines, Leyte, Samar and Mindoro has been announced by the postal authorities. The service is restricted to ordinary and registered mail of the first class for dispatch by surface means only.

Skidrow Spots Out Of Bounds

LOS ANGELES (UP)—Skidrow “joy joints” were really put on the skids last week as the shore patrol hung more than 54 “Out of Bounds” signs in an attempt to bring a halt to crimes, diseases and other conditions affecting the health and welfare of Navy personnel.

According to Condr. C. H. Fogg, head of the Los Angeles shore patrol, over 700 crimes involving money and property of sailors and Marines and amounting to over \$40,000 have occurred during the last several months.

“We are taking this measure as a security precaution as well,” Fogg said. “An intoxicated man off a combat vessel or just returned from overseas may reveal information and is a danger to his shipmates.”



OPENING SHOT. The new rifle range at Klamath Falls Marine Barracks was officially opened by Col. George Van Orden, chief standing officer of the base, firing the first shot. The colored areas are the distinguished markings and is a small arm equipment. (Photo by Sgt. V. M. Banks, Official USMC picture.)

Klamath Falls Base Opens New \$90,000 Rifle Range

MR. KLAMATH FALLS — Col. George Van Orden, commanding officer, officially opened this month's new 25-target rifle range.

In the first day's firing, all positions from the 200-yard line, Sgt. L. H. Morgan, a veteran of the Marshalls and Guam, topped the markings with 100 out of a possible 120 points.

Next best score was 98 out of 120 by PFC, G. McLeod, a Pacific Indian veteran of the 2nd Mar. Div., who was firing an M-1 for the first time. McLeod was a machine gunner overseas. Firing the M-1 in boat camp, he won a sharpshooter's medal.

The range was constructed at a cost of \$90,000, and is supervised by CWO, Jay W. McClaren, who has over 20 years in the Marines, and has worked on rifle ranges at Pacific Island, Quantico, Guantanamo Bay and in China.

He will be assisted by MCySgt, Edward Bell, who has 29 years of

Lexington Vet Injured In Fall

WISN, SAN FRANCISCO Corp. Neil Swift of Woodlawn, La., has arrived back in the U. S. for treatment of a broken right ankle suffered in a fall at a rear Pacific base after escaping the sinking of the USS Lexington with nothing more than a two-hour dunking and coming through the battles of the Marshalls, Saipan and Tinian unscathed.

The Leatherneck is back in the U. S. for the third time since the start of the war. He was returned following the sinking of the carrier Lexington and later for treatment of a tropical ailment.

He was acting as orderly in the captain of his ship in May, 1942, when the Lexington was lost in the Coral Sea battle. Ordered over the side, Swift escaped injury and was picked up by a destroyer after two hours in the water.

Chinese Predict Landing On Coast

An American landing on the China coast was predicted to happen by June, or possibly in late March, the Chungking radio announced last week.

"We must be ready to welcome and fight shoulder to shoulder with our gallant United States ally," the announcement said.

It was also predicted that the Japanese would increase their defenses to open the southern part of the Canton-Hankow railroad and strengthen their defenses on the China seaboard.

Subside Sign

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed) — An Army transport plane making regular runs in these islands, reports MSGT. Stanford Opolowsky, combat correspondent, has this admonition posted on the door leading to the pilot's compartment:

"Crew Members Only
"You ride it, and we'll guide it."

Drug Store Treat Relished By Men

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed) — Ice cream is no longer a rare treat at a jungle camp of the 1st Mar. Air Wing here, but Marines still clamor for the creamy delicacy that the mess force serves sometimes as often as twice a day.

Only a few miles from where Allied patrols still clash daily with armed Jap forces, ice cream is as common a dish as canned meat, reports Staff Sgt. David C. Stephenson, combat correspondent.

It's almost as good as the stuff you get at the corner drug store back home, even though it is made with canned milk. It comes in chocolate, vanilla and strawberry flavors, and rates pretty close to mail from home as a morale builder.

The "Speech-Jama" electric mixing machine, a beautiful glistening white contraption looking entirely out of place in the grub canyons tent camp is kept in a screened partitioned wooden shed.

Bathtubs, Milk Missed Overseas

ULITHI, Western Carolines (Delayed) — A bathtub with hot water and soap, a bottle of sweet milk and a Rose Bowl game are just a few samples of what Marines, Army and Navy men in this corner of the Pacific miss more than anything else, according to Sgt. Claude R. Canup, combat correspondent.

From daily conversations, one can gather what is most important in the lives these men have left behind them and to which they want to return.

"A movie house with soft seats and no waiting between runs," is a popular "miss." So is Christmas. And, ice-cold "cokes" stands high on the list.

To married men, the wife and baby are all-important. The girl friend is vital to bachelors.

To many, the old job is what is missed the most. Yet they all know that the new job—fighting—has to be completed before they can go back to the old.

Then there was the Jap who thought a boycott was a male day sport.

service, and worked on ranges in Hill, Quantico, Fort Lewis and San Clemente. Col. Bell was rated Fleet instructor of the 50-cal. machine gun aboard ship, and has been an expert rifleman for 20 years.

The first firing on the new range was held a heavy snow storm which had blanketed the entire camp. As soon as weather permits, rifle competitions between companies and battalions will be started.

Special Pacific Units Receive New Insignia

Designed in gold and scarlet, the new FMF-Pacific shoulder insignia has been approved.

FMF-Pacific personnel are identified in the new insignia by their basic unit patch with their own insignia inserted in the circle.

All of the basic unit patches are characterized in scarlet on a circular gold background.



Headquarters
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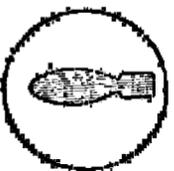
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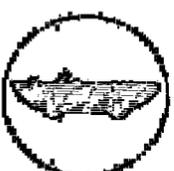
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'WHITE HOUSE'. First Marine pilot to score in the Philippines, 2d Lt. Rodney E. Montgomery of Norfolk, Neb., is congratulated by President Sergio Osmeña in Leyte.

Anti-Aircraft Unit Destroys Jap Concrete Blackhouse

PFC, Glen L. Thomas of Salt Lake City, wounded in the leg during the Marshall campaign, was hit by shrapnel when a Jap shell landed about 150 feet away from his position. The young Leatherneck was knocked out by the force and thrown 200 feet against the side of a trailer truck.

Thomas described a previous action of his anti-aircraft unit which was ordered to knock out a concrete and steel blackhouse that had withstood two direct hits by 16-in. shells.

Some of the fellows set out with demolition charges, appearing to be a suicide mission," he said. "The rest of us were close behind to light them."

"The crew reached the blackhouse under a withering fire and set a charge by pasting it against the wall. When the blast went off the island shook and the air was filled with black smoke and flying debris.

"Great slabs of concrete and steel went up and bodies were tossed around like matches. It is a wonder there was anyone left alive when the smoke cleared away."



WOUNDED, hit by shrapnel and thrown 200 feet by blast of a Jap shell, PFC Glen L. Thomas, left of his AA outfit's demolition mission in the Marshalls. PFC Thomas was returned by the Naval hospital in the States.

Marine Awarded Army Soldier Medal

MTSgt. James A. Crist of Upper Darby, Pa., who has been awarded five citations for heroic action, recently was presented the Soldier's Medal at El Toro, Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, where he is NCO-in-charge of a Marine air group line department.

The citation accompanying the medal, which was awarded by the Commanding General of Army forces in the South Pacific, stated:

"For heroism at Bougainville, Solomons Islands, on March 10, 1944. When fire broke out and threatened to destroy a 1000-ton ammunition dump, he responded immediately to a call for fire fighters, accompanying his unit in maintaining their equipment into a strategic, though perilous, position in the midst of exploding ammunition. Disregarding personal safety, Crist kept working until the blaze was under control and finally extinguished."

Crist is the first Marine since 1942 to receive the Soldier's Medal, which goes only to the men who perform "with utter disregard for personal safety."



FIREMAN. Congratulations are being received by MTSgt. James A. Crist of Upper Darby, Pa., from WO, V. E. Hynes. Crist was awarded the Army Soldier's Medal on Bougainville for putting out a blazing ammunition dump.

Boy Sergeant Major Enters Officer School

MR. TREASURE ISLAND — The success story of 23-year-old Carl Johansen of a gangling Towan who became one of the Corps' youngest sergeant majors, unfolded here as he arrived to receive orders to report for officer training at Quantico after nearly 23 months' duty in the Pacific.

Johansen was 19 years of age and a student at Etchecoppe Junior College in Escalante, La., his home

town, when he decided that the most promise for his future was in the Marine Corps. He was sworn into service in May, 1941, and just two years later was the wearer of the six stripes which denote the rank of sergeant major, a rank which is the goal of many grizzled Leathernecks wearing tiers of hashmarks.

The youthful sergeant major probably never will wear the hash-

marks that normally go with his rating, being on his way to in doctrination as an officer, and the exchange of stripes for a set of bars.

Navy Relief, New York City Gentlemen: I got your letter asking to my baby a boy or a girl, of course. What else could it be? Published by Duell, Sloan and Pearce.



THREE-STAR DRIVER. Three stars seen on the car license and the FMF insignia here are those of Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith. St/Sgt. Earl Dishaw is his chauffeur.

'Howling Mad' Smith's Driver Enjoys Detail

By Sgt. Harold W. Twitty, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—St/Sgt. Earl L. Dishaw saw the battles of the Marianas behind three stars of a lieutenant general.

Driver for Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, he piloted his "three-star" jeep over the shell-pocked terrain of Saipan, Tinian and Guapa for the commanding general, FMF, Pacific.

Dishaw is from Trout Creek, Mich. He served aboard the cruiser USS New Orleans at the Battles of Coral Sea, Midway and Guadalcanal before being assigned as the general's driver 11 months ago.

"The first time I drove for the general," Dishaw said, "he was telling a story in the back of the car. I was so excited listening to him that I drove right past his house before I realized it."

Dishaw said his previous chauffeur experience was driving his father's car back home. The Michigan Marine has been with Gen. Smith almost constantly since he was assigned to drive for him. He lives in the general's quarters both at this Pacific base and in the field to be on hand day and night.

The general's quarters on Saipan, he said, were a battered old house with the roof half gone with an adjoining mess hut.

"One morning three Japs—two men and a woman—were found under the general's mess hut," he said. "They killed themselves with grenades before we could get them."

Gen. Smith had other and closer calls on Saipan. Dishaw told of a mortar attack when he was driving the general on one of his daily visits to front line command posts.

"Two Jap mortar shells landed about 20 feet from the jeep and we jumped into foxholes," he said. "Then, just as we got started again, another mortar shell hit near us; we dove for the foxholes again."

OLD MARINE HOME

The home of the Marine Corps Commandant, built in 1893, is known as the oldest building in Washington, D. C.

Jap Gunners Best, Claims Marine

By 2d Lt. Milburn McCarty Jr., PRO

SOMEWHERE IN THE PHILIPPINES (Delayed)—The best Jap "ack-ack" gunners are those left in isolated enemy pockets far behind the front lines, according to a Marine fighter pilot who has seen enough aerial combat recently to be in a position to judge.

The pilot is 2d Lt. Edward H. Lathrop of Stonington, Conn., who during the last month has been shooting up Jap planes and bombing enemy convoys through the Philippines.

Before Lathrop came to this area he was stationed for several months at a Marine air base near the Bismarck Archipelago, from where he flew frequent harassing missions over the holed-up Japs

around Kavieng and Rabaul. American planes never run into Jap airmen around there these days, but they lose some planes just the same.

Returning from his latest Philippine mission, Lathrop commented on the "ack-ack" he encountered in this forward area. "Just a lot of five-and-dime stuff," he said.

"Jap 'ack-ack' in the Philippines is nothing compared to what we used to run into over Kavieng," Lathrop continued. "The gunners left back in those isolated pockets have had nothing to do for a whole year except practice on us. They've gotten so good they come within a hundred yards with the first burst at 5000 feet. They're probably the best 'ack-ack' gunners in the world."

Destroyer Survivor Gives Account Of Ship's Stand

By Sgt. Keith Topping, Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Twenty-seven crew members of the USS Cooper, a destroyer which has been announced by the Navy as sunk in action against the enemy in the waters off Leyte, remained afloat for 18 hours by holding together two cork life rafts after the Cooper was sunk shortly before midnight on Dec. 3.

SCS's William F. Gellrich of Waterliet, N. Y., one of the 26 survivors on the two rafts, related the story of the sinking at a rear fleet hospital. He is recovering from injuries sustained in the explosion.

With other U. S. Naval units, the Cooper was attacking troop-laden Jap transports and their protecting warships attempting to reinforce enemy troops on Leyte when she was hit. Gellrich, who was loading 100-lb. ammunition on the top deck, was hurled to the main deck and then into the water by the explosion. As he thrashed about he saw the Cooper break in two and sink. "She went down in less than a minute," he declared.

Gellrich and several other crewmen swimming nearby were soon spotted by an American destroyer. Since the action was continuing, the destroyer could not stop, but

two emergency life rafts were thrown to them. Gellrich and six others clambered onto the rafts and held them together as other survivors struck out toward the white, bobbing objects.

Within one hour 27 men were lying on the two rafts. Many were wounded, several severely burned, but as the rafts contained only three vials of morphine and no food or water, little could be done to relieve their pain. One man whose back was broken died during the night.

When dawn came, there were no ships in sight. All during the day the men scanned the horizon and sky for help. With most of the men near the point of complete exhaustion, and some close to death from wounds, shock and exposure, a Navy PBY "Catalina" emerged from the clouds, glided into the water and taxied toward the rafts.

MARINES HAVE LANDED

U. S. Marines themselves are uncertain who first sent the dispatch, "The Marines have landed and have the situation well in hand," but the sentence is thought to have been coined by Richard Harding Davis.

Jap Torpedo Ends Pvt.'s 'Cat Fever'

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—There's nothing more effective than a Jap torpedo for making a man forget all about an attack of "cat fever", according to Pvt. Donald W. Taylor of Fairview, Mont.

Taylor discovered this unorthodox remedy when a Jap plane squeaked up on his ship at Saipan. The Montana Marine is a member of a battleship's Leatherneck detachment.

"I was in a bunk in the sick bay thinking how miserable I was feeling when that tin fish hit us," he said. "The explosion knocked me out of my sack and I forgot all about being sick. I grabbed my clothes and took off for my battle station."

Although the Japs claimed the torpedo had sunk the ship, Taylor is ready to tell the world that the venerable battleship is still in there swinging. The Japs found that out when she helped destroy an enemy fleet of two battleships, four cruisers and ten destroyers in Surigao Straits in the Second Battle of the Philippine Sea. Sgt. Edward B. Talty, combat correspondent.

New Low Prices For Leatherneck

The Leatherneck, the magazine of the Marine Corps, will be sold at the new low rate of 15 cents a single copy and \$1.50 for a one-year subscription. These prices are effective with the February, 1945, issue, and conform with the non-profit policy of The Leatherneck. The new low prices have been established as a direct result of increased circulation and more efficient operation. All present subscriptions bought at the old rate of \$2.50 a year will be extended accordingly.

For additional information or new subscriptions, you may write direct to The Leatherneck, ME, 8th & Eye Sts., S.E., Washington, D. C., or West Coast Office, Bldg. 1, MCB, Ext. 318.

Marine Corps Makes History Last Year

A tremendous amphibious offensive unfolded in the Pacific during the year 1944. Marines were prominent in the offensive which saw the front pushed 1800 miles north and west from New Britain to the Philippines.

These were dates during the year that will go down in Marine Corps history:

Jan. 31—U. S. landings began in the Marshall Islands with unopposed occupation of Majuro Atoll by Amphibious Reconnaissance Co. of 5th Amphibious Corps (now Amphibious Reconnaissance Bn. of FMF, Pacific).

Feb. 1—4th Mar. Div. landed on Roi and Namur Islands.
Feb. 6—Roi, Namur, Kwajalein, Ebeye, Loni, Gugugwa, Bigej and Eller Islands, all in Kwajalein Atoll, were captured.

Feb. 18—22nd Marines and 168th Infantry seized Engebri Island.
Feb. 22—Perry Island, Eniwetok Atoll, was invaded and seized by the 22nd Marines and the 4th Tank Bn.

March 18—4th Marines landed unopposed on Enlrau Islands.
April 15—Alaska and Aleutians separated from 13th Naval Dist. and made the 17th Naval Dist.

June 14—Covered by heavy air and surface bombardment, our troops hit Saipan. Expeditionary force included the 2nd and 4th Mar. Divs.

July 6—Jap troops launched a desperate counter-attack on our Saipan forces. Marine casualties were severe, but the enemy had 1500 troops killed.

July 8—Organized resistance ended on Saipan. The Tojo cabinet in Tokyo collapsed simultaneously.

July 12—2nd Mar. Div. landed on Mariagassa Island.

July 20—3rd Mar. Div. and 1st Provisional Brigade and 77th Infantry Div. aid in Guam invasion.

July 28—2nd and 4th Mar. Divs. landed on Tinian.

July 29—Tinian town captured and Apra Harbor put into use by our ships.

July 31—Organized resistance ceased on Tinian.

Aug. 2—American flag formally raised on Tinian.

Aug. 9—Organized Jap resistance ends on Guam.

Sept. 14—1st Mar. Div. landed on Peleliu in the Palau Islands.

Expeditionary troops commanded by Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith.

Sept. 27—1st Mar. Div. landed on Ngesebus and Kongauri in the Palau Islands. Both islands quickly secured.

Nov. 8—Small Marine patrol evacuates Ngerogong without loss after heavy Jap forces land.

Dec. 19—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz assumes the rank of a fleet admiral of the U. S. Navy.



DECORATED. Marine Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith, left, commanding general of the Department of Pacific, presents the Navy Cross to Corp. Emil Elias of Struthers, O., for extraordinary heroism in action against Japanese forces on Eniwetok Atoll, Marshall Islands. (USMC photo).

Navy Cross Winner Fakes Death To Protect Buddies

USNI, MARE ISLAND—During the second night of the battle of Eniwetok, Corp. Emil Elias of Struthers, O., was searched by the Japs eleven times. Playing dead, he lay in a foxhole, in excruciating pain, bleeding profusely from wounds in the legs, arm and chest, without uttering a sound, knowing that any outcry would bring other Marines to his assistance and to their almost certain death.

"I played dead when the Japs came through," he recalled. "They rolled me over and searched me."

Just to be sure that he was really dead, a Jap shot him through the chest.

The next morning at dawn, he was picked up by some fellow Marines, who carried him back to the beach. His first words were: "I feel much better now."

"The best feeling of all," said Corp. Elias later, "was getting that

morphine and plasma on the beach, just before being put into an ambulance and evacuated to a ship. I'd lost a lot of blood, but the plasma really fixed me up.

The citation accompanying the award of the Navy Cross states: "This act of superb heroism, of iron self-control, and of complete unselfishness was in keeping with the highest traditions of the naval service." The citation was signed by Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas.

Guam Hit Parade Shows Sentiment

By PFC Stanley Fink, Combat Correspondent

GUAM (Delayed)—Songs topping the hit parade are not as popular with men in the armed forces overseas as are the hit tunes of the era between 1935 and 1940, judging by requests submitted to Radio Station WXTL, the American Expeditionary Station of the Pacific Ocean Network, on the "Road to Tokyo."

The staff of WXTL has found that the men in the Marine Corps, Army and Navy stationed on this

island enjoy the songs that were popular when they were dating their favorite girl friend or going places with their wives, rather than the hit tunes of 1944. This is due, the staff believes, to the nostalgia produced by the post-war era tunes, which recall many happy moments to the service men thousands of miles from home.

The overseas service man prefers girl singers, such as Marion Hutton, Dinah Shore, Glady Sinatra,

Frances Langford, Peggy Lee, Jo Stafford and Helen O'Connell, to male vocalists. Contrary to popular belief, overseas GIs do not dislike Frank Sinatra, and the radio station here receives as many requests for Sinatra recordings as it does for the always-popular Bing Crosby numbers.

Western and hill-billy music are favorites with a large number of the men, with Roy Acuff, Bob Wills and the Sons of the Pioneers as the most popular performers. There are also many requests for march music. Although swing numbers top request lists, sweet music also is given a big play.

A surprising large number of men like symphonies. Programs like "Music from America," "California Melodies" and "The Family Hour," which were seldom listened to at home, have a large audience here. They feature light operatic and symphonic numbers and service men are learning to appreciate classical music.

Guam Marines have designated the following as their favorite recordings: Charlie Barnet's "Cherokee," Glenn Miller's "Little Brown Jug" and "It Must Be Jelly," Tommy Dorsey's "Raggle Wiggle," Duke Ellington's "Sentimental Lady," Harry James' "One O'Clock Jump," Artie Shaw's "Star Dust" and "Dancing in the Dark," Frank Sinatra's "The Music Stopped," Dinah Shore's "I'll Walk Alone" and Dave Rose's "Holiday for Strings."

As to Stateside shows, variety and musical shows are the popular preference, and Johnny Mercer's "Music Shop" tops the list here. Of course all the Stateside radio shows that the men liked as civilians are still popular with them here.



PRETTY SOAPY. MT Sgt. Robert F. Wunrow is shown with his gadget to prevent waste of soap in South Pacific.

Marine Invents Soap Slicer For Fliers

By Sgt. Basil R. Little, Combat Correspondent

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA.—Powdered soap needs of mechanics in a fighter squadron here have been cut to a minimum since "Wunrow's Swift Soap Dispenser" came into being.

Inventor of the home-made soap dispenser is MT Sgt. Robert F. Wunrow, 25, of Arpin, Wis.

Before the advent of the Wunrow dispenser, mechanics had scooped soap powder hurriedly from a can, often inadvertently spilling some. The sergeant's ingenuity formed a little sheet tin, a spring, a 12-in. section of small steel rod, and a block of metal 1 1/2 in. in diameter into a gadget to cut such waste.

The tin he shaped into a container with a funnel-necked bottom. He welded a U-shaped strip

to the side of this container as a supporting arm. The block of metal he formed into a ball which acts as a stopper in the bottom of the container. To the bottom of this ball he welded the cross-shaped handle of the dispenser; to the top, a section of the rod.

He hooked one end of the spring to an eye in the top of the rod and the other end to a cross bar inside the container. A hole in the center of this cross bar holds the plunger rod centered.

The dispenser's funnel-necked bottom, slotted to give the handle free play, prevents water from splashing into the container and caking the soap. Fine granulated soap powder should be used, claims Wunrow, as any coarse or chip variety tends to clog.

THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

BY CNS

BOSTON—This sign hangs in the window of a South Boston pet shop: "Cats Trained to Scratch Your Back."

BROOKLYN—A sport-loving thief stole a Third Avenue streetcar from a carban in the Bronx and sped madly downtown tooting the horn like a fiend. The madcap motorman never was apprehended but the stolen streetcar finally was found abandoned in Brooklyn.

DETROIT—If the will of Mrs. Margaret Myers is admitted to probate, her dog Jack will inherit \$20,000 and her son Joseph will get nothing. Mrs. Myers left everything to the pup and cut her son off without a dime.

INDIANAPOLIS—Santa Claus ran into a peck of trouble in Indianapolis. En route to a costume party he was picked up for drunk driving. His bundle of toys, police discovered, contained several jugs of rye.

KANSAS CITY—This ad ran in a recent edition of the Kansas City Star: "WANTED: Cigar store attendant. Low wages but first crack at popular brand cigarettes."

LANSING, Mich.—A local lady has sued her husband for divorce because he keeps an alligator in the parlor. Seems he was an animal trainer and the 'gator is one of his old pets.

LOS ANGELES—J. M. Mystica, an elderly man who makes cotton candy for carnivals, doesn't earn enough to pay an income tax but he usually sends his government \$100 a year anyway "just to keep things running." This year, however, he was ill and unable to make enough cotton candy to send his usual sum. So he sent \$75 and this note: "I hope this enclosure, although not so large as I would like, will help bring this war to an end."

NEW YORK—A survey conducted here and recorded in a local newspaper shows that most of the wild witches in the U. S. are hooked either at noon or at midnight. The reason: According to researchers, people take off their warts to wash up at noon and drop them. At night they take

them off before going to bed and drop them again.

NYACK, N. Y.—Author Ben Hecht was walking by friend Charles MacArthur's house when he spotted a light gleaming in the cellar. As MacArthur is now an Army colonel, stationed overseas, Hecht called a cop and they investigated. They discovered a bunch of local residents guzzling the MacArthur gin in the wine cellar. "Won't you join us?" the tipplers invited. "No, thanks. Won't you join us?" replied the cop, leading the group to the local jail.

OSHSING, N. Y.—Crime has been on the downgrade since Pearl Harbor. At New York's famed Sing Sing prison, the enrollment has dropped to a five-year low of 1187.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—Mrs. Mary Dondoro, who was installed recently as mayor of Portsmouth, has received a proposal of marriage from a Vermont resident. He wrote that he was tired of restaurant food.

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—Although U. S. crime has been on the downgrade in general since Pearl Harbor, California residents have learned to their regret that crime is going up in this state. The prison population has increased 26 per cent during the last year.

SAN FRANCISCO—Two carefree schoolboys started a brawl on their way to school here which wound up with the principal getting slugged in the nose, a teacher receiving a broken rib and an intervening cop getting bitten in the leg. School began half an hour late that day.

STAFFORD SPRINGS, Conn.—When the pastor of the Federated Church of Stafford Springs was taken ill with a cold, the church was without a preacher. But the State Police stepped in and saved the day by sending State Trooper Albert Kimball around to preach the sermon Kimball, in uniform, stepped behind the pulpit and delivered a sermon described by parishioners as "vigorous." Topic of his sermon: "Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You."

Leyte Veteran Describes Foe Banzai Attack

USNH, SAN FRANCISCO.—The Jap forces on Leyte Island in the Philippines felt the sting of the U. S. Marine Corps just as have other Japanese armies in the Pacific area.

PFC Edward B. Thiele of North Tonawanda, N. Y., was among the Marines that gave the Japs plenty to worry about in the Leyte fighting. Wounded during the second day of the struggle, he has been returned here for treatment. A ricocheting bullet from a Jap rifle struck him in the left arm.

"Our artillery unit landed at Ormoc," said the Leatherneck, "and set up a defense of that area. It was our job to hold the spot until the Army could move in supplies. We were there for eight days and were shelled every day by Japanese artillery and strafed and bombed by their planes."

Thiele was vivid in his description of the fierce fighting on Leyte. "Every night the Japs would pull a banzai charge on us. They started out the first night with about 50 men. Later on they threw as many as 500 at our lines. The air was rained with the sizzle of burning powder and lead was flying thick and fast."

Sailors Finally Get Jap Zero

PHOENIX.—A Jap Zero is always fair game. A squadron of sailors spotted one on a flat cat board for Phoenix to join the Army's "Shot from the Sky" show, and formed their own souvenir hunt. They stripped the cockpit of instruments and equipment.

Navy intelligence is searching for the culprits. The Army wants the pieces back.

MARINES GUARD MAILS

Guarding the mails was one of the odd duties Marines performed in past years. In 1921 and again in 1926, Leathernecks were assigned this task at the request of the Post Office Department and were highly commended for their efficiency.

The Wolf

by Sansone



"A little help will do!"



PLENTY RUCKY. PFC Fred Forbush, former rock-polishing instructor on an Indian reservation, applies his talents. (Photo by PFC Robert Marks.)

EVER POLISH STONES?

MCB Personnel Offered Rare Hobby

By PFC Erik Nui

Throughout their history, Marines have been known to cut ice, rugs and mustard, but never to cut rocks.

MCB personnel who wonder what there is to do in San Diego that doesn't take a month's salary may well look into the lapidary hobby—the cutting and polishing of semi-precious and precious stones—for lady's bracelet, ring or necklace.

All one needs is initiative. Tools, machinery and rocks of every color, size and shape are furnished by El Dandor Rock Shop. Mr. Daniel Steriss, proprietor, an authority on lapidary work, will assist anyone professing interest in his pet hobby. All service personnel are cordially invited to use the facilities of the shop at 4304 Park Blvd., San Diego free of charge.

The eight showcases of stones on display are varied as to their origin. Multicolored rock is from the petrified forest, stones with bits of silver and copper from hills on the other side of the Rockies and moonstones from the seashore.

Ghost MCB Basketeers

There is an old hawk, something about "absence makes the heart grow fonder", which could readily be applied to the vanished MCB basketball team and its present association with the national Dunkel ratings.

Bible of collegiate and service basketball, the Dunkel ratings listed the MCB team as eighth in the nation three weeks ago. One day previously, Maj. Charles R. Church's strong club had all been shipped to Pendleton for combat duty.

Two weeks after the Base team had departed, the Dunkel ratings ipped them to sixth place in the nation.

But the pay-off came Tuesday when Mr. Dunkel listed the "ghost" MCB team as No. 5 in the nation and as the top team on the West Coast.

It might be predicted that the vanquished MCB five will eventually wind up as national champions. Maj. Church is worried over what might happen if his "team" is invited to Madison Square Garden or another equally important setting to flash their wares.

Anyway, the post-mortem publicity is a swell tribute to the MCB crew, winners of 52 of 53 games during 1943-44.

Sky Raider Five Defeats Elliott Team, 38-34

NAS, SAN DIEGO—The Sky Raiders of Headquarters Squadron, Marine Fleet Air, tried hard at Camp Elliott, 38-34, at Navy Field to get off to a good start in the second half of 11th Naval Dist. league play.

MarFair held a 21-12 advantage at the half-time intermission, but Camp Elliott rallied to narrow the gap to three points with only four and a half minutes to play. However, Headquarters Squadron managed to freeze the ball and protect its lead.

TSgt. Robert Heltenbach, center, led the winners' offense with 11 points.

Ranked Fifth In National Ratings



MCB CLUB. Unbeaten thus far in Service Women's League competition, the MCB basketball team is pictured here. Left to right (top): Helen Farkas, Leone Jaminski, Mary Cochran, June Godfrey, Evelyn Mettlee and Clara Kruger. Second row: Kay Smith, Evelyn Fisher, Phyllis Uhl, Florence Morford, Thelma Ireland and 2dLt. Beth Clow, coach. Third row: Margaret Sprague, Mary Miarecki and Marion Hay.

THE CHEVRON Sports

FOSS FAVORS SPORTS

Rickenbacker's Equal Hits Klamath

SAN FRANCISCO—Spurs in waiting may skipper under the heading of "essential" with Maj. Joseph Jacob Foss, the Marine Corps' 20-year-old holder of the Medal of Honor and the first American of this war to equal Eddie Rickenbacker's record of 26 planes shot down.

Sports of all kinds—bowling, swimming, boxing, hunting and fishing—are one of the prime considerations in the program of training and reconquering Marines under observation for recurring malaria at the Marine Barracks, Klamath Falls, Ore., the Pacific Air ace told a gathering of Bay Area sports writers in San Francisco recently. Maj. Foss now commands a battalion of Marines at Klamath Falls, where he, too, is fighting off the effects of malaria.

Many of Maj. Foss' men, all veterans of Pacific battles, had never been out of the bleachers at athletic events before arriving at the Klamath Falls training center, he said. "Now, it sure doesn't take any prodding to get those boys into athletic competition. And, it does them a world of good."

"Our sports program is getting into full swing with bowling leagues, a boxing schedule, establishment of a fishing camp and regular hunting trips," Maj. Foss said.

The major pointed out that residents of the Klamath Falls area have engulfed their new Marine population in hunting and fishing expeditions, trips which take them only a few miles from their barracks for the best in duck and goose hunting and rainbow trout. Oregonians have granted Leathernecks use of their shotguns and rods and reels.

"Since fighting in the air or on the ground is like game—except that the score is added up to life and death—the competitive spirit of sports activities is the thing that carries the winner through," Maj. Foss said.

Pacific Softball League Features Marine Team

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—Agents looking contenders for the South Pacific softball championship, by virtue of 21 victories in 55 starts, are the "Atoms" of a Marine air warning squadron here.

Managed by MTSgt. Jerome (Jerry) F. Lynch of Midland, Pa., the Atoms for 11 months have been the scourge of service softball teams.

The team has yet to join an organized league, but challenges have been issued to all comers, from Espiritu Santo to Bougainville.

The first defeat of the warning squadron softballers came at the hands of fellow Marines. This was avenged a week later when the Atoms won a double-header.

To obtain a playing field on Bougainville, fans and players worked in their off-hours for a week, uprooting trees, clearing growth and bulldozing the chosen site. When the field was completed, a game was scheduled with the outfit to whom the area belonged. The one-sided outcome was too much, the disgruntled losers evicted the Atoms. In addition to

searching for a new "home" field, the team also is looking up the person who said "to the victors belong the spoils."

Three men of the 14 comprising the club roster played sombrero ball before enlisting. They are StSgt. Robert E. Vogt of Saskatchewan, Canada, who pitched a season for the Vancouver, Wash., team; Sgt. Joe W. Jordan Jr. of Mobile, Ala., who played third base for the Gulf Outfitters in Mobile, and Corp. Donald A. Arntz of Milwaukee, Wis., former semi-pro catcher.

Basketball Fever Sweeps Lejeune

CAMP LEJEUNE—With the Camp Lejeune squad forging into the national spotlight during its first year of play, basketball fever has gripped the Marines.

There just isn't any place to put all the Leathernecks who want to see the games, according to Capt. R. M. (Mel) Fort, camp athletic officer who performs with the team.



Maj. FOSS ... a sports enthusiast

Quantico Topples Fort Meyer Five

QUANTICO—Hungry Sam Bell, Quantico captain and center, hit the hoop for seven field goals and two free throws to lead his quintet to 52-38 victory last week at Post gymnasium over Fort Meyer.

The Marines led 12-10 at quarter, 28-19 at half, 41-20 at third period.

Miramar Succeeds MCB Team In Coast Circles

MIRAMAR—Although the powerful MCB basketball team has been disbanded, the San Diego area still boasts one of the strongest service cage teams on the West Coast.

The team is the Miramar "Fliers", an aggregation which has averaged 51 points a game in winning 26 of 31 starts. Defending champion and current leader in the 11th Naval Dist. league race, the "Fliers" have triumphed over Navy, Army, Marine and Coast Guard opponents. Their most recent victim was the NTC five, which has beaten Southern California and is 8th in AP rankings of West Coast service teams.

Three of Miramar's five setbacks came early in the season before

PFC. Bill Smith, former New York Celtic star, took over the coaching reins. Since then, the "Fliers" have lost only to NTC and MCB, Mojave, Cal. Miramar defeated both teams in return games.

Fast-breaking Miramar also capitalizes on height, fielding a quintet which averages 6 ft. 3 in.

Leading scorer is Corp. Bob Brown, 6-ft. 6-in. center from Miami (O.) Univ. who has hit the hoops for 201 points. Other stars include TSgt. Frank Sabo, team captain and guard, formerly of Wayne Univ.; PFC. Frank Plantamura, 6-ft. 4-in. forward from St. John's Univ., and Sgt. Harold Heintz, former guard on the Toledo professional five.

Sailors Whip Klamath Falls Marines In Boxing Tourney

MR. KLAMATH FALLS—Leatherneck boxers took a 4-to-2 beating at the hands of the local air station sailors in a recent six-fight card at the sailors' home gym.

This was the second listle session between members of Klamath Falls' two military establishments. The first, a War Bond promotion affair several weeks ago, also went

to the Navy fighters, 2 bouts in one, with one draw.

The Marines' "White Hope", PFC. Mike Alfano, lost another decision to the Navy's colored expert, Al Burkhardt, in the 160-lb. class.

A tough, rugged new Marine fighter was uncovered in Lalo Perez, 155-pounds, who scored knockdowns on his Navy opponent,



TALENT ROUNDUP. Led by Corp. Jack Maddox (foreground), former Texas Teachers All-American, Camp Lejeune is looking ahead to their first basketball season. Left to right: Sgt. John Thompson, Pvt. Bob Mulvihill, Sgt. William O'Hare, Capt. Michael Hines, Coach Lt. T. Wesley Bennett, Capt. Robert Fort, Lt. John Bradley, PFC. Joe Brehner, Sgt. Bernard Modrak and Lt. Joe Sylvestri. They are the southern leaders.

Majors Await Fourth War Season

Major league baseball officials have inventoried their stock and found 460 "under-age" or "over-age" performers from A-to-D loops available for the 1945 season. Only 17 and under and men over 28 are listed.

The question of conditions under which baseball will enter a fourth wartime season 12 weeks hence may be bound up in a straight-from-the-shoulder report on plans of Selective Service to be presented major league moguls at New York on Feb. 3.

Ford Frick, National League president, has the report. He obtained it Monday during discussions with Lewis B. Hershey, di-

rector of Selective Service, at a conference in Washington.

Frick, who was accompanied to the conference by Clark Griffith, owner of the Washington Senators, said the joint meeting of major league club owners Feb. 3 would be given a full report.

There has been no official indication from the sport or from the Government that there will be any radical change in the attitude expressed by the President's "carry on if you can" message.

Big league executives have continued to make training camp plans, player deals and mail out contracts on the assumption that the season will open as usual by mid-April.

El Toro Five To Meet Los Alamitos For Top

NOB League Standings

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
El Toro MCAS	9	1,000	
Los Alamitos NAS	2	9	1,000
Santa Ana NAS	0	2	.333
Long Beach NH	0	2	.000

MCAS, EL TORO—Leadership of the NOB basketball league goes on the block next week at Los Alamitos NAS when El Toro's Flying Bulls and the Los Alamitos Air Raiders clash in a battle that brings two teams together which are undefeated in the newly formed circuit.

Coached by Lt. Dale Renschuh and Pvt. Frank Ramsey, El Toro's giant cagers have been made slight favorites by virtue of an early season non-league win over Los Alamitos, 48-46.

Generating power in the second half after trailing 28-24 at the intermission, El Toro's Flying Bulls maintained their unblemished record in the league by defeating Santa Ana Naval Air Station, 54-40, at Laguna Beach.

El Toro (54)	(40) Santa Ana NAS
Tuth (2)	Fennell (17)
Presley (16)	Swartz (14)
Helm (10)	Williams (12)
Sigurdson (17)	Wright (10)
Patty (3)	Johnson (10)
Substitutions: El Toro—Schroeder (1), Neal (2), Rafferty (16), Fennelback (13), Santa Ana NAS—Coburn (4).	

Mojave Women Tip El Centro

MOJAVE—Meeting El Centro WRs for the second time this season, the Mojave WR basketball sextet again walked away with the honors last week when they won, 28-15.

At the half, Mojave was leading by a mere 13 to 11, but the game became a wild fracas in the last quarter. Hamilton had high score with 11 points succeeded by Nowick with 10, both from Mojave. Lineups:

Mojave (28)	(15) El Centro
Nowick (10)	Willschlag (11)
Hamilton (11)	Wright (6)
Tronin (6)	Reuter (2)
Jay (5)	Bryant (1)
Murphy (4)	Upton (1)
Cauchy (3)	Martin (1)
Substitutions: Mojave—Bauman (1), Shen, El Centro—Watson (4), McMillan, Tonnally, Jeffries.	

A gloomy sports prophet foresees a difficult season for league baseball, with many a game called on account of whether—that is whether the home club can put nine men on the field.

El Centro Wins Fourth Straight

EL CENTRO—The Air Station basketball team continued its winning ways last week by defeating the Holtville, Cal., NAS team, 51-41. The victory was the fourth straight for El Centro.

Leading 28 to 17 at half time, Player Coach 2dLt. Melvin Frailey used eight substitutes during the second half. Frailey paced the winners with 14 points while Florie tallied 23 points for Holtville. Lineups:

El Centro (51)	(41) Holtville
Frailey (14)	Florie (23)
Voor (4)	Fennell (13)
Neilmark (3)	Howard (6)
Butler (11)	Walton (3)
Heitz (3)	Robinson (1)
Substitutions: El Centro—Mula (5), Javis (1), Schmidt (2), Walden, Wellman, Topfatti, McKinn, Edler, Holtville—Rigby (1), Giles.	

Boxing Session on Guam
USNH, SAN FRANCISCO—Comparing the Bougainville assault to a boxing match, Pvt. Stanley F. Wysocki of Duryea, Pa., insisted that Bougainville was "only the preliminary, Guam was the real thing. They threw everything," he reminisced, "including the kitchen stove on D-Day."



COURT ACTION. Performing on their new maples, the Santa Barbara Marines jump for the ball as they down the Santa Maria five, 51-49, in one of the season's fastest.

Football Stars Aid El Toro Cagers

MCAS, EL TORO—Considerable height and height were added this week to El Toro's already gigantic basketball team with the "El Centro beanstalk" and two former football stars reporting for duty with the cage squad.

Sgt. Vernon Neal, 6-ft. 5-in. center from MCAS, El Centro, spited up immediately after being transferred here and Capt. Jim Tuttle and PFC. Chuck Fennelback of Flying Marine grid fame also have turned out.

Neal, who came into the Corps from East Texas State college, weighs close to 200. Capt. Tuttle, 225-lb. former professional gridster, was playing line coach of the 1944 Flying Marines while Fennelback,

ex-UCLA halfback who tips the beam at 185, took top scoring honors.

The Flying Bulls set back the Camp Pendleton Jayhawks, 68-50.

Amassing a 22-8 halftime advantage, El Toro's Flying Bulls easily defeated Northrop Aircraft cagers, 48-29, last week. Julian Presley and Sigurd Sigurdson were top scorers for the Marines, collecting 13 and 10 points, respectively. Lineups:

El Toro (48)	(29) Northrop
Tuth (4)	Langham (13)
Presley (13)	Truch (10)
Helm (5)	Johnson (10)
Sigurdson (10)	Wright (1)
Patty (3)	Ashton (1)
Substitutions: El Toro—King (3), Schroeder (2), Fennelback (3), Rafferty (4), Fennelback (1), Northrop—McNabana (3).	



SIGHTER. Getting the sights adjusted on his large artillery piece is this fighting Marine, PFC. D. W. Taylor, Fairview, Mojito.



CHERRY POINTERS. Ranked eighth among service teams in the South, the Flying Leathernecks are plotting additional future glory. (Left to right) Sgt. Jim Gilman, Sgt. George Mingle, Sgt. Oran McKinnney, Sgt. Bill Van Breda Koff, Sgt. Morris Hillmyer and Sgt. Sam House. They have won six of their eight starts this season.

Santa Barbara Cagers Have New Hardwoods

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA—Favorite hangout for Marines while off duty here is the station's spacious new gymnasium, now that a full-scale recreation program is under way.

Marines flock daily to the modern gym, making full use of its varied facilities. Constructed as part of a huge station building project and opened only a month ago, the gym is equipped with latest sports equipment for individual and group use and has a mammoth playing floor measuring 126 x 80 ft.

The floor has been divided into two basketball courts.

In addition to cage facilities, Leathernecks may make use of badminton courts, boxing equipment, a rowing machine, gym horse, parallel bars, climbing ropes and flying rings. Provision has been made for spectators, with ample bleacher sections lining each basketball court.

Under supervision of 1stLt. Carl Beck, station recreation officer and former Steeltown (Pa.) prep coach, a 10-team cage circuit comprising teams from nearly every unit on the station plays twice weekly. Women Reserves have the gym two nights a week and host a four-team league of their own.

Here's Duty 'Perfecto'! Marine Air Unit Piles Up Strikes

MTSgt. John E. Lee of Gainesville, Fla., and TSgt. Chester S. Garrison of Oakland, Cal., have hit the jack pot after long months of waiting it out in the Pacific area.

The two Leathernecks are awaiting orders that will bring them to the States for a 30-day furlough, and then on to South America, where they will be stationed in Peru to service Maj. Gen. Ross E. Rowell's plane.

Maj. Gen. Rowell is now the aviation adviser to the Peruvian Air Force. The two Marines have flown over 100,000 miles with him in the plane "Rusty's Rambler" in visiting every well-known island and

atoll in the Pacific.

Their leave will be a saturnalia of shopping as they will be allowed to wear civilian clothes while on liberty. During the course of one of their three state-wide flights they both bought motor bikes and hope to be able to take them along as an aid in seeing the country.

Right now they are giving up two hours out of every day to learn Spanish, taking instruction from a Spanish-speaking Marine in their outfit.

Lee, acting as flight engineer, and Garrison, radio operator, are both on their second cruise in the Marine Corps.

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed) —

Eight months of bombing and strafing Japanese positions in the Marshalls have enabled a 4th Air Wing to set what may be a new strike record, according to TSgt. Theron J. Rice, combat correspondent.

Since their first strike against Mille on March 18, members of the Corsair "Devil Dogs" squadron have completed 218 strikes and 31 reconnaissance missions—an average of better than one per day.

Commanding officer of the squadron during seven of the past eight months was Maj. William E.

Flies, Mosquitoes Said Jap Secret Weapon On Islands

TUMON BAY, Guam (Delayed)—Marines claim the Japanese had two secret weapons on Guam—flies by day and mosquitoes by night.

The 3rd Mar. Div. ran into an entomologist's paradise on Bougainville last fall. Ants an inch long, beetles several inches square, silly-looking bugs that flew backwards and flying insects with a caboose on behind inspired one correspondent to write an essay that was widely read in the United States.

On Guab, the scourge is the plain, common housefly that looks exactly like his relatives back on Main Street at Flat River, Mo. Each fly seems to have 2000 sticky legs as he crawls across exposed skin. Most of the flies augment their regiment of legs by several

batteries of extra feelers just to add to the discomfort.

The flies are so thick Marines have to gulp their food hastily in the camps because there seems the constant danger of a myriad of flies carrying it away any minute. The flies are not bothered by union rules—they work strictly from the crack of dawn to dusk.

At night, the mosquitoes are just as industrious and have caused a number of cases of dengue fever, a less serious ailment than malaria.

The flies have created a serious problem in the Marine Civil Affairs camps where thousands of civilians are temporarily lodged, according to TSgt. Theron C. Link, combat correspondent. Navy malaria control units are turning their attention to the flies and the dengue carriers.

Philippines Prove Worth Of Sea Power

By Admiral of the Fleet Lord Keyes, RN (Ret.), as told to Paul Goldenstein. Lord Keyes has just returned to Australia after having been at the battle of the Philippines.

The great fleet action off the Philippines demonstrates the immense value of sea power, not only as a weapon of offense and defense, but as a weapon in the ultimate maintenance of peace.

There has been a great tendency in England and America, and even in Australia, for people to believe that wars can be won by air forces alone.

Many go so far as to say that in the future world peace and security can be maintained by a powerful air force.

In Britain, sea power was whittled away by a succession of disarmament treaties between the two wars, which threatened to reduce her to a state of naval impotence to control the seas that girt her vast Commonwealth of peoples.

Moreover, at the end of the last war, the British Navy was deprived of the splendid naval air service which it had developed during the war by the absorption of this into the Royal Air Force.

In the years between the wars, the navy was not only deprived of the power to develop naval aviation, but it laboured under a system of dual control—even over their aircraft carried in ships, which were actually paid for out of Navy Estimates.

It is true that in 1937 the fleet air arm, that the aircraft carried in ships, was restored to the navy, but the war broke out before it could be sufficiently developed to play an effective part during the early months of the struggle.

The success of the battle for the Philippines was the outcome of a more ordered thinking and the result was only made possible because the United States Navy had been free to develop its own naval aviation.

It has done this with amazing skill and enterprise and on a gigantic scale. Furthermore, it has shown that in the complex business of waging war on the seas, it cannot be set down as a maxim that any one factor can be exclusively decisive.

The foundations for this brilliant enterprise were laid by the previous amphibious operations carried out under the direction of Adm. Nimitz, many thousands of miles from the United States

naval and air bases, which resulted in the capture of Saipan, Guam and Palau, and other island groups in the Central and Western Pacific.

In addition to penetrating the outer rim of the Japanese defense system in the Pacific, they afforded protection to Gen. MacArthur's right flank, and enabled him to capture the Admiralties and carry out the brilliant series of amphibious jumps along the road to the Philippines, culminating with a landing on the Philippines themselves.

I am sure there has never been a more boldly conceived or more efficiently organized combined operation in the history of amphibious warfare.

Gen. MacArthur accepted the supreme responsibility for the whole enterprise and one can also have nothing but admiration for Adm. Kinkaid and the ships and aircraft under his command for the magnificent manner in which they cooperated with MacArthur's plans and made it possible for him to carry out his daring strategic stroke.

The United States Navy may well be proud that it enabled the Army to get to grips with the Japanese many hundreds of miles beyond the effective radius of American shore-based fighter aircraft, and within easy reach of a powerful Japanese fleet and land aviation.

Of course the issue will finally be settled with the rifle, the bayonet and the grenade, but it was the United States Navy that made it possible for Gen. MacArthur to capture territory on which to establish air bases for carrying the war into the heart of the Japanese Empire.

It has also surely proved that sea power is vitally essential for seagirth nations such as the British Commonwealth and the United States.

Banking Facility

Contrary to all rumor and predictions, World War II is eventually going to end and there will be a civilian future to face.

Many a Marine will feel the need for a "nest egg" to supplement the meager discharge payment when the time arrives. There will be marriages, children, careers and all of life's problems to stake.

The Bank of America on the Base has complete banking facilities which are open daily to any Marine who wants to "secure" loose cash. Every Marine owes it to himself to put aside a certain amount for liberty. But a large amount of cash, such as lump payment of overseas salary, is dangerous to carry around.

There are some frequenters of popular liberty areas who specialize in "rolling" service men via the rough-house method or in any more subtle form of gyp. Any man with a full pocketbook can easily lose his entire bankroll.

Why face later regrets when a bit of forethought at the moment will solve the problem? The old "a penny saved is a penny earned" adage has a world of fact value.

Duration Plus!

Don't start counting these six months the day hostilities end. The War Dept. has just ventured an explanation of "duration plus" and "termination of the war" which may change the situation considerably.

Accordingly, the explanation reads: "The state of war will not end with the cessation of hostilities. The date of termination of the war will be determined either by the conclusion of a treaty of peace or the proclamation of peace or congressional determination of the date or dates when the war will be considered to have terminated."

Henceforth, "duration plus six months" was regarded as the outside limit of time for which men and women may expect to remain in the armed forces. But since the "point system" for discharges has been announced, it is designed to apply to releasing men before the "duration plus".

Safety Valve

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

More Cost Kicks

Editor, The Chevron—I went to the PX today and noticed The Chevron there, so naturally I asked for one. I was told it would cost me 2 cents. I asked "since when" and was told that it was orders from the CO.

I was under the impression that The Chevron was to be distributed free of charge to all Marines on the West Coast in the San Diego area. Is that changed or isn't Miramar in the San Diego area?

A WEST COAST MARINE

MCAD, Miramar.

Editor's note—Ltr. of Instr. 900 issued recently prohibits furnishing papers free to other than personnel of the station where the paper is published. In compliance with this directive, The Chevron has had to notify all Stateside posts, seagoing detachments and overseas units that copies will hereafter be available only when the unit concerned pays for the desired number AT COST. In most instances, this cost is being paid by recreation funds. Miramar is the only station, so far as we know, where the PX purchases copies and in turn sells them.

Naval Academy

Editor, The Chevron—In one of the recent Chevrons there was an article with reference to enlisted men being able to apply for preparatory training for enrollment at Annapolis Naval Academy.

Would you please tell me how I can secure an application for the same?

Fvt. F. D. STONE Jr.

MCAD, Miramar.

Editor's note—Bureau of Personnel Circular Letter 294-44 (NDB 30 Sept. 1944, 44-1142) provides that Commanding Officers make a survey of enlisted men eligible to take the entrance examination for the Naval Academy. You may, however, write the Bureau, via the channels, to obtain additional information.

Gas Rationing

Editor, The Chevron—I would like some information concerning the acquisition of gasoline for a 30-day furlough.

Is it necessary to obtain gas coupons, and if so, what is the procedure for obtaining them? My family is on the West Coast with our car and I would like to get gasoline for a round trip from San Diego to Oklahoma City. Are there any provisions for service men returning from overseas so that they may obtain the necessary gasoline?

LT. E. W. BUTCHER

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—When you receive your papers you will be entitled to one gallon of gasoline per day for the extent of the furlough but not to exceed 30 gallons. There are no provisions for returning service men. Take your furlough papers to your local ration board.

Overseas Duty

Editor, The Chevron—Is it official that Marines who haven't seen combat service remain a longer time overseas than those that have?

NAME WITHHELD

Scottsville, Ky.

Editor's note—No. However, the Marine Corps rotation policy does provide for wounded men to be returned first for treatment.

FMF, Pacific

Editor, The Chevron—After taking part in two battles, my son's address has been changed. Will you please tell me what Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, means? Would he still be a scout and sniper and is he still with the 4th Div.? Also, did he receive the Presidential Unit Citation for his part in the Saipan and Tinian battles?

Mrs. IRENE TYSON

Modesto, Cal.

Editor's note—The Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, was created immediately after the Marianas campaign and grouped together all the amphibious forces under Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith. There is no way of telling your son's present duty. He should, if he was attached to the 4th Div. at Saipan, have been awarded the citation but, again, there is no indication that he was attached to a cited unit of the 4th Div.

On Limited Duty

Editor, The Chevron—I am seeking information on whether or not I am eligible for combat duty, for upon receiving my physical I was turned down and given limited duty. Therefore I would like all information regarding a discharge.

R. H. HEATLEY

Sheemaker, Cal.

Editor's note—Any man on a limited duty status must be returned to a full duty status before he can go into combat. Ltr. of Instr. No. 869 states: "Any enlisted man serving in a limited duty status where there is no indication that he will be found physically qualified for full duty within a period of six months or more, who desires a discharge, may submit a request to his Commanding Officer."

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Service, Communion, Chapel; 0830 Service, B&B Recreation Bldg.; 0915 Service, Base Theater; 1015 Service, Chapel. (Catholic): 0830 Mass, Base Theater; 0915 Mass, Chapel; Thursday Novena, 1900, Chapel; Confessions Saturdays 1800, Chapel—1800 Bldg. 123; 1800-1900 B&B Chaplain's office. (Jewish): Tuesday 1830, Bldg. 123, 3D. (Latter Day Saints): 0800 Service, Bldg. 123, 3D; Wednesdays 1830, Bldg. 123, 3D.

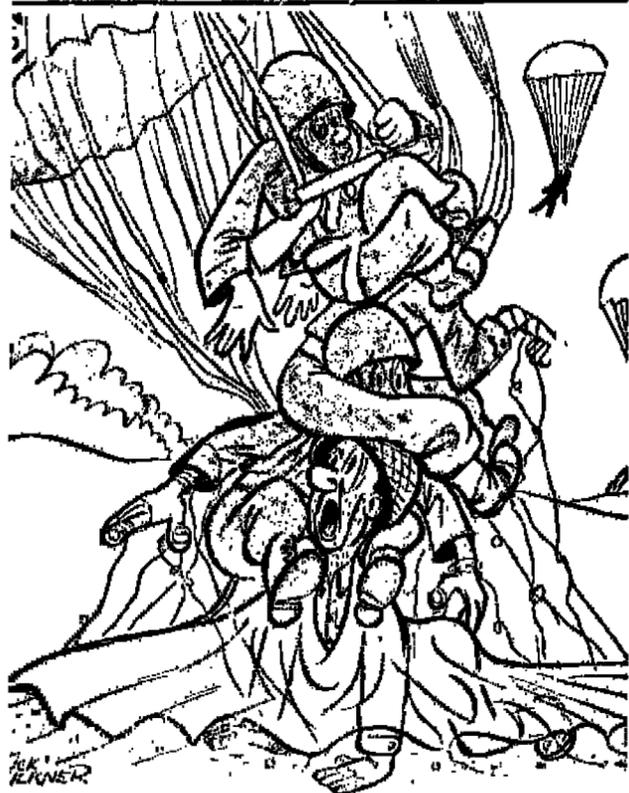
CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 1000, Camp Chapel, Bldg. 221. (Catholic): Mass, 0830, Chapel. (Jewish): 0915, small room in Camp Chapel Bldg. (Latter Day Saints): 1400 in Camp Chapel.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel. (Catholic): Sunday Masses 0630, 0800, 1115, Mass Only, 1630, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science): 1600-1730, Chaplain's office, Wednesdays. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Thursday, 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1920, Camp Post Chapel, Friday 1830.

MCAD, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services; Communion 1st Sunday of month. (Catholic): 0700 and 0800, confession; 0730 and 0830, Mass, Bldg. 823. (Jewish): Thursdays, 2000. (Latter Day Saints): Discussion meeting Tuesdays, 1800. (Christian Science): 1400-1600, Chaplain's office, Fridays.

CAMP FENDELTON (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 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900. (Catholic): Post Chapel, Sunday Masses 0800 and 1115, Daily Mass at 1730, Confessions Saturday at 1800, Novena, Wednesday 1900; Ranch House Chapel, Sunday Mass 0915; Tuesday and Friday, Mass 1645; Confessions before all Masses, Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0700, at Theaters, 14-T-1 at 0800, daily at 0900; 15-T-1 at 0900, 16-T-1 at 1000, 17-T-1 at 0800; Confessions before each Mass. (Christian Science): Post Chapel, Sunday 1800, Thursday, 1830; Study group, Mondays 1900, Infantry Training Regt., Row 25, Tent 1. (Latter Day Saints): Post Chapel, Sunday 0900, Monday 1900. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Friday at 1900.

CAMP GILLESPIE (Christian Science): 1200-1300, Adm. Bldg., Wednesdays. (Catholic): Services at 0815. (Protestant): Services at 1000.



"Sometimes I wish they wouldn't plan these things on such a large scale!"



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LIZARD TRAINING. This 4-ft. specimen was captured in the South Pacific after a thrilling chase. "Instructing" him are Sgt. Alvin L. Colby of La Junta, Colo. (left) and StfSgt. Melton W. Judson of San Diego, Cal.

Colonel Receives Legion Of Merit

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Col. William W. Davies of Ijail, Cal., has been awarded the Legion of Merit for his skillful supervision of amphibian tractors carrying men and supplies ashore during the Saipan and Tinian campaigns.

Lt. Col. Holland M. Smith, commanding general, FMF, Pacific, presented the award to Col. Davies at ceremonies recently.

Col. Davies is credited with the detailed planning of the employment and maintenance of amphibian tractors prior to the attacks.

"During D-Day at Saipan, Col. Davies was aboard a control vessel, frequently visiting areas which were receiving hostile fire from the shore in order to keep his commander informed of the operations of the amphibian tractors," the citation states.

Old Veterans



Col. SWINNERTON
... Vera Cruz scrapper

Vera Cruz Vet Set To Close 37-Year Hitch

One of the longest records of service in the Marine Corps will terminate when Lt. Col. Joseph M. Swinnerton, a 37-year veteran, retires next week from present MCB duties.

Known from Peking to Port-au-Prince as "Smoky Joe", the colonel enlisted in the Marines as a private in 1908 after serving a three-year Army hitch.

The colonel first heard his name in 1934 when a tipsy Marine approached him in the Shanghai officers' club and asked: "Be pardee, sir, may I have the next dance with Mrs. Smokey Joe?"

Though he maintains he had no unusual experiences during his career, Swinnerton has served in such places as the Philippines, China, Cuba, Santo Domingo, Nicaragua and Mexico. He fought in the battle of Vera Cruz in Mexico as an enlisted man.

During his early service days at the start of the century, "Private" Swinnerton drew a monthly paycheck of \$18. Corporals drew \$18, sergeants rated \$18 per month.

Retiring in 1940, the colonel was called back to active duty within 48 hours. He spent the sum total of one Sunday afternoon in retirement.

Asked how he will spend his retirement time, the colonel grinned, "Go fishing."

Pacific Fleet Communiques

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 18 (AP)—Pacific Fleet Communiqué 236:

1. Seventh Army Air Force Liberators and Lightning fighters, operating under the Strategic Air Force, Pacific Ocean Area, attacked airstrip installations on Iwo Jima Island in the Volcanos on Jan. 15 (United States date).

2. Enemy facilities on Ido in the Marianas were strafed and bombed by 4th Mar. Air Wing on the same date.

3. 4th Mar. Aircraft with fighters attacked installations on Habelthup in the Palau Jan. 15 and 16.

4. On Jan. 16 Marine torpedo planes and fighters struck at harbor facilities on Yap in the western Carolines.

PEARL HARBOR, Jan. 19 (AP)—Pacific Fleet Communiqué 237:

1. Army Liberators of the Strategic Air Force, Pacific Ocean Area, bombed targets on Iwo Jima (Iceland) and Ido Jima in the Idoans, starting fires among installations on both islands, on Jan. 17 (United States date).

2. On the same date Army Liberators also attacked the airstrip facilities on Iwo Jima in the Volcanos.

3. Marine Mitchells of the Strategic Air Force made rocket attacks on two small convoys north of the Bonins Jan. 18, scoring hits on a medium cargo vessel and one other vessel. The attacks were met with medium anti-aircraft fire.

4. On Jan. 17 4th Mar. Air Wing fighters and torpedo planes attacked targets in and around Atakabon.

Bear A Hand

For Sale

1933 PLYMOUTH coupe. Also kitchenette set, table and four chairs. Inner-spring double bed. Make offer, Ext. 423.

MARINE officer's overcoat. Never been worn. Call Mrs. Britman, Glenview 53941.

1935 GRAHAM PAIGE. Radio and heater; good tires, \$385. Ext. 504.

Lost

TRUNK locker misplaced by QM. Dept. Miramar, since June, is sought by owner, 2dLt. John Drago Jr., USMC, Ser. Sq. 1, MAF-42, El Centro. If forward.

Rifle Twice Shot From Saipan Vet

USNH, SAN FRANCISCO—"I guess I was just lucky," remarked PFC. Kenneth J. Dowd of Carbondale, Pa., as he told how he had his rifle blown from his hands on two different occasions while battling the Japs on Saipan, in the Marianas.

"Yes, luck was with me on Saipan," said the Pennsylvania Leatherneck. "We landed on D-Day and stayed until September. I was a member of a rifle platoon and you can bet I had my hands full most of the time, keeping one eye open for snipers and the other one concentrated on the shells bursting nearby. Twice, my rifle was knocked right out of my grasp by mortar shell fragments."

Citations

Legion of Merit

Maj. Gen. James P. Moore

Distinguished Flying Cross

Capt. William N. Cate, 1stLt. James W. Borden and Alvin N. Hathaway.

Navy and Marine Corps Medal

PFC. Edgar H. McGee

Silver Star

Col. Augustus H. Eriksen, Pvt. Joseph J. Wagner.

Air Medal

Col. Max J. Volcansk jr., Maj. Robert L. Hopkins.

Capt. George R. Brown, Don H. Fisher, Fred J. Gilman, James M. Nettles jr., Francis C. Pope and Taylor R. Roberts.

1stLt. Thomas S. Ferdinand, James W. Lizer and Giles J. Smith jr.

MTSgt. Howard H. Hicks, Sgt. James W. Greene jr., Corp. John J. Edwards.

Air Medal

(Gold Star in lieu of second medal)

Maj. Reynolds A. Moody.

Capt. Henry M. Bourgeois, Harold M. Brown, James O. Greene, Thos. J. Johnson, Edmund M. Nowakowski, William Regan, Thomas D. Sales and Warren G. Stoddard.

1stLt. Warren D. Bradford.

Screen Guide

Base Theater

1730-2000

Saturday—The Missing Juror, Bannon-Carter.

Sunday—Winged Victory, MacAlister-Edmund O'Brien.

Monday—Practically Yours, Colbert-MacMurray.

Tuesday—Sing Me a Song of Texas, Lane-Locaster Hotshots.

Wednesday—She Gets Her Man, Davis-Error.

Thursday—Music for Millions, Turbi-Margaret O'Brien.

Friday—Waterloo Bridge, Taylor-Leigh.

Saturday—House of Frankenstein, Kariott-Chancey.

Camp Matthews

1745

Saturday—I Love a Mystery, Bannon-Peak.

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No Hot Lips Featured Over System

Since Jan. 10 the Base public address system has been giving out with music strange to the ears of some groups of personnel—especially those used to taking their bugle calls on the Harry James side.

So many speculations as to what latest rendition the Music of the Guard might be trying to interpret have been overheard, the below listed calls from daily and Sunday routine pinned to the nearest bulkhead should settle many arguments.

Routine	Daily	Sundays
First Call	0340	0655
Reveille	0545	0700
Assembly	0600	
Mess Call	0640	0700
Police Call	0730	
First Call	0750	0700
Drill Call	0750	
Colors	0800	0800
Sick Call	0805	0805
Church Call		0815
Guard Mount (Wednesday and Thursday)	1000	
Guard Mount (except Wednesday & Thursday)	1030	
Recall	1130	
Liberty Call (Saturday only)	1200	
Mess Call	1200	1200
Police Call	1250	
Drill Call	1255	
Recall	1300	
Liberty Call	1300	
Mess Call	1700	1700
First Call	Ten Minutes Before Sunset	Sunset
Evening Colors	Sunset	Sunset
Tattoo	2100	2100
Call to Quarters	2145	2145
Taps	2300	2300

Two Marines Buy \$3,000 Bonds

SOMEWHERE IN THE ALEUTIANS (Delayed)—The Marines at this post are fighting the Japs with everything they've got.

Two Marines in particular helped the Rising Sun stock sink a few points (his week).

Sgt. Willard J. Mason of West Palm Beach, Fla., and Corp. James E. McCarty jr. of Yatesville, Ga., both veterans of the war in the South Pacific, invested \$3000 between them in War Bonds.

To Sgt. Mason and Corp. McCarty the words "Book the Attack" is not just an idle phrase.

JAPOLOGY



JAP officers are not permitted to ask for reinforcements if they are caught in a tight spot with their men. All they are permitted to do is make a report to the commander of the battlefield, who decides whether reinforcements shall be sent.

There was a wise little man who went into the bar very optimistically, and later came out very misty optically.

Saturday Morning, January 27, 1945

Changes of Duty

To Overseas

Col. John F. Hough from San Diego.

Lt. Col. Eavie S. Davis from Niland, Cal.

From Overseas

Lt. Col. Ralph K. Rollet to Cherry Point, Robert O. McDermont to Quantico and Richard A. Evans to Fort Hill, Oka.

Other Changes

Cpls. Thomas E. Thrasher jr. from HQMC to be relieved from active duty; George J. Yehka to staff of Army and Navy Staff College, Washington, D. C., a modification of previous orders.

Lt. Col. Joseph M. Swinnerton from San Diego to be relieved from active duty; Rees Skinner from Hawthorne, Nev., to Barstow, Cal.; Alexander G. Hunter to USNH, Coronado, Cal.; Robert M. Steinhilber from Quantico to temporary duty Fort Hill, Oka., at the completion of which he will report to San Diego; Aurele J. Chingola to be relieved from active duty upon discharge from USNH, Treasure Island; Lee C. Merrill jr. from San Diego to Cherry Point; George W. Killen from Washington, D. C., to Quantico; Frank S. Unstead to Quantico; Peter Onaschy from Harris Island to be relieved from active duty; Charles W. Harrison from San Diego to Quantico; John H. Cook jr. from Camp Lejeune to temporary duty Quantico; George F. Wilson jr. and John S. Messer from USNH, Oakland, to USNH, Lee Hall, Va.; Alfred L. Booth, Forcher P. Hopkins, Carlo A. Rovetta, McDonald J. Shuford and William P. Spencer from Camp Lejeune to Quantico.

Lost Buddies

Information wanted concerning Pvt. Anselm E. Butler, 17c was stationed in 1937 at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, and in Shanghai, China, in 1938. His address was 4th Regt., U. S. Marines, Apt. Station, c/o Postmaster, Seattle, Wash. Mrs. P. A. Welms, 705 N. 44th St., Philadelphia 4, Pa.

In 1935, the headgear of U. S. Marines was a spiked helmet.

Tinian Occupants See Jap Tricks

TINIAN, Marianas Islands (Delayed)—Marines who stormed the beaches of Tinian do not underestimate the ingenuity of the enemy, according to Sgt. A. D. Hawkins, combat correspondent.

Ground defenses were strengthened with 80mm. cannon stripped from disabled fighter and bomber planes shortly after the Marines invaded nearby Saipan. These weapons were remounted on improvised tripods. Home-made shoulder pieces were attached to absorb the recoil.

In one instance, Japs removed an entire hydraulic-driven turret and set it up in an emplacement. Machine guns from the wings of a fighter plane were re-set in twin mounts, manually controlled, for anti-aircraft defense. In some instances these guns were stripped for use as infantry weapons.

WRITE HOME; WRITE HQ.

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—To minimize the possibility of false reports to the of-kin, the 5th Amphibious Corps has made each man evacuated from battle partially responsible for notifying his unit and relatives of his welfare and whereabouts, according to Lt. Ben Price, PRO.

Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoner of War
USN	21,602	11,211	8,681	2,536
USMC	10,242	27,114	962	1,942
USCG	572	194	20	0
	32,416	38,519	8,682	4,478

Safe

California

Corp. Richard L. Wilson, Walnut

Missing

California

Capt. Trupe J. Galkos jr., San Mateo

Connecticut

Corp. Edward P. Tomley, Hartford

Tennessee

Sgt. Robert L. Jones, Knoxville

Dead

Alabama

Pvt. William C. Randle, Locust

California

PFC. Ellsworth P. Montgomery, Navy

PFC. Dumaine R. Pollock, Los Angeles

Connecticut

Corp. Leslie D. Edwards, East Hampton

Florida

PFC. Ira W. Lampson, Orlando

Illinois

PFC. Julian Gunko, Chicago

PFC. Frank L. Schallhauer, Chicago

Indiana

PFC. John R. Kohl, Hammond

Iowa

PFC. Marion T. Young, Des Moines

Kansas

PFC. Donald J. Faubion, Phillipsburg

Michigan

1stLt. William A. Burridge, Cadillac

PFC. Donald De Bruyn, Grand Haven

PFC. James A. Richards, Detroit

Minnesota

Corp. Frederick M. Parr, Minneapolis

Corp. Robert J. Utton, Minneapolis

New York

1stLt. Jerome G. Toulson, Brooklyn

Ohio

PFC. David D. Kottler, Cleveland

Oklahoma

2dLt. Millard B. Supple, Shawnee

Pennsylvania

2dLt. Richard J. Kephart jr., Philadelphia

Tennessee

PFC. Gavel P. Keren, Kent

Tennessee

PFC. Norval E. Jackson, Fibridge

PFC. Willie T. Phillips, Memphis

Texas

Corp. Robert F. Olson, Houston

Wisconsin

Sgt. Joseph J. Valner, Racine

Base Changes

Headquarters Bn.

To inactive duty: Col. Joseph M. Swinnerton, Maj. Thomas J. Hill, Capt. and Capt. Carroll J. Single.

Base Dispensary

Detached: Lt. Comdr. Ernest H. Friday, DC, USNH, to Naval Frontiers Base, San Diego; Kenneth L. E. Ragan, DC, USN, to NOP, NAS, Tri-Atoll Island, San Pedro.

Lt. (jg) James G. Lee, MC, USNH, to Camp-12 for PTT USN Lloyd.

Guard Bn.

Joined: WO. Lawrence Betts to CO Hq. Co., Gd. Bn.

WR Bn.

2dLt. Barbara R. Plumley to inactive duty.

"HALF TRACK"

"SEMPER FIDELIS"



Male Call

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

Cold Dressing



OPERATOR! This is not a glorified telephone operator. It is Evt. Martha E. Storey of Washington, D. C., who is maneuvering a mock-up plane into position at MGAD, El Toro. (Official USMC photo.)

Chevron Chick... Yvonne De Carlo



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LEATHERNECK LINGO

It seems only appropriate at this time to add a touch of Filipino to our collection of Leatherneck lingo:

- MAG INCIAT KA—Be careful.
- PASPASAN MO—Fight!
- ITAK—Bolo knife.
- GANYAN, TAMA YAN—Sweet, O.K., good.
- PATAY NA SILANG NAHAT—They are all dead.
- MAGANDANG GABI—Good night.