

"With good the health both of body and soul." — Clever.

"The fool that will till he is sick must fast till he is well." — G. W. Thornbury.

Civilians Flee Bomb-Gutted Tokyo



IWO MAYO'S. A corpsman administers ether while Navy doctors operate to remove shrapnel from the abdomen of a wounded Leatherneck. Scene is from the 4th Marine evacuation hospital on the bloody Iwo Jima site.

Navy Corpsmen Earn Praises On Iwo

By Sgt. Bob Cooke, Combat Correspondent

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—Marine deaths on this, the bloodiest beachhead in Marine Corps history, would have been far worse but for the heroic work of Navy hospital corpsmen. They hit the beach with the first assault waves, braving the heaviest artillery, rocket and mortar barrages in the Pacific, to rescue wounded Marines.

The corpsmen attached to this battalion saw more than their share of dead and wounded in their three previous campaigns—in the Marshalls and at Saipan and Tinian in the Marianas. But Iwo Jima, where the veteran outfit landed on a steep black beach without cover, was the worst of all.

Hit by shells, sniper fire, flame-throwers and rockets, the Marine advance was a test of flesh against steel. Landing craft bringing medical supplies ashore were blown up in the water. Corpsmen, coming in under murderous shell fire, could bring only individual packs of plasma, dressings and morphine.

One beach was a jumble of shell holes filled with Marines lying face down. Some were dead or dying; others just hugging the dirt until the barrage let up. The doctor

and his corpsmen worked tirelessly to set up an aid station in an anti-tank trench. But evacuating the seriously wounded was more difficult even than coming ashore. Enemy gunners, using wrecked ships as artillery markers along the beach, had the range on the coastline. One boat got through to a hospital ship about two hours after the invasion started.

With limited supplies and personnel, this battalion's corpsmen worked day and night to save their Marines. A cold rain, through which enemy gunners swept the beach, added to their difficulties. Only open shell holes could be used as aid stations. To them were brought men hit by snipers, men broken by shell fragments, men hit by falling flak after the nightly air raid, men buried alive when the loose sand walls of their shelters caved in, men blown up by

giant "rice-kettle" mines hidden in the sand.

Never before had Marine troops met such a bloody defense. Casualties were more numerous and more serious than the veteran outfit had ever experienced.

Vandegrift Now Four-Star Leader

Another uplift in Marine prestige was accomplished last week when Commandant Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift was given the wartime rank of a full four-star general.

President Roosevelt signed the bill giving Gen. Vandegrift his four stars for "the duration and six months."

Army 'Announcer' Causes V-Day Celebration on Iwo

Machine guns, anti-aircraft guns, carbines, rifles and even pistols roared out anew on Iwo Jima. For about one hour this week the battle-scarred island was about the happiest spot on earth—in jubilant celebration of the surrender of Germany.

Then came the dismal truth. It was all a mistake.

According to an Associated Press dispatch, a "walkie-talkie" Army radio operator, bored in his solitary foxhole, had decided to play radio announcer with a buddy a couple of holes away.

Nearby, inside a truck, another operator was typing military messages from San Francisco. Somehow the frequencies became tangled, and from the official receiver in the truck came the electrifying message:

"Germany has surrendered unconditionally."

The operator got the message to his headquarters and in 10 minutes all the island and the ships offshore had the word.

Then the foxhole announcer became worried. He went to his commanding officer with a report that will go down in the annals of historic understatements.

"Sir," he said, "I think I've done something wrong."

Fourth quarter and the Allies have the ball! Press dispatches today revealed a between-the-line tenseness with the word "when" hinging on every word.

Japan's diet committee announced that three million civilians had evacuated Tokyo to escape heavy bombing and the anticipated American invasion. Germany substituted Kesselring, the Italy defender, for Von Rundstedt as part of a goal-line stand to stop the pending Allied drive for the Ruhr.

(A late press report to the Chevrón said that Premier Gen. Koiso of Japan plans to launch "an offensive toward the recapture of Iwo, Saipan and Guadalcanal.")

A terrific 8000-plane armada blasted every Ruhr military object in sight Friday to pave way for the offensive. Vital Iwo Jima, latest Marine inlay on the Tokyo road, was put into use as the closest springboard for the bombers which daily soften the key cities of Nippon.

Yonezo Maeda, Jap transportation and communications minister, announced that his government was putting plans into effect to move essential war industries out of the range of Yankee Superfort raiders. Manchuria or the underground will be the new industry sites.

Matthews Range Retains Recruit Rifle Trophy

For the second successive year the Matthews Trophy, emblematic of the Marine Corps recruit rifle championship, was awarded the San Diego rifle range.

Presentation of the trophy was made last week by Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard, commanding general, MCB, to Col. Morris L. Shively, commanding officer at Camp Matthews.

Tokyo radio repeated invasion fears again last week as Premier Kuniaki Koiso and War Minister General Sugiyama boosted the passage of a law requiring all citizens of Japan to fall under military law.

Submitted shortly after the U. S. carrier task force dealt a crippling blow to Nippon's fleet "on the home premises", the measure accentuated the damage done the crippled enemy fleet. A Jap broadcast said that Nip forces in China were ready to meet either a general offensive by the Chinese from the interior or an American landing somewhere along the China coast.

According to the Jap propagandists, a "small portion" of the Japs in Hunan and Kwangsi provinces can deal with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's armies, "thus leaving the majority of our forces available for intercepting American invaders when they come."

GERMANS ON RHINE

Onrushing 3rd Army divisions charged through Germany's chief chemical center of Ludwigshafen on the Rhine and mopped up today on enemy remnants in the climax of a campaign which may prove to have knocked out 100,000 Nazi troops in the vanishing Saar-Palatinate bulge.

U. S. Army 1st Army troops east of the Rhine smashed northward more than four miles from the upper flank of the Remagen bridge—

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FLYING AMBULANCE. Stretcher cases of Marine wounded are carried aboard a transport plane at Iwo's Motoyama airstrip for speedy evacuation to rear base hospitals where the best medical treatment is available. (Official U. S. Marine Corps photo.)

Clean Iwo Replacements Soon Soiled By Battle

By Sgt. Dick Dashiell, Combat Correspondent

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—Replacements, with clean dungarees and shining weapons, marched confidently up the twisting, dusty road through what, a few days before, was a viciously fought-for field of Iwo Jima.

Ten days had passed since the 21st Marines, 3rd Marine Division, had landed and begun their bloody advance up the center of the island. The effective combat strength of some of the companies was a pitiful, ragged shadow of what it was when they came ashore. The replacements were going to fill them out, put the companies in top fighting strength again.

So they marched ahead, in a column of twos. They halted for a break in an area occupied by a company that had just come off the lines. The company consisted now of 39 men. Just 39 men.

Lines of pride in the faces of the replacements faded into humbleness as they started at the dirty, war-torn features of men who had been up closest to the Japs.

The veterans looked solemnly at the fresh, green men. There was no "ragging". They didn't speak. To the battle-hardened men of the 3rd Marine Division, any Marine who hasn't seen combat is a "boot", whether he wears the stripes of a gunnery sergeant or the bars of a captain.

"Those guys," said one machine-gunner quietly and half to himself,

"those guys, they won't be 'boots' in the morning."

"Yeah, I know what you mean," said a bearded sergeant with memories in his eyes.

"I hear there are a lot of Parris Island DIs in this crowd," snickered another vet.

"That's good," answered a friend. "Good. Real good. But I hope they don't get hit."

A chow truck jerked to a dusty stop. The men dipped their cups for some hot "Joe" and started in on some beans. The men just off the line ate silently, and stared at the ground or at the planes overhead. The replacements ate silently, too, and looked at the others out of the corners of their eyes. They seemed to try to judge by the appearance of those who had seen combat if Iwo Jima was as mean and dirty and foul a business as they had heard while they were offshore in transports. But they ate in silence.

Soon the column of replacements formed up again. A 17-year-old private suddenly walked over to a lanky corporal.

"When do you get to clean your rifle in combat?" he asked half apologetically.



Dere Top: I will hav plenty of time to write you this weekend as I find myself in no fit condishun to make another overnite bivouac in Lost Angeles. I made the mistake of waiting until Saturday a.m. to get a haircut here at the Base. My hare should be growed out okay by next weekend, however.

In that respect, Top, you will be intrusted to know about the haircut situation in this country. Some of the barbers we had in boot camp several years ago are now working in the civilian shops. . . And they give the same kind of haircuts now, only it costs a \$1, w/o hare oil. Two weeks ago, in a desperat effort to save money, I went to one of the old barber schools they still have below Broadway. Well, Top, 'his stewartent barbur must hav flunked his mid-semester examinashun on me as when I came back to the main gate I was suspected of being a recreot awei from boot camp.

POOR 'PEABRAIN'

Does "Peabrain" still have troubl with his back going out of joint? Backroolback, I think the mechanics used to call it. It is too bad he isn't a renown athalest or a promanint movie actor as they seem to use a different X-ray machine to examine them for medical surveys. Maybe "Peabrain" could qualifie as a actor; I surely thought he was very funny indeed in the amateur show we had on Saipan when he used the pillow and dumbell in his femail impersonashun act.

With all your worries over there, Top, I hate to bother you about things like this but I feel you should know about a terribil thing that has happened in this country. The native chief here, whoos name is Roosevelt and has been chief for quite some time, has decreed that in order to aid the war effort the manufacture of ladies' slacks must stop. This chiefan wants to conserve material and labor.

Well, Top, you have no idee of the fever this aroused. The newspapers were full of such headlines as "Women Refuse to Work Without Pants" and "No Slacks Brings Slack in War Effort."

I am feeling very sorry indeed for these poor manufactureers as they may hav to resort to manufacture war goods or something less imaginatin' than women's slacks. Personally I don't think some of the femail natives would



object much, as slacks are inclined to "accentuate the positive" in cases where there is too much "positive".

JUST LIKE THE WORK

Top, I don't want you to get the wrong impresshun of this country. You know how it is in the Core—how just a few eightballs can spoil things for a whole company. Well, that's the way it is here. Ninety out of every hundred natives is 100 per cent behind the war effort.

Will hav to go now as I hav a engagement with a gunnery sarjunt, W.R., who is havin' now how to get over my misgivings at life in this here country.

If Moonhead has not got himself hit or wounded, please remind him of that \$4750. I probably hav got as much chance getting that money as I hav gettin' permanent duty in this country.

Your faithful friend in the Core,
SARJUNT HEINEMANN



BASE CEREMONY. A parade and decoration ceremony on the Base last week was the scene of this line-up at the reviewing stand. Col. John R. Groff (foreground); Capt. M. O. Lindquist, Bronze Star winner; PFC. David E. B. Harvey, Bronze Star winner; Sgt. August Thor, Purple Heart; Corp. C. L. Rohr, Purple Heart; PFC. Ariel Protes, Purple Heart; and Pvt. J. R. De Haas, Purple Heart winner (on end). (Photo by Corp. Louise Parker.)

Japs Flee Tokyo As Ruhr Push Pends

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head as the offensive neared a victorious climax. Seven miles along the south bank of the Sieg River were secured.

Over 8500 heavy, medium and fighter bombers from British and continental bases hammered Germany's richest industrial bases Thursday in daylight aerial assault seldom equalled.

HOLO CAPTURED

Capture of fire-blackened Holo, capital city of Panay Island in the Central Philippines, was announced last week by Gen. Douglas MacArthur. All organized Jap resistance on the island has been crushed by the Yank infantry and Filipino guerrillas, according to the communique.

Maj. Gen. Rupp Brush's 40th Division doughboys swept into Holo and routed the enemy garrison after 75 per cent of the 90,000 city inhabitants had evacuated before the Japs' dynamite-arson tactics.

The captured Holo airdrome provides a jumping-off spot for planes to patrol a vast area in the Central Philippines. Santa Barbara airdrome, eight miles inland from the capital city, was also secured.

BYE-BYE, ADOLF!

Swiss newspapers said last week that Adolf Hitler has completed preparations for a last stand in the fortress of Berchtesgaden in the mountains of Bavaria, from which he hopes eventually to re-National Socialist Germany again dominate Europe.

Another great swarm of U. S. carrier planes, firing rockets and

bombs, hit Japan's leading ship-building city of Kobe last week at the same time 300 Superforts emptied 2500 tons of incendiary bombs on Nagoya. Operating from a task force of the U. S. 5th Fleet, which has been off the immediate shores of Japan for a week, the carrier planes thus shifted to the heart of industrial Nippon.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced in a special communique that many of the Jap imperial fleet units, battered in the Yank carrier attack on the inland sea, were so badly damaged that "only smoking, twisted shells remained. Seven enemy carriers (reportedly the last ones in Jap navy service) were sunk."



STAFF RETURNS. Despite being a prisoner of the Japanese for three years, 1st Sgt. Stanley E. Bronk, one of 17 Marines recently passed through R&R Center, kept his record book and turned it in to Lt. Joseph A. Inferrera, personnel officer of the center, when he returned. It is believed to be the only record book returned to the States from a Japanese internment camp.

Buried Record Book Kept Hidden From Jap Captors

A Marine first sergeant just doesn't move or act without his record book.

Officials at the Reclassification and Redistribution Center here were surprised, however, when 1st Sgt. Stanley E. Bronk of Seattle, recently freed from a Japanese prison camp, calmly turned in his staff returns.

Despite the Japanese invasion of the Philippines, three years in a Japanese prison camp and the battle resulting in his liberation, Bronk saved the book.

Captured by the enemy on May 6, 1942, Bronk was on a Japanese working party nine days later when he noticed a pile of record books in a field. He sneaked over

to the discarded books, found his own and concealed it inside his sock.

During the next three years he secreted the book in various hiding places in the camp, located 125 miles from Manila. He wrapped it in canvas and buried it 12 different times when he heard rumors of forthcoming inspections.

"The day we were liberated I nearly lost the book," Bronk said. "I was so excited about leaving I forgot it."

"I was out of the camp soon when I remembered. The U. S. Rangers and the Japs were still fighting, but I went back. I had kept the book so long that I just couldn't leave it behind at the last minute."



LA MERIA AWARD, "Courage and nobility under fire" at Guadalcanal, Tarawa and Saipan won for PFC. Floyd E. Johnson of Los Angeles the Bronze Star. The award is being made by Maj. George Esau, commanding officer of the U. S. Naval Retraining Command at Camp La Meria, where Johnson is now stationed.

War Dogs, Cotton String Form Life Saving Network

TWO JIMA (Delayed)—Men of the 5th Division are still talking about the "C.S.N." or Cotton String Network which saved the lives of scores of Marines one night on Two.

The story involving a small unit of Marine war dogs and their keepers, was told by Pvt. Dominie R. Cherejian of Utica, N. Y., and William T. Lewis of Greenville, S. C., who with their dogs "Jimmy" and "Liam" have a score of eight Japs killed in one night of fighting.

According to the two handlers, three dogs were attached to a battalion of the 28th Regiment holding a hazardous flank position. An enterprising private, anticipating trouble during the night, posted the three dogs on the outer fringe of defense.

Then, working out in detail a network in cotton string, he rigged contact with the dogs and their

Rolling Barrage Artillery Trick Used On Japs

TWO JIMA (Delayed)—Marine artillery experts pulled an old wheel war I took out of their sleeve, modified it for the Pacific fighting, and used it against the fiercely resisting Japanese here.

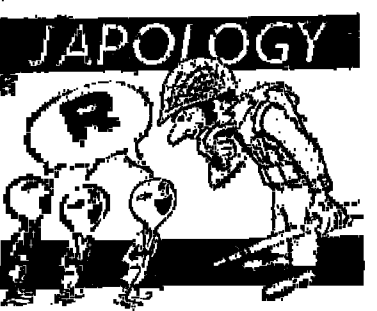
It was the so-called "rolling barrage," a continuous hail of artillery shells falling a scant 100 yards ahead of our advancing ground troops during an attack.

"To my knowledge, it was the first time the old tactic has been used out here," said Lt. Col. Raymond Whit, Jr., commanding officer of the 12th Regiment, artillery unit of the 3rd Division.

In previous Pacific campaigns, artillery barrages to prepare the way for infantry advances lifted just before the infantry jumped off.

"No deal," wheedled the four men. "Don't," replied says he must have Encyclopedia."

"Encyclopedia," he'll growled and "Let him walk to school like I did."



Contrary to a widely held belief, the average Jap has an difficulty pronouncing the letter "r." Now, even the Jap cannot pronounce the letter "r" and our Army frequently uses passwords like "Lullapalooza" and "Lullipalooza."

New Twist For 'Live and Learn' Found

MANTA BARBARA—The old axiom, "live and learn", has taken a new twist for fighter pilots of a carrier group in training here.

"They are being taught to 'learn and live'."

Under direction of MTSgt. Clifford Lane of Cushing, Okla., the fliers literally plunge into their instruments by taking frequent dips into the ocean icy waters of the Pacific Ocean.

Lane, one of the first Marine paratroopers and veteran of 38 jumps, teaches fighter pilots the speedy and simple abandonment of parachute harness in the event of a forced jump at sea.

Purpose of the instruction is to acquaint pilots with a series of moves they must make while descending through the air at 28 feet per second.

At nearby Coleta Pier, Lane has had constructed a 25-foot drop which is operated at a speed to represent an actual drop of 1500 feet. Through a series of mechanical "gizmos", operators of the "dunking machine" are able to simulate, by slow motion, a drop from high altitudes.

The moves so necessary for the achievement of longevity in life all concern the unbuckling of straps, played at which are used to secure pilots in their planes and in their parachute harness.

"That may sound simple enough," says the instructor, "but when a man finds his plane shot full of holes, his fuel tanks burning and his ship practically falling apart he naturally gets a little excited. If he isn't thoroughly drilled in what to do he may get fouled up and involved in a mess of silk and

shroud from which he can't extricate himself."

That is why MTSgt. Lane, in his lectures and demonstrations, cites hundreds as the most essential of all qualities in a forced parachute descent.

Iwo Negro Troops Haul Ammunition

TWO JIMA (Delayed) Negro troops, both Marine and Army, are performing outstanding work in action here.

Negro Marines are working on the beach closest to the Japanese lines on this island. Ever since the battle began, they have hauled ammunition to the front lines and built up supply dumps under intense mortar and artillery fire.

At night, they lie in foxholes in the midst of piles of TNT and high explosives. One Marine used a TNT box for a pillow, figuring that if a shell hit the dump everything would go up and the box of TNT under his head wouldn't make much difference.

The Negro soldiers man a group of amphibious tanks which brought the Marine 105mm. howitzers ashore on D-Day. Of the 60 tanks these men manned, 28 of them were lost in two days as the Japanese threw everything they had in a vain attempt to stop the landing of the sorely-needed artillery.

One Negro tank driver, out of gas but refusing to abandon his tank and its cargo of a 105mm. howitzer, drifted 13 miles out to sea.



BRONZE STAR For outstanding work as chief of all shore parties on Saipan, Sgt. Fred E. Jones was awarded the Bronze Star Medal at a dedication ceremony here on the base recently.

Corpsman Saves Life By Slitting Marine's Throat

TWO JIMA (Delayed)—A Navy medical corpsman saved the life of a wounded Marine corporal here by slitting his throat—a feat described by a doctor as a "daring" operation of the "most amazing presence of mind I have ever seen under fire."

The corpsman is PVT/c. Floyd L. Garrett of Gadsden, Ala. He held the severed end of the wounded Marine's severed vein in his hand while he cut the skin of the throat so that he could reach enough of the vein to apply a hemostat, which undoubtedly saved the man's life.

The name of the wounded man is withheld pending notification of the next of kin that he has been wounded.

"The man would have undoubtedly died by death in a matter of minutes if it had not been for Garrett's amazing presence of mind," the battalion medical officer, Lt. (jg) C. A. Abbott of Northing, Colo., declared.

"I have never seen anything like it before."

"While the man was evacuated, he had every chance of surviving."



RUMBLE SEAT, Marine Corsair pilots learn here how to abandon their parachute after dropping into the water. A harnessed pilot is instructed by MTSgt. Clifford Lane, whose job is to make certain Leatherneck pilots know what to do when they hit water.

Big Share of Iwo Success Given to Marine NCO's

TWO JIMA (Delayed) "You must credit the leadership, initiative and resourcefulness of the non-commissioned officers of the Marine Corps in reckoning the final success of this operation."

The speaker was Maj. W. B. Shoap, commanding officer of a company of the 2nd Battalion, 25th Regiment, 4th Division. He fought in the front lines during the first 11 days of the fierce fighting, with the exception of a 30-hour rest period.

At the end of that time, three of the original seven officers had been wounded or killed and there had been 150 casualties among the 700 enlisted men in the line—a casualty rate over 60 per cent.

NON-COM'S TAKE OVER

"The non-commissioned officers are doing a fine job, an excellent job," said Maj. Shoap. "The way they step right into the shoes of

their officers and take over command is very surprising. It shows the results of good training. I have every confidence in them."

The major had a first sergeant serving as his executive officer, and a sergeant acting as a platoon leader.

"They have proven capable," he said, "and the men follow them without hesitation."

WHY IT WAS TOUGH

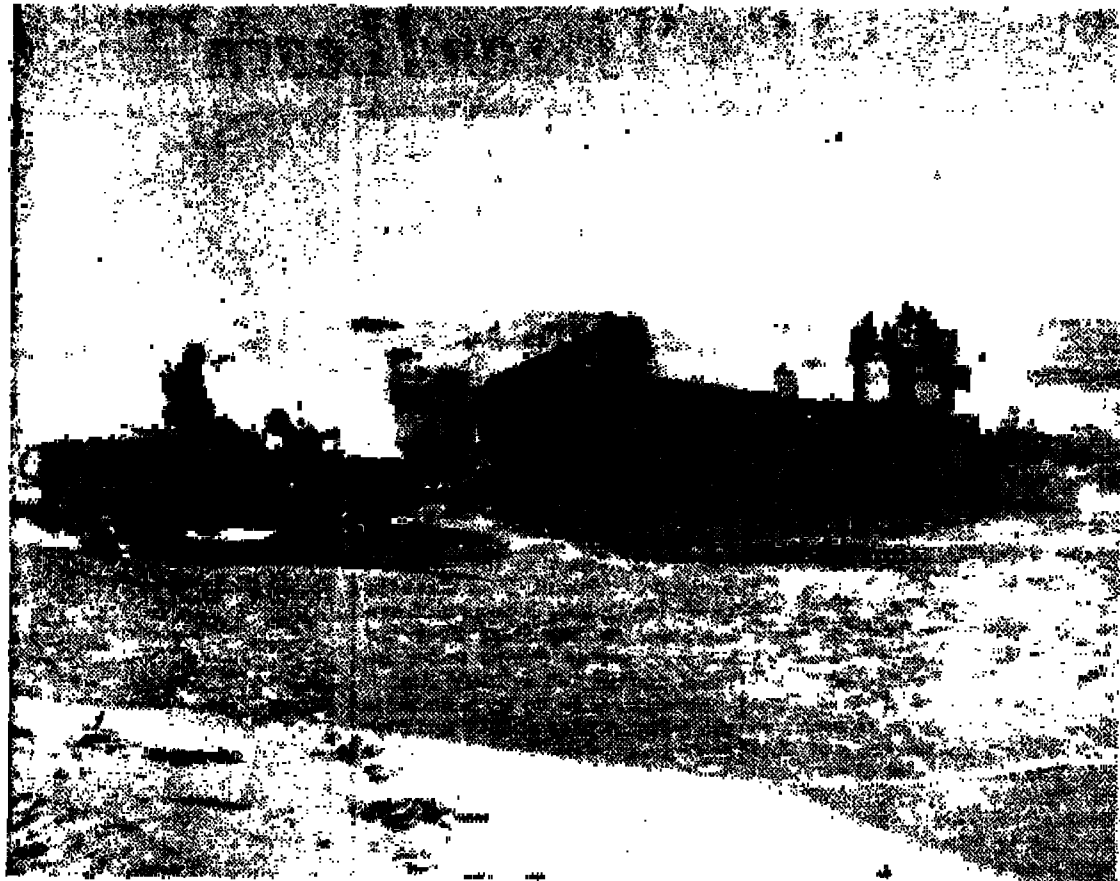
TWO JIMA (Delayed)—This will give you some idea why it was so tough to move ahead on Two.

A single Japanese machinegun at the front took eight dead hits from a field piece before it was neutralized.

It was only one pillbox. There were 14 more like it within a quarter of a mile.



FATHER AND SONS. When his ship ran within striking distance of the island base where his two Marine sons were stationed, CM/c. Henry F. Keelson (center) waited no time in getting in touch with Vernon (left) and Kenneth (right).



NEW WEAPON. Trailers containing units of new mobile laundries will soon be a familiar sight in future Marine landings. The photo here shows one of the units in a practice landing at Camp Pendleton where crews are being trained to unpile and maintain these mobile 'Maylages'. Their job will be to furnish clean linen and clothes.

Tiny Marine "One-Man Army" on Iwo

By Staff Sgt. Bill Dvorak, Combat Correspondent

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—PFC. John Ioanna, 18-year-old bantamweight rifleman from Philadelphia, had never been in combat before he hit the Iwo Jima beach, but in the first 13 days of bitter fighting he knocked out two Jap pillboxes with a bazooka, a weapon he had never used before, and blew up an ammunition dump with a grenade.

In addition, Ioanna, who was the only original member of his rifle platoon still in action at the end of two weeks' fighting, distinguished himself by making several daring trips back to the beach on D-Day, traveling through uncharted mine fields to obtain ammunition for use in the front lines.

Ioanna, only 5-ft. 8-in. tall and weighing 135 pounds, was one of 63 men in his 25th Regiment platoon and its attached machine gun section when it landed under heavy

fire. Before the outfit had punched its way off the beach and through minefields to higher ground, the number had been reduced more than 40 per cent.

LAST OF PLATOON

In the days and nights of grueling warfare which followed, Ioanna saw his friends fall around him until at the end of 13 days, the platoon consisted of 15 Marines—Ioanna and 14 replacements.

When a nearby Japanese gun began a regular shelling, Ioanna took up his weapon and, although he had never fired a bazooka before, he twice moved in within 50 feet of Jap pillboxes to knock them out.

"It was simple," he said. "I'd seen other fellows using bazookas."

A few days later, he boldly entered a concealed cave in search of a group of Jap soldiers suspected of hiding there, and it was then that he blew up the ammunition dump—"by accident," he insists.

"I tossed a grenade in there," he explained, "and it set off that ammunition dump and knocked me for my pants. I should have had more sense."

Marine 'Devildog' Devils With Dice

EN ROUTE TO IWO JIMA (Delayed)—George, a black-flying dog from Sydney, Australia, and his master, Pfc. James E. Yates of San Diego, Cal., mark up their third and fourth campaigns, respectively, when they get ready to land on Iwo Jima.

George, a veteran of Vella Lavella and Bougainville, will go ashore in full battle dress, consisting of two first aid packets slung over his shoulders, according to Pfc. Keyes Beech, combat correspondent.

Yates, who participated in the Guadalcanal, Vella Lavella and Bougainville operations, acquired George in a Sydney bakery shop two years ago. George was nine days old.

Since that time, George has seen a sizeable portion of the Pacific and the United States. Twice he narrowly escaped death, once when killed by a machine-gun ball, and again in New Caledonia in the teeth of a Dutchman-Pincher attached to a Raider outfit. George, who weighs 36 pounds, waiting with started the fight, so he got no sympathy.

George actually participates in dice games. However, his presence in a game is not welcome because of a canine instinct which impels him to run away with the bones and bury them.

He also jumps off buildings at Yates' command and climbs trees in pursuit of lizards.

WHOSE TOOTH PASTE

The four men who participated in the School of Musical Knowledge contest on the Kay Kyser program at the Base theater on Feb. 23, have a flock of tooth paste waiting for them at the Base recreation office, Bldg. 14.



AWHOO! Charlie McCarthy, Bergen run-up boy, is fond of WBS. At MAS, Santa Barbara, Charlie "wop" Sgt. Al Shortridge (left) and PFC. Nadine Arjsten.

Scivvy Shirt Guides Amtrac

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—Corp. Alvin H. Ramus of Portland, Ore., made a daring night-time run in an amphibian tractor on D-night on Iwo Jima to carry urgently needed ammunition to the front lines despite a deadly hail of Jap mortar fire.

Ramus is a member of an "amtrac" battalion which carried the first waves of infantry of the veteran 1st Marine Division ashore on this planet.

After taking troops and supplies to the beach throughout D-Day, Ramus was ordered to carry other equipment to front line troops under the cover of darkness.

He not only took the supplies to the beach but carried them some 170 yards inland, to within 10 yards of the front lines at that point. Without lights, he drove the tractor through a mine field, guided by the white undershirt of a Marine officer who walked ahead of the tractor.

'Secret Weapon' Will Bring Quick 'Cleanup' to Jap War

CAMP PENDLETON—The Japs are going to be surprised to find when the Marine Corps lands its newest "secret weapon" on a Pacific beach is the very best fence.

A landing barge will shove its nose through the surf and slide its belly onto the beach. The frontal grid will crash down and a truck will leap from its innards, drawing behind it a lurching two-wheeled trailer with its contents shielded by a tarpaulin.

The Marine Corps now is pre-

pared to land these new, compact, two-trailer laundries with medical units soon after D-Day so that clean linen and clothes may be put into the hands of the troops. The percentage of skin diseases and infections reportedly traceable to soiled clothing will thus be considerably lowered.

The crews of these units are being trained thoroughly at this camp to operate and maintain these units in the field, by Maj. Raymond L. Ayres, Jr., quartermaster laundry officer and inspector.

Navy Cross Given Marine For Brave Bare Hand Fight

KLAMATH FALLS—The Navy Cross, the nation's second highest combat award, has been presented PFC. Francis Battigall of Mexico, N. Y., for his heroism at Eniwetok during the Marshall Islands campaign early last year.

Battigall fought for hours with nothing but his bare hands and a captured Jap bayonet, killed at least three Japs and was wounded himself just before the island was secured.

When the 21 veteran Leatherstocking Infantry unit landed on Eniwetok Island, he found his rifle, which had taken a terrific pounding in other landings, wouldn't function. Tossing the weapon away, he leaped into a foxhole and killed the Jap occupant with his bare hands. Then with the Jap's bayonet he moved on across the island, knocking off a couple more Japs on the way until he was stopped by a sniper's bullet through the legs within 50 yards of the far end of the island.

Battigall's Navy Cross was presented by 1st Lt. George Van Orden, commanding officer of this post, during a formal ceremony.

Jap War Dog Seen Beating a Retreat

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—A Japanese dog was observed in action on the third day of the fighting on Iwo Jima, the same day on which Machine dogs attached to the 34th Marines, 4th Div., were brought ashore.

The dog, a messenger, was sighted streaking through the brush toward the Japanese rear, apparently going from a Jap forward observation post which probably had been directing fire on the Marine landing area.

The dog was going too fast for Marines to sight in on him, so fire was turned on the spot from which he dog had emerged, with unknown but hopeful results.

It was known that the Japanese were employing dogs in combat in the same manner as American forces use them, but as far as is known here, this was the first time one had been seen in action.

Phoebe Fairfax in Advice to the Loveless

Do you have heart trouble? Oh, never? Emotional excitement? The Chevron has been fortunate to secure the services of Miss Phoebe Fairfax, one of the world's foremost authorities on love and all its symptoms, who will conduct a weekly column for the service of all Marine personnel. She will advise you on any and all problems of the heart—having her opinions on her many years of experience with service men. Address your letters c/o The Chevron, MCB, San Diego.

Here is the first letter received by the Chevron's new department:

"Dear Miss Fairfax: I have been out in the Pacific for nearly two years. My girl, who lives in San Diego, writes me that she is being faithful to my memory, going out only with service men. Do you think I have anything to worry about?" (Signed) "Anxious PFC."

"Dear Anxious: I wouldn't have the slightest worry if I were you. But that is because I'm not the worrying type." (Signed) "Phoebe."

Here's another letter from overseas.

"Dear Phoebe: My fiance writes me saying she wants to break off our engagement as she has decided to forego marriage for the sake of a career. What do you think?" (Signed) "Hastymark."

"Dear Hastymark: I think you had better find out if her 'career' doesn't wear trousers, drive a convertible and work in an essential industry. Phoebe."

This one from a WR:

"Dear Miss P: My friends say I am a very attractive young woman. I have been going with a sergeant here at the Base who tells me that I am the 'first woman' in his life. He says that he has a \$10,000-a-year job waiting for him in Chicago, a home on Lake Shore drive and a 1943 Buick convertible. Should I believe him and what do you think are his intentions?" (Signed) "Perplexed."

"Dear Perplexed: The automobile industry stopped making cars after 1941. Tell me, my dear, do you ever see the cartoons in the Chevron, drawn by Samson and titled 'The Wolf' by Phoebe?"



"For just a moment I thought I heard a terry whistle!"

Jap War Dog Now Serves Marines

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) — The first Japanese war dog captured in the Pacific—on Guam—has been retrained and will return to action against his former masters, according to Sgt. Phillip Joachim, combat correspondent.

The task of re-educating and disciplining the canine was undertaken by PFC Carl E. Bliss of West Syracuse, N. Y., currently attached to the 2nd Marine Division. The 24-year-old Leatherneck liked the shepherd-collie from first sight because of his obvious intelligence and requested permission to take him from the difficult instruction of a dog which understood only Japanese commands.

BOY RESPONDS TO NAME

Bliss' first move was to alter his new charge "Boy." His selection was a throwback to the grammar school days of calling the neighborhood pooch by the familiar "Here Boy! Here Boy!" The psychology worked, and "Boy" responded, though somewhat meekly, to his new name.

A military policeman, who happened by the war dog platoon and knew a little Japanese, helped the situation by giving Bliss a few key words. With that foundation, Bliss slowly began the transformation. In a matter of days, "Boy" was responding to his first commands and could do the regular "sit up" tricks common to household pets.

THWARTS JAP AMBUSH

After weeks of tedious work, "Boy" was taken on a shipboard tour, where his job was not to track down enemy soldiers, but to "show" if Japanese troops were in the area. "Boy" lived up to expectations and a two-man Jap ambush was thwarted.

The Japs escaped but "Boy" had proven himself, and thus became a full-fledged member of the 2nd War Dog Platoon.

Bliss, a Marine for nearly two and one-half years, has been over-



JAP WAR DOG—Wounded on Guam and captured by the Marines, the dog is shown here with his Marine master, PFC Carl E. Bliss.

seen for 11 months, and is a veteran of fighting both at Iwo and Saipan.

"My only request when I start for home," Bliss complained, "is that I can take 'Boy' with me. And I don't want him as a pet— I want him because I love him."

It took only one glance at "Boy," admiring eyes to see that he deserved.

Mortar Spells End Of 'Pineapple Kid'

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—The Pineapple Kid is dead—killed by Japs well out of range of his deadly hand grenades.

But Corp. John W. Geddings of Mason City, Ill., performed outstandingly before he was cut down by shell fragments in a deadly mortar barrage.

Just as at Chosin, in the Solomons Islands, where he won the Silver Star medal, Geddings was the pride of his outfit in this action.

He landed with the early assault waves of the 5th Marine Division's 27th Regiment under intense enemy artillery and mortar fire. His outfit moved slowly across the island and the "Kid" hurled grenades like baseballs—and with a pitcher's accuracy. That's how he won the Silver Star at Chosin—standing off approximately 20 Japanese with "pineapples"—hence the nickname.

Under the worst mortar barrage encountered in Pacific warfare, Geddings and his outfit advanced doggedly up the west coast of this island toward an enemy-held ridge. It was here that he and many of his comrades fell. By Staff Sgt. Tony Smith, combat correspondent.



IWO BREAKFAST. A hot sulphur pit on Iwo Jima doubles as a cooking range. Corp. Roy F. Webster (left) and Sgt. Dewaine J. Fisk heat their morning coffee. The pipe protruding from the mound was inserted by the Japs who used the hot water for steam baths.

Mother Nature Furnishes Iwo Cooking Facilities

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—5th Div. Marines have discovered what it means to fight on "Sulphur Island." In many parts of the island, they have had besides Japanese mortars, artillery and snipers, steaming sulphur beds to contend

with. During the few hours they have for much-needed sleep, they have had the vapors and even, purely unsatisfying something of being chilled on top by the cold night air and being practically baked underneath by the hot earth.

There is a silver lining in this cloud, though. The steaming ground is hot enough to heat food rations and one can get his food reasonably well cooked in about 15 to 20 minutes without too much trouble.

Radio Tokyo 'Wins' Iwo Jima Battle

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—In a communications office of the 5th Division the radio blared on. The Tokyo radio announcer was telling about the Marines' attack on Iwo Jima.

"The Imperial Forces have more than met everything the enemy has been able to throw at them. Late reports from the island state that the enemy had lost 12,000 killed in two days of fighting. Their losses since then have been heavy. Of the 200 tanks the enemy put ashore only a handful remain. One of our officers destroyed six tanks single-handed. Our air wings have sunk two large aircraft carriers; our

submarines, a cruiser. Shore batteries sank an unidentified vessel, scored hits on many warships. The superior forces of our Empire are winning. They have successfully withstood the enemy at every point. Here in Tokyo . . ."

Just then word came in from the 5th Division. Mt. Suribachi, highest point on Iwo Jima, was ours. The American flag was flying from the peak!

CONSERVATIVE, ANYWAY

She: "About how old would you say I was?"

He: "I should say about half what you really are."

Iwo Jima Tourists Show Curiosity

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—The worst must be over in the battle for Iwo Jima. In the manner of birds of good omen, small groups of sailor tourists from the ships lying off-shore are beginning to appear on the sand terraces. The sailors have an insatiable curiosity about wrecked pillboxes, gun positions and other of the more sordid features of war. — Staff Sgt. Frank Devine, combat correspondent.

USO Sign on Iwo May Be Jap Trap

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—A day or two after Marines stormed ashore on Iwo's terraced beaches a mysterious sign appeared on the chaotic stretches of the supply-littered lower beaches.

A large red arrow pointed up one of the sandy, dusty roads. Over the arrow was painted in huge letters: "USO Club."

Nobody has had time to visit the alleged club, but the cautious in that far-flung as the USO's outposts are, none has been planted on Iwo as yet.

Spotters On Spot

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The same artillery spotting unit which helped Marine gunners account for more than 3,000 Japs on Guam, landed on Iwo Jima seven days after Marines stormed ashore, and is now operating from Motoyama Airfield on the island's southern tip.

This same unit, flying tiny, two-place "Grasshopper" planes, also is credited with more than 100 trucks, 10 tanks and an unestimated number of warehouses and bivouac areas on Guam.

Unarmed and unarmored, the Grasshopper planes operate at altitudes as low as 50 feet above the ground, flying behind the enemy lines and directing the fire of Marine artillery.



IWO TRANSPORTATION. Only a short time was required for the beaches of Iwo to change from a debris-littered chaotic scene to a bustling center of supply activity. From the base of Mount Suribachi on the southern tip of the island to the northern ridges, huge quantities of vital supplies and equipment are landed daily. This view was snapped on a section of the northern beach where early assault troops encountered murderous enemy fire.

Scientific Show Featured Here Monday Night

An unusual program is slated for entertainment of all personnel at the Reg. Theater, March 26-27, at 8:00.

Irvin A. Moon, young scientist from the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, will use two tons of equipment in an unusual demonstration.

He will make steel float through the air, exhibit a bottle of cold liquid light and living creatures enlarged over two million times. He will let a million volts of electricity pass through his body.

The Chicagoan also will show an invisible death ray under which living objects die almost instantly. The exhibition is under sponsorship of Welfare and Recreation.



UNDERGROUND WARD. A wounded Iwo Marine is brought to the 1st Division evacuation hospital by his comrades. There he will receive 'on-the-spot' treatment before being evacuated to rear base medical centers.

Big Iwo Supply Problem Baffled Old Veterans

TWO JIMA (Delayed)—Marines on this God-forsaken volcanic island only 680 miles from Japan encountered the Corps' most difficult supply problem as well as its toughest foe.

Consider a pounding, eight-foot surf, which tossed heavy landing craft around like driftwood; soft, desert-like terrain which appreciably reduced mobility of troops and vehicles, and the most ingenious Jap defenses faced to date.

All of these factors pyramided the numerous, every-day headaches of Marines charged with the responsibility of getting guns, ammunition, food, water and other necessities of war onto this postage-stamp-sized rock.

In one organization alone, Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine's 3rd Marine Division which spearheaded the attack, some 20,000 tons of supplies were brought ashore.

"We came here as a floating reserve and, normally, our problems wouldn't have been too complex," Lt. Col. J. Donald Hittle, division logistics officer, said. "But we have certainly had our share."

He explained that surf precluded use of all light and medium landing craft in beaching supplies, and most of the division's tonnage has been handled by hand, by Marine replacements, 87 per cent of whom are in combat for the first time.

Considerably less than half the

tonnage would normally be handled by hand.

"The beach party Marines have done an outstanding job under constant heavy fire and most difficult circumstances," Col. Hittle declared. "Their devotion to duty and acts of heroism are almost too numerous to recount."

One LST (landing ship tank) was hit six times by artillery and heavy mortar shells, but the men continued unloading her.

Another LST was almost capsized by a mighty wave. Its cargo shifted, pinning a Marine's leg against the ramp and snapping it off.

A duck was washed 23 miles out at sea, but the driver stuck aboard with a valuable artillery cargo.



Sgt. VESSEY
... killed at Iwo

Flame Throwers, Sulphur Steam-heats Fox Holes

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—Stateside bath tubs have nothing on Iwo's steam-heated foxholes.

Despite penetrating cold of night air on the wind-swept volcanic island, some of the men now complain of overheated "quartiers."

Troops of the 2nd Battalion, 9th Regiment, accidentally discovered them during the 3rd Division's assault on main Jap defenses in the central part of the island.

In capturing a hill in the sulphur mine region north of bloody Motoyama Airfield No. 2, scores of caves and near-buried pillboxes were "burned out" by flame throwers.

The flames apparently ignited sulphur beneath the slope on which Marines had dug in for the night.

Considerable heat seeped through the loose, volcanic ash formation of the foxholes, comforting a majority of the veterans who had become accustomed to the tropical heat of Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Guam.

Artillery Laddies Hard To Please

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—The weary Marine artilleryman paused for a breath in his seemingly endless task of leading a smoking artillery piece, and muttered to Sgt. J. B. T. Campbell Jr., combat correspondent.

"Boy—you can't please everybody."

"This morning these infantry Marines were ready to kiss us when they saw our big guns rolling ashore behind them."

"Now what happens? Now the Nips are trying to smack these guns, so naturally we draw hate Jap fire to this area—and the line troops curse us!"

A guy who knows everything under the sun usually has shadows under his eyes.

TO US, TOO

PFC.: "I read in a book where Apollo was chasing a nymph and she turned into a tree."

Sgt.: "He was lucky. Those I chase always turn into a night club or restaurant!"



KEEPS 'EM TYPING. PFC. Anne E. Petro, Minneapolis, Minn., operates a typewriter repair shop at the Marine Corps Air Depot, Miramar, Cal. She overhauls an average of one machine a day, and services scores of others.

Mortar Blast Kills Marine Combat Correspondent

By TSGT. Keyes Beech
Combat Correspondent

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—Sgt. William T. Vessey of Oregon City, Ore., a Marine Corps combat correspondent, was killed by a mortar blast on Feb. 25, the day after he landed on this island with an assault battalion of the 28th Regiment.

The blast that killed Vessey wounded seven others in the regiment command post.

Lt. John T. Lloyd talked with Vessey as he lay awaiting evacuation.

"I asked him if he wanted a cigaret and he said, 'No.' I asked him if there was anything I could do for him and he shook his head. He did not seem to be in pain at the time," Lloyd said. "He was a brave man."

Vessey died approximately two hours later while being evacuated by two fellow correspondents and two photographers.

Fate plays some cruel tricks, and one of its cruelest was that Vessey, who was among the first, if not the first, correspondent to land on this island, should have survived the assault to be killed the following day in the comparative safety of the regimental command post.

Vessey landed in the fourth wave of the 1st Battalion, 28th Marines, the initial assault unit in the drive to capture Mt. Suribachi.

Less than three hours after landing Vessey had written his eyewitness story of the beginning of what was to develop into the toughest battle in Marine Corps history.

We met at the regimental command post some 200 yards from the landing beach on D-Day afternoon, and congratulated each other on being alive and unharmed.

Vessey was in excellent spirits and eager to write more stories.

ADVICE FOR VETERANS

NEW YORK—Corp. Max D. Novack, legal expert for Yank, has written a book designed to give GIs the lowdown on the rights of discharged service men and women. Entitled "How to Cash in on Your Discharge Benefits," the book will be published by Wm. H. Wise & Co., New York, and will sell for \$1.

Private Who Saves Platoon Says Feat Was 'Just Luck'

IWO JIMA (Delayed) The rifle platoon had moved far into enemy territory in the 27th Marines' sector along the east coast of the beach

when a Jap Nambu machine gun opened up from a carefully camouflaged pillbox.

The Japs had the range down to such a fine point that the lifting of a helmet or a rifle above the embankment brought heavy bursts from the Nambu.

The advance was stopped cold and the platoon was in grave danger of being wiped out when Pvt. Billy C. Menges of Cumberland, Md., took a hand in the situation.

He put a rifle grenade into the pillbox through a five-inch aperture and killed its occupants at a range of 50 yards.

"They tell me I got the platoon out of a jam," he said. "I was sure glad to do it. I was in it with them and I was scared plenty when I stuck my head up to get a good aim on that peep-hole. I guess it was just luck."

Marine slang includes many sea terms as well as Asiatic jargon, the latter carrying over from China service.

'Neutralize, Hell'

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Marine engineers of the famous 4th Div., which routed the Japs on Saipan and Tinian, agreed at their Pacific test base that the wording of citations accompanying their medals for bravery was the ultimate in understatement.

They marveled particularly at the phrasing when citations credited them with placing demolition charges where they would "neutralize" Jap positions in caves, pillboxes and dugouts. The latter was an engineer specialty, probably accounting for the deaths of hundreds of the enemy, reports Sgt. Jack Vincent, combat correspondent.

"Neutralize" spluttered one veteran. "They mean we blew the Japs to hell."





MAIL ON IWO. The first batch of mail to hit Iwo was dropped from C-47 transport planes. SCSgt. R. E. Taylor and TSgt. E. J. Doughty of the 4th Div. are sorting it.

Mail Parachuted To Battling Leathernecks On Iwo Isle

By SCSgt. David Dempsey, Combat Correspondent

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—Ordinarily, in this fast moving Pacific war, you put a post office up about a day after assault troops seize a beachhead. But not on Iwo Jima. Postal Marines of the 4th Div. didn't get ashore until 10 days after the initial landings. The beach pit which they set up was still receiving intermittent shell fire from Jap guns at the far end of the island. It wasn't that these boys are less willing to assume the risks it was their comrades in the line, but authorities gave ammunition and water a priority over the mail and it wasn't until we had plenty of fighting equipment that the post office was brought in. Less than a day after the mailmen dug in, C-47 transport planes arrived overhead and began dropping bags of mail by parachute. It was flown here from Saipan. And for 5,000 men in this island it was the nearest thing they could imagine to mail from heaven. "That's according to TSgt. E. J. Doughty of Summerville, Mass., senior enlisted man of the unit, "is what you really call air mail."

Gyrenes Invent Slingshot Beds

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—It's not what you have, it's what you do with it that counts. Marine Marines on this island first had some junk and no furniture. Now they have furniture, according to Sgt. Charles M. Canup, combat correspondent. An empty K-ration box can be improvised into a comfortable camp stool, a writing table, or a miniature bench. Even old tin cans are utilized—best currently for making "slingshot" beds. A slingshot bed is made of a frame of four by four with "springs" made of woven strips of rubber, four inches wide. Lately passengers of slingshot beds have been relaxing in the Pacific at least to watch their sleeping comfort.



SILVER STAR. An inspiration to his men by complete disregard for his own safety, in action on Iwo, TSgt. Charles V. Burnet was awarded the Silver Star Medal at a Base ceremony.

The Wolf by Sansone



Try again—guess the empty hand and win a kiss

Philippine Hero Killed by Iwo Sniper

By TSgt. Alvin M. Joseph Jr., Combat Correspondent

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—Sgt. Reid C. Chamberlain of El Cajon, Cal., hero of two years' fighting as a Philippine guerrilla who didn't want duty in the United States and who took his plea for more combat to the Marine Corps Commandant, was killed March 2 by a Jap sniper. The bullet which killed Chamberlain as he went toward the front lines ended one of the most amazing careers of the war. Chamberlain fought with the famous 4th Regiment in the Philippines, being wounded at Cavite and on Batang. He escaped from Corregidor before the surrender to the Japs in 1942. He fought with the guerrillas for two years, occasionally leaving the Jap-held island to smuggle guns and gasoline to the underground there. A corporal then, his heroism won him an Army field commission and, subsequent to his escape and return to the United States, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Army's second highest award for valor. Receiving his Army first lieutenant's commission, he was sent to Marine officers' school but his urge for more duty was so great he requested that he be transferred out of the school. The transfer was granted with the provision that his commanding officer would not transfer him further or send him overseas without the approval of the Commandant. Chamberlain, called a man with a "valuable temperament for combat," but in an official report for combat duty. Finally it was granted and he was sent to the 2nd Division, landing with the 21st Regiment on Iwo Jima. On Iwo, Chamberlain acted as a battalion runner. The day of his death he was going toward the front lines. The route passed the mouth of a series of caves in the side of a rocky ridge. A battle had been fought around the cave entrances just previously and dead Japanese lay in profusion. As he passed, there were three rifle shots. Chamberlain was struck in the head by one of the bullets and died instantly. Chamberlain was a quiet, unassuming youth, and a capable and respected leader. Not many of his companions knew of his previous adventures. Those who did knew that he was motivated by a desire to avenge his comrades who were lost at Corregidor. He was happy at the news, received just before he left for Iwo, of the liberation of many of the American prisoners in Manila. He looked forward to hearing that many of his former comrades were freed again. At MCRB recently, Sgt. Chamberlain told over the "Radio of War" radio program of his two years' hit-and-run warfare against the Japs in the Philippines. Highlighting his adventures was Chamberlain's securing of diesel engines and setting out for the China coast, intending to join Chinese guerrillas. His engine failed 70 miles at sea. Chamberlain and his companions drifted for 20 days, most of the time without food and with little water. Finally they landed back on the Philippines. With two Filipinos, Chamberlain later set sail in a native samboat for Australia. But he changed his mind and returned to join a large guerrilla outfit.



Sgt. Reid C. Chamberlain, killed March 2, 1945.

Passover Service Begins Next Week

The festival of freedom observed by the Jewish people all over the world, Passover, will begin at sundown, March 28, and continue throughout the week until sundown April 4. Arrangements have been made for the observance of Passover by members of the Marine Corps at MCRB. Base personnel may, if they can be spared from their duties, be granted liberty from 1900, March 28, to 1800, March 30. Personnel in 1947 and Women's Staging Area may be granted liberty on March 28 and 29 from 1700 to 2400 to attend the Passover festival at San Diego. They also will have opportunity to attend the Passover service at 0830, North Chapel, NTC, March 29 and April 5. Men in Recruit Depot will be taken by motor transport to attend the Passover Seder at 1800, mess hall 16, Camp Detachment NTC, and at 0830, March 29 and April 5, North Chapel, NTC.

List of Wife Don'ts

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARIANAS (Delayed)—Here is a list of "don'ts" for wives and prospective brides of GIs from this theater of war: Don't suggest taking a trip to the beach. It's been looking at nothing but sand and seawater for the past two years or longer. Don't say anything about going on a picnic. He's been living in tents, braving away flies, insects and other vermin during most of his entire tour of duty. Don't suggest going to a picture show—at least, not a while. The movies being the only form of recreation he had, the GI missed hardly any; many shows he saw two and three times. On the cooking side—don't scramble his eggs. That's the way all Japs eggs are cooked. Fix the eggs the way he likes them—usually, sunny-side up. Don't wash the potatoes. That's usually the way dehydrated potatoes are served. Most men prefer French fries. Probably not necessary to mention here—Don't serve canned luncheon meats. Serve as much fresh as possible—heavy on the steak. Don't throw cold water on any of his plans, such as making a swing of the hot spots, or even spending six months in a cabin in the mountains—away from everyone. Service men out here have been thinking and planning a long time about what to do when they get back, so DON'T, DON'T disappoint them.

Marines of Three Divisions Laid to Final Rest on Iwo

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—Three Marine divisions are finding the grim job of burying their dead, like all tasks on this strange island, a difficult one. Two divisions, the 3rd and 4th, are laying out their cemetery plots on the ash-colored slopes above the southeastern beaches where the initial landings were made. The 5th Division's burial ground overlooks the southwestern beach, in the shadow of the bloody volcano, Mt. Suribachi, which fell to the assault of the division's 28th Regiment. Individual burial services are being conducted for each man as his body is laid out in long, deep trenches, bulldozed out of the deep lava soil. After four hours through rain and shine of thunderous days, Navy chaplains bow their head in prayer as here's bodies are committed to their final resting places. The final prayers are offered by the chaplains on duty. Later, when the cemeteries have received their last bodies, special memorial services for Protestants, Catholics and Japs will be conducted at each of the three burial grounds. The men of graves registration units who between the beach and southeastern slopes were under constant shell fire from the Japs. Guarding against the possibility of later misidentification of graves in the shifting volcanic gravel, graves registration officers have carefully surveyed the plots in relation to permanent landmarks. Each grave is 9 1/2 feet from head marker to head marker, and 3 feet from side to side. An American flag decorates each body as individual committal services are read. A few Marines, including some who died in the early hours of the fighting here and some who died on hospital ships off shore, were buried at sea. Young Marine Upgraded To Warrant Officer With six years in the Marine Corps, Robert E. Gray has accepted appointment as warrant officer, becoming one of the youngest of that rank here at the Base. Wt. Gray received his appointment Feb. 16. Enlisting in the Corps in April, 1939, the 24-year-old Leatherneck wears the American Defense Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific with one star and the Presidential Unit Citation with one star.



NAVY CROSS. For gallantry in action against the Japs at Saipan, the Navy Cross Medal was awarded to Sgt. James T. Mitchell in a ceremony at the Oakland Naval Hospital.

New Navy SB2C-4 Packs Real Punch

The SB2C-4—the Navy's newest carrier plane which participated in the recent raids on Tokyo—packs the biggest punch ever carried by a single-engine aircraft. In addition to the "more-than-1000-pound" bomb load carried in the belly, as predecessors of this type, the new plane mounts 20 mm. cannon in each wing, carries another 1000 pounds of bombs in wing racks and shoots eight 5-in. rockets from similar positions.

Dempsey Lands Gyrene Fighting Spirit

PEARL HARBOR (Delayed)—Take it from the famous Kansas boxer—"The United States Marines are one of the greatest bunch of kids and fighters the world has ever known."

Hench Sands Base Diamond Squad Through Drills

Base athletic activity slowed down last week as basketball teams went back to the month drills and ice drill practices opened.

Corp. Don Hench, former University of Pennsylvania star, will tutor the Base baseball team, defending 11th Naval District champs. Hench plans to prove the present 35-man squad is 16 by next week.

Maj. Ernie Nevers, Base athletic officer, again issued the call for "all low handicap golfers" to report either to the gym or to the office in the baseball stadium. Maj. Nevers also issued a call for all volleyball performers to represent the Base in a future tournament.

Forward Dye scored the winning basket to give the Dentals a 32-31 overtime decision over the Base Dispensary in the intra-Base loop last week. Cranston's 13 tactics paced the winners with McElure scoring 12 for the Dispensary team.

Guard Battalion whipped Servico Battalion, 37-24, and Signal Battalion downed Fire Dept., 36-26, in other matches.

Comdr. Dempsey, who is awaiting transportation en route to forward Pacific areas on an inspection and morale tour in his capacity as director of the U. S. Coast Guard's physical education and recreation program, summed up his impression of the Marines after reminiscing early fights officiated by Col. Miller, one of his closest friends since 1916.

The ex-fight king said many of the sports stars who used to thrill boxing fans before the war with displays of gameness and aggressiveness now are showing infinitely greater courage on the world's battle fronts with Marine and other combat services.

"I've been following the action stories about the Marines at Iwo Jima and previous operations in the Pacific," Comdr. Dempsey announced. "They deserve all the credit anyone can give them. They are one of the greatest bunch of kids and fighters the world has ever known."

"The reason for Marine supremacy in every battle they engage in

is simple," he said. "Like expert boxers they are given excellent advanced training. That is supported by their tradition and the determination to win, regardless."

Comdr. Dempsey pointed out that high examples set by Marines often inspire Navy and Coast Guardsmen who courageously man Navy ships and assault crafts and share the dangerous landings with Leatherneck assault troops.

The commander will leave soon on a tour which will take him into the China-Burma-India theater.

As a roving athletic and morale facfinder, Dempsey will determine what Coast Guardsmen desire in the line of new recreation and to learn what additional athletic facilities can be provided.

Recounting the ex-champ's 309 professional ring matches, Comdr. Dempsey and Col. Miller recalled Dempsey's toughest fight. No, it was not Gene Tunney, Luis Angel Firpo, Jess Willard or Bill Brennan, but rather "Soldier" Johnny Sundenberg. He once had Dempsey on the floor nine times before Jack knocked him out.

Marine Defeats Chess Champion

One lone player out of 47 contestants was able last week to best Herman Steiner, Olympic team member and former national open chess champion, who took on all players at one sitting in the San Diego Chess Club.

The single victor over Steiner was a Marine, Corp. Z. T. McKinney, attached to Headquarters Company, Hq. Bn., at MCB.

Miramar Cagers Win 60th Game

KLAMATH FALLS—Miramar's strong Fliers, 11th Naval District champs, won their 60th game here Thursday night by squeaking past the Klamath Falls cagers, 55-53, in a close tangle.

Gilbert and J. Fox led the losers with 17 points each while Sgt. Pat Hink scored 16 for Miramar.



BOXING BUDDIES. Col. Harvey L. Miller, former president of the National Boxing Commission, shakes hands with Comdr. Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight great and now U. S. Coast Guard physical education director.

Through the Sporthole

... with PFC. Norris Anderson

This column is being instigated mainly in compliance with requests from overseas Chevron readers for scenes from the national sports picture.

Leatherneck sports activity along the West Coast is logged in full on these pages for the benefit of readers in the area. It is copy on "nationals" like Sammy Sneed, the major leaguers and pro gridlers that is devoured overseas where civilian newspapers are fully as scarce as caviar at company mess.

New Pro Grid League

Enough post-war professional football leagues are now in the embryo stage to assure at least one definite rival to the present National Pro loop. Top league organized thus far is the All-America Football Conference.

Five of the eight teams involved in the All-America loop are staffed with "name" head coaches and assistants. Two stalwart Marine officers, Lt. Col. Dick Hanley and Maj. Ernie Nevers, will team as head tutor and assistant for the Chicago entry.

While the present National league depends entirely upon major league baseball parks for playing fields, the All-America loop teams will all have their own gridirons. The cross-country travel angle (members hail from Miami to Los Angeles to New York) will naturally be handled by the post war airlines. Here's a thumbnail sketch of the loop:

Commissioner—Lt. Comdr. James H. Crowley, one-time Four Horseman and erstwhile Fordham coach, has signed a five-year contract for the position at 25 thousand dollars a year. Another Four Horseman, Elmer Layden, receives the identical salary for his post as commissioner of the National league.

Cleveland—Lt. (jg) Paul Brown, Ohio State builder, has signed as head coach and general manager. Owner Arthur McElride has made arrangements for the team to perform in Municipal Stadium, seating capacity 83 thousand.

Miami—Lt. Comdr. Jack Meagher, present Iowa Sea-hawk coach, will be head tutor with Ens. Hampton Pool, former Chicago Bear end, as assistant. Owner Harvey Hester has contracted the Orange Bowl, seating capacity 25 thousand.

San Francisco—Head coach will be Santa Clara's Buck Shaw. Owner Anthony Morabito, lumber king, will use Kezar Stadium, seating capacity 60 thousand.

Buffalo—Co-owner Sara Coslovano will double as head coach. Buffalo's Mundy stadium, seating capacity 58 thousand, will be used. Columbia's passing wizard, Marine 2d Lt. Paul Governali, has already been signed.

New York—Owned by a syndicate, headed by Mrs. Lou Gehrig. No coach announced yet but such stars as Tulsa's Glenn Tobbs and Minnesota's Bill Daley have been signed. Triborough Stadium, seating capacity 48 thousand, will be used.

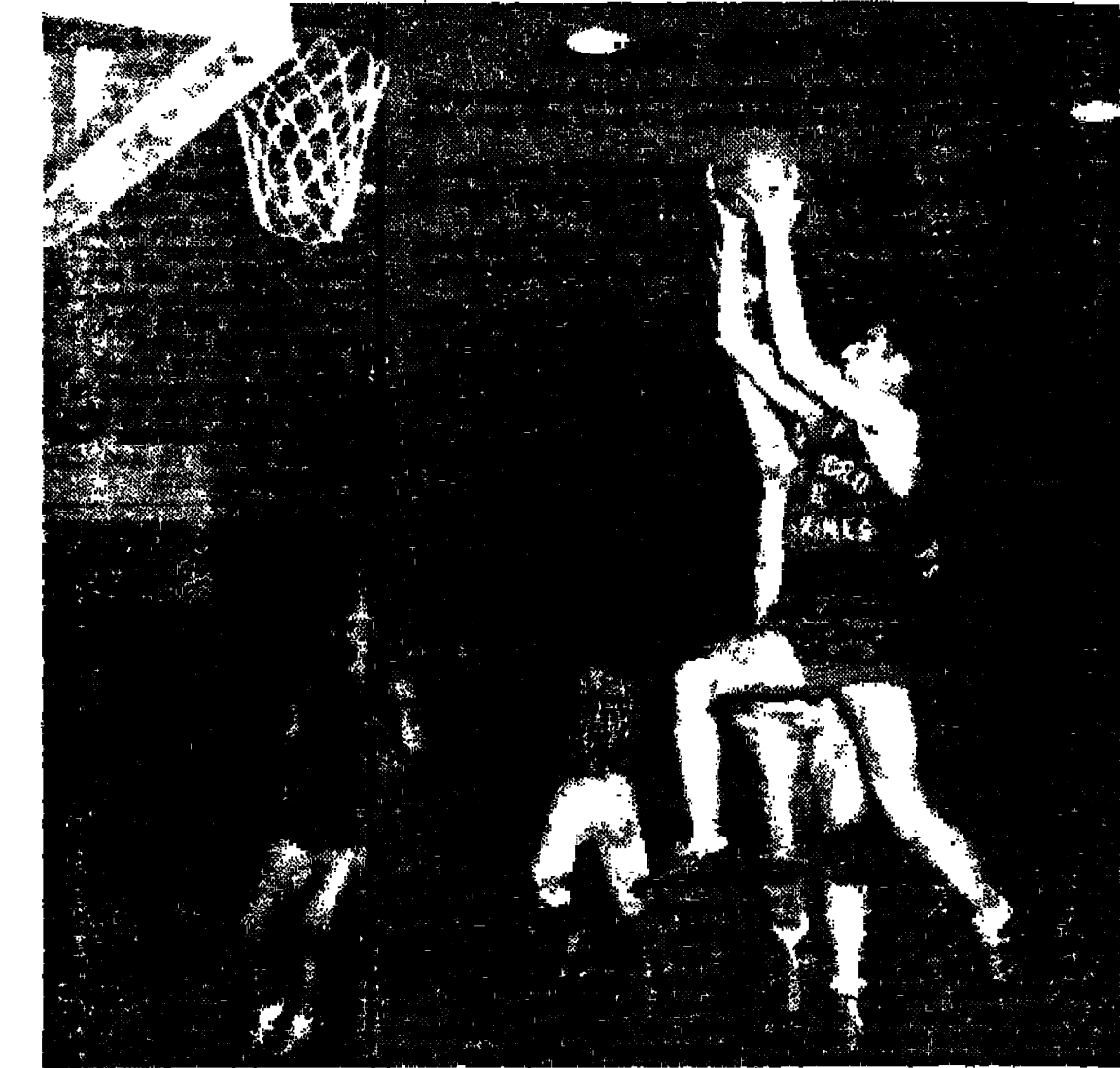
Los Angeles—Co-owners Don Ameche and Christy Walsh are negotiating for the gigantic Coliseum, seating capacity 90 thousand. 2d Lt. Angelo Bertelli, now an Iwo Marine, has been contracted but no coach has been signed.

Chicago—Soldier Field, largest site in the loop with a seating space for 120 thousand, has been contracted for a 10-year period. The Nevers-Hanley duo will work for Owner John L. Keeshin.

Weekly Sports Newsreel

Slammin' Sammy Sneed and Byron Nelson carried their 20-karat golf feud to the limit in the Charlotte, N. C., \$10,000 open. Deadlocked with a 72-hole compilation of 272 at the end of the tourney, America's ranking linksman required two 18-hole play-offs before Nelson emerged victor.

... Rapid Robert Feller, two years overseas duty as a Navy chief behind him, reported to Great Lakes as head baseball coach and head hurler. ... DePaul broke all records by topping Rhode Island State, 97-53, to reach the finals in the National Madison Square Garden basketball meet. Center George Mikan scored 53 points!



SETUP ATTEMPT. Sgt. Vernon Neel, 1st Twp. forward, leaps for the bucket during the MarFalt-Miramar championship tussle at Santa Barbara. Miramar won the fray, 48-17, for the grand title.

Strong Lejeune Cagers Finish Season

CAMP LEJEUNE—Camp Lejeune's Marine quintet—winner of 21 games in 25 tries this season—took time out from storing away its court gear yesterday to choose an all-opponent five worthy of any floor.

Horace "Bones" McKinney (N. C. State) of Fort Bragg, Otto Graham (Northwestern) of North Carolina, Preflight School, Orau McKinney (Western Kentucky) of Cherry Point, Hank Beenders (Long Island University) of Blumenthal Army Air Base, and Marion Spears (Kentucky) of Camp Mackall comprised the Marine all-opponent quintet.

After early season losses to Duke and Camp Mackall—both while three regulars were furloughing—the club lost only to Cherry Point, with whom it split four decisions.

Impressive triumphs were scored over North Carolina Preflight, Morris Field's Fliers, Columbia Army Air Base, Camp Mackall (in a second meeting when at full strength), Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Station, and Fort Bragg, defending Southeastern service court champions.

Paced by All-American Jack

Maddox of West Texas State Teachers, the Lejeune Marines averaged more than 50 points per contest totaling 1254 in all, against only 864. Maddox, although playing only six complete games and parts of 10 others, tallied 260 points. Highest one-game count scored by the Leathernecks came against Seymour-Johnson Field, as they won, 32-43.

Coaching the club was Lt. Wesley Bennett, himself an All-American performer at Westquater College in 1936, when he paced the nation's scorers.

Miramar Downs El Toro For MarFair Coast Cage Championship



UPSY-DAISY! Two MarFair performers leap to retrieve a rebound during an early-round battle with Mojave in the recent West Coast tourney. Mojave noed out the MarFair courtmen, 47-46, in one of the season's fastest court battles.

Miramar won the MarFair West Coast basketball championship at the Marine Corps Air Station in Santa Barbara last week, defeating a fighting El Toro five, 48-43. It was Miramar's 59th victory in 65 games this season.

Consolation trophy went to the Mojave team, which beat El Centro 54-47 in the consolation play-off.

TSgt. George Nelmark, El Centro center, judged outstanding individual player, won a gold statuette.

Miramar and El Centro played a tightly contested, highly defensive game. Half-time score stood at 21-16, Miramar's lead, but their superior shooting skill gave them a decisive edge in the second half.

A spirited El Toro rally late in the game netted 7 points in less than a minute against the Miramar second string, but Coach PFC Kenny Smith quickly sent in his regulars to curb the scoring and won by a 5-point margin. High scorer was PFC Dick Evans, center of the losers, who sank 17 points.

TOP EL CENTRO

Miramar soared through tournament games as they knocked off El Centro 60-41 and Mojave 50-28. El Toro drew a bye and then defeated Santa Barbara 54-44.

The smoothly operating Miramar players began their victory march in the opening game Saturday afternoon, downing El Centro 60-41. The game was close during the first half, ending 22-19, but Miramar's superior power and shooting accuracy paid off heavily in the final period, in spite of the speed and deft ball-handling of the top scorer, TSgt. George Nelmark, El Centro coach, manager and captain, who accounted for 18 points.

In a see-saw game which went into an extra five minutes to break a tie, Mojave defeated North Is-

land's MarFair West team by a single point, 47-46, in the second game of the afternoon. The fast, tricky playing of Mojave's TSGT. Fenton Oveson, team captain, accounted for 16 points but high scorer in the game was North Island's SstSgt. Howard Kuebler who piled up 20.

EL TORO WINS

In the first game of the evening's play, El Toro swamped Santa Barbara, 53-34. The local cage men were unable to break through the Bulls' defense and their shooting was wild. Eighteen of Santa Barbara's points were scored on fast throws.

The consolation semi-final during the afternoon saw El Centro down MarFair West, 54-41, after the Islanders led 26-23 at the half. Nelmark high-scored at 20 points, sinking 16 in the second half alone.

Mojave then swamped the Santa Barbara quintet, 63-47, with the desert men's captain and star forward, TSgt. Fenton Oveson, ringing up a top 17 counts.

PERMANENT TROPHY

The championship gold cup will be held permanently by the Miramar five, and each member wears a tiny gold basketball. Silver basketballs went to the El Toro team, runners-up.

El Centro's Nelmark, whom "Oscar" for the outstanding player is also a permanent award, played ball at State Teachers College, Kirksville, Mo., and later was a professional at Oshkosh, Wis.

Box score of the championship game:

Miramar (48)	(43) El Toro
PFC Thomas E. Campbell (8) .. F.....	Sgt. Vernon Neal
Corp. Frank J. Flannery (12) .. F.....	Pvt. James Paffy
Sgt. Bob Brown (8) .. G.....	(17) PFC Dick Evans
TSgt. Frank Sabo (Capt.) (7) .. G.....	(8) PFC Sig Stjorden
Sgt. Pat Blutz (11) .. G.....	(6) Corp. Walter Day
Substitutions: Miramar—Corp. Frank Otway, F; Pvt. Alvin Schroeder, G; PFC John E. Sanders (2), F; TSgt. Robert Morris, C; Lt. D. W. Duffey, G. El Toro—PFC Jack Stathem, F; PFC Emory Toth (4), F; Corp. Ernie Lewis (4), F; Lt. Leon Ulmes, G; SstSgt. Pete Raftery, G.	

Gridiron Star Mouse-Trapped On Iwo

IWO JIMA (Delayed) — Getting 'mouse-trapped' in football is bad enough, but 2dLt. Robert A. Dethman, former Oregon State College athletic star, found it almost deadly embarrassing to be caught at night in a front-line foxhole with a broken rifle and Japs creeping around outside.

Telling of his harrowing experiences, while Jap artillery crackled overhead, Lt. Dethman said, "Guess the old football strategy of waiting for an opening and then making a run for it worked out again."

His mortar unit of the 5th Marine Division's 26th Regiment was protecting a front-line command post when several Jap snipers and a mortar and artillery barrage

opened up late in the afternoon.

"They kept us pinned right in that foxhole and we couldn't move an inch," Dethman said. "The only rifle we had was Costley's (his runner) and that had been broken earlier that afternoon."

Young Costley broke in to tell his story. "Early in the afternoon I heard a shell coming my way. I dived for a foxhole, but the mortar exploded nearby before I could drag the rifle into the hole with me. A steel fragment struck the rifle, broke the operating rod and made it useless except for the one round in the chamber."

"Night came and we were still pinned in the foxhole," Dethman said. "We could see Japs crawling

around, and one came about six feet from our hole but we didn't want to give ourselves away unless we had to. We wanted that one round if we 'really' needed it. We had our knives ready, just in case.

"Finally, about midnight, we made a run for it and jumped into another foxhole. Two other Marines were in it and they almost shot us. They didn't know what was coming off when we dived in on them. I guess we were just lucky all the way around," Dethman sighed.

Dethman, 27, of Hood River, Ore., was named to the backfield of several All-American teams in 1941. His Oregon State team defeated Duke University in the war-transplanted Rose Bowl game at Durham, N. C., on Jan. 1, 1942.

Miramar Boxers Score Triumphs

MIRAMAR — PFC. Nick Ragusan, touted middleweight scrapper, was defeated by classy Eddie Marcus, Camp Elliott sailor, in the main event of a recent Miramar boxing show. Ex-Marine Barney Ross, former world lightweight and welterweight champ, refereed the matches.

PFC. Cliff Patton of Miramar won a three-round decision over Tony Mandos of Camp Elliott in the semi-final bout, a 160-pound match.

Miramar scrappers emerged unbeaten in the San Diego Coliseum boxing matches. Ragusan won a decision over Jim Wismer, NAS; Patton drew with Al Pittman, Camp Elliott, and PFC. Dick Borja, 126 pounds of Miramar, scored a one-round knockout over "Sonnyboy" Broquet, Consolidated civilian.

Sgt. Mike Triolo tutors the Miramar boxers.



STANDOUT PLAYER. TSgt. George Nelmark, El Centro pivot, is congratulated by 1stLt. Cliff Battles, former pro football luminary and now West Coast recreation officer, for being chosen outstanding individual in the recent Santa Barbara tourney.



WINNING CAPTAIN, MTSgt. Frank M. Sabo, captain of the Miramar Fliers, receives the Marine Fleet Air West Coast basketball trophy for his team from 1stLt. Cliff Battles, recreation officer.

Gyrenes Win Puget Sound Championship Second Time

BREMERTON — The Marine Barracks eagles capped the All-Navy League championship in the Puget Sound Navy Yard for the second straight year when they faced to a fast 66-51 victory over the Naval Receiving Station quintet in the final game of the double elimination playoff at Graven Center here.

Sgt. Jim Burroughs, high-scoring forward from Alameda, was the high scorer for the evening with 27 points, while Pvt. John Johnson, a center, and Pvt. Willard Patrick, a forward, counted 14 and 11 points, respectively, for the Ma-

rine "Hardwooders". El Grimmer, a lanky center, led the Receiving Station team with 20 points and Forward Paul trailed him with 16.

There are nine teams in this league. Each year after the two regular rounds are played, the teams are seeded and a double elimination playoff is held to determine the title winner. Lineups:

Miramar (66)	(51) Gyrenes
Burroughs (27) .. F.....	(18) Paul Johnson (11) .. F.....
Johnson (14) .. G.....	(12) Grimmer
Kochran (14) .. G.....	(1) Dahl
Jenkins (8) .. G.....	(2) Frueh
Substitutions: Miramar — Forward (2), Receiving Station — Subfield (7).	

General Smith Praises Iwo Jima Marines

(From a statement by Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, USMC, Commanding Expeditionary Troops, at the flag raising and taking possession of the island of Iwo Jima.)

For 169 years the motto of the Marine Corps has been 'Semper Fidelis' (always faithful).

This motto has never been tried or challenged as greatly as in the capture of Iwo Jima. To be faithful to one's country and Corps under the conditions prevalent throughout this battle has demanded every ounce of loyalty and courage in our Marines, and they have not been found lacking.

The capture of Iwo Jima, an outlying prefecture of Tokyo, was considered essential by those in whose hands the destiny of our nation lies. The cost of winning this objective was no doubt weighed carefully against the importance of having this island as an operating base, and in speeding the ultimate defeat of Japan. When the capture of an enemy position is necessary to winning a war, it is not within our province to evaluate the cost in money, time, equipment or, most of all, human life. We are told what our objective is to be and we prepare to do the job knowing that all evaluations have been considered by those who give us our orders.

This operation was carefully planned. Its execution was entrusted to those whose experience in fighting the Jap is not excelled.

The Commander of the 5th Amphibious Force was the over all Commander of all amphibious forces engaged in the Solomon, Gilbert, Marshall and Marianas campaigns. Many of the Naval commanders in this present force have previously proved themselves under fire.

The Commanding General of the 5th Amphibious Corps has proved his ability at Roi-Namur, Saipan and Tinian, and the Generals of the three Marine Divisions, as well as members of their staffs, have outstanding backgrounds in World War I, and many have proved their ability in amphibious warfare against the Jap at Guadalcanal, Bougainville, Tarawa, Roi-Namur, Saipan, Tinian and Guam.

We knew we were faced with a formidable enemy who would fight tenaciously in the defense of his homeland. We knew that we had only one way to attack—by frontal assault. We knew the Jap had had years to perfect his defenses. In doing so he could register every available weapon on the only beaches possible for a landing, as well as fortify every yard of ground that we would have to take before the island could be seized.

Consequently we assembled a team that I feel is incomparable in all our history as to completeness—Submarines, Army, Navy and Marine Corps Fleet Battleships, Cruisers, Aircraft Carriers,

Destroyers, Transports and auxiliaries of all kinds. Our preparation for attack lasted for over two months. Starting on D-Day and continuing throughout the battle, the Naval gunfire and air support by carrier based planes contributed in heroic measure to the accomplishment of our mission. Every effort was taken to accomplish our mission with as little loss of life as possible.

We found after we had established our beachhead that the enemy had honeycombed the entire island with caves and tunnels into which he crawled when our artillery, bombing and naval gunfire were laying a barrage, only to reappear when the barrage lifted to man his thousands of pillboxes and other defenses against our advancing troops. Our Marines had to rout them out with their infantry weapons and in hand-to-hand combat.

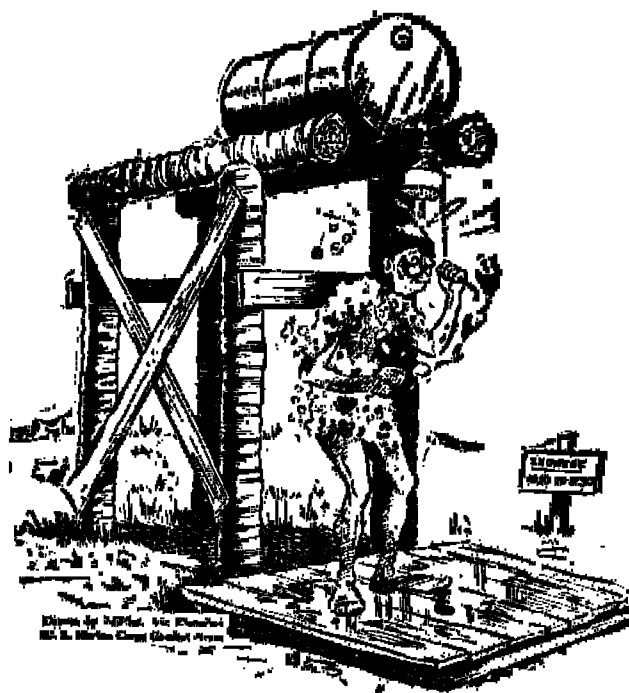
To those who take counsel in their hearts there is no glory in war—sacrifice, misery, suffering and death are the companions of battle and it is only by bearing these successfully that victory is possible. In the seizure of an objective like Iwo only the courage in the hearts of the men and their willingness to give their all for their country makes victory possible. Frontal assault against prepared defenses was our only choice of attack. Because of those who have made the supreme sacrifice, those who have been wounded and those who will continue the fight with love of God and country, we have conquered Iwo Jima. We bow our heads in humble appreciation to those who, never questioning their orders, have made Iwo Jima ours.

Civilian Medical Aid

Under a decision of the Assistant Comptroller General of the United States the Navy Department may now defray expenses of emergency medical and hospital treatment of enlisted personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps, obtained from civilian sources, while on leave or liberty.

Expenses for civilian medical and hospital treatment will be allowed only in emergency cases where it is impracticable to obtain treat-

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ment from Naval or other Government facilities.

Enlisted personnel who become ill or injured while on leave of absence or liberty shall apply, if practicable, to the nearest Naval station or Naval activity, if one is located in the vicinity; if none available, application should be made to the medical department of any other Government agency. When neither is available the individual concerned should contact his commanding officer by telephone or telegraph requesting permission to obtain civilian medical aid.

Commanding officers may authorize such necessary emergency treatment as the circumstances seem to warrant, and should give appropriate instructions regarding submission of reports and bills and disposition of the case upon completion of treatment.

* * * 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.

Air Wing Insignia

Editor, The Chevron—My husband is attached to the 4th Air Wing and I am anxious to know what their insignia patch looks like. I don't believe I've ever seen one. Do the various Marine Air Groups have insignia, too? MANY TAUTON

Chicago, Ill.
Editor's note—Although the 4th Air Wing is entitled to a patch, there has been none adopted so far as we know. Many of the patches being sold are the aircraft identification insignia and not to be worn on the shoulder. The 3rd Air Wing has the patch authorized. There is no direct authorization for a patch for the Marine Air Groups.

'Civilyun' Protests

Editor, The Chevron—Maybe I can't take a joke but some things are carried too far. If Sgt. A. B. Hennemann is supposed to be funny I wish he would find another subject. "The Strangest Invasion of the War," Chevron, March 10. I am one of your 'civilyuns' not old enough to join the WRs; and, as for women whistling first, I happen to be from where the man-shortage is the greatest and many of us don't miss the men at all. Sure we wave at passing troops; but, at least, we just wave. We don't jump up on your trucks and kiss every man from general down to private. Many of us don't have to be pretty or wink at the clerk to get cigarettes, either, because we don't want cigarettes. But, as far as I can see, the servicemen don't like that type of 'native'. I know there are some like you said but remember you'll be a 'civilyun' yourself again some day.

NAMIE WITHELD

San Diego, Cal.

Howitzer Battalion

Editor, The Chevron—I served with the 2nd Div. on Tarawa and with Corps Artillery on Saipan and Guam. My record book states I rate the Pacific Asiatic ribbon with three stars and the Presidential Unit Citation with one star. I returned to the States right after Guam. I received a letter from a buddy who says we rate two more stars in the Presidential ribbon—one for Saipan and one for Guam. We supported all divisions on each of these islands. My Corps Arty. address was "B" Btry, 2nd 155mm. Howitzer Bn.

PRC. W. D. RAYSON

NY, Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor's note—The 4th 155mm. Howitzer Bn., Corps Arty., 5th Amph. Corps, is the only 155mm. battalion we have on record as rating the Presidential Unit Citation for Saipan. There is no mention of a citation for the Guam operation. In view of these facts we would imagine you rate only the star for Tarawa. If you are not satisfied with these records, we would suggest you write to your old first sergeant and get him to set your records straight. There are always hard for us in determining because there is no way of telling whether the equipment itself was detached to another unit.

Now Chevron Named

Editor, The Chevron—Yes, I was in the 1st Bn., 4th Marines, when the Now Chevron was born. The name was submitted by Chester Davis (GySgt.) now CWO. He was awarded a \$10 prize, but he owed more than that at the time. A corporal named Kenney was the first editor and one feature was the public column to which I contributed "The Face on the Bar-Room Floor".

Davis and Kenney were in Co. "B" and the CO at that time is now a high-ranking officer near San Diego. I think it was the year 1933. We all evacuated Nicaragua the year of 1933. Oh, yes, those Marines at the time were all old China hands. However, I stumbled up the Whang-poo in December, 1914, some 20 years before and met Chinese there that recognized me from the time I used to be on the USS Saratoga and the USS Halveston. Those were the good old days. Save a corner bunk for me at the Marine Corps Base as I may drop in at any time.

C. T. TWONIG

MCAS, El Centro, Cal.

'Airline Ribbon'

Editor, The Chevron—Before coming into the Marine Corps I was employed by an airline. This airline was on contract with the Air Transport Command, United States Army. For 22 months I was serving with the airline and ATC in the Alouatta, Alaska and Canada. Does this give me the privilege of wearing a service ribbon?

PRC. J. A. ANDERSON

NAS, San Diego, Ind.

Editor's note—Service ribbons are for the duties and acts of valor in the armed services. This airline could not possibly be a part of these forces.

Medals of Honor

Editor, The Chevron—Recently I heard that GySgt. John Basilone was killed on Iwo Jima. If I am correct, are not two Marine enlisted men holding the Medal of Honor (and both from Minnesota, too)—Sgt. R. H. Sorenson and PFC. L. C. Hawkins?

DAVE SCHULTZ

Winona, Minn.

Editor's note—Enlisted Medal of Honor holders to date in our records are: GySgt. John Basilone, SSgt. William Bordelon, Sgt. Clyde Thomason, Sgt. Herbert J. Thomas, PFCs Richard Anderson, Richard Sorenson and Henry Gurke. You heard correctly about the death of GySgt. John Basilone. (See Chevron, March 17.)

Pictures to Families

Editor, The Chevron—The March 17 edition of the Chevron carried a request by Mrs. L. E. Vick for a picture of the 4th Marine Division cemetery on Saipan. I feel certain that Mrs. Vick and many thousands of other mothers, brothers and sisters would appreciate a photo showing the burial site of their loved ones. Why wouldn't it be possible for the Marine Corps to send a picture of the cemetery and the individual's grave to the closest relative of the Marine who gave his life in the service of his country?

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Vet Of 34 Years Gets Late Award

Miller's present duty is with the Marine Guard Detachment at the Navy Fuel Depot, Point Loma, Cal. He holds the Good Conduct Medal with seven bars, Dominican Campaign Medal, Mexican Service Medal, Victory Medal, Haitian Campaign Medal, Yangtze Service Medal, Expeditionary Medal, Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal and Philippine Campaign Medal.

TWO JIMA (Delayed)—Japs on Iwo, who should know, rate the effectiveness of Uncle Sam's weapons against them in the following order:
First, naval gunfire; second, artillery; third, mortars, and fourth, a team-up between aerial bombardment and rocks.

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Male Call

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

Briefs for Observation Mission



The Jokers Who Take The 'Uniform' Out Of 'Uniformity'



by Script. E. L. Warner

THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

Monday—30,000 NAZIS BREAK FOR RHINE IN PANIC
Tuesday—TOUGHER FIGHTING AHEAD SAYS TWO LEADER
Wednesday—JAPAN GIVEN HEAVIEST AIR BATTERING
Thursday—NAZIS SUFFER 100,000 CASUALTIES IN SAAR
Friday—RUSSIANS READY FOR FINAL DRIVE ON BERLIN

GREEN COVE SPRINGS, Fla.—City officials came to work one day to find G. B. Mopley, 76-year-old prospector, digging for gold in the sidewalk before the city office. He insisted that \$4,000,000 worth of buccanier loot lay buried beneath the pavements. The city officials balked, made him fill in his nine-foot mineshaft.

YONKERS, N. Y.—A court clerk, collecting traffic fines, took a double take when he saw one of his clients was Yonkers' Mayor Curtis Frank, who sheepishly paid a \$1 fine for overtime parking in front of the city jail.

KANSAS CITY—While Ernie Mett was attending a movie, someone broke into his automobile, stole nothing but a dog bone.

INDIANAPOLIS—Police here have broken up a vicious sled-stealing gang with the apprehension of eight small boys and the recovery of a number of "hot" sleds.

MONTW, Ida.—A local boy, 8, was taken before the juvenile court on a charge of stealing four bicycles. He promised he wouldn't do it again so the judge let him go. The next day he was brought before the court again. This time he had copped a pony.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Someone introduced a bill in the Tennessee legislature which would prohibit women from using lipstick under penalty of a 10-year prison sentence. P. S. The bill won't be passed.

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—Melvin Thornton, 68, was told to prove citizenship when he applied for a war plant job here. From his pocket he whipped a copy of the Declaration of Independence, signed by his great grandfather, Matthew Thornton.

TACOMA, Wash.—Mayor Harry Cain had his pants that Tacoma would out-collect four neighboring cities in a recent pajama drive. Tacoma came in fourth and the other mayors came around to collect. 'til Mayor Cain foxed them. He joined the Army.

CHICAGO—Hugh Green Carruthers, known as the Cum Bum of Lame to a number of cultists, has been convicted on charges of obtaining \$250,000 through mail frauds in connection with his cultist activities. "He had a mystic way with money," said the State.

WEST NYACK, N. Y.—Arthur Finnessey turned on the water tap in his kitchen—and struck oil. A broken pipeline had routed fuel oil into his sink.

ELKO, Nev.—A. C. Smart, pantsless, was arrested on a downtown street. "What's the idea?" he was asked. "Just a whim," he replied. The sentence: 30 days for whimsical Smart.

KANSAS CITY—Thomas H. Glinigan, a lawyer, has been married 30 times. Each time, however, he was merely a proxy bridegroom, taking the vows for friends, soldiers and sailors.

Chevron Chick—Elizabeth Scott



RELAX'N. Former model, luscious Elizabeth Scott, gets her first break in picture, opposite Robert Cummings in "You Came Along." This shot, posed for the Chevron, catches her in a mellow mood.