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NEWS of INTEREST to MARINES

By Pvt. John F. Valtian

Beer—830 long tons of it—is among U.S. military surplus offered for sale. Still overseas, this commodity will be sold only to someone who will use it overseas.

Secy. of the Navy James Forrestal said he plans to resign his post later this year. President Truman expressed hope he will "continue on the job for some time to come."

VET BILLS

A bill is in Congress to make the illegal wearing of a discharge button subject to \$1000 fine and a year's imprisonment. A bad-conduct discharger now is on trial in San Diego for this offense, punishable at present by \$250 fine and six months in jail.

To be or not to be—with her? Legislation speeding entry into the U.S. by servicemen's foreign brides, was greeted with acclaim by thousands of huddles. Few days later, 4000 GI's in England wrote and cabled protests that they had been delayed to provide shipping space for such brides, en route Stateside.

Volunteer civilians, to be paid on a civil service basis, are needed to operate the Army's radio network in Europe. . . . "The great opportunity for youth," according to the president of RCA, is to be found in television, electronic, and other scientific research.

Tip for small-business-minded vets: In the High Sierras, north of Bishop, Calif., is an ideal site for a ski lodge. This gov't-owned property will be sold at a reasonable price, to any likely individual who can show \$250,000 for development of the site. (Veterans, no doubt, will be given preference.)

REGARDING DEMOCRACY

Freedom-of-press note: 41,000 Jap soldiers, reported by Tokyo propaganda to have given their lives gloriously in banzai charges, are now returning home to astonished families.

Secy. of Commerce Wallace labeled as fascist, the denying of employment to returning soldiers on the basis of race or religion.

MISCELLANY

French girls who married American servicemen are reported eagerly inquiring about the nature of life in the U.S. They are most impressed by information that: all "chemist's shops" have ice-cream bars; Americans use fine paper handkerchiefs, which they merely throw away when used; there is an unbelievable thing called Dinner Service.

Producers warn that civilian clothing supply will not equal demand within the next year. . . . The gov't has asked retailers to save their entire stock, where necessary, for sale only to veterans.

Proving you never can predict what a Marine will do in a tight situation, Lt. Col. G. (Pappy) Boyington did the unexpected. He married a "dark horse" candidate for the Boyington nuptial honors. . . . In Manila, some soldiers are homesick.



(Photo by Lt. Dick Hodgson)

DUNLAP CLOSES. Dismantling of the former Marine artillery range at Imperial Valley was announced this week by Corps officials. The 250,000-acre range, Camp Robert H. Dunlap, served for training of many Marine artillery units. In photo Corp. Wm. Barnes kicks down camp headquarters sign.

Neurologist Warns Wives "Don't Baby Your Vet"

Don't let your wife mother you, or you may lose your happy home, was the advice given war veterans recently by a prominent Boston physician, reports United Press.

Many war veterans are due for a marital crack-up in the next two years because they want to be babied, predicts Dr. Max Goldman, neurologist at Boston City Hospital.

MOTHER ME BABY

They are returning home with the idea that their wives should mother them, Dr. Goldman said.

"Like the old song," he said, "some of the veterans only want a buddy—not a sweetheart. They're looking forward to having their slippers set out by the easy chair, their favorite pipe and a bottle of ale ready on the table, and a nursemaid to gratify their every wish.

DIFFERENT IDEAS

"In short, they look for all the things they haven't been able to

get in three or four years at war."

But wives will have a different idea, according to Dr. Goldman.

"The veteran's wife looks on him as her hero," he said. "To her, the veteran is a glorified Achilles who has done all the things she read about in the newspapers, and most wives expect to be swept off their feet."

WIVES RESENTFUL

When the wives don't get the attention they crave—no matter the reason—they're going to be resentful and the troubles will begin.

"The next six months to two years, I'm afraid, will see widespread marital crackups for veterans and their wives," said Dr. Goldman. "It's a tragic condition, and one which could be avoided if the wife was patient."

Subscriptions Accepted

The Chevron is again open for new subscriptions.

A recent change in The Chevron policy permits us to accept new subscriptions for a limited period. New subscriptions are to be for six months duration, and are available to Marines, their families and interested parties.

The Chevron six-month subscription will be priced at 75 cents for individuals, and 50 cents for Marine units where papers are purchased for official recreational uses.

As Chevron subscriptions will be accepted for a limited time only, persons intending to subscribe should fill out and mail their subscription blanks now. See blank on page 7.

Discharges Lead Quota As Corps Lowers Points

During a week which saw headlines captured throughout the world by Army soldiers clamoring for a speed-up in discharges, official Washington announcements revealed that demobilization by the Marine Corps is well ahead of schedule, and that some 28,000 additional personnel will become eligible for separation Feb. 1.

The critical discharge score for enlisted men and their officers will be cut, on that date, from 50 to 45.

Return to civilian life by enlisted Marines and WR's during

December brought the total to over 168,353 separated since last Aug. 17.

The grand total separated during the last 3½ months of 1945 was over 47,000 ahead of the original schedule.

All MCB, Capt. Frank W. Malan of R&R Center revealed that although some 13,000 men "joined" R&R during December, 15,355 were transferred for separation or new duty posts, cutting deeply into the backlog. By last Wednesday, the number of men on hand had been cut to less than 800, and most of these had already been given their orders and were only awaiting transportation.

OVERSEAS ARRIVALS

Meanwhile, overseas arrivals at the San Diego harbor continued daily, but had dropped far below the peak reached at Christmas. Last contingent of the 5th Mar Div. to be returned is due Jan. 15, when 17 officers and 439 EM, most of them members of the 15th Regt., are scheduled to arrive. Returnees later this month will chiefly represent the 5th Amphib. Corps. Among other shiploads of this unit, 538 men are due Jan. 25, and 526 on Jan. 29.

APA No. 175, the "Karnes," is expected to dock Sunday, carrying 1571 Marine casualties.

Corps Will Quit Camp Dunlap

CAMP PENDLETON—Marine officials announced here this week that Camp Robert H. Dunlap, located in the Imperial Valley near Niland Calif., would be closed as a Marine activity about March 1.

The 250,000-acre camp, which opened in October, 1942, played a large part in the training of Marines for combat during World War II. Mainly an artillery camp, Dunlap was training headquarters for the 10th, 12th and 13th Marine artillery regiments before they left the U.S. for combat zones.

Besides its role in training cannonners, the Niland camp provided training areas for Army troops under the late Gen. Patton; a bombing range for planes from the nearby Marine Air Station, and a staging area for smaller Marine groups.

DISMANTLING BEGUN

Dismantling the camp was begun Dec. 1, 1945, and is expected to be completed by March 1, 1946. Ninety men are working daily dismantling equipment and loading it on Pendleton-bound trucks. When their work is finished, all that will be left of the camp will be the hulls of some 65 buildings.

Plans for its future beyond March 1st will be in the hands of the Naval Real Estate Board, although indications are that the El Centro Air Station will continue to use its acreage for bomb practice.

Miramar Gets New Name

MCAD, MIRAMAR—The name of Marine Fleet Air, West Coast, with headquarters at Marine Corps Air Depot, Camp Miramar, was recently changed—to Marine Air, West Coast.

Authority for the new designation also provided for the consolidation of the Marine Air Command with that of the Deputy Commander, Naval Air Bases (Marine Corps Activities), 11th Naval Dist., formerly situated at El Toro, Santa Ana, Calif. The latter activity was formerly commanded by Brig. Gen. W. G. Farrell.

Brig. Gen. William J. Wallace, who commanded Marine Fleet Air, West Coast, will continue as commanding general of the consolidated organization.

Gen. Geiger Orders 'No Mass Protest'

HONOLULU (A.P.)—Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commanding general of FMF, Pac., issued orders Thursday forbidding Marines under his command to stage mass demonstrations against demobilization.

The orders were received by Marine company commanders a few hours before Marines were scheduled to meet at Camp Catlin, Pearl Harbor.

"We have issued orders against any demonstration meetings tonight or any other time at which men enter their alleged grievances," said Brig. Gen. Mervin H. Silverthorn, chief of staff.

"It isn't necessary for the men to hold a meeting to make their grievances known. The Marines have had a standard method as long as I can remember whereby any man at any time can see his company or unit commander to discuss his troubles and receive an answer."

Exclusive 'Club'

Marines anxious for foreign duty—and those not so anxious, too—received recently new eligibility rules for joining the "Overseas Club."

A Marine Corps dispatch states: "Effective immediately enlisted personnel in the following categories are eligible for assignment to foreign and sea duty: (A) Regulars below 3rd pay grade who have 18 months or more to serve on current or extended enlistments; (B) Regulars of 1st three pay grades regardless of length of time to serve; (C) Reservists and inductees with less than 20 credits. Previous instructions in this connection are revoked."

Marine Corps, Navy Give Wholehearted Support of March of Dimes This Year

Men and women of the naval services have offered their wholehearted support of the 1946 March of Dimes. These Marines who have just concluded the greatest war in history still are mindful of that other battle continuing relentlessly here at home—the fight against infantile paralysis.

In letters to Basil O'Connor, president of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, top ranking servicemen heartily endorse the work of the organization and, as in previous years, offer their full cooperation for the success of the March of Dimes. Following are some of the Navy and Marine Corps endorsements:

James V. Forrester, Secretary of the Navy: "Your fight against this terrible disease is worthy of the nation's continued support."

Fleet Adm. E. J. King: "Through the teamwork of our armed services, supported by all Americans on the home front, our nation achieved victory over her enemies overseas. We must now exert the same united effort in a war against an enemy within our shores—infantile paralysis."

Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz: "The money which Americans have contributed to the March of Dimes has aided children and other relatives of Navy personnel in the Pacific. The gifts of our citizens have thus lightened the burden of men who were already heavily burdened by the concerns of war. I urge all my fellow countrymen everywhere to contribute to the March of Dimes."

Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant, United States Marine Corps: "The Marine Corps is always willing and glad to be of assistance in this worthy cause. The fight against infantile paralysis is worthy of the support of every American. By united effort, we can achieve victory over this enemy in our midst as we have over our enemies abroad."

Adm. James H. Ingram, Commander-in-Chief, U. S. Atlantic Fleet: "We have made a clean sweep of the ruthless aggressors of the war who have been plaguing mankind. But there is an enemy at home still scourging our fellowmen. That enemy is infantile paralysis. Your dollars helped us to march triumphantly to Berlin and Tokyo. Your dimes will help in the national fight against this dreaded disease."

Adm. R. E. Ingersoll, Commander Western Sea Frontier: "The work done by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in combating this disease has my complete support. To assist you in your forthcoming appeal for funds is not only a duty, but a privilege. It is only by unremitting and determined effort that we can reduce the danger of this disease and finally remove it as a threat to our national health."

Last year, in a spontaneous participation that encircled the globe, men and women of the services devised stunts and programs to aid the fund-raising appeal. March of Dimes appeals were translated into the languages of many countries where American servicemen were stationed.

More than 13,000 men, women and children in the United States were victims of infantile paralysis in 1945, making it the fourth highest year on record, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis reports.

In 1943 and 1944, the National Foundation reported 12,429 and 19,063 cases respectively. The three-year total, 1943-45 inclusive, is greater than has ever been reported previously for any five-year period.

In 1945 alone, the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which conducts the annual March of Dimes, January 14-31, disbursed over \$1,000,000 in emergency aid in epidemic areas, supplementing the funds of local chapters, each of which retains for the care and treatment of polio patients one-half of all contributions to the March of Dimes in its locality.

The Job Situation

After the first thrill of wearing sports clothes, sleeping between sheets on an inner-spring bed and eating home cooking, you may be in for quite a jolt, Mac. Civilian livings, in spite of all those fabulous war-plant wages you've been hearing about, are pretty tough to make.

It's not that the jobs themselves are too hard to get. The big slump in jobs that was supposed to be settling in now isn't turning out to be so serious as has been expected. Some economists believe now that it will be only 5,000,000 at the peak, which will be reached next March.

On the other hand, even though you may find a job almost immediately after quitting uniform, getting along on what you earn may be a different thing altogether. The Department of Labor says if you're a wage earner in an average city, you'll have to make at least \$1.05 an hour, 40 hours a week, 50 weeks a year, to support a wife and one child. Then the same department comes up with the finding that this fall the average gross pay in manufacturing throughout the country has dropped to 90 cents, which is six cents an hour less than the "break-even" point.

In 1944, although American family incomes were the highest in history, half of all families made less than \$2700 and one-fifth made less than \$1500. Living expenses had mounted from \$1450 in 1941 to \$1950 as retail food prices in cities, for example, rose 29 per cent.

Furthermore, the Labor Department said, this family income was generally made by more than one member of the family working. One of the reasons given for the favorable employment picture now is the withdrawal of women from industry. In other words, there may be a job for a man because his wife leaves the office or war plant and goes back to making a home for him, but if she does that, the family income could drop below the point where there wouldn't be any home for her to adorn.

The \$1950 standard of living averaged in 1944 didn't allow for any mink coats or platinum lunch-pails, as some cartoonists would have you think, either. It just covered the necessities of a family of three, who would spend barely 22 cents per person per meal, \$30 per month for housing, light and fuel, and \$119 a year for income, personal property and poll taxes.

Aviation Industry Poor Bet for Vets Says NAA

Before you decide on a career in aviation, consider the industry's own warning that aviation will probably be no more remunerative than the washing machine business and it demands considerably more in the way of training and qualifications.

An estimated 901,300 aviation jobs are predicted in 1955 by the Civil Aeronautics Administration. A year ago the air forces and factories employed more than 4,000,000 but the industry shrank 80% in one month after V-J day.

Surveying the general job picture in aviation for returning veterans, the National Aeronautics Association magazine reported there will be good employment but not nearly enough to go around. It added these cautions:

"Aviation is not a business to choose because it is exciting. And no one should enter it because flying is the only thing he knows. He will still have as much more to learn to get an aviation job as he will to find work in some field that may suit him better. Finally, the veteran should not insist upon flying. Airplane driving is only one of many occupations in aviation."

Let's Take Care Of Him Too-



SAFETY VALVE

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

Job Well Done

Editor, the CheVron—I am a World War I retired Marine officer. Often I go down to the docks to see our boys returning home, and I also go to the depot where they leave for other parts. I have become acquainted with the big, husky Marine lieutenant who seems to be always on the job. He handles those boys very well, what you would call a "real Leatherneck." Just home himself after 3 1/2 months overseas in combat duty, he is, I want to say he really is doing a fine job and it's not an easy one. Why do they give those tough jobs to men who have been doing those over there? Maybe it's because they know it will be done right, then. How about a little write-up about one of your men doing a swell job? He's an old-timer; keep in going on 25 years, I mean Lt. L. E. O'Neal. Thank you.

"ONE OF THE OLD BOYS"
San Diego, Calif.

Editor's Note—No doubt the lieutenant is doing a fine job and we say "credits to him," but so are a lot of other men. It's those dull, dirty tasks that keep the Corps going, so we couldn't very well laud the efforts of one man without seeming a little prejudiced, could we?

Thanks for Kind Words

Editor, the CheVron—Your recent article on the administration of the General Education Development Tests has come to my attention. It is a well written article and of considerable interest in that the testing was conducted by an Educational Services Officer. Would it be possible to get several copies of that article or issue? I plan to use them in informing civilian educators of the use being made of the tests by Marine Corps personnel.

Lt. Comdr. EDWIN H. ZIEGFELD, USNR
Washington, D. C.

Editor's Note—The desired number of copies are on their way.

Rotation Interrogation

Editor, the CheVron—Did the 6th Mar. Div. get the Presidential Unit Citation for Okinawa? Will the Marines in China be rotated at 24 months overseas?

Mrs. LESTER E. CRANE
El Cajon, Calif.

Editor's Note—There has been no announced unit citation for Marine participation in the Okinawa campaign. As for any rotation plan for post-war occupation, it would be fair to assume that a Marine would become eligible for return to the States after 24 months overseas service. There has, however, been no recent announcement on the subject. Before the war, two years away from home used to rate a

man a trip back, if transportation, and other things, were convenient.

He Wants to Know

Editor, the CheVron—Please give me some info on the following ribbons: Victory Ribbon, American Defense Service, American Campaign, Marine Corps Reserve.

Pvt. R. W. WEBSTER
Camp Matthews.

Editor's Note—We'll take them in order. All hands can wear the World War II Victory Ribbon. The order says "all persons who are now serving, have, or shall have served . . . at any time during the period beginning Dec. 7, 1941, and ending with a future date to be announced later . . . are eligible."

To rate the American Defense Ribbon you must have been in the service on active duty between Sept. 8, 1939, and Dec. 7, 1941. Men who served aboard or overseas during this period rate a star on their ribbon. Men who served aboard ships in actual combat zones prior to Pearl Harbor may wear the letter "A" in place of the star.

The American Theater Ribbon now has been made eligible to all personnel who have served honorably for an accumulative period of one year within the continental limits of the U.S. on active duty between Dec. 7, 1941, and a future date to be announced later.

The Marine Reserve Ribbon requires four years' service in the organized Reserve. Men must have attended 38 drills yearly for four years and gone to summer camp for two weeks during each of these years.

A Service Blessing

Editor, the CheVron—If I am an enlisted man do I have to file an income tax return for my service pay?

NAME WITHHELD
MCE, San Diego, Calif.

Editor's Note—No. That income has been excluded from tax by law and does not need to be reported. However, after you leave the service, you must report civilian earnings over \$500.

A Touch from Uncle Sam

Editor, the CheVron—A buddy and I who were overseas together want to start a business. For the first five or six months our income will be very limited. Is each one of us entitled to unemployment compensation if we don't make enough out of this business?

NAME WITHHELD
MCE, San Diego.

Editor's Note—Yes. Each one of you is entitled to the difference between your net income and \$100 per month. You both are considered self-employed.



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Diary OF Bertram THE Boot

By Pvt. John F. Valera

(Third week at Rifle Range — Delayed by Yuletide)

MONDAY

Still cleaning debris from recent explosion of munitions truck. What it amounts to is that recruits are punished with EPD for the doings of Destiny! . . . It is too much to bear.

TUESDAY

"Pulling targets" is another way of saying CHAOS, CONFUSION AND CALAMITY. The sound & fury, the utter ghastly noisy uproar of it all, is indescribable. Just as we get a target lowered for marking, the slave-driver at the mike would bellow "Get them targets UP! Up, you bloomin' bloody bunglers!" (I have fumigated his actual phrasing.) The effect was nerve-shattering.

Working with me on Target No. 35 was a great hefty chap who resembled an ox, both physically and mentally. And his natural brute strength increased steadily as he (and I) became more frenzied under the fantastic drive for ever-greater hurry. Finally—after the Master of Ceremonies had thiced in succession scotched "Target 35!", flinging unrepeatable comments at us—in our terrorized haste we ran the structure up with a tremendous jerk and the wooden target itself, from pure momentum, tore loose from the metal frameposts. It continued upward a moment, then crashed at our feet.

Our condition now approached hysteria, as we brought down the frame, and thus it was that after I had shinned up the posts to tie the top of the target, my massive co-worker mistakenly thought I was ready to jump clear, and he loped with all his weight, seized the cross-bar and ran the frame, the target and ME up into the air. Of course I clung to the post instinctively, but it took me only a minor portion of an instant to remember that the marksmen were shooting Rapid Fire—which means firing as soon as the target appears.



The shots rang out before I released my grip, but I hit the ground before the bullets arrived, nevertheless.

Later, among his other remarks, our DI mentioned awarding me a special memento for Conspicuous Lack of Gallantry Under Fire.

WEDNESDAY

Tomorrow we shoot our rifles "for the record." It has become increasingly clear to me, and no doubt to my Coach also, that the Corps should have permitted me to study archery instead, as I wished. . . . Perhaps I should have joined the Navy. I understand it has a special department for Yeomen.

THURSDAY

My own modesty has caused me seriously to underestimate myself. Today, I am a man! — a Marine!

Shooting "for record" this morning, I was simply palpitating with nervousness. Our DI had dropped the most upsetting innuendoes about the dire fate in store for anyone who did not make Sharpshooter; but when it came my turn to fire from the 500-yard line (the longest distance) my score from the shorter ranges totaled only 234. I needed 14 points more just to qualify, or the fantastic additional score of 38 for Sharpshooter. That would require nearly perfect shooting at this colossal distance from the target.

Of course that knowledge resulted in the complete decomposition of the dying remains of my nervous system; and since the targets were south of me, I simply pointed my gun south, shut my eyes, and jerked the trigger eight times.

I opened my eyes to glory. I had shot seven bulls-eyes and one four-pointer—a score of 39—only one point from PERFECTION! I was a Sharpshooter, by a comfortable margin of one point!

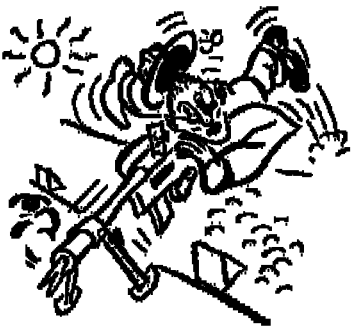
Having thus distinguished myself at the critical moment, I paid little attention to the chap next to me, who was waiting to his Coach that he had fired all his shots at the wrong target. . . . Obviously, I could not have MISSED the target with all my shots. . . . surely. . . .

FRIDAY

Fired the BAR today. Felt as if I were a tail, and that infernal mechanism a dog—wagging me violently.

SATURDAY

I've never been dainty, though possibly quaint; But regarding the Browning I have a complaint: To describe its effect with constraint and restraint, I must say it frightens me near to a fainty.



(Photo by Corp. E. J. Wishin)

LAST PAYCALL. At Camp Pendleton separation company where discharged Marines passed the 15,000 mark this week, discharges orderly file by the pay desk for the last time. Just down the line they will receive their honorable discharges.

Pendleton Processes High Total of Vets

CAMP PENDLETON—More than 50,000 Marines have passed through Camp Pendleton's Redistribution Regiment since it went into operation the first of October, 1945, it was reported here this week.

Of that number, 15,000 have been discharged from separation company here and 35,000 have been transferred to other centers for separation. Camp Pendleton has been handling this great number of men because all organized units returning from the Pacific war zones arrive here for screening, processing, discharge or transfer.

LARGE TURNOVER

The entire Marine Corps demobilization program has been running ahead of schedule. Between the middle of August, when the program was initiated, and the end of 1945, over 180,000 Marines turned in their greens for civilian clothes, it was reported from Washington.

At the present time, units of the 3rd and 5th Divisions make up most of the Camp Pendleton Redistribution Regiment's customers, with a large number of 2nd Division veterans arriving here under the 5th banner, due to a shift of

personnel in Japan before returning to the States.

1st AND 6th EXPECTED

Already the high-point men of the 4th Division have moved through here, and reports from the Pacific indicate that high-point men from the 1st and 6th Mar. Divs. are on their way back to Camp Pendleton now, as well as members of various administrative groups.

Redistribution Regiment has been able to turn loose its clerical help that was eligible for discharge, but frozen and held as essential. Arrival of organized units here for processing which greatly reduced the amount of paper work necessary, made this possible.

OFFICERS DISCHARGED

More officers than ever before are being processed for discharge here, it was reported, with nearly 900 passing through redistribution facilities.

Camp Pendleton's separation company came to the aid of the MCB shortly before Christmas, discharging 400 men who overflowed separation machinery there.

If War Comes, U. S. Will Be Battlefield, Says Writer

A prediction of what the next war will be like was issued this week by Paul Mallon, nationally syndicated King Features columnist.

Claiming that the theory presented was "the practical, official concept of the next war . . . even though it has not been offered publicly beyond the limited reports of Gen. Arnold of the air corps," Mallon outlined the following prime factors:

'ON OUR OWN SOIL'

"The next war will be fought on our own soil . . . because this nation has no mental capacity for aggression . . . and science has destroyed the value of our geographical ramparts, the two broad oceans and two vast . . . sympathetic adjoining nations.

"The invasion will come from Europe or Asia or both simultaneously . . .

"Practical military theory would require an invader to lay down a

bombardment of directed missiles . . . upon our larger cities. The logical point of attack would . . . be . . . Chicago . . . and the Detroit area, origin of motor production.

"The invading army would come entirely by air. An initial force of 10,000 to 20,000 planes carrying 40 or more men each would seize the destroyed area. . . . Daily reinforcements . . .

"Our problem would be to muster greater military . . . power at the points of invasion and build it up faster than the invaders could build their forces. . . . It would seem to require also the maintenance of a scientific and substantial . . . force equipped and ready to move at a moment, since speed is the critical point."

Discharged personnel who had access to restricted information should not violate that security in civilian life.

'Harry the Horse' Returns Here With Fifth

CAMP PENDLETON—First Marine regimental commander of World War II to command his unit from the date of its inception until it was deactivated is the unique honor held by Col. Harry B. Liversedge of Pine Grove, Calif., who returned to the States last week with elements of the 28th Marine Regiment.

Col. Liversedge, colorfully known among Marines as "Harry the Horse," was recently returned from overseas where he had been given the job of mauling the 28th as part of the Fighting 5th Division.

For seven months at Camp Pendleton, Col. Liversedge supervised a practical training schedule within his command, and turned out a smooth-functioning regiment.

The results of their hard training were brought before the public when they planted the Stars and Stripes atop Mt. Suribachi on Iwo Jima.

Following their Iwo Jima conquest, the 28th Marines led the way into Sasebo, Japan.

Col. Liversedge was commissioned in the Corps Aug. 14, 1918. During his career as a Leatherneck, he served in Haiti, Nicaragua, China, the Philippines, the Solomons, New Georgia, the Volcano Islands, the Hawaiian Islands, Japan, and on ships of the fleet.



Corp. OSCAR WHITEAKER . . . 50,000th Marine processed

Pendleton Marine Really Makes Out

CAMP PENDLETON—Distinguished as the 50,000th Marine to be processed at Camp Pendleton's redistribution regiment, Corp. Oscar Whiteaker this week received his discharge from the Marine Corps.

Simultaneous with his Corps discharge, Whiteaker celebrated his 22nd birthday.

The evening of his birthday was spent as a civilian with his parents in Los Angeles, his home.

A veteran of Saipan, Okinawa and the occupation of Japan, the former Corps corporal hopes to put to practical use knowledge gained in the service. He will apply to the Los Angeles police department for a position as a motorcycle patrolman.

Need Civvie Chit For No-Job Pay

Claims for readjustment allowances made by vets only recently discharged will be honored only if the claimant presents his original Honorable Discharge paper, according to a representative of the USES.

Many discharges who have come to the coast on being separated from the service have found themselves unable to get a job. On applying to the USES for unemployment benefits these ex-service-men are being refused compensation because they are unable to produce their original discharge papers.

To save ex-servicemen long hours of standing in line only to be turned away, the USES advises that men take their original honorable discharge papers with them when they apply for readjustment allowances.



(Photo by PFC. Jeanne Cleary)

HEADQUARTERS DANCE. All grin, and a yard wide, Sgt. Frank D. Grace of the Base Pay Office done up in the regal blue, and his dancing partner, Mrs. Elizabeth Bambury of San Diego, enjoy themselves at the Base Hq. Co. dance held at Pacific Square this week.



(Photo by PFC. Jeanne Cleary)

FOR POLIO. Seen here, Pvt. Jack Horowitz of the Base Recruit Depot Post Office drops his contribution for the annual fight against infantile paralysis into a box held by WR Sgt. D. J. Lavagnino of the Base Sgt. Maj.'s office. Photo was taken at the Marine party at Pacific Square.

Base March of Dimes Given Big Backing At Gala Dance

At the gala Pacific Square Marine party this week where everything was free, enlisted guests who attended came through early with a healthy contribution toward the 1946 March of Dimes.

Collections were made by 10 Base WR's who passed among Marines and their guests during an intermission of Ted Fio Rito's dance music.

Headquarters Co. Marines were quick to contribute toward the fight against polio, it was reported by one of the WR's who assisted in the collection.

The March of Dimes, dedicated to our late President, who was also a sufferer of the disease, is sponsored by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. This will be the first year since the inauguration of the March of Dimes that Franklin D. Roosevelt, its founder, will not be present to continue in the fight.

Half of the Base contributions to the March of Dimes will remain

with local chapters of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to be used for special equipment, hospitalization, transportation, and treatment and care of polio patients. The other half goes to the National Foundation for research, education and emergency aid during epidemics, it was reported by the foundation.

Officer Material?

The age limit for entrance to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis has been raised from 20 to 23 years of age, it was announced recently, for any candidate who served honorably not less than a year in the armed forces during the war. Such candidates must, however, possess "other qualifications" required by law. Commanding officers have been requested to nominate men, to whom the new regulations apply, prior to Jan. 30.



(Photo by PFC. Jeanne Cleary)

PACIFIC SQUARE. Gathered around the bandstand at San Diego's Pacific Square where Base Hq. Co. Marines this week held their first dance of the year, party guests listen to the breezy chatter of Sgt. A. F. Vala, master of ceremonies. The party—over 500 guests appeared—was one of the top entertainment fetes presented for Marines. Ted Fio Rito and his band played for the dance.

News-Starved Europeans in China Still Doubt Germany's Defeat

By Sgt. Gregoire dell, Hamilton, Marine Correspondent

TIENSIN (Delayed)—Thousands of foreigners in Tientsin have been starved for four years—but not for food. In their cases, it has been starvation for news of the outside world, news of the countries from which they come.

So effective was the Japanese blockade of incoming news that word of the first Japanese surrender offer and of the subsequent capitulation of the Empire of the Rising Sun did not reach Tientsin's foreign colonies until Sept. 30, the day of the arrival of the 3rd Amphibious Corps and 1st Mar. Div.

BLOCK CHANNELS

The Japanese accomplished their objectives of shutting off the foreign colonies from news of the outside world by the simple processes of blocking incoming letter mail, newspapers and magazines and by confiscating all radio receivers capable of picking up foreign broadcasts.

This action was similar to that taken in Germany during the war years, but either the Japanese were more capable than the Germans of completely suppressing under-

ground movements, or there just was no underground to suppress.

At any rate, apparently no consistently reliable news of the outside world drifted into Tientsin during the years of the Japanese war against the U.S.

There were, of course, rumors. But the rumors apparently were so generally unreliable that most people soon refused to believe anything.

JAP-CONTROLLED PRESS

The only newspapers circulating here were Japanese language or Japanese-controlled sheets which, as might have been expected, printed the news just as the Japanese wanted it printed—in other words, in such a manner as to indicate right up to the last that the Japs were winning the war with comparative ease.

No White House Ban on Merger

President Truman has no intention of stopping discussion by military personnel on the controversial subject of "merger of the services," according to a memorandum from Washington.

"When the President was asked at a December press conference whether his message to Congress urging the enactment of legislation creating a single department of defense was intended to stop further discussion by naval officers on the question of unification, he replied he did not intend to muzzle anyone," the memo stated.

"His exact words were as follows: 'I want everybody to express his honest opinion on the subject, and I want to get the best results that are possible. In order to do that, I want the opinions of everybody. And nobody has been muzzled. It will be necessary now, though, for all people who are in the services to make statements that they are expressing their personal views and not the views of the administration. I have expressed those views myself.'

"All officers of the Navy and the Marine Corps and all others in the naval service shall be guided accordingly," the memorandum announced.

Orders Now Taken For CheVron Book

Leather-bound volumes containing the last six months' issues of the CheVron will be made available, in limited quantity, shortly.

Bound in attractive red leather, the volume will be sold approximately at cost and will include, free of charge, the recipient's name in gold letters on the cover front.

The last six months of the CheVron cover the closing and dramatic pages of World War II and the first months of reconversion. Complete with eyewitness stories and gripping on-the-scene photos, the CheVron depicts the war and the peace in typical Marine Corps style.

Persons desiring these volumes should send their orders as soon as possible, enclosing money, check or money order for \$5.50, to The CheVron, Bldg. 15, Marine Corps Base, San Diego, 40, Calif.

Orders should contain instruction for the name to be gold-embossed on the cover of the volume. If the volume of orders exceeds our quota, money will be refunded by mail.

Nickel Grabber Tells MC Tale

TSINGTAO, China (Delayed)—A Marine dropped a nickel into a slot machine in a cafe here, pulled the lever and was paid off with some Corps history.

Corp. John D. Shivers, 28, of Alexandria, Va., put in the nickel. Among the coins, washers and assorted gizmos which dropped out was a brass slug, on one side of which was stamped "4th Marines Club," and on the other, "10 Cents Trade E.T.R."

The slug had been used by the famed 4th Marine regiment during their pre-war days at Shanghai. Whether the chit came to Tsingtao in the hands of some civilian or was brought by visiting Marines in the old China days, no one knows.

The new 4th Marine regiment is a part of the 8th Mar. Div. now on duty in Tsingtao, but the 4th regiment wasn't around to enjoy the memories recalled by the slot machine incident, since it is on duty in Japan.—Corp. Fred Travis.

Hundreds Claim Base Party Tops

By Corp. Wm. F. Taylor

Topping any entertainment presented for enlisted Marines at San Diego in 1945, and equaling the best entertainment ever presented on the West Coast for Corps members, the Hq. Co. dance and party held at Pacific Square this week was the first of a series of recreation activities planned for the Base.

Attended by approximately 500 guests, who danced to the music of Ted Fio Rito's swing band, applauded the antics of Bill Moore and Gizmo, and marvelled at the line door prizes given, everyone agreed that the party was a great success, and that they hoped there would be more of the same sort.

NEVERN ENOUGH

Said PFC Robert E. Layton, who was accompanied by his wife: "I never saw anything like it before in the Corps. It's kind of hard to believe. Sure, I'm enjoying myself."

Said PFC Bentley D. Solomon, only four months out of boot camp, and dressed regally in Blues: "The party's really hot. But where are the women?"

Not five feet away a WR with red hair lamented: "The music's good, but where are the men?"

Said WR Corp. Estelle Shields, a Base truck driver: "Things are

sort of dull now, but wait until my first sergeant gets here."

Maj. H. K. Jackson, commanding officer of Base Hq. Co., who attended the party, commented that "The men conducted themselves as good Marines. As long as Marines continue to act as gentlemen at these functions I feel certain that such entertainment will continue to be provided. When the weather gets warmer we will try beach parties and picnics."

Maj. Jackson's statement was echoed by other Marine Base officers this week with a view to providing similar entertainment for other units.

FIO RITO PLAYS

Music for last week's party, furnished by Ted Fio Rito's orchestra, was of both the hot and smooth variety, proportionately divided to satisfy both jitterbugs and "squares."

For lady guests of headquarters Marines, corsages were provided in abundance. Everything from daisies to roses were to be had. In

charge of the party, a buffet supply, was under Sgt. E. A. Grogan. On the evening's menu were turkey, roast beef, escouse, ripe olives, pickles, potato salad, fruit cake and ice cream. Soft drinks were served continually during the evening. The fountain attendant cheerfully rang up each item and told his customers, "It's on the Marine Corps."

Nine door prizes were given at a drawing on stage, which was presided over by Sgt. A. F. Vela of the Base Public Information Office, and a former member of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio troupe.

Prizes given to the guests numbered five for the ladies and four for the Marines. Such items as gold and silver bracelets, shaving sets, a mandarin set, a cigarette lighter and a woman's wrist watch, were given.

WRIST WATCH GIVEN

WR PFC. Carol Bayer, a classification clerk at Base R&R, won a handsome watch which was donated by Irwin's Jewelry Co. of San Diego.

Other prize winners were:

Dorothy Hausmann of San Diego, Sgt. Maj. L. C. Brown of Base Hq. Co., Mrs. Melba Billings of San Diego, Pvt. K. E. Ricketts of the Base band, WAVE HA 1/0 Alicia Momin of the Base Dispensary, Corp. H. J. Lawrence of the CP Storeroom, WR S1(Sgt. Clara Kruger of Base Personnel, and Pvt. E. D. Holland of the Base Exchange warehouse.

Highlighting special entertainment for the evening was ventriloquist Bill Moore, formerly with the Dick Jergens troupe. Moore, who operates two dummies simultaneously, has traveled over 20,000 miles and stopped at 40 islands in the Pacific while on tour entertaining overseas Marines.

Men responsible for the Pacific Square party were: 1stSgt. R. Hart, chief committeeman; S1(Sgt. E. A. Grogan, in charge of refreshments; S1(Sgt. M. R. Krupp, reception committee; TSgt. W. D. Newton, floor manager. In charge of all preparations was WO C. A. Flynn.

New USES Manual on Jobs for War Handicapped Is Now Available

Veterans with physical handicaps are due to upgrade most post-war industry. It was pointed out recently in a statement made by the California chief of the USES.

And the handicapped employee may be expected to turn out better work than persons who have no physical disabilities.

He will be more conscious of the quality of his workmanship because he is handicapped.

VALUABLE EMPLOYEE

"The physically handicapped person is a valuable employee when his abilities are matched to a job he is capable of doing," Raymond Krah, acting state director of the Southland USES offices, declared in announcing that the USES manual, "Selective Placement for the Handicapped," is now available to the public.

Developed during the war to assist USES personnel in finding jobs for persons with physical impairments, this manual is especially valuable to business men planning the re-employment of personnel now being discharged from the armed forces, Krah pointed out.

A veteran is guaranteed by law the right to his old job if he can satisfactorily fill the position, but many have service-incurred disabilities that make their former

activities inadvisable or impossible.

Forward-looking employers are anticipating such conditions and analyzing their job classifications with a view to offering each veteran who wants to return to the company a job that is suited to his abilities and physical condition.

SELECTIVE PLACEMENT

Because the manual, "Selective Placement for the Handicapped" frankly discusses job duties and requirements in relation to specific physical impairments, it is a valuable aid in satisfactorily placing individuals whose job performance is in some way limited.

"Selective Placement for the Handicapped" can be purchased through the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. The price is 25 cents a copy postpaid, payable in cash, check, or money order.

Veterans Flood U.S. Schools

WASHINGTON—The U. S. is headed for the greatest educational jam in history as thousands of returning war veterans swamp colleges and universities with enrollment applications, it was revealed last week.

Already 125,000 veterans, financed under the G. I. Bill of Rights, are in college classes and 207,000 more have applied for entrance.

Dr. Francis J. Brown, staff associate of the American Council of Education, recently predicted more than 600,000 will be in colleges and universities by next fall.

"This is creating a university crisis," said Brown. "Thirty per cent of veterans are married. Ten per cent have children. This is in sharp contrast to the situation before the war when the great majority of students were single.

"The housing problem is the greatest problem at present, but legislation in Congress will help the situation. It provides \$167,000,000 for moving temporary war and defense housing to regions of greatest need."

Brown said "big name" universities and those in large urban areas were the first to be filled by returning G.I.'s.

Education Tests Draw Large Turnout

Recognizing the importance of education for advancement in either civilian or military life, 75 Marines this week took the General Education Development Tests administered at MCB.

Unofficial scoring of answers submitted to the first set of tests indicated that scores would run unusually high, and that most applicants would demonstrate a level of development equal or superior to that of the average high-school graduate. Many high schools now will award diplomas to former students who pass the tests successfully. The Marine Corps accepts a G.E.D. certificate (issued in Washington, D. C., where the answers are officially scored) for admission to any training or duty which otherwise requires high-school graduation.

COLLEGE LEVELS ALSO

One officer and two NCO's this week took the "college-level" version of the examination. Their scores will be evaluated in comparison to marks made by a large group of college freshmen and sophomores. Any college to which the men apply for admission may use this information at its discretion in determining the class to which they should be admitted, or the number of credits to be granted.

According to the Education Office, both the high-school level (for non-graduates) and the college-level tests probably will be administered again in about a month. There is no fee connected, and any serviceman interested may apply now for enrollment.



(Photo by PFC. Jeanne Cleary)

CHOW LINE. Here a chow line made up of some of the 500 guests who attended the Base Hq. Co. dance at Pacific Square waits patiently for a chance at the turkey and other party foods. Everything was free for the evening.



(Photo by PFC. Jeanne Cleary)

GIZMO AND FRIEND. Providing entertainment for guests at the Pacific Square Marine dance, PFC. Bill Moore and Gizmo do their stuff before an audience of 500. Moore only recently returned from the Pacific where he entertained overseas troops.



(Photo by PFC. Jeanne Cleary)

COMMITTEEMEN. Posing with bandleader Ted Fio Rito, the three men chiefly responsible for planning of the gala Pacific Square dance for Base Hq. Co. Marines are, left to right: TSgt. W. D. Newton, 1stSgt. R. Hart and S1(Sgt. M. R. Krupp.

License Plates Reissued Here

MCB personnel who own automobiles will be able to renew their state license plates without leaving the Base, through a special service announced in a recent memorandum.

"A representative of the Automobile Club of Southern California," the memo explained, "will be at the Base Guard House from 0900 to 1200, and 1330 to 1630, Jan. 21, 1946, for the purpose of renewing California automobile licenses for members of this command."

Applications for renewal of California licenses only will be accepted, but owners of out-of-state cars will be able to obtain information regarding the registration and licensing of their autos in California.

Individuals desiring to renew their licenses must bring their white registration slips with them when they apply.

Through the SPORThOLE

(Editor's Note: The sports editor being on furlough, the following column was written by PFC. Leonard Dorf, popular matchmaker and referee of the Recruit Depot boxing matches. A former boxing headliner himself, Dorf has compiled statistics that should be of interest to most any sports fan.)

Heavyweight Boxing Statistics—

Name	Born	Won	Reigned	No. of Contests	Pct. KO's
John L. Sullivan	1856	24	1882-1892	33	.289
James J. Corbett	1866	26	1892-1897	37	.156
Bob Fitzsimmons	1862	35	1897-1899	40	.575
Jim Jeffries (ret. undefeated)	1875	24	1899-1906	21	.524
Tommy Burns	1881	25	1906-1908	55	.655
Jack Johnson	1878	30	1908-1915	80	.360
Jess Willard	1887	28	1915-1919	35	.543
Jack Dempsey	1895	24	1919-1926	70	.688
Gene Tunney (ret. undefeated)	1894	28	1926-1928	65	.506
Max Schmeling	1908	25	1930-1932	66	.576
Jack Sharkey	1902	29	1932-1933	56	.256
Primo Carnera	1906	26	1933-1934	94	.710
Max Baer	1909	25	1934-1935	82	.632
Jim Braddock	1905	29	1935-1937	85	.303
Joe Louis	1914	23	1937- ?	53	.349

Shortest Fight on Record—Rudy Zymek, Jersey City, knocked out Alex Luke, Newark, N. J., at Laurel Gardens, on Oct. 9, 1939, in 11 seconds with the very first punch.

Shortest Championship Fight—Tony Canzoneri KO'd Al Singer, New York City, in 1:08, Nov. 14, 1930.

Longest Fight on Record—Andy Bowen-Jack Burke, New Orleans, La., April 6, 1893; 110 rounds; 7 hrs., 19 min. Draw. Neither man could continue.

Shortest Bare Knuckle Fight—Tom Dow beat Ned Kiely, Jan. 4, '88, at Leavenworth, Kans., 7 seconds.

Last Bare-Knuckle Fight for Championship—John L. Sullivan beat Jake Kilrain, 75 rounds, Richburg, Miss., July 8, 1889.

First Fight in a Padded Ring—Sammy Kelly lost to Bob Cunningham, Coney Island A. C., 1891. 2-oz. gloves; 15 rounds.

Largest Gate in Boxing—Gene Tunney beat Jack Dempsey, 10 rounds, Soldiers' Field, Chicago, Sept. 22, 1927. Gate \$2,658,660.

Largest Attendance at Fight—Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 18, 1911, at Fraternal Order of Eagles free show. Tony Zole KO'd Billy Pryor. Attendance 135,132.

Largest Paid Attendance—Dempsey lost title to Tunney, Sesqui-Centennial Stadium, Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 23, 1926. Attendance 120,757.

Largest Amount Ever Received by a Contestant for a Fight—Gene Tunney in Chicago fight with Dempsey. \$990,445.

Largest Indoor Attendance—Feb. 18, 1932; 23,320 paid admissions. Jack Dempsey-King Levinsky. Exhibition, Chicago Stadium.

Largest Indoor Attendance for Amateur Fights—Golden Gloves—New York Daily News vs. Chicago Tribune at Chicago Stadium, April 2, 1931. 23,123.

First Fight in New Madison Square Garden—Dec. 11, 1925. Paul Berlenbach retained his light-heavyweight title by beating Jack Delaney.

Last Fight in Old Madison Square Garden—May 5, 1925. Sid Terris beat Johnny Dundee in 12 rounds.

Tallest Fighter in Ring History—Henry Johnson, the "human skyscraper," a Negro from Ottawa, Canada, who fought between 1898 and 1900. 7 ft. 2 in.; wt. 265 lbs.

Only Fighter to Hold Three Titles at the Same Time—Henry Armstrong won featherweight title from Petey Sarron, Madison Square Garden, Oct. 9, 1937; lightweight title from Lou Ambers, Madison Square Garden, Aug. 17, 1938, and welterweight title from Barney Ross, Madison Square Garden Bowl, May 31, 1938.

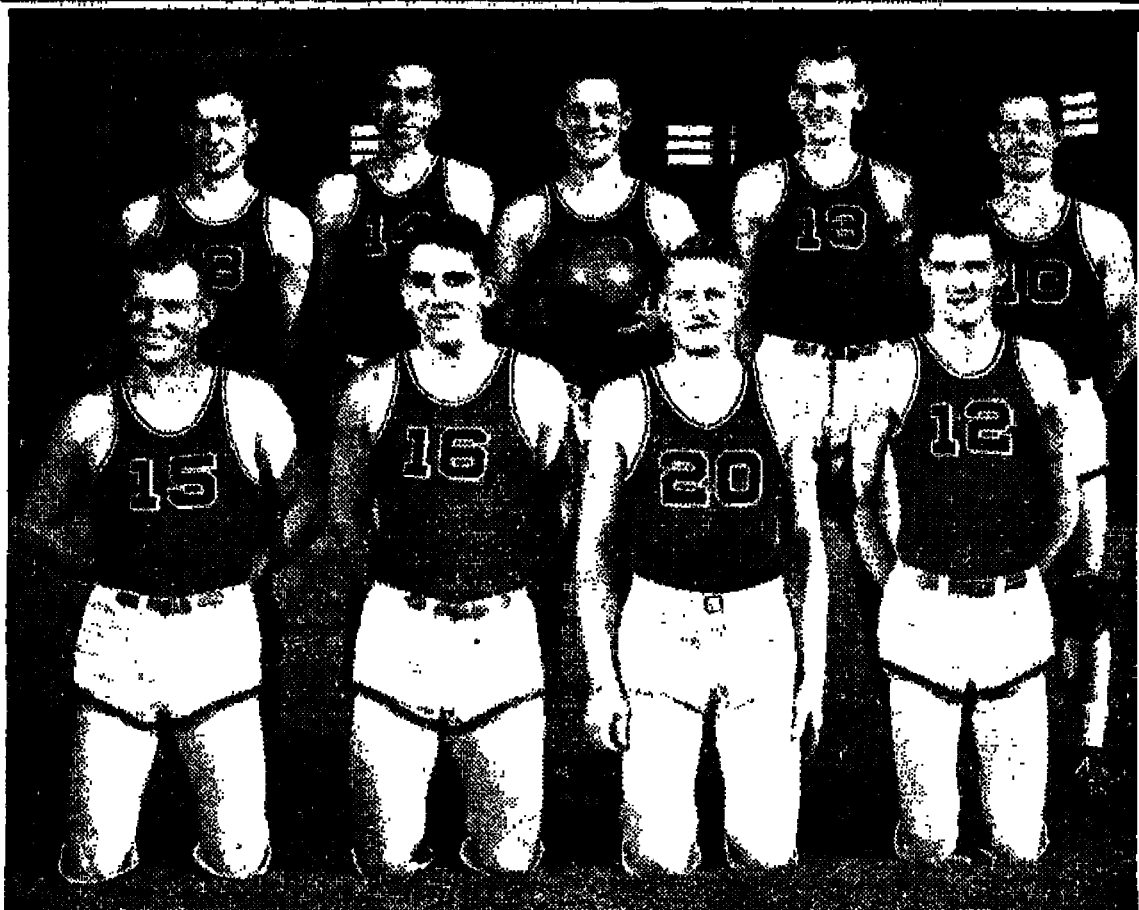
Only Fighter to Win Heavyweight Championship on a Foul—Max Schmeling, in an elimination bout, who won it from Jack Sharkey at Polo Grounds, New York City, June 12, 1930. Referee: Jim Crowley.

First Negro to Win Heavyweight Championship—Jack Johnson KO'd Tommy Burns in 14 rounds at Sydney, Australia, Dec. 26, 1908.

Double Knockdowns—October, 1942, Bridgeport, Conn. Tony Iaccavone, Stamford light-heavyweight, and George Thompson landed on each others' chins at the same time. Both went down. Thompson got to his feet while the referee was counting, but Iaccavone was counted out.

Double Knockouts—Detroit, Mich., Feb. 12, 1941: Sammy Seerret, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Pat Carroll, Detroit, Mich., scored simultaneous knockouts. Referee Rosen called it a double knockout, but the Boxing Commission called it "no contest," Seventh round. . . . Kansas City, Mo., Pat Kissinger and Al Dorlac bumped heads and were knocked out at the same time. Referee Harry Corbett called it a double knockout in the third round.

THE CHEVRON Sports



(Photo by Pvt. Ralph Metherell)

GIANT KILLERS. All smiles after knocking off the favored Ream Raiders in an 11th Naval Dist. League game, the Base basketball team looms as a title contender. Back row (left to right): Wolf, Turnbow, Lambert, Dalley and Dye; kneeling: Head, Walley, Berg and Guiney.

Base Quint Looms As Title Contender

Lambert Leads Locals to Driving 55-52 Upset Over Ream Raiders

Trailing the favored Ream Raiders most of the game, the MCB basketball team Tuesday night staged a driving finish in the final four minutes to cop a 55-to-52 win and remain in the running for the American League and 11th Naval Dist. titles.

With the clock running out and trailing 48 to 43, team captain PFC. Keith Lambert took time out to rally the Base quintet—and from then on spectators at Adm. Sexton Gym were on their feet screaming as the local Leathernecks took charge.

In two minutes of the last four the Base five captured the lead, increased it to 55-50. The Raiders, champs of the first half of District play, missed a free throw but scored a tip-in to make it 55 to 52.

With two minutes of play remaining, the Raiders never again gained possession of the ball.

Lambert led the team scoring, played the entire game, dropped in six field goals and six free throws for 18 points. Scoring was well distributed among the remaining

Leading all the way except in the closing second, the Base basketball team lost an overtime contest to the powerful San Diego Dons Thursday night by the score of 45 to 41.

Base hoopsters, Pfc. M. 2/c Walter R. Dye netting 8 points, MA 1/c R. L. Wolf 10, Pvt. F. W. Dalley 7, Pvt. E. C. Head 6, Corp. N. Turnbow 5 and 2nd Lt. J. A. Walley 1. This victory puts the Base

Bowling Gets Shot in Arm

Bowling fans were cheered this week by announcement of plans that include possible inauguration of an expanded bowling league.

The 16 alleys this week received the finishing touches from resurfacing and resurfacing crews. Simultaneously, the large soda fountain was reopened and will serve customers from 1500 to 2100.

The alleys, under supervision of civilians, will be open daily from 1150 to 2100.

Plans for bowling leagues were in the formative stage, but may include separate brackets for both high and low handicap players. Prizes may be given each week.

Pin men are still needed at the alleys, especially during the noon hour. Pinsetters receive 10 cents a line.

joined up among the favorites to cop the 11th Naval Dist. title. Their one loss the first half was to the Raiders. This week's crucial game was the first encounter of the second stanza, and the team reflected hard practice and careful coaching by Capt. Donald M. Beeson.

This week's victory over the Raiders would scarcely put the Ream boys out of the picture. Rollins of the Raiders again played a sensational game, scoring 18

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points and displaying stellar form. Richardson with 14 points and Larson with 10 were also dangerous.

SEASON RECORD

- Won
- MCB 48, Ft. Rosecrans 44
 - MCB 42, Destroyers 27
 - MCB 71, Coast Guard 25
 - MCB 64, Navy Trng. Base 41
 - MCB 63, AFB Mustangs 38
 - MCB 59, Naval Hospital 29
 - MCB 61, CASU-5 45
 - MCB 58, Herbert Hoover HI 33
 - MCB 42, AFB Varsity 35
 - MCB 50, Repair Base A&B 48
 - MCB 55, Ream Raiders 52
- Lost
- Ream Raiders 52, MCB 43
 - Miramar 54, MCB 43
 - Camp Elliott 55, MCB 54

Golf Used to Reclaim Wounded Veterans

Golf, the American and not the African version, provides many therapeutic values, judging from reports by the Veterans Administration. Nineteen golf courses are now in operation and six more are being installed for the benefit of veterans, especially the mentally ill.

Through the cooperation of the Professional Golfers' Association and various service organizations, thousands are benefiting from the outdoor stimulation, the required concentration and coordination, and the comradeship inspired by this form of recreation.

Corps Down to Three Divisions

WASHINGTON—Disbandment of the 3rd and 4th Mar. Divs. and the forthcoming deactivation of the 5th Division will leave in operation but three of the six Marine assault units which spearheaded the Pacific war.

The 1st and 6th Divisions remain on occupation duty in North China, while the 2nd Division alone occupies Kyushu, Japan, the 5th Division having embarked for the U.S.

High-point men of all six divisions have been, and continue to be, screened out of their respective units and sent home for discharge when shipping space is available.

THIRD DISBANDED

Latest of the Marine divisions to be disbanded was the 3rd, which passed out of existence at midnight, Dec. 28, at Guam. At that time, units of the 3rd were scattered from the Palau Islands, through the Marianas and Carolines to the Bonins, where they garrisoned enemy islands seized or bypassed during our westward advance.

Under the command of Maj. Gen. Allen H. Turnage at Bougainville

and Guam; of Maj. Gen. Graves H. Erskine during the Iwo Jima action; and Brig. Gen. William E. Riley after its return to the Marianas where it was disbanded, the 3rd was a key unit in the decisive battles of the Pacific from the Solomons to the home waters of Japan. Units of the 3rd, still on duty at scattered points, came under the jurisdiction of FMF, Pacific.

MOORALE REMAINS HIGH

In his final report as CG of the 3rd Division, Brig. Gen. Riley said that "the same high morale that characterized this division during the Pacific campaign was fully evident in all units until final disbandment."

The 4th Mar. Div. was disbanded at Camp Pendleton Nov. 28 after returning from the Hawaiian area, where it had been resting since the Iwo Jima operation and re-

forming for the invasion of the Japanese homeland.

ACCOUNT OF 4th

Activated at Camp Pendleton on Aug. 16, 1943, the 4th first saw action at Kwajalein in February, 1944, under the command of Maj. Gen. Harry Schmidt. In June, 1944, the 4th joined the 2nd Division for the Saipan campaign, and four days after the conclusion of that campaign moved across the narrow strait to Tinian for eight more days of bitter fighting. For its aggressive and determined action in the Marianas, the 4th received the Presidential Unit Citation.

AT IWO JIMA

Maj. Gen. Clinton H. Cates, who assumed command of the division following the battle for Saipan, led the 4th ashore at Iwo Jima in February, 1945, the division's fourth major engagement in 13 months. After 25 days of savage battle, the island was secured and battered remnants of the 4th boarded transports for Hawaii and the eventual trip home.

Advance units of the 5th Division, slated for deactivation at Camp Pendleton when all home-bound units have arrived, reached the west coast during the holidays, and more are scheduled to arrive within the week.

'Best Bout in Years' Thrills Fight Fans at Boot Camp Sports Arena

The regular weekly boxing bouts at Recruit Depot were climaxed last Saturday night by the presentation of 14-inch trophies to the semi-final contestants and the main event winner.

In the semi-final bout, David Martinez (150) of El Paso, Tex., who has been undefeated in five previous bouts, fought a sensational draw with Robert Osario (148), Plat. 144, Redwood City, Calif. Osario had won four previous matches, three by knockout. Osario is a southpaw and a terrific puncher with the left hand. This bout ended in a draw and was acclaimed as one of the best bouts ever fought in the RD arena.

In the main event George Bevins (135) of Plat. 139, from Omaha, Neb., won his fifth consecutive bout by defeating Don Nicolajdes (139), Plat. 163, of Roseme, Calif. Bevins overcame the height, reach and weight of his opponent by making use of his ring knowledge in gaining the three-round decision, unanimous with the two judges, the referee, and the audience. Bevins fought his last fight in this arena and next will be seen on the Base boxing team.

OTHER RESULTS

Larue Hix (177), Plat. 154, El Campo, Tex., won on a KO over Jimmie Traeger (179), Plat. 151, Minneapolis, Minn. Hix, after losing the first round and fighting a draw in the second round, came back to KO his opponent in 1 minute and 13 seconds of the third round.

Ronald Lyng (142), Plat. 142, Seattle, Wash., won a three-round decision over Enrique Escobar

(140), Plat. 154, El Paso, Tex.

Red-headed Dick Jacobs (135), Plat. 154, Minneapolis, Minn., won a KO over Jimmie Hodges (139), Plat. 151, Centralia, Wash.

Rocky Gooch (174), Plat. 151, Portland, Me., won by KO over Johnny Remford (172), Plat. 157, Minneapolis, Minn.

Bob Giberdt (153), Plat. 152, Portland, Ore., and Bob Ekstrom (151), Plat. 151, Malad, Ida., fought a sensational three-round draw. This bout had the fans standing on their seats for the three rounds.

Bob Nipp (148), Plat. 151, Lemars, Ia., won the decision over Roy Stewart (147), Plat. 154, El Paso, Tex.

Billie Weatherford (144), Plat. 154, El Paso, Tex., lost the decision to Al Beeson (148), Plat. 151, Oak Grove, La. This bout was close all the way.

The opening bout of the evening found Vincent Walls (172), Plat. 152, Wadena, Minn., winning the decision after a fast and furious fight with Lloyd Bayer (170), Plat. 154, Beaverdam, Wis.

Referee, Leonard Dorf; announcer, Billie Beahuld; timekeeper, Jim Renaud; judges, Lt. Col. Robertson and Capt. Murray. —PFC. Leonard Dorf.

Belts Belted Out

The leather belt, traditional part of the Marine Corps officer's uniform, is going into discard. A Headquarters dispatch said that "effective Jan. 15, officer's belt Model 1935 is abolished as article of uniform for commissioned and warrant officers."



"Tomorrow he's mister."

RD Doubles Popular Entertainment Night

The initial dance of the new year, sponsored by the Special Service Office of Recruit Depot, was held Jan. 4 in Bldg. 123.

Music was furnished by the Base orchestra, featuring singer Betty Lou Carlson. Entertainment was highlighted by a waltz and jitterbug contest. Prizes were awarded the winners. The jitterbug contest was won by R. J. Fanken and WR Rosalynd Chernov, while the waltz contest was won by Mary Gondolfo and R. J. Zenger. Door prizes were awarded Rose Warren and Edmon Vestal.

RD "dance night" has proven so popular that beginning Feb. 2 two dances will be given each month.

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BASE THEATER
1400, 1730 and 2000

SATURDAY—Thousand and One Nights. Cornel Wildo-Evelyn Keyes. Colorfully colored Technicolor fantasy taken from the Arabian Nights.

SUNDAY—Dick Tracy. Morgan Conway-Ann Jeffreys. Murder drama featuring famed, strong-chinned, comic strip sleuth.

MONDAY—Leave Her to Heaven. Gene Tierney-Cornel Wilde. Technicolor tale of the passionate, enveloping love of a woman for her spouse that drives her to knock off all her relatives and in-laws. Excellent.

TUESDAY—A Guy Could Change. Allan Lane-Jane Frazee. Third rate human relations drama.

WEDNESDAY—Girls on the Spot. Lois Collier-Jess Barker. Musical murder mystery. Poor.

THURSDAY—Spellbound. Ingrid Bergman-Gregory Peck. Psychological mystery, Hitchcock style, with screams and suspense thrown in.

FRIDAY—Fear. Watch William-Lee White. Mystery thriller. (Camp Matthews films will follow the above schedule by one day.)



Col. KATHERINE TOWLE
... due here soon

WR Colonel Due Soon in Camps

CAMP PENDLETON—Coming to the Southern California area soon to inspect members of the Women's Reserve of the Marine Corps stationed here and at Camp Miramar, the San Diego Marine Base, and the El Toro Marine Air Station, is Col. Katherine Towle, recently appointed director of the MCWR.

Before enlisting in the Marine Corps, Col. Towle was headmistress of the Miss Ranson and Miss Bridges School for Girls at Piedmont, Cal., then senior editor of the University of California Press.

At its peak strength, Camp Pendleton had some 1150 of the 18,850 Marine Corps Women Reservists. Through discharges, the number is now down to close to 450.

Corps Ordnance School Reopens

Enlisted men of the lower four pay grades who plan to continue serving with the Corps still may apply for training as Marine ordnance men, it was revealed recently in Washington.

To last six months, the course of instruction will be only for men of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh pay grades who have two years or more to serve on their current enlistments. Also eligible for training at the school, which will be situated at Quantico, are Corps reserves who will ship over in the regular Corps upon completion of their current tour of duty.

Men who meet these stipulations must also qualify in one of the following listed courses:

Artillery Mechanics, Ammunition Technicians, Ordnance Shop Technician, Instrument Technician, Small Arms Mechanics and Watch Repair Technician.

Personnel making request for assignment to the ordnance school must first be screened through classification or ordnance officers, or both, in order to avoid assignment of those obviously not qualified for the courses.

Requests should reach Washington not later than Jan. 15.

Matthews Five Drubs Commissary 55--20

The Camp Matthews basketball five Thursday night overwhelmed the Naval Commissary Stars by the score of 55 to 20 in an International League game of the 11th Naval Dist circuit.

Handicapped by a short squad of only seven men, Matthews scorched the leather through the hoop at near-record rate. Leading the scorers was Pvt. R. L. Kawalewski, a coach at the rifle range, who poured in a total of 24 points.

Church Services

Sunday services, Base Chapel: **PROTESTANT**, 0800 Holy Communion (Epis.); 1015 Morn. Worship; 1100 Holy Communion (General).

R.I., 0815 Morn. Worship. Recruit Depot, 0915 Morn. Worship. Bldg. 110 (Brig.), 1045 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 1000 Morn. Worship.

ROMAN CATHOLIC, Recruit Depot, 0800 Mass; Base Chapel, 0915 Mass; R.I., 1015 Mass; Camp Matthews, 0800 Mass.

LATTER DAY SAINTS, Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 0900 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 1400 Afternoon Worship.

JEWISH, Camp Matthews, 0915 Services; Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 1030 Services.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE, Recruit Depot (Bldg. 173), 1800 Services. Weekly Services: **PROTESTANT**, Ad. Bldg. (Room 206), 1700 Tues., Bible Class.

ROMAN CATHOLIC, Base Chapel, 1800 Confessions, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1630 Mass, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1800 Novena, Tues. R.I., 1700 Confessions, Sat. Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123) 1800 Confessions, Sat.

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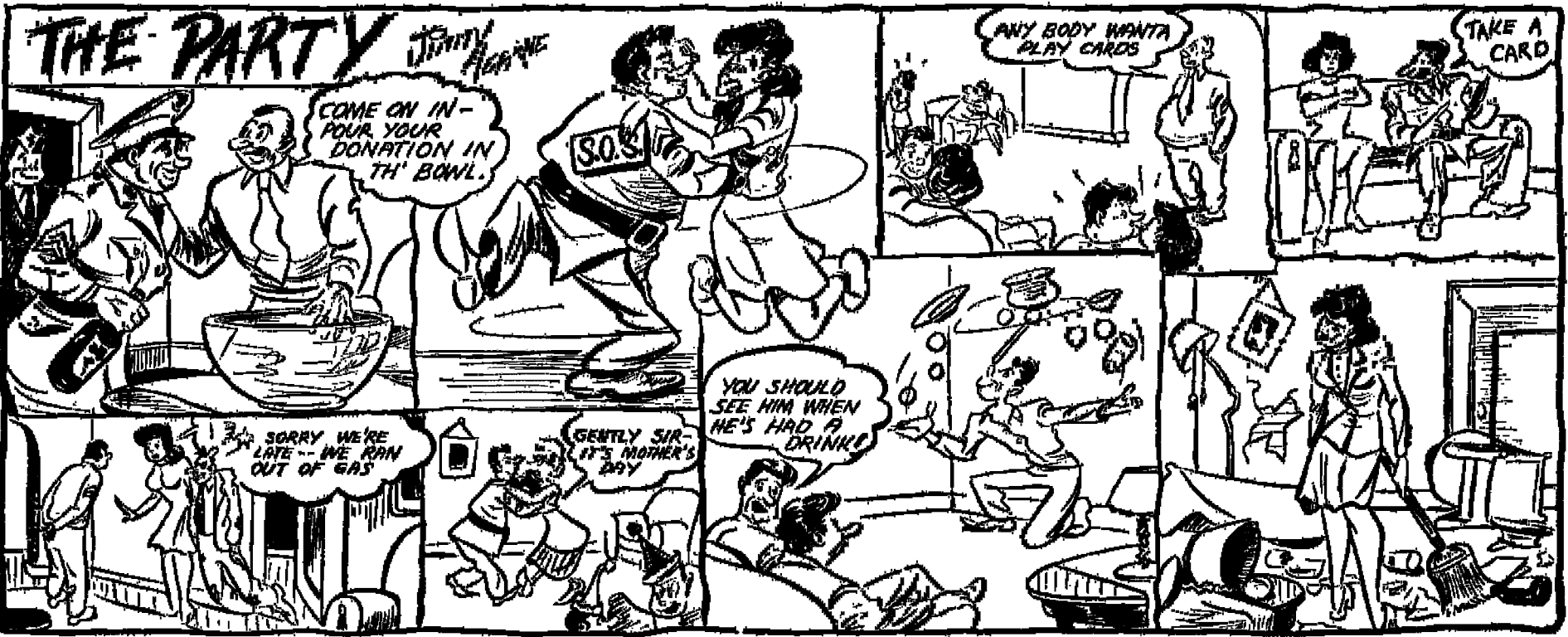
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THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

INDIANAPOLIS (SEA)—Trolley riders were presented with loaves of bread along with their transfers one day. The motor-man had found the bread in the street after a bakery truck accident.

GUNNISON, Utah (SEA)—When two cars collided and irate drivers stepped out, they found they were brothers—Edward Jensen, driving his brother-in-law's car, and Boyd Jensen, driving their father's car.

HYDE PARK, N. Y. (SEA)—Blaze, Elliott Roosevelt's mastiff that "bumped off" three servicemen from an Army transport plane last spring, was "bumped off" himself for chewing up Fala, world's No. 1 Seattle. Fala will recover.

OROVILLE, Calif. (SEA)—"Senny Boy" Wiscarver, 16 and precocious, eloped for the second time, with Mrs. Eleanor Deveny, who says he's "more of a man at 16 than a lot of men at 35." Senny Boy first eloped at 14.

WORLAND, Wyo. (SEA)—Jacob Johnson, old time prospector, thinks he's found gold and is careful about the men he hires to help dig it out. He wants "only square shooters, no tinhorn gamblers or vampire hussies."

LOS ANGELES (SEA)—Nick Redka announced that he had driven to San Francisco and back on cement-filled tire casings. Only trouble was that the cement wore through one tire, giving it a sort of square shape.

GOLD BEACH, Ore. (SEA)—Earl Stilson, 78, pinned under his overturned automobile near a coast highway, kept a diary for the three days that he lay there before he died. His body was not found until eight days after his death.

NEW YORK (SEA)—A proposal has been made here for a National Old Maid's Day.

PHILADELPHIA (SEA)—Monthly supplies at the home of Joseph Cirminella, father of quadruplets, include: 120 cans of milk, 240 cans of preserved food, 15 dozen eggs, 10 dozen oranges and 1000 diapers.

MT. CLEMENS, Mich. (SEA)—Berny Korzinski told a divorce court that a \$2800 "pot o' gold" prize he won six years ago had ruined his life, as his wife got delusions of grandeur, spent the \$2800, and left him. He got the divorce.

DENVER (SEA) You may not know it, but most of you would rather stay home with a good book than go out with a hot-so-good blonde. A poll here showed that 41 per cent of the people list reading as their favorite recreation. Only 11 per cent chose sports.

NEW YORK (SEA)—A magistrate was asked to decide whether Mabel, a poodle, is really Whitey, a Pomeranian in disguise. Mrs. Edna Kahn claims that Mabel doesn't look like Whitey any more because acquisitive neighbors gave the dog a permanent wave.

CHICAGO (SEA)—Alexander Arati, trying to explain to the judge how he happened to fall into the Chicago River, said he was holding a bottle over the bridge railing and when he went to take a swig, "instead of pulling the bottle to me, I pulled myself to the bottle."

CANON CITY, Colo. (SEA)—Combat training saved the life of Pvt. Martin J. Pendegast in the last moments of his Army career. En route to a separation center, he fell beneath a freight train, flattened himself on the ground in approved Army style and escaped injury.



KYUSHU KUTIE. Pin-up girl of the lucky Leathernecks in Japan is this dainty dish with two right feet (result of New Year hangover by Chevron artist Sgt. Sherman Loudermilk). Note, among other things, the Nipponese version of wedgies. She has had many Hollywood offers.