



NEWS of INTEREST to MARINES

By Pvt. John F. Valleau

REAR ECHELON RIBBONS

From the "Pub. Info. Digest," published at Marine Headquarters:

"The proposed Marine Corps peace-time reserve would total 500,000—525,000 enlisted men and 25,000 officers. It would be divided into 'organized' and 'standby' components. The organized reserve consisting of 3000 officers and 25,000 enlisted would be required to attend weekly two-hour drills and go on active field duty for 15 consecutive days yearly. The standby reserve of 40,000 officers and 500,000 enlisted would include men unable to meet the drill and annual service requirements. However, members would retain the rank held when released from active duty and could take the 15 days annual training if they desired. Units of the organized reserve will be located in as many geographical areas as are consistent with other military considerations. Location of the areas has not been determined. The reserve will include air, infantry and supporting arms units."

Weekly demobilization report:

Between Aug. 17, 1945, and Feb. 1 of this year Marine Corps separation figures totaled 226,151. Of this total, 128,157 were enlisted men and 10,493 WR's. Also included are 17,074 male and 457 female officers.

WEEKLY FIGURES

Discharges during the last week of the period covered amounted to a few more than nine thousand. During the same week: 815 men enlisted or re-enlisted in the Corps; the Navy discharged about 56,000, bringing its grand total to some 1,553,000.

(These statistics are supplied by Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, and by official Navy sources. The Chevron prints them weekly because they are the most factual information available regarding a subject of interest to many Marines.)

Under provisions of Letter of Instruction No. 1187, the Corps now accepts for first enlistment only unmarried men aged 17 to 25, inclusive.

TRAVELERS' AID

Alaska-minded veterans are warned by the territory's officials that not more than 15,000 jobs are expected to open there during the next 20 years. The word is that "harmigrants" who have no employment-contract for work should not consider going to Alaska without a stake of at least \$2000.

The Pan-American Highway probably will be open as far as Costa Rica by early next year. Beginning at Laredo, Texas, the highway will run through Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. . . . Several more years may elapse before completion is made with the road which now begins a few miles inside the Panamanian border. When this is accomplished, it will be possible to drive some 3336 miles south of our own border.

PADDING AGAIN?

Violent debate rages in Settling Sun-land over whether Feb. 21 was really the 2600th anniversary of the Jap empire. Some critics still claim that "there has been a gap of 800 years in Japanese history."



(Official USMC photo)

CHINA DUTY. Peace did not return with V-J Day for Marines in China. On Nov. 11, a train carrying Chinese civilians and U.S. Marines, including Maj. Gen. Dewitt Peck, stopped to repair track damage and was subjected to rifle fire from a nearby village. Leathernecks fired back, and Gen. Peck requested that planes strafe the village. Marine planes flew over as a warning, but did not fire. The train proceeded the next day. . . . There were no Marine casualties but one Chinese workman was killed, several injured, by a land mine planted among the tracks. TOP: Chinese workmen dash to safety as mine explodes. Gen. Peck is at far left. In LOWER PHOTO: Marines and corpsmen rush to aid the victims. Smoke from explosion had not yet cleared.

Fifth Marine Division, Vets of Iwo, Disband at Camp Pendleton

The Marine Corps last week dropped to half its wartime strength in divisions, as Camp Pendleton announced that the 5th Mar. Div. had been completely disbanded.

The 5th Division, after two years of Marine Corps service, was the third division to be deactivated since the end of the war.

DIVISION HISTORY

Organized in Camp Pendleton Jan. 21, 1944, the 5th saw 14 months of service in the Pacific theater. In August, 1944, the division arrived in Ilo to begin its combat training. Maneuvers were held on Maui, Eniwetok, and Saipan, and by the end of December,

1945, the division was ready for combat on Iwo Jima.

The 5th, together with the 4th Division, made landings on Iwo on Feb. 19. Three days after the original landings were begun, the 3rd Division came in with reinforcements. For the next month bitter fighting ensued, with victory for the Marine Corps being won on March 26.

When the island was secured, the 5th retired to the Hawaiian Islands to take a rest. Five months later the outfit left for Saipan, Japan, for duty as occupational forces. The main body of the division left for home Dec. 9, 1945.

On Christmas Day, the major part of the division arrived in the U.S.

Civilians Speculate Over Military Plans

American interests in China may be left "completely in the hands of the Navy and Marine Corps," with the Army "pulling out" as soon as possible, according to a United Press news story which admitted the report was unverified.

Receiving no confirmation from

Washington or other sources, the Chungking release, dated Feb. 4, stated that:

"Two high-ranking American naval officers conferred with Gen. George C. Marshall today amid unconfirmed reports that the U.S. Army plans to pull out of China. . . . Leaving American interests completely in the hands of the Navy and Marine Corps."

ARMY-NAVY CONFERENCE

"Meeting with Marshall were Vice Adm. Charles M. Cooke, Jr., U.S. Seventh Fleet commander, and Vice Adm. Stuart Murray, former commander of the battleship Missouri, who is laying the groundwork for a future naval mission to China."

"Lending credence to reports that China soon may become a naval theater is the fact that naval forces in China now outnumber Army personnel. Because of this, Cooke outlines the U.S. Army commander in China, Lt. Gen. Al-

bert C. Wedemeyer.

"It was pointed out that the Navy will be busy for some time in the future in its task of repatriating Japanese, transporting Chinese troops and training the fledgling Chinese navy."

SHIPS FOR CHINA?

That the rapid growth of this "fledgling navy" might receive considerable U.S. aid was forecast by a bill introduced in Congress by Rep. Vinson (Ga.), chairman of the House Naval Affairs committee. The measure would authorize the President to turn over to China an unspecified number of naval vessels. It would also permit the Navy to give China technical advice on naval matters, and to assign naval and Marine Corps officers to help the Chinese organize their fleet.

FOREIGN LEGION?

While these reports, rumors and proposals were "in the mill," a former Minister to Canada suggested a plan to replace many U.S. forces overseas with foreign troops. Mr. James Cromwell urged that this nation recruit an "American Foreign Legion" from displaced persons and military personnel, such as the Polish army of 250,000 men of whom many reportedly do not wish to return home.

The proposed "Foreign Legion" would be equipped with a distinctive uniform, emblems and American officers, and would replace U.S. personnel now employed by taking over some of the necessary police duties.

President's Plan Opens New Jobs

President Truman's current plan to build 2,700,000 new homes in the U.S. by the end of 1947 will open 1,500,000 new jobs in the building trade for veterans. It was revealed this week by W. W. Wyatt, federal housing expediter.

Wyatt informed a correspondent of the Chicago Sun that recruitment of new workers in the building trade would more than triple the number of men presently employed in on-site and off-site construction by the middle of 1947. Many jobs will be in large power fabrication plants, it was also revealed.

EXPLANATION?

Concerning Marine participation—or lack of same—in the highly-publicized GI demonstrations for a speed-up in demobilization, The Tribune-Sun (San Diego evening daily) recently editorialized:

"In all the fuss about demobilization the voice of the Marines has been strangely silent."

"Why? Aren't the men in the uniform of the Marines homesick, too? Don't they want to get back to jobs and families? The stomach of a Marine revolts against the mud, the poverty and the misery of occupied lands just as does that of the soldier. But he has kept his gripes to himself."

"One possible explanation is that the Marine is technically a part of the Navy, and the Navy

has been handling its demobilization problem with much less criticism than has the Army. Maybe there are fewer Marines to complain and therefore the noise isn't so great as that from the Army."

"But another and more probable explanation injects itself. This is that the Marines operate under a more rigid discipline. They have a great pride in their tradition. Throughout the world they are known as tough fighters—men who can take it. This tradition goes all the way from 'The halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli.'"

"It seems likely that the Marines simply are doing what commonly is known as 'having good.' They have a job to do and they are disciplined to do it without audible complaint."

Men Who Have Fought in America's Wars
Best Know the Meaning of Freedom

Abe Lincoln had a birthday anniversary this week, and it was observed by a national holiday—a tribute paid to only one other American president.

It is not strange that both the Commanders-in-Chief so revered by a peace-loving nation were, in one sense, war presidents. It is not strange, because America is primarily a freedom-loving nation, and freedom must sometimes be fought for.

George Washington—before actually becoming president—led in the battles which established America's original freedom, Lincoln becoming a war-president in order to preserve this nation's integrity; and because he believed, above all else, in freedom and equal opportunity for all men, regardless of their race or color, or their religion.

We think that servicemen who fought with the Allies in World War II can feel a new kinship with that beloved war-president. Not that the average Marine, or

character he reveals. Abe Lincoln could have been proud of the record made by the race which he once did so much to help free. They acquitted themselves honorably, in this great war by free men against oppression.

What America has need of now is men who will bring back to civilian life a vigorous, strong belief in the human rights which this nation has come to symbolize.

Such men will strengthen the foundation which in Christianity is ordained by the commandment which bars intolerance: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Among the non-religious, too, the principle must be accepted, for science has demolished the myths of racial superiority.

All Americans, we think, must agree or else fail completely to comprehend the significance of their nation's history and greatness.

With Abe Lincoln, America strode forward. By holding to the principles he represented, America will strengthen in a world much weakened by intolerance and hatred.

Long a symbol of enlightenment and freedom, this nation must continue to give hope and courage to freedom-loving men throughout the world.



soldier or sailor, had any elaborate philosophical theory worked out about what he was fighting for. But neither, in our opinion, were many men fighting merely "for mother's blueberry pie," as one GI whimsically claimed.

Perhaps it's not too much to hope that many Marines, and men of the other services, realized that "Freedom's a thing that has no ending. It needs to be cared for, it needs defending."

Or it amounted to the same thing if they felt a deep and moving revulsion against the crimes of persecution and oppression which were committed by the Nazi-Fascist regimes. Such a feeling of abhorrence was a highly civilized reaction and it was also evidence that the principles upon which this nation was founded have not been forgotten, but rather have come to be a part of the basic convictions of most Americans.

It was a good sign—a proud, healthy attitude which foretells continued leadership for America.

And in one way, at least, the serviceman's faith in democracy was broadened by his experience. For he learned that a man can be judged only by what he does—by the

More GI Rights Data

Any eligible veteran operating his own business "may receive \$100 for each monthly self-employed allowance claimed," if his business, profession, or vocation fails to show any net earnings.

The maximum total amount to which the individual may be entitled varies, as it is based upon length of service in the armed forces. However, anyone who has served at least nine months and sixteen days, and who is otherwise eligible, may receive the top amount payable, which is \$1012 for a 52-week period. But for each monthly payment, whatever its amount, \$100 is deducted from the balance of the individual's total "entitlement." Veterans are advised, therefore, not to file for any small-profit month, if they can get along without the allowances.

Self-employed veterans are not required to report weekly to the USES for work registration. However, they must report to a state employment-service office or to the USES, to file a claim for allowances. Time limit for filing is the first twenty days of the month following the month for which an allowance is claimed.

"A simple financial record," showing all current monthly income and expenses connected with the business, must be maintained. "This record should be open to inspection or audit by a representative . . ." of the state employment office or the Veterans Administration. The record also must be presented each time a claim is filed for self-employed allowances.

"Income and expense must be reported on a 'cash basis' . . . If you are operating two or more business ventures, you must report all income and expense connected . . . also any earnings if you are employed for short periods by another employer.

"Expenditures for capital assets . . . such as the cost of equipment, reduction of a note, cost of animals purchased by a farmer, depreciation on real or personal property . . . are not current monthly expense." Such items, therefore, cannot be deducted from income in determining whether the veteran is eligible, in a given month, to collect an allowance raising his net earnings to \$100.

Honorable Discharge papers must be presented, it is emphasized, to establish an individual's right to these benefits.

Servicemen's Vote

Servicemen will be eligible to vote in most elections to be held in 1946, under existing laws. Information concerning procedure and requirements will be published by the Navy Dept. and will be made available through a series of bulletins.

In most cases, absentee ballots may be applied for by mailing, at any time, the postpaid application (USVBC Form No. 1), which may be secured from the Voting Officer. Absentee ballots must be returned by the day of election in order to be counted.



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.

It's Not the Army Plan

Editor, the CheVron—After reading the letter from an enlisted man's wife to your Safety Valve column (Jan. 31, 1946) under the heading "A Pointed Question," many questions arise in my mind regarding what system, if any, the Marine Corps is going to use in demobilizing. I have been led to believe the Army system had been chosen to get Reserves out of this outfit. Being an integral part of the Navy I suppose that is only natural or is it? Being that as it may, let us assume we are using the Army system. Can Gen. Eisenhower be regarded as an authority on Army demobilization procedure? If so, isn't it natural for the above-mentioned Marine's wife to be wondering whether or not her husband will be discharged or on his way home by June 30, 1946? . . . If the Marine Corps has formulated a plan of demobilization other than either the Army or Navy, hadn't they better publish it? I am sure there are many people who would be interested in the future demobilization plans of the Corps.

NAME WITHHELD
Mojave, Calif.

Explanation

Editor, the CheVron—I read in the Jan. 24 issue of the CheVron of the mother who lost a son in the South Pacific and wondered if you had anything on it (the return of the body). I feel sure he was one of the first two men of the Corps to die overseas (other than Pearl Harbor, Wake, etc.) whose bodies were sent back before the wartime policy of overseas burial was promulgated or went into effect. He is undoubtedly one of the two men who died on Saipan in the spring of '42, whose bodies were sent back to the States. Orders for overseas burial may have been in effect and the bodies sent back through administrative error.

EDWIN L. HAMILTON, Maj, USMC
USMC, Oakland, Calif.

Where to Get 'em

Editor, the CheVron—Please give me some information on how or where I can purchase an honorable discharge pin with the Marine insignia on it.

ANTONIO LOPEZ
El Paso, Tex. (former corporal USMC)

Editor's Note—The Marine discharge button may be obtained at any Corps procurement office or by writing the Commandant, Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington, D. C. Former enlisted personnel must present or forward their discharge as evidence of eligibility. The original and one certified copy of the orders placing officers on inactive duty are required.

"General" Info

Editor, the CheVron—Please inform me who relieved Lt. Gen. Smith of his command in the Pacific.

1st Sgt. H. L. BURTON
USMC, San Pedro, Calif.

Editor's Note—Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith was relieved by Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger.

Have to Be Here

Editor, the CheVron—I want to know if I go back to Australia after the war can I still get my rights to the GI Bill of Rights. I am marrying a girl over there and will have to stay over there for about a year before coming back to the States. Can I still go to school under the Bill and still be in Australia and who do I see to get it?

NAME WITHHELD
NAS, San Diego, Calif.

Editor's Note—Your rights under the so-called GI Bill of Rights are protected for four years after the end of the national emergency or date of discharge, whichever is the later date. You will be unable, however, to take advantage of the schooling provisions while you are in Australia, according to information at the Base Education Office. Upon your return to the States at any time during the four-year period you will be eligible for the paid-for education covered by the GI Bill.

Can't Do Anyway

Editor, the CheVron—I would like to know if the Women's Reserve is still accepting recruits. Also would like to know how some Marines I read about managed to get into the Corps when they were underage. I've been unsuccessful so far in trying to get a phony birth certificate, but if they still are recruiting WR's, I'll try a little longer. My brother is getting discharged out of the famed 1st Division and we just have to have a Leatherneck in the family.

NAME WITHHELD
Hauser, Oregon.

Editor's Note—Young lady, your spirit is admirable but would advise against further efforts to obtain a "phony birth certificate." Besides, it would be a waste of time as the WR's are no longer seeking recruits. All branches of the service have the common trouble of enthusiasts falsifying their ages to gain entrance. The result is usually a headache for both the service and yourself; so don't try it.

If All Depends

Editor, the CheVron—My son has been in the 5th Division, 15th Marines, and has been transferred to the 2nd Division, 10th Marines. If you hear when he is coming home I wish you would let me know as I just cannot find out anything about him and am worried not knowing when he will be coming home. Thank you.

Mrs. L. WATKINS
San Francisco, Cal.

Editor's Note—Your son's return to the States is based on several factors, such as length of service, points accumulated, type of duty, whether he is a regular, reserve or SS man. There is nothing that we know of that would prevent his writing to inform you of the probabilities of his returning. No set rule can cover an individual case. Any advance information on the return of any particular Marine unit will be published in the CheVron. Hope this answers your question.



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Diary of Bertram the Boot

(The Reluctant Recruit)

By Pvt. John F. Valleau

MONDAY
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EPD. (Monotonous, isn't it?)
THURSDAY

A man who is accustomed to the niceties of life, and the observance of small occasions which go so far to make life pleasant, has extreme difficulty in reconciling himself to the harsh demands of Boot Camp life.

This morning I thought myself fully justified in ignoring the Reveille call. I smiled tolerantly, and gave a moment's sympathy to the poor chap who had to get up to tell us to get up, and then I rolled over, snuggled down into my pillow, and blissfully dropped back to slumberland.

It was just a short time later that I sat up in bed and peered through bleary eyes to determine who had just that moment yanked my leg from my torso. The limb, to my surprise, was in its proper place; but I had no time for self-congratulation, for my DI was glaring at me even more grimly than usual.

Remembering that I had a little token of sentiment to give him, I reached under my pillow and held out a lovely Valentine which, with considerable trouble, I had obtained. Instead of thanking me, however, That Man stared with horror at my little gift; then, apparently near apoplexy, he growled:



"And just why are you still in the sack?" Righteously indignant, I reminded him, "But Sir—this is Valentine's Day—a holiday! Had you forgotten?"

Someday I'll have this Base so spic-and-span they won't be able to FIND any more EPD for me to do.

FRIDAY

Had unusual experience today. Out drilling had taken us near Gate 4—that fateful passageway which incongruously connects All That Is Outside, with MCB, where the very air itself is different. . . . Having been granted a brief rest-period, we recruits were collapsed in various positions of exhaustion when there approached a remarkable individual—an attenuated, abnormally skinny, and phenomenally mournful-looking Marine.

This peculiar person was of indeterminate age, but at first glance I took him to be a peripatetic mummy; for every feature of his face reflected the most depressing sadness of soul, extended through long years of patient endurance. His was a face of chronic lamentation; his very nose drooped in glum pessimism.

Obviously, he was leaving the Base for the last time . . . very obviously, for instead of the usual yellow discharge emblem over his right breast pocket, this strange character wore one there, one on each sleeve below his sergeant's stripes, and one over each button-hole in his blouse!

Reaching our group, he paused and observed our condition; surveyed our appearance, moodily studying our boondockers, dungarees and pith helmets as if they brought back memories of long ago. Then, swallowing as though he were choked with sentiment, he spoke to me:

"How long have you to be incarcerated, Son?"

"Four years, Sir," I said.

His great brown eyes dimmed with moisture. Biting his lower lip (which had drooped to a depth of even greater gloom), he extended one gnarled, calloused hand—and tenderly patted me upon the pith helmet. Then, slowly shaking his head ever so slightly, he turned away and strode toward the gate.

I watched him as he left and saw a memorable occurrence. Just as he stepped through to the Outer World, and filled his rather negligible chest with the new atmosphere, a recruiting officer approached him and addressed him. Of course I could not hear what was said, but it seems reasonable to assume that the sergeant was being invited to re-enlist.



Then came the transformation. Gradually but irresistibly, each of those thousand care-worn wrinkles began to soften; each line which had pointed down began an upward trend. Though I had not thought it possible, that face of depthless gloom changed into a caricature of glee—and chuckling, then laughing, then roaring in unrestrained hilarity, the weatherbeaten old salk headed for the highway. He did not walk, nor trot, nor run—he SKIPPED like a carefree child!

I heard our DI snort. "Well, there goes 'Dere Top' Heinemann," he commented. "Bet he'll be back within a month."

Perhaps. But somehow, I have my doubts . . .



(Photos by J.P. Dallas-McBee)

MARINE PHILANTHROPY. Recent donations made by Marines of the 1st and 6th Mar. Divs. to the education of the Chinese amounted to over \$6000. Here the Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, D.D., Bishop of San Diego, congratulates Marines for "the fine spirit shown by their contributions," in the name of the cardinal-elect of China, Bishop Thomas Tien (insert). The Bishop is now at Rome.

Marine Donations Toward China Education Lauded

Representatives of the Catholic Church this week came forward to congratulate members of the 1st and 6th Divisions for "their genuine spirit of charity and fine upright character" shown in donations made by members of those units in China, and aboard the liner that brought many of the Marines back to the U.S. recently.

Over \$6000 was donated by Marines in China to Catholic schools. The donations were made through the Cardinal-elect of China, Bishop Thomas Tien, who arrived in the U.S. aboard the Wakefield and is now on his way to Rome.

The congratulatory message, given in San Diego by the Most Rev. Charles F. Buddy, D.D., Bishop of San Diego, in behalf of the Roman Catholic Church and Bishop Tien, was made to four

members of the Marine Corps of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant faiths.

The Bishop of San Diego declared that Americans were becoming "mission-minded" after witnessing first hand the havoc wrought by war. Missions, he explained, are the prime factors in educating a backward people.

Most missions, as His Excellency reported of the Catholic Church, are composed not only of a church,

but also of a school and health clinic. Music, farming and many other studies are taught besides regular grammar school lessons.

Lack of religious and racial prejudice was also evident in that donations to the Catholic cause were made by Catholics, Protestants and Jews, it was revealed.

Marines who participated in the congratulatory ceremony were unanimous in agreeing that education was vital to the welfare of China.

Quantico Marine Base Will Build Mammoth EM Recreation Hall

Reports this week from the East Coast revealed plans for an enlisted men's two-story, air-conditioned recreation building to be constructed at the Quantico Marine Base.

The large structure, measuring approximately 160 by 130 feet, will house a spacious lobby, lounges, batteries of telephone booths, soda fountain, beer bar, tables, kitchen, scullery and lavatories on the first deck; and an 80-by-80 dance floor,

recessed and elevated orchestra stage, beer bar and soda fountain, tables and rest rooms on the second deck.

Four houses recently used as quarters are being removed to make room for the new building.

PLANS APPROVED

Plans for the structure, which will answer a long-felt need for recreational facilities for enlisted personnel, had been drawn up by the Base Public Works Officer. The planned structure has been approved by Secretary of the Navy James V. Forrestal.

STORAGE SPACE

Storage rooms for food and beverages also are provided in plans exhibited for the building.

It will harmonize with the Main Recreation Building in design and construction, it was explained.

It is expected that bids will be invited and contracts let for the work in the near future.

The Post Exchange will operate the recreational facility.

Selling Courses Offered by MCI

An up-to-date sales training course can now be obtained, without cost, for correspondence study by members of the Corps.

Published under the title "Effective Salesmanship," the course is one of the special new information studies sent out from the Marine Corps Institute to any Marine desiring to enroll.

In the belief that mastery of certain facts and skills often can make the difference between an effective salesman and a mere "order taker," MCI recently adopted the course as a vocational aid to Marines seriously interested in the possibilities of "upper bracket" selling.

The study stresses the scientific principles of selling and their psychological application. It covers such topics as sales letterwriting, public speaking, training the memory, personality development, character analysis and "sizing up" the prospect. Entertaining and instructive, this material is useful not only to the salesman but also to anyone dealing with the public.

Marines can enroll free through the Base Education Office, Ext. 607.

Vets May Sell Apples Soon, VFW Warns

WASHINGTON—The Veterans of Foreign Wars predicted that within a year millions of veterans will be selling apples unless Congress grants them seniority rights on new employment.

VFW Commander-in-Chief Joseph M. Sturck urged passage of a bill by Rep. Harold Knutson, R., Minn., requiring that veterans applying for new jobs be credited with seniority for time spent in service.

The American Legion meanwhile drafted telegrams to industrial and labor leaders urging that a veterans' seniority clause be written into new labor contracts.

Sturck cited veterans administration records showing that in the week ended Jan. 19 more than 777,000 veterans drew GI unemployment compensation and 232,000 filed new claims.

He said 6,000,000 men are still to be discharged, most of them without jobs to which they can return.

Air Travel for GIs

LONG BEACH—Establishment of transport plane service for military personnel going to the East coast was announced here last week.

Planes leave the Municipal Airport twice weekly for New York City, via Albuquerque, Kansas City and Chicago. Minimum fare to Chicago or any intermediate stops is \$138; to New York, \$161.

Telephone Long Beach 484-12 for information and reservations.

Stateside Duty Minimum Set

No overseas veteran will be re-assigned to foreign duty, a recent MarCorps Dispatch provides, until he has served Stateside at least six months since his last return from abroad.

Furlough time is counted in the six-month minimum, but Naval hospital time is not. A man who has spent weeks or months in the hospital since his debarkation may, therefore, count on having six months' additional duty in the continental U.S. before being eligible for return overseas.

First Aerial Photo of San Diego Marine Corps Base Published Since Pearl Harbor



China Chills

THREAT of a new fire had been in the air since the first of the year when the Marine Corps was ordered to move its headquarters to the new base at San Diego. The move was a major step in the reorganization of the Marine Corps, and it was a move that had been in the air for some time. The move was a major step in the reorganization of the Marine Corps, and it was a move that had been in the air for some time.

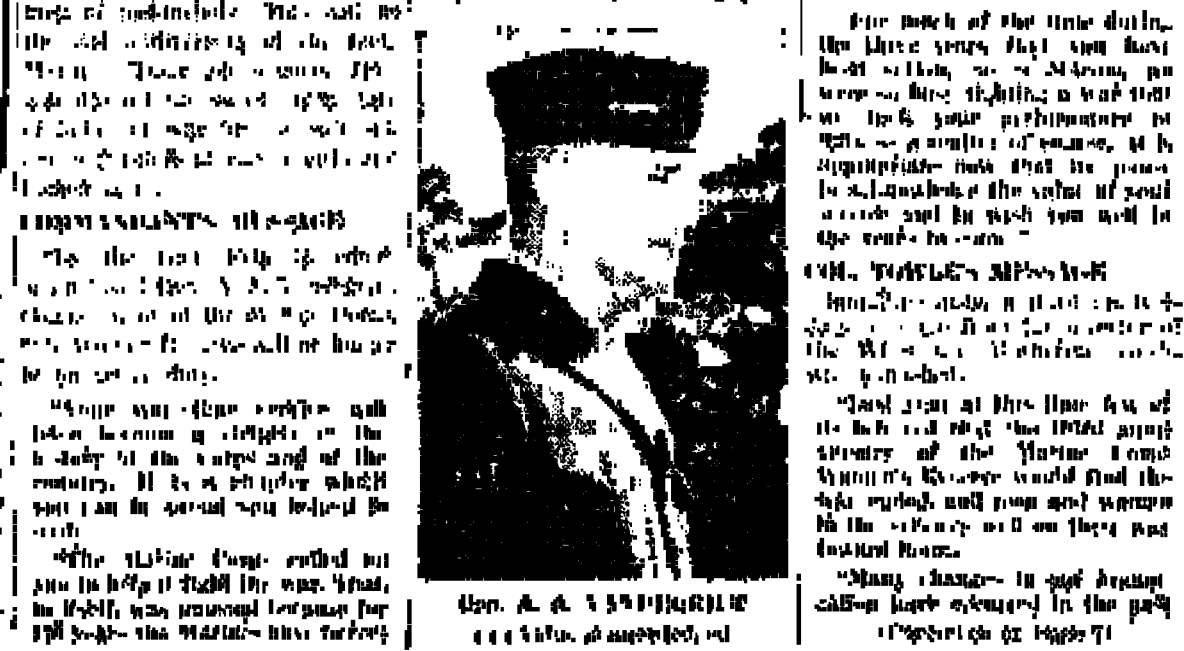
Peculiar Plans

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Corps Lauds WR's on 3rd Birthday

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WOMAN A. A. ...

First picture of its kind since Pearl Harbor, the remarkable aerial photograph was recently taken by the photographic unit of the Naval Air Station, North Island. Though few but air-wise Marines have ever seen it from quite this angle, local photographers will recognize the scene as the Marine Corps Base, San Diego.

In the foreground is a large area of the Consolidated-Value plant, from which buildings are on the edge of the field. Paying Highway, light-stations, the right side of the picture and branches of toward Marine Beach, Mission Beach, La Jolla, Los Angeles and other Marine posts will enable observers to get their photographic bearings.

Across the road from edge of the airfield begins the boundaries of North with the numerous headquarters, maintenance, recreation, supply and other buildings—forming a great line. At the left, dominating the field are the more than 200 small huts occupied by Marines going through training. Further toward the ocean is the large baseball diamond, stadium and large building city buildings.

Most familiar feature of MCIB is the huge asphalt parade ground (center), bordered by the embowered theater building (background), administration building at far end, and other main buildings along the length of the right side of the parade grounds.

Looking toward the picture's top, Naval Training Center can be seen spreading along the island bay. Further toward the top is the Pacific ocean, with Ocean Beach on the left. Northward along the coast is Miramar Beach (across the distant bridge) and Pacific Beach. Buildings in the center and top, stretching seaward, are various housing units, many of them Navy housing, which accommodate hundreds of Marine families.

Ex-WR Head Gets Legion of Merit

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WR Birthday Party Held at Base

The first birthday of the Marine Corps Women's Reserve was celebrated at the base with a large party. The party was a major step in the reorganization of the Marine Corps, and it was a move that had been in the air for some time. The party was a major step in the reorganization of the Marine Corps, and it was a move that had been in the air for some time.



WOMAN A. A. ...

U. S. Pays and Pays As Pensions Soar

The U.S. government is paying pensions to a large number of former Marine Corps Women's Reserve members. The pensions are a major step in the reorganization of the Marine Corps, and it was a move that had been in the air for some time. The pensions are a major step in the reorganization of the Marine Corps, and it was a move that had been in the air for some time.

No Shave, No Sir

PHOTOGRAPH of a Marine Corps soldier is shown. The soldier is wearing a uniform and a cap, and he is looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and out of focus.

Jap Pants Presser Pays Own War Debt

The Japanese government is paying its own war debt. The payment is a major step in the reorganization of the Japanese government, and it was a move that had been in the air for some time. The payment is a major step in the reorganization of the Japanese government, and it was a move that had been in the air for some time.

Through the SPORThOLE

By PFC. VINCENT MASSE

EDITOR'S QUERY—It is assumed by this department that, through no fault of our own, we have at some time or other been able to enlighten you on sports activities, etc. So-o-o it seems to us that we should have the right to query you this time without remarks floating in like "Whyinthehell doesn't that guy 'tell' instead of 'asking'?"

Now here is the deal. Just what do you people (shades of ol' boot camp, "You people") want in the way of sport activity for either "spectator" or "participation" consumption?

Do you realize that the Base Athletic Office has adopted the slogan "We aim to please," and that there isn't one sport from "tiddie-winks" to "yo-yo" that you can't have IF you'll only ask?

Still, there are people going around "beating their gums" that we can't have this sport and why don't they have that, and such sly expressions. You can have anything your little heart desires, as they say in the best of dime novel love stories, "IF"—and we repeat "IF"—you will let your desires be known to the proper authorities.

Not long ago we had a little incident along these lines happen to us. While attending the weekly boxing bouts at Recruit Depot, two members of that organization's permanent personnel cornered us and wanted to know why the Base didn't promote a handball tournament.

They continued giving facts and figures as to the number of fellows interested and said they thought something should be done to give the handball enthusiast a "break."

Well, the boys really sold us and arrangements were made with them to come up to the sports department with a list of players who were behind this movement. This department discussed it with the Athletic Officer, and was ready to follow up. Something WAS going to be done about it.

BUT, did a list of those names to enter the handball tourney ever reach this office? . . . IT DID NOT. Did we ever hear from the two guys that had done all the belly-achin'? WE DID NOT.

So it goes, and we later found out that we weren't the only ones who ran into such situations. The Athletic Officer, Capt. Deeson, relates similar experiences in the course of his duties.

While on the subject, this department would like to know how come there isn't more attendance at the Base basketball league games?

You might not know it but these basketball players are somewhat like actors. They like to know their efforts are appreciated. But unlike actors they receive no reward (moola to you're) for their efforts.

So it seems to me that the least we could give them is a little moral support. We can assure you that if you care for basketball at all, you will not be disappointed as to the brand of ball you will witness. They, and their opponents, are as good if not better than any college or professional quintets playing today. If we're wrong, sue us!

We can now sit back and wait for the letters and calls to come in quoting that service tag line—"Tell your troubles to the chaplain." . . . BUT we are one up on you there. We have already and he just can't seem to make the games either.

'Evenly Matched' Bouts On Weekly Recruit Smoker

By PFC. Leonard Dorf

The weekly boxing bouts held at the Recruit Depot amphitheater were so perfectly matched that only one bout ended in a knockout.

The main event ended in a draw between Roland Tossano who was a veteran of three bouts in the RD arena, and a newcomer, Morris Loveridge. The fight was in the lightweight class. Tossano was from Plat. 154, and Loveridge from Plat. 9.

The opening bout of the evening saw Melvin Acheson, 160 pounds, of Plat. 164, losing a very close decision to Eddie Mora, 158 pounds, of Plat. 12.

The second bout staged Troy Erwin of Plat. 11, weighing 143, against Gene Dixon of Plat. 154, weighing 160 pounds. Erwin won on a KO in 1 minute and 35 seconds of the first round. Dixon was counted out in a neutral corner with the ropes supporting him in a sitting position.

FIGHTIN' 154th

The semi-final of the evening

brought together Johnny Taylor, Plat. 164, 143 pounds, and Billy Rayburn, Plat. 13, 145 pounds. Taylor won the decision.

Out of ten bouts, Plat. 154 had eight men participating. In a previous week, this platoon had a contestant in each of the ten bouts staged, with eight winners at the close of the evening. It is for this reason that the platoon is being referred to as the "Fightin' 154th."

OTHER RESULTS

3—Don Tossano, 145 pounds, of Plat. 14, won the third bout by a decision over Dick Trimble, 144 pounds, of Plat. 8.

4—Won by Bobby Nipp, Plat. 151, 155 pounds, over Neal Hollander, 161 pounds, of Plat. 153.

5—A hotly contested three rounds which Hooky Smith won over Lew Hickey. These fighters are in the heavyweight division. Smith is from Plat. 155, and Hickey from 154.

6—Danny Barber, 170 pounds, Plat. 151, won a three-round decision over Josh Shuler, 160 pounds, Plat. 13.

7—The last bout of the evening, bringing together Larry Gilbert of Plat. 6, weighing 133, and Willis Smith, Plat. 152, weighing 202. Willis won in a three-round decision.

8—Dick Jacobs, 137 pounds, Plat. 164, won a decision over Mel Allison, Plat. 12, 135 pounds.

THE CHEVRON Sports

Nice Thing to Know When You Are on Liberty



In a special preview for Chevron readers Sgt. Maj. A. C. Holtman and his assistant PFC. Walter Williamson, demonstrate a few of the holds and throws that they will exhibit this Saturday evening as a special added attraction to the weekly Recruit Depot boxing show. Holtman, who assists in instructing a Judo class at the Army and Navy Y.M.C.A., is a Black Belt ju jitsu graduate. In the center photo, Lt. Duane Whitehead, former football star of USC, now at RD, is shown giving the boys the once-over. Pictured above are such holds as "flying-circle throw," "cross-shoulder throw," and "strangulation hold." For the "hows" and "whatnots" we are attending the exhibition Saturday. . . . How about you?

(Photos by PFC. Ralph McFarrell)

Base Quintet Cops Playoff Opener

Locals Down Ream Raiders 57 - 54 As Championship Finals Begin

By PFC. Vincent Masse

"They fought like 'ell to win that one" was a remark passed by a Naval lieutenant following the sensational 57-54 victory of the Base quintet over the powerful Ream Raider hoopers. It was the opening game of a best two-out-of-three series for the basketball championship of the 11th Naval Dist, tournament Tuesday evening at the Adm. Sexton gym.

Meeting for the third time in league competition, these arch-rivals battled toe-to-toe throughout the entire game, leaving victory in the balance till the final whistle.

As in previous games, the Base team got off to an early lead and midway in the first half held a surprising 19-10 lead over its staunch opponent. Faced with a possible runaway defeat, the Ream Raiders launched a scoring spurt of its own, and when half-time came they held a 34-33 edge.

REGULARS INTACT

With the insertion of PhM2/c Walter Dye into the starting lineup, the Base hoopers presented for the first time in weeks their first-string team. Dye, coupled with his former teammate of Medical Dept., HA1/c Dick Wolfe, combined to

give the locals most of their scoring power in the first half.

At the start of the second half the Base representatives took very little time in getting the lead back from the tiring Ream Raiders, whose sensational first-half scoring spree seemed to have taken a lot out of them.

NEW COMBO

Taking over where Dye and Wolfe had left off in the first half, Team Captain PFC. Keith Lambert and Pvt. Frank Dalley flashed

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a great brand of ball to push their teammates out in front to a lead that they stubbornly held on to till the end. In this half Dalley played

the best basketball this reporter has seen him play since the formation of the team.

The losers, led by the 34-point searing duo of Rollins and Richardson, gave a swell exhibition of long-range shooting. Some of these shots made by these boys might be termed "lucky" if it wasn't for the fact that they made them a little too often to be called that. Luck just don't happen that often.

The starting lineup:

Base	Ream Raiders
Wolfe	Rollins
Dye	Farmer
Dalley	Keith
Turnbow	Holliman
Lambert	Richardson

Field goals: Wolfe (3), Dye (5), Dalley (5), Lambert (4), Rollins (7), Richardson (8), Holliman (2), Turnbow (2), Turnbow, head, Penney, Walley and Grabber, one each. Free throws: Rollins (4), Farmer (2), Wolfe (2), Lambert (2), Walley (2), Penney (2), Dalley, Dye and Head, one each.

TWO STRAIGHT WANTED

One victory already tucked away, the Base varsity will strive to curtail this playoff series by taking the second game, to be played this evening (Thursday), and give themselves a well-earned championship. It won't be easy, 'cause this Navy team is a fightin' outfit, but if our local boys show the same spirit and fight they did in

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Separation Holds Base Hoop Lead; Hqs. Wins Two

Separation Company's undefeated status featured the Base basketball journey as it went into its sixth week of play.

Other highlights for the week's play included another defeat for the popular Company "A" team by the Band quintet, 49-35. The Band outfit by virtue of this victory moved into undisputed possession of second place.

The victory-starved Headquarters Hoopers got their fill by crashing the victory column twice. They participated in one of the outstanding thrill-packed games during the week when they nipped out Guard Co., 43-41. Their other victory was won hands down when Rifle Range forfeited their scheduled Monday evening's game.

HOW THEY STAND

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Separation Co.	7	0	1.000
Band	7	1	.875
Co. "A"	5	2	.750
Mess Co.	5	2	.712
R&R Bulldogs	4	2	.712
Fire Dept.	4	4	.500
Guard Co.	2	5	.285
Rifle Range	2	5	.285
Recruit Depot	2	5	.285
Headquarters	2	5	.285
M.T.R.C.	2	6	.250
R&R Wildcats	0	7	.000

(Including games played Tuesday, Feb. 12.)

Results and scores of games played Feb. 6 to 12: Headquarters 43, Guard Co. 41; R&R Bulldogs 37, Rifle Range 14; Band 49, Company "A" 35; Fire Dept. 29, Recruit Depot 26; Mess Co. 46, M.T.R.C. 29; Separation Co. 48, Guard Co. 33; R&R Bulldogs 46, R&R Wildcats 13; Headquarters 23, Rifle Range 9 (forfeit); Band 67, Fire Dept. 35; Co. "A" 38, M.T.R.C. 26.

Base Hoopers Cop Opener

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this initial playoff game, we are of the opinion that it will be—"MCB, 11th Naval Dist. Basketball Champion" and we'd like to use that for a headline in next week's paper.

GAME TID-BITS—To point out any individual player on the Base squad as a star of this first playoff game victory would be very unfair, as each member was an outstanding as the other. However, it would be nice to note that Wolfe was the only member of the starting lineup to play a full game and a nice game it was, too. . . . Lt. James Walley, pressed into the game early in the first half, was another worthy of mention. Generally used as a part-time replacement for Corp. Turnbow, Walley added fight and defensive help that caused Coach Capt. Besson to leave him in for the remainder of the game. . . . PFC. Keith Lambert, team captain, was singled out by the Roam Raiders' roasting section and they wore "on" him for the whole game. . . . "Big Change" Penney got into the fray for a short time but the way Dalley was going in the second half, Penney just looked on. . . . Nice to see Dye make a few of his "fast-breaking" plays that was a trademark of his in his intramural playing days. . . . For some unknown reason the boys were given the "freeze it" signal from the coach with nine minutes still to go. That really made the R&R backers hoot and howl. . . . With the long-range shots the Raiders were sinking in the final minutes of play, the Base three-point lead looked very, very small. . . . BUT they held it. . . . 'Nuff sed.

GOLF FOR VETERANS

WASHINGTON—Golf cures many ills, especially mental weariness. That's straight from the Veterans Administration, which announces that 16 of its hospitals already have courses and six more are being installed.



(Photo by Corp. Thomas Cleary)

HE GOT THE WORD. It didn't take long for PFC. Ever-ton Ware to get the "word" about the popular dance and entertainment given semi-monthly at Recruit Depot. Ware had just returned, a few days before, from 31 months' duty overseas, and Friday evening found him joining his friends at the Depot soiree. Given for the personnel at R.D., these evening parties have pioneered the way for other such events by other organizations on the Base.

Marines Find China Money Funny

TSINGTAO, China (Delayed)—Anything can happen in China, and 6th Division Marines in this port city are finding that out.

En route here, they were told that the local currency might fluctuate in value. Might is not the word for it.

For instance:

A couple of Leathernecks sat in one of the hundreds of restaurants that have sprung like toadstools in the last month. They ordered and

ate their food, and the check was placed on the table.

As they sat smoking, the waiter approached the table, hovered over the check with his pencil for a moment, and left them. This was repeated several times until the Marines grew interested and nabbed him.

The waiter explained.

In the short time they had been sitting there, the money had taken three separate plunges in value, making the check total that much less.

"Let's stick around for awhile," said one, as they rose to leave. "In a few minutes they may be paying us."

China Marines 'Beat Gums' To Music

TSINGTAO, China (Delayed)—All Marines love to "beat their gums" when things go wrong, and usually the gum-beating isn't what you might call melodious. So when 200 members of the 6th Division's 20th Regiment found they had to spend Christmas Day aboard an LST as part of an aircraft salvage party, they tackled the ivory-chipping with a new angle.

Borrowing the tune of "Jingle Bells" they voiced their gripe in poetic form, as evidenced in the following stanzas, written by Corp. Alex Hensyak, Michigan City, Ind., Pvt. Clyde W. Myers, Unjontown, Wash., and Pvt. Donald R. Fish, Trojan.

"Dashing o'er the sea, in a rusty LST,
O'er the sea we go, Gang Ho Joe and me.
Brandy makes him dull, vodka makes him bright;
How I wish that I were back in old Tsingtao tonight!
"Gung Ho, Joe! Gung Ho, Joe!
Won't you hear my plea?
It's no fun for me to ride
In a rusty LST (repeat).
I hope that you don't think, on this dark and dismal night,
The clanking of these chains will make my gloomy spirits bright.
"If it's all the same with you—
And also with the crew,
Instead of going left tonight—
Let's turn this darned thing right!"

Right, as one might guess, was the way back to the Marine base of Tsingtao.—Sgt. T. Vincent Mulahy, Marine Correspondent.

11th Nav. Swim Meet

Two national junior AAU swimming championships will headline a swim meet open to both civilian and service swimmers at the San Diego Naval Air Station enlisted men's plunge March 17.

Men's national junior 150-yard individual medley and women's national junior 100-yard backstroke championship races, awarded this district by the national AAU, will feature six competitive events on the agenda.

BEAR A HAND

For Sale

RADIO, 8-tube, cabinet Philco, in excellent condition. Will sell for \$100. Call Sgt. Maj. Wilkins, Naval Hospital, Ext. 211.

STUDENT (Champion, 42 model, 4-door, 40,000 miles, Radio and heater. Call Sgt. H. H. Coff, Ext. 255.

APPLES, selling price. Aged veteran, unable support self otherwise, will appreciate business, especially from former wife. Ex-Sgt. Stu Hennessey, corner 4th & Market, 8599 to 1800.

OFFICER'S overcoat, size 32, almost new. Also, brown mohair overcoat, size 44. Phone Ext. 351.

SCHICK electric razor in good condition. Will sell for \$10. Call Sgt. Barb, Ext. 706.

OFFICER'S uniform, Greens, size 40-42, good condition. Reasonable. Phone Randolph 5471.

Wanted

WASHING machine, second-hand. Call Capt. J. L. Smith, way, 2nd School, Ext. 324.

Trade

COMBAT artist will trade a South Sea or war scene painting for a set of good golf clubs. Paintings valued from \$75 to \$150. Call Chevron, Ext. 633.

Services Offered

NEED job anything. Anywhere. Ex-Sgt. Stu Hennessey, care of U.S.P.S.

Church Services

SUNDAY SERVICES: Base Chapel—**PROTESTANT**, 1015 Morn. Worship; 1100 Holy Communion (last Sunday in each month).
R&R, 6530 Morn. Worship.
Recruit Depot, 0915 Morn. Worship.
Bldg. 110 (Bldg), 6800 Morn. Worship.
Camp Matthews, 1600 Morn. Worship.

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

LATTER DAY SAINTS, Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 0800 Morn. Worship; Camp Matthews, 1100 Afternoon Worship.

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

WEEK DAY SERVICES: **ROMAN CATHOLIC**, Base Chapel, 1800 Confessions, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1830 Mass, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1900 Novena, Tues.
R&R, 1700 Confessions, Sat.
Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 1800 Confessions, Sat.

Truman's Housing Plan Break for U. S. Veterans

President Truman this week stepped into the national housing muddle with recommendations for the greatest home-building plan ever attempted by a nation.

Primarily developed for the home-seeking veterans of World War II, the President voiced hope that Congress would expedite legislation on the building program that would give the U.S. 2,700,000 new homes by the end of 1947, most of them to fall in the \$1000 to \$7000 price bracket.

Describing the program as the "bold, vigorous and eminently practical" one that he wanted, President Truman announced that it will have the "complete and unqualified support" of his administration. He directed all agencies of the government to use every resource at their command to carry it out.

CONGRESS APPROVES

Congress unanimously applauded the objectives of the emergency campaign, but it was feared in many Washington quarters that action on the new plan would be slowed tremendously by a rider bill which would place price ceilings on the 40,000,000 existing U.S. dwellings.

Although details were not disclosed, Wilson W. Wyatt, new federal housing expediter, revealed that virtually all new homes constructed will be for veterans.

In addition his program will also call for the participation of communities in a national home-building plan.

Many U.S. cities, already the sufferers of the country's housing crisis and impatient with Washington red tape, took steps to aid community homeless this week.

L. A. HARD HIT

Los Angeles, hardest hit of all U.S. cities by the housing shortage, reported that 200,000 homes were urgently needed by that city alone. Plans were laid to erect 1500 quonset huts, to be completed by April. Some city residents had

Little Boy Blew

NAGASAKI, Japan (Delayed)—Short! But not so sweet! Such was the experience of a Leatherneck (traffic offender, reports a Marine correspondent here.

Despite notices warning truck and jeep drivers of an immediate demotion for violating speed limits, this Marine insisted on rolling merrily along.

As first violator of the new law he was brought to the commanding officer's desk where he stood patiently in anticipation of the usual lecture reserved for first offenders. But the interview set a speed record, too—going something like this:

Commanding Officer: "You were PFC. Blow."

Blow: "Yes, sir."

CO: "That's all, Pvt. Blow."

Whereupon, Pvt. Blow blew!

WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

BASE THEATER
1730 and 2000

THURSDAY—Incendiary Blonde. Betty Hutton-Arline de Cordova. Wild Miss Hutton in a musical comedy set on Broadway. A new issue.

FRIDAY—Adventure. Clark Gable-Greer Garson. Romance, drama, adventure and other Gable synonyms. Girls! Clark is back.

SATURDAY—State Fair. Dana Andrews-Jeanne Crain. Technicolor for-the-family film. Same as the one Will Rogers starred in some years ago.

SUNDAY—Idea Girl. Jess Barker-Julie Bishop. We think they should have allowed the 'Idea Girl' to work on the film. It needs lots of something.

MONDAY—Deadline at Dawn. Susan Hayward-Paul Lukas. Somebody goes to somebody else's apartment. Both bodies find somebody—guess again, Marine; rigor mortis had set in.

TUESDAY—Live Wire. Monogram runs one of their specials for 15 minutes. Short subjects and news.

WEDNESDAY—Road to Utopia. Bing Crosby-Fay Hope. Not yet released to civilian theaters. Promises to be one of the top comedy films of the season.

(Camp Matthews films will follow the above schedule by one day.)

Male Call

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

Cross Word Puddle



THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

DENVER (CNS)—Queenie, a sad looking brindle bulldog, has been waiting two years in the Union Station for someone, presumably a GI to come home to Denver. Queenie stands hopefully at the station gates watching incoming crowds day after day. "I'm sure her wait has been in vain."

BERKELEY, Calif.—Harold Wallace's car struck Arlon Tussing, left limb and head. Wallace ran for help, fell at a fish pond, dislocated a finger. The other, bleeding hip, stepped in a hole, broke leg ankle.—Time

MISSOULA, Mont. (CNS)—About 4000 Missoula at just may have killed. The city has passed an ordinance restricting the number of goats to two per person. In recent years goats have outnumbered people in Missoula 10 to 1.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y.—Johnny, a child of the shipyard Thomas Thomas, pulled out of his second-floor bedroom, jumped out of a ledge, explained: "I could swear I heard the sergeant yell 'jump!'" —Time

DENVER, Colo.—Lobby Schmitz, nondescript man, appeared for a football-coaching job at MacArthur College, learned that he was ineligible. The reason: "Mac-Murray is for girls only." —Time

BOSTON (CNS)—Two judicial bagmen entered the fifth floor apartment of Mike Maloney, stole his piano, lowered it to the street with a pulley, carried it four blocks to a second-hand store and sold it for \$10.

RENO (CNS)—"How much would it cost me to buy my wife?" Bill Crowson asked a cop. "Fifty bucks," the cop replied. Bill went home, signed his wife, then went to court, paid the fine.

KISMABUK, N. D. (CNS)—Bill Potter, 24, is North Dakota's oldest living marriage boy. He's been running errands since he was 11.

ASHOS—Mrs. Ethel Ray, told that her house was on fire, shouted that she was under doctor's orders to stay in bed. Followed instructions, died in flames.—Time

PORT DOUGLAS, Australia—A boy, a boy, a boy, on the beach, attacked energetically by a woman with a banana, yielded a fine hatch of clinging oysters; later, tossed off shore by a nine-disposal squid, landed a delusion that shook every building in town. —Time

WALBURY, Md.—Johnny, 17, declared today dead in 1941 after a ten-year disappearance, asked the coronator for details, asked hopefully: "I feel like a young man, even though I'm dead." —Time

PASADENA, Calif.—Motorist John Moore, fresh from a bare-chested ride on the coast, pulled out of the speed Santa Fe Club, clomped down thirty but failed to get a ticket for crossing the grade-crossing stop sign. —Time

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—Twenty thieves swiped 160 cases of bottled good cheer from a local warehouse, then swiped 23 barrels of beer from a Roosevelt Avenue tavern. Total value of the stolen beer: \$234.

MINNAPOLIS (CNS)—It's just like home in the Police City jail these days. Police Chief Joe McGadden has hung cellophane on all the prison windows "just to brighten the joint up a little."

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (CNS)—This rough night in solvent for the first time in its history, the village follows have announced. The town's books show a profit of \$10 for the year.

PARIS, Tex. (CNS)—A third broke into a suit store and stole a complete outfit, having behind another complete outfit the one he had been wearing, which he had stolen from the same store six months before.

LAKE BEACH, Calif.—Tony and Henry Freese thought that when their milk-and-butter truck caught fire, quenched the flames with milk, saved the butter. —Time

PITTSBURGH, Miss.—Three white mice killed a nylon-stocking game, left three tracks in line. —Time



UNITED BY SERGEANT Art Jarman, USA, Rejoining by Sgt. S. Hoffmann, pin-up connoisseur. **SIGHTS CIVILIAN SKIRT**, eager to renew his acquaintance with civilian life and its nice things, Ex-Sgt. "Hero Top" Heigemann this week was separated from the Corps and from the saddened WIFs. His announced postwar plans are to track down the living originals of all Cheyenne Chiefs. Regarding his military career, Heigemann observed: "Well, they was a long four years."