



Base Will Play Host to St. Louis Browns

Points Drop, Discharge Plan Told

All WR's, Reservists, and SS with 25 Points or 30 Months Eligible July 1

Discharge points were slashed to 40 this week for Marines, while Washington simultaneously announced a clarified demobilization program to carry through July 1 of this year.

The latest point drop made approximately 45 Base EM eligible for immediate discharge, and coincided with the previously announced point drop to 16 for WR's. The reduction made 55 Base WR's eligible for release.

It was further revealed that any inductees or Reservists having 30 months on active duty will, after July 1, be eligible for discharge regardless of point score.

Dates and required points for discharge are:

Beginning March 11, EM with 40 points and WR's with 16 points; April 1, EM—28, WR's—13; May 1, EM—23, WR's—8; June 1, EM—23, WR's—4. On the final date of the announced plan, July 1, EM points will drop to 25, while for WR's points will be reduced to zero.

Molting Season—Shed Coats!

Coming of Spring, and the Southern California sunshine which allegedly accompanies it, was recognized this week by a Base Memo authorizing Marines to omit wearing their blouses on certain specified occasions.

"Effective during the period 15 March to 30 November 1946," the memo stated, "for personnel who reside off the Base and Camp Matthews, the wearing of the uniform coat, in proceeding to or from this Base or Camp Matthews to their homes, is optional. Coats also are optional for enlisted personnel attending Base or Camp Matthews dances or movies.

"Coats may not be carried. A person who elects to wear a coat shall wear it fully buttoned, and shall not remove it, or any insignia or the belt, in a public place. Coats are optional for all personnel proceeding from this Base to Camp Matthews or vice versa. Liberty uniform remains as at present—no change."

Dunlap Closed

Camp Dunlap, former Imperial Valley Corps artillery range, was officially closed last Sunday, it was reported at Camp Pendleton this week.

Dunlap opened in October of 1942 and was used primarily as an artillery training center for Marines. The late Gen. Patton used it as a training camp for his Army units.

Until March 10, a guard unit composed of Marines from Camp Pendleton will maintain a caretaker watch at Dunlap. The facilities will revert to the Navy.



(Photo courtesy of San Diego Journal)

PLAN STRATEGY. Pictured above are two members of the St. Louis Browns' catching staff, Frank Marcuso (left), and Jeff Heath. No doubt the conversation centers around "how to stop the Marines." Browns play exhibition game here next Wednesday, March 20, against an all-star Marine team.

Washington Confirms Late Unit Citation Awards

A recent dispatch, reported in last week's CheVron, announcing award of the Presidential Unit Citation and Navy Unit Commendation to numerous Marine units for their action in the Pacific, has been confirmed and re-stated more clearly by a later release date-lined Washington, D. C.

As explained by the more recent release:

UNITS LISTED

The units receiving the Presidential Unit Citation were the 1st Marines (Reinforced) for Peleliu; the 4th Marines, the 7th Marines (Reinforced), the 22nd Marines and Marine observation Squadron 3 for action at Okinawa, and the 27th and 28th Marines (reinforced) for action at Iwo Jima.

Reinforcing units of the 27th Marine Regiment were announced as the 5th Tank Bn. (less Co. "C"), the 1st Bn. of the 28th Marines, Co. "B" of the 5th Medical Bn.; Co. "E" of the 5th Medical Bn., Co. Platoon of the 5th MP Co., detachments of the 5th Joint Assault Signal Co., a detachment of the 3rd Provisional Rocket Platoon, forward observers and liaison parties of the 13th Marines, and the 1st Section of the 6th War Dog Platoon.

REINFORCEMENTS CITED

Units cited as reinforcements of the 28th Marine Regt. were, Co. "C" of the 5th Engineer Bn., Co. "C" of the 5th Tank Bn., Co. "C" of the 5th Medical Bn., 3rd Platoon of the 5th MP Co., detachment of the 5th Joint Assault Signal Co., forward observers and liaison parties of the 13th Marines, a detachment of the 3rd Provisional Rocket Platoon, and a detachment of the D-2 Section of the 5th MAB Div.

NAVY UNIT

The Navy Unit Commendation has been awarded to the 11th Marine Regt. for participation in the Cape Gloucester, Peleliu and Okinawa campaigns. Marine Air

Groups 24 and 32 received the Commendation for their work in the Lingayen Gulf and Manila area, and Marine Bombing Squadron 612 for the Central Pacific campaign.

The list of units that reinforced the 1st and 7th Marines has not been announced. Recommendations for these units are pending the approval of the Secretary of the Navy and will be announced as soon as they become available, Marine Corps Headquarters said.

Corps Pilot Dies After Crash

Lt. Col. Dwight May Guillotte, USMC, commanding officer of Aircraft Eng. Sqn. 46, MCAS, Cherry Point, N. C., died Tuesday, March 5, as a result of injuries sustained in the crash of a Martin medium type bomber near the Marine Corps Air Station there.

Col. Guillotte was commissioned in the Marine Corps in 1935 and became a naval aviator in 1938. The colonel served as a transport pilot at Guadalcanal and also flew 31 bombing missions as commanding officer of a medium bomber squadron. He was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious action in this campaign and was to have been decorated in the near future with a second and third Gold Star in lieu of additional Air Medals for action in the Bismarck Archipelago area.

Col. Guillotte was a resident of La Jolla, and is survived by his wife and their two children.

Major-Leaguers Open Three-Game Series Here Wednesday

"Play Ball!"—and it will be "good ball" when the St. Louis Browns come to MCB next Wednesday, March 20, for an exhibition game against a special all-star Marine team.

The Leatherneck club, composed of players from the San Diego Base team, Camp Pendleton and Miramar, will take on the Browns—who train at near-

by Anaheim—in a three-game series. Following Wednesday's game here, the competition will move to Pendleton, where the second tilt of the series will be played on Thursday. The third and final game will take place at the Miramar diamond on Friday.

MAY OR TIME OFF

Commanding officers of all units at the San Diego Base have been authorized to approve—at their own discretion—time off for enlisted personnel who can be spared from regular duties and who wish to attend the MCB match. Game time has been tentatively set for 1400.

The St. Louis nine, under the management of Luke Sewell, gained its first American League pennant in 1944. Many members of that championship team, as well as returning veterans and the usual number of "promising rookies," will be on hand for the series against the Marines.

BASE COACHES MANAGE

The combined Marine team will be managed by WO. Trojnetter of MCB, Lt. Scarpella of Pendleton, and WO. Berry of Miramar. Each of the three, successively, will be in charge at his "home base" when the teams meet there.

Much interest will be centered on the Browns, who are expected to give baseball fans a hint as to

what a post-war big league team has to offer. Being only an exhibition series, the Marine games will not necessarily reveal the whole picture; but the talent displayed probably will enable the average fan to get an early start on his "second guessing" and "grandstand managing" for the season.

Corps to Reduce Officer Roster

Plans to reduce Corps officer strength by July 1 to "post-war authorization allowances" were announced at Washington early this week.

Officers not eligible for transfer to "permanent regular status" because of overage, physical or educational disqualifications, will be released "rapidly" because of recent budget reductions, the Washington dispatch stated.

The dispatch also revealed that "Commanding officers will not delay detachment of officers being relieved (from) active duty for longer than ten days."

"This does not modify orders directing withholding delivery or orders when officer believes amount (of) terminal leave granted (is) incorrect," the dispatch concludes.

NEWS OF INTEREST TO MARINES

For anyone still interested in Marine Corps demobilization, here's the week's ration of statistics:

Between V-J Day and March 1 (latest date covered by available reports), 261,059 personnel were separated from the Corps. Included are 230,000 EM, 11,408 enlisted WR's. During the week ending March 1, 5719 EM were discharged, 3084 arrived from overseas, 15 departed for overseas. Between Feb. 23 and March 1, enlistments and re-enlistments totaled 1835.

MISCELLANY

First Jap-held territory to be landed on by Marines in World War II was Florida Island, Solomon; Corps arrived Aug. 7, 1942. . . . There is no historical record of when Marine Corps hymn was written, but legend says a Marine Corps officer composed it after battle of Mexico City (1847), with lyric from an old French opera. The hymn was officially adopted by the Corps in 1929.

A Broadway columnist recently predicted that "The Marine Corps will soon be making headlines as 'trouble shooters' in the Caribbean and Central America . . ." (Unsubstantiated by any official source.)

NO DRAFT, MORE PAY?

The Washington Daily News recently reported: "The request

to Congress for a 20 per cent pay hike for Army and Navy personnel was interpreted by some observers today as an indication that the services have given up hope that the draft will be extended beyond May 15. . . . The security of the nation, in this period of transition from war to peace, will require the enlistment of the maximum number of volunteers for the armed forces," the joint announcement said.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS

Remember when an Orson Welles radio play about invasion of Earth by men from Mars horrified the countryside, and large groups of farmers, for example—under the impression they had heard a news broadcast—baricaded roads and lay in ambush with their shotguns? . . . It happened again last month, in Paris. A radio playlet vividly depicted atomic-bomb experiments which "got out of control and began blasting the earth to pieces." Listeners became hysterical, deluged police stations and newspaper offices with phone calls, rushed to theaters to get their children and take them home (maybe to hide under the bed?) before the "chain reactions" spread to Paris.

Actually, wouldn't it be ironic if, in experiments expected merely to atomize a few battleships and goats . . .

San Francisco Paper Denounces Loud Critics of Marine Corps

Heated discussion regarding the reported "Marine Corps shelling of a Chinese village" early last December has led to a hard-hitting editorial in the San Francisco Chronicle. Sharply criticizing the segment of the press which leaps into "editorial gum-beating" before obtaining all the facts, the Chronicle said:

The United States Marine Corps, after 170 years of valiant service to its country, was startled and understandably distressed the other day to find itself under savage attack on the ground that it had grossly violated the very essence of the Corps motto—that it had been faithful to its trust.

On the basis of a report that a Marine detachment in China had pumped two dozen mortar shells into a small village as the aftermath of the murder of a Marine, some elements of the press, bustling with prime indignation, screamed that the Marines in China had turned out to be a bunch of butchers. Clucking with ruffled righteousness, they even wanted to know where the United States got off, condemning General Yamashita, "Tiger of Malaya," to hang while it nursed the Marine Corps to its bosom.

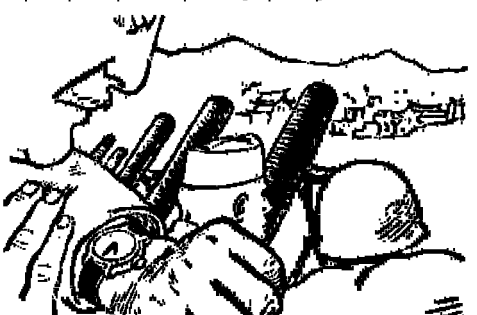
'EDITORIAL SAD SACKS'

There was no disposition to wait and see what additional facts might turn up. It was clear, in these editorial sad sacks, that the Marine Corps was no longer to be trusted, and they said as much to their public.

The incident itself, when the facts were finally unearthed, was hardly worth reporting in the first place. But the face put upon it, whether through inept reporting, the half-hearted judgment of editors, or deliberate fraudulent intent, was another matter entirely. Because of this, it becomes necessary to review the facts of the incident itself before passing on to its significance.

ORDER TO FIRE

First word of the affair came in press dispatch from Tientsin, China, dated December 8. They reported that American Marines had fired 21 mortar shells into a small village on December 4, after two Chinese gunmen killed one Marine and wounded another "in cold blood." The village had shot down the gunmen, and the Marine officer gave the order to fire after villagers had ignored an ultimatum to surrender the bandits within 30 minutes. A Naval board of inquiry had been appointed to investigate the incident. One dispatch quoted "combat



was" an ultimatum that the village could have been wiped out if all the 80-mm. mortar shells scored direct hits.

That was the story. It had hardly been torn from the teletype printers in the United States before some newspapers started their editorial gum-beating: "Butchers!" "Semper Fidelis, indeed!" "The American Lijder!" —and rot



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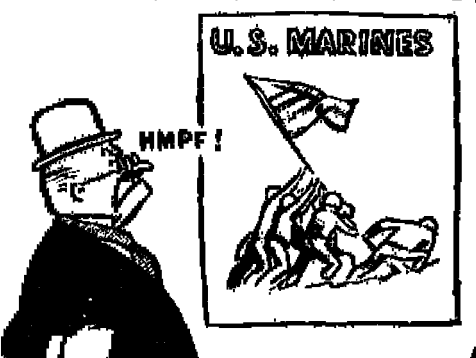
The Naval board of inquiry meanwhile set to work. It established the rather significant facts (verified by subsequent news stories from the scene) that: (a) the mortar shells had fallen, by deliberate omission on the part of the Marines, outside the village, and that consequently, (b) there were no casualties, major or minor, while property damage was limited to two broken window panes.

The real story, which placed a somewhat different cast upon the affair from that inferred by the critical element of the American press, was essentially this:

Two Marines, off duty, went rabbit hunting. They met three Chinese not recognized by them as bandits, who fell in behind them on the trail. The innocent-looking Chinese suddenly opened fire with an automatic pistol, killing one Marine and wounding the other, who fell to the ground feigning death. The thugs fired another shot into each body, stole their carbines, ammunition and personal effects, left them both for dead, and set off toward the village, 400 yards away.

WARNED VILLAGERS

The wounded Marine, assisted by a Chinese boy who happened along, made his way back to the post and reported to his commanding officer. A party of Marines, with an interpreter and an officer in charge,



proceeded immediately to the village, where the word was formally delivered that the two bandits must be surrendered within 30 minutes; otherwise, the villagers should evacuate at once because the village would be shelled.

All this happened in a lawless area. The villagers took no action; 30 minutes passed and neither were the bandits surrendered nor the villagers evacuated. The officer in charge thereupon ordered the mortar set up and fired, with the mortar sighted in to land outside the village confines. The first shell was observed to fall a suitable distance short of the town; the same setting of sights was held through the remaining 23 rounds. By that time daylight was approaching and the officer knocked off firing and headed back to camp.

CMC COMMENTS

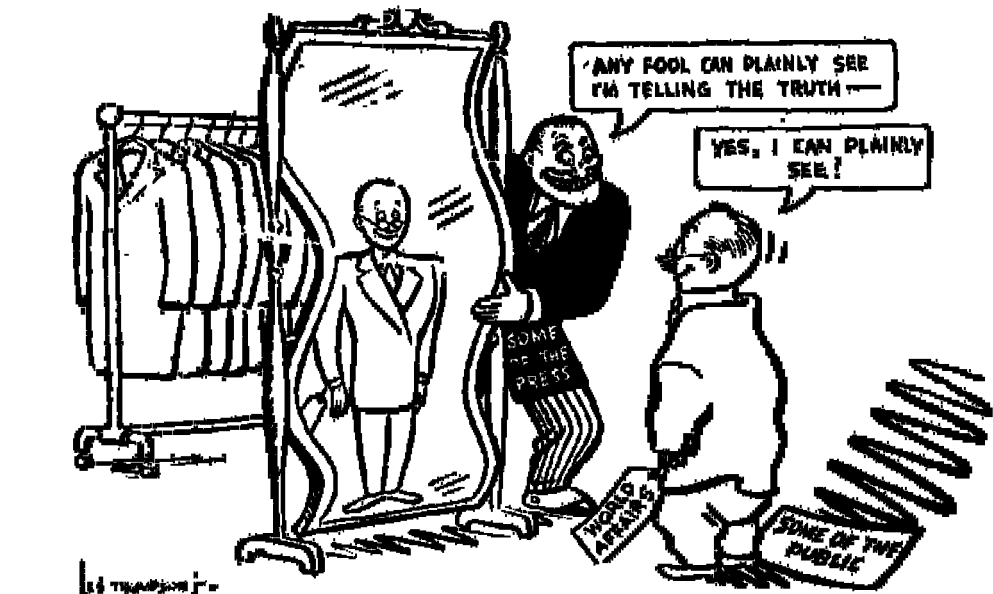
Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Marine Corps Commandant, has made this comment upon the incident: "Considering all the circumstances, it occurs to me that any other course of action short of that which was followed might have left something to be desired as regards the discharge of the officer's responsibilities . . ." We agree with the General.

Now to get back to the editorialists who vowed, in the light of the first report of the incident, that the Marine Corps had shed its honor and failed in its duty to its country:

'THINK WITH EMOTIONS'

The trouble with such people, beyond their more obvious deficiencies, is that for every one of them who has a public voice, there are a thousand or ten thousand Americans who nod sagely upon hearing their diatribes and intone a reverent "Amen." Thus the intellectual lassitude of one, when wired to a microphone or piped to a printing press, can sweep the country like a plague, infecting all others who think with their emotions instead of their heads.

It suited the purposes of the critics in this case to turn their backs on the Marine Corps' 170 years of unbroken, faithful service; it didn't matter that the same Marine Corps which helped found America survived to defend it with its blood at Tarawa and Palau, Guam and Saipan and Iwo Jima, Guadalcanal and Okinawa; it didn't matter that these same veterans of years of battle in the Pacific islands had accepted without complaint their assignment in China, when others by the millions were coming home to their families. Even the obvious fact that the Marine Corps is a mere instrument of national policy acting under orders which stem from the President of the United States fails to impress these critics. All they ask, these professional waiters, is the whisper of an excuse for viewing with alarm—and they're off to the carnival to



shell their pamphlets to every yokel who'll pause to hear.

'SLY EMPHASIS'

There is another earmark of this perpetually critical slice of the press, radio and public—the tendency to remind facts, by sly emphasis or bold distortion, to bolster the special prejudice of the moment. To such as these, an incident of this kind steps in the pulse rate; they can hardly wait to get into action. For instance, there are those who have a preconceived conviction that the Marine Corps should be abolished or swallowed up by the Army. They have a tendency to reach into any old bag of tricks for their proof. Therefore, they distort such incidents as the one under consideration here. And there are those who think that America itself is caught in an ideological rut and should be scrapped. These characters are always grateful for an opportunity to smear the Marine Corps.

The American people can, of course, throw out the Marine Corps—or the Navy or the Army—whenever they wish. But if they do, it should be on the established ground that the Corps has fallen down on the job and is no longer capable of fulfilling the duties assigned it. And it should not be on the basis of a series of specious, ill-considered utterances by those who, possessing only half the facts, elect to reshape them

to suit their own prejudices.

SHOULD DEMAND FACTS

Until such time as the Marine Corps discredits itself—which it is not likely to do—the people should stand ready to challenge any aspersion upon the Corps and to demand at once that the critic produce all the facts. The people owe this to themselves as well as to the Corps. The spirit of the Corps is invisible to the eye, but there are men who saw it on a hundred beachheads in the Pacific who will tell you it is the palpable force that not only wins battles but insures the security of the Nation. The spirit of the Corps is armored against almost any kind of weapon, but it is not proof against ingratitude. The returning Marine doesn't give a damn about riding through a blizzard of tickertape and torn photo books; the Marine still at his post 6000 miles from his home shores doesn't have to hear his praises sung every Sunday to keep his spirits up.

But tell a Marine he's failed his Corps and his country, and you tear the heart out of him. America is not yet so secure she can afford to let that happen.

The leader of the United States Marine Corps is one of this Nation's most priceless possessions. Every American should be ready to defend it at the drop of a hat—or a phony press statement.

SAFETY VALVE

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

Another Explanation

Editor, the Chevron—You recently (Feb. 11) reprinted an editorial which had appeared in the San Diego Tribune-Sun, concerning the strange silence of the Marine Corps in the recent GI demonstrations on demobilization. It wanted to know why, and gave some reasons which the paper thought might be the answer. This helped keep up the Marine tradition in the eyes of the public, all right, but it embittered a lot of Marines. Maybe you didn't read about the planned Marine demonstration in Pearl Harbor that (called off by the Marine "brass hats," with a court-martial threatened for anyone that attended) would have equalled those of the Army. Maybe you didn't hear about the Marine in Pearl Harbor that is up for court martial right now for petitioning.

I can't believe the Navy is handling the Marine demobilization. Why would they have the Navy's running so smooth, and the Marines', like it is. I challenge you to send someone to ask the reserves and draftees if they are satisfied. The Marine Corps is a little more than half demobilized, compared to the Army's (two-thirds or more). The Marines won't have all their reserves until July, September. The Army, by July, didn't the Marines fight as hard as the Army? They were drafted the same way and they want to go home just as bad.

NAME WITHHELD
Editor's Note—Your letter is an expression of opinion, as was the daily paper's editorial—which we reprinted as an item of interest without adding any comment; for the Chevron can't become a forum for presenting the staff's personal opinions. Regarding the Pearl Harbor matter, the Chevron at that time published the only material available when we went to press. . . . It is our understanding that the Marine Corps, not the Navy, is handling Corps demobilization; but the Chevron has limitations; it doesn't make Marine Corps policy and can't answer queries before the answers are available. All we can do is publish all the information released, as promptly as possible.

Dept. of Correction

Editor, the Chevron—Your story on page 5 of the Feb. 14 Chevron is in error. Legion of Merit ranks sixth if Marine Brevet Medal is listed. Recent Navy Dept. announcement places the Silver Star Medal

ahead of Legion of Merit, so proper order now is—Medal of Honor (Marine Corps Brevet); Navy Cross; Distinguished Service Cross; Silver Star Medal and Legion of Merit.

Chicago Lt. G. A. GROWDEN

Editor's Note—Latest ruling ranks Navy and Marine Corps medals as follows: Medal of Honor; (M.C. Brevet); Navy Cross; Silver Star; Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit.

Suggestions Invited

Editor, the Chevron—I have received recently from various sources several complaints about services and conditions in the Base Exchange. For the benefit of all members of this command I would like to stress the following facts:

This Exchange exists solely for your convenience and benefit. If you have any suggestions for improving the Exchange or complaints about existing conditions or service, tell the Steward. He is on the spot for that purpose and you will get immediate results. If you feel that you do not get satisfaction from him, my office is open to any patron of the Exchange, regardless of rank, who has a suggestion or complaint which will improve the set-up.

Some men think the Exchange would function better with all Marine personnel. The fact is that in an activity requiring a minimum of 250 employees, Headquarters has authorized 4 Marines! The balance are ex-Marines and service-connected girls. . . . We have priority and shortage troubles like any other store, and frequently we are unable to stock items we know you'd like to have. Every effort is made to obtain scarce items, and as soon as they're available, we'll have them in stock.

If indifferent or discourteous service by Exchange personnel is encountered, it can be checked immediately if you notify the Steward at the time. A complaint handled in this manner promptly reaches the person most concerned with running a good Exchange. Delayed corrections lose most of their effect.

Remember then, the goal of your Exchange is to operate for your benefit, the way you want it to function. Whenever it falls short, let us know how you think we can come closer to that goal.

BASE EXCHANGE OFFICER

Thursday Morning, March 14, 1946

*Dere Top!?

You will undoubtedly be glad to know, Top, that Heinemann Enterprises, Inc. (that's for Incorporated, Top) has at long last received official recognition from the Great White Father in Washington. I am referring, of course, to my apple-selling business in which I hope to lead the way for other veterans of World War II.

This recognition I got was in form of a letter from some B.T.O. who must have intercepted my application for a G.I. loan before it got to President Truman's desk. (In my correspondence with Washington, Top, I always write direct to the commander-in-chief. I never was one to go thru channels, was I, Ha Ha.)

Howsumover, to make a long story long, I will quote you from this letter an let me know what you think. It sez—quote:

"Dear Sir: Even though you are a former member of the Marine Corps, it still is not considered proper to address the President of the United States as 'Dear Harry'. Disregarding that, there are a few discrepancies in your application for a loan with which to start an apple cart on the corner of Hollywood and Vine.

"First, your statement that you plan to give away a free kiss to every feminine apple purchaser and a coy smile for every male customer is entirely beside the point. The government cares nothing about what you give away, but your proposal for also catering to those who cannot afford a whole apple appears in violation of both OPA ceiling prices and the Pure Food & Drug Act. Just HOW MANY



bites, at 5 cents a bite, do you think you can sell out of one apple?

"When you have cleared these matters up we will reconsider your application. Meantime, may the President and I congratulate you on your graduation from the Marine Corps. Through Gen. Vandegrift, we feel that we know you personally. The General says that he had so many letters from your mother trying to get you out of the Corps in time for the big winter suit sale at the Denver Dry Goods Co. that he almost asked for a transfer to the Army. My

SO AS YOU CAN
PLAINLY SEE, GENERAL
THIS IS A CRISIS OF
GREAT URGENCY.
THE SALE ENDS WITH-
IN A FEW DAYS.

personal congratulations, too, for going your four years without being court-martialed."

Wuz that not a nice frenly letter, indeed, Top? But can you imagine a official in that position being such a poor speller? Almost as bad as poor mother.

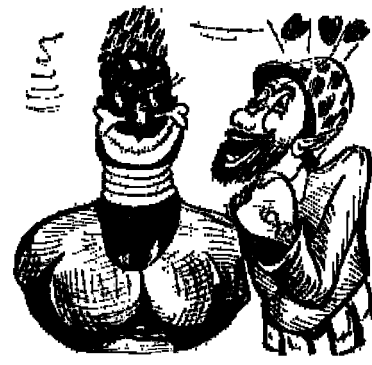
Speaking of mother, I had a note from her the other day warning that if she ever herd of my running around with any of these "wild movie stars" she was going to make me leave Los Angeles an git a job back home. There is a pretty good spot back there as understudy to my cousin Wilberforce Heinemann, a former lieutenant in the Air Core, who is now assistant head usher at the Bijou.

But I like it out here, Top. There is sizz a friendly attitude toward veterans. Especially members of the ol Core. I hav a fren in a clothing store that told me that his boss charged veterans 20 per cent more than his regular customers, but only charged ex-Marines 15 per cent more.

You remember Frog Ears in our old company, Top? He wuz that P.F.C. who wanted to marry that girl in the Solomons but you wouldn't let him unless she promised to not wear that bone in her nostrils any more. Well, you remember how he used to hate guard duty an swore if he ever got out of the Core that he wouldn't even keep his eye on his own hat in a busy restaurant, much less report a fire if it broke out in his own bed. Well, I saw him up hear the other day. He's a lance corporal in the ex-Marine Guards, doing duty at Lockheed.

It is always a pleasure indeed to run into a member of the ol Core. I see that Torch Nose, who made P.F.C. on the day he finished his crews, is back at his old job as president of Mammoth Machines Co. Moonhead has given up trying to git a decent set of burglar tools. I told him to try Surplus Properties, but he said he'd be "P.I.S.G." if he would take off his discharge emblem in order to git waited on.

Howsumever, I don't mind posing as a civilian once in a while (Ha Ha) an did so the other day in order to put in for one of those old pyramidal tents we used to live in. It wasn't that I don't like where I am sleeping now, but I wish they would change the picture once in a while. I hav seen Lost Weekend so many times (while I wuz awake) that I hav taken to drink. I may change theyatures. Some of my frens are sleeping over at the Pantages an they say the seats are more comfortable. Not only that, but they are able to fry eggs on the foot-



lights (after the last show).

Do not think I am complaining about the housing situation, Top. After all, it is only costing me 50 cents a night. An when I want an especially good night's sleep I can spend two bits more an git a box seat.

We who hav fought,
Our gums should not beat
Over sleep that is not
But six bits a seat.

EX-SARJUNT HEINEMANN



(Photo by P.F.C. Earl Osborne)

'ONCE A MARINE . . .' At MCB, "esprit de corps" again was illustrated recently when ten former prisoners of war, all of whom had endured nearly four brutal years of starvation, beatings, and overwork at the hands of their Japanese captors, re-enlisted at the Base Recruiting Office. All were stationed at Tientsin, Wake or the Philippines when the war broke out, and were taken prisoner during the ensuing months. Marines being sworn in are (l to r, front row), PISgt. Martin Christie, Sgt. Maj. Joseph Stowe, GySgt. Q. T. Wade, Sgt. Maj. Clifford Ellis, Sgt. Maj. Otto Rossetto; (back row), GySgt. Ralph Cherry, Sgt. William Harris, GySgt. Jay M. Howard, MGySgt. Gerald Carr and Sgt. William E. Horn.

'Iceberg Carrier' Revealed by Navy

Construction of a gigantic aircraft carrier made of reinforced ice for use in Arctic regions during the war was considered and abandoned after Allied progress eliminated the need, it was revealed recently in an announcement released simultaneously in Washington, Ottawa and London.

The proposed iceberg carrier was to be 2000 feet long, 800 feet wide, 200 feet deep, weighing two million tons and costing approximately 70 million dollars. Propelled by a large number of independent electric engines attached as nacelles to the outer skin, the carrier would have attained a speed of a few knots.

Labeled the "Habbakuk Project," it was considered so important it was the subject of detailed discussion at the Quebec Conference in 1943, as an antidote to the German submarine warfare and an instrument to provide air cover for the future invasion of Europe. After much research, a block model was constructed during the winter of 1943 at Patricia Lake, Jasper, in Canada. The model was 60 feet long, 30 feet wide and 20 feet deep, and weighed 1000 tons.

PROJECT DROPPED

Shortly after construction of the model, the progress of the campaign against German submarines and the difficulties involved in building the iceberg carrier caused the project to be dropped in December, 1943.

The "Habbakuk" project was originated in September, 1942, by the British, who foresaw the need for a gigantic and practically invulnerable floating airbase for anti-submarine warfare and for providing air cover for landings on the European coast. Research and engineering teams began experimenting with the construction during the winter months of 1942 in Canada. Progress was made on the design, and it was suggested that the Canadian Government construct one ship which would be covered with an insulating skin and kept permanently frozen by refrigerating material. But anti-submarine methods in the Atlantic had proved successful and the chiefs of staff decided on June 28, 1943, that they saw no use for iceberg ships in the operations for the invasion of Europe.

STUDY POSSIBILITIES

As for use in the Japanese war, a Joint Habbakuk Board, set up under the U. S. Navy to study possibilities, finally reported that the

AIR DUTY AVAILABLE

The Marine Corps has launched a campaign for 1000 recruits for its air arm. Those enlisting or re-enlisting may ask for duty with aviation units as pilots, navigators, photographers, radio operators, flight engineers, gunners or bombardiers.

project involved would seriously interfere with plans of greater priority.

Strategic, technical and economic considerations combined to indicate that the plan was unnecessary, impractical, and too costly.

However, research involved in the iceberg carrier project has uncovered much valuable information regarding the properties of ice and the effects of its reinforcement. Ordinary ice was found too weak and brittle for the iceberg carrier, and "Pykrete," the technique of micro-reinforcement of ice by wood pulp, was developed. A mixture of 4 to 14 per cent of wood pulp completely changed the properties of

ice from the familiar brittleness to that of a tough, somewhat plastic solid, which could be cut and worked like wood.

NEW ICE TESTED

Pykrete ice was developed with a comprehensive resistance of 1500 pounds per square inch. Tests demonstrated that a revolver bullet which shattered an ordinary block of ice rebounded from Pykrete surface, and it was estimated that an ordinary torpedo exploding under water against a Pykrete surface would have made a crater only three feet in depth. Pykrete also greatly slowed down the melting of ice.

Additional methods of insulating and refrigerating the iceberg carrier were developed in the block model constructed in Canada. It was kept in frozen condition from the winter of 1943 until near the end of the following summer.

China Marines Face Problem In Stateside Reconversion

The North China Marine, newest of Leatherneck publications overseas, publishes a list of "don'ts" for servicemen returning to civilian life after being stationed in China.

Sgt. John O. Davies, a China-duty Marine contributor to the paper, advises the following:

Don't go around town saying "ding hao" and "hu hao," etc. Folks may think you're a foreigner and, d— it all, you aren't any more, are you?

Don't jabber and gesture for a glass of cold boiled water. Your host might get you a doctor, instead.

Don't jabber and gesture any way. That alone might bring the doc.

Don't demand hot towels to wipe your face and hands while dining. That rag on your lap is a napkin.

Don't think that there's soup in that finger bowl. In America, soup is served first, not last.

Don't forget where you are and

start yelling "sah-loor-r-r" in Main Street. Your neighbors, who probably never have seen a ricksha, might think you're peddling fruit—or something.

Don't be surprised if you don't get eggs on your steaks. That may become the fashion in the States—but probably not overnight.

Don't offer half the price storekeepers ask. You don't have to bargain that way any more.

Above all, don't get absent-minded some night and start paying a small fortune for swords, kimonos with dragons on 'em, Russian fur helmets, Chinese slippers, chop sticks, ear cleaners, etc. You're home now, remember?

MacArthur Kiss Denied Singer

TOKYO (A.P.)—Madame Mary Akiya, an opera singer, failed to kiss Gen. MacArthur recently, but the G.I. newspaper Stars and Stripes gave her credit—all over the front page—for trying hard.

The singer went to the general's office to arrange the kiss in gratitude for the liberation of Japan which made it possible for her to sing in public again.

But she couldn't get past Gen. MacArthur's aide-de-camp, who didn't favor the idea.

"Why didn't you kiss the aide?" she was asked.

"No photographers were present," the singer retorted.

No Gov't. Fare

Transportation for dependents and shipment of household goods, at government expense, to new duty stations will not be furnished to discharged Marines who enlist or re-enlist in the Regular Marine Corps "under broken service or at a place other than the location at which they were discharged," according to a recent dispatch from Marine Corps Headquarters.

The dispatch states that this ruling is in line with a decision by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Base Separation Co. Has Gala Feed



(Photo by Corp. Hugh Kilmeier)

HUDDLE. A photographer was around at the right time and caught the group above at the dinner-dance for permanent personnel of the Base 1st Separation Co., Monday evening in the Plata Real at the U. S. Grant Hotel. Left to right, they are Corp. Carolyn Stolcis, PFC. Bob Mendoza, PFC. Earl Hays, PFC. Richard Ewart and PFC. Helen Kasamjian.

Attended by some 360 enlisted men and women, a 1st Separation Co. banquet held last Monday evening at the "Plata Real" of the U. S. Grant Hotel, in downtown San Diego, featured dance music by the Base orchestra, New York steaks for dinner, and a magician's act.

From 1930 to 2330 permanent personnel of Sep. Co. dined and then danced to the rhythms directed by MTSgt. Pat Mulligan. Betty Lou Carlson and Edmette Hagion, formerly with Dick Jurgen's orchestra, were featured vocalists, and a few South American numbers punctuated the "soft and sweet" musical fare provided by the orchestra during most of the evening.

A specialty act was furnished by Bob Lang, VA representative at Separation Co. Billing himself as "The Great Gladstone," and assisted by his daughter Loretta, Lang presented a magic act entitled "Tricks and Chicks." Legerdemain including the traditional "rabbit-pulling" covered the period between dinner and the beginning of the dancing.

Committeemen for the evening's program were 1st Sgt. A. O. Donogue, chairman, Sgt. Maj. A. P. MacFarland, QMSgt. J. H. Wilkerson, and SFSgt. E. M. Stanley. General arrangements were handled by 2d Lt. M. F. Mehlinger.

Second Division Vets Hit Here

Camp Pendleton R&R unit began processing high-point Marines of the 2nd Mar. Div. today for reassignment and discharge, as 2500 members of the 2nd, 6th and 8th Mar. Divs. arrived here from Saepo, Japan.

The first shipment of 2nd Division Marines arrived at Port San Diego yesterday aboard the APA Hansford. They were members of the 3rd Bn., 6th Marines, EM aboard numbered 1298; officers 112.

Today, 829 EM and 41 officers of the 3rd Bn., 2nd Marines, are scheduled to arrive here aboard the APA Charles Carroll. Also aboard will be 405 members of the 3rd Bn., 8th Marines.

Scheduled to arrive March 18 from Tientsin, the merchant ship Young American will dock here with 1219 EM and 18 officers of the 3rd Amphib. Corps, G-4 did not reveal the destination of the unit, but it is anticipated that they will go either to Camp Pendleton or to MCB for processing.

Base Theater Will Get Jan Garber Show

Jan Garber and his orchestra will appear at the Base Theater next Thursday as the outstanding feature of "Hollywood Sensations," a Boris Petroff stage production to be brought here by Base Special Services, it was announced this week.

Along with Garber's 15-piece orchestra, brought here through recent Base endeavors to present "name" entertainment for enlisted Marines, seven other popular acts will be presented. Comedian Dave Barry, a popular mimic, will give imitations of famous persons and familiar sounds. Singer Irene Brooks will give her own stylized interpretations of popular ballads. Miss Rosa Linda will present hot

that only honorably discharged servicemen would be eligible. The Johnson Brothers, a comedy team, will present such juggling acts as the old "hat trick." In the "hat trick" the performer pulls a battered hat out into the audience, to have it return and land atop his head. Miss Betty Yeaton, featured as our pin-up this week (see back page), will do acrobatic dances. Christine Velez will perform popular Spanish dances. A group of graying old gentlemen billed as "The Four Lady Killers" will give their interpretations of last-century songs in a 20th-century manner.

RATE GOOD

A Base Marine who had previously seen a number of the acts to be featured in the "Hollywood Sensations" reported that although

'Terminal Leave Bill' for EM Wins Favor

WASHINGTON—Strong House support has developed for a bill to put EM on the same terminal leave basis as officers, United Press reported last week.

A measure to provide terminal leave pay retroactively to members of the armed forces who served after Sept. 8, 1939, has been approved by a House Military Affairs Subcommittee and is scheduled to be considered by the full committee soon.

Chairman Robert Sikes of the subcommittee said the War Department estimated the measure would cost \$1,800,000,000 for enlisted men. Estimated cost for officers under the present program is \$1,000,000,000.

The Sikes bill would pay EM for accumulated leave not to exceed 120 days plus a minimum of 70 cents a day for quarters allowances and subsistence.

In event of the death of a former member of the armed forces before receiving the lump-sum payment, it would be payable to his wife or family.

The draft also would provide

'SALUTE' CIVVIE MAG

Salute, a new magazine for veterans and servicemen, made its appearance on March 11. The new monthly is edited by a staff of former Yank and Stars and Stripes writers and editors.—CNS.



JAN GARBET

... will play at Base

the forthcoming bill gave all indications of being a typical vaudeville show, even with Mr. Garber and his orchestra thrown in, the high polish of individual acts to be presented puts the show in a class by itself. The Marine reported that he found the acts enjoyable, fast-moving and entertaining, and believes that most Base theatergoers will find "Hollywood Sensations" worth seeing.

Duration of the show will be one hour and 50 minutes. Two shows are scheduled for March 21, the first to be at 1730, the second at 2000.

VA Plans Vast Hospital Expansion for Vets

By the Associated Press

From the end of World War I until last year the Veterans Administration spent \$270,000,000 in hospital construction.

In the next two years V. A. plans to spend \$448,000,000—or \$178,000,000 more than it spent in the preceding 27 years.

Gen. Omar N. Bradley, veterans administrator, says it's the biggest job of its kind ever undertaken anywhere before.

TO BUILD MORE

The program, as outlined by Gen. Bradley, calls for construction of 77 hospitals in addition to three now under way. These 77 institutions will cost an estimated \$342,400,000. Another \$105,500,000 will be spent on improvements and enlargements to the 98 existing V. A. institutions and to a number of surplus armed forces hospitals which V. A. is operating or plans to operate.

V. A. says that when the program is completed the agency will have a bed capacity of 151,500. (The difference of five hospitals would be accounted for either by new buildings or some taken over from the armed forces.)

These hospitals will include 105 general medical and surgery institutions, 49 devoted to neuropsychiatric work (mental and nervous disorders) and 29 for the care of patients suffering from tuberculosis.

NAVY TO ASSIST

As a temporary measure—to help meet demands during the construction period—the agency has taken over a number of surplus hospitals, is negotiating for others and in addition will seek to have veterans cared for in institutions operated by the Army and Navy. The Navy, it says, has agreed to give veterans 9875 beds. Negotiations are under way to use 10,000 Army hospital beds.

The 77 new hospitals will cost about \$2,300,000 each for small units, from \$5,000,000 to \$6,000,000 for medium-sized units, and \$10,900,000 for the large, 1000-bed institutions.

MODERN DESIGN

The design of the hospitals, V. A. says, will emphasize height "instead of sprawling buildings which cover a good deal of ground." In cities the hospitals will be of the skyscraper type. Such design, V. A. says, will reduce land costs and

the number of persons required to run the institutions.

When possible, the hospitals will be erected close to medical schools and medical centers. V. A. says this is so doctors and other professional people "can be brought into part-time association with V. A.'s program for giving veterans a medical service second to none."

Funds for 47 of the new structures are on hand. Appropriations for the other 30 are pending in Congress.

Mission Beach Dance Free Tuesday

Appearing at the Mission Beach ballroom next Tuesday evening from 2000 to 2300, the new 19-piece "Halls of Montezuma" orchestra, under the direction of MTSgt. C. J. Mulligan, will continue the policy which designates each Tuesday evening at the Beach dance floor as "Military Night," with a band from the 11th Naval Dist. playing, and servicemen admitted free.

CWO. F. A. Locke, Base Band Officer, today encouraged Marines to attend the dance, and stated that it was his opinion that the program would offer wholesome, off-Base recreation for service personnel.

Speaking of the smaller, regular Base orchestra, CWO. Locke announced that it had provided music last week at a Red Cross rally at a large department store in downtown San Diego. As a gesture of appreciation, the store presented each member of the band with two (2) pairs of nylon hose.

"Understandably," CWO. Locke commented, "the boys suddenly experienced a sharp increase in popularity."

The Base band this week accepted an invitation to appear at Point Loma high school tomorrow morning for another Red Cross rally.

Live to Be A Civilian

The war is over, but Americans still are dying violently. The machinery of war has come to a halt—but thousands still are suffering as painfully, dying as swiftly, as from enemy bullets or flame-throwers.

What terrible weapon...? Not dive bombers. Not atomic bombs. Just carelessness... carelessness in automobiles and, to some extent, willful violation of traffic and safety regulations. Traffic casualties in the U.S. between Pearl Harbor and V-J Day exceeded deaths from battle wounds during that same period.

Viewing this shocking record, officials of San Diego have proclaimed the week of March 17 through March 23 as Safety Week. City police have requested the full cooperation of Marines in this area, in observing traffic regulations. Liberty-bound Marines with cars are warned particularly to beware of driving while intoxicated, and of speeding—the offense for which 40 per cent of all February traffic tickets in this area were issued.

With the record in the San Diego district alone showing four deaths, 158 injuries, and a total of 453 accidents during the short month of February, servicemen and civilians alike have personal reason to avoid exposing themselves and others to unnecessary hazard.

Not "especially during Safety Week," but rather "Always—beginning now, with Safety Week"—BE CAREFUL!

CamPen Doc Views 30,000 Dogs

By PFC. Al Moss

CAMP PENDLETON—Speaking chiropodically, the pedal appendages of the Marine Corps are improving!

This opinion was expressed by a man who should know. He is Navy Lt. J. M. Turckeen, camp chiropodist, who has inspected the feet of four Marine divisions here—he has examined 30,000 feet, or 180,000 toes—and revealed that the condition of the average Marine's feet is much improved.

Lt. Turckeen credits this improvement to a reduction in combat training and the release of many battle veterans who are turning their posts over to younger men.

Combat training and excessive marching during war time, he explained, produce the most common Marine foot ailment, marching fracture. A large section of the five miles of feet he has examined have been broken down by constant marching and drilling, he revealed.



(Left to right) MTSgt. John G. Compton, MTSgt. John G. Compton, MTSgt. John G. Compton

YUM YUM. Some of the 500 pounds of steak consumed at the R&R outing at Flynn's Springs last Sunday afternoon is shown above, being barbecued by one of the men of MTSgt. John G. Compton's chow detail.

Hundreds Eat, Play As R&R Holds Barbecue

Taking a brief recess from their duties at the Base "processing mill," permanent personnel of the R&R Center turned out in large numbers for a picnic-barbecue last Sunday afternoon at Flynn's Springs, 22 miles east of San Diego. For four hours approximately

40 enlisted men, WR's, guests, and officers dined on a meal featuring sizzling steaks and rolls—prepared by cooks under direction of MTSgt. John G. Compton—danced to music provided by a special combine from the Base orchestra, and informally played baseball, pitched horseshoes, threw darts, and participated in other sports.

PFC. J. W. Clark declared, "I have been stationed at MCB for a number of months now, and in that time I've naturally attended many of these sponsored recreational activities. I'd like to say that this ranks up there with the best of 'em."

BETTER THAN BIVOUAC

Another nearby Marine stated that the chow was a great deal better than the K ration variety provided on his last trip to a "bivouac area."

A driver for Motor Transport, which provided transportation to the affair, was heard openly voicing his approval at being assigned to the detail.

WR Corp. Marilyn Gramer said, "Such parties as this are always a sure boost for morale—particularly for WR's, for we are given the priceless privilege of wearing civilian sports clothes. And you know that a woman in the service misses that privilege more than any other! More seriously, I enjoy the freedom and wide scope of activities offered

in these outdoor surroundings."

VARIETY RANG BELL

Opined 1stSgt. G. V. Neuert, "This is a very fine spot, and an even better idea than our previous party, where we were limited to dancing. Here we can dance—and on a better floor, too—but we've also got the opportunity to enjoy outdoor sports on an informal scale. I also believe that this atmosphere promotes a more friendly, 'at home' feeling. I wouldn't be a Marine if I didn't say a few words about the chow—but this time there's no complaint on that score. It was 'excellent in quality' and more than 'sufficient in quantity'."

Viewing the halcyonous crowds as they went their way dancing and playing was Sgt. P. L. Inman, who had worked on the chow detail with Sgt. Compton from the early hours of the morning. Said he, "I've watched these fellows 'and gals consume 550 pounds of steak and large amounts of other food. If I hadn't seen it, I wouldn't have believed it. If they enjoyed it, however, it was worth the effort."

Thousands Ship From Camp

CAMP PENDLETON—While the limelight is being focused on men returning from the combat zones, Marines still are being shipped overseas—50,000 of them in the last six months, it was reported by camp officials recently.

These thousands of Marines have been sent into the Pacific since the program of deployment got under way, and replacement drafts are continuing to be formed and shipped from this huge camp. On several occasions, while ships were pulling into the San Diego docks with homecoming Leathernecks being greeted by bands and cheering families, across the yard another ship was being loaded with men and gear headed for Pacific and Oriental duty stations.

In the past six months troops shipped from this camp in replacement drafts have been formed, for the most part, by members of the regular Corps and low-point reservists.

Way Open for In-Corps Schooling

A Quantico Marine has recently emerged victor in a battle of books and fine print that may deeply affect the educational future of millions of men and women in the armed forces of the United States.

"The G. I. Bill of Rights provides for educational help for men and women who have served honorably in the armed forces," he argued in Washington. "I chose when I received my first discharge to make my living as a Marine, rather than as a bus driver, carpenter or painter. Why should I be excluded from the Government's educational help?"

The Marine—1stSgt. Jerome M. Schultz, a veteran of the 1st Division and campaigns at Cape Gloucester—cherishes a pre-war dream of becoming an electrical engineer. Now 24 years old, he knows that handling duty by day as NCO in charge of Message Center, and attending George Washington University at nights, is not likely to be a picnic. But he believes he can make a go of it with a little financial assistance from Uncle Sam.

WRITES V. A.

"I do not expect to receive any subsistence payments under this bill," he wrote the Veterans Administration, "but at the present time, I cannot afford to pay the tuition."

This was several weeks ago, the Veterans Administration promptly said, "No." Refusing to be discour-

aged, Schultz talked to the National Rehabilitation Service of Veterans of Foreign Wars. "We think you have a case," the director informed him. And the Veterans Administration changed its decision.

WINS IN WASHINGTON

The upshot is that Schultz is launched on his college career,

studying descriptive and analytical geometry and English three nights a week at George Washington University. The VFW, of which he is a member, had informed him that in his instance he would not be entitled to the subsistence allowance of either \$65 or \$90, but that the cost of his books, tuition, library and similar fees customarily charged would be paid at the expense of the Government, up to a maximum amount of \$500 for each year.

Base Rallies for Action as Truman Urges 'Use Less White Flour'

Urgent government warnings of a "world shortage of wheat" have resulted in opening of a campaign in all mess halls and Naval activities to conserve the existing supply of white flour.

Maj. Ray O'Toole, Base Commissary Officer, in a statement this week urged caution by all hands in the use of bread, to keep waste at as low a level as possible.

President Truman's famine committee this week asked Americans "to eat 40 per cent less wheat and 20 per cent less fats, in order to send more of this important food abroad for relief feeding."

The committee also issued a list of 39 ways to keep the use of this valuable supply at a minimum. Among them are the substituting of potatoes for bread and the use of oat cereals and fruits more often.

"The production of whole wheat flour has been doubled," the committee announced, "in order to make certain that extreme measures are taken to make the most

efficient use of this present supply."

In compliance with this program, the Base Commissary announced "the production of whole wheat bread as been doubled (4 conserve the white flour."

Restaurants have been asked to serve only a single roll or slice of bread, rather than continuing to put a basket on the tables.

Two pounds of flour were agreed upon as the maximum amount to be used per customer per week.

Herbert Hoover, honorary chairman of the committee, made plans to leave for Europe, probably on Sunday, to make a new survey of food needs in the war-torn areas.

Marines Warned 'Cheap Rides' Costly

"Going to L. A., Mac?"

The stranger who offers service—open a ride—"share-cost," or "for a few dollars," may get more of their money, before the trip is over, than his customers expected. This is the warning carried by a recent official memo, which advises Marines "to scrutinize carefully transportation offered by questionable carriers."

Aside from the matter of legality of operating a transportation service without a license, shysters often have tricks up their sleeves, the memo points out, for obtaining additional cash from their passengers while en route.

"Service personnel, purchasing transportation from unknown or private carriers," the warning states, "are often delayed in reaching their destinations because of breakdowns, and in some instances operators exact further amounts of money from passengers for repairs. This payment of money is usually contrary to agreement of passengers, but circumstances eventually compel further payment if the trip is to be completed."

Last Chance

Four—and only four—bound volumes containing each issue of the CheYron from July 14, 1945, through Jan. 5, 1946, are available for sale at the CheYron office, Bldg. 15, Marine Corps Base, San Diego 40. Attractively bound in heavy composition cloth, the volumes carry a preface page by Maj. Gen. E. C. Long, and constitute a permanent and unusual record of the closing and dramatic pages of World War II and the first months of reconversion. Being sold approximately at cost—\$5.50 each—these are the last volumes of the entire run allowed.

Governor Signs Important Vet Legislation

SACRAMENTO (U.P.)—Scattered California veterans' agencies were being drawn into one state department this week after Gov. Earl Warren signed a bill to create a department of veterans affairs.

This new department, to be activated May 21, replaces the former department of military and veterans affairs. A seven-man policy-making board will be established to replace the veterans welfare board, the California veterans commission and two other minor commissions. Thomas Blordan, director of military and veterans affairs, has asked to be replaced.

LIQUOR SALES ADDED

Other veterans bills signed this week included an appropriation of \$250,000 for prosecution of veterans' claims against the government; \$300,000 for a women's unit at the Yountville veterans home.

A measure granting liquor sale licenses to bona fide veterans clubs without regard to statutory limits on licenses; a bill allowing refund of "loading" charges made in the past on home and farm loans to veterans; a bill giving 10 points to able-bodied veterans and 15 points to those disabled desirous of filling state civil service jobs.

MORE CONSTRUCTION

A bill giving veterans six months after discharge before they need return to public office jobs, and a bill allowing school districts to furnish university extension courses to veterans.

The governor also signed a bill to provide \$820,000 for additional construction at the Yountville veterans home.

STANLEY the Stumblebum - - WYANT DID IT



"Best darn' supply sergeant we ever had"

Marine Corps CheYron—Page Five

Commissary Store Rules Clarified

Personnel at the Marine Corps and other services are not authorized to make purchases at the 11th Naval Dist. Commissary Store unless they maintain a household in this area "requiring provisions of foodstuffs." A recent 11th Naval Dist. memorandum stated that "The Officer-in-Charge of the Commissary Store will enforce the ... order."

Purpose of the memo is to prevent limited supplies of provisions from reaching persons not entitled to Commissary Store privileges.

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BASE TO PLAY HOST TO ST. LOUIS BROWNS



(Photo courtesy San Diego Journal)

Pictured above are the members of the St. Louis Browns at their training camp at Anaheim, Calif. Manager Luke Sewell, bat in hand, is shown giving the boys a pep talk. The Browns come here next Wednesday, March 20, to play an exhibition game with a combined Marine team from Miramar, Pendleton and our own Base team. It will be a three-game series, with the second game being played at Pendleton on Thursday and the final game at Miramar on Friday. This will be the first opportunity for MCB baseball fans to get a look at a post-war edition of a big league club. (Story on page 1)

Recruit Depot Keglers Cop Base Tournament

Led by CWO, I. W. Ward and Cysgt. J. Little, the Recruit Depot bowling team copped the Base-wide bowling tournament which came to a close last Monday evening at the Base bowling alleys.

Rolling twice weekly, Recruit Depot entered into the final evening's play undefeated. In the last tournament games, the runner-up, Rifle Range Pistols, took two out of three games from the new champions. The champs, however, got an extra point, awarded for total pins, by out-scoring the Rifle Range, 2700 to 2601.

WASN'T EVEN CLOSE

Finishing the season with a record of 46 wins as against only 2 losses, the RD representatives finished far ahead of their nearest opponent, the Rifle Range Pistols, whose record showed 38 wins, 10 losses and a percentage of .791.

(SEE PHOTO ON PAGE 7)

The other 12 entries tallied further behind, with the Band Down Beats down at the bottom with a lone victory.

Members of the new champion team are: CWO, I. W. Ward, team captain; CWO, S. C. Cono, Cysgt. R. I. Groucher, 3dLt. M. Swinger and Cysgt. J. Little. For individual tournament averages, it was a close fight between two members of the new champs.

LITTLE TOPS IN AVERAGE

Cysgt. Little nosed out CWO.

Ward with the averages being figured to the fourth digit to decide. Little finished with a tournament average of 182.4 and Ward with an average of 182.3.

Each member of the winning team will receive a gold miniature bowling ball, while the team will come into possession of the Base bowling trophy till next year's tournament.

FINAL STANDINGS

Final standings of the clubs are as follows:

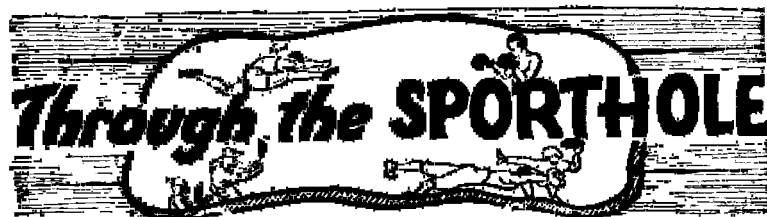
Team	W	L	Pct.
Recruit Depot....	46	2	.958
Rifle Range Pistols	38	10	.791
Sea School.....	34	14	.708
Snack Mats.....	33	15	.687
R&R Americans...	32	16	.666
Mess Co. Strikers.	31	17	.645
R&R Nationals...	29	19	.604
Rifle Range Rifles	19	29	.396
Motor Transport...	18	22	.450
Chow Hounds....	13	27	.325
Mess Co. Cookers.	14	30	.316
Band Stars.....	14	34	.294
Band Office.....	9	39	.183
Band Down Beats.	1	43	.023

'Flying Marine' On Inactive Duty

EL TORO, Calif.—Lt. Col. Richard E. "Dick" Hanley, former Northwestern U. football coach and gridiron mentor of the El Toro Marines for the past two seasons, has announced that he expects to be placed on the inactive duty list by March 28.

Next fall will find Col. Hanley at the helm of the Chicago entry in the new All-American professional football conference. He will be assisted by ex-Marine Maj. Ernie Nevers of Stanford as backfield coach and Wilbur "Wee Willie" Wilkin of St. Mary's, Calif., as line coach. Wilkin, who formerly played with the Washington Redskins and starred at tackle for El Toro in 1944-45, recently was discharged.

While at El Toro, Col. Hanley's "Flying Marines" won 17 out of 20 games played during the 1944 and 1945 seasons and were rated as one of the strongest teams in the nation.



By PFC. VINCENT MANSE

THIS & THAT. With baseball season just a little more than a month away, statistics will hold your interest throughout the season, so before you get too involved we would like to pass this little yarn on to you now.

An umpire, who shall remain anonymous, was having a bad afternoon with Frankie Frisch because of one thing after another. He could not call anything Frankie liked. Finally he called one that really made Frisch blow up. The former Fordham Flash dashed out on the field to give the man in blue a little advice. After much bellowing, the umpire finally gave Frankie the "word," SHUT UP. Frank turned away and started back for the dugout, mumbling a naughty word at the umpire—a word which was barely audible.

The umpire ran after him and demanded, "What was that? What was that you said?" "You've been guessin' all afternoon," said Frisch. "Guess that one."

TID-BITS. Frank Menke, demon gatherer of historical data and statistics for his famed Encyclopedia of Sports, recently nominated Babe Didrikson as the greatest athlete, man or woman, who ever lived. He pointed out that she competed in 634 different sports events and won 682 of them. . . . Did you know that Jack Dempsey first fought under the name of "Kid Blackie"? His brother boxed under the monicker of "Jack Dempsey." Jack's brother didn't feel like meeting a certain opponent one night and so the ex-heavyweight king convinced the promoter that he was "Jack Dempsey" and not "Kid Blackie." Jack's brother Barney stopped fighting while Dempsey kept the name. . . . A kid catcher once popped off that he knew how to stop Ty Cobb, when the latter was the "terror of the bases." What's more, he did. After the game he was asked what his secret was. He answered, "It's very simple. When he starts for second, I throw to third and beat him a stride as he slides into the bag." . . . International athletics got a shot in the arm with the announcement that Olympic Games will be resumed in London in 1948, first since 1936. Chief headache of the international committee is the invitation list. The touchy international sports situation was summed up by Jack Dempsey in a plea to include German and Japanese teams. He commented; "Let's have more sports and we'll have less wars." . . . 'Nuff sed.

'Grudge Fight' Main Event Thrills Recruit Depot Boxing Fans

Sparked by a "grudge" main event bout, the weekly Recruit Depot boxing bouts drew loud praise from the Base fans who like their sport rough and ready. A complete resume of the ten-bout card follows:

Bob Hanley/Wallace Huggins. Initial bout of the evening got the fans in the mood. Both boys slugged toe-to-toe for three furious rounds. The decision was a draw and a popular one with the fans.

Thomas Hillis/Richard Mills. A TKO for Mills in the second round. Good fight till referee had to stop it because of a bad eye cut on Hillis.

Irvin Osborn/Dave Thomas. Osborn outlasted his opponent for the first two rounds to take the judges' decision but Thomas made a strong finish. Both boys romanced for this Saturday's card.

Tom Cohen/Vern Strand. Cohen, the better by far, awarded a TKO in the second round over Strand, who complained of a pain in the side.

Gene Haskell/Bob Young. Even fight till the last round when Young out-pointed his rival to get the judges' nod.

Don Tona/Wm. Lonell. Toe-to-toe battle till last round when Tona ran out of gas. Decision to Lonell.

Harry Jewett/Dale Brown. Both boys started out in real professional style and it looked as if the fans were in for a swell boxing exhibition. Brown terminated this thought when he hooked Jewett with a "professional" right cross and kayoed him in 49 seconds of the first round.

Norman Lindsey / Bob Carthy. Best received fight of the evening. Lindsey won the decision but Carthy, although knocked down several times, showed he could take it by going the full route.

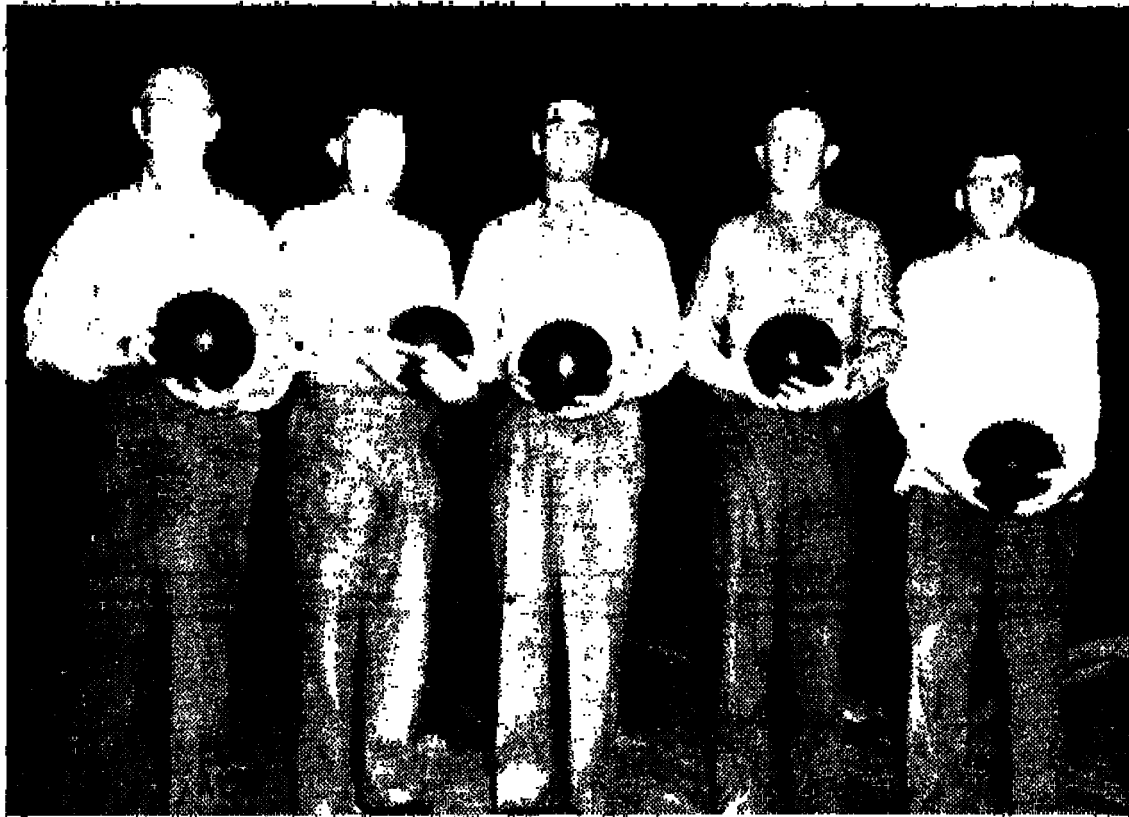
Russel Cundiff / Mike Sanchez. Sanchez won by a TKO over Russel. Fight stopped in second round when Cundiff suffered a broken blood vessel near his right eye. Sanchez will fight the main event in this week's smoker and will draw Norman Lindsey as his opponent.

Wesley Hedrick / Loyal Holman.

As far as the matchmaker at RD knew, this was the first "grudge fight" ever presented. Holman, an ex-sailor, and Hedrick, both members of Plut. 27, had been having their differences of opinion, and were all set to fight it out elsewhere, when their DI suggested as long as they want to fight, why not do it in the ring. Opening round a rough and tumble one, with neither boy getting the advantage. In the second round Holman caught Hedrick with a terrific right uppercut and kayoed him. Time: 1 minute and 20 seconds of the second round.



HELPED WIN THEM. Pictured above are HAI/ Richard Wolfe, left, and PFC. Keith Lambert, displaying some of the "spoils" acquired during the recently completed basketball season. The banner is from the recent Barstow tournament in which the Base team was runner-up, and the trophy is for winning the American League tourney of the 11th Naval Dist. Wolfe and Lambert were selected as members of the Barstow tourney all-stars.



(Photo by PFC George Lowie)

BOWLED 'EM OVER. Pictured above are members of the Recruit Depot bowling team which won the Base-wide bowling tournament by a safe margin. They are, left to right, CWO. J. W. Ward, GySgt. J. Little, CWO. S. C. Cone, GySgt. R. I. Groucher and 2dLt. M. Evinger. GySgt. Little also took individual honors by rolling a tournament average of 182.4, barely nosing out his team captain, CWO. Ward, who finished with a 182.3.

Marines in Orient Get New Mascot -- 'It's a Boy'

By Corp. Don Madden, Marine Correspondent

KAGOSHIMA, Japan (Delayed)—When Marines of the 8th Regt. adopted 11-year-old Yasuda Chiju as a mascot, their troubles began.

"It's quite a problem bringing up a kid," PFC. Oran D. Reed of Linton, Ind., conceded.

Reed first noticed the Jap boy, now called "Mike" by the Marines, on the Kagoshima docks. The youngster, dressed in an assortment of tattered rags and shivering in the wintry weather, grabbed one of the ropes tossed to the dock by sailors aboard the LST to secure the vessel.

WALKS POST

"I was on guard duty at the time," Reed recalled. "He walked post with me until my time was up. Then I took him with me and tackled the problem of getting him some clothes. With the help of some other Marines, we found some sneakers and then made a suit out of an old Jap blanket."

But the main problem remains a proper upbringing. An interpreter has been charged with teaching the boy English, and the lessons have been coming along well—too well. A corpsman attached to the unit feels that the boy's training has been going from bad to worse.

CORPSMAN COMPLAINS

"He keeps picking up Marine slang," the corpsman complains. "It's bad enough for a Navy man to have to listen to it from Marines all day, without hearing a Jap kid spout the same lingo." "Mike's had a tough life," the in-

terpreter said. "He was only seven when his father died. During the war he and his mother were bombed out of their Kagoshima home by B-29's. Maybe we can make things a little more pleasant for him now."

CASUALTIES

Dead

California
Corp. Melvin C. Holland, Long Beach.
Connecticut
Corp. Armand J. Robidoux, Plainville.
Georgia
2dLt. Milton H. Thompson, Athens.
Illaho
PFC. Calvin L. Andersen, Bigby.
Illinois
StfSgt. William R. Constantine, Chicago.
Indiana
1stLt. David Steinhorn, Chicago.
Michigan
1stLt. Charles B. Koepfen, Wheeler.
Minnesota
PFC. Verl W. Speer, Wyandotte.
Mississippi
Corp. Warren A. Bolin, St. James.
New York
2dLt. Donald M. Johnson, St. Paul.
Ohio
MTSgt. Frank Dumary Jr., Schenectady.
North Carolina
Corp. Theodorus Szecspanski, Buffalo.
North Carolina
1stLt. Clifford L. James, Lenoir.
Pennsylvania
MTSgt. Marvin W. Bender, Warren Center.
Pennsylvania
PFC. Vincent W. Halagich, Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island
Sgt. James J. McElroy, Lonsdale.
Washington
Maj. Jack R. Amende, Seattle.

'Ike' Jackets Unauthorized

The "Eisenhower" jacket, popular among area servicemen, is frowned upon by the Marine Corps.

Despite the fact many Marines began wearing such jackets long before "Ike" made it famous does not alter the fact that it is not a part of the Marine Corps uniform; and local MIs have been instructed to arrest Marines wearing them on liberty. It was reported this week by the Base adjutant's office. Marines began wearing the jacket when they traded or bought them from the "Aussies" early in the Pacific war.

BEAR A HAND

Services Offered

TRANSPORTATION in private cars. Licensed and bonded travel club arranges legitimate, reliable rides—comfortable, speedy, safe, and at reasonable cost. All passengers insured against accident. Share-Plan Auto Travel Club, 630 1st St. San Diego, Franklin 7745.

Wanted

APARTMENT OR HOUSE needed, anywhere in vicinity of Marine Base. Have one child. Call Sgt. Vals, Base extension 531.

For Sale

1940 PLYMOUTH COUPE, Radio, heater, 6 brw. 5850, PFC. Verl McLaughlin, LRS, 338, Base extension 551.

For Rent

SMALL furnished apartment for two adults, \$30 per month, 3573 National Ave., Apt. C. Woodlawn 7-1925.

Church Services

SUNDAY SERVICES: Base Chapel—**PROTESTANT**, 1015 Morn. Worship; 1100 Holy Communion (last Sunday in each month).

R&R, 0830 Morn. Worship. Recruit Depot, 0915 Morn. Worship. Bldg. 110 (Brig), 0800 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 1030 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, 0915—South Chapel, Naval Training Center (for personnel of the Base), 2016—Camp Elliott (for personnel at Camp Matthews).

WEEK DAY SERVICES: **ROMAN CATHOLIC**, Base Chapel, 1600 Confessions, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1630 Mass, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1900 Novena, Tues.

R&R, 1700 Confessions, Sat. Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 1600 Confessions, Sat.

"SKIRTIN' THE BASE"

Straight Scoop and Scuttlebutt

By Corp. Beverly Westerlund

SEPARATION NOTES

Biggest news to hit the battalion since the beginning of point-discharges last September came Saturday morning when the news broke that even WR neopoints, if there are such, can become civilians after July first if they want to. Forgetting the discharge-freezing scare of earlier in the week, gals who had formerly expected to stay until September began to make new plans. It was learned that approximately 40 more girls will become eligible for civilianhood on April first when points will be lowered from the current 16 to 13. The drop on May first will take eligibility down to 8 points; June first to 4; and July first to zero. A resultant flurry of packing, planning of wardrobes, and discarding of beloved but unpackable stink-um started over the week-end, and will probably continue until the last of us tri-umphantly flaunts a gooney bird. Although some would-be-zebras are extending for sergeant and some are staying "by request," most of us are leaving.

'HOUSING' NOTES

The ultimate fate of our barracks, though a topic of minor importance in these discharge-happy days, is a none-the-less absorbing subject of speculation. I've heard it rumored that they'll become NCO quarters; others guess they'll be used for transients; and it's even been said that they may be used for recreation rooms. Time alone will tell. . . . Your guess is as good as ours.

Color came to the WR battalion this week in the form of the new brilliant red-and-green lawn chairs and in the glowing faces of the sun-bathers who put them to immediate use. Said chairs arrived mysteriously one morning while we were at work,

and we came home at noon to find every stretch of lawn as well as our backyards dotted with them. The place begins to take on the glamor of a winter resort.

NYLONS—QM STYLE

Have you checked the rayon lines at QM since the Wednesday-only order went through for the women's section? We struggled through three block-long lines in a mere hour and a half, emerging bedraggled but happily clutching our four pairs of the gorgeous beige creations, and leaving cash sales personnel to nurse their collective nervous breakdown.

Stocking lines also formed recently at the Pendleton PX where 240 pairs of silk hose were received and rapidly sold. We seem to recall that our own PX was to have nylons for sale in March. Well, this is March. . . .

WELCOME

It has come to our attention that the battalion has been temporarily strengthened by reinforcements from Mare Island. We met a couple of the newcomers working over in the slop-chute. Hope they like it here.

If you've contemplated wearing sandals with your uniform, you might as well forget it. Those WR's you've seen wearing such foot-gear are neither following fashion nor snapping in for civilian. Seems there's been a veritable epidemic of ring-worm in the last couple of weeks, and the gals wearing sandals have a chit from sick bay authorizing them to shed the uniform shoes.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Seems that we have to make a casual brew in the slop-chute into a date these days. Why can't we take in two male friends for a short beer?

Truman, Forrestal Endorse Red Cross Fund Campaign for 1946

President Truman, in support of the Red Cross fund drive for 1946, along with other civilian and military heads including Secy. of War Patterson, U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gen. Mark W. Clark, Air Force Gen. H. H. Arnold, Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz and Secy. of the Navy James Forrestal, has endorsed peace-time continuation of Red Cross services.

Said James Forrestal, Secy. of the Navy:

"The end of the war has intensified the need for services rendered by the American Red Cross

in its mission of succor and assistance to members of the armed forces, the veterans, and their families.

"War's aftermath has made even greater the need for the Red Cross in providing welfare and recreation to the armed forces abroad, and to wounded here. I am sure the American people share my conviction of the importance of this activity and will give the support required so generously that the current goal of the Red Cross will be abundantly fulfilled."

The current drive, which began March 1, will conclude on the last day of the month.



RED CROSS DRIVE. Marines discuss Base participation in the current Red Cross funds drive which will conclude March 31. The Base band recently entertained RC members at a local banquet and rally, and played in the RC parade. In photo (l to r) are: Miss Neenan Burns, Mrs. Doris Wood, MTSgt. Jackson Rauhof, StfSgt. Sidney McMullen and StfSgt. Francis Hooker.

WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

BASE THEATER 1730 and 2000

THURSDAY—Tarzan and the Leopard Woman. Johnny Weissmuller-Brenda Joyce. Jungle tale with Tarzan Weissmuller, acrobatic Miss Joyce and all their little jungle friends.

FRIDAY—Sentimental Journey. John Payne-Maureen O'Hara. The dope we got says this is the greatest tear-jerker since Orphans of the Storm, whatever that is.

SATURDAY—The Shadow Returns. Kake Richmond-Barbara Reed. Republic mysterydrammer.

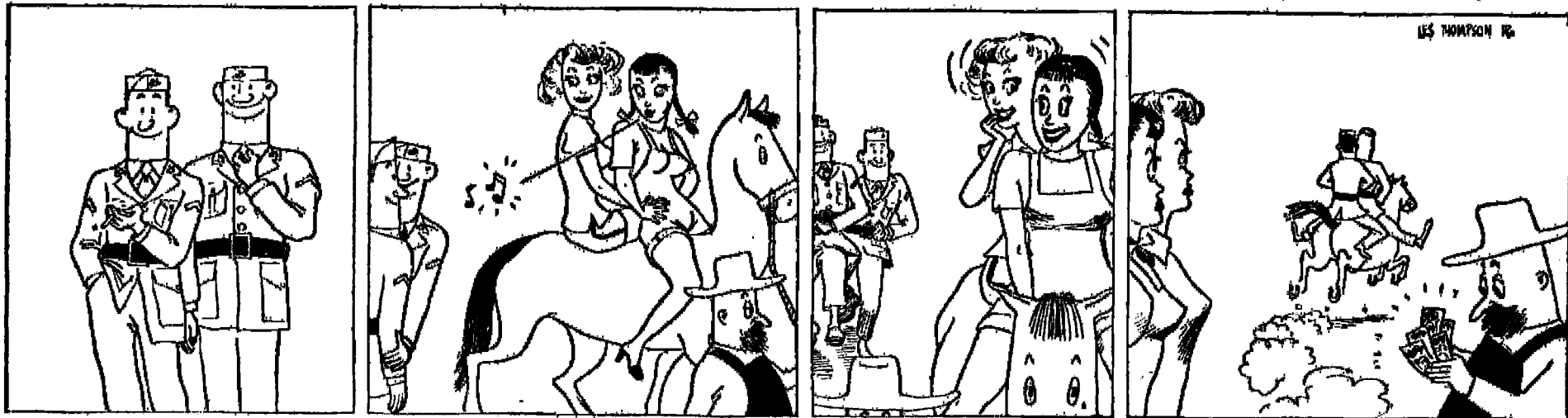
SUNDAY—Man From Music Mountain. Gene Autry. A western. Our friend at the theater tells us this one was an oldie back in '39. Also Crime of the Century. Stephanie Bachlor-Michael Brown. Republic mysterydrammer.

MONDAY—Smooth as Silk. Kent Taylor-Virginia Grey. We don't know what the silk has to do with it, but a lot of deceased bodies are uncovered in the bed chamber.

TUESDAY—Dragonwyck. Gene Tierney-Vincent Price. Price tries to poison second-wife Tierney in the last reel. There—we toldja.

WEDNESDAY—Murder in the Music Hall. Vera Ralston-William Marshall. Murder at an ice rink, of all places.

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



KNUCKLEHEAD

by Bob Wright



THIS WEEK NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

NEW YORK (CNS)—It all started when a fellow trying to do some telephone shopping for his wife asked a clerk, "Do you have any cast iron skillet?"

"Yes, we have cast iron skillet at \$2.95."

"Sounds like a lot of money for a cast iron skillet."

"Oh," said the salesman, "but these are made of aluminum."

HOLLYWOOD (CNS)—A perfume company is starting to install machines in motion picture theater lobbies containing agents applicable to various types of movies. For example, if you want to get the atmosphere of "San Antonio" you just stop in the lobby, put a dime in the machine, and get sprinkled with pine scent.

FAYETTE, Wis. (CNS)—The Wisconsin Public Service Commission has granted permission to the local telephone company to abandon its automatic switchboard and return to the old party line system. The reason? "Because it was impossible for parties on the line to listen in as the subscribers were accustomed to do."

BURLINGTON, Ia. (SEA)—When Harold Miller found wheat sprouting from walls and ceiling of his newly plastered bathroom, he investigated to discover that a substitute seed substance in the plaster had been shipped in a freight car formerly used for wheat. Moist plaster and warm bathroom suited the wheat seed fine.

ALBANY, N. Y. (CNS)—The State Conservation department has to get a law passed if it wants to do anything about dogs which are half wolf or coyote, according to the Attorney General. The question arose over whether the State Police could kill an animal which was half wolf but was kept as a pet.

SEATTLE (CNS)—Patrolman P. R. Mattingly, first to arrive at the scene of an automobile collision, handed a traffic summons to his wife as he agreed with the other driver that the accident was her fault.

NEW YORK (CNS)—An eye removed from a patient in Miami was used here 24 hours later to restore the sight of another patient. Kept in a thermos jug held at an even temperature, the eye was flown here by the year-old National Eye Bank for Sight Restoration, Inc., which claims that this was the greatest distance such an eye has ever traveled.

VERONIA, Ore. (CNS)—Protesting against having to pay adult prices, teen-age movie fans threw picket lines around the Joy theater. The management relented when it had to close the theater because neither adults nor children would cross the picket lines. The Joy now has separate prices for children, teen-agers and adults.

CLEVELAND (CNS)—Armed with a gun and an alarm clock, a thief relieved a hotel night clerk of \$300 cash, banged him the alarm clock set for 25 minutes later, and warned, "See that you don't call the police until the alarm rings." A few seconds later he popped back in to make sure the order was being carried out.

CHICAGO (CNS)—When Corrine Capito sailed into Judge Donagru's court here with a bottle of champagne under her arm and insisted the judge join her in a drink, there was nothing he could do but accept. The judge had ordered her to stay on the wagon for six months, excepting only her birthday. It was her birthday.

ALBANY, N. Y. (CNS)—Mrs. Orson Relpgold is in the hospital with fractures of the leg and jaw all because a mouse ran along the cowl of the windshield of her auto. When she saw it, she threw up her hands and let the car crash.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (CNS)—Dinner guests of Mayor John McDough, every one a policeman, were all set to orate on the current municipal election campaign. But he found a way to keep the speeches short. The mayor limited each speaker to the length of time he could hold a 25-pound cake of ice in his bare hands.



COMING ATTRACTION. This is Miss Betty Yeaton, and you can see her in person Thursday evening, March 21, at the Base Theater. Jan Garber will be there too (you can read about it on page 4), though probably he'll be dressed differently. Considering all angles, and in view of all points, we think Betty's worth spending Thursday or any other evening with.