



Base WR's Bow Out Next Wednesday

Editorial Reviews

Sixty-three per cent of the 2,139 midshipmen currently enrolled at the U.S. Naval Academy (Annapolis) are former enlisted men, 73 served in the Marine Corps. Appointment of a minimum of 200 EM to the Academy each year is authorized by law—100 from the Regular Navy and Corps, 100 from Naval Reserve and Marine Corps Reserve... It's worth thinking over.

CORPS CAPSULES

It is estimated that by July 1, 1946, strength of the Marine Corps will be down to 140,000 enlisted and 13,500 officers. (For latest demobilization figures, see page 3.)... As of April 1, there were 2,511 Negroes in the Corps.

Marine Corps air units outside the U.S. include: Hq. Air FMF, at Ewa, Hawaii, with one unit detached to Okinawa; MAG 15, stationed at Ewa with one unit detached to Midway; MAG 31 at Yokosuka, Japan. 1st MAW has its Hq. at Tientsin. The wing is composed of MAG 24, 25 and 32. Group 24 is in Peiping. Groups 25 and 32 are at Tsingtao.

Replying to an inquiry, Div. of Pub. Info. at Washington said that MAG 31 as a unit does not keep a battle star for operations against Japan in support of the 2nd Fleet. However, a battle star has been awarded for strikes against the enemy from July 10 to Aug. 15, '45, and individual crew members participating do rate a star.

MISCELLANY

Regular Navy enlistments, reenlistments, and extensions since the surrender of Japan through April 20, 1946, were reported as totaling 203,533.

An "international financier" charged with falsifying his draft status has been released by a N. Y. City U. S. district court, on \$500,000 bail. The gentleman had recently acquired a C-54 Army transport plane capable of a 5,000-mile non-stop flight, and for some reason the prosecutor got suspicious.

AGE OF MACHINES

Thanks to PFC. McCoy, Penikese Island editor, for this one: A Campen Marine received a letter from his wife the other day and with it came a drawing of his car's dashboard. "This is exactly how the dashboard looks," she wrote. "Do we need a quart of oil?"

PRESS AGENT STUFF

It may be propaganda, but it might be true: "Ever since Don Ameshe made a picture about Alexander Graham Bell several years ago, his fan mail has included an average of 100-plus letters a week asking his advice on inventions, which Don frankly admits he knows nothing about." (That's the stuff studio releases are ungrammatically made... of.)

Hollywood went in for dignified restraint last week, in its publicity. A local theater advertised: "Great as is her powerful dramatic portrayal—great, too, is this dancing Hayworth—singing 'Put the Blame on Mame!'"



(Official USMC photo by Corp. Hugh Killmeyer)

HEAR YE! A group of Base WR's clusters about to hear news of disbandment of the MCB battalion of the Women's Reserve. Only a skeleton force of 142 enlisted women remains from a force which once consisted of 661 enlisted and 19 officers, and nearly all of these will be civilians by Wednesday, May 15. (See additional photo on page 5.)

Vandegrift Charges Merger Plot to Scuttle Corps

Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Marine Corps, accused the War Dept. this week of harboring a "well advanced and carefully integrated plot to scuttle the Marine Corps," United Press reported.

"The War Dept.," he said, "is determined to reduce the Marine Corps to a position of studied military ineffectiveness... Unification legislation as now framed will in all probability spell extinction for the Marine Corps."

He said that the Corps stands "as a continuing affront to the War Department general staff" and that the Army seeks to relegate it to ceremonial functions, "small ineffective combat formations" and "labor troops," according to A.P.

The general gave this testimony to the Senate Naval Committee in opposing a bill to unify the War and Navy departments under a single Cabinet officer, which the Military Committee has approved. Vandegrift contended the measure would enable the Army to carry out its "designs" on the Marine Corps.

Vandegrift warned that abolition of the Marine Corps would leave a gap that the Army could not fill. He gave three reasons:

It specializes in amphibious operations—an important specialty which, he said, the Army has pushed into the background.

It tries to develop new techniques

whereas the Army often bases its plans on the techniques of past wars.

"The Marines are ready," he said, "and if it came to a fight today I do not know who could replace them."

COSTS COMPARED

Vandegrift said that in 1938 the United States had "the world's top ranking Marine Corps" at a cost of "about \$1500 per Marine" and "the world's 18th place Army at an annual cost of over \$2000 per soldier."

Moreover, he declared, "there is a continuous record of instances in our national history where the Army could not move at all, or could not move soon enough to satisfy the needs of the situation—Cuba in 1906, Vera Cruz in 1914, Iceland in 1941 and Guadalcanal in 1942, are only a few typical examples."

Cut Discharge Score Again

A further cut in critical discharge score for Marines was announced this week.

On May 15, the needed score drops to 30 points; on June 1, a further drop to 25 becomes effective; and on June 15, the lowest total announced takes effect: 25.

"On and after July 1," a Base memo stated, "any Inductee or Reservist having 30 months or more of service, will be eligible for discharge regardless of number of points."

Headquarters Directive Writes End After Nearly Three Years at MCB

By PFC. Paul E. Bragdon

With few exceptions, all WR's at MCB will be off this compound by next Wednesday, a bulletin from Marine Corps Headquarters, Washington, revealed this week, in a sweeping move which came as a surprise to most Base observers.

The official pronouncement provides that most enlisted women will be separated by May 15, regardless of points, except those with certain clerical warrants who signify a willingness to remain in the Corps until Sept. 1, 1946. Personnel in the latter category will be transferred either to Washington, D. C., or to San Francisco, it was disclosed. Indications were that only a handful of WR's will remain on this station after the deadline. These include women assigned to the Rehabilitation Office, 11th Naval District, the Military Reservation Bureau, San Diego, Paymaster personnel, and several officers assigned to specialized fields here.

OFFICERS' MOVE KNOWN

The move followed widespread speculation in regard to the fate of the battalion this month, as the line officers of the organization had previously been scheduled for discharge or transfer next week.

1stLt. Janice Hale, who has commanded the much-publicized women's unit here since the departure of Maj. Dorothy Miller two months ago, will be transferred to Henderson Hall, Washington, D. C., she disclosed. Her immediate subordinates, 2dLts. Mary Elizabeth Cook and Julia Henriksen, are to be put on the inactive list next week, according to high Base officials.

Ultimate fate of the WR barracks, mess, and recreation facilities was not determined immediately.

HERE THIRTY MONTHS

The first "girls in forest green" arrived at MCB—50 strong—in early November, 1943. The battalion reached its peak strength

Calvert 'Magic' Pleases Base Audiences

John Calvert's audience-participation magic show, which involved several beautiful models in addition to legordemains, provided MCB audiences with an unusual combination of entertainment last Wednesday at the Base Theater.

After presenting the customary routine of magician's feats, Calvert called for assistance by two members of the Women's Reserve. Blindfolded by them, he passed among the audience identifying articles held at finger-tip length from him.

Again calling upon the audience, Calvert hypnotized twelve Marines who had volunteered to join him on the stage.

The show concluded with a "Jekyll-Hyde" act, in which Calvert portrayed a brain surgeon subject to periodical transformation into a fiend. Appearing to saw a sailor's head from his body, the actor then apparently regained his respectable personality, and calmly restored the head to its proper place. During the first portion of this performance, the victim remained motionless, the "surgeon" chorled gleefully, and the Marine audience applauded approvingly.

last July with a complement of 661 enlisted women and 19 officers. This week the number of enlisted had been reduced, by demobilization, to 142. During nearly three years at this post, the women's arm of the Corps served in practically every capacity possible on the Base from clerks of all types to mechanics, filling station attendants, and jeep drivers. Too, the Women Devil Dogs were a standard feature of Base parties and recreational activities.

As far as could be learned, the new directive applies only to MCB. Camp Pendleton expects to maintain its WR Bn., present strength of which is 187 enlisted, until June at least. The Post Adjutant at the Quantico, Va., Marine Base announced that the enlisted strength of its WR Bn. would be reduced to 172 by May 15. It is expected that the organization will then be designated a "detachment" and will remain at Quantico until July 1, 1946.

Committee OK's Terminal Pay Proposal

WASHINGTON (A.P.)—The House Military Committee recommended Wednesday that enlisted men be given the same terminal pay benefits accorded officers, but that in the future the payments be dropped for everyone.

It approved legislation giving enlisted men of all services the right to receive pay, at the time of discharge, for all furlough time to which they were entitled but which they did not actually receive.

The pay would be at the rate of compensation and allowances received at the time of discharge and would be computed on the basis of two and one-half days for each month of service, up to a top of 120 days.

PAID FOR EXTRA DAYS

For example, a man who, at the time of discharge, had received only 20 of the 60 days' furlough time to which he was entitled would be paid in cash for the 40 days he didn't get off.

Men already discharged, but who served after Sept. 8, 1939, would be eligible for the payments upon application within a year from the date the legislation becomes law.

To speed payments, the committee recommended that the affidavit of an honorably discharged man shall suffice to determine how much time he has coming.

COST TO BE HIGH

General estimates of the cost of the legislation have been in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000,000, although some have been as high as \$3,000,000,000. Estimates were based on average service of 25 months for every man and the assumption that most men received most of their furlough time of 70 days.

The committee's plan for enlisted men is similar to that already in effect for officers of the armed services.

MCI Expands, Adds New Courses; Enrollment Hits All-Time High

All previous records for peacetime enrollment and activity percentages of the Marine Corps Institute will probably be exceeded this year as the popularity of correspondence learning steadily rises, it was indicated this week at MCI headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Re-established on a peace-time basis with a completely new and expanded program, MCI is fast returning to the high activity standards of its pre-war years, when from one-fourth to one-third of the Marine Corps was enrolled in MCI correspondence courses.

Three major factors, along with a post-war educational impetus felt generally throughout the nation, will aid MCI in its improved type and degree of service this year and in the years to come.

NEW COLLEGE COURSES

One is the new program of college courses which has been added. Another is the much wider range of subjects—high-school, technical and special, as well as college—now covered. The third is the recently instituted policy allowing Marines to continue study of MCI courses after discharge.

A fourth stimulus to new enrollments and high activity is the general excellence of textbooks and study materials furnished free with MCI courses.

Recently MCI instituted the procedure of sending a return card for

opportunity before," a new student wrote. Other typical comments are in phrases like "Tops," "Just what I wanted," "Much better than I expected," "Highly satisfactory," "Good dope!"

The same courses will bring entirely different reactions. MCI's college course in Psychology, for example, moved one Marine to write: "Deep, I bit off a big chunk this time. Hard—but plenty good." But another enrollee found the material less forbidding than he had imagined and said he was "pleasantly surprised at simplicity of lessons."

STUDENTS OFFER COMMENTS

One of the most prized letters in the MCI files came a few months ago from a Marine Corps Reserve major who had returned to civilian life. Holder of two Harvard degrees, a practicing attorney and businessman, he is particularly well qualified to evaluate MCI's college course in General Accounting. "It is one of the most expertly given and one of the



most worthwhile courses I have ever taken," he wrote. "In connection with various matters I find myself making frequent reference to the excellent textbook."

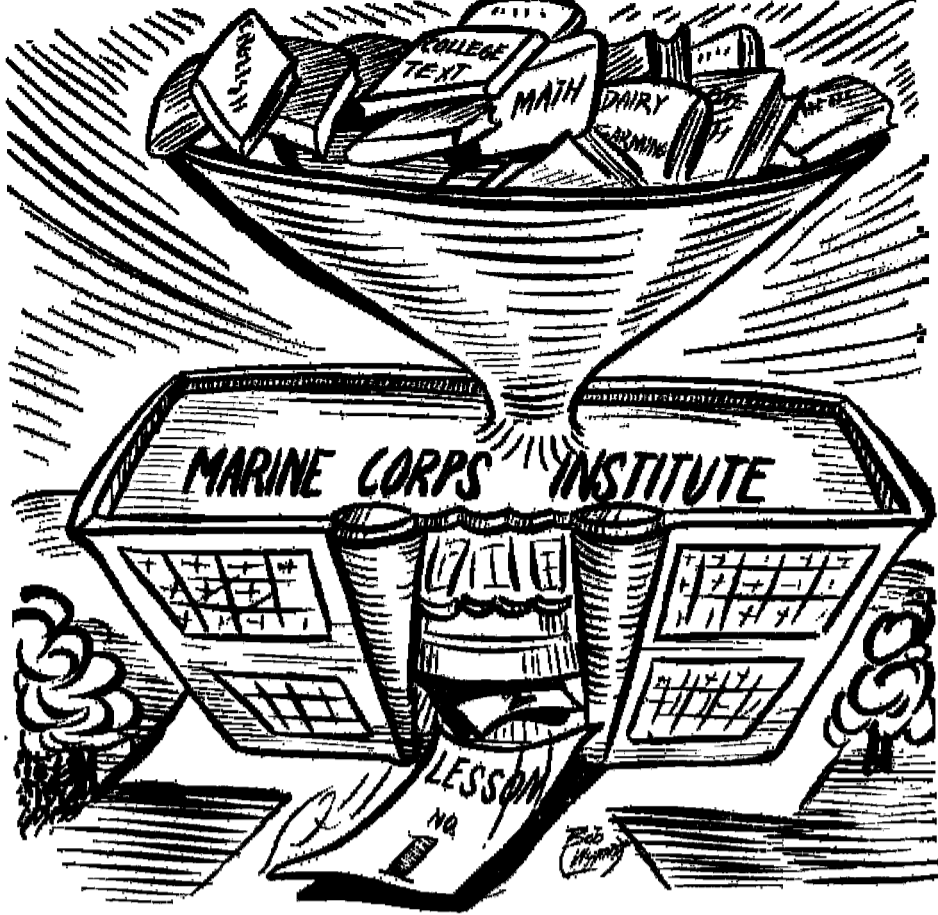
As long as the rank and file get the word about the program, MCI will have plenty of appreciative and productive students—to the good of the Corps and the Marines themselves.

Waive Insurance

Waiving of physical examinations until Jan. 1, 1947, has resulted in Southern California veterans reinstating National Service Life Insurance policies at the rate of \$200,000 daily, L. C. Chapman, regional manager of the Veterans Administration, announced recently.

"The change in the reinstatement requirements for government insurance," Chapman said, "has benefited many veterans who were unable to reinstate their policies under the previous regulation. The new policy requires only a statement from the veteran certifying his health has not changed since the policy lapsed. Many veterans, because of disabilities, are unable to qualify for commercial insurance. By reinstating their National Service Life Insurance, they are provided with maximum protection at the minimum rate."

A streamlined insurance service has already gone into effect at the Veterans Administration Regional office, 1041 South Broadway, Los Angeles. Veterans may now reinstate their policies and pay premiums at the local office. This service will be extended in the near future to sub-regional offices throughout Southern California.



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.

Posies, Suggestions

Editor, the CheVron—We enjoy your paper very much and hope you will continue to print more news and the latest dope on demobilization plans. Also enjoy the cartoons and "Dere Top"—That guy "Heinemann" sounds as if he has too much of the ol'Corps in him to try to stay out now. What do ya' say, sarge? Our husband and Daddy is in Tsingtao, China, with the Marine Corps and we are very anxious for him to come home, so here's hoping they slip up on the points at least a month! But we know the Corps better than that! Anyhow, keep up the excellent work and keep sending them!

Mrs. PAUL L. WILLIAMS
and PAUL Jr.,

New Providence, Iowa

P.S. I wonder if you could print the following in the CheVron: If anyone knows the present address of Corp. and Mrs. Kenneth F. Brown, who were stationed at El Centro, Calif., during January and February, 1945, I would appreciate the information.

Lost Buddy

Editor, the CheVron—Can you help me locate a Marine who used to be with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing? His name is Frank M. Smallwood Jr., and his rank is PFC. Thank you for any assistance you can give me.

ALEXANDER WINTER
55 W. 34th St., New York 1, N. Y.

Editor's Note—We have no way of following-up for you, but suggest you address an inquiry to The Commandant, Headquarters, USMC, Washington 25, D. C. Meanwhile, some of our readers might be able to give you Smallwood's address.

Where They Are

Editor, the CheVron—In response to your invitation that readers send in suggestions as to the future contents of the CheVron, would like to suggest that the CheVron publish an article about once a month giving the locations of FME units, Stateside and abroad. The CheVron is fine as it is now, and covers everything pretty well. I enjoy reading it. If this is to be published, withhold my name.

NAME WITHHELD

Camp Matthews

Editor's Note—Thanks for your letter. We thought we were going to get data each month regarding locations of units, but have received no new "deployment bulletin" since the one used March 23. We'll print 'em fast as they're released.

Weekly Feature

Editor, the CheVron—Oh, nuts. I didn't ask you to print the letters I write anyway. But doggone it, I don't see why the American girl should take the back-seat all the time. Yes, I was in San Diego and I saw those "barroom belles," the girls Marines

preferred to date, and say that they are the "typical" American girl and compare them to the foreign girl. When they start comparing they better leave the barroom before they do. . . . What I meant to say all the time was. . . . But I guess I "pulled your leg". . . . That other letter you printed was mine too. I just went across the river to mail it. (Ha ha.)

MISS M. F. HUTCHINSON
Minneapolis, Minn.

Editor's Note—How do you get the CheVron so fast, Miss H? Your last letter was hardly off the press, before we received this one. At this point, we don't remember which "other letter" you mean, nor which river. Come to think of it, just what is it you're mad about? . . . Why not explain it in a letter-to-the-editor, if you have time for correspondence? (Ha ha.)

Paging All Millers

Editor, the CheVron—While serving in Tsingtao, China, last fall with MAG-32, 1st MAW, I had some pictures taken of some Chinese officer friends of mine. On Dec. 5 I was transferred to the 1st MAW Hq. at Tientsin. Shortly after that the negatives and enlargements of the pictures were mailed from Tsingtao to me at Tientsin.

I never received the envelope. Because there are so many R. J. Millers in the Marine Corps, perhaps someone else received the pictures and does not know how to get them to the proper addressee. If anyone has them, I would be glad to pay any charges to get them sent to my permanent address: 1134 12th St. N., Fargo, N. D. Thanks!

PFC. R. J. MILLER (889272)

MCB

Naval Academy

Editor, the CheVron—What's the age limit for entrance into the Naval Academy? NAME WITHHELD

MCB

Editor's Note—According to Anwar No. 7, Public Law No. 253 raises the age limit to 23 for any candidate who has served honorably in the armed forces for not less than one year during the present war, and who possesses the other required qualifications.

Anybody Seen Turk?

Editor, the CheVron—Please put this in your Safety Valve. I've been trying to find this buddy of mine for a long time.

His name is Chester Turk, you see; He has a realm of pals, If any see this, let me know, I'll trade a raft of gals. . . .

MIKE ROBINSON

325 W. 10th St., Long Beach, Calif.

Editor's Note—Sorry we couldn't use the rest of your poem, Mike—but that sort of thing is a chronic Editor's Headache. We get poetry in every mail; we can't use all of it, and if we print any then someone gets furious because it wasn't his instead.

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student comment upon receipt of study materials. Almost without exception Marines express enthusiasm. "Wish I'd taken advantage of the



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—Major Gen. Wm. H. Rupertus

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Dere Top!

I may not hav risen no higher than a sarjunt in the ol Core, Top, but Heinemann now treely is a captain of indistree. My apple bizness is skyrocketing to sucksess. Another weak like the last one so my income will nearly equal my output. Yes, trooly a small bizness is the thing for every vetrin to git into. But they should make sure it has something to do with food us they will never starve to death. I persenully hav eaten so many apples that I perspice pure cider.

Some peepull might be satisfied with a gross income of 75 cents a day—but not this ex-Marine. I am institooting a national-wide ad-vertising campaign to boost sales. You may think I am not capabull of it, but I hav written the first commercial. Here it is—

"Are you bothered by denture troubull? Do you hav upper plate wobble? Then don't eat Heinemann's apples because they play heck with upper plates."

Prilly good for a starter, eh Top?

But that is only the beginning. Here is another one—

"H.A./M.F.P.; H.A./M.F.P.—means Heinemann's Apples/Make Fine Pies. Hav you tried a Johnathan lately? Among men who eat Johnathans—it's Johnathans two to one. So Round, So Firm, So Fully Warned, So Good for the Kids an Maw an Paw. H.A./M.F.P."

I'm gitting prilly good on these commercials, am I not, Top? Where I git all this wriling talent I do not know; it jist seems to come to me out of the air. Here is another—

"Maybe you're best fren won't tell you, but we will. No other apple can make this claim. That's HEINEMANN'S APPLES. Spelled H-E-I-N-E-M-A-N-N-S HEINEMANN'S APPLES, spelled wards it's—SELPPA SNNAMENIEH. Don't pronounce it—EAT it! They have the sklu you love to crunch."

Then I have a few singing commercials in mind that should make Rinsio-White look like Aunt Jemima. Here is one I am going to use to git my customers to save the seeds out of the apples to turn back in on new apples—

"Onezy, twozy—they're so joozy;
Twozy, threezy—peel so easy;
Threezy, fourzy—don't eat the corezy
An let's start counting again."

"Yes, frens, play your part in the post-war world by saving your old apple cores. And remember, spelled backward it's SELPPA SNNAMENIEH!"

Competition has allready set in on my bizness. Moonhead is wanting to set up a stand now that they hav offishully turned down his GI loan for a set of burglar's tools. He claims he won't interfere with my trade as he plans to cater to the small children an midget clientell by selling crab-apples.

Well, Top, as you can nodoubt-lessly see, this boy wizard of Hollywood an Vine street is doing all right by himself in the financial world. There are, howsomever, a few things in my luv life that I hav not yet ironed out. I refer to Broomhead, my girl fren who owns the blacksmith shop. Tho I hav given her all varieties of the ol Core pitch, even including the ol stand-by—"Aren't you human?"—but we git very littul woo pitching done. All she has done so far is to let me feel her biceps.

A girl of iron, who's full of fire'n
Ready for a tussle;
But all I get when I want to pet
Is just to feel her muscle.

EX-SARJUNT HEINEMANN



Marine Corps Demobilization

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 26
(Prepared by the Director, Division of Public Information)
OFFICERS

Male Officer Separations.....	479
Total Male Officer Separations, Aug. 17, '45, to April 26, '46.....	23,141
Female Officer Separations.....	7
Total Female Officer Separations, Aug. 17, '45, to April 26, '46.....	564

MALE ENLISTED

Discharged (reasons other than demob. plan).....	327
Discharged (in accordance with demob. plan).....	3,646
Total Discharged During Week.....	4,473
Total Discharged, Aug. 17, '45, to April 26, '46.....	281,430
Enlistments and Re-enlistments (April 20 to 26, '46)	1,238
Departed U.S. for Overseas.....	None
Arrived in U.S. from Overseas.....	7,546

FEMALE ENLISTED

Discharged (reasons other than demob. plan).....	25
Discharged (in accordance with demob. plan).....	53
Total Discharged for Week.....	78
Total Discharged, Aug. 17, '45, to April 26, '46.....	13,308

PROGRESS

Planned Discharge Quota, Week April 20 to 26, '46..	7,622
Actual Number Discharged, Week April 20 to 26, '46	5,037
Planned Discharge Quota, Aug. 17, '45, to April 26, '46	317,539
Actual Number Discharged, Aug. 17, '45, to April 26, '46	318,493



[Photo by PFC, C. A. Walker]

ANNIVERSARY PLANS. Navy nurses of the San Diego Naval Hospital gather around PFC T. C. Breggia, a patient, as they discuss plans for the hospital celebrations held this week in commemoration of the 38th anniversary of the founding of the Navy Nurses Corps. Party also honored Lt. Comdr. Helen C. Gavin, hospital's assistant chief nurse, who was reassigned to San Francisco.

Navy Nurses Celebrate Anniversary

The Navy Nurses Corps, whose white-clad members have served both the weary and the wounded of the Marine Corps and Navy since 1908, will celebrate its 38th anniversary next Monday.

Celebrations in commemoration of the founding of the Navy Nurses Corps are scheduled for every Navy hospital in the U.S. on May 13—38 years after the 1908 Navy officially established the unit with the authorization of 20 trained nurses as part of the Washington Navy Hospital staff.

Participating in the anniversary celebration, along with the rest of the Nurses Corps, will be the 236 members of the San Diego Navy Hospital nursing staff. The hospital also plans to honor Lt. Comdr. Helen C. Gavin, Ass't Chief Nurse. Comdr. Gavin, it was learned, is being assigned to Mare Island in the coming week.

In recognition of the Navy Nurses Corps' 38th anniversary, a message from SecNav James Forrestal stated:

FORRESTAL'S MESSAGE

"I want to express, on behalf of the Navy Department, my congratulations to the Corps for its able performance in the war and its continuing activity in peace.

"To the Nurse Corps may be attributed a substantial share of credit for the Navy's low death-rate of casualties. Throughout the war, at advanced bases, afloat and in the air, as well as at home, Navy nurses carried on their vital work with patience, devotion, fortitude, and skill in the best traditions of their profession and of the Navy."

Along with other branches of the military services, the strength of the Nurse Corps has been sharply

reduced since V-J Day. It now has 7500 members, which is approximately 30 per cent below the peak of 11,000 reached just prior to the end of the war. The future complement of the Corps will depend on the size of the post-war Navy. For the first time, however, members of the Nurse Corps being released to inactive duty will retain their appointments in the Naval Reserve during peacetime.

The birthday of the Corps occurs within a day of the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the mother of modern nursing and the first woman to engage in systematic care of the casualties of warfare. Nine years before Florence Nightingale's birth, however, a Navy surgeon in 1811 submitted to the Secretary of the Navy a proposal for a nurses' organization within the Naval service. It was the generally accepted belief at that time that the Navy was for men only, and no action was taken on the proposal.

SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR

During the Spanish-American War a group of trained nurses were employed under a verbal agreement at the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va. They were an entirely unofficial unit, and after serving 50 days were paid off from a private fund. Trained nurses also were employed from time to time by the Navy on a contract basis during the next ten years.

It was through the persistent efforts of Rear Adm. Presley M. Rixey, then surgeon general of the Navy, that the Nurse Corps was

officially established as part of the Navy, on May 13, 1908, IN ORIENT

In 1909, nurses were sent to Naval hospitals at Annapolis, Md., and Brooklyn, N. Y., and by 1910, the first Navy nurses were on duty at outlying possessions and Naval stations in the Orient and in the Pacific and Caribbean areas.

The demands of World War I upon the Medical Department of the Navy were reflected in the Nurse Corps which increased its ranks to a peak of 1460 trained nurses—an increase of considerable proportion over the original group of 1908.

More China Vets Arrive Here This Week

Pacific veterans of the Marine Corps to return to the U. S. this week by way of San Diego, the 11th Naval Dist. Port Director's office disclosed, will arrive in numbers to compare with last week's total.

San Diego arrivals will total approximately 3200 for the period from May 6 through May 12.

The APA Starlight arrived here May 6, with 1064 enlisted Marines and 6 officers. They were processed at Base R&R Center. The vessel left Sasebo, Japan April 19.

The carrier Siboney arrived here from Guam May 7, with 135 Marines for the Base and 107 Marines for Miramar.

The carrier Cape Gloucester, carrying 404 Marines, arrived here May 8, from Pearl Harbor. Marines aboard went to MCB.

The APA Bolinger, carrying 1164 Marines, docked here yesterday from Sasebo, Japan. Troops will be processed at Base R&R Center. The Bolinger left Tokyo April 25.

The APA Bull will arrive here today from Pearl Harbor. Number of Marines aboard was not disclosed.

The APA Runels, carrying 88 Marines, will arrive here tomorrow, 11th Naval disclosed. The Runels left Tokyo April 9.

The LSD Comstock will arrive here May 12, from Sasebo, Japan with 59 Marines aboard.

Also on the 12th, the LSDs Carlida and Shadwell will arrive here from Pearl Harbor. The 278 Marines aboard will be sent to MCB for processing.

Matthews Issues Range Report

Plat. 41, with a qualification percentage of 37.1, led the way in M-1 rifle firing at the Camp Matthews range on April 25, according to a dispatch from the range authorities.

Plat. 42, with a batting average of 65.9, followed closely on the heels of 41, while Plat. 39, with a 63.6 card, won third position in the competition.

High scorer for the day was Pvt. Robert A. Magario of Berkeley, Cal., whose score of 317 over the regulation course placed him as an expert rifleman. Magario is a member of Plat. 41.



Lt. Comdr. H. C. GAVIN
... off to San Francisco



(Official USMC photo)

'ROCK' HERO. CWO. Charles L. Buckner, leader of the Marine detachment from Treasure Island which went to the aid of police in the bloody battle of Alcatraz, tells a San Francisco radio announcer of his one-man assault with hand grenades and rifle grenades against the rioting convicts. Buckner, a veteran of Pacific fighting, was the outstanding hero of the blazing three-day battle.

Mexico Travel Rules Explained by Memo

State department officials have indicated that "It is undesirable to allow large numbers of military personnel to travel to Mexico in uniform, but there is no objection to unofficial visits in civilian clothing being made," a recent Base memo revealed.

Leave orders, for authorized leave into Mexico in an unofficial capacity, will require that a man going into the interior of Mexico shall obtain a tourist card from the Mexican consul, located in the Bank of America Bldg., San Diego.

REGISTER IN MEXICO

Visits to the interior exceeding eighteen hours shall require the registry of the party with the Naval attaché in Mexico City. Personnel making these visits will be permitted to wear civilian clothing from the time they leave the Base until their return. These regulations do not apply to Tijuana or other Mexican cities within seventy-five miles of the international border.

Enlisted men wishing to visit border towns are still required to obtain written permission from their commanding officers. In order to be eligible for passes, men must be responsible and have good records. Officers in uniform need

only their identification cards to cross the border.

Personnel shall not enter Mexico before 0600 and must return to the U. S. before 2300 the same day, unless they have been given authority to remain in Mexico overnight, the memo specified.

Each pass must carry the signature of the person to whom issued, for the purposes of identification.

Priceless Aid

"Selfless devotion to a cause" is more than just a phrase to thousands of Cretans who risked their lives to aid the Allies. The Greek branch of the Allied Screening Commission tried to reimburse former members of the underground forces of Crete for their sacrifices in aiding Allied personnel on the island to escape to safety, but 3284 persons of 2329 approached proudly refused payment.—SEA.

Marines Battle Convicts at Alcatraz

SAN FRANCISCO—Alcatraz, penitentiary for the most depraved of the nation's criminals, and a landmark in the sunny bay between this city and Oakland, was the scene of a bitter battle between "stir-crazy cons" and police last week, with U. S. Marines called to the scene to quell the precedent-breaking riot before the battle was finally halted.

A detachment of nearly a hundred Marines from Treasure Island, commanded by CWO. Charles L. Buckner, joined forces with prison guards, two of whom were killed, and guards from San Quentin and other Bay region prisons, to halt the bloody battle. The assault in the attempt to take the prison proper back from 25 frenzied convicts was sparked by Buckner, a veteran of Leatherneck campaigns in the Pacific, who mounted the roof of the wing occupied by the rebels and dropped scores of grenades in the midst of the convicts. Meanwhile, other Devil Dogs were detailed to guard hundreds of disturbed convicts who had not joined in the rebellion.

REACHES PEAK

The battle, which reached its peak May 3, lasted two days and two nights before the three surviving ringleaders surrendered. These three were placed in solitary confinement to await investigation of the case, which may result in charges of first-degree murder being lodged against them.

The scene of the battle, Cell Block C, was a mass of wreckage from gunfire and grenade bursts.

The bloody outbreak began a

week ago Thursday afternoon when Bernard Paul Coy, 46-year-old robber from Louisville, Ky., who was cleaning the prison gun gallery, overpowered a guard and seized his gun. Coy then threw a master switch releasing all prisoners from their cells. Twenty-five accepted weapons proffered by Coy, and joined in a pitched battle against the guards.

SPECTATORS WATCH

For nearly 48 hours the fight raged between the convicts, who gained control of the cell block, and the guards, police, and Marines. Until Saturday afternoon,

while thousands of spectators watched from San Francisco's shores, flashes of flame and puffs of smoke marked "The Rock" as convicts' rifle fire answered rifle and grenade fire from their besiegers. Late Saturday, after Coy and two fellow ringleaders had been killed, the three remaining ringleaders were forced to surrender.

Two guards were dead. One convict and 14 guards had been wounded. But no prisoners had escaped.

MARINE HERO

Outstanding hero of the encounter was Buckner, who, declaring he "couldn't see men shot down in cold blood and not do anything about it," climbed to the roof of the cell block and dropped fragmentation grenades through holes he had drilled with electric tools.

Marines Fought 'Other War' As World Cheered V-E Day

By Corp. Wm. F. Taylor

One year ago this week a Marine Base drill instructor called his platoon together and asked soberly:

"Did you know the war is over?" "The German war halted yesterday with the surrender of Berlin to the Russian army."

"But your war is not yet won. Your war is with Japan."

Along the West Coast, with civilians and military men alike, the feeling was the same. There were no parades in Seattle, or San Francisco, or Los Angeles, or San Diego to celebrate V-E Day. There was no sudden surge to reconversion. Bars were closed. Work in the great West Coast war plants went on as usual. There was no litter of scrap paper or conflict in the streets.

Ships were still in the harbor loaded with war materials. Ships were still moving to "the other way" with men and food. Ships

were still moving from "the other way" with the wounded and ill.

And on the outskirts of a tiny village on Okinawa, sweating, weary men prepared to make a final plunge into Naha, an insignificant, unheard-of capital on the road to Tokyo.

Marines were not impressed with a remote V-E Day. There was still fighting to be done at Shuri and Sugar Loaf Hill and Wana.

The conclusion of the European war was the end of a phase. It was also the prologue of an overwhelming fury let loose at a weakened Japan.

Show John Doe War Dough Low

Here's a new way to find out your shortcomings. Look into your little black book—no, your savings account record. If the balance shown is less than \$352, you're under par.

Authority is the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which backs as many accounts as there are miles to the sun—more than 92,000,000, in 13,481 commercial and mutual savings banks. It says the average of all present accounts under \$500 is \$352, as against \$308 when the war broke out in 1941.—SEA.

Amen Brother

A special vocabulary of code names has been adopted for the 26 small islands that make up the Bikini Atoll in preparation for the July atomic bomb test, it was learned this week.

Bikini will remain Bikini, Boketoketoko will become "Boku," Bokofuanku will become "Bokon," and tiny, doomed Aomoon will become "Amen."

Amen.

Anniversary of Corregidor's Fall: 'Fourth Marines' Went Down in Glory

(Editor's Note—Four years ago last Monday, on May 6, 1942, the heroic battle of Corregidor ended. By the time the CheVron went to press ten days later, some details of the fight, and of the Army's awards to the Marines who fought so gallantly, were known. Here is the story as reported on page 1 of the issue dated May 16, '42.)

MARINE CORPS BASE, May 15—With the fall of bomb-devastated Corregidor last week, the names of 176 Marines, commended and decorated by the Army for their gallant work in the defense of that beleaguered fortress, were made public here by the 11th Naval District.

The Leathernecks were members of the famous 4th Marines, known as "San Diego's own," who were transferred to the Philippines from Shanghai just five days prior to the outbreak of war. As far as is known, these men are now prisoners of the Japanese.

GUARD BEACHES

Commended by Col. Samuel L. Howard, the 4th Marines fought alongside of Gen. MacArthur's men in the furious defense of Bataan, being withdrawn to Corregidor only a few days before the major portion of the Ameri-

can forces were overwhelmed on the peninsula.

While on Bataan, the men of Col. Howard's command distinguished themselves by the deadly manner in which they guarded the beaches from various attempted invasions by the Nipponese. On one occasion, scores of Japanese barges and landing boats were discovered as they neared shore under the cover of darkness. Marine rifles, machine guns and defense batteries opened a heavy fire. Dawn told the results of that barrage! Wreckages of the barges and boats were still unbolting along the beaches. Not a single member of the Jap forces reached shore.

LOCAL MARINES CITED

Marines also did yeoman service in the hills and foxholes which repelled the invader farther inland. It became the custom for Marines on Bataan to request brief furloughs between engagements with the enemy. The Leathernecks would then return to the front lines as snipers or would form small expeditions to go behind the enemy lines to scout, fight and demoralize the Japs. These feats were voluntary assignments carried out in addition to regular duties.



By Lt. Col. Donald L. Dickson

(Editor's Note—The following editorial, reprinted in part from the May 9, 1942, CheVron, is as fitting a tribute to the "Always Faithful" 4th Marines as anything written now could be. We don't know which member of the May '42 staff wrote this, or we'd give him credit as the author. But the thoughts expressed are not just one individual's opinion, anyway—they represent the homage paid by every American... every freedom-loving man.)

Well, men, from here on in you can add two more campaigns to the immortal battle roster which, in this war, began with the Marine Corps' defense of Wake Island.

The next time you hear anyone bellyaching about the "streamlined Marine Corps," lead with your left and come in with your right and then tell them the story of Bataan and Corregidor—and the 4th Regiment of the United States Marines.

Every newspaper in America will ring tomorrow with the truth about the Fourth, San Diego's own. None other than the United States Army, with whom they were fighting, decorated, cited and commended 176 United States Marines and eight men of the U. S. Navy for their bloody

work in Bataan and Corregidor. Yes, some of the medals will to the families of men who will never be able to wear them. . . . Yes, those who are left alive are prisoners of war.

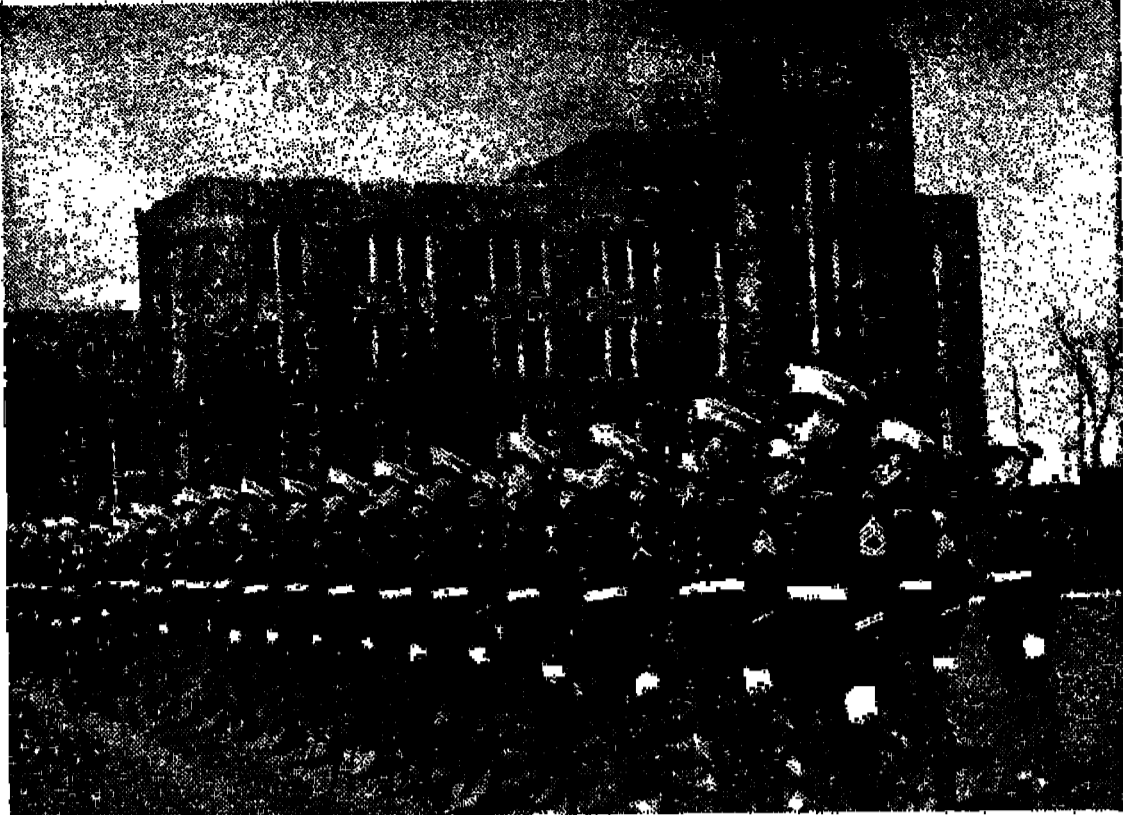
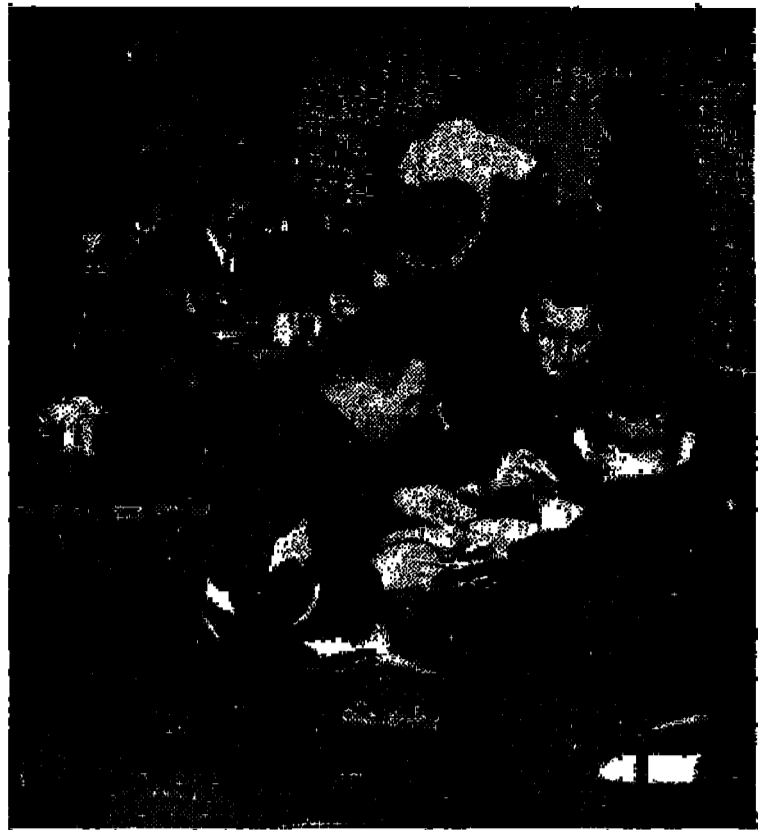
Remember the figures when you read the papers Mother's Day.

Maybe we ought to be grateful; but why? It's our job, isn't it? There's something bigger and tougher about the United States Marines than any tin, silver or gold they can pin on us.

They may kill some of our men and they may take our wounded as prisoners, but by the God above us all they will not destroy the United States Marines—as long as there is gunpowder and sharp steel to be had.

That is why, less than a month back, Francis B. Sayre, the Philippines High Commissioner, said:

"I think of the Marines who bear the critical responsibility of guarding the shores and beaches of Corregidor. At their posts on guard behind tangles of barbed wire night and day, cheerfully making the best of impossible living conditions, dependable unto death—never have I seen a body of men of whom America had a right to be more proud."



(Photos by Dick Pines—Bob Robinson and N.Y. Daily News)

Specify Court Martial Penalty Limitations

Limitations of punishment for general courts martial in the case of AOL and AWOL offenders reverts to Article 157, Naval Courts and Boards, for offenses committed after December, 1945, according to a recent directive of the SecNav.

According to the provisions of this article, an officer AOL or AWOL is subject to dismissal. An enlisted man is subject to confinement for six months and a Bad Conduct Discharge, plus an additional period of confinement equal to the period of absence.

In the case of desertion, an officer is liable to dismissal and confinement for one year if he surrenders himself to naval authorities. Under the same circumstances, an enlisted man is subject to confinement for one year and a dishonorable discharge, if he has been in service less than six months, or, if he has been in longer than that period, to a prison sentence of 18 months and a dishonorable discharge.

NON-SURRENDER WORSE

In the case of desertion when the culprit is apprehended by authorities, an officer can be dismissed and sentenced to 30 months'

imprisonment, and an enlisted man with less than six months' service can be sentenced to a maximum of 18 months' imprisonment and dishonorable discharge. Enlisted men of more than six months' service are subject to a two-year imprisonment and a dishonorable discharge.

If, in deserting, the officer or enlisted man misses a ship or mobile unit, an additional penalty of six months may be imposed.

CONSPIRACY COSTLY

In case of a conspiracy of two or more men to desert, an officer is liable to dismissal and confinement for five years. An enlisted man receives a like term of imprisonment and a dishonorable discharge.

The dispatch also states that the phrase, "the United States then being in a state of war," will no longer be used in court proceedings for offenses committed after last Dec. 31.

Limitations for deck and summary for AOL and AWOL offenses will remain the same as during the war, with only the maximum sentence of a general court martial undergoing a radical change with the new edict.

Bell Bottom Boys

It's back to the briny deep for the Sea Scouts of America. Navy boats under 100 feet surveyed and recommended for disposal are once again available without cost for the Scouts' training program.

Operating costs make boats of 50-foot overall length most popular with the Sea Scouts, though they can use all types of craft, including motor launches, picket boats, dinghies, sailing vessels and rescue boats. (SEA)

YOU KNOW, BLUES. Decked out in the blue uniform seldom seen since before the war, these Marines form the special guard detachment stationed at Hunter College, N. Y., where the United Nations Council is meeting currently. The 75-man detail, commanded by Maj. Jonas M. Platt, was selected from the complement at Camp Lejeune. In providing the guard, the Marine Corps followed a precedent established by the British Government at UN's London sessions when 140 Royal Marines were assigned as guard. Marines in photo on left eat noon chow alongside world-famous diplomats.

Far and Wide

Never a large group, the Marine Women Reserves seem to be widely known. Although most WR's are now awaiting discharge within the near future, Miss Leslie Miller of Manitoba, Canada, recently wrote to the WR commanding officer at MCB:

"Shortly I expect to graduate from the Winnipeg General Hospital School of Nursing and I wish to join the USMC. Would you please send me the necessary information? As I am at present a British subject, must I become an American citizen to join the Corps?"

City May Give Land to Vets

A member of the city council of South Portland, Me., recently suggested that the city offer some of the thousands of feet of land it owns to servicemen for erection of homes.

Councilman G. E. Lord pointed out that many of South Portland's men who went into service have now returned and that "it will be a fine gesture on the part of the city to offer some of the better lots to servicemen to build houses on."

"Servicemen being the only people who can do any building," Lord said, "they should be given the land free with the stipulation that the receiver build on it. This land, now idle, can thereby be brought back on the taxable lists, benefiting both city and serviceman alike."

Ordered 'Shoot to Kill,' Marines Guard World's Greatest Secret

KWAJALEIN, Marshall Islands—Marines with "shoot to kill" orders will guard the world's greatest secret—the atom bomb—as plans mature in preparation for tests to be held this July.

Security measures are being tightened daily at this base for "operation crossroads" in which the Joint Army-Navy Task Force will make the multimillion-dollar experiment.

By July 1 it will be impossible for unauthorized travelers to pass this way. None but the select few ever will be able to enter the barbed wire enclosure where the atomic bomb will be shielded behind a canvas wall in a specially constructed vault.

Absolute secrecy will surround the bringing of the bomb to Kwajalein. Every effort will be made to keep it from the sight of curious eyes, for even its size and shape is valuable information to have-not nations that would like to share the secret.

Guards are under command of

Maj. Robert Houser of Bel Air, Md., Pacific war veteran.

Meanwhile, weather experts worried over what they consider the biggest gamble—selection of the day to drop the bomb—Qualitico Sentry.

Recruiting Asks Local Talent

Commanding officers this week were asked to submit to the Asst. Director, Division of Public Information, names and home addresses of Marine Corps personnel from Milwaukee, Wis., Detroit, Mich.; Springfield, Ill.; Cincinnati and Cleveland, O.; Louisville, Ky.; Huntington, W. Va., and Indianapolis, Ind.

"Upon receipt of this information," a memorandum stated, "... Public Information will arrange for photographs of some of these men for use by local recruiting districts."

American Mother



(NEA Telephoto)

Named "American Mother of 1946" by the Golden Rule Foundation, New York City, is Mrs. Charles Clement, 71, of Louisville, Ky., first Negro woman to receive the honor. Mrs. Clement, granddaughter of a slave, was chosen for her "success as a mother, and her activity in social and world relations." She is mother of seven children, all graduates of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.

This Week

Milestones in History

May 6, 1942—Corregidor surrenders; approximately 17 officers and 1474 enlisted men of the 4th Marines captured. (See feature on page 4.)

May 7, '43—Tunis and Elzerre captured by Allies.

May 8, '42—End of Coral Sea Battle. Japs lose two carriers and other ships. U.S. carrier Lexington sinks. ... 3rd Marine Brigade arrives at Samoa and takes over defense of Upolu and Saunil and Wallis.

May 8, '43—50,000 Axis troops surrender in Tunisia.

May 8, '45—V-E Day. (See story on page 4.)

May 10, '40—Germany invades

Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg. ... Chamberlain resigns, Churchill takes over.

May 10, '41—Rudolf Hess (No. 2 Nazi at that time) captured in Scotland. ... Last big raid on London.

May 11, '42—Mindanao surrenders. ... Japs claim conquest of Philippines.

May 11, '43—Atto, Aleutians, occupied by American Army troops.

(Not this week, but this coming Sunday—May 12—is Mother's Day. ... Monday will be the 38th anniversary of the U.S. Navy Nurses Corps; see story on page 3.)



(Official USMC photo by Corp. Hugh Kilmeyer)

GLAD TIDINGS. Corp. June Roth, acting first sergeant of the Base WR Bn., stamps out the glad tidings of discharge for 140 enlisted women who will be separated next week, regardless of points, in accordance with a directive from Washington.



(Photo by PFC Ralph Metherell)

TAKES OVER. WO, "Bull" Trometter, above, was this week assigned duty as Base athletic officer, replacing Capt. Donald Beeson. Here "Bull" is looking over his pride and joy, the Base baseball team, as they go through their paces before Wednesday's game with the Naval Training nine. Errors aided the Navy boys to down the locals 10-3, their second loss in their last six games.



By PFC VINCENT MASSE

Dear PFC Masse: I've been overseas for a few years and am now in the Base R&R Center. I would appreciate it if you would give us some information in regard to how many 400 hitters there have been in the major leagues and who was the last. I am a Ted Williams fan and I believe that Williams was the last to hit that high for a season, but I would like for you to publish it to inform my less informed friends.

I know you don't care but my pick for the 1946 World Series is your Brooklyn Dodgers against my Boston Red Sox. Yours for sports,

CySgt. ROBERT MENSON

(Editor's Note: When Ted Williams, of your Boston Red Sox, hit .406 in 1941, his accomplishment brought to 27 the total number of times a batter has reached the .400 goal in the two major circuits, nine times in the American League. Three performers reached the pinnacle no less than three times—Ty Cobb in 1911, '12 and '22, Rogers Hornsby in 1922, '24 and '25, and Jesse Burkett in 1895, 1896 and 1899. Williams was the last in the American League, and Bill Terry, former N.Y. Giant, was the last in the National League, hitting .401 in 1930.

Looks like your Boston Red Sox will cop the American League pennant this year but even though we'd like them to play our Dodgers, we think that the St. Louis Cardinals will be the club they play . . . we don't hope.)

Sporting Editor: To stimulate more interest in the game of checkers and being employed as a civilian "general helper" at your Base Gardens nearly three years, I thought it would be good news to inform your readers as follows:

Every Sunday at 1230 in the Army-Navy YMCA, foot of Broadway, San Diego, I play simultaneous checkers with 44 players—uniformed men only.

All winners get a \$1.25 chicken dinner free. All draws, six packages of cigarettes. For every king, a 3-cent candy bar.

W, all free.

Would like to see more Marines there. Thanks.

IRVING DAVIDS

P.S.—Everything is free. But I get a salary. I emphasize free, since I have had so many Marines doubt it.

Dear Brooklyn: As a follower of ye national pastime, I'd like to ask a question. Since you are a Brooklyn fanatic, you will undoubtedly know the answers. How did the Dodgers get that nickname? As a matter of fact, I'd be interested to know how any or all of the major league clubs got their names. How about the dope?

PFC. JAMES L. JOHNSON

(Editor's Note: The Dodgers got their nickname from way back with the advent of the first electric trolley in Brooklyn. Seemed that everyone was having quite a time dodging the new-fangled gadget and if you came from Brooklyn, they called you a trolley-dodger. During the reign of the late Wilbert Robinson, the Dodgers were known as the Robins. Space will not permit our going into explanation of the other nicknames, but it's an idea that we'll take care of in the near future.)

THE CHEVRON Sports

GAME SUNDAY

The Arizona "Thunderbolts" will invade the Marine Corps Base this Sunday, May 13, to take on the local side in an exhibition contest for entertainment of Base personnel.

The Thunderbolts are members of the Arizona State League, a Class "A" circuit. Game time for the exhibition has been set for 1400.

Sportsman's Calendar

RABBITS—No closed season on jack rabbits; season on brush and cottontail rabbits closed in this district until Sept. 1.

BLACK BASS—No closed season in this district. State limit, 10 per day, none less than nine inches.

CRAPPIE—No closed season in this district. Limit 15 per day.

SUNFISH—No closed season in this district. Limit 25 per day.

ABALONE—Open until Jan. 14. Limit 10 in one day. Size limitations: Red 7-inch diameter, green 6½, pink 6, black 5.

LAKE FISHING—Morona, Cuyamaca, Henshaw and Wohlford open daily 6 a.m.; Olney, Hodges and Barrett open Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Boat rentals at lakes, \$1.55 a day; fishing permits 50 cents a day.

TROUT SEASON—Opened on local streams and lakes May 1. All streams recently planted.

Naval Training Downs Base Nine--'Errors'

Taking advantage of 12 Marine errors, the Naval Training nine downed the Base team 10-3 in an exhibition game here Wednesday. The game was played before an exceptionally large weekday crowd, many of whom were drawn as guests by the Base open-gate policy in observance of V-E Day.

Manager "Bull" Trometter sent

"Frenchy" Couturier to the mound for the Marines and he was opposed by Nat Comarda, "Frenchy" pitched a fine game but the ragged support, keeping him in constant "hot water," finally wore him down and he had to be relieved in the Navy's big eighth.

CLOSE FOR AWHILE

This loss marred an otherwise successful week for the Base nine in its exhibition tuneup for the forthcoming 11th Naval league competition. The locals took a two-game series from Camp Pendleton, capped a single engagement with Miramar, and split a two-game series with the powerful Camp Elliott nine.

UNDER LIGHTS

Play in the District league begins Monday, May 20. Schedules have yet to be announced, but arrangements have been made to play all games for the first two weeks under pit lights at Lind Field, home of the San Diego Padres. This arrangement was made so that the greatest number of fans could attend, as 11th Naval official said.

Starting lineups:

NTS	MCH
Gillion, rf	Head, cf
Steele, 2b	Ashcraft, 1b
Pravel, cf	Hapken, 3b
Stulfe, lf	Gibson, ss
Higgins, 1b	O'Sullivan, lf
Dowey, c	Lambert, lf
Crus, 3b	Murphy, c
Zuber, ss	Trometter, 2b
Comarda, p	Couturier, p

Score by innings:

NTS	MCH
0 0 0 2 0 0 3-10 7 3	2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-3 9 15

Batteries: Comarda and Dowey; Couturier, Pravel (8) and Murphy; Brooks.

Hurlers Love



Oh, that sweet pill! Ed Head, Dodger twirler, showers his affection on the ball that scored the last putout in the game with the Braves and placed him in the pitchers' Hall of Fame. In his first major league start on the mound since returning from the service, the 28-year-old hurler chalked up one of the great rackets in baseball, a no-hit, no-run victory. Head beat the Braves 5 to 0 at Brooklyn's Ebbets Field.

SOFTBALL Schedule

Following is the schedule for the Base softball loop for the seventh and eighth weeks of play:

Monday, May 13

Guard Co. vs. Medical Dept.
Service Co. vs. R&R Center.

Wednesday, May 15

Mess Co. vs. MT&RC.
1st Separation Co. vs. Base.

Thursday, May 16

Eye vs. Motor Transport.
Headquarters vs. Sea School.

Monday, May 20

Guard Co. vs. R&R Center.
Medical Dept. vs. MT&RC.

Wednesday, May 22

Service Co. vs. Bahal.
Mess Co. vs. Motor Transport.

Thursday, May 23

1st Separation Co. vs. Sea School.
Eye vs. Headquarters Co.

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Semi-Final Event Saves Listless Card at Saturday's RD Smoker

By PFC. John J. O'Keefe

Most fans were disappointed in the Recruit Depot boxing smoker last Saturday evening. The bouts were not up to their usual standard and the majority of them were no more than "slug and miss" events.

Saving the evening, the semi-final bout turned out to be quite an interesting affair. Eddie Jenkins and Steve Wascuta were two clean-cut boys who came out swinging and continued that way throughout the bout. Eddie tried hard but Steve caught him with a wicked right-cross, sending him down for the long count in 1.20 of the second round.

Resume of the other bouts:
Adolfo Pojorquez / Bob Nelson. Fast first round; both slipped and went down in this one. Nelson tied up Adolfo in a neutral corner and let him have it with both gloves. Nelson, a southpaw, put Adolfo down and got off the ring for a

count of eight in the third round. Fight awarded to Nelson.

Johnny Reay / Verne Manessa. Verne gave but definitely outclassed. Reay has a punch that shakes the whole body when he connects. Manessa went down at least six times in the first round and the bout was awarded to Johnny on a TKO in .32 of the second round.

Herb Ellis / Joey French. Both boys came out and slugged each other in the first. Neither was a boxer, and both just swung where they thought the other ought to be. Ellis got the judges' nod.

Jack Woods / Darrell Eldson. Another slugging match with both boys winding up like windmills, telegraphing every blow. Decision to Eldson. Fans thought this a poor bout.

Tim Wood / Allen Lange. Wood had this all the way; Allen was game, but there was nothing he could do about it. Wood managed to win it on a TKO in 1.28 of the final round.

Yell Burch / Eddie Ferguson. Eddie must have been looking for a needle in a haystack in this one. He fell over every time he saw a blow coming his way and stayed there. Burch didn't know whether or not to hit him in that position but the crowd soon made up his mind for him. Burch couldn't manage to connect with the right one, but went on to take the decision.

Ray Hanna / Bobby Neill. Ray, a clever little fighter, should come along. It was his bout all the way, and he scored a TKO in 1.18 of the initial round.

Emilio Julian / Perry Ames. A very dull draw. No one cared.

Manuel Sevilla / Vic Malacara. Main event. Bout where everything went. Neither boy could fight his path made attempts. It went the limit, with the decision awarded to Sevilla.



MUDDLE. Example of the type of bout featured at last Saturday's RD smoker. Photo shows Bobby Nelson / Adolfo Pojorquez in the initial bout. Nelson came out at the muddle to cop the decision.



NATIONAL Baseball ROUND UP



Ted "Thumping Theodore" Williams had a hard time in his Boston debut recently as the Sox tangled with the Bronx Bombers from New York. Ted grounded into three double plays in as many appearances at the plate. His momentary failure brought resounding jeers from the Hub fans. With such treatment on a rare off-day, it seemed no wonder the lucky Sox slugger longed to be a fireman a few years ago.

Ted is not the only big-time star to be pained by the home-town boosters, however. Dolph Camilli, at one time one of the best and hardest playing first sackers the Brooklyn Dodgers ever owned, often came in for jeers from the ungrateful fans. Jim Britt, former Beantown sportscaster and more lately of the U.S. Navy, believes in "riding" by fans as a part of baseball, but the unwarranted jeers at the expense of established stars brought this comment from the Hub announcer: "If you can't participate in a sport, be quiet, anyway, will you?"

Coming in the "What Next?" department is the report that a Baseball Guild, or union, for players has been established to allay "the dictatorial powers of the baseball clubs" over their diamond performers. Majority opinion of sports writers seemed to coincide with Clark Griffith's belief that the new organization's attempt to establish "free-bargaining" in players' contracts is impracticable. Under this projected plan, he said, the DiMaggio brothers, Ted Williams, Bob Feller, Tex Hughson, Pete Reiser, Ted Lyons, and other baseball greats might wind up wearing the spangles of the same club—the club with the most money.

Sports writers were not unanimous in agreeing with the prey of the Washington Spoons on another point in issue, however. Griffith maintained that the clubs were not dictatorial in setting wages for their hirelings,

but sports writers were inclined to agree with the Guild's contention that players must accept the management's wage offers if they wish to stay in organized baseball. Time alone will tell the result of this revolutionary new step in big-time baseball.

The Brothers Pasquel were on the prowl again, and were after another big-gun in the Brooklyn Buins' penitentiary plans. Pete Reiser. The Mexican League reportedly offered \$100,000 for Reiser and his bat to make the jump South of the Border. Branch Rickey rushed to talk to the potential batsman. Meanwhile, the New York Yankees obtained an

injunction against the Peso-Paying Mexicans, which prevents the gentlemen with the pen and checkbook from signing any of the Yanks. For the Giants, this was locking the barn after the horses had been stolen, as relief hurler Ace Adams and pitcher Harry Feldman reported in Mexico to play ball and get their share of tax-free money, and quarters and food sans expense.

Meanwhile, the pennant races were getting into full gear with the St. Louis Cardinals and the Brooklyn Dodgers battling it out for top spot in the National League, and with the Red Sox from Boston and the Bronx Bombers from New York vying for top position in the American League. The Cubs and Braves were still holding their own as the eastern clubs in the older loop made their first western swing and the situation was reversed in the American League. Yes, the hapless A's and Phil's were still occupying the cellar in their respective loops, as the "City of Brotherly Love" prepared for another tough season any way you look at it.



Ex-G. I. Joe DiMaggio, Yankee slugging star, is shown above slugging one of the home runs that put him in first place in the American League four-ply circuit contest. In the batting department, however, Joe will have to go some to beat his little brother, Don, currently pacing the powerful Boston Red Sox and Junior circuit hitting with an average well over .400. Anyway, it's all in the family.

For followers of the Pacific Coast League, the race was narrowing to a three-way battle between the San Francisco Seals, the Oakland Oaks, and the Los Angeles Angels. The local entry, the Padres, returned from a successful road trip, and are engaged in a series with the hard-hitting Hollywood Stars at the local ball orchard, Lane Field, Broadway and Pacific Blvd. Pepper Martin's contenders are battling to hold their place in the first division against the fifth-place Stars.

Night games are the order of the day here except Saturday and Sunday, with a double-header set for the latter day. Monday is an open date. Marines in uniform will be admitted to the grandstand for 75 cents except on the week-end when regular prices will be charged.

Church Services

SUNDAY SERVICES: Base Chapel, 1015 Morn. Worship; 1100 Holy Communion (last Sunday in each month). Communion Services 10:30 each Wednesday. 10:30, 11:30 Morn. Worship. Recruit Depot, 1015 Morn. Worship. Bldg. 110 (Bldg.), 10:30 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 10:30 Morn. Worship.

ROMAN CATHOLIC: Recruit Depot, 10:30 Mass; Base Chapel, 10:15 Mass; R&R, 10:15 Mass; Camp Matthews, 10:30 Mass.

LATTER DAY SAINTS: Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 10:30 Morn. Worship. Camp Matthews, 10:30 Afternoon Worship.

JEWISH: 1015—South Chapel, Naval Training Center (for personnel of the Base). 2015—Camp Hill (for personnel at Camp Matthews).

WEEK DAY SERVICES: **ROMAN CATHOLIC:** Base Chapel, 10:00 Celebrations, daily Mon. through Sat.; 10:30 Mass, daily Mon. through Sat.; 10:00 Novena, Tues. R&R, 17:00 Confessions, Sat. Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 10:00 Confessions, Sat.

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CMC to Attend

Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Commandant of the Corps, will attend the U.S. Flag Centennial at Monterey, Calif., from July 4 to 7, it was announced by Headquarters recently. The celebration will mark the 100th anniversary of the capture of Monterey by Marines and sailors under the command of Commodore John Drake Sloat. In the capturing of the town, Commodore Sloat and his men added 800,000 square miles of territory to the United States. — Pendleton Scout.

Offer China Duty Vets College Scholarships

Servicemen who will be in an inactive duty status by next Sept. 1, and who served in the China theater during World War II, are eligible to apply for Chinese-government sponsored scholarships to American colleges and universities, a Base memo revealed this week.

Established to foster understanding between Americans and Chinese, ten such scholarships are being offered by the Sino-American Cultural Service, a subsidiary of the Chinese Ministry of Education. Provided specifically for students who will pursue studies in Chinese cultural courses at the American schools, the benefits are worth \$1500 yearly.

EXTENSIONS POSSIBLE

Recipients of the scholarships are required to submit semi-annual reports relative to their researches and studies. Those whose first year's reports are found satisfactory may request an extension of one or two years. If it is deemed advisable by the sponsors, the second and third years may be spent in research in China.

Personnel interested in the scholarships may request application forms from the China Institute, 125 E. 85th Street, New York City, N. Y. The Sino-American Cultural Service will notify the institute to remit funds for the

scholarships to the universities chosen by successful applicants. Application forms should be completed and returned by June, 1946.

H&S Battalion Picnic Plans Progress

Arrangement for the Headquarters and Service Battalion picnic to be held at Oak Park, El Monte on Sunday, May 12, are well advanced. It was disclosed by members of the committee recently.

Motor Transport Co. will arrange to have buses at the Hostess House at 0800 for guests of personnel of the battalion, the committee said, and another bus will be available at the same hour, at the flag-pole on the parade ground for members of the battalion.

Tickets for use of guests may be secured from the first sergeants of the various companies, and ticket for horseback riding may be obtained at the picnic grounds.

According to Lt. R. B. Carney of Service Co., there will be "plenty of food and refreshments for everyone, including soft drinks for the children." Dance music will be furnished by MTSgt. Pat Mulligan and the Halls of Montezuma orchestra, plus a "German-style Hofbrau ensemble playing during intermissions." Softball and other games in which all may participate are scheduled, and prizes will be awarded to winners or members of winning teams.

Maps are available for those who need directions for reaching the site of the picnic.

BEAR A HAND

For Sale
PICTURE, films, nearly new. Call Mrs. Elmer (D'Annunzio) at 1000 bank, extension 665.

For Rent
ROOM with kitchen privileges, furnished, Marine couple, offered in exchange for taking care of garden. Call Mrs. Burnett, Randolph 3950, after 1900 for further information.

Lost
CHARLETTE LIGHTER, with Marine to whom I loaned silver hat, lost at scene of auto accident Sunday on La Jolla highway. Please return same. Dr. C. A. Walker, 547 Rosecrans Blvd., Bayview 3-144.

CLASS B134: La Jolla High School, senior, married, B. M. married, lost at MCB. Return to 1015 Munyon, 4485 Cresham St., Pacific Beach. Tel. 115-2931, Newark.

Wanted
STENOGRAPHER, civilian, experienced, must be able to take dictation. Apply American Red Cross, MCB Administration Bldg., Rm. 200, or phone Mrs. Josephine Blum, base extension 432.

Trade
COLT .45 REVOLVER, Army model 1917, in good condition. Will trade for .45 automatic. Lt. Thomas, base extension 651.

WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

BASE THEATER 1730 and 2000

FRIDAY—Northwest Trail, Robert Preston. A Technicolor re-issue. Worth seeing.

SATURDAY—Yank in London, Anna Negle-Dean Jagger. Army air man, hot for Her Ladyship of London, hits variety of romantic snags.

SUNDAY—City for Conquest, James Cagney-Ann Sheridan. An RKO reissue, but if you like high-brow music, tainted slightly of Gershwin, Cagney as a pug, or Miss Sheridan as her old, voluptuous self, you'll enjoy this one.

MONDAY—Fast Company, Eastside Kids. It's been so long since this one played the Strand, we can't remember what it's all about.

TUESDAY—Northwest Mounted Police, Gary Cooper-Madeline Carroll. A spectacle of outdoor action, our friend at the theater tells us.

WEDNESDAY—Bride Wore Boots, Barbara Stanwyck-Robert Cummings. A story of horses versus a writing man. Good seeing.

THURSDAY—One More Tomorrow, Ann Sheridan-Alexis Smith. With two of screenland's favorite glamour gals, what more could you ask?

(Camp Matthews movies will precede the above schedule by one day.)



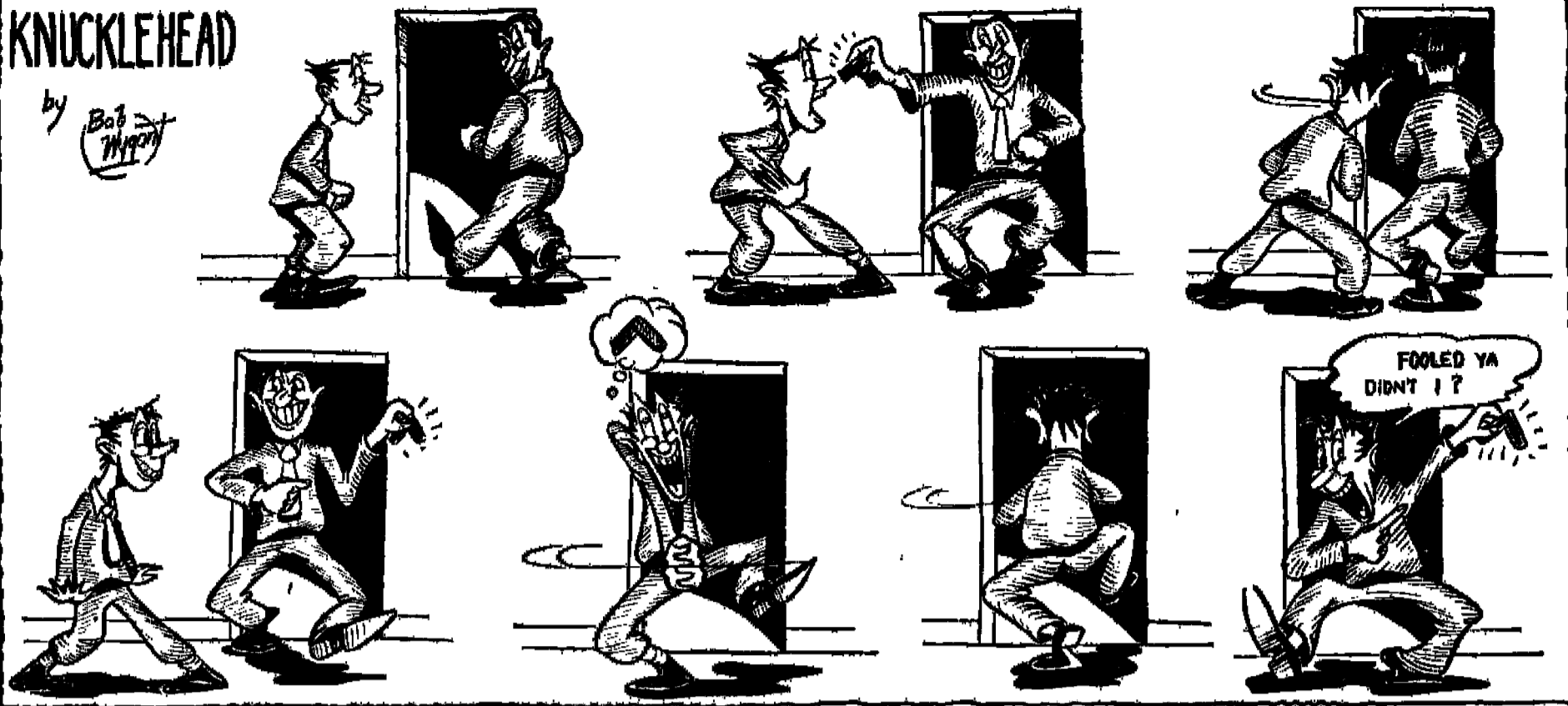
(Photo by PFC. C. A. Walker)

NAVY JOINS MARINES. Lt. (jg) Arthur Muroff is the first member of the Navy to play with the Halls of Montezuma orchestra, according to MTSgt. Pat Mulligan, band leader. Born and educated in Brooklyn, N. Y., Arthur began studying the piano at the age of five. At 13 he was playing with various jazz orchestras, although he had specialized in classical music. After joining the Alvino Rey orchestra in 1941 and the Muggsy Spanier organization in 1942, he enlisted in the Navy. Muroff expects to return to civilian life sometime this month. The lieutenant joined the orchestra to relieve PFC. Joe Wacławski, who has since become a civilian.

Friday Morning, May 10, 1946

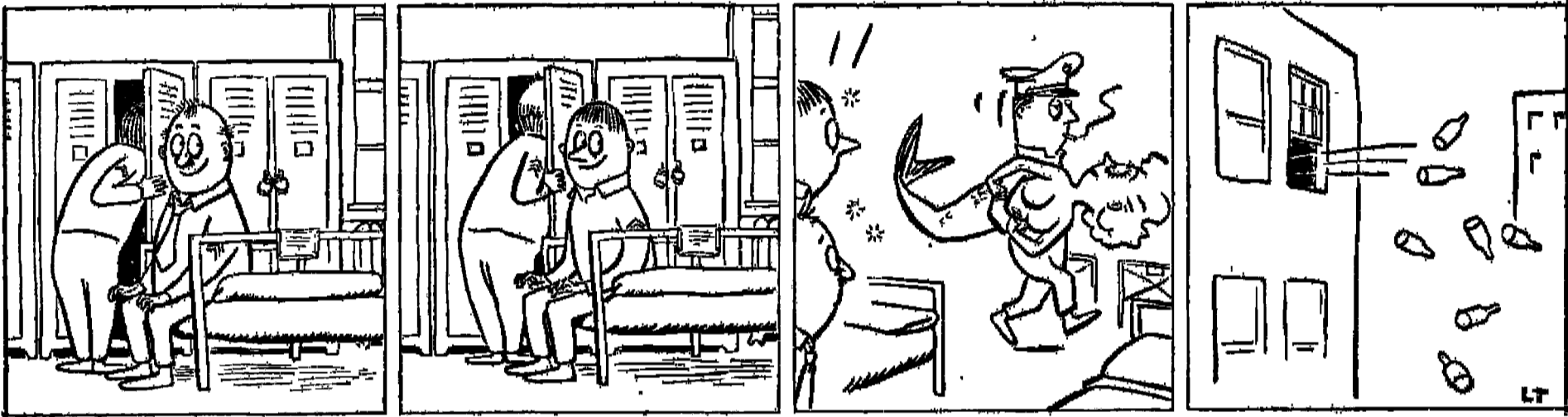
KNUCKLEHEAD

by Bob Hyatt



OFF - BASE

By PFC. LES THOMPSON



THIS WEEK NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

COVINGTON, Tenn. (CNS)—Minnie Rose Webb, 14-year-old crippled girl, who always waved at passing trains, has a new outlook on life through the kindness of Illinois Central trainmen. Crippled by a spinal anesthetic three years ago, she was sent to the Shriners' Hospital in St. Louis for treatment with funds raised by the railroad men. They halted a special Pullman in front of her house to pick her up for the trip.

EAST LANSING, Mich. (CNS)—Nylon is unpopular among local residents, at least, as a name for a street. The County Road Commission authorized a change of address for the 28 families living on Nylon Ave. who have filed a petition of protest. They now live on Spartap Ave.

MOBILE (CNS)—"Why didn't you bite that squirrel right back?" an attendant asked an 11-year-old boy brought to City Hospital for treatment of a squirrel bite.

"I did," he replied, "I had to make him let go."

BUFFALO (SEA)—Police are looking for a safecracker to open their headquarters safe. The cop who knew the combination is sick and has forgotten it. The formula is available in writing—inside the safe.

LOWELL, Mass. (SEA)—A hotel bill yielded \$43.50 to a tippler, who upon sobering up enclosed the cash with a note addressed to local police saying he "unmindfully" stole the money while drunk.

DETROIT (SEA)—William Molesworth was pinned in his car for three hours while 4900 volts of electricity from a fallen heavy transformer coursed through the car. Molesworth, luckily, was not shocked.

GLENDIVE, Mont. (CNS)—At a hot moment in a local basketball game, the scoreboard burst into flames.

DENVER (SEA)—Herbert J. Helmick, 79, has sued his bride of three months, Sylvia, 87, for divorce.

CHICAGO (CNS)—While deliberating on a decision for an automobile accident case, a jury of seven women and five men was thrown into a turmoil by the appearance of a little mouse.

When the mouse finally disappeared in a hole, counsel for the plaintiff told the court that his client wanted to settle out of court.

MINEOLA, N. Y. (CNS)—A prisoner recently crashed through a closed window and fled the local jail. Immediately a policeman went to the door and whistled. The prisoner returned. He was a St. Bernard plucked up because he had no leash.

CHICAGO (SEA)—Three men in a phone booth proved unlucky for Ira Wallace. He was calling his partner about the sale of property. The two prospective purchasers squeezed into the booth to overhear the conversation, but left before it was completed—with Wallace's wallet and \$270.

FITCHBURG (SEA)—To settle an argument of who had the hardest head, two men backed off 30 feet, lowered their heads and charged. The crash bounced one of the men into the hospital with a scalp to be stitched.

COLUMBUS, Ga. (CNS)—Mrs. W. E. Jenkins was recently charged with simple larceny for snatching a \$6,000 contract she had signed with an Atlanta auction company from the hands of their attorney, crumpling it up and swallowing it.

ATLANTA (CNS)—"It's with great pleasure that I bid goodbye to my readers," wrote the departing sports editor. He gave up his job on the Atlantaian, edited by and for inmates of the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary.

NEW YORK (CNS)—Here is a good example of what inflation can be like. Ninety-seven postage stamps totaling 7,350 Chinese dollars covered a flat 12 x 15-inch package received recently by a member of the New York Sun staff.



WHO'S KIDDIN'? The wheels of the Hollywood grist mill of publicity seemingly never cease grinding. Fellow peons, we are just being duped. Now, note this example of what we're crusading against. Above is a pretty girl, Peggy Knudsen, sponsored by Warner Bros., supposedly at the beach, supposedly taking a "brief respite" from picture-making, supposedly sending regards to her friends in the Marine Corps. It is our theory that the picture was taken in a photographer's studio, the gal can't swim, it is all part of a day's routine, that she thinks Marines are a branch of the USO. Pardon us for being cynical, but we think the whole thing was just an excuse to display Peggy's admittedly fine physical charms to better advantage. All in favor of crossword puzzles instead, say "aye."