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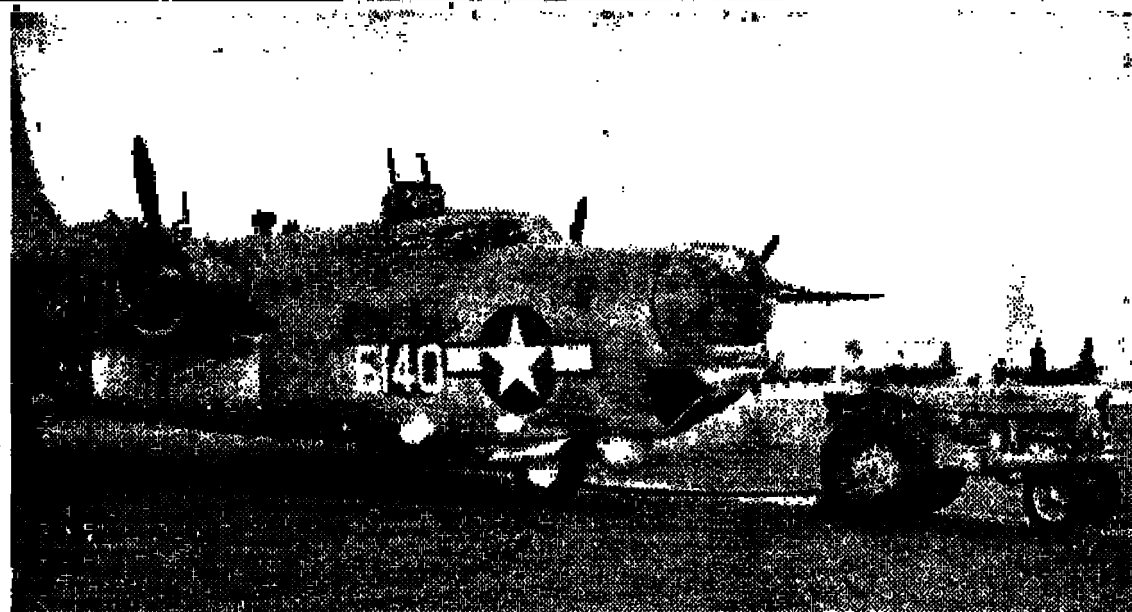
MORRIS IN THE SAN DIEGO AREA



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**MARINE BOMBER.** An adaptation of the Army B-24 Liberator, Marine Corps bomber FM42, the Privateer, built by Consolidated, is a favorite of Corps Airmen with its 4 engines, 14-cyl., 1200-h.p. Pratt-Whitney engine. Above craft is shown at MCAS, Miami.

## Corps Aviation in the Pacific War

By Capt. Wm. F. Taylor

(Third in a series of five articles on Marine Aviation)

Marine aviation, at its wartime peak, carried 118,000 Marines on its rosters. At the time of the Guadalcanal invasion there were only 15,000 men in the air units, with 900 in the Pacific at the time of the battle for Wake Island. Corps aviation was comparable to a youth who suffered a long adolescence, suddenly to sprout to mammoth and awesome proportions.

The first Marine pilot took to the sky in 1912 flying a motored, awkward box-kite contraption that acted more like a skybound frog than an aircraft.

That was the beginning which fathered the flying organization which produced such pilots as Joe Foss and Boyington and Walsh and Smith. That was the beginning which spread Marine aviation to every major outpost in the Pacific war.

### WORLD WAR I

Since 1922 Marines have flown and fought in all parts of the world where our nation's interests have called for fighting men. They were in France under Roy S. Geiger—

new Lt. Gen.—during the first world war, flying British and French planes and dropping 52,000 pounds of bombs on the enemy. They fought at Nicaragua from 1927 until 1932 using strafing and bombing tactics that were later developed for use in World War II.

Corps aviation hit its full stride in 1944. It had moved from its Wake Island defeat through the Solomons and the South Pacific into the Central Pacific war. Marine pilots were prominent in the taking of the Marshalls. Marine ground troops at Saipan and Guam were supported by Marine planes.

### 'LAUGHWAFFE'

Also to demand notice during 1944 were the Corps "grasshoppers."

"Grasshoppers" to Marines were small monoplane used by artillery units to spot targets. Their greatest armament was a few hand grenades, a pistol and a handful of rocks; but they were capable of anything from hand-grenade bombing, to chasing frightened Jap messengers along jungle trails. Ground troops often referred to the tiny planes as the "Laughwaffe." They were always remembered as the footsoldiers' personal air force.

The "Laughwaffe" was always an outfit for gals "firsts" and "records." Its planes, because of their smallness, could land on a comparatively small air-strip. It would be a safe bet to say they were the first to land on about half of the air fields constructed in the Pacific during the war. Many Marine veterans of Iwo Jima swear they saw a "Grasshopper" buzz Mt. Suribachi during the worst of the battle, sinking into the volcano's crater, and rising again without mishap. A division commander was reported to have taken one of the craft up a number of times where his unit was fighting, throwing hand grenades—with whatever advantage one can throw hand grenades—at the enemy's command post.

### SPOTTER PLANES

As an observational craft for Marine artillery the planes were hard to beat. A Marine observer would generally go aloft in one of the ships, hover over the target, and bring accurate, effective fire on enemy positions. The ability of the tiny ships to remain almost fixed above their targets, and their great maneuverability, made them superior to other planes for observation purposes.

### ONE-MAN RAID

The climactic point in the war of the "Laughwaffe" against the Japs, however, came when a Marine spotter in his plane followed a Jap messenger along a jungle path at Guim until he had discovered the enemy command post. He immediately radioed the information to his artillery unit, requesting that fire be brought on the target. Because the command post was on the far slope of a steep hill Marine units were unable to bring fire on the enemy position. The spotter, in desperation, ordered them to cease firing, and—circling the Jap position—let go a number of well-aimed grenades, and opened up with his automatic, to finally chase the sole surviving Jap helter-skelter across a field and into a nearby swamp.

## Senate Passes EM Pay Hike

A \$25-a-month pay boost for privates, with substantial increases for other enlisted rates of the armed forces, went in sight today as the Senate-approved draft extension bill went to a Senate-House conference before being sent to the House for a vote.

If passed by the House in forthcoming sessions, the bill, which would continue the draft through May 15, 1947, will also limit military service to 18 months and allow the release of all fathers upon application.

An integral part of the draft bill as approved by the Senate, the proposed pay boost was tied into the legislation in order to spur voluntary enlistments. Under the new bill, the strength of the armed forces will be limited and the draft will supply personnel only where enlistments fall.

### PAY INCREASES

Pay for servicemen will start with \$75 a month for privates, and follow a graduated scale to \$140 (see insert) for members of the first pay grade, with no increases allowed to the commissioned ranks. Previously a House bill had recommended greater increases for enlisted men of the top three pay grades, and from 10 to 20 per cent

increases for officers. Estimated cost of the Senate-approved pay scale ranges from \$350,000,000 to \$450,000,000.

### OTHER FEATURES

Other features of the proposed draft law, which may replace stop-

Pay increases currently being considered by Congress for members of the armed forces are shown below. The first column is the Senate-approved bill as it stands. The second shows the previously approved House bill, and the third the present pay scale.

Rank	Senate	House	Present
Private	\$75	\$75	\$55
Private 1st	\$80	\$80	\$60
Private 2nd	\$85	\$85	\$65
Private 3rd	\$90	\$90	\$70
Private 4th	\$95	\$95	\$75
Private 5th	\$100	\$100	\$80
Private 6th	\$105	\$105	\$85
Private 7th	\$110	\$110	\$90
Private 8th	\$115	\$115	\$95
Private 9th	\$120	\$120	\$100
Private 10th	\$125	\$125	\$105
Private 11th	\$130	\$130	\$110
Private 12th	\$135	\$135	\$115
Private 13th	\$140	\$140	\$120

Equivalent Army, Navy and Marine rates will be given the pay increase.

gap legislation to run through July 1, are:

Honorably discharged veterans who have served overseas for any period, or six months in the U.S., shall not be redrafted.

Boys 18 or 19 years old, now exempt under previous stop gap legislation, shall be available to the services, through the draft.

Army strength shall be limited to 1,850,000 men on Jan. 1, 1947, and be reduced to 1,070,000 by the following July 1.

Technological and science students shall be exempt under regulations to be formulated by the President.

### Pilots Assured

Qualified aviators coming into the Marine Corps will be assured of a pilot's classification, according to a recent AINav.

"Qualified naval aviators of Marine Corps and Marine Corps Reserve, separated from service, who enlist or re-enlist in the Regular Marine Corps," the directive stated, "will be designated Aviation Pilots upon application to this Headquarters, provided current physical requirements for pilots in naval service are met."

## Mischa Auer Mishes Mark, Our Auer Hour Too Long

By the Bookstage Daps

Nearly every stage show at the Book Theater for weeks past has been good entertainment, and maybe we've been sort of taking it for granted. But the Mischa Auer troupe, which appeared at MCB last Tuesday evening, reminded patrons that it can happen here.

Opening the two-performance error were "Heater and his pals, the dumbest bunch of untrained dogs in the world." The dogs were pretty funny, we admit. In fact, they were the highlight of the entire program.

Joe Sanders and his band supplied the evening's music, and Miss Dorothy Egan did some not-such-a-novelty acrobatic dancing.

Mischa Auer, of course, was Star of the whole program—that's what the advance publicity said, anyway. But his monologue "The Sad Russian" had just one thing in its favor—its title was appropriate. It was sad. Auer was sad. The audience was sad.

Also included on the program were Laurette and Clymus, Apache dancers. This team had just returned—for some reason—from a six-month engagement in South America. They were passably clever. Perled.

The show closed (finally) with an audience-participation song-fest accompanied by Sanders at the piano and a few members of the

audience. But by this time few people present felt like singing.

Well, at least we're safer now in going to future Book Theater stage shows. Mischa has already been here, and gone. He won't be back—we hope. And since patrons' comments last Tuesday were mostly unfavorable, we'll speak for them and say "Au revoir, Auer, we won't Mischa."

## Battalion Plans Second Picnic This Sunday

Encouraged by the success of their last outing, Headquarters and Service Battalion members have planned another picnic to be held this Sunday, June 9, at Oak Park, El Monte.

Transportation has been arranged and buses will leave from the Hostess House, with guests, and from the Flag pole, with battalion members, at 9:00.

Headquarters, Service, Mess and Transportation companies will assist in the arrangements.

Dancing, horseback riding, softball and many other forms of amusement have been scheduled, as well as plenty to eat and drink.

## Editorial Views

Estimated strength of the Corps as of May 24 was 172,897, including 157,250 EM, 3158 enlisted WR's, 12,341 male officers and 147 female officers.

According to an official bulletin: "Recruitment gains remain at about the same level as noted week by week, before enactment of the revised Selective Service Bill. During the week of 18 May to 24 May inclusive, 1044 men enlisted or reenlisted. This is within a hair's breadth of the weekly recruitment gains reported over the last several months."

### MILESTONES THIS WEEK

June 3, '42: First day of Battle of Midway; Jap aircraft attacked Dutch Harbor. June 4, '42: Carrier Yorktown sunk in Midway battle. June 6, '42: D-Day in France—GIs hit the beach at Normandy; closing stages of Midway naval fight; Japs had lost four aircraft carriers, many other ships. This week in 1918, Belleau Wood; in 1815, Marines arrived in Mediterranean with Decatur's fleet, to suppress Barbary Pirates.

### GI RIGHTS

Clarification of GI Bill of Rights final eligibility date: Oct. 4, 1946, or the official end of the

war—whichever is later—is the deadline. Men in service before Oct. 6 of this year, or before the war is declared terminated if that date is later, will be eligible for full benefits. Those enlisting afterwards won't be eligible unless the deadline is meanwhile extended by Congress and the President.

### MISCELLANY

"The spectacular U.S. Third Army," said an A.P. report this week, "last of the six American armies in Europe on V-E Day, will be deactivated about July 1, and American occupation duties will be left to a constabulary now numbering 34,000 men."

War Department's plans for mobilization in the event of need, will call up 4,500,000 men during the first 12 months.

During WW II, 34,027 Marines died, 60,681 were wounded in action (including combat fatigue), 40,551 received disability discharges. . . . Between Pearl Harbor Day and May 24 of this year, 434,006 Marines were discharged, 24,001 of them before V-J Day. For latest demobilization figures, see page 3.

This Civilian Won Gratitude From Hundreds of Marines

(Editor's Note — Much of the material in this article — of which it's an editorial — came to the CheVron as a letter to the staff. We're publishing it, however, for several reasons: First, because many readers have reason to be grateful to the lady it comprises; second, because it's an object lesson in what one person can do, in time of war or emergency, to bring cheer and warmth to the men who need it most; and finally, because we think the woman who did so much for so many deserves recognition and thanks, and this report may help bring them to her.)

"The Marines' Mother" is the way Mrs. Jean DeMarranza signs her letters. She has earned a right to that title; ask any one of thousands of Leathernecks who were the beneficiaries of her tireless efforts.

"Tireless" is, in fact, a mild adjective in this connection. Mrs. DeMarranza seemingly was inexhaustible, and the sum total of her labors would do credit to any woman — or man — wearing the Green.

Local newspapers in her home town of Detroit have recently reported her activities; personal and official expressions of thanks are coming her way as details of her work become known. Recently Mrs. DeMarranza sent the CheVron staff another letter, enclosing some clippings — "just for your own eyes." Modestly explaining how her "report of activities" came to be publicized in the first place, she wrote:

**"FOR RECORD ONLY"**  
"The Navy club of which I was chaplain for two years had this thing published. I was asked to give a report on what I had done, and was told that it was just for the record book covering my time of office." She hadn't even wanted to write for the record book, and her report began: "Reluctant as I may be, I have been pressed from various sources . . . However, I



wish it understood that I do not favor exploiting one's personal endeavors. I will jot down a few of the most important items . . .

"On Jan. 1, 1942, I started my letter writing to my son and two or more of his buddies who were enlisted men in our Marine Corps. Gradually I took on his platoon, then the whole company. Shortly a greater part of the 2nd Marine Division were clamoring for letters. It spread to other Marines in other divisions from the Solomon Islands to as far north as the Aleutians, Alaska, Alaska, Kodiak, Alaska and Iceland. Therefore I gave up three-fourths of my time to writing letters, cards, making cookies, and sending id-expensive gifts to the boys.

"As the casualties started to pour in, I took on the dressing stations behind the lines, later large hospitals both overseas and in the States. Personal letters as well as group letters,

"Weekly, I sent out letters, convalescent cards, Christmas cards, valentines, Easter, and birthday cards.

**HUNDREDS OF REPLIES**  
"I received letters in return by the hundreds from the Solomons, New Zealand, Guam, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Tarawa, Pearl Harbor, U. S. Naval hospitals in Quantico, Va.; Philadelphia, Pa.; San Diego, Calif.; Letterman hospital, Calif.; Walter Reed hospital, Washington, D. C.; Dutch Harbor.

"The lowest amount of letters written in one day or night was 10. Usually it was 15 to 18; but the minimum, say 10, equals 12,350 letters or cards in three years and eight months, which seems incredible. Nevertheless, it is a fact."

In the way of gifts, Mrs. DeMarranza made and sent to servicemen 300 pairs of wristlets, 8 sweaters, 14 mufflers, 8 helms, 360 boxes of cookies. She pur-

chased and mailed 80 other personal gifts on Christmas and birthdays. 1448 "digest" newspapers went overseas from her home during the last few months of the war, and she mailed a copy of every issue of the CheVron "to various companies in every Marine division."

Expenses came to more than \$1000, but that didn't stop her. "By sacrificing things of personal interest and nature," she explains, "such as shoes and what-have-you, I was able to bring a little cheer into hundreds upon hundreds of servicemen's hearts. I've enjoyed it and I shall continue with the same ideal . . ."

**HOME 'FOULED UP'**

Time and effort expended of course were great. But "I don't think what I did was anything wonderful," she wrote the CheVron. "It was a 'safety valve' for me, and I had my mind taken off my own troubles while doing something for the other fellow. I was up night and day, and I'll bet I could 'stand the duty' as well as any Marine, for going without sleep is my hobby. For four years everything was fouled up here due to writing all those various gents, but it was lots of fun . . . though it had its sadness, too.

"One of my friends said to me, 'Marranza, when you "kick off" (pleasant thought, isn't it?) we'll stick a pen in your hand and you'll come to life.' Well, I don't know about that, but I'd very likely start writing my passport into the glory land.

"It was nice of you to publish my letter recently, and I want you to know that so long as there is a CheVron I'm talking it. It's more away than a bunch of women over the back fence and that's plenty!"

"Thanks . . . and may I write again? I feel lost without writing, you know."

Sincerely,  
JEAN DEMARRANZA  
"The Marines' Mother"

Bound Volumes Offered

Cloth-bound volumes containing a copy of each issue of the CheVron from Jan. 1 through July 4, 1946, are to be made available in limited quantity. For many Marines, this will be the last such volume issued during their time in the Corps; and as provision for continued publication of the CheVron has not yet been made, this may be the last volume to be offered.

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

This six month volume of the CheVron will tell the story of the Marine Corps in war's aftermath, in its new role of occupation duty, and in its transition to a peace-time basis . . . discharge and redeployment progress, information for veterans and civilians-to-be, and "de-layed" stories from the battlefront—all covered in the style characteristic of the CheVron since its inception.

Persons desiring these volumes should send their orders as soon as possible, enclosing money, check or money order for \$5.50, to The CheVron, Bldg. 15, Marine Corps Base, San Diego 40, Calif. Orders should contain instructions for the name to be gold-embossed on the cover. If the quantity of orders exceeds the permitted quota, money will be refunded.

Slacks Acceptable

Women in slacks apparently are socially acceptable in diplomatic circles. Two Marine guards at the United Nations Security Council meetings hesitated for a moment, then passed a young woman wearing slacks who wanted to enter and observe.—SEA.



**WAKE SURVIVOR.** Captain John Hamas, a member of the valiant band of Devil Dogs that defended Wake Island against hordes of Japs in 1941, and a survivor of nearly four years in Jap prison camps, assumed duties here as Base Police and Forestry Officer recently. He had been in the Naval Hospital, Balboa, since late September recuperating from his arduous experiences while in the hands of the enemy.

Wake Survivor Recalls Corps Role

By PFC Paul E. Bragdon

Glory that is emblazoned for all time on the pages of American and Marine Corps history, the heroic stand of a handful of fighting Leathernecks on a strand of rock and sand called Wake Island, gained personal significance to MCB Marines recently as Capt. John Hamas assumed duties as Base Police and Forestry Officer.

Veteran of 25 years as enlisted man and officer in the Marine Corps, the burly captain was discharged from the San Diego Naval Hospital late in April after spending eight months there recuperating from the effects of nearly four years as a prisoner of the Japanese — an imprisonment which saw his sturdy frame dwindle from a weight of over 220 pounds to 150. During the siege against the island bastion of Wake, Hamas, then a warrant officer, served as chief ordnance and munitions officer on the staff of Lt. Col. James P. S. Devereaux.

**RECALLS BATTLE**

"The Wake Island battle," Hamas recalls, "was bloody, and, of course, the result was pre-determined. But the Marines on the island maintained high morale and a fixed purpose — to hold out to give our country time to prepare for defense. Coupled with this determination was the dogged will to keep aloft the tradition of the U.S. Marine as the best fighting man in the world. In all these resolutions, I believe that the garrison was successful."

"In chronological fashion — the Japs attacked for the first time on Dec. 8, 1941 with long-range bombers. They inflicted heavy casualties, killed our best flyers and ground personnel, and set ablaze our gasoline dump. On the 11th, the Japs launched a determined assault on the island. The attack was repulsed with the enemy suffering heavy loss in men and warships. The island was bombed day and night thereafter. On the 23rd of December, 16 days after the initial attack, the Japs drew up an imposing array of warships, blasted the island with naval artillery

and carrier-based planes, and forced a landing. The enemy subdued the island garrison, took the Marines and 1200 civilian workers prisoner. The great incentive gained from Marine Corps history undoubtedly was responsible to a great degree for the inspired stand of the Devil Dogs on the island."

**IMPRISONED**

After the fall of Wake, Hamas, who quit a career as an officer in the Austrian and Czech Armies in order to come to America and enlist as a private in the Marine Corps in 1921, began four years of tortuous imprisonment at the hands of the Japs. He was confined at the Shanghai internment camp (where he led an agrarian movement which prevented the starvation of the prisoners), a Korean detention center, and the infamous Hokkaido prison. According to the captain, the Japanese mind works in exact contrast to the American mind in all ways, including the point of view held towards humanity. Of the treatment accorded Americans by their captors, Hamas declared that, "I bordered on the savage much of the time."

"One in three hundred Japanese guards had human feelings," he asserted.

"Marines received harsher treatment than their brothers in the

Army and Navy. At the same time, we were treated with more respect. This respect was shown in new and harsher penalties inflicted upon us — increasingly as Marines spearheaded the assaults on Japanese islands. The Japs were quite open in their admission that Marines were the roughest and best fighting men they had encountered."

**RETURNS STATESIDE**

Termination of the cruel imprisonment came Sept. 19, 1945, when American troops finally reached the prison to release the inmates. Hamas, who had originally been reported dead, was immediately put aboard a C-54 plane and returned to the States for hospitalization.

Now at MCB, Hamas is worried about the apathy rife throughout the nation.

"I am alarmed by the lack of gratitude to our fighting men prevalent in America today," he said. "I should like to emphasize that these boys deserve all that can be given them."

Hamas still retains his enthusiasm for the Marine Corps, after a career that has included action in Nicaragua, for which he received the Navy Cross, service in China, mail guard duty in the United States after a series of robberies, and duty as chief of the native Nicaraguan police force.

**PRAISES CORPS**

"The Marine Corps is still the best military organization in the world — the most democratic, yet the best disciplined," he declared. "I can state this with assurance, both from my continental army experience and from observation of the Corps from outside during World War I."

"My final worry is that we will allow our armed forces to degenerate to a farce again. This is the time to be prepared. We must be vigilant until world understanding reaches near-perfection."

Base Marines Get Monterey Fete Bid

A provisional battalion of 422 enlisted men and 13 officers from MCB, including two drill teams, the band, a baseball team and three companies, has been formed and is undergoing training for its part in the U. S. Flag Centennial to be held at Monterey, Calif. MCB officials announced this week.

Scheduled for July 3 to 8, the pagantry will commemorate the capture of Monterey by Leather-

necks and Bluejackets under the command of Commodore John Drake Sloat 100 years ago. The organization formed to celebrate the flag-raising, which added 600,000 square miles to United States territory, is under the command of Lt. Col. C. A. Randall. The journey to the northern California city will be made by ship.

Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, CMC, will attend the ceremony at Monterey. Headquarters recently revealed.

General Strategy

Brig. Gen. Louis R. Jones will be detached from duty with the 1st Mar. Div upon arrival of relief and will report for duty at San Diego.

# Base '9' Tops Miramar; Loses to NAS

Base nine gained an even break in this week's 11th Naval American league play, smothering Miramar 24-14 in a tilt at Camp Miramar Monday, and dropping a 7-5 verdict to the Naval Air Station's hustling ball club at the local ballwick Wednesday.

Monday's game at Camp Miramar was a wild and woolly affair with the Base boys breaking up a 12-12 deadlock with an 11-run rally in the top half of the eighth inning. Both teams have the honor of combining to set a new league record for the most runs and hits scored in a regulation nine-inning game—88 runs and 44 hits.

Wednesday's game turned out a little more on the sane side with the locals again guilty of sloppy fielding, committing no less than six errors to give the Navy boys five unearned runs and the ball game.

Wayne Bruck went the distance for the visitors, giving eight widely scattered hits. "Ducky" Swan started on the mound for the locals but had to get relief from "Chop" Soule in the ninth when the Navy put over its winning margin.



By PFC. VINCENT MASSE

**TURNABOUT.** The service baseball teams are this year getting a touch of what was a major-league manager's nightmare during those not too distant war years. Going into the final phases of demobilization of SS and Reserves, the service manager cannot count on fielding the same team that was in there "only yesterday."

This condition exists throughout the nation, but for discussion's sake we would like to keep it local and take up the trials and tribulations of "Bull" Trometter, mgr. of the Base nine.

At the beginning of the training season, Mr. Trometter was faced with the job of molding together a complete new team rather than what had romped off with the championship the previous year. Only one member remained of that squad, in the person of Frank O'Sullivan, fiery little shortstop. "Bull" was fortunate in the fact that there still remained enough top-flight athletes to give him something to work on. By the time spring training had finished and the exhibition season had started, "Bull" was able to put a team on the field that rated close to last year's champs.

Then it began. "Wimpy" Quinn, the initial sack guardian, was first to return to civilian status. It had been assumed, due to his sparkling play, that he was the makings of the infield. It was proved conclusively when he left. Nobody could fill his shoes at that base, and the play of the other members of the infield became erratic because of his loss. O'Sullivan was about the worst hit by the first baseman change. From a smooth-fielding shortstop he became so unnerved that "Bull" was forced to place him in the outfield for a spell.

Many were called to fill in that shortstop spot, but few were chosen. It then became apparent that two weak spots had been punched into the infield, at first and short. Third base was the next spot to trouble Trometter when Benice, regular third baseman, retired. Utility infielder "Gibber" (Gibson was next and that just about topped off any chance of standing a workable infield.

At present the infield consists of either Keith Lambert, pitcher, or John Murphy, catcher, at the third-base spot, O'Sullivan back at short, Dart at second, and another catcher, Ashcraft, filling in at first base. Just a makeshift setup and despite fine hustle it just doesn't work. The hitting and the pitching of the team has been more than satisfactory but the games can't be won when you give away more runs than you can make. There is no blame to be put anywhere, either on the manager or the players, as both are giving their all. The players are trying their best to play positions that are foreign to them and the manager in desperation is trying everybody that he can think of who might fit in. In fact, we are of the opinion that they are all trying too hard and the pressing need leads to mistakes that otherwise wouldn't happen under normal circumstances.

This week, separations dug deep into the mound staff, taking two of the hardest working members of "Huriers, Inc."—"Frenchy" Couturier and Monte "Chop" Soule. Losing these two boys will necessitate the recall of "Duff" Lambert from third base back to the mound to work along with "Ducky" Swan, a capable but inexperienced hurler.

Where other mound or infield help is coming from, the manager does not know, but arrangements have been made with Recruit Depot to check on the regulars now in training there for any previous baseball experience. At the end of their training they will be given every opportunity to make a place for themselves on the Base team.

Another unseen handicap that the remaining players labor under is what any big league manager will tell you is an important factor—"mental attitude." It's heartbreaking to work into a workable pattern and then have the combination broken up. So it is with these constant losses to the team that tend to break up a workable combo, unnerving the remaining players so that they lack confidence in the replacements and themselves.

Added to this "mental attitude" factor is the status of the remaining members of the club who are either SS men or Reserves, and are looking forward to their turn to head back to the "cold" civilian world. The majority of the team are either married men with one child or enough service to rate them "out" by the latest demobilization plans, come Sept. 1st. Manager Trometter has done a remarkable job in this respect, keeping the morale of the team at a high level. Now all "Bull" needs is for somebody to keep his morale up and some ballplayers to keep the team up in the 11th Naval American league standings. . . . puff sed.

Friday Morning, June 7, 1946



I hope indeed that President Truman realized that when he got the rail road strike called off that he ruined the plans of three prominent ex-members of the Core to earn their first honest dollar since D-Day. (D stands for Discharge.)

Yes, heeding the call of Gen. Vandegrift, I an Moonhead an Tranch-foot were all ready to go into our Casey Jones act. When they asked for ex-Marines to help man the rail roads I immediately sent the following telegram to the Commandant:

"We three are ready to do our part."

The boilers to stoke on the trains to start.

"If Mr. Truman does not say 'No,'

We'd like to take over the H. & O.

"But failing this, will you be specific?

An give us a crack at the Union Pacific?

"We'll take the streamliner to Denver, Ho. 'tther,

Cause I've got to stop there an pick up mother."

Yes, "p, mother too wuz all ready to sign up to run the trains with the Marines. Altho Gen. Vandegrift turned her application down several times to join the Wiman Reserves, mother feels very strongly about the Core. When in a week month some 4 1/2 years ago I signed my life away to the Leathernecks mother went right down an had the Core emblems tattooed on both biceps.

She wanted to have "Semper Fidelis" tattooed in some inconspicuous place, but here dad put his foot down. He sed he would be darned if any wife of his would go around with any foreign language on her. He suggested something in English. Dad wuz all ways very conservativ.

Well, Top, how are things down at the Base without any Wims? Has everyone got back into "the OLD Core" form regarding their language? I gess it wuz pretty hard on you old timers to hav to come back from overseas an start talking polite. I personally think that members of the opposit sacks were a good influence on the Core. Why for 167 years, until they started letting wimin in the serviss, the Core went without a good cup of coffee.

You will be interested indeed to know, Top, that I am at last making my presents known among the wimin up here. In fact I am being compared by these chicks to some of the Hollywood movie idles. But I had to exhibit my fizique to do it. Here is how I did it:

I walked up an down Maliboo Beach flexing my muscles (the one in my right arm from saluting so much) an you should hav heard the wimin talk.

One sez—"Look, girls, a man."

Her fren sez—"Are you sure?"

Another sez—"What a BODY."

Her fren sez—"Yeh, just like Skinny Enola without hair."

Another sez—"A perfect case of malnutrition!"

As you can plainly see, Top, I really had these chicks all a flutter. I do not know what is this Mal Nutriahuff, but as long as I am a perfect case of it that is pretty good, wud it not, say?

Hairless, hapless, homely, unstable;

I still may become the walking girls' Gable.

Ex-SERGEANT PRINEMANN

## Marine Corps Demobilization

REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 24

(Prepared by the Director, Division of Public Information)

### OFFICERS

Male Officer Separations.....	731
Total Male Officer Separations, Aug. 17, '45, to May 24, '46.....	15,194
Female Officer Separations.....	73
Total Female Officer Separations, Aug. 17, '45, to May 24, '46.....	614

### MALE ENLISTED

Discharged (reasons other than demob. plan).....	771
Discharged (in accordance with demob. plan).....	1,234
Total Discharged During Week.....	2,005
Total Discharged, Aug. 17, '45, to May 24, '46.....	313,301
Enlistments and Re-enlistments (May 15 to 23, '46).....	1,042
Departed U.S. for Overseas.....	1,042
Arrived in U.S. from Overseas.....	1,042

### FEMALE ENLISTED

Discharged (reasons other than demob. plan).....	15
Discharged (in accordance with demob. plan).....	76
Total Discharged During Week.....	91
Total Discharged, Aug. 17, '45, to May 24, '46.....	14,340

### PROGRESS

Planned Discharged Quota, Week May 15 to 24, '46.....	7,072
Actual Number Discharged, Week May 15 to 24, '46.....	7,075
Planned Discharged Quota, Aug. 17, '45, to May 24, '46.....	348,000
Actual Number Discharged, Aug. 17, '45, to May 24, '46.....	350,085

## RD Main Event 'Extended Draw'

Boxing fans at last week's Recruit Depot smoker saw a precedent set when the main event between Ray Saylor and Vernon Van Cleave, ending in a draw, was extended an extra round, by mutual agreement of the contestants and popular approval of the crowd.

The fourth round, the something extra-added, was a "humdinger." Both boys, though tired after finishing the regular route, seemed to capture their second wind. Coming out at the bell, they took a stand in the center of the ring and began pummeling each other with all they had. As the gong sounded ending the round they still held their ground and were still pounding away.

When the judges again decided on a draw decision, a mighty roar went up from the crowd to signify its approval. Capt. Miller, RD's Special Services officer, backed up the judges' decision with an announcement that both boys would receive a trophy which had been offered as the prize for the winner.

## LEAGUE GAME Here Saturday

Naval T. C.

-VS-

M C B

Game Time—2:00

## BOX SCORE

NAS

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Russell, ss.....	4	2	3	2	0	0
Fisher, 1f.....	4	1	2	2	0	0
Harshman, 2b.....	4	2	2	2	0	0
Kennedy, cf.....	4	2	2	2	0	0
Phillips, 3b.....	4	1	1	1	0	0
McGee, c.....	4	1	1	1	0	0
Reid, rf.....	4	2	2	2	0	0
Ochs, 2b.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Nory, 2b.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
McConnell, 1f.....	4	1	1	1	0	0
Bruck, p.....	4	1	1	1	0	0
Totals.....	38	17	21	27	0	0

Batted for Ochs in the ninth.

MCH

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Head, cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1
Dart, 2b.....	4	1	0	0	0	1
Ashcraft, 1b.....	4	1	0	0	0	1
Mancken, c.....	4	1	0	0	0	1
O'Sullivan, 1b.....	4	1	0	0	0	1
Murphy, 3b.....	4	1	0	0	0	1
Farley, ss.....	4	1	0	0	0	1
Lambert, 1f.....	4	1	0	0	0	1
Shuck, rf.....	4	1	0	0	0	1
Swan, p.....	4	1	0	0	0	1
Soule, p.....	4	1	0	0	0	1
Totals.....	38	8	8	27	0	6

Batted for Farley in the eighth.

Score by innings:  
NAS.....2 0 2 0 0 0 0 1 2 7 1  
MCH.....4 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0  
Bruck and McGee, Swan, Soule, (2) and Harshman.

## MONDAY'S GAME

Score by innings:  
NAS.....8 2 2 0 0 1 1 1 2 2 2  
Miramar.....2 1 0 0 1 2 1 0 0 0 0  
Lambert and Harshman; Soule, Bruck (8) and Swan.



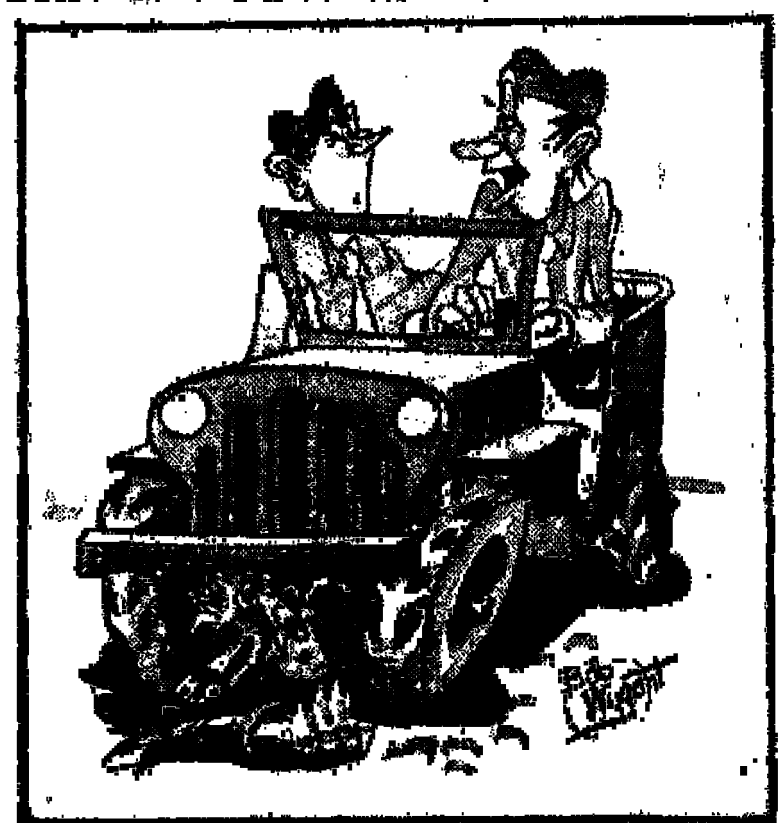
## CASUALTIES

### Dead

**California**  
 Maj. Arthur I. Turner, San Francisco.  
 District of Columbia  
 1st Lt. Donald Jackson Frewitt, Washington.  
**Florida**  
 2nd Lt. Douglas Henry Herold, Miami.  
**Georgia**  
 1st Lt. John F. Jarrell Jr., Valdosta.  
**Illinois**  
 2d Lt. Melvin Waldman, Chicago.  
**Kansas**  
 PFC. Arthur J. Galloway, Topeka.  
**Maine**  
 1st Sgt. Harold L. Grant, Bangor.  
**Massachusetts**  
 Pvt. Brian J. Nolan, North Easton.  
**Michigan**  
 PFC. Richard John Pushman, Detroit.

**Minnesota**  
 2d Lt. Fred G. Skaggs Jr., For-  
 syth.  
**Ohio**  
 SSgt. Edward Thomas Gunning,  
 Cleveland.  
 PFC. George Moe, Shadyside.  
**Oregon**  
 Corp. Oleg Edward Brooks, Myrtle  
 Point.  
**New York**  
 Sgt. Joseph Lawrence Butcher,  
 Hightstown, Long Island.  
 1st Lt. Eugene Congdon Temple, Syra-  
 cuse.  
**South Dakota**  
 1st Lt. J. Paul Willis Berg, SW Aber-  
 deen.  
**Texas**  
 1st Lt. Harold Lief Sargent, Fort  
 Worth.  
**Utah**  
 1st Lt. John H. Clark, Springville.  
**Virginia**  
 Pvt. Davis Hawkins, Montvale.

## STANLEY the Stumblebum - - WYGANT DID IT



"Now, whatever did become of that MP that wuz  
 flagin' us down?"

## BEAR A HAND

**Wanted**  
 AUTO, preferably Model A Ford.  
 Must be good transportation. PFC.  
 Keith Leiber, athletic office, Base  
 extension 620 or 621.  
**APARTMENT**, furnished, with kitchen,  
 needed immediately by Marine and  
 wife. Sgt. Lehman, J-5121, Base ex-  
 tension 314.  
**For Sale**  
 DRESS BLUES, tailor-made, practi-  
 cally new, with accessories. Will fit  
 man 5'2" tall weighing about 150  
 lbs. Sgt. Agler, R&R Center, Base  
 extension 465.  
 RINGS—Engagement and wedding  
 ring set, gold 14K. Price reason-  
 able. Call Corp. Shepherd, Base ex-  
 tension 464.  
 AUTO, '35 Oldsmobile in fine condi-  
 tion. New paint, good tires, radio  
 and heater. Sgt. Skelton, Service Co.,  
 H & S Co., Bldg. 27.  
 HUES, complete set, with access-  
 ories. House size 30, trousers 32.  
 Sgt. Matthews, Base extension 518.  
 GUPTAR, good condition. Corp. Lus-  
 timo, Base Police Shed, Base ex-  
 tension 229.

**Lost**  
 MY PORTFOLIO, leather, containing  
 my last on (this court, 118,  
 on. LESTER H. Trummer, Police  
 Shed, 118.

## Church Services

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Base Chapel  
**PROTESTANT**, 1115 Morn. Wor-  
 ship; 1100 Holy Communion (last  
 Sunday in each month). Communion  
 Services 0730 each Wednesday.  
 R&R, 0830 Morn. Worship.  
 Recruit Depot, 0915 Morn. Wor-  
 ship.  
 Bldg. 116 (Brig), 0900 Morn. Wor-  
 ship.  
 Camp Matthews, 1030 Morn. Wor-  
 ship.  
**ROMAN CATHOLIC**, Recruit De-  
 pot, 0800 Mass; Base Chapel, 0915  
 Mass; R&R, 1015 Mass; Camp Mat-  
 thews, 0800 Mass.  
**LUTHER DAY SAINTS**, Recruit  
 Depot (Bldg. 123), 0800 Morn. Wor-  
 ship; Camp Matthews, 1400 After-  
 noon Worship.  
**JEWISH**, 0915—South Chapel,  
 Naval Training Center (for personnel  
 of the Base), 2015—Camp Elliott  
 (for personnel at Camp Matthews).  
**WEEK DAY SERVICES:** ROMAN  
 CATHOLIC, Base Chapel, 1600 Con-  
 fessions, daily Mon. through Sat.;  
 1030 Mass, daily Mon. through Sat.;  
 1000 Novena, Tues.  
 R&R, 1700 Confessions, Sat.  
 Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 7:30  
 Confessions, Sat.

## LIBERTY LEADS

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

Army-Navy YMCA, San Diego:  
 Dancing at 2000; no charge.  
 Coronado Strand: "Friday  
 Frolics Dance" for men under  
 twenty; Teenage hostesses pro-  
 vided. 2000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

Coronado Strand: Stage show,  
 "Coronado Capers," at 1915.  
 Beach and swim facilities open  
 at 0900 (Sunday too).  
 Army-Navy Y: Stage show,  
 "Broadway Brevities," at 2000.  
 (Deep-sea fishing trip every sec-  
 ond Saturday—next is June 15;  
 transportation, tackle, live bait  
 and lunch furnished, for a \$7.50  
 fee; make arrangements with Y  
 activities office in advance, and  
 leave at 0230.)

MISCELLANEOUS

Judo class at Army-Navy Y  
 Wednesday and Fridays, at 1945,  
 or at city Y, 8th and C, Tuesdays  
 and Thursdays, 1930. Coached by  
 ex-Marine. Baseball at Lane  
 Field beginning at 2000, several  
 evenings each week.

FREE TICKETS

Free passes and tickets for vari-  
 ous activities are now available to  
 Marines. It was disclosed recently  
 by Capt. McNamee, Base Recreation  
 officer.

Tickets for roller skating, ice  
 skating, horseback riding and golf  
 may be had for the asking. There  
 are also tickets for any Pacific  
 Coast league baseball game played  
 at Lane Field, and passes to the  
 nationally famous San Diego Zoo  
 located in Balboa Park.

Those capable of wielding a golf  
 club may obtain tickets entitling  
 them to use of the greens at the  
 Emerald Hills golf course or the  
 La Mesa golf course, as guests of  
 the MCB Recreation office.

In the case of golfers, however,  
 if the ticket is to be used on week-  
 ends it is required that arrange-  
 ments be made in advance with the  
 particular golf course office.

All tickets may be obtained from  
 company recreation units.

## WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

### BASE THEATER 1730 and 2000

**FRIDAY**—The Devil's Mask. A third-rate thriller-chiller, involving  
 shrunken heads. A good night to write that letter home.  
**SATURDAY**—Somewhere in the Past. A meller-drammer, which  
 despite the trite theme (the amnesia victim attempting to re-piece  
 his life) manages to be good entertainment.  
**SUNDAY**—Kid from Brooklyn. Another Danny Kaye laugh-riot.  
 One word spells the success of an otherwise mediocre pic—the  
 word is K-a-y-e.  
**MONDAY**—Miracle of Morgan's Creek. Reissue, but good if you are  
 a Sturges fan.  
**TUESDAY**—The Stranger. Adequate proof that films on Nazism  
 can still prove interesting.  
**WEDNESDAY**—She Wrote a Book. She may write one, but our  
 chum at the cinema tells us it would be better if she'd forgotten  
 the whole idea.  
**THURSDAY**—Boys' Ranch. Despite the fact that Texas is involved  
 in the plot, it is a good picture. Concerns big league ball player  
 who befriends homeless boys. Good dope—with not one dissonant  
 guitar in the whole affair.  
 \*Camp Matthews films will precede the above schedule by one day.

## THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

**DONIPHAN, Mo. (SEA)**—George J. Allen,  
 local farmer who recently celebrated his  
 100th birthday, and his bride Azilee Taylor,  
 72, are honeymooning somewhere in the  
 Ozarks.

**BALTIMORE (CNS)**—A 16 month-old  
 baby fell from his bedroom window, 30  
 feet above the stone pavement, into the  
 arms of two unidentified soldiers passing  
 by. The baby escaped without a scratch.

**SAN ANTONIO (SEA)**—Unable to get to  
 New York for a Metropolitan Opera Com-  
 pany audition, Rolf Danile walked an aria  
 long distance. Result: A Met contract.

**HARRINGTON, Ill. (SEA)** Thirty pounds  
 of butter have effected another truce in the  
 Hatfield-McCoy saga. Jim McCoy of Valley,  
 Wis., brought the butter to a local garage-  
 man, Elmer Hatfield. Both claim they are  
 cousins of the celebrated Kentucky feuders.

**CHICAGO (SEA)**—After testifying that  
 her husband came home and booted her be-  
 cause she refused to go to the races and  
 see him boot home a winner, Mrs. Ruth K.  
 Peha got her divorce from her husband,  
 Marcus.

**KENTON, Ohio (SEA)**—As he extended  
 his hand to take a book in the local library,  
 truck operator Charles Brown was struck  
 by lightning. It was the tenth time he was  
 attacked by bolts from the blue.

**MACHINE, Wis. (SEA)**—George Dehne, 38,  
 foundry worker, offered to sell one eye to  
 save his home. Dehne, father of six chil-  
 dren, faces the loss of his home unless he  
 can raise some money.

**COLUMBUS, Ohio (SEA)**—Diminutive  
 night-club operator George D. Sherbon  
 claimed he didn't know a strip teaser per-  
 formed in his club because he couldn't see  
 over the bar. Short-sighted, eh?

**SANTA ANA, Calif. (SEA)**—Thomas Earl  
 Niam, 31, and his roommate, J. C. Honaker,  
 30, are recovering in the county hospital as  
 the aftermath of a lead-pipe and pocket-  
 knife battle of the ages.

**ATCHISON, Kan. (SEA)**—A. F. Matthias'  
 cigarette lighter really works. Left on a  
 window sash, it flipped open and set fire to  
 his home when a member of his family  
 raised the window.

**SHEBOYGAN, Mich. (SEA)**—Leroy  
 Lavigne, 12-year-old farm boy, proved he is  
 as handy with the needle as the hoe. He is  
 the only male on the 21-gauge 4-H honor  
 roll for sewing achievement.



**DISTRACTION.** What strange and occult spirit can it be, which so  
 arrests our gaze and palpates our fancy and causes us to linger long  
 o'er yon (above) photographic delicacy? The pose, in truth, is not unique;  
 nor yet the scenery props. Could be the texture of the cloth? Mayhap the  
 color of her eyes, the nuance of her smile? Forsooth, we must out with  
 our powerful reading glass, in past used solely for philatelic pursuits,  
 and peer more closely at the sultry Susan (Miss Haywood, no doubt, to us.  
 Her studio, RKD). Can it be that even we—tho long since senile, hence  
 cynical—abjectly now fall prey to pin-up propaganda? Whatever it is,  
 it's wonderful . . . wonderful . . . wonderful.

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