

FIRST
The first experience of being shot at is the hard one.
—Adm. Hart.

GUILT
All sharing the war guilt shall share the punishment. — Pres. Roosevelt.

Army Infantry Landed By Marine Amphib Tractors

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—It can now be disclosed that Marine Buffalo and Alligator amphibian tractors landed an Army assault team at Arawa last Dec. 15 without the loss of a single soldier, despite enemy fire from the shore and Jap dive-bomber attacks.

Then, after landing the infantry, two of the Buffaloes, mounting two 50-cal. machine guns, spearheaded the three-mile drive which secured the beachhead on Cape Merkus.

The flotilla of new-model Buffaloes and the smaller Alligators, under the command of Capt. Thomas H. Bolter of Toledo, O., was manned by a crew that had plied with the amphibians at Guadalcanal and Tulagi.

The amphibians, each loaded with infantrymen and supplies, were launched into the sea five miles from their landing beach, under the cover of pre-dawn darkness. —MTSgt. Samuel E. Stavisky, combat correspondent.

Japanese Downed In 4 To 1 Ratio

WASHINGTON, Apr. 4 (AP)—Secy. of Navy Frank Knox today reported American Navy and Marine aviators and anti-aircraft crews have shot out of the air 2316 Japanese airplanes since the war started.

He emphasized at a press conference that the total does not include the many enemy planes destroyed on the ground or on carriers by hard-hitting American bombers and fighter planes.

It is impossible, he said, to estimate the number of enemy planes caught on the ground and strafed or bombed by American fliers.

Compared with the enemy losses in combat, he said the American total of planes shot out of the air is 991, or a ratio of four Japanese ships destroyed in combat for every American plane shot down.

Second Division Awarded Citation

Easter, 1944



"... up to a sky washed forever clear."
(See Editorial on Page Four)

(Photo by PFC. Robert Wilton)

Japs Hit By 'All-American' Marines

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—One of the first Marine outfits to establish headquarters on conquered Japanese soil was truly an "All-American" organization.

In this contingent every state and the District of Columbia are represented.

No effort was made to pick men from every state for this history-making expedition. In fact, it was

not known that all the states and the District of Columbia were represented until this correspondent compiled rosters by states and wound up with 48 lists.

This Marine organization has some historic "firsts" to its credit. Now, it's believed, it may add to its laurels that of being the first truly All-American Marine expeditionary contingent.—Sgt. William C. Harris, combat correspondent.

Bus Commuters Urged To File For Auto Rides

Marines riding buses to and from MCB and Camp Matthews were urged this week to apply at their Ration Board offices for rides with Base auto owners living in their neighborhoods and thus relieve congestion on San Diego public conveyances.

Drivers whose passengers have been transferred away from the Base or Camp Matthews were requested to notify the Rationing Board immediately as to how many riders are needed to bring them up to full capacity. They were cautioned not to wait until their present gas coupons expire before filing for more passengers.

Since many requests are being received for periodic home travel visits to Los Angeles on weekends, drivers intending to make a trip there without a full complement of passengers were asked to notify the board as far in advance as possible. Those wanting rides to Los Angeles were asked to file their names early each week.

Four Units Aid Discharged Vets

WASHINGTON—The Disabled American Veterans has been given official recognition by the War Dept. as one of the four organizations to which discharges can apply for information and aid in filing claims for disability and other government benefits, it was announced this week.

The other organizations named are the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Red Cross.

—Stand Erect—

Tanks Stripped
CAMP PENDLETON—Tanks knocked out by Jap fire in the surf at Tarawa were stripped of parts to repair other tanks, according to Corp. Richard W. Ellis of Albuquerque, now on duty here.

High Praise Won By Landing Unit In Tarawa Fight

Star Rated Permanently By All Men Present At Seizure Of Jap Bastion

The Marine unit which fought the bloodiest battle in Marine Corps history, the assault on Tarawa, has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, highest recognition which can be given to an armed forces unit.

The 2nd Div., commanded by Maj. Gen. Julian C. Smith in the historic Tarawa battle last November, trained at Camp Elliott in 1942 and early in 1943. The citation issued by the Navy Dept. when the award was announced read:

"For outstanding performance in combat during the seizure and occupation of the Japanese-held atoll of Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, Nov. 20 to 24, 1943. Forced by treacherous coral reefs to disembark from their landing craft hundreds of yards off the beach, the 2nd Mar. Div., Rein., became a highly vulnerable target for devastating Japanese fire. Dauntlessly advancing in spite of rapidly mounting losses, the Marines fought a gallant battle against crushing odds, clearing the limited beachheads of snipers and machine guns, reducing powerfully fortified enemy positions and completely

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—Aim True—

Airstrip Named For Col. Dyess

ROI-NAMUR ISLAND, Mar. 16 (Delayed)—The airfield here has been named Dyess Field in memory of Lt. Col. Aquilla Dyess of Augusta, Ga., killed Feb. 2, while leading the assault to capture the final Japanese stronghold here.

Col. Dyess led his command into a headlong attack on strong Japanese positions. The attack was successful, but a Jap machine gun cut Col. Dyess down, killing him instantly.

Maj. Gen. Vogel To Take Parris Island Command

Maj. Gen. Clayton B. Vogel, commanding general of FMF, San Diego area, will leave soon to take command at Parris Island, succeeding Maj. Gen. E. P. Moses.

Another shift of command will send Brig. Gen. Alphonse DeCarre, chief of staff to Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Fegan, commanding general at Camp Pendleton, to Quantico. Gen. DeCarre holds the DSC and Navy Cross for heroism in action with the 5th Mar. Regt. in France during World War I.

COMMANDED 1ST MAC

Gen. Vogel returned to the San Diego area last September after 10 months' duty in the South Pacific, where he commanded 1st MAC until being relieved by the present Commandant, Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift.

In addition to Camp Elliott, from which Marines are being transferred to Camp Pendleton as a result of the former camp being turned over to the Navy recently, Gen. Vogel's command includes facilities at Camps Pendleton and Dunlap.

Except for his tour of duty overseas, Gen. Vogel has been stationed in the San Diego area since 1939.

At Parris Island he will have command of a training base with facilities similar to those here.

Navy Clarifies Wearing Of Unit Citation Ribbon

Further clarification of the conditions for wearing the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon is contained in Alnav 72-1944, dated March 30.

The original order (Alnav 127) provided that "when a unit has received the citation all personnel serving in that unit during the occasion for which cited, or any part thereof, shall wear the citation ribbon with one star permanently, regardless of where serving."

In Alnav 72, the Navy Dept. announces that it has interpreted the instructions to mean that "only such personnel of the cited unit who were actually present and participated in the action, or one of the actions if more than one is mentioned, upon which the citation is based shall wear the ribbon with star permanently."

Personnel attached to the cited unit but not present or participating in the basic action or actions and personnel who subsequently join the cited unit shall wear the ribbon without star and then only while attached to the designated unit.

Japs At Rabaul Hit By Bombings

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—The Japs at Rabaul reeled under 685 tons of explosives from Marine and Navy dive and torpedo bombers in the Allied assault on New Britain during February, it was disclosed today.

Main targets of the raids were five Rabaul airfields which until a few weeks ago sent aloft swarms of fighters.—SttSgt. Dan Bailey, combat correspondent.

—Use V-Mail—

Easter Presents
GUADALCANAL (Delayed)—The lent postoffice here was busier than a metropolitan station today as Marines purchased \$31,700 in money orders—to make Easter a bit brighter for wives, sweethearts, and mothers back home.—MTSgt. Maurice E. Moran, combat correspondent.



ON-THE-SCENE battle transcriptions are made by Marines on Bougainville and flown to the U.S. for use by radio networks. Sgt. Marion D. Bailey, combat correspondent, interviews Sgt. Chris Campisi of Birmingham, Ala., just before the latter is evacuated by air. (Photo by TSgt. D. Q. White).



FIRST FIGHTER pilot to land his plane on Japanese soil is Maj. E. H. Vaughn.

Fighter Pilots Land On Roi

Maj. Everett H. Vaughn of San Diego became the first fighter pilot to land his plane on Japanese soil when he brought in his Corsair on the Roi airstrome, a delayed dispatch from the Central Pacific announced this week.

Ampd cheers from ground troops, Maj. Vaughn's group landed shortly after Seabees had put the field in shape. Trips, s had received little fighter protection and were subject to frequent assaults from the air by Japanese.

Maj. Vaughn was the second Marine pilot to land at Roi, having been preceded by a pilot operating a bi-plane. While Marine aircraft have landed on other Jap bases captured in the war, the landings at Roi were the first on territory held as possessions by Japan before 1941.

Unique Outfit Trains Marines At Corps School

ME, QUANTICO—As a self-contained unit for training Leathernecks, the Marine Corps School's Troop Bn. here is unique in its purpose and operation.

The battalion is primarily responsible to itself. It has its own medical unit, motor transport, engineer company and communication section, and is presently engaged in developing its own grounds and barracks. Members of the Troop Bn. are pulling in long hours of hard work in improving the appearance of their site. In process of planning are buildings for a hostess house and other recreational facilities, which will make this outfit even more outstanding.

Commanding the battalion is Maj. Thomas J. Myers.

OLD PROBLEM

The battalion originated from the old 15th Provisional Marine Co., which had the same duties as the present organization only on a smaller scale.

Its paramount mission is to furnish Marine Corps Schools with model demonstrations of the various functions of the Rifle Co., Weapons Co., Engineer Co., Artillery Btry., and communication section of an infantry battalion. In their primary training, Officer Candidates learn the duties of the individual in the squad and platoon. Later as officers in ROC, these same men must learn the responsibilities of platoon leaders.

An equally important purpose of the Troop Bn. is to train its own personnel to be particularly adapted in combat technique.

Buy Bonds For Freedom

Everything in the Army is American GI, except the bathroom, which is French—la tripe.

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annihilating the fanatically determined and strongly entrenched Japanese forces. By the successful occupation of Tarawa, the 2nd Mar. Div., Rein, has provided our forces with highly strategic and important air and land bases from which to continue future operations against the enemy. By the valiant fighting spirit of these men, their heroic fortitude under punishing fire and their relentless perseverance in waging this epic battle in the Central Pacific, they have upheld the finest traditions of the U.S. Naval service.

FOUR-DAY BATTLE

Conquest of the mid-Pacific Gilbert Islands was completed in four days, ending on Nov. 23, 1943, when 2nd Div. Marines broke up a desperate counterattack on Betio just before noon that day and then pushed ahead to take control of the island before nightfall.

About 4000 Japanese were killed on Betio alone, where the bulk of the Jap forces on Tarawa were concentrated to defend air bases facilities. Few Japs surrendered and few were captured in the 100-hour battle, swiftest conquest of any South Pacific atoll or island where the enemy was strongly entrenched.

In their death stand on this two-mile long by 1000-yard bastion the Japs had the advantage of artillery and mortar positions, machine gun nests, pillboxes and concentrated fire power.

RATE STAR

Under a recent Navy Dept. interpretation of the Alnav order governing wearing of the Presidential Unit Citation, members of the 2nd Div. who actually were present at the conquest of Tarawa are entitled to wear the ribbon with one star permanently.

Other personnel of the division who were not actually present on Tarawa from Nov. 20-24 may wear the ribbon, without star, only so long as they are actually attached to that unit.

Those members of the 2nd Div. who, while attached to the 1st Div., earned a Presidential Unit Citation in the early Solomons landings now wear the ribbon with two stars.

Stop Loose Talk

Base Womens Reserve Total Upped To 438

The Base WR Bn. was scheduled to add another 16 members to its ranks today.

Arriving from New River were: Pvt. Glen B. Vorpahl, Marion A. Grady, Frances Naylor, Rose M. Rensted, Barbara Bennett, Agnes O. Bourque, Berta A. Gaines, Helen A. Gordon, Mary M. McCarron, Anne L. Norin, Louise F. Schaeffer, Martha De Sisto, Ethel A. Hedges, Norma A. Salyers, Ella J. Shauta and Mary Spelch.

This swells total WR strength on the Base to 438.

Stand Erect

Base Band Subject Of Warner's Short

Warner Bros. will film a two-reel short subject of the activities of the Base band and "Halls of Montezuma" concert orchestra on the Base this month. HQMC has granted permission to the studio to make the short subject of the band in parade formations and of the orchestra's part in the weekly all-Marine radio broadcast. A representation of duties performed in the field by band members will be filmed at Camp Pendleton.

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CHOW TIME at St. Thomas (Virgin Islands) Air Base found Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt at a table with Marine enlisted men. She stopped there on her recent Caribbean tour.

Lauds Medicos

USNH, SAN DIEGO—After his unit was fired on continuously for four days and nights on the Beaufortville front lines, Sgt. Andrew J. Shapansky of Mt. Carmel, Pa., now convalescing here, had nothing but praise for doctors and men of the medical unit, who he said were "real heroes."

Course Completed By Bombardier Class

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Ten bombardiers graduated this week from the Bombardier and Aerial Gunners School here, the second class of bombardiers to complete their training at this station and the first to be graduated this year.

German Shepherd War Dog Proves New Britain Hero

IBOKI PLANTATION, New Britain (Delayed)—Duke, a German shepherd war dog, proved one of the greatest heroes of Cape Gloucester after he and his master, Sgt. Arthur N. Tyler, USA, of Livingston Manor, N. J., landed with Marines in the initial assault on New Britain.

Duke accompanied advance scouts up the coast from Cape Gloucester and was responsible for getting two Japs hiding in a hut. From Cape Gloucester to this plantation, Duke flushed more than 50 Japs. Twenty-two of them were taken prisoner and the others killed.

Sgt. Tyler reported that Duke saved a small scout patrol from being wiped out when Marines were beyond Hill 660 at Cape Gloucester.

"Once when he led me through the jungle," the dog's master related, "he kept sniffing and turning to the left and right. That meant the Japs knew we were around and were trying to outflank us. We reached camp at dark. Early next morning a combat patrol went out and found the Japs, killing 30 of them."—Sgt. Benjamin Goldberg, combat correspondent.

— Aim True — Well, Do They?

CAPE GLOUCESTER—Tents in the jungles have no walls. To solve the problem of displaying pin-up girls, Marines stick them on the tent ceilings with adhesive tape. Marines post this question: "DO WACS, WAVES, SPARS, women Marines, etc., have pin-up boys?"

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FINAL POINTERS on her new duties as acting sergeant major of WR Bn., Camp Elliott, are received by PISgt. Mildred L. Underwood, right, from Sgt. Otto N. Roos before he ended 30 years' service in the Corps with retirement.

WR Assumes New Duties As Acting Sergeant Major

CAMP ELLIOTT—Soft-spoken PISgt. Mildred L. Underwood of Jackson, Miss., now serves as acting sergeant major of the WR Bn. here, filling the shoes of Sgt. Otto N. Roos, who retired with 30 years of Marine life under his belt. Admitting that "it's a terrific challenge" to fill the shoes of a 30-year veteran of many campaigns, PISgt. Underwood took over her new duties after seven years' service as secretary to the executive

director of the Mississippi Unemployment Commission in civilian life.

Retiring after duty in the Corps that took him from London to China, Sgt. Roos said: "The girls are O. K. and they are doing a wonderful job. I'm proud to have served with them as my last assignment. Soft of it climax, you know, even after Nicaragua and China and the Southwest Pacific in this war."

Bible Carried Into Third War

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Capt. Kenneth B. Pickle of Orange, Calif., has in his possession a time-faded New Testament which has been carried by his family into three generations of war.

James Withgott, Capt. Pickle's great-great grandfather, first took the family Bible into battle when he was a sergeant during the Civil War. Next to use it was Capt. Pickle's father, Earl W. Pickle, in World War I. And now the captain has brought the heirloom, actual age of which is unknown, into the din of combat once again.

Neither of the previous warriors to carry the testament was wounded in battle. Sgt. Stanford Oppowsky, combat correspondent,

Parking Designation Stirs Scuttlebutt

CAMP PENDLETON—The name "O'Malley" created interest here last week.

"O'Malley" showed up outside of headquarters on a parking space name-board next to that of Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, 5th Div. commanding general.

Questions flew, along with scuttlebutt.

"Who is O'Malley?" "Is he a new, high-ranking officer?"

The answer: "O'Malley" is the name of the General's jeep. It was titled after the fairy Godfather in the cartoon strip, "Barnaby."—Sgt. Allen Sommers, combat correspondent.

Men Of Philadelphia Win Commendation

WASHINGTON—All officers and men who served aboard the USS Philadelphia during last summer's hard shooting offensives in the Mediterranean have received a letter of commendation from the commander of the cruiser division to which the ship was attached.

The Philadelphia inflicted great damage on the enemy in support of large scale amphibious operations.

Capture Of Parry Island Aided By Marine Tank Unit

Leatherneck Infantrymen Fan Out To Follow Tanks Assaulting Jap Positions

ENIWETOK ATOLL (Delayed)—Sgt. Emory E. Stone of Pasadena, Calif., a tank commander in the 23d Mar. Regt. was up at daylight this morning doing the necessary repair work on his guns and stocking up with ammunition. His tank had seen action in three island invasions in this atoll in five days, with the heaviest fighting taking place on Parry yesterday.

'MOW 'EM DOWN'

Further on, at an advance battalion command post, members of a rifle company were talking in between mouthfuls of K ration. Pvt. Robert A. Barker of Woodstock, Ill., snapped: "Let's get going and get this thing over with. Mow 'em down."

Pvt. Adrian L. Bertoniore of New Orleans, La., was explaining how our troops keep firing all the while they advance and thereby give the Japs no opportunity to come out of their holes.

Just then the tanks, Sgt. Stone's among them, rumbled past and swung into formation. Their machine guns started blazing.

Pvt. Bertoniore jumped up. "That's the noise I like to hear," he grinned. "Boy, how those big babies can help." Along with other members of his platoon, he fell in behind the tanks. Carabids and Browning automatics barked incessantly. Frequently the tanks' guns added their deafening contribution to the symphony.

LUMBERING TANKS

The tanks took their methodical time, blasting away at trees and brush and holes, at anything which might be hiding a Jap. The infantry trailed them a few yards and spread out in a long line. The men glanced in all directions as they picked their way forward, their trigger fingers never relaxed. That was no idle comment by Pvt. Bertoniore. "We keep firing as we advance."

A little later Pvt. Guida Dallapiazza of Milwaukee, Wis., a stretcher bearer, announced we had suffered no casualties so far. "Boy, what I wouldn't give for some Milwaukee beer," he said, then sprawled headlong as a shot sailed close by.

Later still the troops and tanks had reached the end of the island, their mission completed. Before noon today the Stars and Stripes was hoisted over Parry Island and American forces were in complete control of Eniwetok atoll. Staff Sgt. C. R. Gordon, combat correspondent.

Stop Loose Talk

Former Editor Ships To Sea

PFC. William Wheeler, former editor of The Chevron and later correspondent from USNH, San Diego, has slowed his typewriter, packed his seabag and joined a Marine detachment aboard ship.

Shaking off the rigors of boot camp, PFC. Wheeler became editor of The Chevron with the issue of Feb. 13, 1943 and served in that capacity until July 3. He then assumed duties of interviewing veterans returned from the Pacific battle fronts to USNH.

In addition to regular ship board duties, PFC. Wheeler will continue to pound a typewriter, and is expected to write sea-going news features.

March Proudly

Pendleton NCOs Split Dividends

CAMP PENDLETON—Members of the NCO club here met last week and voted to "cut a melon."

Unable to secure quarters for their organization, the NCOs voted to distribute the funds in the club's treasury among members. Funds will amount to approximately \$4,000 when equipment on hand is sold. It is estimated that 150 NCOs will benefit from the dividend.

Third Division Posing For Mothers's Day Pictures

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Thousands of Marines of the 3rd Div. are planning a surprise for Mother's Day.

Every man in the organization, many of whom have been away from home for more than a year, is having his picture taken. If the mails are kind, the snapshots should arrive home in time for Mother's Day.

The project was conceived by Capt. Roscoe C. Torrence of Seattle, Wash., athletic and morale officer, and Porter C. De Ramus of Los Angeles, photographic officer.

"The undertaking is probably the first of its kind," Capt. De Ramus explained. "Thousands of men are being photographed against typical camp backgrounds, so that their mothers, most of whom haven't seen their boys in a long time, will get an idea how they look today."

Thirty-one photographic men are busy visiting units each day until all the pictures are made.—Sgt. Alvin M. Joseph, combat correspondent.

Shoot Straight

CAMP ELLIOTT—A new recreation hall is now open here, serving Women Reserves and their dates during liberty hours. Facilities include ping pong tables, a radio and piano.

MCAS Combat Pool Near Completion

MCAS, EL CENTRO—The new 7x184-foot swimming pool, constructed for combat conditioning purposes at a cost of \$100,000, will be ready for use next week, according to Lt. J. S. Hamel, O-in-C of the public works program. The pool has a 15-foot jumping platform built to simulate the side of a ship, a circulation and filtering system to keep the water sterile, and a lighting system to permit use of the pool at night.

Okey Orders

10,000th Man

NATIC, MEMPHIS—Presentation of the graduation certificate to the 10,000th man to finish radio school here, Seaman Alexander Sawyer of Clinton, Ind., featured graduation exercises at the school last week. The certificate was presented by Lt. F. R. Wegner, O-in-C of the ARM School.

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Keeping the Faith

By Lt. Comdr. WALTER F. MAHLER (ChC) USN
Base Chaplain

When Capt. Colin Kelly and Capt. Henderson showed the stick forward and with screaming wings departed this life in a bright blaze of eternal glory—was that the last we shall ever know of them? When Lt. Comdr. O'Hare and Maj. Boyington took off into the bright blue yonder never to return—are they now gone for eternity? When Adm. Dan Callahan drove the guns of his cruiser, spitting defiance and destruction, into the teeth of the Japanese fleet and gasped out his life on the shell-torn bridge of his ship—was that the end?

What of the hundreds of cemeteries scattered from Guadalcanal to the beachhead at Anzio where lie in honored rest the gallant dead? Is man just a thing of flesh and bone upon which time so acts that one day he becomes but dust and ashes, is man that and nothing more?

Tomorrow we celebrate a day that will give the lie to those who say that man is just a piece of earth, that and nothing more. Easter means Resurrection! The soul of man can never die and in the place where heroes go, the Kellys and the Boyingtons, the O'Hares and the Callahans, the Levins and the Schmidts, the Smiths and the Jones, and all the names written in blood on the honor rolls of our Country who have given the full measure of devotion, are now joined together in joyful company awaiting the fulfillment of that pledge given so many centuries ago when a man came forth from a tomb in the ancient city of Jerusalem, "Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

There is much for us who remain to do—much faith to be kept with our departed comrades to hasten the day of another kind of resurrection. The day when women and children and babies in arms come up out of the darkness of bomb shelters in London and Liverpool; up to the light of a clear day and a safe night, to a sky washed forever clear of the smell of burning powder and the scarlet slush of bullets; the day when grimy Marines rise up from the foxholes in the islands of the vast Pacific, and suck in great breaths of fresh and safe air; the day when soldiers arise from the trenches of Europe to gaze on a world once more at peace; the day when sailors grope their way upward from the powder rooms of ships of War to feast their eyes upon a sea from which bursts no tell-tale wake of periscope or bubbling torpedo path. Up, up—for Easter means Resurrection!

With few exceptions, every one of us in service has some good friend or acquaintance who

has answered the final muster, over whom has sounded for the last time the poignant note of taps and the crash of rifle salute. Let each of us keep faith with our fallen friends, that no tinge of remorse will ever cloud our souls and that finally, it may be said in all truth—they did not die in vain!

Finally, let us so act that on that day which is beyond time itself, that day in eternity, we may shake his hand and say "I have fought the good fight, I have run the course, I have kept the faith."

Safety Valve

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

No More Requests, Please!

Editor, The Chevron—I noticed in the Safety Valve that a Marine who came through boot at the same time I did requested and received from you a copy of "The Ballad of the Leathernecks." I have often wanted one myself.
PFC L. E. DORTSCH
H&S Co., 26th Marines, Camp Pendleton.

Editor, The Chevron—I have been trying for a couple of years to secure a copy.
RUTHE A. KEANE
505 W. 8th St., Los Angeles.

Editor, The Chevron—Could you please send me a copy and also if possible send one to Miss Marie Corbo, New York City?

Corp. M. D. SANCHEZ
MB, Camp Elliott TC.
Editor's note—The Chevron does not have individual copies of "The Ballad." However, because of the large number of requests we have received, it is reprinted in full elsewhere in this issue.

More About Hashmarks

Editor, The Chevron—I served in the National Guard from Dec. 16, 1936, to Apr. 26, 1940. Can I combine this with my time in the Marine Corps and rate a hashmark? How about the Defense Ribbon?
Sgt. (Name Withheld)
ABG-2, USNAS, North Island.

Editor, The Chevron—One thing with reference to hashmarks has not been made clear, viz., the Army and National Guard wears a hashmark for each three years of service. Right? If so, where is the Hashmark Dept. sitting now and is the face red or uncut-out?
1st Sgt. WILLIAM D. BARKER
Procurement, Dist. Atlanta, Ga.

Editor's note—Right—but it's the first sergeant's face that is red. The Army rates a hashmark for every three years, but Marine Corps Uniform Regulations (Par. 251, Chapter VI) state that "all enlisted men who served honorably in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps shall wear a service stripe for each FOUR years of service, continuous or otherwise". National Guard service may be included if it occurred after federalization (July 15, 1933).

"Tarawa" Account

Editor, The Chevron—I was in the 2nd Div. at Tarawa and was interested in the book "Tarawa", about which you had an article. It's hard for me to get around—can you send it to me COD?
The QM hasn't any of our 2nd Div. patches. Can you help me in getting a couple?
What are the ribbons I rate? Didn't our Division get a citation in February?
PFC. EUGENE ZAWTEJSKI
USNH, Mare Island, Calif.

Editor's note—"Tarawa", by Robert Sherrod, is available at bookstores or may be ordered direct from the publisher—Duell, Sloane and Pearce, New York, 32.
Shoulder patches may be ordered by mail from any of several Chevron advertisers.
Your division received the Presidential Unit Citation this week, not last February. You are entitled to wear the ribbon with star and a star also on your Asiatic-Pacific Area ribbon.

By-Lines And Tag-Lines

Editor, The Chevron—If you don't mind a suggestion to improve the reading and appearance of what is undoubtedly the best Marine paper published, I'd like to offer the following:
Why not give by-lines to overseas correspondents in the accustomed manner, i.e., first the heading of the article and then the name of the correspondent?
The manner of your giving by-line credit at the present time is rather confusing. Also, no matter how small the squib, there is always a by-line given.
Capt. C. H. REECE
MB, USNAS, Seattle, Wash.
Editor's note—Div. of Public Relations has requested that all material originating with Combat Correspondents carry by-lines. The use of "tag lines" at the end of the story is intended as a space-saving measure.

Song For Fliers

Editor, The Chevron—We are wondering why Marine Aviation doesn't have a song of its own. With the variety of trades, professions and talents in the ranks of the Corps, couldn't there be a song writer who could do this?
Could The Chevron find us a good song writer?
The worrying Marines—
PFC. EDWARD F. CANNON
Pvt. GEORGE J. WATERS
ATS-131, MCAD, Miramar.

(From The Chevron of Apr. 4, 1942)
The final contingent of Marines who spent the last 10 months in Iceland arrived late Monday and were taken immediately to Camp Elliott, where they rejoined the 2nd Div.
1st Lt. Eugene Bradford, new Base Postal officer, announced that Marines can now mail letters and postcards free.
Officers of the 2nd Div. honored Maj. Gen. Clayton E. Vogel, their commanding general, on the occasion of his 40th year of service in the Corps.
The Marines will go coast-to-coast Sunday when Mutual Broadcasting Co. airs the "Halls of Montezuma" program over a national network.
Pvt. G. L. waited with bated breath while Congress pondered a bill to raise his pay from \$21 to \$22 a month.

Rendering Hand Salute

Editor, The Chevron—(1) Is it proper to salute an officer even though you realize he is unable to return the salute because his hands are occupied driving a vehicle?
(2) Upon completion of a salute to an officer, is it proper to say "Good morning, sir," even though the officer has not spoken to you?
PFC. RICHARD S. FALK
ARS-4, MCAD, Miramar.

Editor's note—(1) Officers riding in automobiles or other vehicles, not public conveyances, are saluted as if walking. (2) When saluting an officer, look him straight in the eye and say, "Good morning, sir," while the hand is at the visor.

Seeks Information

Editor, The Chevron—After your publishing my request for information about my husband, PFC. Jesse W. Rodgers, listed as killed in action, (Chevron Apr. 3) a Marine called at my home. However, I was working.
If that Marine or any others who knew my husband will either write or telephone me, or call after 5:30 p.m., it will be greatly appreciated. I can be reached at home or by telephoning J-0315 after 5:30 p.m. Days, B-7111.
My husband was aboard the USS McKean when it was lost Nov. 17.
MRS. BARBARA RODGERS
106 West Upas St., San Diego, Calif.

Bougainville Scrapbook

Editor, The Chevron—Our Battalion read with interest your article in the Jan. 25th edition about our campaign on Bougainville. Copies of The Chevron are scarce as hen's teeth down here in the Pacific and we would appreciate it if you would send three copies of that edition for our personal scrapbooks.
Corp. J. W. CHAMPION
PFC. ED DEANE
PFC. DOUGLAS C. METZ
c/o PPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—They're in the mail. Check with the Recreation Officer, 1st MAC, for Chevron copies earmarked for your unit each week.

How About It?

Editor, The Chevron—The May. 18 issue had an article about Pvt. William N. Roscoe as the third of his family serving in the Corps. He has something to be proud of. However, don't we have families with more than three sons in the Corps? I have heard of as many as five sons from one family being Marines.
PFC. D. J. WHITTEN
ATS-132, MCAD, Miramar.

Editor's note—Anyone got an answer for PFC. Whitten?

Unit Has No Patch

Editor, The Chevron—Please inform me which blouse or patch the 16th Def. Bn. rates, if any.
Pvt. CLARENCE E. RAINES
Mar. Det., V-12, Denison Univ.
Editor's note—No blouse, patches have been approved only for the 13th, 18th and 51st Def. Bns.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0800 Services, Communion, Chapel. 0700 Services—0830 Services, Auditioning; 1015 Services, Chapel; Evening Vesper Service 1830 Chapel; (Catholic): 0800 Mass, Auditioning; 0915 Mass, Chapel; Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) 0630-0730; Chapel, Friday Evening Service, 1900; Chapel, Confession, Saturday 1830-1900; Chapel's Office, Bldg. 122, Recruit Depot; 1800-1700 Chaplain's Office, Administration Bldg. (Jewish): Chapel, 1100; (Christian Science): Sunday, 0930, Bldg. 122; REL (Latter Day Saints): 0900, Reception Room, Bldg. 122, RD; Wednesdays, 1830.
CAMP MATHESON (Protestant): 0830, Theater. (Catholic): Mass, 0800, Theater. (Christian Science): Sunday, 1830; Chaplain's Office Ad. Bldg. (Jewish): 0915, Chaplain's Office, (Latter Day Saints): 0900, Armorer's School Bldg.; Thursdays, 1800.
CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1900 Post Chapel. (Catholic): Sunday Masses 0630, 0800, 1115; Mass Daily, 1630, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science): 1900-1730, Chaplain's Office, Tuesday and Friday. (Jewish): Post Chapel, Friday 1830. (Latter Day Saints): 1930, Camp Chapel; Mondays, 2000.
MCAD, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services. (Catholic): 0700 and 0800, confession; 0730 and 0830, Mass, Harbuck's 622; (Jewish): Transportation 1900 Fridays at Chaplain's Office for services at Camp Elliott. (Latter Day Saints): Mondays, 1800, 1830, 1930.
CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant): Post chapel, communion at 0900, morning worship 1015, vesper service 1830; Ranch House Chapel, service at 1015, vesper at 1830; Seabee camp, 0900; Boat Basin, services 0900 and 1000; at theater, 11-T-1 at 1000, 15-T-1 at 0900, 16-T-1 at 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900, (Catholic): Post Chapel, Masses at 0630, 0800, 1115, confessions before each Mass; Ranch House Chapel, Mass at 0900, Confession before each Mass; Seabee camp, confessions at 0700, Mass at 0800; Boat Basin Mass at 0630, 0800, confessions before each Mass; at theater, 14-T-1 at 0900 and daily Mass at 1700, 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 100, 17-T-1 at 0900 and confessions before each Mass. (Christian Science): Sunday, 1900, Post Chapel; Tuesday, 1830, Boat Basin Chapel; Thursday, 1830, Post Chapel. (Latter Day Saints): Mondays, 1900, Post Chapel (by 12-0-1); Amphibious Training Base, Wednesday, 1930, Camp Chapel, Bldg. 27.

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MCB DEBUT was made recently by PFC. John P. Burr when he sang on the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show. He has studied in Europe.

Grand Opera Star Now Appears In Leatherneck Togs

'Song Of The Flea' Sung In Performance On 'Halls Of Montezuma' Radio Show

Another addition to the array of musical talent at MCB came with the attaching of PFC. John P. Burr, former grand opera singer, to the Base Band, in which he plays the clarinet.

PFC. Burr made his first public appearance in greens last week when he sang the difficult "Song of the Flea" on the weekly "Halls of Montezuma" radio show.

EARLY START

He has been singing professionally since he was 7 years old, when he made his first operatic debut in "La Juive" at the New Orleans opera house. Twenty years later almost to the day he made his adult debut in the same opera in San Francisco, singing with such luminaries as Ezio Pinza, Elizabeth Rethberg, and Giovanni Martinelli.

A bass baritone, PFC. Burr studied voice at Cornell Univ. and the Ithaca, N. Y., Conservatory, then sang with the famous Westminster Choir of Princeton, N. J., and over radio stations KFI and KGO in Los Angeles.

TOURS EUROPE

After two seasons with the San Francisco and Los Angeles opera companies in 1936-37, PFC. Burr went to Europe. There he sang with several operatic companies in Italy, studied music for six months at the Univ. of Milan, and concertized throughout southern Europe.

Just before war broke out in Europe in 1939, he returned to the U. S. and opened his own voice studio in Carmel, Calif.

After the U. S. declared war, PFC. Burr went to Hawaii with a construction company on the first convoy to leave.

MUSICAL FAMILY

PFC. Burr is a member of a musical family. His mother, Ariah Burr, has done professional singing for many years in New York City, where she is now teaching. His wife, whose stage name is Maria Tovagna, was prima ballerina with the Ballet Russe and soloist with the San Francisco Opera Ballet Company.

His brother, 2d Lt. Albert Burr, USA, has been in the thick of the fighting in Italy with a machine gun company.



Oh, the wind blows cold in Iceland,
But the wind's blown cold before.
And it's not so hard in your own back yard
To be set for peace or war,
But to strike a blow at a distant foe
Is a job for the Leatherneck Corps.

"Where are you heading, Leatherneck?"
"I'm off to Tripoli, son.
It's someplace in Africa... dunno where,
And we're under orders to sweep it bare
Of each pirate son-of-a-gun!"
But an ornery pirate gang is there
So off they went—it was 1895
And they piled in there with a mighty drive
Till hardly a pirate was left alive—
And Jefferson said—"Well done!"

Oh, the shore is strange in Iceland,
But the shore's been strange before.
And the folks at home don't have to roam
To be set for peace or war,
But to challenge fear when it's far from here
Is a job for the Leatherneck Corps.

"Where are you heading, Leatherneck?"
"I'm off to Sumatra, son.
The natives there are a savage lot:
Our ships have been sunk and our sailors shot,
And that place, which they tell me is burning hot,
Will be hotter before we're done!"
So off they went, back in '32,
And vengeance was had for each murdered crew,
And over the isle "Old Glory" flew—
And Jackson said, "Well done!"

Oh, but the sea is rough off Iceland,
But the sea's been rough before;
There are no rough seas where you sit at ease

All set for peace or war,
But to pace a fray half a world away
Is a job for the Leatherneck Corps.

"Where are you heading, Leatherneck?"
"I'm off to China, son.
A bunch called Boxers are raising hob;
They're killing Christians, this crazy mob,
So the U. S. Marines have got a job—
And this one looks like fun!"
So in 1900 they sailed away
And fought the Boxers in Old Cathay;
Pagodas crashed, and they won the day—
And McKinley wired—"Well done!"

Oh, the gale roars high in Iceland,
But the gale's roared high before;
And it's cozy here by the hearthside cheer
To be set for peace or war,
But to make a stand in a far-off land
Is a job for the Leatherneck Corps.

"Where are you heading, Leatherneck?"
"I'm off to Iceland, son,
There's trouble brewing across the map
And it may or may not be our scrap
But we ain't gonna wait till it's in our lap!
We'll head it off, on the run!"
So off they march, at a soldier's pace,
And we pray that they have no fight to face,
But they've gone there anyway, just in case—
And America says, "Well done!"

Oh, the night may be long in Iceland,
But the night's been long before;
And it's not so hard in your own back yard
To be set for peace or war;
But to beat the worst by arriving first—
Is a job for the Leatherneck Corps.

BANG! YOU'RE DEAD!

All's Well, Lone Ranger After Nips

By 2d Lt. William K. Holt

BOUGAINVILLE (Delayed)—A Marine fighter pilot started it one day over Rabaul, New Britain, and now if you listen in on the fighter frequency during air battles these days you hear something like this:

"I'm the Green Hornet! Bzzzz-Bzzzzzz! Watch me sting this Jap!"

"Here comes Jack Armstrong, the a-a-a-lll American Boy! Ratt-a-taaaat, Rat-a-taaaat!"

"Whooooee! I'm Dead-eye Dick! I nev-ver miss."

"Which way'd they go, sheriff?"

"That-a way, pardner."

"Yippee! The Lone Ranger rides again."

"Avast, ye villain! I'll pay the mortgage. Take that and that and that."

"Dick Tracy's the name. Flat-top, you're a goner."

Publicity Non-Com Receives Transfer

Corp. Lou Givvin, NCO-in-C of the publicity section of the Base public relations office for the last nine months, reported this week to Hq. Sq. Pers. Gp., MarFair West at MCAD, Miramar.

In his first cruise, from 1927 to 1931, Corp. Givvin was orderly to Pres. Herbert Hoover and served aboard the USS Lexington when that ship was first commissioned. He also was an instructor in commercial subjects at the Marine Corps Institute in Washington.

Base Officers View Deadly New Weapon

Officers stationed on the Base this week viewed a demonstration of the flame thrower, one of the most effective island weapons now in use, when instructors from the school of chemical warfare, Camp Elliott, put it into action in the bondocks.

A comprehensive exhibition of damage that can be caused enemy troops by the weapon was given by Corp. Edward J. Kompeka, a veteran of the initial assaults on Tulagi and Guadalcanal.

Marine Officers Aid New Program For Dischargees

Capt. W. H. Abrams, Marine rehabilitation officer for the 11th Naval Dist., attended an informal conference last week with Gov. Earl Warren's secretary and Capt. Homer G. Parker of the 12th Naval Dist. to discuss the governor's plan to set up a state rehabilitation committee in California to aid discharged servicemen.

A complement of three staff sergeants, three corporals and one technical sergeant has been authorized for the 11th Naval Dist. office in the Base Administration Bldg. Capt. Abrams was notified this week.

Of these, one interviewer and a clerk will be stationed permanently at USNH, San Diego, and at RD and a clerk at the central office. The RD staff will contact Marines discharged within the first 60 days of service and the hospital staff these given discharges by the medical board there.

The entire staff is to report to MCB from the newly-opened school at Parris Island.

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SO CLOSE to front lines that the congregation sits amid a barbed wire entanglement, these Bougainville Marines take time out to listen to a sermon by their regimental chaplain, Lt. Joseph A. Rabun, who was formerly pastor at Montezuma (Ga.) First Baptist church. (Photo by Sgt. Rex Robbins).

Returned Writer Reports Popularity Of Chevron

2d Lt. Earle W. Johnson recently returned from the Southwest Pacific where, as a combat correspondent, he accompanied Marine units engaged in the Bougainville campaign. Lt. Johnson, who was only recently commissioned, was a member of The Chevron staff during the latter part of 1942.

By 2d Lt. Earle Johnson

About one year ago when the battle for Guadalcanal was over, weary Marines were resting from their first real test of World War II, and new units were being assembled in the South Pacific. This correspondent sat down and wrote a letter to the editor of The Chevron.

In that letter he explained how grateful the men were over receipt of this newsy West Coast Marine sheet. It was true there was a lull in ground fighting and stories of Guadalcanal activity were fading. But they still could read stories of Leathernecks in other outposts and in training areas at home.

The Chevron was popular.

TELLS THE STORY

Today, that would be an understatement in describing its reputation. The Chevron has offered considerable information about Marine activity, but in this correspondent's opinion its greatest value with Leatherneck readers overseas lies in action photographs, descriptive stories of combat and the men who participate in it.

After each new invasion thrust in the Pacific, Marines in scattered camps listen to radio accounts of how "American forces" made landings on such-and-such an island, but they want to know if Leathernecks took part and, if so, what units participated, how successful were the landings and the accounts of heroism and humor.

FRESH STORIES

With each new invasion—Bougainville, the Gilberts, Marshalls, New Britain—The Chevron has devoted considerable space to combat correspondents' stories fresh from the front lines and containing information the men want to read. For this policy the paper can be congratulated.

It is unfortunate that more copies of The Chevron cannot be sent to South Pacific units, but those that do arrive are distributed as best possible. Some regimental chaplains who have established reading rooms in their mobile libraries have learned to make copies of The Chevron available when they can be obtained. A large sign, "Do Not Remove This Chevron" usually insures its stay in the library and there enables scores of men to read it each week.

GOES INTO BATTLE

Walking along a jungle trail on Bougainville several days after the initial landing this correspondent spotted a lone Marine in a foxhole, a bandage covering a slight bullet wound on his forehead. Leaning against the side of the hole he was reading a torn, mud-smudged issue of The Chevron. Asked where he got it the Marine looked up and replied:

"It was handed to me in a Higgins Boat. This is the first chance I've had to read it!"

Citations

WASHINGTON—The following decorations have been awarded Marine Corps personnel:

Legion of Merit

1st Lt. John P. Condon.

1st Lt. George Cule.

Navy Cross

1st Lt. Victor E. Krulak.

Distinguished Flying Cross

Maj. William E. Glen.

Capt. Kenneth M. Ford.

2nd Lt. Paul Fuss.

Silver Star

Mais. Robert H. Armstrong and

Thomas G. Jolly III.

Capt. John M. Rouse.

Corps. James J. Harrington and

Gerald M. Rich.

Pvt. George J. Fox and Joseph

W. Tolk.

Air Medal

Maj. Herman Hansen Jr.

Capt. Robert T. Ewing.

1st Lt. Calvert S. Bowie (missing

in action), Addison R. Raber and

Pvt. R. Carison (missing in action).

GENERALS DECORATED

The Legion of Merit has been awarded two brigadier generals. In Washington Brig. Gen. Gerald C. Thomas was presented the award by the Commandant for his services as chief of staff of a Marine Amphibious Corps in the South Pacific. Brig. Gen. Graves B. Birkine, deputy commander and chief of staff of all Marine and Army amphibious troops in the Central Pacific theater, was given his award at a base somewhere in the Pacific.

SEARGANT OFFED

A MARINE BASE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz recently pinned a Silver Star medal on P1st Sgt. Otto Covington of Fort Bragg, Cal., whose skillful direction of mortar fire against Japanese aided materially in taking Tarawa atoll.

AWARDED SILVER STAR

USNH, SAN DIEGO—For exceptional leadership and courage during the invasion of Cape Torokina, the Silver Star was pinned on 1st Lt. Sidney S. McMath of Hot Springs, Ark., by Capt. Morton D. Willett (MC) USN.

Shoot Straight

Queen Of Battle

The fact that it still takes the infantrymen to go in, dig the enemy out and then hold the captured area is receiving its latest and most conclusive proof in the fighting at Casahio, according to observers who have just returned from that front.

Parry Isle Marines Win Deadly 'Baseball Game'

ENIWETOK ATOLL (Delayed)—Playing baseball with hand grenades is a dangerous business, especially when both sides are pitching at the same time, but you can bet your family jewelry that the Marines will end up on the long end.

The story of one such "baseball game" which ended 4-0 in favor of the Marines is told by 1st Sgt. William V. Landi of Pasadena, Calif., who had a grandstand seat in the "bleachers" on Parry Island.

He is the quartermaster for a unit which fought side by side with Marines of a battalion of the 22nd Mar. Regt. on Parry.

"We had spotted an underground position and one of the Marines threw in a hand grenade," he related. "A few seconds later the Japs threw out a grenade. Then we threw in another, and the Japs pitched another of theirs out. None of our men was hurt, and our third grenade did the trick. It was the liveliest baseball game I ever saw."

—1st Sgt. William K. Terry, combat correspondent.

Buy Insurance

The War Dept. now permits WACs to be out of uniform—but only in bridal dress when they are principals in weddings.

Tent City Grows

An additional 188 tent decks are being erected in the eastern tent area off the parade ground for assignment to RD to relieve congestion in the western area. When the job is completed there will be a solid block of tents from Bldg. 28 in RD to Bldg. 29 at the western end of the parade ground.

Casualties

	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Of War
USN	12711	8708	8478	2476
USMC	4268	7488	741	1848
USCG	319	81	208	0
	18298	11232	9421	4321
DEAD				
New Jersey: Corp. Herbert E. Devourney Jr., Jersey City.				
North Carolina: 1st Lt. Henry E. Seaman, Durham.				
Ohio: PFC Michael A. Navarro, Cincinnati.				
Tennessee: 1st Sgt. Lloyd C. Geol-see, Knoxville.				
MISSING				
Iowa: Capt. Leroy A. Wallace, Cedar Falls.				
North Dakota: Corp. Carlisle W. Vorachek, Garrison.				
Ohio: PFC Darwin E. Hemmaway, Edgerton.				
Pennsylvania: PFC Ralph A. Carberry, Westleyville.				

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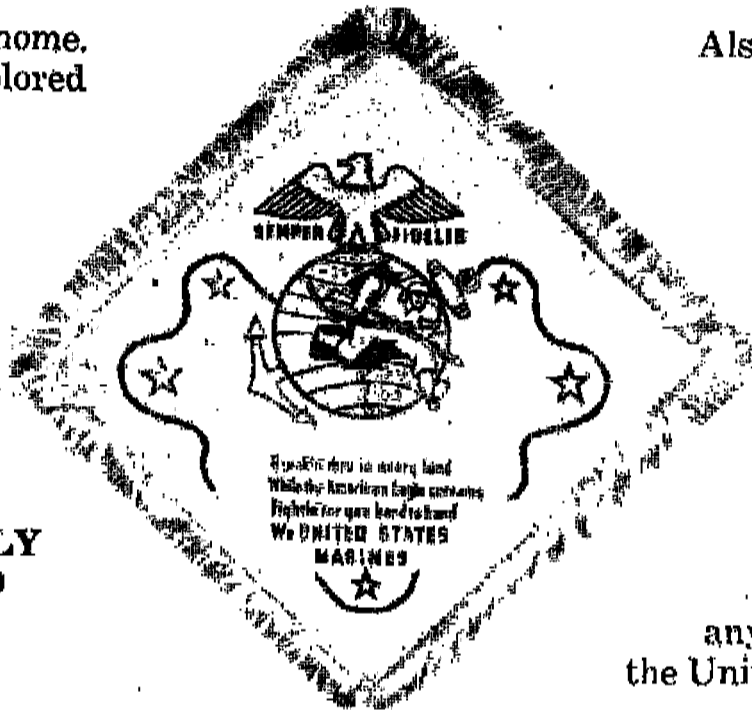
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NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

World at War

Nazi Europe shuddered under more than 17,000 tons of bombs as the Allies appeared on the threshold of the long-awaited Second Front.

The week-long plastering of German industrial centers compared with only 7500 tons of bombs dropped during the entire 1940-41 blitz on Britain.

SAVING STRENGTH

Hitler was believed saving his air force to meet the coming invasion, Allied airmen made some bombing runs at leisure without sighting Nazi fighter opposition but paid dearly for ruined factories on others. Heaviest loss was 91 RAF planes in a single night.

The Red war machine continued to bear down on Odessa, where perhaps 200,000 Germans and Rumanians were virtually pinned against the Black Sea.

Russians were within two miles of the Germans' last rail escape line in old Poland and have left only a small line out of Odessa to the ferry terminus of Ovidiopol, from where the retreating enemy will have to cross the six-mile-wide Dniester estuary by ferry into lower Bessarabia.

ITALIAN FRONT

The Italian campaign was under both condemnation and praise. The debit side showed: six months of heavy losses with a net gain of less than 100 miles; the use of valuable men and materials without visible justification; establishment of the Anglo beachhead without sufficient force, leaving it to be constantly defended. The credit side: removal of Italy as an

enemy; removal of the threat of air attacks on Allied Mediterranean shipping from Southern Italy; establishment of strategic bases for U.S. shipping and for bombing the Balkans and Austria; surrender of the Italian fleet, relieving heavy U.S. naval units; 20 German divisions kept from the Russian front.

In India, the Japs slashed toward Imphal, Allied supply base. Allied forces were forced to retreat in the face of flames set by Japs in tinder-dry brush which turned the Manipur plain into a seething pyre.

NAVAL VICTORIES

In the Pacific, the naval war developed rapidly with at least 17 Jap ships sunk by a powerful American carrier force making a strike close to the Philippines. The force raided the Palau Islands, only 530 miles from the Philippines, and hit Yap and Woleai islands in a three-day attack in the eastern Carolines.

Air raids in the South Pacific increased in size and scope. Hollandia, New Guinea, felt 400 tons of bombs—the greatest tonnage dropped in a single raid in this theater. The port was left a smoking ruin and 288 planes were destroyed on the ground.

Dunlon, central island in the Truk Atoll, was hit by heavy bombers in the fourth strike at the enemy's big base in the Central Carolines in four straight nights. Army Mitchell bombers, escorted by 4th Marine Aircraft Wing Corsair fighters, again hit Ponape in last month's 21st strike at that Eastern Carolines base.

The Home Front

A million dollar fire leveled a waterfront warehouse in San Francisco. A shipyard worker in Los Angeles was accused for the second time of setting fire to a love rival's home. The lady involved is the mother of five.

A new, practicable way to make gasoline and coal from farm, forest and sea plants has been discovered. FDR let the servicemen vote bill become law without signing it. He is recovering from a bronchitis attack. Mrs. Roosevelt's right to fly in Army bombers was challenged.

CONVENTION SET

The Democratic convention will be held in Chicago in July. West Coast American Legion delegates urge the drafting of women. The new tax bill is hitting drinkers hardest; revenue from cabarets alone is expected to gross \$95,000,000 for the treasury. The WFB has authorized production of 50,000 bathtubs.

Lowering the draft age to 31 is considered doubtful by Selective Service Head Hershey. A drive is under way to get as many 4-Fs as possible into war plants which are being vitally affected by stringent new draft measures.

Walter Winchell is filing a \$250,000 suit against Rep. Clare Hoffman, (R. of Michigan) as an outgrowth of charges made by Rep. Martin Dies, head of the un-American affairs investigation body.

The Fifth War Loan drive starts Jan. 12. A Los Angeles boy playing Marine died when the foxhole he had dug caved in on him. Char-

Juke Box

"It's Love, Love, Love" took the lead on the Hit Parade with sentimental "Goodnight Wherever You Are" making its debut on the tenth rung.

The Parade listing: No. 1—It's Love, Love, Love; No. 2—I Couldn't Sleep a Wink Last Night; No. 3—Besame Mucho; No. 4—Polishiana; No. 5—I Love You; No. 6—Mairzy Doats; No. 7—A Lovely Way To Spend An Evening; No. 8—When They Ask About You; No. 9—Shoo-shoo Baby; No. 10—Goodnight Wherever You Are.

lie Chaplin was acquitted of Mann Act charges, but his conspiracy trial is pending as is a civil suit on paternity charges of Joan Barry's baby. Actress Anne Shirley and a superior court judge were caught in a roundup of speedsters. Hedy Lamarr went up in smoke in a torrid love scene with Paul Henreid—but it was just her veil catching fire as he lit her cigarette. Singing star Kathryn Grayson filed her third divorce suit against husband John Shelton.

COCKTAIL OFFICERS

Democratic Rep. Adolph Sabath launched a one-man investigation on "the 30,000 Army officers sitting around in cocktail lounges with nothing to do in this country." The Military Affairs Committee assailed "indiscriminate" awarding of medals. A member said 175,000 decorations had been handed out, including 31 Medals of Honor, in this war.

Southern Democratic circles threaten to keep Negroes away from the polls by educational qualification tests. Quadruplets and triplets born within a few days of each other are in the same hospital in New York. Father of the four has been classified I-A, the trio's dad is a corporal.

PRODUCTION UP

American plane production went over the 9000-a-month mark for the first time last month. U.S. war aid to Russia includes 8800 planes and 2,600,000 tons of food since 1941. Manuel Quezon, former president of the Philippines, is recovering from a serious illness.

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Elliott Gunnery Sergeant Receives Medal For Wound From Brig.Gen. Kingman

CAMP ELLIOTT—GySgt. Albie L. Thomas of Lakeland, Fla., whose uniform sleeves are slashed from elbow to cuff with hash marks representing 31 years in the Corps, was awarded the Purple Heart medal by Brig.Gen. Matthew K. Kingman, CO of TC here, for wounds received on Guadalcanal.

Out of a career of thrilling and colorful events the gunnery sergeant said the military decoration ceremony with the band and troops passing in review was his greatest thrill. He adds the Purple Heart to three letters of commendation and the Presidential unit citation, which he holds.

OLD CAMPAIGNER

He enlisted in 1913 and saw action in World War I. Since then Sgt. Thomas has turned up almost everywhere the Marines have been in action. This included the second Nicaraguan campaign and line duty at Santo Domingo and Haiti. He was present and made his presence felt in an AA battery on Pearl Harbor Dec. 7, 1941. The battle of Midway found him behind a 20mm. gun.

Reluctant about telling of his experiences, Sgt. Thomas finally spoke of the Tulagi ordeal and the Guadalcanal campaign which he saw from the outset to its hard-won climax. It was in a strafing attack by Jap planes Oct. 20, 1942, that he was wounded. He stayed on Guadalcanal, however, until Feb., 1943.

Movies

"Four Jills in a Jeep" is the story of the trips made by Carole Landis, Mitzi Mayfair, Kay Francis and Martha Raye, to entertain servicemen at the battlefronts. It is a saga of unselfishness and hard work under trying and dangerous conditions, but the gags run rampant.

Hollywood's version of the WASPs as depicted in "Ladies Courageous" would indicate that entrance into the organization is predicated entirely upon beauty. Lorella Young, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Diana Barrymore and a bevy of glamor girls are in the roles of lady fliers.

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Veteran Named Air Training Head For Area

Former Tactical Leader For MarFair West Given New Overseas Assignment

NORTH ISLAND—Col. Luther S. Moore, South Pacific veteran, has reported for duty as head of the operations section of MarFair West. He is on the staff of Brig. Gen. William J. Wallace and in his new capacity will direct the training activities of all tactical units at the Santa Barbara, El Toro, Camp Gillespie, El Centro and Mojave air stations.

Formerly commanding officer of an air group at El Toro, Col. Moore replaces Lt. Col. Avery C. Kier, who has been detached for his second tour of duty overseas.

AIRCRAFT LEADER

MCAS, EL TORO—Col. Frank D. Weir has reported for duty as CO of a newly formed aircraft group here.

Holder of the Legion of Merit and DFC, Col. Weir returned recently from the South Pacific where he was air officer of an amphibious force. He is a veteran of 21 years in the Marine Corps.

CHANGES ON BASE

Capt. John D. McLaughlin, formerly assistant to the O-in-C of drills and instruction at RD, was detached Mar. 31 and ordered to duty at Quantico.

Capt. Ray O'Toole reported to RD last week as assistant to the QM officer, relieving Capt. Fred Sparger, who is to report for duty with a combat unit. Capt. O'Toole was previously attached to the QM office at Camp Elliott.

2d Lt. James A. Gillis was detached from RD this week and assigned to Base Hq. Bn. as assistant operations and training officer. He just completed a course of training under the Physical Tr. Sec. at Camp Pendleton.

CHANGES OF DUTY

WASHINGTON—The following changes affecting the below-named personnel have been announced by HQMC:

Cols. Raymond A. Anderson from field to West Coast; John M. Tidley, detached from duty in Atlanta and ordered to his home to be placed on the retired list; George W. McHenry from Mare Island to Camp Lejeune.

1st Lt. August Larson from MR, Quantico, to field; William P. Hausman from field to MR; 1st Lt. McLaughlin from San Diego to Navy Dept., Washington; Billy W. King from MR, Washington, to USNH, Bethesda, Md.; Archibald D. Abel (ret.) detached from duty on West Coast and ordered home to assume inactive status on retired list; Henderson A. Melville from field to San Diego area; Raymond W. Sedlin from field to Cherry Point.

Be Courteous — Morale Booster

Inductees beginning their first day of recruit training are being given a half-hour concert of patriotic and popular airs by members of the Base band. Small bands are playing for recruits from 0700 to 0730 every morning and before the movies are shown every Monday night as a morale booster.

SMARTLY to attention snaps "Taffy" when Corp. Charles A. Schaffer, DI at MCB, sings out the command. (Photo by PFC. Chester Turk).

Seven Boot Camp Tours Completed By Cocker Spaniel

Pvt. "Taffy," 17-month old golden cocker spaniel, has completed boot camp seven times, being at his master's side each time he takes a platoon through RD.

"Taffy," a great grandson of the famous cocker, "My Own Brucie," is owned by Corp. Charles A. Schaffer.

As smart as his Luthernack buddies in executing commands, "Taffy" has been taught to fall in, stand at attention, and execute drill formation commands.

Of all the details to which his platoon is assigned, "Taffy" most enjoys the sessions in the boot-camps, that rugged, sandy expanse used for simulated battle training. There "Taffy" can romp to his heart's content. And it is not an unusual sight to see the dog, fore-foot flying, digging his own fox-hole.

"Taffy's" record book is made out in the name of "Schaffer's Golden Boy," his kennel name.

Alert Buddy Saves Marine In Marshall Isles Battle

ENIWETOK ATOLL (Delayed)—GySgt. Daniel J. Bento of New Bedford, Mass., crossing Parry Island here in advance of his contingent, spotted four Japs in a trench 30 yards ahead of him, according to TSgt. Roy Heinicke, a combat correspondent.

"Quick!" Bento whispered to buddies whose footsteps he could hear behind him. "Slip me a couple of grenades."

Without turning his head, Bento reached back. He touched a belt. Just then there were two quick reports from a rifle. Glancing around, Bento found that no Marines had been following him. His "buddies" were two Japs, who had popped out of a hole and were closing in on him. They lay stretched out dead at his feet, picked off by a real buddy.

Buy Bonds For Freedom — "That is a skyscraper," announced the guide.

Old Lady: "Oh, my! I'd love to see it work."

JAPS LIVE LIKE MOLES

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Periscope Part Of Nip Foxhole Gear

By Staff Sgt. Dick Gordon
Combat Correspondent
ENIWETOK ATOLL (Delayed)—"Only moles could live in holes as they do," exclaimed PFC. Joseph E. Allen of Venice, Calif., just after he set off a demolition charge and blasted three Japs from the hole in which they had been hiding.

Zigzagging log-braced trenches, underground barracks and cement pillboxes attested to the preparation to withstand siege on the major bases of Engebi and Parry islands captured by the 22nd Mar. Regt.

The Japs had well-constructed and camouflaged holes everywhere. A small crevice in a rock would turn out to be the opening of a hole. A sack of rice was cached in or near each one of these. Often periscopes were found as part of the Jap's fox-hole equipment to permit seeing the Marines without exposing a Jap head.

Because of their clever concealment, no Japs would be apparent in daylight, then at night they would come out of their

holes to forage and snipe. Frequently Marine meg-up details would see a Jap wiggle in a hole and open up on him with rifle fire or a grenade. A few feet away they would meet what appeared to be another Jap, though it actually was the same Jap running from one hole through an underground passage to another hole to escape Marine fire.

It was blasting the Japs out of a tiny space covered with corrugated tin and rocks with several demolition charges that prompted PFC. Allen to remark "only moles could live like that."

PFC. Allen and a group of engineers including Sgt. Richard M. Small, Lewistown, Idaho; PFC. John W. Hix, Anna, Tex.; and PFC. James R. Tollock, Tulsa, Okla., were a "blasting party", using an explosive which they described as three times more potent than TNT.

Stand Erect —

Negro Crew

The destroyer escort Mason, first U.S. naval vessel with a predominantly Negro crew, was commissioned in March at Boston N.Y.

Nurses Assigned Dispensary Duty

The first contingent of Navy nurses to be assigned to MCB arrived this week to take up their duties as ward supervisors at the Base dispensary. The group, comprising 11 ensigns from USNH, Mare Island, and a lieutenant, junior grade, from USNH, NTS, Great Lakes, is stationed temporarily with the WR Bn.

Those arriving were Lt. (j.g.) Ruth M. Cohen and Ens. Bertha M. Bayers, Marjorie A. Brown, Louise E. Dolbanyk, June M. Griffith, Olive C. Hurlock, Kathleen C. Kelly, Elsie G. Troke, Alwilda P. Misemar, Mattie B. Steele, Mary C. Sutton and Mary E. Ward.

Obey Orders —

New Automobile Tags Ready For Drivers

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Corps Seeks Only Two Types Of Dogs

WASHINGTON—The Marine Corps won't need any more dogs until May 15, it has been announced by HQMC.

In recent weeks, dogs of all breeds have been offered but the Corps is seeking only Doberman Pinschers and German shepherds.

— Salute Smartly — New Vehicle

The Army has a new armored car mounting a 37mm. cannon and a 30-cal. machine gun in a manually operated, 360-degree traversable turret.



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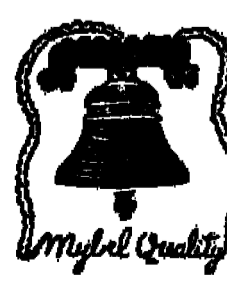
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AFTER month and a half of jungle fighting, this weary Marine marches along a Bougainville road with a captured Jap flag slung on his shoulder. (Photo by Sgt. W. G. Wilson).

Anti-Aircraft Crew Scores Hit For Ace Rating

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed)—While some of the Marines were swabbing out the long barrel of "The Medic", one was painting another small Jap flag on the barrel. All of them were smiling.

Sgt. John T. Moran, of Modesto, Calif., the gun captain, was the man with the paint brush.

CONFIRMED HIT

"We got our share of our fifth confirmed hit last night", he said. "That gives us our five flags on the barrel, makes us an ace anti-aircraft crew. Wish all our problems had been confirmed—'The Medic's' barrel would be covered."

Wielding the long gun were Corp. Edwin W. Wallace of Albuquerque, N.M., assistant section leader and loader, and Pvt. Edward Sawyer of El Monte, Calif.

At the other end of the barrel, PFC. Jack Ray of Birmingham, Ala., was sighting down the barrel at intervals. "Not yet", he'd say, "swab 'er again."

The crew finally got the bore polished to a high shine which satisfied Sgt. Moran, and they gathered around to talk over the previous night's successful activities.

RELATES THRILL

"Sure, it was a thrill", said PFC. Hurshel Fagan of Quanah, Tex., one of the gun's pointers. "But we don't get to enjoy a hit until the action is over."

"We're all so busy in the pit keeping 'The Medic' spitting that we don't get a chance to watch for the hits—even a direct hit like we got last night."

They explained that theirs was but one gun of the battery and that the whole battery gets credit for every confirmed hit, since it's impossible to tell which gun's shell scored. The hit referred to was squarely on a Jap bomber which rolled across the sky, a ball of flame.—Sgt. Ward Walker, combat correspondent.

—Buy Bonds For Freedom—

Award Presented 'Canal Marine

CAMP PENDLETON — GySgt. Alphonse L. Bushlow, Cambridge, Mass., a member of the 5th Div., has been awarded the Purple Heart and the Presidential Citation. The awards were presented here by Col. James D. Waller during a battalion parade.

GySgt. Bushlow was wounded in the hip by a Jap sniper during the historic defense of Henderson Field.

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'Got A Letter From My Gal Today' -- What A Whopper

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Corp. Joseph Murphy of Jersey City, N. J., waited a long time for a letter from his girl friend in San Diego, but when it came it was a whopper. The missive contained no less than 27,000 words.

The Marine's sweetheart wasn't certain of his overseas address, and kept adding to her letter until she received it. By the time she mailed it, the letter covered 44 pages of large-size air mail stationery. Each page was typewritten single-space.

So bulky was the letter that postal authorities at San Diego advised the young lady to send it in two envelopes. The postage was 48 cents.

It took Corp. Murphy almost eight hours to read it.—Sgt. Ray Fitzpatrick, combat correspondent.

—Salute Smutley—

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Brothers Heros In Battle To Sieze Cape Gloucester

CAPE GLOUCESTER (Delayed)—Real heroism was displayed in the original landing here by the twin Hansen brothers, PFCs. Leslie E. and Paul L., of Bergen, N.Y., and Sgt. Robert J. Oswald of Philadelphia.

Only PFC. Paul Hansen survived the experience of running an amphibious tractor loaded with concussion fuses and 37 mm. shells directly into heavy Jap fire and over two strongly fortified pillboxes which were holding up the Marine advance.

Because no tanks had arrived, a call was sent out for volunteers to run a tractor over the pillboxes. Sgt. Oswald's crew volunteered immediately despite the fact that ammunition was piled so high in the cargo compartment that all the crew members were exposed above the tractor's sides.

PFC. Paul, the driver, charged to within five yards of the pillboxes, where the tractor became wedged between two trees.

JAP COUNTERATTACK

At this point the Japs began a strong counterattack concentrated on the tractor. PFC. Leslie Hansen, shot in the hand while firing a 30-cal. machine gun, lost his balance while engaging two Japs who clambered up the side of the tractor and fell to the ground. He was found dead when Marines advanced later.

Sgt. Oswald continued firing his 30-cal. machine gun until he was shot through the head.

By this time PFC. Paul Hansen managed to free the tractor and made a direct line for the pillboxes, crushing them under its weight. Then he drove out toward the sea and returned to Marine lines via water.

During the encounter three Jap hand grenades were thrown into the compartment, any one of which would have blown the tractor sky-high had it landed among the concussion fuses.

As a result of the crew's action

48 Japs were killed and Marine forces were permitted to advance.

A third Hansen brother had been killed previously in fighting at Remova, New Georgia. The three enlisted together Sept. 18, 1942, underwent recruit training at Parris Island, and went overseas together.—Sgt. Arthur Mielke, combat correspondent.

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CC Duties Outlined

Keeping American Public Informed Duty Of Writers

QUANTICO, Apr. 1—Brig. Gen. Robert L. Denig pointedly asserted today that the function of the Marine Corps' Div. of Public Relations, of which he is director, is "to provide material for newspapers and radio, not to withhold it from them."

The general, speaking before the Marines' Staff and Command School here, added:

"The principal function of the division is to help the nation's press, radio, motion pictures, and patriotic organizations keep the people informed of the Marine Corps' part in the war."

MORALE BOOST

Morale of men in the field has definitely been aided by the combat correspondent program, the general said. Letters from home, telling of stories about them in local newspapers, and usually enclosing clippings of these stories, are bound to have a salutary effect, he pointed out.

The CC program was termed a "boon" to hometown newspapers when the general cited an average of 3,000 different news stories each month received from correspondents. A fair proportion, he said, are combat action stories, especially when several offensives are on the move at once, such as recently on Bougainville, Cape Gloucester and in the Marshalls.

LASTING VALUE

The thousands of stories printed in newspapers across the country will continue to remind countless American families of the glory, the worth and personal significance to them of the Marine Corps for many years after the war because they will be treasured in thousands of family albums in cities and hamlets from Maine to California, he said.

"The combat correspondent program," he continued, "has not been without perils. One public relations officer, one combat correspondent and a photographer have been killed in action. One officer, three combat correspondents and eight photographers have been wounded in action. A combat artist has been twice wounded. We, too, have had our problems with malaria, m-m-m, and other jungle unpleasanties."



"MARCH OF DEATH" survivors of the Philippines, three Marine majors (at right) are shown together for first time with Col. William T. Clement (left), who commanded battalion holding down Bataan beaches during evacuation to Corregidor. From left, Col. Clements, Maj. Michiel Dobervich, Austin C. Shofner and Jack Hawkins. Col. Clement escaped from Philippines to Australia by submarine, and is now stationed at Quantico.

Marine Donations Swell ARC Fund

Contributions in the Red Cross War Fund drive at MCB and the rifle range totaled \$12,457.43 late this week, with reports of the Apr. 5 donations at Camp Matthews still to be tabulated.

Receipts from "Thank Your Lucky Stars", a benefit movie shown at the Base theater and RD last week, were \$721.11, it was announced by Maj. Harry Y. Maynard, who directed the month's drive for funds.

In San Diego county the drive will be continued through next week in order to attain the goal of \$865,000.

ACK, George F. Connolly, former instructor at the Base Cooks and Bakers School, has reported to Camp Pendleton to set up a special school in dehydrated foods for cooks and mess sergeants of the 5th Div.

MCAS, CHERRY POINT—PFC Leonard J. Boylan turned down commissions in the Army and Navy air corps and an indefinite draft deferment as regional superintendent of traffic for American Airlines to join the Corps.

1386 Boots Blast Rifle Targets On Matthews Range

High Score Of Week Set By Pvt. Fritz A. Ludwig As 23 Platoons Sight In

CAMP MATTHEWS—High score among the 1386 recruits who fired for record, at this rifle range last week was a 323 recorded by Pvt. Fritz A. Ludwig of Rock Falls, Ill., member of Plat. 145.

Pvt. Ludwig also was a member of the platoon which marked up the highest qualification percentage of the 23 which fired on the two record days. Only two of its 57 members failed to qualify, giving the platoon a percentage of 96.5. Their Df is Sgt. M. B. Foster and their school range coach was PFC William R. Ipson Jr.

Range records for the week were:

Max. 28
Leading platoons—31.9, Plat. 138 (Capt. S. G. Grier, Df, PFC Walter F. West, coach); 30.5, Plat. 138 (Sgt. J. Little, Df, PFC Neil H. Long, coach); 30.0, Plat. 136 (Sgt. A. L. Everett, Df, PFC Alfred L. Stinson, coach).

Leading individuals—31.9, Pvt. Samuel R. Harman (Plat. 136), Bowling Green, Ky.; 31.7, Pvt. Buford E. Gunter (Plat. 137), Corpus Christi, Tex.; 31.6, Pys. Gerald L. Six Jr. (Plat. 141), Akron, O., and Edwin C. Dehn (Plat. 140), Waccup, Wis.

Max. 30
Leading platoons—26.5, Plat. 145; 24.0, Plat. 131 (Capt. A. F. Vela, Df, Sgt. Marvin N. Gierstner, coach); 24.8, Plat. 142 (Sgt. M. DeV. Morgan, Df, PFC Ray Levensgood, coach).
Leading individuals—32.3, Pvt. Ludwig; 32.2, Pvt. Daniel I. Lyons Sr. (Plat. 142), Quincy, La.; 32.1, Pvt. John L. Tolson (Plat. 135), Salina, Kan.

— Shoot Straight —

Saved By Plasma

USNH, NAVY YARD, Mare Island—Plasma—and plenty of it—saved the life of PFC Donald A. Mertz of Columbia Station, O., after the main artery in one of his legs was severed by a Jap bomb explosion on Vella Lavella. He was given nine bottles of blood plasma on the beach, another at Guadalcanal, and had four more transfusions later.

Veterans Of Cibik Ridge Battle Back In States

AIB, NAVY YARD, Mare Island—Some of the handful of men who seized and held Cibik Ridge on Bougainville for three days have returned to the States and are temporarily stationed here awaiting transfer to an eastern post.

The men were part of a group of but 30 riflemen and machine gunners supported by 10 mortar men who, led by 1st Lt. Steve Chik of Leechburg, Pa., beat off four attacks by overwhelming numbers of Japs. The ridge and battle have been officially named for the lieutenant.

The battle was like a "nightmare" to Corp. Campbell E. Spencer of Philippi, W. Va., who recalled that the men had but two meals of canned rations and one canteen of water apiece during the fight.

Sgt. Robert C. Sebliah of Hopkinton, Mass., said the unit learned after the battle that it was outnumbered about 50 to 1.

BIRTHDAY 'PRESENT'

Corp. David M. Rineer of Lancaster, Pa., recalls that his mortar section went up to the ridge the night of Nov. 21. "It's easy to remember because it was my 24th birthday and the only 'present' I got was to climb that damn hill carrying a 60mm. mortar," he said.

Among others here of the little group which held the famed ridge that commanded control of Pita valley are Corps. Harold W. Tanner of Toledo, O., Arthur B. Przyborski of Cleveland, William B. Courtney of Akron, O., and PFC Robert T. Troll of Youngstown, O.

CombaTips

Material in this series was prepared by combat veterans of the 4th Mar. Div. before it went overseas. Clip and save them each week for reference.

"DO'S" AND "DON'T'S"

By Capt. Richard A. Powell

DON'T throw away chow because it's awkward to carry.

DON'T discard ammunition, grenades, your helmet or gas mask because of their weight.

DON'T waste water. It can save your life.

DON'T carry things in your gas mask. Seconds lost removing them may prove harmful.

DON'T spread rumors. They can impair morale.

DON'T seek souvenirs. They may be booby traps.

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Guest of honor on the program was Maj. J. E. Wigham, postal officer of MarFair West, MCAD, Miramar, who returned from the South Pacific recently after serving for 16 months as postal officer for that area.

Replacement Band Ordered To Field

The third replacement band to leave MCB within the last 30 days is on its way to report directly to the field unit to which it will be attached. PFC. Wallace L. Moon, who was in charge of arrangements for the "Halls of Montezuma" chorus, was placed in charge of the 37 musicians until they reach their destination.

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Screen Guide

BASE THEATRE
1730 - 2000

Today—Oklahoma Kid, Cagney-Bogart.
Sunday—Government Girl, De Havilland-Tufts.
Monday—Son of Dracula, Albritton-Chaney.
Tuesday—Paris After Dark, Sanders-Marshall.
Wednesday—USO Stage Show, Halls of Montezuma broadcast, 1930.
Thursday—USO Stage Show.
Friday—Holiday Inn, Crosby-Anthony.
Saturday—Flesh and Fantasy, Roger-Stanwyck.

CAMP ELLIOTT
1745

Today—Moonlight in Vermont, Jean-Helm.
Sunday—Duke of West Point, Hayward-Bontaine.
Monday—Oklahoma Kid, Cagney-Bogart.
Tuesday—Government Girl, De Havilland-Tufts.
Wednesday—Boxing Show.
Thursday—Flesh and Fantasy, Roger-Stanwyck.
Friday—Northwest Rangers, Dane-Lundigan.
Saturday—Heart of the Golden West, Rogers-Hayes.

CAMP ELLIOTT
1750-1915

(Theater No. 2 and Auditorium, Same Program Theater No. 1, one day later.)

Today—Jack London, O'Shea-Hayward.
Sunday—Tornado, Morris-Kelly.
Monday—Son of Dracula, Albritton-Chaney.
Tuesday—Riding High, Lamour-Powell.
Wednesday—The North Star, Huston-Baxley.
Thursday—Ghost Ship, Dix-Barrett.
Friday—Henry Aldrich Haunts a House, Lydon-Smith.
Saturday—Rockies in Burma, Cagney-Brown.

MCAD, MIRAMAR
1745-2000

Today—Faded Blue Ribbon Stage Show, Mara-Bart.
Sunday and Monday—Shine on Harvest Moon, Morgan-Sheridan.
Tuesday—11th Naval District Variety Show.
Wednesday—Escape to Danger, Portman-Dromak.
Thursday—Four Jills in a Jeep, Landis-Francis.
Friday and Saturday—The Uninvited, Milland-Hussey.

CAMP KEARNY
1730-1915

Today—It Happened Tomorrow, Powell-Darrell.
Sunday—Ginger Girl, Hayworth.
Monday—Up in Arms, Kaye-Shore.
Tuesday—Heavenly Bods, Powell-Lamarr.
Wednesday—Lifeboat, Bankhead-Bendix.
Thursday—The Gang's All Here, Fay-Miranda.
Friday—Knickerbocker Holiday, Wady-Coburn.

— Write Home —

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SHORT-SNORTER bills owned by movie star Carole Landis and WO. Ray Angel were compared when the Hollywoodite visited MCAS, El Centro. Miss Landis was accompanied on her tour by starlets Yvonne De Carlo and Maxine Fife. (Photo by MTSgt. Fred Braitsch).

Hollywood Trio Visits MCAS

MCAS, EL CENTRO — Three movie lovelies, Carole Landis and starlets Yvonne De Carlo and Maxine Fife, were guests of Leathernecks here last week.

Escorted by 2dLt. Beth Gillette, TSgt. Ira Maddox and PFC. Sylvia Malizman, the guests were conducted on an informal tour of the area, visiting hangars, flight lines and shops, and receiving a warm welcome from personnel.

Miss Landis entertained in the station theater with a group of songs. Miss De Carlo and Miss Fife also participated in the stage program with specially dances and torch songs.

Not to be outdone when accompanied by WO. Ray Angel with a "short-snorter" bill, Miss Landis produced one of her own, which, when unfolded proved to be a series of bills several feet long.

Base Swing Band Slated To Play For Easter Dance

The Base swing band will play for the 68th weekly "Date With The Navy" dance at Pacific Square from 1400 to 1700 tomorrow. A floor show will be staged, with Easter selections to be sung by the Base Band chorus, acts by juggler Richard Luby and magician W. E. Moore, and songs by PFCs. Dick Smith and Chuck Thoke.

PFC. Smith was formerly with Charley Agnew's orchestra and PFC. Thoke was with Chuck Foster.

Other entertainers will be PFC. Norman Paulus, who will give his original version of Deacon Jones, and Sgt. Rae Parker, WH vocalist.

The Base swing band has played for these dances twice a month since their inception, according to WO. Frederick Lock, band officer.

'Claudia' Cast Selections Made

PFC. Eleanor Garner was selected to play the lead role in "Claudia", the three-act comedy drama to be given free at the Base theater May 5-6 as the first dramatic play to be staged at MCAS with local personnel. All but two male roles, David and Fritz, were filled in tryouts held last week.

Rehearsals started Monday under the direction of 2dLt. Florence Stewart, assistant to the Base Recreation officer, who replaced PFC. O. E. Johnson as director when the latter took the part of Jerry in the play. Lt. Stewart holds a master's degree in speech from Northwestern Univ. and is a former teacher of dramatics at the Morton and Springfield, Ill., high schools.

Others in the cast will be PFC. June Cockman, as Mrs. Brown; Sgt. Mary Jane Hammond, Bertha; Corp. Shirley Orwant, Madame Daruschka; and PFC. Doris Kinrade, as Julia Naughton. Sgt. Hammond will also be stage manager, with PFC. Alice Kemp as her assistant. Work on the sets has begun at Base Maintenance under the supervision of Pvt. Laurie Leonard, technical director.

— Ann True —
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WEIGHT LIFTER in his civilian days around Philadelphia, PFC. Frank R. Orant demonstrates his strength by hoisting 185-pound sailor overhead. One of his records was a lift of 408 pounds, which made him the youngest and lightest man to accomplish that feat. Photo taken en route to Marshalls.

THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC. VICTOR H. LEEDING

About this time of the year when a man's heart is supposed to turn to the lighter things of life, like love and baseball, Churchill Downs and horse racing tightens its grip on American sports interest.

The tentacles drew closer this week, first as railway and bus lines of the Louisville area indicated to ODT that once more they would cooperate to the fullest and offer no extra service on May 6, secondly as betting commissioners dropped their odds on four bog-fools—Pukka Gin, down from 6-1 to 4-1; Platter from 8-1 to 5-1; Stir Up from 12-1 to 8-1, and Challenge Me from 60-1 to 12-1.

To stay on the horse racing beam there were these notes of interest this week: Bay Meadows marked up the year's highest daily double payoff, \$3917 on a \$2 ticket. . . . Col. Matt J. Winn of Louisville and Chicago was reelected president of the American Turf Ass'n. . . . Promoters headed by G. Roy Bryson, owner of Maryland's Bel Air track, proposed and sought authorization for a 50-day meeting at the Trenton (N.J.) Fairgrounds.

HITTING CHAMP-ELECT

As baseball approached its 1944 threshold the press box barons thrashed through the records and the prospectus sheets to dig out a surprising candidate for American league hitting honors—surprising to some, that is.

His name: Roger Cramer, who starts his 14th season in the Majors. The tipoff: Seven successive hits in two games against Chicago Cubs pitching as Detroit sought to get in shape at Evansville, Ind. Cramer has a lifetime average of .288 and last year he

whacked away at a .300 clip to finish fourth in the plate derby. Two of the three men who beat him, Champion Luke Appling of the White Sox and Detroit's Dick Wakefield, are wearing service flannel this year.

Other baseball notes of interest: Old Mordecai (Three Fingers) Brown, immortal Cub hurler, became a Republican candidate for state representative from Vigo County, Ind. this week. . . . Rogers Hornsby, scrooled because Vera Cruz expected him to pay his own traveling expenses, quit the Mexico Baseball League in a huff.

SMITH BY DEFAULT

Yale's ban on wartime travel prevented Alan Ford from challenging Sailor Bill Smith's right to be called the world's fastest swimmer as national AAU titles went on the block at Ann Arbor, Mich. Smith won the 100-yard free style in 51.6 seconds and retained his 320-yard crown with a new meet record. Ford recently swam the 100 in world record time of 49.7.

Boxing fashioned some headlines when Manuel Ortiz made his 10th successful defense of world bantamweight (NBA version) honors by decisioning Tony Olivera at Los Angeles, when Featherweight Willie Pep got a whale of an argument from Panama's Leo Francis at Hartford, Conn., when Bob Montgomery came up with a new 1-A draft classification, and when Isidro Gastanaga was shot and killed in a small town near the Bolivian border.

McClure Scores Decision In RD Boxing Feature

Two Knockouts Highlight Weekly Card; Spero Tags Fellow Pennsylvanian

Pvt. Frank McClure of Arlee, Mont., 145-pounder checking in from Spec. Schools Sec., sparked RD's weekly fight card last Saturday night when he punched out a three-round decision over Pvt. Robert Jennings of Sharpsville, Pa., Plat. 305.

Two knockouts helped highlight the bill. In one of these Pvt. Max Spero jr., of Pittsburgh, 130-pounder from Plat. 304, TKO'd a fellow Pennsylvanian, Pvt. Daniel Grege of Newcastle, Plat. 278, in the third round.

Heavyweights—Pvt. Don Prescott of Pittsburgh, Plat. 304, defeated Pvt. Phil Hengsten of Alexandria, La., Plat. 305.

Light heavies—Pvt. Charles Stallery of Chattanooga, Tenn., Plat. 309, and George Ramirez of Tucson, Ariz., Plat. 308, drew.

Middleweights—Pvt. Francis Tray of Penn. Plt. 288, defeated Pvt. John Mavromates of Steubenville, O., Plat. 300; Pvlts. Charles Neagle of Memphis, Tenn., Plat. 286, and Louis DeJongh of Baton Rouge, La., Plat. 285, drew.

Welterweights—Pvt. John Shelton of Olmstead, Ky., Plat. 303, TKO'd Pvt. Virgil Caudill of Portsmouth, O., 888, in the first round.

Featherweights—Pvt. Jess Hiseley of McVernon, Ill., Plat. 312, defeated Pvt. Richard McQuady of Marion, O., Plat. 291.

— Salute Smartly —

USNH Marines Third

USNH, SAN DIEGO -- Marine Guard finished third in the USNH Intramural Basketball League which concluded last week with honors bestowed on the Hospital Corps School team. Hospital Patrol took runner-up honors. The Leathernecks split third place with X-Ray and Medical Storerom.

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Jap Raids During Chow Give Birth To Track Event

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—The International Olympic Games Committee or the Amateur Athletic Union will never adopt the "canteen race," but to Marines here it plays a more important role than the conventional 220 or 100-yard dashes.

Legend has it that the idea of the "canteen race" was born shortly after Marines invaded this once-held Jap base. On numerous occasions, Jap batteries opened up during mealtime. With troy and canteen in hand, Marines sprinted for cover, balancing their food and drink expertly as they ran.

The "canteen race" has replaced the old "sack race." Here's how it's done: The contestants, usually four in number, line up with their cups filled to the brim with water. The starter's gun starts them over a 50-yard course dotted with holes, logs and other debris. Unlike other races, speed is not the essence. The winner is judged by the amount of water remaining in the cup when he crosses the finish line.—Sgt. William B. Allen, combat correspondent.

— Army Men For Freedom —

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MarFair Boxing Dates Announced

NORTH ISLAND — Elaborate preparations are being made for the semi-finals and finals of MarFair West's gigantic boxing tournament, to be held at MCAS, El Toro, on May 12-13, it was revealed here this week by Capt. Ben Finney, athletic officer, and his NCO chief, Corp. Bobby Franklin. A former world's welterweight champion, Hollywood movie stars, judo exhibitionists and a Marine band will combine to make it a gala show, Capt. Finney announced.

Jimmy McLarnin is the one-time world's champion who will appear, in the role of referee. Movie stars will present a number of skits and Camp Miramar will have its band on deck.

Various air stations and depots are now going through training paces to single out likely candidates. The semi-final program on May 12 will contain 16 bouts.

— Stand Fast —

Ferraro Hangs Up High Bowling Score

Plagued with two misses in the early frames, Corp. A. Ferraro of 2d Cas. Co. finished up with five straight strikes last week to hang up a high single of 223 at the PX bowling alleys, all of which will keep him in smokes for awhile.

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SURVEYING the diamond from home plate, Quantico baseballers take in the situation at a glance. From left, 2dLt. Welby Cronk, named manager of 1944 team, and TSgt. Sidney J. McMain, NCO-in-C of sports and recreation.

AAU Sanctions Pendleton Golden Gloves Tournament

CAMP PENDLETON—Granted official AAU sanction last week by the Southern Pacific ass'n., Camp Pendleton's first annual Golden Gloves tourney will get under way on Apr. 21, according to a supervising committee consisting of 1Lt. Col. R. E. (Dick) Hantley, Capt. Paul S. Ford and Capt. M. M. McCallen.

Capt. Ford, athletic officer of the 5th Div., and 1stLt. Martin (Marty) Brill, Post athletic officer, this week indicated the field would consist of nearly 100 leather slingers, these to be divided into two and possibly three divisions—novice, open and professional. Formation of the latter class depends on number of entries.

A big open air show in the TC area ring is planned as the kickoff, with exhibition bouts between pros possibly augmenting the program.

Quantico Mitt Team Scores 4-1 Victory

MB, QUANTICO—In a fight card that offered 24 rounds of boxing, the Quantico Marine pugilists last week scored a 4-1 victory over the Merriek Club of Washington, D. C.

Victorious Leathernecks included Corp. Raymond E. Coughlin, PFC, Herbert M. Johnson, Pvt. Anthony A. Perfetti and Antonio Grisanti. Lone loser was PFC, Michael A. Annasi.

Springtime, Baseball Find Marines Ready

Quantico Turnout Heavy; West Coast Season Under Way

MB, QUANTICO—More than 50 candidates for the 1944 Quantico baseball team turned out last week for the first practice session of the season.

Every position seemed to have a proportionate number of aspiring men, according to Lt. Welby W. Cronk, manager. Among promising pitchers were 1stLt. John A. Creamer of Buffalo, N. Y., 2dLt. Harry E. Dyck of San Francisco, Sgt. William E. Harris of last year's Quantico staff, and PFC, Leo B. Dombek of Jamaica, N. Y.

CHERRY POINT MARINES LOSE OPENING GAMES

MCAS, CHERRY POINT (Special to The Chevron)—Ft. Bragg's Soldiers handed the Cherry Point Marines a double dose of baseball defeat on the Ft. Bragg diamond this week as the Leathernecks opened their 1944 season.

Although they out-hit the Soldiers, the Marines lost the first game, 15 to 12, and then dropped a close 9 to 8 decision the following day. Pitcher House, with four for four, led the Marine hitters in the first game. Scores:

	R.	H.	E.
Cherry Point	15	18	4
Ft. Bragg	12	16	5
House and Douthett; Cole, Snow, Brown and Early.			
Cherry Point	9	7	4
Ft. Bragg	8	9	4
Hufferly, Snoddy and Glavin; Munoz, Flathum, Brown and Early.			

CAMP CALLAN RALLY BEATS PENDLETON, 4-3

CAMP PENDLETON—Choking off a ninth-inning rally at one run, Camp Callan's Soldier nine defeated Camp Pendleton, 4 to 3, last week. Simons and Joslin, Marine hurlers, were combed for 15 hits but held the Army nine in check until the last frame when a walk and three hits produced two runs.

Camp Callan

	R.	H.	E.
Camp Callan	4	11	6
Camp Pendleton	3	15	1
Postler, Leland and Rudolf; Walker, Simons, Joslin and Dupinsky.			

PAIDRES TRIM MIRAMAR IN SLUGFEST, 22 TO 13

Shipping off with a six-run lead in the first inning, the San Diego Padres whipped the Camp Miramar baseball team, 22 to 13, at Navy field this week.

The Padres reached three Marine hurlers for a total of 25 hits with Walter Lowe and Jack Calvey fea-

turing the hit parade with a home run apiece.

	R.	H.	E.
Padres	22	26	7
Miramar	13	18	7
Merkle, Osborne, Ester and Hallin; Schreeder, Jungbluth, Roberto and Moore.			

EL TORO DROPS TWO GAMES TO COLLEGIANS

REDLANDS, Calif.—The El Toro Marines fell one run short in a ninth inning rally here this week to suffer a second straight defeat at the hands of Univ. of Redlands, 9 to 8. Previously the collegians had thumped the Leathernecks, 10 to 3, at Santa Ana.

	R.	H.	E.
Redlands	9	14	4
El Toro	8	7	5
Finanigan and Critchlow; Aguilar, Goff and Gross.			
El Toro	3	7	3
Redlands	9	9	7
Pinkston, Kelly and Hubbey; Finanigan, Hollowell, Gottle and Critchlow.			

EL TORO CLUB WHIPS MARCH FIELD FLIERS

MCAS, EL TORO—Checked to four hits by Pfeiffer Manier, the March Field Fliers lost to the El Toro Marines, 5 to 1, in a baseball game here last week. The Leathernecks combined five hits with wobbly March Field support to score two runs in the fourth, one in the fifth and two in the eighth.

	R.	H.	E.
El Toro	5	8	0
March Field	1	4	3
Manier and Zepina; Fillmore and Mazur.			

El Centro Names Hoop Champions

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Beaten only once, Base Hq. Barba won the Station Basketball league championship here last week when they defeated the Flying Corsairs and Hq. Sq. Leading scorer for the champs was PFC, Howard Burch, who counted 85 points in nine games, a mark that was topped only by Davies of the Swabbies, who hit for 114.

A post season tournament, arranged to give newer squadrons aboard a chance to show their hoop wares, will wind up the season when attention will be turned to softball and boxing.

Sgt. Leslie Davis has been placed in charge of softball arrangements. Boxers are working regularly under the direction of Maj. M. Lombardo, Corp. Jimmy Hatmaker and PFC, "Pappy" Favon, their current goal being the Mar-Fair West championships slated for mid-May.

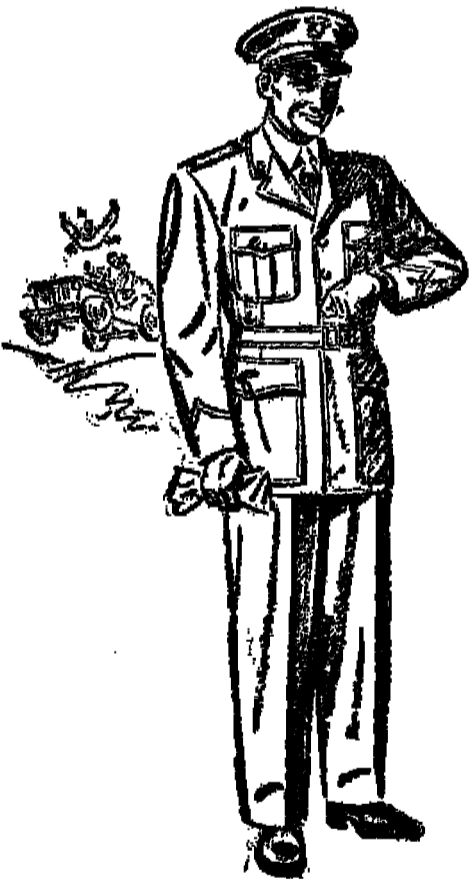
— Okey Orders —

Marines Help USNH To Lejeune Title

CAMP LEJEUNE—With a lineup that included two Marines, Naval Hospital won Camp Lejeune's first annual open basketball tournament here recently with a 49-33 victory over Hq. Bn. in the final game.

The winning combination included PFCs, Danny Kraus and Freddy Lewis.

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SHADES OF TY COBB as PlM3/c Lee Mohr, shortstop, hook slides into third base to help MCB win out 6-2 over Coast Guard in its baseball opener this week. Mohr is a holdover from last year's 11th Naval Dist. championship club. (Photo by PFC. Henry A. Weaver III).

WELL 'HEELED', PLAY OR BATTLE

Lejeune Spends Nearly \$150,000 On Sports Equipment

CAMP LEJEUNE—When U.S. Marines go overseas, they're equipped for both play and battle. They take with them everything from baseball bats to boxing gloves to round out a rigorous physical education and recreation program based on the traditional American love of games.

To keep pace with expected 1944 demands, the purchase of \$149,535.66 worth of athletic and recreation supplies for Camp Lejeune Marines was announced recently by Capt. Arthur A. Nelson of Yonkers, N.Y., camp recreation officer.

Much of the equipment will go overseas with units leaving Lejeune. Some of it, however, will remain here to meet the needs of a fast camp baseball league and other activities which furnish entertainment for thousands of men and women.

Four thousand baseballs, 8000 baseball bats, 2400 left-handed fielder's gloves (and 600 right-handed ones, too), 1200 rods and reels, 600 horseshoe sets and 2400 cribbage

boards were among many items bought.

Planning ahead for next autumn and winter, the order even includes 800 footballs and 800 basketballs.

The equipment was purchased from U.S. Navy stocks with recreation funds derived from PX profits. There are no sporting goods stores in the South Pacific.

The Camp Recreation Office has received letters from Marines in many parts of the world expressing

appreciation of the equipment taken with them.

"That which you gave us before leaving Camp Lejeune is our only salvation," one Marine wrote recently.

Camp Lejeune's vast recreation program is wholeheartedly endorsed by Maj. Gen. Henry L. Larsen, commanding, and former military governor of Samoa, who once insisted that all men under his command learn boxing.

America's Baseball Honor Upheld By Overseas Unit

AN ADVANCED PACIFIC BASE (Delayed)—The Marine Corps' personnel classification system was put to one of its severest tests here recently and came through with flying colors. Col. F. A. Hart of Eufaula, Ala., CO of a combat

outfit here, received word that a nearby civilian baseball team wanted to show "these Americans" that they could beat them at the national game.

There was only one difficulty. Col. Hart's outfit had never had a baseball team. So he called WO. Roland W. Smith of Schenectady, N. Y., in charge of personnel classification, and asked him to get up a team from his files.

ONE PRACTICE

The game was scheduled for the next day, but WO. Smith got 26 men whose records showed baseball experience and turned them over to 1st Lt. A. V. Scopus of New York City, team manager. After one practice workout, the team was declared "fit for duty".

"These Americans" won, 11 to 9. —Sgt. David Dempsey, combat correspondent.

Battle Fatigue Vanishes In Ring

CAPE GLOUCESTER, New Britain (Delayed) — As if they hadn't had enough fighting with the Japanese in the 24-day campaign for possession of Hogen Bay, a Marine unit which was almost continually in action staged a series of boxing matches here recently.

In the main event, 1st Sgt. Joe Temes of Washington, D. C., once a leading contender for the featherweight championship, outpointed Sgt. John C. Romanus Jr., of Port Chester, N. Y. Both men are Guadalcanal veterans. —TSgt. Jeremiah A. O'Leary Jr., combat correspondent.

Marine Netmen Lose To Callan

Defeating MCB's 11th Naval Dist. tennis champions, five matches to two, at La Jolla Beach and Tennis club this week, Camp Callan's netmen maintained their undefeated status.

Pvt. Lester R. Stofren, national contender and Callan's top man, bounced back to take two out of three sets from Corp. Harold Brogan, 11th Naval champ, 6-3, 6-1, after dropping the opener, 5-7. Other results:

Singles—Capt. Carl D. Fischer (Callan) defeated Sgt. Leslie Gaskin, 6-0, 6-1; 1st Lt. George Gussler (Callan) defeated 1st Lt. George Stofren, former Callan champion, 6-2, 6-3; Pvt. James Beall (MCB) defeated Maj. M. A. Tinsley, 6-3, 6-2; and Corp. Abel Mallon (MCB) defeated 1st Lt. Klinger, 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles—Fischer and Gussler (Callan) defeated Stofren and Beall, 6-4, 7-5.

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Marines Stop Coast Guard In Opener, 6-2

Bunched Bingles Drive Gabler Off Opposition's Hill

Three husky right arms that doled out four hits and bats that combed the opposition for 11 bingles combined to give MCB victory over Coast Guard, 6 to 2, in its opening baseball game of the season this week.

Ray Yochim, Bill Gann and Orin Baker linked up talents to take last year's 11th Naval Dist. champions over the pitching jump. Credit for the win went to Yochim, who worked the first three innings during which time his mates landed on ex-Giant Frank Gabler for three runs and the lead.

It might have been a shutout but for an ump's shady "call" on a ball

who hurled the last inning for the Marines, was unscathed. Gabler wasn't in shape. At first, his change of pace bothered the Leathernecks but they finally got his range in the third, bunching four hits for three runs. In the seventh, against Ems. C. Yalley, they broke out in another four-hit rush for two runs.

Leading Marine sticklers were Pitcher Gann, with two blows in three trips, and Second Baseman George Chappell, with two in five. Shortstop Lee Mohr drove in two runs to the top the RBI column.

Score:

U. S. Coast Guard 600 000 020—2 4 1
Marine Corps 11, 003 000 215—6 11 2
(Gabler, Yalley (6) and 140yd; Gann (11), Baker (9) and Moore.

Be Courteous

Handicaps Revised For Officers' Golf

Revised handicaps were in effect for participants in the MCB officers' April match play golf tourney which opened this week at Municipal course in Balboa park. Suffering the biggest slash was Capt. Omar E. Hoarns, who won the March playoff. His handicap was lowered from 18 to 15.

A new entrant and possible "dark horse" in the April event is 2d Lt. Margaret E. Myers, new CO of Co. A and O-in-C of drills and instructions of WII En., who was given an initial handicap of 18. She has defeated the famed Glen- na Gable-L.

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'Tokyo Tillie' Rivals Bob Hope For Marine Favor

KWAJALEIN ATOLL (Delayed)—A Japanese woman news commentator, known to U.S. Marines as "Tokyo Tillie", is Bob Hope's chief rival among radio fans in these desolated Marshall Islands.

To all soldiers, Marines, and sailors who have set foot upon Japanese-mandated territory, "Tillie" broadcasts nightly her dire accounts of current American disaster in the Marshalls and her terrible predictions of eventual American downfall.

FEMALE 'HAW-HAW'

A female, Oriental counterpart of Germany's celebrated "Lord Haw-Haw", she is the only Jap commentator who has captured the imagination of the men who fought here.

"Tokyo Tillie" broadcasts from Radio Tokyo in good corn-belt English. About dusk each evening her audience gathers "to hear what 'Tillie' has to say to-night."

When "Tillie" speaks in generalities, she talks of "great surprises in store for the United States" or "Japan's golden opportunity to deal America a crushing blow."

"If the Marines do not leave the Marshall Islands in four days", she said, "Japan will send the largest air fleet ever..."—Sgt. Gilbert P. Bailey, combat correspondent.

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Although radio was widely used during military operations in Sicily, wire remained the basic medium of combat communication.

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Really Surprised

GREEN ISLAND, New Ireland Group (Delayed)—Adm. William F. Halsey Jr. paid a surprise inspection visit here yesterday. One Seahawk casually waved to the jeep party, then got so excited when he saw the four-star admiral that he swallowed his chewing tobacco.—Sgt. Ray Fitzpatrick, combat correspondent.

37mm. Unit Blasts Sniper From Tree

MB, NAVY YARD, Mare Island—With no riflemen at hand and a Jap sniper occupying an advantageous spot in a tree on Bougainville, the crew of a 37mm. field piece disposed of the Jap with one backshot-filled shell. PFC, Chester Makoski reported.

AA, Base On Island

USNH, OAKLAND—When Marines took over an island located off the northeast coast of New Guinea last July, they found only a few Japs on the 34-mile long strip. Pvt. Lewis M. Hall of Denver, who is convalescing here, said, His and other AA. batteries on the island downed at least five Jap bombers during his stay there.

Oil Drums Meet Varied Needs Of Overseas Marines

GUADALCANAL (Delayed)—One of the most versatile objects Marines have is the discarded oil drum, reports Sgt. Bill Allen, a combat correspondent.

After the drum has served its original purpose, Leathernecks find many uses for it and convert it to meet many needs.

Split in half, the can makes an excellent bath tub. Tied to the branches of a tree, it serves as a jungle shower after the bottom has been liberally sprayed with rifle and sub-machine gun fire. Panteons for homemade dances or makeshift stoves are also fashioned from the containers.

DRUMS UP DARKROOM

One Marine photographer is said to have used a discarded oil drum for a portable darkroom during the recent Bougainville campaign.

Mess halls, quartermaster's tents, and other buildings have been completely roofed with oil cans that have been split, hammered out, and used in lieu of sheet metal. A barrel cut in half will make two tent tables.

Other useful purposes served by the discarded oil drums are (1) GI canteens; (2) mail boxes; (3) foundations for smaller type buildings; (4) movie seats (placed end to end, barrels serve as rows of seats) and (5) ring fights over a tropical boxing arena.

—Alls True—

Dutch Navy

Despite serious losses in early days of the war, the Netherlands navy still has more than 60 warships in active operation.

CHEVRON CHICK

The heat wave of torrid pin-ups is broken with zephyr-like Barbara Hale of RKO pictures. This is in deference to the tastes of those who dream more about settling down in that vine-covered cottage than of cutting rugs on the next liberty. Though there are no facts to support it, certainly there must be Marines like that somewhere.