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Jans Smith.

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QUICK CHANGE ACT. Corp. Robert B. Borrell of Rahway, N.J., sights in to take oblique aerial photo of Jap installations (above). The instant enemy planes are sighted his .50 cal. MG is ready at the gun port where he had been taking pictures. (Photos by StfsGt. Chester L. Smith).

Complete Photo-Mapping Precedes Island Attacks

WASHINGTON—Aerial photography is playing an increasingly important part in the war, particularly in the Pacific, where each Japanese-held island must be completely photo-mapped prior to an attack.

Marine aerial lensmen are highly specialized and are usually graduates of the Aerial Photo School at Pensacola, Fla. They are required to man a machine gun as expertly as they do a camera. In case of attack. Adding to the difficulties of their work is the fact that Japanese are adept in the art of camouflage, and the assignment may call for the use of special films, such as infra-red and color.

Two planes from the Marine photo squadron in which the pictures accompanying this article were taken were the first to photograph the formidable fortress of Truk.

Marine D-Day 26 Years Ago

D-Day this year in Europe came 26 years to the day after the start of another fabled offensive there—the Marine drive on Belleau Wood in World War I.

More than that, American forces struck at almost the same hour, recalls CWO. W. J. Ferguson, adjutant of Sig. Bn., who served in every engagement in France with the 5th Marines.

The offensive, which finally resulted in clearing Germans from the hotly-contested area, lasted 20 days. During that time the Mar. Brig. engaged in some of the most desperate fighting ever performed by any troops.

Army Air Base Used To Train SCAT Personnel

The Marine Corps has taken over the Army air base at Corvallis, Ore., for temporary use, according to HQMC. The station will serve as a replacement training center for V-J pilots and as a center for processing of aircraft for overseas transport.

At North Island this week, Maj. Gen. Francis P. Mulcahy, commanding MarFair West, announced appointment of Col. Wyman Fiske Marshall as CO of the Marine Air Group at Corvallis.

A veteran of World War I and of combat duty in the Pacific in this war, he will have charge of training pilots and crews to man the planes serving SCAT.

WR Bn. Nearing Total Strength

The recent arrival of 62 more WRs has swelled the total strength of the Base WR Bn. to 549, according to SgtMaj. Charles E. Larson. He announced that more WRs will be added with the final total scheduled to reach approximately 650.

INVASION OPINIONS OPTIMISTIC

Battle-Hardened Vets Cluster Around Radios For News

Leathernecks took an unaccustomed role this week—they listened to news from the battle-front.

Many Marines who had made fighting history themselves clustered around radios on the Base as news poured back from the greatest invasion in history—in Europe.

Most men on the Base were reserved in comment when questioned. No rash predictions were forthcoming, yet the general trend was optimistic.

Corp. Charles Gordon of the Base sergeant major's office interpreted the feelings of many when he said: "The invasion has relieved the tension for service people as well as civilians."

"The beginning of the end has

begun," declared MTSgt. Donald G. Courtney, chief clerk of the Base sergeant major's office.

"The American people will think the war is over, when actually the tough part is just beginning," said PFC. Kenneth M. Hamilton of the War Bond office.

Another spokesman from the Bond office was Corp. Edward Masters who said "I think the big problem of this war is in the Pacific."

"We're out to lick these guys this time—and do it good!" These were the euphoric words from SgtMaj. A. M. Young of Base Hq. Bn. "I've got a kid brother in the Army Air Corps over there and I'm pulling for him. All I ask is that those guys slap 'em (the Ger-

mans) and slap 'em hard. We want to hurry with this so we can get the Japs in the Pacific. To me the invasion is wonderful news!"

Lt. Cmdr. Walter F. Mahler, Base Chaplain, said slowly: "My Holy Mass this morning was offered for the success of our arms. I cannot express my feelings better than to repeat an old Irish prayer told me by a bishop years ago: 'May God keep them all, in the hollow of his hand.'"

"Germany is on her last legs. I can't make any predictions as to when she'll fold. Military predictions cannot be made accurately. The more I hear from radio commentators the madder I get. No sir, I can't say when, but I have (Continued on page 2)

Navy Paces Invaders

USS Nevada Leads Fleet In Blasting European Coast

The long-awaited European invasion this week was the Army's big show, but sailors and Marines had some front row seats.

The U.S. Navy, with two rear admirals riding in cruisers and paced by the battleship Nevada, was a part of a 400-ship Allied armada which seared and blasted German defenses before the assault troops hit the beaches of France. The battleships Texas and Arkansas also were identified.

CRUISERS NAMED

The cruisers identified were the Augusta and the Tuscaloosa, both veterans of South Pacific action. The Nevada was "sunk" at Pearl Harbor.

Since Marines man secondary and anti-aircraft batteries aboard both cruisers and battleships, at least some who wear the forest green had a part in the biggest military operation of all time.

The proportion of warships in the armada was revealed by a British naval commentator to be three British to one American, and the over-all proportion, including landing craft, was three British to two American.

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Sea-Going Marines Snipe At Mines Crossing Channel

By Lt. Weldon James, PRO

OFF THE FRENCH COAST, June 8 (UP)—The Marines played a unique role in the invasion of France, one that took them back 168 years to their sailing-ship beginnings.

Picked Leatherneck sharpshooters, armed with rifles and knives, as of old, were high up in the mast of the big ships of this bombardment force, but their target wasn't the individual enemy. It was floating mines.

The Marines manned their post through the dark pre-dawn hours of D-day as we sneaked through the channel mine field and on to the French coast.

As we maneuvered up and down the beach front, pouring broadsides into enemy strong points, they kept at it.

Their job was the envy of all their fellow Marines among the gun crews, all of whom realized the safety of an entire battle wagon or cruiser might depend on the alertness and expert shooting of a single Marine.



Capt. LILY H. HUTCHON
... legal adviser

First WR Judge Advocate Named

CAMP LEJEUNE—Capt. Lily H. Hutcheon of San Francisco became the first woman judge advocate in the history of the Marine Corps recently when she took over that duty here.

Present titles of the captain include Acting Judge Advocate before the General Court Martial Board, and Legal Assistance officer.

Before receiving a WR commission, Capt. Hutcheon worked in the legal department of a San Francisco oil company.

Camp Shift Under Way

Navy Dominates Camp Elliott As Marines Moved

CAMP ELLIOTT—This 29,000-acre camp, scheduled to be turned over to the Navy for a personnel distribution center by June 30, already is Navy-dominated.

Navy personnel, who now outnumber Marines here, was being moved into barracks on the heels of departing Marines, most of whom were being transferred to Camp Pendleton.

A large fleet of trucks, carrying personnel and equipment, has been shuttling between Camps Elliott and Pendleton for the last several weeks. The evacuation is expected to be completed by June 15, two weeks before the deadline.

SCHOOLS MOVED

The Trng. Center, comprising all schools, already has been moved to Pendleton, where it has been consolidated with the Pendleton Trng. Center into a Trng. Command under Brig. Gen. Oscar Caldwell.

The Marine Barracks, composed of the camp's permanent personnel, is still here, as is the headquarters of the general staff of the San Diego area.

The transfer will not affect the Base Depot, QM Dept. for the FMF, or the tank training area known as Jacques Farm, or Green Farm.

TRAINS FMF UNITS

Camp Elliott, chief training center for FMF units on the west coast until the establishment of 128,000-acre Camp Pendleton in Aug. 1942, became the home of the 2nd Div. in June, 1941.

After Pendleton was established this camp was used principally as a replacement and casualty center and as a specialized school area for mortars and machine guns, field artillery, and OC instruction.

Gyrene-O-Scope 'Gone With Wind'

Gyrene-O-Scope, the cartoon strip by Corp. William Sheridan which appears on the back page of The Chevron weekly, will not run in this issue because of wartime transportation difficulties between San Diego and Los Angeles, where the original drawings are sent for engraving.

Though the drawings were mailed out on schedule, the engraving work had not been returned by deadline time yesterday, causing the revision which alters the customary make-up of the back page.

U. S. Seizes Airdrome

American Troops Capture Strip Near Philippines

The Japanese have lost strategic former airdrome on Biak Island, within bombing distance of the Philippines, to hard-hitting American forces, a Thursday communiqué from South Pacific headquarters disclosed.

Troops stormed Mokmer, from the rear and routed the enemy in a battle that raged for 12 days. One American column was driven back by murderous Jap fire from hill positions. Tank cliff-climbers finally overcame machine gunners and snipers and drove along the ridge to the rear of the objective for the final assault.

In China, the Jap invaders, driving to cut the nation in two, approached close to their main objective as a renewed offensive carried them within nine and one-half miles north and 12 miles east of Changsha, railway center and capital of Hunan province.

AERIAL ASSAULT

Marine aircraft joined with Army and Navy planes in ranging over a 1000-mile Central Pacific front this week.

Central Pacific air forces were shown against Truk, Ponape, Sauro, the Marshalls and Kuriles in raids Saturday, Sunday and Monday, a Pacific Fleet announcement said. Opposition was scarce. No Japanese interceptors were encountered in any of the strikes, although four enemy fighters were shot down in the air over Truk. Only Sauro was the anti-aircraft fire intense.

Unopposed landings were made by U. S. troops on two more Choeten Islands, of which Biak is the principal center of resistance. The landings were on Owl and Woendi Islands, south of Biak.

NEW LANDINGS

Australian forces also landed on Biak Island, north of Madang in the British New Guinea coast, more than 600 miles southeast of the Schouten area.

On Biak the new offensive brought troops to the top of Mokmer ridge, dominating approaches to Mokmer airdrome. Troops were reported "mopping up" enemy pockets on top of the plateau before pressing their advance to the strip.

He's Happy Now

BALBOA, C.Z.—Homesick TSgt. David Green got his greatest wish granted through the mails—a handful of dirt from the Bronx.

Hell Hounds' Squadron Back From Air Battles

MCAD, MIRAMAR.—The "Hell Hounds" fighter squadron is back from the Pacific after taking part in four invasions and destroying 67 enemy planes in 18 weeks of combat.

Strategic attacks added a destroyer, three transports, gunboats and 18 barges to the island's string of victories.

Leading ace among the 22 fliers now awaiting leaves and reassignment here is Capt. Phillip C. Long of Jackson, Mich., with 11 ones. All of his victories were scored in the squadron's second week of combat flying, during which the unit downed 62 enemy planes in operations from Bougainville and Green Island.

Previously, the "Hell Hounds" provided protective cover for

Marines Cheer Success Of US Invasion Forces

Veterans Of World War I Fighting See Earlier Victory In Current Fray

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faith in our Allied leaders and I know the men under them have, too," declared 1st Lt. Jon B. Ford, adjutant of Gd. Bn.

Said Maj. Bedford Williams, executive officer of Gd. Bn.: "I hope the preparations and plans we have made will be enough to overcome the defenses Germany has been able to throw up. I am waiting for the first fog of battle to clear."

"It's pretty good news. Once we get rolling the Germans shouldn't be able to stop us," said PISgt. James S. McDonald of 2nd Cas. Co. office.

"The sooner they hit and the harder they hit, the sooner we'll all get to go home," were the words of PFC. N. S. Beyer, of the same office, to a large chorus of affirmatives.

KEEPS HOPING

Sgt. Maj. F. J. Cottrell of the 2nd Cas. Co. answered with a question. "Did you ever just hold your breath and keep hoping? That's about it."

"It won't be long now. We did her before and we'll do her again," were the optimistic sentiments of Capt. John Egan, 2nd Cas. Co.

Capt. E. M. Rees, CO of 2nd Cas. Co., pronounced: "It's the beginning of the end for the Nazis."

"It's something I'd like to be in," young Pvt. Leiland Holstein, prison chaser recently returned from overseas, said.

WR, Corp. Anne Sutton of the Base Chaplain's office said: "It's going to cost us a lot of lives, but our men will make this the beginning of victory... and God bless them as they bring us peace."

WANTS TO FIGHT

Another Woman Marine, PFC. Sarah J. Evans, said: "I wish I could get in there and pitch, too."

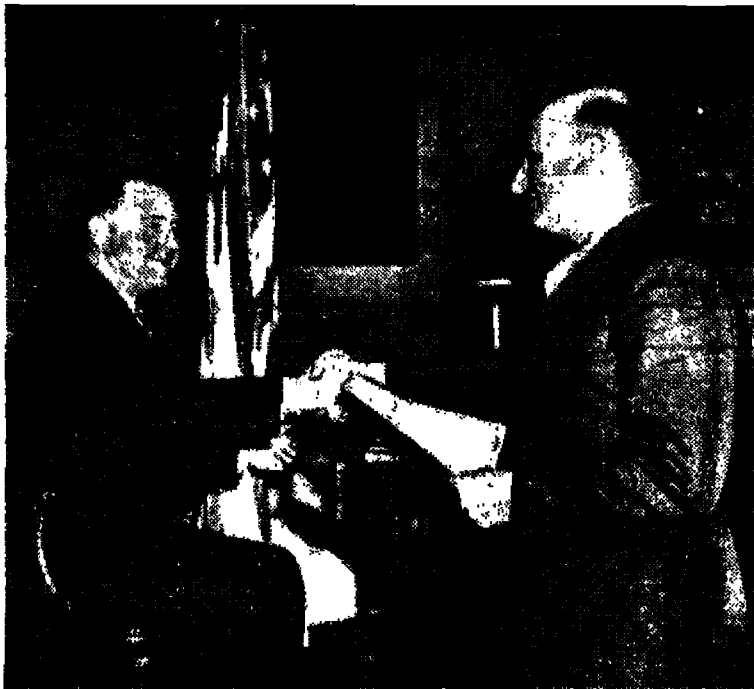
Capt. T. J. Palmer, CO of the 5th Recruit Bn., RD, who was in the Navy in World War I but served in France with Marines firing "big Berthas" from railroad cars: "My first reaction was that the initial landing was a faint. It might have been. Most foibles are turned into full-scale advances if they prove successful."

QMSgt. Ralph E. Dusan, who served in France with an Army infantry unit of the 41st Div. in World War I: "We're on the go with a tremendous amount of fire power. Light casualties in all the attacks to date leads me to believe that casualties from now on will be lighter proportionately than in 1918."

initial landings at Choiseul and the Treasury Islands.

In one pre-dawn attack, Capt. DeLong knocked down three unescorted Jap dive bombers in three minutes over Green Island. His triple-kill was matched by Maj. William A. Carlton of Detroit, Mich., while shepherding bombers for a raid on Rabaul.

Maj. Hugh M. Elwood of Berkeley, Cal., was the squadron's CO.



DUNKIRK VET NOW A YANK. Gilbert F. Wright, in training at RD, got his final citizenship papers this week. A veteran with the RAF, he was wounded at Dunkirk. He hopes to get into action soon again, he declares.

WR Feted As Millionth In USO Center

CAMP PENDLETON—PFC. Hil-da C. Lahmer of Columbus, O., was feted here this week by local USO heads as the millionth service person to enter the year-old USO club house at Oceanside, near here.

Expecting the millionth person to enter the building would be a serviceman, officials prepared with gifts and entertainment that would appeal to the tastes of a rugged fighting man. When PFC. Lah-

mer walked through the door as the ticker clocked one million, plans were somewhat upset.

The confusing situation rapidly cleared, however, when gifts of a more feminine nature were substituted for the WR, who also received a free telephone call to her mother, Mrs. Mabel L. Lahmer in Columbus. She was also honor guest at a banquet at a nearby hotel. PFC. Lahmer is a switchboard operator here.

4000-Ship Armada Blasts French Invasion Coast

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The Navy's part in the invasion has been months in the making, according to Hanson W. Baldwin, New York Times military analyst, who wrote that "several large naval bases, particularly the one at Londonderry, Northern Ireland, have been in use by our Navy since shortly after the American entry into the war."

A Leatherneck detachment has been stationed at Londonderry for many months, and some time ago pictures were released showing Marines there clambering down cargo nets in landing exercises.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT

Tactical surprise of the invasion was so great that an hour after American and British battleships and cruisers opened a gigantic shore bombardment the enemy had not fired an answering shot. Gen. Eisenhower's second communique said that heavier warships engaged the German batteries, which some of the 11,000 planes in the air had already attacked, and silenced some of them.

Day after the first landings, the Nazi-controlled Paris radio said that "an important American-British naval squadron was engaged off Cherbourg."

LANDINGS COVERED

The landings were effected under cover of the air and naval bombardment.

In Washington, Pres. Roosevelt said that up to noon Tuesday American ship losses were two destroyers and one escort.

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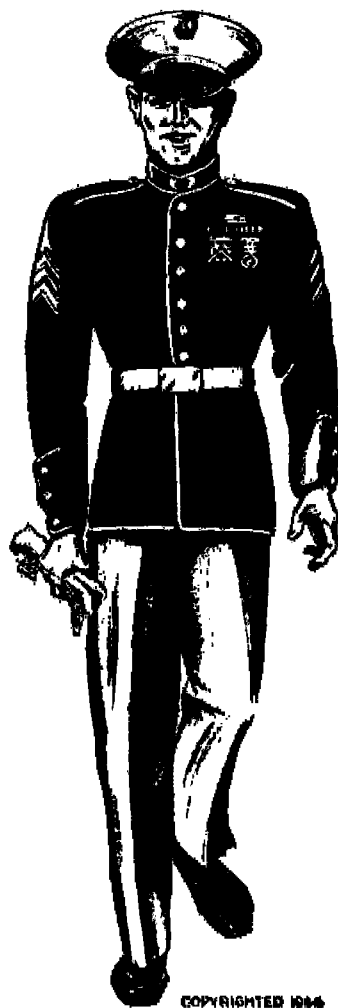
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PILOT TAKES A BATH. Capt. Jack H. Russell demonstrates device used to train Leatherneck pilots at MCAS, Santa Barbara, against day they may be forced to bail out over the ocean.

(1) Wearing parachute harness, Capt. Russell is dropped 25 feet. (2) He unfastens rigging, drops clear and disappears in a shower of foam. (3) He bobs to the surface beside half-opened

bundle—his rubber life raft. (4) He boards the inflated raft by submerging one end. (5) Grinning with relief he paddles toward rescue boat. Training closely simulates actual conditions.

Hiking Still Tough Stuff, Alaskan Veteran Finds

Hiking should be old stuff to Pvt. William Dennis Keliehor of Seattle, Wash., now undergoing recruit training at MCB, but it isn't—exactly.

Though he is used to long treks through the rugged Klukuk Creek area in Alaska and is familiar with some 2000 square miles of that country, he finds the 11-mile jaunts which are part of his routine here at least a trifle inconvenient.

"It's a lot different setting your own pace and using a long stride in hiking through mountainous country", he explained as he took off his pack to recuperate from a GI stroll.

USED TO PACK, TOO

Pvt. Keliehor was a civilian employee of the government prior to his enlistment and the nature of his work sent him on hikes ranging from 70 to 90 miles, carrying a pack weighing 60 pounds. Twenty-five miles a day was the best time he made on such excursions. His menu for the trips usually consisted of regulation C rations (meat and beans).

The coldest temperatures he encountered were 72 degrees below zero.

He attributes his difficulty in adjusting himself to military hikes here, in part, to the change in climate.

PROBLEM KEEPING COOL

"I could always put on more clothing to keep warm in Alaska", he said, "but there is a limit to what one can do to keep cool."

Pvt. Keliehor waived deferments and through special arrangements with his Seattle draft board managed to enlist in the Marines.

Promises Marines Will Keep Identity

If there should be a merger of the Army and Navy, the fighting Marines will not lose their identity. Rep. Maas of Minnesota and other congressional sponsors of an Army-Navy merger have assured Gen. Vandegrift that his Devil Dogs will keep their individuality. Congressman Maas, himself an old Marine, feels that the battle feats of the Marines are due to pride in their long record. — Washington Post.



Pvt. DENNIS KELIEHOR ... out for a stroll

Uniform Inspection Set For Women

Inspection of summer service uniforms, soon to be authorized for wear by WRs while working on the Base, was to be held today, 2dLt. Kathleen M. Winfree, WR Bn. executive officer, announced.

The green and white keersucker uniforms, not to replace winter greys on liberty, will be approved for wear as soon as weather permits, the lieutenant said.

Most From New York

Tops All States In Personnel Serving In Corps

New York furnished the single largest group from any state to the Marine Corps, with Pennsylvania leading the list from a standpoint of percentage to total population, according to figures released in Washington yesterday.

As of Apr. 30, 1944, total Corps strength was 452,727, including both commissioned and enlisted ranks, and both men and women.

New York led with 46,993, or 35% of total population. Pennsylvania was second with 40,891, or 41%; California third with 37,328, 40%; Illinois fourth with 27,558, 36%; and Ohio fifth with 26,357, 38%.

LONE STAR STATE SIXTH

Texas in the Corps number 19,982, or 31% of state population.

The breakdown by states:

Alabama	7,167	N. Idaho	2,698
Arizona	1,479	N. Jersey	17,897
Arkansas	1,130	N. Mexico	1,463
California	47,328	N. York	46,993
Colorado	4,112	N. Carolina	8,609
Connecticut	7,766	N. Dakota	1,169
Delaware	881	Ohio	26,357
Florida	7,138	Oklahoma	6,323
Georgia	8,973	Oregon	4,460
Idaho	1,896	Penn.	46,993
Illinois	27,558	R. Island	3,869
Indiana	11,306	S. Carolina	6,253
Iowa	6,849	S. Dakota	1,229
Kansas	5,238	Tennessee	8,357
Kentucky	7,638	Texas	19,982
Louisiana	7,108	Utah	2,296
Maine	3,337	Vermont	3,370
Maryland	6,284	Virginia	7,423
Massachusetts	19,297	Washington	6,183
Michigan	19,455	W. Virginia	7,574
Minnesota	8,938	Wisconsin	10,608
Mississippi	5,708	Wyoming	863
Missouri	12,063	Y.C.	3,693
Montana	3,161	Canada	
Nebraska	3,105	of	395
Nevada	350	Total	452,727

Emergency Ocean Landing Methods Taught Fliers

MCAS, SANTA BARBARA—Marine fighter pilots training here may be "all wet" now but daily dunkings they take in the Pacific may some day mean the difference between life and death when in combat.

Bound Volumes On Sale Soon

Within the next few weeks, The Chevron will make up bound volumes of its issues for the first half of 1944.

A limited number of bound copies will be available at cost to units or individuals wishing them. Because so few bound volumes can be made up, orders will be given precedence as received. Cost of the volumes will be \$6.50 each, which includes printing the owner's name on the cover. Payment must be included with orders.

— Any Insurance —

Three Brothers In Recruit Training

Taking the "Gung Ho" battle cry to heart, three brothers, George J., Percy E. and Curtis J. Higginbotham, enlisted together and are in boot training in the same RD platoon. They are from Biloxi, Miss., where all three have wives and children. A younger brother Dennis is in the AAF.

— Salute Smarterly —

TOKYO—This afternoon the cruiser Kaiger destroyed two American torpedoes.



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D-Day Heralds The Nearing Of Victory

Some time ago the President, in declaring that the European invasion would take place this summer, explained that in the military timetable June 1 is the first day of summer.

Gen. Eisenhower waited only until the fifth day of summer then to loose an invasion force mightier from every standpoint than any the world has ever seen. The final getting-ready period was one of taut nerves, but the initial success which attended the campaign evidenced the wisdom of waiting.

The miracle, as the Allies entered on this final and climactic struggle of the European theater, was that the democracies, unprepared for so long a time, were able to marshal their moral and material resources so rapidly and completely.

The invasion took place just five years minus 85 days after the outbreak of the war. The situation which now looks so hopeful was then one of desperation—of desperation that deepened as a mighty military alliance threatened to overrun all the five continents. The enemy had geared its fighting machines to carry on a war of hitherto undreamed-of distances and dimensions. Even military men were awed by the daring and the preparations which enabled that machine to ride roughshod over most of Europe in a matter of months and days.

Looking back, those were even darker days for us than we then realized. Before we could talk about carrying the war to the enemy, we had to build a bridge of ships to span thousands of miles of ocean. The submarine menace had to be crushed. Enemy naval power had to be bottled up. The new and tremendously effective weapon of airpower had to be bent on.

The days are lighter now, but let no one count the victory as won. On all fronts the enemy is giving evidence of ability to take punishment—but still keep on fighting. The battle for Rome gave ample proof that Germans who know they are outgunned and outnumbered will keep on

Wear Them With Respect

Mae, those ribbons which adorn your breast aren't just token novelties.

They're a record—for everyone to see—of where your service has been, whether or not you were wounded, of the individual or unit citations to which you may be entitled.

They're official and authorized recognition of your performance, marking you as one who has helped to carry the fight to the enemy.

But—if you don't rate them, don't wear them. If you aren't sure that you're entitled to a certain service ribbon, leave it off until you are sure.

And—don't pass your service ribbon along to your WR or civilian girl friend as you would a fraternity or class pin or ring. Women have no more right to wear ribbons than do service men who don't rate them.

You owe it to your comrades in arms who rate the ribbons to wear them with respect.

Wishful Thinking

"There is a tendency abroad in the land to believe that the end of the war is close at hand, both in the Atlantic and in the Pacific. I must remind you that there is little justification for such wishful thinking. If we become over-confident now, we do an injustice to those who are about to go into battle, for it is they who will suffer if we fail."—Adm. Ernest J. King.

Worth Defending

Never again must we permit this nation to grow weak in either the will or the means to defend human rights and liberties. What is so dearly won must be held whatever the cost.—Rear Adm. William Brent Young.

fighting with a courage worthy of a better cause. In the Pacific, Japan is lightening up the defenses of its inner perimeter, absorbing heavy blows and then resisting bitterly, as is the case on Biak.

The war is indeed far from won. But it is definitely going our way and D-Day in Europe is but another sign that the day of liberation is ever drawing closer.

Safety Valve

No Citation For 22nd

Editor, The Chevron—A group from the 22nd Marines has just returned from overseas and there was a mad rush for the ribbon counter. When it ended everyone was wearing something different. We couldn't get any definite information in Oakland nor here. Will you answer these questions:

- (1) Did the 22nd Marines get a Presidential Unit citation?
- (2) How many stars do we rate on the Asiatic-Pacific ribbon?
- (3) Are men who were left in the rear echelon because of their type of duty allowed to wear stars?
- (4) Do we rate the American theater ribbon?
- (5) Are Marines with excellent character discharges from the Army allowed to wear the Army's Good Conduct Medal? I have seen it on sailors.

Sgt. H. M. CHAMPLIN
MB, Klamath Falls, Ore.

Editor's note—Many men from both the 22nd Marines and 4th Div. returning from the Marshall invasion have been asking The Chevron these same questions. It indicates that many men want to wear only what they rate, but there are also many who don't go to the trouble of finding out. As to your questions:

- (1) No. Nor did the 4th Mar. Div. (2) None. The Marshall invasion has not yet been listed by the Navy as an authorized engagement, nor did any prior service of the 22nd rate a star. (Check Chevron of May 13 for list of authorized engagements.) (3) No. Authorized clasps on Area ribbons are for "actual combat service." If the unit should receive a Unit Citation, only those personnel who actually served ashore during the time for which the unit was cited wear the ribbon with star. Others wear the plain ribbon—and only so long as attached to the unit. (4) No. Thirty days' active service in the Area is required. (5) If the Army's Good Conduct medal was awarded you, you may wear the ribbon.

Service In Iceland

Editor, The Chevron—I served with the 1st Mar. Brig. during 1941-42. Some say we rate the Expeditionary ribbon for Iceland, others say no. I understand it rates a star on the Defense ribbon and the European Theater.

PFC. FREDERICK G. TAYLOR
c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—Iceland duty rates a bronze star on the Defense ribbon. You may wear the European theater ribbon without star. You may not wear the Expeditionary ribbon—the Iceland service is indicated by the European theater ribbon.

Longest Overseas

Editor, The Chevron The Chevron of May 27 carried a story headed, "Group Longest Overseas Gets Stateside Duty." Myself and a number of others put in 42 months out in the Pacific in the — Def. Bn. We left the States Apr. 5, 1940 and returned Oct. 16, 1943. But we were only out there 22 months after Pearl Harbor. What's the dope?

MTSgt. JOHN W. BURTT
Fld. Sig. Bn., TC, Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—The story referred to came to us from HQMC and it is presumed referred to the group longest overseas as of the recent date.

Shoulder Patch

Editor, The Chevron—It's hard to find a Chevron around out here. Would it be possible to put our unit on your mailing list? Is there a shoulder patch out for a 10mm. artillery unit yet?

Sgt. Z. E. SPRAGUE
c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—You're now on the list for token copies. Shoulder patches are authorized only for Amphibious Corps, divisions, air wings, separate defense forces, defense battalions and other separate battalions not attached to nor serving under higher echelons. Since your unit is part of the 3rd Amph. Corps (formerly the 1st MAC) its patch is the one you wear in areas where authorized to do so.

Aviation Statistics

Editor, The Chevron—What percentage of Marine personnel comprises the Aviation branch of the Corps?

TSGT. KELLY J. BARRILLEAUX
Pers. Grp., MCAD, Miramar.

Editor's note—By July 1 the Corps expects to have 38,040 officers, 433,360 enlisted men and 6000 O's. Of this number, 11,000 officers and 105,000 enlisted men will be assigned to aviation. In five wings, six additional groups and 32 air warning squadrons, 10,413 officers and 223,760 men will be employed. Remaining aviation personnel will be assigned to maintenance, administration and training.

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

Pioneer Bn. Was There

Editor, The Chevron—I was a member of the "little battalion that wasn't there"—the 1st Pioneer Bn., 1st Mar. Div., which you stated (May 20 issue) was never on Guadalcanal.

Let me set you straight on that subject. The 1st Pioneer Bn. landed on Guadalcanal and Tulagi Aug. 7, 1942, and was one of the last battalions to be evacuated in December. When the 1st Div. was re-organized, the 1st Pioneer Bn. became officially the 2nd Bn., 17th Marines.

The unit does rate the Presidential Unit Citation, the discrepancy resulting from the fact that the 2nd Bn., 17th Marines, was not officially designated as such until after the time covered by the citation.

Capt. WALDO E. HOUF
MB, NYd., Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor's note—The Marine who made the original inquiry failed to state that the unit's designation had been changed, with the result that Decorations & Medals Sec. informed us it was not on the list of 1st Div. units rating the citation. The 2nd Bn., 17th Marines, is on that list and personnel who actually served ashore during the period of the citation may wear the citation ribbon with star permanently.

Where They Came From

Editor, The Chevron—It would be a simple matter for the Classification Div. to obtain a tabulation of states in which Marine personnel were born. In my estimation this is a more representative factor, for the average man's attachment is favorable to that of his birthplace.

From a frequency tabulation of the three landing states in which 5th Mar. Div. personnel were born the following figures are presented: Pennsylvania 1381, New York 1106, Illinois 1153. However, Texas, with 979, did not quite make it.

TSGT. GERALD K. CONNOLLY
Pers. Class. Sec., 5th Div., Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—Tabulation by states of Marine Corps personnel appears elsewhere in this issue.

Alaskan Service

Editor, The Chevron—I spent 18 months in Alaska and one week aboard ship as a passenger. Do I rate the American Theater ribbon?

PFC. W. E. TOMKINSON
5th Mar. Div., Camp Pendleton.

Editor's note—Your Alaskan station was in the Asiatic-Pacific theater, and you may wear that ribbon. You do not rate the American Theater.

Where To Get Insignia

Editor, The Chevron—I have just returned from overseas, where I was with the 2nd Div. Will you please send me a 2nd Div. shoulder patch?

PFC. CHARLES W. HENDERSON
USNH, Seattle, Wash.

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Leathernecks Who Assaulted Gloucester Lauded By Leader

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Capt. Richard S. Plantier, for whom a hill on Cape Gloucester, New Britain, was re-named, has returned home here with high praise for the men who took the battered, strategic 450-foot rise under his leadership.

"An officer is no better than his men," said the captain. He cited the individual combat records of his Marines in the capture of "Plantier Hill" and other actions.

Capt. Plantier led a spectacular three-hour march to capture the heavily-fortified hill, a key to the Jap defense of beaches where Marine invasion forces were landing.

Statistics are cold and impersonal. Capt. Plantier's figures, however, help to explain what it means to fight in the jungle on Guadalcanal and at Cape Gloucester.

In the two campaigns, 108 of Capt. Plantier's men, or over half the company, won Purple Hearts

for wounds sustained in action. Eight were wounded more than once. Men in the company either won or were recently recommended for one Navy Cross, 15 Silver Star Medals, one Navy and Marine Corps Medal, and 24 letters of commendation.

The division, of which the company was a part, was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, and the battalion won commendation from Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, The Commandant, for "high combat effectiveness."

Two of the company won meritorious promotions and five were commissioned in the field.

Capt. Plantier, who enlisted to fight in Nicaragua in 1926, is a former enlisted man, and served in Panama, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and Cuba. In 1941 he was made a warrant officer. As a first lieutenant on Guadalcanal, he won the Silver Star, was wounded and evacuated, but returned a month later to take over the com-

pany. Just before New Britain he was promoted to captain.

Casualties on New Britain were comparatively heavy, as they always are in an offensive operation. After 22 days of continuous combat, Capt. Plantier was the only officer out of six not killed or wounded.

One of the first to die was Lt. Warren Wheeler of Pomona, Cal. Wheeler wanted to be a war artist, but elected to lead a rifle platoon instead. "Bushwacker Extraordinary," Captain Plantier called him because no matter where or when a reconnaissance was needed, Lt. Wheeler would insist on making it.

Then there was 1st Lt. Philip P. Bayer, of Long Island, N. Y., company "exec," who passed up a contract with the Philadelphia Eagles pro football team to join the Marines. As second in command, he was supposed to stay back and expedite supplies and communications. It was not long before one

of the platoon leaders was wounded, and Lt. Bayer was up at the front taking his place.

Officer casualties gave additional responsibilities to senior non-coms. NCOs assumed them as they had before on Guadalcanal. Twice on Guadalcanal 1st Sgt. John Bennett lost his officer and took over the platoon. Twice on New Britain he did the same thing. Donald Long, another platoon sergeant, rescued a Navy gunner from a burning plane on Guadalcanal seconds before the bomb load blew up. At an advance jungle base, Long saved a fellow Marine from drowning when the latter ran afoul of barbed wire in a swift-flowing river. Long also took over the platoon when his lieutenant was wounded at Cape Gloucester.

Both men were recommended for meritorious promotion to the next highest rank.

Traditionally, top sergeants are pocket-sized martinet without a

leak of sympathy. Capt. Plantier's top kike was Jim Toohey, a soft-spoken, college-educated Bostonian. He knew the first name and background of every man in the company.

Morale was always high. Capt. Plantier thinks it remained high in large part because of an all-around, unarmored man who weighed 130 pounds.

He was Father Thomas I. Connerly, Lt. (ChC) USN, who believed his place was in the front lines. He went where the fighting was fiercest. He knelt, knee-deep in mud, oblivious to sniper and machine gun fire, praying for the men, holding masses or giving confession. Catholic, Protestant, Jewish—it did not matter. "I can pray for them all," said Fr. Connerly.

The Marines saw him going where they went, said Capt. Plantier. If he could do it, they could do more. They did.—2d Lt. Digby Venn, PRO.

Hero Of Tarawa Battle Awarded Medal Of Honor

Buddy Recalls 'Courage Which Knew No Limit'

StfsGt. William Bordelon
"Bravest Marine I Ever Saw" Says Squad Leader

The highest award of the U. S. Government, the Congressional Medal of Honor, has been made posthumously to StfsGt. William J. Bordelon of San Antonio, Tex., for gallantry during the battle for Tarawa.

One of five survivors in a tractor swept by enemy fire, StfsGt. Bordelon's "courage knew no limit," according to Sgt. Elden Beers of Deer Park, Wash. Beers, also one of the five, was wounded as he attempted to knock out a Japanese machine gun and was returned to USNH, San Diego, for treatment.

TOGETHER TWO YEARS

"Bill Bordelon and I were together in the Marines for two years, through basic and advanced training, and fighting on Guadalcanal," Beers said. "We were in the same landing craft as we headed for the beach at Tarawa. Bill as a platoon leader and myself as a squad leader."

"Only five of us got out of that boat and made the beach alive, I think."

"Pvt. Jack Ashworth of Los Angeles and I made some demolition charges to rout out the guns closest to us."

"Bill took the charges and exposed himself to fire by standing up while he pitched two packages of dynamite at the snipers. That eliminated those Japs, but the sergeant was hit."

DOWN TO TWO CHARGES

"We bandaged him and tried to quiet him, but he refused and ordered us to make up our last two demolition charges. He took them and started to crawl toward an enemy emplacement about 200 yards away. He insisted on going alone, saying that was his job."

"Bill knocked out that gun, too, but in doing so he received another bullet hole through his left arm."

"We decided to attempt to rescue some of the men wounded but not killed in the landing craft. Bill went to look for a hospital corpsman at another beach, but all he was able to find was a rifle grenade."

"He was approaching the machine gun nest with the grenade when one of our wounded fellows floated in with the tide. Bill went to help him and was wounded in the shoulder and knocked down."

"They told me that Bill destroyed the machine gun with the grenade after he had been wounded."

"I think Bill was the bravest Marine I ever saw."



Medal Of Honor Citation

StfsGt. WILLIAM J. BORDELON

FOR valorous and gallant conduct above and beyond the call of duty as a member of an Assault Engr. Platoon, of the 1st Bn., 1st Mar. Div., tactically attached to the 2nd Mar. Div., in action against the Japanese-held Atoll of Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands on Nov. 20, 1943. Landing in the assault waves under withering enemy fire which killed all but four of the men in his tractor, StfsGt. Bordelon hurriedly made demolition charges and personally put two pillboxes out of action. Hit by enemy machine-gun fire just as a charge exploded in his hand while assaulting a third position, he courageously remained in action and, although out of ammunition, provided himself with a rifle and furnished fire coverage for a group of men scaling the seawall. Disregarding his own serious condition, he unhesitatingly went to the aid of one of his demolition men, wounded and calling for help in the water, rescuing this man and another who had been hit by enemy fire while attempting to make the rescue. Still refusing first aid for himself, he again made up demolition charges and single-handedly assaulted a fourth Japanese machine-gun position but was instantly killed when caught in a final burst of fire from the enemy. StfsGt. Bordelon's great personal valor during a critical phase of securing the limited beachhead was a contributing factor in the ultimate occupation of the island and his heroic determination reflects the highest credit upon the U. S. Naval service.

Marines Make Certain No 'Black Markets' On Emirau

WASHINGTON—There is one place in the world where you can buy a bunch of bananas for a dime, a chicken for a quarter, and apples and eggs for a penny apiece.

But it's a long way off and you'd have to be a Marine to get there. For these prices prevail on Emirau Island in the St. Matthias group.

A copy of this "Island OPA List" including these and other items

was brought back here recently by Capt. Sanford B. Hunt Jr. of Elizabeth, N. J., communications officer with a unit which participated in the unopposed occupation of the island. The lists were posted at each village mart, he said, on orders of the regiment's commanding officer, to establish set prices and "prevent unethical dealings and cheating by both parties concerned."

Lindbergh Teaching Leatherneck Pilots

DETROIT (INS)—Charles A. Lindbergh is teaching Marine fighter pilots in the Gilbert Islands the tricks of high altitude flying he learned while testing P-47 Thunderbolts at Willow Run airport here, a letter from a Marine pilot revealed this week. Lindbergh is on leave from Ford Motor Co., where he was employed as an aviation engineer.

Fought In Hawaii

During the Revolution in Hawaii in 1893, Marines were landed at Honolulu to protect American interests and to guard the lives and property of American citizens, and saw spirited action.

Watch Stolen From Blind Leatherneck

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Pvt. Donald E. Kelley reported that a pickpocket stole a watch with Braille figures presented him by the American Foundation for the Blind after he lost his eyesight at Vella Vella in the South Pacific last August.

"I could tell the time swell," he said. "And that watch was a kind of pal. You've no idea how I miss it."

Pvt. Kelley is a patient at USNH here.

Well — ?

CAMP LEJEUNE—A sentry here was amazed when he checked a truck labelled "explosives" and found 40 Women Marines inside.

Citations

Medal of Honor
1st Lt. William D. Hawkins.
PFC Henry Gurke (posthumously).

Legion of Merit
Col. William G. Manley, Edward L. Pugh.

Silver Star
Col. Wyman P. Marshall.
Maj. Owen C. Ross, John L. Whitaker Jr.
1st Lt. Frank A. Kemp Jr.
Sgt. Neil C. Church.

Distinguished Flying Cross
Maj. Henry S. Miller.
Capt. John L. Morgan Jr.

Soldier's Medal (Army)
Sgt. John D. Slaughter Jr., Robert J. Walsh.

Air Medal
Maj. Elmer L. Gilbert.
Capt. Arthur Christopherson.
James E. Johnson, Albert L. Jones.
1st Lt. Jayard D. Hazlewood.
Henry W. Hollmeyer (Gold star in lieu of second medal); Jack W. Pett (Gold star in lieu of second medal).
Sgt. Robert J. Keele (posthumously).

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'Rockettes' Return

First Squadron To Use Rocket Gun Back In U.S.

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Ten of 12 torpedo-bomber pilots who volunteered to take part in experimental missions in which air-borne rocket guns first were used against the Japs have returned from the Pacific.

Maj. Allen C. Robertson of Fulton, Ky., CO of the volunteer squadron which was known as the "Rockettes," still is overseas. The 12th volunteer, 1stLt. James E. Ball of Alexander, La., is listed as "missing in action."

MANY MISSIONS

The "Rockettes" participated in 42 missions from bases on Balboa, Green Island and Green Island. The new rockets were employed in approximately 20 of these flights. The squadron is credited with sinking two destroyers, two supply ships and a large number of barges.

For security reasons, the returning volunteers had little to say about the rocket guns other than to describe them as "shells with wings" and "mighty fast." The rockets were used effectively, they said, on both ships and gun emplacements.

MEMBERS NAMED

The returned "Rockettes" are Capt. Glenn O. Cole of Calvin, Okla., and 1stLts. Paul E. Anderson, St. Louis, Mo., Frank D. Boll Jr., Ogden, Utah, Robert B. Cromwell, El Modena, Cal., Allen O. Hunt, San Francisco, Cal., Thomas M. Kilgore, Lishon, La., Ray T. Legumons, Campbell, Mo., William H. Kay, Meridian, Miss., Arthur H. Patterson Jr., Midland, Ore., Charles G. Warner, Emmetsburg, Ia.—Staff Sgt. Ben Wahrman, combat correspondent.

5th Div. Book On Sale Soon

CAMP PENDLETON — The "Spearhead," a 48-page book depicting in pictures the training of the 5th Mar. Div., will go on sale here about June 21 in regimental offices and the PX office in Bldg. 15-G-1.

The book contains 146 pictures of training courses, life in the barracks and barracks, views of the camp and liberty-time activities. It was prepared by the Div. Public Relations office with the cooperation of the D-2 photographic section. Its 25-cent price includes a mailing envelope.

Applications Open For Navy Housing

Forms for application for housing in Navy Housing Project No. 1, adjacent to Naval Air Base, San Diego, may now be secured from commanding officers.

Preference will be given servicemen returned to San Diego from combat areas or sea duty, including personnel attached to ships undergoing repairs or overhaul.

Since Housing Projects are located at Camp Elliott, Camp Pendleton and MCAD, Miramar, no assignments to Unit No. 1 will be made to personnel attached to these stations.

Casualties				
USN	Dead	Wounded	Missing	Prisoner of War
11,981	4,189	8,251	3,518	
USMC	4,325	7,959	809	1,944
USAF	825	115	225	0
	13,445	12,263	2,264	45,399
DEAD				
Office: 2d Lt. Leo Jean Fillion, Swanton.				
MISSING				
California: 1stLt. George M. Anderson, Hawthorne.				
Colorado: PFC. John J. Savoren, Denver.				
New York: 1stLt. Alekxades M. Pappas, Mass.				
Pennsylvania: Corp. Charles J. Hanley, Johnstown.				
Texas: 1stLt. Cornelius P. Brice, Corpus Christi; PFC. Robert Davis, Dallas.				

Morning, June 10, 1944



HOMEWARD BOUND. Recently returned from the South Pacific, more than 200 men of the Base 2nd Cas. Co., shown here with some of their captured trophies, have been issued

new gear and are ready to shove off on 30-day furloughs within 10 days after their arrival at MCB via a chain of Naval hospitals. (Photo by PFC. Edward J. Wiship).

BASE CASUAL COMPANY MEETS PROBLEMS OF VETS

The most complex problems imaginable are presented to the Corps' best unravelers in Base 2nd Cas. Co., where the turnover averages 30 per day.

The company is composed almost entirely of overseas veterans, who arrive directly from battle fronts and via a long chain of Naval hospitals. Now arrivals descend from trucks in varied attire,

few wearing complete sets of greens and some with faded dungarees as the only background for their brilliant-bued battle decorations.

Long overseas, some veterans still stand and crane their necks like tourists as they gaze at common buildings and street scenes.

After billeting in the 2nd Cas. Co. area, "processing" starts. Miss-

ing clothing and equipment are replaced, prized liberty cards are issued, instructions acquainting "casuals" with Base regulations are given and the veterans have classification interviews to determine their qualifications for jobs.

Missing record books are the stiffest posers faced by Sgt. Maj. F. J. Cottrell as he helps men of his company get "squared away" for

long-awaited furloughs. Without record books, men cannot be paid except by last-resort affidavits.

Furloughs, some accumulated for two years or more, are given within 10 days after men arrive at MCB. They are considered a vital part of rehabilitation.

Upon return, veterans are given assignments in keeping with the state of their health.

Plans Initiated To Handle Huge Christmas Mail

WASHINGTON—Plans have already been initiated to handle Christmas mail for Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel stationed overseas and Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 set as "Christmas Mail Month."

Mail during the coming Yule season is expected to exceed last year's record figures.

With distances so vast and fleet operations so widespread, every effort should be made to mail early during the designated period in order to assure delivery of packages to men at farthest outposts.

Christmas gift packages will be limited in weight to five pounds and to 15 inches in length and 36 inches in length and girth combined. Perishable articles will not be accepted for mailing.

Emphasis is being placed on the necessity of addressing packages properly. Incorrect addresses may hold up the mails an average of 90 days and sometimes longer, the Navy Dept. announced.

Japs Certain Of Marine Surrender

In Auckland, N. Z., recently on an inspection tour, Adm. William F. Halsey disclosed for the first time that after the naval battles off Guadalcanal Nov. 15-16, 1943, enemy orders were captured actually designating the place on Guadalcanal where the Japanese planned to accept the surrender of our ground commander, then Maj. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, now Lieutenant General Commandant of the Corps. "But their show just didn't click," Adm. Halsey added.

He'll Have To Down Jap Now

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed) — There is an embarrassed fighter pilot from the 4th Mar. Air Wing here, determined to knock down his first Zero or never return home.

After a combat flight several weeks ago, in which he failed to bring down an enemy plane, he wrote his wife: "Some of the boys here have two enemy planes to their credit. My score is a goose-egg."

The wife showed the letter to a girl friend, who immediately interpreted "goose-egg" as a nickname for a Jap Zero fighter and the news spread through town like wild fire, eventually getting into print, according to a story by 1stLt. Louis Olczyk, PRO.

Service Family

CAMP LEJEUNE—PFC. James E. Ruane of Madden, Mass., "poet laureate of Co. 'C,'" lists two brothers in the AAF, two in the Naval Air Corps, and a sister in the Waves.

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Smoking In Base Vehicles Banned

Smoking by operators of MCB vehicles while driving and smoking by passengers in troop-carrying vehicles and intra-base buses was prohibited by a Base order issued this week.

The new order provides that drivers may make periodic stops when on long trips to allow passengers to disembark and smoke.

Women Buglers


CAMP LEJEUNE—Women Marines will have their own buglers. A field music school for them has been opened here.

Lost Medal Held In Los Angeles


A Silver Star Medal lost by a Marine under treatment at USNH, San Diego, is being held by the finder, a Los Angeles man.

The medal was left in the automobile of Warren B. Holt, 5653 Summerhill Dr., Los Angeles, 43, by the Marine when he was delivered to the Hayward Hotel in Los Angeles.

Holt's letter said the Marine, who suffered an eye injury on Guadalcanal, told him he was from Lake Placid, N.Y., is married and the father of a 2½-year-old daughter.



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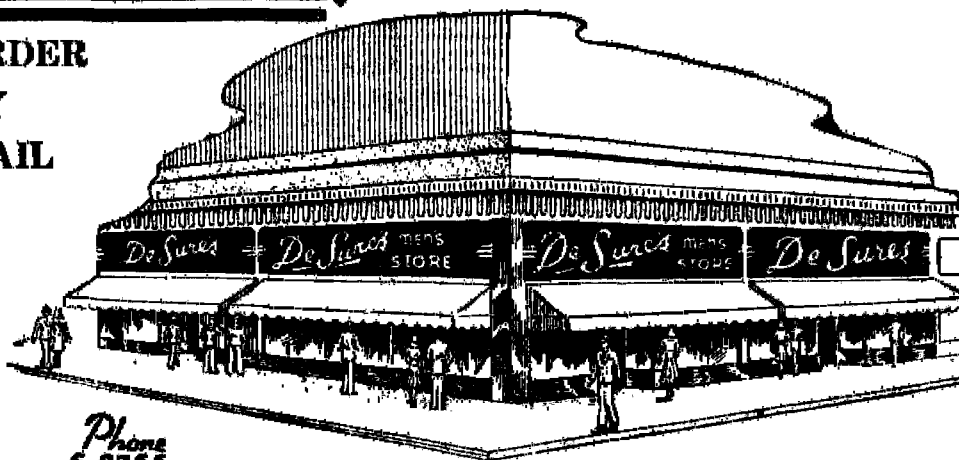
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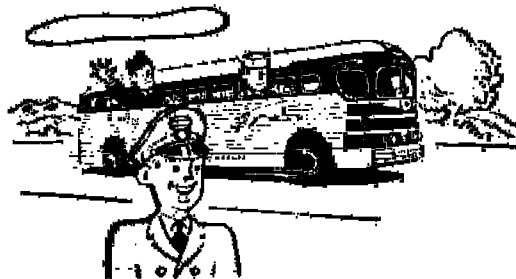
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40-44	10.3	7.1	5.0
45-49	7.1	3.3	2.6
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GREYHOUND



COMFORTS OF HOME. Difficulties encountered by Marines at Cape Gloucester, New Britain, while erecting and sleeping in jungle hammocks are reproduced from on-the-scene drawings made by TSgt. Victor Donahue, combat artist who was in the campaign.



PLASMA RECEIVED. Sgt. Raymond A. Knoll, Tarawa veteran now at USNH, San Diego, tells Mildred Edwards, secretary of the San Diego Red Cross blood donor center, that plasma gave him strength when he needed it most.

Buddies Change Nickname As Gunner's Luck Fails

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—From "Lucky" to "Jinx".

This change of nicknames for Corp. James R. Graves of Rushville, Mo., pretty much tells the story of his fortunes as a Marine dive bomber gunner in the aerial campaign here. He has participated in 16 missions by 4th Mar. Air Wing planes over Jap-held atolls in this area and his plane was hit twice by enemy anti-aircraft.

The first hit occurred on Mar. 16 in an attack on Mille. The bomb failed to release, so the plane went up for its second try.

As it went into the dive, a bullet entered through the engine and wounded the pilot, 1stLt. Harry L. Burge of Los Angeles, Cal.

HEAVING HOME

Lt. Burge had trouble flying the plane home. Every time the plane began to swerve, Corp. Graves manipulated the emergency stick in his compartment to keep "on the right track".

The plane came back safely to the base, executing a perfect landing. Corp. Graves was immediately baptized "Lucky" by the boys.

On one of the subsequent hops, the plane of which he was gunner was hit over Maloclap. Then, whenever a returning plane made a bad landing, it was a good guess that Corp. Graves was in it. He usually was.

The pay-off and re-baptism came when a plane made a one-wheel landing and was damaged. The other wheel stuck. Corp. Graves was the gunner. He was "Jinx" from then on.—1stLt. Louis Olzyk, PRO.

Battle Veterans Teach Fledglings

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Marine students at the Bombing and Gunnery School here listen intently when any of their five instructors explain tactical points in aerial gunnery. It isn't theory they are hearing, but indisputable facts learned through actual combat.

The five Leathernecks imparting hard-earned knowledge to fledgling gunners know whereof they speak, having a combined record of nine Jap Zeros shot down in the Pacific.

Battle veterans returned to the U.S. and assigned to the school are MTSgt. John H. Moore of Bellaire, O., and Warren D. Sanders of Dallas, Tex.; TSgt. John J. Blair of Bronx, N.Y., and SSGts. William R. Jimison Jr. of Elkhart, Ind., and Clarence T. Davis of Amherst, Tex.

— Bay Insurance —

First Shot

CAMP PENDLETON—Sgt. Edward Hart of Brooklyn, N. Y., who served aboard the USS Brooklyn when that ship fired the first shot during the initial action at Casablanca Nov. 8, 1942, is recuperating at USNH here from tropical diseases.

Veteran Flight Officer Passes On Trade Tricks

MCAS, EL TORO—There's a young Marine pilot up there—in trouble. He can't get his wheels down. He's a good pilot, too. Trained just the way the Marine Corps likes to train its flyers. But he may have to make a "wheels up" landing. He could be hurt. His confidence might be destroyed. His ship could be wrecked. Perhaps there is a trick that might be employed to bring him through and avert tragedy.

The Operations Tower calls on Grp. Hq. Sq. flight officer. Get on the radio and talk to the young flyer, they ask. Give him a few tips. Maybe you can tell him how to get his wheels down. Guide him in.

KNOWS TRICKS

More often than not, the flight officer suggests a trick that less experienced pilots might not yet have learned. That is why Marine flyers at El Toro respect flight officer Capt. Byron E. Orvis, veteran of 17 years with Marine aviation, who rose from the ranks to become one of the Corps' most experienced as well as distinguished flyers.

In rising from the early class of enlisted men who were given opportunities for flight training, he already had seen service in the Second Nicaraguan campaign when he was sent to Pensacola for pilot training. He has served in Cuba and has flown from the decks of the famous carriers Lexington, Saratoga, Wasp, Ranger and Yorktown. He was in the fight from the first with Marine aviators at Guadalcanal.

It was not until 1942 that he was commissioned after years of flight as an NCO. During his long career he has received official credit for having flown virtually every type of airplane in commission with the Marine Corps.

— March Forward —

Chevron Displays Ribbons, Patches

A display of the 39 ribbons of the Army, Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Treasury Dept. in their correct sequence plus six ribbons for the Merchant Marine is now on display in the Chevron office, second deck, Bldg. 15. The display includes the ribbons authorized during this war and is complete except for Civil War, Indian campaign and other outdated ribbons having no current significance.

Also on display is a complete set of all authorized Marine shoulder patches. The two displays were prepared for The Chevron by Hiborn-Hamburger, Inc., manufacturers of military equipment and insignia, and may be seen at any time by interested Marines.

Lust Of Pilot For Wild Boar Killing Satisfied

EFATE, NEW HEBRIDES (Delayed)—A Marine dive bomber pilot, credited with 48 strikes against the Japs in the Rabaul area, yesterday returned to the front sky lines to plague the enemy with new vigor gained in a scrimmage with a wild pig.

In previous missions, Capt. Clyde E. Eaton of Compton, Cal., sank six barges, demolished 10 warehouses, and scored a half dozen hits on anti-aircraft positions. But he wasn't satisfied. He wanted more than anything else to bag a wild boar.

Back home in Compton, the Leatherneck had been a reputable woodsman, expert with the rod and the rifle. In Efate, where he came to rest after a combat tour, he hacked through the jungle night and day stalking boars. He didn't get close enough to hear them grunt.

Eaton's obsession perturbed his squadron mates. One of their hottest pilots seemed interested only

in pigs. They enlisted the aid of Monsieur Gabriel des Granges, a patriotic gentleman of some means whose broad acres were a second home to Marine aviators. Beyond his coconut palm plantation was a wilderness full of boars.

The Frenchman contributed a dozen shaggy hunting dogs and 100 Tonkenese bushboys.

It was relatively simple under the guidance of experts. The dogs picked up the scent, outflanked a 175-pound tusk-snouted brute, and drove it toward the Californian.

The squadron heaved a collective sigh of relief.

Everyone in Efate was glad. Capt. Eaton had shot a boar. 1stLt. Millard Kaufman, PRO.

Knife Fighting Course Gets Quantico Candidates Ready

ME, QUANTICO—"Rough and ready, up and at 'em" boys are Marines here who are presently undergoing a "combat conditioning" program designed to shape them for close contact with fighting men of Uncle Sam's aggressor nations.

Under Virginia's warm sun, OCS

are receiving thorough schooling in bayonet fighting, knife work and hand-to-hand combat, with no holds barred. These "Quantico Commandos" are taught to get tough in a hurry.

The "progressive" method used in teaching the art of bayonet fighting to OCS is one evolved out of several theories advanced by Marines whose careers have been devoted to teaching the subject.

2dLt. Charles H. Lawrence of Kingston, Mass., is in charge of coordinating the efforts of officer and non-com instructors.

SKELETON PROGRAM

"It takes months to learn the real art," says Lt. Lawrence, adding that "this is just a skeleton program that would be enlarged upon in any line outfit."

One of his past innovations in the "combat conditioner" is a "log drill", in which several Marines lift a lengthy log off the ground and over their shoulders to develop arm and leg muscles.

The bayonet course here is designed to test agility and physical hardiness.

After a long stretch of thrusts at stuffed dummies and parries with swinging wooden blocks, Marines wind up their bayonet course

with a rifle-over-head somersault over a hand rail and into a trench filled with sawdust.—Corp. Robert W. Kirby, combat correspondent.

— Shoot Straight —

Marines Protect Native Gardeners

LINGA LINGA PLANTATION NEW BRITAIN (Delayed)—A small body of Marines, taking part in a mopping up operation in the Elephora Bay area, had the usual experience of settling up a defense around a native garden during one of their patrols.

It happened on the second day of a mission during which a 2-man unit led by 1stLt. James H. Currier of Glendale, Ore., killed 11 Japs.

"We spent a night near a half-a-village," Lt. Currier related, "and the next morning we were told that the women were staying away from their vegetable gardens because they were afraid of the Japs."

Marines escorted a native party to the gardens, set up a small defense perimeter and maintained a guard while the natives gathered their crops.



OFF TO YOKOHAMA, Sgt. Jonise Rae Ball has taken over the work of chief communications clerk at MCAD, Miramar, formerly handled by her husband, MTSgt. William Donald Ball, Collins Center, N.Y. He's off to fight.



HELPING HAND. Corp. Dick Falk, former Milwaukee personnel relations executive, adapts to military life some of his civilian methods in talking things over with Corp. Lyman Abbott of Wollaston, Md., at MCAD, Miramar.

Miramar Non-Com Handles Problems Of Personnel

MCAD, MIRAMAR — Ordinarily, NCOs do not encourage men of lesser rank to "talk over" personal problems nor do they often concern themselves with providing solutions for the varied difficulties of their men.

But at this depot, at least one non-com is quietly and efficiently instituting the practice of handling aviation personnel on the basis of a closer personal relationship with each man, a thorough understanding of his problems, and a deeper insight into his need for an occasional helping hand.

This Leatherneck Samaritan is Corp. Dick Falk, whose handling of employee-relations at the Falk Corp. in Milwaukee, Wis., when he was a civilian, prompted the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to name him one of the "10 outstanding living men of 1943."

In November, 1943, an article describing Falk's system for handling

problems of the 3500 employees of the Falk Corp. appeared in Readers Digest.

Today, Corp. Falk is assistant NCO-in-C of an organization which numbers between 300 and 400 men. The squadron with which he serves is a funnel through which Marine aviation personnel must pass enroute to battle zones or when returning from combat.

Arrival of men from overseas at this depot frequently finds their equipment filled seabags still "somewhere in the South Pacific." In many cases, it has been weeks, and even months, since they have been paid. Almost every man has problems and worries to be straightened out. It is Corp. Falk's job to insure food, clothing, quarters and pay. In addition, he makes it his job to discover their problems and assist them in finding a solution. — S/Sgt. David Stick, combat correspondent.

Miramar Boosts Bond Allotments

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Marine personnel stationed here subscribed to War Bond allotments at the rate of \$2,360 per day, during a recent five-day promotion campaign, according to Maj. J. E. Whigham, War Bond Officer.

The campaign increased the percentage of participation by depot personnel from 44.9 percent to 54.1 percent. The percentage figures here are deceptive since so much of the personnel is in a transient status.

Greatest single increase was reported by 2dLt. G. E. Juhan of Marine Wing Ser. Sq. 2. His men showed a jump from 41.4 to 87.6 percent and a total subscription of \$4,406.25, more than one-third of the drive's \$11,600 total.

— Stand Fast —

Unit Citation

WASHINGTON—The Presidential Unit Citation has been awarded the USS Sailfish for outstanding performance of the submarine in combat against strongly escorted enemy task forces and convoys in Japanese-controlled waters, during which four important hostile vessels were completely destroyed.

CombaTips

Tip and save these weekly articles for reference

Do not use field glasses openly; observe the same principles as in firing the rifle from concealment.

Do not permit straggling, and do not straggle yourself.

Dig in whenever halted and improve holes as time permits. An entrenching tool is next in value to a soldier's personal arms and must be carried at all times.

There are no wet-nurses in action. Learn the difference between a hero and a fool; the former has common sense as well as courage. Do not try to win the war single-handed. Use teamwork, live, and be successful.

— Salute Smartly —

Signs Up Again

CAMP LEJEUNE — P/Sgt. John Burns of Detroit, Mich., a native of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who claims more than 30 years of Marine Corps service and several medals for gallantry, recently signed his name to another four-year enlistment. In addition, he took his first classification test.

Old Timers

Sergeant Major Signs On Again After 33 Years

Reputation As Authority On Military Questions Earned By Colorful NCO

MC, NAVY YARD, Washington, D. C.—With 33 years' service under his belt, Sgt. Maj. Chester O. Hanford, who supervised administration of this post, has shipped over to keep the situation well in hand.

Sgt. Maj. Hanford knows the answers and is regarded as a walking "Information Please" on military questions. Asked the "authority for desertion," however, his wrath is vehement.

The sergeant major's advice to Leathernecks who are stranded, sick or who have strayed from the straight and narrow is punctuated with colorful and sometimes unprintable expressions. His keen wit is derived from observing people throughout the world.

MANY FRIENDS

Hundreds of Leathernecks who drop in to see Sgt. Maj. Hanford are greeted by their first names, learned during cruises dating back to 1911 and during a hitch in the Army.

Sgt. Maj. Hanford has served in China, the Philippines, Cuba, Nicaragua and aboard the USS Idaho, the USS Seattle and the USS Texas, giving him 10 years of sea-going duty.

He was assigned to this Navy Yard from Cuba in 1933 and has served here continuously since. His shore duty has included Mare Island, San Diego, Philadelphia, New York City and Hampton Roads.

He wears the Good Conduct Medal with five bars, the Victory Medal, the West Indies Clasp, the Expeditionary Medal with one bronze star and the Nicaraguan Campaign Medal.

— Use Y-Mail —

Ex-Marine Refused Old Job, Given Pay

DALLAS, Tex.—A medically discharged Marine this week had a new job, his mustering-out pay and \$1500 given him by a former employer in lieu of his old job.

The employer, whose identity was not disclosed, refused to re-hire the Marine, but offered him a year's salary instead. The ex-serviceman accepted and got another job to boot.



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Two MCH non-coms had D-Day figured down to a T, or, better yet, a D.

1stSgt. H. A. Flaskaali of Hq. Co., Base Hq. Bn., predicted well in advance that the invasion would take place when the moon turned full. To make his prediction more accurate, he went to the Base Recreation Office to find out from a calendar there when the moon changed. The date was June 6—June 5 in England.

QMSgt. Ralph E. Dusan dreamed two weeks ago that he was run through by a bayonet and killed in a beachhead melee on the first day of the invasion. He told associates in the QM office the next day that he was "killed" on June 5. He thinks that date stuck in his mind before he went to sleep because June 5 was his next pay day, also an important date to remember.

— March Proudly —

Blood donations made in the U.S. may be returned to donors overseas.

Range Riflemen Outshoot NTC, Civilian Club

CAMP MATTHEWS—Eight Marine riflemen from this camp were victors over Naval Training Center, and the West Coast Rifle Club of San Diego in a free-for-all match with M-1s here last Sunday. The civilian team took second place with a score of 1848, NTS trailed with 1834.

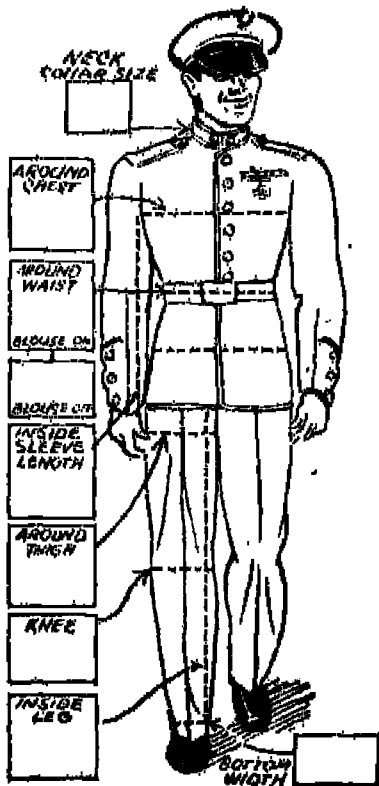
High individual score of the match was a 241 fired by Sgt. B. Soderberg of the eight-man Marine team.

Scores turned in by the other seven Marines were: 234, PFC. H. R. Oyler; 232, PFC. C. M. White; 231, PFC. W. F. Koloski; 230, PFC. B. E. Montague; 229, PFC. A. B. Parker and Sgt. M. R. Beebe; and 223, Corp. M. Mahlinger.

Captain of the Marine team was Capt. Ralph Steinboff, former member of the West Coast Rifle Club, who now commands E Range here.

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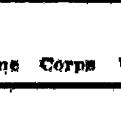
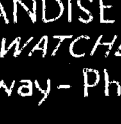
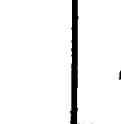
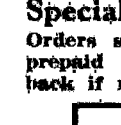
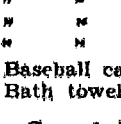
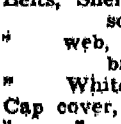
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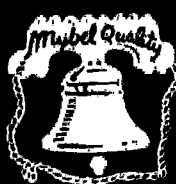
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Battle Sounds And Recoil Of Weapons Simulated By New Method Of Training

CAMP ELLIOTT—Several thousand machine gunners currently are blessing Japanese aircraft with greatly increased proficiency as the result of a few hours' indoor training on a complicated gadget at this camp.

The gadget, which fires nothing more lethal than photo-electric cell beams, is known as the Waller Guntery Trainer. Capt. Murray Ehrlich of San Diego is in charge of its use here.

The intricate machine is patterned after the 100-shots-for-a-nickel toy machine guns found in amusement palaces.

FIRES 'BEAMS'

It consists of five motion-picture projectors, which operate in synchronization, and four machine guns which fire photo-cell beams. A huge segment of the horizon is projected on a large concave screen, and across this the target planes zoom in all angles.

Machine guns are equipped with right sights, swiveling seats and head phones. They operate exactly as actual weapons, duplicating not only the sound of fire, but the recoil action of a .50 calibre machine gun.

HITS RECORDED

A master control board, manned by a single instructor, operates the trainer. As each trainee fires, gauges on the board record the number of rounds fired, the number of bursts, and the number of hits.

A microphone on the control board enables the instructor to speak either individually or collectively to his four trainees. By pressing a button he can check up instantly on any trainee's aim and tell whether he is "leading" properly or not, by means of a tiny spotlight attached to each of the four machine-gun sights. Each spotlight shows on the screen exactly where the trainee is aiming, but because of the lens arrangement of the ring sights, spotlights are visible only to the instructor.

SIGHT TRAINING

Speed of the zooming planes, bullet velocity and other factors have been taken into consideration in preparing the training films, so the trainee has only to worry about lining up his sights.

"If he can register hits here, he can do it when he's up against the real thing," declared Sgt. George Guida of Pocomo Summit, Pa., school instructor. There are only two Waller trainers in the Corps, the other being at Camp Lejeune.

Army Plans Daily Pacific Newspaper

"Tokyo Express" is the futuristic name of a new Army newspaper which plans to publish 100,000 copies daily for distribution throughout the Pacific area, with final editions to come out in the Jap capital.

The editor will be StSgt. Frederick (Chip) Cleary, who has edited "Men O' War", camp paper for the Santa Anita Army Ordnance Training Center.



"These hands your husband is sending to you have maturity value, Mrs. Swanson. Not maternity!"

Elliott Operates Reproduction Unit

CAMP ELLIOTT—The Area Reproduction Sec. here is supplementing Marine lithographic sections of the east coast with the preparation of additional pamphlets, manuals, maps and other lithographed material.

The section was organized in 1943 to do work formerly done by engineering units temporarily stationed here. Utilizing an available MT garage, the section has assumed a great many types of work not anticipated at the time of organization. CWO. G. E. Hagen has been in charge of the section since its inception and has seen the staff grow from 12 to 17 men and 2 WRs.

Decorated By Army

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Casualties

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Isa Wasn't 'Goat' In This Air Raid

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed) — "Isa" has plenty of savvy when it comes to taking care of himself during air raids.

The island-hopping billy goat, trained by his Seabee master, CBM. Robert Caddell of Washington, D. C., to drill and march up the gangway wearing his navy blue blouse with Seabee insignia, shoved off awhile back to make another landing with the Marines.

Recently, reports Sgt. Bill Allen, combat correspondent, the CPOs, got to wondering what happened to Isa during frequent air raids.

CY. R. L. Wood of Richmond, Va., accidentally solved the mystery when he dived into a grease pit in the MT area one night during an alert. He found himself sharing the pit with someone who refused to answer questions. It was Isa.

— Write Home —

New Designation For Aviation WRs

WRs assigned to aviation units, with the exception of the Paymaster Dept. and the Commissary branch, hereafter will be designated "aviation personnel" regardless of the special nature of their duties. The authority is provided in a recent Ltr. of Instrn.

Another recent Letter authorizes flight pay for WRs detailed to duty involving flying.

New Chevrons For 'Tops' Now Ready For Issue

A stock of the new chevrons for first sergeants, estimated to be sufficient for initial issue, is now available at the Philadelphia Depot and will be distributed to depots in the near future.

Issue of the old style chevrons will be discontinued as soon as the new style is available.

The chevron for a first sergeant is identical with that worn by enlisted men of the first pay grade, line, except that a lozenge has been inserted in the center of the bars and area. (See illustration).

WEARING WRONG CHEVRONS

Headquarters Bulletin for June 1944 points out misunderstanding has caused enlisted personnel of the first three pay grades, notably those in the second and third, to believe that chevrons with "rockers" should be worn by Marines performing staff duties on the line.

Staff and technical sergeants wear the prescribed chevrons for those grades no matter where or what type of duty they are performing.

— May Insurance —

Fired On German

America's first shot in the World War was fired by a Marine rifleman who fired a shot across the bow of a German cutter in the harbor of Guam on the morning of Apr. 6, 1917.

To The Marines:

One of our employees is with the Merchant Marine, and has sailed the "Seven Seas" in the course of his duties. We recently received a letter from him, parts of which we think might be of interest to Chevron Readers:

"... but I managed to get into the battle field (and that is nothing but a jungle) and see the boys do their stuff. And if there is anything to be thankful for, it is that we have the Marine Corps on our side"

"... they go for the beach and keep going and going, giving the Nips more hell than they ever imagined could exist, (and also taking a lot too) but they never stop until every Jap is rooted out of his hole.

"... the Army is doing a swell job, too"

"... course the Navy is tops, slugging it out at every chance, and what a Navy we have now. Any one of our Task Forces can engage the whole Grand Imperial Jap fleet and come out on top"

"... and if we keep shoving the Nips around like we have in the past it won't be long before I have a nice cool one at Cecils again, 'cause we will have arrived, and I mean in Tokio"

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REAL MARINES. These WFs wield mean cues during off duty hours in the MCAD, Miramar, women's lounge, where a pool table is latest addition. From left are Pvts, Geraldine Horst and Ruth E. Bruhart, both of Milwaukee, and Pvt. Katherine F. Feltynski of Greenberg, Wis.

Drama Of Bandsmen Slated For 'Halls' Radio Show

The story of bandsmen who laid aside their instruments to fight Japs and serve as litter bearers on Bougainville will be dramatized on Tuesday evening's broadcast of the "Halls of Montezuma" from the Base Theater at 1930.

Guests on the show will be Sgts. Tallbot Vogler of Colorado Springs, Colo., John Queen of Marquette City, Mich., Robert Friche of Escondido, Cal., Irv Boudreau and Larry Blanchard, both of New Orleans, La. The guests, all members of the Base band company, returned from Bougainville several months ago. Sgt. Vogler holds the Bronze Star for gallantry in action as a stretcher bearer.

The coast-to-coast radio broadcast will be followed immediately by a stage presentation of the "Marine Corps Folies."

Veteran Musicians Given New Duties

A 19-piece band composed entirely of limited duty men returned from overseas will leave MCB soon for the rehabilitation center at Klamath Falls, Ore., as one of the first to be assigned such duty. TSgt. Julius Samow, a cornetist, will be in charge of the unit, purpose of which will be to aid morale of convalescing Marines.

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Medal Of Honor Presented Hero's Parents By Navy

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WASHINGTON—Artemus L. Gates, Asst. Secy. of the Navy for Air, today presented to Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gurke of Neche, N.D., the Medal of Honor awarded posthumously by the President in the name of Congress to their son, PFC. Henry Gurke, who died last Nov. 9 during action against the Japs on Bougainville.

Gurke received the nation's highest military honor for throwing himself on a Jap hand grenade to protect a comrade and to allow the latter to continue to fire an automatic weapon, badly needed at the time. He knew that his action would mean certain death.

Present at the ceremonies today at noon in the Navy Department building besides the hero's mother and father were his sister, Mrs. Clayton Geiger of Neche; his brother, 2d Lt. Samuel Gurke of the AAF; Lt. Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, Commandant, and Lt. Col. Paul Drake, Aide to the Commandant.

— Shoot Straight —

Collector Makes Overseas 'Find'

GUADALCANAL (Delayed)—Spending his liberty browsing in music stores in New Zealand, Sgt. Frederick C. Vollrath of Indianapolis, Ind., was rewarded recently with the discovery of four rare Jeanette MacDonald records.

A MacDonald fan, Sgt. Vollrath had a collection of the singer's records complete except for the four discs, not obtainable in the U. S. Sgts. Francis H. Barr, combat correspondent.

— March Forward —

Matinee Dances
The Fifth and Ash St. USO in San Diego will feature Sunday afternoon dances starting at 1900, to be followed by old-fashioned suppers and movies. All servicemen and women are cordially invited.

— Written Home Letters? —

Negroes In Army
The number of Negroes serving in the Army was 661,068 as of Feb. 29, 1944, an increase of 81,205 over the Aug. 31, 1943, total of 582,681, the War Dept. has announced.

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BASE THEATER
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Sunday — In Our Time, Heurld-Lupino.
Monday — Charlie Chan in Secret Service, Toler-Kayson.
Tuesday — The Girl of Montezuma Broadcast, 1930; Marine Corp Variety Show.
Wednesday — Phantom Lady, Toner-Raines.
Thursday — Last Angel, O'Brien-Craig.
Friday — You Belong to Me, Fonda-Stanwyck.

CAMP MATTHEWS
1745

Today — Jack Eyre, Welles-Fontaine.
Sunday — Life Begins at Forty, Rogers-Hudson.
Monday — The Mad Ghoul, Bruce-Ankers.
Tuesday — In Our Time, Heurld-Lupino.
Wednesday — Boxing Matches.
Thursday — Swing Out the Blues, Haynes-Merrick.
Friday — Phantom Lady, Toner-Raines.

CAMP ELLIOTT

Auditorium program listed same program given in Theaters No. 1 and No. 2 one and two days later, respectively.
Today — This is The Life, O'Connor-Foster.
Sunday — Song of the Open Road, McCarthy-Bergen.
Monday — Invisible Man's Revenge, Hall-Ankers.
Tuesday — Between Two Worlds, Garfield-Henford.
Wednesday — The Purple Heart, Andrews-Cole.
Thursday — Marine Raiders, Ryan-O'Brien.

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1745-2000

Saturday — Make Your Own Bed, Carson-Wynon.
Sunday and Monday — Going My Way, Crosby-Fitzgerald.
Tuesday — The Yellow Canary, Neagle-O'Connell.
Wednesday — The Scarlet Claw, Rathbone-Wince.
Thursday — Song of the Open Road, McCarthy-Bergen.
Friday — This is The Life, O'Connor-Foster.

— Salute Smartly —

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SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Corp. George B. Callender of Oneonta, N. Y., doesn't particularly look like a high-powered radio producer, but he almost single-handedly developed a full-time entertainment program over a simple camp public address system when his unit was stationed in New Zealand.

The origin of the whole thing was a daily newscast series which Corp. Callender, a radio technician, began preparing to present along with regular camp announcements. Music was soon added when he called into use 39 records and a victrola he had brought from the U.S.

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All of this was strictly extra-curricular until, as the corporal recalls, "One day I was astounded when I was handed an order from the colonel making the station an official project."

"Naturally, we had to branch out then. We increased our record library through contributions from the men until we had 200. We presented various commentaries, personal appearances, and re-broadcasts. And once I even got ambitious enough to produce a full 'March of Time' program. When Winston Churchill addressed Congress, we carried a 20-minute condensation of his 45-minute speech."—Sgt. Stanford Opatowsky, combat correspondent.

— Use V-Mail —

Lake Battles
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Andrews Leading MCB Hit Parade

Top-hitting MCB baseball regular at the end of 36 games, including last Sunday's brush with the Northrup Bombers, was Corp. Neil Andrews, catcher, with a lusty .361.

A higher .400 mark belongs to Pvt. Stanley Bolton, but the new left fielder hasn't had enough trips to the plate in four games to qualify as a challenger for the distinction. Corp. Andrews also stood as the club's leading run-batter, with 23 to his credit, three more than PFC Johnny Simmons, center fielder, could show.

Simmons and PFC Lee Mohr, shortstop, were riding in Andrews' wake—the latter with .344, Simmons with .347. Other top hitters included Pvt. Harry Hughes, manager and first baseman, .333; PFC Preston Chappell, second baseman, .306; PFC Bill Gann, pitcher, .294; PFC D. C. Moore, third baseman, .263, and Pvt. Sam Hancock, outfielder, .259.

Statistics revealed these additional and pertinent factors in MCB baseball success:

Most scores—Miramar, 40; Chapell, 34.
Most hits—Mohr, 40; Andrews, 35.
Most doubles—Andrews, 9.
Most triples—Simmons, Gann and Ruck, 1 each.
Most home runs—Simmons and Moore, 2 each.
Most stolen bases—Chappell, 20 (an average of one a game).
Most strikeouts—Ruck, 15 (a dubious honor).
Most walks—Simmons, 18.

ABG-2 THWARTED BY PRESSLEY'S PITCHING

Three-hit pitching by Leroy Pressley of Coast Guard Patrol proved too much for ABG-2 this week at Navy Field, the Marine nine dropping a 7 to 0 decision in an 11th Naval Dist. game.

Score: ABG-2 0, Navy 7.
Pitching: Pressley, Scarborough and Southard; Pressley and Mayo.

FT. ROSECRANS THROTTLES PENDLETON LEATHERNECKS

Johnny Storti, with three hits in four trips, paced Ft. Rosecrans to a 6 to 0 baseball victory over Camp Pendleton's 5th Div. nine at Navy Field this week. The Leathernecks could collect only five hits off Rube Hoffelinger's chucking.

Score: Ft. Rosecrans 6, 5th Division 0.
Pitching: Hoffelinger and Jackovich; Simmons, Nyckell and Dupinsky.

EL TORO MARINES WIN TWO MORE; BOTH CLOSE

MCAS, El Toro—The El Toro Marines baseball team added two victories to its growing string this week, nailing out Camp Pendleton, 7 to 6, and Terminal Island NAS, 4 to 3. Pitcher Larry Mainer of El Toro won his own game from NAS with a lusty eighth-inning double that scored two runs.

Elliott Ball Club Wins Two Games

CAMP ELLIOTT—Base Depot stretched its baseball record to six wins and one loss this week by racking up a 9-1 win over Camp Matthews and an easy 30-1 decision over an 18th Def. Bn. nine.

PFC Calvin Menely hit two home runs against the Lighthouse outfit. Scores: Base Depot 9, 18th Def. Bn. 1.
Camp Matthews 30, 18th Def. Bn. 1.
Pitching: Menely and Hubert; Hubert, Jones and Williams; Williams, 18th Def. Bn. 6, 8.
Base Depot 20, 18th Def. Bn. 1.
Schwartz, Graham and Mackinnon; Putnam and Hubert; Graham.

And I Do Mean You're OUT

By Sgt. Bill Allen, Combat Correspondent
SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (wireless). The boys tell this story on Corp. Willis Stone Carr of Tanager, Tenn., who, because of his piercing, hog-calling voice, is the most popular in-chief when there is a ball game.

A recent game between officers and men caused the noise outfit to turn out.

Corp. Carr was never in finer voice as he erupted with wild gesticulations in the vicinity just behind the catcher. His roars chilled the air.

Along about the last half of the fifth, a batter, who seemed tame in to pinch hit,

The pitcher worked him to a two and two count. Then he got a fast one that clipped the corner for a called strike.

"Yerrrrrrr out," screamed Corp. Carr with a roar of impetuous authority.

The lieutenant colonel was of the opinion the ball was high and on the inside.

"What?" he snorted, turning on ardent Carr.

"I mean you are out SIR," replied Corp. Carr, coming to a rigid attention.



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Hard-Hitting Marines Stay On Right Path

Victory Over NTC Keeps 11th Naval Record Spotless

Naval Training Center, Northrup Bombers and Camp Pendleton's 5th Div. Leathernecks, in that order, felt the bite of a vastly improved, well balanced MCB baseball club this week.

All three teams had beaten the Base earlier this season, but sweetest of the victories came last Saturday over tough, highly regarded NTC, 5 to 2. As a result of that one, pitching credit for which went to PFC Ray Yochim, MCB remained undefeated in the 11th Naval Dist.

Behind the airtight chucking of PFC Bill Gann and Corp. Rudy Pugh, the Marines trampled Long Beach's Northrup Bombers, 10 to 0. Gann allowed one hit in six innings and then gave way to Pugh. The latter came back three days later to stop the 5th Div., 5 to 3, in an 11-inning thriller.

PUGH IS HERO

Not only did he hurl creditably by giving up seven hits and three earned runs, but Pugh delivered the tell-tale punch himself by putting a long double that scored Pvt. Stan Bolton's pinch runner (Gann) from first base with two away. Bolton started the rally with a single.

It was an uphill fight all the way for MCB after the Pendleton outfit had broken away for three runs in the first inning on two hits and a pair of bobbles. Big "Dee" Moore paced the attack on Pendleton's Bill Luhrs with three blows in five trips, including a triple and a double.

Man of the hour for MCB against the Navy team last Saturday was PFC Lee Mohr, whose ninth-inning single, one of three hits for the day, drove in Pvt. Sam Hancock from second base and broke a 2-all deadlock.

NEW PITCHER

In that game, too, the Marines had to come from behind. Pvt. Ray Minor, making his first start for MCB, proved a trifle wild albeit effective. He walked in a run to give NTC the lead in the second, gave up another run in the fifth on a pair of doubles and then yielded to Yochim with one

Next Week's Games

Today—Camp Kearney here, 1415.
Sunday — Repair Base here, 1415.
Wednesday — Camp Miramar, probably here, 1500.
Saturday — Camp Callan here, 1415.

away and two on in the eighth. Northrup failed to field the same powerhouse outfit that clipped the Base nine earlier in the year at Long Beach. Before Southpaw Tillie Schafer could get his bearings, the Leathernecks had six runs suited down in two innings. From then on they coasted.

Although Yochim had to go to his rescue, Minor gave every indication that he will help Manager Harry Hughes' pitching staff. The 23-year-old Texas, who hurled for Wilmington, Del., in the Interstate league, had plenty of smoke and a good curve, too.

UNBEATEN CHUCKER

Pugh's win Wednesday was his fifth of the year without a loss. Yochim's relief trick against NTC made his record 10 victories against 1 defeat. Gann marked up his third win (against three defeats) at Northrup's expense.

Camp Kearney, Repair Base and Camp Miramar all pose league problems for the Leathernecks this week.

Scores: Naval Training Center 2, MCB 5.
Marine Corps Base 10, Northrup Bombers 0.
Jones and Cameron; Minor, Yochim (6) and Andrews.
Northrup Bombers 0, MCB 10.
Marine Corps Base 16, MCB 1.
Schafer and White; Gann, Pugh (7) and Andrews.
5th Division 5, MCB 7.
Marine Corps Base 9, MCB 2.
Luhrs and Oates; Pugh and Andrews.

Christiansen, Banach Win Bowling Prizes

For the fourth time this year TSgt. Mike Banach hauled down the PX Bowling Alleys' weekly prize for high single game when he rolled 231 last week. Sgt. J. L. Christiansen, now attached to a tank unit at Jacques Farm, was high the previous week with 239.

— Shoot Straight —
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ANOTHER MARINE VICTORY. Somewhere in the Marshalls this trio helped 4th Marine Air Wing Hq. to softball victory over Army Engineers. From left, Sgts. James R. Boosinger of Denver, Colo., Bruce E. Austin of Scottsville, Ky., and Corp. John W. Heffernan of Wilmette, Ill. (Photos by Sgt. Howard C. Coven, combat photographer).

RD Softballers Lead Local Loop

As long as PFC. "Sig" Lawson stays in there pitching, RD's softball worries are virtually nil. To say that Lawson is stingy with base hits whenever he goes to the softball mound is to put it mildly. Already this season he has hurled five no-hitters, three in the Inter-Battalion league and two in 11th Naval Dist. play. Formerly a star for the noted Tulsa Oilers, Lawson dealt out his fifth hitless game of the season Wednesday as RD defeated Hq. Bn., 4 to 0, to stay at the top of the Inter-Battalion circuit. Ser. and Sig. Bn. previously had failed to touch him. RD's margin over Ser. Bn. last week was 1 to 0. In other games Gd. Bn. defeated Hq. Bn., 4 to 0, and Sig. Bn. outscored Battalion Offices, 10 to 6.

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Softball

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Team	R.	H.	E.
MCB Sig. Bn.	1	4	0
NAS Marine Gd.	1	2	2
Musca and Dunc; Mazy and Mangum.			
Pioneer Base	7	3	2
Minnar	3	4	5
Mettelholz, Wines and Baker; Lail and Frame.			
MCB Ser. Bn.	7	3	2
NAS Gd.	3	3	1
Propp and Santillo; Green and Owens.			
Elliott Dents	11	1	1
Minnar Ser. Bn.	6	7	3
Thummond and Wherung; Irvin and Peterson.			
MCB Guard Bn.	1	1	0
Supron	0	4	2
Ritchey and Gorman; King and Schavrich.			

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES
Monday—MCB RD vs. NAS Raider, 1730; MCB Sig. Bn. vs. USNII, 1700.
Tuesday—MCB Hq. Bn. vs. Minnars Pers., 1700.
Wednesday—ADG-1 vs. Pacific Beach, 4 A., 1700; Shore Patrol vs. MCB Gd. Bn., 3:00; NTC Post Office vs. VMJ 583, 1700; NAS Alredates vs. MarFair West, 1730.
Thursday—Flag Marines vs. Dist. No. 2, 1700.

El Centro Softball Team Off To Races

MCAS, EL CENTRO—Managed by StfSgt. C. L. Schwein, the Marine Flyers' softball team got off to a flying start in the El Centro league by winning their first two games. The club won the league title last season.

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Aircraft Wing's Softball Squad Whips Army, 8-0

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—When Marines aren't swinging guns on the Japs, they're swinging the old baseball bat around. Yesterday the 4th Mar. Aircraft Wing Hq. softball team, by way of proving Leathernecks are as deadly with bats as with guns, defeated a U. S. Army Engineers team, 8 to 0.

Sgt. James R. Boosinger of Denver, Colo., well known in his state's sandlot circles, hurled the full nine innings for the Marines in a fast game played against a backdrop of smashed Jap pillboxes and other enemy gear. The boys say they like that kind of background. It sort of gives them a lift.

CRACK OUTFIT

The Wing Hq. team is considered one of the top teams in the South Pacific, having won 13 games and lost only two. When it was in the Gilberts, the club won the championship of one of the islands in the Tarawa atoll. Brig. Gen. Lewis G. Merritt, commanding general of the wing, has seen to it that the team has complete uniforms from caps to spiked shoes.

The roster includes: TSgts. Charles A. Jones of Russell Springs, Ky., and Jake DeWard of Eagle Butte, S. D.; StfSgts. Ernest J. Fulkerson of Fowlerville, Mich., Robert J. Garrad of Orville, O., James F. Ryan of Jersey City, N. J., and Curtis J. Kirby of San Jose, Cal.; Sgts. James A. Newell of Detroit, Paul P. Lewis of Greenville, Mich., Maurice K. Baach of Louisville, Ky., and Bruce E. Austin of Scottsville, Ky.; Corps, Charles O. Wheeler of Paintsville, Ky.; Billy J. Shirer of Seneca, O., Harold A. Jungbluth of Milwaukee, Wis., John W. Heffernan of Wilmette, Ill., L. M. Parslow of Auburn, Wash., Howard Battenfield of Jordan, W. Va., John T. Williams of Dallas, Tex., and Mark Senich of Carson Lake, Minn.

— **Alm True** —

Two Former College Athletes Surveyed

PARRIS ISLAND—"Trick knees" brought surveys for two highly publicized athletes here this week. Patrick J. Pilley, 1943 Notre Dame football captain, and Arthur B. Himmel, Penn State athletic star, were given medical discharges.

— **Salute Smartly** —
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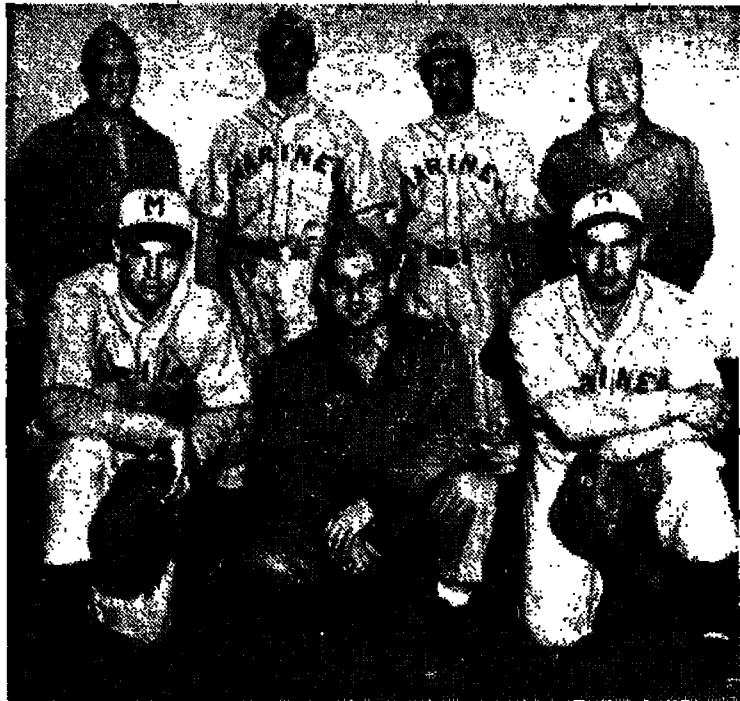
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NEWLY ORGANIZED. Camp Elliott now boasts a baseball team, Base Depot, and instrumental in its organization were these men. From left, back row: Col. Edward P. Simmonds, Base Depot CO; PFC. Nicholas F. Johnson and Corp. Woodrow T. Putnam, pitchers; Maj. Walter E. Yaecker, executive officer. Front row: 2dLts. Richard W. Klagen, team manager; Nicholas J. Matson, athletic and morale officer, and Robert F. Habig, catcher.

THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC. VICTOR H. LEEBING

Except in a few scattered precincts, baseball parks went dark, stadium doors remained locked and nerse racing plants shut down Tuesday this week out of deference to the Allied forces smashing across the English channel to the shores of Normandy.

It was D-day and by mutual agreement the sports powers of the nation had set it aside to join in prayer for those involved in the gigantic operation; probably to pray, too, for the day of complete liberation when ball players can go back to their daily chores, football can bloom again, and spectators can pick their spots without fear of clogging up transportation or wasting time.

Where receipts were labeled for delivery to the Red Cross or other war relief organizations, the games went on but these were the exception.

SHADES OF TERRY

Meanwhile, major league patrons thumbed the record books for figures by which to show that Brooklyn's Dixie Walker is baseball's "Man of the Decade," a potential .400 hitter who, if successful, would become the first man to top that rolling since Bill Terry finished with .401 in 1930. Top American league hitter, going into the eighth week, was Chicago's Thurman Tucker at .383. Moreover, each man suffered a 12-point slump last week.

Still, it's a long time between D-day and V-day, as any Marine can plainly see.

From Lt. L. G. Walters at Camp Pendleton comes a correction on a recent declaration that USC had won the Fresno Relays for the 12th consecutive time. That word "consecutive" slipped in while we were standing at parade rest.

It was just last year that Hal Davis, now a Marine, helped Univ.

of California to break the Trojan grip on that crown.

Bobby Doerr of the Sox can keep on playing second for awhile. He and two teammates, Catcher Roy Parlee and Outfielder Leon Culbertson, received a "stay of induction."

Johanny Allen, relief pitcher who spurned all previous offers, had a change of heart and signed with the Giants. Simultaneously, the Cubs announced that Stan Hack would rejoin them. Ernie Lombardi walked the marriage plank and Bill Dickey was sworn into the naval reserve as a lieutenant.

Pensive disappointed his followers as he bid for horse racing's triple crown. Lightly regarded Bounding Horrie took his pleasure in the rich Belmont Stakes. Another outsider, Bull Dandy, was third. Out of it came some criticism for Jockey Conn McGreevy, who this time let the Calumet Farm's chestnut out early instead of laying back as he did in the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness.

REVERSES DECISION

Stubby, 18-year-old Freshman Claude (Buddy) Young helped Univ. of Illinois to a second consecutive Central Collegiate conference track title at Great Lakes. Young won both sprints, the broad jump and ran on the winning mile relay team.

Willie Joyce won a "rubber" match from Henry Armstrong at Chicago. Lou Nova got a decision over Buddy Scott at Oklahoma City, but the boxing commission did a right-about-face the next day and called it a draw, saying the announcer was "fubar" after picking up the judges' voting slips. Two voted for a draw, one for Nova. Chalky Wright's still going. He knocked out Vince Dell'Orto in Washington, D. C.

Rangemen Whipped

Visiting Soldiers Win Two Scraps, Draw In Third

CAMP MATTHEWS—Marine "boots" managed one draw out of three skirmishes with visiting Army fighters from Ft. Rosecrans here last week. Lone Leatherneck boxer to emerge with anything resembling victory was Pvt. L. J. Little, Detroit heavyweight, who fought "Red" Call of Ft. Rosecrans to a draw.

Victorious soldiers included Ray Magana, 127-pound Los Angeles veteran, who outclassed Pvt. W. E. Yencer of Toledo, O., and Grossi of Providence, R. I., 137-pounder, who won from Pvt. E. E. Hancock of Humboldt, Kan.

FIVE BLINDFOLDED

An interesting, humor-packed sidelight was a five-man "battle royal" in which Pvs. T. E. Nix of Bixby, Miss., R. L. Magebee of Longville, La., J. Holman of Winfield, Kan., A. P. Villalobos of Pecos, Tex., and D. R. Spiehler of Sledge, La., participated. Other results:

Heavyweights—Pvt. H. E. Creighton of Long Beach, Cal., outclassed Pvt. R. Ercius of Cleveland. Light-heavyweights—Pvt. H. W. Deibel of Leavenworth, Mich., outclassed Pvt. H. A. Collins of Grand Island, Neb.

—Stop Loose Talk—

Jumpers Taking OC Course At Lejeune

CAMP LEJEUNE—Among V-12 officer candidates now training here are two jumping stars from collegiate track circles—PFC. Carl Nichols of Kansas City, Mo., Univ. of Michigan broad jumper whose best mark is 23 feet 6 inches, and Pvt. Bill Vessie of Greenwich, Conn., undefeated high jumper who attended both Columbia and Dartmouth.

Sportrait



2dLT. HARRY C. WRIGHT ... noted for his stamina

Bertelli's Old Passing Target Now At Miramar

By SMSGT. Wallace R. McLain
Combat Correspondent

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Among Notre Dame's gifts to the Marine Corps is 2dLt. Harry C. Wright of Hempstead, Long Island, N. Y., currently assigned here as Pers. Gp. Athletic and Recreation Officer.

"Harry the Horse," as Lt. Wright was familiarly known to gridiron fans because of his galloping style, was an all-American choice in 1941 and 1942, selected as Notre Dame's "player of the year" in the latter season when he set an all-time "iron man" record by playing 630 minutes out of a possible 660.

As a quarterback in 1941 he teamed with Angelo Bertelli (also

Boot Ring Show Hot

Chicago's Flores Chalks Up Second Knockout Victory

Recruit Depot boxing fans last week thrilled to the efforts of a pair of experienced, willing bantamweights who battled to a draw and admitted that Pvt. Jonas Flores, 140-pounder from Chicago, is more than a match for the junior welterweights currently in boot camp.

Flores scored his second straight knockout in the RO Amphitheater when he put away Pvt. Gilbert Alvarez of Arlington, Tex., in the third round. The crowd-pleasing bantams were Pvs. Gilbert Mendez of San Antonio, Tex., and Luis Mata of El Paso, Tex.

CARD TONIGHT

Sluggers and their fight-minded boot camp followers go back to the post tonight at 1930.

Other results:

Heavyweights—Pvt. Duncan MacKinnon of Lima, O., outclassed Pvt. Lyle Phillips of Joliet, Ill. Light-heavyweights—Pvt. Leonard Zurales of Chicago outclassed Pvt. Tom Braslin of Detroit.

Welterweights—Pvt. Russell Gilbert of Detroit knocked out Pvt. Tom Kistajski of Chicago. Junior welterweights—Pvt. George Frijic of Milwaukee, Wis., knocked out Pvt. Harry Kahn of Detroit. Junior lightweights—Pvt. George Hagenbush of El Paso, Tex., knocked out Pvt. Raymond Tremble of Dallas, Tex.; Pvs. Anthony LaManna of Cleveland and Brian Worley of Chattanooga, Tenn., drew.

a Marine lieutenant) and the Bertelli-to-Wright passing duo proved a highly successful one. Lt. Wright also sparkled as a guard.

Since being assigned to Miramar, he has organized an extensive athletic program and has personally coached the Group basketball team to an 11th Naval District league championship.

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CHIEF OFF OLD BLOCK. Son of a famous professional, Sgt. Jackie Burke established his own reputation early in life. Now he teaches Marines at MCAD, Miramar.

Miramar Golf Instructor Turned Pro at Tender Age

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Formerly one of golfdom's familiar figures, Sgt. Jackie Burke of Houston, Tex., is devoting his spare time here serving as a golf instructor in the Depot recreation program.

The 21-year-old sergeant doesn't trade on the reputation of his famous father, Johnny Burke, who for years was a top ranking professional. At 10, he was the youngest professional to play the winter tournament circuit, matching strokes with the country's leading linksmen. Shortly before enlisting in October, 1942, Sgt. Burke played 30 consecutive rounds, all on different courses, and broke 70 in every case.

Prior to assignment here, he was instructor for Marines at NAS, North Island. A brother Eddie, also a Marine, is taking gunnery training in Florida.

All Marines Finish In Marathon Gallop

NATTC, MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Fifty-two Marines competed in a recent marathon run here and every man finished the test, with the last runner finishing only 2 minutes and 15 seconds behind the winner, V. C. Wisniewski of Sq. 35.

The winning Leatherneck team was composed of E. L. Caldwell, V. O. Pertulla, P. G. Walkley, L. J. Zielinski, R. O. Mehlic, J. L. Meehan and A. Sprance.

They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety. — Benjamin Franklin.

Trackmen Run Wild

Keating, Kaiser Pace Marines In Convair Classic

Like "Old Man River," the MCB track team kept rolling along last week-end. Point-hungry Marines, competing in their final local meet of the 1944 season, left all opposition far back in the race to win the Consolidated-Vultec Aircraft meet at Balboa park.

Coach Ray Sears' men counted 68½ points against 35½ for NAS, 26 for NTC, 13 for Camp Kearney, 6 for Amph. Trng. Base and 1 for Convair.

Today the Leathernecks will take their gear to Pasadena for their final competition as a team. Word came this week that PFC, Jack Kaiser, MCB's "Handy Andy," and Sgt. Cecil Phillips had been invited to participate in the National AAU meet at New York City on June 17-18.

HIGH POINT MEN

Kaiser shared scoring honors with PFC. James J. Keating of San Francisco in the Consolidated-Vultec meet. The San Diego-reared athlete won the javelin at 169 feet 3½ inches, the pole vault at 12 feet 6 inches, ran second in the high hurdles, took third in the broad jump and tied for third in the high jump.

Keating also scored a double, running the century in :09.9 and the furlong in :22.4. Besides, he helped MCB to victory in the 440-yard relay and to second place in the medley. Other victorious Marines were PFC, Ernest C. Lewis of Swink, Colo., shotput winner at 45 feet 5 inches; Corp. Grant Denmark of Palo Alto, Cal., who heaved the discus 143 feet 11 inches, and PFC, Jerome Donovan of Erie, Pa., who broad jumped 20 feet 7 inches.

RELAY TEAMS WIN

Running with Keating on the winning quarter-mile relay team were PFCs, Donovan, Herb Truxton of Linwood, Pa., and Roy A. Blush of St. Louis, Mo.

The winning mile relay team was made up of PFCs, Lloyd A. Applewhite of Courtland, Va., Hugh D. Byrne of Chicago, Cecil H. Payne of Brandon, Miss., and Pvt. John M. Shales of Glendale, Cal.

Truxton in the 100, Byrne in the mile, Applewhite in the 440 and Lewis in the discus picked up second-place points for MCB. PFC, James C. Swarbrick of Idaho Falls, Ida., scored third in both the shotput and discus. Another third-place winner was Pvt. P. P. DuFault, javelin thrower.



Marine Fighter Fools Despairing Naval Medicos

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Welterweight Garvey Young will fight again.

PFC, Young suffered fractures of three transverse spine sections in a fight with a New Zealander several months ago, and Navy physicians predicted that his boxing days were over.

According to a dispatch by Sif-Sgt. Gordon D. Marston, combat correspondent, Young recently was released from the hospital, and is experiencing no trouble in daily workouts. The Akron, O., fighter is coaching Marines in boxing here.

Young, who decided "Red" Cochrane in a non-title welterweight bout in Boston two years ago, was injured in a fight he lost to Vic Colonna, a New Zealand Army gunner.

High Average

PFC, Bill Gann's .294 batting average establishes the ex-Detroiter as top-hitting pitcher on the MCB baseball club.

Mortar Unit's Ammo Man Wins Division Boxing Title

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—PFC Francisco Saucedo De La Cruz jr. of Los Angeles, who once claimed the amateur heavyweight boxing title of Mexico, has another crown to add to his laurels these days. The 230-pound

Leatherneck, known to his buddies as "Pancho," claimed the heavyweight championship of the South Pacific when he decisively won the 3rd Div. champ here recently.

"Pancho" is a member of the 2nd Div., conqueror of Tarawa. He fought through the bloody battle without injury.

SWINGING AT 14

De La Cruz began his boxing career back in 1935 when he was only 14 years old. He fought in amateur tournaments until 1941 and then turned professional, winning 10 out of 14 bouts and going to the finals of the California Golden Gloves tournament. He lays claim to the Mexican amateur title by virtue of a decision over Jimmy Chavez in 1942.

Now preparing for further action against the Japs, "Pancho" is kept busy by his military duties. Because of his size and strength, he serves as an ammunition carrier for a mortar unit.

And his future? Well, "Pancho" says that's all settled.

"I want to go back to the U. S."



PFC. DE LA CRUZ pursues big ambition

and become the first Mexican heavyweight champion of the world," he says.

Obey Orders — PFC, David McBride of Pasadena, Cal., now taking V-12 training with OC detachment at Camp Lejeune, is one of the nation's outstanding gymnasts.

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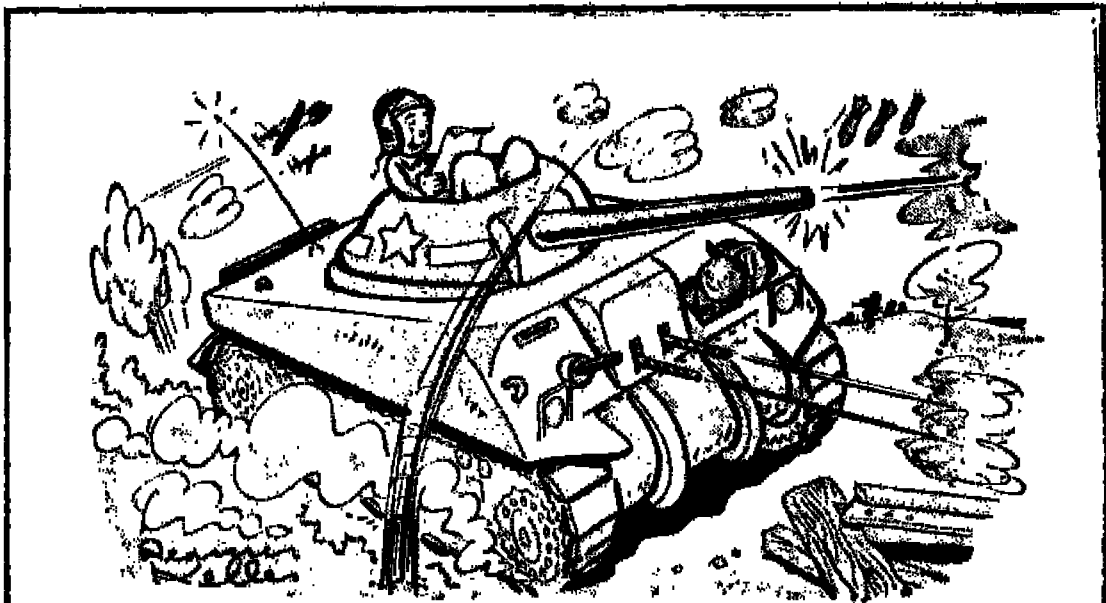
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Marines Hold Warm Spot In Hearts Of Kiwis, Australians

The Kiwis and Aussies—the people of the great English-speaking countries 'way down under—hold open warm places in their hearts for the green-clad Leathernecks who spearhead offensive operations against the enemy in the Pacific.

From the nostalgic poetry of a Melbourne girl who misses a Marine to a speech in the House of Representatives, the sentiment of Australia and New Zealand toward Leathernecks trickles back to the U.S.

In Melbourne a girl writes: " . . . And many a mother with a boy far from home,

Learned to love them as her own,
To love their slang and noisy twang,
even the way they lied,
While many a girl was caught
in a twirl, and was soon a Yankee's bride."

Interrupted frequently with cries of "hear, hear," Lt. Connelly, P. G. Connelly, a member of the

New Zealand House of Representatives, said from the floor:

"Because of the attacks made by the Marines and because of subsequent naval actions by the U.S. Navy, we stemmed the Japanese advance in the Pacific by the end of 1942."

From an advanced Pacific base, 2d Lt. Jim G. Luoma writes that New Zealanders, who came to regard Marines as their own during the months they fought in the South Pacific, are still following their activities now that the war has shifted to the coral atolls of the Central Pacific.

Lt. Lucas received a letter from a Wellington, N.Z., newspaperman which, in part, said:

"The other night the Wellington Post published the complete list of Marine casualties, running to about three columns, which in this country of heavily-rationed newsprint

is a good splash. It was another indication of the very real feeling of friendship with an interest in America.

"Ever since information began coming through about Tarawa, there have been innumerable advertisements in the papers here commemorating Marines who died in the service of their country. It proves my contention that the people of this country deeply appreciate the job done for them by the United States and its Marines and Navy."

An Australian newspaperman, Omar White, reports on the Marines:

"Remember those tall, mild-mannered, sallow complexioned young Yanks who crowded Melbourne's streets for about eight months—their smart olive-green uniforms and the jingling silver shooting medals they wore above the left tunic pocket?

"They've been at it again, out on the atolls of the Gilbert Islands and the beaches of New Britain, sustaining a century-old reputation for hailing among the world's toughest, all-purpose shock troops. They are the sharp-tongued tip of the crowbar which Uncle Sam is inserting into Japan's ocean armor.

"If the Marines are on the job their technique is apparent from the beginning of the engagement. They fight flat-out all the time and all the way. They are specially selected and specially trained to do it. They are assault troops in the truest sense of the word; traditionally trained for what is, after all, no 20th century discovery—amphibious warfare.

"The American Marine as a part of his own fighting machine and with that machine doing the job that it was designed primarily to do—attack—is as tough as anything that wears a tin hat.

"You see the first signs of it before an action, when a knife-grinding, bayonet-sharpening, black-jack-designing epidemic puts in an appearance. Some of the youngest solemnly print in ink on the backs of their green or leopard spotted uniforms such exhortations as "Fight!" and "Death or Glory." On performance they seem to live up to the mottoes pretty well.

"If, as individuals, the Marines are little or no different from other American boys of their age, what is it that makes them so good?

"Partly training, partly the leadership of men who take pride in professional soldiering and are complimented if you call them mercenaries; but mostly tradition, the tradition of being good and being tough, and never giving in.

"That, more than any other reason, has made them a 'corps d'elite'."

Radio Station On Guadal Zooms Morale Of Troops

GUADALCANAL (Delayed)—Morale zoomed upward with the opening of this island's first American expeditionary radio station. After months of fiddling with short wave dials for U.S. or even Japanese transmissions, soldiers, sailors, and Marines here have finally all the trimmings of a regular local station, "just like home."

The new studios and transmitter, set up under direction of the Armed Forces Radio Branch of the Morale Ser. Div. of the War Dept., are housed in a typical muddy grove of coconut trees in a central section of the island.

REGULAR BROADCASTS

Broadcasts are regularly scheduled each day at times most suited for listening by the troops. Programs include news, entertainment and spiritual talks by chaplains, as well as recorded music and variety shows shipped in two weeks' time from the U.S. Local special events, band concerts, religious ceremonies, and descriptions of prize fights are also presented.

The most popular programs are big-time shows like "The Hit Parade," Bing Crosby, "Information Please," "Fibber McGee and Molly" and others, specially recorded minus advertising. Alvin M. Josephy, combat correspondent.

— Write Home —

Seal Joins Up With Marines

NORTH ISLAND—A new and different type of volunteer has joined the Marine Gd. Det. here.

In fact, this volunteer is so different that even 31-year-old Sgt. of-the-Guard John MacGriger of Los Angeles, who thought that he had seen everything in four years of service in the last war, admits to being a little surprised.

The volunteer—a nameless baby seal—waddled out of nearby San Diego harbor and onto a Marine sentry post late one afternoon, took up his station atop a truck-inspection platform and, except for one interruption, has remained there ever since.

— Buy Insurance —

Making Points

Although he's third down the list of MCB pitchers in the percentage column currently, Pvt. Orin Baker's 1.06 earned-run average is lowest of all. Of the 11 runs scored off him in five games, only four were earned.

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Enemy Pacific Strength Broken

AUCKLAND, N.Z.—Backbone of enemy resistance from New Ireland to New Guinea has been broken with the Japanese loss of 4800 planes, 140,000 men and too many ships to count. Adm. William F. Halsey Jr. said in an interview after his arrival here from a tour of the theater from which he is retiring as Allied commander.

Adm. Nimitz virtually challenged the Japs to a total attack, which he said they still have power to make but decline because "they are so low in naval and merchant ships."

Commenting on recent estimates that there are more than 60,000 Japs in the South Pacific, Adm. Halsey said he believes there are only one-fourth that many and that only about 2000 are first-line troops.

— Use V-Mail —

The trouble with herring around too much is that if you do spine day you'll find yourself a groon.

Largest Open Air Theater Opened In South Pacific

SOMEWHERE IN NEW GUINEA (Delayed)—The largest open air theater in the South Pacific has just been completed in this Seabee camp.

Sitting at the foot of a jungle-covered New Guinea mountain range, painted in bright carnival colors, and bedizened with larger-than-life chorus girls, it looks like a mirage.

WRs Organize Base Trick Drill Team

A Base WR trick drill team of 40 women has been formed and drills are scheduled twice a week under the direction of 2d Lt. Emily Schultz.

The group was organized for the purpose of competing with similar teams representing other posts and stations in the area. It will also be on call for War Bond rallies, etc.

Team members were picked for neatness, military bearing, precision of movements and coordination.

— Obey Orders —

The MCB air raid alarm system is tested four times daily by the 11th Nav. Dist.

— Stop Loose Talk —

Marines Battle Hollandia Fire

HOLLANDIA, Dutch New Guinea (Delayed)—Four Marine tankmen were instrumental today in extinguishing a gasoline fire that threatened an ammunition dump on the Tanahmerah Bay invasion beach of Deception.

They are Sgts. Howard A. Evers of Reardon, Wash., and James G. Waldon of Napa, Cal.; Corp. Winfred J. Peersall of Sodas, N. Y., and PFC. Charles C. Coffman of Los Angeles, Cal.

The boys are members of a tank outfit that had already been in action on Guadalcanal and New Britain before joining the Hollandia operation.—TSgt. Samuel E. Stavisky, combat correspondent.

— Salute Smartly —

Trio Seeks Bars

Three former Yale Univ. baseball players are now undergoing V-12 training with an OC detachment at Camp Lejeune. They are Pvt. George E. Egan Jr. of Belmont, Mass., Raymond Scussel of Stafford Springs, Conn., and Kenneth R. Raynor Jr. of Hamden, Conn.

CHEVRON CHICK

"Sure thing" — is what they say about stardom prospects for lovely Leslie Brooks, honey-haired Columbia starlet, who was outstanding in "Cover Girl" and "Nine Girls," both of which boasted plenty of feminine talent and glamour.

