



BEACH FIGHT. This is what it was like as Marine assault waves went ashore on Saipan. Japs sprayed this sector with machine gun fire so Leathernecks take cover behind tank, "Cavalier". Man on knees in center appears to have been hit by hail of lead. (Photo by TSgt. William C. Fitch.)

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AHEAD
Sure it's all over
...but the FIGHT-
ING.—Gen. A. A.
Vandegrift.

ONWARD
Nothing has
stopped us
nothing will.—Gen.
Montgomery.

Veterans Sent Home

All Processing Completed For Men Of 1st Div.

(See Pictures Pages 19 and 11)

All 1st Mar. Div. veterans who returned to San Diego two weeks ago are to be cleared through the West Coast Reclassification and Redistribution Center at MCB by today.

The 2744 veterans of Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester were assigned to new posts in the States but given 30 days' delay in reporting to enable them to visit their families for the first time in more than two years.

The section of the Base tent area assigned to the Redistribution Center remains filled, however, as groups of 50 to 300 veterans of other overseas units have been moving in on the heels of departing 1st Div. men.

BACK TO DUTY

A small number have reported to the Center from hospitals, from which they were discharged for return to active duty.

When 1st Div. veterans boarded special troop trains, the Jap souvenirs they carried provided one of the few indications that these men had been facing Japan's toughest jungle fighters not many weeks previously. (One veteran is reported to have carried his prized Jap sword back and forth to the show hall every day of his stay here.)

Attired in new gear and fully policed up during their stay at the Base, the most striking impression they gave was that they were liberty-bound.

Their own impression of their stay at MCB was expressed in a letter addressed to the Command- (Continued on page 2)

Two Marines Win Medal Of Honor

Marines Start Guam Invasion With Landings

Maj.Gen. Roy S. Geiger Leads Leathernecks In Smashing New Assault

PEARL HARBOR, July 21 (UP)—Marines and Army units stormed ashore on Guam early Thursday supported by heavy aerial and sea bombardment to establish beachheads on the first American territory to fall to the Japanese in this war, a communiqué announced today.

Only "moderate ground opposition" met the Leathernecks as they went ashore under protection of air and sea power.

Invasion of Guam, a prewar U.S. Naval station 1579 miles southeast of Tokyo, followed by only 12 days the final conquest of Saipan, 130 miles to the north. First reports indicated the initial opposition was not as strong as that encountered at Saipan, but the island's 225 square miles as compared with Saipan's 71 may foreshadow a longer campaign.

VETERAN LEATHERNECKS

Marines who smashed ashore Thursday—many of them veterans of other Pacific amphibious operations—will be avenging that garrison of some 300 brothers in arms who were forced to surrender more than 24 years ago.

Adm. Chester Nimitz' announcement said expeditionary troops are commanded by Maj.Gen. Roy S. Geiger, commanding general of the 3rd Amph. Corps.

(Gen. Geiger was chief of avia- (Continued on page 2)



HIGHEST AWARD. The Medal of Honor was presented this week to PFC. Richard K. Sorenson of Anoka, Minn., for extraordinary heroism in Marshall Islands campaign.

Enlisted Man, Officer Heroes In Namur Battle

Medal To Lt.Col. Dyess Awarded Posthumously; PFC. Honored At USNH

Two more Marines—an enlisted man and an officer—this week were given the nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor.

The acts of heroism of Lt.Col. Aquilla James Dyess, 35, of Augusta, Ga., and PFC. Richard Keith Sorenson, 20, of Anoka, Minn., both took place on Namur Island, Kwajalein atoll, the same day—Feb. 2, 1944.

Col. Dyess was given the Medal posthumously.

AWARDED BY GEN. FEGAN

PFC. Sorenson became the second living enlisted Marine to wear the Medal when he was presented it at Seattle by Maj.Gen. Joseph C. Fegan, Commanding General, DOP. He is now recuperating from his wounds at USNH, Seattle.

The other enlisted Marine who wears the Medal is GySgt. John Basilone of Camp Pendleton.

Col. Dyess, for whom the airfield at Roi, Namur Island, has been named, was hit by a burst of machine gun fire while standing on the parapet of an anti-tank trench directing a group of infantry in a flanking attack against the last (Continued on Page 2)

—Over Orders—

Saipan Haul Of Jap Prisoners Biggest To Date

PEARL HARBOR, July 18 (UP)—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today that American forces on Saipan Island in the Marianas have captured the largest number of Japanese troops of any Pacific campaign.

American soldiers and Marines have taken prisoner or interned a total of 15,420 enemy civilians and soldiers, including 1620 troops made prisoner, Nimitz said.

The number of Jap troops killed and captured on Saipan approached 20,000, including 16,000 Jap dead buried and a good many yet to be buried, Nimitz said.

The few remaining snipers on Saipan are being hunted down, Nimitz declared.

First Casualties Back Stateside From Saipan

Saipan Casualties On Page 6

The casualty list which appears on page 6 of this issue contains some of the first Saipan casualties released by the Navy Dept. A few were listed last week. From week to week The Chevron will carry the complete list of casualties as rapidly as they are announced.

—Day Insurgens—

RD Casual Unit To Be Disbanded

Disbandment of 4th Cas. Co., RD, effective July 31, was ordered this week.

The recently-activated 5th Cas. Co., Cd. Bn., will be redesignated the 4th Cas. Co., Cd. Bn., effective Aug. 1, according to the order.

Disbandment of the 4th Cas. Co., composed of messmen, is in accordance with the general reduction of RD personnel, according to Capt. A. O. Loughmiller, RD Adjt. (Continued on page 2)

Terrain Of Isle Great Obstacle Met By Marines

USNH, SAN DIEGO—The first wounded from Saipan returned to the United States this week when an undisclosed number of casualties were brought to this hospital for treatment and convalescence.

Many of the returning Leathernecks are also veterans of Guadalcanal and Tarawa. Most of these battle-weary Marines agreed that Saipan is "just another six-letter word for hell."

The length of time spent overseas by these men ranged from 3 to 23 months.

The highest ranking officer in the group was Lt.Col. George H. E. Shell of San Diego, who, after meeting the enemy at Guadalcanal and Tarawa, prior to Saipan, said: "The natural terrain was probably our greatest obstacle to overcome at Saipan." He was wounded by mortar fragments during the second night of fighting.

"In all three campaigns," he said, "we had different problems. On (Continued on page 2)

Riceballs 'Down' Yanks --It Says Here!

GARAPAN, Saipan (UP)—Richard W. Johnston has reported the "battle of the riceballs," as explained by Saipan's newspaper Osaka Mainichi, written in English.

The paper said the battle took place when a crippled Jap plane was being pursued by a couple of American fighters. The Japanese plane ran out of ammunition and the crew began throwing ration packs, parachutes and pieces of instrument board at their pursuers.

"Finally," the newspaper said, "only two rice balls remained. The heroic Nipponese gunner threw these at the Americans, and the Yankees, thinking perhaps they

were hand grenades, crashed into the sea in a desperate effort to avoid them."

Marines are enjoying copies of Mainichi almost as much as American comic strips.

—Writes Home—

Tears Flow In Old Nippon

NEW YORK, July 18 (AP)—Announcement that Saipan had been lost brought a day of sorrow in Japan today. A Dornier broadcast said that "all theaters and other entertainment centers in Japan" were closed.

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ing General which was accompanied by three crowded pages of signatures. It read:

"We, the undersigned men of the 1st Mar. Div., wish to express our appreciation for the consideration shown to us during the time we were stationed at this Base.

"For the landing reception provided by the Base band when we put into San Diego after 28 months overseas; for the splendid games on the basketball courts and hospitality shown at the Post Exchange; for the efficient manner in which this Base provided us with clothing to replace that which we lost; for the entertainment provided for us which was climaxed by the broadcast 'Halls of Montezuma' and one of the best variety shows we have ever seen, 'The Marine Corps Follies,' both of which were presented exclusively for men of the 1st Div.; for this truly 'American' welcome we are grateful."

AWARDED MEDAL

Corp. William J. Anthony of Pittsfield, Mass., was presented a Purple Heart Wednesday by Lt. Col. Leonard M. Mason, CO of the Center. Corp. Anthony was wounded in action last Dec. 28, but his medal did not reach him until this week.

The Center has taken over mess hall 157, in the center of the tent area, in addition to mess hall 141. Approximately 100 cooks and messmen will report to the Center as permanent personnel next week to start cooking for the returned veterans.

This has necessitated the Center's taking over Bldg. 144-W as a place for the messmen to bunk.

By this week the personnel of the Center had been expanded to include 11 officers, 93 enlisted, 15 classification specialists temporarily attached from Camp Pendleton, and 44 WRs.

2dLt. Robert Fender, formerly with the 2nd Mar. Div. overseas, reported to the Center this week as assistant adjutant.

— Shoot Straight —

First Casualties Of Saipan Return To United States

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Guadalcanal we had the jungles to fight, on Tarawa we fought across coral sand. At Saipan we had the worst features of the other two, and in addition a mountainous ridge that stretched the length of the island."

In giving their versions of Saipan, the returning wounded, who came from almost every section of the country, remarked:

"Tarawa was a hell, but never as bad as Saipan."

"Saipan was darned hot."

"The safest place on Saipan was in the front lines; that beach was no place for anybody."

"It feels swell to be home, and I just can't believe it for Saipan was undoubtedly the toughest we've hit so far."

One PFC. described Saipan as being "a place nobody in their right mind would want to go to, let alone stay."

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Japanese position in the northern part of the island.

In this final assault, the officer posted himself between the opposing lines and, exposed to fire from heavy automatic weapons, led his troops to the advance. Whenever the attack was slowed by heavier enemy fire, he quickly appeared and placed himself at the head of his men and inspired them to push forward.

HEADED ADVANCE UNITS

"Alert, and determined to quicken the pace of the offensive against increased enemy fire, he was constantly at the head of advance units, inspiring his men to push forward until the Japanese had been driven back to a small center of resistance and victory assured," the citation read.

Col. Dyess was appointed a first lieutenant in the Marine Corps Reserve in November, 1936.

PFC. Sorenson was a member of a 4th Mar. Div. assault battalion during the battle of Namur on Feb. 1-2. Only 18 days after leaving the States, the unit was storming the atoll.

IN NAMUR SHELL HOLE

His duty was to carry ammunition and fill in on the firing line whenever he was needed. The going was tough on Namur atoll—particularly hot in the shell hole in which he found himself with five other Marines.

"There were Japs all around us," he recalled, "but we were holding

NINETEEN HOLD MEDAL

With awarding of the Medal of Honor to Lt. Col. Dyess and PFC. Sorenson, a total of 19 Marines has now been presented with the coveted award during World War II.

our position. Then one of them threw a grenade into the shell hole."

There was no time for the Marines to get out of the hole—only a split second before the grenade would explode and bring almost certain death to the whole group.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE

PFC. Sorenson threw himself on the grenade. He suffered fragment wounds where parts of the grenade ripped into his thighs and hips. His body took the full impact of the explosion and no one, not even the young Leatherneck, knows how he escaped alive.

Fifteen minutes after being wounded he was given emergency treatment by a corpsman. After a short time he was removed to the beach and three hours later was put aboard a transport where he was given plasma and his wounds treated by doctors. He was taken to a base hospital in Hawaii and then transferred to USNH, Seattle, Seattle.

Elated over being awarded the highest military medal, the young Marine says he has double reason for being happy these days. "I was promoted to PFC. on June 26," he said.

— Use V-Mail —

Navy In Lead

"I can assure you that it is a source of great satisfaction that the Navy not only is carrying this war to the enemy on all the seven seas, but also has assumed the leadership of the entire nation in the highly important bond effort."

—Under Secy. Ralph Bard.



JUNGLE JITTERBUGS. New Britain natives grin as PFCs. John H. Giordani of Woburn, Mass., and Rocco Mitchell of Lynn, Mass., stage a jitterbug number at Talasea native sing-sing. (Photo by Corp. R. F. Hallahan.)

Radio Records Made During Saipan Fight

SAIPAN (Delayed)—1stLt. Larry Hayes, former director of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show, took his recording machines to the front lines of this island to make records of the battle as it progressed.

Radio listeners will hear the battle first hand when records made here arrive in the U.S.

Returned Aviator Piloted Generals

MCAD, MIRAMAR—During 26 months in the South Pacific, 2dLt. Robert F. Murphy of Braintree, Mass., who recently returned here, served as pilot of staff planes for Lt. Gen. A. A. Vandegrift, Maj. Gen. Holland M. Smith and William H. Rupertus, and Brig. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepard Jr.

He was also responsible for organization of an artillery spotting unit.

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tion on Guadalcanal and later served as commanding general 1st Mar. Amph. Corps. From 1931 to 1935 he was director of Marine Aviation, HQMC.

SHEER CLIFFS

The northern end of the island has many sheer cliffs, and it was believed the landings probably were made at the southern end, which is more suitable for amphibious operations. The mountainous terrain of Guam, however, will afford the Japanese interpenetration opportunities similar to those on Saipan. Amphibious operations against Guam are being directed by Rear Adm. Richard L. Connolly, USN.

For the last 11 days of the preliminary 17-day bombardment, fleet units added their weight to the crushing rain of steel and explosives that gradually silenced enemy shore batteries and pulverized pillboxes.

While a powerful U.S. task force continued neutralizing blows against Guam for the fourth consecutive day, Tokyo disclosed that the entire cabinet of Premier Gen. Hideki Tojo has resigned because it was "not able to achieve its objective."

Tojo's resignation and that of his warlords climaxed a series of shakeups which followed each successive American advance.

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4th Mar. Air Wing Using Corsairs For Bombing In Marshalls

Results Deadly As Trim F4Us Hit Jap Atolls

"Whistling Death" Drops More Than Half Of Total Rained On Island Bases

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—Maintaining constant pressure against the beleaguered Jap garrisons in the Marshalls, the 4th Mar Air Wing, commanded by Brig. Gen. T. J. Cushman, has unleashed another deadly weapon—the use of the Corsair fighter for bombing.

Doubtless dive bombers add to the daily attacks on the once powerful but now bomb-wracked atolls of Jaluit, Mili, Maloelap and Wotje. In the last month, 1613 sorties in the last month.

Of the 919,805 pounds of explosives dropped on the Jap bases, more than half, or 514,705 pounds, came from the deadly fighters that the Japs call "Whistling Death." Use of the F4U as a bomber was begun by the 4th Air Wing in March, but greatly expanded during May.

BOMBING PATH OPEN

The result of the bombing was deadly. Destruction of a concrete power plant, three reinforced magazines, and a radio station on Wotje Island, and the destruction of a radio station on Ainemah Island are attributed directly to bombing by the Marine-piloted Corsairs.

The tempo of the attack was increased greatly. "Round-the-clock" bombing of a single island often was undertaken by combined forces of Liberators and Mitchells of the 7th AAF and fighters and dive bombers of the 4th Air Wing.

The 1613 sorties flown resulted, despite automatic weapons fire met on most attacks, in the loss of but four planes from enemy AA. fire. Two pilots and a gunner were lost and two pilots and one gunner were rescued.—Capt. Ellis M. Trefethen, PRO.

—Buy War Bonds—

Language School To Move To MCB

The Japanese Language School, now located at Camp Pendleton, will be moved to MCB this month. The students will be billeted in rows 41, 42 and 43 of the western front area on the south side of the parade ground. Classes will be held in Bldg. 317.

The Sgt. E. E. school at Camp Pendleton was closed last week with the graduation of the last class on July 14. CWO, Alvin M. Andrews, G-1-17 of the school, is now in charge of field platoons at the base.

—Shoot Worthily—

Marine Redskin Peace Lover—Honest Injun!

CAMP PENDLETON—Remembering the stories, related by his grandfather, about Pawnee braves fighting side-by-side with U.S. soldiers against warring tribes, had a great deal to do with an American Indian enlisting in the Corps. He is PFC Daniel Horsechlet of Oklahoma City, Okla., a full-blooded Pawnee. At present he is preparing for combat with a 5th Mar. Div. artillery unit.

"The stories my grandfather told me used to make hills run up and down my spine," he said, "but Pawnees are peace-loving and I had no yearning for bows and arrows."

"But even a peace-loving American Indian knows when his toes are being stepped on. When someone steps on Uncle Sam's toes, he's stepping on my toes and on the toes of all Pawnee Indians," PFC Horsechlet added.

By Morning, July 22, 1944



CLEANUP. Machine gun crew turns on the heat to cover advancing Marines in final mop-up of northern Saipan.

In background, a 37mm gun crew prepares against possible counter-attack. (Photo by PFC, H. A. Smith.)

Jap Tanks Hard Hit

Marines Repulse One Of Largest Attacks Of War

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Our unit this morning repulsed one of the largest tank attacks yet made against Marines in this war.

It was the kind of action which is making it possible to press the drive along the entire front and Marines who drove off the Jap tanks won high praise from their commander, Col. James P. Roswell, of Roswell, N. M.

MANY DESTROYED

The powerful assault began shortly before dawn when it was over, 24 enemy tanks had been destroyed, bringing to 27 the number put out of action in the first 50 hours of fighting by this unit.

As the assault swept into the lines of an outfit commanded by Capt. Claude G. Rollen of San Diego, the captain aimed a grenade at a tank. He was wounded when the grenade exploded just as the tank fired at him.

The tanks plowed onward, some of them forging through the positions of Capt. Rollen's outfit. But the Marines stood fast. They smashed at the rear of the tanks with bazookas and grenades.

JOIN IN FIGHT

An outfit commanded by Capt. Bruce L. Coburn of Hillsdale, Mich., joined the fight. So did the unit's weapons contingent, headed by Capt. I. N. Kelly of San Diego.

Four of the tanks were knocked out by a two-man bazooka team in Capt. Coburn's outfit—EFCs. Lauren H. Kahn of Chatfield, Minn., and Lewis M. Naylor of Layton, Utah. When he ran out of bazooka ammunition, PFC. Kahn accounted for another by hurling a grenade into the open turret of a tank lumbering past him.

Capt. Kelly's outfit alone disposed of 13 tanks. Sub-unit leaders in this outfit were Lt. Chester M. Wiggins of Conway, N. H., and J. M. Jones of Placerville, Cal. Sgt. Maynard Stitt, combat correspondent.

—Be Courteous—

Doctors Study Rehabilitation

CAMP PENDLETON—Ward walks, case demonstrations and discussions on occupational rehabilitation by pioneers in the field occupied the attention of more than 200 Navy and Army physicians at the Naval Hospital here.

The medical men gathered here from service hospitals throughout Southern California to attend a symposium and demonstration on rehabilitation.



Sgt. Bouffard ... Aubrey filed to see Truk.

Marines Viewed Truk Base Year Before Bombing

Marine flyers had a look at Truk nearly a year before the first bombing, according to Sgt. Claude F. Bouffard of Manchester, N. H., who has just returned from 16 months' service at Guadalcanal, Munda, Bougainville and the New Hebrides.

Early in 1943, Bouffard, an aerial gunner and member of a Liberator crew on reconnaissance duty, got one of the first war-time glimpses of the Jap fortress.

"We came close enough for a good look, ran into some AA, fire but no fighter opposition, and turned back," he said. "We were unable to make pictures."

He described the sortie as a test hop to determine whether long-range bombers could make the flight from their base, then at Guadalcanal.

Sgt. Bouffard is now at MCB, Ft. Ford, with a newly-formed dive-bomber squadron.

Son Of Commandant In Thick Of Saipan Fight

SAIPAN (Delayed)—"You can't run a war on a hump. You've got to get out and look over the land."

That is the fighting philosophy of Lt. Col. A. A. Vandegrift Jr., son of The Commandant, who commanded an infantry outfit here. It is the philosophy expressed after someone suggested that he be evacuated when he was wounded in the thigh by Jap shrapnel.

When his outfit landed, it ran into a terrific enemy mortar barrage that ripped the unit badly. Our second-in-command was hit, but Col. Vandegrift was able to marshal his remaining men in time to advance to the aid of a

World-Wide War Conditions Found In Saipan Battles

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Marines who have fought across this hilly defunct Japanese stronghold have experienced most of the battle conditions which this world-wide war has to offer.

They landed under an artillery barrage as fierce as that of Salerno.

They fought their way through snarled streets like Chinese villages.

They deployed in small groups across open fields and hilly orchards, deadly as Tunisia terrain.

In the case of Mt. Tapochau were tunnels and caves, hiding places and machine guns, as unperturbed to bombardment, and as difficult to clean out, as the bloody block houses of Casablanca.

JUST LIKE TARZAN

Aid on the unsettled eastern coast was jungle growth, thick with enemy emplacements and all but impenetrable in the driving rain, which the leading Marine patrols finally traversed by swinging Tarzan-like through the stunted tree-tops.

Now the beachhead's ankle-deep mud churned up dust, and the westerly wind blows a sandstorm to equal any in North Africa, while highly enemy nuisance air-raids approximate conditions on any of a dozen fronts from England to Burma.

"Come to Saipan, and fight your way across the world," is the way one battle-weary Marine described it.—Sgt. Bob Cooke, combat correspondent.

—March Forward—

Big Carriers

WASHINGTON—The Navy has announced launchings of a total of 13 carriers of the new 27,000-ton class. Four are "hannesake" carriers, bearing the names of the old Lexington, Yorktown, Wasp and Hornet. The others are the Essex, Bunker Hill, Franklin, Hancock, Intrepid, Ticonderoga, Bon Homme Richard, Southampton and Shangri-La.

Navy, Corps At Top Strength

WASHINGTON—The Navy has reached its desired strength of 3,000,000, bringing combined armed forces strength to its scheduled peak of 11,500,000 and putting future induction calls on a replacement basis.

Naval officials held United Press that as of June 30 the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard numbered 3,832,351 men and women, just 18,000 short of the Sept. 1 goal and estimated that by now that peak has been passed. The Navy itself stood at 2,987,311, the Marine Corps at 475,436, and the Coast Guard at 169,604.

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(From The Chevron, July 22, 1942)

A Team Is As Strong As Its Coach

It wouldn't be much of a surprise around here if someone did a little research and came up with the fact that Camp Matthews consistently has the highest average of qualifications of any rifle range in the nation.

The stiffest competition would probably come from Farris Island, for it is doubtful if any Navy or Army range can turn out better percentages than the men who have made a life's work of shooting and teaching shooting, as have Camp Matthews coaches and range officials.

Week after week The Chevron reports the results of firing at Matthews and the average percentage of qualifications invariably is well up in the 90s. It's a fine tribute to the coaches of a fighting team.

Those coaches take their satisfaction in the news that comes back from the fighting fronts, for it's what a man learns on the firing range that pays off in battle.

A veteran Marine officer recently wrote of his jungle fighting experience that "first-class jungle fighters all believe that accuracy of fire is of the greatest importance—precision with all weapons, particularly with the rifle."

Every Leatherneck who has seen action in the Pacific will add a hearty amen, for they're the lads who know that in the jungles you don't have the spectacle of massed armies and armored vehicles.

Jungle warfare more often is a war of individuals—one man against another. That's when

the training given at Matthews pays off—for the Marine knows that he can line up his sights, squeeze the trigger and hit what he shoots at.

And he can do it from any position, too. The prone, standing or kneeling positions may be used most often in the jungles, with the sitting and squatting positions used the least, but no man can afford to assume that he will not eventually use them all.

That's the premise on which Camp Matthews works. The proof of the pudding is the impressive string of Marine victories in the Pacific.

Safety Valve

Chevron On Saipan

Editor, The Chevron—The other day I got hold of the first Chevron I've seen in almost two years over here in the Pacific. I'm sending you a subscription for my mother, who will save all the issues for me to read when I return.

NAME WITHHELD

Saipan Island.

Editor's note—From another source, too, came word that copies of the May 27 issue of The Chevron reached Marines on Saipan the last week in June. From other sources, too, comes word that in some outfits which are on The Chevron's mailing list, copies don't get passed around. Since the number of copies sent each unit overseas is necessarily limited, cooperation of units in making copies available to all hands is requested.

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

No Battle Stripes

Editor, The Chevron—Is there a battle stripe for the Bougainville campaign or for Green Island or Emirau? We would also like to know what ribbons the FMAW rates?

Sgt. A. D. DAIN
Corp. J. P. WEAVER

c/o FPO, San Francisco, Cal.

Editor's note—No battle stripes have been authorized for wear with shoulder patches. Personnel present at Bougainville after Oct. 27, 1942, rate a bronze star on the Asiatic-Pacific area ribbon. A star is also authorized for personnel participating after Dec. 15, 1943, in the Bismarck Archipelago operation, which includes New Britain and Emirau.

Here He Is

Editor, The Chevron—I would like to know where my former CO is stationed. I heard he is now a colonel and at some aviation base. His name is Charles Adams and he was my CO in Marine Reserve Avn.

Pvt. A. E. WOLTANSKI

Plat. 685, RD. MCB.

Editor's note—Lt. Col. Charles Adams is executive officer, MCAS, El Toro, Cal.

Eye For Figures

Editor, The Chevron—Your June 17 issue states the total strength of the Corps at the outbreak of the war was 13,725. Do you mean when Mussolini went to war in 1935 or when we got into it?

SETH N. ARNESEN

U. S. Veterans Hospital, Hines, Ill.

Editor's note—The outbreak of World War I. In September, 1939, when the limited emergency was declared, the Corps numbered 18,000, with increase to 23,000 authorized.

Anyone Remember Him?

Editor, The Chevron—My brother, PFC. Arvin H. Painter, Spl. Wpns., 1st Marines, was on Guadalcanal and then was killed Jan. 1, 1944, on Cape Gloucester. Little information is known and if anyone remembers him please call GI. 5-5823, Camp Matthews.

PFC. MARGIE PAINTER

Rifle Range Det.

MCB, San Diego 48, Cal.

Pendleton Largest

Editor, The Chevron—An article was printed in a recent issue of the "Leatherneck" stating that New River has a larger area than Camp Pendleton. I thought Pendleton had the larger acreage. What are their respective areas?

NAME WITHHELD

Editor's note—Camp Pendleton is 125,000 acres in area. The area of Camp Lejeune, New River, N. C., is 105,000 acres.

Church Services

MARINE CORPS BASE (Protestant): 0400 Services, Communion, Chapel, 0700 Services-0730 Services, Auditorium 2015 Services, Chapel; Evening Vesper Service 1830 Chapel (Catholic); 0400 Mass, Auditorium; 0915 Mass, Chapel, Daily Mass (Monday through Saturday) 0630-0730; Chapel, Friday Evening Service, 1900, Chapel, Confession; Saturday 1230-1500, Chaplain's Office, Bldg. 123, Officers' Bldg.; 1600-1700 Chaplain's Office, Administration Bldg. (Jewish); Chapel 1100, (Christian Science); Sundays, 0930, Bldg. 123, RD; (Latter Day Saints); 0900, Reception Room, Bldg. 123, RD; Wednesdays, 1930.

CAMP MATTHEWS (Protestant): 0930, Theater. (Catholic); Mass, 0600, Theater. (Christian Science); Sunday, 1000, Chaplain's Office Ad. Bldg. (Jewish); 0915, Chaplain's Office. (Latter Day Saints); 0900, Armorer's School Bldg.; Thursdays, 1900.

CAMP ELLIOTT (Protestant): Sunday, 0915, Communion, 1000 Post Chapel. (Catholic); Sunday Mass 0630, 0800, 1015, Mass daily, 1830, Confession before Mass. (Christian Science); 1600-1730, Chaplain's office, Tuesday and Friday. (Jewish); Post Chapel, Thursday 1830 (Latter Day Saints); 1930, Comm Chapel; Mondays, 2000.

MCAN, Miramar (Protestant): 1000, Services. (Catholic); 0700 and 0800, confession; 0730 and 0930, Mass, Barracks 524. (Jewish); Transportation, 1800 Fridays at Chaplain's Office for services at Camp Elliott. (Latter Day Saints); Mondays, 1800, Hqs. 138.

CAMP PENDLETON (Protestant): Post Chapel, communion at 0900, Bible Class 0930, Morning Worship at 1015, Vesper Service 2000; Wednesday, Vesper Service 2000; Beach House Chapel, service at 1915; Infantry Training Center, Sunday morning worship, 0700; at Theater, 14-T-1 at 0800, 15-T-1 at 0900, 16-T-1 at 0900, 17-T-1 at 0900. (Catholic); Post Chapel, Masses at 0630, 0800, 1015, confessions, Saturday, 1600-1800; Novena, Wednesday 1800; Beach House Chapel, Mass 0915; Tuesday and Friday, Mass 1045; Friday, confessions at 1830 to 1900; Infantry Training Center, Mass at 0700-14-T-1 at Theater, 14-T-1 at 0900, daily at 0800; 15-T-1 at 0800, 16-T-1 at 1000, 17-T-1 at 0900; Confessions before each Mass (Christian Science); Post Chapel, Sunday 1500, Thursday, 1930; Study group, Mondays 1900, Infantry Training Center, Nov 28, Tent 1. (Latter Day Saints); Post Chapel, Sunday 0900, Monday 1900. (Jewish); Post Chapel, Friday at 1900.

Tough Guys, Eh?

By Sgt. William G. Harris
Combat Correspondent

SOMEWHERE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—They've proved to the world's satisfaction for 168 years that they're really tough, when need be, but there's also a tender side to these Marines.

One of our privates was sent back home when his wife was severely injured in an accident. His comrades made him promise he would let them know as quickly as possible concerning her condition. A few days ago a letter from him arrived. He had found her with both legs and an arm broken and suffering from other grave injuries.

"He must be having a tough time of it," one Marine said. Word got around. Somebody suggested it would be kind of nice to send him a few dollars to help him over the hump.

We don't have much money out here, but, without organized effort and on a strictly voluntary basis, \$240.50 was collected in a snap and last night was sent by air mail. It would have been sent anonymously, but censorship required a signature. Wrapped around the money was this note: "From friends who are pulling for the Mrs."

Tough guys, eh?

Handling A Plague

Mankind's quest for peace is age old. Never before have we had such an opportunity to solve this problem as we shall have upon the conclusion of these present wars; for if my premise is correct, we need now only guard the interim until the scientists find the answers for us. War is a plague. May we find some helpful analogy from the way we handle a plague? An infected area is isolated, plenty of guards are thrown around it to insure that traffic in and out is reduced to the barest minimum and with the strictest safeguards, then men are sent in to clean the place out. A moral plague is harder to cope with, but the same methods might well work in a somewhat longer time. The cleaning out would eventually be done by the people within the area if the guards enforcing the quarantine were strong enough and had character to do their job properly. No room for the least appeasement here; for we have been plainly shown that appeasement but breeds contempt in minds morally afflicted.—Rear Adm. Thomas L. Gatch.



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2nd Div. Units On Guadal

Editor, The Chevron—About that answer you gave the woman who wanted to know why the 2nd Div. wasn't mentioned along with the 1st for the original Guadalcanal landing. You told her the 2nd Div. wasn't there. I differ, because I was in the 2nd Regt. and we were there.

Corp. WESLEY C. WORTHINGTON

Ward 134 USNH, San Diego.

Editor's note—The 2nd Division's tough 2nd Regt., which has probably seen as much fighting as any Marine outfit in this war, is officially listed as having been attached to the 1st Mar. Div. Reim. at the time of the Guadal landing. It was back with the 2nd Div. at Tarawa. Other units at Tarawa which were also attached to the 1st Div. Reim. at Guadalcanal: 8th Marines; 1st and 3rd Bns., 10th Marines; B and D Cos., 16th Marines.

No Ribbon

Editor, The Chevron—In March our squadron (VMF-211) received a letter of commendation from the Commander Air, Solomon Islands. Do we rate the Commendation Ribbon? A copy of the commendation is placed in the service record book of each enlisted man concerned.

SrSgt. RICHARD E. KORCHAK

c/o FPO, San Francisco.

Editor's note—No. Only INDIVIDUAL letters of commendation signed by the Secy. of the Navy, or the Commander-in-Chief of the US Fleet, Pacific or Atlantic Fleets rate the ribbons.

We Covered It

Editor, The Chevron—It seems that every time I pick up a paper all I read about is the 1st or 2nd Divisions. Not at any time have I read about the 3rd Div. and its Bougainville campaign. The 3rd made the initial landing at Empress Augusta Bay and the Army didn't land until later.

AN EX-3RD DIV. MARINE

Editor's note—Come in and look through our files of a few months back for the story of the 3rd Div. on Bougainville. The 1st, 2nd and 4th Divs. have naturally been prominent in the news of late because of more recent campaigns.

Not Seagoing

Editor, The Chevron—We of the Mar. Gd. Det., U. S. Fleet Training Base, San Clemente Island, are under the impression that we are getting sea duty credit in our record books. Can we wear the ship detachment shoulder patch?

Corp. GENE BERGNER

FTE, San Clemente Island.

Editor's note—Your Det. is not getting sea duty credit and you may not wear the seagoing Marines' patch.

Any More Buskools?

Editor, The Chevron—Last week you said the Corps had 4500 Smiths, 2250 Browns and 2200 Joneses. If I am not mistaken I am the only Buskool in any branch of the armed forces. Am I correct?

PFC. HENRY J. BUSKOOOL

Editor's note—Suits us until another Buskool shows up.

Shocks Of Peace

Democracies have proved that they can withstand the shocks of war. Is there reason to lack confidence that with equal will and with equal sacrifice they can withstand the shocks of peace?—Secy. of Navy James Forrestal.

Jap Caves Elaborate

Extensive System Made Saipan Malta Of Pacific

By Sgt. David Detwiler
Combat Correspondent

SAIPAN (Delayed)—This island is a virtual Malta of the Pacific. Marines have had to fight their way through what is undoubtedly the most elaborate system of caves and tunnels encountered so far in the Pacific war.

Both along the cliffs flanking Magicienne Bay and in mountains and ridges dominating the center of the island, well-protected caves, connected by a network of tunnels, faced American troops advancing up the island. Many of them were designed principally for use against a landing attempt.

CONNECTING TUNNELS

The caves are natural. The Japanese have tunnels connecting them, and have built installations in many of them. Caves facing the sea were equipped with shore batteries and contained ammunition dumps well protected from our fire. One large cave held an eight-inch gun mounted on a railroad car which was wheeled into position for firing and then withdrawn to avoid counter-battery fire. A naval vessel caught it squarely on one of its outgoing trips.

One cave running through the back of a ridge has no less than seven entrances and when taken by Marines contained quantities of Japanese equipment.

ELECTRICALLY LIGHTED

In many of the caves the Japanese had installed electric lights.

The task of capturing them has been greatly complicated by the fact that some of the caves were filled with natives who had taken refuge there. To approach one of these forbidding places, not knowing who or what is inside them, is one of the most ticklish jobs Marines here have.

The extent of this underground system defies the imagination and shows to what extent the Japanese were prepared to defend Saipan. The job of exploring and mopping them up still goes on. It is known that hundreds of Jap soldiers are still hiding in them, but their fate has long been sealed.

SNIPER CAVES NUISANCE

SAIPAN (Delayed)—One type of sniper cave that has proven a special nuisance here is a two-storied affair with the observation post on the upper level and the firing post on the lower, with a connecting passage at the rear. When the post is attacked, the Japs retreat to the upper level. The only way they can be dislodged is with a flame thrower or demolition charge.

Some of the strongest caves on the island, those on Latus Point, were abandoned by the enemy with hardly a shot. These contained snipers in very strong positions, with several galleries covering various fields of fire and heavily-armed with machine guns and mortars. It would have cost the lives of many Marines had the Japs elected to hold the place.—Sgt. John B. T. Campbell Jr., combat correspondent.

Shoot Straight — Gets First Degree

WASHINGTON—Yic. Laurence W. Soule, USN, is the first person in the Naval service to receive a college degree by completing his studies through correspondence courses arranged by the Navy's educational services facilities.

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SNIPER DEN. Jap snipers holed up in this cave on northern Saipan, so GySgt. E. L. Blanchard of Eldon, Ia., throws in hand grenade by way of persuading them to come out.

Saipan Proves Value Of LVTs

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Amphibious training begun at Dunedin, Fla., in 1941 paid dividends in the effective use of new type LVTs (landing vehicle, tractors) in the successful landings here June 15.

The man who was greatly responsible for their development was among the first Marines to land here and observe their use against the Japanese. He is Col. William W. Davies of Washington, D. C.

Col. Davies had an idea back in 1941 and had the Roebling Co. design the first LVT, referred to then as the "alligator". Many of the officers now participating in this campaign went to Dunedin as students in the amphibious training program supervised by the colonel.—Sgt. Murray Lewis, combat correspondent.

Captured Saipan Railroad Now Managed By Seabees

SAIPAN (Delayed)—The Charan-Kanoa-Aslito Railway resumed operation today under new management.

A Seabee detachment, part of the 4th Mar. Div., has taken over the property with a neatness and dispatch that would do credit to Wall Street. In fact,

the Marines even improved upon established methods of railway stealing by killing off most of the former stockholders and operators.

NEW PRESIDENT

New president of the C. K. & A. is Lt. Comdr. William G. Byrne of Butte, Mont., commander of the Seabees.

Comdr. Byrne has had his mind on the railway since he saw his first map of Saipan and has been working on it since his landing with Marine assault troops. The former operators were decent enough not to sabotage its tracks

or rolling stock, but, unfortunately, the Marines and the Navy shot it up quite a bit.

The Seabees "inherited" nine locomotives, two of which were impossible to salvage. Three of them are running now, though, and the other four can be repaired. There are about 100 miles of track in all, but not all of it is yet in American hands.—Sgt. John B. T. Campbell Jr., combat correspondent.

Strength of the Marine Corps is fixed by law at 20 per cent of the Navy's strength.

Reassignment Of MCB Office Space Continues

More changes were made this week in the location of offices and quarters of Base organizations, with others in process.

The Base dispensary annex in Bldg. 8 was evacuated, with some patients and equipment moved to Bldg. 5. Giving up of these quarters will necessitate sending more patients to USNH, San Diego, than heretofore.

Bldg. 6 will be occupied by Sig. Bn., which has begun moving out of Bldg. 8 to make room for more WFs expected to arrive on the Base.

BN. OFFICES MOVED

Base Hq. Bn. offices now are located on the first deck of Bldg. 29, on the north side of the building. They were moved this week from the south wing, second deck, of the Administration Bldg.

The QM School of Administration is taking over the whole of Bldg. 139, part of which was formerly the TOQ. TOQ has been moved to Bldg. 140.

In a reassignment of space in the tent area on the south side of the parade ground, Cd. Bn. was given rows 4 to 13 in the eastern section to house personnel of casual companies. RD will retain only three rows in this section, with the other rows remaining available for other distribution.

In the western section the new Reclassification and Redistribution Center was given control of all but seven rows. The Japanese Language School, being moved here from Camp Peildston, will occupy three of those rows.

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USMC	4,928	7,997	867	1,945
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Cash bond purchases made by Naval personnel in the Independence Day campaign exceeded \$47,000,000, it was announced this week. This figure more than doubled the previous record of \$23,000,000 in cash sales, set last Pearl Harbor Day.

Marine purchases in the recent drive were as follows:

Cherry Point	\$181,000.00
Camp Lejeune	170,043.75
Parris Island	124,706.25
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IT'S EASY. Pvt. Charles S. Thomas of Camp Pendleton is caught by the camera in midair as he spins around to land on the back of his neck and demonstrate how to absorb shock of a fall. It's a combat conditioning exercise.

They're Getting Tougher Every Day At Pendleton

CAMP PENDLETON — Tough Marines are getting tougher through combat conditioning. Working on a new schedule of 10 hours a day, seven days per week, 200 Leathernecks a hour receive combat training, while another 200 each hour are taken into the tank for combat swimming. In one day a total of 4000 Marines receive the rugged conditioning, or an aggregate of 28,000 per week.

For the first hour, 200 trainees are taught bayonet, knife and club fighting and barehanded competition. Bayonet fighting, in which Marines practice on one another with bare steel, is along the boxing form of attack in which pauses, slashes and stabs are made.

Knife and club fighting is a technique in which the Marine learns only a few basic and simplified movements that are effective. In the combat swimming course, Marines are drilled on the proper way to abandon ship, make their way through the water with rifles slung across their backs and how to swim in rough or debris-laden water and oil slick.

Wrote Home — Worry Of Father Ended By Photo

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Maj. Mizer F. Gross Jr. of Marysville, Wash., guard and internal security officer here, hasn't heard from his son on Saipan, but he isn't worrying about him any more. He knows he's safe. For on the front page of a Los Angeles newspaper he saw a picture of his son, PFC. Mizer F. Gross Jr., looking well and happy. The picture showed Marines guarding internees at Saipan.

Keep Clean — Officer to WR: "No! No! Miss Quackerbush. When someone approaches your sentry post you say: 'Halt! Who goes there?'—not 'Stop or I'll scream!'"

Sulfa Won't Do In This Case
SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—According to the self-diagnosis of an ailing Marine here, medical men better get busy and discover a new antidote. Diagnosed the ailing Marine: "Doc, I think I've got scutellibut neurosis."

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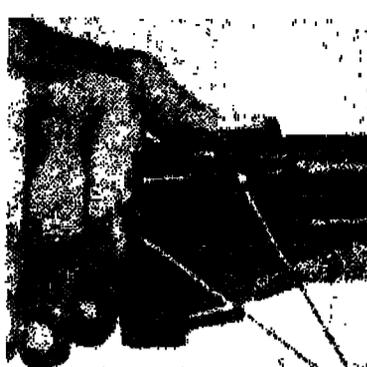
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Simplified M-1 Firing Pin Process Devised At Range

A simple process which requires only an empty cartridge case and a new firing pin for tools has been developed at Camp Matthews for replacement of broken firing pins. The six easy steps in the process, requiring far less time than the conventional method, are pictured in the following series of photos by PFC, Chester Turk.



1 Flatten the neck of an empty case. This may be done by inserting small of neck under the trigger guard and pressing down.



2 Remove rifle stock. Insert flat-topped cartridge into chamber. Grasp rifle with right hand over the receiver, forcing little finger firmly against rear sight and forefinger against operating rod handle. Push forward until extractor snaps over rim of cartridge. DO NOT relax pressure. Right hand must remain in place for following steps.



3 Press out extractor, using right thumb to prevent its loss. This may be done by using tip of new firing pin.



4 Shake broken pin from housing by tapping on heel of shoe or striking gently on deck. Do not relax pressure of right hand.



5 Insert new firing pin, taking care to see that it is seated fully in recess.



6 Replace extractor by sliding in position and then forcing into place with right thumb pressure. Replace rifle stock.

Easy Removal Demonstrated At Camp Matthews

By PFC, Eugene E. Whitworth

CAMP MATTHEWS—A simple six-step process of replacing broken firing pins in the M-1 rifle which requires only one-third the time of the conventional method has been devised by PISgt. Robert Lee Hudson, now on duty in the camp armory.

The new method compares with 16 steps in the old process and requires only an empty cartridge case and new firing pin as tools. Removal of the stock and extractor is the only dismantling necessary.

ONE MINUTE PROCESS

PISgt. Hudson, a veteran of 16 years' service, claims that under field conditions it takes only about 60 seconds to replace broken firing pins using the new method. With brief instruction on both methods, he reported, recruits completed the job in three minutes using the new system and in 10 minutes using the old.

Entering the Corps in 1920, PISgt. Hudson went through boot camp training and Sea School at Mare Island, Cal., and from there was assigned as a rifle range coach until ordered aboard the USS California.

Shipping over after his first cruise, he served at DOP, San Francisco, later on recruiting duty at Bremerton, Wash., and then on guard duty at Keyport, Wash. After 10 years in the reserves, he returned to active duty in September, 1941, and was soon assigned to this camp.

Dead Turkeys Fly On Bougainville

ME, KLAMATH FALLS, Ore.—Turkey served Marines on Bougainville last Thanksgiving was highly seasoned, according to S/Sgt. Harold John Slatky of Duryea, Pa., returned here for recovery from a tropical ailment.

"We had just finished roasting the turkeys in a field kitchen and were moving them up front in a truck when a Jap shell hit us. Turkeys—dead ones—actually flew all over the woods," Slatky, a mess sergeant, said.

"We gathered up the birds still edible, brushed off the dirt, leaves and mud, and the fellows got their Thanksgiving meal after all."

— About Straight —

Sad Sight

URINK, SAN DIEGO—PFC, John B. McDonald of Detroit, now convalescing here, recalls that on New Georgia his outfit went without food for four days and opposing lines were so close that when supplies were dropped by planes on the fifth day they landed behind enemy positions.

Amphibs In Tank Fight

Three Jap Tanks Knocked Out By Two Water Craft

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Though never designed to come to grips with enemy tanks, two landing vehicles engaged three and destroyed them all.

The two amphibious craft were commanded by Sgt. Onel W. Dickens of Modesto, Cal., and Benjamin R. Livesey of South Attleboro, Mass.

Both were deployed to cover other disabled craft still in the water. The men were eating emergency rations when they noticed three enemy tanks firing at targets in the surf.

SWING INTO ACTION

The two American vehicles moved into the open. Dickens spun his around to give his gunner a better firing position. The first shell hit the Jap tank on the turret at an angle. There was a spurt of flame, but the Jap vehicle kept moving.

All three Jap tanks then ignored the offshore targets and began concentrating on destruction of the two American amphibians.

"We kept shifting around," Livesey said, "and firing all the time. We must have kept moving the right way at the right time for they never hit us."

"Meanwhile, we were hitting them again and again. We reached the gas tank of one, and it stopped dead—on fire. At about the same time, we got the other two. One exploded and the third was set on fire."

CREW MEMBERS

Members of Livesey's crew are Pvt. Walter A. Ruff jr. of Chippewa Falls, Wis., driver; John W. Jackson of Lakeport, Cal., ammunition passer; PFCs. Glenn A. Keeuey of Crown Point, Ind., radio operator; Wilhelm Schmidt of Chesterville, Tex., gunner, and Charles L. Grigby jr. of Harrodsburg, Ky.

Dickens' crew was composed of PFCs. Robert P. Fink of Detroit, Mich., radio operator; Elton D. Allen of Lincoln, Mo., driver; Green M. Shirely of Tupelo, Miss., ammunition passer; Leonard Korte of Cimarron, Colo., gunner, and Bernard C. McPaul of Andover, O., ammunition passer.—Sgt. Murray Lewis, combat correspondent.

'Hell's Angels' Blast Japs With Artillery Fire

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Somewhere behind the lines, hidden from enemy view, is the "Devil's Room". In this domain dwell the pack howitzers of the 4th Mar. Div. The crews call themselves "Hell's Angels", for the devil has paid them a good many close calls since they waded across the coral beaches of Saipan.

After the Marine howitzers had set afire enemy oil dumps, the Japanese trained their mountain guns on the room, making an all-out stab at wiping the Marines out.

ARTILLERY DUEL

The "Devil's Room" was pock-marked with shell holes, but the Marines gave back shell for shell. At dusk the enemy artillery dwindled.

But there was no letup. At nightfall an enemy dive bomber swooped down over the howitzers. When the plane was hit by flak and burst into flames right overhead, the "Angels" thought their spines were up. Luckily, the plane plummeted into a cane field to the rear.—Sgt. Edward F. Roder, combat correspondent.

— Keep Clean —

Knocked flat when a sniper's bullet hit him in the helmet, Corp. Marty Feldman, Univ. of Oregon grid guard, jumped up and walked unaided to a first aid station where his wound was dressed.

Even Saipan Has Skyrooms —But No Refreshments

SAIPAN (Delayed)—The skyroom of Mt. Tapotchau (1500 feet above sea level, with a wonderful view and hot mortar fire daily and nightly) is also referred to by the smart set of Marines as the blue room, or simply as Pat's Place.

Pat is Capt. Patrick Terrence Fox of Newark, N. J., former full-back for the Philadelphia Eagles of the National Professional Football League. As head of a unit of Marines who moved in after the crucial mountain had been taken by assault, to hold it against Japanese counter-attacks, Capt. Fox is boss of the skyroom.

NO SHORTCOMINGS

For a hot night spot, the skyroom has certain shortcomings. There is no liquor, not even beer, but only rumors of beer. In fact, there is only warm, soapy-tasting distilled water, which the habitues of the skyroom have to carry on their shoulders in five-gallon tin containers up Mt. Tapotchau's jagged coral slopes once or twice each day, sometimes under Japanese sniper fire.

There is plenty of kidding and horseplay, as the men loiter around on the floor of the dim cave at the very summit of the mountain. But there is always expectancy in the approach of late afternoon, when our fire agencies and the Japanese

mortar batteries begin to lob their shells up toward the skyroom. And about 20 yards from the skyroom, just down from the crest, sprawl three very dead Japanese.—Sgt. Dan Levin, combat correspondent.

Marines Adopt Rattler's Name

CAMP PENDELTON—A regiment of the 5th Mar. Div. in training here has officially adopted the name of "Diamond Back" regiment in recognition of the rattlesnake-infested terrain in which it maneuvers.

Men in the regiment have a wide variety of pets and mascots, ranging from dogs to a trained hawk but no one has yet captured a diamond back rattler as a regimental mascot. Nor does it appear likely that anyone will, for the rattler is swift, striking and deadly.—Sgt. John W. Warkentin, combat correspondent.

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Wounded Leathernecks Treated In Jap Hospital On Saipan

Sick Bay Serves Hurt 48 Hours After Landings

Three Rooms Turned Over To Care Of Civilians And Enemy Military Personnel

SAIPAN (Delayed)—A Japanese hospital untouched by American ship or aerial fire is now being used by Navy doctors and corpsmen to treat our wounded.

Less than 48 hours after the first Marines landed on this besieged Jap island, Leathernecks had cleared the hospital area of enemy troops. It is set in about a half mile from the beach. Doctors and corpsmen rushed in to start handling casualties.

This afternoon the 50-room sick bay was in charge of Lt. Comdr. Joseph J. Zuska, (MC) USN, of Coronado, Cal., and Lt. John V. Loughlin, (ChC), of Rochester, N. Y.

SUPPLIES ON HAND

Comdr. Zuska found two store rooms loaded with all types of medical supplies. A few had American labels. Most of them were labeled in Japanese and Latin. "We can read the Latin," Comdr. Zuska said, "and the supplies are in perfect shape. We've got a lot of valuable drugs that will come in handy."

Three rooms have been turned over for the care of wounded civilians and Jap military personnel. In one, there was a Jap pilot who was shot down by our planes in a hectic dog-fight the night before. He suffered multiple burns and was treated as well as one of our own pilots. He was fed chocolate and water.

GOOD EQUIPMENT

Lt. F. E. Walthall, (MC) USN, of Bakersfield, Cal., has been working in the operating room. Asked about the equipment available, he said: "It's about what you'd find in a country hospital back in the States. It's not up to the minute, but it does the work. We were lucky to find the hospital almost intact."

Other doctors and corpsmen working in the hospital are:

Lt. Comdr. C. R. Bruner of Columbus, Miss.; Lt. C. F. Urdil of Hastings, Neb.; L. J. Lausien of Milwaukee, Wis.; and Sgt. M. Kozol of Boston, Mass.; CPhM Cyril D. Alvarez of Albany, Cal.; PhM 1/c Albert M. Drotloff of Morristown, N. J.; Francis J. Sara of Salt Lake City, Utah; Ansel E. Hill of East Twin Falls, Ida.; and Don R. Kaserman of Bellflower, Cal., and PhM 2/c Jack Blakemore of Southgate, Cal.—St/Sgt. Hy Hurwitz, combat correspondent.

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Fly Huge Load

WASHINGTON — Naval Air Transport Service, in less than 36 hours, recently flew the two heaviest single items ever carried by air between the U. S. and the Canal Zone. The items were main turbine engine rotors.

Tastes Of Overseas Men Run To Cake

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed)—Chow-wise veterans of Guadalcanal and Cape Gloucester have evolved very definite tastes regarding their food. The following table of choices was compiled through votes in mess halls feeding more than 3000 men:

- Most popular—Cake (65%); coffee (24%); biscuits and jam (5%).
- Most unpopular—Chicory as coffee (45%); tea for breakfast (30%).
- Most tiresome—Corbed willie (96%).
- Most likely to succeed—Hot cakes (42%); bacon and powdered eggs (19%).
- Most appreciated—Stateside coffee (74%); an extra cupful (20%).
- Most popular canned fruit—Fruit cocktail (30%); pears (18%); peaches (15%); pineapple (12%).
- Most unpopular canned vegetable—Paranips (35%); cabbage (30%);



STREET FIGHT. Viewed through window of a wrecked building in Garapan town, Marine gun crew sets up behind abandoned enemy truck to fire at Japs hidden in debris.

Marine Credited With Fighting In 17 Battles

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Few Marines in this war may claim participation in more engagements than PlSgt. Phillip L. McCully of McCleary, Wash.

Serving on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific, PlSgt. McCully rates three silver stars and two bronze stars for participating in 17 major engagements. In addition, he rates the Presidential unit citation ribbon with star, and he holds also a personal citation for especially meritorious conduct in battle.

He was at Pearl Harbor when the Japs struck and believes that his Marine unit, manning guns ashore, shot down the first Jap plane in this war.

An expert in automatic weapons, PlSgt. McCully says: "There's no substitute for automatic weapons when you see those torpedo planes coming in at you. There it's either 'git or git got'."—Sgt. William C. Harris, combat correspondent.

March Proudly

Marine Produces Radio Feature

Pvt. James Shelby of the RD contact office is writer-producer of a new 15-minute radio show, "Women at War," which was introduced over station KFSD this week. The program will be heard from 2100 to 2115 on Mondays.

The weekly dramatizations will describe the activities of Women Marines, Wacs, Waves, Spars, Red Cross, Army and Navy nurses, and members of Civilian Defense and American Women's Voluntary Service.



LEAD FOR JAPS. Marine gunners fire 37mm. gun at Japs entrenched along dirt road on Saipan. Holes in gun shield are from enemy fire. (Photo by Corp. Angus Robertson.)

Flyer Discovers 'Secret Weapon'

MCAD, MIRAMAR—A Marine dive-bomber pilot recently returned here from the South Pacific told this one:

Over Simpson Harbor at Rabaul he just released his bomb on a Jap vessel, and while still traveling at a terrific rate was startled to see a Jap Zero out of the corner of his eye.

The enemy was so close that he could see the slanted eyes behind the goggles, but his location was such that it was impossible to swing his guns into action.

There was but one "weapon" to use, and he used it.

He thumbed his nose!—St/Sgt. Ben Wahrman, combat correspondent.

No Courtroom

A fatigue suit is a foxhole with buttons.—Bob Hope.

Child-Care Not Taught Marines

SAIPAN (Delayed) — Marine training is pretty thorough in most particulars, but it doesn't teach a fellow how best to hold a baby.

Sgt. Arthur Denhoff of Brooklyn, N. Y., emerged from a woods today carrying a small child, who obviously didn't want to be carried—by the sergeant, at least. The baby was bent double, its posterior dragging almost to Sgt. Denhoff's knees.

"You'd never be a father," another Marine taunted. "Look how you carry the kid."

Bristling with indignation, Sgt. Denhoff stopped short and roared: "All right! How the hell would you carry it?"

There was no answer to that one.—3dLt. Jim O. Liras, PFC.

Citations

Silver Star

1stLt. Arnold E. Ross (posthumously); John A. Sibert, 2dLt. Harvey L. Moore and Joseph J. Sexton (both posthumously); Corps, Thomas D. Cain Jr. and Walter T. Pierce (both posthumously); Daniel A. Ferrin, PFC; Kenneth E. Trowbridge (lieut. J. White and Raymond Warrington (all posthumously); Pvt. Alvin C. Bryson, Jacob Crum and Donald K. Delaney (all posthumously).

Distinguished Flying Cross

Maj. Raymond G. Tomes, Capt. Duane B. Jenkins, Bronze Star 1stLt. Samuel M. Johnston, Sgt. Fred Ferris (posthumously), PFC Wesley P. Jorgensen (posthumously).

Air Medal

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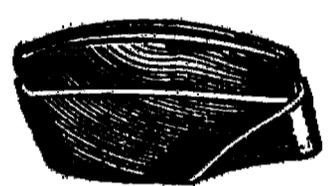
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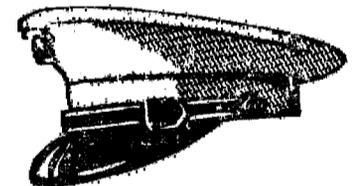
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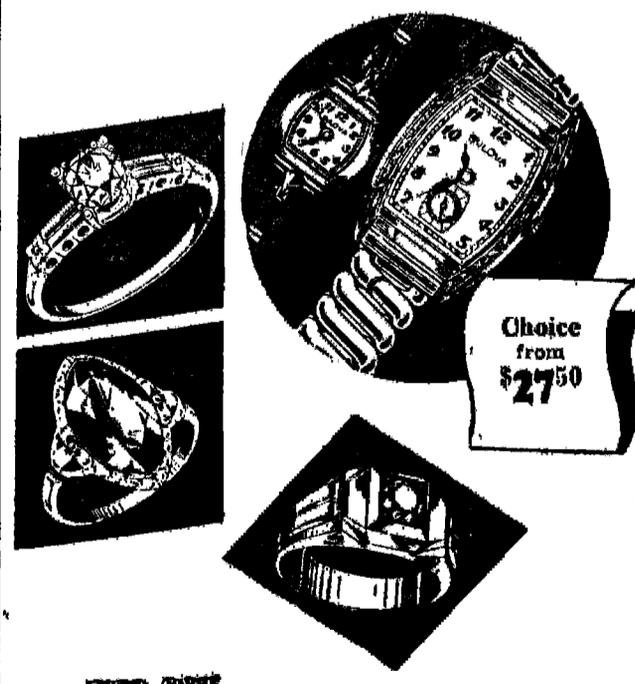
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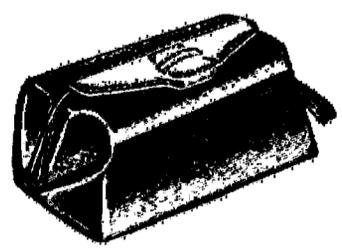


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CASH ON THE LINE. Back from 17 months overseas and the comforts of Gloucester and Cape Gloucester, these 1st Div. Leathernecks contemplate their first U. S. Liberty. From left, Sgts. Albert E. Goggen and Lloyd E. Crusan and PFC. Kenneth L. Osgood, counting up their pay.



HOT SHOWER. Sgt. Goggen gets the call to hurry as he toils under a hot shower and lathers himself before stepping out to see whether or not San Diego has changed during his absence. His buddies threaten to lase in buckets of cold water unless he gives up the shower in a hurry.



LIBERTY STYLE. PFC. Osgood puts the finishing touches on his newly-tanned shirt with the first hot iron he has handled since recent training. He hadn't lost the knack of making a GX shirt smooth as silk and, to do things on right, he helped his buddies with their military creases.



GET IT STRAIGHT. Navy Cross winner Sgt. Crusan insisted that the trio's first step be in a tailor and pressing shop. With sharp creases in their green uniforms, the battle veterans ordered their stripes and shoulder patches sewn on and then bought ribbons to which they were entitled.



PAVEMENT UNDERFOOT. Even the hard pavement of Broadway's sidewalks felt good to the men who have known their share of mud and foxholes. Their uniforms complete, the trio wanted to "just browse around for a while." Being back in the U. S. was hard to believe.



WUKTRA! WUKTRA! The newshawk had sure customers when he spotted the Leathernecks. Remembering many months when they were unable to obtain reading material, they vied to keep up on current events. Now they can keep in touch with the war on all fronts and events at home.



LAND AND SEA. They couldn't resist the temptation to return aboard ship as visitors instead of passengers, so boarded the "Star of India" in San Diego harbor. They had the run of the ship, something unknown aboard transports that took them to the Solomons and brought them home.



NEW YORK CUTS. "Steak, please, and your telephone number," ordered the trio as they strolled through the Berrymans Hotel. They got the steak and without waiting in line. They all remembered a few months ago when food buying was a novelty for them. Ordering from menus was a novelty for them.



SPAGHETTI EATER. Sgt. Crusan had long promised himself that he would sit down in front of an inexhaustible supply of spaghetti and eat until he could hold no more. He did just that and his buddies took up where he left off. All went adept at handling the stringy food, using the time-tried method of turning fork in spoon.



BEER NOG. Sgt. Crusan keeps a promise to have "egg in my hand." The veterans called it his "luxury cocktail."



NIGHT CLUBBING. Dinner finished, the veterans met their dates in the lobby of the U. S. Grant Hotel and proceeded to the Little Club for dancing. The "jungle" of native dances kept them in the groove. However, slow tunes were their specialty, they said.



AND SO TO BED. Amid luxurious pillows, Sgt. Crusan gets "tucked in bed." Unbelieving, the trio bounced on the springs and stuffed their pillows. Finding a night of liberty nearly as rugged as a day on the front, they all slept soundly. (All photos in this series by Sgt. Robert Willett.)

Ball Of String Foils Surprise Jap Night Attack

SAIPAN (Delayed)—A ball of string foiled Japanese machine gunners last night and saved a Marine unit from a surprise night attack.

When their company dug in for the night along the mountain ridge, a small group of Marines took a ball of twine, unwound it, and tied the string to one man in each foxhole along the line. If anything happened, any man could alert the men near him by jerking the string.

ALBERT'S OTHERS

About 0300 PFC. John Van Ness of Glen Ridge, N. J., jerked on the string. He awakened PFCs. Richard Huefner of Linden, N. J., and Wayne Floyd of Madera, Cal. They signaled along the string to the men nearby.

There was a noise out front like men digging in the ground. Then a flare went up, lighting up the surrounding area, and they saw the forms of several Japs moving furtively back and forth before their front lines. They looked closer—into the barrels of two Jap machine guns leveled at them.

FIRING IN UNISON

The Marines waited, without moving, until the flare died away, then signaled along the string to fire in unison. A battery of rifles and a BAR barked as each man unloaded a clip of ammunition. There was a weak burst of fire from the Japs out in front and then silence.—Sgt. Gilbert P. Bailey, combat correspondent.

Ode To a Marine

By Doug Paul Mills
(Published by Wynmark Music Inc., New York)

It isn't his set of blues,
Or his mirrored shoes,
Or his uniform of green,
That makes a Marine.

It isn't how much he can drink,
Or how often he's been in the stink
Or how many lads he's seen,
That makes a Marine.

A "Leatherneck" is more than that;
More than a medal or a campaign hat,
More than a hashmark or a couple of stripes,
Or some idle scuttlebutt and perpetual gripes.

This is but a cloak—the dress Marine;
Not the naked truth which the enemy has seen.
Ask the enemy what a "Leatherneck" is—
The enemy will tell you this:

It's his meeting a foe of superior might,
Unmindful of numbers and ready to fight;
It's a landing, a spearhead, a challenge, a raid,
With bullet and bayonet, knife and grenade.

It's his stamina, sacrifice, courage—his guts
In obeying an order with no "ifs" or "buts".
It's his living in foxholes, in mud and in stink,
Resisting defeat to the last drop of blood.

It's his tightening the belt when the ration is low
And his open-eyed slumber lest muster should show
It's his feverish thirst when the latrine bag's shy
And his foul-smelling funk when water is dry.

It's his conquest of darkness and barbed wire traps
And dodging the shrapnel with breathless suspense,
It's his going through hell to find victory,
And at last as he watches the enemy flee—

And the Red, White and Blue waves "Hi well" off the sand,
(It's the hump in his throat, that makes a Marine)

Hero Of Marshalls Dies Fighting In Saipan Invasion

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Sgt. Frank A. Tucker of Hugo, Okla., hero of the conquest of the Marshall Islands, went out swinging. The death of Sgt. Tucker, who had won the Navy Cross in the Marshalls, was recently announced. Today his comrades told the details.

Sgt. Tucker, they related, hacked to death four of an attacking squad of Japanese with a small shovel before he was killed in a savage hand-to-hand struggle for Saipan's Death Valley.

Although wounded by mortar fragments, and with his machine gun knocked out, Sgt. Tucker and a handful of other Marines, many of whom were wounded and weaponless, fought with knives, shovels, picks and rifle butts as they close to die rather than let the enemy capture their comrades.

FOUGHT WITH SHOVEL.

Sgt. Tucker was killed after the enemy had broken through his lines. When his machine gun was put out of commission by enemy fire, the sergeant picked up a small shovel and stood his ground against an attack by a squad of Japanese. When the Japs closed in, Tucker hacked to death four of them before he was overcome.

On Namur Island last February Sgt. Tucker was credited by his commanding officer with killing 38 Japs in a night-long battle with captured Jap riflemen.—Sgt. Edward F. Ruder, combat correspondent.

March Proudly
Origin Of Word

Use of the term Leatherneck relates to the fact that in early days Marines wore a black leather stock.

THE FIGHT FOR SAIPAN

From the typewriters of the 2nd and 4th Divs. have come a steady stream of stories about Marines in action on Saipan. The following have been condensed from their reports.

One of the first to reach the 1554-ft. summit of Mt. Tapochant, highest spot on the island—was PFC. John Kohne of Dayton, O. He moved to the crest of the rugged peak at 1830 and with other Marines prepared to hold the position against Jap resistance during the night.

TSGt. Harvey D. VanWieren of Holland, Mich., knows what is meant by a "Quartermaster's War." For 10 days his unit led the attack against one sector of the island. Repeated trips had to be made to the front lines over roads harassed by Jap snipers and machine gunners to keep the outfit supplied with water, food and ammunition.

Ordinarily, a sergeant major is a "deck man." But when a volunteer clean-up squad was called for, Sgt. Maj. Earl D. Lee of South Gate, Cal., took three men and went after snipers bothering the CP. The first day they got 25 Japs, the second day 7, and the third day 4.

For 10 days, Marines pounded Cha Cha village so hard that only one roofless room remained standing. Two small crucifixes and a Chamorro prayer book on a table were the only objects untouched by gunfire. In the rubble, Marines under Lt. Col. Edward J. Dillon of Newburgh, N. Y., found a workable phonograph and several records. Murala hit a new high to the tune of "Whitely White You Work".

A 4th Div. engineer unit was the only Leatherneck group in the Saipan battle which appeared with bayonets on their carbines. Corp. Charles Hewitt of Compton, Calif., machined the gadgets which allowed bayonets to be affixed. Marines found that carbines, even with bayonets, were easily handled in the sharply-twisting terrain.

"This stuff takes off anything—even paint." So says Sgt. Maj. Sigmond P. Hansen jr. of Union City, N. J., of the effectiveness of Japanese sakl-applied externally. The Japs left an adequate supply of the rice wine so he's using it for washing his hands and mess gear or may even bathe in the stuff.

Capt. Charles R. Durfee of Reddy, N. Dak., holder of the Navy Cross for heroism at Tarawa, led his men up a steep slope to capture a CP, consisting of three buildings, that had been defended by a Jap tank and infantrymen. Then more fighting broke out—and Capt. Durfee was killed.

PFC. Jack Schwab of Peoria, Ill., captured two wounded Japs and kept one of them—a little mongrel pup which he calls "Nippo". The dog's former master, a Jap who speaks English with a Spanish accent, is in the stockade.

PFC. Ariel Hernandez of El Paso, Tex., member of an engineering unit used for front line combat duty, speaks Japanese. Covered by other Marines, he swam to the mouth of a large cave on Magicienne Bay and called on the Japs to surrender. Out came 31 of them with their hands in the air.

What was claimed to be the first American flag to be flown on Saipan was made in Japan. It was raised by Pvt. John F. Thole of Perry, Okla., who found the small, cheaply-made flag in a house in Charan-Kanoa.

Training Methods Viewed By Head Of N. Z. Forces

CAMP PENDLETON — Lt. Gen. Edward Puttick, chief of staff, commanding New Zealand military forces, was observing Marine combat training methods here this week. He is the guest of Maj. Gen. Charles F. B. Price, CG, San Diego area, FMF.

Gen. Puttick's visit to this area is in the nature of a return call upon Gen. Price, who visited him in New Zealand last December when he was in command of Marine forces at Samoa.

The general from "down under" accompanied Prime Minister Peter Fraser of New Zealand to the recent conference of dominion prime ministers in London, and then inspected the 2nd New Zealand Div. on the Italian battlefield.

SAW BOMBINGS

Gen. Puttick was in London during the first two weeks of German robot bombings.

He arrived at Lindbergh field Saturday night and was met by Gen. Price. After spending the night at the general's quarters at MCB he toured the Base with Brig. Gen. Matthew H. Kingman, CG there, and inspected Camp Matthews. He was observing training activities of the 5th Mar. Div. with Maj. Gen. Keller M. Rockey, CG of the division, on his visit here.

Guards Share Lead

USNH, SAN DIEGO — Marine Guard, scoring a 1-to-0 victory over X-Rays and a 2-to-0 win over Blood Bank, remained in line for American League football honors here this week. The Leathernecks share the lead with two other clubs.

ISLANDS IN THE NEWS

PALAU

In the South Pacific area known as Micronesia there are three great island groups—the Marshalls, the Marianas and the Carolines. The U. S. has taken most of the Marshalls, now has ground troops in the Marianas, and is blasting the more important islands of the Carolines from the air.

Of the latter group—which also includes Yap, Truk, Ponape and Kusaie—the westernmost of any size and possibly the most important Jap base, with the exception of Truk, is Palau. The 26 islands comprising Palau total but 178 square miles.

Importance of Palau is suggested by the fact that the Japs made it the headquarters of their Navy government administering the entire mandate.

Palau, between 7 and 8 degrees north of the equator, is a jewel-surrounded chain of volcanic islands stretching 90 miles from north to south and 20 miles in width. To the south and west lie



First Aircraft Forced To Land On Besieged Isle

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Making a forced but perfect landing, the first American plane to come aground on this strategic Japanese island was given a rousing reception exactly 56 hours after the first Marines hit the beach.

A Japanese tank which the pilot of the plane had bombed on one of the tricky hills blew up right under the plane this afternoon. The radio-man aboard the plane was wounded. Two other members of the crew received slight scratches from flying fragments of the tank on which they had made a perfect hit.

Lt. C. H. McLean, USN, of Marshfield, Ore., pilot and bomb-er of the plane, brought his craft down so that the wounded would receive immediate attention.—Sgt. Hy Hurwitz, combat correspondent.

Step Zeroes Walk

Informality Reigns When Shells Drop

SAIPAN (Delayed)—With shells are dropping all around you, as they have been here since we first landed five days ago, everything is a little less formal than in normal times.

A distinguished visitor moved into a fox-hole and stayed there with other occupants for three nights—a brigadier general, no less. Other men in the hole were 1st Lt. Joseph W. Uta of Ocean Beach, Cal., and SstSgt. Frederick F. Hutton of Shreveport, La.—TSGt. Irving Schlossenberg, combat correspondent.

Ranking Master Gunnery Sergeant On Guard Duty

Father Of MGySgt. Miller Battled Japs Under Czar In Manchurian Conflict

The ranking master gunnery sergeant of the Corps today is from an old family of Jap fighters. MGySgt. Lewis Miller, NCO-in-C of Gd. Det., Naval Fuel Annex, Ft. Loma, who holds the No. 1 warrant of that rank, this week related some of his family's and his own military history.

Born in the town of Kovna in the Caucasus Mountains in Russia 53 years ago, he came to the U. S. at the beginning of the century and settled in Brooklyn.

His father was an enlisted man who campaigned under the Czar in Manchuria in the Russo-Jap war.

FIGHTING FAMILY

His eldest brother, Arthur, enlisted in the British Army and served under Lord Kitchener in India and later under Lord Roberts in the Boer war.

Another brother, Sydney, is a MTSgt. in the AAF today, having enlisted and remained in service since 1906.

MGySgt. Miller's own military service includes seagoing duty and service at nearly every point where Marines have been called to duty between World Wars I and II.

He enlisted in the Army in January, 1911. Discharged in 1914, he joined the Corps that same year.

His last overseas duty was in China, where he served twice, his most recent tour ending in 1928. He was at both Peking and Tientsin when Marines were called to protect American lives and property from internal strife.

SEAGOING DUTY

His seagoing duty has been "on-and-off" and includes service aboard the old USS Maryland, the Rochester, Milwaukee and Houston. During this war, he has been NCO-in-C of Gd. Det., USNH, San Diego, where he served immediately prior to his arrival at MCB a year ago. His present post is detached duty from 2nd Gd. Co., Base Gd. Bn.

Although now denied the opportunity to serve in a combat unit, the old timer has added the weapon of war bonds to his other duties in service. He has set aside \$75 monthly since January 1942 for bonds.

An "all-lice" bug, he holds the Good Conduct Medal with seven bars, Dominican Campaign Medal, Mexican Service Medal, Victory Medal, Haitian Campaign Medal, Yangtze Service Medal, Expeditionary Medal, Second Nicaraguan Campaign Medal and the Philippine Campaign Badge.



MGySgt. MILLER from a fighting family

Marine Braves Enemy Grenade To Save Shoes

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Big feet almost brought death to Corp. Michael Witowich of Detroit, Mich.

Corp. Witowich was in his fox-hole when he saw Japs toss hand grenades into a pile of boxes. Among the boxes was only one pair of shoes which would fit him—a size 13EEE, which he had requested.

The corporal crawled up to the gear and threw boxes in all directions, until he found his shoes. Only then did he return to his fox-hole.

Later, a buddy showed him a "dud" grenade which had dropped at his feet during his search.—Vic Kalmann, combat correspondent.

'Red Hot Mamma' Cooled By Tank

SAIPAN (Delayed)—The boys of our company lost "Red Hot Mamma" when a tank ran over her, and they're a broken-hearted bunch.

"Red Hot Mamma" was a machine gun, but to the boys of her company, she had a distinct personality.

Pony machine gun in this outfit has a name. Those serving with it today include Jack the Ripper; Thor in the Jungle Man; Madame Death, Widow Maker; Thor; Chat-lorban; Snapper Fidelis; The Invader; The Invincible, and The Avenger.

Each gun has its name painted on its barrel. 201st. Jim G. Luce (PFC)

New Award For Boots

Identification Bracelet To Be Given Winners

Award of an engraved silver identification bracelet to the recruit judged outstanding among honor men of platoons completing boot training will be made weekly in RD beginning Aug. 26.

The new program will affect members of platoons put on schedule on or after July 3. It was put into effect to increase the efficiency of recruit training and to stimulate competition. Members of Plats. 722 to 786 will be eligible to receive the first award.

HONOR BADGES

Presentation of honor man badges and certificates will be continued. The award of the identification bracelet will provide the recruit selected with a more substantial and permanent memento of outstanding performance during the eight-week training period.

DIs will continue to select the honor men of their platoons, and from these a board of RD officers will choose the outstanding recruit. The selection will be based on grades made in written examinations and on field tests for judging of posture, the various positions, etc.

Awards will be made at appropriate ceremonies in the RD amphitheater on the last Saturday of each eight-week training period.

NEW SCHEDULE

In the future all platoons will go on schedule on Mondays, with none starting in mid-week. It is expected that from three to six platoons will go on schedule each Monday.

In addition to selecting an outstanding recruit each week, it is also planned to designate the best-trained platoon and to award prizes to its DIs. The board of officers will consider drill and rifle marksmanship in making selections.

The accompanying illustration of the emblem to be engraved on the identification bracelet was drawn by PFC, June Thomson, file clerk in the RD sergeant major's office.

The fish above the shield represents the amphibious operations of the Corps. The lamp of knowledge and book are symbolic of the learning imparted and absorbed in boot camp.



AWARD FOR RECRUITS. This engraved silver identification bracelet will be awarded weekly in RD to the recruit selected as outstanding among the platoon honor men.

What's In A Name?—The Japs Know

SAIPAN (Delayed)—It used to be "Come on, Marines" when the Japs wanted to launt their American opponents into making a rash charge. But Japs on Saipan are varying the formula and calling Marines "Leathernecks," according to Sgt. David Dempsey, combat correspondent.

The only explanation is that Leatherneck is an easier word for a Japanese to pronounce, for it

does not place as much emphasis on the "r," a sound that has no equivalent in Japanese. But as far as results are concerned, a Marine is just as smart by any other name. He doesn't fall for tricks.

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Aerial Gunnery Studied By First Women Reserves

PENSACOLA, Fla.—A common curiosity about guns was the prime factor in luring Corp. Anna Ward of Long Island, N.Y., and PFC. June Higdon of Rosser, Wash., into becoming the first Women Marines to study aerial gunnery. They are now in the final phase of their training in Synthetic Devices.

Former Chevron Man At Saipan

SAIPAN (Delayed) — Former Chevron staff member 2dLt. John M. Willerson of Emporia, Kan., now an artillery officer here, is still delivering the goods in the form of news stories about his men. The lieutenant seemed to be everywhere at once and know everything about everyone, and always during a breathing spell in a battle he could produce a notebook full of interesting anecdotes about his men, according to Sgt. Stanford Opatowsky, combat correspondent.

Boots Fire High Marks

95 Per Cent Of Firing Detail Stays In Black

CAMP MATTHEWS—More than 95 per cent of the 1688 recruits who fired here last week qualified with 268 or better, with two platoons dropping but one man each and 14 platoons losing only two.

Platoons setting the week's pace with 98.4 per cent qualification averages were 618 and 628, coached on the school range by PFC. Wayne B. Dolan and Corp. Ralph K. Jubb jr. DIs of these platoons are P1Sgts. L. Williamson and K. K. Iversen.

High individual score of the week, 328 out of a possible 340, was fired by Pvt. Alfred C. Murphy jr. of Belleville, Ill., member of Plat. 617. Cards of 325 were turned in by Pvts. Edward O. Agre (Plat. 627) of Bismarck, N. D., and Norman E. Hathaway (Plat. 630) of Midland, Mich.

Range records for the week were:

July 12

Leading individuals — 328, Pvt. Murphy; 325, Pvt. Doy D. Brown (Plat. 604), Oklahoma City, Okla.; 323, Pvt. Earl B. Heilman (Plat. 604), Springfield, Ky.

Leading platoons — 98.7, Plat. 603 (PFC. Walter E. West, coach, Corp. L. B. Tubbs, DI); Plat. 604 (PFC. Edwin C. Wright, coach, GySgt. G. W. Renner, DI); Plat. 605 (PFC. Noel C. Kennedy, coach, P1Sgt. G. J. Sparks, DI); and Plat. 611 (PFC. Mervin J. Kollin, coach, Corp. H. L. Renfro, DI), all tied.

July 13

Leading individuals — 325, Pvts. Agre and Hathaway; 324, Pvt. John C. Robertson (Plat. 627), Argyle, Minn.

Leading platoons — 88.4, Plats. 618 and 628; 90.8, Plat. 623 (PFC. Corson G. Sparks, coach, PFC. L. R. Myers, DI); Plat. 624 (Sgt. Marvin E. Gierman, coach, Sgt. J. W. Lester, DI); Plat. 625 (PFC. Cyril J. Kullman, coach, PFC. W. A. Williams, DI); and Plat. 630 (PFC. J. W. McIlwain, coach, PFC. H. A. Keating, DI).

of their training in Synthetic

Devices.

Besides learning through actual experience how to handle firearms up to and including .50 calibre machine guns, Corp. Ward and PFC. Higdon are learning to teach aerial gunnery to pilots through the use of a twin projector which casts upon a screen a picture of a fighter plane attacking a bomber on one projection and on the other the correct point of aim.

Corp. Ward had little to do with guns before she arrived here. "I've really gotten a kick out of shooting machine guns down here," she says, "and no pun is intended."

Coming from the Northwest, where guns are as commonplace as gloves, PFC. Higdon had a more intimate association with firearms.

Salute Smartly

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Tuesday—Halls of Mirth, 1938; Followed by Variety Show.
Wednesday—What a Woman, Ahern-Russell.
Thursday—Swing Peter, Kysor-Maxwell.
Friday—Battle for New Britain.

CAMP MATTHEWS

Today—None Shall Escape, Knox-Hunt.
Sunday—For Me and My Gal, Murphy-Garland.
Monday—Hat Check Honey, Brool-McDonald.
Tuesday—Cry Haven, Sullivan-Suthorn.
Wednesday—Johnny Doesn't Live Here Anymore, Ellison-Sinton.
Thursday—Boxing Matches. No movie.
Friday—What a Woman, Ahern-Russell.

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Today—Centerville Ghost, Laugh-ton-O'Brien.
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Tuesday—Jimmy Sings Out, Stewart-Goddard; 1745-2000, USO Show.
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Command Of Air Groups At El Toro Changed

MESA, EL TORO—Col. Frank H. Jones and Lt. Col. Edward W. Johnson, have both assumed commands of air groups here.

Col. Jones replaced Col. E. C. Johnston, recently assigned overseas duty, and Lt. Col. Johnston replaced Col. Frank H. Weir, who has been named CO of MCAS, Santa Barbara.

Col. Jones formerly was a wing staff member and CO of an air group at MCAS, Cherry Point, and later served as executive officer of the Max. Air Facility, Corvallis, Ore.

Lt. Col. Johnston served for 12 months on Guadalcanal and Bougainville. The last several months of his overseas duty were spent as operations officer at Southwest Pacific Aviation Headquarters.

BASE CHANGES

Capt. William L. Irving (MC), USN, has assumed the post of base surgeon, relieving Capt. M. L. Marquette, who left last week for new duties at USNH, Beaumont, Cal.

Capt. William H. Sturt, USN, who was base surgeon here for many months, also left last week to take new duties at USNH, Banning, Cal.

Other MCB changes included:

Capt. Bradford A. Parrish relieved as CO of the 5th Co. Co., Base Gd. Bn., by Capt. George L. Bell, and ordered to MCAN, Santa Barbara; Capt. Richard C. Losh, CO of Radio Co. 1, Sig Bn., detached for duty at Camp Pendleton; Capt. J. G. Martin assumed additional duty as CO of Co. C, Sig. Bn.; CWO (QM) Albert W. Fladay joined Ser. Bn. from Rifle Range Det. as accountable officer of Base MT; WO Edward L. Allison, clothing officer in RL, relieved of duty and ordered to USNH, WOs. (MT) James L. Hoffman and James E. Millard detached from Ser. Bn. for duty overseas.

MIRAMAR CHANGES

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Maj. Evans Spaulding, a veteran of World War I, recently assumed duties as executive officer of an air group here.

Maj. Mipet P. Gross, Jr., is the newly-appointed guard and internal security officer for this air depot.

CHANGES OF DUTY

WASHINGTON—The following changes affecting the status of Marine Corps personnel have been announced:

Col. Verdy Haywood from MCAS, Parris Island, to overseas; Prudence B. Gray from Camp Pendleton to overseas; Frank D. Weir from overseas to Santa Barbara, Cal.; Charles W. Anderson from overseas to MCAS; James M. Gray from overseas to Quantico; George G. Brown from Camp Pendleton to overseas; James M. McLaughlin to Parris; Martin L. Dawson from Marine West to Parris.

Lt. Col. Miles G. Wallace from Baker, Navy Dept., Washington, D. C. to Marine West; George F. Dyer from Camp Pendleton to overseas; John H. Cook Jr. from overseas to Camp Pendleton; Maurice T. Ireland from MCAS, Cherry Point, to Marine West; Raymond Conroy from MCAS, Cherry Point, to Marine West; William H. Hicks from San Diego area to Quantico.

Lt. Col. Robert L. Stone Jr. from San Diego to overseas; William C. Chisholm from Quantico to overseas; Donald B. Wilson from Quantico to overseas; Raymond D. Scott from Camp Pendleton to overseas; Raymond H. Cannon from MCAS to overseas; Orin K. Fremley from MCAS to overseas; Frank M. Beach Jr. from San Diego to Camp Pendleton; John W. Marston from U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, to Camp Pendleton.

Lt. Col. William K. Looman Jr. from Marine West to MCAS, Parris Island; James G. Blake Jr. from overseas to MCAS; Edward L. Hutchinson from overseas to Camp Pendleton; Lawrence H. McCullay from Quantico to Marine West; Mary Dunt, Washington, John S. Wright from Quantico to Quantico; Earl H. Holman from overseas to San Diego area; William C. Smith from Camp Pendleton to San Diego area.

Orders detaching Lt. Col. Barbara Wadsworth from Quantico for duty at Mojave have been received.

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Headquarters WR Det.
NATIC, CHICAGO—MIA. Sheila Humber is new O-in-C of WR attending Instrument School here. Her command is under supervision of Marine Avn Det., Chicago. Since June 1, WRs have been taking the 12-week course here before assignment to squadrons.

Gherkin For Sergeant In Marine Corps Elections

Honest Gunther, The People's Choice, Appeals For Your Votes This Fall

By **SOUTHERN (Hatchet-Headed) GHERKIN**

PARRIS ISLAND—Beginning Aug. 1, 1944, you will find me in front of the Walk PX every afternoon from 1400 to 1600. At that time, every day, I will hand out cigars to women. For, by that date, a little plan I suggested is certain to be approved, and I will be running for sergeant. And a vote for Gherkin will be a vote for prosperity—Gherkin's prosperity.

The national political conventions in Chicago, an aptly named the Windy City, set me to thinking. The Marine Corps, I decided, was in a rut. It was a creature of habit, and it needed reform. It was with that thought in mind I suggested that in the future, all non-commissioned and commissioned officers be elected from below.

In November, I am confident that you will have the opportunity to vote for Honest Gunther Gherkin, the People's Choice. Your vote will be appreciated, and if you should vote for me two or three times, I'll see what I can do for you after I am in office. (After I see what I can do for myself.)

Right now things look promising, which is the way with political campaigns. I will promise anything to anyone, as long as they vote for me. And which I am elected, I will see that they are carried out—the voters on a stretcher, the promises in a GI can.

Here's The New T. O.

In order to accomplish the elections in the proper spirit of public service, I have suggested certain changes in the organization of the Corps, to facilitate the free choice of the Marine people.

In the first place, battalions will be changed to wards, and companies and platoons will become precincts. Each area will be furnished with a small, snake-filled room for political strategy.

Everyone in the Marine Corps will have the right to vote. But in the case of recruits in boot camp, the senior DI will cast all the votes for his platoon as they instruct him—if they dare.

In this fair, democratic way, there can be no cause for complaint. Disgruntled recruits will be able to take their troubles to a specially appointed Chaplain's Electoral Assistant. He will be a DI.

It is interesting to speculate on life here after the officers and non-coms are elected this fall. Suppose, for instance, you go on a 72, and are unavoidably delayed, so that you arrive here a few days tardy. You are taken before an elected officer. He looks over your delinquency.

"My lad," he says, "you are two days late in reporting back to active duty."

Man To Man

You look him in the eye. "So what?" you inquire.

"I will have to punish you for this infraction of the rules."

"Yeah?" you say. "Well, when you was running for office, you promised that all 72s would be for 10 days."

"I know, my lad, but there hasn't been time to put that legislation into effect. We are still under the old laws."

"No alibi," you snarl. "Remember, I control a big block of votes in the recruit area. Every DI there is part of my organization. The Shanghai Street Military, Political, Chowder and Herring Society of Parris Island. We'll turn you out of office in a minute."

"But, my boy, I am an elected official. I must enforce the laws. It would be dishonest to let you beat this rap—I mean evade this penalty."

"What about them stuffed ballot boxes on the Rifle Range?"

"Those," he says, "were bullets, not ballots."

"Oh," you say. "Trying to use strong-arm methods to get office. Intimidation, eh?"

The officer nods.

"All right," you say. "Then forget this charge."

The officer staks back into his seat. "Go," he says. "A free and innocent man."

I am running for sergeant in the coming elections. I do not seek this office because of the salary, or because of any wish for power and fame. My only desire is that when our boys over there come back, they will find nothing changed.

Were it not for the fact that I would be accused of mud-slinging, I would risk known to you certain facts about my opponent. But I do not believe in stooping to such tactics. If my opponent wishes to conceal the fact that he was once arrested for smuggling swagger sticks from San Diego, I will not bring that sordid story to light.

I'll Keep Still, Too

If my opponent does not want to explain why he is known as "Bread and Water Bob," I will not pry into his dark and sorry past.

My own record is spotless. True, as my opponent claimed, I was once interned in the brig for 20 days for being AOL, but I was framed. My opponent had the railroad tracks torn up, and I waited at the station, in good faith, for 20 days for the train that never came.

But what have these minor blunders to do with the big issues of the day? Let us, I say, forget the past, and look to the glorious future.

I believe there should be a canteen in very canteen cup, and two bullets in every mile.

I believe our boys should be armed when they are sent to combat.

I believe that we should win this war.

I am in favor of our victory.

I am against anything that delays our victory.

I think three meals a day are a good thing.

I am in favor of continuing to pay our boys in American money.

These are the burning, vital, important issues of the day. These are questions which affect you.

These make my position clear. Why does my opponent not speak out on these issues? Just because I stuffed a gag in his mouth is no reason for him not to talk.

I promise you, that if I am elected to this high office, the faith you have shown in my abilities, the trust which you have placed in my hands, and the high idealism of the mortuary, down to the lowest stamper, will, I promise you, caution at the first gretable, as I promise!

I'll Remember

I make no empty promises that I will forget the poorest I am elected. The promises I make I will remember. When I am elected I will think of them often. That is a solemn promise I make to you.

My origins are lowly, but I am not ashamed. My father was a poor PFC in the old Marine Corps, and I was born in a log Sick Bay, right here on Parris Island. There were no allotments in those days, and father helped feed his little brood of eight children by selling ramrods to new platoons.

It was when the fine mother of mine set the Eleven General Orders to music, and sold the song under the title of Zwabliez Edoatz, that I was given enough money to pay my way through boot camp, from which I graduated with the rank of private.

Comes The Reward

Through hard work, honesty, integrity, perseverance and outbawling, I have, in 18 years, worked my way to the position of corporal. And now it rests with you whether I shall achieve the exalted office of sergeant.

In November, good friends, put the X in front of my name. If you cannot read, an impartial campaign manager of mine will go into the booth with you, to show you how it should be done.

There is much to be done, my friends. Many reforms are needed. But I will not make cash promises now, about this or that reform. Right now, dear voters, I make only one promise to you. One promise that I will keep while I live. If I am elected, I will run again. If, by some telekey my opponent is elected, I'll run that way.



Sgt. BARBARA JEAN WINTON ... summer service in the P. O.

Uniform Of Day Changed For WRs

Uniform of the day for members of the Base WR Bn was changed this week to summer service—green and white summer uniform forms and apron green service hats.

The hat will be replaced shortly by an issue of new spruce green garrison hats, designed especially for the WRs, according to MIA. Kathleen M. Winfree, Bn executive officer.

Silk hose and pumps are optional for wear while on duty. The summer dress hat with white cord may be worn with the overcoats during liberty hours on the Base only. Liberty uniforms continue to be winter greens, dress or service.

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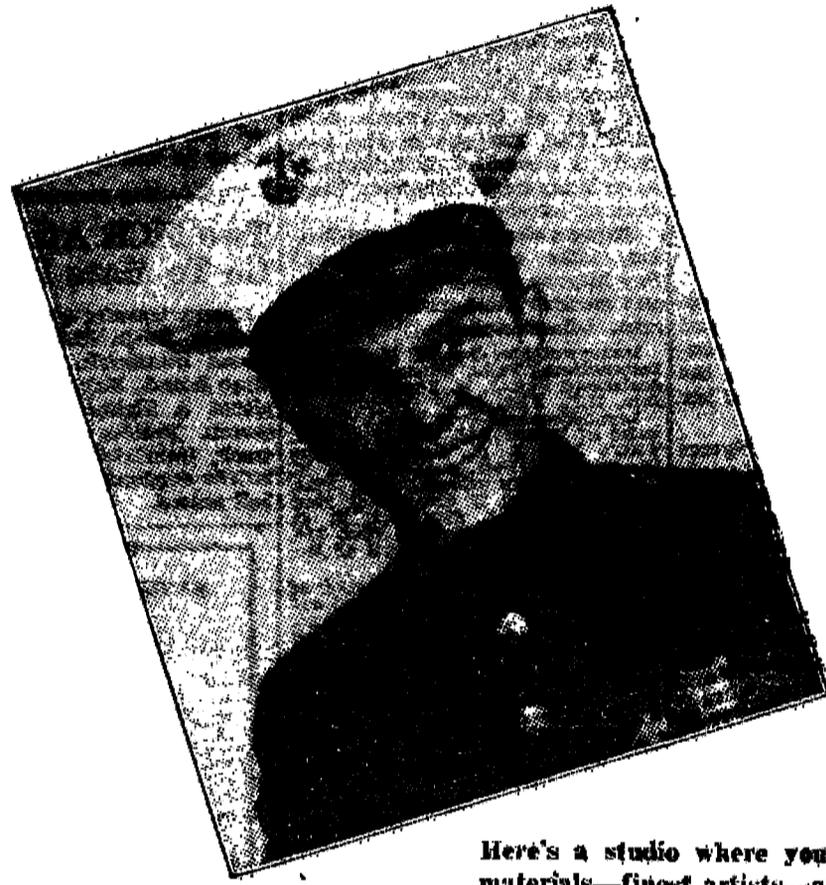
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SITUATION IN HAND, It was last week at Camp Matthews as two Marines hammered out decisions over ranking Army fighters. Above, Marine PFC, Ed Kamanski (right) makes Ft. Rosecrans' "Red" Call miss a long punch. Below, Marine Pvt. King Mike (left) and his victim-elect, Army's Ray Magana, get instructions from Corp. Carl Tobiasseu. (Photos by PFC, H. F. Alden).

Kamanski Wins Bout

Marine Heavy, CYO Champ Of Chicago, Beats Army Idol

CAMP MATTHEWS — Battling Marines combined their ring talents here last week to turn back two highly regarded Army scrapers from Ft. Rosecrans in a pair of bouts that left recruits and permanent personnel limp.

The rifle range next day echoed the praises for PFC, Ed Kamanski of Chicago, one-time national CYO, Golden Gloves and AAU heavy-weight champion, and 130-pound Pvt. King Mike, recruit from Tuba City, Ariz.

Kamanski, a 185-pound DI, took two out of three rounds from "Red" Call, 178-pounder who generally is recognized as California's Army heavyweight champion. There were no knockdowns.

Giving a glassy exhibition of boxing, Mike outpointed 128-pound Ray Magana, also of Ft. Rosecrans and ranking featherweight of the area. Other results:

Heavyweights—Pvt. J. N. Skay of International Falls, Minn., decision, 1-2, over PFC, J. N. Leptier of Buffalo, N.Y., 1-2, 1-2.

Light-Heavies—Pvt. M. C. Lundquist of Lakewood, 1-2, 1-2, 1-2, over PFC, J. H. Gunn of Fort Worth, Tex., 1-2, 1-2, 1-2. N. Johnson of Texarkana, Ark., 1-2, 1-2, 1-2, over PFC, S. Conroy of New York City, 1-2, 1-2, 1-2. P. C. Rodgers of Houston, Tex., 1-2, 1-2, 1-2, over PFC, J. S. Mousel of Berkeley, Cal., decision.

Middleweights—Pvt. B. Murphy of Los Angeles, 1-2, 1-2, 1-2, over PFC, H. McIntosh of Buffalo, 1-2, 1-2, 1-2. PFC, J. N. McHenry of Detroit, 1-2, 1-2, 1-2, over PFC, M. J. Carr of Bishop, Cal., 1-2, 1-2, 1-2. PFC, J. T. Murray of Buffalo, N.Y., 1-2, 1-2, 1-2, over PFC, J. S. Mousel of Berkeley, Cal., decision.

— Write Home —

Miramar Boxers Win Four Bouts

MCAD, MIRAMAR—Camp Miramar boxers won four of six bouts from a Mojave team last week after a flying trip to the desert Marine air station. All four are MarFair West champions.

Dick Borja, 127, decisioned John Johnson, Joe Schneck, 147, defeated Darrel Titus, Tommy Warren, 169, won the nod over Steve Gosodaryk and Lee Pollett, 170, scored a two-round knockout over Tom Carson.

The other two Miramar men, 178-pound Joe Music and 139-pound Jose Maese, dropped decisions to John Polcyn and Sam Ragland, respectively. Music gave away 20 pounds in his match.

Quinn Leading MCB Hit Parade; Averages High

If averages would spare the opposition to death, MCB could coast through the rest of the 1944 baseball season simply by waving the statistical facts in the faces of her scheduled opponents.

With one set of box score figures missing—that of the recent Camp Matthews game—the latest release of batting marks discloses a starting lineup hitting well above .300 and one gent, Pvt. Wellington (Wimpy) Quinn, who should be able to claim more than nominal leadership if he maintains his current pace for the balance of the season.

Ex-Los Angeles First Baseman Quinn (he started at second for MCB and then went to the outfield) laced out 16 hits in his first 37 trips to the plate for a fat .432 mark and, to make it even more impressive, drove in 15 rallies with those hits which included three triples and three doubles.

OUTFIELDERS LEADING

According to an old baseball custom, it's the outfield that's packing the wallop. Husky Stan Bolton fattened his average to .365 to move into second place behind Quinn and young Johnny Simmons, consistent from the beginning, continued to slug hard and often enough to rate the No. 3 spot, six points ahead of First Baseman-Manager Harry Hughes.

Catcher Neil Andrews tops the doubles column with 11, also the RBI column with 38. Nobody can match Quinn in triples and Simmons leads the home run hitters with four. Simmons has two other distinctions — for most bases on balls, 27, and most times hit by pitched balls, 5.

The averages follow:

	G	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg.
Quinn	37	87	8	37	15	.432
Bolton	29	71	8	27	15	.365
Simmons	42	154	51	54	31	.346
Hughes	31	106	20	36	20	.310
Maese	40	110	44	40	28	.320
Andrews	40	157	14	49	26	.312
Mohr	42	181	29	56	12	.304
Jones	4	17	1	5	0	.294

(Other averages: Lee, .281; Duch, .218; Campbell, .208; Truck, .208; Whipple, .200; Hamrick, .193; Yochim, .178; Baker, .170; Miller, .142.)

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Summer Track Series Finds MCB Squad Cut To Two Men

Its forces reduced to two men by restrictions, transfers and the rest of military ramifications, MCB settled for 10 points on three seconds and a third last week-end at Coronado in the first of a series of three summer relay track meets.

A second meet is tentatively scheduled a week hence at NAS, according to PFC, Ray Sears, Base track coach whose squad numbered only PFCs Pete DeFault and Verlin Baumgarth.

DeFault chalked up three seconds, one in javelin accuracy, another in javelin distance and still another in the shotput. Baumgarth finished third in the two-mile. DeFault looked like a winner in the unique javelin accuracy event when he planted his spear four feet from the center of the 25-foot target resting 100 feet out from the take-off board, but a rival hit near-perfect, 1 foot 3/4 inch from the center, on his last try.

STARS ABSENT

None of the scheduled featured stars put in an appearance. A transfer has sent Lt. Joe McCluskey out of the area. Effort is being made to contact Sgt. Jack Powell's walking team from Santa Ana Army Air Base for the next meet.

Most of the competition was provided by two navy units, Anghib. Trng. Base and NAS.

Ex-Boston U. Coach Hits Saipan Beach

SAIPAN, Marianas Islands, (Delayed)—One of the first officers of the 4th Mar. Div. ashore here was Lt. Col. L. E. (Pat) Hanley, former head football coach at Boston Univ., it was reported by 2dLt. Jim Q. Lucas, PRO. Col. Hanley is serving on the 4th Div. staff. He first saw action with the 1st Div. on Guadalcanal.

Autographed Bat Found On Saipan Going To Hornsby

SAIPAN, Marianas Islands (Delayed)—A Rogers Hornsby autographed baseball bat made by the Tokyo Bat Works is now in the proud possession of GM1c Donald E. Felton of Fort Worth, Tex.

Felton, a Seabee attached to a Marine unit, found the bat yesterday near the Jap radio station, reported Staff Sgt. Hy Hurwitz, combat correspondent.

A Jap curved his name at the bottom of the bat handle. It is in perfect shape. Felton, a rabid baseball fan who lives in the same town with Hornsby, plans to send the bat to the famous "Rajah".

Felton is in charge of a beach defense unit that has been manning machine guns on all night security watches. He landed here on D-Day.

El Toro Beats NAS In League Game, 2-1

LONG BEACH—El Toro's Marine baseball team nosed out Terminal Island NAS, 2 to 1, here last week in a Southern California Military League game.

Score:

	R	H	E
El Toro Marines	2	5	1
Terminal Island NAS	1	5	1

Staradski and Hall; Dugan, Jucneria and Rublee.

Sergeant Keeps Unit Abreast Of Baseball Times

SAIPAN, MARIANAS ISLANDS (Delayed)—One unit of Marines on this invaded Jap stronghold is going to be kept up to date on the standings of the major league baseball teams.

Landing here on D-day, Sgt. Ross H. Beatty of Chicago brought ashore the latest standings of the American and National Leagues, reports Staff Sgt. Hy Hurwitz, combat correspondent.

The standings were printed aboard ship the day after the invasion of France in lieu of the daily baseball scores, as all games were postponed. Beatty kept the standings from day to day until we landed here and hopes to get radio reports of the games each day from now on.

Beatty, a Cubs fan, has attended baseball games in Chicago since he was nine years old.

— Buy Insurance —

Two MCB Athletes Go To Mare Island

Recent transfer orders sent two athletes, PFCs Jack Kaiser and James Swarbrick, from MCB to Mare Island. Kaiser recently completed a highly successful track season. Besides participating in track, Swarbrick had a hand in MCB's outstanding 1943-44 basketball season.

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WATER POLOIST, Sgt. Henry M. Williams, one-time member of New York AC's water polo team, now teaches Marines at Camp Pendleton how to emerge from under water amid debris and other combat swimming tactics.

Weismuller Leads Aquatic Troops In Pendleton Show

CAMP PENDLETON—With Johnny Weismuller, famous Olympic swimming champion and "Tarzan" of movie fame, leading the parade, Camp Pendleton personnel last night viewed a big aquatic carnival.

Weismuller shared the lead role with Harold (Shabby) Kruger, great swim star of the early '20s. Other featured performers included Norman Spear Jr., Pacific Coast high diving champion; Johnny Riley, former national high diving titleholder, and Joe Peterson, star trick diver.

Femininity played its always-entertaining part, with a cast

topped by the LAAC Mermals. Weismuller and Kruger climaxed the program with a comedy swim skit.

Brothers Hurl ABG-2 To League Victories

NORTH ISLAND—The Main brothers, Forrest and Joe, helped ABG-2's baseball team to a pair of 11th Naval Dist. League victories this week with airtight pitching. Forrest cut Camp Elliott down to three hits for a shutout while Joe hurled a six-hitter against USS Subron.

Scored	R.	H.	E.
ABG-2	6	8	1
Camp Elliott	0	3	2
E. Main and Souths; Ariano, Johnson and Lemhan.			
USS Subron	3	6	3
ABG-2	7	16	1
Sward, Boger and Zordanley; J. Main and Souths.			

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RD Heavies Fight Draw

Rematch Promises Action For Fans At Ring Tonight

Two-listed, willing heavyweights rocked RD Amphitheater with the weight of their blows in a draw fight last Saturday night and gave Corp. Marty Schwartz and PFC Quentin (Baby) Breece, coaches, the makings of a promising rematch for their weekly boxing card tonight.

Neither Pvt. Thomas Rehak of Goose Creek, Tex., nor Pvt. John Dorrell of Wichita, Kan., cuts a great figure in the flourishing business of punching noses, but both were eager to go and unafraid. The result: one of the best heavyweight scraps to come out of RD ranks in recent weeks.

TWO KNOCKOUTS

As a whole, the card was unusually good. Only two of the eight bouts failed to go the distance. Pvt. Norman Cooklin of Shoshone, Ida., 145-pounder from Plat. 753, TKO'd Pvt. Glenn Widmark of Glendale, Cal., Plat. 742, in the second. Pvt. Charles Sebeena of Chicago, 130-pounder from Plat. 756, stopped Pvt. Leland Blair of Sargent, Minn., Plat. 744, in the third. Other results:

Heavyweights—Pvt. Logan Graham of Rochester, Minn., Plat. 744, decision; Pvt. Carl Hallauer of Milwaukee, Wis., Plat. 767.

Light-Heavies—Pvt. Gayner Gunn of Ocean Beach, Cal., Plat. 742, and Frank Smith of Channahoga, Tenn., Plat. 755, went to a technical draw.

Middleweights—Pvt. Robert Felt of Winnetka, Ill., Plat. 756, decision; Pvt. Vaughan Doolan of Chicago, Plat. 740; Pvt. Andrew Solt of Dallas, Tex., Plat. 750, decision; Pvt. Clarence Blanche of Shiloh, La., 130 lbs.; Pvt. Melvin Dykes of Turlock, Cal., Plat. 747, decision; Pvt. Michael Bignate of Escanaba, Mich., Plat. 750.

Buy Bonds For Freedom

CAMP LEJEUNE—Sgt. Helen May DeRogo, 22, of Alameda, Cal., one of the nation's outstanding diving and swimming stars, keeps water-wise by spending liberty hours at the Lejeune beach.

Softball

Results of 11th Naval Dist. League games played this week:

	R.	H.	E.
NAS Unknowns	5	8	0
Miramar WNS-4	6	8	5
Cwynn and Anderson; Pieropan and Venturi.			
MCB Signal Bn	3	4	2
Repair Base	7	11	2
Killingsworth and Gormer; Benner and Haggerty.			
Camp Gillette VMS-131	2	4	2
MCB Service Bn	4	2	1
Harber and Grover; Dropp and Santillo.			
NAS Reds	4	5	0
Misamar Group QM	3	2	1
Wichorek and Morehead; Stredler and Chandler.			
Miramar Personnel	2	2	0
MCB Headquarters Bn	4	5	0
Lich and Pressley; Dinklin and Humphreys.			
Naval Hospital	2	1	1
MCB Signal Bn	7	4	0
Claxton and Aleman; Massa and Yen.			
Miramar ATS-131	17	12	3
NAS Bluejays	1	0	1
Chera and Heath; Sloan and Johnson.			
MCB Recruit Depot	1	4	2
NTC Albatross	0	0	0
Lawson and Harding; Staten; Ellis and Cory.			

March Friendly

War Veterans Swamp PX Bowling Alleys

Recreation-hungry members of the 1st Div. took the PX Bowling Alleys by storm last week and by sheer force of numbers made away with the weekly prize for high single game, when Corp. J. A. Thomas of Plat. 27 posted a 225.

This week the signs pointed toward still another 1st Div. winner, proof enough that the men haven't lost their ten-pin touch after more than two years overseas.

Racquet Men Win

Marine Netmen Lose Only One Singles Match

MCB tennis players smashed, volleyed and lobbed their way to two more victories in 11th Naval Dist. League play this week to keep abreast of NTC and Amphib. Trng. Base in the race for team honors.

The Marines kept their record spotless with an 8-to-0 win over Repair Base last Thursday and followed up this week with a 7-to-1 victory over Amphib. Trng. Base, which went down to defeat for the first time. NTC also is undefeated.

Against the Repair Base, the Leatherneck racquetees lost only a single set, that in the doubles when PFC George Steidl and Pvt. James Beall carved out a 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 win over Beaumont and Fox. MTSgt. Leslie Caskey, StSgt. Roger Carney, Steidl and Beall all won their singles matches in straight sets. In a second doubles match, Corps. Harold Brogan and Abel Mollos won easily, 6-3, 6-2.

Only loss of a match to date came when MCB's left-handed Corp. Brogan dropped two out of three sets to D. MacDougall of Amphib. Base. Beall was forced to three sets, too, but won. Steidl and Pvt. George Meyerson won in straight sets.

The doubles combinations of Meyerson-Steidl and Caskey-Carney won in straight sets.

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THE SPORTS FRONT

BY PFC VICTOR H. LEEDING

Out on fur-flung battlefields a lot of Hejites and Shambos probably are doing mile runs in four minutes or less, with or without transport packs, but until the Americans get around to holding stopwatch on the retreating enemy the plaudits will have to go to Sweden's Aene Andersson.

At Stockholm this week gaunt-looking Andersson ran a mile in 4 minutes 16 seconds in beating his fellow countryman and former world's record holder (at 4:04.6), Gunder Haegg. Now the once-fabulous four-minute mile doesn't appear to be half so fabulous.

It was easily the "sports story of the week."

PEP BEATS ORTIZ

Those with their hearts more in boxing than any other sport took interest in Willie Pep's rather easy decision over Bantamweight Champion Manuel Ortiz. They played to a crowd of 10,000 fans at Braves Field in Boston with nothing more than honors at stake.

A few years ago Pep was picking up paltry pieces of change sparring with Ortiz. Now the Mexican wants a shot at his (Pep's) world feather-weight crown.

SOUTHWORTH CAN'T AGREE

Everybody but Billy Southworth figures the Cards are a shoe-in, with an 11½-game lead in the National League. The Redbird boss just shrugs his shoulders, says "wahhe" and turns the conversation to the recent All-star game when his red-hot Nationals whipped the Americans, 7 to 1.

Baseball's publicity spotlight otherwise centered on Stan Musial and Dixie Walker, waging a great race for the National League batting crown; on Bobby Doerr and Pete Fox, teammates battling on an equally hot dash for the American League title but not with figures on an equal astronomical plane; on the St. Louis Browns and New York Yankees, bowling it out for the American League lead.

TALBERT HAS CHANCE

Elsewhere along the sports trail: At Indianapolis they're saying Billy Talbert may turn back Francisco Segura's bid for the national tennis championship. . . Harry A. Williams, veteran Coast League secretary and one-time Los Angeles Times sports editor, was honored by the Helms Athletic Foundation.

Vols Song, world champion trotting stallion, had to be destroyed at St. Charles, Ill., his career cut short by a broken leg suffered in a \$400 race at Elkhorn, Wis. . . The Cookes (Lt. Elwood of USNR and his wife, the former Sarah Palfrey) virtually swept the tennis platter clean at La Jolla, Cal. . . Henry Armstrong and Luther

PI Winning Streak Snaps At No. 23

PARRIS ISLAND—St. Augustine Coast Guardsmen recently snapped Parris Island's winning baseball streak at 23 straight games by taking a 2-to-1 decision in 11 innings.

Leading hitter of the PI club is Norm Williams with an average of .378, followed by Gene Desautels at .349, Bob Fiederlein at .348, Buck Ramsey at .333, Tommy Mahon at .307 and Norm Koney at .304.

(Sluggo) White went 10 clutchless heats to draw at Hollywood.

Lt. Comdr. Jock Sutherland, USNR, was quoted at Deland, Fla., where he commands a Naval rest center, as believing that college football will look a lot more like the professional game after the war.

Del Mar, Bing Crosby's horse racing plant in sunny California, gave up its plans of holding a meet this summer. . . The War Dept. advised against it. . . Hollywood Turf Club also withdrew an application for license.

TALENTED. At Camp Lejeune WRs sing the praises of PISgt. LaVerne D. Benda, whose accomplishments besides softball include acrobatic dancing on the vaudeville stage, tennis, golf and swimming. (Photo by Corp. Don Hunt.)

Former Vaudeville Dancer Starring With Lejeune WRs

CAMP LEJEUNE—PISgt. LaVerne D. Benda of Milwaukee, Wis., who used to do acrobatic dancing on the nation's vaudeville circuits, is now making acrobatic catches as an outfielder on the WR softball team at this training center.

Before enlisting in the Marines, she had been a professional dancer for seven years, her career highlighted by a two-week appearance in New York with Glenn Miller and his orchestra. Also she had been a private secretary and a payroll operator.

PISgt. Benda played softball, tennis and golf at West Milwaukee High School. She was set champion of the school and also won the 50-yard freestyle swimming title in municipal parks competition.

LaVerne is one of the most consistent hitters on the Lejeune team. She is fast on the bases and also an adept fielder.

When the war is over, PISgt. Benda plans either to return to the stage or begin a career as a fashion designer.

Navy Officer Wins Lejeune Golf Title

CAMP LEJEUNE—Lt. (jg) Wallace J. Gardner, USNR, of Albany, N.Y., is golfing champion of the officers stationed at this Marine base. Lt. Gardner, a dental officer here, defeated Marine Lt. George W. Cobb of Savannah, Ga., 1 and 3.

The officer champion now will meet PFC. Ben Lewoneczak of Newington, Conn., in a match to determine the links king of the entire camp.



MCB Nine Profits And Loses On Umps' Whims

Miramar Rolled Back In Opener Of League Round

For MCB's representative, hard-trying baseball club there was victory on one hand, defeat on the other last week-end.

Entrenched on its home diamond last Saturday, it eked out a 4-to-3 win over rival Marines from Camp Miramar to get off to a flying second-half start in the 11th Naval Dist. League on whose 1944 cup it holds one leg.

Then Sunday it took to the road and hit its ninth snag of the season at Long Beach by losing to ATC's star-studded 6th Ferrying Group, 3 to 1. That made it two-out-of-two over MCB this year for the men led by ex-Yankee "Red" Ruffing and ex-Giant Harry Danning. They won an earlier engagement on the Base lot.

NOT MINER'S FAULT

Ruffing didn't pitch—in fact, didn't even play—but some other former major leaguers, including Danning, did and for the Leather-necks it was one sad story after another. For one thing, Pvt. Ray Miner suffered his second defeat though he didn't allow an earned run. For another, Pvt. Wellington (Wimpy) Quinn rattled the boards with a home-run ball only to have the ump call it foul by inches. Ruled fair, it would have tied the game up in the ninth.

Umpires contributed their share to excitement in the Miramar game, too, and nothing will convince the aviation depot boys that they weren't robbed MCB's "Nippy" Jones was parked on second when Right Fielder Ayer of Miramar went back to the fence to haul in a well-kissed ball off Harry Hughes' bat.

Miramar relayed it into second

Baseball Dope

11TH NAVAL DIST. LEAGUE STANDINGS (Second Half)

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
MCB	1	0	1.000
Camp. 6th	1	0	1.000
ARR-2	1	0	1.000
6th Ferrying	1	0	1.000
Camp. Elliott	0	0	.000
NAV	0	0	.000
NAV	0	0	.000
PV. Hanesburg	0	0	.000
Amphib. TFG	0	0	.000
USS Subron	0	1	.000
Miramar	0	1	.000
Chillicothe	0	1	.000
Matthews	0	1	.000

and claimed that "Nippy" failed to "tag up" after the catch, but the ump's ruled otherwise and the incident led to two needed MCB runs as Quinn smashed out his third hit and drove in his third run of the day.

While he was hit fairly hard at times, PFC. Ray Yochim gave up only two earned runs and chalked up his 13th win (against one defeat) of the season at Miramar's expense.

Three league games lie ahead of the Base nine this week—Camp Matthews today, USS Subron tomorrow and Camp Elliott Depot Wednesday. All three are new to the league this half but the Base met and defeated two of them, Matthews and Elliott, previously this season.

Scores: R. H. E.
Camp Miramar 3 3 0
Marine Corps Base 4 5 2
Quinn and Moore, Yochim and Andrews.
Marine Corps Base 1 2 3
Sixth Ferrying Group 2 7 0
Miner, Pugh (8), Yochim (8) and Andrews; Olsen and Lanning.

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CAMP MATTHEWS—This rifle range's newly organized softball team this week opened its season with a 6-to-1 win over MCB Guard Bn.

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MARINE-TO-CIVILIAN. Corp. James Turner of Marlboro, Mass., veteran of Guadalcanal and Tarawa, learns to repair refrigeration machinery at USNH, San Diego. The course is part of the rehabilitation program started recently.

VICTORY PANORAMA SEEN FROM RIDGE

By 1st Sgt. Dick Todelly
Combat Correspondent

SAIPAN (Delayed)—Today we stood beside a wrecked enemy gun emplacement high on a ridge of Garapan and looked down upon a panorama of victory for our forces on Saipan. Nineteen days ago so must have stood the Japanese, looking down upon us as we struggled ashore through heavy artillery fire.

Scores of officers and men gathered at this vantage point to watch the scene below. The enemy's complete discomfiture was clear to the naked eye, but for close-up views we look turns at a pair of heavy Japanese field glasses mounted on

a vantage-point tripod.

Directly below us, to the left and right, were our units advancing. Behind us was our artillery.

Offshore stood warships of our naval task force, adding broadsides to the enemy's confusion. Overhead our planes circled, observing and reporting, diving and strafing the enemy wherever he showed himself.

The center of all attention was the ragged remainder of Saipan's Japanese defense forces, scuttling like frantic ants toward the only high ground left to them.

Directly beneath us, a Marine unit besieged a small, palm-treed knoll. An enemy machine gun in

an impregnable and unapproachable cave had got six of their men, killed two of their officers. A Marine tank edged around a sharp turn in the road leading toward the cave.

In an open sloping field off to the right could be seen Japanese riflemen in deep foxholes. Our artillery went over them like a lawnmower. When the smoke lifted, here and there a Jap was still alive. The live ones were picked off with single shots from 75s.

From here it was clear, if we had not known already, why Saipan is so difficult to take. Nature was a military genius when she carved this island for defense.

Landlords Gouge Marine Tenants; OPA Starts Probe

Seventy Inspections Of Overcharges Made At Oceanside In Six Weeks

CAMP PENDLETON—Seventy inspections have been made in the last six weeks of cases of rent-gouging of Marines and their families in Oceanside, it was announced this week by Charles W. Diffin, OPA area rent director whose office is in San Diego.

Action to scale down rents in one group of cottages already is nearing completion, Diffin said, and alleged charges of \$20 a week for a tent in a trailer camp have been investigated.

CRITICAL SITUATION

Cases where the most adjustment is possible are those of rooms or other space rented out for the first time, Diffin said, adding that some landlords are putting beds on porches or in any other available space in the present critical situation.

Cooperation of Marines paying high rentals was sought by Diffin, who explained that his office cannot get information on overcharges until the landlord's property is registered.

MAKE ADJUSTMENTS

Upon receipt of queries from Marine tenants, the OPA office can then notify landlords to register their rooms or property in cases where they had failed to do so. On the basis of information filed by the landlords the OPA would then be in position to make adjustments on the basis of comparability of rents charged in that neighborhood on Jan. 1, 1941, Diffin said.

Rents in effect on Jan. 1, 1941, are not subject to change, Diffin explained.

Other Orders

Marine Bridegroom: "With all my worldly goods I thee endow." His Father: "There goes his sea-bag and fountain pen!"

Marine Patients Prepare For Civilian Employment

USNH, SAN DIEGO—Leatherneck patients returned here from battle zones and now awaiting medical discharges will not go into the civilian world unprepared to meet the necessities of existence.

A school of practical knowledge, designed to fit disabled Marines, sailors and coast guardsmen for civilian occupations is in full swing. Already scores of patients recently discharged are filling jobs for which they prepared while convalescing from battle wounds.

BOARD LENDS HAND

Capt. Morton D. Wilcutts, (MC) USN, medical officer in command, heads the rehabilitation board which aids in determining the types of subjects each patient should be offered. Prospective students are analyzed by ward doctors and by the board to determine their aptitudes.

In addition to trade courses, college and high school correspondence courses are available from the educational services department of the hospital.

Trade subjects include carpentry, plumbing, cabinet making, welding, cooking, barbering, electrical work, communications, shoe repair, photography, typing, accounting, postal service, mortuary service, banking, medical arts, motion picture projection, music, mechanics and others.

Aviation Story Set For 'Halls'

The story of Marine aviation and its growth from a few noisy and dangerous airplanes to a unit capable of relentless attacks on the Japs will be told on Tuesday evening's presentation of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show, which goes on the air at 1930 from the Base Theater.

GENERAL TO SPEAK

Maj. Gen. Francis P. Mulenby, commanding general of MarFair West and a veteran in Marine aviation, will speak on the program.

The history of Marine aviation will be presented in dramatized form by the Base radio unit.

Weekly showings of the Marine Corps Folies, amateur variety show, will follow the broadcast.

Rations Renamed By Chattanooga

MARSHALL ISLANDS (Delayed)—PFC. Paul T. Brown of Chattanooga, Tenn., has a new name for field rations: "Chattanooga Chow Chow."

When he landed here, he found the label "Packed by Ballen Food Products, Chattanooga, Tenn." in the first box of rations he opened. —Sgt. William G. Harris, combat correspondent.



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Loud Speaker Used By Saipan Marines

SAIPAN (Delayed)—A jeep fully equipped with a public address system is currently being used near the front to try to convince the Japs and native civilians that they'll be better off if they surrender.

The P.A. system was built into the jeep by TSgt. Robert H. Benton of Burbank, Cal.

The mike is handled by a Jap interpreter, who speaks to his audience in Japanese.—TSgt. Fred Feldkamp, combat correspondent.

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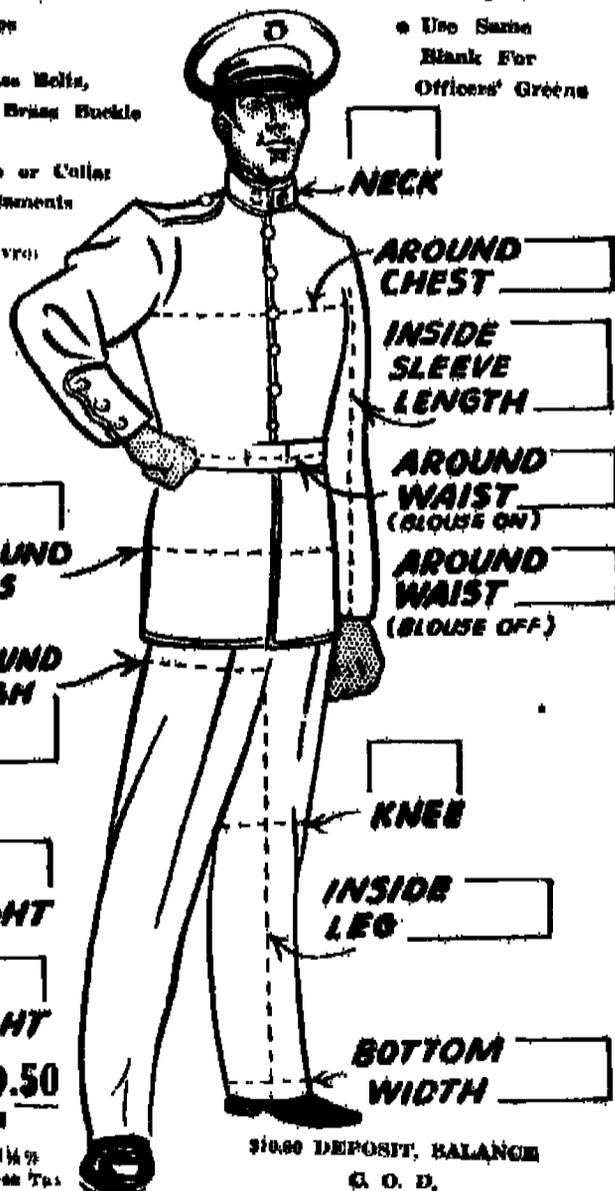
USNH, SAN DIEGO—This institution is now the largest Naval medical center in the nation, handling more than 9000 patients, it was announced by Rear Adm. George C. Thomas, 11th Naval Dist. medical officer.

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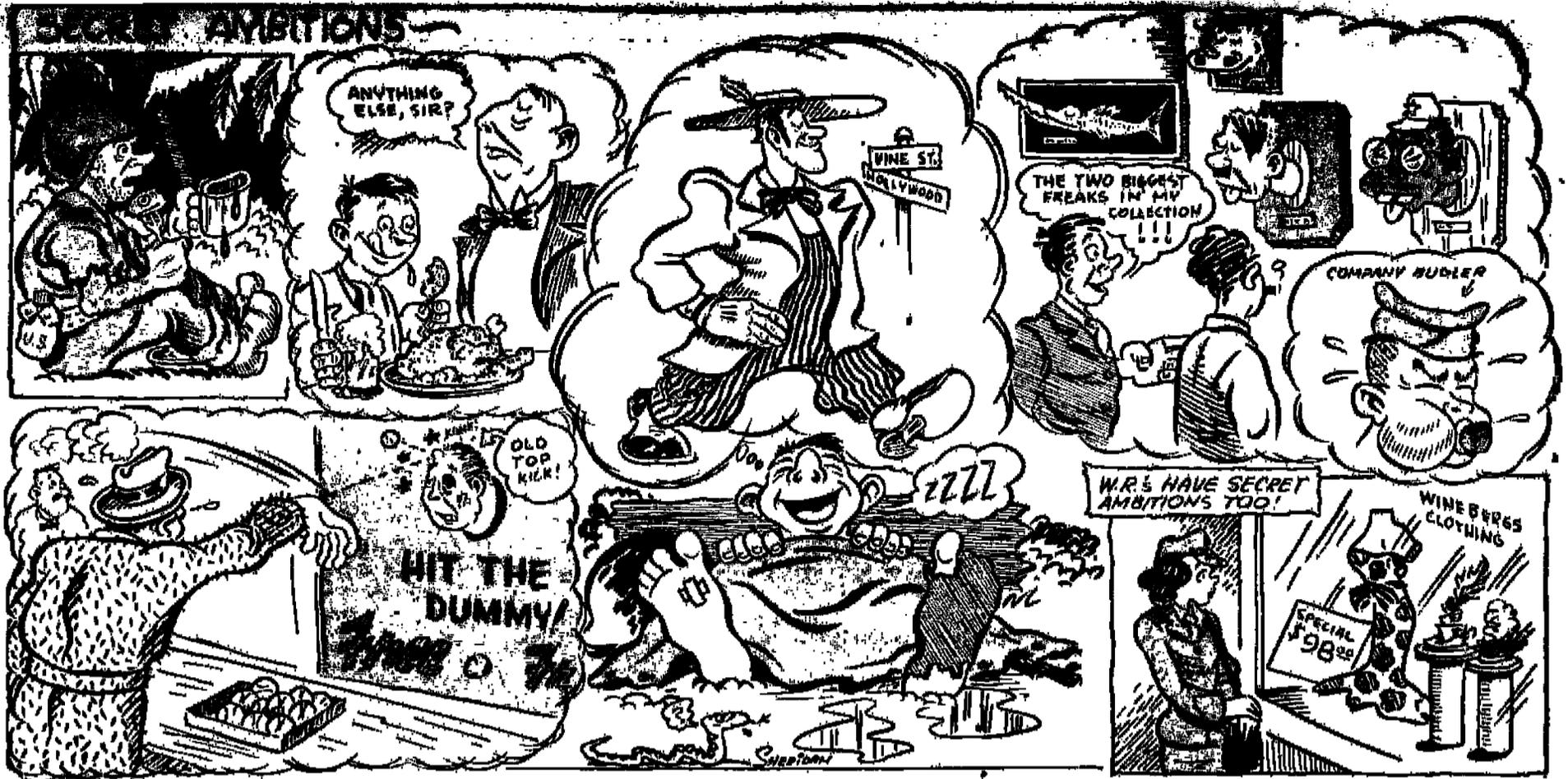
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FIELD NOTES . . . by Cunningham

Chevron Chick

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- OLD MAN—The commanding officer, no matter what age.
- MAC—Any Marine. But watch how you say it!

