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Gen. H. M. Smith Here -- Says Japanese Will Yield When Industrialists Give Nod

Okinawa People Beg for Marine Governor

ONTARIO, Cal. (UP)—Marine Lt. Fred B. Van Brunt has been requested by leading civilians on Okinawa to stay on the island to help in the area's rehabilitation, his father, Herbert Van Brunt, said this week.

In a letter, Van Brunt wrote that 10 of the most prominent Okinawans had presented a petition to Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, commander of the 6th Mar. Div., asking that Van Brunt be permitted to administer the affairs of the island.

Van Brunt was born in Yokohama, Japan, and spent 17 of his 23 years in Kobe.

"If, while the traditional culture of Okinawa still exists, it were impregnated with the seeds of your newer civilization, this land would become a new paradise of the Pacific," the petition said.

"We feel that Lt. Van Brunt by virtue of his understanding of Okinawa and her people is the person best qualified to undertake the rebuilding of Okinawa."

Gen. Shepherd said the petition touched him deeply, but all he could do was to forward it to the proper authorities. Van Brunt wrote.

One of the best known figures in the Marine Corps, Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, arrived this week-end at San Diego where he will assume command of the Training and Replacement Center.

The former commander of U. S. Fleet Marine Forces arrived in the States predicting that the Jap industrialists probably will try to halt the war when Japan's cities are destroyed by American bombers.

According to the United Press, Gen. Smith said he believes an American invasion of China would be unnecessary, but he declined to

discuss an invasion of the Jap homeland.

GEIGER FOR SMITH

Before coming home, Gen. Smith formally turned over command of FMF to Lt. Gen. Roy S. Geiger. In turn, Gen. Geiger was succeeded as commanding general of the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force by Maj. Gen. Keller E. Rockey, former commander of the 5th Mar. Div. on Iwo Jima.

Speaking of the Jap soldier, Gen. Smith told interviewers: "Some Americans have felt that the Jap was invincible. But the Marines felt we could beat the Japs anytime, anywhere we met them. We have proved that on every occasion."

MARINE COLONEL FALLS

On the war front, the Corps received the word that a Jap sniper killed Col. Harold C. (Bob) Roberts, 46, of Coronado, commander of the 6th Mar. Div.'s 22nd Regiment. He was struck at almost the same hour a Jap shell killed Lt. Gen. Simon B. Buckner, 10th Army commander, 800 yards away.

SAN DIEGO BOOMING

On the home front, San Diego was destined this week to take on an even more crowded military appearance than during the first year after Pearl Harbor. Predominantly Navy the last many months, Broadway lately had seen increasing numbers of green Marine uniforms on liberty parade. Now, it has been announced, the khaki of the Army may soon equal, if not predominate, over the Navy blue, with the green still in inconspicuous minority.

The stage is being set for San Diego to become a major gateway for Army troops en route to combat against the Japs. Arrival of thousands of soldiers for training in this area was heralded by the announcement that Camp Callan has been established as headquarters of the 38th Corps.

Gen. E. C. Long to Command MCB; Gen. Howard Assigned Overseas

Soon to assume command of the Base, Maj. Gen. Earl C. Long—to succeed Brig. Gen. Archie F. Howard who was assigned to overseas duty June 15—will be one of the highest ranking Marine officers ever to command MCB. Gen. Long, while in the Pacific, was a service of supplies officer.

The newly appointed Base commander joined the Marine Corps in 1909. Four years prior to his acceptance as a Marine officer, he won his degree in civil engineering from the University of California. Since then he has served with the

Gen. Long attained his present rank in January, 1941.

HOWARD TO OVERSEAS

A veteran of the Solomon campaign, Gen. Howard has received orders, confirmed by Headquarters, Washington, for another assignment in the war zone.

No details of the exact place of Gen. Howard's assignment were made known. It was pointed out that he may be elevated to the rank of major general when he reaches his new field of operations.

Gen. Howard, who is 53, was graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis after attending college in Kansas, his native state. He was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Corps and in 1917 was elevated to first lieutenant. He held the temporary rank of major during the last war.



Maj. Gen. LONG
... new Base commander

Marines in Nicaragua, the Philippines, and in China. He was supervisor of construction and commanding officer of the security detail attached to President Hoover's camp at Rapidan, Va., from 1928 until 1933.

LEGION OF MERIT

In this war Gen. Long has been a valuable aid in the establishment of an efficient and expeditious supply system in the Pacific. He was awarded the Legion of Merit medal for his performance as commanding general of the Marine Corps supply service in the Pacific area from January, 1943, until April, 1944.



Brig. Gen. HOWARD
... overseas again



NEW ARRIVALS. Veterans just returned from the South Pacific arrive in San Diego at the R&R center. Turn to page 5 for R&R anniversary story with picture.

Forced Landing

MCAD, NIKANAK — Aviation Leathernecks here literally "got the bird" the other morning when a pheasant flew in their barracks door, perched on a bunk, then flew into a rafter and broke its neck as the men tried to catch it. When last seen, a staff sergeant was carrying it toward the mess hall, holding his chops in anticipation of a tasty pheasant dish.



(Official USMC Photo)

ONE DOWN. Wounded during the battle for a hill position, this Jap soldier was captured, placed on a hospital jeep litter and taken to a first aid station for treatment. He will be given good medical care and interned in a POW camp for the duration.



(Official USMC Photo)

WOUNDED CAPTIVE. Casualty of mop-up operations, this Jap soldier surrendered when he was wounded at a cave position. Marines are taking him to a first aid station.

* Dere Top!

Bowing my head with shame and bewillashun, Top, I right you this week to inform you of my latest activities among the opposit' folks.

Please do not tell any of my oversize fiends about this. Especially Moonhead; he is so sensit' about the Core he would be deeply hurt to think I done what I did.

What I done wuz this. I WENT OUT WITH A FEMAIL DOG—HAWT!

Why I done this thing I do not know. Says this thing has happen'd to me I have spent many sleepless hours, (sigh) in my sack, 'til I fall into my pillow, and subjoin "WHY, WHY, WHY?"

My latest conversans with my—er, he has bin goin' somethin' like this:

Me: "Heinemann, do you call yourself a Marine?"

He: "I want the green suit—with butt."

Me: "Haven't you ever heard of proper kiddin'? Don't you know what it means?"

He: "Oh, yes, but I would rather not repeat it in polite society."

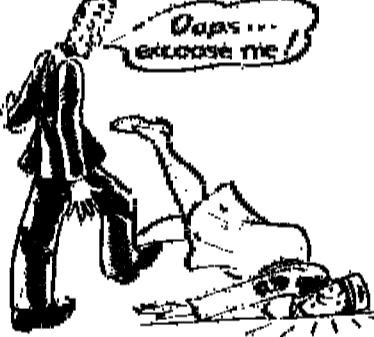
Me: "Not that meaning, you fool, the Latin meaning. Always 'cautiful'."

Well, Top, that is the way it has bin goin'. I have been perhaps unfaithful to the Core by ingaging in a bit of ludo with this Womint' duhghiboy. Howsumever, I will relate the circumstances to you an you will plainly see that I have bin the Innocent Tool in the hands of 'tude.

This is how it happen'd: Bein' stone broke an bein' discarded by all my nativ' civilyan fiends (on account of my only gittin' six packs of cigarets a week) I wandered desprately up to the Soldiers & Sailors Home—also known as the Sandy Ago USO.

In this servissamen's Home Away From Home wuz a dantz—of sortz—consisting of w'ilyuns of swabbies jitterbooging with littul nativ' gurls that ware short sex, chew gum an keep sayin'—"Doesn't that just SEND you!"

Personally, Top, I can not go for these natives getting all the brakes from the Boys in Uniform, so I tripped a little job wearin' haki as she walkt by (my usual tactic) an picked her up with this sharp remark—"Excuse my clumsiness, dear, we must be falling for each other. Ha Ha. Shall we synchronize our bodies on the dantz floor to the tantalizing rhythm of PhM/c Melon-Mouth McClellan, USNR, an his Seven Sad Swabs, open for engagements after 1800?"



That did it, Top. She melts into my arms an we glide onto the floor like swans on a pond with me goin' immediately into the Gay Gordun.

Pulling herself from my embrace she sez—"What is this you are dancin'?"

An I sez—"It is a little folk dantz I pickt up in New Zealand."

An she sez—"Well, pick it up a little more; it's draggin' at the knees. This is dantz music that PhM/c Melon-Mouth McClellan, USNR, is playin'—not a funeral dirge."

With that remark I go into high gear, modernisizing my steps into a version of the Black Bottom. Again she unlamps my long arms, after a struggle, an sez—"Don't you know any of the new steps?"

An I sez—"No, but I know all the holds. Ha Ha."

Well, that sorta ends our dancin' an we drift hand-in-hand hul to the soft-punch bele. Up until this momint, Top, I wuz not aware of her identitee, other than she had on a uniform with a lot of stripes. I wuz awakent suddintly, howsumever, when after kissing her in brotherly fashion an inquire of her name she sez—"I'm Master Sarjunt Rosenapny Rabinowitz with six months in the serviss in the quartermaster corps."

Even then I did not know the branch of serviss she wuz in, so I mirrory sez—"I'm Sarjunt H-----; an this green suit I am wearin' must be your issue."

An she sez—"Oh, no, your a Marine; I'm a WAC."

Not knowing what this "wack" business is I sez—"Oh, yuh, jist self-concepnus, or maybe it's the heat; shall I gi' you a drink of soft-punch?"

An she sez—"No, stoopid, I'm telling you that I'm in the ARMEE."

A femail dogface, Top! I dropp't to the floor like a shot. Dazed and crusht, foggy and bewildered, I dragged myself on hands and knees toward the door, pickin' up a few long cigaret butts as I went. With hand over my face I returnt to the Base. Shieldin' my eyes with my hat I sneakt in Gale 4. Crawl'ng into the sack I buryed my head under the pillow.

Top, do you think I will ever live it down? A Marine making luv to a dogface? Consul me in my Hour of Need. Don't tell Moonhead. Buy Bonds.

Yous shakin' Core Iren,
SARJUNT A. S. "Bashful" HEINEMANN

aga Two — Marine Corps Chevron

Peace Conference Outcome Defined

By Sgt. N. Abel Anderson, Combat Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO — Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, former governor of Minnesota and American delegate to the San Francisco conference, told a service press conference last week that Marines and all servicemen owe the United States a post-war debt.

"Men in uniform should not take the attitude that they have won the war and forget about winning the peace. It will be the present men in uniform who will hold the whip hand over the country in the future and the success of this conference will be on their shoulders," explained the commander.

The 36-year old Minnesotan, who was governor of his state at the age of 32, has returned from two years' duty as flag secretary for Adm. Halsey in the South Pacific.

"The league of nations after the last war was like a city without a policeman," the commander continued. "But the new World Charter of the United Nations has a world police force under the Security Council to keep everything in order."

SPEAKS FOR VETS

When asked how servicemen who have been overseas feel toward their non-participation in the conference, Stassen referred to the amendment clause of the charter wherein new amendments may be submitted during the regular yearly meeting of the General Assembly.

"This is like any bit of good machinery," qualified Stassen. "It can stand new improvements and requires much more mechanism than mere good faith between the nations to operate successfully. Men in uniform now will have every opportunity in the future to use this amendment to improve the machinery with their ideas."

The commander grinned when queried about the disputes during the conference. He explained that it is always the disagreements, not the agreements, that are publicized and "the newspapers must have headlines."

WORLD POLICE

Every nation will have at the disposal of the Security Council a certain amount of military personnel for the world police, according to Stassen. The Security Council will decide, in case of any trouble, which nations will furnish the "policemen."

Principal branches of the organization are the Security Council, General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, and the International Court of Justice. Russia, the United States, France, Great Britain and China have five of the eleven seats on the Security Council which is the super-executive body of the charter.

Small nations have the power to veto the use of force when advocated by one of the Big Five.

While the Security Council is the all-powerful police department of the unit, the General Assembly has powers to discuss international problems and make recommendations to the Security Council.

JAP ISLANDS RETAINED

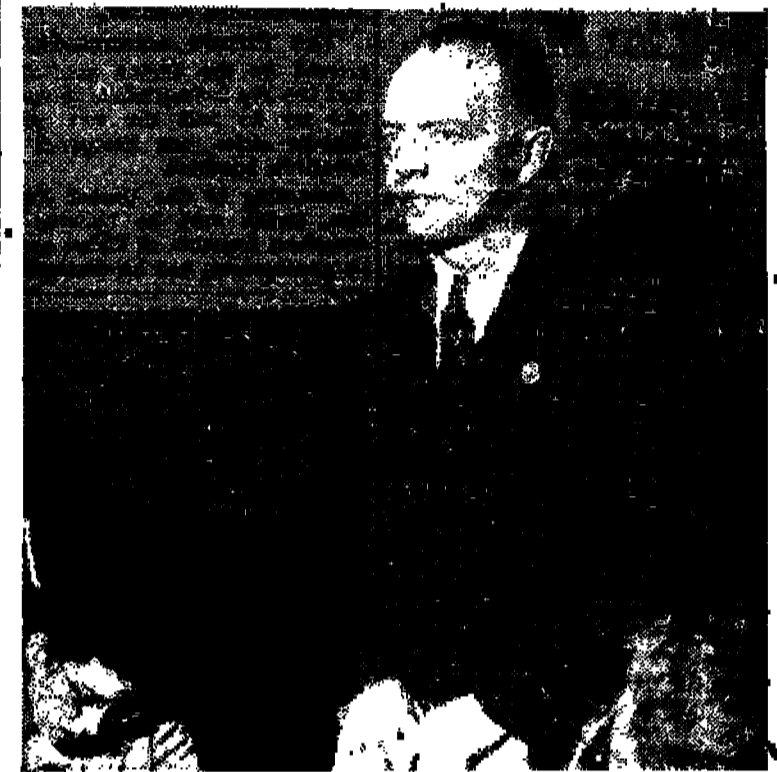
No nation need place any property under trusteeship in the Court of Justice unless it freely decides

to. The United States has already decided to retain strategic areas such as Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Saipan and Kwajalein, so they need not be placed under trusteeship, the commander stated. Otherwise, assignment of dependent areas to individual nations will be decided at the peace table.

"It is obvious after we win the war at such terrific expense that we must follow through," concluded Stassen. "We have won a beachhead here, but you know that if a beachhead isn't extended, things are dangerous."

MARINE PAYMASTER

Prior to 1799, the U. S. Marine Corps had no paymaster and his duties were discharged by the Commandant or some other officer.



(Photo by Staff Sgt. W. James Wasson)

SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE, Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, American delegate, tells a service press conference that "our armed forces should not take the attitude that they have won the war and forget about winning the peace."

Yanks Yield to Okinawan's. Burning Yearn for Yens

By Sgt. Walter Wood, Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA (Delayed) — First sale of Japanese goods in exchange for new American occupational yen and sen notes was made by Seig, a Spanish-speaking Okinawan store-

keeper to two Marines, members of the force which invaded and captured Yaka Sanare Island, 44 miles off the Pacific coast of this enemy base.

Seig, 56, who said he worked 14 years in Peru, made the sale by souvenir-seeking PFC. George W. Poppe of Shattuck, Okla., and 1st. Carroll R. Wilson of Dubuque, Ia.

The Marines bought several pairs of straw sandals, at one yen (a dime) a pair; a dozen or more sets of crayon, for 50 sen (a nickel) a box; and a number of water color paints, for 75 sen (7 1/2 cents) per set.

With the United States military currency in his pocket and a goodly will gift of a package of American cigarettes and a box of safety matches, Seig was a big man in Miyagusuku, his home town.

The transaction caused a stir in Miyagusuku, where there had been no fighting and, where except for the absence of the few Jap troops, who left when the Marines arrived, the villagers were going about their lives as usual.

When the Leathernecks came upon Seig's street-corner store, they found it closed and secured with a crude iron lock. A clock ticked inside and a desk, littered table and almost empty shelves were seen through a side window.

One resident of Miyagusuku finally caught on to what the Marines wanted.

He pointed to a red tile-roofed house behind a wall of stones. There, sitting cross-legged on the floor of his front room, was Seig himself, eating sweet potatoes for his noon-day meal.



(Official USMC Photo)

THE ENEMY. A Japanese NCO aids in evacuating native children from front-line fighting areas. He volunteered to help move the wounded children after he had been trapped in a cave.

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General Price Makes Posthumous Awards at Largest Base Parade

Marines and San Diegans alike paid tribute here last week to retiring Maj. Gen. Charles F. E. Price, colorful 63-year-old veteran of almost 40 years of service, during one of the largest parades held at this Base since the start of the war.

Highlighting the parade and review was the presentation by Gen. Price of three posthumous awards



Let's start off this week with the word about discharging WRs whose husbands are disabled veterans, and while on the subject, leave us also get an explanation across about a very erroneous advertisement which appeared in last week's Chevron. Now, we all love the Chevron but (repeat but) like the rest of us, the staff is not above making slight errors.

The real story behind that advertisement is that our friend, Sgt. Heinemann (the Louis the Fourteenth of the Base), the author of "Dere Top" (plug! plug!) has been having such a hard time finding a gal friend that he intended to advertise HIMSELF as a "disabled veteran," hoping in that way to attract a WR. Of course, it was my suggestion (I blush to take credit for it) and when he gave it to the Editor he was so excited over the prospect that he got mixed up—you saw the results. I'm innocent!

It's always swell to hear from people who were 'once here, and doubly nice to hear about all our pals in Hawaii. Word came through Father day about what a splendid job they are doing (here mentioned especially in the dispatch were MOE McGRATH, MARJORIT HIRTE and RUTHIE BURGESS) still in Motor Transport (Ruthie just made sergeant); clicking away at a typewriter is JEANETTE KEMNEL; EVELYN RHODES and KATH HAYNES in Paymaster Department, and both promoted to Staff; ANNE PECZANIN working a muster roll in the company office; MARFIS DESISTO sorting mail; JOYCE HARTZ, HARRIETT WEXLER, RHEA LAWRY and LILLIAN FERLUGA with Supply Section and Quartermaster; and last but not least, HULDA McDERMOTT (we all remember red-haired "Mac") at the PX.

Say! That was really a wow of a party at the Range last Sunday. From what we hear, a good time was REALLY had by all. There was bowling, swimming, firing (more about that in a minute), good show and stuff. Phyl Ehl and Fran Mordard really got hot with the old forty-five—scoring a few bull's-eyes right off the bat. Everyone had just a really grand time—the show was so good that naps were practically the order of the day. When it came to going home, TUGGY TUMLINSON (from Bush Harbor) and KIP SHEPHERD (from New London) entertained the gathering with their efforts to get aboard the truck. We hope to have more picnics out there later.

Well, here's Random Notes again: Big fat party given by R&R this week was a success—especially to be noted was the way Classification Section turned up practically en masse in dress whites, while Redistribution came out in white greens. . . . Long faces this week over the big transfer order, ruining many plans. . . . Staging area going full blast again—ELaine KORMAN very happy over receiving her orders, as well as the rest of them. . . . Travel Time (that wonderful long awaited time) still being accepted with amazement, especially by the East Coasters—DUFFY SHIELDS, FLO HABECK and many others on their way New Yorkward.

for heroism, two Navy Crosses and one Silver Star.

Mrs. Elizabeth Marvin of San Diego was presented with a Navy Cross for her husband, Lt. Milton C. Marvin, killed in action on Guam.

Mrs. Nancy McLeod of San Diego received the Navy Cross for her husband, Lt. Kenneth F. McLeod, killed in action against the Japs on Saipan last June. Going far in advance of our front lines, Lt. Marvin exposed himself repeatedly to intense machine-gun and mortar fire to obtain vital information.

Mrs. Josephine Wilson of San Diego received the Silver Star posthumously awarded her son, Lt. Edward B. Davis Jr., killed in action on Guam.

Gen. Price, who assumed command of the Marine Training and Replacement Command in April of 1944, was first commissioned in 1906.

Following the review, the Marine Base Band returned to the reviewing stand to render "Auld Lang Syne" in honor of the general.

Maternity Care Free for All Ex-Personnel

WASHINGTON (UPI)—Expectant mothers who left the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, or Navy Nurse Corps for that reason may receive maternity and post-natal care at Naval hospitals and dispensaries. It was learned today.

A circular letter to all ships and stations in the Navy's semi-monthly bulletin detailed the program for this care which became effective July 1.

The service will be furnished without cost to the patient except for subsistence charges during hospitalization, the Navy said. The charge for the mother includes the charge for the newborn child.

Care will be provided for both married and unmarried mothers the Navy said.

In making application for maternity care at a Naval medical activity, a former enlisted woman must present a photostat of the certificate of discharge, a former woman officer a certified copy of her separation orders and a letter from her commanding officer certifying her eligibility for maternity care.

The Navy listed specific hospitals and dispensaries in 13 Naval districts, the District of Columbia and Bermuda where former service women may receive this care.



BASE CEREMONY. At one of the largest parades held here since the war, retiring Maj. Gen. Charles F. E. Price (left) presented three posthumous awards: two Navy Crosses and one Silver Star Medal.

Old 'Raiders' Add Honor to New 4th

By Staff Sgt. Ed Meagher, Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA (Delayed)—The 4th Mar. Regt. which spearheaded the surprise amphibious assault on Okoku Peninsula is the same regiment that twice has been cited by its 6th Mar. Div. commander, Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., since landing on Okinawa April 1.

Its veterans, tempered at New Georgia, Bougainville and Guam, shattered Jap resistance on Motobu Peninsula in the north, taking Mount Yae-Take by frontal assault.

Here in the south they took Naha, the island's largest and capital city.

TWICE COMMEDED

For their skill, efficiency and courage in these two phases of the Okinawa campaign, Gen. Shepherd commended them in separate orders.

They also, against minor opposition, captured Yontan Airfield on L-Day, and helped conquer the mountainous northern end of the island in a grueling campaign of long marches over difficult terrain. Hurried to the south, they stormed bloody Crescent Ridge and then crossed the Asato River into Naha.

TRADITION IS UPHOLD

The 4th is living up to its tradition: one of the most colorful in the Marine Corps.

This is the second 4th Marines of World War II. The old 4th's men fought on Batan and Corregidor. The new 4th was forged from the four Marine Raider battalions in January, 1944. The term "Raider" was dropped and the men reorganized to form the new 4th Regt.

The regiment seized Eniwatou Island in the Bismarck Archipelago without opposition in March, 1944, and in July of the same year hit Guam as a unit of the newly-formed 1st Provisional Marine Brigade. Recently the brigade was awarded a Navy Unit Citation for its action on Guam.

FEW OLDSTERS LEFT

Not many of the old Raiders are left. A large number fell on Guam.

Others, after from 24 to 32 months overseas, returned to the States on rotation. A high percentage of those remaining have been wounded or killed on this island. The regiment's 2nd Bn., which once was comprised exclusively of 4th Raiders, has less than 40 of them left.

The prideful spirit of the old Raiders—and of the old 4th Regt. has been kept alive however. High regimental morale among the old men is beligerently high.

Who's Scared

OKINAWA (Delayed)—During the final stages of fighting on Okoku Peninsula, husky Corps. Rodney F. Snyder of Richmond, Cal., occupied a foxhole a scant 10 yards from an enemy's position.

When the Jap soldier began lobbing grenades, Snyder pulled the pin on one of his own, preparatory to throwing it—then fumbled, and dropped it into his own foxhole. Disregarding his opponent, Snyder leaped from his hole to escape the exploding grenade.

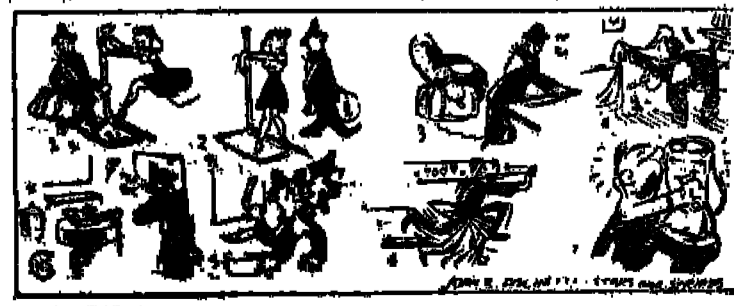
The Jap was so frightened at seeing the big Marine leap toward him that he committed harikiri by holding a grenade to his face and detonating it.



SNIPER NEST. Japs used the steeple of this church for a sniper's nest on Okinawa below the grounds of the castle in Shuri City.



Sure it's love, he gave me his salty emblems



Misuses of Lapel Buttons

Much recent comment has centered around the gold discharge button that is worn in the lapels by service people discharged from duties in World War II. The complaint has been made generally that it is too indistinct in size and design and too easily confused with a great variety of other pins worn by civilians.

Though the complaint seems justified, it has been announced that nothing officially is to be done about changing the discharge button. In view of this fact, the suggestion might be offered that something might be done regarding the indiscriminate wearing of other lapel insignias by defense workers, lodge members, and a good many others of fighting age who for reasons unspecified never think to appear in public without said emblem in lapel.

Most servicemen will maintain the discharge button should be the only such lapel adornment as long as there is a war going on. That their viewpoint will receive nothing more than casual comment is to be expected.

"Big Three" Meet, Japs Shiver

It has been announced that there will be no news coverage of the Big Three conference. If the Japs can stand it so can we . . . The beautiful part of this is that we know what is going to happen to the Nips and they don't . . . Of course, Stalin probably is supposed officially to shut his ears when Truman and Churchill talk about the fate of Japan, but it's a pretty safe bet he'll be listening just a little bit. A Jap these days not only has to worry about being clobbered by B-29 fires but also about the possibility of being put on Siberian ice . . . It must be a pretty bad feeling not to know whether you are going to have a shell from an American warship in your belly or a Russian bayonet in your back. A Jap has to look several directions at once, in addition to keeping an eye on the bomb cellar . . . The Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere is going to have a new name in Tokyo: The Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Fear . . .

The results of the conference, however, should be fully announced as soon as it is concluded, as what happened after the Yalta conference clearly demonstrates.



He asked only that we finish the job.

Yanks Not Always So Versatile

The success of Americans as fighters has been largely due to their quick adaptability to conditions. When the war took men out of civilian clothes and put guns and other weapons of destruction in their hands, they were quick to adjust themselves in temperament and ferocity. When strange lands comprised the scene of front

line activity, the Yank was quick to adjust his tactics to the terrain and the enemy.

In one respect, however, many servicemen have failed to call on their adaptability. Maybe it's a small point—maybe a large one. But many fighting men have refused to adjust their language to polite society once they have returned to polite society. Cursing and display of ill manners—it is hoped—will always remain the mark of an undesirable citizen.

» » **Safety Valve** « «

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

Second Howitzers Rate Ribbon

Editor, The Chevron—Does the 2nd 155mm. Howitzer Bn. of the 2nd Mar. Div. rate the Presidential Unit Citation awarded to the 4th Div. for the Saipan operation?
NAME WITHHELD
MCB, San Diego, Cal.

Editor's Note—The following is straight copy from Headquarters, Marine Corps, Div. Decorations and Medals: "Information is furnished that the records of this Headquarters show that on June 12, 1944, the 2nd 155mm. Howitzer Bn. was detached from the 2nd Mar. Div. and attached to the 14th Marines, 4th Mar. Div., and remained a part of that organization until June 30, 1944, when it was reattached . . . Therefore, personnel of the 2nd 155mm. Howitzer Bn. who were actually ashore and serving with the 14th Marines (artillery) at Saipan during the above mentioned period are entitled to wear the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon bar with bronze star as a permanent decoration."

Patch Out, Eagle in Problem

Editor, The Chevron—I am a discharged Marine and would like very much for you to send on full details on the enclosed article (White Patch Out; Eagle Emblem In).
JAMES N. MOORE
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Editor's Note—About the only details on the "eagle" we can give you are that the emblem has been adopted by the Marine Corps to designate the men who are about to be discharged from service. It is to replace the white diamond shoulder patch and the "eagle" can only be worn on the uniform up to the time the man arrives home and replaces the "green" for the civilian. It may also be worn on special occasions when the uniform is worn.

More Swimming Pool

Editor, The Chevron Three cheers and a whoop for the person who endorsed mixed swimming on Sunday afternoons at the Base pool.

Since the WR Bn. took away our sports clothes passes and killed the enjoyment of going to the beach, it's only fair that we should have some place to go to swim on these long Sunday afternoons . . . when some of us are confined to the Base for duty anyway.

We get an hour each week-day, yes, but with drill, late duties and all that, what chance has a girl got? We realize that most recreation at the Base is strictly for the benefit of the men, so why should they gripe about our avoidypoos? As long as there are going to be women on MCB for the duration, why not give 'em a few breaks?
NAMES WITHHELD
MCB, San Diego, Cal.

Survey or Limited Duty

Editor, The Chevron—We would like to know if there is still limited duty in the Marine Corps. We hear that there is no more limited duty, yet here at the Naval Hospital the Board of Survey recommends a man . . . (for it). There have been quite a few of us with combat fatigue and we would like to know what action the Marine Corps takes in such cases. Has the 3rd Div. ever received any kind of citation or commendation?

Corp. DON COOKE
USNB, San Diego, Cal.

Editor's Note—The Board of Survey may recommend a man for survey or to be held on limited duty at the request of or convenience of the Commandant of the Marine Corps. The 3rd Div. has received no special citations or recommendations so far as we know.

Plan for Compulsory Training

Editor, The Chevron—It is my belief that compulsory military training cannot be put across to the public at this time. In its place I submit the following plan.

To incorporate military training into the present high school education of all boys. This could be done in the following manner:

- 1—One month (June) of training at camp at the end of the first, second and third years of high school. The first year, two weeks of boot camp and two weeks on the rifle range. The second year, four weeks of basic infantry training. The third year, four weeks of specialized training—some in fire-control, some in scout-observer work, some in field artillery, etc. The first three years would afford ample time for screening the boys into the various fields.
- 2—In addition to the camp program, military training could be made one of the required subjects each year. One period each day could be given to military education. This could be utilized by one day of troop and drill, two days of training pictures and two days of class work each day. In this way map-reading, map-making, infantry tactics, scouting and similar subjects could be taught.

This program could be successfully carried out without interfering with the present requirements of a high school education. The present war has proved that education can be successfully stepped-up by eliminating only part of the filler that goes to make up all high school programs.
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R & R Center Has First Anniversary

West Coast Reclassification and Redistribution Center at MCB, handling reassignment of approximately a thousand, Marines weekly marked its first anniversary this week.

Permanent personnel celebrated the occasion with a dance and buffet supper Monday evening, while a smoker and athletic show Wednesday was arranged for men going through the center.

Alpine Garden, near the Base, was taken over for the dance, which was under supervision of 1stLt. A. A. Borek, adjutant and recreation officer of the center. Some 400 Marines and guests attended. Music for the dance was furnished by a group from the Base orchestra, "Happy Carnover and His Slaphappy Nine." The supper menu featured a huge birthday cake made by the Center's bakers.

Tabbed by guests as being one of the most well organized and gayest Marine parties of the year, the Alpine was alive with goodfellowship as veterans of all six Marine divisions, now members of permanent personnel at R&R Center, celebrated the occasion.

Many of the men at the anniversary party have joined the center from overseas since its establishment at Marine Corps Base in July, 1944.

Lt. Col. Odell M. Conoley now commands the center, which currently has a permanent personnel of 14 officers, 197 enlisted men and 105 Women Reservists.

Set up primarily to provide a quick, efficient method of handling and assisting Marines of the FMP returning from the Pacific area, R&R also processes many Marines from posts within the States.

Men just back from overseas going through the center are given reclassification interviews, assigned to a duty station in the States, furnished new clothing, issued ID cards, paid and are started on furloughs. Travel arrangements are made when necessary. An effort also is made to acquaint the Marine with many phases of wartime life in the States, such as rationing.

Usually, the man is in the center about six days, during which time he has the use of all Base facilities.

During its first year of operation, some 54,400 enlisted Marines and 730 officers passed through the center. The busiest single month was May of this year when 8225 men were processed. Next high was last November when 7527 cleared.

Of all categories of enlisted Marines who have gone through the center, 30,724 have been assigned to posts or stations within the United States, mostly for guard duty or for use as post troops.

Bamboo Belly Tank Used by Jap Planes

OKINAWA (Delayed) — Tightly woven bamboo strips coated with lacquer are being made into auxiliary gasoline tanks for airplanes by the Japanese.

Scores of the featherweight "belly" tanks were found inside the ruins of what once, apparently, was a Christian church.

In addition, hundreds of others, both metal and rattan, were scattered throughout the area bordering the Naha canal. All were new and still crated.

Also, 7270 have gone directly to Marine training commands, primarily for training for overseas duty.

The other men clearing the center—many of them special branch personnel—have been sent to various special assignments under headquarters directives.

French Claim All Doggies Lousy Lovers

PARIS (U.P.) — French women say the Yanks are lousy lovers and considerably less well-behaved than Hollywood movies had led them to expect, according to the Parisian weekly, Samedi Soir.

Annoyed by a recent column in the Army newspaper, Stars and Stripes, in which scores of GI's aired gripes against French women, the weekly retorted with a few complaints about the Yanks.

"Here's what French women don't like about Americans," the newspaper said:

1—Their getting too often and unbearably drunk.

2—Their devil-may-care attitude.

They talk and laugh too loud.

3—Their inability to distinguish a respectable woman from a tart.

4—Their insolence to women on the streets.

5—Their inability, except in the movies, to pay refined, charming and sentimental court to women.

According to the Samedi Soir, French men are pretty bitter about the whole deal. They feel that the Yanks are exerting a vulgarizing influence on French girls, teaching them "to chew gum and talk through their noses," among other things.

Human Mines Fail on Tanks

ON THE SHURI FRONT, OKINAWA (Delayed) — Eight Japs who made human land mines of themselves failed to stop 1st Mar. Div tanks from forcing Wana draw, the last natural barrier before ancient Shuri castle.

The Marines discovered and killed the Jap soldiers before their scheme to blow up the tanks could be carried out, reports Sgt. Walter Wood, combat correspondent.

Each Jap, a 40-pound dynamite charge strapped to his back, placed himself in a hole in the ground, ready to be run over by the General Sherman tanks as they thundered up the draw.

The Japs were equipped with "rip cords," attached to the explosives, indicating that the Japs were also ready to throw themselves at the tanks and set off their charges if the heavy vehicles had only passed close to their concealed holes.

MARINE MUSICIANS

Fifes and drums were the first instruments of the U. S. Marine Corps band.

Scivvied Nip Track Star Loses Grasshopper Race

By TSgt. Murray Lewis, Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA (Delayed) — Trailing a scowling Jap sprinter over a two-mile course and then blowing up his goal was a new activity here for a Marine spotter plane for an artillery battalion.

1stLt. George W. Adams was somewhat surprised when he saw a Jap clad in trunks and light shoes suddenly emerge from a front-line area and run at top speed for almost two miles to a command post.

"There was nothing I could do except follow him along," he said. "He knew I was right over his head, but that didn't stop him. I knew he was a messenger because he was carrying a rolled-up bundle of papers in his right hand, like a relay baton."

"Our artillery had disrupted ordinary means of communication, so I hung around to see what would happen. About ten minutes later, the same runner appeared and ran all the way back to his starting point at top speed."

ONE-MAN TRACK MEET

"That was enough for me. I spotted the command post for the artillery and five minutes later it was just a lot of smoke and rubble."

Then I hung around for the last event.

"Sure enough, the Jap athlete hustled back with another message. His chest was out and I could see him sneering at me as he ran along. Every now and then, he'd put on an extra spurt in speed just to show me he could keep going all day."

"Finally he got within sight of what had been the command post. I could see him slow down a little, but he had been ordered to the headquarters, and that was where he was going. When he got there, he looked at the ruins a long time, scratched his head and looked at me, disgusted and puzzled."

"He made up his mind at last and threw his message into the wreckage. Then he walked back!"

CheVron Facts

● The total circulation of the CheVron last week was 35,955.

● The circulation will be higher this week.

● Thousands of CheVrons are sent overseas; many more thousands are going to relatives and friends of Marines in the U. S.



FIRST ARRIVALS. One of the first groups of veterans of the 54,400 to go through R&R Center the past year arrive from the South Pacific and are disembarking at a Base spur line prior to going through R&R Center.

Saturday Morning, July 7, 1945



(Photo by PFC. Marion E. Brown)

CAKE CUTTING. 1stSgt. G. T. Ruhberg, Sgt. Evelyn Walsh, Corp. H. D. Crotts, Corp. Winnie Barton, Pvt. Jerry Barron and Sgt. Maj. L. A. Smith (left to right) watch as Maj. F. H. Vogel Jr. cuts R&R birthday cake.



(Photo by PFC. Marion E. Brown)

TYPICAL TABLE. This group of 2nd and 3rd Mar. Div. veterans, now members of R&R personnel, are shown with their wives at center's first anniversary celebration.



(Photo by PFC. Marion E. Brown)

CHOW DE LUXE. MTSgt. Leon T. Walton, responsible for the appetizing buffet supper at R&R's anniversary celebration, helps a Marine wife to "seconds" on shrimp.



It's for seeing in Blackouts, stupid.

'Flying Jeeps' Speed Injured to Aid

OKINAWA (Delayed)—A Marine casualty is set down on the Naha airfield seven minutes after the plane takes off from the bumpy Itoman highway.

Thanks to the ingenuity of Leatherneck Cub pilots, scores of Marine battle casualties no longer suffer the bumps and jolts over the rocky roads.

Grasshopper "flying jeeps" landing on the city's main highway, which was left undamaged by retreating Japs, evacuated wounded since the city was captured.

"It was a hell of a job to set a plane down on a 15-foot road," said Lt. John E. Baxter. "The only rough part of the trip for a casualty is the take-off, but that only takes a few seconds."

EMERGENCY CASES

Each plane carries one passenger, but by using all available planes and with the time involved in making a round trip the casualties are being evacuated in a minimum of time. The trip ordinarily requires 45 minutes by ambulance jeep.

At least half of the casualties needed immediate major surgery and would have died if it had been

necessary to transport them overland. Several times the wounded men have been on the operating table within an hour after they were hit.

LAND UNDER FIRE

Often there's less than two feet to spare on either side of the landing wheels. But you have to take that chance. And the Japs pester them coming in and taking off with everything from small arms to light anti-aircraft fire. They know the grasshoppers have no guns. But neither a patient nor a plane has been lost.

Most of the cases have brain or abdominal injuries and often have to wait for the corpsmen to complete a blood plasma transfusion or give an additional shot of morphine before they can be hoisted aboard and sent for the hospital.

This is the first time Marines have used "grasshopper" planes as ambulances. Since the Cape Gloucester operation 18 months ago they have been employed extensively for artillery spotting and dropping para-packs to isolated patrols.

The litters are fitted into the fuselage behind the pilot through a side panel.

Bugler Shot

OKINAWA (Delayed)—Everybody talks about it. But Corp. Joseph Steinhach, Allentown, Pa., did something about it. He shot and killed the bugler.

The choice was accidental and Oriental. Steinhach's squad was charging a height near Naha when he spotted a Jap, took aim and fired. After the height was won, the Leatherneck stopped to examine his victim and found the bugle beside him.



(Photo by PFC L. L. Griffin)

WAITING. Supported by a buddy, a wounded Marine waits to be evacuated by the tiny plane coming in overhead. The planes land in the roadway.



(Photo by PFC L. L. Griffin)

GOING ABOARD. A Marine casualty is loaded aboard the grasshopper plane near the battlefield at Itoman on Okinawa. They will be at a rear aid station in a few minutes.



(Photo by PFC L. L. Griffin)

MERCY ERRAND. On a "go" signal from the controlman, a Cub plane takes off with a Marine casualty aboard. A squadron of the tiny planes shuttled wounded to the rear.

Mobile Hospital Saves Marine Lives on Okinawa Front



(Official USMC Photo)

MOBILE OPERATING ROOM. A wounded Marine is brought to a mobile operating room directly behind the front lines on Okinawa. Units like this save many lives by giving the best of medical attention on the spot.

By Sgt. Ed Meagher, Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA (Delayed)—Big, broad-beamed, ungainly on the outside, but neat, shining and efficient inside is E Medical Company's mobile operating room—a trailer, swear the doctors, with a fighting heart.

"They—the four Navy doctors—call her 'Old Indomitable.'"

"You'll never get her aboard ship, they told us," said one of the doctors, Lt. Charles M. Ihle, commander of E Company.

"We got her aboard all right. Then they told us we'd never get her off. She came off fine. Next, we were told we'd never get her ashore on Okinawa, because of the coral . . . Hah!

ACQUIRES NICKNAME

"It was around there sometime we began calling her 'Old Indomitable,'" said another one of the doctors, Lt. (jg) Wilfrid N. Sanders.

The other two doctors are Lt. Paul H. Reinhardt and Douglas J. Giorgio.

Ashore, coral notwithstanding, Old Indomitable quickly became the pride of the entire 6th Mar. Div.'s medical battalion, of which E Company is a part.

In any sort of battle a mobile surgery is useful, but the unexpected rapidity of the 6th advance on Northern Okinawa made Old Indomitable invaluable. The mobile operating room, which would have filled a supporting role, became a star.

FOLLOWS ASSAULT MARINES

Careening ludicrously behind a six-by-six truck, she rode at the heels of assault Marines.

Over Okinawan roads never meant for trailers of her generous girth—over rutted roads; rocky, bouldery and slippery roads, such a vehicular obstacle course, lumbered the medical trailer.

Once, to reach a bivouac area near a schoolhouse atop a steep hill, she outdid herself. She climbed a stairway.

"Yah, they told us," said Lt. Ihle, "that she'd never make it. But you should have seen her. There must have been 50 or 60 steps leading up to the school. She bumped right up 'em without a stop."

HAS OWN ELECTRICITY

Old Indomitable's interior is smaller than most Stateside surgeries. But it is comparable otherwise—even to a porcelain sink with hot and cold running water. A generator supplies electricity; there are direct and indirect lighting.

Lt. Giorgio snapped a wall switch and the surgery was lit with soft light from fluorescent tubes in the ceiling.

Old Indomitable was erected several months ago on a South Pacific island. The four doctors supervised fitting and equipping her, with approval of Navy Capt. Don S. Knowlton, a Washington, D. C., surgeon, now commander of the medical battalion. Navy Seabees did the actual work.

Miracle of Endurance Enacted by Bandsmen

By SSGT, George E. Voigt, Combat Correspondent

OKINAWA (Delayed)—One of them used to blow a trumpet; the other played the saxophone. On Okinawa the two Marine bandsmen have played every instrument of war an infantry regiment possesses and in addition have served under fire as runners, stretcher bearers, medical corpsmen and ammunition carriers.

The men are Sgt. James E. Arthur of Longview, Tex., and Corp. Maynard "Sunny" Baird Jr. of Villa Road, Fountain City, Tenn.

ONLY SURVIVORS

They are the only survivors of a team of bandsmen who landed as stretcher bearers with assault waves on this island.

To be a member of a band in the Corps is considered a soft touch. And it is until the band goes into battle. Then it becomes one of the dirtiest, toughest and most dangerous jobs in military service.

All through the rugged mountains of northern Okinawa and over the steep, jagged peaks of Motobu Peninsula, Arthur, Baird and other members of the team toiled to evacuate Marine wounded.

CLIMB CLIFFS

Where the fighting was hottest, stretcher bearers were needed most. Often wounded had to be snaked out of narrow ravines under heavy crossfire of ambushes set by Jap forces, or carried up high, sheer cliffs while enemy snipers attempted to halt the evacuation with bullets.

Then Marines moved south for the push against Sugar Loaf Hill and the capture of Naha city.

Sugar Loaf was taken, lost and retaken eleven times by Marines in some of the bloodiest fighting of the Pacific war. Enemy shrapnel flew among assaulting Leathernecks like machine gun bullets. Several battalions suffered as high as 75 per cent casualties.

Stretcher bearers were constantly at the front, in the thickest fighting, bringing out wounded. Their casualties were high also. Ordinarily four men are assigned to a stretcher, but Baird and Arthur ended the assault on the vital hill each with a stretcher to himself.

After Sugar Loaf, the 3rd Bn., 4th Marines, to which the two bandsmen are attached, pushed down the open slopes fronting Naha to bridge the Asato River.

The Asato is 30 feet wide, waist

deep, and flanked by steep banks five feet high. Its bottom is a quagmire of slush.

Arthur and Baird, armed with stretchers, went across. And came back carrying casualties and went across again. Going over they packed ammunition and water to the men fighting for the city, returning they brought out the wounded. They crossed the river more than 20 times before Marine engineers succeeded in establishing a foot bridge to the southern bank.

DOUBLE AS CORPSMEN

Navy medical corpsmen assigned to the 3rd Bn. were badly shot up in the crossing. More corpsmen were needed. The two bandsmen had taken a Marine first aid course. They knew how to administer blood plasma, morphine, sulfa; they knew about splints and bandaging. They asked to serve as corpsmen in addition to their duties as stretcher bearers. They also acted as liaison runners between the command post and front lines.

When the Okinawa campaign was drawing to a close and Marines were engaged in a brisk fire fight with one of the remaining pockets of Jap resistance, the two men brought some stretcher cases into an aid station just behind the lines.

A chief corpsman shook his head toward the bandsmen: "I don't see how they ever lived through this campaign," he said. He was voicing the wonderment of most of the Marines who had watched the pair work and fight their way the length of Okinawa.

Hawaiian Boot Wins Rifle Competition

CAMP MATTHEWS—Scoring 321 out of a possible 340 points, Pvt. Harvey C. Small of Honolulu, T. H., led the field in the rifle competition here this week as he paced Platoon 37 in winning team honors.

Sgt. P. E. Burch coached the winning platoon, and PISgt. D. Y. Beaver was its drill instructor.



(Official USMC Photo)

GIVING THE WORD. This Jap prisoner volunteered to assist Marines and pleaded with his countrymen via a public address system to surrender or they would be wiped out. The Japs were holed up in hillside caves and eventually came out with hands raised.

Jap 'Tab Scoops Marines, But Bad

By 2dLt. Ben Price

OKINAWA (Delayed)—The 6th Mar. Div. had breached the Asa Estuary line and was hammering at Sugar Loaf Hill, last barrier to Naha. Somewhere inside the rubble of what once was the proud island city of 65,000, the one-page Jap-edited Okinawa Daily went to press. Its lead story read:

THE POOR SIXTH

"Annihilation of Enemy at Hand—The 6th Mar. Div.'s lease on life is drawing to a close. Having suffered great losses in the central Okinawa area, the enemy transferred the 6th Mar. Div. from northern Okinawa to central Okinawa . . .

"The main force of the 6th Mar. Div. is at Anaka, parts of the units are at Asato (which is about like standing in Brooklyn looking across the East River at Manhattan).

"From strong positions our army battles mightily.

PITY THE SIXTH

"This 6th Mar. Div. is a fresh unit. Among the badly mauled enemy it is a tiger's cub and their morale is high. Therefore, in the heart of Shuri our forces and the enemy will look in mortal combat that will gradually mount in fury. If we deal the 6th Mar. Div. a mortal blow, we probably will be able to control the enemy's destiny.

"The fierce attacks of our strong-hold troops, knowing no distinction between night and day, will daily inflict great damage on the 6th Mar. Div. and before long they will be annihilated.

"With a final great effort the situation will progress to our advantage," the story concluded.

THE POOR FLEET

After finishing that report for subscribers—now living in caves and towns—the editor, recently returned from a flight over the U. S. fleet on his magic carpet, next wrote:

"Our divine Eagles every day, three times a day—morning, noon and night—the sound of their planes rising on high, destroy ships at the rate of one plane for one ship.

PITY THE FLEET

"It appears that every time our gallant heroes fly over central Okinawa, the enemy's sirens shriek throughout the whole area. It seems that sound is a funeral dirge, echoing the last cries of the enemy ships . . . we see the enemy ships engulfed in red flames going to hell. Therefore, the people, deeply impressed by the distinguished deeds of the Divine Eagles, vow certain victory."

The Okinawa Daily suspended

publication less than a week later because of events beyond its control. The publisher is now writing stories for the "Shinto Heaven Daily."

THIS IS CORPS HUMOR

Jokester Works Out 'Point System'

(Editor's Note—Never recknown for their modesty, the Marines this week are taking bows for another contribution to the war effort. This time it's a piece of what might be called literature, composed in his idle moments by some unidentified Leatherneck and circulated over the world in that miraculous way common only to traveling salesmen jokes and moron stories. It finally reached the Chevron. To say that the unknown author had tongue in cheek when he wrote it would be an understatement to go down in his story with the recent remark of Radio Tokyo that "things look serious on Okinawa." Here it is; don't take it seriously, you jerks.)

REAL SECRET—

FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC, MEMORANDUM:

Point System, discharge thereof:

1. Eplisted personnel desiring discharge may apply for same only under conditions set forth herewith:

(a) Said applicant must have a total of 100 (one hundred) or more points to qualify for discharge.

(b) The application must be accompanied by the enforcing signatures of the Commander-in-Chief, all members of Congress, said applicant's Commanding General, his wife, mother-in-law, and all offspring.

HOW TO GET OUT ON POINTS

2. The aforesaid point system will be computed according to the following schedule:

(a) One (1) point for each four-year enlistment performed overseas.

(b) One (1) point for each participation in five (5) major campaigns.

(c) One (1) point for each Purple Heart medal received.

(d) One (1) point for each group of ten (10) children.

(e) One (1) point for each lady friend. (The term "lady friend" does not include gooks, spooks, or any other tropical or subtropical article.)

(f) One (1) point may be awarded for participation in any of the following named engagements: 1—Boxer Rebellion; 2—Spanish-American War; 3—Battle of Bull Run; 4—Boston Tea Party; 5—Engagements with the Tripoli Pirates.

COURTS-MARTIAL ARE POSTHUMOUS

3. Deceased persons may apply only in the event that proof is offered to the effect that the party in question has no special aptitude which can be utilized by the Marine Corps. (Any violation of this ruling will result in immediate court-martial of the applicant.)

4. Any member of the Corps who has lost all of his extremities due to enemy action will be taken into consideration under certain extenuating circumstances. However, due to the laxity shown in this case, the application will be passed on by a special board of review set up immediately upon completion of the present conflict with the enemy.

YOU NEED THIRTY-TWO TEETH

5. Also, in order to qualify, the applicant must have at least thirty-two (32) teeth, have been awarded at least four (4) good conduct medals, and carry the Order of the Bath, Cross of St. John, Congressional Medal of Honor, and be a member of the Royal Order of Buffalo in good standing. Then, if his Commanding General sees fit to dispense with his services, he may upon request file his request.

NOTE: Any applicant who has been in sick-bay in the past twenty-five (25) years automatically becomes disqualified, unless his ailment was serious enough to cause his dismissal.

CHIMPS CHAMP BONDS

Mabel's Demise is in "Chez Chimise"

Myrtle, you're always saying I have no patriotism about War Bonds. Well, with the help of Barton Braley I knocked those little jingles right into the dew the other night at Chez Chimise Cocktail Lounge. Here is the first one I picked off the table cloth; it's entitled "GIDDAP!" Here it is.

"It's up to us to strive on, with energy unflagging.

Now there's a mighty drive on—, Let's all get on the wagon!"

Mabel you'd better get on another wagon beside the War Bond wagon. You're in the Chez Chimise so much I hear that the other night the bartender started to use you as a bar rag.

Oh, Myrtle, you wound me. It's not as bit true. All that happened was that I was merely resting my head on the bar when some chimp leaned over, popped a nickel in my mouth, twisted my nose and said:

"I think I'll play No. 13 again; I'm hot for these juke boxes."

Mabel, if brains were C Rations you wouldn't even own a spoonful of Vegetable Hash.

Oh, I don't know, Myrtle. Get a load of these two jingles:

Buying War Bonds
as you oughter,
is like bread
upon the water,
which returns
from whence it went—
Plus some
33 per cent.

Get this, you folk
who want to soak
The Japs right
on the button,
The Bonds you keep
help out a heap.
The Bonds you cash
do nuttin'!

And, Myrtle, here is a little ditty I composed all about myself:

"I'm cute; I'm hot.
I drink a lot.
I'm feet; I'm sweet.
I'm easy to meet.

"I'm Garbo; I'm Grable,
I dress in ape sable.
Just call at eight-thirty
And ask for Mabel."

Base Whips Rosie; Lengthens Loop Lead

WR Softball Nine Whips WAVES

Playing host for the first time in this year's 11th Naval Dist. league competition, the Base WR softball team knocked off a WAVE nine from the Repair Base, 11-4, this week and brought their total of wins up to three.

The feminine diamonders had previously defeated a woman's crew from North Island NAS by a score of 7 to 4, and had nipped a squad of WRs representing Miramar, 8-1.

The Base team is the defending champion of the district league, having walked away with top honors last year. It is currently favored to be among the leading squads for this season's diamond battles.

Marine Daughter Sets New Marks

SAN FRANCISCO—Three more American swimming records this week were in the collection of Ann Curtiss, the nation's top woman performer, bringing her total of U. S. marks to 23.

Miss Curtiss set new times in the 1000-yard, 1000-meter and 1500-meter distances while covering a full mile at the national championships invitational outdoor swimming meet here Sunday.

Daughter of Capt. James M. Curtiss, 2nd Mar. Div. veteran who first taught her to swim, the water star won the Sullivan award for the outstanding athlete of 1944.

FRISCO LEATHERNECKS WIN

VALLEJO, Cal.—The San Francisco Marines won their 13th straight game here this week when they edged out a team from the Mare Island navy yard, 17 to 16, on a wind-swept diamond.

CHEVRON



(Photo by Corp. Louise Taper)

'ROUND THIRD. Headed for the home plate, Corp. Ola T. Richbourg strides by third base. The Base WR netted the round trip when she batted left-handed for the first time against the Repair Base WAVES.



By PFC. JOHN R. HUNTER

It may not be too far in the future when a Base athletic officer leans back in his swivel chair, takes a long drag on his fat cigar and says, "Yeah, they tried that once, but it didn't work. This inter-battalion sports activity is just a matter of trouble for the athletic office. Naw! It doesn't make any difference what kind of a program you set up; it just won't work."

On the other hand, every day Marines stationed at the Base are griping about there being nothing to do around San Diego but sit on bar stools and have their pay snatched away by conscientious civilians.

Now, we are hitting on a different angle of the Base's new athletic program.

Primarily, the program was inaugurated to give all Marines who wish a chance to participate in organized athletic competition, get a little exercise, and at the same time present a substitute for inter-service play which is severely handicapped by necessary transfers of athletes to overseas duties. The primary considerations were good, sound ones, but the new angle is of as much importance as any to the individual.

By taking advantage of the new lineup of sports activities, Marines on the Base will be able to have healthy, inexpensive recreation, devoid hangovers and empty purses—aside from the personal satisfaction and possible awards to be gained from excelling in the program. Then, it is to be remembered that the money saved can provide for a really big binge, and the well-conditioned body can help the binge last longer.

The Base athletic office is taking a very liberal attitude toward the program and has declared itself wide-open for new suggestions. The plans, to date, will probably make for enough variety in the program's activities to include a large majority of the Base personnel's interests, and the office has indicated that nothing it can do will be too much bother.

If that future voice filters through the cigar smoke to denounce inter-battalion sports, it must avoid denouncing the effort of the athletic office.

Gym is Open!

The Base gymnasium is now open for all hands from 1200 to 2100, it was announced by the Base athletic office this week. All necessary equipment, including gym clothing and shoes may be drawn from the athletic storeroom located in the west side of the building.

WRs may reserve the facilities through the Base athletic office.

New Athletic Slate Planned at Base

A new athletic program for all Base organizations was nearing the "go ahead" signal this week, following a meeting of all battalion athletic officers conducted by Capt. R. M. Beeson, Base athletic officer.

Outlining a tentative plan in compliance with a directive from the Commandant, the captain indicated that inter-mural sports will be emphasized during the following year's athletic schedule. All Base battalions will be represented in the program and will compete for trophies to be presented to the organizations which achieve all-around excellence for a set period of play in a variety of sports.

POINT SYSTEM

To decide the winners of the awards, a point system will be employed. These points will be given to organizations entering the competition, to teams participating in a scheduled event—whether it wins or not, and additional points to teams which win league championships. Points will be deducted from the totals of teams which fail to appear for scheduled play.

For organizational awards, the points earned in all activities will be totaled, thus giving a battalion weak in some fields an opportunity

The hard-hitting Base diamond nine trampled Fort Roscrans into a 16-5 defeat this week to break into the open as leading contender for the 11th Naval Dist. baseball league championship.

Meeting the soldiers on the local field, the Leathernecks started their scoring in the first inning when they brought fire back home for tallies. Again in the second inning the victors left their mark by pushing in two runs while Roscrans netted one. The lead was never relinquished by the Base.

Best batting for the day was done by shortstop Sgt. Cyrus Long, who potted out two homers to drive in seven runs. WO. R. F. Trometter and Corp. Bernie Iassogna each hit a round-trip ball off the soldiers, with Trometter getting four hits for his five times at the plate. Fort Roscrans' Henderson netted two homers for his squad.

SWABIES BEATEN

Late last week, the Leathernecks took on and defeated a team representing the Naval Landing Force Base, 12 to 5, in a practice game.

Failing to score in only three innings, the Base netted six runs in

the opening frame, while the soldiers scored three. The Marines went on to tally one run in the fourth, two in the fifth, one in the seventh and two in the eighth. The invaders did not score again until the final round when they sent two men around the bases.

For the coming week, the Base has scheduled two league games and two practice tilts. On July 7, Camp Callan will play at MCB in a league game to start at 1200. July 8, Sunday, Camp Elliott will be guests at the local park in a practice contest scheduled for 1400. Moose lodge will be the invader on July 10, and the Base crew will travel to Camp Gillespie for league play on the 12th. Tabs:

Base 5 2 5 3 6 6 0 0—36
Roscrans.... 0 1 0 0 4 0 0 0—15

Burke Battles to Close Decision Over Mills at Recruit Depot

Pvts. Stan Burke and Frank Mills, heading a top-notch card, bounced blows off one another's chins to keep a wildly cheering crowd on its feet through three fast rounds at the Recruit Depot weekly boxing show this week, with Burke landing enough punches to cop a close decision.

It was Mills' first appearance in the local arena, and he showed a lot of class against a fast-improving Burke who has established himself as one of the coming men among Base light-heavyweights.

In the semi-final event, Art Wisenmund showed too much experience for opponent Pete Calderon, and clinched a decision when he knocked down his opponent in the final round, after winning the first two by narrow margins.

The best preliminary of the evening was staged by middleweights Mike Caprye and Bill Taylor who stood toe to toe and threw Sunday punches for the distance, finally ending the battle as a draw.

The judges were 1st Lt. Thomas C. Smith and Sgt. M. F. Rivers. Pfc. John Daly acted as timekeeper, and 1st Lt. George F. Peters was officer in charge.

Pvt. Frankie Forrester, Recruit Depot boxing instructor and matchmaker, served as third man in the ring.

THIS WEEK'S RESULTS

Maryin Earl (104), Yellow Pine, Ida., drew with Lester Reed (203), Gresham, Ore.; Bert Yarnell (143),

Los Angeles, decisioned Porfirio Juarez (142), Los Angeles; Marshall St. John (134), Tacoma, Wash., decisioned James Miller (136), Poplar, Mont.

Paul Town (145), Spokane, Wash., drew with Vincent Foster (147), Ventura, Cal.; Leo Lokovsek (180), Enumelaw, Wash., proved to be a bombshell when he won a TKO over rugged and willing Bill Schfield (177), Yakima, Wash., in the second round.

Mike Caprye (152), Spokane, Wash., drew with Bill Taylor (153), Portland, Ore.; M. E. Sailer (184), Salem, Ore., and Walt Lloyd (202), Helena, Mont., each had the other on the verge of a knockout at different times, but both lasted the distance with Lloyd netting a close decision.

Dan Hollins (173), Willard, Ore., won a clear-cut decision over Constantine Poulos (172), San Francisco, Cal.; Pete Calderon (132), Los Angeles, decisioned Art Wisenmund (136), Sacramento, Cal.; Stan Burke (170), Spokane, Wash., decisioned Frank Mills (168), Chico, Cal.

posed of five rollers and two alternates, it was decided at the meeting. At the same time, it was announced that persons who desire to buy bowling shoes may obtain ration stamps through the Base ration board.

Kalamath Wins Double Header

KLAMATH FALLS—Showing a vast improvement after their sloppy early-season start, the Klamath Marines took both sides of a double header, 9-3 and 5-2, from the Redding Tigers Sunday at Redding, Cal.

Hy Chapin, ace of the Leatherneck mound staff, fanned 14 and was headed for a no-hitter in the first tilt, when Tiger batsmen took three runs from him in the fifth inning.

Southpaw Jimmie West hurled the nightcap, limiting his opponents to five singles and striking out eight men.

Sunday's victories gave the Marines four wins in a row and put their season's record at six wins and six losses. In the last four games, the Leathernecks have scored 80 runs with First Baseman Jack Brannan pacing the batter's at 408.

Plane-a-Minute
Knocked Down
By MCAD Flyer

MCAD, MIRAMAR - A plane-a-minute Marine pilot, 1st Lt. William W. Eldridge of Hixson, Tenn., returned here for leave and reassignment, shot down four Jap planes in four minutes last April 16 north of Okinawa.

In the flight his flight of six Corsairs scored a total of 16 1/2 Jap planes in 15 minutes.

The Jap suicide planes were heading for destroyers off Okinawa when the pilots broke up the attack. Spotting two of the Kamikaze planes diving on one ship, Eldridge followed them down through the curtain of anti-aircraft fire.

"I got one at 4000 feet and finally downed the other about 100 feet from the destroyer," the flyer said. "Both planes exploded in mid-air."

"As I pulled out of my dive about 20 feet over the ship," he added, "I caught a bomber coming in close to the water. A burst from my guns literally knocked the left engine out of the bomber and the plane hit the water."

Three minutes later the Corsair pilot made his fourth kill when he caught a Zero making a low-level bombing run on the destroyer. After some telling shots, the Jap plane exploded in mid-air.

Okinawa Infant
'Commissioned'
At Birth

OKINAWA (Delayed) - Most men have to wait until maturity for military commissions, but to one Okinawan a Navy "commission" came with childbirth. It happened this way, according to PFC Odell Griffith.

As wounded Marines were being treated in a little village south of Naha, a toothless old man hobbled over to Navy Lt. (jg) John H. Stover.

"Babee come babee come," the old man exclaimed excitedly.

Stover followed the aged Okinawan into a native house, where he found a woman in the throes of childbirth.

Stover and PHM3/c Charles J. Hill of Dallas, Tex., assisted the woman in giving birth to a four-pound baby boy.

"Funny obstetrical case," the doctor said. "In an hour she was up walking around. She came over to me with a quart of sake and a pound of brown sugar fudge as a gift for my services. Then the old man, her father, wanted to know my name so I told him."

"Darned if they didn't christen the baby after me - Navy Neutlet - and 'is' and all."

Cabbage Patch
A Booby Trap

THE SHIMA, Ryukyu Islands (Delayed) - Ordnancemen attached to a service squadron of the 2nd MAW unit have discovered numerous ingenious booby traps planted by the Japs, according to Sgt. Phil Storch, combat correspondent.

Hand grenades, with pins pulled, have been found buried upside down in the hearts of cabbage heads, threatening almost certain death for the upwary seeker of fresh vegetables. A cart wheel found near a quartermaster dump caused the serious injury of four men. A dynamite charge in the hub exploded as the wheel was lifted from the ground.

The old trick of placing souvenir bait at the entrances to caves is tried by "holed-up" Japs, but the Leathernecks are wise to the ruse and no one has been caught. Inside some abandoned caves, explosive charges are wired to rifles, cartridge cases, lanterns and wallets. A damaged Jap plane had been well mined and posed a problem for a couple of days because the dead pilot was still in its cockpit.



GAY TIME. A number of native girls and American Red Cross hostesses were present for this 3rd Mar. Div. carnival at an island rest camp but the happy still had to be supplemented by a few of the more versatile Marines. Bearded ladies and hula dancers predominated.



'STATESIDE DOGS.' Plenty of hot dogs, pink lemonade and pies flowed over the counter at the chow concession. The midway's only ride was a sleepy water buffalo who gave the Marines a half-hearted lift around the ring. He was attended by a ringmaster clad in top hat and tails.



Iwo Vets Entertained by South Sea Carnival

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed) - Men of the 3rd Mar. Div., returned from the conquest of Iwo Jima, were entertained at their rear area rest camp recently by a good "old time" carnival.

The fun-seeking veterans heard barkers hawking, sniffed the nostalgic aroma of hot dogs and carried prizes away from the concessions. The occasion was the dedication of "Marvin House," a Red Cross club for enlisted men named in honor of the late 2d Lt. Milton C. Marvin, killed in action.

All amusement booths were con-

structed by the Leathernecks with the assistance of a Seabee unit. Highlight of the affair was the presence of 67 native girls and Red Cross hostesses.

Only lacking feature of the carnival was the absence of the usual merry-go-round, ferris wheel, crack-the-whip and roller coaster. The gay gathering's lone ride was a native water buffalo playing penny for the Marines. He was attended by a ringmaster, complete with top hat and tails.

Most popular concession on the midway, judging from the crowd of Leathernecks that pressed in on

it from all angles, was the hot dog stand. A steady flow of the "state-side" delicacies streamed over the counter, relish and mustard oozing from the overloaded buns. Pink lemonade flowed like wine. Prizes won at the concessions were in form of pies, cigars, cigarettes and soft drinks.

To supplement the supply of females on hand, several Marines dressed as girls. A bearded beauty, "Haryiet," was billed as genuine mattress-face glamour direct from Hollywood. A striptease number was performed by a Gypsy Rose Schmoo, on a dented board stage

an improvised pool. Prior to the crucial moment, the would dive into the water.

Jap Journalist Jumps

Leathernecks questioning a Jap prisoner were confronted with a new answer recently, according to Marine PFC Wayne F. Young. After the Marines had managed to calm the frightened Jap, he blurted out in English: "Don't shoot me. I'm no soldier. I'm a newspaperman," he said and pulled out a press card that established him as a correspondent for Domei.



SUNDAY'S MOVIE. Maj. Joppolo (John Hodiak) and Tina (Gene Tierney) of the film "A Bell for Adano" to be shown at the Base theater Sunday, July 8. The movie is based on John Hersey's best-selling novel of 1944.

Marine Nightmares Race in Derbies; Lay Heavy Odds to Pacific Bettors

SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC (Delayed)—Corp. James L. Ozone of New York City has been laying nightmares of late and they're paying off at handsome odds at the Sleepytime race track. A horse racing enthusiast from way back, the corporal has been rearing of playing the ponies and with incredible luck. The queerest part of the fanciful veepstakes is that the slumbering underupper remembers the names of the bangtails he bets on and the amount of payoff on each winner. Two nights prior to the running of the Kentucky Derby, Ozone dreamed that he was at Churchill Downs watching the leaders of the classic event turn into the stretch. Just as day, there was Hoop Jr., Pot o' Luck and Darby Dieppe racing neck and neck. That was where the corporal woke himself up yelling "Come on, you Pot o' Luck!" Several hours before the derby entrants went to post, Marines of the 3rd Tank Bn., 3rd Mar. Div., made up a pool on the race. Ozone, naturally, picked Pot o' Luck. Two of his tentmates, mindful of the much recited dream ver-

sion of the event, selected Hoop Jr. and Darby Dieppe. The record shows that Hoop Jr. won, with Pot o' Luck second and Darby Dieppe copping the show. Following the rebroadcast of the classic, the corporal explained his error in judgment as being affected by Pot o' Luck's reputation as a fast finisher. "I just woke up too soon that time," he said.—Sgt. John W. Chapman, Combat Correspondent

Leg Reading Art

If you want to tell at a glance just what the relations between any young couple are, the following system never fails: If she wears Nylon stockings, they are deeply in love with one another, or engaged, or he is the casting director in the new play she's trying to get a part in. Rayon stockings, she thinks she might grow to like him in time, or her legs are cold, or she wants everybody to know, "See, I'm patriotic! I wear rayons!" Liquid stockings, they are married.—Guy Finamore in the Chicago Tribune.

WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

BASE THEATER 1730 and 2000

- SATURDAY**—This Is the Army. George Murphy-John Leslie. Dancer Murphy and the versatile Miss Leslie cavort gayly through another plotless musical. The Army also ran.
- SUNDAY** A Bell for Adano. John Hodiak-Gene Tierney. The film story of John Hersey's popular novel about an AMG official working with the simple folk of a liberated Italian village. Short subjects and news.
- MONDAY** The Frozen Ghost. Lon Chaney-Evelyn Ankers. Psychiatric drama with a sufficiency of thrills, chills and spooks. Also, Penthouse Rhythm. Kipby Grant-Lois Collier. A comedy, with music, shaped by the complications of mistaken identity. Rating, a mistake.
- TUESDAY**—Boston Blackie's Rendezvous. Chester Morris-Nina Foch. Another swift-moving Boston Blackie action-thriller. In this one the villain goes around strangling people. Also, War Comes to America.
- WEDNESDAY**—Naughty Nineties. Abbott and Costello. This time the boys find life on the Mississippi a bit corrupt. In their usual manner they save the day for Capt. Sam, a river boat owner.
- THURSDAY**—Two O'clock Courage. Tom Conway-Ann Rutherford. The old amnesia yarn with another twist. Ann Rutherford, a cab driver, runs down Conway. A head injury causes him to lose his memory. It ends well enough, though. Musical short subject.
- FRIDAY**—Lady in the Dark. Ginger Rogers-Ray Miland. Colorful. Also, Overseas Roundup No. 2.

Avengers Hurl Havoc at Hirohito

By TSgt. Chester D. Palmer Jr., Combat Correspondent

IWO JIMA (Delayed)—Workhorse on one of the toughest aviation assignments in the Pacific is the Grumman Avenger torpedo bomber.

Guarding vital sea approaches to this newly-won island only three air hours from Japan, the sturdy blue torpedo planes, flown by veteran 11th MAW pilots, are logging a record-breaking total of hours on a grueling schedule of round-the-clock patrol.

In their first six days on battle-torn Iwo, the Marine Avengers flew more than a thousand hours, each plane averaging 10 hours per day from the shell-gutted Motoyama No. 1 airstrip.

TAKE OFF UNDER FIRE

During the initial week of long-aircraft patrol over enemy waters, the planes took off just beneath the trajectory of Leatherneck heavy artillery. Barrages poured over the aviation camp area and flight line night and day to blast last-ditch Jap defenses only a thousand yards beyond the runway. Planes, pilots, gunners and Marine groundmen faced the added nightly hazard of sporadic enemy rocket shelling attempts and sniper fire from Jap stragglers.

When organized enemy ground

resistance ceased and the crucial patrolling period had passed, hours were cut down slightly, but the Avengers still piled up a record monthly total. In their first 30 days on Iwo, the Avengers logged over 3000 hours. Each plane had a daily average of nearly six hours aloft, and a monthly average of 170 hours.

FIRST ON NO. 2

After 10 dusty days—without a pause in their 24-hour schedule—the Marine outfit hopped 700 yards into Iwo's central field to become the first unit to regularly operate from Motoyama No. 2.

Scene of the island's fiercest fighting, Motoyama No. 2 had been surrounded by a mass of hundreds of pillboxes. The runway wasn't as bad as No. 1, since Marine engineers and Seabees had been given more time to recondition the strip. However, it was of softer surface,

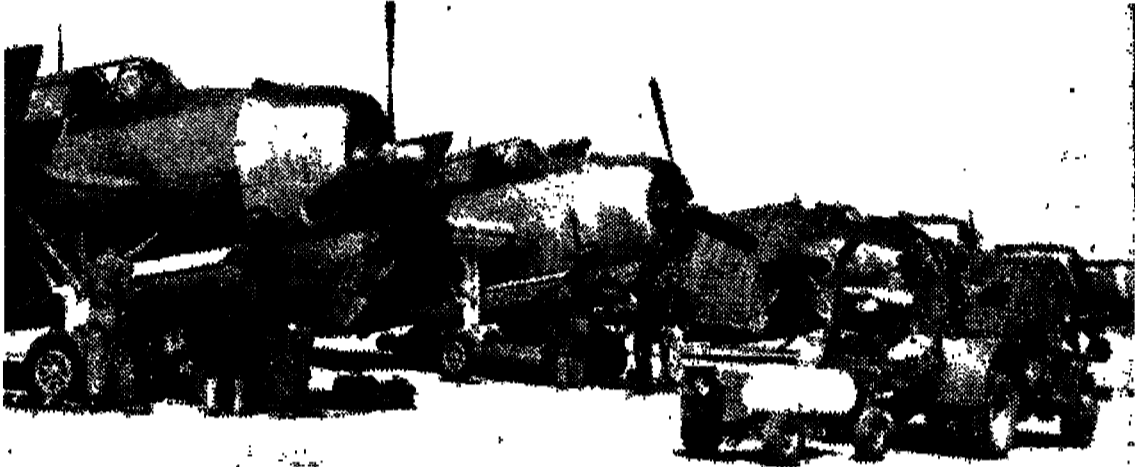
and soon was filled with sink-holes and deep ruts caused by heavy traffic of B-25 Superforts returning to the Marianas from raids on the Tokyo area.

Pilots fought vicious cross-winds on the Jap-designed runway, but the Avengers seemed to show less difficulty with that than the swift, light Army Mustangs or lumbering heavy bombers.

MAKE AIR HISTORY

The torpedo-bomber outfit flying record hours at Iwo started their Pacific tour in the south. They flew into the Marianas eight months ago. That 3500-mile over-water flight, unprecedented in single-engined naval air history, was made without the loss of a single plane or crewman.

Now only three air hours from the Japanese homeland, the torpedo-bomber is flying a record aerial defense ring around one of the most strategic new bases in the Pacific. At every new island outpost along the road to Tokyo the big blue Avengers flown by Marine airmen will be doing their job at the very heels of victorious assault troops.



(Official USMC Photo)

IWO AVENGERS, Marine Avenger torpedo bombers receive their loads of depth bombs on Motoyama Airfield No. 2, Iwo Jima. They maintain patrols keeping the skies and sea free of enemy raiders.

'A Bell for Adano' at MCB Movie Sunday

Showing Sunday, "A Bell for Adano," taken from John Hersey's best-selling novel and Pulitzer prize-winning play of 1944, promises to be one of the best pictures the Base theater has had this year.

The story concerns Maj. Joppolo, an AMG official assigned to the village of Adano as civil affairs administrator. In his screen portrayal, John Hodiak, as the good major, shows that kindness can go a long way toward winning the confidence of a simple people. Of especial interest in the film is the mental conflict suffered by Maj. Joppolo who must decide between helping these simple folk of the village and obeying an unthinking American general.

Mr. Hodiak carries his part well and is given admirable support by Gene Tierney, who in the film is Tina, the flirtatious fisherman's daughter.

Comic relief is offered in the person of William Bendix as Sgt. Barth, Maj. Joppolo's aide.


This film will not be released to civilian theaters until August.

Donut Bombs Score Hit With Troops

OKINAWA (Delayed)—"Doughnut bombing" is the latest innovation in aerial activity here—but it's no bad reflection on bakers of the 2nd MAW.

Their doughnuts, made under auspices of the Red Cross, are being dropped to front-line troops by parachute, along with ammunition, medical supplies, water and rations.

As many as 1000 doughnuts have been dropped in this manner in a single day.

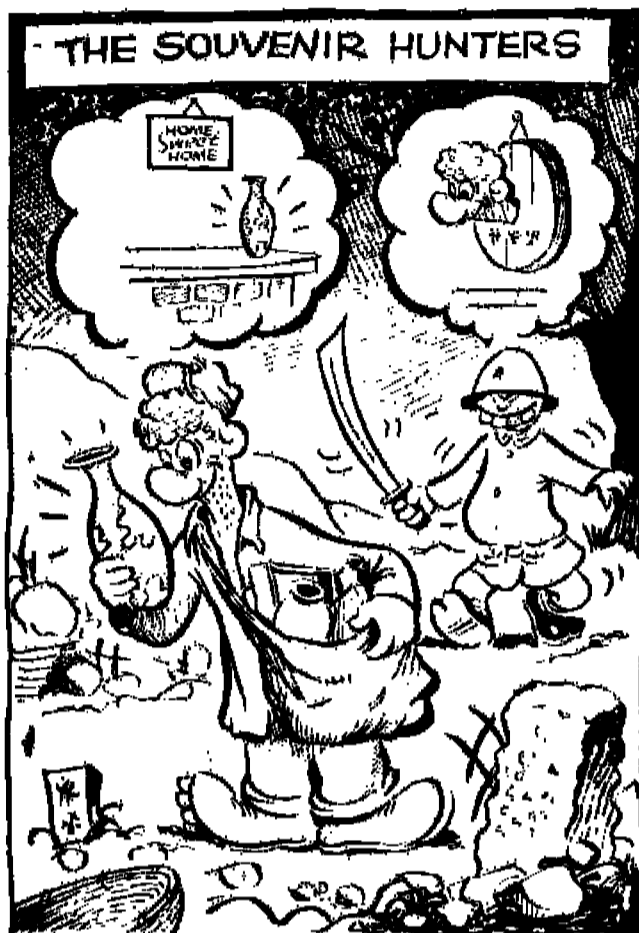
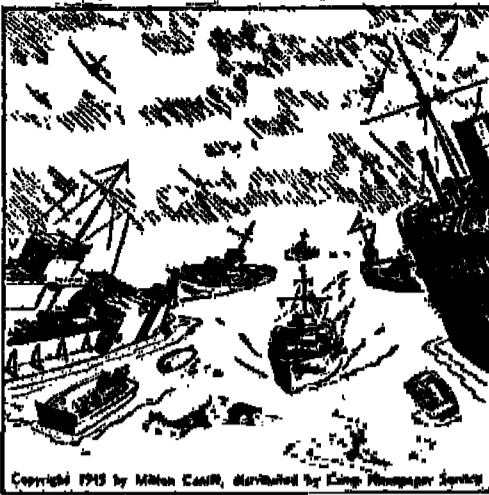


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by Sansone
"Beat it, Bub—she's my governor!"



THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

Monday—AUSTRALIANS INVADE OIL-RICH BALIKPAPAN
Tuesday—BYRNES GOES IN AS SECRETARY OF STATE
Wednesday—U. S. TROOPS BEGIN BERLIN OCCUPATION
Thursday—JAPS ADMIT FIVE MILLION HOME CASUALTIES
Friday—YANKS COMPLETE CAMPAIGN FOR PHILIPPINES

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—A Marine appeared before a local judge on the charge of shoving his fist clear through the face of a penny weighing and fortune telling machine. "Your honor," the youth said, "the card told my weight okay, but my fortune said I was due to take a long trip." The Marine, it was proved, had just returned from 31 months' service in the Pacific. The charge was dismissed.

LAHOYAW, Cal.—On the complaint of neighbors, authorities investigated the activities of Albert Hallfair who was found busy in his basement in experiment. "Those people are all crazy," Hallfair told the police. "I was just trying to cross a clay pigeon with a mud hen to see if the offspring won't lay bricks." Hallfair was detained for further investigation.

PHILADELPHIA—It's all over between Philly and its pigeons. The familiar flocks at City Hall, Rittenhouse Square, and elsewhere are doomed. Seems they carry a deadly disease, which one fatality has

NEWARK, N. J.—Things are tough in Newark. Police raided an opium den here and discovered that all the patrons had been required to bring their own dope.

MILES CITY, Mont.—Mrs. Gladys Wilson stepped daintily into the bath tub, and hopped right out again, not so daintily. Her son had put an 18-inch catfish in first.

DARIEN, Conn.—A woman phoned her minister, told him she was going to commit suicide, then drank what the medical examiner called "enough whiskey for six people." It killed her all right, but what a way to die!

TAMPA, Fla.—When the cops found Sgt. Carl Lokken's dog tags at the scene of a robbery, they thought they had their man. Turned out that Lokken was at an Air Service Command depot in Assam at the time. Moral: Keep a tight rein on those dog tags.

NEW YORK—The American Mercury, in a newspaper ad, allows that in its current issue "there will be many articles you will like." "Yet," the ad goes on, "this is only a fair issue. . . . We think this issue is a quarter's worth, and worth the time of reading. But we do not want to represent it as 'colossal.' It really isn't."

KOKOMO, Ind. The big issue in this divorce suit is not custody of the children but custody of an elephant. Terrell Jacobs says he doesn't mind losing his wife, Marie, but he wants that elephant. So does Marie. Its loss, says Jacobs, would leave him with only eight lions, five tiger cubs, four leopard cubs, and four monkeys. Both are circus performers.



ANGELA GREENE (Warner Bros.)

Saturday Morning, July 7, 1945

already been reported. It's not so easy, though, for Philadelphia smart, sleek pigeons are spurning corn-baited traps. So the public has been asked to stop feeding them.