

# NEWS of INTEREST to MARINES

By Pvt. John F. Yalieu

A MCB directive this week gave some Regulars an opportunity to decline transfer to overseas duty. Those of first three pay grades who have less than 15 months to serve, and who certify that they do not intend to re-enlist, "will not be so assigned."

Gen. Eisenhower revealed War Dept. orders that by April 30, all Army enlisted men with 45 points or two and a half years' service must be discharged or aboard ship returning home. Deadline for men with 40 points, or two years' service, is June 30.

Adm. Nimitz stated the Navy's case: schedule called for release of one of every three men by end of 1945, and was surpassed. "The Navy can foresee nothing that will interfere with continued speed..."

## MILITARY ITEMS

Plans have been completed for free transportation of GI brides from England to the U.S., and the first group is expected to sail this month, 26,866 such wives and children had been listed by Dec. 20.

Two hundred thousand servicemen are included in the latest estimate of the San Diego city-county population, said a total 636,000.

## THE JOB SITUATION

"The year 1946 will give... the U.S. the highest standard of living ever enjoyed," according to a Harvard professor... May be heard the announcement of a new air-freight service, which plans regularly-scheduled importing of lobsters from Newfoundland, tropical fish from Peru, and rare orchids from the Amazon.

Disabled vets can take cheer from reports of a study of 3925 physically handicapped persons. During the "great depression," only 13 per cent were on relief—lower than the proportion of the entire population. And more than half of those studied were over 50 years of age.

## VET LEGISLATION

Guarantee of re-employment to men who left steady jobs for military service will expire this May, along with the Selective Service Act, unless meanwhile extended by Congressional action.

Bills are now in the California legislature for appropriation of \$750,000 for vets' education. Eligible for benefit would be any serviceman who, as a minor, lived in the state for six months prior to Pearl Harbor Day.

## MISCELLANY

MCB injury report: A WR corporal, "at 1500 1 Jan. 46, while playing with the dog 'King Mickey' in WR Area" was bitten on bridge of nose. Within command, not working, not misconduct."

And a male corporal grumpily reports his recent illness: At his wedding, suffered attack of recurrent malaria; high fever continued to smite him for alternate 24-hour periods through his honeymoon... Destiny, he claims, timed it with malice aforethought.

Irrelevant to anything: a temperance group has proposed a "toast" for use by all parties, at all parties: "I pledge perpetual hate—to all which can intoxicate." It is to be drunk in "hot, spiced, non-alcoholic punch." On the other hand, columnist George Dixon growls: "I pledge to hate and squash and crush—Anyone who offers me hot spiced non-alcoholic punch."

# More Rates

Marine privates with six months or more of service, and who are considered otherwise qualified, stand to be promoted to private first class, according to a recent Marine Corps dispatch.

To include WR privates, the dispatch, dated Jan. 10, specifies that commanding officers are authorized to promote all seventh-pay-grade enlisted personnel to the sixth pay grade upon the completion of six months' active service without offense, provided they are considered qualified.

# Increase 'Zoots' For Veterans

WASHINGTON—The U. S. Civilian Production Administration took steps recently to meet the tremendous veteran demand for civilian clothing.

It announced a program calling for the production of 3,500,000 low and medium-priced men's and boys' suits during the first three months of 1946 in addition to 1,500,000 overcoats and topcoats and 7,000,000 pairs of trousers.

The nation-wide shortage of men's clothing has brought increasing civilian pressure for such action, as demobilization continues to release thousands of servicemen each week.

CPA is granting priorities assistance to clothing manufacturers to obtain 23,000,000 yards of wool fabrics.

Suits made under the CPA low-cost clothing program will retail at about \$33.

CPA also is planning to grant priorities assistance for manufacture of other essential clothing including cotton shirts, shorts, and handkerchiefs.

# Future Brightens for Low-pointers

"Clearing the decks" for discharge of 45-point Marines beginning Feb. 1, it has been announced that the majority of eligible 50-pointers can expect to be released by the end of January.

Even low-point Reservists and SS men can find encouragement in the information provided this week by Headquarters, Washington. Regarding men whose education was interrupted, it was pointed out that the Corps is "traditionally a young man's outfit," and can't afford to release at one time all Marines who want to go to school. "However... many of the men who want to resume their education should be home in time for the spring semester... and nearly all for the fall terms."

## FUTURE OF DIVISIONS

As for particular Marine units, an outline of their present status and probable future deployment

**FIGHT INFANTILE PARALYSIS JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES**  
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# Long Hair, Short Stay

GUAM (Delayed)—A visitor to the 3rd Mar. Div. camp here was baffled by his host's ability to differentiate between men soon to head stateside and those scheduled to remain, reports SMSGT. F. X. O'Donnell, Marine correspondent.

"It is easy enough," the host explained, "immediately after being notified that he is going home, a Marine begins to let his hair grow, shaves off his beard and starts taking daily sun baths. Those who are staying continue to cultivate whiskers, keep their hair cropped short and dodge the sunshine."

# Regulars Get 3-Year Foreign Stretch

Peacetime overseas duty for Marine regulars was set at a 36-month minimum for every four years of service recently in an official Washington letter signed by the Marine Commandant, Gen. A. A. Vandegrift.

Varying from the wartime policy of a minimum of six months of Stateside duty for every two years of foreign service the Washington letter set forth:

"For the... demobilization period, and until... specified tours... can be established.

... Regular officers and enlisted men, and reserve and temporary officers who desire transfer to commissioned status in the regular Marine Corps, shall be considered eligible for return to the U. S. if... they shall have completed 36 months of duty overseas during their last 48 months of service.

Such personnel... shall receive equal consideration with others... eligible for return (to the U. S.) for discharge or release with regard to the needs of their service and availability of transportation."

has been made public. Excerpts state that:

"The 2nd and 5th Divisions were sent into Japan as occupational troops under Gen. MacArthur. However, all high-point men from both these divisions have been withdrawn and are... arriving at West Coast ports. The 5th Division, as a unit, is... to be inactivated." (According to MCB authorities, 458 Marines scheduled to arrive at San Diego last Wednesday were the last contingent of the 5th to be returned.) This "new" 5th is about 80 per cent high-point men of the 2nd, while some 20 per cent of those coming home are from the original division. Low-pointers of both outfits "are still on duty in Japan, having been merged into the 2nd."

## OTHERS TO RETURN

Regarding other divisions, the bulletin continues:

"The 4th Division has been brought back and inactivated. All high-pointers of the 3rd Division have been sent home, and the others not eligible for discharge were assigned to the Palau, the Bonins, Truk and other former enemy outposts to handle the surrender of thousands of by-passed Japanese soldiers.

"When their job is finished, they, too, will be brought home. Orders

# NCO's Listed For Recruiting Duty

Line corporals, sergeants, and platoon sergeants who meet certain requirements may be nominated by their commanding officers for recruiting duty, according to a recent Base memorandum.

Only men whose status fits these specifications may be nominated:

- (a) Member of the regular Marine Corps;
- (b) Rank of platoon sergeant, sergeant, or corporal, line;
- (c) Have not less than 11 nor more than 15 months to serve on current enlistment or extension thereof.

Commanding officers are requested to submit rosters of eligible men by not later than Jan. 18.

to reduce those garrisons will be issued soon."

The future of the 1st and 6th Divisions is "uncertain." 10,000 replacements, however, have already been sent to China to relieve high-pointers, "who will be returned as soon as the replacements arrive."

## QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Among other items of Marine Corps news revealed by Public Information:

• On Dec. 31, 1945, there were 178,700 Marines outside the continental limits of the U.S.

• Demobilization of the Corps is six weeks ahead of schedule. 7546 personnel were discharged during the week of Dec. 29 to Jan. 4; nearly 191,000 personnel were separated between V-J Day and Jan. 4, 1946—7546 during the last week of that period.

• Also since last Aug. 17, 6957 Selective Service men have come

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into the Corps (but since about the first of this year, SS men are no longer admitted); 9210 have enlisted; 1987 have re-enlisted.

• Senator Wilson, of Iowa, announced that he will introduce legislation to release, by April 1, the bulk of Army and Navy enlisted men who have over a year's service, except regulars and men serving court-martial sentences.

## VETERANS DOCK HERE

Largest shipload of veterans to arrive at San Diego this week, 422 men and officers of the 4th Marine Regt. were scheduled to dock Jan. 17. Mostly members of H&S Co., Weapons Co., or the 2nd Bn., they had embarked at Yokosuka.

# May Cut China Duty

SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.)—Repatriation of 4,000,000 Japanese soldiers and civilians from the Asiatic mainland will hasten the withdrawal of U. S. Marines from China, Vice Adm. Daniel E. Barbey, Seventh fleet commander, said this week.

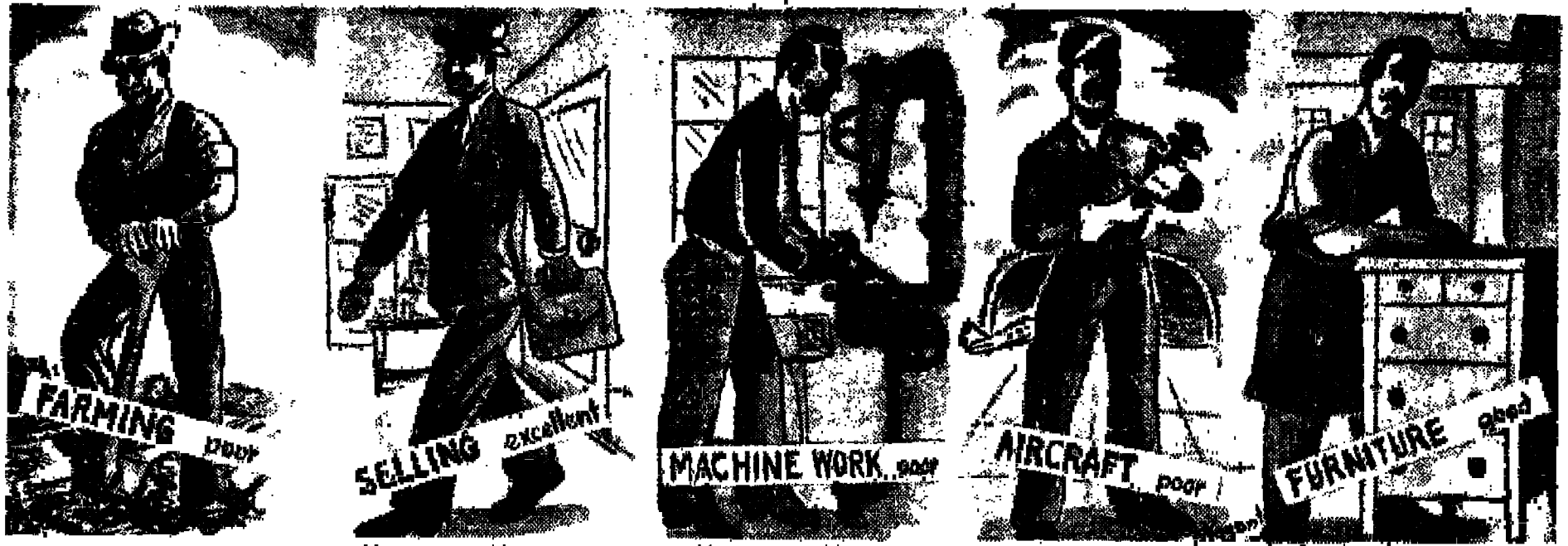
Barbey, who directed the landing of Chinese Nationalist troops and U. S. Marines in North China, said 100 LSTs already in service are repatriating 100,000 Japanese a month. The fact that these ships are manned by Japanese has released 10,000 Navy men for discharge. One hundred Liberty ships will be put to similar use, he said.



'DIVINE WIND' BLOWS—OUT. More than 50 kamikaze planes recently were set afire by Marines at the former Jap air base, Sasebo, Northern Kyushu Island. The planes first were sprayed with gasoline fire jelly, then touched off by two flame-throwing Sherman tankmen. (The suicide pilots were not in the planes.)



(Official U. S. Navy photo)



## WHAT ABOUT JOBS IN '46? Here's What an Expert Has to Say About the Matter

(Written for This Week magazine by  
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search Association.)

Despite the present big-of-war between management and labor, despite our recon-  
struction plans and the disheveled appearance  
of our national economy, the jobs outlook  
for 1946 is good.

This is not breezy optimism, but a hard-  
headed fact. There is a huge and pressing  
demand for goods and services we gave up  
during the war; our vastly expanded in-  
dustrial plant is capable of gigantic produc-  
tion. People are going to be needed to set  
the machinery of supply and demand in  
motion.

If you want to change your job, the year  
ahead will offer your best chance to get  
into the kind of work you really want to  
do.

In most lines of work, this chance won't  
last more than a year or two. Surveys show  
that nearly two out of three of us are dis-  
satisfied with our jobs, and that half of us  
intend to do something about it soon.

By 1947 or 1948, the job problems we  
stopped worrying about four years ago are  
likely to be with us again. Large numbers  
of people will be established in their post-  
war work, and it will be increasingly diffi-  
cult for newcomers to break in.

It is important, therefore, that jobseekers  
begin now to look into the fields that in-  
terest them.

### TAKE YOUR TIME

Investigation should be careful and de-  
liberate. Give yourself time. If you are  
among the many people who were able to  
put a little money aside during the war,  
you can afford this luxury. For you are  
not out to grab at the first opportunity that  
shines a little brighter than your present  
one, but to square away for the job that  
will absorb you permanently.

Following are the general conclusions of  
a recent survey of postwar opportunities in  
300 of the nation's largest vocational cate-  
gories. They may be useful to bear in mind  
while casting about for that new job.

1. The best job bets for the long pull  
are those requiring specialized training.  
The United States, greatest technical na-

tion in the world, has never been shorter  
of professionally-trained people than it is  
today. Under the pressure of the war emer-  
gency, we cut back the training of young  
professional and technical personnel to a  
grudging trickle. Now we face a deficit  
that can hardly be made up before the  
early 1950's.

We need at least 35,000 more doctors im-  
mediately, besides replacements in the  
ranks of the 180,000 overworked physicians  
now practicing. We need thousands more  
dentists, pharmacists, civil engineers, archi-  
tects, biologists, mathematicians and phys-  
ical scientists of all kinds. These shortages  
will exist despite the vacancies filled by  
returning veterans.

### WE NEED TECHNICIANS

Below this top level, we have need for  
tens of thousands of semi-professional peo-  
ple. One study of several hundred com-  
panies revealed that more than 80 per cent  
were short on technicians. Another indi-  
cated that about five technicians were  
needed for every first-rank professional.

Most of these jobs have jaw-cracking  
titles, such as metallographer, or spectrog-  
raphist. Others sound a little less forbid-  
ding: mechanical draftsman, testing ma-  
chine operator, chemical analyst. None de-  
mands a college education, although the  
person who has one is a little better off.

The main requirements are high-school  
training, some grounding in the physical  
sciences, a head for figures, and some  
supervisory skill. Most of the real training  
is obtained on the job.

Technicians in industrial research have  
been increasing at the rate of 8 per cent a  
year for over two decades. Their number  
will probably be tripled in the next 15 years.

2. Except for the professions, the long-  
range job outlook is best in growing  
fields that lack social prestige.

As they did before the war, workers are  
tending to scramble for the kind of job they  
think will impress their family and friends.  
The crucial question of whether or not  
these jobs will provide a real chance for  
success or satisfaction is all too often  
ignored.

A prime example, probably caused partly  
by home front restrictions and regimenta-  
tion of military life, is the hot desire of  
many war workers and veterans to go into  
business for themselves.

More than half of the returning service-  
men say they want to be their own boss  
right away. Nearly 500,000 are actually  
planning to set up shop for themselves.

The cold fact is that the net number of  
small concerns that closed up during the  
war was only about 500,000, too. Their cus-  
tomers were taken over by stronger com-  
panies which are prepared to fight to keep  
their newly-won business.

### SMALL BUSINESS

Even the most experienced men, with  
years of training, will have to sweat long  
hours to re-establish their small businesses.  
For most prestige-conscious newcomers, the  
"be-your-own-boss" route will be heartbreak  
alley, as it was after the last war.

The field for selling someone else's prod-  
uct, on the other hand, may need about  
4,000,000 new recruits during the next few  
years.

Few salesmen are highly regarded in our  
society. Many studies have shown that  
young people and returning veterans tend  
to shy away from selling jobs. Even in-  
veteran businessmen with years of success often

refuse to trade their briefcases for the glass-  
topped desks of inferior executives in the  
home office.

The studies also show, however, that good  
salesmen earn one-fourth to one-third more  
than comparable bookkeeping or production  
men in the same company. They have greater  
job security, and they have proved that the  
best single route to a company presidency is  
through the sales department.

3. The job outlook is generally best in

fields while it was poorest during the  
war.

The huge post-war consumer demands for  
all kinds of goods that were hard to get  
during the war make this point obvious.  
The staggering nationwide housing short-  
age we are experiencing leads even con-  
servative economists to predict that we  
must construct 1,000,000 homes and other  
buildings each year for the next decade.  
(Continued next week)

## SAFETY VALVE

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

### We'll Take the Dare

Editor, the CheVron—We dare the  
CheVron to publish this, UNTOUCHED and  
NOTICEABLE.

To Whom It Concerns (and that means  
everyone),

We wonder, and there are many of us,  
how low the morale of some of our service-  
men have dropped when they will sit by  
and let people offer them the cheapest and  
lowest entertainment, in the form of stage  
shows, without the slightest objection.

Is it that they do not realize they are be-  
ing insulted and slapped in the face when  
they listen to the filth that is handed out  
by some two-bit "comedian," and they must  
be very low rated if they have to stoop to  
degrading the morals we hold so high to  
get a laugh from an audience. Or is it that  
our servicemen, who haven't liberty, go to  
the base movie ready for some entertain-  
ment and would laugh at anything? \*

Our opinion is the latter, so wake up, fel-  
lows, and show them you're not as gullible  
to such entertainment as they think you are!

Yes, people must consider them of low  
calibre to give them such entertainment.  
Well, it isn't so... they are just out for  
some laughs and if the base show is the  
only place to go for them, they'll head there.  
And does that mean that the only laughs  
they get are in response to suggestive  
"jokes"? It does not! They get just as big  
a kick, and more so, out of good, clean-cut,  
clever comedians.

Take Camp Miramar, for instance. Thou-  
sands of dollars are spent to bring these  
"comedians" to the service. If a few of  
those dollars were spent on building a pur-  
ring alley or an indoor swimming pool we're  
sure they would appreciate them far more.

How do we know? We know because we  
are servicemen and we represent many  
more of our buddies, but there are those  
that are still asleep.

Incidentally, this does not refer to all the  
stage shows that were held at Miramar, but  
the majority.

DISGUSTED

MCAD, Miramar.

### A Slight Doubt

Editor, the CheVron—Are credits toward  
discharge given by the Marine Corps for  
ribbons and stars received during Merchant  
Marine service? One enlisted man recently  
at Miramar had been awarded several area  
campaign ribbons, as well as battle stars  
for surviving the sinking of two ships. His  
SRB recorded these awards and stated that  
he was authorized to wear them. He and  
others with similar decorations wondered  
whether they are entitled to points toward  
discharge.

Sgt. M. H. ALMON

MCAD, Miramar, Calif.

Editor's Note—Base Headquarters File  
Section advises that General Order No. 104  
covers closest to giving the answer, by omit-

ting mention of Merchant Marine awards.  
Separation officials here agree that there  
seems to be no authority for allowing dis-  
charge points. We've queried Washington.  
Meanwhile—the answer apparently is No.

### CheVron-Stubbed, Drawn, Quartered

Editor, the CheVron—In your letter "Edi-  
tor Sait Wants Better" you state that this  
is the first instance in which this paper has  
been accused of being full of officer propa-  
ganda. Let this note then have the honor of  
being the second. And you have doubt-  
lessly received many, many more by now.

I can recall a group of ten men censoring  
the CheVron to determine how much was  
officer propaganda. Once they decided 24  
per cent was readable. No one has pre-  
viously made this accusation because it is  
really too late in the game to waste time  
on such trash.

Your reply to the initial letter of revela-  
tion is concrete proof of the shallowness,  
vulgarity and ignorance so often portrayed  
in this rag.

Take a poll on the subject, but in any  
case don't get the idea that men can ap-  
preciate this childish, high school propa-  
ganda.

YANK was given a much-deserved and  
well-earned Honorable Discharge. Let a  
flunk the CheVron with an Undesirable  
Discharge at once.

Also, there are 546 grammatical errors in  
this column, so let's not criticize your  
Safety Valve columns. Renew your fight  
and please find several glaring grammatical  
errors.

FAME WITHDRAWS

MAR 22, 1946, Toron, Calif.

Editor's Note—Frankly, your accusation  
that the paper is "full of officer propa-  
ganda" surprises us. We figure that since  
the Corps is perhaps 90 per cent enlisted  
men, 10 per cent officers, therefore to  
satisfy reader interest the news should be  
split up about that way. But in practice,  
we print officer news only when it is news.  
Check some recent issues—can you find news  
with more than 10 per cent of the space  
given to "officer stories"?

We hope that most readers don't agree  
with you that the CheVron is "trash" or  
"shallow, vulgar and ignorant." Because  
we who work on the staff do our best to  
publish a paper of interest to as many  
Marines as possible—and we think that  
means, among other things, a lively but  
clean and carefully prepared paper. If we  
misjudge items which will be of interest to  
the majority, we are open to criticism by  
anyone whose opinions are typical.

We agree that YANK was a swell Army  
magazine. It deserved its Honorable Dis-  
charge. But in trying to compare the two  
publications, remember that the Marine  
Corps is as different from the Army as the  
CheVron is from YANK. Being a first  
sergeant, you've been in the Corps long  
enough to know that.

Suggest you compare the CheVron with  
other Marine Corps newspapers—not with  
YANK—and then decide whether this  
paper is actually as "childish and ignorant"  
as you now think.

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# Diary of Bertram THE Boot (The Reluctant Recruit)

By Pvt. John F. Vallesu

## MONDAY

After three weeks at Rifle Range, practicing firing positions, re-learning to walk erect is a slow and painful process. Am slowly regaining use of knees, but when I sit down my legs automatically draw up with ankles crossed, and my derriere begins to ache.

## TUESDAY

I shuddered at the prospect of bayonet practice, but it's even worse than I expected. First, we are required to put our nude bayonets on the ends of our rifles; then, ignoring the fact that the awful things are dangerous even when not in motion, we must point them at each other, wave them menacingly, and pretend to be mad at one another.

My partner, when he advanced at me, seemed determined to make the nerve-racking game even more realistic. It was with malicious afterthought, I suspect, that he suddenly uttered a vicious snarl, and at the same time screwed his face into a most blood-thirsty grimace. Startled witless, my first instinct was to take flight. But so weak were my legs that I could only stare in horror. . . . Fortunately, he found my reaction humorous and broke into a guffaw, rather than puncturing me as I am convinced he intended to do.

My turn at attacking brought no revengeful pleasure, for I was terrified of that blade even when holding it out in front of me. Glacially, I minced toward my partner, and I can understand his not being frightened as I had been. . . . Personally, I should greatly prefer instruction in the technique of button-pushing to release rocket-weapons or atomic bombs. Such long-range tactics would be far better suited to a man of my temperament.

## WEDNESDAY

By George, I am becoming exasperated—almost irate! The Marine Corps is carrying this "personal defense" training entirely too far!

Today after bayonet-practice I acted in perfectly good faith when, obeying orders, I joined the long single line outside the equipment storeroom. All unsuspecting, I filed in when it was my turn—and goose-pimpled when I saw what was being shoved into my hands: BOXING GLOVES! Yes, they actually are going to try to make a FUGILIST out of me—regardless of my positive abhorrence of fistbuffs.

But gracious knows, they're going to have difficulty with this project!

## THURSDAY

Eureka, I may say with restraint. Most of the night I devoted to intense meditation, striving to visualize some device by which I could defend myself against Personal Defense training; and the solution, when I found it, was amazingly simple.

At present we are merely practicing, slowly and carefully, what is called the "jab." But I am no longer an innocent-minded child. Ghostly as the thought may seem, I strongly suspect that before much longer, we will be required to STRIKE each other.

But I shall not be caught unprepared. I have learned that in this course, kicking one's opponent is definitely prohibited. So when the awful day arrives, I shall simply seize my opponent's hands and hug them tightly to me, giving him no opportunity to deal me a blow. And if the instructor should demand that I release the chap's hands so he can hit me, I shall quietly, with great dignity, reply: "Don't be silly, Sir. This method of Personal Defense obviously is quite effective—else why would my partner be protesting?"

Even a DI could not deny the logic of that comment.

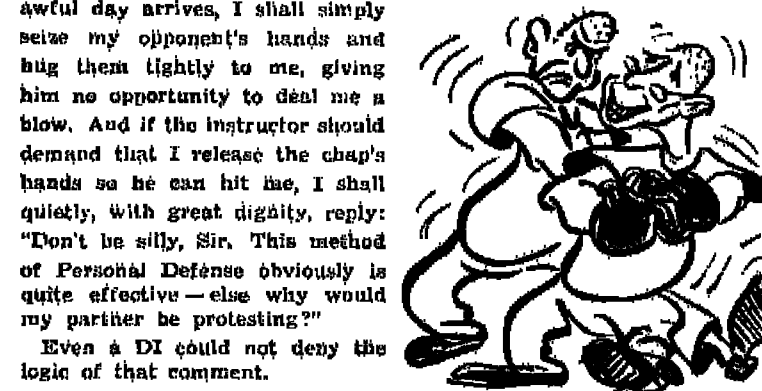
## FRIDAY

Well, I tried it today. . . . What in the world ever made me think a DI would be logical?

The ironic part, of course, is that this Personal Defense training is such a waste of time. Marine Corps supervisors must be exceedingly naive. . . . Certainly no enemy warrior, in today's mechanized warfare, is ever going to approach me on the battlefield, extend a pair of gloves, and insist that I engage with him in a BOXING contest!

## SATURDAY

My poetry may appear unorthodox. But so is my "partner" when we have to books. I'm not good at boxing. So he throws many sox. And mox as he Knox, while I rox from the sox.



# Bob Crosby Signed for Base Dance

By Corp. Wm. F. Taylor

In the second gala entertainment fete of 1946 presented for Base Marines, the Transport, Service and Mess Companies of Base H&S Bn, have signed popular Bob Crosby and his band for their Jan. 21 party and dance.

With over 300 guests expected, the Monday night dance is to be held at San Diego's Pacific Square. Only Marines with written invitations will be admitted at the doors, although any San Diego ladies wishing to attend are cordially invited.

Also invited, WH's and Waves will be furnished transportation to and from the Base.

**A BETTER DANCE**  
Speaking of the forthcoming party, which will be patterned after the recent Hq. Co. dance, the

committeemen were unanimous in claiming they were "out to do them (Hq. Co.) one better" at the scheduled fete.

The doors will open Monday night at 2000. Bob Crosby's "Bobcats" will begin playing at 2030, and festivities will end at 0030 Tuesday morning.

**EVERYTHING FREE**  
Chow, to be served buffet style, and soft drinks, will be free. Serving is to be continuous throughout the evening.

Corsages will also be provided for the ladies.

Door prizes, eight in all, will be given during the evening's program at an on-stage drawing presided over by Sgt. A. F. Vala, former actor of the "Halls of Montezuma" radio show.

Such items as cigarette lighters, ID bracelets and shaving kits will be given at the drawing.

Special entertainment during dance intermissions will be provided by performers of the Bob Crosby troupe.

## COMMITTEEMEN

Base Marines of the three companies who are chiefly responsible for the forthcoming dance and party are:

CySgt. J. B. Joyner, of Service Co.; MTSgt. E. L. Meadows, Mess Co.; MTSgt. J. H. Hughes, Mess Co.; Corp. "J R" Hudson, MTCO.; Sgt. H. R. Aldridge, MTCO.; TSgt. Clyde Stewart, MTCO.; PFC. John Simmons, MTCO.; SstSgt. W. F. Tibbets, Mess Co.; PFC. E. S. Jankowski, Service Co.; Sgt. William Nerviani, Service Co.



(Photo by Pvt. Ralph Metherell)

**ENTERTAINMENT EXECS.** Gathered about a desk with plans, photos and press releases advertising the forthcoming Marine dance to be held at Pacific Square, and to feature Bob Crosby's band, are, from left to right, Sgt. Wm. Nerviani, PFC. E. S. Jankowski—committeemen—and Sgt. A. F. Vala, their Marine master of ceremonies.

# MARINE WOOS MUSE Seeks Culture, Gets Wet Towel

By Corp. Edward Dally

(Reprinted from The North China Marine)

Snooping has begun to be an obsession with this reporter. Always in quest of the complete answer to the question, "How do Marines spend their liberties in Tientsin?" I've subjected myself to "making the rounds" of night clubs, sky-larked on an extensive (and expensive) shopping tour, and this week broadened myself both culturally, and otherwise, by sitting through a four-hour Chinese stage performance. Consequently, I now regard myself as a critic, well qualified to criticize any stage production this side of Broadway.

Locating a stage play in Tientsin was a job in itself, but I finally stumbled on to the Nan Tzu theater, situated just this side of the Chinese City. The Nan Tzu is a pocket-size edition of the Metropolitan Opera house, but it has a large orchestra and a fairly large balcony.

I was ushered to a seat well down in front and presented with a pot of tea. It wasn't until I had settled back in my seat that I discovered the show was already in progress—both on-stage and off! Consequently, I spent most of my time watching the comedy, drama and light opera being presented by the audience (without benefit of rehearsal).

## EAT WHILE WATCHING

Large families occupied blocks of seats and were busy eating their lunches or chasing after their kids who were running up and down the aisles, over the stage itself, or non-complacently climbing from one row of seats to the next. Hawks scooted all over the place selling what appeared to be bars of Ivory soap.

The orchestra, composed of fiddles, flutes, banjos and cymbals, perched on the right of the stage. The cymbal players struck me as being the most important members

in the orchestra. And I'm positive the success of the music depended upon whether they "clanged and banged" at the right time.

It was gratifying to note that the entire orchestra seemed to be as interested in the play as the audience, although the musicians were continually refreshing themselves by drinking tea, smoking long-stemmed pipes, or cracking nuts. Occasionally they would blast a few notes to let the actors know they weren't the only ones on the stage. But the actors didn't need any assurance on that point for there were at least 40 over-awed spectators also on the stage.

## SPECTATORS ON STAGE

These onlookers were composed of stagehands, non-paying patrons, friends and relatives of the actors, and a few No. 1 boys who were continually sweeping the stage. But that was only a minor distracting influence. Before I left the theater I felt like one of those "Dodge'em guys" who ducks baseballs in circus sideshows. I found it necessary to dodge, bob and weave throughout the entire show—or else be smacked in the face by a constant barrage of wet towels which were being heaved from one end of the theater to the other. Close observation revealed that the towels were being transported by air for the benefit of any person sitting in the audience who dared to reach up and snare one to wipe his face with.

## 'DEAD' COME BACK

Only one thing aroused my suspicion throughout the play, and that was the sudden reappearance of two Chinese characters who had been forcibly "put to death" in an earlier scene.

Ultimately, the play ended happily as signified by the applause and cheers that arose from the audience.

# Corps Needs Men In Its Reserve

The Marine Corps expressed itself this week as being highly desirous that men returning to civilian life enlist in the Marine Corps Reserve.

The benefits of so doing, the Commandant pointed out, are as follows:

Affiliation with the Corps is continued, but membership does not affect any of the rights and privileges as a veteran.

Receive appointment to the rank held at time of separation from active duty.

Have opportunity to increase knowledge of military science, share in the development of the Corps, qualify for advancement in rank.

Accumulate service which counts for pay purposes when on active duty.

Are not subject to selective service.

Obligated to active service only in the event of war or national emergency.

Assured of serving in the Corps instead of some other branch in the event of war or national emergency.

# Better Shows Aimed For Base Marines

Base officials adopted the policy of deeper study into advance publicity of stage shows planned for the Base Theater, after the resounding thud of Brent's Brevities, a Hollywood vaudeville show which played here last week.

Of the many Marines anxious for good stage entertainment, those questioned termed the Brent show nothing more than third-rate vaudeville; they complained that even at the Hollywood Burlesque Theater they could get music with their juggling acts and dirty songs.

The Brent show had no music other than piano accompaniment for their various acts. The lack of music during the evening, according to a Marine employed at the Theater, caused the program to drag. Acts that might otherwise have been successful flopped diametrically, he said.

Many interested Marines believe that misrepresenting publicity sent out by booking agents led to the engagement of the recent show.

# Books For China Kids

TSINGTAO, China (Delayed)—Members of the 6th Mar. Div., stationed here contributed \$300.00 to the 'Books for the Kids of China' campaign, reports Sgt. Odell Griffith, Marine correspondent.

The money, which was contributed by all units of the division, has been sent to the Army newspaper, "Stars and Stripes," which sponsored the campaign.





**PENDLETON DISCHARGES.** As Pendleton discharges this week shot well over the 16,000 mark, the above pictures were taken at the camp's separation unit. In the first photo, a Marine PFC. is having his service record book

examined by a separation battalion clerk prior to starting the five-day processing which will lead to rivvies. Second photo shows a Marine being given his last Corps physical check-up. The last day at the Pendleton separation unit

(third photo) sees men passing before desk where they are given their honorable discharge certificates and wishes for good luck in civilian life. The last photo shows these ex-Marines boarding a train at Pendleton for home.

## Base WR Waits Word to Join Husband on Pacific Island

Hopfully awaiting word from the Pacific that will see her on the way to joining her husband on Guam, WR PFC, Marcella E. Rinde of Base Motor Transport Co. was busy with plans this week for establishing a home in the Marianas.

Marcella stated at an interview that she will be released from the Corps to join her husband when word comes from Washington that shipping space is available to the former Pacific battlefield, and when that island is opened to servicemen's wives.

Wake, Midway and the Hawaiian Islands were opened to serving families by a Washington dispatch last December. The order permits officers and men in the first three pay grades to move their families to the islands if they can provide suitable living quarters. Men must

also have assurance that they will remain at their duty stations for at least six months. Applications must be submitted by the man himself through his CO. to Washington. Applications made by service wives will not be considered.

### GUAM TO OPEN

Marcella revealed that it was believed Guam would be opened by mid-February to service wives.

Her husband, MTSgt. Clifford J. Salter, has already found quarters for her on the island. She believes they may move into Adm. Nimitz's old command cottage.

With a total of 16 service credits, Marcella said she likes the Corps, but thinks "now that the war is over a wife's place is beside her husband, no matter if she must live in a cave on the most remote of islands."



**GUAM HO!** Posing on the Marine Base street that is indicative of her hope, WR PFC, Marcella E. Rinde may go to the Pacific soon to be with her husband, MTSgt. C. J. Salter. She is now awaiting word from Washington that will send her on her way to Guam.

## Peiping Street Scenes Familiar

By Sgt. Leo Best  
(Reprinted from The North China Marine)

**PEIPING (Delayed)**—A Lake county resident might travel about this ancient Manchu city and have good reason to say "I saw it back home."

The crowds, the shops and sidewalk stalls are replicas of Chicago's Maxwell Street, a Hoosier tourist sight. The bars and taverns advertise their beer with as alluring neon signs as any seen in Calumet City's beer row.

The English-printed signs displayed for the Marines of the 5th Regt. include the familiar come-ons of "great bargains inside" and "50 per cent off today only."

The sale price of an article is agreed upon in traditional Maxwell

street manner. The loudest and fastest talker is satisfied. The merchants' sales talks bring nostalgia to the Hoosier buyer. The variety of goods equals anything the Maxwell carts can display.

In the night clubs modern dance music duplicates the atmosphere of Beer Row. Chinese "house girls" make each place more cosmopolitan and even here they drink colored water.

Late in the evening the taverns, filled with Marines, boast one or more quarters. "Down by the Old Mill Stream," "Sweet Adeline," and other old favorites can be heard anywhere in town.

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## Medics Discount Malaria 'Quick Cure' Reports

Sufferers of malaria are urgently warned by medical authorities not to indulge in premature optimism concerning recently reported "new drugs."

A research program on a gigantic scale, it has been revealed, is being participated in by several Pacific Coast universities, including USC, UCLA, and the California Institute of Technology. More than 14,000 compounds have been tested to determine their effects against acute and relapsing forms of malaria.

### TWO REPORTED PROMISING

The news stories in question concern two drugs which have been reported as possibly showing promise for relief of the disease.

"SN 7018" in some cases apparently has relieved acute attacks faster than previous remedies (atropine and quinine), without accompanying disadvantages of yellowing the skin and causing upset stomach. In limited tests, the second drug—identified by name—seemed to prevent attacks in a small group of patients suffering from "vivax," the relapsing form of malaria.

### REPORTS TOO EARLY

In criticism of these reports, doctors assert that the writers failed to emphasize sufficiently the inconclusive nature of tests made to date. Study is still in the experimental stage, authorities point out, and in medical research such early indications are often nullified by later developments. Even when the beneficial characteristics of a new drug are confirmed, further research—which sometimes requires years—frequently reveals harmful after-effects which make the drug unusable.

Chief objection to "popularized" stories, authorities explain, is that such reports often result in severe disappointment over unjustified predictions, made by writers who cannot be considered qualified observers.

## Pendleton Discharges, Reassigns Thousands

**CAMP PENDLETON**—After its huge wartime role as one of the nation's largest training centers, this camp is now returning Marines to civilian life at a rate of more than 200 per day.

Besides the great number of men actually discharged from the camp's separation company, many thousands more are passing through its redistribution machinery en route to new Marine Corps assignments, or to civilian life via another separation company. To date, more than 50,000 returning Leathernecks have passed from the camp's gates in this process.

### PACIFIC VETS RETURN

All organized Marine units returning from the Pacific arrive here for screening and billeting before entering Redistribution Regiment. Such units then screen their own personnel to find those to be assigned to new duties and those to be discharged, also determining which are to be processed here and which will be sent to other separation centers.

The procedure followed has been found so satisfactory that Marines headed for other separation companies are leaving by train at a

rate of nearly 600 per day.

Those men to be shipped elsewhere for discharge are put on their way as rapidly as possible, and those to be reassigned are speeded to their new tasks, furloughs and duties.

The remainder of the unit, those men who are to be discharged from Camp Pendleton, are assigned to separation battalion—which has a highly streamlined discharging process.

### PITFALLS TOLD

He hears lectures on the favorable aspects and the pitfalls of civilian life, has his uniform pressed and all decorations and insignia added. A physical examination is taken and he has an opportunity to file a disability claim with the Veterans Administration with the help of Red Cross field assistants. The U.S. Employment Service also informs him of the prospects of a job.

In the meantime, his records are being examined, completed and closed out. At the end of five days, he and his records meet for the final pay-off and he receives his discharge.

Even though the man returns to civilian life, his records stay with the Marine Corps and with the Veterans Administration. If at any time the ex-Marine feels it necessary to secure this information, it can be made available. Particularly in the case of the disabled veteran (his records prove valuable in later life).

## Critic Reviews Ten Top Flops

A New York Times movie critic has appointed his selection of the Ten Worst Pictures of 1943, each of which he recommends for the award of "The Order of The Seal Lion, with a garland of garlic."

Following are titles of the "Ten Worst," with excerpts from the critic's comments:

**Leave Her to Heaven** "... dreary, morbid ..."

**The Picture of Dorian Gray** "... mawkish pompousness ... high in lightness and had lost which should stand unchallenged ..."

**Blond on the Sine** "... juvenile heroics ..."

**A Royal Scandal** "... this witless portrait ... this massive and expensive bore ..."

**Salome** "Where the Bahad: "... gaudy Technicolor and senseless horse opera ..."

**Guest in the House** "... strangely illogical ... mad ... exasperating ..."

**Her Highness and the Bellboy** "... a dull dud ..."

**God Is My Co-Pilot** "... just another adventure story ... Alan Hula got into character simply by turning his collar around."

**Keep Your Powder Dry** "... cheap and undignified ... strictly snafu."

**Belle of the Yukon** "A pretentious fable ... overdressed."

"World War II" is the officially designated name for the recent war, as approved by the President Sept. 11, 1945.

## 'Sno Use, Snow Snows Spouse

**NAGASAKI, Japan (Delayed)** PFC John S. Abercrombie of Miami likes to tell a good story—even if it's on himself.

According to StSgt. Phillip Joachim, Marine correspondent, Abercrombie related the following incident:

"I wrote my wife that after a terrific 'snow' job I had managed to get away with two liberty days in a row. I wore my pressed summer khaki on liberty. And that in order to go on liberty early I skipped my regular noon chow."

By return mail, Abercrombie's wife answered:

"I have just finished writing a letter to President Truman asking him to investigate conditions in the 2nd Division, quoting from your letter about the heavy snow, summer khaki, and no food."

Commanding officers have been directed to furnish free to all discharges one each of all decorations authorized and one shoulder patch.

# Seven Million Dollars Flown to China Marines

By Sgt. John O. Dwyer Jr., Marine Correspondent

**TIENTSIN**—That battle-lanished transport plane which landed here from Pearl Harbor recently with more than \$7,000,000 (American) in its innards—to pay off China-stationed Marines—made financial history in the Orient.

Col. Wm. W. Davidson, paymaster for the 3rd Amphib. Corps, revealed here that the \$7,000,000 "was probably the largest sum of money ever brought into North China. And," he added, "bankers hereabouts have told me that was more money than was on hand in this part of the country at the time."

## NEW DIRECTIVE

The money was needed, according to Davidson, because the Navy suddenly decided to pay off troops

here with U. S. currency. In pre-war days, China-stationed Marines were paid in local currency—it being the paymasters' duty to obtain the most profitable rate of exchange.

"That made it sort of tough for the paymasters in those days," said Davidson, who served as a line officer with a Marine unit at Peking from January, 1928, to June, 1928. "Usually the disbursing officers were able to work out a fair exchange deal for the men, but there were times when they could really have lost their shirts."

## ONLY HALF-MILLION

When the Marines landed here Oct. 1 to help disarm and repatriate Japanese military personnel, the Corps' paymaster had about a half-million dollars on hand figuring he would deal with troop paylines in local currency. This was done in the old days by means of issuing bills of sale, for which Chinese banks would submit sealed bids for the sale of local currency.

While the Marines were en route from Guam, however, a Navy directive came out ordering payments to troops in Uncle Sam's greenbacks. That meant only token payments could be made until more money—American—was obtained.

## MONEY FROM PEARL

"We checked with authorities in Japan, Shanghai and Guam and there wasn't sufficient money on hand," the colonel said. "So we requested a plane be sent to Pearl Harbor. When it returned with the \$7,000,000, it made financial history in this section of the Orient."

Davidson has been a Marine Corps disbursing officer since 1938. His first job as a paymaster was with the 1st Marine Brigade at Quantico, Va. He was the disbursing officer in the 14th Naval Dist. when the Japs attacked Pearl Harbor. After a period as Marine base paymaster at San Diego, he joined the 1st Mar. Div. He was assigned to the 3rd Amphib Corps at Guam last August.

## Corps Hero Honored

The USS *Timmerman*, a new Navy destroyer to be launched in May, has been given the name of a Marine Medal-of-Honor winner.

Named for the late Sgt. Grant F. Timmerman, awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously for his conspicuous gallantry in action on Saipan, the ship will hit the ways on May 25 of this year. She is to be christened by the Marine's mother, Mrs. Fred Timmerman, of Emporia, Kan.

## Marine Pilot Awarded

**MCAD, MIRAMAR**—A probable Marine record of awards presented during a single ceremony was revealed when fighter pilot 1stLt. Selva E. McGinty reported here recently from overseas for leave and reassignment.

The pilot was awarded eight Air Medals and one Distinguished Flying Cross early this month at Amphibious Training Base, Coronado.

McGinty, who previously held three Distinguished Flying Crosses, was in aerial combat over Okinawa where he shot down three of thirty kamikaze (suicide) planes attacking the USS destroyer *Lafey* in the China Sea while pilots of the five other planes in his squadron accounted for fourteen more.

Lt. McGinty participated in over 120 strikes in the Marshall and Ryukyu Islands and is credited with a total of five enemy planes shot down.—Sgt. Lewis T. Moll.



**THE PAYOFF.** Shown on the table wrapped in brown paper like so much bonded stationery is the largest sum of money ever brought into North China. Totalling more than \$7,000,000, the money was flown into China from Pearl Harbor to pay off troops. Formerly troops stationed in the Orient were paid in native currency, but because of a 75-cent directive, American greenbacks are now used. Local North China bankers were amazed at the shipment.

(Official USMC photo)

# Many Ask 'Personal Affairs' Help

By Pvt. John F. Valleau

You can't get Advice-to-the-Lovelorn, nor have that transferred; but the Base Personal Affairs office will work hard to give you accurate factual information, and general guidance, in the handling of your personal problems.

Officially, the purpose of the office is "to advise, inform and assist personnel, upon request . . . on matters relative to the welfare of dependents, and personal affairs. It is a special service through which an individual may seek and promptly obtain correct information, sympathetic counsel, and friendly advice in solving the various problems that may arise."

## LISTENS TO WOE

More than four hundred Marines took advantage of the service last month. Most of them, recently returned from overseas, wanted information about the best conversion of their National Service Life Insurance when they're discharged. Many were interested in purchasing surplus war commodities. Some apparently just wanted a sympathetic listener to hear their private tales of woe. All of them, including the last group, apparently found what they wanted—"correct information, sympathetic counsel . . ."

According to 1stLt. Catherine A. Mohr, acting Personal Affairs officer, male "clients" often are a bit reticent at first about discussing their problems freely. But they gain assurance as they realize that no one is impatiently trying to rush them through the interview; that their questions are being heard with understanding and a sincere desire to help; and that the discussion will be kept entirely confidential.

## EVEN WR HABITS

Recently, for example, one inquiring Marine even queried the lieutenant about a matter which

apparently had been on his mind for some time, but which he wouldn't—previously—have considered asking a WR officer about.

"I'm just curious," he explained, "about whether WR's have learned bad habits during their military service. Now, me—I sort of got to indulging in friendly card games. In fact, I saved \$8000 while I was overseas. Now I've sent the money home to my wife, and I'm giving up the vice; but I wondered whether WR's learn things like that while they're in."

Only that Marine knows exactly what reply he was given; but the lieutenant says she admitted to having learned rummy and cribbage since joining up.

## HELP IN MANY FIELDS

Since many of the questions daily presented to her can be better answered by other specialized offices, Lt. Mohr frequently refers individuals to the Education Office, Legal Assistance, the Red Cross, or to whoever can best handle the particular problem. This in itself is welcome assistance to many Marines who aren't sure

where to direct their inquiries. Others receive factual information and counsel regarding housing, hospitalization, GI loans, emergency maternity infant care, allotments, civil service. Since the information available from Personal Affairs often overlaps into the field of other offices, each case is handled according to its individual nature.

"But—" the lieutenant explains, "we never let our advice overlap into the realm of Dorothy Dix."

## FURLONGHS NOT HANDLED

As for income-tax difficulties, Personal Affairs will explain the general procedure which should be followed, and suggest sources for detailed assistance. But the office is not staffed nor equipped to handle technical problems. Nor can it interfere in matters such as furloughs, transfers to new duty stations, or other business which comes under the jurisdiction of company officials.

In its proper fields, however, this service to personnel has been welcomed—perhaps most of all by those to whom, previously, "sympathetic counsel" was not available.

"Several chaplains have dropped in," Lt. Mohr remarked, and most of them made the same comment: "Well, now I have someone to whom I can take my problems!"



(Photo by Pvt. Ralph E. McHersell)

**\$64 ANSWERS—FREE.** Marines by the hundreds ask questions by the thousands, and 1stLt. Catherine A. Mohr's duty is to provide satisfactory answers. Acting Personal Affairs Officer at MCB, Lt. Mohr helped 417 enlisted men, officers, and WR's during December alone.

# Spanish Course Opens Here for All Hands

Opening of a Spanish class was announced this week by the MCB Education Office.

Corp. Charles J. Rosenberger, of Washington, D. C., will conduct the course, holding classes each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evening from 1800 to 1945. No fee will be charged, and all personnel interested may be enrolled upon request.

Attention was also called to the extensive facilities offered Marines and WR's who desire to study at night school, or through correspondence courses.

## OFFER COLLEGE INFO

Cooperating closely with San Diego high schools, several California colleges, and other institutions which offer evening classes locally, the Education Office has complete information available regarding these opportunities.

Also on hand are catalogs from most major universities throughout the U. S., and from nearly all California colleges. For Marines on active duty, the government will pay half the cost—up to \$30—of courses taken through the U. S. Armed Forces Institute. In most cases, high-school or college credits can be obtained for such study.

## COVERS WIDE RANGE

Base personnel have been invited to take full advantage, also, of the highly diversified library of pamphlets and books available at the Education Office. Literature on hand includes authoritative information regarding the GI Bill of Rights, the history of the war, operating a small business, photography, management of a beauty shop, real estate and insurance brokerage.

Pamphlets may be obtained giving factual information on nearly every nation in the world. A cross-index of college catalogs enables the individual to compare costs and assignments for any given course, at many different schools.

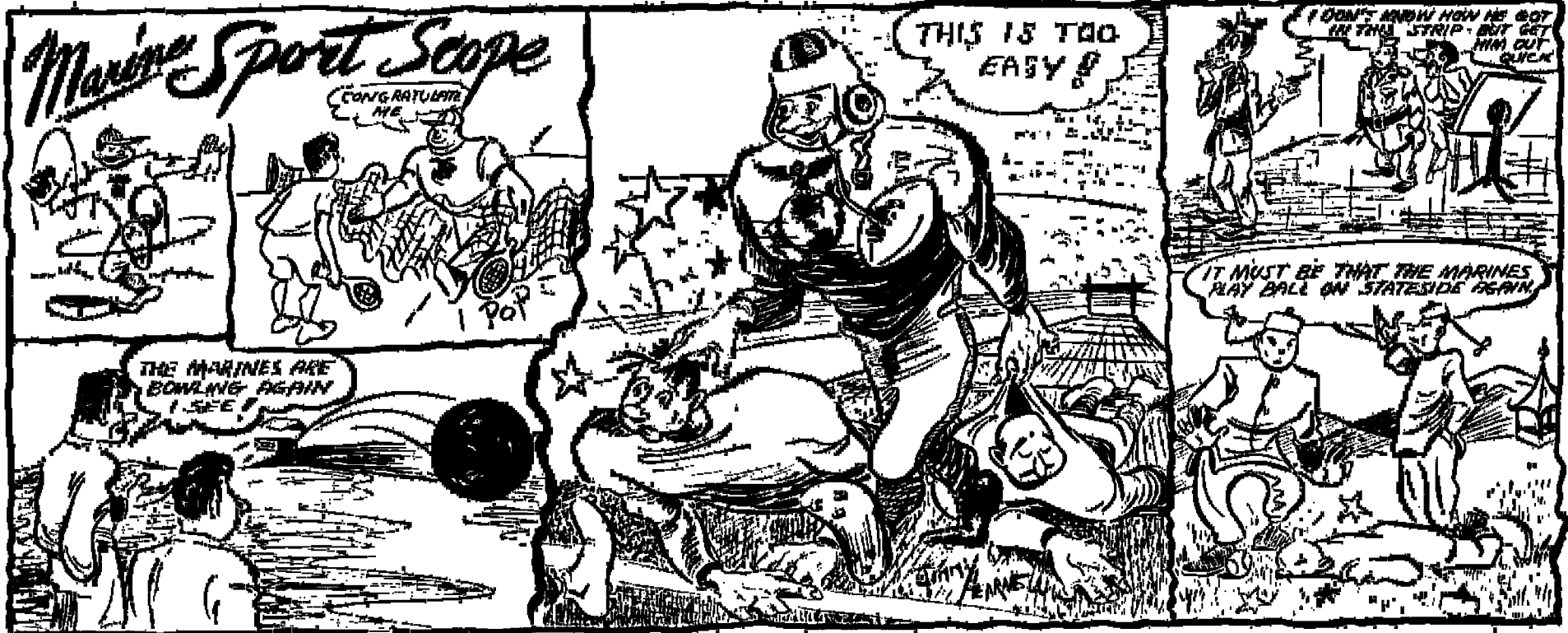
Titles in the Education Office library include: "Principles of Criminology"; "American Economic Problems"; "Air Conditioning, Heating, Ventilating"; "The C.I.O. and the Veteran"; and "Fundamentals of Advertising."

Other literature offers information regarding various sciences, foreign languages, mathematics, farming, forestry, animal husbandry, and skilled trades.

## Show-plan for Boots

A new schedule of entertainment for boots at MCB was drawn up this week by the Special Service Office at Recruit Depot to include a weekly stage show and attendance at the Base theater.

Drawing talent from Hollywood's night club entertainers, Recruit Depot will hold its Wednesday night shows in Bldg. 128. Recruits, in addition, will be permitted to attend the large theater on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Friday of each week. Capt. Mitchell Paige, RD's Special Service Officer, announced.



## Through the SPORThOLE

By Sgt. A. S. Heinemann

Some people are going to say—"What n'ell is Heinemann doing trying to write a sports column?" But we will maintain that we know as much about sports as the next sport. In fact, Moonhead always used to say that the bags under our eyes were large enough to punch—which should make us an authority on boxing, at least.

Besides, we weren't always this dissipated-looking. The Core is responsible for most of it. When E-H (Exit Heinemann) Day comes next month we're filing claim with the Veterans Administration for loss of hair, weight and morals.

All of which leads up to the launching of an idea which probably will get as much recognition as a PFC in the staff NCO Club. A sergeant proposing something to the Core is like a peon proposing to a Queen—she's not interested in the subject.

But whether or not this idea ever gets past the first link in the chain of command, it does deserve a little thought. The point is this: the average Marine isn't as tough as he thinks he is—and maybe something should be done about it! His toughness we don't mean chewing snuff, talking out of mouth corners, swaggering down Broadway or elbowing civilians away from bars. We mean physical toughness—well-conditioned, muscularly fit bodies.

In time of war—yes; the average Marine was pretty well trained before combat. In peacetime—or what we have seen of peacetime—the answer is negative. A man in boot camp is in good shape, but after that, physical training seems to stop for most Marines, unless they are among the small percentage that become interested in sports. Too soon the "tough" Leatherneck finds his waistline up in the gunnery sergeant class—no longer the physically hard Marine that the country as a whole has come to picture him.

True, there are many post-war camp duties that keep many of the men fit, but there are even more jobs that develop nothing but callouses—and not on the hands, either.

Maybe it's a little too much to imagine, but can anyone envisage the entire Base personnel, officers and men (and the Wif's, too, bless them) out in the morning sun for at least 15 minutes of mass calisthenics to the tune of the public address system? Is the picture too gruesome, too far-fetched? We don't think so. But if it is, why not some other far-reaching plan to make and keep Marines the physically alert characters that most civilians think we are?

Men, think what it would be like to be clear-eyed, mentally and physically tuned to meet each day. (YOU think of it, men; it's been so long WE can't remember.)

We hope something along this line will be adopted, once things get back to normal, for it's great to feel fit—they say. We don't want the Core to rush into this too soon, however. Feb. 16 would be time enough—that is E-H Day. We hope we won't be here to enjoy the benefits—but in the years to come we'll be proud to say—"See that tough Marine, That's MY old outfit!"

Buy Bonds!

## Boom in Weight-lifting Hits MCB

A boom in muscles was well underway at MCB this week—and from the renewed interest displayed in weight-lifting as a builder of the "body beautiful" some observers foresaw the time when a Marine without a 16-inch bicep just "wouldn't rate."

Two factors were apparent for the increased enthusiasm daily being shown by Base Leathernecks in the great assortment of weights—bar bells and exercising machines—in a special room off the gym. Factors were:

1. Explosion of the myth that weight-lifting tended to make men muscle-bound.
2. Addition of new weight equipment.

### 'BEST BUILT MAN'

Living proof of what clean living and proper exercise will do for masculine muscles was demonstrated in the weight-lifting room by a Marine sergeant whom Capt. D. M. Beason, athletic officer, described as "one of the best developed men I've ever seen."

Six feet, two inches tall, 24-year-old Sgt. John R. Fitch weighs over 220 pounds, has a bicep around the 17-inch mark and a neck about two inches larger.

A field cook with the 10th Marines of the veteran 2nd Division, Fitch spent 33 months overseas and still came out looking like what people think a Greek god was.

"I got a little puny on Saipan," Fitch apologized. "I was down to 200 pounds coming back on ship."

### MUSCLES TO STAKE

Fitch has muscles enough for a platoon of men (see photo below)

Football and other high-school sports laid the foundation and weight-lifting, first undertaken by the giant Marine in Wellington, New Zealand's, YMCA on famed Willis street did the rest. Between campaigns he exercised, using various substitutes for gymnasium bar bells.

Another of the more than a score of men who regularly use the facilities of the weight-lifting room is PFC, Richard Hopkins, another 2nd Division man. Built on a smaller scale, Hopkins weighs 165

but has the chest and shoulders of a heavyweight. (See photo on opposite page.)

### OTHERS LIFT, TOO

Marines other than those already abounding in muscles are daily using the weights. A few enthusiasts might be described as what Charles Atlas looked like before he

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read Charles Atlas' advertisements. More and more Leathernecks are daily discovering that a bar bell is not something you pick up in a cocktail lounge—but is one of the more than 2000 pounds in weights awaiting their muscles at the Base weight-lifting room.

## Band, R&R Score Easy Wins in Fight For Base Intramural Championship

Play in the Base intramural basketball tournament snapped off to a successful start this week, boosted by the announcement that two handsome trophies will be awarded at the end of the tourney.

Individual winners of the two trophies will earn them on their judged ability in four classifications: physical condition, clean play, hard play and general attitude.

The winners will be selected by a board composed of members of the Base "varsity" basketball squad.

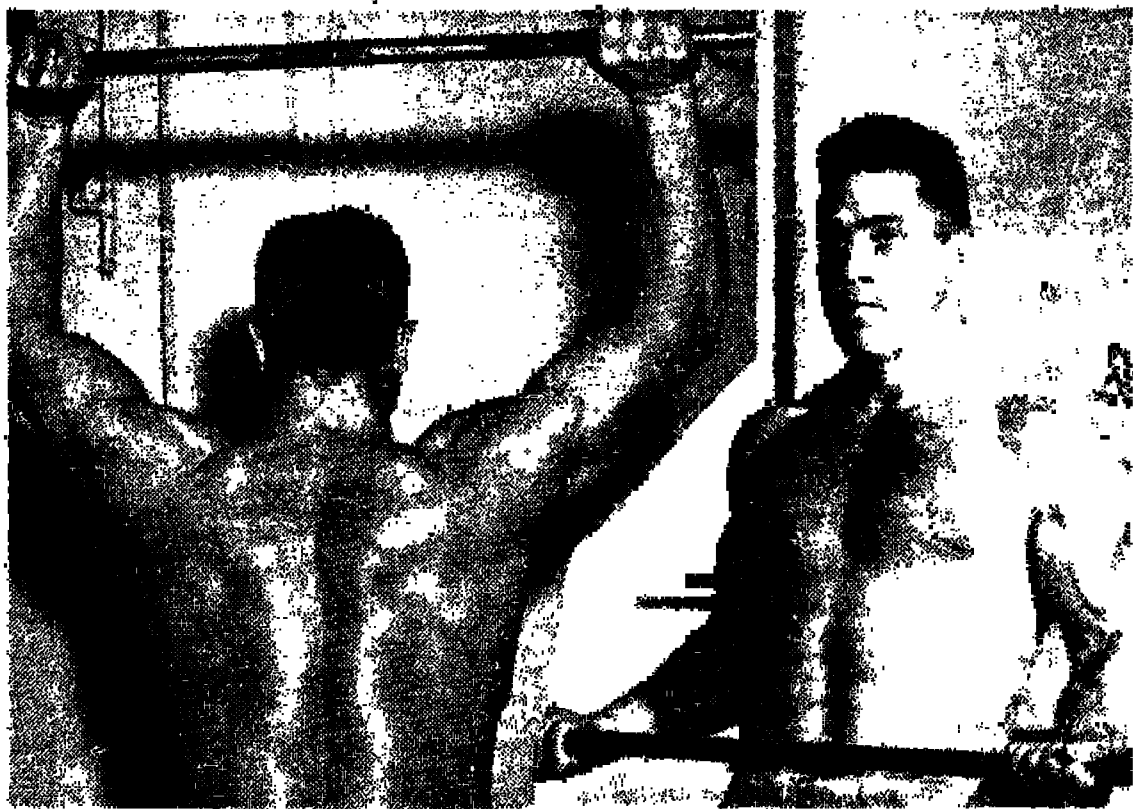
Opening games of intramural

play Monday night found two very probable contenders for the championship. The Base Band aggregation and the R&R Bulldogs looked as early favorites as a result of their overwhelming victories.

The Band soundly trounced Rifle Range 66 to 17 and the Bulldogs swamped Headquarters Bn, 52 to 14.

### Other results:

Guard Co, 26, R&R Wildcats 21.  
Separation 17, MTRU 22.  
Fire Dept, 57, Mess Co, 23.  
Co. A 54, Herald Det 50.



(Photo by Pvt. Ralph F. Motherell)

GIANT MARINE, Front and rear proof of what weight-lifting can do for muscles, Sgt. John R. Fitch, 24-year-old 2nd Mar. Div. veteran, exhibits plenty of same as he works out in the fully-equipped weight room at the Base gym. His height—well over 6 feet; weight—about 220; biceps—17 inches.



Mitt Experts Hail Boot Southpaw as 'Find'

Birthplace of many sporting champions, the Marine Corps this week gave promise of producing another athlete who may reach the select heights.

Dark, dangerous and chunky Pvt. Bob Osorio, a 145-pound hunk of fistie dynamite, loomed large at Recruit Depot as a potential ring star after his fourth straight knockout in last Saturday night's boxing smother.

Experts were unanimous in tabling the little Redwood, Calif., mitt merchant, a southpaw, as possessor of one of the hardest left hand punches yet exhibited in MCB's boot camp.

WICKED SOUTHPAW

Representing Plat. 142, Osorio had a little difficulty during the first two rounds in getting Pvt. Gene Dixon (148), Plat. 154, squared away for the KO wallop he had pasted on three previous opponents. At the start of the 3rd round Osorio landed a hard straight left hand that caught Dixon flush on the jaw, flooring him for a nine-count. He got up, badly dazed, and was floored immediately for the full ten. The knockout was scored in 17 seconds of the 3rd round. The main event win gave Osorio another trophy.

The semi-windup saw Eddie Goguen (158), Plat. 142, score a knockout over Don Cummings (160), Plat. 2, after taking a beating for the 1st minute of the bout. Although losing, Cummings showed promise. Goguen's win earned him a trophy.

Another KO was recorded for the crowd when Ray Marquez (127), Plat. 154, connected a long

one on Bobby Montoya (128), Plat. 2, after 35 seconds in the 2nd round.

Another interesting bout featured a near-knockout by giant Carl Duvall of Plat. 142 over Charles Lovers (180), Plat. 2. Duvall, a 212-pound redhead, fought carefully against Lovers for two rounds and worked him over hard in the last stanza. Though having an ideal build for a fighter, Lovers was ever-anxious and a bit wild.

OTHER RESULTS

Johnny Farsone (143), Plat. 155, lost a decision to Johnny Taylor (142), Plat. 154.

Ben Burkhead (178), Plat. 155, decisioned Ted Versaw (176), Plat. 154.

Bob Quinn (132) won decision over Bob Grisham (135), Plat. 154. Stan Lassen (187), Plat. 157, and Lloyd Bayer (169), Plat. 154, draw. Dick Jacobs (136), Plat. 154, decision over Charles Venesia (138), Plat. 155.

Dick Grim (136), Plat. 142, decisioned Billy Jones (138), Plat. 155.

Another capacity crowd saw the bouts, refereed by PFC Leonard Dort, announced by Pvt. Billy Benihild. Timekeeper: Cysgt. Art Dugan; judges: Lt. Col. Robertson, Capt. Norvik.

CHEVRON



(Photo by Pvt. Ralph F. Metterell)

**WEIGHT ENTHUSIAST.** An example of remarkable development, PFC. Richard Hopkins of Quartermaster Maintenance limbers up with the bar bells at the Base gym. Hopkins, wounded while with the 2nd Division, is one of the steady patrons at the weight-lifting room.

Base Five Wins; Two 'Giants' Join Lineup

Addition of a six-foot, nine-inch basketball giant and the winning of their second 11th Naval Dist. league game of the last half play was the big news this week registered by the Base basketball team.

The locals defeated the Flagstaff A.T.B. by score of 57 to 45. The MCB five was a bit off form, especially in their shooting.

Strength was added to the team as giant Pvt. Dick Penny offered his 81 inches of altitude to the Base lineup and PISgt. Joe Sparlis, boasting 6'1" of elevation, also joined the aggregation. In the past the MCB engers have been at a disadvantage in the height bracket, but now can put a team on the floor that will average several inches above the six-foot mark.

Backwards March!

**GUAM (Delayed)**—Several 3rd Division Marines were recounting overseas experiences when Cysgt. Jesse C. Lee of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., recalled a hike over a muddy trail, rendered quagmire-like by eight days incessant rain.

"We would take one step forward and slip back two," Lee explained.

"If you took two steps backward with every step forward how did you reach your destination?" questioned a mathematically-bent Marine.

"Oh," said Lee, "we just did an about-face and got there in no time."

JOIN THE MARCH OF DIMES  
**FIGHT**  
**INFANTILE PARALYSIS**  
JANUARY 14-31

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis

Doctor-Writer Lauds Marines

The below was penned by one of the Base doctors while standing duty watch in the Dispensary on New Year's Eve. Dr. H. N. Kline writes under the pen name of Luke Little.

The whistles were silenced; 1945 was history, 1946 was in the future.

I stood looking into the quiet, darkened ward, listening to the regular soft breathing of the men, sleeping unafraid in a land they had helped keep in existence. A quotation flashed through my mind: "... and if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully." These men of the U. S. Marine Corps strove lawfully.

Humbly and with a great thankfulness in my heart for these representatives of We, the people of the United States, I wrote in the log book: "Tuesday, 1 January 1946, 0001, Ward secure."

Ted Williams Out

**20LL.** Ted Williams, former Boston Red Sox slugger, has been released from the Marine Corps at Miramar, the local dailies reported this week. In his last year with Boston Williams led the American league batting with .358. Rumor says he will receive approximately \$40,000 for the 1946 season at his old spot. Williams served as an instructor in the Marine air arm.

New Traffic Rule

Marine and Navy personnel of 11th Naval Dist. who commit traffic violations will, in the future, be dealt with by civil police authorities, if the individual is operating a private vehicle at the time of the accident.

The commandant of the district has issued instructions that such violations are to be handled "in the same manner as similar violations by civilians."

Personnel cited by civil police while driving government-owned vehicles will be processed through military channels.

It is estimated that men aboard ship write approximately 40 letters a month per mail.

Send Less Mail, Pleads Busy VA

Faced with an unprecedented volume of correspondence and a shortage of trained personnel, the Veterans' Administration has appealed to veterans and their dependents to restrain their mail to official business, and to follow certain rules to expedite its processing.

VA officials said that the rapid demobilization of the armed forces has rocketed the mail load in the central office to approximately 125,000 pieces of mail per day.

The situation caused by the increased mail load is intensified by the failure of many correspondents to include the proper information

necessary to assure prompt processing, it was explained. Veterans and their dependents could help the situation by following certain rules. These are:

Include the veteran's name and address, legibly written, in every letter.

Give the "C" number in letters relating to a veteran's pension, compensation, rehabilitation or training.

Include the "N," "V" or "K" numbers and the serial number of the veteran in each letter regarding insurance.

Give the "XC" number in the case of a deceased veteran.

WEEKLY SCREEN GUIDE

BASE THEATER  
1730 and 2000

**FRIDAY**—Fear. Warren Williams-Lee White. Mystery thriller.

**SATURDAY**—Song to Remember. Cornel Wilde-Evelyn Keyes. High-brow music along with the life of Chopin. Technicolor.

**SUNDAY**—Harvey Girls. Judy Garland-John Hodiak. Judy sings in the role of a Harvey-House waitress.

**MONDAY**—Corrupted. Dick Powell-Walter Slezak. Post-war meller-drammer opening in England after V-J Day, then moving to France. Psychological murder mystery.

**TUESDAY**—Tars and Spars. Alan Drake-Jahet Blais. Musical romery in which hero coastguardsman gets overseas duty—at Catalina Island.

**WEDNESDAY**—Up Goes Maise. Ann Sethers-George Murphy. This time Maise takes up piloting an aircraft. Successfully lands game in the Rose Bowl.

**THURSDAY**—Scarlet Street. Edward G. Robinson-Joan Bennett. Excellent murder drama. Robinson gives a fine interpretation of a glibbie bookkeeper.

(Camp Matthews films will follow the above schedule by one day.)

Church Services

**Sunday Services.** Base Chapel: **PROTESTANT**, 0800 Holy Communion (Ephs.); 1015 Morn. Worship; 1100 Holy Communion (General).

**R&R**, 0815 Morn. Worship. Recruit Depot, 0815 Morn. Worship.

**Bldg. 110 (Brig)**, 1045 Morn. Worship.

**Camp Matthews**, 1000 Morn. Worship.

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**, Recruit Depot, 0800 Mass; Base Chapel, 0915 Mass; R&R, 1015 Mass; Camp Matthews, 0800 Mass.

**LATTER DAY SAINTS**, Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 0800 Morn. Worship; Camp Matthews, 1400 Afternoon Worship.

**JEWISH**, Camp Matthews, 0915 Services; Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123) 1830 Services.

**CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**, Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123), 1800 Services.

**Weekday Services: PROTESTANT** Ad. Bldg. (Room 806), 1700 Tues. Bible Class.

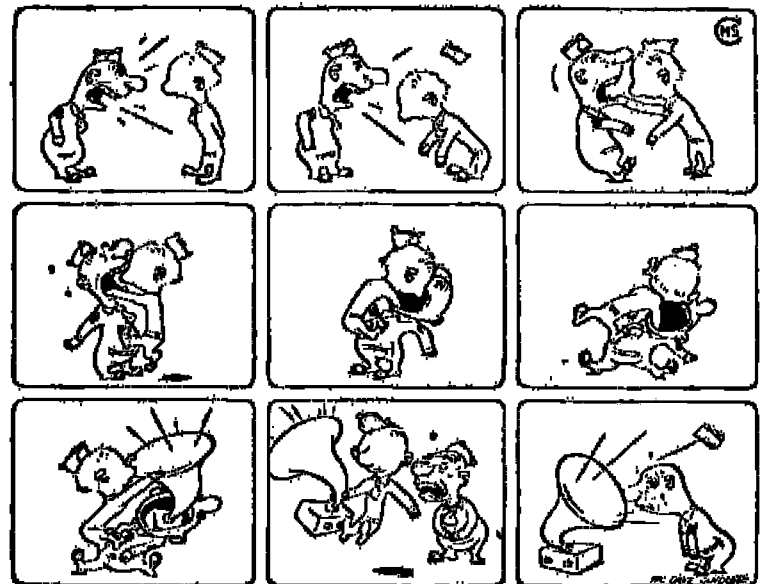
**ROMAN CATHOLIC**, Base Chapel 1600 Confessions, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1630 Mass, daily Mon. through Sat.; 1900 Novena, Tues.

**R&R**, 1740 Confessions, Sat. Recruit Depot (Bldg. 123) 1800 Confessions, Sat.

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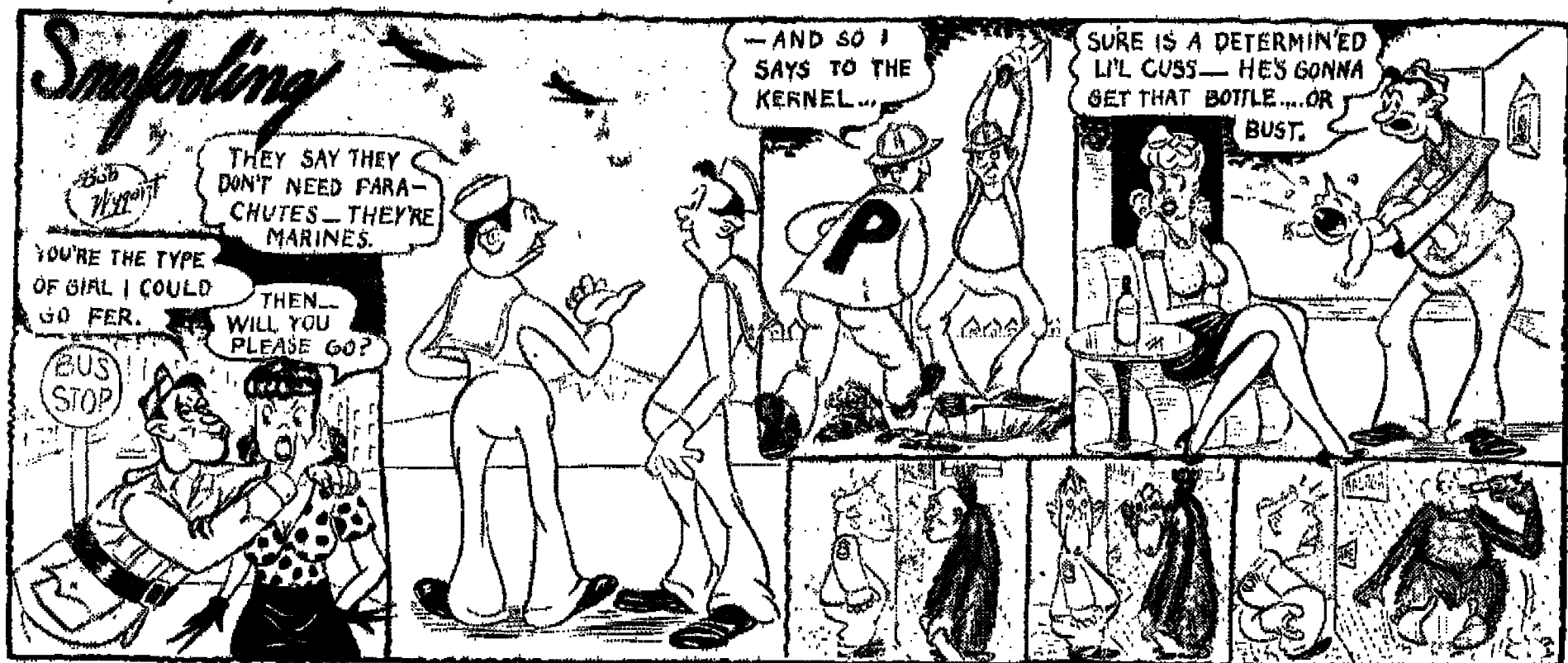
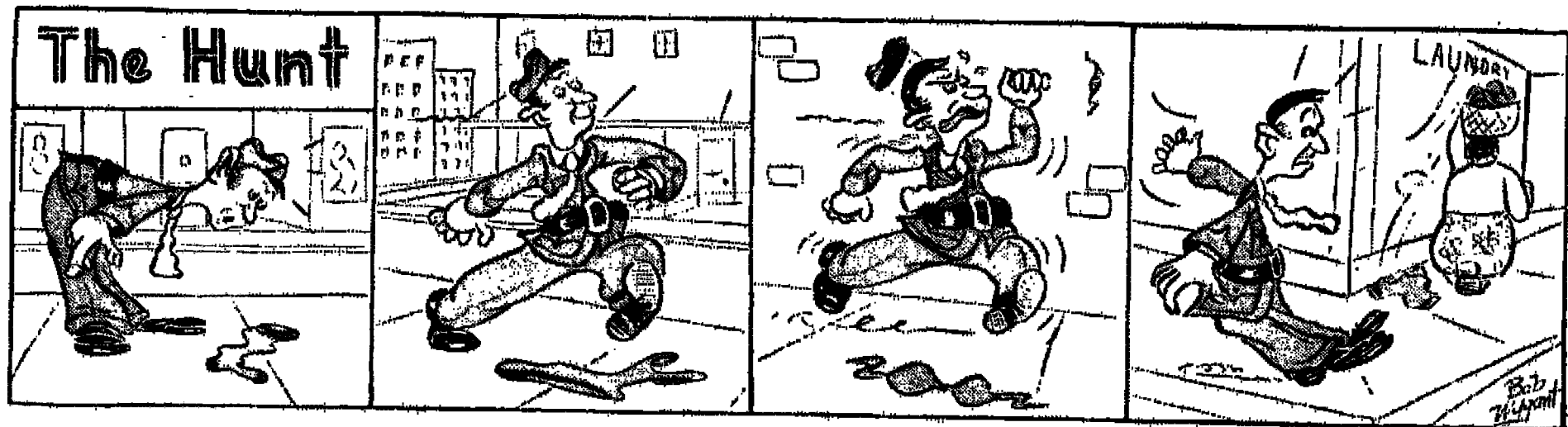
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## THIS WEEK

NEWS FOR MARINES OVERSEAS

**ATLANTIC CITY (SEA)**—The National Bridge Tournament was almost broken up by fights between players, which ended with Bridge League Executive Secretary William McKenny resigning in protest against the squabbles and also against betting which he said took place at the tournament.

**NEW YORK (CNS)**—Though she offered to try on in court a girdle she was accused of stealing from Macy's, a shoplifter was convicted. The idea was to prove it fit, and was therefore her own. The court ruled that it was not in a position to judge whether it fit or not.

**BALTIMORE (SEA)**—Alfred Jenkins, driver, former cotillion leader, left \$1,000,000 to Johns Hopkins University and hospital, part of which is to go for a lecture hall to be decorated with portraits of famous beauties of the early 1900s.

**WASHINGTON (SEA)**—Still mad over not being able to get some shirts back from a laundry without a ticket some 23 years ago, Grover Cleveland smashed out windows of six Chinese laundries before police stopped him.

**NEW YORK (SEA)**—Macy's Department Store is offering mink coats for dogs. For puppies or little darlings like dachshunds, they're only \$199; for larger mutts, they cost \$246.

**WOODGATE, N. Y. (SEA)**—Mrs. Elizabeth Turk sued for damages in an automobile accident which she claimed prevented her from dancing. Mrs. Turk is 85.

**HARRISBURG, Pa. (SEA)**—Seventeen-month-old Larry Lingle swallowed a nickel and coughed up a penny. The change has not been recovered.

**SEATTLE, Wash. (SEA)**—James Hearn fell three floors down an air shaft and landed comfortably in an easy chair.

**SALEM, Mass. (SEA)**—Mrs. Constance Wallace sued for divorce on grounds that her husband "stayed home too much and was too affectionate."

**ATLANTA (SEA)**—As part of a campaign stunt, gubernatorial candidate Hoke Willis distributed sample checks of his \$15 a month pension. A bank cashed one of them for a customer, but had to make it good when Hoke pointed out that it was dated March, 1917.

**ST. LOUIS (SEA)**—A group of druggists outlawed in their drug stores the sale or display of tobacco, liquor, soft drinks, food, ice cream, lotteries or gambling devices or any display that would detract from the "professional appearance of a pharmacy."

**BEL AIR, Md. (CNS)**—Uncle Charley Calder is a patient old man with little to do. So he has been sitting on the courthouse steps since Aug. 10 waiting for the hunting season to open. "I want to be the first man in town to get a license," says he.

**CHICAGO (SEA)**—Passengers guffawed and the conductor blushed when a woman started dapping up the aisles of a State Street streetcar, then went into a striptease. She later admitted she had been partaking liberally of holiday cheer.

**NEW YORK (SEA)**—Conrad Cantzen, an actor thought to be penniless, died and left nearly a quarter of a million dollars to buy shoes for down-and-out actors.

**WILLIAMSON, W. Va. (SEA)**—Mrs. Nancy Horton jumped out of a window and was killed when she thought her house was afire. It was actually a neighbor's house that was burning.

**BALTIMORE (CNS)**—Mrs. Helen Matterson spotted her husband hugging the motorwoman on a local street car. Helen sued for divorce. Now she's a motorwoman herself.

**FT. COLLINS, Colo. (CNS)**—Sound-sleeping Ed Whitehead awoke one morning from a deep snooze to discover that someone had stolen his front porch while he slumbered.

**HAYWARD, Cal. (CNS)**—There's always room for one more in Harold Sexton's taxi. The other night Harold was arrested while carrying 13 people in his cab.

## Pana-Marine Pinup



(Painted from memory by Sgt. Sherman Lauder milk)

**HOT CHOCOLATE.** Leathernecks in Panama are considering this delectable dish as their pinup of the week. Of course things are pretty tough in Panama—but so is this dusky maiden. Of her, Marines say—"Mmm-m-m." Of the Marines, she says—"I\*%\$\*\$!"