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NEW THEATRE PLANNED

Plans Disclosed For Revision of 3 Squadrons

Aircraft Engineering Squadron 44, until now the casual squadron on the station, will be made up of seven departments drawn from Headquarters Squadron and AES 43, effective Tuesday, November 21, it was announced yesterday by Lieutenant Colonel M. A. Tyler, Officer in Charge of Personnel.

Departments shifted from AES 43 to the revamped squadron include Aerology, Visiting Plane Line Operations, Parachute Loft, and Photography. Headquarters will transfer its Provost Marshal and Recreation sections. Other squadrons will be unchanged.

Captain W. R. Bogert, present commanding officer of Squadron 44, will continue in that status. Members of his staff will be Captain Dudley P. Osborn, executive officer; First Lt. Barry B. Beach, personnel officer; and Warrant Officer Albert P. Benjamin, adjutant.

Casuals now in the squadron will be moved to MWSS-9 and personnel now on an assigned basis to other squadrons on the station will receive transfers in order to make way for the new departments. The squadron's administrative staff will be made up of 27 men and six women Reservists.

Change in the make-up of the squadron will be accompanied by reallocation of the personnel to new quarters as soon as arrangements can be made for occupancy. Squadron members will be quartered in Barracks 200 and the squadron offices will be located in the rear of the barracks.

Squadron 44, commissioned three years ago as a casual unit, has handled the thousands of aviation personnel transferred to this station for training in combat units organized and sent out from Cherry Point. Its new status marks an advanced stage in the stabilization of the station's role in Marine aviation.

Navy Flier Down 9 Japs In 95 Minutes

Philippines (CNS) — In one hour and 35 minutes of aerial combat during the early stages of the battle with the Jap fleet, Commander David McCampbell, of Los Angeles shot down 9 enemy planes, plus two "probables."

The remarkable record raised McCampbell's individual total to 30 enemy planes, and placed him among America's top-ranking aces. The 32-year-old flier leads an air group whose Hellcat squadron already is credited with shooting down 273 planes.

Ex-4F, Hero In Italy, Gets Medal of Honor

Fort Meade, Fla. (CNS)—Once Pvt. James H. Mills was classified 4-F by his draft board. Today, he wears the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism in fighting the Germans in Italy.

Dispatches from Rome said he was awarded the nation's highest military honor for knocking out 2 German machine-gun nests, killing 17 Germans, capturing 7 more and driving 200 tanks while his own squad was pinned down.

It's All Yours

For many weeks, we've been hearing the constantly recurring question: "Why doesn't Cherry Point have a newspaper?"

That plaint, voiced by Marines and sailors, officers and enlisted personnel alike, fell upon sympathetic official ears, chiefly those of Lt.-Col. M. A. Tyler, Chief of Personnel, and Captain M. J. Smith, Recreation Officer. THE WINDSOCK is the result.

It's all yours and it's up to you to make it a good one. The Recreation Department is financing the project. The editorial staff will collect and edit the news, put it into final form, and have the finished product available for circulation each Saturday.

Like all service newspapers, THE WINDSOCK cannot publish certain things, either for reasons of military security or policy. Other items, particularly those which the editorial staff deems offensive to good taste, will not be published.

If that sounds arbitrary, bear in mind that we are determined to give you as good a newspaper as time, available reportorial talent and good common sense will permit. Bear in mind, too, that every newspaper reserves to itself that same control over the selection of material.

Unlike many service newspapers, THE WINDSOCK will throw open a portion of its editorial page each week to publicize the views of that portion of Cherry Point's personnel interested enough to submit those views for public scrutiny.

On the subject of these so-called "letters to the editor," a word of warning. Legitimate comment, questions or criticism which will serve as a constructive factor in strengthening the morale of this station will be welcome.

Whenever feasible or necessary, THE WINDSOCK will endeavor to obtain and publish an official answer to such comments.

One thing we will not do. We will not publish any unsigned communications, for no reputable newspaper takes cognizance of such trash. All such letters should bear the handwritten signature and squadron affiliation of the writer. Your name will be withheld at your request.

This first issue contains what we of the editorial staff have chosen tentatively as special features of your newspaper. If you find them inadequate, to your best interests from a news standpoint, tell us so. All suggested additions or deletions will be given the most careful consideration, not on the basis of the personal likes or dislikes of the editorial staff, but by this simple yardstick: "Does the majority want it... way?"

Many of you may desire to contribute material to THE WINDSOCK. Unless you communicate that desire to us, we will have no other way of finding it out. Come and see us, tell us what it's about — and if it's good "newspaper," we'll print it.

Because of advanced deadline schedules required by printing commitments, some items which you logically may expect to find in your newspaper will not appear.

Therefore, your cooperation in reporting promptly to us your activities and the activities of your organization will be of immeasurable value to the staff in its efforts to provide you with fresh readable news, contained in a newspaper which you can acknowledge with pride.

It's ALL yours!

—SGT. BRAD BOYLE

Drillhall Already Being Constructed

Construction of a huge drillhall and field house, and approval of plans for a new post theatre with a seating capacity of about 2,500 persons are among major building projects designed to further expand station recreational and athletic facilities, it was disclosed today.

Preliminary work on the new drill hall already has begun, and it is expected to be ready for use early in January. No tentative opening date for the proposed theatre was immediately obtainable, but it was understood that it probably would be completed by early summer.

Public works officials also disclosed that new combination recreation halls and post exchanges were planned for Oak Grove, Bogue, Kinston and Atlantic Fields, with preliminary construction already under way.

Erection of the new structures is part of a long-range building program for which \$2,000,000 already has been spent or authorized for the development of the main station, its outlying fields and auxiliary air facilities.

New Synthetics Building
Construction of a new building to house the station's vast synthetic training program also has been approved by Navy Secretary James Forrestal, according to an announcement by Representative Graham A. Barden of New Bern.

The proposed plant, costing \$443,500 will replace the frame structure which was destroyed by fire several months ago.

The drill hall, with foundations already laid in the rear if the present recreation building, will be 304 feet long by 141 feet in width with a height of 44 feet from its wooden floor to the top of its arched roof and will accommodate 4000 persons with the use of demountable seats.

Of standard design approved by the Navy Bureau of Yards and Docks, the new drill hall will be similar to the large halls at such big air stations as Great Lakes and Boston.

Constructed of wood frame and cement asbestos siding, it will accommodate several varieties of indoor sports on its spacious floor and will contain dressing and locker rooms, toilet facilities for both men and women, a drying room, an armory, and two long galleries in the two story lean-to running along each side of the building.

Decision as to athletic installations will be made by the Recreation department at the building's completion, but those certain to be included are basketball, handball, and indoor baseball. Three basketball courts can easily be laid out on the large floor.

The popular station dances, including those to the music of the various big-time bands scheduled for appearances here, can also be accommodated in the hall.

The roof of the building will be supported by laminated arches.

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Colonel Pugh Named Wing Training Head

Designation of Colonel E. L. Pugh, USMC, as Director of Aviation Training for the Ninth Marine Aircraft Wing, was announced this week by Brigadier General Lewis G. Merritt, commanding general.

Colonel Pugh's duties will include supervision of tactical training of all units, coordination of the maintenance exercises, and the maintenance of the wing's records.



STARTING ELEVEN which will face the Chatham Field Blockbusters today. Line (left to right) Solly, Richter, Vranko, Davis, Crosshore, Hovdy, Mitchell, Beckfield (left to

Col. Cunningham. Marine Air Hero, Honored by Navy

A Navy tribute to Lieutenant Colonel Alfred A. Cunningham, father of Marine aviation and the man for whom Cherry Point's flying field is named, was disclosed recently with the launching of the destroyer Cunningham. Colonel Cunningham, a native of Georgia and holder of the Navy Cross for heroism, died in 1939, two years before the establishment of this base.

Second Lieutenant Cunningham in 1911, while on duty at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, was regarded as a visionary, possessed of the highly impractical idea that the new-fangled "flying machine" might have military possibilities. Persistent in his conviction, he provided a machine at his own expense—and labored during every waking hour for perfect performance—which even during aviation infancy can not be said to have been satisfactory.

Dubbed the "Noisy Nan," it was one of the early motor type, powered by a motorcycle engine with a wooden propeller, hand fashioned by its owner. An improvised Marine ground crew served usually, but the motor was prompted by a liking for the embryonic aviator rather than his contraption. Despite failure, ridicule, disappointments and rebuffs, Lieutenant Cunningham persisted, and in 1912 he was detached from Marine Barracks Philadelphia and directed to report to the Superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis for duty in connection with aviation. Reasonably enough, May 22, 1912—the day he reported—can be accepted as the birthday of Marine Corps Aviation.

Subsequently, Lieutenant Cunningham served on a number of Naval Boards for experimental work with early type planes. At the outbreak of World War I, Cunningham, then a Major, was assigned to organize the First Marine Aviation Squadron for duty overseas, and in July, 1918, landed in France with two squadrons of Marine aviators and participated in more than fifty raids, and was awarded the Navy Cross.—Headquarters, A-1111.

Casualties Dim Boxers' Hopes

With two of his best leather-punchers inactive due to injuries sustained two others serve for duty transfer. Boxing Coach Ed Millard, is finding his team pressed for the necessary manpower and experience to afford a good showing in the current Winter season. The loss of these key punchers was responsible for the cancellation of the seven bout card with the Quantico Marines originally set for this week.

Sgt. LaVeru Roach, one of the outstanding 147 pound campaigners in service circles, is taking special treatments for an injured hand which has restricted very slowly to care. Roach, in scoring a sensational one round knockout in the last engagement with Quantico, badly bruised a knuckle. He is expected to resume heavy workouts soon.

Also on the casualty list is Sgt. Al Highers, sturdy 135-pounder. Highers sustained a kidney injury in a sparring session recently and has been ordered completely inactive for at least a month. The recovery of these stars is expected to supply needed punch for success in coming events.

Pfc. Frank Rich, 126, and Pvt. Edsel Martz, 160, are lost to the team via the transfer route. The veteran Rich will soon be missed as a point-getter as will the fast-developing Martz.

Millard hopes to match his wittiness against Quantico sometime in an effort to avenge the earlier 4-3 loss. Boutts also will be arranged with Parris Island and other service teams in the Fifth Naval District.

Newest Helicat Tops Japs' Dest
WASHINGTON — The Navy has thrown a new Helicat into action in the Pacific which is knocking down Japanese planes on a 31-to-1 ratio. The new ship is called the PGP-3. It supersedes the earlier Helicat which, itself was superior in speed, armor and fire power to Japanese fighters. Mounting six 50 caliber machine guns, the PGP-3 also can carry rockets and bombs. Pilots claim it can out fly the latest Zero ever

Marines' Mop-Up of Peleliu Pockets Like Fantastic Wild West Battle

By SGT. WALTER WOOD
Combat Correspondent
PELELIU, Palau Island, (Delayed) — The fight to wipe out the last remaining Japs on this fortress of the Caroline has shifted to warfare of the Old Wild West, fought with hot modern weapons of total war.

The picture is fantastic... Jungle-trained veterans of the First Marine Division fighting cowboy style to get at the Japanese

Cash Bond Sales Record Sought In Dec. Drive

Hopes for a record cash War Bond sale to Cherry Point personnel during a Pearl Harbor Week drive, December 1 were voiced yesterday by Captain L. L. Shea, chairman of a special drive publicity committee.

Captain Shea said he hoped results of the drive would surpass those of the independence Day campaign, when Cherry Point led all other Marine bases in gross sales. Directives urging full cooperation of all personnel have been issued by General Merritt, of the Wing, and Colonel Conradt for the Station.

Supplement Allowments
The semi-annual campaign, Captain Shea emphasized, is in no way connected with the monthly payroll deduction plan to which most Marines subscribe, but is designed as a supplementary move to increase purchases by service personnel.

Members of the committee, in addition to Captain Shea are Second Lt. Jack Randazzo, Warrant Officers Russell P. Seltzinger and A. Crowden and Corporal Fred Hussey, co-ordinator. Serving with the committee for the campaign are First Lt. M. M. Heminger, CQWR, and Captain Elliott R. Pihlman, station and Wing bond officers, respectively.

Meantime, a report on station bond allotments during October disclosed an over-all average of 82.93 percent, or 7.07 percent below the suggested participation minimum, of ninety percent. Civilian participation was reported at 87.7 percent.

Oak Grove Leads
Oak Grove, with a 98.88 percent allotment level topped the October listings, only a slim margin above Squadron 44's mark of 96.22. Other units and percentages include: Atlantic Field, 95.57; AWR5-18, 95.2; AES-42, 94.81; AES-45, 17, 85.26.
AL 9 AWR5-12, 85.67; AES-46, 84.98; AES-43, 79.49; 79.43; Headquarters Sdn., 78; Congaree Field, 74.25; AWR5-20, 73.24; Guard Detachment, 72.97; AES-41, 71.2; and the newly-organized Marine Air Station Squadron One 63.3 percent.

Army Glider Men Learn Navy Knots

MANTON, N. C. — Taking a leaf from the Navy, the Army is teaching its glider pilots to tie bowlines, double baker bowlines and reverse half-hitches. The course is designed to eliminate the cause of pilots finding themselves nudged from their seats by too-loosely lashed glider-hauled trucks.

making a last stand in rocky and timbered hills on a Pacific island which for 26 years has been an island of mystery in Japan's Mysterious Islands.

The fight is centering in a range of limestone and coral ridges, pockmarked with caves, extending only 800 yards north and south and 350 yards east and west. Hills, Valley Named

The hoary names of Death Valley, Horseshoe Gulch, Old Baldy and the Five Sisters have come to identify the hills and valley where

the crack of rifles recalls the early fights on the range in America's West.

To this add the presence of unpredictable Japs, who — although they probably don't know it — are pulling up the type of defense which Buffalo Bill Cody and Wild Bill Hickok called "holding the wall."

In seven days of dogged, inch-by-inch advance into the range from all sides, the Marines have killed 426 Japs. How many there are left is undetermined. Estimated

Toothsome Rat Makes Off With Molars... Leaves Rattled Seabee In 'An Awful Fixth'

By SERGEANT A. D. HAWKINS
(Combat Correspondent)

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed) — Seabee Shipfitter First Class Franzel H. Boardman of Dark Harbor, Islesboro, Me., is hunting for a rat with a set of "lowers."

"I'm in an awful fixth," the Maine Seabee explained as he chomped-chomped his gums.

"What's your uppersh be with out 'er lowersh?" Evidence indicated that the rat also attempted to steal Boardman's upper plate, but couldn't drag it out of the box. The hole wasn't large enough.

Widespread search thus far failed to reveal the missing "lowers."

Sympathetic Marines advised Boardman not to worry, because the versatile Seabees can build just about anything.

Boardman's plight, however, attracted the attention of a Navy dentist, Lt. Guy H. Foell of North Hollywood, Cal., whose patients, in private practice, included many

Lt. Foell, whose patients now are sailors, Seabees and Marines, said he'd order Boardman a new set of dentures.

"This best me," the Navy dentist added. "That rat must have figured he needed the teeth more than Boardman."

Leyte Double-Talk Too Much For Nips

When a Filipino passed a Jap during the Japanese occupation of Leyte, he had to bow his head at a 45 degree angle and, if the Japanese ordered, murmur "ohio" ("good morning" in Japanese). The Filipinos bobbed their heads all right, reports Sgt. Barrett McGurn, YANK staff correspondent, but muttered "Oohhghighan" instead, which in the local Visayan language means "beast." The twist the Filipinos give the Japanese "good afternoon" is not printable.

The Japs hated English and insisted the schools teach Japanese, points out McGurn. Failure in Japanese meant flogging in all your courses. A student with an A in biology and a D in Japanese, for instance, got D for the entire term. Yet when Filipinos tried to get along by speaking Japanese, the Japs baffled them by replying only in English, though it was such bad English the Filipinos had to laugh at it.

FAVOR PFACE DRAFT
WASHINGTON — Peacetime compulsory military training is favored by a majority of its members, the United States Chamber of Commerce reported after a nationwide poll.

Guidance Unit Eases Task Of Hunting Civilian Jobs

If you were to return to civilian life tomorrow would you be qualified to hold the job of your choice, or if you find the job you are qualified to hold not of your choice, what kind of occupation would you prefer instead? These and many other important questions which are bound to affect your future may be solved for you at the local classification section.

Information Center
Classification, under the direction of Second Lt. G. H. Webber,

has set up a special information center and guidance unit to assist personnel get into the occupation or profession of their choice.

If you have your mind set upon becoming a certified public accountant in Missouri after the war, but doubt your ability to pass the state examination Classification's education section will help you find out.

From your general classification test score and other records, these classification experts can tell, quickly following an interview, whether you possess the qualifica-

tions to be a CPA in Missouri.

Complete data in Classification has in its file a list of the education requirements an individual needs to pass the state examination in Missouri, but also the requirements of almost any occupation or profession you can name — in Missouri and in most of the other 47 states.

On the other hand, if you are dissatisfied with the occupation you last followed in civilian life, Classification will assist you guide your efforts into the kind of occupation that suits you.



with EXTRA war bonds
Dec. 7th - PEARL HARBOR DAY

Scarce Household Items, Childrens' Toys, Among PX Christmas Specials

Although gifts of the best quality will be available, they will be limited, Lt. Thalheimer said. Besides excellent, but expensive, cosmetics for military, several household items will be offered that are seldom seen for sale any more. They include electric irons, radios, lamps, hot plates, alex office tanks, and photographs and radiograph combinations.

Second Lt. W. P. Carroll, assistant post exchange officer, said a plentiful variety of toys would be available in the gift department. Toys for boys will be strictly military, he said, with special emphasis on planes, jeeps and trucks. Suitable books for older boys and girls also will be available.

Lt. Carroll said the exchange would offer a limited supply of Christmas trees and decorations,

but warned that there would be no tree ornaments.

The post exchange officers' greatest pride is in the excellent line of luggage offered at reduced rates. "We are offering the best luggage obtainable at one-third the civilian price," Lt. Carroll declared. "Furthermore, we collect no luggage tax."

Personnel were advised to take advantage quickly of the limited supply of candies now available. Many of the better brands of chocolates and assorted candies are being offered.

Two wrapping counters will be maintained as long as paper and ribbon lasts, Lt. Carroll said, one at the main post exchange and the other at the WEX exchange. Here presents are wrapped in gift paper and then in stronger paper for mailing.

Station Is Host To Masonic Order

The station played host Wednesday to 45 men and women delegates to the semi-annual state convention of the Masonic Order of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, meeting at New Bern.

In a tour conducted by Warrent Officer G. A. Growden, Public Relations Officer. The delegates visited the major points of interest on the station; viewed a showing of the color film, *Marines at Tarawa*, in the training library; and witnessed a special aerial demonstration.

Lanchon was served to the group at the civilian cafeteria. A similar visit made by delegates to a previous convention in April was deemed instrumental by lodge officers in a bond sale of \$25,000 to members in the Fifth War Loan Drive. Wednesday's tour is expected to generate similar impetus in the impending Sixth War Loan drive now being planned.



By R. L. FETTERBON.

Since so many questions have arisen in the pages of "G. I. Joe" concerning the various rights, benefits and opportunities made available by the "G. I. Bill of Rights," it is deemed advisable to write at least a few articles concerning it.

Beginning this week and for a number of weeks hereafter, highlights of this important "piece of legislation will be explained, in ordinary language, as a result of which, it is hoped that a clearer understanding of the situation will result. It must be borne in mind that the articles must be general in nature, but detailed information on any specific problem may be obtained at the Station Law Office. With this foreword of caution, we now undertake a simplified digest of this law.

The first item to be discussed will be EDUCATION OF THE VETERAN.

Any one who served in the armed forces on or after September 16, 1940 and prior to the end of the war for a period of at least ninety days, is entitled to receive the educational benefits provided in this Bill, unless dishonorably released or discharged.

Anyone who, at the time he entered the service, was not over 25 years of age, will be presumed to have had his education or training delayed or interrupted and may apply for continuation of his education or training. If, prior to his entry into the service, he had commenced a course, he may apply for a refresher or retraining course in that field. These educational or training facilities will include all approved public, private, primary and secondary schools, colleges, vocational schools, professional schools and establishments providing apprentice or other training on the job. Such person may, if he chooses, enroll in any of the approved institutions even if the institution is not located in the State in which he resides, providing, however, such institution finds that he has the necessary qualifications to pursue the field of his choice.

To become eligible for these educational benefits, application must be made within two years after his discharge from the service. Upon approval for enrollment in his choice, the Administrator of Veterans Affairs will pay up to \$500 tuition and books and other necessary expenses. If the applicant is without dependents, the government will pay for an ordinary school year, including him \$50. a month for students.

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Auto Industry Has Jobs For Veterans After War

By Camp Newspaper Service

Returning servicemen will find in "untapped job bonanza" in the sales and servicing branches of the postwar automobile industry, according to Joseph W. Fraser, chairman of Graham-Paige Motors Corporation.

"From the service and maintenance viewpoint," he said, "thousands of veterans will possess extra technical knowledge acquired handling and servicing every type of motorized military vehicle. Any of these men entered the service directly from high school college and consequently will have prepar jobs awaiting them when discharged."

The auto executive declared that the industry needs 100,000 mechanics to meet minimum repair demands on the civilian front despite the fact that the average American motorist is driving less than 10,000 miles per year.

"What will the requirements be," he asked, "when restrictions removed and the public's pent-

up urge to travel reaches the boiling point?"

Another branch of service and maintenance which Fraser believes will blossom after the war is the service station. "This group has suffered the highest mortality rate in the industry," he said. "Before the war there was a service station on virtually every corner, now we are lucky if we can find one on each highway."

As for the automobile dealer and the sales field, Fraser said the industry's goal for the first full year of production will be approximately 6,000,000 units; while the Office of Defense Transportation estimates that there will be an immediate market for 14,500,000 automobiles and for 25,000,000 in the first five years.

"Compare those figures," he said, "with the fact that in 1939 approximately 44,000 dealers sold 3,977,292 cars. Today, the National Automobile Dealers Association tells us that there are some 30,000 dealers and perhaps only 75 per cent of them are active."

News From Home

Albuquerque, N. M. (CNS) — A local man has discovered a new method of making peanut oil fine enough to lubricate watches.

Butte, Mont (CNS) — Arrested for peeling fellow customers in a restaurant with green peas, a local resident explained that he was "unstrung" by the war.

Chicago (CNS) — The cigarette shortage has become so acute here that Virginia Thatcher, who runs the tobacconist counter in a hotel here, is smoking cigars. "Keeps them from asking for cigarettes," she explains.

Evanson, Ill (CNS) — A local lady has visited a court to judge her husband insane because he dared to talk back to her.

Houston, Tex. (CNS) — An out-of-state resident rented a home and was both surprised and dismayed to find a corpse in the cellar. Police found it had been left there by departing tenants.

Hyannis, Mass. (CNS) — A porter groaned under the weight of a lady in the local railroad station. "What's in it?" he inquired. "Nothing but beach sand for my children," the lady replied.

Indianapolis (CNS) — Johnny Ryan, a professional bondsman fell asleep and started snoring in court. He was awakened by the judge, who then fined him \$16 for contempt.

Knoxville, Tenn. (CNS) — J. W. Birdwell was preparing a lunch while hunting in the hills behind Knoxville. There was a shuffle behind him. "Lunch is ready, George," said Birdwell, thinking his partner was approaching. "Grouse," said the shuffle. Birdwell picked up his gun, whirled around and plugged a 350-pound black bear between the eyes.

Long Beach, Cal. (CNS) — The will of Ellis Scates, 76, leaves \$250 to a local church — with this note appended: "St. Peter, Take Note!"

New York (CNS) — During the cigarette shortage here, the only place you could get popular brands was Tombs Prison.

Orange, N. J. (CNS) — Patrolman Herman Schmidt, of the Maplewood Police Department, whose left ear was sewed on recently after it had been bitten off in a fight with three men, is doing well at Orange Memorial Hospital.

Phoenix, Ariz. (CNS) — Every morning the switchboard girl of a local law firm has to chirp: "Good morning! This is the office of Gust, Rosenberg, Divilbeiss, Robinette and Coolidge."

Mecs Hit Foe While Pilots Service Ships

By S-SGT. JOHN T. KIRBY

PELELIU, Palau Islands (Delayed) — Marine Corsair pilots serviced their own planes while mechanics and ground crews "hit the beach" here to prepare the formerly Jap-held airstrip for operations.

Aviation ground crews, coming ashore a few hours after the first amphibious units landed, were queried as to "what aviation men were doing ashore so soon."

But the mecs had little to do with aviation for the first couple of days. Jap artillery began pounding positions about the airstrip and the group crews were pressed into service as ammunition carters, and later as stretcher bearers.

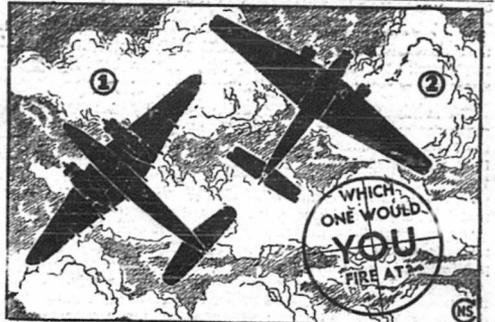
When the "Death-Dealers," first Corsair squadron to land on the island, brought their planes to a stop on the airstrip, flight crews immediately began the work of preparing them for bombing and strafing attacks against Jap positions.



TIN HATS—Private Twerpy says they should tell that punner it's against the law to hit a guy with glasses!



Not At No. 1! It's the AAF's C-60 "Lodestar," a twin engine, low-wing transport plane. The deep fuselage has a sharply rounded front edge, of the wing taper to small rounded tips. The tailplane has tapered leading edge, rounded tips and twin fins and rudders.



Fire At No. 2! It's the Luftwaffe's "JU-52," a 3 engine transport and glider tug with "double wing" construction. The low-wing construction. The low-wing has equal taper on both edges with square tips. It has a large, boxy fuselage and a fixed landing gear. The tailplane is quite wide and angular.

Male Call



Truth and Consequences



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Tough Job Ahead

As the United States Marine Corps begins its 170th year of service the war picture is undeniably brighter for Allied arms than in the dreary, doubt-filled days which saw the fall of Singapore, Corregidor and Bataan.

American, British and Russian troops are smashing ahead with renewed vigor on the Rhine, Balkan and Italian fronts, dawning ever tighter the constricting noose about the throat of a blood-mad Germany. Slowly but inexorably the tentacles of the Japanese octopus are being slashed away, one by one, in the far reaches of the Pacific, almost within the shadows of the Japanese mainland.

Casual scrutiny of the gains made by America and American allies in the months since Pearl Harbor may perhaps lend credence to the wishful thoughts of many an American that Peace is almost within reach.

To the nations military leaders, however, the bright promise of the ultimate triumph of Anglo-American might over the Japs dream of a "Greater East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere" is overshadowed by the knowledge that bloody campaigns lie ahead before the heart of the octopus is pierced.

Least these thoughts seem overly-pessimistic, consider the words of Navy Secretary Forrestal.

"Jap resistance will become fiercer than ever as we approach their homeland," he declares. "The farther we drive into the enemy's perimeter, the better cover he will have from land-based aircraft.

"We are apt to assume that the Japs will succumb to intellectual argument and crumble when the Germans are beaten. But, with the Japs, we're dealing with fanatics, not rational men. They'll fight with greater savagery the closer we come to the heart of their empire."

And Lieutenant General Alexander Vandegrift, the Commandant, is just as blunt in his summation.

"Some people," he notes, "would like to believe there is some mysterious shortcut by which we can pour troops and ships and planes into Japan overnight.

"This is a very pleasant dream indeed. Unfortunately, however, it vanishes the moment the dreamer awakes to the reality of the cold facts. The Allied forces will close on Japan over roads as direct as possible, but if there are any short-cuts, we have a long way to go to get to them."

General Vandegrift backs up his opinion with the cold, harsh reality of Marine casualty lists. Since the first bomb fell on Pearl Harbor, 8,827 Marines have been killed and 25,000 wounded. War was no easy victory for them, nor for their families.

It was fitting, therefore, that, in his message on the birthday of the Corps, the Commandant should pay this tribute to Marines who have fallen in battle—a tribute which of itself emphasizes that victory will be no easy matter:

"We honor the memories of the men who have fallen in the advance. They fell going forward. Long after the total victory for which they died is won, they will remain heroically alive in the hearts of their comrades and in the legends of the Corps."

Leatherneck Wings Are Strong

No greater emphasis could be placed upon the important role assigned to Marine Corps aviation in this war than the Navy Department's classification of the Cherry Point air station as the Marine Corps' largest.

Not only does Cherry Point mark an important milestone in Marine Corps history, it is an outstanding monument to American ingenuity. In three years Cherry Point has risen from swamp and sand to become the center of a business that has ripped apart the very lifelines of the Japanese Empire and has helped to tear asunder the hopes of Jap militarists.

Thousands of Marine aviators have made themselves and the Corps everlastingly famous because of their air exploits in the Pacific. Only a few years ago Marine aviation was in its infancy.

Today Marine aviation has become of age, a strong young giant sure of its might, proud of its name.

Send It Home . . .

I'M SO GLAD BUDDY THINKS TO SEND THIS PAPER HOME! NOW WE'LL KNOW ALL ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT'S GOING ON AT CHERRY POINT.



Government Test-Tube:

By Camp Newspaper Service
The "fingernail" of German territory now held by American troops is serving as a laboratory where military government officers are learning, by practical experience, many lessons which will prove useful when much more of the enemy's country comes under our rule.

The occupied territory of Germany over which Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower now rules begins on a flat, windmill-dotted plain northeast of the little Dutch town of Sittard and extends southward beyond ruined Aachen.

This occupied Germany had 250,000 population before the Nazis began evacuating it. Probably fewer than 50,000 are left. Its predominant population today is the American Army, which doesn't regard itself at the moment as an army of occupation, but as an army poised for further invasion.

That fact conditions the character of the military government. Its temporary regime is in the area of active military movement. It is under German shelter by day; German bombs fall on it at night. Tanks and anti-tank guns are dug into potato fields. Important military emplacements may be camouflaged in sugar beet fields.

German civilians live in what Lewis Gannett, of the New York Herald Tribune, a front-line correspondent has called a "Teutonic Ghetto." They are not permitted to stand and talk in the streets. Throughout most of the region, they are permitted in the streets only on certain hours of the day. In one area, for instance, it is between noon and 1300, when

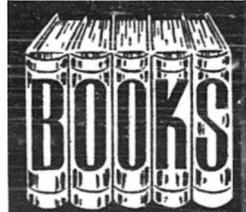
housewives do their shopping. Farm workers are permitted to go to the fields at dawn, but must return by 1300. Only the American-appointed mayor, doctor, priest and town policeman have permits good at any daylight hour.

Each house bears on its door a placard listing the inhabitants, their occupations and ages.

In each of the 20-odd towns in the territory, American authorities, after careful checking, have named temporary burgomeisters, who are responsible for order and food distribution. None is paid, but some towns already are installing tax systems. Food distribution, except in a few cases where whole villages were evacuated to camps in the rear is left entirely to German officials and varies from village to village. In Cangel, each resident is allotted 300 pounds of potatoes to carry him until the next harvest. This same ratio was accorded under German rule and the old ration cards are still used.

On the whole, there have been few cases of disobedience, and no evidence that any Germans are organizing to implement Himmler's appeal for an anti-American underground. The Germans obey orders and take care of their own local affairs. Uniformly, they express relief at being out of the war.

Offenses for which civilians have been fined or imprisoned are: appearing in the streets during forbidden hours, trespassing beyond specified limits, and in one case, going outdoors at night with a lit cigarette. The officer who tried the case doubts the latter offense was deliberate.



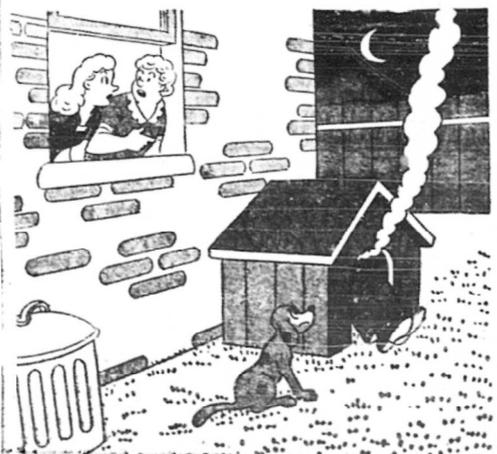
Library Hours
1100-2200 Daily

Many new books by favorite authors are in the library. Somerset Maugham has lost none of his expert touch in "The Razor's Edge," a character study of a young American flyer in search of an ideal after the last war. It is called "The Building of Janna," by Ingrid Fletcher adds another thrilling chapter to the colonial history of this state. . . . Van Wyck Brooks has written the literary history of the period preceding "The First Year of New England." He calls it "The World of Washington Irving. . . . "Brave Men," is Ernest Pyle's latest account of fighting Americans on the world's battlefronts. . . . William McFee, master of sea stories, shows an equal knowledge of men and women in an unusual sea—and love story, "Ship to Shore."

Again nineteenth century England is the background for a Howard Spring novel, "Hard Facts" is the first of a projected trilogy which will include a good deal of Victorian social history. . . . Chronologically, the first of the Jains books has just appeared. It is called "The Building of Janna," by Ma De La Roche. . . . Sophisticated New Yorkers abound in Octavus Roy Cooke's latest, "The Sound of Beverly."

The grimness of war seems to have no ill effects upon the number of humorous books written and published. Temporary escape into the fanciful and absurd is almost a necessity, and fortunately there are plenty of literary avenues for doing so. In "Please Don't Streamline Mother While I'm Gone," Marine T-Sgt. Philip Reisman writes grandiose post-war technical promises in sparkling verse. . . . Sad Sack is now safe between the covers of a book of that name where he will undoubtedly act as creator George Baker. . . . The vast new audiences and royalties adults' own comic character, Barnaby, "Barnaby and Mabel" is the hero of a new novel, "O'Malley," by Crockett Johnson.

People who liked "Low Man on a Totem Pole" (and who didn't) will want to read "Lost in the Herne Landscapes," pure and unadorned by the "Buster Taylor" series of the New Yorker cartoonist are Richard Taylor's "Peter Arms, both of whom are publishing albums of their work. . . . "The Bigger They Come" is a comedy here; watch for "Man of the Snows," which will appear soon. . . .



OFF THE RECORD—"He's afraid to smell up the house—some guest might discover he's got cigarettes."

Rare Tropical Fish Boon In Changing Marine Diet.

By CPT. NED THOMAS
(Public Relations Officer, USMC)
SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delays in any state-side sportsman will tell you that the first rule of the outdoors is fair play, but when American fighting men need fresh food the law of conservation supersedes man-made laws.)

Out in the Southwest Pacific, where Allied fighting men sometimes go for months on nothing but canned rations, the dynamiting of tropical fish is not a sport. It is a necessity if a reasonably balanced diet is to be had for the U. S. Marine and New Zealand troops stationed on this particular island.

Operate Semi-Weekly
On this island, a regular fish-dynamiting deta is conducted once a week. An officer, a boatman, a demolition man and three divers search the crystal-clear waters about the shallow reef until fish are spotted. The demolition man sets off a charge of explosive and the stunned fish come to the surface, floating on their backs. Divers jump overboard to retrieve the fish while the officer stands guards on the boat, a carbine poised against the sudden appearance of sharks.

Many of the catch are gaudy and some are so tough they can't be eaten. The percentage of tasty fish runs high, however. Occasionally, as much as 250 pounds of edible fish may be caught in an average blasting.

Use Old Landing Craft
In charge of the dynamiting group is Marine 1st Lt. Charles

Foxhole Worse Than Strafing

MIRAMAR CORPS AIR DEPOT, Miramar, Calif. — A new (not recommended) type of foxhole was described by First Lt. Max L. Halpin, a demolition man and former bomber pilot, on his return here from the South Pacific.

Lt. Halpin, seeking protection from a severe enemy bombing on Roi atonal in February, slipped into a convenient blockhouse and banged the door shut behind him. After two anxious hours in the darkened interior of his hideout, the door was blown off his hands by a nearby hit, and he suddenly discovered that he literally had been sitting on a "keg of dynamite." The blockhouse was filled with cases of TNT.

Making a hasty exit from his "sheiter," Halpin ran to the beach and found a more orthodox foxhole. But the bomb which had blown out the blockhouse door had spread over the small island, forcing other Marines back to the beach. To the danger of the flame was added the hazard of their own exploding bombs.

"That experience beats anything I encountered in the air," said Lt. Halpin. "There was nothing we could do about the bombing except sit and take it."

No Welcome Sign On This Foxhole

AN ADVANCED PACIFIC BASE — A Japanese, trying to infiltrate the Marine lines, at night, tripped and fell into a foxhole occupied by Pfc. Howard E. Norton of Missouri and a fellow-Marine.

In the mad scramble that followed it was impossible to tell friend from foe. Norton saw a knife lunge in front of his throat. He knocked the blade aside and grabbed the welder, to find it was his own foxhole buddy.

Other Marines quickly got the situation in hand and with their buddies, brought the Jap down in a hail of lead as he darted from the foxhole.

TNT and Grenades Form Human Bomb

AN ADVANCED PACIFIC BASE — A human bomb — a Jap soldier laden with TNT — was shot down as he approached Marine lines, intent upon destroying himself when he reached a forward gun position.

The Shambo had crawled to a point only ten feet from a 75-mm gun carrier when Marines spied the human bullet. Marines quickly tossed the dynamite the Jap carried — but not the Jap.

On the "human bomb's" back was a pack of explosives connected to two hand grenades

Discharge Only Interlude to Pop

QUANTICO — Even a discharge can't keep Edmund "Pop" Henshaw away from the Marine Corps. Honorably discharged from the air station here with the rating of technical sergeant, Henshaw returned the following day as a civilian worker.

Henshaw served overseas with the First Marine Aircraft Wing,

M. Wiesendorf of Jacksonville, Fla., formerly with U. S. Army engineers. Using an old LCP Landing Craft, Personnel as a fishing boat, Lt. Wiesendorf and his crew spend three or four hours on each junket. Their favorite fishing spots are in the corners of a lagoon, just off a point where a small Marine cemetery is being laid out. The water here is always calm and as clear as a spring. Fish can be speared down to about thirty feet.

Fish like to congregate about the coral reefs, which show up brown against the light yellow bottom.

By the time the crew reaches the fishing grounds all hands are stripped down to shorts or trunks and tennis shoes. You don't swim barefooted around coral.

The ramp at the forward end of the boat has been lowered to make a platform about a foot above the water. There Lt. Wiesendorf takes a stance and picks a likely looking spot. The boat slows down and a charge of three sticks of dynamite, wrapped around a detonator capable of 500 pounds percussion, is handed to him.

The lieutenant casts the charge smack on top of the brown spot of reef. The boat backs off about fifty feet while the charge is sinking. Then the demolition man sets it off by touching the ends of the wire to the poles of a wet cell battery. There is a muffled explosion, the boat shudders a little from the concussion and water geysers thirty feet into the air. Sometimes **Big Blank**

The boat edges up to the spot and in a moment stunned fish begin floating to the surface. Sometimes there are only one or



PURLOUGES . . . That's an important word with men and women in the South Pacific. It means what they're fighting for. **PERMANENT PURLOUGES** . . . a turn to civilian life, in a world at peace.

Red Cross maintains an office at this station for one purpose only: that is to assist the personnel at Cherry Point and outlying fields with emergency situations. In an emergency arises at some place that requires the presence of one in the service, the family back home should contact the nearest Red Cross Chapter and advise the emergency. The Chapter, verifies the facts in the case and relays this information to the Field Director covering the station to which the person is assigned. The information obtained from the Chapter is given to the commanding officer of the person involved. On the basis of the facts in the case, the officer approves or disapproves the furlough. Red Cross does not approve or disapprove furloughs or extensions. Red Cross does not recommend furlough or extensions. It does handle the facts in the case and in cases of illness the doctor's recommendation. It handles the lawyers statement if it becomes necessary for a person in the service to appear in court.

When an emergency arises, time is an important factor, so while there is time, you should advise the Chapter today, just in case to proceed in case you are needed at home.

If the situation justifies your presence, Red Cross can and will help you to enable the man or woman to go home. These emergency loans are made only after a verification of the facts.

The personnel of this station are urged to use the facilities of Red Cross anytime they have a problem.

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two; occasionally a school is hit and there is a great haul. Once in a while the fishing crew draws a complete blank.

With the fish floating on the calm water, the divers go to work. They swim out to pick up the fish in their bare hands and throw them back into the boat. They have to be quick or the fish will recover and swim away. They also have to be careful, for some of the fish have spines which can inflict a mean gash. Lt. Wiesendorf watches the divers carefully, his carbine ready for instant use against sharks.

The oddest fish caught are big fat things about the color and shape of an omelet, with thick lips and buck teeth. Marines have called them "Tajale." It's so tough a man can't spear it except through the belly. It has no food value.

Another variety, called the "Pacific unicorn," is good for the table. It is yellowish and bluish gray with a spoke about three inches long sticking forward from the top of its head. The trigger-fish, a small item in chocolate brown with red and gold trimmings on its fins and tail, is a vicious number with spiny knives on either side just forward of its tail. A few parrotfish, bright red and yellow, and fish about the shape of a small bass, are taken. Its teeth are fused together, solidly.

Most are palatable. Most of the fish taken are palatable. They bear no resemblance to tuna, mackerel and bonita. There is no ichthyologist on the island, so no one is certain what the names of any of the fish are.

As long as the fish are edible, however, none bothers greatly about their names. The fishing detail and its dynamited food provide a welcome and valuable relief from the monotony of canned rations for both Marines and Americans.

Just as far as sportsmanship and legality of their operation is concerned, it is extremely doubtful that any of the dynamiting crew will carry the practice back to the States. It is a moon job and for they care for fishing in even its most innocent form.

Stateside Bout Flattens Sparky

MIAMI, Fla. — Two veterans of combat in the Pacific — Corporal William G. West and his dog, "Sparky," are resting here — the Marine from wounds suffered at Saipan and Sparky, the results of a canyoning with a Great Dane in San Diego.

Sparky was one of the first dogs to land with the Marines in the Marshalls. He proved his battle stamina and members of Corp. West's communications section admitted him to the ranks.

Going in with the third wave, Sparky showed a fine indifference to the arms fire, but kept close to his master when the "big stuff" got too close.

It wasn't until Sparky reached San Diego that he acquired his battle scars. He tangled with a Great Dane, and it took six stitches by a naval doctor to put him back in action.

Sparky and his master will report to Camp Lejeune duty when West's 30-day furlough ends.

Red Cross Issues 18,000 Sweaters

J. W. Harmon, field director of the American Red Cross, announced yesterday that 18,000 slip-over sweaters were distributed to Ninth Wing and station squadrons for issue to personnel.

The sweaters were knit by Red Cross chapters throughout the country over years furnished by the national organization, Harmon said.

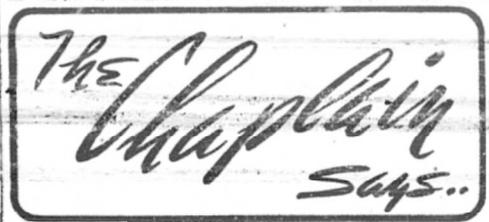
"The Red Cross has filled the requests made by the wing and station commanders," Harmon said.

Of the 18,000 sweaters 15,000 went to the wing and 3,000 to the station, Harmon said. They were issued through the squadron offices.

FOREVER FAITHFUL
SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC — Daily mail call here for Marine veterans of the Marianas campaign brings a message as well as "dirt" to one outfit.

Almost daily letters arrive for Marines killed in action. The letters are returned. But one Marine's wife comes to write as she sits before his death. On the back she pens this message:

"I cannot believe my John is dead, so I am going to keep on writing."



STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

The old countryman who was asked what he did all day replied, "Sometimes I sit and think and sometimes I just sit." There are a great many people in the service today who are just sitting. This is particularly true when it comes to personal problems and questions. We don't use our heads and the resulting failure to put a little pressure on our mental processes too often gets us into all kinds of trouble.

Thus we find those who feel that by doing a bit of bright time or taking some other form of punishment they can purchase a few days of unauthorized liberty, not stopping to think that the black mark in their service record stays there and is definitely harmful to their future in the service.

Again, there are those who think that they can neglect the spiritual side of their life in their youth and if they ever have a need of God they can call on Him at any time.

Then there are those who feel that because they are away from home and wearing a uniform which gives them a sort of anonymity, they can live the sort of life that they know is not right or good, and when once again they return to their homes and families they can take up exactly where they left off.

This sort of thinking—if it can be called that—is ridiculous, for the laws of science and of Nature tell us that every action has its reaction, and we also know that in our youth we are molding and shaping the old man that is to be.

There used to be signs at every railroad crossing which said "Stop, Look, and Listen." If we put that idea into our lives we would immediately stop doing many of the things which we now do. We would look about us and appreciate the fact that without a definite goal in life we can only expect to drift and would listen to the advice of those who through experience have learned that a brain is given to us to be used and used well.

—LT.-CMDR. H. M. DAY

Divine Worship

PROTESTANT SERVICES	
Sunday	
Holy Communion	0600 Dallas Huts Chapel
Lutheran Communion	0800 Last Sunday of each month—Dallas Huts Chapel
Divine Worship	0900 Instruction Room, 2nd deck Dispensary
Sunday School	0930 Dallas Huts Chapel
Adult Class—Sunday School	0930 Game Room, 2nd deck WR Recreation Bldg.
Sunday School	0945 Cherry Point School—Housing Project
Divine Worship	1030 WR Recreation Building Auditorium
Divine Worship	1100 Cherry Point—Housing Project
Divine Worship	1200 Lobby, 2nd deck, Junior BOQ
Discussion Group	1900 Dallas Huts Chapel
Youth Fellowship	2000 Cherry Point School—Housing Project
Divine Worship	2000 Cherry Point School—Housing Project
Weekdays	
Devotionals	0700 Monday through Friday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Midweek Prayer Service	2000 Wednesday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Divine Worship	2100 Wednesday—Recreation Room, Mess Attendants Barracks
Episcopal Communion	0700 Second Wednesday of each month—Dallas Huts Chapel
Choir Practice	1830 WR Recreation Building Auditorium
School	1930 Community Building—Housing Project
Women's Council	2000 Community Building—Housing Project
CATHOLIC SERVICES	
Sunday	
Mass	0700 WR Recreation Building Auditorium
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Mass	1000 Instruction Room, 2nd deck Dispensary
Mass	1100 Lobby, 2nd Deck, Junior BOQ
Mass	1100 Cherry Theatre—Housing Project
Mass	1200 WR Recreation Building Auditorium
Weekdays	
Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1830 Monday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Holy Name Society	1830 Wednesday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Choir Practice	1830 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday—Dallas Huts Chapel
Confessions	Before every Mass and on Saturdays from 1500 to 1900
Vovena Services	1730 Monday, Wednesday and Friday—Dallas Huts Chapel
JEWISH SERVICES	
Jewish Services	2000 Thursday—Dallas Huts Chapel
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES	
Christian Science Services	1045 Sunday—Dallas Huts Chapel
LATTER DAY SAINTS SERVICES	
Latter Day Saints Services	1900 Tuesday—Dallas Huts Chapel

Two Verdun Trips Plenty, GI Holds

The backwash of the Second World War has flowed into the old forts and trenches of Verdun, famous First World War battlefield, for the third time in four years. This time the backwash was all American. They are GI bedrolls parked in the old pillboxes, GI laundry hanging from 1918 barbed wire, GI latrines in the ancient trenches.

Names and home towns of both French and American GIs are scribbled on the walls of the old forts which made possible a tremendous defense in the last war reports Sgt. Bill Davidson, YANK staff correspondent.

The American names are big and white and write my name here."

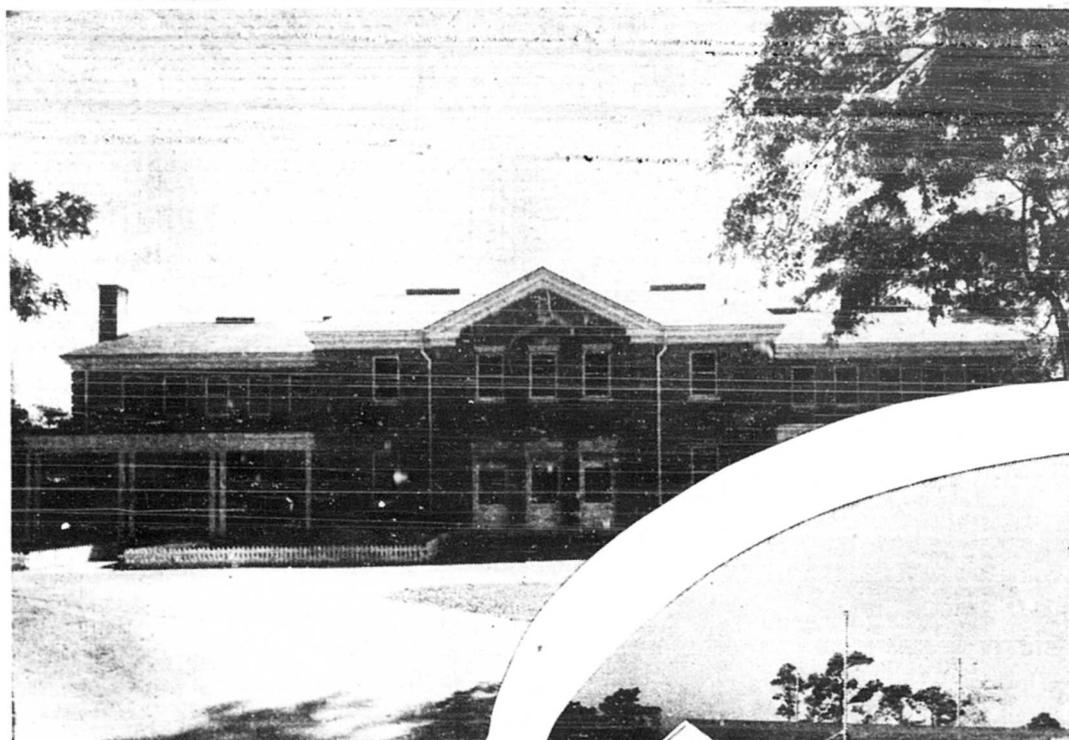
Here's the Word On Special Mail

Although special delivery fee has been increased from ten to thirteen cents, letters are still being mailed, here with the old rate, according to Lt. W. S. Tabb, assistant postal officer.

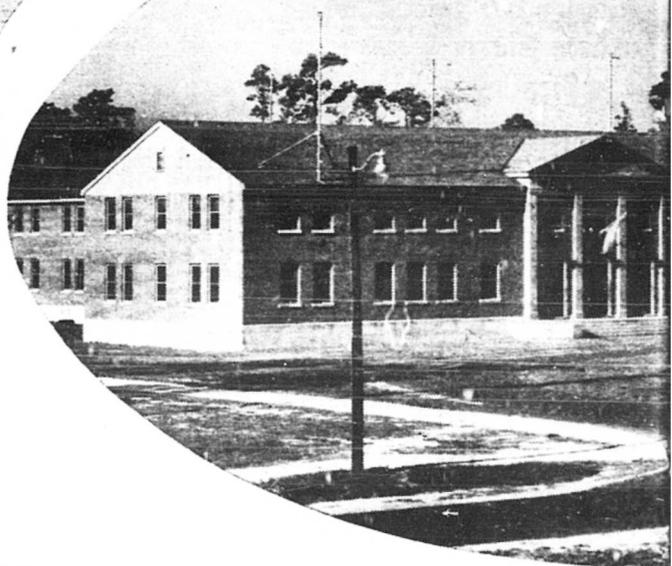
"Special delivery letters must not only carry the thirteen-cent special delivery stamp," Lt. Tabb explains, "but also the regular postage, making the total cost sixteen cents."

black and seem to blot out the others. One of them says: "Austin White, Chicago, Ill., 1918 and 1944. This is the last time I want to see you."

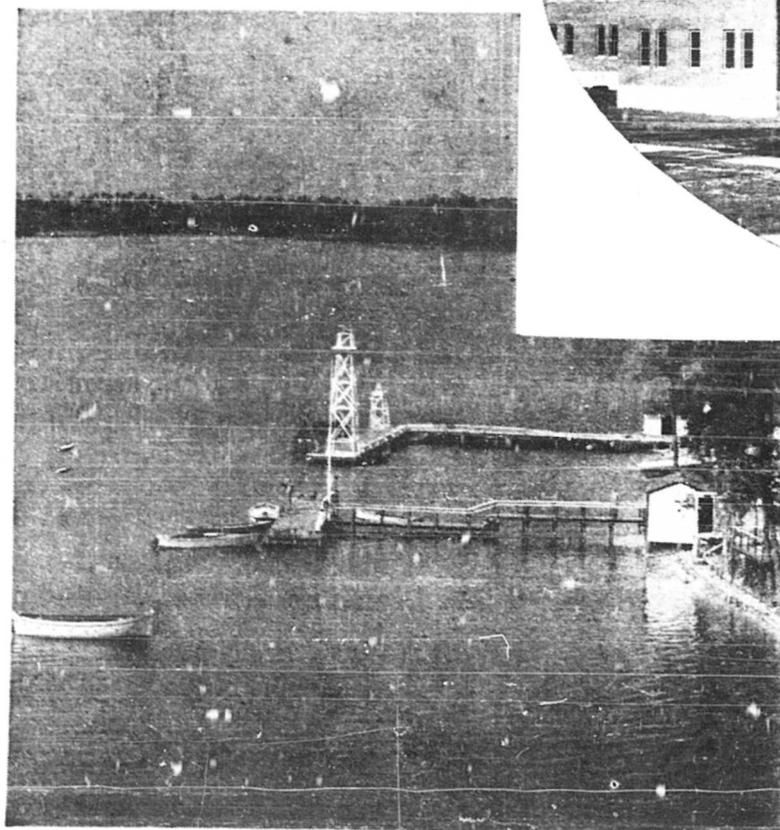
Cherry Point, Founded Three Y



OFFICERS' CLUB, focal point of recreation for Cherry Point officers and their families.



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING



THE BOATHOUSE AREA, Mecca of the station's "off-duty" Marines.

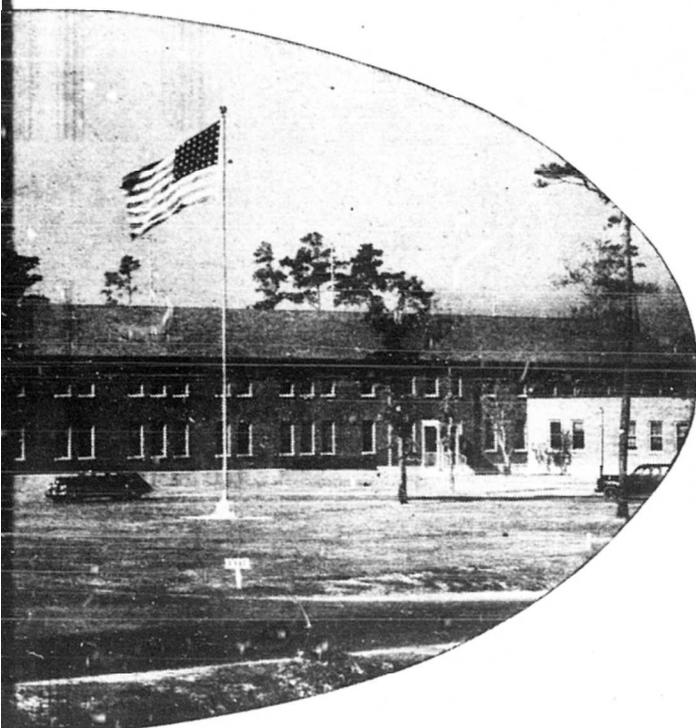


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...s Ago, Biggest Marine Air Base



ASSEMBLY AND REPAIR SHOP, where Marine warplanes are restored to combat "fitness."



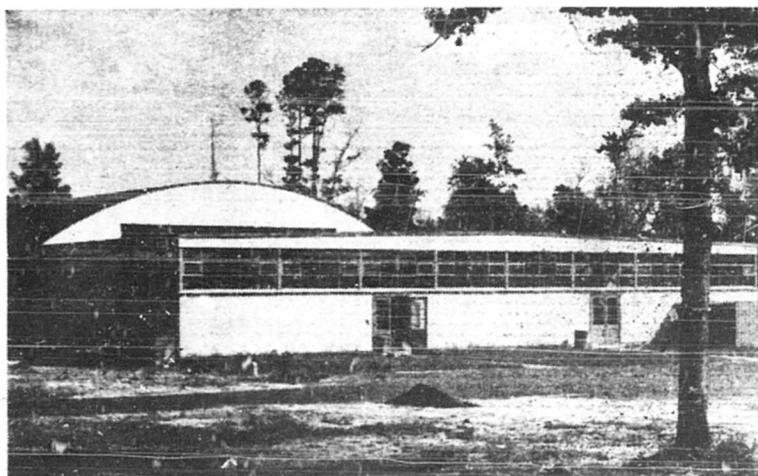
Point's nerve center.



OPERATIONS control all flying activities.

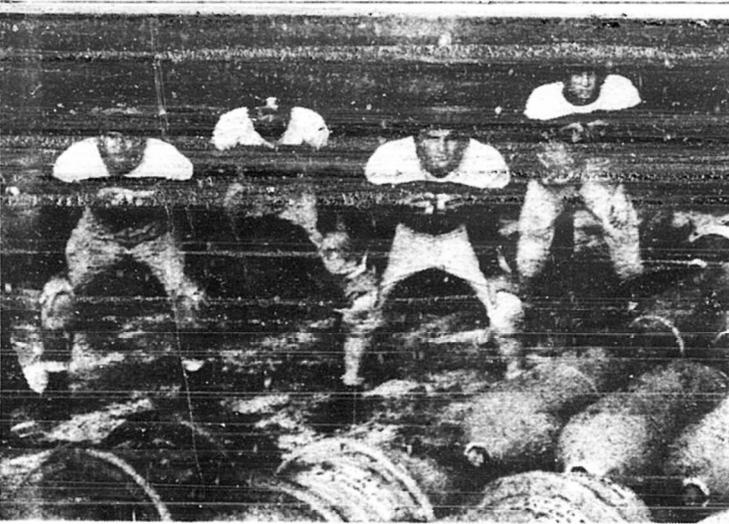


Headquarters for the Red Cross.



COMBAT SWIMMING POOL. The grim business of keeping afloat under enemy fire is no novelty to the Marines who learn their swimming here.

Marines Face Blockbusters Today



CHATHAM FIELD'S BACKS, photographed in surrounding: befitting their nickname of Blockbusters. Left to right are Dave Cline, wingback; Verne Hastings, fullback; Bill Guice quarterback; and Bob Hunter, tailback.—AAF Photo

Game Considered A Toss-up; Season Records Of Teams Poled

POS.	CHERRY POINT	CHATHAM FIELD
LE	Mitchell (65)	Bondelievich (82)
LT	Blady (28)	Goodwin (71)
LG	Croushore (39)	Foster (89)
C	Davis (51)	Donaldson (52)
RG	Vriska (34)	White (75)
RT	Richter (56)	Probst (51)
KE	Sellay (78)	Moran (75)
QB	Chavin (52)	Musman (84)
LHB	Abeare (58)	Guice (55)
RHB	Keese (64)	Weeks (66)
FB	Marcolini (77)	Hastings (78)

Kick-off time: 1:00 (2:00 P. M.)
 Officials—Rogers, referee; Hoffman, umpire; Compton, head linesman; and Todd, field judge.

Victims of rugged schedules which have afforded each team only a single victory in eight starts, Cherry Point's Flying Leathernecks and the Blockbusters of Chatham Field Army Air Base lock horns in a toss-up encounter here this afternoon. The game, last home tilt on the Leathernecks' schedule, will begin at 1400.

The Blockbusters, coached by Lieutenant Tarzan White, former All-America guard at Alabama, who also takes an active playing role for the Savannah, Ga., crew, opened their season with a 12-6 win over tiny Newberry College, and followed up that triumph by holding the Fourth Infantry to a scoreless tie.

That tie ended the Blockbusters' chances for a victorious season. On successive Saturdays thereafter they bowed to the Third Air Force Gremlins, Charleston Coast Guard, Fort Pierce Amphibs, Maxwell Field, the University of Pittsburgh and Texas Christian University.

The armien held a weak Pitt team scoreless for three periods, before a final-period Panther drive rolled up 28 points. The Horned Frogs from Texas, on the other hand, rolled up a 19-7 margin in the first half, and thereafter were held scoreless.

Leatherneck punks fortunes have been equally woeful. M-T Sergeant Jim McMurdo's squad, riddled by injuries, scored its single victory in defeating the Camp Lee Travelers, 7-0. On the debit side of the ledger a re beatings administered by Carolina Pre-Flight, Camp Peary, Georgia Pre-Flight, a majority of North Carolina, Jacksonville Navy, the Gremlins, and last week's 50-7 trouncing by Bainbridge Navy.

The power-laden Bainbridge eleven, coached by Lt. J. G. Maniaci, scored almost at will in last Saturday's contest to increase to 14, its string of unbroken victories. Cherry Point's tally came midway in the tussle, when Right End Al Sooley intercepted a Commodore pass and scampered 53 yards for a touchdown.

Much of the burden of Cherry Point's ground attack today will rest on the shoulders of Hugo Marcolini, 200-pound fullback and the team's only consistently reliable plunger. The former St. Bonaventure star has been a durable ground gainer all season and that, plus his defensive play, is expected to win him recognition on almost any all-service eleven selected within the Fifth Naval District.

Most of the Pointers' aerial thrusting and much of its fast-breaking flank attacks probably will be handled by Johnny August, former sophomore ace at the University of Alabama.

August, injured in the Peary game, returned to active duty for the first the last Saturday. Because of the danger of aggravating the injury, he probably will appear in a substitute role and then only in crucial spots.

Chatham's attack presumably will be handled by Tarzan White, Bill Guice and Jimmy Moran. Guice, 185-pound tailback from Wittenberg College, is a shifty, aggressive runner whose specialty is long breakthrough runs. Moran, who gained his football knowledge under the tutelage of Fordham's "Sleepy Jim" Crowley, is an adept pass receiver and as such is the main target in the Leatherneck aerial attack. White, scheduled to start at guard, may nab up without warning in the fullback slot from time to time.

Other substitutes—August, Jerry Foy, Bill Guice, Bill Guice (21), Halsell (24), Williams (23), Cook (24), Rodich (27), Gault (27), Croushore (39), Cappelle (40), Doucette (43), Horton (44), Burke (46), Stone (48), Buchanan (49), Davis (51), Cline (52), Abeare (54), Valdeiro (56), J. Williams (57), Guice (58), Cerven (61), Hyle Duke (66), Clero (68), Brazinski (70), Purucker (71), Socia (73), King (75), Marcolini (77), Bellay Davis (85), Richter (86), Xenopoulos (87), Hardy (88), Hapanowicz (90), Branka (91).

Chatham Field substitutes—Witte (20), J. Snyder (21), Brisbane (22), Barneo (24), J. C. Calhoun (41), Jassine (43), Gelhausen (48), Graves (49), Probst (51), Gerree (52), DeWitt (53), Budden (54), Guice (55), Muckel (56), Gordin (57), Hill (58), Oliphant (65), Weeks (66), Foster (67), Gratzoff (74), Cline (75), Brown (76), White (77), Hastings (78), Foster (80), Walker (81), Bondelievich (82), Haynes (83).

CHERRY POINT
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 SPORTSCOPE
 By James McManus

The Associated Press conducts a weekly poll whereby the outstanding grid outfits of the nation are chosen on a basis of past performances. This poll is supposed to be a fairly good barometer of relative strength and as such is widely used and quoted as the authority—a sort of weekly Walter Camp.

But to us this poll seems lacking in one respect. Our gripe lies in the absence of deserved recognition given service teams. Right here on the East Coast we have notable examples in Camp Peary, Morris Field and the Melville R. I. P. T. Base, among many others.

True Randolph Field, whose collection of muscled talent is the envy of every coach in the land, has been occupying a place in the charmed circle—second in the last tabulation. Yet for our money and we'll venture to say yours, too, there isn't another team in the country who rates the same field with the Randolph Flyers, the two service academies excluded.

All of which brings us to this suggestion for improvement. Why not have two separate polls? One exclusively for the service clubs, another for the collegiate outfits. In this way you wouldn't be putting clubs using pro teams 17 and 18-year-olds and V-12's, and by the same token, service publicity outlets would not have to compete with big-time college press arrangements. Insofar as the service teams make up their schedules for the most part with other service clubs, this separate poll idea would make for an easier and fairer evaluation. So here's our own personal ranking of the service teams in the country.

- 1. Randolph Field
- 2. Bainbridge Naval
- 3. Iowa Pre-Flight
- 4. Fourth Air Force
- 5. Great Lakes
- 6. Norman Okla. Navy
- 7. Ft. Tero, Calif., Marines
- 8. Camp Peary
- 9. North Carolina Pre-Flight
- 10. Third Air Force and Melville, R. I. P. T. Base

This column intends to drum up participating interest in the varied athletic program offered here at Cherry Point. Few bases in the country can boast of fielding as many teams in as many different activities as have been put forth here within the past year. This was done in spite of and not because of the turn-out of participants.

This scarcity of athletes may not be due wholly to lack of interest, winning the war rates too priority with Leathernecks. But where the time can be spared, there is no reason for talent to play hard to get. The somewhat cramped facilities with which we have had to operate will soon be remedied with the completion of the new field house. The sports page of the WINDSOCK will publicize all calls for turn-out in any and all activities and will further cooperate in all ways possible.

For those of you who are prone to look aghast at Cherry Point's grid record thus far, let's analyze the schedule this club has had to face. North Carolina Cloudbusters, Camp Peary, Third Air Force, Jacksonville N. A. S., Georgia Pre-Flight, and Bainbridge. All of them were liberally sprinkled with pros and former all-Americans.

We offer no alibis, only a simple statement of the facts. Cherry Point has been woefully outclassed only because it has been playing out of its class.

Schedule-making for a service outfit is no easy task when you have transfers and assignments to contend with. All you can do is watch the schedule and pray that the gods will smile on you the following fall. It seems we didn't pray hard enough.

The early season loss of Earl Lambert and Johnny August due to injuries didn't help our chances any either. By their absence Coach McMurdo was deprived of his two best tailbacks.

When Jim Gilman took over the title of baseball coach here at the Point, he was hit on all sides by rumors of a club existing within the ranks of his hopeful hoopers. To this Gilman had to say: "The first signs I see of any club forming, the guilty parties will be tossed out of the squad regardless of who they may be." He added, "I don't think this will be necessary, however, for, in the first place, I feel the rumor to be unfounded, and in the second place, the fellows out for the squad are too swell a bunch of guys." Nuff said!

Tentative Swim Meet With Duke Set For Jan. 20

Tentative plans for a swimming meet with the Duke University Blue Devils Jan. 20, depend to a large extent on the discovery of more talent here. Coach Tom Bentley said today.

Bentley requested that all men with any swimming skill report to him as soon as possible at the BOQ Pool by calling 2179 or at pool 2 behind the Rec. Hall.

"It's a good chance to gain some valuable swimming knowledge as well as to see some competition," Bentley said.

The Cherry Point aquamen surprised the entire Fifth Naval District when they copped second place honors at the Championships last Sept. 10, at Norfolk, coming in close on the heels of Bainbridge NTS, but since have had their ranks shattered by transfers.

The team in the interim, that squad are rapidly rounding into shape. Vic Edward DeClerque, a recent transfer from Camp Lejeune and a freshman tank star at Princeton University, and S-Sgt. Ralph Hendrix, of the Firestone Swimming Club of Akron, Ohio, are the present breast-stroke candidates. Among the backstroke veterans available are Second Lieut. Howard W. Spencer, prominent in Texas YMCA circles, and S-Sgt. James Hopkins, city champion of Chester, Pa., and station record holder.

Sgt. Howard Stevenson, former Canton, Ohio, Sea Lions star and Corp. Elmer Wild are the freestyle stars.

Sgt. Robert Root Olympic and National AAU diving title holder but recently transferred, will be sorely missed. Root's points boosted the Leathernecks into the place spot at National Championships last year.

Associate advisor to the squad is M-T-Sgt. Kenneth MacDonald who was coach of the Lake Shore A. C. of Chicago.

Millard Summons Mat Candidates

Another call for men interested in joining the station wrestling team has been issued by Sergeant Ed Millard. The team, practicing nightly in the Athletic warm-up room in the Enlisted Men's Rec Building, needs more men to fill out its roster.

At present the Athletic Department is drawing up a schedule, to be ready shortly, and expects to have included North Carolina Pre-Flight, Duke University and the National Championship team of Baltimore, Maryland.

Millard has high hopes of bettering Cherry Point's fourth place tie with the U. S. Naval Academy. Last year's National Tournament.



SPEARHEAD of Cherry Point's attack, Hugo Marcolini, 200 pound fullback from St. Bonaventure College.

Marines Develop Freak Grid Game

SOMEWHERE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC (Delayed) — A curious combination of water polo, football and underwater swimming makes a rough and tumble competitive sport for Marines here.

Their own invention, Leathernecks have named the game "ocean football."

A strip of water 40 yards long marked off by objects on the beach, is the playing "field." A team must make the entire distance in four downs and the advance must be made under water.

The ball is any tropical nut that floats. A down is constituted when the ball carrier is brought to the surface. As in football, there are blocking assignments — but all under water.

It is often a red-faced, gasping, battered and nearly-exhausted Marine who emerges after a play. While opponents try to get him to the top, teammates fight them off to keep the ball in play.

"A Wave, a Wac and a Marine, Plus A Kiss of Death," gasps one of those animated marquee signs. No matter which one gets it, our money is on the Marine.

WOW.

WANT A RIDE?
 One driver passenger to Kansas City, on or about Dec. 1. Call W-O-B, C. Strid, 5282.



VETERAN of many a grid battle is Lieut. Tarzan White, 225-pound player-coach of the Chatham Field Blockbusters. White won All-American honors for two years as an Alabama guard, Opponents of the New York Giants and the Chicago Cards will testify that he knows his way around the pro grid circuit.—AAP Photo.

Brisk Trading Marks Winter Diamond Deals

When winter winds blow and baseball is farthest from the mind of the average layman, the Hot Stove League goes into action. This year, however, the gentlemen who make up the aforementioned league are faced with an acute problem. Most of the clubs are above water financially, money for players is waiting to be spent, but there just ain't nobody to spend it on. This situation was best summarized by Rogers Hornsby, who turned down a scouting job with the Chicago Cubs on the grounds that there wasn't anybody to scout. Despite this manpower shortage all the major league club-owners have put out feelers and winter trading promises to be brisk. The draft of talent from the minor leagues has been completed, with 21 players moving up to the big-time.

The Dodgers took three performers, and the White Sox, Senators, Braves, Red Sox, Phillies and Athletics two apiece. Except for the Cards and Browns who failed to make a selection, and the Tigers, whose choices were ruled out, each of the other clubs picked but a single prospect.

The first immediate benefit which Don Barnes, president of the Browns, expects to come from the winning of the 1944 championship, is that it will remove "the curse of the Browns" in dealing with young players.

In years past likely youngsters have snled away from Brown offers because they didn't want to be booked up with a perennial cellar-dweller. All that has changed as a result of the Browns' inspired pennant drive that culminated with their meeting the Cards in the World Series — or so Brown hopes.

The titans are not on the trail of Lou Novikov again, just as they were last year at this time, but unless either New York or Chicago changes policy on the deal, the Mad Russian will continue to wear a Bruin uniform when he plays at the Polo Grounds next season.

The proposed purchase of the New York Yankees, with which Larry MacPhail has been associated probably won't go through, according to MacPhail, now an Army colonel. Rumors of a Yankee sale to everyone but Mahatma

Point Cagers Open Against Oak Grove

Sparked by three veteran Cherry Point cagers, who at one time last year boosted their status to the fifth ranking service team spot in all of the country, the Flying Leathernecks pry the lid off their 1944-45 basketball season by tackling the Oak Grove Marines on the home hardwood, Thursday night, at 2030. Captained by Sgt. Bill Van Breda, Kolfi, former Princeton star, the Flyers have a powerful aggregation of ex-professional and collegiate stars. Coach Jim Gilman has high hopes of his squad sweeping all through opposition. Van Breda Kolfi is a keen com-

petitor with a great deal of experience. He is especially good under the basket and excels on the bucket plays. Scoring six foot two and weighing in at 195, he will be the mainstay of what early reports indicate will be an all-out scoring machine.

Corporal Pete Ghema, who played professionally with R. H. Macy in New York and with the Danbury Cyclones will be doing a great part of the ball handling. Rendered inactive last season by a broken arm he was limited to refereeing.

House, Mingle on Top Probably the best set shot artist on the club is Sgt. George Mungle, outstanding performer at Butler University. He is also a veteran of last season's five, and is expected to ring up plenty of points. Aggressive, speedy Sergeant Sam House, comes to Cherry Point from Navy Pier, Chicago where he captained a tough to beat Navy-Marines squad.

Corporal Monk Hillmeyer of Columbus, Ohio, is another threat from any part of the floor. Monk, too, was a member of the 1943 squad. He too played college ball at Butler.

Big things are expected of Pfc. Art Rosen of New York City, who was a varsity star for Thomas Jefferson High School. Two other noteworthy players for starting berths are Pvt. Al Majeski from Power Memorial High and Pfc. "Red" Allen, a Jamaica High School product. Allen has a minimum action on Metropolitan cage fronts.

Otway Transferred Another pivot man who is steadily improving his top-notch form is Pfc. Bob Schuessler of Massachusetts. Among the other candidates for varsity posts are Sgt. Leo Nascarella, ex varsity star at Connecticut; Corp. Chick Jacob of New Britain; Const. Industrial league play Captain Stan Norda a freshman performer at Minnesota and Sgt. Archie Yellie from the University of Oregon.

The recent transfer of Frank Otway, 6 foot 4 inch member of last year's team was an early blow to offensive plans. Otway, a right hand shot with either hand, is expected to see action with the University of Chicago quintet.

Sgt. Gilman, under whose guidance the Cherry Point basketball team is fast shaping into form, is no novice in the coaching profession. Before joining the Corps, Gilman coached in fact, at the University of Whittier outfit-tops in a last division league. He has been handling basketball clubs in and around New England for quite some time, long enough in fact to have gathered together two state championship teams.

Gilman's Hopes High Gilman has a varied athletic background, having played professional basketball in the Three-I Kitty an Ohio State League, and football with the Hartford Blues. He played professional basketball with teams thruout New England and the Midwest. He managed to get in that season of hockey, we don't know.

Gilman expects to have a fast, rugged outfit shaped up before the seasons open. He intends to combine the wide-open Mid-West game with the precision-like Eastern style of play, employing a fast break and strong zone defense. He far has hopes of utilizing a two team system, alternating them frequently so as to keep things plenty hot.

To date the schedule is incomplete, but the Leathernecks will face the cream of service opposition. On Dec. 9th North Carolina Pres. Flight will play host at Chapel Hill and will try to avenge the 44-43 licking the Marines handed them last season. With the All-American football and basketball great Otto Graham, available, the Cloudbusters shape up as a real tough foe. Arrangements are being completed to add Duke, Southern Conference title holder to the calendar.

Face Norfolk Again A feud carried over from last year will be renewed when the Norfolk Naval Air Station travels to the Point on December 6th. Camp Lejeune, led by Georgetown's famous Danny Kraus, and a strong Ferris Island team will face the home forces in intra-service rivalries.

It is hoped that final games of the campaign will be played in the new Athletic Field House now under construction. A preliminary game to Thursday night's opener, will watch two hard squads, starting at 1935.

Oracles: Scribes Across the Land View The Sporting Scene

Bob Considine — (INS) — "Lord Halifax saw Navy wallop Notre Dame two weeks ago and murmured some polite things about American football. It probably bored him stiffer than usual. We never met an Englishman who really liked or understood our block and tackle business.

"It is so-well-so unAmerican — this game of football," a Britisher said to us at a game in England last year. "You chaps go in for sports so recklessly as a rule. You stress speed and power, but all I can make out of your football is a kind of confused tug-of-war. A man receives the ball runs into the line more often than not, is knocked flat, and others fall upon him. It seems so slow and clogged, compared to our rugby and football soccer."

Lou Smith — (Cincinnati Enquirer) — "This is the time of year when your observer invariably comes down with a soft cold and hard gripe. The gripe is an acute condition brought on by the silly Associated Press "poll", and from those vague mathematical gents, never otherwise heard from, who pretend with a great show of authority, to rank the football teams of the country week by week. Deciding which is No. 1 and which is No. 50.

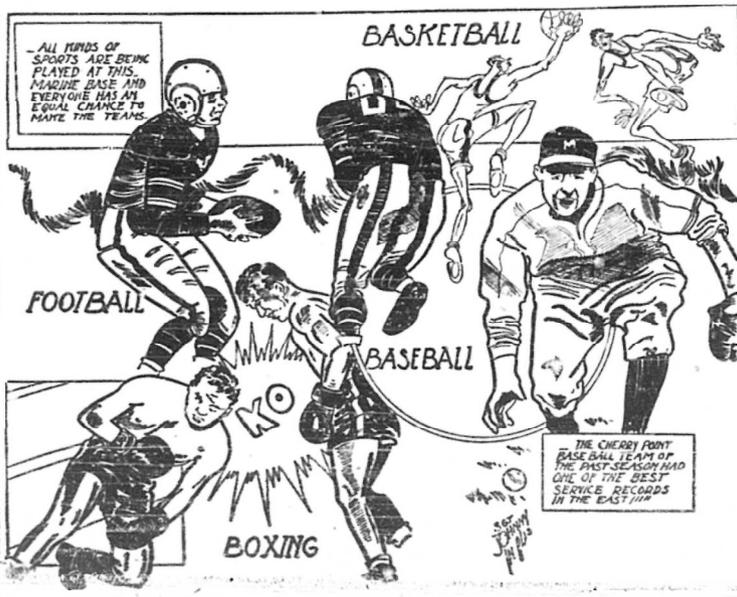
"They are completely without authority, their credentials are mostly forged and that their conclusions are generally ridiculous is proven by the fact that the team almost invariably gets unhorsed within a week."

Bob Hoocy — (Outstanding News) — 1944 coach of the year." "Here's one solid vote for Carroll Widdoes, coach of the undefeated Ohio State No. 1 civilian team in the nation, present Big Ten Conference leader and proud possessor of seven grid scalps."

Joe Whittenour — (Lejeune Globe): — "When Bainbridge nipped Camp Perry 7-0 recently, it marked the second time in two years that any team has bested Commodore in one touchdown. Camp Lejeune turned the trick last season, dropping a 6-0 de-

if you build a better mouse trap, the world will beat a path to your door. "Well, we don't know about the mousetrap part, although the Randolph Field Ramblers must have developed a pretty fair mousetrap play, judging from the scores of their games, but we do know the AAF Training Command unit has put together one of the nations better football teams and very few fans know very much about it outside Texas. "We didn't know much about it ourselves until we received some explanatory publicity material the other day. Among the things we learned were: "This is the 13th consecutive season the Ramblers. Of the 36 men on the squad, half are officers and half are enlisted men. Members of the Randolph team come from every section of the nation. Eleven pro teams and at least 30 colleges are represented. For a team of its caliber the Randolph coach is perhaps football's most anonymous tutor. He is Lt. Frank M. Trico."

Cherry Point in Sports By Inglis



THE CHERRY POINT BASEBALL TEAM OF 1944 HAS MADE ONE OF THE BEST SERVICE RECORDS IN THE EASTERN

Base To Have New Theatre And Drillhall

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similar to those used in the combat swimming pools, and hangars doors will be set in the front of the building. Heat and hot water for the showers will be supplied by the station's central heating plant.

Specifications for the new theatre are now being prepared and the project is expected to be let out for bids sometime late this month. Constructed of brick and steel, it will be located on the triangular corner of Roosevelt Boulevard and Second Avenue across the street from the station commissary.

Completed plans call for permanent comfort-type seats to be placed the length of its slanting floor. Lighting and stage provisions, including dressing rooms, will accommodate local talent and visiting stage shows.

Heretofore, all major athletic and recreation events have been presented in the recreation building auditorium since its construction late in 1942. Completion of the WR recreation building last year served to expand the original facilities, and many programs have been staged there since.

During the station's early beginnings in 1942, movies were limited to showings of 35 millimeter film in a wing of one of the mess halls. First run pictures are now provided four times daily in the enlisted men's auditorium and on nights in the WR hall.

Also in the area adjacent to the drill hall and in various stages of construction are four standard design brick barracks on the former site of the officers' mess hall on Fourth Avenue facing the dispensary, and a new enlarged fire station on F street across the Squadron 44 area. The latter structures are expected to be completed by January 1 and the drill house January 15.

Contractors for the buildings now under construction are drill house, V. P. Lotz; Charloette, fire station, T. A. Loving of Goldsboro, and barracks, R. A. Coble of Greensboro.

Until 1940, the chemical butadiene was not produced commercially in the United States.



SAMPLING A SALAD specially prepared by his assistant is an apparently pleasant task for Capt. A. P. McLaughlin, (left), manager of Cherry Point's B.O.Q. His assistant is First Lieut. Vincent E. Sartre, son of the famous New York restaurateur, Capt. McLaughlin is the former manager of the Mt. Washington Hotel, Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, where the recent International Monetary conference was held. Both men are doubling as C. O. and executive Officer, respectively of newly-formed Marine Air Station Squadron 1.

New General Offensive Looks Like Big Moment for Gen. Ike

This looks like the big moment for which we've been waiting — General Eisenhower's all-out drive to crack the formidable Rhineland defenses and administer the coup de grace.

It shouldn't be long now — if the weather lets the Allies get ahead with the job — before we have a good idea of how much steel is left in the Nazi backbone.

German Field Marshal Von Rundstedt may have half a million men with which to meet the terrific assault being hurled against his 450 miles battle-line that stands between us and victory. If that's a correct estimate it means the Germans are outnumbered by probably five to one — maybe more. The Allies are supreme in the air and their striking power in all other

categories is superior.

We should have a false picture, however, if we left it there. The Nazis are banking heavily on the strength of their Rhineland defenses to impede the Allied drive. The really fortified area between the great barrier, and the wide, swift river itself is a terrific obstacle.

Let's not underestimate the task facing the gallant boys who at this moment are driving through knee-deep mud, under rain and sleet, straight into the enemy fire. It's likely to be a cruel route through the Rhineland valley which in times of peace is so quiet and lovely. Success won't be cheap.

We look here on the home front should remember this. The least we can do is jump and provide the troops with the wherewithal to fight.

Well now, what can we look for in the way of Allied tactics? General Ike has been working the show, and is varying his pressure on the C. Germans in order to keep them off balance. He could do this successfully because of his great superiority in manpower and equipment. By hitting 'em here, there and everywhere he sooner or later will find the weak spot he's looking for — and that's where he will develop the breakthrough.

— Looking south — along a special watch on the northern portion of the front — from the shell-shocked Aachen sector up to Arrhen at the tip. It looks now as though Eisenhower might be fringing on crashing through the Aachen zone to Cologne and Dusseldorf on the Rhine, or on turning the German right flank up at Arrhen while exerting pressure below.

Get Cigarettes, Ration Stamps, On Leave Paper

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travel by other means than rail during the five-day periods over Christmas and New Years would start December 22 and December 29, respectively.

Gas For Furloughs Only

Applications for gas ration coupons, on furloughs only, may receive them at the rate of one gallon for each day of furlough from the Station Ration Board. No gas coupons will be issued to personnel leaving the station on liberty passes.

Papers will be marked with the mode of travel and personnel have been warned not to deviate from the schedule. No passes indicating rail travel will be honored at any gate on the station and MPs have been directed to pick up personnel attempting to leave the station by any method other than that specified in the furlough or liberty papers.

Further information on furloughs can be secured from squadron furlough coordinators.

Battle Briefs

IN THE LAND OF THE TREE

A mopping-up party was clearing the last holdouts from the last dugouts on one of the Marshall Islands. As the fuse was set to discharge the demolitions, a Jap came running out with hands held high. "Don't shoot," he said. "I've got a brother in Brooklyn." He finally convinced authorities that he does have a brother in Brooklyn.

CHOCOLATE-COATED CRISIS

The dive-bomber, because of a broken oil line, was forced down in the South Pacific miles from anywhere. The radioman-gunner broke out a life-raft, and just before the plane sank, he looked around to see how the pilot was faring during the critical moments. "There he was," said the radioman-gunner, "climbing out of the plane with the plotting board in one hand and a box of candy in the other."

BUILD A BETTER MOUSE TRAP

At a South Pacific base, a Marine cracked his watch crystal. With no watch repair facilities at hand, the Leatherneck mournfully faced the fact that he would be without the use of his timepiece. But browsing through the post exchange he got an idea. He bought an amber-colored, transparent plastic cigarette case and with his pocket-knife fashioned a new crystal that fit his watch perfectly. Now he's swamped with orders from his buddies.

COMPOSING BUT AMUSING

Post Office Department officials recently issued a bulletin advising Army and Navy personnel in the San Diego, Cal., area that mail was being deposited in trash boxes in street corners throughout the city. Servicemen apparently mistook the trash boxes for street letter boxes.

NAVY INTELLIGENCE

The three white stripes on a sailor's collar don't stand for anything at all. . . . The United States Navy is the only one in the world which never has had a mutiny. . . . Because he needs his right hand to pipe officers over the side, the boat's allowed to salute with his left hand. . . . The rank of commodore, recently restored to the U. S. Navy, is equivalent to a brigadier general in the Army.

JUST WARMING UP FOR MAIN EVENT

A Marine sergeant, light-heavyweight boxing champion of this artillery unit, had a bottle sent when he and fellow-Leathernecks went ashore in the invasion of Iapan. He was wearing a black eye handed him by an American sailor during a shipboard bout a few days before the attack. The sergeant won nevertheless.

Japs' Manila Losses Higher

U. S. PACIFIC FLEET HEADQUARTERS, Pearl Harbor — Adm. Chester W. Nimitz, revising previous figures upward, announced that Third Fleet carrier planes sank a cruiser, four destroyers and 11 cargo vessels and oil tankers in their November 12 raid on Manila.

The light cruiser previously reported as damaged was known to have sunk, Nimitz said in a communique yesterday. Returning planes also originally reported only the destroyers sunk and said the merchantmen were either destroyed or left blazing.

Four torpedoes also were sent into a floating drydock, believed to be the 500-foot Admiral Dewey which the Americans scuttled before Manila's fall. The Japanese evidently raised it.

The Pacific commander reported a series of aerial strikes from Haha and two islands, in the Bonin and Volcano groups; to by-passed islands in the northern Palaus. A bomb hit was scored on a small cargo vessel at Iwo and a possible hit was made on a medium-sized merchantman at Haha. The latter island is some 650 miles south of Tokyo.

Ground installations in the Palaus were attacked heavily by land-based Liberators which also sank several barges and other small craft.



WAC SAVES FLIERS — Cpl. Grace Sharkey (above), a WAC from Philadelphia, is officially credited with saving the lives of the crew of a Liberator bomber crew which crashed and burned while she was aboard as an observer at an Eighth Air Force station in England. (AP Wire photo)

YULE CARD SALES

Christmas cards by the thousands — 140,000 to be exact — will go on sale at the post exchange next week. Second Lt. W. P. Carroll, assistant post exchange officer, announced yesterday. A special leather-covered Christmas greeting folder featuring twenty-four photographs of Cherry Point buildings and activities will be featured.

Peary Favored Over 'Busters' At Chapel Hill

Major grid battles today being together some of the nation's strongest clubs. Among the contestants are the Camp Peary-North Carolina, the Pirates, the Pirates, boasting such greats as Andy Uram, Lou DeFillippo, and Joe Bukant, are considered to have too much power to be toppled by the Cloudbusters, although Ohio Graham and Stan Koslowski are dangerous in any ball park.

Ohio, States unbeaten Buckeyes are the undisputed leaders of the Big Ten conference and while Illinois' watch charm backfield of Young, Greenwood, Paterson and Bray will bear careful watching, the Staters get the nod because of their impressive season's record.

Irish Meet Northwestern

Two other games which are featured in the Mid-West are the Notre-Dam vs. Northwestern, a star-studded line up, are expected to emerge with a two touchdown victory over the Missourians.

In the East the Army meets transfer-ridled Penn, while the Navy clashes with Purdue. The Boilermakers are strong but no match for Jenkins, Scott and company. North Carolina journeys up to Duke to challenge the undefeated Yale Bulldogs' victory slant. But Yale's V-12's pack too much power for the Chapel Hill counter.

Notre Dame, staggered by successive defeats at the hands of Navy and Army, should have the punch to down Northwestern, who were on the short end of a 27-7 count in last week's Purdue encounter.

LeJeune, Commodores Clash

Camp Lejeune, led by John Yonakor, former Notre Dame All-American and Jack Gutherie, late of Washington Redskins, takes on the Bainbridge Commodores. Once again Brainbridge is playing below its class and stands to top the Marines by at least three touchdowns. Georgia Tech, fresh rested Louisiana State eleven in another big inter-sectional rivalry. Tech, victors over Navy, should take the contest by a small margin.

Southern Tens travels to Randolph Field to face the top service eleven in the country. The Fliers' scoring avalanche should overcome the Texans by a long count. A surprising Texas A & M team which recovered from a season-long case of flubblitis to storm to victory over Southern Methodist, seems primed to tumble the highly-touted Rice Owls farther down the Southwestern conference ladder.

- Today's Games:**
- East: Army at Penn; Brown at Columbia; Colgate at Syracuse; Duke at Cornell.
 - South: Auburn at Georgia; Georgia Tech. at Louisiana State; West Virginia at Kentucky; Temple at Tennessee; Daniel Field at George Navy; Fort Benning at Jacksonville Navy.
 - Midwest: Ohio State — Illinois at Cleveland; Minnesota at Iowa; Marquette at Great Lakes; Wisconsin at Michigan; Iowa Navy at Missouri; Northwestern at Notre Dame.
 - Southwest: Arkansas at Southern Methodist; Rice at Texas A. and M.; Texas at Texas Christian; Northwestern at Randolph Field.
 - Far West: Colorado at Colorado College; Southern California at California U. C. L. A. at Pacific; Washington at Spokane AAB.

MARINETTES

During World War One, 305 Women who were known as "Marinettes," served with the Marine Corps. Promotions were made to Private First Class, Corporal and Sergeant, which was the maximum grade obtainable.

FLEET OF PLANES

A special school of planes is being built nearby a million model airplanes for use by the Army and Navy for use in recognition training programs.

Sergeant Stony Craig, USMC

SIGNS OF TROUBLE

ON ALL fronts there are plenty of signs to remind America's fighting men a war's still going on. For example...



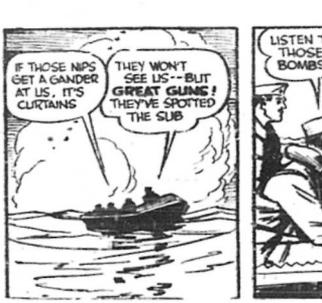
THIS IS NO LINCOLN HWY SLOW DOWN



RUBBERNECKS ABOUT TURN YOU HINDER THE MEN AT THE FRONT.

DAMNIT! SLOW DOWN A TANK WOULD BE NICE

YOU ARE ENTERING GERMANY. AN ENEMY COUNTRY. KEEP ON THE ALERT



Major Dryden addressed women volunteers for overseas... auditorium here Tuesday.

In her informal talk to the girls, Major Dryden assured them that the requests were being made by Colonel Ruth Chester, WR director, and herself to assure all possible comfort for the volunteers.

Marine officials have been emphatic in their request for the assignment of WRs to the Hawaiian area, Major Dryden said, adding that the requests were made to get the women over to the Air Base, located 25 miles from Honolulu (one of the 15

Major Dryden praised the girls who already have volunteered, a great deal of pride in their... similar to any stateside Marine Corps air station, and personnel there are doing everything possible to make Marine Corps and Navy women feel at home upon arrival, Major Dryden said.

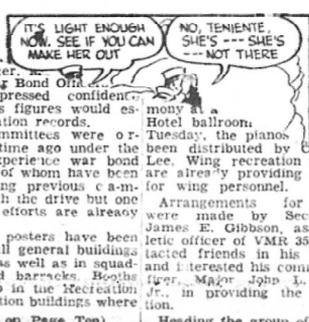
A seven-day work week is observed, but a stagger system provides each WR with one day off during the week. Liberty hours are from 0900 to 1800. Girls will be provided ample transportation to Honolulu or surrounding island villages on days off.

Major Dryden declared there were four fully-equipped USO Clubs suitable for recreation and relaxation. Late passes for women (Continued on Page Five)

stated Elliott R. Pilon, M. M. Heminger, and Station War Bond Office... respectively, expressed confidence that final sales figures would establish new station records.

Squadron committees were organized some time ago under the direction of experience war bond officers, many of whom have been in charge during previous campaigns, and with the drive but one day told their efforts are already bearing fruit.

Special bond posters have been distributed in all general buildings on the station as well as in squadron offices and barracks. Booths are also set up in the Recreation and Administration buildings where (Continued on Page Ten)



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Heading the group of 30 officers...

Gen. Ike Nearly Swaps His Shoes

ADVANCED COMMAND POST. — Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower came near swapping his sheepskin-lined overshoes for a GI's pair of beat-up arties, but the soldier finally turned down the deal.

Squishing through knee-deep mud near the frontlines, Eisenhower paused to talk to S. Sgt. Darrell Van Ness, a "Stars and Stripes" writer reported.

"Sure wish I had a pair of overshoes like yours," Van Ness said. Eisenhower hopped on one leg in the mud while he tugged at a frozen zipper.

"No, general," Van Ness said finally. "I guess you'll need those flight boots more than I will, the dear old general."

The four-star commander compromised. He offered the soldier 500 francs — on the line — for his first dead Jerry.

Discharged Vets May Be Recalled

Washington (CNS) — Honorably discharged veterans of this war may be re-inducted into the armed forces if they volunteer to serve again. Selective Service Headquarters has notified local boards.

The boards were empowered to re-induct registrants separated from the services who did not see active duty, such as former members of the ASTP, Army Air Corps Enlisted Reserve, Marine Corps Reserve or Merchant Marine Reserve.

Early Holiday Mailing Urged

Get your Christmas gifts into the mail before December 1. This is the advice of Second Lt. W. S. Tabb, assistant postal officer, who warned that transportation and delivery facilities have been greatly curtailed by the war.

Arrangements are being made to give Cherry Point personnel the best possible postal service. Lt. Tabb said, adding that expansion of the post office is being rapidly brought to completion in anticipation of the Christmas rush.

Lt. Tabb requested that personnel help expedite the handling of mail by following these instructions:

- 1 — Shop and mail before Dec. 1.
- 2 — Wrap parcels securely.
- 3 — Use city zone numbers whenever possible.

Wacs Know How

CAMP BUTNER.—Eight WACS of Camp Butner's WAC Detachment No. 1 know what it's like to wash dishes for a meal at a restaurant. They found their favorite spaghetti house in Creedmoor, N. C., locked early one evening. The owners explained: they lacked kitchen help and had to close the place until they could wash up all the dirty dishes. A hasty conference, and eight WACS pitched in over some steaming, soapy water and a sinkful of dirty dishes. Dinner, they claim, never tasted so good.



TOO YOUNG — An under-20 honorably discharged sergeant, light-heavyweight boxing champion of his division of this artillery unit, had a battle with (above), 13, when he said follow-leader went where he covered with a touch eye handed him by an American sailor during a bout a few days before the attack. The supposed was as helpless.



WHAT'S NEW

November 18 1400 Football — Cherry Point Marines vs. Chatham Field at Cherry Point.

November 19 — 1745-2000 Movie — WR Rec Hall Auditorium. Dance — Music by "Jive-rites."

November 20 2000 Radio Broadcast — WR Rec Hall Dance

November 21 — 1745-2000 Movie — WR Rec Hall. Sunday Evening Concert — W Rec Hall Auditorium.

November 22 — 2000 Basketball — Oak Grove Marines vs. Cherry Point Marines, at Cherry Point. EMRB Auditorium.

November 23 — 1830-2030 Roller-skating Show. Thanksgiving Show. Music by "Jive-rites." EMRB Auditorium. Two Shows.

November 24 — 2030-2400 Reunite Friday Night Dance — Music by Station Orchestra. EMRB Auditorium.

November 25 — 2030-2400 WR Rec Hall Auditorium Dance — Music by Jive-rites.

November 26 Radio Broadcast — WR Rec Hall Dance

November 26 — 1400 Football — Cherry Point Marines vs. Camp Lee, at Camp Lee, Virginia.

November 27 — 2000 Movie — WR Rec Hall. 2000-2200 Sunday Evening Concert — WR Rec Hall Auditorium.

General Wounded On Leyte

GENERAL MACARTHUR'S HEADQUARTERS, PHILIPPINES. — Stubbornly defended, shell blasted Limon, key to the Ormoc road, was within grasp of weather beaten units of the 24th U. S. division Friday as they took virtual control of dominating Breckneck Ridge.

Fred Hampson, Associated Press war correspondent with the 24th reported American units coming down the slopes of Breckneck ridge from the west had advanced to within 1,000 yards of the Ormoc valley village.

Other American units on the east were held up by Japanese strongly entrenched in ravines and gullies.

Another 24th division force is behind the Japanese on the Ormoc road, two and a half miles south of Limon, but has not been able to cut the road entirely because of heavy Japanese concentrations on a highway commanding the highway. The Japanese have not been able to use the road either, because the Americans are keeping it under continual mortar and machine gun fire.

With American long-range artillery hammering the 26-mile Corridor which remains to the Japanese and American air fighters razing the skies overhead, enemy dead mounted steadily.

Rains were slowing the action, though. Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported in his daily communique and a Japanese super-battle wounded Brig. Gen. Claudius M. Eastley, assistant commander of the 96th Division.

General Eastley, a colonial Texan, was tramping through front line positions when he was struck. He was the first American general officer to be wounded in this campaign.

General MacArthur announced complete occupation of tiny Pecun Island in the Mapa group just northwest of New Guinea, thus eliminating Japanese aerial watchers able to observe operations on the American bombing route to the Philippines. Bras Island, also in the Mapa group, is being mopped up, MacArthur said.

American fighter planes, bombing and strafing the Ormoc Japanese supply area, sank 30 barges lying with their ramps touching here, apparently unloaded.

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Nips Prepare For Air Raids

Japan is preparing for "large scale enemy air assaults," the Tokyo radio disclosed Friday.

A liaison council to cope with air raid disasters is to be established in the Japanese home ministry, the announcement said, to "solidify the defense structure within the homeland in view of the inevitability of large scale enemy air assaults."

The broadcast to the Japanese people, recorded by the Federal Communications Commission, said the action was decided at a four-hour meeting of the Japanese cabinet with Premier Kuniaki Koiso.

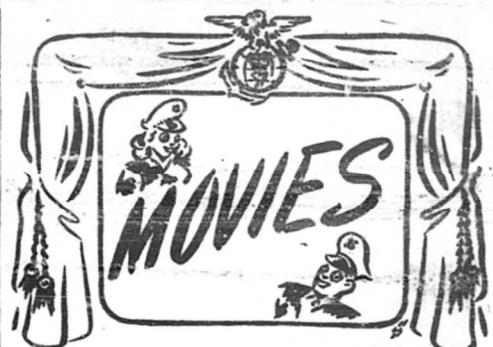
An attack on a Japanese patrol ship by "three enemy vessels" west of the Bonin Islands and a raid by American bombers and fighters on the Labuan sector of northwestern Borneo, were reported by the Japanese radio.

The attack on the patrol ship, the radio said, took place Wednesday (Japanese time) and reports of "enemy activity" preceded the fight.

In the Borneo raid, the Japanese radio claimed Japanese units "had shot down eight" and about 40 American Liberators and P-38 planes. The raid took place Thursday morning (Borneo time).

Wandering Boys
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Planes of the Air Transport Command, crossed the Atlantic Ocean 1200 times during September, the ATC has revealed. Aboard the planes en route to foreign war theaters were 2900 passengers while 2700 wounded persons were returned to the U. S. A. by the planes. In addition, the ATC shipped 1,600,000 pounds of war material and 760,000 pounds of mail overseas.

Tight Squeeze
LONDON (CNS) — Robert Ley, Nazi Labor Front leader, has a new home front slogan for the Germans, according to a broadcast picked up here. The slogan: "Hold Tight! Hold Tight! And once again, Hold Tight!"



Movies are shown daily at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Hall at 1330, 1830 and 2045, while showings at the WR Recreation Hall are at 1745 on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, and at 2000 on Tuesday through Friday. Movies at the "60" Club at 1945 nightly, feature films show the previous day at the Enlisted Men's Recreation Hall.

SUNDAY, Nov. 18—"Frenchman's Creek," a Technicolor romance starring Joan Fontaine and Arturo de Cordova, Special 1600 show, "Coney Island" also in Technicolor, with Betty Grable and George Montgomery. Newsreel.

MONDAY, Nov. 20—"Unwritten Code," starring Ann Savage and Tom Neal. Two short subjects: "Harmony Highway" and "Let It Be Me."

TUESDAY, Nov. 21—"Meet Miss Bobby-Socks," with Bob Crosby (now a Marine lieutenant) and Lynn Merrick. Short subjects: "Swing-time Holiday" and "Important Business."

WEDNESDAY, Nov. 22—"Lost in a Harem," another Abbott and Costello chucker. Newsreel.

THURSDAY, Nov. 23—"Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," Army captain Ted Lawson's epic story of the Doolittle raiders, highlighted by the acting of Van Johnson and Spencer Tracy.

FRIDAY, Nov. 24—"Meet Me In St. Louis." More Technicolor, spiced by Judy Garland and Margaret O'Brien.

SATURDAY, Nov. 25—"Something for the Boys." Still more color, featuring Carmen Miranda and Michael O'Shea. Short subject: "Greatest Man in Siam."

Special show at 2045: Lucile Ball and William Gaxton in "Best Foot Forward."

Expensive Friends
PARIS (CNS) — GIs in Germany found guilty of violating the regulation against fraternizing with enemy civilians face fines of from \$25 to \$65, a United Press front-line dispatch reports. Chatting with civilians is described as the "big offense" by the doughboys. The top regulation against fraternizing with enemy civilians faces fines of from \$25 to \$65, a United Press front-line dispatch reports. Chatting with civilians is described as the "big offense" by the doughboys. The top regulation against fraternizing with enemy civilians faces fines of from \$25 to \$65, a United Press front-line dispatch reports.



WIVES FLIERS — Cpl. Frances Fliers (above), a WAC from Philadelphia, is officially credited with saving the lives of the crew of a Liberator bomber crew which crashed and burned while she was aboard as an observer at an Eighth Air Force station in England (AP Wire photo).

YULE CARD SALES
Christmas cards by the thousands — 140,000 to be exact — will go on sale at the post exchanges next week. Second Lt. W. P. Carroll, assistant post exchange officer, announced yesterday. A special exhibit — covered Christmas greeting folder featuring twenty-four photographs of Cherry Point buildings and activities will be featured.

MARINETTES
During World War One, 305 Women who were known as "Marinettes," served with the Marine Corps. Promotions were made to Private First Class, Corporal and Sergeant, which was the maximum grade obtainable.

PLENTY OF PLANES
American school children have built nearly a million model airplanes for use by the Army and Navy for use in recognition training programs.